

WEEK ONE  
MISSISSIPPI ST vs LOUISIANA

**Stevens leads Miss State past Louisiana Lafayette 38-28**

NEW ORLEANS -- Graduate transfer Tommy Stevens passed for two touchdowns and ran for one in his first college start as Mississippi State defeated Louisiana-Lafayette 38-28 on Saturday in the Mercedes-Benz Superdome.

Stevens, who was a backup at Penn State when Bulldogs' second-year coach Joe Moorhead was the Nittany Lions' offensive coordinator, completed 20 of 30 passes for 236 yards. He had passes of 31 yards to Osirus Mitchell on the game's first possession and 12 yard to Austin Williams early in the fourth quarter to complete a 21-0 run.

Kylin Hill rushed 27 times for 197 yards and a touchdown and Stevens had a 4-yard touchdown run that broke a 14-all tie with 31 seconds left in the first half.

Levi Lewis ran for one touchdown and passed for another for the Ragin' Cajuns. He threw an 11-yard touchdown pass to Nick Ralston in the second quarter and ran 1 yard for a touchdown that completed the scoring with 9:56 left in the game.

Lewis completed 24 off 39 for 267 yards.

Elijah Mitchell added a 3-yard, first-quarter touchdown run and Trey Ragas' 17-yard touchdown run capped a 99-yard drive for the Cajuns with 2:45 left.

**THE TAKEAWAY**

Mississippi State: An adequate though sloppy start for a team that won eight games and went to a bowl game last season.

Louisiana-Lafayette: Self-inflicted wounds prevented the Cajuns from having a more competitive effort. Five turnovers -- three fumbles and two interceptions -- limited ULL's opportunities in a game it never led.

**STATE SUSPENSIONS**

Mississippi State announced before the game that seven players, including thee starters, were suspended for the opener "due to a violation of team rules."

The starters were DT Lee Autry, LB Willie Gay Jr. and K Jace Christmann. Jordan Lawless, who was listed as a co-starter with Christmann, missed a 27-yard field goal in the second quarter but kicked a 37-yarder with 1:02 left in the game.

The other suspended players were listed as second team on the two-deep: WR Devonta Jason, OL Kwatrivous Johnson, S Marcus Murphy and OL Michael Story.

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MSST	7	14	7	10	38
ULL	7	7	0	14	28

**Scoring Summary -----**

	MSST	ULL
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
MSST TD 12:27 Osirus Mitchell 31 Yd pass from Tommy Stevens (Jordan Lawless Kick)	7	0
6 plays, 74 yards, 2:33		
ULL TD 3:17 Elijah Mitchell 3 Yd Run (Stevie Artigue Kick)	7	7
3 plays, 15 yards, 1:05		
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>		
MSST TD 9:18 Nick Gibson 8 Yd Run (Jordan Lawless Kick)	14	7
5 plays, 42 yards, 1:56		
ULL TD 4:31 Nick Ralston 11 Yd pass from Levi Lewis (Stevie Artigue Kick)	14	14
10 plays, 69 yards, 4:41		
MSST TD 0:31 Tommy Stevens 4 Yd Run (Jordan Lawless Kick)	21	14
11 plays, 82 yards, 3:54		
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
MSST TD 7:07 Kylin Hill 5 Yd Run (Jordan Lawless Kick)	28	14
8 plays, 75 yards, 3:05		
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
MSST TD 13:07 Austin Williams 12 Yd pass from Tommy Stevens (Jordan Lawless Kick)	35	14
9 plays, 69 yards, 3:03		
ULL TD 9:56 Levi Lewis 1 Yd Run (Stevie Artigue Kick)	35	21
6 plays, 36 yards, 2:35		
ULL TD 2:45 Trey Ragas 17 Yd Run (Stevie Artigue Kick)	35	28
6 plays, 23 yards, 1:43		
MSST FG 1:02 Jordan Lawless 37 Yd Field Goal	38	28
4 plays, 32 yards, 0:55		

Team Stats	MSST	ULL
First Downs	29	27
Passes for First	13	16
Rushes for First	15	10
Penalties for First	1	1
Third Down Efficiency	4-9	4-10
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-2	0-1
Total Yards	497	431
Total Plays	70	76
Avg Gain Per Play	7.1	5.7
Net Yards Rushing	261	164
Rushes	40	37
Yards Per Rush	6.5	4.4
Net Yards Passing	236	267
Comp-Att	20-30	24-39
Yards Per Pass	7.9	6.8
Times Sacked	1	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	-5	-7
Interceptions	0	2
Punts	2	3
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	5	5
Penalty Yards	40	45
Fumbles	2	3
Fumbles Lost	2	3
Time of Poss	31:03	28:57

**Individual Stats**

**RUSHING**

MISSISSIPPI ST	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Kylin Hill	27	197	7.3	1	20
Tommy Stevens	11	37	3.4	1	14
Nick Gibson	2	27	13.5	1	19
LOUISIANA	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Raymond Calais	8	80	10.0	0	26
Trey Ragas	9	63	7.0	1	17
Elijah Mitchell	14	31	2.2	1	9
Levi Lewis	6	-10	-1.7	1	10

**PASSING**

MISSISSIPPI ST	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Tommy Stevens	20	30	236	7.9	2	0	67.4
LOUISIANA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Levi Lewis	24	39	267	6.8	1	2	42.0

**RECEIVING**

MISSISSIPPI ST	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Osirus Mitchell	6	88	14.7	1	31
Austin Williams	3	43	14.3	1	28
Stephen Guidry	4	36	9.0	0	19
Dedrick Thomas	2	19	9.5	0	10
Isaiah Zuber	1	14	14.0	0	14
Dontea Jones	1	14	14.0	0	14
Kylin Hill	1	10	10.0	0	10
JaVonta Payton	1	9	9.0	0	9
Farrod Green	1	3	3.0	0	3
LOUISIANA	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Jamal Bell	8	113	14.1	0	22
Ja'Marcus Bradley	6	93	15.5	0	32
Trey Ragas	1	19	19.0	0	19
Raymond Calais	3	15	5.0	0	11
Nick Ralston	1	11	11.0	1	11
Brian Smith Jr.	1	7	7.0	0	7
Peter Leblanc	2	5	2.5	0	4
Elijah Mitchell	2	4	2.0	0	7