Mississippi State
Bulldogs (25-11)
vs.
Penn State
Nittany Lions (22-13)

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PROJECTED STARTING 5

0 Nick Weatherspoon
6-2 | 195 | Fr. | G
Canton, MS

PPG:	11.0
APG:	2.1
FG%:	.484
FT%:	.722

1 Lamar Peters
6-0 | 185 | So. | G
New Orleans, LA

PPG:	9.7
APG:	4.5
FG%:	.370
FT%:	.651

3 Xavian Stapleton
6-6 | 210 | Jr. | G
Flora, MS

PPG:	6.6
RPG:	2.6
FG%:	.396
FT%:	.759

11 Quinndary Weatherspoon
6-4 | 205 | Jr. | G
Canton, MS

PPG:	14.7
RPG:	6.0
FG%:	.487
FT%:	.768

24 Abdul Ado
6-11 | 250 | Fr. | F
Lagos, Nigeria

PPG:	7.7
RPG:	6.4
FG%:	.611
FT%:	.509

MATCHUP INFO

📍 New York City
🕐 March 27, 2018, 8:30 p.m. CT
🏛 Madison Square Garden (20,789)

Series Info
Overall: 1-0, Mississippi State
Home: NA
Away: NA
Neutral: 1-0, MSU
Last Meeting: W, 58-57 (12-28-97)

MSU Head Coach
Ben Howland
(Weber State, 1979)
MSU: 55-44/3rd
Career: 456-250/22nd
vs. Penn State: 2-1

Penn State Head Coach
Patrick Chambers
(Philadelphia, 1994)
PSU: 111-122/7th
Career: 153-150/9th
vs. MSU: Never met

Bulldog Bites For The Penn State Game . . .

- Mississippi State has now won three-straight postseason games for the first time since 2007 when it also advanced to New York for the semifinals of the NIT.
- In its ninth NIT appearance, the Bulldogs are now 10-8 in this event (21-18 overall with NCAAs).
- Mississippi State is 4-2 all-time at Madison Square Garden and last played there in November of 2011 when it beat both Arizona and Texas A&M.
- MSU is 7-7 against teams from the Big 10, having played 10 of the 14 schools. In the opening round of the NIT, the Bulldogs defeated Nebraska, 66-59.
- In three NIT games, MSU is shooting 47.7 percent from the floor and 44.3 percent from 3-point range.
- Mississippi State has also dished out 54 assists, blocked 17 shots and collected 19 steals.
- The Bulldogs have set school NIT records for assists (24, Baylor) and made 3-pointers (13, Baylor).
- MSU has now won back-to-back road games against Power 5 schools for the first time since winning at Arizona and Pittsburgh in 2000 and 2001.
- The Penn State game marks the 37th of year, a school record.
- 2018 has been one of MSU's best in terms of offense. The Bulldogs' 979 made field goals and the 2,098 attempts are the most in school history. In addition, the 245 made 3-pointers are fourth, while the 2,656 points are third.
- In MSU's three NIT games, **Xavian Stapleton** and **Tyson Carter** are 7-12 and 7-14 beyond the arc, respectively.
- The Bulldogs are seeking 26 wins for the first time since 2004. The record of 27 was set in 2002.
- **Nick Weatherspoon's** 20 charges are second only to Alabama's Herbert Jones (23) in the SEC.
- **Quinndary Weatherspoon** has 1,377 points for his career, now the 17th most in school history.
- **Aric Holman** has 141-career blocked shots, two shy of tying Charles Rhodes for sixth most at MSU. In the last five games, he has 16.
- **Abdul Ado's** 67 blocks are tied with Jarvis Varnado for the most by an MSU freshman.
- The Bulldogs have shot 50 percent or better from the floor 14 times this year (eight a year ago).
- In the postseason, **Ben Howland** is 23-12 with a 4-2 NIT record.

2017-18 MISSISSIPPI STATE SCHEDULE/RESULTS

NOVEMBER

10	ALABAMA STATE (SECN+)	W, 96-68
18	FLORIDA A&M (SECN+)	W, 79-48
20	GREEN BAY (SECN+)	W, 77-68
22	STEPHEN F. AUSTIN (SECN+)	W, 80-75
26	JACKSONVILLE STATE (SECN+)	W, 59-56
30	NORTH DAKOTA STATE (SECN)	W, 83-59

DECEMBER

3	DAYTON (SECN)	W, 61-59
9	NORTH GEORGIA (SECN+)	W, 95-62
12	at Cincinnati (ESPN2)	L, 65-50
16	UT MARTIN (SECN+)	W, 92-61
20	LITTLE ROCK (SECN+)	W, 64-48
23	vs. Southern Miss ^	W, 70-64
30	North Florida (SECN+)	W, 109-81

JANUARY

2	ARKANSAS (SECN)	W, 78-75
6	at Ole Miss (SECN)	L, 64-58
10	at Florida (SECN)	L, 71-54
13	AUBURN (SECN)	L, 76-68
16	VANDERBILT (SECN)	W, 80-62
20	at Alabama (SECN)	L, 68-62
23	at Kentucky (ESPN)	L, 78-65
27	MISSOURI (SECN)	W, 74-62
31	at South Carolina (SECN)	W, 81-76

FEBRUARY

3	GEORGIA (ESPNU)	W, 72-57
6	ALABAMA (SECN)	W, 67-63
10	at Missouri (ESPN2)	L, 89-85
14	at Vanderbilt (SECN)	L, 81-80
17	OLE MISS (SECN)	W, 79-62

20	at Texas A&M (SECN)	W, 93-81
24	SOUTH CAROLINA (SECN)	W, 72-68
27	TENNESSEE (SECN)	L, 76-54

MARCH

3	at LSU (SECN)	L, 78-57

2018 SEC Tournament

8	LSU (SECN) !	W, 80-77
9	Tennessee (SECN) !	L, 62-59

2018 NIT

14	NEBRASKA (ESPN2)	W, 66-59
18	at Baylor (ESPN)	W, 78-77
20	at Louisville (ESPN)	W, 79-56
27	**vs. Penn State (ESPN) %**	**8:30 p.m.**

^ - Jackson, Miss (Mississippi Coliseum)
! - St. Louis (Scottrade Arena)
% - New York City (Madison Square Garden)

2017-18 MISSISSIPPI STATE NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown
0	Nick Weatherpsoon	G	6-2	195	Fr.	HS	Canton, MS (Velma Jackson HS)
1	Lamar Peters	G	6-0	185	So.	1L	New Orleans, LA (Landry-Walker HS)
2	Eli Wright	G	6-4	190	So.	1L	Owensboro, KY (22 Feet Academy)
3	Xavian Stapleton	G	6-6	210	Jr.	1L	Flora, MS (Louisiana Tech)
5	Mitchell Storm	F	6-7	202	So.	TR	Madison, MS (East Mississippi CC)
10	Tate Clayton	G	6-2	170	Fr.	HS	Tupelo, MS (Tupelo HS)
11	Quinndary Weatherspoon	G	6-4	205	Jr.	2L	Canton, MS (Velma Jackson HS)
12	Drew Davis	G	5-10	165	Sr.	1L	Atlanta, GA (Ft. Walton Beach HS)
13	Nick Singleton	G	6-5	195	Jr.	1L	Decatur, GA (Kennesaw State)
15	T.J. Gray	G	6-0	170	So.	HS	Columbus, MS (Columbus HS)
22	KeyShawn Feazell	F	6-8	230	Fr.	HS	New Hebron, MS (Lawrence County HS)
23	Tyson Carter	G	6-4	165	So.	1L	Starkville, MS (Starkville HS)
24	Abdul Ado	F	6-11	250	Fr.	HS	Lagos, Nigeria (Hamilton Heights HS)
35	Aric Holman	F	6-10	225	Jr.	2L	Owensboro, KY (Owensboro HS)
45	E.J. Datcher	C	6-10	240	Fr.	1L	Harpersville, AL (Vincent HS)

Head Coach:	Ben Howland (Weber State, 1979; 3rd year)
Assistant Coaches:	George Brooks (Mississippi State, 1997; 8th year)
	Korey McCray (Mercer, 2001; 3rd year)
	Ernie Zeigler (Cleary College, 1994; 3rd year)
Director of Basketball Operations:	Michael Moynihan
Director of Basketball Performance:	Collin Crane
Graduate Assistant Coaches:	Alfred Aboya
	Bo Rodriguez

2017-18 A-Z Roster

No.	Name	Yr.
24	Ado, Abdul	Fr.
23	Carter, Tyson	So.
10	Clayton, Tate	Fr.
45	Datcher, EJ	So.
12	Davis, Drew	Sr.
22	Feazell, KeyShawn	Fr.
15	Gray, T.J.	So.
35	Holman, Aric	Jr.
1	Peters, Lamar	So.
13	Singleton, Nick	Jr.
3	Stapleton, Xavian	Jr.
5	Storm, Mitchell	So.
0	Weatherspoon, Nick	Fr.
11	Weatherspoon, Quinndary	Jr.
2	Wright, Eli	So.

By State/Country

Alabama (1)

45	Datcher, EJ	So.

Georgia (2)

12	Davis, Drew	Sr.
13	Singleton, Nick	Jr.

Kentucky (2)

35	Holman, Aric	Jr.
2	Wright, Eli	So.

Louisiana (1)

1	Peters, Lamar	So.

Mississippi (8)

23	Carter, Tyson	So.
10	Clayton, Tate	Fr.
22	Feazell, KeyShawn	Fr.
15	Gray, T.J.	So.
3	Stapleton, Xavian	Jr.
5	Storm, Mitchell	So.
0	Weatherspoon, Nick	Fr.
11	Weatherspoon, Quinndary	Jr.

Nigeria (1)

24	Ado, Abdul	Fr.

PROUNCIATION GUIDE

Abdul Ado: AB-Dool A-Do
Aric Holman: ERIC
Quinndary Weatherspoon: Quinn-DARE-EE
Xavian Stapleton: ZAY-vee-AWN

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: ....Starkville, MS
Founded: ....February 28, 1878
Enrollment: 21,622
Conference: ....SEC
Nickname: ....Bulldogs
Colors: .... Maroon & White
Arena: ....Humphrey Coliseum (10,500)
President: ....Dr. Mark E. Keenum
Athletics Director: ....John Cohen
Web Site: .... www.hailstate.com
Twitter: ....@HailStateMBK
Hashtag .... #HailState

BASKETBALL HISTORY

First Year of Basketball:.....................1908-09
All-Time Record:......... 1,402-1,186/106 years
All-Time SEC Record: 586-770
Total Number of Head Coaches: 20
Humphrey Coliseum Record: 447-180
20-Win Seasons: 18
NCAA Tournament Appearances: ..10 (11-10)
NCAA Tournament Final Fours:........1 (1996)
NIT Appearances: 9 (10-8)
NIT Final Fours:.................................1 (2007)
SEC Championships: 6
    (2004, 1991, 1963, 1962, 1961, 1959)
SEC Tournament Championships: 3
    (2009, 2002 and 1996)
SEC Tournament Record:......................31-55
SEC Western Division Titles:.......................7
  (2010, 2008, 2007, 2004, 2003, 1996, 1995)

TEAM INFORMATION

2016-17 Overall Record 16-16
2016-17 SEC Record 6-12, 12th
National Ranking: ....n/a
Starters Returning/Lost:............................4/2
Letterwinners Returning/Lost:..................10/4
Newcomers:..6
Roster (Sr./Jr./So./Fr.):.......................(1/4/6/4)

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■Media members may obtain both season credentials and game-by-game passes by contacting Gregg Ellis at 662-325-3595.

SEC Teleconference

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MISSISSIPPI STATE TV/RADIO ROSTER

0 Nick Weatherspoon
FR | G | 6-2 | 195
Canton, MS

1 Lamar Peters
SO | G | 6-0 | 185
New Orleans, LA

2 Eli Wright
SO | G | 6-4 | 190
Owensboro, KY

3 Xavian Stapleton
JR | G | 6-6 | 210
Flora, MS

5 Mitchell Storm
SO | F | 6-7 | 202
Madison, MS

10 Tate Clayton
FR | G | 6-2 | 170
Tupelo, MS

11 Quinndary Weatherspoon
JR | G | 6-4 | 205
Canton, MS

12 Drew Davis
SR | G | 5-10 | 165
Atlanta, GA

13 Nick Singleton
JR | G | 6-5 | 195
Decatur, GA

15 T.J. Gray
SO | G | 6-0 | 170
Columbus, MS

22 KeyShawn Feazell
FR | F | 6-8 | 230
New Hebron, MS

23 Tyson Carter
SO | G | 6-4 |165
Starkville, MS

24 Abdul Ado
FR | F | 6-11 | 250
Lagos, Nigeria

35 Aric Holman
JR | F | 6-10 | 225
Owensboro, KY

45 E.J. Datcher
SO | C | 6-10 | 240
Harpersville, AL

Ben Howland
Head Coach
3rd Year

George Brooks
Assistant Coach
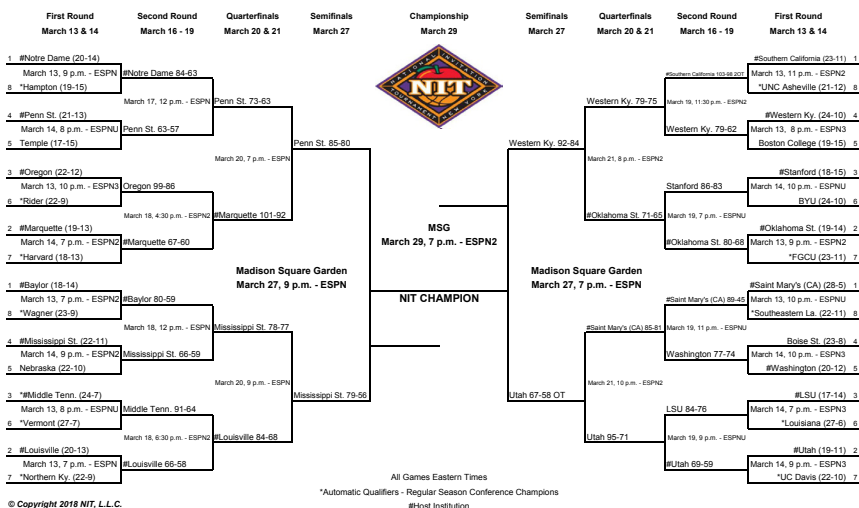8th Year

Korey McCray
Assistant Coach
3rd Year

Ernie Zeigler
Assistant Coach
3rd Year

Michael Moynihan
Director of Operations
3rd Year

2018 NATIONAL INVITATION TOURNAMENT

First Round March 13 & 14	Second Round March 16 - 19	Quarterfinals March 20 & 21	Semifinals March 27	Championship March 29	Semifinals March 27	Quarterfinals March 20 & 21	Second Round March 16 - 19	First Round March 13 & 14

1 #Notre Dame (20-14)
March 13, 9 p.m. - ESPN — #Notre Dame 84-63
8 *Hampton (19-15)
   March 17, 12 p.m. - ESPN — Penn St. 73-63
4 #Penn St. (21-13)
March 14, 8 p.m. - ESPNU — Penn St. 63-57
5 Temple (17-15)
    March 20, 7 p.m. - ESPN — Penn St. 85-80
3 #Oregon (22-12)
March 13, 10 p.m. - ESPN3 — Oregon 99-86
6 *Rider (22-9)
   March 18, 4:30 p.m. - ESPN2 — #Marquette 101-92
2 #Marquette (19-13)
March 14, 7 p.m. - ESPN2 — #Marquette 67-60
7 *Harvard (18-13)

1 #Baylor (18-14)
March 13, 7 p.m. - ESPN2 — #Baylor 80-59
8 *Wagner (23-9)
   March 18, 12 p.m. - ESPN — Mississippi St. 78-77
4 #Mississippi St. (22-11)
March 14, 8 p.m. - ESPN2 — Mississippi St. 66-59
5 Nebraska (22-10)
    March 20, 9 p.m. - ESPN — Mississippi St. 79-56
3 *#Middle Tenn. (24-7)
March 13, 8 p.m. - ESPNU — Middle Tenn. 91-64
6 *Vermont (27-7)
   March 18, 6:30 p.m. - ESPN2 — #Louisville 84-68
2 #Louisville (20-13)
March 13, 9 p.m. - ESPN — #Louisville 66-58
7 *Northern Ky. (22-9)

MSG
March 29, 7 p.m. - ESPN2

NIT CHAMPION

Madison Square Garden
March 29, 9 p.m. - ESPN

1 #Southern California (23-11)
March 13, 11 p.m. - ESPN2 — #Southern California (10)-98 2OT
8 *UNC Asheville (21-12)
   March 19, 11:30 p.m. - ESPN2 — Western Ky. 79-75
4 #Western Ky. (24-10)
March 13, 8 p.m. - ESPN3 — Western Ky. 79-62
5 Boston College (19-15)
    March 21, 8 p.m. - ESPN2 — Western Ky. 92-84
3 #Stanford (18-15)
March 14, 10 p.m. - ESPNU — Stanford 86-83
6 BYU (24-10)
   March 19, 7 p.m. - ESPNU — #Oklahoma St. 71-65
2 #Oklahoma St. (19-14)
March 13, 9 p.m. - ESPN — #Oklahoma St. 80-68
7 *FGCU (23-11)

1 #Saint Mary's (CA) (28-5)
March 13, 10 p.m. - ESPN — #Saint Mary's (CA) 89-45
8 *Southeastern La. (22-11)
   March 19, 11 p.m. - ESPNU — Saint Mary's (CA) 85-81
4 Boise St. (23-8)
March 14, 10 p.m. - ESPN3 — Washington 77-74
5 #Washington (20-12)
    March 21, 10 p.m. - ESPN2 — Utah 67-58 OT
3 #LSU (17-14)
March 14, 7 p.m. - ESPN3 — LSU 84-76
6 *Louisiana (27-6)
   March 19, 9 p.m. - ESPN — Utah 95-71
2 #Utah (19-11)
March 14, 9 p.m. - ESPN3 — #Utah 69-59
7 *UC Davis (22-10)

Madison Square Garden
March 27, 7 p.m. - ESPN

*Automatic Qualifiers - Regular Season Conference Champions
#Host Institution

All Games Eastern Times

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MSU's NIT Results

1979

Alcorn State 80, Mississippi State 78	Starkville

1990

Mississippi State 84, Baylor 75	Starkville
New Orleans 65, Mississippi State 60	New Orleans

1994

Kansas State 78, Mississippi State 67	Manhattan, KS

1999

Colorado State 69, Mississippi State 56	Fort Collins

2001

Mississippi State 75, Southern Miss 68	Starkville
Mississippi State 66, Pittsburgh 61	Pittsburgh
Tulsa 77, Mississippi State 75	Starkville

2007

Mississippi State 82, Mississippi Valley State 63	Starkville
Mississippi State 101, Bradley 72	Starkville
Mississippi State 86, Florida State 62	Starkville
West Virginia 63, Mississippi State 62	New York City

2010

Mississippi State 81, Jackson State 67	Starkville
North Carolina 76, Mississippi State 74	Starkville

2012

UMass 101, Mississippi State 96	Starkville

2018

Mississippi State 66, Nebraska 59	Starkville
Mississippi State 78, Baylor 77	Waco
Mississippi State 79, Louisville 56	Louisville

Overall: 10-8
Home: 7-4
Away: 3-3
Neutral: 0-1

NIT RECORDS

TEAM SUPERLATIVES

Most Points

101 vs. Bradley, 2007
96 vs. UMass, 2012
86 vs. Florida State, 2007

Fewest Points

56 vs. Colorado State, 1999
60 vs. New Orleans, 1990
62 vs. West Virginia, 2007

Opponent Most Points

101, UMass, 2012
80, Alcorn State, 1979
78, Kansas State, 199

Opponent Fewest Points

56, Louisville, 2018
59, Nebraska, 2018
61, Pittsburgh, 2001

Largest Win

29 vs. Bradley, 2007

Largest Loss

13 vs. Colorado State, 1999

Most Field Goals Made

39 vs. Bradley (2007)
32 vs. Alcorn State (1979)
33 vs. UMass (2012)

Most Field Goals Attempted

75 vs. UMass (2012)
73 vs. Bradley (2007)
68 vs. Mississippi Valley State (2007)

Most 3-Point Field Goals Made

13 vs. Baylor (2018)
12 vs. UMass (2012)
12 vs. Bradley (2007)

Most 3-Point Field Goals Attempted

31 vs. UMass (2012)
30 vs. Florida State (2007)
29 vs. North Carolina (2010)
29 vs. Jackson State (2010)

Free Throws Made

30 vs. Baylor (1990)
29 vs. Jackson State (2010)

Free Throws Attempted

39 vs. Baylor (1990)
28 vs. Jackson State (2010)

Rebounds

51 vs. Bradley (2007)
47 vs. Monmouth (2004)
46 vs. Virginia Commonwealth (1996)

Assists

24 vs. Nebraska (2018)
22 vs. UMass (2012)
22 vs. Bradley (2007)

Steals

15 vs. Florida State (2007)

Blocks

10 vs. Bradley (2007)
10 vs. Baylor (1990)

INDIVIDUAL SUPERLATIVES

Points

34, Arnett Moultrie vs. UMass, 2012
28, Cameron Burns vs. Baylor, 1990

Most Field Goals Made

12, Arnett Moultrie vs. UMass, 2012
9, Cameron Burns vs. Baylor, 1990

Most Field Goals Attempted

23, Arnett Moultrie vs. UMass, 2012
18, Tang Hamilton vs. Tulsa, 1999

Rebounds

13, Tang Hamilton vs. Tulsa, 2001
12, Jarvis Varnado vs. Bradley, 2007
12, Wiley Peck vs. Alcorn State, 1979

Assists

14, Lamar Peters vs. Nebraska, 2018
13, Dee Bost vs. UMass, 2012
10, Jamont Gordon vs. Bradley, 2007

Most Steals

5, Barry Stewart vs. Florida State (2007)

Blocks

6, Charles Rhodes vs. Bradley (2007)

TALE OF THE TAPE

	Points	Opp Points	FG%	3FG%	FT%	RB	RBM	ASST	TO	TM	AST-TO Ratio	STL	BL
MSU	73.8	67.6	46.7	32.1	69.0	36.1	+2.0	13.4	13.1	+0.5	1.0	6.7	5.4
PSU	74.2	66.5	45.6	38.1	69.9	35.8	+2.6	13.5	12.0	+1.6	1.6	7.4	5.1

Leaders	Scoring	Rebounds	Assists	Steals	Blocks
MSU	Weatherspoon, 14.7	Holman, 6.8	Peters, 4.5	Peters, 1.5	Ado, 1.9
OPP	Carr, 19.5	Watkins, 8.9	Carr, 4.7	Reaves, 2.3	Watkins, 2.3

Last Time Out For Penn State
✓ Beat Marquette, 85-80.

✓ Lamar Stevens had a game-high 30 points, while Tony Carr added 25.

✓ John Harrar had 9 rebounds.

✓ PSU won the battle of the boards, 30-29.

✓ Penn State had 14 assists and 4 blocks.

✓ The Nittany Lions led 41-34 at the half.

✓ Penn State was 31-58 shooting, 6-14 beyond the arc. Marquette was 28-61, 12-29.

Last Time Out For Mississippi State
✓ Beat Louisville, 79-56.

✓ Quinndary Weatherspoon had 19 points and 14 rebounds, while Aric Holman had 16 points.

✓ MSU led 39-28 at the half.

✓ MSU won the battle of the boards, 42-32, while Aric Holman had 8.

✓ MSU had 14 assists and 7 blocked shots.

✓ MSU was 31-65 shooting, 8-21 beyond the arc. Louisville was 21-60, 7-24.

Penn State Series Breakdown
(MSU leads, 1-0)
Last MSU win: 58-57 (1997-98)
Last Penn State win: NA
Current MSU win streak: 1
Biggest MSU win: 58-57 (1997-98)
Biggest Penn State win: NA

A LOOK AT THE SEC

2017-18 SEC Standings

	SEC		Overall	
Auburn	13-5	.706	26-8	.765
Tennessee	13-5	.706	26-9	.743
Florida	11-7	.588	21-13	.618
Kentucky	10-8	.588	26-10	.722
Missouri	10-8	.588	20-13	.606
Arkansas	10-8	.529	23-12	.657
Mississippi State	9-9	.529	25-11	.686
Texas A&M	9-9	.471	22-12	.647
Alabama	8-10	.471	20-16	.556
LSU	8-10	.412	18-15	.545
South Carolina	7-11	.412	17-16	.515
Georgia	7-11	.412	18-15	.545
Vanderbilt	6-12	.333	12-20	.375
Ole Miss	5-13	.278	12-20	.375

As of March 24, 2018

Upcoming Games
March 22
Texas A&M vs. Michigan, 6:37 p.m.
Kentucky vs. Kansas State, 8:37 p.m.

March 27
Mississippi State vs. Penn State, 8:30 p.m.

Recent Scores
March 16
Texas A&M 73, Providence 69
Butler 79, Arkansas 62
Auburn 62, Col. of Charleston 58
Florida State 67, Missouri 54

March 17
Villanova 81, Alabama 58
Kentucky 95, Buffalo 75
Loyola-Chicago 63, Tennessee 62
Texas Tech 69, Florida 66

March 18
Mississippi State 78, Baylor 77
Texas A&M 86, North Carolina 65
Clemson 84, Auburn 53

March 19
Utah 95, LSU 71

March 19
Mississippi State 79, Louisville 56

Humphrey Coliseum History

First Game:...... Dec. 1, 1975; MSU 85, Indiana St. 82
Overall Record:................................... 447-180 (.712)
Non-Conference Record:.................... 224-38 (.854)
SEC Record:.......................................223-142 (.611)

Humphrey Coliseum Yearly Records

Year	Attn.	Avg.	Record (SEC)
1975-76	70,081	5,006	10-4 (5-4)
1976-77	76,232	5,082	11-4 (5-4)
1977-78	72,025	5,540	11-2 (8-1)
1978-79	99,906	7,136	11-3 (7-2)
1979-80	67,209	6,721	6-4 (5-4)
1980-81	48,214	4,018	6-6 (3-6)
1981-82	56,414	4,030	7-7 (3-6)
1982-83	68,416	5,263	11-2 (7-2)
1983-84	61,508	4,393	6-8 (3-6)
1984-85	89,370	6,384	11-3 (7-2)
1985-86	43,927	3,379	4-9 (3-6)
1986-87	40,715	2,908	7-7 (3-6)
1987-88	54,074	4,160	9-4 (5-4)
1988-89	74,344	5,719	9-4 (5-4)
1989-90	74,623	5,740	9-4 (5-4)
1990-91	102,072	7,852	12-1 (8-1)
1991-92	72,142	5,549	8-5 (4-4)
1992-93	61,172	4,706	10-3 (5-3)
1993-94	88,687	6,335	10-4 (5-3)
1994-95	80,681	6,723	11-1 (7-1)
1995-96	97,996	7,538	10-3 (6-2)
1996-97	74,275	5,305	10-4 (5-3)
1997-98	77,954	5,996	7-6 (2-6)
1998-99	70,257	5,018	12-2 (6-2)
1999-00	61,764	4,412	10-4 (4-4)
2000-01	77,654	4,568	13-4 (6-2)
2001-02	79,642	5,689	13-1 (7-1)
2002-03	98,312	7,022	12-2 (7-1)
2003-04	111,940	7,996	12-2 (6-2)
2004-05	103,031	7,925	11-2 (6-2)
2005-06	90,875	5,680	11-5 (5-3)
2006-07	123,736	6,512	16-3 (6-2)
2007-08	106,672	7,111	12-3 (7-1)
2008-09	157,111	8,728	13-5 (5-3)
2009-10	116,919	6,878	13-4 (6-2)
2010-11	97,069	5,710	12-5 (5-3)
2011-12	152,363	8,019	15-4 (6-2)
2012-13	94,092	6,721	7-7 (3-6)
2013-14	123,743	6,875	11-7 (3-6)
2014-15	106,946	6,291	9-8 (3-6)
2015-16	99,338	6,623	10-5 (5-4)
2016-17	124,347	7,314	10-7 (4-5)
2017-18	146,271	6,965	19-2 (7-2)

vs. SEC Opponents

Opponent	GP	W	L	PCT.	Str.
Alabama	42	23	19	.548	W1
Arkansas	25	19	6	.760	W2
Auburn	41	28	13	.683	L1
Florida	29	14	15	.483	L3
Georgia	31	19	12	.613	W1
Kentucky	30	9	21	.300	L5
LSU	40	25	15	.615	W2
Missouri	5	4	1	.800	W3
Ole Miss	43	34	9	.791	W1
S. Carolina	15	11	4	.733	W1
Tennessee	32	15	17	.469	L1
Texas A&M	4	2	2	.500	W1
Vanderbilt	30	21	9	.700	W3

MSU KNOWS HOW TO WIN GAMES AT 'THE HUMP'

Over the course of the last decade, Mississippi State's Humphrey Coliseum has become a difficult venue for opposing teams. This year, Mississippi State is 19-2.

The Bulldogs have compiled a 43-season composite record of 447-180 (.713) at "The Hump" since Mississippi State's basketball facility opened prior to the 1975-76 campaign.

TRACKING MSU'S HOME SUCCESS UNDER BEN HOWLAND

Season	Overall		SEC		Non-SEC	
	Record	Win %	Record	Win %	Record	Win %
2015-16	10-5	.667	5-4	.556	5-1	.833
2016-17	10-7	.563	4-5	.444	6-2	.750
2017-18	19-2	.900	7-2	.778	12-0	1.000
Totals	**39-14**	**.736**	**16-11**	**.593**	**23-3**	**.885**

A LOOK AT THE HISTORY OF HUMPHREY COLISEUM

LARGEST CROWDS AT THE HUMP

Crowd	Opponent	Date
10,788	Kentucky	2-16-10
10,735	Ole Miss	2-7-04
10,645	Ole Miss	2-23-02
10,541	Florida	1-7-03
10,458	Auburn	3-2-04
10,437	Alabama	2-21-04
10,432	Alabama	3-5-05
10,432	Kentucky	1-13-04
10,429	Ole Miss	2-15-03
10,421	Ole Miss	1-26-08
10,412	Ole Miss	1-13-09
10,364	Ole Miss	2-9-12
10,338	Florida	1-24-07
10,315	Kentucky	1-9-96

INDIVIDUAL MSU RECORDS AT THE HUMP

Most Points Scored
40, Rickey Brown (Auburn, 3-7-77)

Most Rebounds
24, Wiley Peck (Alabama, 1-27-79)

Most Assists
15, Al Perry (Vanderbilt, 1-29-77)

TEAM MSU RECORDS AT THE HUMP

Most Points Scored
123, Troy State (12-5-95)

Most Rebounds
75, Mississippi Valley St. (11-21-00)

Most Consecutive Wins
14, 1-22-03 to 1-10-04

A CLOSER LOOK AT MSU

CHARTING Q.

Jr | G | 6-4
Canton, MS

MSU Career Scoring Chart

1. Jeff Malone	2,142
2. Bailey Howell	2,030
10. Jerry Jenkins	1,503
16. Jarvis Varnado	1,403
17. **Q. Weatherspoon**	**1,377**
18. Gavin Ware	1,362
19. Tang Hamilton	1,307
20. Rich Knarr	1,305
21. Timmy Bowers	1,300
22. Jack Bouldin	1,257
23. Jerry Graves	1,245
24. Erick Dampier	1,231
T25. Dave Williams	1,219
T25. Leland Mitchell	1,219

SEC Season Rank

Scoring 13th

CHARTING Aric Holman

Jr | F | 6-10
Owensboro, KY

MSU Career Blocks Chart

1. Jarvis Varnado	564
2. Erick Dampier	249
3. Tyrone Washington	198
4. Kalpatrick Wells	183
5. Rickey Brown	163
6. Charles Rhodes	143
7. Aric Holman	**141**
8. Wiley Peck	117
9. Gavin Ware	100
10. Derrick Zimmerman	89

SEC Season Rank

Blocks 7th

MSU VS. BIG 10

■ MSU is 7-7 all-time against the Big 10 following the win against Nebraska in the NIT opener.

Here is the breakdown . . .

Indiana, 0-1	Northwestern, 1-0
Iowa, 0-2	Ohio State, 0-1
Maryland 3-0	Penn State, 1-0
Michigan State, 0-1	Purdue, 0-1
Nebraska, 2-0	Rutgers, 0-1

NICK'S FRESHMAN MARKS

■ **Nick Weatherspoon's** name can be found throughout the MSU freshman record book.

Below is where he stands in the various categories.

Category	Total/Ranking
Points	384, 7th
Scoring Average	11.0, 10th
Assists	74, T7th
Made FGs	147, 5th
Attempted FGs	404, 8th
FTs Made	65, 9th
Minutes	993, 3rd

ADO'S FRESHMAN MARKS

■ Likewise, **Abdul Ado's** name can also be found throughout the MSU freshman record book.

Below is where he stands in the various categories.

Category	Total/Ranking
Rebounds	223, 3rd
Rebounding Average	6.4, T8th
Blocks	67, T1st
FTs Attempted	108, 7th
Minutes	923, 6th

Ado's 67 blocks are also tied for the sixth most in a single season with Jarvis Varnado.

1 IS A LONELY NUMBER

■ Against Tennessee in the quarterfinals of the SEC Tournament, MSU was credited with just one assist.

The previous low of three happened four times against Southeastern Louisiana on Nov. 28, 2005, LSU on Feb. 25, 1987, Missouri on Feb. 13, 2013, and TCU on Nov. 29, 2014.

MSU made just 20 field goals against the Volunteers, which tied for the second fewest on the year.

500 OR BETTER

■ On the year, MSU has shot 50 percent or better from the floor 14 times, six in SEC play.

The Bulldogs' season high of .620 (44-71) was against North Florida.

Their last time to shoot at least .500 was at Baylor (.538, 28-52) in the NIT.

HOWLAND'S CLIMB

■ The Penn State game marks the 100th at MSU for **Ben Howland**.

His 55 wins are ninth all-time, but he's reached 55 wins quicker than any former MSU coach.

YEAR 3 MAGIC

■ In all four of his head coaching stops at Northern Arizona, Pittsburgh, UCLA and MSU, **Ben Howland** has gotten his teams to the postseason. He's now 107-31 in the third year at all four schools.

2 FOR 20 X 3

■ Three times this season, MSU has had two players score 20 or more points in the same game.

Stephen F. Austin — **Tyson Carter** 25; **Quinndary Weatherspoon** 20.

UT Martin — **Aric Holman** 21 and **Quinndary Weatherspoon** 21.

Arkansas — Weatherspoon brothers with 22 each.

Q & HIS 4 GAME WINNERS

■ Game-winning shots have become the norm for junior All-SEC guard and leading scorer **Quinndary Weatherspoon.**

On Dec. 3 at home against Dayton, he collected a steal with 4 seconds left and went the length of the court for a layup to give MSU a thrilling 61-59 win.

Then against Jacksonville State, he drained a 3-pointer with 0.7 seconds for a a dramatic 59-56 win.

He did it again at Baylor on March 18 with a 3-pointer at the buzzer for a 78-77 win.

As a freshman against Vanderbilt, he drained a buzzer beater from 3-point range for a 75-74 victory.

SEEING DOUBLE

■ MSU has recorded 13 double-doubles, with **Aric Holman** leading the way with seven, followed by **Abdul Ado** with three and **Quinndary Weatherspoon** with three.

Holman: Alabama State (18 points, 11 rebounds); Cincinnati (18, 10); UT Martin (21, 12); Vanderbilt (18, 14); Alabama (11, 10); LSU-SECT (11, 12). Nebraska (16, 10).

Ado: Green Bay (12 points, 11 rebounds); Florida (12, 10); Auburn (10, 11).

Q.: Dayton (11 points, 10 rebounds); Ole Miss (16, 10); Louisville (19, 14).

WEATHERSPOON AWARDS

■ Not only are **Nick** and **Quinndary Weatherspoon** brothers, now they share SEC history.

Quinndary was named second-team All-SEC for the second year in a row, while Nick was named to the All-Freshmen team.

Quinndary was a member of the All-Freshmen team in 2016.

HOW THE DAWGS SCORE

■ Below is how MSU is scoring compared to all 351 Division I teams according to KenPom.com.

Category	% (Ranking)
3-Pointers	28.1 (264)
2-Pointers	54.8 (46)
Free Throws	17.1 (282)

MSU IN MSG

■ The Penn State game marks the seventh time Mississippi State has played in famed Madison Square Garden.

To date, the Bulldogs are 4-2 in the venue.

Following is the complete breakdown of all games played.

Year	Result
2012	Arizona, W/67-57
2012	Texas A&M, W/69-60
2007	West Virginia, L/63-62
2004	St. Mary's, W/67-54
2004	Syracuse, L/71-58
2002	Xavier, W/76-71

2017-18 BULLDOG STREAKS

Team W/L Streaks

Overall Wins/Losses	W3
Home Wins/Losses	W1
Road Wins/Losses	W2
Neutral Wins/Losses	L1

Consecutive Double-Figure Scoring Games

Aric Holman	3
Xavian Stapleton	3
Quinndary Weatherspoon	2
Nick Weatherspoon	2

Consecutive Games with A Made 3-pointer

Xavian Stapleton	3
Quinndary Weatherspoon	3
Tyson Carter	3
Lamar Peters	2
Aric Holman	1

Consecutive Games Played (All Seasons)

Aric Holman	89
Tyson Carter	68
Quinndary Weatherspoon	39
Abdul Ado	35
Lamar Peters	30
Eli Wright	28
Xavian Stapleton	17
KeyShawn Feazell	7
E.J. Datcher	2
Nick Weatherspoon	2
Mitch Storm	1
Nick Singleton	1
TJ Gray	1

Consecutive Games Started (All Seasons)

Quinndary Weatherspoon	38
Abdul Ado	34

Lamar Peters	16
Xavian Stapleton	4
Nick Weatherspoon	2

Total 30 Minute Games (All Seasons)

Quinndary Weatherspoon	59
Lamar Peters	20
Nick Weatherspoon	15
Tyson Carter	11
Abdul Ado	10
Aric Holman	5
Eli Wright	1
Xavian Stapleton	1

2017-18 MISSISSIPPI STATE NOTES

PETERS NAMED SEC POW
■ On Feb. 26, sophomore guard **Lamar Peters** was tabbed the SEC's player of the week and CollegeSportsMadness.com player of the week.

In wins against Texas A&M and South Carolina, he averaged 17 points, 6 assists and 3 steals.

STORM NAMED TO SERVICE TEAM
■ **Mitchell Storm** of Madison, Miss., was named to the SEC's Community Service team.

A member of the SEC Men's Basketball Leadership Council, he's also a member of the student-athlete advisory committee (SAAC). He also served others on an 8-day mission trip to Haiti with But God Ministries, working in an orphanage and teaching English classes.

SEC TABS WEATHERSPOON FOW
■ On Feb. 5, guard **Nick Weatherspoon** was tabbed the SEC's freshman of the week.

The Canton, Miss., native had stellar performances in wins against Georgia and Alabama, scoring 18 and 15 points, respectively.

He also had 33 assists and 6 rebounds while draining 13 of his 23 shots from the floor, including a 5-of-7 mark from the free throw line.

SEC HONORS CARTER FOR POW
■ On Dec. 4, sophomore guard **Tyson Carter** was named SEC Player of the Week.

It came after a career-best 35 points against North Dakota State and 20 against Dayton.

His 35 points were the most since Darryl Wilson also had 35 against Alabama on 3-4-95.

LITTLE ACTION AT FTL
■ Three times this season, MSU has limited opponents to just six free throw attempts or fewer.

Jacksonville State was the first, going 6-6 before North Georgia went 0-5. Then against UT Martin, the Skyhawks were just 4-6.

The last time MSU held an opponent without a free throw was on Jan. 19, 1985, in a 61-44 win against Ole Miss.

MSU FOUL SHOTS
■ Six times this season, Mississippi State has attempted nine or fewer shots — Florida A&M, Dayton, North Georgia, Cincinnati, Florida and at LSU.

On the year, the Bulldogs are 11th in the SEC with their .690 shooting percentage.

PRESEASON POLLS
■ In the preseason polls voted on by the media, junior guard **Quinndary Weatherspoon** was tabbed both first-team (coaches) and second-team (media) All-SEC.

As a team, the Bulldogs were picked to finish 12th under third-year coach **Ben Howland**.

Preseason Poll
1. Kentucky
2. Florida
3. Texas A&M
4. Alabama
5. Missouri
6. Arkansas
7. Vanderbilt
8. Georgia
9. Auburn
10. Ole Miss
11. South Carolina
12. Mississippi St.
13. Tennessee
14. LSU

HOWLAND AIMS FOR FEAT
■ **Ben Howland** looks to achieve a feat only 12 coaches have ever done, and that's lead four different teams to the NCAA Tournament.

Howland has already guided Northern Arizona, Pittsburgh and UCLA to the Big Dance.

The first 12 coaches to do so are Lon Kruger, Steve Alford, John Beilein, Lefty Driesell, Cliff Ellis, Larry Eustachy, Jim Harrick, Fran McCaffery, Tom Penders, Tubby Smith, Rick Pitino and Eddie Sutton.

MSU VERSUS RANKED FOES
■ During his rebuilding effort at Mississippi State, Ben Howland's teams are 1-11 against ranked foes, with a 1-4 mark this season.

MSU dropped its first eight outings before breaking into the win column to open SEC play this year with a 78-75 win against the No. 22-ranked Arkansas Razorbacks.

Of the 12 outings, 10 have been decided by 10 points or less, six by five points or less.

Date	Team	Score	Rank
03-09-19	Tennessee	L, 62-59 (3)	12
02-27-18	Tennessee	L, 76-54 (22)	16
01-13-18	Auburn	L, 76-68 (8)	22
01-02-18	Arkansas	W, 78-75 (3)	22
12-12-17	Cincinnati	L 65-50 (15)	25
02-18-17	Florida	L, 57-52 (5)	13
02-11-17	South Carolina	L,77-73 (4)	16
01-17-17	Kentucky	L, 87-81 (6)	5
02-24-16	Texas A&M	L, 68-66 (2)	21
01-26-16	So. Carolina	L, 84-74 (10)	22
01-12-16	Kentucky	L, 80-74 (6)	13
01-06-16	Texas A&M	L, 61-60 (1)	21

BROTHERLY LOVE
■ Mississippi State is one of 29 schools nationally with brothers on the same team with **Quinndary** and **Nick Weatherspoon**.

Q has started all 36 games, Nick 35.

The last time MSU had two brothers start in the same game was Reginald and Richard Delk against West Virginia in the NIT Final Four on March 27, 2007.

YOUTHFUL GROUP
■ The Bulldogs are one of five teams without any scholarship seniors, along with Kentucky, Holy Cross, Chattanooga and Robert Morris.

MSU's experience is ranked No. 326 out of 351 schools.

MSU SIGNS 3
■ MSU took advantage of the early signing period and landed 5-star forward Reggie Perry and 4-star forwards DJ Stewart and Robert Woodard.

Perry, a 6-foot-8, 240-pound Thomasville, Ga., native, is the son of former MSU great Al Perry (1975-78), who ranks third all-time at MSU with 510 steals.

The McDonald's All-American is rated as the No. 1 prospect out of the state of Georgia and listed as the No. 4 small forward nationally.

ESPN has him as the 16th best player regardless of position.

Woodard, the top-ranked player in Mississippi and a Dandy Dozen selection, is ranked 56th overall nationally and is the son of Robert Woodard, Sr., who played at MSU from 1987-90.

He led Columbus to the Class 6A crown in 2016 and was last year's Mississippi Gatorade Player of the year.

The 6-6, 187-pound Stewart is listed as the 33rd best small forward.

As a junior at Riverside last year, he averaged 18.9 points, 9.7 rebounds and 3.1 assists.

Nationally, Scout and Rivals have him as the 103rd best player overall.

MSU AND RPI
■ In the five major RPI rankings, MSU is in the Top 75 of each one. Here's the breakdown . . .

ESPN	71	NCAA	73
Real Time	73	Sagarin	54
BPI	56	Ken Pom	46

ROCKING THE OT WIN
■ Under **Ben Howland**, MSU is now 1-3 in overtime affairs after beating South Carolina.

The three losses have been to Ole Miss, Alabama and Missouri.

All time, MSU is 61-52 in overtime play and now 4-0 against the Gamecocks.

MSU'S NIT MARK FOR POINTS
■ Mississippi State held Louisville to just 56 points, which ties the school record for the fewest allowed in the NIT

80'S NIGHT SETS RECORD
■ MSU set a school record for scoring 80-plus games in four-straight SEC road games (South Carolina 81; Missouri 85; Vanderbilt, 80; Texas A&M, 93).

The old mark of three was set in 1991 (Florida, 82; Auburn, 84; LSU, 82).

MSU Freshman Blocked Shots Record

Name	Season	G	BS	Avg
T1. Abdul Ado	**2017-18**	**35**	**67**	**1.9**
T1. Jarvis Varnado	2006-07	35	67	1.9
2. Erick Dampier	1993-94	29	65	2.2
4. Rickey Brown	1976-77	27	58	2.1
5. Kalpatrick Wells	1979-80	27	51	1.9
6. Wiley Peck	1975-76	25	37	1.5
7. Chan. Nichols	1987-88	28	30	1.1
8. Fred Thomas	2012-13	32	27	0.8
8. Gavin Ware	2012-13	32	24	0.8
10. Carl Nichols	1987-88	29	21	0.7

2017-18 Player SEC Rankings

Quinndary Weatherspoon

Scoring	13th
FG %	4th
Steals	6th
Minutes Played	11th
Rebounding	17th

Aric Holman

Rebounding	7th
Blocks	7th

Abdul Ado

Blocks	6th
Rebounding	12th
Offensive Rebounds	4th

Lamar Peters

Steals	5th
Assists	5th

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NOVEMBER NUMBERS
■ Mississippi State posted a perfect 6-0 mark in November.

The six wins tie the November mark for the second-most in school history with the 1998 squad. The record of seven came in 2012 (7-1).

2012 was also the last year the Bulldogs advanced to postseason (NIT).

Q WITH THE SEC AWARDS
■ Junior guard **Quinndary Weatherspoon** has been recognized by the SEC in each of his three years.

In 2016, he was named to the SEC All-Freshman Team. In 2017, he was named preseason All-SEC and finished the year on the second-team All-SEC team.

Preseason this year, he was tabbed first-team All-SEC by the coaches and second team by the media. Then last week, he was named the second-team All-SEC by the coaches.

A CLOSER LOOK AT SEC OPENERS
■ Mississippi State is now 46-39 all-time in SEC openers after beating Arkansas, 78-75. At home, the Bulldogs are 31-19. On the road, they are 15-19. In neutral site affairs, MSU is 0-1.

MSU has played Auburn the most (21 games), while the Bulldogs have collected 10 wins against Auburn and LSU to lead the way.

