

WEEK FIVE
MISSISSIPPI at ALABAMA

Tua, Smith lead No. 2 Alabama to 59-31 rout of Mississippi

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. -- Tua Tagovailoa and DeVonta Smith hooked up for five touchdown passes and a few school records while No. 2 Alabama ran away from Mississippi 59-31 on Saturday.

The Crimson Tide (5-0, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) actually trailed for the first time this season before flexing its muscles against the 37 1/2-point underdogs. The Rebels (2-3, 1-1) couldn't even slow down Smith, who sometimes gets overshadowed in a loaded receiving group.

Not this game. Smith had 11 catches for school records of 274 yards and five TDs, all by early in the third quarter. He had 221 yards by halftime, and added a 27-yard score to punctuate the biggest game of any Tide receiver.

Tagovailoa passed for a school-record six touchdowns and rushed for a seventh. He had matched the record of five TD passes in two straight games but finally eclipsed it in the fourth quarter.

He completed 26 of 36 passes for 418 yards.

It wasn't all smooth sailing for the Tide, even with a blocked punt for a touchdown tossed in.

Ole Miss turned a muffed punt into a score and then took a 10-7 lead on Luke Logan's 33-yard field goal. Alabama's first deficit of the season lasted 3: 44.

Then Alabama scored 31 points in the second quarter.

The Rebels started backup quarterback John Rhys Plumlee with Matt Corral sidelined with bruised ribs sustained in a loss to California.

Plumlee passed for two touchdowns and ran for a third. He finished 10-of-28 passing for 141 yards with an interception, and ran 25 times for 109 yards.

TUA'S RECORD WATCH

Tagovailoa's touchdown run in the second quarter was the 81st TD passing and rushing of his career, passing AJ McCarron for the school record. He also ultimately tied McCarron's 77 scoring passes.

REICHARD OUT

Former starting kicker Joseph Bulovas replaced an injured Will Reichard (hip flexor). Bulovas made a 36-yard field goal and hit the right upright on a 28-yarder.

THE TAKEAWAY

Mississippi: Rebounded from a tough loss to Cal by starting 4 of 5 on third-down conversions. Had 476 total yards and 279 on the ground against the Tide.

Alabama: Had some struggles defensively but the offense produced even more big plays than usual. Ale Kaho both blocked and recovered the punt for a touchdown.

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MISS	10	0	7	14	31
ALA	7	31	14	7	59

Scoring Summary -----

	MISS	ALA
FIRST QUARTER		
ALA TD 13:50 T. Tagovailoa pass,to D. Smith for 74 yds for a TD, (J. Bulovas KICK)	0	7
4 plays, 90 yards, 1:10		
MISS TD 10:20 J. Rhys Plumlee run for 1 yd for a TD, (L. Logan KICK)	7	7
7 plays, 30 yards, 2:25		
MISS FG 2:36 L. Logan 33 yd FG GOOD	10	7
13 plays, 65 yards, 4:39		
SECOND QUARTER		
ALA TD 13:52 T. Tagovailoa run for 7 yds for a TD, (J. Bulovas KICK)	10	14
9 plays, 66 yards, 3:44		
ALA FG 9:51 J. Bulovas 36 yd FG GOOD	10	17
6 plays, 65 yards, 2:18		
ALA TD 6:01 T. Tagovailoa pass,to D. Smith for 25 yds for a TD, (J. Bulovas KICK)	10	24
6 plays, 54 yards, 2:18		
ALA TD 2:45 T. Tagovailoa pass,to D. Smith for 23 yds for a TD, (J. Bulovas KICK)	10	31
7 plays, 45 yards, 2:09		
ALA TD 1:23 T. Tagovailoa pass,to D. Smith for 33 yds for a TD, (J. Bulovas KICK)	10	38
1 play, 28 yards, 0:17		
THIRD QUARTER		
ALA TD 10:49 T. Tagovailoa pass,to D. Smith for 27 yds for a TD, (J. Bulovas KICK)	10	45
3 plays, 80 yards, 1:37		
MISS TD 8:29 J. Rhys Plumlee pass,to J. Ealy for 9 yds for a TD, (L. Logan KICK)	17	45
7 plays, 75 yards, 2:20		
ALA TD 5:29 TEAM punt blocked by A. Kaho,blocked by Ale Kaho,for a TD, (J. Bulovas KICK)	17	52
3 plays, 0 yards, 0:24		
FOURTH QUARTER		
MISS TD 13:23 J. Rhys Plumlee pass,to J. Mingo for 26 yds for a TD, (L. Logan KICK)	24	52
9 plays, 83 yards, 3:00		
ALA TD 7:57 T. Tagovailoa pass,to M. Forristall for 19 yds for a TD, (J. Bulovas KICK)	24	59
11 plays, 75 yards, 5:26		
MISS TD 0:05 G. Tisdale pass,to J. Jackson for 28 yds for a TD, (L. Logan KICK)	31	59
6 plays, 70 yards, 2:12		
Team Stats		
First Downs	26	28
Passes for First	8	15
Rushes for First	15	12
Penalties for First	3	1
Third Down Efficiency	8-19	6-12
Fourth Down Efficiency	2-4	1-2
Total Yards	476	573
Total Plays	88	67
Avg Gain Per Play	5.4	8.6
Net Yards Rushing	279	155
Rushes	58	30
Yards Per Rush	4.8	5.2
Net Yards Passing	197	418
Comp-Att	12-30	26-37
Yards Per Pass	6.6	11.3
Times Sacked	2	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-7	-5
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	6	2
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	9	10
Penalty Yards	97	76
Fumbles	1	1
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Time of Poss	30:23	29:37

Individual Stats

RUSHING

MISSISSIPPI	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
John Rhys Plumlee	25	109	4.4	1	13
Jerrion Ealy	11	68	6.2	0	30
Snoop Conner	10	62	6.2	0	26
Scottie Phillips	7	27	3.9	0	20
Grant Tisdale	2	10	5.0	0	5
Isaiah Woullard	2	4	2.0	0	3
Team	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
ALABAMA	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Najee Harris	9	71	7.9	0	13
Brian Robinson Jr.	10	60	6.0	0	12
Keilan Robinson	5	20	4.0	0	8
Slade Bolden	1	5	5.0	0	5
Tua Tagovailoa	4	1	0.3	1	7
Team	1	-2	-2.0	0	0

PASSING

MISSISSIPPI	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
John Rhys Plumlee	10	28	141	5.0	2	1	
Grant Tisdale	2	2	56	28.0	1	0	
ALABAMA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Tua Tagovailoa	26	36	418	11.6	6	0	
Mac Jones	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	

RECEIVING

MISSISSIPPI	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Jonathan Mingo	3	74	24.7	1	32
Elijah Moore	3	40	13.3	0	28
Jadon Jackson	1	28	28.0	1	28
Dannis Jackson	1	28	28.0	0	28
Jason Pellerin	2	14	7.0	0	13
Jerrion Ealy	1	9	9.0	1	9
Scottie Phillips	1	4	4.0	0	4
ALABAMA	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
DeVonta Smith	11	274	24.9	5	74
Jerry Jeudy	8	84	10.5	0	25
Miller Forristall	2	40	20.0	1	21
Henry Ruggs III	1	11	11.0	0	11
Brian Robinson Jr.	1	9	9.0	0	9
Jaylen Waddle	1	0	0.0	0	0
Najee Harris	2	0	-2.0	0	2