

WEEK FOUR
SOUTHERN MISS at ALABAMA

Tagovailoa throws 5 TDs, No. 2 Alabama rolls over USM 49-7

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. -- Tua Tagovailoa passed for 293 yards and five touchdowns in just three quarters and No. 2 Alabama rolled to a 49-7 victory over Southern Miss on Saturday.

Tagovailoa had his second straight five-TD game and the Crimson Tide (4-0) raced to a 28-0 lead in the first 19 minutes in yet another lopsided victory. Last season's Heisman Trophy runner-up completed 17 of 21 passes. The Golden Eagles (2-2) couldn't keep up with speedy Tide receiver Henry Ruggs III early. Ruggs had a career high in receiving yards even before the first quarter ended, with touchdowns of 45 and 74 yards in the opening nine minutes.

He finished with four catches for 148 yards, all in the first half and all on four targets. He sprinted to the end zone on a slant pattern for the 45-yarder, then topped that after slowing down to catch the ball before accelerating to the end zone.

There were plenty of big plays to go around for an offense that had back-to-back 91-yard scoring drives.

Najee Harris gained 110 yards on 14 carries to become the Tide's first 100-yard rusher since last season's LSU game. Jerry Jeudy caught a pair of TD passes and finished with 96 yards on six catches.

For Southern Miss, De'Michael Harris had 34 yards rushing with 50 yards and a touchdown receiving. Jack Abraham completed 17 for 26 passes for 174 yards.

ALABAMA INJURIES

Alabama's injuries continue to pile up. Linebacker Terrell Lewis missed the game with an unspecified injury. Christopher Allen started in his place. Nose guard DJ Dale was helped to the locker room late in the first half with an apparent leg injury. Placekicker Will Reichard left the game after a kickoff in the first quarter and Joseph Bulovas handled the duties after that.

THE TAKEAWAY

Southern Miss: Couldn't cash in with points on three early trips into Alabama territory. Was outgained 514-226 in total yards.

Alabama: Just keeps rolling along, but its toughest games await. Tagovailoa now has 17 touchdown passes without throwing an interception this season. The biggest test for the Tide could be overcoming all the injuries.

HITTING 70

Tagovailoa's fourth TD pass made him the second Alabama quarterback to reach 70. AJ McCarron has the school career mark with 77.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
USM	0	7	0	0	7
ALA	14	14	14	7	49

Scoring Summary -----

	USM	ALA
FIRST QUARTER		
ALA TD 12:08 Henry Ruggs III 45 Yd pass from Tua Tagovailoa (Will Reichard Kick)		7
3 plays, 54 yards, 1:13	0	7
ALA TD 6:04 Henry Ruggs III 74 Yd pass from Tua Tagovailoa (Will Reichard Kick)		14
3 plays, 91 yards, 0:59	0	14
SECOND QUARTER		
ALA TD 14:17 Najee Harris 5 Yd pass from Tua Tagovailoa (Joseph Bulovas Kick)		21
11 plays, 91 yards, 5:00	0	21
ALA TD 10:55 Jerry Jeudy 17 Yd pass from Tua Tagovailoa (Joseph Bulovas Kick)		28
4 plays, 56 yards, 1:51	0	28
USM TD 1:02 De'Michael Harris 4 Yd pass from Jack Abraham (Andrew Stein Kick)	7	28
6 plays, 74 yards, 3:06	7	28
THIRD QUARTER		
ALA TD 13:12 Jerry Jeudy 20 Yd pass from Tua Tagovailoa (Joseph Bulovas Kick)		35
6 plays, 77 yards, 1:48	7	35
ALA TD 5:43 Brian Robinson Jr. 6 Yd Run (Joseph Bulovas Kick)		42
7 plays, 68 yards, 2:58	7	42
FOURTH QUARTER		
ALA TD 1:37 Jerome Ford 5 Yd Run (Joseph Bulovas Kick)		49
9 plays, 43 yards, 5:53	7	49

Team Stats	USM	ALA
First Downs	15	24
Passes for First	9	12
Rushes for First	5	10
Penalties for First	1	2
Third Down Efficiency	2-11	6-10
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-1	1-1
Total Yards	226	514
Total Plays	58	60
Avg Gain Per Play	3.9	8.6
Net Yards Rushing	52	176
Rushes	32	35
Yards Per Rush	1.6	5.0
Net Yards Passing	174	338
Comp-Att	17-26	20-25
Yards Per Pass	6.7	13.5
Times Sacked	2	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-22	-6
Interceptions	1	1
Punts	6	2
Punt Average	38.8	37.0
Penalties	6	1
Penalty Yards	55	15
Fumbles	1	1
Fumbles Lost	1	0
Time of Poss	32:55	27:05

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
SOUTHERN MISS							
De'Michael Harris	8	34	4.3	0	21		
Steven Anderson	6	18	3.0	0	7		
Kevin Perkins	5	9	1.8	0	4		
Jaylond Adams	2	6	3.0	0	4		
Quez Watkins	1	1	1.0	0	1		
Team	1	-2	-2.0	0	0		
Darius Maberry	4	-5	-1.3	0	1		
Jack Abraham	5	-9	-1.8	0	11		
ALABAMA							
Najee Harris	14	110	7.9	0	17		
Brian Robinson Jr.	8	39	4.9	1	14		
Jerome Ford	8	21	2.6	1	7		
Tua Tagovailoa	3	8	2.7	0	8		
Chadarius Townsend	2	-2	-1.0	0	1		
PASSING							
	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
SOUTHERN MISS							
Jack Abraham	17	26	174	6.7	1	1	30.7
ALABAMA							
Tua Tagovailoa	17	21	293	14.0	5	0	99.3
Mac Jones	2	3	25	8.3	0	1	19.7
Taulia Tagovailoa	1	1	20	20.0	0	0	100.0
RECEIVING							
	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
SOUTHERN MISS							
De'Michael Harris	3	50	16.7	1	37		
Jordan Mitchell	2	27	13.5	0	15		
Tim Jones	1	25	25.0	0	25		
Quez Watkins	3	24	8.0	0	17		
Kevin Perkins	2	22	11.0	0	14		
Jaylond Adams	5	17	3.4	0	7		
Steven Anderson	1	9	9.0	0	9		
ALABAMA							
Henry Ruggs III	4	148	37.0	2	74		
Jerry Jeudy	6	96	16.0	2	36		
Jaylen Waddle	3	43	14.3	0	25		
DeVonta Smith	2	26	13.0	0	17		
Slade Bolden	1	20	20.0	0	20		
Najee Harris	1	5	5.0	1	5		
Brian Robinson Jr.	1	3	3.0	0	3		
Miller Forristall	1	1	1.0	0	1		
John Metchie	1	-4	-4.0	0	0		