The most losses have come against Auburn (11), while the only team MSU hasn't opened up with is Missouri.

Team	Record
Alabama	2-5
Arkansas	4-1
Auburn	10-11
Florida	5-7
Georgia	1-1
Kentucky	2-3
LSU	10-1
Ole Miss	3-1
South Carolina	3-0
Tennessee	3-4
Texas A&M	0-1
Vanderbilt	3-3

LINEUP NOTABLE
■ On the year, MSU has implemented five different lineups.

Prior to Nebraska only **Quinndary** and **Nick Weatherspoon** had started all 34 games.

HIGH OF 93
■ At Texas A&M, MSU scored 93 points, its most in SEC play this year.

The previous high of 85 came at Missouri back in October.

MSU LEGENDS
■ In February, Ray White was named MSU's SEC Legend.

Last year, Dontae' Jones made this prestigious list.

A native of Gulfport, Miss., White played for the Bulldogs from 1976-79 and was a three-time All-SEC selection.

He stands fifth all-time with his 1,640 points and first with 217 steals. White was picked by the Los Angeles Lakers in the fourth round of the 1979 NBA draft.

All-Time MSU Legends
1999: Bailey Howell	**2009:** Tony Watts
2000: Jim Ashmore	**2010:** Kermit Davis
2001: W.D. Stroud	**2011:** Darryl Wilson
2002: Jeff Malone	**2012:** Chuck Evans
2003: Joe Dan Gold	**2013:** Horatio Webster
2004: Greg Carter	**2014:** Erick Dampier
2005: Jack Bouldin	**2015:** Doug Hutton
2006: Rickey Brown	**2016:** Mario Austin
2007: Richard Williams	**2017:** Dontae' Jones
2008: Wiley Peck	**2018:** Ray White

BREAKDOWN OF GAMES IN JACKSON
■ MSU is now 19-6 all-time at Mississippi Coliseum following the 70-64 win against Southern Miss on Dec. 23.

The Bulldogs and Golden Eagles have now met five times at Mississippi Coliseum, with MSU holding a 3-2 advantage.

Here's the entire breakdown . . .

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE
12-15-62	Memphis State	W	77-66
01-28-63	Southern Miss	W	62-52
12-14-63	Memphis State	L	73-65
12-16-63	Southern Miss	L	65-60
12-29-64	Mississippi College	L	72-57
12-30-64	Delta State	W	82-63
01-28-65	Arkansas	L	84-69
12-18-78	Iowa State	W	80-70
12-15-80	Southern Miss	L	68-53
11-30-85	Jackson State	W	77-62
12-16-87	McNeese State	W	76-66
11-17-98	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	W	105-53
12-18-02	Georgia State	W	78-54
12-22-04	Jacksonville State	W	95-53
12-15-05	Jacksonville State	W	104-80
12-21-06	New Orleans	W	89-63
01-05-08	Lafayette	W	77-53
12-22-08	Nicholls State	W	77-68
12-22-09	Centenary	W	88-51
12-22-11	Northwestern State	W	82-67
12-22-13	Central Arkansas	W	79-72
12-20-14	USC Upstate	L	53-51
12-23-15	Northern Colorado	W	93-69
12-19-16	Southern Miss	W	86-44
12-23-17	Southern Miss	W	70-64

OLE MISS SETBACK
■ In the setback at Ole Miss, the Bulldogs lost for the first time this season when leading at the half (11-1), having more assists (11-0) and in games decided by 10 points or less (6-1).

Mississippi State also surrendered a 13-point lead, the most since LSU over-came a 14-point deficit in 2016.

The game also marked the first time all season the Bulldogs failed to have anyone score in double-digits.

MSU also saw a 13-point lead against No. 22 Auburn on Saturday evaporate in a 76-68 loss.

HERARD LEAVES TEAM
■ Sophomore forward Schnider Herard left the team in December and transferred to Maryland.

In his career, the Haiti native appeared in 43 games and drew 19 starts. He averaged 4.0 points and 4.2 rebounds, while blocking 16 shots.

This season, he appeared in 11 games and scored 11 points while hauling in 23 rebounds and blocking 8 shots.

CENTURY MARK SCORING
■ Against North Florida, MSU scored 100-plus points for the first time since a 106-88 win against

Eastern Washington on Nov. 13, 2015.

It also marked the 54th time in school history the Dogs have reached the century mark.

The 109 points scored were the most since MSU totaled 107 against Arkansas-Pine Bluff in 1999.

MSU also shot a season-high 62.0 percent (44-71) from the floor.

That marked the Bulldogs' highest total since making 62 percent of its shots against Auburn on Jan. 16, 2011.

OH, SO CLOSE
■ Entering the game against Auburn on Jan. 13, Mississippi State had won 13-straight games at Humphrey Coliseum dating back to last year.

That was one shy of the record for consecutive wins.

However, the Tigers kept MSU from tying the mark by rallying from 13 down to win, 76-68.

Here's the breakdown to top Humphrey Coliseum streaks . . .

Streak	Date	Ended By
14	1-22-03 to 1-10-04	Kentucky
13	3-4-17 to 1-2-18	Auburn
13	1-23-78 to 1-15-79	Alabama
12	2-25-04 to 2-12-05	LSU

D-E-F-E-N-S-E
■ Mississippi State allows the second fewest points in the SEC and has held 27 of its 36 opponents below their average. Below are the results:

Team	Average	Points
Alabama State	N/A	68
Florida A&M	58.7	48
Green Bay	81.5	68
Stephen F. Austin	93.0	75
Jacksonville State	86.6	56
North Dakota State	68.7	59
Dayton	71.0	59
North Georgia	71.0	62
Cincinnati	83.4	65
UT Martin	76.1	61
Little Rock	63.7	48
Southern Miss	72.2	64
North Florida	*76.0*	*81*
Arkansas	90.4	75
Ole Miss	80.3	64
Florida	83.3	71
Auburn	87.2	76
Vanderbilt	71.5	62
Alabama	74.9	68
Kentucky	*77.0*	*78*
Missouri	74.6	62
South Carolina	*70.7*	*76*
Georgia	69.4	57
Alabama	73.5	63
Missouri	*73.6*	*89*
Vanderbilt	*71.8*	*81*
Ole Miss	76.1	62
Texas A&M	*75.2*	*81*
South Carolina	69.4	68
Tennessee	*74.6*	*76*
LSU	*77.6*	*78*
LSU	77.6	77
Tennessee	74.4	62
Nebraska	72.7	59
Baylor	*75.6*	*77*
Louisville	76.1	56

NO LEAD
■ Only once this season has MSU failed to lead in a game, and that was at Alabama on Jan. 20 in a 68-62 loss.

There were three ties for a total 1:41.

But when the two met for the rematch, the Bulldogs claimed a 67-63 victory.

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500 & COUNTING
■ Against South Carolina on Feb. 24, sophomore guard **Tyson Carte**r scored his 500th-career point.

In 68 games, he's averaging 8.1 points with an 8.6 average this year after scoring 5 points at Louisville. He now has 550 for his career.

600 & COUNTING
■ Against LSU in the SEC Tournament, sophomore guard **Lamar Peters** totaled a season-high 24 points as he reached 600 for his career (now 640).

In 63 games, the New Orleans native is averaging 10.2 points, 9.7 this year.

700 & COUNTING
■ At Louisville on March 20, junior forward **Aric Holman** recorded his 700th-career point.

He has 701 for his career and is third on the team this season with his 10.9 average.

TAKING CHARGE
■ Freshman forward **Nick Weatherspoon** has established himself as one of the top charge takers in the SEC.

In fact, the Canton, Miss., native, is second in the SEC with his 20 charges taken. Alabama's Herbert Jones is tops with 23.

Name	School	Charges
Herbert Jones	Alabama	23
Nick Weatherspoon	**MSU**	**20**
Keith Stone	Florida	12

NOTE: Not all schools keep up with charges.

DUNKIN' BULLDOGS
■ Mississippi State had seven dunks against Louisville to stand at 142 on the year, with **Aric Holman** throwing down a team-high 44.

The total surpasses last season's 107, while Holman had 35.

The school record of 145 was set in 2008 when the Bulldogs played 34 games (23-11).

FREE THROW IMPROVEMENT
■ If there's been a major improvement for freshman forward **Abdul Ado**, it's been at the free throw line.

In his first 17 games, he was 22-52 (.423). But in his last 18 games, he's drained 33 of his 56 attempts (.589).

COACHING STABILITY
■ Third-year coach **Ben Howland** has been able to maintain stability within his coaching staff.

For the third year since his arrival, he's had the same assistants in **George Brooks**, **Korey McCray** and **Ernie Zeigler**.

Also back for his third year is **Michael Moynihan**, who is in his second season as director of operations after spending his first year at Mississippi State as the team's video coordinator.

Jalen Courtney is in his third season, his second as video coordinator.

His first year, he served as a grad assistant.

BOARD DOMINANCE
■ Against Georgia on Feb. 3, MSU won the battle of the boards, 37-20. It was the fewest rebounds the Dogs have allowed all year. The previous low of 21 was North Florida.

45% STREAK SNAPPED
■ The first 15 times Mississippi State shot 45 percent or better from the floor this season, it won.

But that streak was snapped last month when the Bulldogs shot 58.8 percent from the floor in a 81-80 loss at Vanderbilt on a last-second shot.

STREAK SNAPPED
■ Mississippi State entered the Missouri game on Feb. 10 riding a four-game SEC winning streak, its longest since 2008.

That's the last year MSU won five in a row.

STRONG REBOUND MARGIN
■ Mississippi State out-rebounded North Florida, 46-21, its largest margin this year.

The margin was the most since being plus-24 against both UT Martin earlier this season and versus Prairie View on Nov. 8, 2013.

WELCOME TO 1,000 POINTS
■ With 2:07 left in the first half against Little Rock on Dec. 20 at Humphrey Coliseum, junior All-SEC guard **Quinndary Weatherspoon** made a free throw to give him 1,000-career points.

He is now the 37th player in school history to reach that feat and is currently 17th with 1,377 points.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS
■ This past fall, MSU posted a 2.95 in the classroom, the best in program history.

Of the 15 players on the roster, nine posted a 3.0 or better.

2ND HALF CHARMS
■ In five of the last seven regular-season games against Missouri, Vanderbilt, Ole Miss, Texas A&M, South Carolina and Tennessee, Mississippi State has shot lights out in the second half.

During that stretch, MSU was 82-152 for a .539 shooting percentage.

But against the Volunteers, MSU was just 6-of-21 shooting.

MOST-PLAYED SEC SERIES
■ The 258 games between Mississippi State and Ole Miss are the most in the SEC.

Here's the Top 5 . . .

1. Mississippi State/Ole Miss   258
2. Kentucky/Tennessee   226
3. Florida/Georgia   213
4. Mississippi State/LSU   212
5. LSU/Ole Miss   209

OVERCOMING DEFICITS
■ In the 72-68 overtime win against South Carolina on Feb. 24, Mississippi State overcame a 13-point deficit.

It was the largest since battling back from 19 down to beat Tennessee in February of 2017.

COURT ROBBERY
■ Five times this year, the Bulldogs have collected 10 or more steals in a game.

The season-high of 13 came against both Dayton and South Carolina.

20-PLUS TURNOVERS
■ On the year, Mississippi State has forced 20 or turnovers three times.

The high of 26 was against North Dakota State. In SEC play, the high was 21 on Feb. 24 against South Carolina in overtime.

HOWELL TROPHY WINNER
■ On March 5, **Quinndary Weatherspoon** won the Howell Trophy, joining Lawrence Roberts, Jamont Gordon, Jarvis Varnado (twice) and Arnett Moultrie as MSU players who have received this award, which is named after hall of famer and former Bulldog great Bailey Howell.

BROOKS RECOGNIZED
■ 247Sports.com has recognized assistant coach **George Brooks** for his recruiting efforts.

In January, he was named the No. 2 recruiter in the nation behind Duke's Jeff Capel.

Last year, Sporting News named him the No. 2 recruiter in the SEC.

This year, he was responsible for the signing of Reggie Perry, Robert Woodard and D.J. Stewart.

1. Jeff Capel ....Duke
2. **George Brooks.............Mississippi State**
3. Rashon Burno........................ Arizona State
4. Tony Stubblefield ....Oregon
5. Joel Justice....................................Kentucky

BOARD DOMINANCE AT A&M
■ Despite the considerable size disadvantage, Mississippi State dominated the boards at Texas A&M, 44-31.

The plus-13 margin was the largest on the road this season.

BROTHER VS. BROTHER
■ A quick glance at Nick Weatherspoon's freshman campaign looks a lot like his brother Quinndary's in nearly every catagory.

Below is a comparison chart . . .

Nick	Category	Quinndary
35	Games Played	31
35	Games Started	17
993	Minutes	836
28.4	Minutes Average	27.0
147-304	FGM-FGA	133-297
.484	Field Goal %	.448
25-87	3FGM- 3FGA	43-109
.287	3-Point Field Goal %	.394
65-90	FTM-FTA	62-77
.722	Free Throw %	.805
9	Offensive Rebounds	47
92	Defensive Rebounds	99
101	Total Rebounds	146
2.9	Avg. Rebounds	4.7
60	Fouls	75
1	DQ	1
74	Assists	43
38	Turnovers	45
5	Blocks	16
33	Steals	42
384	Points	371
11.0	Avg. Points	12.0

NOTABLE NCAA RANKINGS
■ Mississippi State is in the Top 75 in several key NCAA statistic categories. Below is a breakdown . . .

Scoring defense...........53
Blocked Shots...............9
FG% Defense 49
FG% Offense 72

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PETERS ON FIRE
■ In his two SEC Tournament games, sophomore guard **Lamar Peter**s was on fire.

After scoring a season-high 24 points against LSU, he poured in 22 against Tennessee.

In both games, he drained five 3-pointers, which tied Marcus Grant (Kentucky, 1994) for the second most in school history in SEC Tournament play.

SEC IMPROVEMENT
■ Mississippi State won nine SEC games for the first time since the league expanded to 14 teams.

The Bulldogs won eight in 2012 but hadn't won nine since finishing 9-7 in 2011.

WHEN Q HITS 20
■ When junior guard **Quinndary Weatherspoon** scores 20 or more points, Mississippi State benefits.

He's reached that feat 16 times in his career following the Missouri game, and the Bulldogs are 14-2 in those games.

Opponent	Points	Result
(2016)		
Tennessee	23	L, 80-75
Vanderbilt	24	W, 75-74
(2017)		
Norfolk State	22	W, 78-74
Boise State	25	W, 80-68
Oregon State	21	W, 74-57
Morehead State	27	W, 85-76
UMKC	25	W, 77-54
Arkansas	25	W, 84-78
Missouri	29	W, 89-74
Auburn	25	L, 98-82
(2018)		
Stephen F. Austin	20	W, 80-75
North Georgia	22	W, 95-62
UT Martin	21	W, 92-61
Little Rock	21	W, 64-48
Arkansas	22	W, 78-75
Missouri	20	W, 74-72

MSU WINS MARK
■ The record for wins in a single is 27, set in 2002. If the Bulldogs win the NIT, they will match that mark.

The following is a breakdown . . .

1.	27	2002
2.	26	2004
	26	1996
4.	**25**	**2018**
5.	24	2010
	24	1962
	24	1959

MSU GAMES PLAYED MARK
■ Mississippi State has team the school record for games played in a single with 36.

The following is a breakdown . . .

1.	**36**	**2018**
	36	2010
	36	2009
4.	35	2007
	35	2002
6.	34	2008
	34	2005
	34	1996

Aric Holman played in his 89th-consecutive game at Louisville and leads MSU with 44 dunks.

Nick Weatherspoon is second in the SEC with his 20 charges taken and is third on the team with his 33 steals.

Abdul Ado leads MSU with his 67 blocked shots. His 1.9 average is fifth in the SEC and 49th nationally.

2017-18 MISSISSIPPI STATE MISCELLANEOUS STATS/SEC STANDINGS

CHARTING THE BULLDOGS

Dunks

Aric Holman	44
Abdul Ado	34
Quinndary Weatherspoon	19
Nick Weatherspoon	16
Xavian Stapleton	12
Tyson Carter	5
E.J. Datcher	5
KeyShawn Feazell	5
Eli Wright	2

Charges Drawn

Nick Weatherspoon	20
Lamar Peters	4
Tyson Carter	4
Quinndary Weatherspoon	1
T.J. Gray	1

Point Distribution (%)

Seniors	3 (0.1)
Juniors	1,159 (43.6)
Sophomores	795 (30.0)
Freshmen	699 (26.3)
TOTAL:	**2,656**

First Sub

Xavian Stapleton	22
Tyson Carter	9
E.J. Datcher	6
Aric Holman	5
Lamar Peters	5
Schnider Herard	4
Eli Wright	4
KeyShawn Feazell	1

Scored First Points

Aric Holman	10

Quinndary Weatherspoon	9
Nick Weatherspoon	8
Tyson Carter	4
Abdul Ado	2
Lamar Peters	2
Xavian Stapleton	1

How First Points Were Scored

3-pointer	13
Jumper	9
Layup	10
Free Throw	1
Dunk	3

Final Three Minutes From FT Line

Q. Weatherspoon	27-34 (.794)
Nick Weatherspoon	9-14 (.643)
Aric Holman	15-19 (.789)
Tyson Carter	5-8 (.625)
Lamar Peters	12-18 (.667)
Drew Davis	1-2 (.500)
KeyShawn Feazell	1-2 (.500)
Xavian Stapleton	3-4 (.750)
Abdul Ado	4-11 (.364)
Nick Singleton	0-1 (.000)
TOTAL	**77-113 (.681)**
Opponent Total	**67-104 (.644)**

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WINNING AND LOSING

Wins	Stat	Losses
78.6	Points	62.9
65.0	Opp. Points	73.5
+13.6	Scoring Margin	-10.5
.497	FG%	.400
.409	Opp. FG%	.430
.341	3FG%	.279
.304	Opp. 3FG%	.384
.684	FT%	.709
.660	Opp. FT%	.725
37.2	Rebounds	33.5
32.4	Opp. Rebounds	37.9
+4.8	Rebound Margin	-4.5
15.2	Assists	9.5
13.0	Turnovers	13.5
+1.6	Turnover Margin	-2.0
7.1	Steals	5.7
6.0	Blocks	4.2

BULLDOGS IN SEC

CATEGORY	RANK
Scoring offense	9
Scoring defense	3
FG%	4
FG% defense	6
3PT FG%	14
3PT FG% defense	4
FT%	11
Rebounds	9
Rebounds allowed	4
Rebound margin	7
Assists	10
Blocked shots	3
Steals	4
Turnover margin	8
Assist/Turnover ratio	10

SEASON AND CAREER TOTALS

Double-Digit Scoring	2017-18	Career
Q. Weatherspoon	30 (21-9)	75 (45-30)
Nick Weatherspoon	25 (18-7)	25 (18-7)
Aric Holman	23 (17-6)	35 (26-9)
Lamar Peters	14 (9-5)	31 (18-13)
Tyson Carter	12 (11-1)	23 (17-6)
Abdul Ado	11 (6-5)	11 (6-5)
Eli Wright	1 (1-0)	3 (3-0)
Xavian Stapleton	7 (6-1)	14 (10-4)
E.J. Datcher	1 (1-0)	1 (1-0)
KeyShawn Feazell	1 (1-0)	1 (1-0)
Schnider Herard		4 (2-2)

20+ Points	2017-18	Career
Quinndary Weatherspoon	6 (6-0)	16 (14-2)
Lamar Peters	5 (3-2)	9 (6-3)
Tyson Carter	2 (2-0)	3 (2-1)
Aric Holman	2 (2-0)	2 (2-0)
Nick Weatherspoon	1 (1-0)	1 (1-0)

30+ Points	2017-18	Career
Tyson Carter	1 (1-0)	1 (1-0)

10+ Rebounds	2017-18	Career
Aric Holman	7 (5-2)	10 (8-2)
Abdul Ado	5 (3-2)	5 (3-2)
Quinndary Weatherspoon	3 (3-0)	5 (5-0)
Schnider Herard		3 (2-1)
Xavian Stapleton		1 (1-0)

Double-Doubles	2017-18	Career
Aric Holman	7 (5-2)	9 (7-2)
Abdul Ado	3 (1-2)	3 (1-2)
Quinndary Weatherspoon	3 (3-0)	5 (5-0)
Xavian Stapleton		1 (1-0)

3+ 3-Pointers	2017-18	Career
Tyson Carter	6 (5-1)	13 (10-3)
Quinndary Weatherspoon	3 (2-1)	16 (10-6)
Lamar Peters	7 (5-2)	16 (10-6)
Xavian Stapleton	4 (3-1)	6 (4-2)
Nick Weatherspoon	2 (2-0)	2 (2-0)
Nick Singleton	1 (1-0)	1 (1-0)
Aric Holman	1 (0-1)	1 (0-1)

10+ 3-Point Attempt Games	2017-18	Career
Lamar Peters		2 (2-0)
Tyson Carter	3 (2-1)	5 (3-2)

3+ Steal Games	2017-18	Career
Quinndary Weatherspoon	7 (6-1)	15 (11-4)
Lamar Peters	7 (5-2)	11 (7-4)
Xavian Stapleton	1 (1-0)	2 (2-0)
Nick Weatherspoon	2 (1-1)	2 (1-1)

	2017-18	Career
Tyson Carter	2 (2-0)	2 (2-0)
Abdul Ado	1 (0-1)	1 (0-1)
Aric Holman	1 (0-1)	1 (0-1)

5+ Block Games	2017-18	Career
Aric Holman		2 (2-0)
Schnider Herard	1 (1-0)	1 (1-0)
Abdul Ado	1 (1-0)	1 (1-0)

5+ Made Free Throws	2017-18	Career
Quinndary Weatherspoon	10 (8-2)	26 (16-5)
Lamar Peters	3 (2-1)	8 (4-4)
Aric Holman	1 (0-1)	3 (2-1)
Schnider Herard		2 (2-0)
Xavian Stapleton		1 (1-0)
E.J. Datcher	1 (1-0)	1 (1-0)
Nick Weatherspoon	3 (3-0)	3 (3-0)
Tyson Carter	3 (3-0)	3 (3-0)

Note: Record in games in ()

Ben Howland
22nd Season Overall | 3rd Season At Mississippi State
456-250 (55-44 at MSU)

- On March 23, 2015, Ben Howland was named the 20th head coach in Mississippi State history.

- In four different stints as a head coach, Howland has a 456-250 record – Northern Arizona (79-59), Pittsburgh (89-40), UCLA (233-107) and Mississippi State (55-44).

- Led UCLA to three-consecutive Final Fours.

- In 2006, the Bruins played Florida for the national championship.

- Howland is one of five coaches in NCAA Division I history to win at least 30 games in three-straight seasons, joining Adolph Rupp (Kentucky 1947-49), Mike Krzyzewski (2009-11), John Calipari (Memphis, 2006-08) and Roy Williams (North Carolina, 2008-09).

- During his 10-year tenure at UCLA, the Bruins went to the NCAA Tournament seven times and won four Pac-10 regular-season crowns, while having 18 players drafted by NBA teams.

- His 97 victories from 2006-08 stand as the most by any UCLA head coach in a three-year span.

- Has been a Conference Coach of the Year in the Pac-10, Big East and Big Sky.

- His final two years at Pitt, the Panthers went 57-11 and reached the Sweet 16 both years.

- In 2003, Pittsburgh won the Big East Tournament crown and held the nation's No. 2 ranking for eight weeks in the Associated Press poll before ending the year at No. 4.

- In 2002, Howland guided the Panthers to a school-record 29 wins en route to becoming the school's first coach in 26 years to garner National Coach of the Year honors.

- Howland's first coaching gig was at Northern Arizona, where his last three teams posted 20-plus win seasons, including a school-record 21 victories in 1997 en route to capturing the Big Sky regular-season title and played in the NIT.

- In 1998, Howland guided NAU to its first NCAA Tournament after capturing the Big Sky Tournament championship and second-straight regular-season crown.

- Howland spent one year as a graduate assistant at Gonzaga (1981) before becoming an assistant at California-Santa Barbara from 1982-94.

- Played two years at Santa Barbara College before transferring to Weber State, where he earned his degree in physical education in 1979.

- Howland and his wife, Kim, a former Weber State cheerleader, have two children – Meredith and Adam (Brittney) – and two grandsons, Benjamin Clark Howland II and Elijah Howland.

Howland's Year-By-Year Record

Northern Arizona (1994-99)

Year	Overall	Big Sky Record	Postseason
1995	9-17	4-10 (7th)	
1996	7-19	3-11 (7th)	
1997	21-7	13-1 (1st)	NIT First Round
1998	21-8	12-2 (1st)	NCAA First Round
1999	21-8	12-4 (2nd)	
Totals	*79-59 (.572)*	*44-28 (.611)*	

Pittsburgh (2000-03)

Year	Overall	Big East Record	Postseason
2000	13-15	5-11 (11th)	
2001	19-14	7-9 (5th West)	NIT Second Round
2002	29-6	13-3 (1st West)	NCAA Sweet 16
2003	28-5	13-3 (T1st West)	NCAA Sweet 16
Totals	*89-40 (.690)*	*38-26 (.594)*	

UCLA (2004-13)

Year	Overall	Pac-10/12 Record	Postseason
2004	11-17	7-11 (1T7th)	
2005	18-11	11-7 (T3rd)	NCAA First Round
2006	32-7	14-4 (1st)	NCAA Runner-up
2007	30-6	15-3 (1st)	NCAA Final Four
2008	35-4	16-2 (1st)	NCAA Final Four
2009	26-9	13-5 (2nd)	NCAA Second Round
2010	14-18	8-10 (T5th)	
2011	23-11	13-5 (2nd)	NCAA Second Round
2012	19-14	11-7 (T5th)	
2013	25-10	13-5 (1st)	NCAA First Round
Totals	*233-107 (.685)*	*121-59 (.672)*	

Mississippi State (2016-Present)

Year	Overall	SEC Record	Postseason
2016	14-17	7-11	
2017	16-16	6-12	
2018	25-11	9-9	NIT Semifinals
Totals 55-44 (.556)		*22-32 (.407)*	
OVERALL 456-250 (.646)			

1ST MSU WIN
EASTERN WASHINGTON
NOV. 13, 2015

1ST SEC WIN
OLE MISS
JAN. 23, 2016

10TH MSU WIN
ARKANSAS
FEB. 9, 2016

20TH MSU WIN
GEORGIA STATE
DEC. 4, 2016

25TH MSU WIN
ARKANSAS
JAN. 10, 2017

30TH MSU WIN
LSU
MARCH 8, 2017

40TH MSU WIN
LITTLE ROCK
DEC. 20, 2017

42
BIGGEST WIN
SOUTHERN MISS.
DEC. 19, 2016

45TH MSU WIN
MISSOURI
JAN. 27, 2018

50TH MSU WIN
TEXAS A&M
FEB 20, 2018

450TH WIN
OLE MISS
FEB. 17, 2018

700TH GAME
TENNESSEE
FEB. 27, 2018

UNDER BEN HOWLAND . . .

CATEGORY	2018	AT MSU
Leads at Halftime	21-2	42-5
Trails at Halftime	3-9	9-38
Is Tied at Halftime	1-0	4-1
Shoots 45% or better from the field	20-1	45-9
Shoots less than 45% from the field	5-10	10-35
Opp. shoots less than 45% from the field	18-7	39-20
Opp. shoots 45% or better from the field	7-4	16-24
Outrebounds (or ties) the opponent	17-4	35-14
Outrebounded by the opponent	8-7	20-30
More Assists (or ties) than the opponent	20-4	48-19
Fewer Assists than the opponent	5-7	7-25
Fewer (or ties) TOs than opponent	18-4	41-15
More TOs than opponent	7-7	14-29
Holds opponents to 65 points or less	15-3	31-6
In games decided by 10 points or less	12-6	25-29
All Games	25-11	55-44
Home Games	19-2	39-14
Road Games	4-8	8-24
Neutral-sites	2-1	8-6
Non-SEC Games	12-1	28-9
Non-SEC Home Games	11-0	22-3
Non-SEC Road Games	0-1	0-3
Non-SEC Neutral-site Games	1-0	6-3
SEC Games	9-9	22-32
SEC Home Games	7-2	16-11
SEC Road Games	2-7	6-21
SEC Tournament	1-1	2-3
NIT	3-0	3-0
November Games	6-0	13-5
December Games	6-1	15-4
January Games	4-5	10-16
February Games	5-3	10-14
March Games	4-2	7-5
Monday Games	1-0	3-1
Tuesday Games	5-3	8-14
Wednesday Games	4-2	8-7
Thursday Games	2-0	6-4
Friday Games	1-1	4-3
Saturday Games	9-5	19-15
Sunday Games	3-0	6-0
Overtime Games	1-1	1-3

Team		Team		Team	
Alabama	3-5	Kent State	0-1	Rutgers	6-1
Alabama State	1-0	Kentucky	1-4	Sacramento State	7-2
Albany	1-0	Lehigh	0-1	Sam Houston State	2-1
Appalachian State	1-0	Little Rock	1-0	San Diego	0-3
Arizona	14-11	Long Beach State	3-1	San Diego State	0-1
Arizona State	17-8	Louisiana Tech	1-0	San Jose State	1-0
Arkansas	3-2	Louisville	1-0	Savannah State	1-0
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	1-0	Loyola Marymount	3-2	Seton Hall	5-2
Auburn	1-2	LSU	5-2	Sonoma State	1-0
Baylor	1-0	Marist	1-0	South Carolina	3-3
Belmont	1-0	Marquette	0-1	South Florida	0-1
Boise State	1-4	Maryland	1-0	Southeast Louisiana	1-0
Boston College	4-2	McNeese State	1-0	Southern University	0-1
Butler	0-1	Memphis	1-2	Southern Cal	14-9
BYU	2-0	Mercer	1-0	Southern Illinois	1-0
Cal Poly	2-2	Miami	3-4	Southern Miss	2-0
Cal State Bakersfield	1-0	Miami (OH)	1-0	Southern Utah	3-1
Cal State Fullerton	1-1	Michigan	4-3	Southwest Texas	0-1
Cal State Northridge	9-2	Michigan State	3-1	St. Bonaventure	2-0
CSU San Bernardino	1-0	Middle Tenn. State	0-1	St. Francis (N.Y.)	2-0
California	17-10	Minnesota	0-1	St. Francis (Pa.)	4-0
Central Conn. State	1-0	Mississippi State	0-2	St. Johns	2-3
Central Florida	0-1	Missouri-Kansas City	1-1	St. Martin's	1-0
Chaminade (Hawaii)	3-0	MVSU	1-0	Stanford	14-7
Chicago State	1-0	Missouri	4-1	Stephen F. Austin	2-1
Cincinnati	0-2	Missouri State	1-0	Syracuse	4-5
Co. of Notre Dame	1-0	Montana	6-5	Temple	1-0
Colorado	2-0	Montana State	9-3	Tennessee	1-5
Colorado College	2-0	Montana Tech	1-0	Tennessee Martin	2-0
Colorado State	1-0	Morehead State	1-0	Texas	1-3
Concordia (Calif.)	0-1	Morgan State	1-0	Texas A&M	3-3
Connecticut	2-3	Morris Brown	1-0	Texas Arlington	1-1
Coppin State	1-0	N. Mexico Highlands	1-0	Texas El Paso	1-0
Davidson	1-0	Nebraska	2-1	Texas Tech	0-2
Dayton	1-0	Nevada	1-0	Texas Pan American	2-0
Delaware State	2-0	New Mexico State	2-0	Texas Southern	1-0
DePaul	1-0	New Orleans	2-0	Tulane	1-0
Drexel	1-0	Norfolk State	3-0	UC Davis	3-0
Duquesne	3-1	North Carolina AT&T	1-0	UC Irvine	5-1
East Carolina	0-1	North Carolina Central	1-0	UC Riverside	2-0
East Tennessee State	0-1	North Dakota State	1-0	UC Santa Barbara	0-1
Eastern Illinois	1-0	North Florida	1-0	UCLA	0-1
Eastern Washington	11-1	North Georgia	1-0	UNLV	0-1
Elon	1-0	Northern Arizona	1-0	Utah	2-1
Florida	0-6	Northern Colorado	1-0	Vanderbilt	2-2
Florida A&M	1-0	Northwestern State	1-0	Vermont	1-0
Florida International	2-1	Notre Dame	5-8	Villanova	3-3
Florida State	0-1	Oakland	2-0	VCU	1-3
Fresno State	1-0	Occidental College	1-0	Virginia Tech	2-0
George Mason	1-0	Ohio State	2-0	Wagner	2-0
George Washington	1-0	Ole Miss	2-4	Washington	10-11
Georgetown	5-4	Oral Roberts	0-2	Washington State	18-3
Georgia	2-4	Oregon	12-8	Weber State	3-9
Georgia State	1-0	Oregon State	17-4	West Virginia	5-4
Georgia Tech	1-0	Pacific	1-0	Western Illinois	2-0
Gonzaga	1-0	Penn State	2-1	Western Kentucky	1-0
Green Bay	1-0	Pennsylvania	1-0	Western Oregon	1-0
Idaho	1-3	Pepperdine	4-0	Wright State	1-0
Idaho State	8-3	Pittsburgh	1-0	Wyoming	1-0
Illinois State	1-0	Portland	0-1	Xavier	1-0
Indiana	2-0	Portland State	5-3	Yale	1-0
Indiana State	1-0	Prairie View A&M	2-0	Youngstown State	1-0
IUPUI	1-0	Providence	3-1	**TOTAL:**	**456-250**
Jacksonville State	1-0	Rhode Island	2-0		
James Madison	1-0	Richmond	1-0		
Kansas	1-3	Robert Morris	4-0		

On The Bench . . .

George Brooks
8th Year

• Played for the Bulldogs from 1992-94.

• Helped develop forwards Arnett Moultrie, a first-round draft choice in the 2012 NBA draft and Gavin Ware, along with Jamario Moon and Ronald Murray who went on to enjoy NBA careers.

• Named the second-best recruiter in the SEC by Sporting News this past summer.

Korey McCray
3rd Year

• Spent two seasons under Howland at UCLA.

• Worked with and created tailor-made offseason training programs for NBA talents such as Dwight Howard, John Wall, Javaris Crittenton, Anthony Morrow, Jarrett Jack, Jarvis Hayes, Von Wafer, Mario West and Damien Wilkins.

• In 2012, he was instrumental in UCLA landing the No. 1-ranked recruiting class.

Ernie Ziegler
3rd Year

• Spent six seasons at Central Michigan (2007-12) as head coach, leading the Chippewas to two Mid-American Conference West Division titles and a pair of Michigan MAC Trophies.

• He spent five seasons as an assistant under the tutelage of Howland at both Pittsburgh (2002-03) and UCLA (2004-06).

• From 1992 to 1997, Zeigler was the head AAU coach for Team Detroit.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BY THE NUMBERS

GAME-BY-GAME SPECIALTY STATS (MSU First)

Opponent	Paint	Off TO	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
Alabama State	46/32	17/4	11/16	14/0	50/34
Florida A&M	42/22	25/9	4/5	14/9	26/12
Green Bay	48/22	21/17	10/4	8/2	22/33
Stephen F. Austin	36/24	17/12	9/10	6/6	6/23
Jacksonville State	40/28	4/14	7/10	4/2	11/19
North Dakota State	28/20	21/14	10/6	12/2	10/16
Dayton	24/26	21/15	2/6	2/4	13/6
North Georgia	46/30	18/5	11/12	8/4	45/25
Cincinnati	24/24	6/22	6/13	12/6	0/6
UT Martin	44/22	21/10	31/11	12/10	31/23
Little Rock	30/28	27/10	13/11	6/0	12/20
Southern Miss	28/20	15/26	6/12	4/2	28/7
North Florida	58/28	24/17	19/6	13/8	41/29
Arkansas	38/42	19/9	16/9	10/4	15/14
Ole Miss	30/24	7/14	11/15	4/8	23/39
Florida	30/22	16/18	12/16	0/7	10/17
Auburn	30/18	10/19	13/9	10/2	16/13
Vanderbilt	42/44	17/6	7/2	10/4	23/31
Alabama	28/38	6/19	13/20	2/4	18/17
Kentucky	34/36	18/9	13/9	12/6	19/15
Missouri	46/34	24/11	11/9	12/0	17/20
South Carolina	38/26	13/21	9/12	10/8	22/15
Georgia	34/24	13/13	13/8	6/2	5/20
Alabama	30/26	17/8	10/12	8/8	15/21
Missouri	36/22	17/16	14/8	4/2	10/29
Vanderbilt	32/28	19/10	11/11	2/4	32/37
Ole Miss	34/26	17/6	6/9	6/2	31/18
Texas A&M	44/48	19/5	14/12	10/11	23/6
South Carolina	32/32	22/13	2/11	12/0	25/17
Tennessee	22/36	12/13	8/10	8/0	6/25
LSU	26/28	12/18	9/8	6/4	7/29
SECT-LSU	28/34	15/23	5/17	10/8	23/32
SECT-Tennessee	24/26	19/20	11/22	6/6	8/19
NIT-Nebraska	30/30	8/9	12/11	0/6	22/9
NIT-Baylor	24/42	15/16	5/17	2/0	32/31
NIT-Louisville	40/24	18/17	17/6	9/4	23/21
NIT-Penn State					

GAME-BY-GAME LEAD/DEFICIT

Opponent	Largest Lead	Largest Deficit	Final Score
Alabama State	35 (76-41, 2nd)	1 (0-1, 1st)	W, 96-68
Florida A&M	36 (79-43, 2nd)	Never Trailed	W, 79-48
Green Bay	16 (24-8, 1st)	Never Trailed	W, 77-68
Stephen F. Austin	16 (68-52, 2nd)	8 (32-40, 1st)	W, 80-75
Jacksonville State	4 (4-0, 1st)	8 (33-41, 2nd)	W, 59-56
North Dakota State	27 (81-54, 2nd)	Never Trailed	W, 83-59
Dayton	21 (41-20, 2nd)	1 (5-6, 1st)	W, 61-59
North Georgia	38 (92-54, 2nd)	Never Trailed	W, 95-62
Cincinnati	3 (3-0, 1st)	19 (33-53)	L, 65-50
UT Martin	38 (90-52, 2nd)	2 (4-6, 1st)	W, 92-61
Little Rock	22 (62-40, 2nd)	3 (0-3, 1st)	W, 64-48
Southern Miss	11 (26-15, 1st)	4 (49-53, 2nd)	W, 70-64
North Florida	28 (109-81, 1st)	4 (2-6, 1st)	W, 109-81
Arkansas	4 (32-28, 1st)	8 (42-50, 2nd)	W, 78-75
Ole Miss	13 (33-20, 1st)	6 (58-64, 2nd)	L, 64-58
Florida	5 (7-2, 1st)	23 (42-65, 2nd)	L, 71-54
Auburn	13 (39-26, 2nd)	11 (54-65, 2nd)	L, 76-68
Vanderbilt	21 (75-54, 2nd)	Never Trailed	W, 80-62
Alabama	Never Led	20 (19-39, 2nd)	L, 68-62
Kentucky	6 (11-5, 1st)	13 (78-65, 2nd)	L, 78-65
Missouri	12 (62-50, 2nd)	7 (10-17, 1st)	W, 74-62
South Carolina	9 (57-48, 2nd)	4 (30-34, 1st)	W, 81-76
Georgia	19 (51-32, 2nd)	Never Trailed	W, 72-57
Alabama	9 (39-30, 2nd)	5 (13-18, 1st)	W, 67-63
Missouri	6 (9-3, 1st)	12 (30-42, 1st)	L, 89-85 ot
Vanderbilt	8 (22-14, 1st)	11 (45-56, 2nd)	L, 81-80
Ole Miss	22 (66-44, 2nd)	Never Trailed	W, 79-62
Texas A&M	15 (85-70, 2nd)	4 (2-6, 1st)	W, 93-81
South Carolina	5 (55-50, 2nd)	13 (11-24, 1st)	W, 72-68 ot
Tennessee	8 (25-17, 1st)	22 (54-76, 2nd)	L, 76-54
LSU	3 (9-6, 1st)	21 (57-78, 2nd)	L, 78-57
SECT-LSU	19 (42-23, 1st)	Never Trailed	W, 80-77
SECT-Tennessee	3 (10-7, 1st)	9 (40-49, 2nd)	L, 62-59
NIT-Nebraska	9 (66-57, 2nd)	3 (0-3, 1st)	W, 66-59
NIT-Baylor	20 (40-20, 1st)	9 (62-71, 2nd)	W, 78-77
NIT-Louisville	27 (79-52, 2nd)	2 (0-2, 1st)	W, 79-56
NIT-Penn State			

Mississippi State Scoring By The Half

Team	1st Half	2nd Half	OT
Alabama State	58	31	
Florida A&M	28	51	
Green Bay	40	37	
Stephen F. Austin	32	48	
Jacksonville State	25	34	
North Dakota State	29	54	
Dayton	35	26	
North Georgia	53	42	
Cincinnati	25	25	
UT Martin	39	53	
Little Rock	26	38	
Southern Miss	36	34	
North Florida	47	62	
Arkansas	32	46	
Ole Miss	34	24	
Florida	28	26	
Auburn	35	33	
Vanderbilt	37	43	
Alabama	22	40	
Kentucky	36	29	
Missouri	31	43	
South Carolina	37	44	
Georgia	37	35	
Alabama	30	37	
Missouri	33	46	6
Vanderbilt	31	49	
Ole Miss	44	35	
Texas A&M	41	52	
South Carolina	25	37	10
Tennessee	34	20	
LSU	32	25	
LSU SECT	45	35	
Tennessee SECT	24	35	
Nebraska NIT	33	33	
Baylor NIT	47	31	
Louisville NIT	39	40	

Lowest First Half: 24, Tennessee SECT
Highest First Half: 58, Alabama State
Lowest 2nd Half: 20, Tennessee
Highest 2nd Half: 62, North Florida

Opponent Scoring By The Half

Team	1st Half	2nd Half	OT
Alabama State	31	37	
Florida A&M	17	31	
Green Bay	32	36	
Stephen F. Austin	40	35	
Jacksonville State	29	27	
North Dakota State	24	35	
Dayton	20	39	
North Georgia	26	36	
Cincinnati	35	30	
UT Martin	33	28	
Little Rock	23	25	
Southern Miss	26	37	
North Florida	43	38	
Arkansas	28	47	
Ole Miss	28	36	
Florida	33	38	
Auburn	33	52	
Vanderbilt	25	37	
Alabama	41	27	
Kentucky	38	40	
Missouri	31	31	
South Carolina	36	40	
Georgia	21	36	
Alabama	28	35	
Missouri	42	37	10
Vanderbilt	40	41	
Ole Miss	23	39	
Texas A&M	39	42	
South Carolina	32	30	6
Tennessee	40	36	
LSU	37	41	
LSU SECT	29	48	
Tennessee SECT	31	31	
Nebraska NIT	28	31	
Baylor NIT	33	44	
Louisville NIT	28	28	

Lowest First Half: 17, Florida A&M
Highest First Half: 47, Arkansas
Lowest 2nd Half: 25, Little Rock
Highest 2nd Half: 52, Auburn

MISSISSIPPI STATE BY THE NUMBERS

MSU'S 2017-18 RECORD WHEN . . .

Leads at Halftime.. 21-2
Trails at Halftime.. 3-9
Is Tied at Halftime.. 1-0
Shoots 45% or better from the field................. 20-1
Shoots less than 45% from the field................ 5-10
Opp. shoots less than 45% from the field....... 18-7
Opp. shoots 45% or better from the field.......... 7-4
Outrebounds (or ties) the opponent................ 17-4
Outrebounded by the opponent....................... 8-7
More Assists (or ties) than the opponent........ 20-4
Fewer Assists than the opponent...................... 5-7
Fewer (or ties) TOs than opponent................. 19-4
More TOs than opponent.................................. 6-7
Holds opponents to 65 points or less 15-3
In games decided by 10 points or less........... 14-6

MSU'S 2017-18 RECORD IN . . .

