

**ARMED FORCES BOWL  
TULANE vs SOUTHERN MISS**

**Tulane rallies for 30-13 win over Southern Miss in AF Bowl**

FORT WORTH, Texas -- Justin McMillan threw three touchdown passes in the second half when Tulane rallied for a 30-13 win while renewing a rivalry against Southern Mississippi in the Armed Forces Bowl on Saturday.

The Golden Eagles (7-6) took a 13-0 lead after Jack Abraham threw a touchdown and ran for a score on their first drives, but the quarterback took a hard shot on his last snap before halftime and didn't play again. They also lost top running back De'Michael Harris to a hamstring injury in the first half.

Tulane (7-6) tied the game at 13-all on its first possession after halftime, when McMillan threw a 52-yard TD pass to Jalen McCleskey.

McMillan had a high-stepping 18-yard run to set up Merek Glover's third field goal, a tiebreaking 36-yarder, before TD passes to Jacob Robertson (7 yards) and a wide-open Amare Jones (20 yards) on the next two drives.

McMillan had only 22 yards passing at halftime, but was 9-of-10 for 193 yards after that in his final game. The former transfer from LSU won two Texas state championships playing at Cedar Hill High School, which is about 35 miles from the TCU campus where the bowl was played.

Abraham, only the third Golden Eagles quarterback with a 3,000-yard passing season, threw 44-yard touchdown to Quez Watkins and ran 3 yards for another score for the 13-0 lead.

But Abraham took a shot on a blitz by linebacker Lawrence Graham and fell hard on his shoulder on a third-down incomplection in the final minute of the first half. Abraham never returned, though he was still in uniform on the sideline after halftime.

**THE TAKEAWAY**

**Southern Miss:** The Golden Eagles had 164 total yards after their first two drives, and only 35 more the rest of the first half. Thad Whatley, the sophomore quarterback who took over for Abraham, had attempted only seven passes while appearing in two games during the regular season. He was 9-of-22 passing for 134 yards with two interceptions. Watkins finished with eight catches for 121 yards.

**Tulane:** A positive finish for the Green Wave after losing their last three games in the regular season. They had gotten off to a 5-1 start before back-to-back road losses in late October to Memphis and Navy.

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USM	13	0	0	0	13
TULN	0	6	24	0	30

**Scoring Summary -----**

	USM	TULN
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
USM TD 12:07 Quez Watkins 44 Yd pass from Jack Abraham (Andrew Stein PAT failed)		
8 plays, 61 yards, 2:53	6	0
USM TD 5:23 Jack Abraham 3 Yd Run (Andrew Stein Kick)		
11 plays, 78 yards, 5:31	13	0
<b>second Quarter</b>		
TULN FG 12:41 Merek Glover 31 Yd Field Goal		
10 plays, 51 yards, 3:47	13	3
TULN FG 4:37 Merek Glover 31 Yd Field Goal		
7 plays, 34 yards, 3:12	13	6
<b>third Quarter</b>		
TULN TD 13:20 Jalen McCleskey 52 Yd pass from Justin McMillan (Merek Glover Kick)		
5 plays, 77 yards, 1:40	13	13
TULN FG 6:16 Merek Glover 36 Yd Field Goal		
10 plays, 59 yards, 5:20	13	16
TULN TD 5:37 Jacob Robertson Jr. 7 Yd pass from Justin McMillan (Merek Glover Kick)		
1 play, 2 yards, 0:05	13	23
TULN TD 1:54 Amare Jones 20 Yd pass from Justin McMillan (Merek Glover Kick)		
4 plays, 66 yards, 1:40	13	30

Team Stats	USM	TULN
First Downs	16	19
Passes for First	11	8
Rushes for First	4	8
Penalties for First	1	3
Third Down Efficiency	6-16	2-12
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-2	0-1
Total Yards	359	379
Total Plays	68	66
Avg Gain Per Play	5.3	5.7
Net Yards Rushing	58	164
Rushes	23	48
Yards Per Rush	2.5	3.4
Net Yards Passing	301	215
Comp-Att	26-45	13-18
Yards Per Pass	6.7	11.9
Times Sacked	3	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	-13	-24
Interceptions	2	0
Punts	8	6
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	10	6
Penalty Yards	82	50
Fumbles	0	1
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Time of Poss	26:38	33:02

**Individual Stats**

**RUSHING**

	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
<b>SOUTHERN MISS</b>					
Trivenskey Mosley	7	43	6.1	0	12
Dee Baker	2	6	3.0	0	5
Steven Anderson	2	5	2.5	0	3
Tate Whatley	7	3	0.4	0	17
Jack Abraham	4	2	0.5	1	8
Kevin Perkins	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
<b>TULANE</b>					
Cameron Carroll	9	48	5.3	0	22
Justin McMillan	17	41	2.4	0	18
Darius Bradwell	10	36	3.6	0	9
Amare Jones	3	18	6.0	0	13
Stephon Huderson	4	11	2.8	0	5
Corey Dauphine	2	6	3.0	0	5
Ygenio Booker	2	5	2.5	0	7
Team	1	-1	-1.0	0	0

**PASSING**

	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
<b>SOUTHERN MISS</b>							
Jack Abraham	17	23	167	7.3	1	0	
Tate Whatley	9	22	134	6.1	0	2	
<b>TULANE</b>							
Justin McMillan	13	18	215	11.9	3	0	

**RECEIVING**

	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
<b>SOUTHERN MISS</b>					
Quez Watkins	9	154	17.1	1	44
Tim Jones	7	62	8.9	0	18
De'Michael Harris	4	49	12.3	0	28
Trivenskey Mosley	3	17	5.7	0	9
Neil McLaurin	1	8	8.0	0	8
Jordan Mitchell	1	7	7.0	0	7
Ray Ladner	1	4	4.0	0	4
<b>TULANE</b>					
Jalen McCleskey	2	87	43.5	1	52
Amare Jones	5	57	11.4	1	28
Darnell Mooney	3	43	14.3	0	21
Jaetavian Toles	1	15	15.0	0	15
Jacob Robertson Jr.	1	7	7.0	1	7
Corey Dauphine	1	6	6.0	0	6