MISSISSIPPI at AUBURN

## Nix, No. 11 Auburn hold on, 20-14 over Ole Miss

AUBURN, Ala. -- Bo Nix passed for a career-high 340 yards and had a 1-yard touchdown and No. 11 Auburn held off Mississippi 20-14 on Saturday night.

Final

The Tigers (7-2, 4-2 Southeastern Conference) mostly dominated on the stat sheet but struggled to put the 19-point underdogs away after repeated stalled drives and three missed field goals. Anders Carlson's third miss, a 47-yarder with 1:14 to play, gave Ole Miss (3-6, 2-4) a shot at a winning drive.

The Rebels, who had no timeouts left, quickly moved from their 31 into Auburn territory. Plumlee hit Braylon Sanders for an 18-yard pass and then ran 20 yards.

Finally on fourth-and-3 from the 35, Plumlee scrambled around and made a desperation heave under pressure. Christian Tutt intercepted the ball and raced most of the way to the other end zone. And Auburn, which was coming off a 23-20 loss at No. 1 LSU, managed to survive.

Nix completed 30 of 44 passes, including a 78-yarder to Harold Joiner that set up Auburn's first touchdown. Fellow freshman D.J. Williams got most of his 24 carries and 93 yards in the second half. Anthony Schwartz gained 89 yards on nine catches, including a 50-yarder.

Plumlee led the Rebels on a 15-play, 91-yard touchdown march late to cut it to one score. Jerrion Ealy burst outside on fourth-and-1 from the 5 to set up Snoop Conner's 1-yard run with 5:45 left. Auburn was flagged for two personal fouls on the drive.

Then Nix answered in the battle of freshman quarterbacks with a drive that included three passes for first downs and worked most  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) +\left$ of the clock down.

Auburn coach Gus Malzahn called a timeout with 1:20 left facing fourth-and-2 from the 30. Carlson's potential clinching kick went wide right.

Auburn outgained the Rebels 507-266 in total yards but couldn't convert much of that production into points. Carlson did make kicks of 20 and 38 yards.

Plumlee passed for 86 yards and ran for 92.

## THE TAKEAWAY

Mississippi: Couldn't generate much of a passing game. Cut it to 10-7 at halftime with Plumlee's 4-yard scamper with 44 seconds left. It was set up by Elijah Moore's 55-yard punt return.

Auburn: First four drives generated 157 yards, two missed field goals, a fumble and a punt. But the defense remains one of the league's stingiest.

## DEFENDERS OUT

Auburn safety Jeremiah Dinson missed the game with a virus and was replaced by Jamien Sherwood. Defensive end Marlon Davidson sat out with lower back tightness, with Derick Hall starting in his place.

MISS	0	7	0		7	14	
AUB	0	10	10		0	20	
Scoring Summary							
SECOND QUARTER AUB FG 6:03 Ander	s Carlson	20 Yd	Field	Goal	MI	SS	AUB
14 plays, 72 yard	s, 4:59				0		3
AUB TD 2:34 D.J. 3 plays, 80 yards		1 Yd R	un (And	ers (	Carlson 0	Kick)	10
MISS TD 0:44 John	Rhys Plu	umlee 4	Yd Run	(Lu			
3 plays, 23 yards THIRD QUARTER	, 0:22				7 <b>MI</b> :		10 <b>AUB</b>
AUB TD 10:09 BO N		Run (An	ders Ca	rlso			
13 plays, 54 yard AUB FG 4:15 Ander		1 38 Yd	Field	Goal	/		17
13 plays, 53 yard FOURTH QUARTER	s, 4:54				7 MT		20 <b>AUB</b>
MISS TD 5:45 Snoo	p Conner	1 Yd R	un (Luk	e Lo	<b>MI:</b> gan Kicl		AUD
15 plays, 91 yard	s, 5:35				1	4	20
Team Stats			MISS		AUE	3	
First Downs			16		26		
Passes for Firs Rushes for Firs			4 9		13 12		
Penalties for F			3		1		
Third Down Effic	iency		3-15		12-		
Fourth Down Effi Total Yards	ciency		2-4 266		0-0 507		
Total Plays			69		90		
Avg Gain Per Pl			3.9		5.6		
Net Yards Rushi   Rushes	ng		167 42		167 46	′	
Yards Per Rush			4.0		3.6	5	
Net Yards Passi	ng		99		340		
Comp-Att Yards Per Pass			14-27 3.7		30 <b>-</b> 7.7		
Times Sacked			0		1		
Yds Lost To Sac	ks		0		-3		
Interceptions Punts			1		0 3		
Punt Average			42.6		38.	. 0	
Penalties			2 25		3 44		
Penalty Yards Fumbles			1		2		
Fumbles Lost			0		1		
Time of Poss			23:57		36:	:03	
Individual Stats							
RUSHING MISSISSIPPI	Buch	vac	7		mp.	TON	c
John Rhys Plumlee	Rush	<b>Yds</b> 92	<b>Avg</b> 5.4		<b>TD</b> 1	<b>LON</b> 20	
Jerrion Ealy Snoop Conner	14 6	44 20	3.1 3.3		0 1	14 10	
Matt Corral	3	20	6.7		0	11	
Scottie Phillips Team	3 1 1	4 -13	4.0 -13.	0	0 0	4	
AUBURN	Rush	Yds	Avg		TD	LON	G
D.J. Williams Kam Martin	24 7	93 33	3.9 4.7		1 0	9 10	
Bo Nix	8	20	2.5		1	19	
Shaun Shivers Anthony Schwartz	5 1	14 4	2.8 4.0		0 0	7 4	
Harold Joiner	1	3	3.0		0	3	
PASSING MISSISSIPPI	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
John Rhys Plumlee	11	21 6	86 13	4.1	0	1 0	
Matt Corral AUBURN	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Bo Nix RECEIVING	30	44	340	7.7	0	0	
MISSISSIPPI	Rec	Yds	Avg		TD	LONG	
Snoop Conner Braylon Sanders	2 1	33 17	16.5 17.0		0	25 17	
Jerrion Ealy	4	16	4.0		0	11	
Elijah Moore Tylan Knight	3 2	14 7	4.7 3.5		0	9 4	
Octavious Cooley	1	6	6.0		0	6	
Jadon Jackson AUBURN	1 Rec	6 <b>Yds</b>	6.0 <b>Avg</b>		0 <b>TD</b>	6 <b>LONG</b>	
Anthony Schwartz	9	89	9.9		0	50	
Harold Joiner			78.0		0	78	
Jav Jav Wilson	1 2	78 47			0	31	
Jay Jay Wilson Seth Williams	2 6	47 46	23.5 7.7		0	11	
Seth Williams Eli Stove	2	47	23.5				
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