All Games...25-11
Home Games.. 19-2
Road Games.. 4-8
Neutral-sites... 2-1
Non-SEC Games 12-1
Non-SEC Home Games.......................................11-0
Non-SEC Road Games.. 0-1
Non-SEC Neutral-site Games 1-0
SEC Games 9-9
SEC Home Games 7-2
SEC Road Games 2-7
SEC Tournament.. 1-1
NIT 3-0
November Games... 6-0
December Games.. 6-1
January Games.. 4-5
February Games.. 5-3
March Games 4-2
Monday Games... 1-0
Tuesday Games... 5-3
Wednesday Games... 4-2
Thursday Games... 1-0
Friday Games... 2-1
Saturday Games.. 9-5
Sunday Games... 3-0
Overtime Games... 1-1
Television Games..24-11
Games vs. Ranked Opponents 1-4

MISC. 2017-18 TEAM STATS

Largest Lead Surrendered in Loss:
13, Ole Miss (1-6-18), Auburn (1-13-18)

Largest Deficit Overcome in Win:
13, South Carolina (2-24-18)

Largest Lead at Anytime:
38, North Georgia (12-09-17) and
UT Martin (12-12-17)

Largest Deficit Anytime:
22, Tennessee (2-27-18)

MISCELLANEOUS MSU INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Games Scoring in Double Figures: Q. Weatherspoon 30, N. Weatherspoon 25, Holman 23, Peters 14, Carter 12, Ado 11, Stapleton 7, Wright, Datcher, Feazell
Games Scoring 20-plus Points: Q. Weatherspoon 6, Peters 4, Carter 2, Holman 2, N. Weatherspoon
Games Scoring 30-plus Points: Carter
Games Rebounding in Double Figures: Ado 6, Holman 6, Q. Weatherspoon 3
Games With Double Figures in Assists: Peters 2, Q. Weatherspoon
Games With Double-Doubles: Holman 7, Ado 3, Q. Weatherspoon 3
Games With Triple-Doubles:
Games As Team High Scorer (or co-leader): Q. Weatherspoon 15, Peters 9, Holman 5, N. Weatherspoon 4, Carter 4, Stapleton 2, Ado 2
Games As Team High Rebounder (or co-leader): Holman 16, Ado 14, Q. Weatherspoon 7, Peters, Stapleton
Games As Team Leader in Assists (or co-leader): Peters 22, Q. Weatherspoon 18, N. Weatherspoon 7, Carter
Games As Team Leader in Steals (or co-leader): Q. Weatherspoon 14, Peters 12, Ado 8, Stapleton 7, N. Weatherspoon 7, Tyson Carter 6, Wright 2, Datcher, Holman
Games As Team Leader in Blocks (or co-leader): Ado 20, Holman 18, Stapleton 3, Wright 3, Peters 2, Q. Weatherspoon 2, Herard, Datcher,
Games As Team Leader in Turnovers (or co-leader): Q. Weatherspoon 19, Peters 16, Ado 11, N. Weatherspoon 5, Holman 4, Stapleton 2, Carter 2, Singleton, Wright

MSU'S RECORD BY STARTING LINEUP

Q. Weatherspoon, N. Weatherspoon, Carter, Holman, Ado 11-5
Q. Weatherspoon, N. Weatherspoon, Peters, Holman, Ado 9-5
Q. Weatherspoon, N. Weatherspoon, Peters, Stapleton, Datcher 1-0
Q. Weatherspoon, N. Weatherspoon, Peters, Stapleton, Ado................................ 3-1
Q. Weatherspoon, Carter, Peters, Stapleton, Ado.. 1-0

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Opponent	*Date*	*Guard*	*Guard*	*Guard*	*Forward*	*Foward*	*Record*
Alabama State	11-10-17	W'Spoon	W'Spoon	Peters	Stapleton	Datcher	1-0
Florida A&M	11-18-17	W'Spoon	W'Spoon	Peters	Holman	Ado	2-0
Green Bay	11-20-17	W'Spoon	W'Spoon	Peters	Holman	Ado	3-0
Stephen F. Austin	11-22-17	W'Spoon	W'Spoon	Carter	Holman	Ado	4-0
Jacksonville State	11-26-17	W'Spoon	W'Spoon	Carter	Holman	Ado	5-0
North Dakota State	11-30-17	W'Spoon	W'Spoon	Carter	Holman	Ado	6-0
Dayton	12-03-17	W'Spoon	W'Spoon	Carter	Holman	Ado	7-0
North Georgia	12-09-17	W'Spoon	W'Spoon	Carter	Holman	Ado	8-0
Cincinnati	12-12-17	W'Spoon	W'Spoon	Carter	Holman	Ado	8-1
UT Martin	12-16-17	W'Spoon	W'Spoon	Carter	Holman	Ado	9-1
Little Rock	12-20-17	W'Spoon	W'Spoon	Carter	Holman	Ado	10-1
Southern Miss	12-23-17	W'Spoon	W'Spoon	Carter	Holman	Ado	11-1
North Florida	12-30-17	W'Spoon	W'Spoon	Carter	Holman	Ado	12-1
Arkansas	01-02-18	W'Spoon	W'Spoon	Carter	Holman	Ado	13-1
Ole Miss	01-06-18	W'Spoon	W'Spoon	Carter	Holman	Ado	13-2
Florida	01-10-18	W'Spoon	W'Spoon	Carter	Holman	Ado	13-3
Auburn	01-13-18	W'Spoon	W'Spoon	Carter	Holman	Ado	13-4
Vanderbilt	01-16-18	W'Spoon	W'Spoon	Carter	Holman	Ado	14-4
Alabama	01-20-18	W'Spoon	W'Spoon	Carter	Holman	Ado	14-5
Kentucky	01-23-18	W'Spoon	W'Spoon	Peters	Holman	Ado	14-6
Missouri	01-27-18	W'Spoon	W'Spoon	Peters	Holman	Ado	15-6
South Carolina	01-31-18	W'Spoon	W'Spoon	Peters	Holman	Ado	16-6
Georgia	02-03-18	W'Spoon	W'Spoon	Peters	Holman	Ado	17-6
Alabama	02-06-18	W'Spoon	W'Spoon	Peters	Holman	Ado	18-6
Missouri	02-10-18	W'Spoon	W'Spoon	Peters	Holman	Ado	18-7
Vanderbilt	02-14-18	W'Spoon	W'Spoon	Peters	Holman	Ado	18-8
Ole Miss	02-17-18	W'Spoon	W'Spoon	Peters	Holman	Ado	19-8
Texas A&M	02-20-18	W'Spoon	W'Spoon	Peters	Holman	Ado	20-8
South Carolina	02-24-18	W'Spoon	W'Spoon	Peters	Holman	Ado	21-8
Tennessee	02-27-18	W'Spoon	W'Spoon	Peters	Holman	Ado	21-9
LSU	03-03-18	W'Spoon	W'Spoon	Peters	Holman	Ado	21-10
LSU-SECT	03-08-18	W'Spoon	W'Spoon	Peters	Stapleton	Ado	22-10
Tennessee-SECT	03-09-18	W'Spoon	W'Spoon	Peters	Stapleton	Ado	22-11
Nebraska-NIT	03-14-18	W'Spoon	Carter	Peters	Stapleton	Ado	23-11
Baylor-NIT	03-18-18	W'Spoon	W'Spoon	Peters	Stapleton	Ado	24-11
Louisville-NIT	03-20-18	W'Spoon	W'spoon	Peters	Stapleton	Ado	25-11

2017-18 Win-Loss Differential

Diff.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25+
Won	1	1	3	2	2	1	1		1			2			1	1	1	1					1	1	5
Lost	1		1	1		2		1						1	1		1				1	1			

THE LAST TIME . . .

THE LAST TIME AN MSU PLAYER …
Scored 30 or more points in a game:
32, Ravern Johnson vs. Tenn. St. (11-12-10)
Scored 33 or more points in a game:
33, Craig Sword at LSU (2-19-14)
Scored 34 or more points in a game:
34, Arnett Moultrie vs. UMass (3-13-12)
Scored 35 or more points in a game:
35, Tyson Carter vs. NDSU (11-30-17)
Scored 37 or more points in a game:
39, Jeff Malone vs. Alabama (1-31-83)
Scored 40 or more points in a game:
40, Rickey Brown vs. Auburn (3-7-77)
Scored 20+ points in back-to-back games:
Lamar Peters 22 vs. LSU-SECT (3-8-18); 22 vs. Tennessee-SECT (3-9-18)
Scored 20+ points in three-consecutive games:
Craig Sword (24 vs. Loyola, 12-01-13; 24 vs. TCU, 12-05-13; 22 vs. SELA, 12-13-13)
Scored 20+ points in five-consecutive games:
Jeff Malone, 1982-83 (11 consecutive)
Scored 30+ points in back-to-back games:
Jeff Malone (36 at Ole Miss & 30 vs. Georgia, 1982-83)
Scored 30+ points in three-consecutive games:
Jeff Malone (33 at LSU; 36 at Ole Miss & 30 vs. Georgia, 1982-83)
Two players score 20+ points in same game:
Nick Weatherspoon, 22; Quinndary Weatherspoon, 22 vs. Arkansas (1-02-18)
Made 10 field goals in a game:
10, Aric Holman vs. North Florida (12-30-17)
Made 11 field goals in a game:
11, Q. Weatherspoon, Missouri (1-25-17)
Made 12 field goals in a game:
12, Tyson Carter, NDSU (11-30-17)
Made 13 field goals in a game:
13, Horatio Webster vs. SW Missouri St. (11-23-97)
Made 14 field goals in a game:
14, Cameron Burns at Georgia (1-17-90)
Made 15 or more field goals in a game:
16, Raymond Brown vs. Florida (3-2-85)
Attempted 20 field goals in a game:
20, Ravern Johnson vs. St. Mary's (12-29-10)
Attempted 21 or more field goals in a game:
21, Dee Bost vs. Kentucky (2-16-10)
Attempted 23 or more field goals in a game:
23, Arnett Moultrie vs. UMass (3-13-12)
Attempted 25 field goals in a game:
25, Chuck Evans at Alabama (3-6-93)
Attempted 26 field goals in a game:
26, Tony Watts at Ole Miss (2-22-92)
Attempted 27 or more field goals in a game:
28, Jeff Malone vs. Vanderbilt (1-8-83)
Made six 3-pointers in a game:
6, Tyson Carter vs. Dayton (12-3-17)
Made seven 3-pointers in a game:
7, Lamar Peters vs. Missouri (1-25-17)
Made eight or more 3-pointers in a game:
8, Winsome Frazier vs. UMKC (11-23-04)
Attempted 11 3-pointers in a game:
11, Dee Bost vs. Detroit (12-17-11)
Attempted 12 3-pointers in a game:
12, Ravern Johnson vs. ETSU (12-11-10)
Attempted 13 or more 3-pointers in a game:
13, Dee Bost vs. Troy (12-10-11)
Attempted 16 or more 3-pointers in a game:
17, Darryl Wilson vs. Alabama (3-4-95)
Made 14 or more free throws in a game:
14, Trivante Bloodman vs. Auuburn (2-15-14)
Made 15 or more free throws in a game:
15, Craig Sword vs. Ole Miss (1-11-14)
Attempted 17 free throws in a game:
17, Jarvis Varnado at Houston (12-19-09)
Attempted 18 free throws in a game:
18, Craig Sword vs. Ole Miss (1-11-14)

Attempted 19 free throws in a game:
19, Carl Nichols vs. SE La. (12-1-88)
Had 16 rebounds in a game:
16, Gavin Ware vs. Maryland ES (1-2-14)
Had 17 rebounds in a game:
17, Gavin Ware at Auburn (1-21-15)
Had 18 or more rebounds in a game:
21, Wesley Morgan vs. SE La. (11-28-05)
Had 22 or more rebounds in a game:
23, Rickey Brown vs. Vanderbilt (12-6-79)
Had 24 or more rebounds in a game:
24, Wiley Peck vs. Alabama (1-27-79)
Had 10 or more offensive rebounds in a game:
11, Arnett Moultrie vs. Northwestern State (12-22-11)
Had 10 or more defensive rebounds in a game:
10, Q. Weatherspoon vs. Louisville (3-20-18)
Had 13 or more defensive rebounds in a game:
13, Colin Borchert vs. Auburn (3-9-13)
Had 15 or more defensive rebounds in a game:
15, Jarvis Varnado at San Diego (12-31-09)
Had 10 assists in a game:
10, Lamar Peters at Baylor (3-18-18)
Had 11 assists in a game:
11, I.J. Ready vs. No. Colorado (12-23-15)
Had 13 assists in a game:
13, I.J. Ready vs. LSU (3-4-17)
Had 14 assists in a game:
14, Lamar Peters vs. Nebraska NIT (3-14-18)
Had 15 or more assists in a game:
16, Chuck Evans at UMKC (2-23-93)
Had 10 or more turnovers in a game:
10, Charles Rhodes vs. Nicholls (11-11-06)
Had five or more blocks in a game:
5, Abdul Ado vs. Stephen F. Austin (11-22-17)
Had Six or more blocks in a game:
6, Schnider Herard vs. Fla. A&M (11-18-17)
Had seven blocks in a game:
7, Jarvis Varnado at LSU (2-20-10)
Had eight blocks in a game:
8, Jarvis Varnado vs. Alabama (2-24-10)
Had nine blocks in a game:
9, Jarvis Varnado at Vanderbilt (2-3-10)
Had 10 blocks in a game:
10, Jarvis Varnado vs. Arkansas (1-14-10)
Had 10+ blocks in two consecutive games:
Jarvis Varnado (10 vs. Georgia & 10 vs. Kentucky, 2007-08)
Had five steals in a game:
5, Lamar Peters vs. Texas A&M (1-14-17)
Had six or more steals in a game:
7, Craig Sword vs. Ole Miss (1-11-14)

LAST TIME AN MSU TEAM…
Scored 100 or more points:
109 vs. North Florida (12-30-17)
Scored 100 or more points in an SEC game:
105 vs. Auburn (3-2-04)
Allowed 100 or more points in an SEC game:
115 at Arkansas (2-20-93)
Allowed 100 or more points in non-SEC play:
105 vs. Miami (11-19-15)
Was held to 52 points or less:
52 vs. Florida (2-18-17)
Was held to 50 points:
50 vs. Cincinnati (12-12-17)
Was held to 49 points or less:
48 vs. Vanderbilt (2-25-17)
Was held to 45 points or less:
41 at Georgia (2-7-15)
Was held to 40 points or less:
36 vs. Missouri (2-13-13)
Was held to 35 points or less:
31 vs. Vanderbilt (2-23-13)
Was held to fewer than 10 points in a half:
9 at Arkansas, first (2-7-15)
Held opponent to 59 points or less:
59 vs. Nebraska NIT (3-14-18)

Held opponent to 56 points or less:
56 vs. Louisville (3-20-18)
Held opponent to 55 points or less:
52 vs. LSU-SECT (3-08-17)
Held opponent to 50 points or less:
48 vs. Little Rock (12-20-17)
Held opponent to 45 points or less:
44 vs. Southern Miss (12-19-16)
Held opponent to 42 points or less:
42 vs. Texas-San Antonio (12-4-12)
Held opponent to 39 points or less:
39 at LSU (1-9-08)
Shot 50 percent or better from the field:
.538 [28-52] at Baylor (3-18-18)
Shot 55 percent or better from the field:
.583 [31-55] vs. LSU-SECT (3-8-18)
Shot 60 percent or better from the field:
.620 [44-71] vs. North Florida (12-30-17)
Shot 65 percent or better from the field:
.660 [35-53] vs. Western Kentucky (1-5-09)
Was held to less than 35 percent from the field:
.349 [22-63] at Ole Miss (1-6-18)
Was held to less than 30 percent from the field:
.298 [14-47] vs. Vanderbilt (2-25-17)
Was held to less than 25 percent from the field:
.175 [7-40] vs. Vanderbilt (2-23-13)
Held opp. to 35 percent or less from the field:
.350 [21-60] at Louisville (3-20-18)
Held opp. to 30 percent or less from the field:
.281 [18-64] vs. Florida A&M (11-18-17)
Held opp. to 25 percent or less from the field:
.231 [15-65] vs. Southern Miss (12-19-16)
Opponent shot 50 percent or better:
.508 [31-61] Baylor (3-18-18)
Opponent shot 60 percent or better:
.623 [33-53] Missouri (3-1-14)
Made 35 or more field goals:
37 vs. North Georgia (12-9-17)
Made 40 or more field goals:
44 vs. North Florida (12-30-17)
Made fewer than 15 field goals:
14 at Vanderbilt (2-25-17)
Attempted 70 or more shots from the field:
71 vs. North Florida (12-30-17)
Attempted 80 or more shots from the field:
80 at Alabama (2-21-09)
Attempted just 40 shots from the field:
40 vs. Vanderbilt (2-23-13)
Attempted 39 or fewer shots from the field:
39 at Vanderbilt (3-4-15)
Attempted 35 or fewer shots from the field:
34 vs. Tennessee (2-3-15)
Made 10 or more 3-pointers:
10 vs. LSU SECT (3-8-18)
Made 12 3-pointers:
12 vs. Ole Miss (2-17-18)
Made 13 3-pointers:
13 at Baylor (3-18-18)
Made 15 3-pointers:
15 vs. North Carolina A&T (12-12-10)
Made 16 3-pointers:
16 vs. Troy (12-10-11)
Made 17 3-pointers:
17 vs. Southern Miss (12-19-16)
Did not make a 3-pointer:
[0-10] at Arkansas (2-7-15)
Made just one 3-pointer:
vs. Tennessee (1-7-15)
Made just two 3-pointers:
vs. Alabama (2-6-18)
Opponent made 15 or more 3-pointers:
16, Arkansas (1-9-16)
Opponent made just one 3-pointer:
vs. LSU-SECT (3-8-17)
Attempted nine 3-pointers or less:
9 vs. Tennessee (1-7-15)
Attempted six 3-pointers or less:
6 at Ole Miss (1-29-03)

THE LAST TIME (CONTINUED) . . .

Attempted 25 3-pointers:
25 vs. Little Rock (12-20-17)
Attempted 26 3-pointers:
26 at South Carolina (2-28-17)
Attempted 27 3-pointers:
27 vs. South Carolina (2-11-17)
Attempted 28 3-pointers:
28 vs. Dayton (12-3-17)
Attempted 29 or more 3-pointers:
29 vs. Kentucky (1-23-18)
Attempted 30 or more 3-pointers:
31 at Missouri (2-10-18)
Attempted 35 or more 3-pointers:
35 vs. Kentucky (2-16-10)
Made 31 or more free throws:
31 vs. Auburn (1-22-14)
Made 40 or more free throws:
41 vs. LSU (2-11-09)
Made 50 or more free throws:
52 vs. LSU (2-11-09)
Made fewer than five free throws:
4 vs. Dayton (12-3-17)
Made only 1 free throw:
1 vs. Florida (1-30-14)
Opponent made 30 or more free throws:
34, Ole Miss (2-18-17)
Attempted 30 or more free throws:
34 vs. Auburn (2-7-17)
Attempted 35 or more free throws:
35 vs. Stephen F. Austin (11-22-17)
Attempted 40 or more free throws:
40 vs. Arkansas (1-2-18)
Attempted 45 or more free throws:
45 vs. Florida A&M (12-17-13)
Attempted fewer than 10 free throws:
7 at LSU (3-3-18)
Opponent attempted 40 or more free throws:
44, Ole Miss (2-18-17)

Had 50 or more rebounds:
53 vs. UT Martin (12-16-17)
Had 55 or more rebounds:
55 vs. Tennessee (2-4-17)
Had 58 or more rebounds:
58 vs. Troy (12-10-05)
Had 59 or more rebounds:
59 at Houston (12-19-09)
Had fewer than 25 rebounds:
21 vs. McNeese State (12-30-14)
Had 20 or fewer rebounds:
20 at Baylor (3-18-18)
Had 20 or more assists:
20 vs. Vanderbilt (1-16-18)
Had 21 or more assists:
24 at Baylor (3-18-18)
Had 25 or more assists:
25 vs. St. Bonaventure (12-05-09)
Had 30 or more assists:
30 vs. Troy (12-10-11)
Had 5 Assists:
5, Florida State (12-16-15)
Had Fewer Than 5 Assists:
1, Tennessee (3-29-18)
Had 20 or more turnovers:
20 at South Carolina (2-28-17)
Had 21 or more turnovers:
22 vs. Ole Miss (2-18-17)
Had 23 or more turnovers:
23 vs. Arkansas (2-21-15)
Had 24 or more turnovers:
24 vs. Dayton (12-3-17)
Had 25 turnovers:
26 vs. Mississippi Valley State (11-17-14)
Had 29 or more turnovers:
29 at Arkansas (1-23-13)
Had 30 or more turnovers:
31 at Kentucky (1-7-97)

Had 34 or more turnovers:
34 at Evansville (12-17-75)
Had fewer than 10 turnovers:
7 vs. Arkansas (1-2-18)
Had five or fewer turnovers:
4 vs. Vanderbilt (1-16-18)
Forced 25 or more turnovers
26 vs. Dayton (12-3-17)
Had 10 blocked shots:
10 vs. Stephen F. Austin (11-22-17)
Had 11 blocked shots:
11 vs. Southern Miss (12-19-16)
Had 12 blocked shots:
12 at South Carolina (1-26-16)
Had 13 blocked shots:
13 vs. Florida A&M (11-18-17)
Had 14 blocked shots:
14 vs. Texas-Pan American (11-24-09)
Had 16 blocked shots:
16 vs. Georgia (1-12-08)
Had 10 steals:
10 at Louisville (3-20-18)
Had 11 steals:
11 vs. Little Rock (12-20-17)
Had 12 steals:
12 vs. LSU-SECT (3-8-17)
Had 13 steals:
13 vs. South Carolina (2-24-18)
Had 14 steals:
14 vs. South Carolina (1-9-13)
Had 15 steals:
15 vs. Florida Gulf Coast (12-19-13)
Had 17 or more steals:
17 vs. Oregon State (12-01-16)
Had 20 or more steals:
20 vs. Nicholls State (11-17-01)
Had 1 steal or less:
1 vs. Vanderbilt (3-11-11)

MISSISSIPPI STATE IN OVERTIME

Mississippi State In Overtime Games

This Season	1-1
Overall Overtime Record	61-52
Home Overtime Record	35-23
Road Overtime Record	18-21
Neutral Site Overtime Record	8-8
Humphrey Coliseum Overtime Record	26-18
SEC Tournament Overtime Record	2-5
Double Overtime Record	6-5
Four Overtime Record	1-1
Postseason Overtime Record	1-0
Last OT Played (1OT)	vs. South Carolina (W, 72-68, 2/24/18)
Last Double OT	vs. UMass (L, 101-96, 3/13/12)
Last Triple OT	vs. Alabama (L, 79-78, 2/27/71)
Last Four OT	vs. Ole Miss (W, 104-102, 1/24/90)

Mississippi State Coaches In Overtime Games

Babe McCarthy	6-5
Home Overtime Record	2-2
Road Overtime Record	2-2
Neutral Site Overtime Record	2-1
Joe Dan Gold	5-3
Home Overtime Record	3-3
Road Overtime Record	1-0
Neutral Site Overtime Record	1-0
Kermit Davis	8-6
Home Overtime Record	5-3
Road Overtime Record	3-3
Ron Greene	2-0
Home Overtime Record	2-0
Jim Hatfield	3-3
Home Overtime Record	3-2
Road Overtime Record	0-1
Bob Boyd	3-4
Home Overtime Record	2-1
Road Overtime Record	1-2
Neutral Site Overtime Record	0-1
Richard Williams	15-11
Home Overtime Record	7-3
Road Overtime Record	5-5
Neutral Site Overtime Record	3-3
Rick Stansbury	15-16
Home Overtime Record	7-6
Road Overtime Record	6-7
Neutral Site Overtime Record	2-3
Rick Ray	3-1
Home Overtime Record	3-1
Ben Howland	1-3
Home Overtime Record	1-2
Road Overtime Record	0-1

OVERTIME FOES

TEAM	RECORD	TEAM	RECORD
Alabama	6-7	Santa Clara	2-0
Alaska-Fairbanks	1-0	Southern Mississippi	1-0
Arkansas	2-1	SW Louisiana	1-0
Auburn	6-4	South Alabama	1-0
Baylor	1-0	South Carolina	4-0
BYU	0-1	Tennessee	6-2
California	0-1	Texas	1-0
Drake	1-0	Texas A&M	1-1
Florida	0-3	Troy	2-0
Florida State	1-0	Tulane	0-1
Georgia	3-3	UAB	0-1
Georgia Tech	1-0	UMass	0-1
Houston	0-1	Vanderbilt	2-5
Idaho	0-1		
Kentucky	4-5		
Loyola	1-0		
LSU	3-4		
Memphis	1-0		
Missouri	0-1		
Missouri-Kansas City	0-1		
Montana	1-0		
Morehead State	1-0		
NE Louisiana	0-1		
Northwestern State	0-1		
Oklahoma	1-0		
Ole Miss	6-4		
Old Dominion	0-1		
San Diego	0-1		

0 NICK WEATHERSPOON

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Freshman | Guard

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Season Highs

Points: 22, Arkansas (1-2-18)
FGM: 8, Alabama (2-6-18)
FGA: 14, Alabama (2-6-18)
3FGM: 3, twice, UT-Martin (12-16-17)
3FGA: 6, Stephen F. Austin (11-22-17)
FTM: 7, Arkansas (1-2-18)
FTA: 10, Arkansas (1-2-18)
Rebounds: 6, twice, at Texas A&M (2-20-18)
Assists: 5, Florida A&M (11-18-17)
Blocks: 2, Arkansas (1-2-18)
Steals: 3, twice, at Cincinnati (12-12-17)
Minutes: 37, Stephen F. Austin (11-22-17)

Weatherspoon's Notes . . .

- Made his collegiate debut against Alabama State and scored 11 points as a starter.

- Has scored in double-digits in 25 games, with season-best 22 coming in SEC opener against Arkansas.

- Has started every game this season except for one due to injury.

- Had a career-high 6 rebounds twice against North Florida and Texas A&M.

- Named SEC Freshman of the Week on February 5.

- Named to the SEC All-Freshman team on March 6.

- Suffered a hip injury during the quarterfinal round of the SEC Tournament and had to sit out the Nebraska game.

- His 384 points are seventh all-time for an MSU freshman.

2017-18 Game-By-Game

Opponent		MIN	FG	Pct.	3FG	Pct.	FT	Pct.	O-D-R	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
N10	Alabama State	* 25	3-8	.375	1-1	1.000	4-4	1.000	0-3-3	0	3	0	0	0	11
N18	Florida A&M	* 32	5-10	.500	1-3	.333	1-3	.333	0-5-5	1	5	2	1	1	12
N20	Green Bay	* 28	3-7	.429	1-3	.333	3-4	.750	0-5-5	3	4	3	0	1	10
N22	Stephen F. Austin	* 37	4-9	.444	3-6	.500	4-5	.800	0-0-0	2	3	1	1	0	15
N26	Jacksonville State	* 30	5-9	.556	1-2	.500	1-3	.333	0-1-1	1	1	0	0	0	12
N30	North Dakota State	* 31	5-9	.556	1-3	.333	1-1	1.000	0-4-4	0	2	2	0	1	12
D3	Dayton	* 31	3-7	.429	0-3	.000	0-2	.000	0-1-1	4	1	2	1	3	6
D9	North Georgia	* 24	4-8	.500	0-2	.000	1-1	1.000	0-3-3	0	4	0	0	2	9
D12	Cincinnati	* 26	6-11	.545	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	2	2	2	0	3	12
D16	UT Martin	* 26	4-7	.571	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	0-4-4	1	1	2	0	2	11
D20	Little Rock	* 23	3-9	.333	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	1-3-4	2	1	1	0	1	8
D23	Southern Miss	* 29	2-4	.500	1-2	.500	5-7	.714	1-2-3	2	0	0	0	1	10
D30	North Florida	* 27	3-5	.600	0-1	.000	5-6	.833	1-5-6	0	4	3	0	1	11
J2	Arkansas	* 33	7-10	.700	1-3	.333	7-10	.700	0-4-4	1	2	0	2	2	22
J6	Ole Miss	* 32	3-10	.300	0-3	.000	3-6	.500	0-2-2	3	0	1	0	0	9
J10	Florida	* 32	2-9	.222	0-2	.000	3-4	.750	0-1-1	2	3	0	0	1	7
J13	Auburn	* 28	3-10	.300	0-3	.000	.4-6	.667	0-3-3	4	3	0	0	0	10
J16	Vanderbilt	* 21	1-7	.143	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0-3-3	1	4	0	0	0	2
J20	Alabama	* 25	2-9	.222	1-4	.250	2-2	1.000	0-1-1	2	1	2	0	1	7
J23	Kentucky	* 22	4-8	.500	1-3	.333	1-2	.500	1-3-4	2	0	2	0	0	10
J27	Missouri	* 32	5-13	.385	1-3	.333	1-2	.500	0-4-4	1	3	1	0	1	12
J31	South Carolina	* 33	7-13	.538	1-3	.333	2-2	1.000	1-1-2	1	3	0	0	2	17
F3	Georgia	* 26	7-9	.778	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-4-4	2	1	0	0	0	14
F6	Alabama	* 27	8-14	.571	0-4	.000	2-3	.667	0-3-3	3	1	0	0	1	18
F10	Missouri	* 36	5-9	.556	2-4	.500	3-4	.750	1-2-3	3	2	0	0	1	15
F14	Vanderbilt	* 23	4-5	.800	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0-1-1	2	1	0	0	0	10
F17	Ole Miss	* 27	7-7	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-3-3	3	2	0	0	1	15
F20	Texas A&M	* 33	2-8	.250	0-2	.000	2-2	1.000	0-6-6	0	4	2	0	2	6
F24	South Carolina	* 24	3-7	.429	1-3	.333	3-3	1.000	1-1-2	5	0	1	0	1	10
F27	Tennessee	* 28	4-11	.364	0-3	.000	3-4	.750	0-0-0	0	0	1	0	2	11
M3	LSU	* 32	5-13	.385	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	1-3-4	2	3	2	0	0	11
M8	LSU	* 35	6-8	.750	1-1	1.000	2-2	1.000	0-2-2	1	3	2	0	0	15
M9	Tennessee	* 19	3-6	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-4-4	1	0	1	0	0	6
M14	Nebraska	-DNP-													
M18	Baylor	* 24	3-6	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-1-2	3	3	1	0	0	6
M20	Louisville	* 32	6-9	.667	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-3-3	0	4	4	0	2	12

CAREER STATS FOR NICK WEATHERSPOON

Year	GP-GS	Min/Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FM-3GA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Rebs	PF-D	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts/Avg
2017-18	35-35	993/28.4	147-304	.484	25-87	.287	65-90	.722	101-2.9	60-1	74	38	5	33	384/11.0

1 Lamar Peters

Sophomore | Guard

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Season Highs

Points: 24, vs. LSU (3-8-18)
FGM: 9, twice, at Missouri (2-10-18)
FGA: 17, Georgia (2-3-18)
3FGM: 5, twice, vs. Tennessee (3-9-18)
3FGA: 10, at Alabama (1-20-18)
FTM: 5, twice, vs. Tennessee (3-9-18)
FTA: 6, twice, vs. LSU (3-8-18)
Rebounds: 7, twice, at Texas A&M (2-20-18)
Assists: 14, Nebraska (3-14-18)
Blocks: 2, twice, Tennessee (3-9-18)
Steals: 4, 3x, at Missouri (2-10-18)
Minutes: 36, Tennessee (3-9-18)

Career Highs

Points: 25, Kentucky (1-17-17)
FGM: 9, 4x, last at Missouri (2-10-18)
FGA: 17, Georgia (2-3-18)
3FGM: 7, Missouri (1-25-17)
3FGA: 11, Missouri (1-25-17)
FTM: 11, TAMU (1-14-17)
FTA: 11, 2x, last vs. Auburn (2-7-17)
Rebounds: 7, 3x, last at Texas A&M (2-20-18)
Assists: 14, Nebraska (3-14-18)
Blocks: 2, 3x, last vs. Tennessee (3-9-18)
Steals: 5, TAMU (1-14-17)
Minutes: 36, twice, Tennessee (3-9-18)

2017-18 Game-By-Game

Opponent		MIN	FG	Pct.	3FG	Pct.	FT	Pct.	O-D-R	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
N10	Alabama State	*	29	2-8	.250	0-5	.000	3-4	.750	0-4-4	1	7	4	2	1	7
N18	Florida A&M	*	23	5-12	.417	1-7	.143	1-1	1.000	0-1-1	3	5	1	0	4	12
N20	Green Bay	*	29	6-15	.400	1-7	.143	5-6	.833	0-0-0	0	2	3	1	3	18
N22	Stephen F. Austin		-DNP-													
N26	Jacksonville State		-DNP-													
N30	North Dakota State		-DNP-													
D3	Dayton		21	1-5	.200	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	0-0-0	2	2	3	0	0	3
D9	North Georgia		22	4-12	.333	3-7	.429	0-0	.000	0-7-7	1	6	2	0	1	11
D12	Cincinnati		21	0-11	.000	0-7	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	4	2	6	0	1	0
D16	UT Martin		21	3-7	.429	3-7	.429	0-0	.000	1-2-3	0	2	0	1	0	9
D20	Little Rock		24	0-4	.000	0-4	.000	0-2	.000	1-2-3	2	4	1	0	2	0
D23	Southern Miss		19	4-10	.400	0-4	.000	2-5	.400	0-3-3	0	3	3	1	0	10
D30	North Florida		15	1-4	.250	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-2-2	3	4	3	0	1	2
J2	Arkansas		23	4-9	.444	0-3	.000	1-2	.500	0-2-2	1	3	1	0	1	9
J6	Ole Miss		24	3-10	.300	1-4	.250	0-1	.000	1-3-4	4	3	2	1	1	7
J10	Florida		25	1-6	.167	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-0-0	1	1	4	0	0	3
J13	Auburn		21	4-7	.571	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	1-2-3	5	1	4	1	1	10
J16	Vanderbilt		22	3-8	.375	1-3	.333	3-4	.750	0-1-1	0	5	0	0	3	10
J20	Alabama		28	6-15	.400	4-10	.400	1-2	.500	0-1-1	3	2	2	0	3	17
J23	Kentucky	*	33	4-11	.364	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	0-0-0	3	5	2	0	1	9
J27	Missouri	*	26	2-4	.500	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	1-1-2	3	9	3	0	2	4
J31	South Carolina	*	27	1-6	.167	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	3	3	2	0	0	2
F3	Georgia	*	32	9-17	.529	2-8	.250	0-0	.000	0-1-1	2	2	4	0	4	20
F6	Alabama	*	32	2-8	.250	0-4	.000	2-4	.500	1-3-4	3	4	1	0	0	6
F10	Missouri	*	35	9-16	.563	2-6	.333	2-3	.667	2-1-3	5	7	4	0	4	22
F14	Vanderbilt	*	33	1-8	.125	0-1	.000	1-1	1.000	0-2-2	0	8	3	0	0	3
F17	Ole Miss	*	29	3-7	.429	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	0-4-4	3	7	4	0	3	8
F20	Texas A&M	*	31	5-10	.500	3-7	.429	2-4	.500	0-7-7	2	7	3	0	1	15
F24	South Carolina	*	36	6-16	.375	2-7	.286	5-6	.833	0-4-4	1	5	4	0	4	19
F27	Tennessee	*	28	3-10	.300	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	1-1-2	1	2	1	0	1	7
M3	LSU	*	35	4-12	.333	3-8	.375	4-5	.800	0-1-1	2	2	3	0	1	15
M8	LSU	*	31	8-11	.727	5-7	.714	3-6	.500	1-1-2	2	6	6	0	1	24
M9	Tennessee	*	36	6-11	.545	5-8	.625	5-5	1.000	0-1-1	1	0	2	2	1	22
M14	Nebraska	*	35	0-3	.000	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0-4-4	1	14	2	0	0	0
M18	Baylor	*	33	3-9	.333	3-8	.375	0-0	.000	0-1-1	2	10	2	0	3	9
M20	Louisville	*	31	2-9	.222	2-7	.286	0-0	.000	0-1-1	1	4	1	0	1	6

Peters' Notes . . .

- In season opener, had 7 assists and 2 blocked shots.

- Season-high 24 points vs. LSU in the SEC Tournament.

- Missed Stephen F. Austin, JSU and North Dakota State games due to violation of team rules.

- Season-high five 3-pointers against LSU and Tennessee in the SEC Tournament.

- Has 20 starts on the year, including 14 SEC games.

- Fifth in SEC with his 1.5 steals.

- Fifth in the SEC with his 4.5 assists.

- Named SEC Player of the Week on Feb. 26.

- His 14 assists against Nebraska on March 14 were not only a career-high, but also an MSU post-season record.

CAREER STATS FOR LAMAR PETERS

Year	GP-GS	Min/Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FM-3GA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Rebs	PF-D	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts/Avg
2016-17	30-17	738/24.6	103-266	.387	59-161	.366	56-75	.747	68-2.3	81-2	101	68	5	34	321/10.7
2017-18	33-20	909/27.5	115-311	.370	48-174	.276	41-63	.651	75-2.3	65-2	147	86	9	49	319/9.7
Totals	63-37	1647/26.1	218-577	.378	107-335	.319	97-138	.703	143-2.3	146-4	248	154	14	83	640/10.2

2 Eli Wright

Sophomore | Guard

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2017-18 Game-By-Game

Opponent	MIN	FG	Pct.	3FG	Pct.	FT	Pct.	O-D-R	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
N10 Alabama State	28	5-8	.625	1-3	.333	1-2	.500	3-3-6	3	2	0	1	0	12
N18 Florida A&M	-DNP-													
N20 Green Bay	17	4-6	.667	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	4-0-4	2	1	1	0	0	8
N22 Stephen F. Austin	17	0-3	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-2-2	1	0	2	1	0	0
N26 Jacksonville State	23	0-5	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	2-4-6	0	0	1	0	0	0
N30 North Dakota State	25	0-5	.000	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0-2-2	1	2	0	0	0	0
D3 Dayton	-DNP-													
D9 North Georgia	-DNP-													
D12 Cincinnati	16	0-3	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1-2-3	2	0	2	0	0	0
D16 UT Martin	15	3-7	.429	1-3	.333	2-3	.667	1-1-2	2	1	0	0	0	9
D20 Little Rock	19	2-5	.400	1-3	.333	2-5	.400	1-2-3	0	0	1	0	1	7
D23 Southern Miss	16	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-2-2	1	2	0	1	0	2
D30 North Florida	21	3-7	.429	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	3-2-5	1	4	0	0	0	6
J2 Arkansas	10	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J6 Ole Miss	21	2-4	.500	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	3-5-8	2	1	2	0	0	5
J10 Florida	23	2-6	.333	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	0-4-4	1	1	2	1	1	5
J13 Auburn	8	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-0-1	1	2	1	0	0	0
J16 Vanderbilt	21	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	1-1	1.000	1-0-1	1	2	0	0	1	5
J20 Alabama	12	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-2-2	2	0	0	0	0	0
J23 Kentucky	11	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	1-0-1	1	1	0	0	0	4
J27 Missouri	9	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	0	4
J31 South Carolina	10	2-3	.667	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	1-0-1	1	2	0	0	0	5
F3 Georgia	13	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	1	1	0	0	0	0
F6 Alabama	8	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	1-1-2	1	0	2	1	1	2
F10 Missouri	8	1-1	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	1	1	0	0	0	3
F14 Vanderbilt	9	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-2-2	1	2	0	0	0	2
F17 Ole Miss	10	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	0	1	1	1	0	0
F20 Texas A&M	7	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	1-1	1.000	0-1-1	2	0	1	0	0	3
F24 South Carolina	14	3-3	1.000	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	0-0-0	0	1	1	0	0	8
F27 Tennessee	11	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-2-2	3	0	0	1	0	2
M3 LSU	7	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	1	0	1	2
M8 LSU	7	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-0-2	1	0	0	0	0	2
M9 Tennessee	13	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	0-2-2	3	0	1	0	2	2
M14 Nebraska	18	1-5	.200	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-4-4	2	0	2	1	0	2
M18 Baylor	7	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-0-1	0	1	0	0	0	0
M20 Louisville	13	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-0-1	2	2	0	0	2	2

Wright's Notes . . .

- Had a career 12 points in season opener vs. Alabama State.

- Missed Florida A&M, Dayton and North Georgia games for violation of team rules.

- Had second-best game of the year vs. UT Martin with 9 points.

- Tied his career-high with 2 steals at Louisville.

- Earned a career-high 4 assists against North Florida.

- Earned a career-high 8 rebounds at Ole Miss.

CAREER STATS FOR ELI WRIGHT

Year	GP-GS	Min/Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FM-3GA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Rebs	PF-D	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts/Avg
2016-17	30-1	392/13.1	36-68	.529	11-27	.407	22-31	.710	47-1.6	50-1	7	16	3	11	105/3.5
2017-18	33-0	467/14.2	41-100	.410	6-28	.214	14-22	.636	73-2.2	40-0	30	21	8	9	102/3.1
Totals	63-1	859/13.6	77-168	.458	17-55	.309	36-53	.679	120-1.9	90-1	37	37	11	20	207/3.3

3 XAVIAN STAPLETON

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2017-18 Game-By-Game

Opponent		MIN	FG	Pct.	3FG	Pct.	FT	Pct.	O-D-R	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
N10	Alabama State	*	5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	0	0	0	0	2	0
N18	Florida A&M		-DNP-													
N20	Green Bay		-DNP-													
N22	Stephen F. Austin		-DNP-													
N26	Jacksonville State		15	3-8	.375	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	2-0-2	1	1	1	0	0	7
N30	North Dakota State		20	2-6	.333	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1-2-3	2	0	1	1	3	4
D3	Dayton		18	3-8	.375	0-3	.000	2-2	1.000	0-1-1	3	0	2	0	1	8
D9	North Georgia		17	3-6	.500	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	2	0	0	0	1	6
D12	Cincinnati		12	0-4	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1-0-1	2	0	0	0	0	0
D16	UT Martin		16	4-7	.571	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	1-2-3	4	1	2	0	0	9
D20	Little Rock		21	1-5	.200	0-3	.000	1-1	1.000	1-1-2	2	0	1	0	2	3
D23	Southern Miss		23	4-7	.571	4-7	.571	0-0	.000	0-3-3	2	1	2	1	0	12
D30	North Florida		18	6-10	.600	3-5	.600	1-1	1.000	1-1-2	2	3	0	0	2	16
J2	Arkansas		20	1-4	.250	0-2	.000	4-6	.667	1-3-4	1	1	1	0	1	6
J6	Ole Miss		26	2-9	.222	1-5	.200	2-2	1.000	2-7-9	3	1	3	0	1	7
J10	Florida		-DNP-													
J13	Auburn		19	0-4	.000	0-3	.000	4-6	.667	1-4-5	2	0	0	1	0	4
J16	Vanderbilt		24	3-9	.333	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	8
J20	Alabama		-DNP-													
J23	Kentucky		21	3-6	.500	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-2-2	5	2	0	0	0	6
J27	Missouri		16	1-4	.250	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	1	3	0	3
J31	South Carolina		25	3-6	.500	1-3	.333	2-2	1.000	0-2-2	4	0	0	0	2	9
F3	Georgia		12	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0-1-1	3	0	1	0	1	2
F6	Alabama		24	3-7	.429	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0-4-4	4	1	0	0	0	6
F10	Missouri		18	2-7	.286	2-6	.333	1-1	1.000	1-3-4	5	0	2	0	0	7
F14	Vanderbilt		25	6-8	.750	5-5	1.000	1-2	.500	0-1-1	3	2	1	0	0	18
F17	Ole Miss		24	4-8	.500	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	0-0-0	1	0	2	0	1	10
F20	Texas A&M		22	3-11	.273	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	2-1-3	3	1	0	0	0	8
F24	South Carolina		23	2-7	.286	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	2-3-5	0	1	0	1	1	4
F27	Tennessee		19	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	4	0	2	0	0	0
M3	LSU		24	1-5	.200	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	1-4-5	3	1	1	0	1	2
M8	LSU	*	13	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-2-2	3	0	1	1	0	0
M9	Tennessee	*	17	1-6	.167	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-2-2	4	0	1	1	0	2
M14	Nebraska	*	32	4-7	.571	2-4	.500	2-4	.500	1-4-5	1	0	0	1	1	12
M18	Baylor	*	18	6-8	.750	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	0-2-2	4	0	2	0	0	15
M20	Louisville	*	25	5-10	.500	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	2-3-5	3	0	0	2	1	12

Stapleton's Notes . . .

- Due to a sprained left knee, was limited to just 5 minutes against Alabama State.

- Missed three games due to a knee sprain.

- Career-high four 3-pointers made and attempted against Southern Miss in Jackson.

- Career-high 18 points at Vanderbilt.

- Career-high five three-pointers made at Vanderbilt.

- Career-high 3 assists against North Florida.

- Season-high 9 rebounds at Ole Miss.

- Missed the Florida and Alabama games due to a violation of team rules.

- Career-high 3 blocks vs. Missouri.

- Has started the past five games.

CAREER STATS FOR XAVIAN STAPLETON

Year	GP-GS	Min/Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FM-3GA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Rebs	PF-D	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts/Avg
2016-17	23-5	385/16.7	59-129	.457	18-54	.333	28-44	.636	66-2.9	66-4	7	21	10	22	164/7.1
2017-18	31-6	612/19.7	76-192	.396	32-92	.348	22-29	.759	81-2.6	76-2	16	27	12	21	206/6.6
Totals	54-11	997/18.5	135-321	.421	50-146	.342	50-73	.685	147-2.7	142-6	23	48	22	43	370/6.9

5 MITCHELL STORM

Sophomore | Forward

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Season Highs

Points:
FGM:
FGA: 2, Alabama State (11-10-17)
3FGM:
3FGA: 1, twice, vs. Little Rock (12-20-17)
FTM:
FTA:
Rebounds: 3, Alabama State (11-10-17)
Assists:
Blocks:
Steals:
Minutes: 4, twice, last vs. North Georgia (12-9-17)

Storm's Notes . . .

- Made his MSU debut against Alabama State and had 3 rebounds.

- Also played 3 minutes against Florida A&M and 2 against North Dakota State.

- Tied his season high with 4 minutes against North Georgia and then played 3 minutes vs. UT Martin.

2017-18 Game-By-Game

Opponent	MIN	FG	Pct.	3FG	Pct.	FT	Pct.	O-D-R	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
N10 Alabama State	4	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-2-3	1	0	0	0	0	0
N18 Florida A&M	3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
N20 Green Bay	-DNP-													
N22 Stephen F. Austin	-DNP-													
N26 Jacksonville State	-DNP-													
N30 North Dakota State	2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D3 Dayton	-DNP-													
D9 North Georgia	4	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D12 Cincinnati	-DNP-													
D16 UT Martin	3	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	0	0	1	0	0	0
D20 Little Rock	1	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D23 Southern Miss	-DNP-													
D30 North Florida	2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-0-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
J2 Arkansas	-DNP-													
J6 Ole Miss	-DNP-													
J10 Florida	-DNP-													
J13 Auburn	-DNP-													
J16 Vanderbilt	-DNP-													
J20 Alabama	-DNP-													
J23 Kentucky	-DNP-													
J27 Missouri	-DNP-													
J31 South Carolina	-DNP-													
F3 Georgia	-DNP-													
F6 Alabama	-DNP-													
F10 Missouri	-DNP-													
F14 Vanderbilt	-DNP-													
F17 Ole Miss	-DNP-													
F20 Texas A&M	-DNP-													
F24 South Carolina	-DNP-													
F27 Tennessee	-DNP-													
M3 LSU	-DNP-													
M8 LSU	-DNP-													
M9 Tennessee	-DNP-													
M14 Nebraska	-DNP-													
M18 Baylor	-DNP-													
M20 Louisville	1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0

CAREER STATS FOR MITCHELL STORM

Year	GP-GS	Min/Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FM-3GA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Rebs	PF-D	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts/Avg
2017-18	8-0	20/2.5	0-4	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	6-0.8	1-0	0	1	0	0	0/0.0

10 TATE CLAYTON

Freshman | Guard

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Season Highs

Points:
FGM:
FGA:
3FGM:
3FGA:
FTM:
FTA:
Rebounds:
Assists:
Blocks:
Steals:
Minutes: 4, North Georgia (12-9-17)

Clayton's Notes . . .

- Made collegiate debut against Alabama State.

- Also played against Florida A&M, North Georgia and Ole Miss.

- Season-high 4 minutes vs. North Georgia.

