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**Ole Miss loses to Mississippi State after urinating dog celebration**

STARKVILLE, Miss. -- Ole Miss flushed away a golden chance at the Golden Egg.

Luke Logan missed a 35-yard extra point try after Ole Miss receiver Elijah Moore was penalized for celebrating a touchdown by crawling and pretending to urinate like a dog, and Mississippi State escaped with a 21-20 victory Thursday night in the 116th Egg Bowl.

"That's not who we are. We've been a disciplined team all year, and so just disappointed that happened," Rebels coach Matt Luke said. "That's not who he is. Elijah is a good kid, and he just got caught up in the moment."

Ole Miss (4-8, 2-6 Southeastern Conference) pulled within a point with 4 seconds remaining on Matt Corral's 2-yard pass to Moore, but Logan hooked the extra point after Moore cost the Rebels 15 yards. The extra yards also prevented Ole Miss from going for a winning 2-point conversion.

The penalty was another in a long line of unsportsmanlike conduct fouls between these two teams in recent years, and oddly not the first one featuring a player pretending to pee (the Rebels' DK Metcalf was flagged for a similar celebration in the 2017 game). Luke said he knew that as emotions flared in the annual rivalry game, showboating would need to be avoided.

"Absolutely," Luke said. "We talked about it. We had five penalties. We just wanted to play a clean game. Nothing after the whistles or before the whistles was going to help us win the ballgame."

Mississippi State (6-6, 3-5 SEC) beat Ole Miss at home for the first time since 2013, possibly saving second-year coach Joe Moorhead's job.

Moorhead was fiery in his defense of the job his staff has done with this team, overcoming a litany of academic suspensions and several injuries to key players.

"To me it was an exclamation point on the narrative that I'm not the right man for this job or this team, or that I can't coach in this league," Moorhead said. "This is my school, my team, and this is my program. They'll have to drag my Yankee ass out of here."

The teams combined for seven sacks and 17 tackles for loss, and Mississippi State won the turnover battle 3-1. The Bulldogs' Erroll Thompson had 11 tackles, one for a loss, a pass deflection and a forced fumble.

"Erroll's our team captain, you know, and he has the confidence of the team," Moorhead said. "For him to play the way he did, and just the entire defense, it was a great team win."

The Bulldogs scored two first-half touchdowns, the first on Nick Gibson's 27-yard run and the second on the next possession on quarterback Garrett Shrader's 1-yard run. Ole Miss responded with two touchdowns of its own, with John Rhys Plumlee scoring on a 2-yard run and Jerrion Ealy on a 5-yarder to tie it at 14 at the half.

Midway through the third quarter, the Bulldogs sacked Plumlee three times on the same drive, the third forcing a fumble. Seven plays later, Shrader scored on a 5-yard run to put Mississippi State up 21-14.

After pulling Plumlee in favor of Corral, Ole Miss had two different red zone opportunities in the fourth quarter. The other ended with a Marcus Murphy interception.

On the final drive of the game, Mississippi State committed three of its five total penalties and Ole Miss ran nine plays inside the 15 before eventually connecting for the touchdown.

**THE TAKEAWAY**

Ole Miss: The Rebels are young and continue to show signs of life under Luke, but inconsistent play and the lack of a clear offensive strategy are the biggest reasons they'll be sitting at home this bowl season.

Mississippi State: After a long season that fell well short of expectations, an emotional home victory over a hated rival might just be enough to keep Moorhead from losing his job. But maybe not.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
MISS	0	14	0	6	20
MSST	7	7	7	0	21

**Scoring Summary -----**

	MISS	MSST
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
MSST TD 6:42 Nick Gibson 27 Yd Run (Jace Christmann Kick)		7
4 plays, 72 yards, 1:44	0	
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>		
MSST TD 11:22 Garrett Shrader 1 Yd Run (Jace Christmann Kick)		14
13 plays, 74 yards, 7:41	0	
MISS TD 6:15 John Rhys Plumlee 2 Yd Run (Luke Logan Kick)	7	
10 plays, 81 yards, 5:07		14
MISS TD 0:34 Jerrion Ealy 5 Yd Run (Luke Logan Kick)	14	
9 plays, 49 yards, 3:00		14
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
MSST TD 3:24 Garrett Shrader 5 Yd Run (Jace Christmann Kick)		21
7 plays, 40 yards, 3:30	14	
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
MISS TD 0:04 Elijah Moore 2 Yd pass from Matt Corral (Luke Logan PAT failed)	20	
12 plays, 82 yards, 2:02		21

Team Stats	MISS	MSST
First Downs	23	15
Passes for First	10	4
Rushes for First	10	11
Penalties for First	3	0
Third Down Efficiency	5-14	4-12
Fourth Down Efficiency	2-2	1-2
Total Yards	384	318
Total Plays	73	58
Avg Gain Per Play	5.3	5.5
Net Yards Rushing	139	210
Rushes	47	44
Yards Per Rush	3.0	4.8
Net Yards Passing	245	108
Comp-Att	15-26	10-14
Yards Per Pass	9.4	7.7
Times Sacked	4	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	-22	-12
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	5	5
Punt Average	44.4	43.6
Penalties	5	5
Penalty Yards	34	41
Fumbles	3	2
Fumbles Lost	2	1
Time of Poss	28:41	31:19

**Individual Stats**

<b>RUSHING</b>					
MISSISSIPPI	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Jerrion Ealy	15	82	5.5	1	14
John Rhys Plumlee	18	34	1.9	1	12
Snoop Conner	11	31	2.8	0	14
Matt Corral	3	-8	-2.7	0	1
MISSISSIPPI ST	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Kylin Hill	27	132	4.9	0	28
Nick Gibson	3	57	19.0	1	30
Garrett Shrader	12	19	1.6	2	16
Tucker Day	1	4	4.0	0	4
Team	1	-2	-2.0	0	0

<b>PASSING</b>							
MISSISSIPPI	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Matt Corral	6	12	124	10.3	1	1	56.3
John Rhys Plumlee	9	14	121	8.6	0	0	57.2
MISSISSIPPI ST	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Garrett Shrader	10	14	108	7.7	0	0	56.2

<b>RECEIVING</b>					
MISSISSIPPI	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Braylon Sanders	2	88	44.0	0	57
Donatario Drummond	2	50	25.0	0	38
Elijah Moore	3	35	11.7	1	27
Jerrion Ealy	3	32	10.7	0	19
Danniss Jackson	3	25	8.3	0	12
Jonathan Mingo	2	15	7.5	0	9
MISSISSIPPI ST	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Dedrick Thomas	4	49	12.3	0	20
Farrod Green	1	23	23.0	0	23
JaVonta Payton	1	11	11.0	0	11
Austin Williams	1	9	9.0	0	9
Keytaon Thompson	1	8	8.0	0	8
Stephen Guidry	1	7	7.0	0	7
Kylin Hill	1	1	1.0	0	1