

WEEK TEN  
NEW MEXICO ST at MISSISSIPPI

Ole Miss dominates winless New Mexico State 41-3

OXFORD, Miss. -- Mississippi coach Matt Luke can't help but smile when he discusses the development and performance of his freshman class, especially at the skill positions.

Ole Miss freshmen Snoop Conner, Jerrion Ealy and quarterback John Rhys Plumlee combined to rush for five touchdowns Saturday as the Rebels defeated New Mexico State 41-3.

"Plumlee made plays consistently and managed the game well," Luke said. "He's still got some plays he can make, but it's fun to see our freshman running backs making plays for us."

Plumlee directed scoring drives on four of the opening five possessions as the Rebels (4-6) built an insurmountable 24-3 halftime lead. Plumlee rushed for 177 yards on 12 carries with scoring runs of 2 and 18 yards and finished 11 of 17 for 124 passing yards in a dominating performance that ended in the third quarter.

"I was fortunate to break the line of scrimmage a few times," Plumlee said. "At the next level, there aren't as many guys you have to outrun, or make miss, or bob and weave to get free."

Conner rushed for 109 yards on 13 carries, featuring a stylish 30-yard touchdown run in the first quarter and a 1-yard touchdown run in the third period. Ealy finished with 71 yards on 14 carries, including a touchdown run of 5 yards. The Rebels finished with 606 yards in total offense, including 447 on the ground.

"It was a pretty good game for me, but there are still some plays out there I missed and can make," Conner said. "Running the ball is what we do. But, we've got to keep working and making it better."

New Mexico State (0-9) avoided the shutout on a 34-yard field goal by Dylan Brown. Josh Adkins was 25 of 35 for 127 yards passing, but could manage only two completions longer than 10 yards. Matthew Young had a game-high 16 tackles.

"We knew coming in that Ole Miss was really impressive on defense," New Mexico State Doug Martin said. "We played Alabama in the second game of the year and in my opinion, you could switch the jerseys and there's no difference."

THE TAKEAWAY

New Mexico State: The Aggies weren't expected to win an SEC road game, but the margin of defeat was discouraging. Of the three remaining games, only the visiting UTEP Miners (1-7) have a losing record and provides the best opportunity for New Mexico State to snap an 11-game losing streak.

"I thought we had some guys play well," Martin said. "Linebacker Rashie Hodge (seven tackles, one fumble recovery, one pass broken up) has gotten better each week."

Ole Miss: The season narrative will be largely defined by the performance and results of the next two weeks with No. 1 LSU and rival Mississippi State. The Rebels have young talent and been fun to watch, but have not been able to win games decided by nine points or less in five tries. An upset win in either or both games would confirm the program is trending in the right direction.

"Those are our two biggest rivals and both are huge games," Luke said. "But we can't worry about them, we have to focus on us, get better and line up and play."

QUOTABLE

Martin, whose team lost 62-10 at Alabama on September 2, remained firm in the postgame press conference regarding defensive comparisons to Ole Miss. "Those guys are every bit as good as Alabama on that side of the ball," Martin said. Alabama defeated Ole Miss 59-31 in Tuscaloosa on September 7.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
NMSU	0	3	0	0	3
MISS	10	14	7	10	41

Scoring Summary -----

	NMSU	MISS
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
MISS FG 12:36 Luke Logan 36 Yd Field Goal		3
10 plays, 46 yards, 2:24	0	
MISS TD 5:39 Snoop Conner 30 Yd Run (Luke Logan Kick)	0	10
9 plays, 77 yards, 3:19	0	
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>		
MISS TD 11:57 Jerrion Ealy 5 Yd Run (Luke Logan Kick)		17
2 plays, 80 yards, 0:49	0	
NMSU FG 5:46 Dylan Brown 34 Yd Field Goal		17
16 plays, 65 yards, 6:04	3	
MISS TD 0:40 John Rhys Plumlee 2 Yd Run (Luke Logan Kick)		24
10 plays, 65 yards, 5:06	3	
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
MISS TD 5:29 John Rhys Plumlee 18 Yd Run (Luke Logan Kick)		31
5 plays, 63 yards, 1:36	3	
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
MISS TD 13:38 Snoop Conner 1 Yd Run (Isaac Way Kick)		38
8 plays, 98 yards, 4:14	3	
MISS FG 5:38 Luke Logan 28 Yd Field Goal		41
14 plays, 52 yards, 7:02	3	

Team Stats	NMSU	MISS
First Downs	12	32
Passes for First	6	10
Rushes for First	5	20
Penalties for First	1	2
Third Down Efficiency	4-14	10-16
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-1	1-1
Total Yards	193	606
Total Plays	59	80
Avg Gain Per Play	3.3	7.6
Net Yards Rushing	66	447
Rushes	24	61
Yards Per Rush	2.8	7.3
Net Yards Passing	127	159
Comp-Att	25-35	13-19
Yards Per Pass	3.6	8.4
Times Sacked	0	4
Yds Lost To Sacks	0	-23
Interceptions	0	0
Punts	8	0
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	5	2
Penalty Yards	35	20
Fumbles	0	2
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Time of Poss	25:23	34:37

Individual Stats

RUSHING						
	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG	
<b>NEW MEXICO ST</b>						
Jason Huntley	7	45	6.4	0	21	
Josh Adkins	14	9	0.6	0	9	
Tony Nicholson	1	6	6.0	0	6	
Christian Gibson	2	6	3.0	0	3	
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>						
John Rhys Plumlee	12	177	14.8	2	75	
Snoop Conner	13	109	8.4	2	30	
Jerrion Ealy	14	71	5.1	1	16	
Tylan Knight	6	33	5.5	0	11	
Isaiah Woullard	7	24	3.4	0	8	
Danniss Jackson	1	9	9.0	0	9	
Kinkead Dent	2	9	4.5	0	5	
KeShun Wells	1	7	7.0	0	7	
D'Vaughn Pennamon	3	5	1.7	0	4	
Matt Corral	2	3	1.5	0	2	
<b>PASSING</b>						
<b>NEW MEXICO ST</b>						
Josh Adkins	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int
	25	35	127	3.6	0	0
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>						
John Rhys Plumlee	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int
	11	17	124	7.3	0	0
Matt Corral	2	2	35	17.5	0	0
<b>RECEIVING</b>						
<b>NEW MEXICO ST</b>						
Tony Nicholson	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG	
	6	37	6.2	0	9	
OJ Clark	4	29	7.3	0	14	
Izaiah Lottie	4	21	5.3	0	10	
Jason Huntley	6	19	3.2	0	8	
Christian Gibson	2	10	5.0	0	8	
Robert Downs III	2	7	3.5	0	6	
Terrell Warner	1	4	4.0	0	4	
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>						
Elijah Moore	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG	
	3	37	12.3	0	28	
Jason Pellerin	2	32	16.0	0	25	
Jadon Jackson	2	25	12.5	0	15	
Jerrion Ealy	3	23	7.7	0	17	
Octavious Cooley	1	21	21.0	0	21	
Jonathan Mingo	1	13	13.0	0	13	
Braylon Sanders	1	8	8.0	0	8	