2017-18 Game-By-Game

Opponent	MIN	FG	Pct.	3FG	Pct.	FT	Pct.	O-D-R	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
N10 Alabama State	2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N18 Florida A&M	2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N20 Green Bay	-DNP-													
N22 Stephen F. Austin	-DNP-													
N26 Jacksonville State	-DNP-													
N30 North Dakota State	-DNP-													
D3 Dayton	-DNP-													
D9 North Georgia	4	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D12 Cincinnati	-DNP-													
D16 UT Martin	-DNP-													
D20 Little Rock	-DNP-													
D23 Southern Miss	-DNP-													
D30 North Florida	-DNP-													
J2 Arkansas	-DNP-													
J6 Ole Miss	-DNP-													
J10 Florida	-DNP-													
J13 Auburn	-DNP-													
J16 Vanderbilt	-DNP-													
J20 Alabama	-DNP-													
J23 Kentucky	-DNP-													
J27 Missouri	-DNP-													
J31 South Carolina	-DNP-													
F3 Georgia	-DNP-													
F6 Alabama	-DNP-													
F10 Missouri	-DNP-													
F14 Vanderbilt	-DNP-													
F17 Ole Miss	1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
F20 Texas A&M	-DNP-													
F24 South Carolina	-DNP-													
F27 Tennessee	-DNP-													
M3 LSU	-DNP-													
M8 LSU	-DNP-													
M9 Tennessee	-DNP-													
M14 Nebraska	-DNP-													
M18 Baylor	-DNP-													
M20 Louisville	-DNP-													

CAREER STATS FOR TATE CLAYTON

Year	GP-GS	Min/Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FM-3GA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Rebs	PF-D	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts/Avg
2017-18	4-0	9/2.3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0/0.0

11 QUINNDARY WEATHERSPOON

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Junior | Guard

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Canton, MS

Velma Jackson HS

Season Highs

Points: 22, twice, Arkansas (1-2-18)
FGM: 8, 4x, last at Kentucky (1-23-18)
FGA: 16, Kentucky (1-23-18)
3FGM: 4, twice, at Florida (1-10-18)
3FGA: 8, at Florida (1-10-18)
FTM: 11, Stephen F. Austin (11-22-17)
FTA: 14, Stephen F. Austin (11-22-17)
Rebounds: 14, Louisville (3-20-18)
Assists: 10, North Dakota State (11-30-17)
Blocks: 2, Dayton (12-03-17)
Steals: 4, twice, South Carolina (2-24-18)
Minutes: 38, South Carolina (2-24-18)

Career Highs

Points: 29, Missouri (1-25-17)
FGM: 11, Missouri (1-25-17)
FGA: 18, UCF (11-17-16)
3FGM: 6, Arkansas (1-10-17)
3FGA: 8, 4x, last at Florida (1-10-18)
FTM: 11, Stephen F. Austin (11-22-17)
FTA: 14, Stephen F. Austin (11-22-17)
Rebounds: 14, twice, Louisville (3-20-18)
Assists: 10, North Dakota State (11-30-17)
Blocks: 2, 4x, last vs. Dayton (12-03-17)
Steals: 4, 5x, last vs. South Carolina (2-24-18)
Minutes: 41, Alabama (2-2-16)

2017-18 Game-By-Game

Opponent		MIN	FG	Pct.	3FG	Pct.	FT	Pct.	O-D-R	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
N10	Alabama State	*	22	8-9	.889	0-1	.000	1-3	.333	0-8-8	3	1	3	1	2	17
N18	Florida A&M	*	31	5-9	.556	1-4	.250	1-2	.500	0-6-6	1	4	4	1	1	12
N20	Green Bay	*	28	1-8	.125	0-5	.000	0-0	.000	0-3-3	2	4	2	0	1	2
N22	Stephen F. Austin	*	34	4-8	.500	1-4	.250	11-14	.786	2-5-7	3	6	1	0	2	20
N26	Jacksonville State	*	35	6-11	.545	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	1-4-5	2	4	4	0	0	13
N30	North Dakota State	*	26	4-9	.444	1-3	.333	0-2	.000	1-3-4	1	10	0	0	0	9
D3	Dayton	*	35	5-11	.455	0-3	.000	1-2	.500	2-8-10	4	6	5	2	3	11
D9	North Georgia	*	26	8-11	.727	4-4	1.000	2-2	1.000	0-2-2	1	2	0	0	2	22
D12	Cincinnati	*	34	3-12	.250	1-3	.333	5-6	.833	1-6-7	3	3	3	0	1	12
D16	UT Martin	*	24	6-10	.600	1-4	.250	8-9	.889	4-4-8	1	7	0	0	4	21
D20	Little Rock	*	26	7-11	.636	1-3	.333	6-6	1.000	3-5-8	1	3	2	1	2	21
D23	Southern Miss	*	31	2-5	.400	0-3	.000	3-6	.500	1-3-4	3	4	3	0	1	7
D30	North Florida	*	27	7-10	.700	2-3	.667	2-2	1.000	1-5-6	3	6	1	1	1	18
J2	Arkansas	*	33	7-13	.538	2-4	.500	6-8	.750	5-2-7	4	2	2	1	3	22
J6	Ole Miss	*	30	3-12	.250	0-2	.000	1-2	.500	1-2-3	2	3	5	0	0	7
J10	Florida	*	36	6-13	.462	4-8	.500	0-0	.000	3-2-5	2	3	5	0	2	16
J13	Auburn	*	33	5-13	.385	2-7	.286	2-2	1.000	0-4-4	4	3	2	1	0	14
J16	Vanderbilt	*	28	8-12	.667	1-3	.333	2-3	.667	1-3-4	2	4	2	0	1	19
J20	Alabama	*	31	4-9	.444	0-3	.000	4-4	1.000	4-5-9	2	2	5	0	2	12
J23	Kentucky	*	31	8-16	.500	1-5	.200	2-2	1.000	3-6-9	3	6	2	0	1	19
J27	Missouri	*	34	7-9	.778	2-4	.500	4-5	.800	0-6-6	1	4	1	1	3	20
J31	South Carolina	*	30	6-12	.500	2-6	.333	4-4	1.000	1-4-5	4	3	5	0	0	18
F3	Georgia	*	30	3-7	.429	1-4	.250	7-8	.875	3-5-8	2	1	2	0	1	14
F6	Alabama	*	34	4-8	.500	1-3	.333	4-9	.444	1-4-5	1	3	1	0	2	13
F10	Missouri	*	37	5-13	.385	2-6	.333	1-2	.500	3-4-7	4	0	1	1	3	13
F14	Vanderbilt	*	32	4-6	.667	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-2-2	2	3	3	1	1	9
F17	Ole Miss	*	35	6-13	.462	3-6	.500	1-2	.500	2-8-10	2	2	0	0	0	16
F20	Texas A&M	*	33	5-15	.333	0-1	.000	7-8	.875	4-2-6	1	5	2	0	1	17
F24	South Carolina	*	38	3-8	.375	0-2	.000	7-8	.875	1-6-7	2	4	6	0	4	13
F27	Tennessee	*	34	7-13	.538	2-5	.400	1-2	.500	0-6-6	3	2	3	0	0	17
M3	LSU	*	31	5-11	.455	1-3	.333	1-2	.500	1-1-2	3	0	3	0	1	12
M8	LSU	*	34	6-14	.429	0-2	.000	3-4	.750	1-3-4	3	6	6	0	3	15
M9	Tennessee	*	35	5-14	.357	0-3	.000	7-8	.875	2-2-4	4	1	4	1	1	17
M14	Nebraska	*	33	2-6	.333	1-4	.250	3-4	.750	0-7-7	3	0	4	0	0	8
M18	Baylor	*	33	4-9	.444	2-4	.500	3-4	.750	0-3-3	3	5	2	0	1	13
M20	Louisville	*	26	6-10	.600	1-2	.500	6-6	1.000	3-11-14	1	0	1	0	2	19

Weatherspoon's Notes . . .

- In preseason polls named first-team All-SEC by the league coaches and second-team by the media.

- Is MSU's leading returning scorer.

- Had 17 points against Alabama State in season opener.

- Surpassed 100-career assists vs. Florida A&M and had career-high 10 vs. North Dakota State.

- Had game-winning 3-pointer with 0.7 seconds left vs. Jacksonville State.

- Also had game-winning shot against Dayton with 0.8 seconds left.

- And another game-winning shot against Baylor at the buzzer.

- Season-high 22 points vs. North Georgia and Arkansas.

- MSU is 6-0 this year when he scores 20-plus points.

- Became the 37th player in MSU history to reach 1,000 career points on Dec. 20 against Little Rock.

- Started all 36 games.

- In SEC, 13th in scoring, 6th in steals, 4th in FG% and 17th in rebounding.

- On March 6, he was named second-team All-SEC by the league coaches.

CAREER STATS FOR QUINNDARY WEATHERSPOON

Year	GP-GS	Min/Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FM-3GA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Rebs	PF-D	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts/Avg
2015-16	31-17	836/27.0	133-297	.448	43-109	.394	62-77	.805	146-4.7	75-1	43	45	16	42	371/12.0
2016-17	29-29	926/31.9	173-369	.469	47-126	.373	85-111	.766	148-5.1	68-1	53	64	8	50	478/16.5
2017-18	36-36	1130/31.4	185-380	.487	42-132	.318	116-151	.768	215-6.0	86-0	122	95	12	52	528/14.7
Totals	96-82	2892/30.1	491-1046	.469	132-367	.360	263-339	.776	509-5.3	229-2	218	204	36	144	1377/14.3

12 DREW DAVIS

Senior | Guard

5-10 | 165

Atlanta, GA

Fort Walton Beach HS

2017-18 Game-By-Game

Opponent	MIN	FG	Pct.	3FG	Pct.	FT	Pct.	O-D-R	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
N10 Alabama State	2	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	0-0-0	0	1	0	0	0	1
N18 Florida A&M	3	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
N20 Green Bay	-DNP-													
N22 Stephen F. Austin	-DNP-													
N26 Jacksonville State	-DNP-													
N30 North Dakota State	1	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	2
D3 Dayton	-DNP-													
D9 North Georgia	4	0-3	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-2-2	0	0	1	0	0	0
D12 Cincinnati	-DNP-													
D16 UT Martin	3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0
D20 Little Rock	-DNP-													
D23 Southern Miss	-DNP-													
D30 North Florida	2	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0
J2 Arkansas	-DNP-													
J6 Ole Miss	-DNP-													
J10 Florida	-DNP-													
J13 Auburn	-DNP-													
J16 Vanderbilt	-DNP-													
J20 Alabama	-DNP-													
J23 Kentucky	-DNP-													
J27 Missouri	-DNP-													
J31 South Carolina	-DNP-													
F3 Georgia	-DNP-													
F6 Alabama	-DNP-													
F10 Missouri	-DNP-													
F14 Vanderbilt	-DNP-													
F17 Ole Miss	1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
F20 Texas A&M	-DNP-													
F24 South Carolina	-DNP-													
F27 Tennessee	1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M3 LSU	-DNP-													
M8 LSU	-DNP-													
M9 Tennessee	-DNP-													
M14 Nebraska	-DNP-													
M18 Baylor	-DNP-													
M20 Louisville	-DNP-													

Davis' Notes . . .

- Played 2 minutes against Alabama State and made his first-career FT.

- Also saw action vs. Florida A&M, Ole Miss and No. 16 Tennessee.

- Made first field goal against North Dakota State and finished with 2 points.

- Season-high 4 minutes against North Georgia and logged 3 vs. UT Martin.

CAREER STATS FOR DREW DAVIS

Year	GP-GS	Min/Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FM-3GA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Rebs	PF-D	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts/Avg
2016-17	6-0	12/2.0	4-8	.500	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	1-0.2	0-0	2	2	0	1	11/1.8
2017-18	8-0	17/2.1	1-9	.111	0-4	.000	1-2	.500	2-0.3	1-0	2	2	0	0	3/0.4
Totals	14-0	29/2.1	5-17	.294	3-8	.375	1-2	.500	3-0.2	1-0	4	4	0	1	14/1.0

13 Nick Singleton

Junior | Guard

6-5 | 195

Decatur, GA

Kennesaw State

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2017-18 Game-By-Game

Opponent		MIN	FG	Pct.	3FG	Pct.	FT	Pct.	O-D-R	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
N10	Alabama State	5	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-1-1	0	0	0	0	0	3
N18	Florida A&M	5	2-3	.667	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	1	0	0	0	4
N20	Green Bay	-DNP-													
N22	Stephen F. Austin	-DNP-													
N26	Jacksonville State	-DNP-													
N30	North Dakota State	2	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	2
D3	Dayton	-DNP-													
D9	North Georgia	5	3-5	.600	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	2-1-3	0	0	0	0	0	9
D12	Cincinnati	-DNP-													
D16	UT Martin	3	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	0	0	2	0	0	2
D20	Little Rock	1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D23	Southern Miss	-DNP-													
D30	North Florida	2	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	2
J2	Arkansas	-DNP-													
J6	Ole Miss	-DNP-													
J10	Florida	-DNP-													
J13	Auburn	-DNP-													
J16	Vanderbilt	-DNP-													
J20	Alabama	-DNP-													
J23	Kentucky	-DNP-													
J27	Missouri	-DNP-													
J31	South Carolina	-DNP-													
F3	Georgia	-DNP-													
F6	Alabama	-DNP-													
F10	Missouri	-DNP-													
F14	Vanderbilt	-DNP-													
F17	Ole Miss	-DNP-													
F20	Texas A&M	-DNP-													
F24	South Carolina	-DNP-													
F27	Tennessee	-DNP-													
M3	LSU	1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M8	LSU	-DNP-													
M9	Tennessee	-DNP-													
M14	Nebraska	-DNP-													
M18	Baylor	-DNP-													
M20	Louisville	1	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Singleton's Notes . . .

- Made a 3-pointer in season opener vs. Alabama State.

- Also saw action against Florida A&M before having 2 points against North Dakota State.

- Career-high 9 points vs. North Georgia with career-high three-made 3-pointers.

CAREER STATS FOR NICK SINGLETON

Year	GP-GS	Min/Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FM-3GA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Rebs	PF-D	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts/Avg
2016-17	7-0	27/3.9	2-7	.286	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	4-0.6	3-0	2	1	1	1	5/0.7
2017-18	9-0	25/2.8	9-14	.643	4-7	.571	0-1	.000	5-0.6	0-0	1	2	0	0	22/2.4
Totals	16-0	52/3.3	11-21	.524	5-11	.455	0-1	.000	9-0.6	3-0	3	3	1	1	27/1.7

15 T.J. GRAY

Sophomore | Guard

6-0 | 170

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Season Highs

Points: 3, Florida A&M (11-18-17)
FGM: 1, Florida A&M (11-18-17)
FGA: 2, North Georgia (12-9-17)
3FGM: 1, Florida A&M (11-18-17)
3FGA: 2, North Georgia (12-9-17)
FTM:
FTA:
Rebounds: 1, vs. Louisville (3-20-18)
Assists:
Blocks:
Steals:
Minutes: 4, North Georgia (12-9-17)

Gray's Notes . . .

- Made his collegiate debut against Alabama State.

- Scored first collegiate points on a 3 against Florida A&M.

- Logged 4 minutes vs. North Georgia.

- Had his first rebound against Louisville in the quarterfinals of the NIT on Mar. 20.

2017-18 Game-By-Game

Opponent	MIN	FG	Pct.	3FG	Pct.	FT	Pct.	O-D-R	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
N10 Alabama State	2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
N18 Florida A&M	3	1-1	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	1	0	1	0	0	3
N20 Green Bay	-DNP-													
N22 Stephen F. Austin	-DNP-													
N26 Jacksonville State	-DNP-													
N30 North Dakota State	-DNP-													
D3 Dayton	-DNP-													
D9 North Georgia	4	0-2	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
D12 Cincinnati	-DNP-													
D16 UT Martin	-DNP-													
D20 Little Rock	-DNP-													
D23 Southern Miss	-DNP-													
D30 North Florida	-DNP-													
J2 Arkansas	-DNP-													
J6 Ole Miss	-DNP-													
J10 Florida	-DNP-													
J13 Auburn	-DNP-													
J16 Vanderbilt	-DNP-													
J20 Alabama	-DNP-													
J23 Kentucky	-DNP-													
J27 Missouri	-DNP-													
J31 South Carolina	-DNP-													
F3 Georgia	-DNP-													
F6 Alabama	-DNP-													
F10 Missouri	-DNP-													
F14 Vanderbilt	-DNP-													
F17 Ole Miss	1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
F20 Texas A&M	-DNP-													
F24 South Carolina	-DNP-													
F27 Tennessee	-DNP-													
M3 LSU	-DNP-													
M8 LSU	-DNP-													
M9 Tennessee	-DNP-													
M14 Nebraska	-DNP-													
M18 Baylor	-DNP-													
M20 Louisville	1	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-0-1	0	0	1	0	0	0

CAREER STATS FOR T.J. GRAY

Year	GP-GS	Min/Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FM-3GA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Rebs	PF-D	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts/Avg
2017-18	5-0	11/2.2	1-4	.250	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	1-0.2	3-0	0	2	0	0	3/0.6

22 KeyShawn Feazell

Freshman | Forward

6-8 | 230

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Season Highs

Points: 11, North Georgia (12-9-17)
FGM: 5, North Georgia (12-9-17)
FGA: 7, North Florida (12-30-17)
3FGM: 1, North Georgia (12-9-17)
3FGA: 1, 9x, last vs. Tennessee (3-9-18)
FTM: 1, North Florida (12-30-17)
FTA: 2, North Dakota State (11-30-17)
Rebounds: 5, Florida A&M (11-18-20)
Assists: 1, Jacksonville State (11-26-17)
Blocks: 1, twice, vs. Little Rock (12-20-17)
Steals: 2, Dayton (12-03-17)
Minutes: 13, twice, vs. LSU (3-8-18)

Feazell's Notes . . .

- Missed the season opener due to a foot injury.

- Made collegiate debut against Florida A&M and had two points.

- Season-high 11 points vs. North Georgia.

- Played a season-high 13 minutes at Alabama and vs. LSU in the SEC Tournament.

2017-18 Game-By-Game

Opponent	MIN	FG	Pct.	3FG	Pct.	FT	Pct.	O-D-R	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
N10 Alabama State	-DNP-													
N18 Florida A&M	7	1-2	.500	0-1	.500	0-0	.000	1-4-5	1	0	1	0	0	2
N20 Green Bay	7	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	1	0	1	0	0	2
N22 Stephen F. Austin	-DNP-													
N26 Jacksonville State	5	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0
N30 North Dakota State	12	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	0-3-3	1	0	0	0	0	0
D3 Dayton	11	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-2-2	0	0	2	0	2	2
D9 North Georgia	11	5-5	1.000	1-1	.000	0-0	.000	1-3-4	2	0	0	1	0	11
D12 Cincinnati	2	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D16 UT Martin	7	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	1-2-3	0	0	1	0	0	2
D20 Little Rock	10	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-0-1	1	0	1	1	0	2
D23 Southern Miss	-DNP-													
D30 North Florida	7	4-7	.571	0-1	.000	1-1	1.000	1-2-3	2	0	0	0	0	9
J2 Arkansas	-DNP-													
J6 Ole Miss	0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J10 Florida	11	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-2-4	0	0	1	0	0	0
J13 Auburn	-DNP-													
J16 Vanderbilt	6	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0
J20 Alabama	13	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	1	0	0	0	0	0
J23 Kentucky	3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J27 Missouri	-DNP-													
J31 South Carolina	3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
F3 Georgia	1	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
F6 Alabama	-DNP-													
F10 Missouri	-DNP-													
F14 Vanderbilt	0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0
F17 Ole Miss	2	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-0-1	0	0	0	0	0	2
F20 Texas A&M	3	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
F24 South Carolina	-DNP-													
F27 Tennessee	5	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-2-2	2	0	0	0	0	0
M3 LSU	2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
M8 LSU	13	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	0	2
M9 Tennessee	5	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	1	0	0	0	0	0
M14 Nebraska	5	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-0-1	0	0	0	0	0	4
M18 Baylor	9	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	3	0	0	0	0	0
M20 Louisville	5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	3	0	0	0	0	0

CAREER STATS FOR KEYSHAWN FEAZELL

Year	GP-GS	Min/Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FM-3GA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Rebs	PF-D	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts/Avg
2017-18	27-0	165/6.1	18-38	.474	1-9	.111	1-4	.250	34-1.3	20-0	1	9	2	2	38/1.4

23 Tyson Carter

Sophomore | Guard

6-4 | 165

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2017-18 Game-By-Game

Opponent		MIN	FG	Pct.	3FG	Pct.	FT	Pct.	O-D-R	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
N10	Alabama State	27	3-6	.500	2-3	.667	3-4	.750	1-0-1	0	2	2	0	1	11
N18	Florida A&M	23	4-10	.400	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	2	0	0	1	10
N20	Green Bay	19	2-6	.333	0-4	.000	2-2	1.000	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	0	6
N22	Stephen F. Austin *	32	9-14	.643	1-6	.167	6-7	.857	1-5-6	2	3	5	0	1	25
N26	Jacksonville State *	29	1-7	.143	1-7	.143	0-0	.000	1-5-6	0	2	1	0	1	3
N30	North Dakota State *	32	12-17	.706	6-10	.600	5-5	1.000	0-6-6	1	1	1	0	2	35
D3	Dayton *	32	7-12	.583	6-10	.600	0-0	.000	0-1-1	2	2	5	0	3	20
D9	North Georgia *	27	1-7	.143	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0-3-3	1	2	2	0	1	2
D12	Cincinnati *	23	3-7	.429	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	0-0-0	1	1	0	0	0	8
D16	UT Martin *	21	1-8	.125	0-7	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	7	0	0	0	2
D20	Little Rock *	24	3-7	.429	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	1	1	0	0	7
D23	Southern Miss *	22	2-5	.400	1-3	.333	2-2	1.000	0-3-3	0	2	2	0	0	7
D30	North Florida *	24	4-6	.667	1-2	.500	2-2	1.000	1-2-3	0	1	1	0	0	11
J2	Arkansas *	21	2-7	.286	1-5	.200	2-3	.667	1-3-4	0	1	0	0	0	7
J6	Ole Miss *	15	2-5	.400	0-3	.000	1-2	.500	0-1-1	1	2	0	0	0	5
J10	Florida *	25	1-6	.167	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	1	0	1	0	0	2
J13	Auburn *	23	3-8	.375	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	0-3-3	1	0	1	0	0	7
J16	Vanderbilt *	30	3-8	.375	2-4	.500	1-1	1.000	1-4-5	2	2	1	1	2	9
J20	Alabama *	23	1-5	.200	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0-0-0	1	0	1	0	0	3
J23	Kentucky	21	2-11	.182	2-10	.200	1-1	1.000	0-1-1	2	2	0	0	2	7
J27	Missouri	21	3-8	.375	1-3	.333	3-4	.750	0-2-2	0	1	1	0	2	10
J31	South Carolina	21	3-6	.500	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-3-3	0	1	1	0	3	8
F3	Georgia	19	1-5	.200	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-1-1	2	1	0	0	1	3
F6	Alabama	19	3-5	.600	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-1-1	1	0	1	0	0	7
F10	Missouri	22	0-4	.000	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	2	1	0	0	0	0
F14	Vanderbilt	24	4-9	.444	4-7	.571	0-0	.000	0-2-2	0	0	0	0	0	12
F17	Ole Miss	24	5-10	.500	4-7	.571	1-2	.500	0-2-2	0	2	0	0	0	15
F20	Texas A&M	17	2-5	.400	1-4	.250	5-6	.833	0-1-1	3	2	1	0	0	10
F24	South Carolina	23	5-9	.556	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	0-1-1	1	0	1	0	2	13
F27	Tennessee	18	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	1	1	0	0	0	2
M3	LSU	13	1-5	.200	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-0-0	2	0	1	0	0	3
M8	LSU	15	3-4	.750	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	0-1-1	2	0	0	0	0	8
M9	Tennessee	17	0-6	.000	0-5	.000	0-0	.000	0-2-2	1	0	2	0	0	0
M14	Nebraska *	31	3-10	.300	1-4	.250	2-2	1.000	0-3-3	0	1	1	0	1	9
M18	Baylor	23	6-7	.857	5-6	.833	2-2	1.000	0-1-1	0	1	2	0	3	19
M20	Louisville	21	2-6	.333	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0-1-1	0	2	0	0	1	5

Carter's Notes . . .

- Came off the bench and scored 11 points against Alabama State.

- 25 points, 6 rebounds vs. Stephen F. Austin.

- Career-high 35 points and 6 rebounds vs. North Dakota State.

- 20 points and 3 steals vs. Dayton.

- SEC Player of the week on Dec. 4.

- Has started 17 games.

- Has scored in double-digits 12 times.

-Tied career-high with 3 steals at Baylor.

- Recorded first block of the season against Vanderbilt on Jan. 16.

Career Stats For Tyson Carter

Year	GP-GS	Min/Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FM-3GA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Rebs	PF-D	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts/Avg
2016-17	32-12	646/20.2	84-211	.398	44-122	.361	27-33	.818	55-1.7	45-0	22	14	4	23	239/7.5
2017-18	36-17	821/22.8	108-263	.411	57-165	.345	38-45	.844	66-1.8	31-0	46	35	1	27	311/8.6
Totals	68-29	1467/21.6	192-474	.405	101-287	.352	65-78	.833	121-1.8	76-0	68	49	5	50	550/8.1

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Season Highs

Points: 19, at Texas A&M (2-20-18)
FGM: 8, at Texas A&M (2-20-18)
FGA: 15, vs. Nebraska (3-14-18)
3FGM:
3FGA:
FTM: 4, 3x, vs. Alabama (2-6-18)
FTA: 9, Arkansas (1-2-18)
Rebounds: 13, Little Rock (12-20-17)
Assists: 3, Southern Miss (12-23-17)
Blocks: 5, Stephen F. Austin (11-22-17)
Steals: 4, Cincinnati (12-12-17)
Minutes: 37, South Carolina (2-24-18)

Ado's Notes . . .

- Missed the season opener due to a quad injury.

- Made collegiate debut against Florida A&M and responded with 12 points.

- Earned third double-double against No. 22 Auburn with 10 points and 11 rebounds.

- Career-high 5 blocks vs. Stephen F. Austin.

- Career-high 19 points, FGM and FTA at Texas A&M.

- 6th in SEC with his 1.9 blocks, 49th nationally.

- His 67 blocks are tied for most by an MSU freshman in school history.

- 12th in the SEC with 6.4 rebounds.

2017-18 Game-By-Game

Opponent		MIN	FG	Pct.	3FG	Pct.	FT	Pct.	O-D-R	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
N10	Alabama State	-DNP-													
N18	Florida A&M	*	23	6-7	.857	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3-4-7	1	0	3	3	1	12
N20	Green Bay	*	24	4-8	.500	0-0	.000	4-5	.800	6-5-11	4	1	2	2	1	12
N22	Stephen F. Austin	*	28	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	0-4-4	0	0	6	5	1	4
N26	Jacksonville State	*	33	4-6	.667	0-0	.000	1-4	.250	3-5-8	3	0	4	3	1	9
N30	North Dakota State	*	14	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	1-1	1.000	0-4-4	5	0	4	0	2	5
D3	Dayton	*	21	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	1-1	1.000	1-2-3	3	0	3	0	0	5
D9	North Georgia	*	17	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0-3-3	1	0	3	4	1	4
D12	Cincinnati	*	27	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-2-4	1	0	1	3	4	0
D16	UT Martin	*	26	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	4-8-12	0	0	2	3	1	6
D20	Little Rock	*	28	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	6-7-13	2	1	0	3	2	6
D23	Southern Miss	*	27	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	2-5	.400	2-3-5	4	3	5	0	1	8
D30	North Florida	*	27	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	1-6	.167	2-7-9	3	0	3	2	1	5
J2	Arkansas	*	34	3-3	1.000	0-0	.000	2-9	.222	5-4-9	2	0	1	4	1	8
J6	Ole Miss	*	17	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	3-1-4	4	0	0	1	1	5
J10	Florida	*	24	6-8	.750	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-8-10	3	1	1	1	0	12
J13	Auburn	*	31	4-5	.800	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	3-8-11	3	0	1	2	2	10
J16	Vanderbilt	*	14	4-7	.571	0-0	.000	1-4	.250	3-3-6	4	1	0	1	1	9
J20	Alabama	*	20	5-8	.625	0-0	.000	1-1	1.000	2-2-4	4	0	3	1	0	11
J23	Kentucky	*	31	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	2-3-5	1	0	2	1	0	2
J27	Missouri	*	32	5-6	.833	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	3-4-7	1	0	3	0	1	12
J31	South Carolina	*	29	6-9	.667	0-0	.000	4-5	.800	5-4-9	5	0	2	4	0	16
F3	Georgia	*	33	3-3	1.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	4-2-6	2	1	4	2	0	7
F6	Alabama	*	26	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	4-6	.667	2-3-5	4	0	1	3	0	8
F10	Missouri	*	36	4-7	.571	0-0	.000	3-6	.500	4-3-7	3	0	2	1	0	11
F14	Vanderbilt	*	28	6-6	1.000	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	5-2-7	4	2	1	1	2	15
F17	Ole Miss	*	22	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	1-3	.333	3-1-4	4	0	3	1	0	5
F20	Texas A&M	*	32	8-11	.727	0-0	.000	3-5	.600	4-5-9	4	0	0	2	0	19
F24	South Carolina	*	37	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	2-1-3	1	0	1	3	0	2
F27	Tennessee	*	26	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	1-0-1	2	1	3	1	2	3
M3	LSU	*	28	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-4-5	4	0	1	2	0	6
M8	LSU	*	22	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3-6	.500	1-2-3	4	0	0	3	1	3
M9	Tennessee	*	35	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	4-4-8	0	0	2	0	0	4
M14	Nebraska	*	27	6-15	.400	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	6-3-9	2	1	0	1	0	15
M18	Baylor	*	24	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	0-1-1	2	0	1	1	0	3
M20	Louisville	*	20	3-8	.375	0-0	.000	1-4	.250	4-3-7	1	1	1	3	1	7

Career Stats For Abdul Ado

Year	GP-GS	Min/Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FM-3GA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Rebs	PF-D	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts/Avg
2017-18	35-35	923/26.4	107-175	.611	0-0	.000	55-108	.509	223-6.4	91-2	13	69	67	28	269/7.7

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2017-18 Game-By-Game

Opponent		MIN	FG	Pct.	3FG	Pct.	FT	Pct.	O-D-R	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
N10	Alabama State		21	6-11	.545	2-4	.500	4-5	.800	3-8-11	1	0	1	0	1	18
N18	Florida A&M	*	18	2-2	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	2-4-6	1	0	2	2	1	5
N20	Green Bay	*	23	5-7	.714	1-2	.500	2-3	.667	1-4-5	3	1	1	0	0	13
N22	Stephen F. Austin	*	24	3-3	1.000	1-1	1.000	3-3	1.000	1-6-7	3	2	3	3	0	10
N26	Jacksonville State	*	23	4-6	.667	0-1	.000	3-6	.500	2-4-6	2	0	1	2	0	11
N30	North Dakota State	*	23	4-7	.571	2-3	.667	2-4	.500	6-3-9	2	0	1	0	0	12
D3	Dayton	*	28	2-4	.500	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	1-7-8	0	1	2	2	1	6
D9	North Georgia	*	13	5-5	1.000	2-2	1.000	1-1	1.000	1-5-6	0	0	1	2	0	13
D12	Cincinnati	*	26	7-12	.583	3-3	1.000	1-2	.500	5-5-10	1	1	1	1	0	18
D16	UT Martin	*	21	9-12	.750	2-4	.500	1-3	.333	8-4-12	1	1	0	1	1	21
D20	Little Rock	*	20	3-8	.375	0-2	.000	4-8	.500	3-2-5	1	1	2	2	1	10
D23	Southern Miss	*	24	3-5	.600	1-1	1.000	3-4	.750	2-4-6	0	0	0	1	0	10
D30	North Florida	*	18	10-12	.833	1-2	.500	2-2	1.000	3-1-4	3	1	1	1	1	23
J2	Arkansas	*	20	1-8	.125	0-4	.000	2-2	1.000	2-3-5	2	0	1	0	0	4
J6	Ole Miss	*	22	3-6	.500	2-4	.500	1-2	.500	0-5-5	0	3	1	2	0	9
J10	Florida	*	16	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	1-1	1.000	0-4-4	5	0	2	0	0	7
J13	Auburn	*	29	4-9	.444	1-3	.333	2-2	1.000	1-5-6	3	0	2	2	0	11
J16	Vanderbilt	*	26	7-10	.700	2-3	.667	2-2	1.000	4-10-14	1	2	0	2	0	18
J20	Alabama	*	28	3-5	.600	1-1	1.000	4-5	.800	2-8-10	3	0	1	0	0	11
J23	Kentucky	*	21	3-6	.500	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	1-5-6	4	0	2	3	1	6
J27	Missouri	*	26	4-6	.667	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	1-2-3	2	0	3	2	1	9
J31	South Carolina	*	19	2-3	.667	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	1-4-5	2	0	0	2	0	6
F3	Georgia	*	28	4-8	.500	1-5	.200	3-4	.750	2-6-8	2	0	1	0	0	12
F6	Alabama	*	28	2-7	.286	0-2	.000	3-4	.750	2-5-7	3	1	2	3	0	7
F10	Missouri	*	29	5-11	.455	2-5	.400	2-2	1.000	1-7-8	2	1	2	1	0	14
F14	Vanderbilt	*	23	5-8	.625	0-2	.000	1-2	.500	0-2-2	1	0	1	3	1	11
F17	Ole Miss	*	9	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	0-1-1	0	3	0	2	1	4
F20	Texas A&M	*	19	4-5	.800	2-2	1.000	3-3	1.000	2-3-5	4	0	0	2	0	13
F24	South Carolina	*	30	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	1-6-7	2	3	0	3	1	3
F27	Tennessee	*	23	2-8	.250	1-4	.250	5-6	.833	2-1-3	0	0	2	1	1	10
M3	LSU	*	23	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-5-7	3	0	1	2	0	6
M8	LSU		30	3-7	.429	2-3	.667	3-5	.600	2-10-12	1	2	1	4	0	11
M9	Tennessee		23	2-6	.333	0-2	.000	2-2	1.000	1-4-5	5	0	3	4	4	6
M14	Nebraska		19	6-9	.667	2-2	1.000	2-4	.500	7-3-10	2	0	3	4	0	16
M18	Baylor		28	5-8	.625	0-0	.000	3-3	1.000	2-6-8	3	4	1	2	0	13
M20	Louisville		23	6-10	.600	2-4	.500	2-2	1.000	3-5-8	1	1	3	2	0	16

Holman's Notes . . .

- Now has nine double-doubles for his career, seven this year following his 16-point, 10-rebound effort vs. Nebraska in the first round of the NIT.

- Scored in double-digits 23 of MSU's 36 games

- Holds the 7th all-time spot at MSU with 141 blocked shots.

- Had a career-high 14 rebounds against Vanderbilt on Jan. 16.

- Earned a career-high 23 points against North Florida on Dec. 30.

- Sealed the win at South Carolina with two key free throws in the final minute.

- Hyperextended his knee against Ole Miss on Feb. 17, which caused him to sit out for the remainder of the game.

- Had a career-high 4 steals against Tennessee in the SEC Tournament.

- 7th in SEC with his 6.8 rebounds.

- 7th in SEC with 1.8 blocks.

CAREER STATS FOR ARIC HOLMAN

Year	GP-GS	Min/Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FM-3GA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Rebs	PF-D	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts/Avg
2015-16	21-3	194/9.2	18-44	.409	2-13	.154	1-6	.167	39-1.9	37-2	8	16	14	2	39/1.9
2016-17	32-26	747/23.3	104-210	.495	12-49	.245	49-75	.653	193-6.0	79-4	20	54	64	21	269/8.4
2017-18	36-30	824/22.9	142-247	.575	37-84	.440	72-99	.727	244-6.8	69-2	28	48	63	17	393/10.9
Totals	89-59	1765/19.8	264-501	.527	51-146	.349	122-180	.678	476-5.3	185-8	56	118	141	40	701/7.9

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Season Highs

Points: 11, Alabama State (11-10-17)
FGM: 3, twice, North Florida (12-30-17)
FGA: 4, 3x, last vs. North Florida (12-30-17)
3FGM:
3FGA:
FTM: 9, Alabama State (11-10-17)
FTA: 9, Alabama State (11-10-17)
Rebounds: 6, Green Bay (11-20-20)
Assists: 2, Florida A&M (11-18-20)
Blocks: 3, Green Bay (11-20-17)
Steals: 1, 3x, at Alabama (1-20-18)
Minutes: 20, at Alabama (1-20-18)

Career Highs

Points: 11, Alabama State (11-10-17)
FGM: 3, twice, North Georgia (12-9-17)
FGA: 4, 4x, last vs. North Florida (12-30-17)
3FGM:
3FGA:
FTM: 9, Alabama State (11-10-17)
FTA: 9, Alabama State (11-10-17)
Rebounds: 7, Norfolk State, (11-11-16)
Assists: 2, Florida A&M (11-18-20)
Blocks: 3, 3x, last vs Green Bay (11-20-17)
Steals: 2, Kentucky (1-17-17)
Minutes: 20, at Alabama (1-20-18)

2017-18 Game-By-Game

Opponent		MIN	FG	Pct.	3FG	Pct.	FT	Pct.	O-D-R	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
N10	Alabama State	*	15	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	9-9	1.000	1-3-4	5	0	1	0	0	11
N18	Florida A&M		13	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	3-3	1.000	0-3-3	1	2	0	0	0	7
N20	Green Bay		19	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-6-6	1	0	1	3	0	4
N22	Stephen F. Austin		22	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	2-1-3	4	0	0	0	0	6
N26	Jacksonville State		3	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	2
N30	North Dakota State		-DNP-													
D3	Dayton		-DNP-													
D9	North Georgia		11	3-3	1.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2-1-3	0	0	0	0	0	8
D12	Cincinnati		4	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D16	UT Martin		5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	0	1	0	0	0	0
D20	Little Rock		2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	2	0	1	0	0	0
D23	Southern Miss		9	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-3-3	2	0	1	0	0	4
D30	North Florida		10	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-3-3	4	0	2	1	0	6
J2	Arkansas		6	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-0-1	0	0	0	1	0	0
J6	Ole Miss		13	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-1-2	2	0	0	0	1	4
J10	Florida		9	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-1-2	2	0	0	0	1	2
J13	Auburn		8	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-0-1	1	1	0	1	0	2
J16	Vanderbilt		8	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-0-1	0	0	0	1	0	0
J20	Alabama		20	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	1-4-5	2	0	1	0	1	1
J23	Kentucky		6	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-0-1	2	0	0	0	0	2
J27	Missouri		4	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	2	0	0	1	0	0
J31	South Carolina		3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	3	0	3	0	0	0
F3	Georgia		6	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-1-3	1	0	0	0	0	0
F6	Alabama		2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	2	0	1	0	0	0
F10	Missouri		4	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
F14	Vanderbilt		3	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
F17	Ole Miss		15	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	1-2-3	3	0	1	0	0	4
F20	Texas A&M		3	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-0-1	0	0	0	0	0	2
F24	South Carolina		-DNP-													
F27	Tennessee		7	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	1-0-1	3	0	0	0	0	2
M3	LSU		4	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	1	0	0	0	0	0
M8	LSU		-DNP-													
M9	Tennessee		-DNP-													
M14	Nebraska		-DNP-													
M18	Baylor		1	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M20	Louisville		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Datcher's Notes . . .

- Earned his first-career start against Alabama State and responded with a career-high 11 points.

- Career-high 3 blocks against Green Bay.

- String of 14-straight made FTs ended against Stephen F. Austin.

- Missed North Dakota State and Dayton games due to a foot injury suffered against Jacksonville State.

- Returned against North Georgia and totaled 8 points.

- Had first steal of the season at Ole Miss on Jan. 6.

- Had a career-high 20 minutes played against Alabama.

CAREER STATS FOR E.J. DATCHER

Year	GP-GS	Min/Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FM-3GA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Rebs	PF-D	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts/Avg
2016-17	31-0	228/7.4	13-32	.406	0-0	.000	5-9	.556	47-1.5	59-1	1	9	18	6	31/1.0
2017-18	30-1	236/7.9	25-42	.595	0-0	.000	17-24	.708	51-1.7	45-1	4	12	8	3	67/2.2
Totals	61-1	464/7.6	38-74	.514	0-0	.000	22-33	.667	98-1.6	104-2	5	21	26	9	98/1.6

Exhibition — Oct. 22, 2017

Nebraska	78
Mississippi State	63

Humphrey Coliseum ● Starkville, MS

Nebraska

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Copeland	f	2-10	0-6	0-0	7	3	4	0	26
Tshimanga	c	5-8	0-0	1-1	6	3	11	1	16
Watson		4-10	2-6	1-2	2	2	11	5	32
Taylor	g	3-5	1-2	2-3	3	3	9	3	28
Palmer	g	5-6	2-3	5-6	1	1	17	0	23
Okeke		2-2	0-0	0-0	3	4	4	0	11
Allen		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	5
Gill		2-5	1-2	1-1	0	1	6	3	14
Borchardt		2-3	0-0	0-0	2	1	4	0	9
TOTALS		28-62	8-27	12-15	37	22	76	16	200

Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Holman	f	2-5	0-1	1-1	1	0	5	0	17
Herard	c	2-3	0-0	0-2	5	1	4	0	16
Peters	g	2-10	0-3	4-8	3	3	8	4	22
Stapleton		2-8	0-2	3-4	5	1	7	2	24
Q. W'spoon	g	4-13	0-3	1-2	5	2	9	1	25
N. W'spoon		0-2	0-0	2-3	4	4	2	2	19
Wright		4-5	0-1	2-2	4	1	10	2	25
Feazell		5-5	0-0	0-0	2	1	10	0	15
Carter		1-5	1-3	2-2	0	1	5	3	18
Datcher		6-8	0-0	0-0	6	4	12	0	19
TOTALS		28-64	1-13	15-24	38	18	72	14	200

Halftime: UN 48, MSU 32. FG%: 43.8%, UN 45.2%. 3FG%: MSU 7.7%, UN 29.6%. FT%: MSU 62.5%, UN 80.0%. Turnovers: MSU 11 (Feazell 3). UN 16 (Roby 5). Blocked Shots: MSU 8 (Herard 3), UM 5 (Five with 1). Steals: MSU 7 (Q. Weatherspoon 3). UN 3 (Three with 1). Officials: Patrick Evans, Hunter Allen, Erroll Lewis. Attendance: 2,900.

Exhibition — Nov. 2, 2017

Mississippi State	87
West Florida	62

Humphrey Coliseum ● Starkville, MS

West Florida

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Tidwell	f	2-7	0-1	3-6	6	3	7	1	25
Tucker	f	1-4	0-0	0-0	6	5	2	0	11
Cox	g	3-7	0-3	0-0	3	3	6	0	29
Deng	g	5-15	0-1	1-3	4	1	11	1	30
Thorpe	g	9-13	2-2	1-4	2	1	21	1	39
Jackson		1-7	1-5	2-4	3	2	5	0	21
Carter Jr.		0-0	0-0	1-2	0	1	1	0	5
Henderson		1-3	0-0	0-0	3	0	2	0	9
Flanagan		1-1	0-0	0-1	1	0	2	0	4
Ventoniemi		2-9	0-0	1-3	2	3	5	0	27
TOTALS		28-62	8-27	12-15	37	22	76	16	200

Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Herard	c	0-0	0-0	2-2	4	5	2	0	12
Peters	g	4-10	3-7	0-0	2	2	11	6	24
Stapleton		4-5	1-2	1-1	2	3	10	0	20
Q. W'spoon	g	5-10	0-1	5-8	8	0	15	1	26
Carter		3-11	1-9	1-2	4	0	8	2	28
Wright		2-6	0-2	2-2	7	1	6	2	24
N. W'spoon		6-8	1-2	1-1	2	0	14	3	18
Storm		0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	3
Clayton		0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	2
Davis		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	2
T. J. Gray		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
Feazell		0-1	0-0	0-0	1	5	0	0	8
Holman		8-9	0-0	0-0	6	3	16	1	17
Datcher		2-4	0-0	1-1	7	5	5	0	16
TOTALS		34-66	6-24	13-17	47	24	87	15	200

Halftime: MSU 44, UWF 31. FG%: 51.5%, UWF 37.9%. 3FG%: MSU 25.0%, UWF 25.0%. FT%: MSU 76.5%, UWF 39.1%. Turnovers: MSU 19 (Datcher 4). UWF 16 (Tidwell, Thorpe 3). Blocked Shots: MSU 7 (Holman 3), UWF 0. Steals: MSU 8 (Q. Weatherspoon 4), UWF 5 (Jackson 2). Officials: Sean Casey, Nate Green, Ken Washington. Attendance: 1,711.

Game 1 — Nov. 10, 2017

Mississippi State	96
Alabama State	68

Humphrey Coliseum ● Starkville, MS

Alabama State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Jones	f	7-11	0-0	2-2	6	2	16	0	33
Johnson	c	2-4	0-0	3-6	6	3	7	0	20
Davis	g	1-7	1-5	0-0	2	0	3	2	24
Ewuosho	g	3-6	1-2	1-2	5	3	8	2	23
Rogers	g	0-3	0-2	0-0	1	4	0	0	7
Johnson		0-3	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	3
Ross		6-11	5-8	0-1	2	2	17	1	24
Gee		1-5	0-2	1-2	1	4	3	0	16
Deneus		3-5	0-0	3-5	7	1	9	1	14
Pichardo		0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	5
Wright		0-0	0-1	1-3	4	3	1	0	5
LeFlore		2-8	0-5	0-1	3	2	4	2	20
Rogers		0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	6
TOTALS		25-67	7-26	11-22	41	26	68	8	200

Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Stapleton	f	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	5
Datcher	c	1-4	0-0	9-9	4	5	11	0	15
N. W'spoon	g	3-8	1-1	4-4	3	0	11	3	25
Peters		2-8	0-5	3-4	4	1	7	7	29
Q. W'spoon	g	8-9	0-1	1-3	8	3	17	1	22
Wright		5-8	1-3	1-2	6	3	12	2	28
Storm		0-2	0-0	0-0	3	1	0	0	4
Clayton		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
Davis		0-1	0-1	1-2	0	0	1	1	2
Singleton		1-2	1-2	0-0	1	0	3	0	5
Gray		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	2
Carter		3-6	2-3	3-4	1	0	11	2	27
Herar		2-5	0-0	1-2	2	4	5	0	13
Holman		6-11	2-4	4-5	11	1	18	0	21
TOTALS		31-64	7-20	27-35	47	19	96	16	200

Halftime: MSU 58, ASU 31. FG%: 56.3%, ASU 32.3%. 3FG%: MSU 50.0%, ASU 33.3%. FT%: MSU 76.2%, ASU 50.0%. Turnovers: MSU 14 (Peters 4). ASU 17 (Ewuosho 4). Blocked Shots: MSU 4 (Peters 2), ASU 1 (B. Johnson). Steals: MSU 7 (Q. W'Spoon, Stapleton 2), ASU 6 (Ewuosho 2). Officials: Terry Moore, Don Daily, Ken Washington. Attendance: 6,811.

