

WEEK SEVEN
MISSISSIPPI at MISSOURI

Bryant bounces back to lead Missouri over Mississippi

COLUMBIA, Mo. -- One week after an injury scare, Missouri quarterback Kelly Bryant looked like his old self in a 38-27 victory over Mississippi on Saturday.

Bryant, who was knocked out of last week's win over Troy with a sprained knee, completed 25 of 35 passes for 329 yards and one touchdown.

"The way Kelly battled through the injury he had, it was a huge performance," Missouri coach Barry Odom said.

The Tigers (5-1, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) got great production from running backs Larry Rountree III, Dawson Downing and Tyler Badie. Rountree rushed 21 times for 126 yards and two touchdowns. Downing, a former walk-on, carried six times for 70 yards and a touchdown. Badie caught three passes for 69 yards and a score.

Mississippi freshman quarterback John Rhys Plumlee rushed 23 times for 143 yards and two touchdowns and completed 8 of 17 passes for 103 yards and two scores -- all that despite splitting snaps with Matt Corral. Elijah Moore caught eight passes for 102 yards and a touchdown for Ole Miss (3-4, 2-2).

The Rebels left points on the field in the first half. Plumlee's 57-yard touchdown run was called back on an unneeded downfield hold by wide receiver Miles Battle. Just before halftime, coach Matt Luke elected to go for it on fourth-and-goal from the 1. Snoop Conner was stuffed for no gain, and Missouri hung on to a 12-7 halftime lead.

"You go back, and even if we score that right before half, even if ... we play as bad as we did in the third quarter, it's a one-score game right there," Luke said. "And so it had a huge effect on the game. But again, when you're on the road, you gotta go find a way to punch it in from 1 yard out. And then again, obviously, the holding call that calls a touchdown back -- it's just too many missed opportunities in this football game."

The Tigers broke off six plays of 20 yards or more in the second half. On Missouri's first drive of the third quarter, Rountree burst through the left side of the line, stepped out of a diving tackle attempt by cornerback Jaylon Jones and raced 41 yards for a touchdown. Later in the third period, Downing plowed through the right side, broke into the clear and dragged Jones for the last 4 yards of a 58-yard touchdown run that gave the Tigers a 28-7 lead.

THE TAKEAWAY

Missouri: The SEC East race opened up with third-ranked Georgia's upset loss to South Carolina and seventh-ranked Florida's loss at LSU on Saturday. Missouri, the only team in the East without a conference loss, could be a sleeper contender. The Tigers, who doesn't have to face any SEC West heavyweights, will be favored in their next two games at Vanderbilt and Kentucky before visiting Georgia on Nov. 9.

Mississippi: The Rebels struggled on defense and will be short-handed in the first half of next week's game. Linebackers Jacquez Jones and Sam Williams were ejected for targeting for hits to Bryant's head in the second half.

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MISS	7	0	7	13	27
MIZ	3	9	23	3	38

Scoring Summary -----

	MISS	MIZ
FIRST QUARTER		
MISS TD 11:51 Scottie Phillips 21 Yd pass from John Rhys Plumlee (Luke Logan Kick)		
6 plays, 29 yards, 2:03	7	0
MIZ FG 8:00 Tucker McCann 31 Yd Field Goal		
10 plays, 62 yards, 3:51	7	3
SECOND QUARTER		
MIZ TD 13:23 Tyler Badie 17 Yd pass from Kelly Bryant (Tucker McCann PAT failed)		
7 plays, 65 yards, 2:26	7	9
MIZ FG 4:38 Tucker McCann 48 Yd Field Goal		
15 plays, 60 yards, 5:39	7	12
THIRD QUARTER		
MIZ TD 13:16 Larry Rountree III 41 Yd Run (Tucker McCann PAT failed)		
5 plays, 65 yards, 1:44	7	18
MIZ FG 9:30 Tucker McCann 39 Yd Field Goal		
7 plays, 78 yards, 2:47	7	21
MIZ TD 5:07 Dawson Downing 54 Yd Run (Tucker McCann Kick)		
7 plays, 77 yards, 3:29	7	28
MISS TD 2:51 Elijah Moore 28 Yd pass from John Rhys Plumlee (Luke Logan Kick)		
7 plays, 75 yards, 2:16	14	28
MIZ TD 1:02 Larry Rountree III 1 Yd Run (Tucker McCann Kick)		
5 plays, 75 yards, 1:49	14	35
FOURTH QUARTER		
MISS TD 13:19 John Rhys Plumlee 9 Yd Run (Luke Logan Kick)		
7 plays, 75 yards, 2:43	21	35
MIZ FG 8:09 Tucker McCann 38 Yd Field Goal		
7 plays, 40 yards, 3:13	21	38
MISS TD 5:51 John Rhys Plumlee 40 Yd Run (Luke Logan PAT failed)		
6 plays, 75 yards, 2:18	27	38

Team Stats	MISS	MIZ
First Downs	25	30
Passes for First	13	14
Rushes for First	10	13
Penalties for First	2	3
Third Down Efficiency	9-17	9-15
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-3	1-1
Total Yards	440	562
Total Plays	78	78
Avg Gain Per Play	5.6	7.2
Net Yards Rushing	204	233
Rushes	45	43
Yards Per Rush	4.5	5.4
Net Yards Passing	236	329
Comp-Att	18-33	23-35
Yards Per Pass	7.2	9.4
Times Sacked	1	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	-5	0
Interceptions	0	1
Punts	5	1
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	7	2
Penalty Yards	75	26
Fumbles	3	1
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Time of Poss	26:29	33:31

Individual Stats

RUSHING

MISSISSIPPI	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
John Rhys Plumlee	23	143	6.2	2	40
Scottie Phillips	7	20	2.9	0	8
Matt Corral	3	18	6.0	0	10
Snoop Conner	5	10	2.0	0	7
Jerrion Ealy	6	10	1.7	0	6
Elijah Moore	1	3	3.0	0	3

MISSOURI

MISSOURI	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Larry Rountree III	21	126	6.0	2	41
Dawson Downing	6	70	11.7	1	54
Tyler Badie	5	24	4.8	0	14
Kelly Bryant	10	14	1.4	0	5
Team	1	-1	-1.0	0	0

PASSING

MISSISSIPPI	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Matt Corral	10	16	133	8.3	0	0	61.9
John Rhys Plumlee	8	17	103	6.1	2	0	60.9
MISSOURI	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Kelly Bryant	23	35	329	9.4	1	1	60.8

RECEIVING

MISSISSIPPI	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Elijah Moore	8	102	12.8	1	28
Demarcus Gregory	2	40	20.0	0	34
Scottie Phillips	3	37	12.3	1	21
Octavious Cooley	2	25	12.5	0	13
Dontario Drummond	2	20	10.0	0	12
Jerrion Ealy	1	12	12.0	0	12
MISSOURI	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Johnathon Johnson	8	110	13.8	0	29
Tyler Badie	3	69	23.0	1	49
Albert Okwuegbunam	4	60	15.0	0	36
Dominic Gicinto	1	26	26.0	0	26
Jonathan Nance	2	25	12.5	0	18
Kam Scott	2	22	11.0	0	15
Barrett Banister	1	7	7.0	0	7
Jalen Knox	1	7	7.0	0	7
Daniel Parker Jr.	1	3	3.0	0	3