

WEEK ONE
 ALCORN ST at SOUTHERN MISS

Adams with 2 returns, Southern Miss beats Alcorn St. 38-10

HATTIESBURG, Miss. -- Jaylond Adams returned the opening kickoff 89 yards for a score to help Southern Mississippi jump to an early lead and beat Alcorn State 38-10 on Saturday in a season opener.

Adams, who sat out most of the 2018 season due to an injury, also scored on an 80-yard punt return early in the fourth quarter. Jack Abraham threw for 293 yards and a touchdown for the Golden Eagles. He also ran for a score.

The Golden Eagles held Alcorn State to just 56 yards offense in the first half. As the Braves' offense stalled, Andrew Stein added to Southern Mississippi's early 7-0 edge with a pair of field goals, from 20 and 19 yards, to make it 13-0 at halftime.

The Braves opened the second half with a 15-yard scoring dash by De'Shawn Waller to close to 13-7. But Abraham answered for the Golden Eagles on the next drive, throwing a 55-yard strike to Neil McLaurin for a 21-7 lead with 8:26 remaining in the third. Adams' fourth-quarter punt return for a score sealed the win for Southern Mississippi.

Noah Johnson threw for 143 yards for the Braves. Waller finished with 51 rushing yards.

| Final | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | T |
|-------|----|---|----|----|----|
| ALCN | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 10 |
| USM | 10 | 3 | 15 | 10 | 38 |

Scoring Summary -----

| | ALCN | USM |
|---|------|-----|
| FIRST QUARTER | | |
| USM TD 14:46 Jaylond Adams 89 Yd Kickoff Return (Andrew Stein Kick) | 0 | 7 |
| 0 plays, 0 yards, 0:14 | | |
| USM FG 7:33 Andrew Stein 20 Yd Field Goal | 0 | 10 |
| 10 plays, 39 yards, 3:39 | | |
| SECOND QUARTER | | |
| USM FG 0:00 Andrew Stein 19 Yd Field Goal | 0 | 13 |
| 8 plays, 73 yards, 1:35 | | |
| THIRD QUARTER | | |
| ALCN TD 10:43 De'Shawn Waller 15 Yd Run (Corey McCullough Kick) | 7 | 13 |
| 10 plays, 75 yards, 4:17 | | |
| USM TD 8:26 Neil McLaurin 55 Yd pass from Jack Abraham (Zac Everett Run for Two-Point Conversion) | 7 | 21 |
| 7 plays, 85 yards, 2:10 | | |
| ALCN FG 4:54 Corey McCullough 44 Yd Field Goal | 10 | 21 |
| 11 plays, 54 yards, 3:28 | | |
| USM TD 0:15 Jack Abraham 14 Yd Run (Andrew Stein Kick) | 10 | 28 |
| 12 plays, 68 yards, 4:33 | | |
| FOURTH QUARTER | | |
| USM TD 12:40 Jaylond Adams 80 Yd Punt Return (Andrew Stein Kick) | 10 | 35 |
| 5 plays, 14 yards, 2:35 | | |
| USM FG 10:52 Andrew Stein 24 Yd Field Goal | 10 | 38 |
| 4 plays, 5 yards, 1:32 | | |

| Team Stats | ALCN | USM |
|------------------------|-------|-------|
| First Downs | 15 | 16 |
| Passes for First | 8 | 9 |
| Rushes for First | 7 | 5 |
| Penalties for First | 0 | 2 |
| Third Down Efficiency | 6-16 | 7-13 |
| Fourth Down Efficiency | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Total Yards | 219 | 389 |
| Total Plays | 67 | 59 |
| Avg Gain Per Play | 3.3 | 6.6 |
| Net Yards Rushing | 75 | 96 |
| Rushes | 35 | 31 |
| Yards Per Rush | 2.1 | 3.1 |
| Net Yards Passing | 144 | 293 |
| Comp-Att | 18-32 | 18-28 |
| Yards Per Pass | 4.5 | 10.5 |
| Times Sacked | 1 | 5 |
| Yds Lost To Sacks | -7 | -31 |
| Interceptions | 1 | 1 |
| Punts | 7 | 3 |
| Punt Average | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Penalties | 7 | 10 |
| Penalty Yards | 57 | 81 |
| Fumbles | 1 | 2 |
| Fumbles Lost | 1 | 1 |
| Time of Poss | 34:07 | 25:53 |

Individual Stats

RUSHING

| ALCORN ST | Rush | Yds | Avg | TD | LONG |
|-----------------|------|-----|------|----|------|
| De'Shawn Waller | 16 | 51 | 3.2 | 1 | 15 |
| Niko Duffey | 7 | 25 | 3.6 | 0 | 9 |
| Marquise Forman | 1 | 4 | 4.0 | 0 | 4 |
| Jonathon Bolton | 1 | 2 | 2.0 | 0 | 2 |
| Noah Johnson | 9 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 8 |
| Felix Harper | 1 | -7 | -7.0 | 0 | 0 |
| SOUTHERN MISS | Rush | Yds | Avg | TD | LONG |
| Dee Baker | 8 | 35 | 4.4 | 0 | 15 |
| Steven Anderson | 8 | 22 | 2.8 | 0 | 7 |
| Jordan Kempf | 3 | 20 | 6.7 | 0 | 8 |
| Kevin Perkins | 4 | 9 | 2.3 | 0 | 6 |
| Tate Whatley | 3 | 8 | 2.7 | 0 | 5 |
| Jack Abraham | 4 | 7 | 1.8 | 1 | 14 |

PASSING

| ALCORN ST | Comp | Att | Yds | Y/A | TD | Int | QBRat |
|---------------|------|-----|-----|------|----|-----|-------|
| Noah Johnson | 17 | 31 | 143 | 4.6 | 0 | 1 | |
| Felix Harper | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | |
| SOUTHERN MISS | Comp | Att | Yds | Y/A | TD | Int | QBRat |
| Jack Abraham | 18 | 28 | 293 | 10.5 | 1 | 1 | |

RECEIVING

| ALCORN ST | Rec | Yds | Avg | TD | LONG |
|---------------------|-----|-----|------|----|------|
| Chris Blair | 4 | 67 | 16.8 | 0 | 37 |
| Raidarious Anderson | 2 | 19 | 9.5 | 0 | 10 |
| Tim McNair Jr. | 1 | 18 | 18.0 | 0 | 18 |
| Niko Duffey | 1 | 18 | 18.0 | 0 | 18 |
| Juan Anthony Jr. | 3 | 12 | 4.0 | 0 | 6 |
| LeCharles Pringle | 1 | 10 | 10.0 | 0 | 10 |
| Nigel Wood | 1 | 7 | 7.0 | 0 | 7 |
| Jeremiah Green | 1 | 1 | 1.0 | 0 | 1 |
| De'Shawn Waller | 4 | -8 | -2.0 | 0 | 2 |
| SOUTHERN MISS | Rec | Yds | Avg | TD | LONG |
| Jordan Mitchell | 7 | 133 | 19.0 | 0 | 54 |
| Tim Jones | 5 | 68 | 13.6 | 0 | 25 |
| Neil McLaurin | 1 | 55 | 55.0 | 1 | 55 |
| Jaylond Adams | 3 | 21 | 7.0 | 0 | 14 |
| Trivenskey Mosley | 2 | 16 | 8.0 | 0 | 17 |