Game 2 — Nov. 18, 2017

Mississippi State	79
Florida A&M	48

Humphrey Coliseum ● Starkville, MS

Florida A&M

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Williams	f	5-20	0-2	4-6	8	3	14	0	35
Martin	c	3-6	0-0	1-2	5	1	7	0	33
Mayes	g	0-1	0-1	0-0	2	1	0	2	21
Myles		0-2	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	0	4
Barham	g	5-15	3-9	2-2	5	1	15	0	34
Severado		0-2	0-0	0-0	5	1	0	1	19
Reaves		2-5	1-3	0-0	1	2	5	2	16
Bowman		0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	1	5
Core		2-4	1-1	0-0	3	0	5	0	12
Harrell		1-5	0-0	0-2	4	0	2	0	13
Ravenel		0-3	0-2	0-0	2	1	0	0	8
TOTALS		18-64	5-19	7-12	42	11	48	6	200

Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Ado	f	6-7	0-0	0-0	8	1	12	0	23
Holman	f	2-5	1-1	0-0	6	1	5	0	18
N. W'spoon	g	3-5	1-3	1-3	5	1	12	5	32
Peters	g	5-12	1-7	1-1	1	3	12	5	23
Q. W'spoon	g	5-9	1-4	1-2	6	1	12	4	31
Storm		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	3
Clayton		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
Davis		0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	3
Singleton		2-3	0-1	0-0	0	0	4	1	5
Gray		1-1	1-1	0-0	0	1	3	0	3
Feazell		1-2	0-1	0-0	5	1	2	0	7
Carter		4-10	2-5	0-0	0	1	10	2	23
Herard		0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	14
Datcher		2-3	0-0	3-3	4	1	7	2	13
TOTALS		33-62	7-24	6-9	38	11	79	19	200

Halftime: MSU 28, FAMU 17. FG%: 53.2%, FAMU 28.1%. 3FG%: MSU 29.2%, FAMU 26.3%. FT%: MSU 66.7%, FAMU 58.3%. Turnovers: MSU 17 (Q. W'spoon 4). FAMU 24 (Williams 7). Blocked Shots: MSU 13 (Ado 3), FAMU 2 (Martin 2). Steals: MSU 9 (Peters 4), FAMU 4 (Four players with 1). Officials: Anthony Jordan, Jason Baker, Erroll Lewis. Attendance: 6,132.

Game 3 — Nov. 20, 2017

Mississippi State	77
Green Bay	68

Humphrey Coliseum ● Starkville, MS

Green Bay

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Jesperson	f	2-6	1-4	0-0	5	4	5	2	25
Small	g	3-6	1-2	8-10	7	3	15	1	34
Bell	g	2-6	1-2	0-0	2	0	5	0	12
Hankerson		4-6	0-1	2-2	4	3	10	1	25
Crist	g	0-4	0-3	0-0	5	3	0	5	20
Parham		4-9	3-5	4-6	2	1	15	1	22
Pipes		0-4	0-1	0-0	2	1	0	2	15
Bains		0-0	0-0	0-2	1	0	0	0	6
Patterson		3-6	0-0	3-4	3	3	9	0	21
Chevalier		3-7	3-6	0-0	3	1	9	0	20
TOTALS		21-54	9-24	17-24	36	19	68	12	200

Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Ado	f	4-8	0-0	4-5	11	4	12	1	24
Holman	f	5-7	1-2	2-3	5	3	13	1	23
N. W'spoon	g	3-7	1-3	3-4	5	3	10	4	28
Peters		6-15	1-7	5-6	0	0	18	2	29
Q. W'spoon	g	1-8	0-5	0-0	3	2	2	4	28
Wright		4-6	0-2	0-0	4	2	8	1	17
Feazell		1-3	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	7
Carter		2-6	0-4	2-2	0	1	6	0	19
Herard		1-1	0-0	0-1	3	2	2	0	6
Datcher		2-2	0-0	0-0	6	1	4	0	19
TOTALS		29-63	3-23	16-21	39	19	77	13	200

Halftime: MSU 40, GB 32. FG%: MSU 46.0%, GB 38.9%. 3FG%: MSU 13.0%, GB 37.5%. FT%: MSU 76.2%, GB 70.8%. Turnovers: MSU 14 (N. W'spoon, Peters 3). GB 19 (Small 4). Blocked Shots: MSU 6 (Datcher 3), GB 0. Steals: MSU 6 (Peters 3), GB 5 (Five players with 1). Officials: Karl Hess, Jeffery Clark, Rob Rorke. Attendance: 6,359.

Game 4 — Nov. 22, 2017

Mississippi State	80
Stephen F. Austin	75

Humphrey Coliseum ● Starkville, MS

Stephen F. Austin

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Gilmore III	f	3-9	0-2	6-6	5	5	12	2	28
Holyfield	f	6-13	3-6	4-4	8	4	19	0	35
Augustin	g	2-5	0-2	0-0	0	4	4	2	26
Harris		0-6	0-3	2-2	4	2	2	1	21
Canete	g	5-9	3-6	2-2	4	5	15	4	21
Bogues		8-19	2-6	2-2	2	1	20	0	33
Comeaux		0-3	0-1	0-2	3	3	0	1	17
Nieminen		1-2	1-1	0-0	1	3	3	1	16
Grujic		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	3
TOTALS		25-67	9-27	16-18	31	27	75	7	200

Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Ado	f	2-2	0-0	0-2	4	0	4	0	28
Holman	f	3-3	1-1	3-3	7	3	10	2	24
N. W'spoon	g	4-9	3-6	4-5	0	2	15	3	37
Q. W'spoon	g	4-8	1-4	11-14	7	3	20	6	34
Carter		9-14	1-6	6-7	6	2	25	3	32
Wright		0-3	0-1	0-0	2	1	0	0	17
Herard		0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	6
Datcher		2-4	0-0	2-4	3	4	6	0	22
TOTALS		24-43	6-18	26-35	35	15	80	14	200

Halftime: SFA 40, MSU 32. FG%: MSU 55.8%, SFA 37.3%. 3FG%: MSU 33.3%, SFA 33.3%. FT%: MSU 74.3%, SFA 88.9%. Turnovers: MSU 19 (Ado 6). SFA 12 (Holyfield 4). Blocked Shots: MSU 10 (Ado 5), SFA 2 (Holyfield 2). Steals: MSU 4 (Q. W'spoon 2), SFA 8 (Augustin, Bogues 3). Officials: Don Daily, Todd Austin, Nathan Bemis. Attendance: 7,687.

Game 5 — Nov. 26, 2017

Mississippi State	59
Jacksonville State	56

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Jacksonville State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Cunningham	f	1-2	0-0	0-0	5	3	2	1	17
Giga	c	6-11	1-3	2-2	10	2	15	3	37
Gregory	g	2-6	1-3	0-0	3	3	5	3	26
Drumwright	g	4-13	1-6	0-0	3	2	9	1	35
Spears	g	2-5	2-2	0-0	2	0	6	0	16
Dunlap		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	7
Edwards		0-3	0-1	2-2	4	1	2	1	20
Burnell		5-13	0-2	0-0	6	1	10	1	24
Hunter		2-4	1-2	2-2	1	1	7	0	17
Martin		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTALS		22-57	6-19	6-6	36	13	56	10	200

Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Ado	f	4-6	0-0	1-4	8	3	9	0	33
Holman	f	4-6	0-1	3-6	6	2	11	0	23
N. W'spoon	g	5-9	1-2	1-3	1	1	12	1	30
Q. W'spoon	g	6-11	1-3	0-0	5	2	13	4	35
Carter	g	1-7	1-7	0-0	6	0	3	2	29
Wright		0-5	0-2	0-0	6	0	0	0	23
Stapleton		3-8	1-2	0-0	2	1	7	1	15
Feazell		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	5
Herard		1-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	2	0	4
Datcher		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0	3
TOTALS		25-56	4-18	5-13	37	11	59	9	200

Halftime: JSU 29, MSU 25. FG%: MSU 44.6%, JSU 38.6 %. 3FG%: MSU 22.2%, JSU 31.6%. FT%: MSU 38.5%, JSU 100.0%. Turnovers: MSU 12 (Ado, Q. W'spoon 4). JSU 10 (Cunningham 4). Blocked Shots: MSU 5 (Ado 3), JSU 2 (Cunningham, Burnell 1). Steals: MSU 2 (Ado, Carter 1), JSU 3 (Three players with 1). Officials: Orlandis Poole, Kipp Kissinger, John Gaffney. Attendance: 6,034.

Game 6 — Nov. 30, 2017

Mississippi State	83
North Dakota State	59

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North Dakota State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Eliason	f	1-2	0-0	0-2	6	1	2	1	20
Miller	g	9-18	1-8	0-0	5	2	19	4	35
Samuelson	g	1-4	1-4	0-0	0	1	3	1	22
Jacobson	g	4-6	4-5	3-3	4	2	15	0	24
Ward	g	2-10	0-4	0-0	3	1	4	1	21
Van Dulm		0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	1	2
Quayle		1-3	1-3	0-0	4	0	3	0	17
Hunter		3-8	3-7	0-0	2	3	9	3	27
Geu		1-3	0-1	2-2	3	1	4	1	14
Kreuser		0-3	0-3	0-0	0	3	0	1	18
TOTALS		22-57	10-35	5-8	28	14	59	13	200

Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Ado	f	2-2	0-0	1-1	4	5	5	0	14
Holman	f	4-7	2-3	2-4	9	2	12	0	23
N. W'spoon	g	5-9	1-3	1-1	4	0	12	2	31
Q. W'spoon	g	4-9	1-3	0-2	4	1	9	10	26
Carter	g	12-17	6-10	5-5	6	1	35	1	32
Wright		0-5	0-3	0-0	2	1	0	2	25
Stapleton		2-6	0-1	0-0	3	2	4	0	20
Storm		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
Davis		1-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	0	1
Singleton		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0	2
Feazell		0-1	0-0	0-2	3	1	0	0	12
Herard		0-2	0-0	2-2	3	0	2	0	12
TOTALS		31-60	10-23	11-17	41	13	83	15	200

Halftime: JMSU 29, NDSU 24. FG%: MSU 51.7%, NDSU 38.6 %. 3FG%: MSU 43.5%, NDSU 28.6%. FT%: MSU 64.7%, NDSU 62.5%. Turnovers: MSU 12 (Ado 4). NDSU 14 (Kreuser 4). Blocked Shots: MSU 1 (Stapleton), NDSU 0. Steals: MSU 8 (Stapleton 3), NDSU 3 (Three players with 1). Officials: Doug Shows, Tony Henderson, Bart Lenox. Attendance: 5,831.

Game 7 — Dec. 3, 2017

Mississippi State	61
Dayton	59

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Dayton

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Cunningham	f	7-8	0-1	2-4	8	3	16	2	30
Antetokounmpo	f	1-2	0-0	0-2	0	4	2	0	11
Davis	g	5-12	2-7	5-8	10	4	17	3	38
Landers	g	0-1	0-1	0-0	3	2	0	2	20
Crutcher	g	6-11	4-8	2-2	3	0	18	0	33
Davis		0-4	0-3	0-0	2	1	0	1	26
Svoboda		2-6	2-5	0-0	3	0	6	0	32
Pierce		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	3
Crosby		0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	7
TOTALS		21-46	8-25	9-16	30	13	59	8	200

Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Ado	f	2-2	0-0	1-1	3	3	5	0	21
Holman	f	2-4	2-4	0-0	8	0	6	1	28
N. W'spoon	g	3-7	0-3	0-2	1	4	6	1	31
Q. W'spoon	g	5-11	0-3	1-2	10	4	11	6	35
Carter	g	7-12	6-10	0-0	1	2	20	2	32
Peters		1-5	1-5	0-0	0	2	3	2	21
Stapleton		3-8	0-3	2-2	1	3	8	0	18
Feazell		1-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	0	11
Herard		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	3
TOTALS		24-50	9-28	4-7	27	18	61	12	200

Halftime: MSU 35, UD 20. FG%: MSU 48.0%, UD 45.7%. 3FG%: MSU 32.1%, UD 32.0%. FT%: MSU 57.1%, UD 56.3%. Turnovers: MSU 24 (Q. W'spoon, Carter 5). UD 26 (Three players with 5). Blocked Shots: MSU 5 (Holman, Q. W'spoon 2), UD (Antetokounmpo, Landers 1). Steals: MSU 13 (Three players with 3), UD 14 (Davis 4). Officials: Anthony Jordan, Chuck Jones, Garrick Shannon. Attendance: 7,539.

Game 8 — Dec. 9, 2017

Mississippi State	95
North Georgia	62

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North Georgia

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Fuzak	f	3-9	2-6	0-0	2	1	8	1	19
Olantunji	f	5-9	0-0	0-0	10	2	10	1	30
Tshimanga	g	3-6	0-1	0-0	4	0	6	3	31
Cantrell	g	2-11	1-2	0-2	4	1	5	1	27
Smith	g	3-9	2-4	0-0	2	0	8	0	24
Cotter		2-3	1-2	0-2	3	0	5	2	9
Poitier		1-4	1-4	0-0	0	0	3	0	10
Dominy		3-6	0-1	0-1	1	2	6	2	13
Dean		3-8	0-2	0-0	4	1	6	1	19
Howard		1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	3	0	4
Watson		1-5	0-4	0-0	5	1	2	0	14
TOTALS		27-71	8-27	0-5	39	8	62	11	200

Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Ado	f	1-5	0-0	2-2	3	1	4	0	17
Holman	f	5-5	2-2	1-1	6	0	13	0	13
N. W'spoon	g	4-8	0-2	1-1	3	0	9	4	24
Q. W'spoon	g	8-11	4-4	2-2	2	1	22	2	26
Carter	g	1-7	0-3	0-0	3	1	2	2	27
Peters		4-12	3-7	0-0	7	1	11	6	22
Stapleton		3-6	0-3	0-0	1	2	6	0	17
Storm		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	4
Clayton		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	4
Davis		0-3	0-2	0-0	2	0	0	0	4
Singleton		3-5	3-4	0-0	0	0	9	0	5
Gray		0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	4
Feazell		5-5	1-1	0-0	4	2	11	0	11
Herard		0-2	0-0	0-0	5	1	0	0	11
Datcher		3-3	0-0	2-2	3	0	8	0	11
TOTALS		37-74	13-30	8-8	44	10	95	14	200

Halftime: MSU 53, NG 26. FG%: MSU 50.0%, NG 38.0%. 3FG%: MSU 43.3%, NG 29.6%. FT%: MSU 100.0%, NG 0.0%. Turnovers: MSU 10 (Ado 3). NG 16 (Tshimanga 5). Blocked Shots: MSU 9 (Ado 4), NG 3 (Olatunji 2). Steals: MSU 8 (N. W'spoon, Q. W'spoon 2), NG 5 (Tshimanga 2). Officials: Joe Lindsay, Chuck Jones, Jason Baker. Attendance: 6,613.

Game 9 — Dec. 12, 2017

Cincinnati	65
Mississippi State	50

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Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Ado	f	0-1	0-0	0-0	4	1	0	0	27
Holman	f	7-12	3-3	1-2	10	1	18	1	26
N. W'spoon	g	6-11	0-1	0-0	1	2	12	2	26
Q. W'spoon	g	3-12	1-5	5-6	7	3	12	3	34
Carter	g	3-7	2-5	0-0	0	1	8	1	23
Peters		0-11	0-7	0-0	1	4	0	2	21
Wright		0-3	0-1	0-0	3	2	0	0	16
Stapleton		0-4	0-1	0-0	1	2	0	0	12
Feazell		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
Herard		0-1	0-0	0-0	3	0	0	0	9
Datcher		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	4
TOTALS		19-63	6-21	6-8	38	16	50	9	200

Cincinnati

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Clark	f	2-6	1-3	4-4	13	3	9	4	34
Washington	f	8-15	0-1	0-0	5	1	16	1	31
Evans	g	7-13	4-7	6-6	8	2	24	2	35
Jenifer	g	1-3	1-1	0-0	0	1	3	3	19
Cumberland	g	1-8	1-4	4-6	5	0	7	3	30
Williams		2-4	0-2	0-0	1	1	4	0	13
Moore		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	0	0	3
Scott		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1	6
Broome		1-4	0-1	0-0	1	2	2	4	20
Diarra		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
Brooks		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	8
TOTALS		22-54	7-20	14-16	37	11	65	18	200

Halftime: UC 35, MSU 25. FG%: MSU 30.2%, UC 40.7%. 3FG%: MSU 28.6%, UC 35.0%. FT%: MSU 75.0%, UC 87.5%. Turnovers: MSU 16 (Peters 6). UC 14 (Clark 4). Blocked Shots: MSU 4 (Ado 3), UC 11 (Clark 5). Steals: MSU 9 (Ado 4), UC 5 (Clark, Broome 2). Officials: Doug Sirmons, Ted Valentine, Pat Adams. Attendance: 8,128.

Game 10 — Dec. 16, 2017

Mississippi State	92
UT Martin	61

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UT Martin

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Lewis	f	2-10	0-2	0-0	4	4	4	4	25
Parker	c	1-1	0-0	0-0	3	3	2	1	15
Butler	g	9-21	4-12	0-0	5	2	22	3	40
Bogan	g	4-7	2-4	0-0	5	4	10	3	30
Hewitt	g	0-1	0-1	0-0	2	0	0	0	9
Thompson		2-6	2-4	0-0	2	1	6	2	20
Fofana		0-2	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	1	11
Williams		2-5	0-2	0-0	0	2	4	1	18
Beaufort		2-6	1-3	1-2	1	2	6	0	13
Gill		2-6	0-0	3-4	3	3	7	2	19
TOTALS		24-65	9-28	4-6	29	21	61	13	200

Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Ado	f	2-5	0-0	2-3	12	0	6	0	26
Holman	f	9-12	2-4	1-3	12	1	21	1	21
N. W'spoon	g	4-7	3-4	0-0	4	1	11	1	26
Q. W'spoon	g	6-10	1-4	8-9	8	1	21	7	24
Carter	g	1-8	0-7	0-0	0	2	2	7	21
Peters		3-7	3-7	0-0	3	0	9	2	21
Wright		3-7	1-3	2-3	2	2	9	1	15
Stapleton		4-7	1-3	0-0	3	4	9	1	16
Storm		0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	3
Davis		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	3
Singleton		1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	0	3
Feazell		1-1	0-0	0-1	3	0	2	0	7
Herard		0-1	0-0	0-2	2	1	0	0	9
Datcher		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	5
TOTALS		34-67	11-33	13-21	53	10	92	21	200

Halftime: MSU 39, UTM 36. FG%: MSU 50.7%, UTM 36.9%. 3FG%: MSU 33.3%, UTM 32.1%. FT%: MSU 61.9%, UTM 66.7%. Turnovers: MSU 12 (Four players with 2). UTM 14 (Lewis, Gill 3). Blocked Shots: MSU 5 (Ado 3), UTM 0. Steals: MSU 8 (Q. W'spoon 4), UTM 4 (Butler 2). Officials: Joe Lindsay, Tim Gattis, Wil Howard. Attendance: 6,709.

Game 11 — Dec. 20, 2017

Mississippi State	64
Little Rock	48

Humphrey Coliseum ● Starkville, MS

Little Rock

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
O. Black	f	3-5	0-0	0-0	5	2	6	2	30
Hadzic	c	4-7	1-4	0-0	2	4	9	0	20
Jones	g	1-8	0-1	0-0	4	1	2	2	25
Lottie	g	1-4	0-1	2-2	5	1	4	1	29
A.Black	g	3-10	1-7	0-1	3	4	7	1	30
Pippins		3-8	1-3	0-1	1	4	7	0	21
Corcoran		1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	3	0	7
Carson		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
Gilmore		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
Mompremier		0-3	0-1	0-0	0	2	0	0	14
Marcus		3-3	0-0	0-2	4	3	6	1	13
Brady		1-3	0-2	2-2	2	0	4	0	5
Bankston		0-1	0-0	0-2	3	0	0	0	3
TOTALS		20-54	4-20	4-10	35	21	48	7	200

Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Ado	f	2-3	0-0	2-4	13	2	6	1	28
Holman	f	3-8	0-2	4-8	5	1	10	1	20
N. W'spoon	g	3-9	2-5	0-0	4	2	8	1	23
Q. W'spoon	g	7-11	1-3	6-6	8	1	21	3	26
Carter	g	3-7	1-4	0-0	0	0	7	1	24
Peters		0-4	0-4	0-2	3	2	0	4	24
Wright		2-5	1-3	2-5	4	0	7	0	19
Stapleton		1-5	1-3	1-1	2	2	3	0	21
Storm		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
Singleton		0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0	1
Feazell		1-3	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	10
Herard		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	1
Datcher		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
TOTALS		22-56	5-25	15-27	40	15	64	11	200

Halftime: MSU 26, UALR 23. FG%: MSU 39.3%, UALR 37.0%. 3FG%: MSU 20.0%, UALR 20.0%. FT%: MSU 55.6%, UALR 40.0%. Turnovers: MSU 12 (Holman, Q. W'spoon 2). UALR 21 (Lottie 6). Blocked Shots: MSU 7 (Ado 3), UALR 0. Steals: MSU 11 (Four players with 2), UALR 5 (Marcus 2). Officials: Karl Hess, Mike Nance, Lamar Simpson. Attendance: 7,156.

Game 12 — Dec. 23, 2017

Mississippi State	70
Southern Miss	64

Mississippi Coliseum ● Starkville, MS

Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Ado	f	3-4	0-0	2-5	5	4	8	3	27
Holman	c	3-5	1-1	3-4	6	0	10	0	24
N. W'spoon	g	2-4	1-2	5-7	3	2	10	0	29
Q. W'spoon	g	2-5	0-3	3-6	4	3	7	4	31
Carter	g	2-5	1-3	2-2	3	0	7	2	22
Peters		4-10	0-4	2-5	3	0	10	3	19
Wright		1-2	0-0	0-0	2	1	2	2	16
Stapleton		4-7	4-7	0-0	3	2	12	1	23
Datcher		2-2	0-0	0-0	3	2	4	0	9
TOTALS		23-44	7-20	17-29	35	14	70	15	200

Southern Miss

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Davis	f	2-3	1-1	2-2	4	2	7	1	20
MaGee	g	2-8	2-6	2-2	4	4	8	4	20
Edwards	g	9-17	3-6	1-2	7	2	22	0	38
Griffin	g	4-12	0-4	1-2	5	5	9	5	39
Holland	g	3-8	3-7	2-3	0	4	11	1	38
Richardson		0-4	0-1	0-0	1	1	0	4	23
Rowe		3-4	0-0	1-3	6	3	7	0	18
Hampton		0-1	0-1	0-0	2	20	9	0	4
TOTALS		23-57	9-26	9-14	30	21	64	15	200

Halftime: MSU 36, UUSM 27. FG%: MSU 52.3%, USM 40.4%. 3FG%: MSU 35.0%, USM 34.6%. FT%: MSU 58.6%, USM 64.3%. Turnovers: MSU 15 (Ado 5). USM 9 (Three players with 3). Blocked Shots: MSU 4 (Four players with 4), USM 1 (Rowe). Steals: MSU 3 (Three players with 1), USM 6 (Edwards 4). Officials: Tim Gattis Orlandis Poole, Marques Petti-grew. Attendance: 4,028.

Game 13 — Dec. 30, 2017

Mississippi State	109
North Florida	81

Humphrey Coliseum ● Starkville, MS

North Florida

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Horchler	f	2-8	0-3	0-0	3	3	4	1	26
Aminu	f	4-10	4-5	5-6	3	1	13	1	29
Escobar	g	5-10	4-7	0-0	1	2	14	0	23
Burkhardt	g	3-4	3-4	0-1	3	0	9	1	20
G.-Rosa	g	3-9	3-7	3-4	1	0	12	7	30
Lambright		0-3	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	4
Coffey II		1-3	1-1	0-0	0	2	3	0	17
Day		6-12	0-2	5-6	4	3	17	0	23
Haid		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	3
Driscoll		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
TOTALS		27-63	12-29	15-19	21	13	81	12	200

Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Ado	f	2-3	0-0	1-6	9	3	5	0	27
Holman	f	10-12	1-2	2-2	4	3	23	1	18
N. W'spoon	g	3-5	0-1	5-6	6	0	11	4	27
Q. W'spoon	g	7-10	2-3	2-2	6	3	18	6	27
Carter	g	4-6	1-2	2-2	3	0	11	1	24
Peters		1-4	0-2	0-0	2	3	2	4	15
Wright		3-7	0-0	0-0	2	3	2	4	15
Stapleton		6-10	3-5	1-1	2	2	16	3	18
Storm		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	2
Davis		0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	2
Singleton		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0	2
Feazell		4-7	0-1	1-1	3	2	9	0	7
Datcher		3-4	0-0	0-0	3	4	6	0	10
TOTALS		44-71	7-18	14-20	46	21	109	24	200

Halftime: MSU 47, UNF 43. FG%: MSU 62.0%, UNF 42.9%. 3FG%: MSU 38.9%, UNF 41.4%. FT%: MSU 70.0%, UNF 78.9%. Turnovers: MSU 14 (3 players with 3). UNF 14 (Gandia-Rosa 5). Blocked Shots: MSU 5 (Ado 2), UNF 3 (3 players with 1). Steals: MSU 7 (Stapleton 2), UNF 4 (Day 2). Officials: Bart Lenox, Mike Nance, Tim Pettis. Attendance: 7,764.

Game 14 — Jan. 2, 2018

Mississippi State	78
No. 22 Arkansas	75

Humphrey Coliseum ● Starkville, MS

Arkansas

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Gafford	f	8-11	0-0	1-3	5	3	17	2	32
Thomas	f	0-2	0-0	0-0	5	2	0	4	18
Barford	g	4-15	0-6	3-4	7	4	11	5	38
Macon	g	9-12	9-7	1-3	5	2	24	2	37
Beard	g	4-7	1-2	0-0	1	2	9	3	29
Thompson		0-1	0-0	0-0	4	3	0	1	8
Bailey		5-7	0-0	0-2	6	5	10	0	18
Cook		1-3	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	0	4
Hall		1-2	0-0	0-0	3	1	2	0	6
Jones		0-2	0-0	0-0	3	2	0	0	10
TOTALS		32-62	6-15	5-12	39	26	75	17	200

Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Ado	f	3-3	0-0	2-9	9	2	8	0	34
Holman	f	1-8	0-4	2-2	5	2	4	0	20
N. W'spoon	g	7-10	1-3	7-10	4	1	22	2	33
Q. W'spoon	g	7-13	2-4	6-8	7	4	22	2	33
Carter	g	2-7	1-5	2-3	4	0	7	1	21
Peters		4-9	0-3	1-2	2	1	9	3	23
Wright		0-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	10
Stapleton		1-4	0-2	4-6	4	1	6	1	20
Datcher		0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	6
TOTALS		25-59	4-21	24-40	39	11	78	9	200

Halftime: MSU 32, AR 28. FG%: MSU 42.4%, AR 51.6%. 3FG%: MSU 19.0%, AR 40.0%. FT%: MSU 60.0%, AR 41.7%. Turnovers: MSU 7 (Q. W'spoon 2). AR 13 (4 players with 2). Blocked Shots: MSU 8 (Ado 4), AR 3 (Thompson 2). Steals: MSU 8 (Q. W'spoon 3), AR 3 (Beard 2). Officials: Joe Lindsay, Orlandis Poole, Ron Groover. Attendance: 6,324.

Game 15 — Jan. 6, 2018

Ole Miss	64
Mississippi State	58

The Pavilion ● Oxford, MS

Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Ado	f	2-5	0-0	1-2	4	4	5	0	17
Holman	f	3-6	2-4	1-2	5	0	9	3	22
N. W'spoon	g	3-10	0-3	3-6	2	3	9	0	32
Q. W'spoon	g	3-12	0-2	1-2	3	2	7	3	30
Carter	g	2-5	0-3	1-2	1	1	5	2	15
Peters		3-10	1-4	0-1	4	4	7	3	24
Wright		2-4	1-2	0-0	8	2	5	1	21
Stapleton		2-9	1-5	2-2	9	3	7	1	26
Feazell		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
Datcher		2-2	0-0	0-0	2	2	4	0	13
TOTALS		21-62	5-22	9-15	41	14	64	10	200

Ole Miss

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Hymon	f	0-3	0-0	0-0	5	4	0	0	17
Stevens	f	2-5	1-2	2-2	5	1	7	2	26
Shuler	g	4-8	1-5	1-2	1	1	10	1	24
Davis	g	1-13	0-8	0-2	5	0	2	0	21
Tyree	g	6-12	2-4	2-4	2	3	16	2	25
Burnett		6-10	3-4	6-8	5	2	21	3	32
Crawford		1-4	0-2	4-4	4	0	6	2	28
Olejniczak		1-3	0-0	0-0	5	3	2	0	14
Furmanavicius		0-4	0-3	0-0	2	0	0	0	13
TOTALS		21-62	15-22	15-22	41	14	64	10	200

Halftime: MSU 34, OM 28. FG%: MSU 34.9%, OM 33.9%. 3FG%: MSU 21.7%, OM 25.0%. FT%: MSU 52.9%, OM 68.2%. Turnovers: MSU 14 (Q. W'spoon 5). OM 7 (Tyree, Burnett 2). Blocked Shots: MSU 4 (Holman 2), OM 5 (Five players with 1). Steals: MSU 4 (4 players with 1), OM 6 (Shuler 3). Officials: Tony Greene, Owen Shortt, Jason Baker. Attendance: 8,664.

Game 16 — Jan. 10, 2018

Florida	71
Mississippi State	54

O'Connell Center ● Gainesville, FL

Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Ado	f	6-8	0-0	0-0	10	3	12	1	24
Holman	f	3-4	0-0	1-1	4	5	7	0	16
N. W'spoon	g	2-9	0-2	3-4	1	2	7	3	32
Q. W'spoon	g	6-13	4-8	0-0	5	2	16	3	36
Carter	g	1-6	0-0	0-1	2	0	2	0	25
Peters		1-6	1-3	0-0	0	1	3	0	25
Wright		2-6	0-1	1-2	4	1	5	1	23
Feazell		0-1	0-0	0-0	4	0	0	0	11
Datcher		1-2	0-0	0-0	2	2	2	0	9
TOTALS		22-55	5-16	5-7	31	17	54	9	201

Florida

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Hayes	f	2-3	0-0	2-3	7	0	6	0	28
Stone	f	4-9	1-4	1-1	8	1	10	0	30
Hudson	g	3-13	1-7	5-5	4	1	12	1	30
Koulechov	g	9-13	4-5	1-2	8	3	23	2	28
Allen	g	1-3	1-2	0-0	0	3	3	2	28
Okauru		1-2	0-0	1-2	2	0	3	1	18
Chiozza		3-10	2-5	2-3	1	0	10	7	28
Gak		1-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	5
Bassett		1-3	0-0	0-0	1	2	2	0	4
TOTALS		25-28	9-23	12-16	38	11	71	13	199

Halftime: UF 33m MSU 28. FG%: MSU 40.0%, UF 43.1%. 3FG%: MSU 31.3%, UF 39.1%. FT%: MSU 71.4%, UF 75.0%. Turnovers: MSU 16 (Q. W'spoon 5). UF 7 (Stone, Koulechov 4). Blocked Shots: MSU 2 (Ado, Wright 1), UF 4 (Hayes 3). Steals: MSU 5 (Q. W'spoon 2), UF 7 (Chiozza 3). Officials: Karl Hess, Byron Jarrett, Darron George. Attendance: 9,917.

Game 17 — Jan. 13, 2018

Auburn	76
Mississippi State	**68**

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Auburn

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Mclemore	f	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	12
Harper	g	2-7	1-3	7-7	4	3	12	4	29
Brown	g	6-13	5-8	6-8	2	2	23	1	33
Heron	g	5-13	0-4	4-6	5	1	14	0	29
Murray	g	3-10	1-3	7-8	9	3	14	0	26
Spencer		0-2	0-0	1-2	5	3	1	2	25
Okeke		1-4	0-0	0-1	5	2	2	0	17
Mitchell		1-4	0-0	0-0	3	3	2	1	18
Dunbar		3-6	2-3	0-0	3	1	8	0	11
TOTALS		21-60	9-21	25-32	39	19	76	8	200

Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Ado	f	4-5	0-0	2-4	11	3	10	0	31
Holman	f	4-9	1-3	2-2	6	3	11	0	29
N. W'spoon	g	3-10	0-3	4-6	3	4	10	3	28
Q. W'spoon	g	5-13	2-7	2-2	4	4	14	3	33
Carter	g	3-8	1-5	0-0	3	1	7	0	23
Peters		4-7	1-2	1-2	5	3	10	1	21
Wright		0-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	2	8
Stapleton		0-4	0-3	4-6	5	2	4	0	19
Datcher		1-1	0-0	0-0	3	1	2	1	8
TOTALS		24-59	5-23	15-22	42	24	68	10	200

Halftime: MSU 35, AU 24. FG%: MSU 40.7%, AU 35.0%. 3FG%: MSU 21.7%, AU 42.9%. FT%: MSU 68.2%, AU 78.1%. Turnovers: MSU 12 (Peter 4). AU 7 (Harper, Heron 2). Blocked Shots: MSU 8 (Ado, Holman 2), AU 3 (Three players with 1). Steals: MSU 3 (Ado 2), AU 7 (Murray 3). Officials: Pat Adams, Joe Lindsay, Wil Howard. Attendance: 8,443.

Game 18 — Jan. 16, 2018

Mississippi State	**80**
Vanderbilt	62

Humphrey Coliseum • Starkville, MS

Vanderbilt

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Roberson	f	5-10	0-4	0-1	2	4	10	2	26
Baptiste	c	0-0	0-0	2-2	2	2	2	0	12
Lee	g	2-6	0-3	2-2	5	1	6	4	28
Willis	g	3-8	2-6	0-0	0	0	8	0	26
Lachance	g	2-4	1-3	0-0	7	3	5	4	25
Toye		1-2	1-2	0-0	1	1	3	1	20
Austin		2-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	4	2	16
Evans		1-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	0	5
Brown		3-7	0-2	2-2	2	2	8	1	20
Obinna		6-9	0-0	2-4	4	1	14	0	22
TOTALS		26-53	4-20	6-9	29	15	62	14	200

Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Ado	f	4-7	0-0	1-4	6	4	9	1	14
Holman	f	7-10	2-3	2-2	14	1	18	2	26
N. W'spoon	g	1-7	0-3	0-0	3	1	2	4	21
Q. W'spoon	g	8-12	1-3	2-3	4	2	19	4	28
Carter	g	3-8	2-4	1-1	5	2	9	2	30
Peters		3-8	1-3	3-4	1	0	10	5	22
Wright		2-3	0-0	1-1	1	1	5	2	21
Stapleton		3-9	2-4	0-0	0	0	8	0	24
Feazell		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	6
Datcher		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	8
TOTALS		31-64	8-20	10-15	37	11	80	20	200

Halftime: MSU 37, VU 25. FG%: MSU 48.4%, VU 49.1%. 3FG%: MSU 40.0%, VU 20.0%. FT%: MSU 66.7%, VU 66.7%. Turnovers: MSU 4 (Q. W'spoon 2). VU 10 (Roberson, Lee 2). Blocked Shots: MSU 5 (Holman 2), VU 3 (Brown 2). Steals: MSU 8 (Peters 3), VU 2 (Willis, Austin 1). Officials: Doug Shows, Orlandis Poole, Terry Oglesby. Attendance: 6,633.

Game 19 — Jan. 20, 2018

Alabama	68
Mississippi State	**62**

Coleman Coliseum • Tuscaloosa, AL

Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Ado	f	5-8	0-0	1-1	4	4	11	0	20
Holman	f	3-5	1-1	4-5	10	3	11	0	28
N. W'spoon	g	2-9	1-4	2-2	1	2	7	1	25
Q. W'spoon	g	4-9	0-3	4-4	9	2	12	2	31
Carter	g	1-5	1-4	0-0	0	1	3	0	23
Peters		6-15	4-10	1-2	1	3	17	2	28
Wright		0-1	0-0	0-0	2	2	0	0	12
Feazell		0-2	0-1	0-0	1	1	0	0	13
Datcher		0-2	0-0	1-2	5	2	1	0	20
TOTALS		21-56	7-23	13-16	38	20	62	5	200

Alabama

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Key	f	6-13	2-4	2-3	5	1	16	4	28
Giddens	c	5-7	0-0	3-6	4	4	13	1	22
Jones		3-8	0-1	0-0	5	1	6	0	30
Ingram	g	0-2	0-0	7-10	8	4	7	6	29
Petty	g	3-11	2-7	1-2	4	2	9	4	35
Hall		4-8	0-0	0-0	5	1	8	1	19
Reese		1-4	0-2	0-0	2	0	2	0	12
Johnson Jr.		2-3	1-2	0-0	1	1	5	0	16
Smith		1-4	0-0	0-0	3	3	2	0	9
TOTALS		25-60	5-16	13-23	40	17	68	16	200

Halftime: MSU 22, UA 41. FG%: MSU 37.5%, UA 41.7%. 3FG%: MSU 30.4%, UA 31.3%. FT%: MSU 81.3%, UA 56.5%. Turnovers: MSU 16 (Q. W'spoon 5). UA 11 (Ingram 3). Blocked Shots: MSU 1 (Ado 1), UA 6 (Giddens 3). Steals: 7 (Peters 3), UA 7 (Key 3). Officials: Tony Henderon, Owen Shortt, Gerald Williams. Attendance: 15,383.

Game 20 — Jan. 23, 2018

Kentucky	78
Mississippi State	**65**

Rupp Arena • Lexington, KY

Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Ado	f	0-4	0-0	2-3	5	1	2	0	31
Holman	f	3-6	0-3	0-0	6	4	6	0	21
N. W'spoon	g	4-8	1-3	1-2	4	2	10	0	22
Peters	g	4-11	1-5	0-0	3	0	9	5	33
Q. W'spoon	g	8-16	1-5	2-2	9	3	19	6	31
Wright		1-2	0-1	2-2	1	1	4	1	11
Stapleton		3-6	0-2	0-0	2	5	6	2	21
Feazell		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	3
Carter		2-11	2-10	1-1	1	2	7	2	21
Datcher		1-3	0-0	0-0	1	2	2	0	6
TOTALS		26-67	5-29	8-10	31	23	65	16	200

Kentucky

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Richards	f	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	11
Knox	f	5-6	4-4	5-6	6	1	19	1	36
Washington	f	6-10	0-2	10-14	6	4	22	2	31
Diallo	g	3-8	0-2	0-1	7	2	6	2	27
Alexander	g	6-15	0-3	4-4	4	1	16	6	35
Green		0-2	0-1	4-4	0	1	4	0	20
Killeya - Jones		1-3	0-0	0-1	3	0	2	0	10
Vanderbilt		1-7	0-0	0-0	7	2	2	0	11
Gabriel		3-6	1-2	0-0	6	4	7	0	19
TOTALS		25-58	5-14	23-30	41	13	78	11	200

Halftime: MSU 36, UK 38. FG%: MSU 38.8%, UK 43.1%. 3FG%: MSU 17.2%, UK 35.7%. FT%: MSU 80.0%, UK 76.7%. Turnovers: MSU 11 (Five players with 2). UK 11 (Knox 4). Blocked Shots: 4 (Holman 3), UK 5 (Washington, Diallo 2). Steals: MSU 5 (Carter 2), UK 7 (Washington 3). Officials: Pat Adams, Karl Hess, Vladimir Voyard-Tadal. Attendance: 20,609.

Game 21 — Jan. 27, 2018

Mississippi State	**74**
Missouri	62

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Missouri

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Porter	f	3-6	0-3	0-0	4	4	6	0	22
Barnett	f	2-10	1-5	0-0	4	2	5	0	35
Tilmon	f	3-7	0-0	0-0	5	2	6	0	24
Robertson	g	8-14	3-7	1-2	2	3	20	4	38
Geist	g	2-8	0-4	1-2	7	2	5	4	28
Rau		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
Nikko		1-1	0-0	1-2	1	2	3	1	8
Puryear		3-7	0-1	1-2	5	2	7	0	24
VanLeer		4-4	2-2	0-0	2	3	10	2	19
TOTALS		26-57	6-22	4-8	34	20	62	11	200

Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Ado	f	5-6	0-0	2-2	7	1	12	0	32
Holman	f	4-6	1-2	0-1	3	2	9	0	26
N. W'spoon	g	5-13	1-3	1-2	4	1	12	3	32
Peters		2-4	0-2	0-0	2	1	4	9	26
Q. W'spoon	g	7-9	2-4	4-5	6	1	20	4	34
Wright		2-3	0-0	0-0	0	1	4	0	9
Stapleton		1-4	1-2	0-0	0	3	3	0	16
Carter		3-8	1-3	3-4	2	0	10	1	21
Datcher		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	0	4
TOTALS		29-53	6-16	10-14	27	11	74	17	200

Halftime: MSU 31, MIZ 31. FG%: MSU 54.7%, MIZ 45.6%. 3FG%: MSU 37.5%, MIZ 27.3%. FT%: MSU 71.4%, MIZ 50.0%. Turnovers: MSU 15 (Three players with 3). MIZ 19 (Porter, Tilmon 4). Blocked Shots: MSU 7 (Stapleton, Wright 3), MIZ 3 (Tilmon 3). Steals: MSU 10 (Q. W'spoon 3), MIZ 4 (Barnett 2). Officials: Anthony Jordan, Brian Shay, Rob Rorke. Attendance: 7,169.

Game 22 — Jan. 31, 2018

Mississippi State	**81**
South Carolina	76

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Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Ado	f	6-9	0-0	4-5	9	5	16	0	29
Holman	f	2-3	0-1	2-2	5	2	6	0	19
N. W'spoon	g	7-13	1-3	2-2	2	1	17	3	33
Peters		1-6	0-3	0-0	1	3	2	3	27
Q. W'spoon	g	6-12	2-6	4-4	5	4	18	3	30
Wright		2-3	1-1	0-0	1	1	5	2	10
Stapleton		3-6	1-3	2-2	2	4	9	0	25
Feazell		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	3
Carter		3-6	2-2	0-0	3	0	8	1	21
Datcher		0-0	0-0	0-1	1	3	0	0	3
TOTALS		30-58	7-19	14-15	32	24	81	12	200

South Carolina

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Kotsar	f	3-8	0-2	2-4	4	2	8	1	31
Silva	f	4-7	0-0	10-13	6	3	18	2	27
Booker	g	8-12	5-8	4-5	3	2	25	0	34
Myers	g	3-7	0-1	2-2	4	3	8	1	21
Hinson	g	1-8	0-2	0-0	3	1	2	1	13
Beatty		2-7	1-5	1-1	6	2	6	4	23
Gravett		1-3	0-1	2-2	3	0	4	7	24
Gueye		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	4
Haase		2-8	1-5	0-0	2	1	5	1	23
TOTALS		24-60	7-24	21-27	33	14	76	13	200

Halftime: MSU 37, USC 36. FG%: MSU 51.7%, USC 40.0%. 3FG%: MSU 36.8%, USC 29.2%. FT%: MSU 93.3%, USC 77.8%. Turnovers: MSU 14 (Q. W'spoon 5). USC 13 (Myers 5). Blocked Shots: MSU 6 (Ado 4), USC 2 (Kotsar, Gravett 1). Steals: MSU 7 (Carter 3), USC 5 (Myers 2). Officials: Karl Hess, Olandis Poole, Tim Gattis. Attendance: 11,042.

Game 23 — Feb. 3, 2018

Mississippi State	72	
Georgia	57	

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Georgia

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Maten	f	5-12	0-2	3-6	7	1	13	1	37
Parker		1-6	1-3	0-0	2	3	3	0	31
Ogbeide	f	1-2	0-0	1-2	0	2	3	0	10
Jackson II	g	2-9	1-4	0-0	1	1	5	7	36
Crump	g	4-9	3-7	2-4	2	1	13	2	31
Diatta		4-4	4-4	0-0	1	5	12	1	18
Wilridge		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0+
Hammonds		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	0	0	4
Edwards		1-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0	12
Claxton		2-3	0-0	2-2	5	3	6	1	21
TOTALS		20-49	9-21	8-14	20	17	57	12	200

Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Ado	f	3-3	0-0	1-2	6	2	7	1	33
Holman	f	4-8	1-5	3-4	8	2	12	0	28
N. W'spoon	g	7-9	0-1	0-0	4	2	14	1	26
Peters	g	9-17	2-8	0-0	1	2	20	2	32
Q. W'spoon	g	3-7	1-4	7-8	8	2	14	1	30
Wright		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	1	13
Stapleton		0-2	0-1	2-2	1	3	2	0	12
Feazell		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
Carter		1-5	1-3	0-0	1	2	3	1	19
Datcher		0-1	0-0	0-0	3	1	0	0	6
TOTALS		27-53	5-22	13-16	37	17	72	7	200

Halftime: MSU 37, UGA 21. FG%: MSU 50.9%, UGA 40.8%. 3FG%: MSU 22.7%, UGA 42.9%. FT%: MSU 81.3%, UGA 57.1%. Turnovers: MSU 12 (Ado, Peters 4). UGA 12 (4 players with 2). Blocked Shots: MSU 2 (Ado 2), UGA 4 (Claxton 2). Steals: MSU 8 (Peters 4), UGA 1 (Maten 1). Officials: Byron Jarrett, Patrick Evans, Bart Lenox. Attendance: 7,775.

Game 24 — Feb. 6, 2018

Mississippi State	67	
Alabama	63	

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Alabama

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Hall	f	2-3	0-0	4-6	6	2	8	0	25
Giddens	f	4-5	0-0	3-3	2	5	11	0	15
Sexton	g	5-16	0-7	8-10	5	2	18	3	34
Ingram	g	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	0	12
Petty	g	1-8	1-7	2-2	4	1	5	0	31
Reese		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
Johnson		2-3	1-2	4-5	2	3	9	0	15
Jones		0-2	0-1	1-2	1	3	1	0	28
Key		4-11	1-5	2-2	6	3	11	1	31
Smith		0-0	0-0	0-0	2	2	0	0	8
TOTALS		18-49	3-22	24-30	29	23	63	4	200

Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Ado	f	2-3	0-0	4-6	5	4	8	0	26
Holman	f	2-7	0-2	3-4	7	3	7	1	28
N. W'spoon	g	8-14	0-4	2-3	3	3	18	1	27
Peters	g	2-8	0-4	2-4	4	3	6	4	32
Q. W'spoon	g	4-8	1-3	4-9	5	1	13	3	34
Wright		0-0	0-0	2-2	1	2	2	0	8
Stapleton		3-7	0-3	0-0	4	4	6	1	24
Carter		3-5	1-3	0-0	1	1	7	0	19
Datcher		0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	2
TOTALS		24-52	2-19	17-28	36	22	67	10	200

Halftime: MSU 30, UA 28. FG%: MSU 46.2%, UA 36.7%. 3FG%: MSU 10.5%, UA 13.6%. FT%: MSU 60.7%, UA 80.0%. Turnovers: MSU 10 (Peters 4). UA 13 (Ingram 4). Blocked Shots: MSU 7 (Ado, Holman 3), UA 5 (Hall 3). Steals: MSU 4 (Q. W'spoon), UA 4 (Hall 3). Officials: Tony Green, Ted Valentine, Darron George. Attendance: 7,095.

