

WEEK THREE
KANSAS ST at MISSISSIPPI ST

Thompson leads Kansas State past Mississippi State 31-24

STARKVILLE, Miss. -- Skylar Thompson threw for 123 yards and a fourth-quarter touchdown to lead Kansas State 31-24 over Mississippi State on Saturday.

KSU (3-0) led 17-14 at halftime but trailed 24-17 in the fourth quarter. Then a 100-yard Malik Knowles kickoff return tied the game, and a 15-yard touchdown pass from Thompson to Dalton Schoen gave the Wildcats a 7-point lead with 5:37 remaining. MSU (2-1) drove 55 yards on their final meaningful possession, but ultimately turned the ball over on downs at the Kansas State 20-yard line, one yard short of the first-down marker.

The Wildcats managed only 269 yards of total offense, 146 of it on the ground. Schoen caught a team-high three balls for 50 yards and James Mitchell rushed for 59 yards on 17 carries.

Mississippi State head coach Joe Moorhead benched senior transfer quarterback Tommy Stevens in the third quarter after his second interception and turned the Bulldog offense over to freshman Garrett Shrader. Shrader led the Bulldogs on a methodical 12-play, 79-yard drive, running the ball into the endzone himself to give the team its first lead. From there, though, he presided over three-and-outs on three of the next four drives and the Bulldogs never reached the end zone again.

MSU's Osirus Mitchell led all receivers with 74 yards and Kylin Hill, the Southeastern Conference's leading rusher, had a game-high 111 yards on 24 carries.

In the balmy Mississippi heat, both teams had a sloppy day with three turnovers apiece and a combined 142 yards in penalties.

THE TAKEAWAY

Kansas State: The Wildcats are not a flashy team, but they have a balanced offensive attack with lots of ways to beat you. This was a big road win for a program that needed it.

Mississippi State: Despite flashes of prowess, the Bulldogs looked sloppy and unprepared at some point in every phase of Saturday's game. Big questions remain on both sides of the ball.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
KSU	3	14	0	14	31
MSST	0	14	7	3	24

Scoring Summary -----

	KSU	MSST
FIRST QUARTER		
KSU FG 2:23 Blake Lynch 35 Yd Field Goal		
9 plays, 36 yards, 4:05	3	0
SECOND QUARTER		
KSU TD 13:31 Jordan Brown 7 Yd Run (Blake Lynch Kick)		
5 plays, 55 yards, 2:46	10	0
MSST TD 5:39 Tommy Stevens 2 Yd Run (Jace Christmann Kick)		
9 plays, 51 yards, 5:05	10	7
KSU TD 0:46 Skylar Thompson 1 Yd Run (Blake Lynch Kick)		
5 plays, 30 yards, 2:30	17	7
MSST TD 0:09 Osirus Mitchell 35 Yd pass from Tommy Stevens (Jace Christmann Kick)4 plays, 66 yards, 0:37		
	17	14
THIRD QUARTER		
MSST TD 4:47 Garrett Shrader 5 Yd Run (Jace Christmann Kick)		
12 plays, 79 yards, 6:50	17	21
FOURTH QUARTER		
MSST FG 14:50 Jace Christmann 47 Yd Field Goal		
6 plays, 26 yards, 2:08	17	24
KSU TD 14:36 Malik Knowles 100 Yd Kickoff Return (Blake Lynch Kick)		
0 plays, 0 yards, 0:14	24	24
KSU TD 5:37 Dalton Schoen 15 Yd pass from Skylar Thompson (Blake Lynch Kick)		
6 plays, 53 yards, 3:18	31	24

Team Stats	KSU	MSST
First Downs	17	21
Passes for First	7	8
Rushes for First	8	9
Penalties for First	2	4
Third Down Efficiency	3-10	4-14
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-1	0-1
Total Yards	269	352
Total Plays	53	71
Avg Gain Per Play	5.1	5.0
Net Yards Rushing	146	201
Rushes	35	44
Yards Per Rush	4.2	4.6
Net Yards Passing	123	151
Comp-Att	10-18	11-27
Yards Per Pass	6.8	5.6
Times Sacked	2	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-13	-10
Interceptions	0	2
Punts	5	6
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	7	7
Penalty Yards	59	83
Fumbles	4	2
Fumbles Lost	3	1
Time of Poss	26:55	33:05

Individual Stats

RUSHING					
KANSAS ST	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
James Gilbert	17	59	3.5	0	11
Jordan Brown	5	41	8.2	1	17
Harry Trotter	5	25	5.0	0	9
Malik Knowles	2	12	6.0	0	7
Skylar Thompson	4	8	2.0	1	16
Wykeen Gill	1	3	3.0	0	3
Team	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
MISSISSIPPI ST	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Kylin Hill	24	111	4.6	0	22
Garrett Shrader	10	82	8.2	1	16
Tommy Stevens	7	5	0.7	1	4
Lee Witherspoon	3	4	1.3	0	2
Dontea Jones	0	-1	0.0	0	0

PASSING							
KANSAS ST	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Skylar Thompson	10	18	123	6.8	1	0	55.0
MISSISSIPPI ST	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Tommy Stevens	7	15	100	6.7	1	2	28.8
Garrett Shrader	4	12	51	4.3	0	0	42.2

RECEIVING					
KANSAS ST	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Dalton Schoen	3	50	16.7	1	20
Nick Lenner	1	24	24.0	0	24
Landry Weber	1	23	23.0	0	23
Malik Knowles	1	12	12.0	0	12
Wykeen Gill	2	9	4.5	0	6
Phillip Brooks	2	5	2.5	0	7
MISSISSIPPI ST	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Osirus Mitchell	5	74	14.8	1	35
Dedrick Thomas	2	32	16.0	0	26
Kylin Hill	2	20	10.0	0	12
Farrod Green	1	13	13.0	0	13
Dontea Jones	1	12	12.0	0	12