Game 25 — Feb. 10, 2018

Missouri	89	
Mississippi State	85	

Mizzou Arena • Columbia, MO

Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
N. W'spoon	g	5-9	2-4	3-4	3	3	15	2	36
Peters	g	9-16	2-6	2-3	3	5	22	7	35
Q. W'spoon	g	5-13	2-6	1-2	7	4	13	0	37
Ado	f	4-7	0-0	3-6	7	3	11	0	36
Holman	f	5-11	2-5	2-2	8	2	14	1	29
Wright		1-1	1-1	0-0	1	1	3	1	8
Stapleton		2-7	2-6	1-1	4	5	7	0	18
Carter		0-4	0-3	0-0	1	2	0	1	22
Datcher		0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	4
TOTALS		31-69	11-31	12-18	35	26	85	12	225

Missouri

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Robertson	g	6-13	5-11	5-6	5	0	22	3	44
Barnett	f	4-12	1-5	6-7	8	1	15	2	43
Tilmon	f	4-6	0-0	0-0	3	4	8	1	22
Puryear	f	6-11	1-2	0-1	5	2	13	3	32
Vanleer	g	1-2	0-1	0-0	2	1	2	2	16
Porter		2-5	1-1	5-6	0	5	10	1	21
Nikko		0-1	0-0	2-2	0	2	2	1	9
Geist		4-6	4-6	5-6	6	3	17	2	38
TOTALS		27-56	12-26	23-28	33	18	89	15	225

Halftime: MSU 33, MIZ 42. FG%: MSU 44.9%, MIZ 48.2%. 3FG%: MSU 35.5%, MIZ 46.2%. FT%: MSU 66.7%, MIZ 82.1%. Turnovers: MSU 11 (Peters 4). MIZ 12 (Porter 4). Blocked Shots: MSU 3 (Three players with 1), MIZ 3 (Three players with 1). Steals: MSU 8 (Peters 4), MIZ 6 (Geist 4). Officials: Mike Nance, Peter Juzenas, Mark Ellard. Attendance: 15,061.

Game 26 — Feb. 14, 2018

Vanderbilt	81	
Mississippi State	80	

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Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Ado	f	6-8	0-0	3-4	7	4	15	2	28
Holman	f	5-8	0-2	1-2	2	1	11	0	23
N. W'spoon	g	4-5	0-0	2-2	1	2	10	1	23
Peters	g	1-8	0-1	1-1	2	0	3	8	33
Q. W'spoon	g	4-6	1-2	0-0	2	2	9	3	32
Wright		1-2	0-0	0-0	2	1	2	2	9
Stapleton		6-8	5-5	1-2	1	3	18	2	25
Feazell		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0+
Carter		4-9	4-7	0-0	0	1	12	0	24
Datcher		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	3
TOTALS		31-53	10-17	8-11	23	14	80	18	200

Vanderbilt

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Roberson	f	6-11	3-6	7-12	11	2	22	2	36
Obinna	c	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	0	9
Lee	g	2-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	4	0	14
Evans	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	5
Lachance	g	6-14	3-7	1-1	3	1	16	8	37
Willis		5-9	5-9	0-0	2	2	15	2	29
Toye		6-10	3-3	1-2	6	3	16	4	31
Austin Jr.		0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	4
Baptiste		1-2	0-0	2-2	2	2	4	0	12
Brown		1-4	0-2	0-0	3	1	2	0	23
TOTALS		28-56	14-27	11-17	31	13	81	16	200

Halftime: MSU 31, VU 40. FG%: MSU 58.5%, VU 50.0%. 3FG%: MSU 58.8%, VU 51.9%. FT%: MSU 72.7%, VU 64.7%. Turnovers: MSU 10 (Peters, Q. W'spoon 3). VU 10 (Lachance 3). Blocked Shots: MSU 5 (Holman 3), VU 5 (Roberson 2). Steals: MSU 4 (Ado 2), VU 5 (Lachance 2). Officials: Olandis Poole, Keith Kimble, Vladimir Voyard-Tadal. Attendance: 8,592.

Game 27 — Feb. 17, 2018

Mississippi State	79	
Ole Miss	62	

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Ole Miss

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Hymon	f	2-2	0-0	1-2	3	3	5	0	22
Stevens	f	5-11	1-3	0-0	4	4	11	1	28
Davis	g	2-10	1-5	1-1	2	1	6	3	23
Tyree		6-9	2-4	1-2	1	1	15	2	32
Crawford	g	3-5	1-3	0-0	9	1	7	0	34
Shuler		1-4	0-2	0-0	2	0	2	0	12
Burnett		3-8	1-4	6-6	0	1	13	2	27
Olejniczak		0-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	4
Furmanavicius		1-5	1-2	0-0	5	2	3	1	18
TOTALS		23-56	7-23	9-11	31	14	62	9	200

Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Ado	f	2-4	0-0	1-3	4	4	5	0	22
Holman	f	1-2	0-1	2-2	1	0	4	3	9
N. W'spoon	g	7-7	1-1	0-0	3	3	15	2	27
Peters	g	3-7	2-5	0-0	4	3	8	7	29
Q. W'spoon	g	6-13	3-6	1-2	10	2	16	2	35
Wright		0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	1	10
Stapleton		4-8	2-3	0-0	0	1	10	0	24
Clayton		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
Davis		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
Gray		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
Feazell		1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	0	2
Carter		5-10	4-7	1-2	2	0	15	2	24
Datcher		2-2	0-0	0-2	3	3	4	0	15
TOTALS		31-55	12-23	5-11	30	16	79	17	200

Halftime: MSU 44, OM 23. FG%: MSU 56.4%, OM 41.1%. 3FG%: MSU 52.2%, OM 30.4%. FT%: MSU 45.5%, OM 81.8%. Turnovers: MSU 11 (Peters 4). OM 14 (Tyree 4). Blocked Shots: MSU 4 (Holman 2), OM 2 (Tyree, Olejniczak 1). Steals: MSU 6 (Peters 3), OM 4 (Davis 2). Officials: Doug Shows, Jason Baker, Gerald Williams. Attendance: 9,002.

Game 28 — Feb. 20, 2018

Mississippi State	93	
Texas A&M	81	

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Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
N. W'spoon	g	2-8	0-2	2-2	6	0	6	4	33
Peters	g	5-10	3-7	2-4	7	2	15	7	31
Q. W'spoon	g	5-15	0-1	7-8	6	1	17	5	33
Ado	f	8-11	0-0	3-5	9	4	19	0	32
Holman	f	4-5	2-2	3-3	5	4	13	0	19
Wright		1-1	0-0	1-1	1	2	3	0	7
Stapleton		3-11	2-5	0-0	3	3	8	1	22
Feazell		0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	3
Carter		2-5	1-4	5-6	1	3	10	2	17
Datcher		1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	0	3
TOTALS		31-68	8-22	23-29	44	19	93	19	200

Texas A&M

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Hogg	f	4-12	0-3	2-5	6	5	10	6	34
Starks	g	8-16	2-5	1-2	1	2	19	0	36
Gilder	g	3-5	2-3	2-2	2	4	10	4	33
Davis	c	9-11	0-0	7-11	11	3	25	0	31
Williams	f	4-6	0-1	3-6	6	0	11	2	31
Chandler		1-3	0-2	0-0	0	0	2	0	8
Flagg		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	4
Trocha-Morelos		1-5	1-2	1-2	0	4	4	0	19
Collins		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	4
TOTALS		30-59	5-17	16-28	31	18	81	13	200

Halftime: MSU 41, TAMU 39. FG%: MSU 45.6%, TAMU 50.8%. 3FG%: MSU 36.4%, TAMU 29.4%. FT%: MSU 79.3%, TAMU 57.1%. Turnovers: MSU 9 (Peters 3). TAMU 9 (Starks 6). Blocked Shots: MSU 4 (Ado, Holman 2), TAMU 8 (Williams 4). Steals: MSU 4 (N. W'spoon 2), TAMU 1 (Hogg 1). Officials: Anthony Jordan, Ron Groover, Tony Henderson. Attendance: 8,614.

Game 29 — Feb. 24, 2018

Mississippi State	72
South Carolina	68

Humphrey Coliseum ● Starkville, MS

South Carolina

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Minaya	f	1-6	0-3	0-0	6	2	2	1	32
Kotsar	f	5-11	0-1	1-2	7	2	11	1	37
Silva	f	4-5	0-0	3-4	12	4	11	0	24
Gravett	g	8-13	3-6	0-0	2	2	19	3	41
Hinson	g	2-2	1-1	3-5	1	1	8	0	12
Beatty		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	5
Booker		0-7	0-3	0-0	4	5	0	2	27
Haase		4-11	1-4	2-2	6	2	11	0	26
Myers		1-2	0-0	2-3	0	3	4	1	14
Cudd		1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0	7
TOTALS		26-59	5-18	11-16	40	21	68	8	225

Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Ado	f	1-3	0-0	0-1	3	1	2	0	37
Holman	f	1-3	0-1	1-2	7	2	3	3	30
N. W'spoon	g	3-7	1-3	3-3	2	5	10	0	24
Peters	g	6-16	2-7	5-6	4	1	19	5	36
Q. W'spoon	g	3-8	0-2	7-8	7	2	13	4	38
Wright		3-3	0-0	2-3	0	0	8	1	14
Stapleton		2-7	0-2	0-0	5	0	4	1	23
Carter		5-9	3-5	0-0	1	1	13	0	23
TOTALS		24-56	6-20	18-23	30	12	72	14	225

Halftime: USC 32, MSU 25. FG%: MSU 42.9%, USC 44.1%. 3FG%: MSU 30.0%, USC 27.8%. FT%: MSU 78.3%, USC 68.6%. Turnovers: MSU 14 (Q. W'spoon 6). USC 21 (Gravett 8). Blocked Shots: MSU 7 (Ado, Holman 3), USC 5 (Silva 3). Steals: MSU 13 (Peters, Q. W'spoon 4), USC 6 (Minaya 2). Officials: Tony Greene, Todd Austin, Kipp Kissinger. Attendance: 8,162.

Game 30 — Feb. 27, 2018

Tennessee	76
Mississippi State	54

Humphrey Coliseum ● Starkville, MS

Tennessee

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Williams	f	2-3	0-0	4-6	7	2	8	4	30
Schofield	f	9-18	0-2	6-7	7	3	24	0	33
Alexander	f	1-2	0-0	2-2	3	3	4	0	12
Bone	g	4-8	0-2	0-0	3	0	8	2	27
Bowden	g	2-7	1-3	2-2	4	1	7	2	30
Turner		4-4	2-2	2-2	2	3	12	4	29
Daniel		1-1	1-1	0-0	2	1	3	0	13
Walker		3-3	0-0	1-2	2	2	7	1	15
Pons		1-2	0-1	1-2	3	1	3	1	11
TOTALS		27-48	4-11	18-23	34	16	76	14	200

Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Ado	f	1-2	0-0	1-2	1	2	3	1	26
Holman	f	2-8	1-4	5-6	3	0	10	0	23
N. W'spoon	g	4-11	0-3	3-4	0	0	11	0	28
Peters	g	3-10	1-5	0-0	2	1	7	2	28
Q. W'spoon	g	7-13	2-5	1-2	6	3	17	2	34
Wright		1-1	0-0	0-0	2	3	2	0	11
Stapleton		0-1	0-1	0-0	1	4	0	0	19
Davis		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
Feazell		0-2	0-1	0-0	2	2	0	0	5
Carter		1-2	0-1	0-0	1	1	2	1	18
Datcher		1-1	0-0	0-2	1	3	2	0	7
TOTALS		20-51	4-20	10-16	24	19	54	6	200

Halftime: UT 40, MSU 34. FG%: MSU 39.2%, UT 56.3%. 3FG%: MSU 20.0%, UT 36.4%. FT%: MSU 62.5%, UT 36.4%. Turnovers: MSU 13 (Q. W'spoon, Ado 3). UT 11 (Williams 3). Blocked Shots: MSU 3 (Three players with 1), UT 2 (Williams, Schofield 1). Steals: MSU 6 (Ado, N. W'spoon 2), UT 4 (Bowden 3). Officials: Don Daily, Roger Ayers, Terry Oglesby. Attendance: 7,548.

Game 31 — March 3, 2018

LSU	78
Mississippi State	57

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Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Ado	f	3-4	0-0	0-0	5	4	6	0	28
Holman	f	3-4	0-0	0-0	7	3	6	0	23
N. W'spoon	g	5-13	1-5	0-0	4	2	11	3	32
Peters	g	4-12	3-8	4-5	1	2	15	2	35
Q. W'spoon	g	5-11	1-3	1-2	2	3	12	0	31
Wright		1-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	2	0	7
Stapleton		1-5	0-3	0-0	5	3	2	1	24
Singleton		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
Feazell		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	2
Carter		1-5	1-3	0-0	0	2	3	0	13
Datcher		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	4
TOTALS		23-56	6-23	5-7	28	20	57	6	200

LSU

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Reath	f	5-13	1-2	1-2	8	1	12	1	24
Epps	f	6-11	4-8	0-0	3	1	16	0	24
Waters	g	5-8	3-4	1-2	3	2	14	10	34
Onwuasor	g	1-3	0-1	0-1	2	0	2	0	15
Vial	g	1-2	1-2	2-2	0	0	5	0	4
Sampson		4-7	1-3	7-7	3	1	16	1	24
Rachal		3-4	0-0	0-0	5	3	6	0	27
Mays		3-5	1-2	0-2	6	1	7	2	31
Edwards		0-1	0-1	0-0	1	2	0	2	11
Graves		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	1
Sims		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	5
TOTALS		28-54	11-23	11-16	33	11	78	17	200

Halftime: LSU 37, MSU 32. FG%: MSU 41.1%, LSU 51.9%. 3FG%: MSU 26.1%, LSU 47.8%. FT%: MSU 71.4%, LSU 68.8%. Turnovers: MSU 13 (Peters, Q. W'spoon 3). LSU 11 (Reath 3). Blocked Shots: MSU 4 (Ado, Holman 2), LSU 1 (Reath 1). Steals: MSU 4 (Four players with 1), LSU 9 (Rachal 4). Officials: Pat Adams, Todd Austin, Rob Rorke. Attendance: 9,067.

Game 32 — March 8, 2018

Missisippi State	80
LSU	77

Scottrade Center ● St. Louis, MO

LSU

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Reath	f	2-5	0-2	0-0	3	4	4	2	22
Epps	f	1-4	0-3	1-2	2	1	3	1	14
Waters	g	10-20	5-10	3-4	4	3	28	6	35
Mays		3-9	1-5	1-1	3	1	8	1	28
Onwuasor	g	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0	7
Sampson		2-8	2-5	3-6	2	1	9	1	27
Rachal		5-7	0-0	0-0	9	3	10	2	32
Edwards		4-8	3-6	0-0	2	1	11	1	27
Sims		1-1	0-0	0-1	1	1	2	0	8
TOTALS		29-63	11-31	8-14	31	15	77	14	200

Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Ado	f	0-0	0-0	3-6	3	4	3	0	22
N. W'spoon	g	6-8	1-1	2-2	2	1	15	3	35
Peters	g	8-11	5-7	3-6	2	2	24	6	31
Stapleton	g	0-2	0-1	0-0	2	3	0	0	13
Q. W'spoon	g	6-14	0-2	3-4	4	3	15	6	34
Wright		1-1	0-0	0-0	2	1	2	0	7
Feazell		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	0	13
Carter		3-4	2-3	0-0	1	2	8	0	15
Holman		3-7	2-3	3-5	12	1	11	2	30
TOTALS		28-48	10-17	14-23	28	18	80	17	200

Halftime: MSU 45, LSU 29. FG%: MSU 58.3%, LSU 46.0%. 3FG%: MSU 58.8%, LSU 35.5%. FT%: MSU 60.9%, LSU 57.1%. Turnovers: MSU 16 (Peters, Q. W'spoon 6). LSU 11 (Waters 3). Blocked Shots: MSU 8 (Holman 4), LSU 1 (Edwards 1). Steals: MSU 5 (Q. W'spoon 3), LSU 11 (Rachal 4). Officials: Tony Greene, Wil Howard, Jason Baker.

Game 33 — March 9, 2018

Tennessee	62
Mississippi State	59

Scottrade Center ● St. Louis, MO

Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Ado	f	2-4	0-0	0-0	8	0	4	0	35
N. W'spoon	g	3-6	0-0	0-0	4	1	6	0	19
Peters	g	6-11	5-8	5-5	1	1	22	0	36
Stapleton		1-6	0-5	0-0	2	4	2	0	17
Q. W'spoon	g	5-14	0-3	7-8	4	4	17	1	35
Wright		1-2	0-0	0-1	2	3	2	0	13
Feazell		0-1	0-1	0-0	1	1	0	0	5
Carter		0-6	0-5	0-0	2	1	0	0	17
Holman		2-6	0-2	2-2	5	5	6	0	23
TOTALS		20-56	5-21	14-16	33	20	59	1	200

Tennessee

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Williams	f	3-12	0-0	4-7	11	3	10	1	33
Schofield	f	4-12	2-6	3-4	8	0	13	1	32
Alexander	f	2-4	0-0	3-4	6	4	7	0	18
Bone	g	2-7	0-2	1-2	2	1	5	3	25
Bowden	g	2-8	1-5	3-4	6	3	8	2	30
Turner		6-13	1-5	2-5	8	1	15	1	30
Daniel		1-3	1-2	0-0	1	0	3	3	16
Walker		0-1	0-0	1-2	4	0	1	0	10
Campbell		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
Pons		0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	4
TOTALS		20-60	5-20	17-28	50	14	62	11	200

Halftime: UT 40, MSU 34. FG%: MSU 39.2%, UT 56.3%. 3FG%: MSU 20.0%, UT 36.4%. FT%: MSU 62.5%, UT 36.4%. Turnovers: MSU 13 (Q. W'spoon, Ado 3). UT 11 (Williams 3). Blocked Shots: MSU 3 (Three players with 1), UT 2 (Williams, Schofield 1). Steals: MSU 6 (Ado, N. W'spoon 2), UT 4 (Bowden 3). Officials: Don Daily, Roger Ayers, Terry Oglesby. Attendance: 7,548.

Game 34 — March 14, 2018

Mississippi State	66
Nebraska	59

Humphrey Coliseum ● Starkville, MS

Nebraska

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Copeland	f	5-13	2-4	0-0	2	5	12	0	31
Roby	f	3-7	1-3	3-3	8	5	10	0	24
Watson Jr.	g	3-12	1-2	1-2	3	3	8	2	31
Gill		3-8	1-5	0-0	3	1	7	1	32
Palmer Jr.	g	5-15	0-5	3-4	6	3	13	5	35
Okeke		1-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	5
Taylor		1-3	1-3	0-0	1	0	3	1	21
Allen		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	8
Tshimanga		2-6	0-0	0-0	3	0	4	0	13
TOTALS		23-65	6-22	7-9	30	18	59	10	200

Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Stapleton	f	4-7	2-4	2-4	5	1	12	0	32
Ado		6-15	0-0	3-4	9	2	15	1	27
Peters	g	0-3	0-3	0-0	4	1	0	14	35
Q. W'spoon	g	2-6	1-4	3-4	7	3	8	0	33
Carter	g	3-10	1-4	2-2	3	0	9	1	31
Wright		1-5	0-1	0-0	4	2	2	0	18
Feazell		2-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	4	0	5
Holman		6-9	2-2	2-4	10	2	16	0	19
TOTALS		24-57	6-18	12-18	47	11	66	16	200

Halftime: MSU 33, NEB 28. FG%: MSU 42.1%, NEB 35.4%. 3FG%: MSU 33.3%, NEB 27.3%. FT%: MSU 66.7%, NEB 77.8%. Turnovers: MSU 13 (Q. W'spoon 4). NEB 5 (Roby 2). Blocked Shots: MSU 7 (Holman 4), NEB 4 (Palmer Jr. 2). Steals: MSU 2 (Stapleton, Carter), NEB 6 (Watson Jr. 3). Officials: Jamie Luckie, Tony Henderson, Tommy Morrissey. Attendance: 3,485.

Game 35 — March 18, 2018

Mississippi State	78
Baylor	77

Ferrell Center ● Waco, Texas

Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Ado	f	1-2	0-0	1-2	1	2	3	0	24
N. W'spoon	g	3-6	0-0	0-0	2	3	6	3	24
Peters	g	3-9	3-8	0-0	1	2	9	10	33
Stapleton	g	6-8	3-4	0-0	2	4	15	0	18
Q. W'spoon	g	4-9	2-4	3-4	3	3	13	5	33
Wright		0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	1	7
Feazell		0-1	0-0	0-0	1	3	0	0	9
Carter		6-7	5-6	2-2	1	0	19	1	23
Holman		5-8	0-0	3-3	8	3	13	4	28
Datcher		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTALS		**28-52**	**13-22**	**9-11**	**21**	**20**	**78**	**24**	**200**

Baylor

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Lual-Acuil	f	7-13	0-1	3-6	8	1	17	1	39
Omot	f	4-7	2-4	1-1	2	3	11	2	23
Lindsey	g	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	4	0	5	20
Vital	g	1-3	0-0	1-2	6	3	3	2	20
Lecomte	g	4-12	0-3	7-7	2	1	15	7	35
Jolly		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
McClure		2-6	1-4	0-0	5	1	5	3	29
Maston		13-19	0-0	0-1	7	2	26	0	33
TOTALS		**31-61**	**3-12**	**12-17**	**34**	**15**	**77**	**20**	**200**

Halftime: MSU 47, BU 33. FG%: MSU 53.8%, BU 50.8%. 3FG%: MSU 59.1%, BU 25.0%. FT%: MSU 81.8%, BU 70.6%. Turnovers: MSU 12 (4 players with 2). BU 12 (3 players with 3). Blocked Shots: MSU 3 (Holman 2), BU 5 (Lual-Acuil, Jr. 3). Steals: MSU 7 (Peters, Carter 3), BU 2 (Lual-Acuil, Jr., McClure 1). Officials: Byron Jarrett, Clarence Armstrong, Owen Shortt. Attendance: 2,246.

Game 36 — March 20, 2018

Mississippi State	79
Louisville	56

KFC Yum! Center ● Louisville, KY

Mississippi State

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Ado	f	3-8	0-0	1-4	7	1	7	1	20
N. W'spoon	g	6-9	0-0	0-0	3	0	12	4	32
Peters	g	2-9	2-7	0-0	1	1	6	4	31
Stapleton	g	5-10	2-4	0-0	5	3	12	0	25
Q. W'spoon	g	6-10	1-2	6-6	14	1	19	0	26
Wright		1-1	0-0	0-0	1	2	2	2	13
Storm		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
Singleton		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
Gray		0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	1
Feazell		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	3	0	0	5
Carter		2-6	1-4	0-0	1	0	5	2	21
Holman		6-10	2-4	2-2	8	1	16	1	23
Datcher		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTALS		**31-65**	**8-21**	**9-12**	**42**	**12**	**79**	**14**	**200**

Louisville

Player		FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Spalding	f	6-10	1-2	0-0	11	4	13	2	36
Adel	f	4-9	1-3	2-2	4	0	11	3	28
Sutton	f	0-3	0-1	1-2	5	1	1	1	19
King	g	2-9	0-1	0-0	3	3	4	1	24
Snider	g	2-10	2-5	0-0	2	0	6	1	27
Thomas		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
Perry		2-8	1-6	2-4	3	4	7	1	26
Mahmoud		2-3	0-0	0-0	1	0	4	0	8
McMahon		1-3	1-3	0-0	1	0	3	2	13
Nwora		2-5	1-3	0-0	2	0	7	1	18
TOTALS		**21-60**	**7-24**	**7-10**	**32**	**12**	**56**	**12**	**200**

Halftime: MSU 39, LOU 28. FG%: MSU 47.7%, LOU 35.0%. 3FG%: MSU 38.1%, LOU 29.2%. FT%: MSU 75.0%, LOU 70.0%. Turnovers: MSU 11 (N. W'spoon 4). LOU 16 (Spalding 4). Blocked Shots: MSU 7 (Ado 3), LOU 4 (Spalding 3). Steals: MSU 10 (Three players with 2), LOU 5 (Sutton 2). Officials: Terry Oglesby, Tony Chiazza, Jeb Hartness. Attendance: 10,718.

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Mississippi State
Penn State

Madison Square Garden ● New York City

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All games

Overall record: 25-11   Conf: 9-9   Home: 19-2   Away: 4-8   Neutral: 2-1

##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total fg-fga	fg%	3-Point 3fg-fga	3fg%	F-Throw ft-fta	ft%	Rebounds off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
11	Q Weatherspoon	36-36	1130	31.4	185-380	.487	42-132	.318	116-151	.768	55	160	215	6.0	86	0	122	95	12	52	528	14.7
00	Nick Weatherspoon	35-35	993	28.4	147-304	.484	25-87	.287	65-90	.722	9	92	101	2.9	60	1	74	38	5	33	384	11.0
35	Aric Holman	36-30	824	22.9	142-247	.575	37-84	.440	72-99	.727	77	167	244	6.8	69	2	28	48	63	17	393	10.9
01	Lamar Peters	33-20	909	27.5	115-311	.370	48-174	.276	41-63	.651	10	65	75	2.3	65	2	147	86	9	49	319	9.7
23	Tyson Carter	36-17	821	22.8	108-263	.411	57-165	.345	38-45	.844	6	60	66	1.8	31	0	46	35	1	27	311	8.6
24	Abdul Ado	35-35	923	26.4	107-175	.611	0-0	.000	55-108	.509	98	125	223	6.4	91	2	13	69	67	28	269	7.7
03	Xavian Stapleton	31-6	612	19.7	76-192	.396	32-92	.348	22-29	.759	20	61	81	2.6	76	2	16	27	12	21	206	6.6
02	Eli Wright	33-0	467	14.2	41-100	.410	6-28	.214	14-22	.636	27	46	73	2.2	40	0	30	21	8	9	102	3.1
13	Nick Singleton	9-0	25	2.8	9-14	.643	4-7	.571	0-1	.000	2	3	5	0.6	0	0	1	2	0	0	22	2.4
45	E.J. Datcher	30-1	236	7.9	25-42	.595	0-0	.000	17-24	.708	17	34	51	1.7	45	1	4	12	8	3	67	2.2
22	KeyShawn Feazell	27-0	165	6.1	18-38	.474	1-9	.111	1-4	.250	9	25	34	1.3	20	0	1	9	2	2	38	1.4
34	Schnider Herard	11-0	88	8.0	4-15	.267	0-0	.000	3-7	.429	11	12	23	2.1	12	0	0	11	8	0	11	1.0
15	T.J. Gray	5-0	11	2.2	1-4	.250	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.2	3	0	0	2	0	0	3	0.6
12	Drew Davis	8-0	17	2.1	1-9	.111	0-4	.000	1-2	.500	0	2	2	0.3	1	0	2	2	0	0	3	0.4
05	Mitchell Storm	8-0	20	2.5	0-4	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	2	4	6	0.8	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
10	Tate Clayton	4-0	9	2.3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
	Team										42	57	99				14					
	Total..........	36	7250		979-2098	.467	253-787	.321	445-645	.690	386	913	1299	36.1	600	10	484	472	195	241	2656	73.8
	Opponents......	36	7250		873-2101	.416	263-805	.327	423-616	.687	400	828	1228	34.1	591	-	428	490	113	192	2432	67.6

TEAM STATISTICS	MS	OPP
SCORING	2656	2432
Points per game	73.8	67.6
Scoring margin	+6.2	-
FIELD GOALS-ATT	979-2098	873-2101
Field goal pct	.467	.416
3 POINT FG-ATT	253-787	263-805
3-point FG pct	.321	.327
3-pt FG made per game	7.0	7.3
FREE THROWS-ATT	445-645	423-616
Free throw pct	.690	.687
F-Throws made per game	12.4	11.8
REBOUNDS	1299	1228
Rebounds per game	36.1	34.1
Rebounding margin	+2.0	-
ASSISTS	484	428
Assists per game	13.4	11.9
TURNOVERS	472	490
Turnovers per game	13.1	13.6
Turnover margin	+0.5	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.0	0.9
STEALS	241	192
Steals per game	6.7	5.3
BLOCKS	195	113
Blocks per game	5.4	3.1
ATTENDANCE	146271	158417
Home games-Avg/Game	21-6965	12-10670
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	3-10125

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Totals
Mississippi State	1204	1332	63	57	2656
Opponents	1065	1248	71	48	2432

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
	11-10-17	ALABAMA STATE	W	96-68	6811
	11-18-17	FLORIDA A&M	W	79-48	6132
	11-20-17	GREEN BAY	W	77-68	6359
	11-22-17	STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	W	80-75	7687
	11-26-17	JACKSONVILLE STATE	W	59-56	6034
	11-30-17	NORTH DAKOTA STATE	W	83-59	5831
	12-03-17	DAYTON	W	61-59	7539
	12-09-17	NORTH GEORGIA	W	95-62	6613
	12-12-17	at Cincinnati	L	50-65	8128
	12-16-17	UT MARTIN	W	92-61	6709
	12-20-17	LITTLE ROCK	W	64-48	7156
	12-23-17	vs Southern Miss	W	70-64	4028
	12-30-17	NORTH FLORIDA	W	109-81	7764
*	01-02-18	ARKANSAS	W	78-75	6324
*	01-06-18	at Ole Miss	L	58-64	8664
*	01-10-18	at Florida	L	54-71	9917
*	01-13-18	AUBURN	L	68-76	8443
*	01-16-18	VANDERBILT	W	80-62	6633
*	01-20-18	at Alabama	L	62-68	15383
*	01-23-18	at Kentucky	L	65-78	20609
*	01-27-18	MISSOURI	W	74-62	7169
*	01-31-18	at South Carolina	W	81-76	11042
*	02-03-18	GEORGIA	W	72-57	7775
*	02-06-18	ALABAMA	W	67-63	7095
*	02-10-18	at Mizzou	Lot	85-89	15061
*	02-14-18	at Vanderbilt	L	80-81	8592
*	02-17-18	OLE MISS	W	79-62	9002
*	02-20-18	at Texas A&M	W	93-81	8614
*	02-24-18	SOUTH CAROLINA	Wot	72-68	8162
*	02-27-18	TENNESSEE	L	54-76	7548
*	03-03-18	at LSU	L	57-78	9067
	03-08-18	vs LSU	W	80-77	11752
	03-09-18	vs Tennessee	L	59-62	14596
	03-14-18	NEBRASKA	W	66-59	3485
	03-18-18	at Baylor	W	78-77	2246
	3/20/18	at LOUISVILLE	W	79-56	10718

* - Conference game

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RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	9-9	7-2	2-7	0-0
CONFERENCE	9-9	7-2	2-7	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total fg-fga	fg%	3-Point 3fg-fga	3fg%	F-Throw ft-fta	ft%	Rebounds off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
11	Q Weatherspoon	18-18	590	32.8	96-203	.473	25-74	.338	54-71	.761	33	72	105	5.8	44	0	50	50	5	25	271	15.1
00	Nick Weatherspoon	18-18	514	28.6	79-172	.459	10-50	.200	38-52	.731	5	45	50	2.8	37	1	33	12	2	15	206	11.4
01	Lamar Peters	18-12	519	28.8	70-180	.389	24-86	.279	22-34	.647	7	35	42	2.3	42	2	76	47	2	30	186	10.3
24	Abdul Ado	18-18	500	27.8	65-98	.663	0-0	.000	31-59	.525	54	58	112	6.2	55	1	6	29	31	10	161	8.9
35	Aric Holman	18-18	419	23.3	57-113	.504	13-43	.302	34-42	.810	24	82	106	5.9	39	1	13	21	30	7	161	8.9
23	Tyson Carter	18-6	379	21.1	42-118	.356	25-74	.338	14-19	.737	2	27	29	1.6	20	0	16	10	1	12	123	6.8
03	Xavian Stapleton	16-0	342	21.4	34-98	.347	16-49	.327	16-21	.762	10	36	46	2.9	41	2	10	14	5	8	100	6.3
02	Eli Wright	18-0	212	11.8	19-39	.487	3-7	.429	9-11	.818	8	20	28	1.6	19	0	15	11	4	4	50	2.8
45	E.J. Datcher	17-0	121	7.1	9-18	.500	0-0	.000	1-6	.167	12	12	24	1.4	26	0	1	6	4	3	19	1.1
22	KeyShawn Feazell	12-0	49	4.1	1-8	.125	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	3	7	10	0.8	4	0	0	3	0	0	2	0.2
13	Nick Singleton	1-0	1	1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
10	Tate Clayton	1-0	1	1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
12	Drew Davis	2-0	2	1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
15	T.J. Gray	1-0	1	1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
	Team										23	34	57				9					
	Total.........	18	3650		472-1047	.451	116-387	.300	219-315	.695	181	428	609	33.8	327	7	220	212	84	114	1279	71.1
	Opponents......	18	3650		452-1016	.445	128-371	.345	255-362	.704	182	434	616	34.2	299	-	221	219	69	88	1287	71.5

TEAM STATISTICS	MS	OPP
SCORING	1279	1287
Points per game	71.1	71.5
Scoring margin	-0.4	-
FIELD GOALS-ATT	472-1047	452-1016
Field goal pct	.451	.445
3 POINT FG-ATT	116-387	128-371
3-point FG pct	.300	.345
3-pt FG made per game	6.4	7.1
FREE THROWS-ATT	219-315	255-362
Free throw pct	.695	.704
F-Throws made per game	12.2	14.2
REBOUNDS	609	616
Rebounds per game	33.8	34.2
Rebounding margin	-0.4	-
ASSISTS	220	221
Assists per game	12.2	12.3
TURNOVERS	212	219
Turnovers per game	11.8	12.2
Turnover margin	+0.4	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.0	1.0
STEALS	114	88
Steals per game	6.3	4.9
BLOCKS	84	69
Blocks per game	4.7	3.8
ATTENDANCE	68151	106949
Home games-Avg/Game	9-7572	9-11883
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
*	01-02-18	ARKANSAS	W	78-75	6324
*	01-06-18	at Ole Miss	L	58-64	8664
*	01-10-18	at Florida	L	54-71	9917
*	01-13-18	AUBURN	L	68-76	8443
*	01-16-18	VANDERBILT	W	80-62	6633
*	01-20-18	at Alabama	L	62-68	15383
*	01-23-18	at Kentucky	L	65-78	20609
*	01-27-18	MISSOURI	W	74-62	7169
*	01-31-18	at South Carolina	W	81-76	11042
*	02-03-18	GEORGIA	W	72-57	7775
*	02-06-18	ALABAMA	W	67-63	7095
*	02-10-18	at Mizzou	Lot	85-89	15061
*	02-14-18	at Vanderbilt	L	80-81	8592
*	02-17-18	OLE MISS	W	79-62	9002
*	02-20-18	at Texas A&M	W	93-81	8614
*	02-24-18	SOUTH CAROLINA	Wot	72-68	8162
*	02-27-18	TENNESSEE	L	54-76	7548
*	03-03-18	at LSU	L	57-78	9067

* - Conference game

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	3rd	Totals
Mississippi State	599	664	16	1279
Opponents	586	685	16	1287

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Opponent	Date	Score	Points	Rebounds	Assists	Steals	Blocked shots
ALABAMA STATE	11-10-17	96-68	18-Aric Holman	11-Aric Holman	7-Lamar Peters	2-Xavian Stapleton Q Weatherspoon	2-Lamar Peters
FLORIDA A&M	11-18-17	79-48	12-Abdul Ado Nick Weatherspoon Lamar Peters Q Weatherspoon	7-Abdul Ado	5-Nick Weatherspoon Lamar Peters	4-Lamar Peters	6-Schnider Herard
GREEN BAY	11-20-17	77-68	18-Lamar Peters	11-Abdul Ado	4-Q Weatherspoon Nick Weatherspoon	3-Lamar Peters	3-E.J. Datcher
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	11-22-17	80-75	25-Tyson Carter	7-Aric Holman Q Weatherspoon	6-Q Weatherspoon	2-Q Weatherspoon	5-Abdul Ado
JACKSONVILLE STATE	11-26-17	59-56	13-Q Weatherspoon	8-Abdul Ado	4-Q Weatherspoon	1-Tyson Carter Abdul Ado	3-Abdul Ado
NORTH DAKOTA STATE	11-30-17	83-59	35-Tyson Carter	9-Aric Holman	10-Q Weatherspoon	3-Xavian Stapleton	1-Xavian Stapleton
DAYTON	12-03-17	61-59	20-Tyson Carter	10-Q Weatherspoon	6-Q Weatherspoon	3-Nick Weatherspoon Tyson Carter Q Weatherspoon	2-Q Weatherspoon Aric Holman
NORTH GEORGIA	12-09-17	95-62	22-Q Weatherspoon	7-Lamar Peters	6-Lamar Peters	2-Nick Weatherspoon Q Weatherspoon	4-Abdul Ado
at Cincinnati	12-12-17	50-65	18-Aric Holman	10-Aric Holman	3-Q Weatherspoon	4-Abdul Ado	3-Abdul Ado
UT MARTIN	12-16-17	92-61	21-Aric Holman Q Weatherspoon	12-Aric Holman Abdul Ado	7-Q Weatherspoon Tyson Carter	4-Q Weatherspoon	3-Abdul Ado
LITTLE ROCK	12-20-17	64-48	21-Q Weatherspoon	13-Abdul Ado	4-Lamar Peters	2-Q Weatherspoon Lamar Peters Abdul Ado Xavian Stapleton	3-Abdul Ado
vs Southern Miss	12-23-17	70-64	12-Xavian Stapleton	6-Aric Holman	4-Q Weatherspoon	1-Nick Weatherspoon Abdul Ado Q Weatherspoon	1-Aric Holman Xavian Stapleton Lamar Peters Eli Wright
NORTH FLORIDA	12-30-17	109-81	23-Aric Holman	9-Abdul Ado	6-Q Weatherspoon	2-Xavian Stapleton	2-Abdul Ado
ARKANSAS	01-02-18	78-75	22-Q Weatherspoon Nick Weatherspoon	9-Abdul Ado	3-Lamar Peters	3-Q Weatherspoon	4-Abdul Ado
at Ole Miss	01-06-18	58-64	9-Aric Holman Nick Weatherspoon	9-Xavian Stapleton	3-Lamar Peters Q Weatherspoon Aric Holman	1-Xavian Stapleton E.J. Datcher Abdul Ado Lamar Peters	2-Aric Holman
at Florida	01-10-18	54-71	16-Q Weatherspoon	10-Abdul Ado	3-Q Weatherspoon Nick Weatherspoon	2-Q Weatherspoon	1-Eli Wright Abdul Ado
AUBURN	01-13-18	68-76	14-Q Weatherspoon	11-Abdul Ado	3-Nick Weatherspoon Q Weatherspoon	2-Abdul Ado	2-Aric Holman Abdul Ado
VANDERBILT	01-16-18	80-62	19-Q Weatherspoon	14-Aric Holman	5-Lamar Peters	3-Lamar Peters	2-Aric Holman
at Alabama	01-20-18	62-68	17-Lamar Peters	10-Aric Holman	2-Q Weatherspoon Lamar Peters	3-Lamar Peters	1-Abdul Ado
at Kentucky	01-23-18	65-78	19-Q Weatherspoon	9-Q Weatherspoon	6-Q Weatherspoon	2-Tyson Carter	3-Aric Holman
MISSOURI	01-27-18	74-62	20-Q Weatherspoon	7-Abdul Ado	9-Lamar Peters	3-Q Weatherspoon	3-Xavian Stapleton
at South Carolina	01-31-18	81-76	18-Q Weatherspoon	9-Abdul Ado	3-Q Weatherspoon Lamar Peters Nick Weatherspoon	3-Tyson Carter	4-Abdul Ado
GEORGIA	02-03-18	72-57	20-Lamar Peters	8-Q Weatherspoon Aric Holman	2-Lamar Peters	4-Lamar Peters	2-Abdul Ado
ALABAMA	02-06-18	67-63	18-Nick Weatherspoo	7-Aric Holman	4-Lamar Peters	2-Q Weatherspoon	3-Abdul Ado Aric Holman
at Mizzou	02-10-18	85-89	22-Lamar Peters	8-Aric Holman	7-Lamar Peters	4-Lamar Peters	1-Abdul Ado

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Opponent	Date	Score	Points	Rebounds	Assists	Steals	Blocked shots
at Vanderbilt	02-14-18	80-81	18-Xavian Stapleton	7-Abdul Ado	8-Lamar Peters	2-Abdul Ado	Q Weatherspoon Aric Holman 3-Aric Holman
OLE MISS	02-17-18	79-62	16-Q Weatherspoon	10-Q Weatherspoon	7-Lamar Peters	3-Lamar Peters	2-Aric Holman
at Texas A&M	02-20-18	93-81	19-Abdul Ado	9-Abdul Ado	7-Lamar Peters	2-Nick Weatherspoon	2-Abdul Ado Aric Holman
SOUTH CAROLINA	02-24-18	72-68	19-Lamar Peters	7-Aric Holman Q Weatherspoon	5-Lamar Peters	4-Q Weatherspoon Lamar Peters	3-Aric Holman Abdul Ado
TENNESSEE	02-27-18	54-76	17-Q Weatherspoon	6-Q Weatherspoon	2-Q Weatherspoon Lamar Peters	2-Nick Weatherspoon Abdul Ado	1-Eli Wright Aric Holman Abdul Ado
at LSU	03-03-18	57-78	15-Lamar Peters	7-Aric Holman	3-Nick Weatherspoon	1-Lamar Peters Q Weatherspoon Eli Wright Xavian Stapleton	2-Abdul Ado Aric Holman
vs LSU	03-08-18	80-77	24-Lamar Peters	12-Aric Holman	6-Lamar Peters Q Weatherspoon	3-Q Weatherspoon	4-Aric Holman
vs Tennessee	03-09-18	59-62	22-Lamar Peters	8-Abdul Ado	1-Q Weatherspoon	4-Aric Holman	4-Aric Holman
NEBRASKA	03-14-18	66-59	16-Aric Holman	10-Aric Holman	14-Lamar Peters	1-Tyson Carter Xavian Stapleton	4-Aric Holman
at Baylor	03-18-18	78-77	19-Tyson Carter	8-Aric Holman	10-Lamar Peters	3-Tyson Carter Lamar Peters	2-Aric Holman
at LOUISVILLE	3/20/18	79-56	19-Q Weatherspoon	14-Q Weatherspoon	4-Nick Weatherspoon Lamar Peters	2-Eli Wright Q Weatherspoon Nick Weatherspoon	3-Abdul Ado

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Mississippi State Team Game-by-Game Comparison (as of Mar 20, 2018)
All games

Opponent	1st	2nd	Score	Mar	Total FG	FG Pct	3-Pointers	3FG Pct	Free Throws	FT Pct	Rebounds		Assist	T/Over	Block	Steal	Fouls
ALABAMA STATE	58/31	38/37	96-68	+28	31-64/25-67	.484/.373	7-20/7-26	.350/.269	27-35/11-22	.771/.500	47/41	+6	16/8	14/17	4/1	7/6	19/26
FLORIDA A&M	28/17	51/31	79-48	+31	33-62/18-64	.532/.281	7-24/5-19	.292/.263	6-9/7-12	.667/.583	37/42	(5)	19/6	17/24	13/2	9/4	11/11
GREEN BAY	40/32	37/36	77-68	+9	29-63/21-54	.460/.389	3-23/9-24	.130/.375	16-21/17-24	.762/.708	39/36	+3	13/12	14/19	6/0	6/5	19/19
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	32/40	48/35	80-75	+5	24-43/25-67	.558/.373	6-18/9-27	.333/.333	26-35/16-18	.743/.889	35/31	+4	14/7	19/12	10/2	4/8	15/27
JACKSONVILLE STATE	25/29	34/27	59-56	+3	25-56/22-57	.446/.386	4-18/6-19	.222/.316	5-13/6-6	.385/1000	37/36	+1	9/10	12/10	5/2	2/3	11/13
NORTH DAKOTA STATE	29/24	54/35	83-59	+24	31-60/22-57	.517/.386	10-23/10-35	.435/.286	11-17/5-8	.647/.625	41/28	+13	15/13	12/14	1/0	8/3	13/14
DAYTON	35/20	26/39	61-59	+2	24-50/21-46	.480/.457	9-28/8-25	.321/.320	4-7/9-16	.571/.563	27/30	(3)	12/8	24/26	5/2	13/14	18/13
NORTH GEORGIA	53/26	42/36	95-62	+33	37-74/27-71	.500/.380	13-30/8-27	.433/.296	8-8/0-5	1000/.000	44/39	+5	14/11	10/16	9/3	8/5	10/8
Cincinnati	25/35	25/30	50-65	(15)	19-63/22-54	.302/.407	6-21/7-20	.286/.350	6-8/14-16	.750/.875	38/37	+1	9/18	16/14	4/11	9/5	16/11
UT MARTIN	39/33	53/28	92-61	+31	34-67/24-65	.507/.369	11-33/9-28	.333/.321	13-21/4-6	.619/.667	53/29	+24	21/13	12/14	5/0	8/4	10/21
LITTLE ROCK	26/23	38/25	64-48	+16	22-56/20-54	.393/.370	5-25/4-20	.200/.200	15-27/4-10	.556/.400	40/35	+5	11/7	12/21	7/0	11/5	15/21
Southern Miss	36/27	34/37	70-64	+6	23-44/23-57	.523/.404	7-20/9-26	.350/.346	17-29/9-14	.586/.643	35/30	+5	15/15	16/9	4/1	3/6	14/21
NORTH FLORIDA	47/43	62/38	109-81	+28	44-71/27-63	.620/.429	7-18/12-29	.389/.414	14-20/15-19	.700/.789	46/21	+25	24/12	14/14	5/3	7/4	21/13
ARKANSAS	32/28	46/47	78-75	+3	25-59/32-62	.424/.516	4-21/6-15	.190/.400	24-40/5-12	.600/.417	39/39	-	9/17	7/13	8/3	8/3	11/26
Ole Miss	34/28	24/36	58-64	(6)	22-63/21-62	.349/.339	5-23/7-28	.217/.250	9-17/15-22	.529/.682	45/41	+4	13/10	14/7	4/5	4/6	21/14
Florida	28/33	26/38	54-71	(17)	22-55/25-58	.400/.431	5-16/9-23	.313/.391	5-7/12-16	.714/.750	31/38	(7)	9/13	16/15	2/4	5/7	17/11
AUBURN	35/24	33/52	68-76	(8)	24-59/21-60	.407/.350	5-23/9-21	.217/.429	15-22/25-32	.682/.781	42/39	+3	10/8	12/7	8/3	3/7	24/19
VANDERBILT	37/25	43/37	80-62	+18	31-64/26-53	.484/.491	8-20/4-20	.400/.200	10-15/6-9	.667/.667	37/29	+8	20/14	4/10	5/3	8/2	11/15
Alabama	22/41	40/27	62-68	(6)	21-56/25-60	.375/.417	7-23/5-16	.304/.313	13-16/13-23	.813/.565	38/40	(2)	5/16	16/11	1/6	7/7	20/17
Kentucky	36/38	29/40	65-78	(13)	26-67/25-58	.388/.431	5-29/5-14	.172/.357	8-10/23-30	.800/.767	31/41	(10)	16/11	11/11	4/5	5/7	23/13
MISSOURI	31/31	43/31	74-62	+12	29-53/26-57	.547/.456	6-16/6-22	.375/.273	10-14/4-8	.714/.500	27/34	(7)	17/11	15/19	7/3	10/4	11/20
South Carolina	37/36	44/40	81-76	+5	30-58/24-60	.517/.400	7-19/7-24	.368/.292	14-15/21-27	.933/.778	32/33	(1)	12/13	14/13	6/2	7/5	24/14
GEORGIA	37/21	35/36	72-57	+15	27-53/20-49	.509/.408	5-22/9-21	.227/.429	13-16/8-14	.813/.571	37/20	+17	7/12	12/12	2/4	8/1	17/16
ALABAMA	30/28	37/35	67-63	+4	24-52/18-49	.462/.367	2-19/3-22	.105/.136	17-28/24-30	.607/.800	36/29	+7	10/4	10/13	7/5	4/4	22/23
Mizzou	33/42	46/37	85-89	(4)	31-69/27-56	.449/.482	11-31/12-26	.355/.462	12-18/23-28	.667/.821	35/33	+2	12/15	11/12	3/3	8/6	26/18
Vanderbilt	31/40	49/41	80-81	(1)	31-53/28-56	.585/.500	10-17/14-27	.588/.519	8-11/11-17	.727/.647	23/31	(8)	18/16	10/10	5/5	4/5	14/13
OLE MISS	44/23	35/39	79-62	+17	31-55/23-56	.564/.411	12-23/7-23	.522/.304	5-11/9-11	.455/.818	30/31	(1)	17/9	11/14	4/2	6/4	16/14
Texas A&M	41/39	52/42	93-81	+12	31-68/30-59	.456/.508	8-22/5-17	.364/.294	23-29/16-28	.793/.571	44/31	+13	19/13	9/9	4/8	4/1	19/18
SOUTH CAROLINA	25/32	37/30	72-68	+4	24-56/26-59	.429/.441	6-20/5-18	.300/.278	18-23/11-16	.783/.688	30/40	(10)	14/8	14/21	7/5	13/6	12/21
TENNESSEE	34/40	20/36	54-76	(22)	20-51/27-48	.392/.563	4-20/4-11	.200/.364	10-16/18-23	.625/.783	24/34	(10)	6/14	13/11	3/2	6/4	19/16
LSU	32/37	25/41	57-78	(21)	23-56/28-54	.411/.519	6-23/11-23	.261/.478	5-7/11-16	.714/.688	28/33	(5)	6/17	13/11	4/1	4/9	20/11
LSU	45/29	35/48	80-77	+3	28-48/29-63	.583/.460	10-17/11-31	.588/.355	14-23/8-14	.609/.571	28/31	(3)	17/14	16/11	8/1	5/11	18/15
Tennessee	24/31	35/31	59-62	(3)	20-56/20-60	.357/.333	5-21/5-20	.238/.250	14-16/17-28	.875/.607	33/50	(17)	1/11	16/17	8/3	8/8	20/14
NEBRASKA	33/28	33/31	66-59	+7	24-57/23-65	.421/.354	6-18/6-22	.333/.273	12-18/7-9	.667/.778	47/30	+17	16/10	13/5	7/4	2/6	11/18
Baylor	47/33	31/44	78-77	+1	28-52/31-61	.538/.508	13-22/3-12	.591/.250	9-11/12-17	.818/.706	21/34	(13)	24/20	12/12	3/5	7/2	20/15
LOUISVILLE	39/28	40/28	79-56	+23	31-65/21-60	.477/.350	8-21/7-24	.381/.292	9-12/7-10	.750/.700	42/32	+10	14/12	11/16	7/4	10/5	12/12

Note: Game totals are displayed in the format TEAM/OPPONENT for each category

2017-18 MISSISSIPPI STATE PLAYER BREAKDOWN

0 — Nick Weatherspoon
Fr | G | 6-2 | 195 | Canton, MS

MIN	PTS	RBS	AST	FG%	3FG%	FT%
28.4	11.0	2.9	2.1	.484	.287	.722

Notes: Made collegiate debut against Alabama State and has started 35 games. Scored in double-digits 25 times, with career-best 22 coming against Arkansas. 10 point at Kentucky. 12 points, 3 assists vs. Missouri. 17 points, 3 assists at USC. 14 points Georgia. 18 points vs. Alabama. 10 points at Vanderbilt. 15 points vs. Ole Miss. 6 points, 6 rebounds, 4 assists at Texas A&M. 10 points vs. USC. 11 points vs Tennessee and LSU. 15 points points vs. LSU-SECT. Left Tennessee-SECT game with a hip injury after having 6 points and missed Nebraska game. 6 points vs. Baylor. 12 points, 4 assists at Louisville. SEC FOW on Feb. 5.

1 — Lamar Peters
So| G | 6-0 | 185 | New Orleans, LA

MIN	PTS	RBS	AST	FG%	3FG%	FT%
27.5	9.7	2.3	4.5	.370	.276	.651

Notes: Has started 20 games. 18 points against Green Bay. Scored in double-digits 14 times. 17 points at Alabama. 9 points, 5 assists at Kentucky. 9 assists vs. Missouri. 20 points, 4 steals vs. Georgia. 22 points at Mizzou, with 7 assists, 4 steals. 8 assists at Vanderbilt. 8 points, 7 assists and 3 steals vs. Ole Miss. 15 points, 7 rebounds, 7 assists at Texas A&M. 19 points, 4 steals, 5 assists vs. USC. 24 points, 6 assists vs. LSU-SECT. 22 points vs. Tennessee-SECT. MSU postseason record 14 assists vs. Nebraska. 10 assists and 9 points at Baylor on 3 3-pointers. 6 points, 4 assists at Louisville. SEC POW on Feb. 26. 5th in SEC in steals, 5th in assists.

2 — Eli Wright
So | G | 6-4 |190 | Owensboro, KY

MIN	PTS	RBS	AST	FG%	3FG%	FT%
14.2	3.1	2.2	0.9	.410	.214	.636

Notes: Suspended for three games. Season-high 12 points against Alabama State. Career-high 4 assists vs. North Florida. Career-high 8 rebounds at Ole Miss. 5 points, 4 rebounds at Florida. 5 points, 2 assists vs. Vanderbilt. 4 points at Kentucky. 4 points vs. Missouri. 2 points at USC. 3 points at Missouri. 2 points, 2 assists at Vanderbilt. Did not score vs. Ole Miss. 3 points at Texas A&M. 8 points vs. USC. 2 points, 1 block vs. Tennessee. 2 points at LSU. 2 points vs. both LSU-SECT and Tennessee-SECT. 2 points, 4 rebounds vs. Nebraska. 1 rebound and assist at Baylor. 2 points, 2 assists at Louisville.

3 — Xavian Stapleton
Jr | G | 6-6 | 210 | Flora, MS

MIN	PTS	RBS	STL	FG%	3FG%	FT%
19.7	6.6	2.6	0.7	.396	.348	.759

Notes: Appeared in 10 non-conference games and missed three due to a left knee sprain suffered in opener against Alabama State. Career-high 16 points vs. North Florida. Had 12 points vs. USM, including back-to-back 3s for a 56-54 lead, one MSU never relinquished. Season-high 9 rebounds at Ole Miss. 8 points vs. Vanderbilt. Suspended for Florida and Alabama games. Career-high 18 points at Vanderbilt with 5 made 3s. 10 points vs. Ole Miss. 2 points vs. Tennessee-SECT. 12 points, 5 rebounds vs. Nebraska. All 15 points at Baylor came in first half. 12 points, 5 rebounds at Louisville.

11 — Quinndary Weatherspoon
Jr | G | 6-4 | 205 | Canton, MS

MIN	PTS	RBS	AST	FG%	3FG%	FT%
31.4	14.7	6.0	3.4	.487	.318	.768

Notes: Started all 36 games with 30 double-digit scoring games. Totaled 20-plus points six times. Game-winning shots against Dayton, Jacksonville St. and Baylor. Against Little Rock, scored 21 points to reach 1,000 for a career. 22 points vs. Arkansas. 14 points vs. Georgia. 13 points vs. Alabama. 13 pointsat Missouri. 16 points, 10 rebounds vs. Ole Miss. 17 points, 5 assists at Texas A&M. 13 points, 7 rebounds, 4 assists and 4 steals vs. USC. 17 points vs. Tennessee. 15 points, 6 assists vs. LSU-SECT and 17 vs. Tennessee. 8 points vs. Nebraska. 13 points at Baylor. 19 ponts, 14 rebounds at Louisville for third double-double this year. 13th in SEC in scoring, 6th in steals, 4th in FG%, 11th in minutes played and 17th in rebounds.

22 — KeyShawn Feazell
Fr | F | 6-8 | 230 | New Hebron, MS

MIN	PTS	RBS	STL	FG%	3FG%	FT%
6.1	1.4	1.3	0.1	.474	.111	.250

Notes: Appeared in 10 non-conference games. Scored 2 points and grabbed 5 rebounds in collegiate debut against Florida A&M. Season-high 11 points against North Georgia. 4 rebounds at Florida. Scored first SEC points vs. Ole Miss. Played in 12 SEC games. 2 points vs. LSU-SECT. 1 rebound vs. Tennessee-SECT. 4 points, 1 rebound vs. Nebraska.

23 — Tyson Carter
So | G | 6-4 | 165 | Starkville, MS

MIN	PTS	RBS	AST	FG%	3FG%	FT%
22.8	8.6	1.8	1.3	.411	.345	.844

Notes: Started 17 games. Scored in double-digits 12 times. Named SEC POW after a career-high 35 points against North Dakota State and 20 versus Dayton. Had 25 points against Stephen F. Austin. 7 points, 4 rebounds vs. Arkansas. 5 points at Ole Miss. 2 points at Florida. 7 points, 3 rebounds vs. Auburn. 9 points vs. Vanderbilt. 10 points, 2 steals vs. Missouri. 8 points, 3 steals at USC. 7 points vs. Alabama. 12 points at Vanderbilt. 15 points vs. Ole Miss. 10 points at Texas A&M. 13 points vs. USC. 2 points vs. Tennessee. 3 points at LSU. 8 points vs. LSU-SECT. 2 points vs. Tennessee-SECT. 9 points, 3 rebounds vs. Nebraska.19 points at Baylor. 5 points at Louisville.

24 — Abdul Ado
Fr | F | 6-11 | 250 | Lagos, Nigeria

MIN	PTS	RBS	BLK	FG%	3FG%	FT%
26.4	7.7	6.4	1.9	.611	---	.509

Notes: Missed opener with a quad injury. In debut, had 12 points, 7 rebounds and 3 blocked shots vs. Florida A&M. First double-double against Green Bay with 12 points and 11 rebounds. 12 points, 10 rebounds at Florida. 10 points, 11 rebounds for third-double vs. Auburn. 12 points, 7 rebounds vs. Missouri. 16 points, 9 rebounds, 4 blocks at USC. 11 points, 7 rebounds at Mizzou. 15 points, 7 rebounds at Vanderbilt. Career-high 19 points at TAMU. 6 points, 5 rebounds at LSU. 3 points vs. LSU-SECT and 4 vs. Tennessee with 8 rebounds. 15 points, 9 rebounds vs. Nebraska. 3 points at Baylor. 7 points, 7 rebounds, 3 blocks at Louisville. 6th in SEC in blocks, 12th in rebounds. Team-high 67 blocks ties for most as MSU freshman.

35 — Aric Holman
Jr | F | 6-10 | 225 | Owensboro, KY

MIN	PTS	RBS	BLK	FG%	3FG%	FT%
22.9	10.9	6.8	1.8	.575	.440	.727

Notes: Started 30 games. Seven double-doubles on the year. Career-high 23 points vs. North Florida. Scored in double-digits 22 times. 11 points, 10 rebounds at Alabama. 6 points, 6 rebounds at Kentucky. 12 points, 8 rebounds vs. UGA. 3 blocks vs. Alabama. 14 points, 8 rebounds vs. Mizzou. 11 points, 3 blocks at Vanderbilt. 2 blocks vs. Ole Miss. 13 points, 5 rebounds, 2 blocks at Texas A&M. 3 points, 3 blocks, 7 rebounds vs. USC. 11 points vs. UT. 11 points, 12 rebounds, 4 blocks vs. LSU-SECT. 4 steals, 4 blocks vs. UT-SECT. 16 points, 10 rebounds, 4 blocks vs. Nebraska. 13 points, 8 boards at Baylor. 16 points, 8 rebounds, 2 blocks at Louisville. 7th in SEC in rebounds and 7th in blocks. 7th at MSU with 141 blocks.

45 — E.J. Datcher
So | C | 6-10 | 240 | Harpersville, AL

MIN	PTS	RBS	BLK	FG%	3FG%	FT%
7.9	2.2	1.7	0.3	.595	---	.708

Notes: One start came in season opener. Missed two games with a foot injury. Career-high 11 points against Alabama State and was 9-9 at the foul line. At one stretch, made 14-straight free throws. 1 rebound, 1 block vs. Arkansas. 4 points, 2 rebounds at Ole Miss. 2 points, 2 rebounds at Florida. 2 points vs. Auburn. Had an SEC-high 5 rebounds at Alabama. 1 rebound, 1 block vs. Missouri. 3 rebounds vs. UGA. After not scoring in six games, had 4 points vs. Ole Miss to go along with his 3 rebounds. 2 points, 1 rebound at Texas A&M. 2 points vs. Tennessee. 1 rebound at LSU. DNP in SECT. Played 1 minute at Baylor and Louisville.

Howland optimistic as start of 2017-18 season approaches

BRETT HUDSON
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STARKVILLE -- Ben Howland's list of on-court reasons for excitement for his upcoming Mississippi State men's basketball team are plentiful, as to be expected with a team as young as last year's.

The one that may have him most excited has little to do with returning on-court production.

"I really like the culture: I really like how these guys are pushing each other and supporting each other," Howland said. "I think we have a really good, cohesive unit, a good bond on our team, good chemistry, their excitement for the season and how hard they've worked. This is the best condition we've been in by far at this time."

Even with a team Howland thinks is a better shooting team across the board and better suited for more versatile lineup combinations, his biggest reason for optimism the environment within the locker room. The contents of that locker room take to the court for the team's first official practice on Friday; the team will have 42 days to practice 30 times before its preseason exhibition against West Florida 7 p.m. Nov. 2 at Humphrey Coliseum.

"I like where we are now better than the last two years," Howland said. "I really like the

culture, I like the leadership within the team. I like that we have experience coming back and there's a better feel of what's expected.

"Very good summer, by far the best summer we've had."

He's not alone in that sentiment.

"I think this is by far the best team I've played with in my three years here," junior guard Quinndary Weatherspoon said. "I'm excited to see what we can do. We're telling each other to shoot the ball in practice, we're passing up shots that we wouldn't have the last two years. Our culture is way better than it has been."

Junior forward Aric Holman added, "I think it's this team believing in each other."

Holman detailed a new scene in practice where, in the past, the team would turn its collective head to a select player or two to lead the team through it. Now, nearly anyone on the roster can do so and get MSU back on track immediately.

The reasons for that vibe, as Howland sees it, are not hinged on a convenient single turning point. The end result of it all could be just that.

"I think part of it is our guys maturing and our guys growing as kids. Just the personnel we have right now fitting together and being unselfish, playing for your team first," Howland said. "All the best teams I've coached, at the end of the day when the kids are playing for each other, you're really getting something special. I see that in this group right now."

As Weatherspoon sees it, the

only thing holding this group back in injury.

"I really feel like we can make the NCAA Tournament this year."

No comment on FBI revelation

Howland did not comment on the news of the FBI investigation that's currently sending shockwaves through college basketball.

"I'm going to make no comment because of the ongoing investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation," Howland said, "nor would I ever do that if there were an investigation in terms of the NCAA. I have no comment for you on that."

The announcement came on Tuesday that a three-year FBI probe discovered some assistant coaches were taking cash bribes to get players to sign with financial advisors, agents and apparel companies after their college careers were over. In some cases, Adidas was accused of using payments as high as six figures to steer players to schools wearing their uniforms. MSU is an Adidas school.

There are situations where Adidas is not alleged to have been involved: Auburn, an Under Armour school, had assistant coach Chuck Person arrested as a result of the sting. The FBI's investigation is still ongoing, but the fallout is already in effect: Louisville suspended athletic director Tom Jurich and men's basketball coach Rick Pitino Wednesday that is likely to end in their firing, while news about players ruled ineligible is beginning to come at times and more is expected in the coming days.

Healthy Stapleton should give MSU big lift this season

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STARKVILLE — "Missouri's Ish Witter rushed for a 1-yard score in the third quarter of a win against South Carolina on Oct. 3. Since that time, the Tigers have gone 13 quarters without finding the end zone.

They've scored 12 points and piled up three losses.

"The first thing we knew (our defense) would talk about is the run without touchdowns," MSU defensive coordinator Manny Diaz said. "We showed them what we called 14 touchdowns that they had scored, that on the chalkboard the offense was behind the defense."

The first full-game of the touchdown drought began against Florida. On the first play of the game, Missouri wide receiver Wesley Leftwich broke free behind the defense. He caught the ball, had green grass in front of him, but stepped out of bounds.

Two plays later, wide receiver J'Mon Moore stepped out of bounds before diving into the end zone.

"We know for us to have any type of success, we can't let those things happen because the odds are their level of execution will improve," Diaz said.

Missouri averaged 20.7 points per game through the first four games of the season under the guidance of quarterback Maty Mauk. A suspension then forced the Tigers to turn to freshman Drew Lock under center. He guided Mizzou to 24 points against South Carolina, but four points per game since.

During last week's bye, Missouri cleared Mauk to return to football activities, but on Sunday, the team announced the quarterback was suspended for the remainder of the season.

Through it all, Mississippi State's game plan remained unchanged.

"They've been playing (Lock) for a couple weeks now," MSU coach Dan Mullen sad. "They're going to run their system. They're going to do what they do. It's not like they've completely changed who they are."

The main concern for Mississippi State's defense is always stopping the run. Diaz said there are only a few specific situations where he would alter his preparations due to a quarterback: if the backup changed the dynamic of the offense in terms of pocket passing or scrambling; or if a quarterback displayed superior skills in a particular aspect.

Lock offers neither.

Mississippi State's focus Thursday will be behind Lock on the running backs, who scored Missouri's last touchdown.

"In college football in this day and age, the run game is still the quarterback's best friend," Diaz said. "You've heard it a million times. It doesn't make it untrue. You still try to make a team one-dimensional."

Will Lamar Peters be Mississippi State's next NBA Draft lottery pick?

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STARKVILLE — Combo guard Lamar Peters may end at least one unwanted streak for Mississippi State, judging by a few way-too-early recent NBA mock drafts.

Mississippi State hasn't produced a first-round draft pick since 2012 when Arnett Moultrie was picked No. 27 overall. It also hasn't produced an NBA lottery pick (top-14 selection) since 1996 when Erick Dampier was picked No. 10 overall.

The Bulldogs' season doesn't start until Nov. 10, so this is almost as meaningful as a high school sophomore's commitment to a college, but some mock drafts have labeled Peters as a top-15 pick.

HoopsHype, which is part of the USA TODAY Network, projected Peters, a sophomore, as the No. 11 overall pick in its most recent mock draft last week. NBADraft.net also listed Peters at No. 11 in its latest mock draft on Sept. 30.

Peters produced a solid freshman season, but he was inconsistent at times late in the year and was held to less than 10 points in seven of MSU's final nine games. Still, the highs outweighed the lows for the New Orleans native. His 10.7 points per game average was the second-highest on the team, he was named to the SEC All-Freshman team and he led MSU with 59 made 3-pointers, the third most by a freshman in school history.

It was what Peters did during the summer that has draft pundits buzzing, though.

Peters raised eyebrows in Houston during the Adidas Nation showcase, displaying his long range, defensive tenacity and improved passing ability.

"He played great," MSU coach Ben Howland said. "They had every NBA team there and he led the Adidas Nation's college players in assists, scored 15 points a game and played great defense," Howland said. "He was the surprise player of the camp. He was the guy that guy that no one really got, like, 'Wow, he is really this good?'"

RELATED: Amidst tragedy, Lamar Peters pushes on

ESPN's Jonathan Givony, who is likely the most trusted draft expert in the industry, projected Peters to go late in the first round of the 2019 draft in his latest mock. That would seem like the safer bet as of now based on Peters' season last year.

"He still has a lot of work to do to earn it," Howland said.

Mississippi State's strength is in its backcourt this season and Peters will have a prominent role. He will likely have a starting spot at either the point or shooting guard position. It is conceivable that Peters, Nick Weatherspoon and Quinndary Weatherspoon all start in a small lineup along with Xavian Stapleton at power forward.

Quinndary Weatherspoon, now a junior, is the most accomplished of the backcourt trio, having led the team in scoring with 16.5 points per game last season. Nick Weatherspoon, a freshman, was a five-star recruit according to 247Sports, while Peters was barely in the top 100. So Peters is in some way the most unlikely of the three to be talked about like this coming into the 2017-18 season. But he is.

"I'm excited for him," Howland said. "If he is the 15th pick in the draft this coming year, then that means we're going to have a good year."

Carter grows into big piece for Bulldogs

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STARKVILLE, MS
Just last year, Tyson Carter was a baby-faced, bright-eyed newcomer to Mississippi State's basketball team trying to find his way as a true freshman guard in the Southeastern Conference. There was pressure. There was unfamiliarity.
Luckily for Carter, time heals all things and he's now a year older, a year wiser and he's ready to charge into what he believes can be a special 2017-18 season.

"Experience means a lot," Carter said last week following MSU's first official day of practice on Friday. "Everything with my game, I feel like I've improved more. For freshmen, I know confidence is an issue, but I feel like I have a lot more confidence this year."

One only has to go back to Carter's prep days at Starkville High School to see how dangerous the sharpshooter can be when he's comfortable. As a senior with the Yellowjackets in the 2015-16 season, Carter was picked Mississippi's Gatorade Player of the Year as he averaged 21 points, five rebounds and four assists per game. He scored 30 or more

points in a game nine times that season.

In Carter's debut season as a Bulldog, he showed promise that he might one day be just as successful at the collegiate level. He played 32 games for State last year and started 12 contests. He scored in double figures 11 different times and finished fifth on the squad with 7.5 points per game.

With that year under his belt now, Carter is reaching for more. MSU head coach Ben Howland thinks he can get there.

"He has played very well in our fall stuff," Howland said of Carter. "We had a practice a week ago where he couldn't miss. He shot 90 percent with defense over a 40-minute practice. He was phenomenal.

"He has improved. He is stronger. We just (tested) our body fat. Even though he is a few pounds heavier, his body fat is much lower. He is more pure muscle than he has ever been. He is stronger defensively. That year of experience is huge. Your biggest year of growth is your freshman to sophomore year. You come in not knowing what it is really about, you go through a year and now you know what you have to do."

Carter's year of development has also led to another role – he's now a veteran leader. MSU's roster has just one senior and four juniors. The

remaining 11 players are all either sophomores or freshmen.

Carter can now pass along helpful advice to State's exciting newcomers such as highly-touted guard Nick Weatherspoon and forward KeyShawn Feazell.

Carter's first tip to those guys is just to believe in themselves.

"Go as hard as you can," Carter said of what he'd advise the freshmen to do. "Don't take any games lightly, especially the non-conference games. Have a lot of confidence. Don't let it drop throughout the course of the year."
While he's going to be willing to give a helping hand, Carter says Weatherspoon and Feazell might not need too many words of wisdom.

"These freshmen are going to be really good," Carter said. "Nick brings a lot of defensive intensity and a lot of athleticism. KeyShawn brings a lot athleticism and intensity on rebounds and defense."

When you mix together the promising freshman class with the developing sophomores such as Carter, then throw in the leadership and talent of juniors Quinndary Weatherspoon, Aric Holman and Xavian Stapleton, it becomes clear why Howland and the Bulldogs are optimistic about

the year ahead.

Carter isn't making any bold proclamations, yet he believes his sophomore year might just be a big one for both himself, and more importantly, the Bulldogs as a whole.

"I feel really good about the team," Carter said. "I feel like we're going to have a better season this year. We have more weapons on offense so we will be able to score and I think we're going to be a better defensive team."

Weatherspoons part of unselfish play in MSU's opener

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STARKVILLE - Mississippi State fans finally got to see the brother tandem of Nick Weatherspoon and Quinndary Weatherspoon together on a basketball court.

If the first act is any indication of what lies ahead, fans will like what they see.

Quinndary had 17 points and Nick had 11 in MSU's 96-68 victory against Alabama State before a crowd of 6,811 at Humphrey Coliseum.

"For my first college game, it was wonderful," Nick said. "The crowd really got into it, and that gave everybody a lift. I think we showed everybody a little bit of what might be coming. This is an unselfish basketball team. We are ready to do some things."

MSU coach Ben Howland hopes the program turns the corner in his third season. Recruiting has been on the uptick, but it will be up young players like Nick Weatherspoon to help MSU get back to postseason play for the first time since 2012.

"Really like this team," Howland said. "Really like the unselfish nature of these players. I think we got good minutes from a lot of different combinations. We have some players who can really make contributions this year. Just got

to always keep working hard and keep pushing forward."

A vocal crowd was engaged throughout. Two of the Bulldogs' big men -- Aric Holman and E.J. Datcher -- worked early to help the Bulldogs build a double-digit lead. A putback by Eli Wright ran the lead to 19-6.

Holman (18 points) led a group of six players in double figures for the Bulldogs. Holman, who played 21 minutes, added 11 rebounds, including eight on the defensive end.

"I was very excited for him," Howland said. "We need him to keep pushing himself through exhaustion. He did a great job of passing the ball, stretching the floor, and blocking shots."

With Schnider Herard in early foul trouble, it was up to Holman and Datcher to set the tone undernearth.

The Bulldogs held a plus-six rebounding advantage, thanks in part to their size advantage at each position.

MSU shot 56.3 percent from the field in the first half, including a 6-for-12 worksheet from 3-point range. A late 12-0 run helped establish a 58-31 lead at halftime.

"We broke the game open in the first half," Howland said. "It was penetrating and hitting open guys for threes. Lamar Peters had seven assists. It was a beautiful sequence when Peters hit (Nick) Weatherspoon in the corner and made the extra pass to (Eli) Wright for the three in front of their bench.

"I love when the ball is moving and we're getting open shots."

Wright (12 points), Datcher (11), and Tyson Carter (11) also were in double figures.

MSU hit 7-for-20 3-pointers and parlayed a tightly called game into a 27-for-35 effort from the free-throw line.

Quinndary Weatherspoon likes the chemistry of his team.

"When we get everybody involved, it can be special," Quinndary Weatherspoon said. "(Nick and I) have always had that kind of relationship. It's good to have others on that same kind of level. That is when we can reach our potential."

Holman came off the bench and had 17 of his points in the first half.

"I felt great, but at the end of the day, I owe it all to my teammates," Holman said. "They are constantly telling me to score the ball, and they help me build my confidence."

MSU will play host to Florida A&M at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Men: Holman claims double-double in MSU victory.

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STARKVILLE - Aric Holman's versatility was on display for the Mississippi State Bulldogs Friday night's against Alabama State.

Holman was scoring beyond the 3-point line and inside converting 3-point plays as the Bulldogs defeated the Hornets 96-68 at Humphrey Coliseum.

After hitting 6-of-11 shots from the field, including two from 3-point, Holman finished with 18 points to lead MSU. He pulled down 11 rebounds for the Bulldogs to complete a double-double. It was his third career double-double.

"It was exciting for him," MSU coach Ben Howland said of Holman. "He ends up playing 21 minutes. He gets tired when he has to push himself, but h.e did a great job passing the ball, stretching the floor and blocking shots. He ends up changing some shots."

Holman scored 17 points in the first half as the Bulldogs took a 58-31 lead at halftime and they didn't look back.

It was the kind of start that Holman wanted for himself and the team.

"At the end of the day, I've got to owe it all to my teammates," Holman said. "They are constantly telling me to score the ball and they help me build my confidence. I need to be more aggressive so I can fit in."

Nick Weatherspoon hit a 3-point field goal for MSU's first points of the season and gave the home team a 3-1 lead.

A successful 3-point shot by Holman put the Bulldogs up 11-4, then E.J. Datcher and Holman went back-to-back and earned three points the hard way with a basket and free throw each to stretch the margin to 17-6 at the 12:21 mark of the first half.

Holman had another made 3-pointer and a 3-point play and the rout was on as State increased its advantage to 30-9 with 9:23 remaining in the first half.

The Bulldogs put an exclamation mark on the first half when Holman threw down a dunk.

MSU outscored Alabama State 38-37 in the second half to record the 28-point victory.

"It was important to get the first win of the year and get off to a good start," Howland said.

There were six Bulldogs who scored in double figures during the game. Quinndary Weatherspoon was second in scoring with 17 points, while Wright added 12 points. Former Starkville High School player Tyson Carter, Datcher and Nick Weatherspoon finished with 11 points each.

The Weatherspoon brothers combined for 28 points in their first regular season outing together.

Ealier on Friday, Quinndary Weatherspoon was selected first team All-Southeastern Conference by league coaches.

MSU will host Florida A&M on November 18.

Mississippi State opens season with lopsided win over Alabama State

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STARKVILLE - Lamar Peters dribbled past two defenders to get into the lane, but was met by another Alabama State player. He didn't force a layup. He instead kicked the ball out to Nick Weatherspoon.

Nick Weatherspoon was standing in the corner beyond the 3-point line. He didn't take the shot. He instead quickly made a no-look dish to a wide-open Eli Wright, who attempted a trey from the wing.

Swoosh.

Wright's 3-pointer gave Mississippi State a 23-point lead with seven minutes left in the first half.

"That was a beautiful sequence," Ben Howland said. "I just love that."

The Bulldogs' opener Friday in the third year under Ben Howland was a successful one that ended with a 96-68 win over Alabama State at Humphrey Coliseum.

Ball movement, communication and unselfish play — with extra passes in the first half and alley-oops in the second — were important highlights for Mississippi State, a team that must get all of the above from its guards in order to flourish.

"We broke the game open in the first half with penetration, hitting guys wide-open for 3s," Howland said. "My favorite thing is when the ball is moving and we're passing up a good shot for a great shot."

Mississippi State started Peters at point guard, Nick Weatherspoon at shooting guard (though he guarded the opposing point guard at time) and Quinndary Weatherspoon at small forward. Against a lowly SWAC school like Alabama State, Mississippi State's backcourt was never going to prove much, but from the Bulldogs' perspective this nonetheless was a positive first step.

Peters had seven assists and seven points. Quinndary Weatherspoon scored 17 points, Wright added 12 and Nick Weatherspoon scored 11.

Aric Holman's intensity was another good sign for MSU. Howland said he tried to "light a fire" under Holman at one point last season by not starting him. With this year's roster and the surplus of guards, starting opportunities may be scarcer for Holman — but he'll earn playing time with efforts like this one.

Holman recorded his third career double-double with 18 points and 11 rebounds. On one play early on in the first half, Holman clenched both his fists and shouted as he looked up at the ceiling after getting fouled while making a layup.

"That's how I need to play," Holman said.

Starting center Abdul Ado didn't play because of a quad injury, but should return next week in MSU's next game, Howland said. It wasn't all sunshine for Mississippi State on Friday, though. Xavian Stapleton, who is expected to have a prominent starting role as a stretch-four, tweaked his knee and will undergo an MRI. Stapleton suffered the injury after playing only five minutes against Alabama State. It is the same knee Stapleton has twice had surgery on.

Howland said he didn't think Stapleton's injury was serious, "but until you get an MRI, you don't know for sure."

Does Mississippi State have the best backcourt no one is talking about?

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STARKVILLE - Quinndary Weatherspoon joked before a recent Mississippi State preseason practice about how his brother Nick used to hide in the post when the two last played together on the same Velma Jackson team in 2015.

"That's a true story," Nick Weatherspoon said. "It's very true. Then teams recognized I couldn't shoot. So I had to get into the gym and get behind the 3-point line until I got comfortable."

Nick then transformed into a five-star prospect as a point guard, signed with the Bulldogs and has since shown Quinndary how much he has changed.

"I hadn't seen him play in two years so I'm impressed," Quinndary Weatherspoon said. "He's a lot better than when I played with him. Anything inside the three, I have real confidence in him knocking it down. I think our guard play … can be pretty good this year."

Ben Howland often said in the preseason that the Bulldogs are going to rely heavily on a group of six guards and his job is to figure out a scheme that works. Nick is the new addition to a rotation that features Quinndary — who can play point guard, shooting guard and small forward — and point guard Lamar Peters, who elevated his draft stock with a big summer.

So that's a consensus top-30 signee, a second-team All-SEC player and a returning All-SEC freshman. That's not bad.

It's unclear if those three will all start on Friday when Mississippi State hosts Alabama State at 5:30 p.m. in the season opener. And although Howland didn't showcase that particular group much in exhibition games, it's only a matter of time before they share the court together — Quinndary and Peters are probable starters, and if Nick plays as well as his potential suggests he could, it won't be long before he joins them.

"You have three guys who can all play point," Howland said. "You have three guys who are great ball-handlers, can create for others and can create for themselves. They're quick and they can all defend. It's a nice trio."

There is a decent chance the threesome ends up being the best backcourt that no one in the preseason spent time talking about.

How can it work?

Peters would still be the primary point guard in a lineup that would include both Weatherspoons, likely Xavian Stapleton or Aric Holman at power forward and Abdul Ado at center. As the sport becomes faster, with smaller lineups, more of an emphasis on shooting, stretch-fours and getting a shot off quickly, MSU is in a good position. Any one of the three players can lead a fast-break, and each has solid court vision.

For this to work, though, MSU's guards need to be unselfish when it comes to minutes, ball-handling and shots.

"Whoever's number is called just has to be ready," Peters said. "Whatever helps the team, let's do it. That's one thing we don't need — we don't need any selfishness. Everybody has to be selfless. Nobody is trying to outshine anyone."

MSU also returned guards Tyson Carter and Eli Wright. Either of them can start alongside Quinndary and Peters. For rotation and minutes purposes, Carter may start early on so that Nick can lead the second-team at point guard. Like many of Howland's previous teams, playing time will come down to defense, and that's what Howland said excited him the most about adding Nick.

MSU is at least supposed to have a winning record in Howland's third year after the Bulldogs went 16-16 in 2016-17. For that to happen, MSU needs its guards to lead the way on both ends. The team needs to be quick and play a high-tempo brand of offense.

The pieces are in place for it.

Quinndary is a known-commodity as an all-around playmaker with versatility at 6-foot-4. The junior led the Bulldogs last year with 16.5 points per game and routinely filled up the stat sheet. Peters showed flashes of being able to rack up points in a hurry and improved over time as a point guard after former MSU player I.J. Ready suffered an injury. He averaged 10.7 points per game and made the most 3-pointers by a freshman in school history

with 59 treys. In many ways, Nick presents the missing piece from a year ago — a vocal guy defensively who looks to make the extra pass and also can create on his own when necessary.

"The strength of our team," Howland said, "is our backcourt."

Wait almost over for MSU's Ado in basketball

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STARKVILLE, MS
It has been a long year for Mississippi State's Abdul Ado.

The redshirt freshman center has been in Starkville for over a year now and is still awaiting the chance to make his Bulldog debut after being forced to sit out last season when the NCAA deemed him ineligible because of transcript issues. That's all now in the past.

Finally, it's almost Ado's time. The nearly 7-footer can't wait.

"It's very exciting," Ado said. "(Last Friday) in class I was kind of overwhelmed with my first time practicing after sitting out last year. It was pretty tough (sitting out), but my teammates got me through it. I was just thankful to be on the floor to practice with the whole team. That was really great."

Ado worked out in practice with MSU last season, but there is a different vibe for him now, knowing that he's a big piece of State's 2017-18 team. Mississippi State has had depth issues in the post the last few years, and with Ado now cleared and Schnider Herard a year more experienced, suddenly, MSU's front court is starting to take shape.

"I am really excited about Abdul, and Schnider Herard has improved from where he was a year ago," MSU head coach Ben Howland said. "He is much further along having a year of experience under his belt. I am really excited about his skill level as his jump shot has gotten much better. Our five spot between (Ado and Herard) has become a lot more solid. We have a great tag team keeping a fresh body in there at all times."

Howland has liked what he has seen so much that he says both Ado and Herard will potentially play together at times.

"Abdul is good enough, defensively, in terms of his lateral quickness, to be able to match up with a power forward," Howland said. "There are a lot of ways we are going to play this year. We are going to play small, and we will play big some and go the 'Twin Towers' route."

While this season will be the first time fans will get to see Ado perform, he's been having a positive impact on Mississippi State since his arrival. His teammates raved about his intensity in practice last season and how much he sharpened their skills.

"He improved my game," junior forward Aric Holman said of Ado. "He taught me to be more patient and to play through the physicality that the SEC brings. He teaches me to play hard with every possession. He's so composed. You can't rattle him. He's willing to do anything to help his team."

Ado takes great pride in bettering his teammates. He says it's not just about being unselfish, it's also them making himself better too.

"That's all the fun part of it," Ado said. "You come in, you try to get everybody better and at the same time, you're also learning. I took it personally to come in every day and give it my all and do whatever I can to help the team, be it rebounding, blocking shots, running the floor or setting picks. I just try to push everybody on the floor to go hard."

Now Ado can finally bring his positive attitude and impressive skill set to actual games.

Ado said he had to learn about patience as he sat out during games the last year. He freely admits it wasn't easy. But now, the day has come where Ado can finally contribute. Howland believes Ado's presence will make a huge difference in MSU's fortunes moving forward.

"I think he's really going to be a huge boost for us because he brings such great competitiveness and toughness," Howland said.

"He's all about making his team win. He has all the intangible aspects of a player that you love to see in a

MSU Men Welcome Peters Back for Dayton

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STARKVILLE -- Mississippi State's 6-0 start to its men's basketball season has been missing a few things. It's missed a date with a team hailing from a conference with more than one team in last season's NCAA Tournament; it lacks a team ranked in the top 120 nationally according to Ken Pomeroy's advanced college basketball metrics.

That all changes Sunday night.

Dayton (3-3) comes to Humphrey Coliseum 7 p.m. Sunday (SEC Network) to challenge MSU and its unbeaten record in a way MSU has not been challenged before given only two of the six wins have been by single digits.

In looking for a formula for the win, MSU coach Ben Howland looked at box score from Thursday's win over North Dakota State: NDSU's 38.6 shooting percentage and 28.6 percent from 3-point range.

"That's why we've been winning, it's our defense," Howland said. "Our guys are doing a great job of focusing and taking information on the personnel to be able to take away their strengths."

Playing strong defense against the Flyers requires a similar approach to stopping MSU: limiting everything inside the 3-point line. Much like MSU, Dayton has struggled from 3-point range (33.3 percent, 216th in the nation), but is shooting 54.4 percent on 2-point attempts, which ranks 66th in the nation. Dayton's ball movement has been among the best in the nation, too, based on 61.2 percent of its made field goal being assisted (37th in the nation).

MSU has a certain level of familiarity with Dayton: its coach, Anthony Grant, coached at Alabama from 2009-2015, taking the Crimson Tide to one NCAA Tournament in that time. Howland replaced Rick Ray after Grant was fired, thus Howland and Grant did not coach against each other as members of the Southeastern Conference.

MSU could get a boost in the return of sophomore guard Lamar Peters, who Howland said will be back after missing three games due to an undisclosed violation of team rules. In his three games, Peters has averaged 12.3 points and 4.7 assists per game with eight steals and three blocks. Starkville native Tyson Carter has produced at a high clip in his absence, most recently scoring a career high 35 points and doubling as the first Bulldog to do so since 1995.

Second-half shooting pushes MSU past Missouri

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STARKVILLE -- The Mississippi State men's basketball team's best shooting performance of the Southeastern Conference schedule came with impeccable timing.

MSU shot 18-for-27 from the field in the second half Saturday night to beat Missouri 74-62 at Humphrey Coliseum.

Quinndary Weatherspoon led MSU (15-6, 3-5 SEC) with 20 points. He also had six rebounds, four assists, and three steals to help the Bulldogs snap a two-game losing streak.

Sophomore guard Lamar Peters had one of his best games of the season despite scoring only four points and attempting four shots thanks to a career-high nine assists and two steals.

"I know we needed a game, so I wanted to make a difference," Peters said. "I feel like we have two dominant big guys (Aric Holman and Abdul Ado), so we have to use those guys. They made good passes and it worked out."

Peters' passing was crucial down the stretch as MSU made its final seven shots of the game when Missouri (13-8, 3-5) was still within striking range. Freshman guard Nick Weatherspoon had the first three made field goals in a stretch of seven in a row. Nick Weatherspoon added 12 points, four rebounds, and three assists, while Ado (12 points) scored three times in the first four minutes of the second half on his way to 5-of-6 shooting.

MSU also benefited from an aggressive defense in the second half that forced 12 second-half turnovers and 19 overall. MSU ended with 24 points off those turnovers.

"So many turnovers are uncharacteristic. That can't happen," Missouri coach Cuonzo Martin said.

Said MSU coach Ben Howland, "I thought doubling the post was really effective, which was something we hadn't done a lot of this year."

MSU faced a seven-point deficit near the midway point of the first half before a 12-2 run gave the Bulldogs a three-point lead.

In that run, Quinndary Weatherspoon and Tyson Carter (10 points, two steals) scored layups through fouls then made the free throws.

Still, MSU trailed by five with 30 seconds remaining in the first half until one of its best sequences. Carter had a shot blocked by Jeremiah Tilmon, but Lamar Peters took over. With four seconds left on the shot clock, he corralled the loose ball, penetrated the same crease Carter tried and dished to Xavian Stapleton for a corner 3-pointer.

Aric Holman checked into the game after a Missouri offensive foul just in time to grab with one hand a Stapleton miss from the opposite corner and flick it off the backboard and in at the buzzer. The shot tied the game at 31 at halftime.

MSU was 10-for-14 from the free-throw line, including 6 of 6 in the first half.

"We've got 10 games left in the league, and I feel like we're going to be playing better and better as we move on," Howland said.

Mississippi State shows growth with big second half in win over Missouri

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STARKVILLE — Mississippi State assistant coach George Brooks, who is usually more reserved on the bench than he was Monday night, raised both his arms and then continuously pumped his fists with 4:33 left in the Bulldogs' game against Missouri.

That was when Nick Weatherspoon's emphatic two-handed dunk gave the Bulldogs a 10-point lead. It was a fast-break basket and it all started with Abdul Ado picking off a pass in the paint and quickly dishing to Aric Holman, who flung the ball down court to find a racing Weatherspoon.

MSU entered this game losers of two straight and five of its last six, so when that sequence happened, it was easy to understand why Brooks, Ben Howland and the rest of MSU's bench erupted. The crowd at Humphrey Coliseum jumped out of their seats at that point, too, and the Bulldogs didn't give them much of a reason to sit down from there.

Behind strong defense that helped create one of its best offensive performances of the season, Mississippi State pulled away in the second half to beat Missouri 74-62.

"I was really pleased tonight with our effort," Howland said. "Our team, overall, was really good with sharing the ball."

After a solid win against an opponent like Missouri (13-8, 3-5 SEC), Mississippi State's (15-6, 3-5 SEC) two realistic goals right now are more attainable: make the NIT and win more conference games than it did last year (six).

MSU has 10 conference games left. Before Saturday's game, Kenpom gave MSU the edge against Georgia, Alabama, Ole Miss and South Carolina (all of these games are at Humphrey Coliseum). MSU is the favorite in those games, but not by much; the percentages of MSU winning each game, respectively, ranges from 55 percent to 62 percent. MSU's game at Vanderbilt, a team the Bulldogs beat by 18 points two weeks ago, is certainly winnable, too.

"I think right now, with 10 games left, we're going to be playing better as things go on," Howland said. "That's really exciting."

If you're counting all of the aforementioned games as wins for MSU, that would give the Bulldogs an overall total of 20 with eight coming inside the SEC. For context, 11 teams with fewer than 20 wins cracked the NIT last year.

"We're way better than that," Peters said. "I'm sure we will win more than six games in the conference this year."

If the Bulldogs played the way they did in the second half of this game, they shouldn't need to be in a position where they're sweating these goals out in a few weeks. But, a reminder: this was just one game and MSU has been inconsistent so far, so the crystal ball here can't exactly provide a clear picture yet.

The score was tied at halftime after Aric Holman's put-back beat the buzzer, but Mississippi State played an uneven first half. There was some perseverance from the Bulldogs after falling behind by as many as seven — for a change, it wasn't misfiring on unwise 3-pointers that cost them and instead it was Abdul Ado starting slowly offensively. But the Bulldogs also committed nine turnovers in the half.

The second half was one of MSU's better halves of the season and its response to its earlier play was significant in terms of growth. The Bulldogs entered with a ton of energy, went on a 7-0 run and sustained it. The Bulldogs committed only six turnovers, didn't take a slew of poor 3-point shots, made the extra pass and attacked the basket. The result was balanced scoring. Quinndary Weatherspoon led the team with 20 points. Lamar Peters made nine assists. Ado added 12 points, including eight in the second half.

Most importantly, MSU was 6 for 16 from 3-point range.

Instead of forcing 3-pointers, the Bulldogs allowed their defense to translate into offense — MSU scored 19 points off of turnovers in the second half. Missouri committed a whopping 12 turnovers in the second half because MSU doubled the Tigers' two post players who committed four turnovers each. Missouri, which entered the game shooting 39.2 percent from 3-point range (29th in the country), was only 6 for 22 from 3-point range.

In transition, MSU was dynamite. But even in half-court sets, MSU's guards such as Tyson Carter, Peters and both Weatherspoons penetrated to the rim more instead of settling.

"You're learning from the past," Howland said, "and that's key to being successful."

Said Peters: "I knew we needed this game."

Peters playing bigger role for MSU men

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STARKVILLE -- Lamar Peters was as much of a guaranteed starter as there could be for the Mississippi State men's basketball team after its first three games. He was averaging 12.3 points per game on 38 percent shooting and 4.6 assists per game.

Then came his three-game suspension for a violation of team rules. He hadn't started since; that changed Tuesday.

Peters got his first start in 14 games in MSU's loss to Kentucky. His reinsertion into the lineup gives MSU a different dynamic as the Bulldogs host Missouri (13-7, 3-4 Southeastern Conference) 7:30 p.m. Saturday (SEC Network).

Peters filled into the starting spot that previously belonged to sophomore guard and Starkville native Tyson Carter, but MSU coach Ben Howland said the move had more to do with the former than the latter.

"It's something I thought would be good for us in terms of running the offense and Lamar's been playing really well, it's nothing Tyson hasn't been doing," Howland said on the SEC teleconference Thursday. "Lamar's been an effective point guard when he's been in there.

"We got off to a good start, we had the lead, up 15-10, and he made some smart decisions in transition. I was pleased with his play."

Peters responded to being returned to the starting lineup with nine points, five assists, a steal and just two turnovers in a season high 33 minutes. It was the continuation of a better streak of games for Peters: he shot 32 percent from the field in his first three SEC games but has shot 41.4 percent (17-41) in his last four, and has done so while taking two shots per game more from the first three to the last four.

Peters also went from two steals in his first three SEC games to eight in his last while improving his 3-point shooting percentage from 20 percent in the first three to 35 over his last four. None of it is lost on his competition.

"I think the thing that comes to mind when you watch him is speed and toughness," Missouri coach Cuonzo Martin said on the SEC teleconference. "He gets the ball, he wants to get the ball on the floor and he looks comfortable doing it. I think he has the attributes for that position, directing traffic and putting guys in position to make plays. He's tough to go against."

The bigger result of the move is increased minutes for the backcourt trio of Peters with the Weatherspoon brothers, junior guard Quinndary and freshman guard Nick. They are the top three on the team in assists and three of the top four in steals, two of many reasons why Howland wanted to see them together more.

"They can all handle the ball and they all do a good job of being able to penetrate and make plays out to the perimeter along with finishing," Howland said. "Defensively, it's a real good group because we're able to pressure the ball and do a good job of trying to create havoc with our defense thanks to the quickness and strength all three of those guys display."

If all goes well, more of that trio could be a much needed spark for MSU and its four consecutive losses to teams ranked in the top 60 by Ken Pomeroy's advanced numbers (Missouri ranks 46th.)

"It's been two tough road games where we've had a chance to win but couldn't quite get over the hump," Howland said, "and now we're hoping to get back home here and get some momentum against a really good Missouri team."

Mississippi State's Xavian Stapleton is learning to control his emotions

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STARKVILLE — How does someone who turned 22 on Wednesday balance controlling his passion so that it doesn't lead to hasty and regrettable decisions when that same emotion is what has also helped him excel at times?

The question is a relatable one for Xavian Stapleton, but it isn't an easy one for the Mississippi State junior to answer. So instead of quickly responding, he first smiles.

"I'm still learning, to be honest," Stapleton said. "I'm learning how to be patient with things and how to just block things out. I'm learning how to be positive even though sometimes it's not always the case because I've messed up a couple of times."

Stapleton's latest transgression resulted in him getting suspended for Mississippi State's game against Alabama last week. It was the second time he was suspended this season. Ben Howland has not revealed the specifics behind each occurrence. But the common theme is Stapleton let his emotion and frustration get the best of him in the form of words.

"It was some heat of the moment things," Stapleton said. "Just not thinking before I speak."

Stapleton is well-liked among his teammates. But with the suspensions, the decline in his statistics and the arrest on Jan. 9 for a disturbing the peace warrant, Stapleton is well aware of how he is viewed nowadays through the eyes of many outside the program. Those issues are easier to forget when a team is winning, but Mississippi State (14-6, 2-5 SEC) has dropped five of its last six games heading into its matchup against visiting Missouri (13-7, 3-4) on Saturday (7:30 p.m., SEC Network).

"People definitely have some misconceptions about me," Stapleton said. "I'm not a bad guy at all. I have so much passion that, just like with anybody else, if something doesn't go your way, you kind of get frustrated. But I have to control that."

It's a challenging task for Stapleton because it's also a tightrope act of sorts. Stapleton plays with emotion on the floor, feeds off of being contentious toward opposing players and is often vocal on the bench while supporting teammates. At his best, Stapleton is the in-your-face guy that you hate to play against, but welcome with open arms if he's on your team. That's because he's also the same guy working on his shot in an empty gym after games (which he did following MSU's preseason exhibition).

Learning how to leave that emotion and fire on the court is still in the work-in-progress stage for Stapleton. He said he is surrounding himself with enough people who genuinely care about him and care about helping him, so maybe that will yield positive results. A season that started with so much promise is still salvageable.

Mississippi State entered this season with a hole at power forward because of Mario Kegler's transfer to Baylor and Garrison Brooks' release from his NLI. Despite Stapleton being more of a true shooting guard at 6-foot-6 and 210 pounds, Howland hoped to convert Stapleton into a stretch-four to fill that role.

This was a necessary move for Howland, but it also made sense. Stapleton was coming off a productive season as a reserve with 7.1 points per game and 2.9 rebounds per game despite averaging 16.7 minutes. He played with energy and showed a willingness to get his hands dirty on defense and inside. Most importantly, Stapleton entered this season healthy after tearing his ACL in back-to-back years.

"I wanted to do things that people haven't seen me do yet," Stapleton said.

Stapleton started in the opener, left that game after five minutes after an injury, missed the next three games and has

struggled with his shot since. He is averaging 6.4 points per game and is shooting 37.6 percent from the field and 27.3 percent from 3-point range.

But Saturday night serves as another reminder that Stapleton still has time left to turn things around. He still has the potential. He still has the talent. And while his role has changed — Aric Holman has excelled as MSU's starting power forward — Stapleton still has a large enough job on this team.

In fact, he is vital to MSU's hopes of ending this season with a winning record for the first time since 2011-12. MSU has little depth at the power forward and center positions and Stapleton is usually the first or second guy off the bench.

"We need him," Howland said.

"It's been frustrating, but at the same time, all of it is motivation because no matter what happened, I'm still playing," Stapleton said. "So, I'm still trying to get better and I'm still trying to help my team win because we need to pick up wins in the games coming up."

MSU beats Vanderbilt to snap losing streak

Brett Hudson
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STARKVILLE -- The numbers tell you to play zone against the Mississippi State men's basketball team.

MSU's 29.7-percent mark from 3-point range entering its game against Vanderbilt on Tuesday was last in the Southeastern Conference and 336th out of 351 teams nationally.

Vanderbilt obliged and started the game in a zone. By the final minute of the first half, MSU led by double digits and had forced Vanderbilt to abandon the strategy.

After going 3-for-13 from 3-point range in the first half, MSU went 5-for-7 in the second to pull away and beat Vanderbilt 80-62 at Humphrey Coliseum.

Quinndary Weatherspoon led MSU (14-4, 2-3 Southeastern Conference) with 19 points, while Aric Holman had 18 points and a career-high 14 rebounds for his fourth double-double. Lamar Peters added 10 points to help the Bulldogs snap a three-game losing streak.

"I think our guys are learning," MSU coach Ben Howland said. "We watched a lot of film (Monday). We gave them Sunday off. We watched 45 minutes of film and took it away from practice time because we're learning."

MSU started 1-for-10 from 3-point range, but it hit 7 of 10 from distance to finish at 40 percent. Weatherspoon had his only 3-pointer in the second half when he scored 11 of his points. Xavian Stapleton had two treys and Holman and Peters also had 3-pointers in the final 20 minutes.

Former Starkville High School standout Tyson Carter had both of his 3-pointers in the first half.

In all, MSU's 8-for-20 effort from 3-point range was its third-highest shooting percentage of the season.

MSU also had 20 assists to eclipse its previous high of 13 in a SEC game. It was the third time this season the Bulldogs handed out 20 or more assists in a game. As a result, MSU shot 48.4 percent from the field (31-for-64), its highest percentage since it shot 62 percent from the field in a 109-81 victory against North Florida on Dec. 30, 2017.

MSU's ball movement played a role in forcing Vanderbilt (6-12, 1-5) out of the zone. The Bulldogs also committed a season-low four turnovers.

MSU used its passing to turn a one-point lead with 6 minutes, 39 seconds left in the first half into a 12-point advantage at halftime. The Bulldogs did it against a zone that has given them fits more than once.

"We weren't as fast. They're just more athletic than us. They move their feet quicker," Vanderbilt coach Bryce Drew said. "We couldn't turn them over."

Said Howland, "I thought we did a better job of not trying to do it by myself but sharing it, and I thought that showed in the assists."

After busting the zone and moving the ball, MSU also showed growth in closing the game. MSU led Ole Miss by six points and Auburn by 11 at halftime before letting the games slip away. In the second half Tuesday, Vanderbilt cut a 12-point halftime lead to seven in the first minute. It also cut MSU's lead to five with less than 12 minutes remaining.

"I just felt like we gave up too many baskets coming out in the first five minutes in the second half, but I was glad me and Aric were able to get a couple of baskets to try to keep our team going," Weatherspoon said.

Holman also had two assists and two blocked shots. He said the team knows getting the ball into the interior against a zone is one of Howland's biggest priorities. Against the Commodores, that meant Holman touched the ball on nearly every possession. He capitalized going 7-for-10 from the field.

"We got it to him inside, and for us to be victorious with Abdul (Ado) in foul trouble was huge," Howland said.

MSU won largely without freshman guard Nick Weatherspoon. Howland said Weatherspoon's foot was bothering him in pre-game shootaround and the pain forced him to see a doctor at halftime. Howland limited him to eight minutes in the second half. Howland said Weatherspoon will undergo a precautionary MRI before the game at Alabama on Saturday.

MSU men will try to end losing skid

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STARKVILLE -- Ben Howland had a duel in his head on the way back from Florida.

Mississippi State's men's basketball coach knew he had a team coming off of two hard days of practice and a tough road game over 500 miles away from home. He also knew he had a young team that can benefit from every second of work on the practice floor.

His first thought was to let the team recover with an off day; instead, he practiced hard on the Thursday and Friday in between that loss and hosting then-No. 22 Auburn. He's convinced that decision bit MSU in the end.

MSU is reeling from its active three-game losing streak before hosting Vanderbilt (6-11, 1-4 Southeastern Conference) 6 p.m. Tuesday (SEC Network), but it has every intention of being more rejuvenated this time around thanks to a tweaked practice schedule.

"The bottom line is we have seven weeks left in this regular season, so it's more about understanding than anything. We have to stay alive and active," Howland said.

Howland got that message through his players -- indirectly.

Howland said it wasn't until after the loss to Auburn that he heard his two most productive freshmen, guard Nick Weatherspoon and forward Abdul Ado, talked to trainers before the game and told them they, "didn't have their legs."

Junior Quinndary Weatherspoon said after the game he thought the team was, "nonchalant," with its double-digit lead in the second half; Howland, after reviewing the film, thought it was more of the physical ailment than the mental.

"I don't think it was the lackadaisical part as much as it was our sixth day of going hard," Howland said. "I don't think we can do that because, remember, we have 10 guys on scholarship so when we practice, there is no sub.

"You've got to remember, we've been going since August. It's a seven-month period and this is a two-semester sport, so it's tough. They're getting up and down, they're jumping, they're pounding, it's physical. I really blame myself."

As Nick Weatherspoon put it, "I need my legs to be great in a SEC game."

Howland has already made the adjustments to the practice schedule. He said he wanted to go longer than he did with Monday's practice, opting for more shooting than normal. He was also going to hold a short practice Sunday but decided against it.

The challenge from here is doing everything MSU (13-4, 1-3 SEC) used to do in a practice in a shorter amount of time. Auburn coach Bruce Pearl complimented the scouting job MSU did for its meeting with the Tigers, thus it's likely MSU does enough within its practice sessions. Now it has to find a way to do it all in less time.

Howland is experienced in this: in his 10 seasons at UCLA, he went through some Pacific 12 Conference schedules where teams would play road games on Thursday and Saturday of the same week, since some travel in that league can span over 1,000 miles from campus to campus. Howland said with some of his more experienced Bruin teams, he would give them Sunday and Monday off after those Saturday games, so he is no stranger to short preparation schedules.

As MSU transitions to them, the players know the onus is on them to accomplish what they always have in a shorter time.

"That and taking pride in really keying on the little things that Coach says," junior forward Aric Holman said. "The little things where we know what they're going to do and executing those things."

Holman is prepared to take on a bigger load in other areas.

"I guess you could say (shorter practices will help the team close second-half leads), but I think it's more of us as the leaders. Me, Q (Quinndary Weatherspoon) and (Xavian Stapleton), taking ownership and controlling the tempo of the game," Holman said. "I put that on us for not doing that and we have to work on that."

No. 22 Auburn rallies past Mississippi State

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STARKVILLE -- A week ago Saturday, the Mississippi State men's basketball team took to the road to face Ole Miss. MSU coach Ben Howland saw a team that had yet to learn how to make the key plays down the stretch to close out a game.

One week later, those lessons have not been learned.

MSU saw an 11-point halftime lead and 13-point lead 90 seconds after that evaporate to the No. 22 team in the nation as Auburn (16-1, 4-0 Southeastern Conference) beat MSU 76-68. It was MSU's third consecutive loss after upsetting Arkansas to start SEC play, dropping the Bulldogs to 1-3 in conference and 13-4 overall.

The team has yet to settle on an answer to the problem, but its leading scorer presented one possibility.

"We have to come out in the second half and not be so nonchalant," junior guard Quinndary Weatherspoon said. "The whole game, we came out nonchalant in the second half. We don't play the second half like we play the first half.

"Sometimes we leave the half with a lead and I think us having that lead, we let our guard down sometimes. I think that's why we have those slow starts coming out of halftime."

Howland countered, "I certainly hope not. Maybe it felt like that to him. I certainly hope not, but I'll study the film."

Several factors do point to second-half effort as an issue, if not the primary issue.

Auburn coach Bruce Pearl said MSU had, "a terrific scout. Everything I was trying to do, they had." When Pearl described his halftime talk, he did not mention tactical adjustments; he mentioned accountability.

MSU freshman forward Abdul Ado saw the effects of it ruin his second consecutive and third career double-double. Ado scored 10 to go with 11 rebounds, two blocks and two assists.

"It was consistent with what they were doing in the first half," Ado said of the Auburn offense. "In the first half we did a better job of playing defense, being aggressive and being active, but in the second half we were just kind of laid back and settled because we had a eight- or nine-point lead, which we shouldn't be doing. Whoever we're playing, we have to keep playing with the same intensity."

Auburn took advantage by making seven of its eight shot attempts over a six-minute stretch that took MSU from leading by five to trailing by six; then MSU missed its next three shots.

The result of it all was a loss following a first half that Howland described as, "our best half of basketball this year."

That first half saw Weatherspoon and junior forward Aric Holman lead the team offensively, as they normally do, with help from freshman guard Nick Weatherspoon and his sophomore counterpart Lamar Peters. Quinndary Weatherspoon finished with a team high 14 points, followed by 11 from Holman and 10 each from Ado, Nick Weatherspoon and Peters, who fouled out after 21 minutes on the floor. The Weatherspoon brothers had three assists each and Holman added two blocks.

Now MSU has to host Vanderbilt on Tuesday before consecutive road games at Alabama and Kentucky knowing exactly what it has to fix, or else meet a similar result. Howland has an idea of what he wants to see.

"Keep the foot on the gas, keep being aggressive, but at the same time, make good decisions," Howland said. "There were a few times where we're driving to the basket and they're coming over, and we've had this problem a few times, where we're trying to score with two guys on us.

"I think we're young but we can learn from it and learn to protect leads a little better."

MSU men hope to see progress after win

Brett Hudson
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STARKVILLE -- The box score after Mississippi State men's basketball's first win over a ranked opponent showed several numbers that aren't conducive to repeating such a victory. The turnover number was far from one of them.

MSU may have only shot 19 percent from 3-point range (4-21) and 60 percent from the free throw line (24-40) Tuesday, but it is quick to take solace in a mere seven turnovers in its win over No. 22 Arkansas. As a team that has struggled with turnovers in the past, MSU hopes the Arkansas game was signs of what is to come as MSU goes to The Pavilion to face Ole Miss (8-6, 1-1 Southeastern Conference) 3:30 p.m. Saturday (SEC Network).

"We really valued the ball. I was really excited," MSU coach Ben Howland said.

Before the Arkansas game, MSU was turning the ball over on 21.3 percent of its possessions; even after seven turnovers in 68 possessions bumped that turnover percentage down to 20.6, MSU stills ranks 260th out of 351 Division I teams.

More impressive than the numbers was the team MSU did it against. Arkansas and its trademark fullcourt press averaged forcing 16 turnovers per game before generating seven from the Bulldogs (13-0, 1-0 SEC).

Howland attributed the success to the same thing that should have made MSU good at preventing turnovers all season long: guard depth.

MSU's rotation at guard has enabled it to have five players at that position with at least 15 minutes per game and it trusts almost all of them in a press break. The most often used ball handlers have been junior Quinndary Weatherspoon, sophomore Lamar Peters and freshman Nick Weatherspoon, and Howland credited all three of them for their work against the Razorbacks, but they're not alone. Xavian Stapleton has handled the ball behind the halfcourt line and even forward Aric Holman got it across the time line once against Arkansas.

Further, MSU's guards knew what to do once it got past the press, another encouraging sign for Howland.

"They pressure so much that when you attack the rim, you have to get in there and play through contact," he said. He added close non-conference games, such as the three-point win over Jacksonville State and the two-point win over Dayton, helped MSU down the stretch.

In MSU's set of guards, Arkansas coach Mike Anderson did not see a drastically different group of players, just improved versions of the ones from a year ago.

"They're not different, probably older now. Everybody knows about (Quinndary Weatherspoon) and what he brings to the table, but I think Nick adds something for them on the defensive part," he said. "I think they're a year older now."

If the ball security from Tuesday is a window into the future, MSU is in for something even better against the Rebels: Ole Miss' defense is the second-worst in the SEC according to Ken Pomeroy's advanced statistics and its defensive turnover percentage of 18.5 is below the national average.

Mississippi State finding its toughness as it beats Alabama, wins fourth straight

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STARKVILLE — When Lamar Peters found himself in a trap and rushedly threw it right into the hands of Alabama's Donta Hall, and Collin Sexton then ran the fast break and lobbed a perfect alley-oop back to Hall to give the Crimson Tide a 49-45 lead, it seemed so easy — so likely — that Alabama could run away with the game.

Mississippi State had given away momentum, and this was the kind of tight, back-and-forth game the Bulldogs might have lost months or weeks ago.

Then Nick Weatherspoon hit a jumper. Then Aric Holman swatted the daylight out of a Dazon Ingram layup. Then Xavian Stapleton finished a fast break of his own with a behind-the-back dish to Quinndary Weatherspoon for the basket.

Mississippi State had answered.

And they kept answering from start to finish Tuesday night after each impressive basket from Sexton and each frustrating foul call. By the time Holman threw down a dunk with 45 seconds remaining to give the Bulldogs a six-point lead, it was clear — Mississippi State's still streaking.

"I thought we showed a lot of toughness and a lot of belief in each out there," Mississippi State coach Ben Howland said.

Feb 6, 2018; Starkville, MS, USA; Mississippi State Bulldogs head coach Ben Howland claps during the first half of the game against the Alabama Crimson Tide at Humphrey Coliseum. Mandatory Credit: Matt Bush-USA TODAY Sports (Photo: Matt Bush, Matt Bush-USA TODAY Sports)

The Bulldogs won 67-63, making it four straight wins since holding Kentucky close but letting them pull away Jan. 23. They are now 18-6 and above .500 in SEC play in February for the first time since 2012.

Mississippi State lost a close game to Alabama a month ago in Tuscaloosa, but Alabama coach Avery Johnson credited MSU for making life so difficult for the Crimson Tide on offense.

"We've been on a bit of a win streak against them, and they were hungry tonight, and they played like it with a lot of passion," Johnson said.

Feb 6, 2018; Starkville, MS, USA; Alabama Crimson Tide guard John Petty (23) talks with Alabama Crimson Tide head coach Avery Johnson during the first half at Humphrey Coliseum. Mandatory Credit: Matt Bush-USA TODAY Sports (Photo: Matt Bush, Matt Bush-USA TODAY Sports)

It seemed early in the game that Alabama's length was causing issues for MSU, as they consistently turned the ball over and had shots blocked when driving to the basket. Mississippi State never found a rhythm from deep — shooting 2-of-19 from 3-point range — but it controlled the ball well and made better decisions down the stretch.

The Bulldogs outplayed the Crimson Tide in most facets. They held them to 37 percent shooting, outrebounded them by seven and forced 13 turnovers compared to just four assists.

Feb 6, 2018; Starkville, MS, USA; Mississippi State Bulldogs guard Lamar Peters (1) reacts with fans after the game against the Alabama Crimson Tide at Humphrey Coliseum. Mandatory Credit: Matt Bush-USA TODAY Sports Matt Bush, Matt Bush-USA TODAY Sports

Alabama stayed in the game thanks to its ability to get to the foul line, shooting 24-of-30 from the line.

Howland raved about his team's toughness down the stretch. Like when Quinndary Weatherspoon took a harsh fall into the floor with a loud thud and quickly came back to shoot his free throws. Or when

Peters went down in the final minutes and rolled around the floor. He made himself get up and finish the defensive possession, jumping up and down on one foot.

Feb 6, 2018; Starkville, MS, USA; Alabama Crimson Tide guard John Petty (23) handles the ball while being defended by Mississippi State Bulldogs guard Nick Weatherspoon (0) during the first half at Humphrey Coliseum. Mandatory Credit: Matt Bush-USA TODAY Sports (Photo: Matt Bush, Matt Bush-USA TODAY Sports)

Peters left the game for a few possessions and quickly came back in despite a pained grimace on his face.

But the difference Howland sees the most in his team during this win streak is the preparation. He doesn't remember the four hours of preparation before a game he's been seeing lately.

"They're preparing so hard," he said. "There's a lot of preparation for each game. I'm really proud of that."

Feb 6, 2018; Starkville, MS, USA; Alabama Crimson Tide guard Avery Johnson Jr. (5) handles the ball while being defended by Mississippi State Bulldogs guard Xavian Stapleton (3) during the first half at Humphrey Coliseum. Mandatory Credit: Matt Bush-USA TODAY Sports (Photo: Matt Bush, Matt Bush-USA TODAY Sports)

Mississippi State will try to build on that preparation and this win streak Saturday at Missouri. For now, though, the Bulldogs can enjoy these moments like players did Tuesday night when they went into the student section and shook hands with the fans.

The Bulldogs are Playing Top-Notch Basketball

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Mississippi State goes on the road and pulls off a huge a win at College Station, TX (93-81). There is no doubt this team is getting better each week. Ben Howland seems to have gained control of his team late in the season and now has his dawgs at 20-8 on the season and 8-7 in the SEC.

The Bulldogs leading scorer was **Abdul Ado** with 19 points and 9 rebounds. This was Abdul Ado's best game in SEC play. He seemed to gain control of the paint and had no problem throwing down a few dunks every now and then.

Quinndary Weatherspoon has upped his game lately as well. He finished with 17 points, 5 assists, and 6 rebounds. Q played like a veteran in this game. He controlled the court by driving to the rim and either scoring, getting fouled, or dishing the ball back out for an open three.

His brother, **Nick Weatherspoon**, was the only starter who did not finish in double figures (THE ONLY STARTER WHO DID NOT FINISH IN DOUBLE FIGURES). Quick side note: To have 4 of 5 of your starters finishing in double figures usually means you're playing good basketball and that you're going to put up a solid amount of points. Nick did end up with 6 points, 4 assists, and 6 rebounds. He also played for 33 minutes and that is not an easy task.

There is one player on Mississippi State's team that is playing exceptional basketball right now and his name is Lamar Peters. Peters has turned into the key for success for this team. He is playing unselfish basketball and is also finding ways to beat his man and score. Peters finished with 15 points, 7 assists, and 7 rebounds. Although Nick and Q seem to have great control of the court, Peters is the controller of this team. He can slow the game down or speed the game up depending on what is best for MSU's offense.

Aric Holman and **Xavian Stapleton** combined for 21 points and both played outstanding defense. **Tyson Carter**, who is now coming off the bench, finished with 10 points. Carter, who typically only shoots threes, did a good job of driving to the rim and finding buckets.

This team deserves to be looked at for an **NCAA tournament** bid. With a 20-8 record, they have the second best overall record in the SEC. Yes I realize their strength of schedule is not the greatest, but winning 20 games is never an easy task. The last time Mississippi State men's basketball won 20 games in a season was back in 2012 (Rick Stansbury's last year; 21-12). The Bulldogs are also 5th in the SEC standings as of today.

The Bulldogs take on the **South Carolina Gamecocks** on Saturday, February 24 at 2:30 PM at the Humphrey Coliseum.

Mississippi State stuns Texas A&M

**COLLEGE STATION, Texas – Quinndary Weatherspoon got down to the basics of why Mississippi State overwhelmed Texas A&M on Tuesday night.

"We were just quicker than them, and we used that to our advantage on the defensive end," Weatherspoon said.

MSU's quickness came in handy on the offensive end, too, in its stunning 93-81 road victory.

Abdul Ado led the way with 19 points and five Bulldogs scored in double figures.

The Bulldogs (20-8, 8-7) improved to 2-6 in SEC road games, while the Aggies (17-11, 6-9) fell to 5-3 at home against league competition.

"We did a really nice job of managing the game down the stretch," MSU coach Ben Howland said. "I'm just really proud of our players because this is a huge win for us to come on the road and get an RPI win of 21. This really helps us toward our goal of getting to the NCAA Tournament."

MSU throttled A&M in points off turnovers (19-5) and bench points (23-6). The Aggies, ranked 21st last week in the AP poll, dropped out of the rankings this week following consecutive road losses at Missouri and Arkansas.

"We've lost our defensive identity for whatever reason," A&M coach Billy Kennedy said. "We're struggling to make the tough play on the defensive end of the floor, and that's my responsibility."

Bulldog forward Aric Holman was questionable for Tuesday's game after hurting his knee on Saturday in a victory over Mississippi, but played 19 minutes and contributed 13 points and five rebounds. Weatherspoon added 17 points for MSU.

A&M center Tyler Davis led all scorers with 25 points. MSU made 23-of-29 of its free throws (79 percent) compared to 16-of-28 (57 percent) for the Aggies.

The Bulldogs won for the first time in four tries in Reed Arena and notched their 18th 20-win season in program history.

BIG PICTURE

Mississippi State: The Bulldogs are likely still on the outside looking in concerning the NCAA Tournament, but not if this keeps up. MSU won its second straight and likely needs to close out the regular season with three more victories to make a strong case for the NCAA postseason.

Texas A&M: The Aggies, losers of three straight, are still considered likely for an NCAA Tournament berth, but this one hurt, considering they entered the game having won 12 of their 14 home games. Their next two are on the road.

STAT OF THE NIGHT

A&M entered the game as the SEC's top rebounding team, but MSU held a 44-31 advantage on the boards, despite no Bulldog player registering double-digit rebounds.

HIGHLIGHT REEL

Bulldog forward Aric Holman grabbed an offensive rebound, missed a dunk attempt, again grabbed the rebound, dribbled outside the arc and smoothly sank a 3-pointer to further deflate the half-empty arena midway through the second half.

HE SAID IT

A&M center Tyler Davis on the Aggies' defensive woes: "You have to have a certain togetherness to play defense, and when you don't have that you can't play defense at a high level. If you aren't going to play together . then you're not going to win games."

UP NEXT

Mississippi State: The Bulldogs play host to South Carolina on Saturday, their first of consecutive home games.

Texas A&M: The Aggies play at Vanderbilt on Saturday, their third road game in four contests.

Peters has developed into more of a floor general for Bulldogs

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STARKVILLE, MS
There is one number that Mississippi State men's basketball head coach Ben Howland likes associated with sophomore guard Lamar Peters.

In the last three games, Peters has 22 assists. That means he is getting fellow Bulldogs involved in the offense.

"I'm just concentrating on setting up the offense and getting other guys open like Tyson (Carter) and Xa (Xavian Stapleton)," Peters said. "Those guys have been finding their groove lately and have been knocking down shots, so I want to keep creating for them and get some offense going."

Before arriving at MSU, Peters was a scorer at Landry-Walker High School in New Orleans. As a senior, he averaged 19.7 points per game.

Peters even averaged in double figures as a freshman with the Bulldogs at 10.7 points per outing.

His scoring average may be down to 8.4 per game this year, but he's already at 97 assists and averages four per game,

"Coming in, I was a scoring point guard and it was scoring first and pass later, but lately I've been just trying to set other guys up," Peters said. "We're better when I'm in attack mode, pass and setting up the offense."

Peters had seven assists at Missouri and eight at Vanderbilt. Even though those came in losing efforts, it was evident how the play of Peters was helping MSU.

Last Saturday against Ole Miss, Peters had seven more assists and the Bulldogs defeated the Rebels 79-62.

"He's really sharing the ball," Howland said. "He has 22 assists in the last three games. That's a big number.

"He defends and has great hustle. He's tried to be a good leader and understands time and score. He's been much better."

That doesn't mean Peters can't score when the opportunity presents itself.

He had a season-high 22 points at Missouri and had a 20-point effort against Georgia at home.

Peters said he will only look to score when he believes there is a play to be made.

"It's a flow of the game thing," Peters said. "The main thing is just getting in the paint and look for other guys to create."

Now Peters and MSU look to build on the momentum of the Ole Miss victory Tuesday night at Texas A&M.

Peters had a good night in the last meeting between the two teams. He had 14 points with 11 of those coming off the free-throw line as the Bulldogs defeated the Aggies 67-59 in Starkville last season.

With postseason possibilities hanging in the balance, Peters isn't going to take any game for granted the rest of the way.

"Every game from here on out is our biggest game of the season," Peters said. "You've got to keep the same level of focus going and take it one game at a time."

MSU breaks through, dominates Ole Miss

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STARKVILLE, MS
Mississippi State had little success against Ole Miss in men's basketball over the last half decade coming into Saturday night.

The Rebels were winners of eight of the last nine games in the series before Saturday's affair. None of that mattered this time.

MSU put forth one of its best offensive showings of the season and cruised to a 79-62 victory over Ole Miss at Humphrey Coliseum.

From beginning to end, it was an absolutely dominating performance for the Bulldogs (19-8, 7-7) over the Rebels (11-16, 4-10), and it was a satisfying victory for MSU after all the recent frustration against its instate rival.

"It was good for us to end the four-game losing streak we had against those guys," Mississippi State guard Quinndary Weatherspoon said. "It's exciting to get the win and get back over the hump against Ole Miss."

From the time Nick Weatherspoon scored five points in the first 37 seconds to put MSU up 5-0, the end result of Saturday's game wasn't really in question. The Bulldogs never trailed and led by as many as 22

points. State led by double figures for the the final 8:32 of the first half and the entirety of the second half.

"That was obviously really fun for me and for our team," MSU head coach Ben Howland said. "We played so hard and incredible defensively, especially in the first half and really exerted our will in terms of our defense, then we really took great shots and distributed the ball. Every change (Ole Miss) made defensively, our guys did a great job of handling it."

Four MSU players scored in double figures led by Quinndary Weatherspoon's 16 points. Tyson Carter scored 15, Nick Weatherspoon added 15 as well and Xavian Stapleton totaled 10.

It was a complete offensive showing for the Bulldogs. State shot 56 percent from the floor as a team, including a 52 percent clip from 3-point range.

MSU has now shot over 50 percent from deep in each of the last two games after not reaching the mark at all over the year's first 25 contests.

"Guys have just been getting up more shots (in practice)," Stapleton said of MSU's success behind the 3-point line. "Maybe that's it, or maybe it's just the flow of the games where earlier in the year we weren't making shots, but now we are. I really don't know, but I'm glad we're making shots."

While State's shots fell, Ole Miss didn't have the same success, at least not early on. Though the Rebels shot 41 percent for the game, Ole Miss was held to 27 percent shooting in the first half and was just 15

percent from 3-point range prior to the intermission. That allowed Mississippi State to build a 44-23 lead by halftime and essentially coast the rest of the way.

The loss was the seventh straight this season for Ole Miss. The Rebels haven't won since defeating Alabama on Jan. 23.

Saturday's game was just the latest chapter in a season turned sour for Ole Miss. Even after Rebels head coach Andy Kennedy, hoping to limit distractions the rest of the way, announced on Monday that he'd step down following this season, Ole Miss still can't find its footing.

"It's difficult to watch," Kennedy said. "For whatever reason, it's like we've let go. It's very frustrating for me. I hate it."

Meanwhile State's fortunes appear to be headed in a different direction. Despite losing back-to-back heartbreakers on the road at Missouri and Vanderbilt, MSU's Saturday night win keeps some semblance of NCAA Tournament hope alive for the Bulldogs. They'll try to get back on the bubble of the big dance come Tuesday in a big road matchup at Texas A&M.

"It's an opportunity to get what we missed at Vanderbilt and Missouri and get a huge RPI-boosting road win," Howland said of the upcoming game. "That'd be huge."

MSU hopes to have a healthy Aric Holman for that game and beyond, but the junior forward limped off the court in the first half with an injury. There was a report that Holman had

hyperextended his knee, but Howland said there would be an MRI today to find out the extent of the injury.

Even though the Holman injury was a negative for the Bulldogs, they can enjoy a win over the Rebels. State hopes it's a sign things are changing in the series.

"Hopefully the next time we play (Ole Miss) we can start our own little winning streak," Quinndary Weatherspoon said.

LaChance's 3 gives Vandy 81-80 win over Mississippi State

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — All kinds of thoughts swirled through Riley LaChance's mind after an official reviewed a replay of his game-winning shot.

LaChance swished a 3-pointer from the top of the key with .5 seconds left, giving Vanderbilt an 81-80 win over Mississippi State on Wednesday night.

LaChance's teammates mobbed him near half-court before an official checked to make sure his left foot wasn't on the 3-point arc and that time hadn't expired.

"I had every thought going through my head," LaChance said. "Was I behind the line? Did I get it off in time? How much time is going to be left? I'm just happy it worked out."

The senior guard felt confident he was behind the arc, but not all his teammates were convinced.

"Some people on the bench were saying it might not have been (a 3)," LaChance said. "(The defender) kind of bumped me a little bit from the back so I had to take a step forward a little bit."

Xavian Stapleton hit 1 of 2 foul shots to give Mississippi State (18-8, 6-7 Southeastern Conference) an 80-78 lead with six seconds left.

Jeff Roberson scored 22 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for his eighth double-double this season and sophomore Payton Willis made a career-high five 3-pointers, leading Vanderbilt (10-16, 4-9) to its fourth straight home win.

"We've been on the other side of that so many times this year," Commodores coach Bryce Drew said. "It was really nice to be on the winning side. That's a shot that (Riley) will be showing his kids one day."

Drew said Vanderbilt had several options on its final play before LaChance made a great read.

LaChance and Joe Toye both scored 16 points for the Commodores, who went 14 of 27 from 3-point range. Willis added 15 points for Vanderbilt, which won at home for the seventh time in nine games.

Mississippi State rallied from an 11-point deficit to take a 72-71 lead on Stapleton's 3-pointer with 3:53 left.

The Bulldogs, who haven't won at Memorial Gym since 2012, fell to 1-7 on the road.

"The last play of the game was obviously very frustrating because we left the ball open and (LaChance) made an uncontested 3," Bulldogs coach Ben Howland said. "We had four guys back on the shot, but mistakes are made."

Mississippi State hit 10 of 17 from 3-point range. The Bulldogs made 58.5 percent of their shots from the floor and the Commodores made 50 percent.

The loss to last-place Vanderbilt hurt Mississippi State, a bubble team, in its quest for its first NCAA Tournament appearance since 2009.

Stapleton led the Bulldogs with 18 points and Abdul Ado added 15. Tyson Carter scored 12, Aric Holman had 11 and Nick Weatherspoon added 10.

Powered by a 13-0 run midway through the first half, Vanderbilt took a 40-31 halftime lead.

The Commodores avenged an 80-62 loss to the Bulldogs on Jan. 16 in Vanderbilt's first game after losing Matthew Fisher-Davis to a shoulder injury.

BIG PICTURE

Mississippi State: The Bulldogs lost in overtime at Missouri on Saturday before Wednesday's last-second loss.

Vanderbilt: The Commodores are a different team at home, but they are winless at 0-9 on the road this season.

HIGHLIGHT-REEL PLAY

Vanderbilt's Joe Toye made a highlight-reel play with a tomahawk jam on Holman that gave the Commodores a 66-58 lead with 7:01 left. Toye showed "no regard for human life" tweeted one man watching the game. "That was a heck of a play," LaChance said. "Hopefully, we'll see it on SportsCenter later tonight. That was huge for us."

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Vanderbilt held a moment of silence before the game in support of the victims of

MSU looking for Ado to become bigger offensive force

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STARKVILLE -- Abdul Ado is a bit of a men's college basketball anomaly. In most cases, high school talent elite enough to play Division I basketball reveals itself in point totals: take his Mississippi State teammates for examples, almost all of whom averaged at least 15 points per game, some of them as high as 20 or more.

Ado got to this level by doing everything else: rebounding, blocking shots and chasing loose balls, all while averaging fewer than 10 points per game, including fewer than eight per game as a senior. It was all those things about him that MSU coach Ben Howland longed for when the NCAA required Ado to sit out last season. Since then, Howland has needed Ado to add scoring responsibilities; after weeks of begging, he's starting to see progress.

As MSU (18-7, 6-6 Southeastern Conference) has turned its season around with four wins in five games, it has coincided with some of Ado's best and most aggressive offensive play of the season. Everyone involved hopes for more when MSU goes to Vanderbilt (9-16, 3-9 SEC) 6 p.m. Wednesday (SEC Network).

"The great thing is, every single teammate is telling him, 'You've got to shoot, you've got to go to that left hand.' They're coaching him, and that's fun, when your team is coaching each other," Howland said about the freshman forward earlier this season. "I think our guys are looking for him."

Ado's teammates can look for him all they want, but until recently, there was no guarantee he would turn a touch into a shot.

In December, for example, Ado played in every game but only took more than three shots in a game three times, including just one shot in the lone loss of that month, at Cincinnati, while MSU went 6-21 from 3-point territory. Ado shot 52.1 percent from the field in December, but still couldn't be convinced to take more than 3.2 shots per game.

Ado was well aware of the desire for him to take more shots and he was willing to work on it; he admitted it was uncomfortable for him, given it was a role he's never been asked to play. His teammates and coaches knew that; that didn't make the necessarily make the process pain-free.

"When he first got here, it was like pulling teeth begging him to shoot. He would get the ball on an offensive rebound, underneath the hoop, and immediately pass it back out. No one's ever told him he's supposed to shoot when he's in there," Howland said. "Like I told our team many times, nobody has ever accused Abdul of taking selfish shots. It's never happened. A lot has been getting his mentality to change: we need him to score and you have to be aggressive to score."

The stories of Ado's dedication to everything but shooting are endless. Howland remembers times in practice where Howland would be the screener in a pick-and-roll play, but instead of rolling to the basket he would follow the ball and screen for it again. Ado is the kind of person who wants to do well at everything and takes it personally when he doesn't, to the point where Howland said Ado has taken his coaching too personally because, "he wants it so bad."

"This is the same guy I had to beg to get more sleep because he's up until 1 a.m. studying and he's got 7 a.m. workouts," Howland said.

MSU is finally starting to see the fruits of that labor. Ado has averaged 10.8 points per game over his last five games compared to seven in the previous 19 games and done so on just one more shot attempt per game, averaging 5.6 over the last five compared to 4.6 in the first 19. It's produced some of MSU's best offensive basketball of the season: according to Ken Pomeroy's advanced statistics, MSU has averaged more than 100 points per 100 possessions in each of its last five games after doing so just once in the six games prior.

Ado's individual offensive rating -- an advanced measure of how much offense a player produces per possession that factors everything from made and missed shots to assists, turnovers and free throws -- has followed the same trend. It has been over 100 in four of the last five games, with the one outlier being 97.

It's justification for what his teammates have been telling him for weeks.

"We just tell him to shoot the ball. It's hard because it's something he doesn't like to do," junior guard Quinndary Weatherspoon said. "We try to put it in him in every practice: shoot the ball, shoot the ball, shoot the ball."

As MSU moves forward with a more active Ado, it has reason for optimism. As a player who is still adjusting to more shots, Howland is seeing a player developing the arsenal to handle that load. Howland pointed to one of his buckets in the home game against Missouri on Jan. 27 when the bench exploded in celebration at Ado scoring on a left-handed hook shot, something Howland said he's, "been on bended knee begging him to do it."

It's only a matter of time until the next step comes -- and he has three more years of eligibility to reap the rewards.

"He's got to get better at sealing and making sure he's not using his arms and using his lower body to do it," Howland said. "He's got to learn if he wants the ball, he's got to lay his body on somebody. Guards are fearful of a turnover because they get the blame, so they're only going to pass to him of they've got the seal.

"He's still learning. He's always been a passer first and a shooter second and we're trying to flip that."

Smith on Sports: Big week of games for MSU men

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STARKVILLE, MS
This is a big week for the Mississippi State men's basketball team.

The Bulldogs are playing two teams at the bottom of the Southeastern Conference standings and really need to win against both of those.

After Wednesday night's game against Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tennessee, MSU hosts Ole Miss on Saturday night in the latest encounter of in-state rivals.

The Commodores are in last place with their record of 3-9 in the league, while the Rebels are in next to last place with a 4-9 mark after a 75-64 loss to Arkansas in Oxford Tuesday night.

It's tough to ever put a tag of "must win" on any stretch of games, but when it comes to the Bulldogs, they can't really lose to Vanderbilt or Ole Miss.

For future postseason considerations, those are the games MSU needs to win.

With six regular season games and the SEC Tournament left on the schedule, the Bulldogs currently stand 18-7 overall and 6-6 in league play.

MSU needs to find a way to stay around that .500 mark in the SEC. If that happens, and depending what happens in the conference tournament, the Bulldogs will be in the NCAA Tournament conversation and the National Invitational Tournament will definitely be in the picture.

That's why it will be important for MSU to win the outings it's suppose to win. The next two on the schedule fit that description.

The Bulldogs have already lost to the Rebels in Oxford and they really can't afford to go down to them again.

It will be interesting to see how Ole Miss plays now that Andy Kennedy has announced he will be stepping down as head coach at the end of the season.

Even though that did not appear to happen Tuesday, the Rebels may get fired up to play for Kennedy the rest of the season and make things difficult for opponents, or they could continue to go into the tank and perform worse than they have in recent weeks.

My guess is that Ole Miss won't let Kennedy go out with a whimper. I expect the Rebels to play with a purpose for the rest of the season and try to get Kennedy as many wins as they can before he heads out the door. Ole Miss would like nothing better than to knock off MSU in Kennedy's last appearance at Humphrey Coliseum.

That will be a story for the weekend, however The first order of business for the Bulldogs will be to play well against the Commodores Wednesday night.

A loss against a last place Vanderbilt squad would be a tough pill to swallow for MSU.

Bulldogs top Tide at home

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STARKVILLE -- If Mississippi State wanted to see a bubble in recent years, the Bulldogs had to find some gum to chew.

After Tuesday night, that may no longer can be considered the case.

MSU continued its recent string of successful basketball on Tuesday with a 67-63 victory over Alabama at Humphrey Coliseum. The victory gave State its first four-game winning streak in Southeastern Conference play in a decade, moved the Bulldogs to 18-6 overall and 6-5 in the SEC, and also put MSU right in the conversation for an at-large berth in this year's NCAA Tournament. It's quite a turnaround for the Bulldogs after the team lost five of its first seven league games this year.

"I think we're growing," Mississippi State head coach Ben Howland said. "I think our overall toughness is better and the guys are preparing so hard."

MSU's win over Alabama (15-9, 6-5) moved State's RPI up to 53rd in the country on WarrenNolan.com as of late Tuesday night. The Bulldogs sat in the high 70s just a couple of weeks ago.

Yet here the Bulldogs are either nearing, or perhaps on the NCAA bubble. To get there,

Mississippi State had to snap a four-game series losing streak to Alabama.

"It feels great," Mississippi State's Tyson Carter said of the win over the Crimson Tide. "We were actually just talking about that when we went to Alabama (earlier this year). We said that we had to beat them soon.

Nick Weatherspoon and the MSU defense pushed the Bulldogs to the win. Weatherspoon, the defending SEC Freshman of the Week, scored a team-high 18 points for State. It continued a recent offensive renaissance for Weatherspoon as he has now scored in double figures in five consecutive games after only doing so twice in the year's first six SEC affairs.

"The main thing is my confidence," Weatherspoon said of his improved offensive production of late. "I have a lot more confidence in my shot now. I also have been shooting my jumper a lot. I haven't been using my speed as much, but now I know that helps me on defense. I also feel like I'm strong enough to finish a lot of the plays. Finishing strong and my pull-up jumper are the two main things I can tell a difference in."

Quinndary Weatherspoon also had a solid scoring night for the Bulldogs with 13 points.

However it was MSU's defense that was perhaps the game's deciding factor. The Bulldogs limited the Crimson Tide to just

36.7 percent shooting from the field.

Alabama's star guard Collin Sexton, who many expect to be a high pick in this June's NBA Draft, scored a team-high 18 points for Alabama, but was 0-for-7 from long range despite being a 32.4 percent shooter from 3-point range this season coming into Tuesday.

In fact, Alabama was only 3-of-22 (13.6 percent) from 3-point range as a team.

"We give Mississippi State credit," Alabama head coach Avery Johnson said of all of his team's missed 3-pointers. "When we're trying to get the ball inside, they front the post and we're not able to get inside.

"Sometimes the easiest thing to do is launch a 3. It'll be a teachable moment for us to learn from. It takes more energy to drive it and when we did, (MSU) did a good job of contesting us in the paint."

Mississippi State's stinginess against Alabama's 3-point shots proved critical as the Bulldogs held on to the lead late in what was a true back-and-forth contest.

There were 11 total lead changes, the score was tied eight different times and each team led for large portions of the game.

The Crimson Tide actually held a 54-53 advantage with only 4:31 left when Nick Weatherspoon scored on a layup off an assist from Quinndary Weatherspoon to put MSU up by one. State never trailed again.

A few moments later, MSU's fight song was blaring inside Humphrey Coliseum, the Bulldogs were over the .500 mark in league play and suddenly, just off in the distance, the NCAA Tournament appears to at least be in view.

There is still much work to be done for Mississippi State to get to the big dance, but Tuesday's victory over Alabama was yet another strong step in that direction.

"That is our best win of the year, without question," Howland said. "This is a great reward for our guys. It is coming together.

"I'm really proud of their ability to lock in and do what we're doing."

Freshman Feazell learning on and off the court

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STARKVILLE -- KeyShawn Feazell was accustomed to being the big man on campus.

Feazell was a four-year letterwinner at Lawrence County High School and was rated the No. 2 prospect in Mississippi, averaging 15 points, 10.8 rebounds and 2.5 blocks as a senior.

But the former three-star prospect admits there was still plenty left to learn once he arrived at Mississippi State over the summer.

"Coming into college, there are a lot small details that you have to pay attention to so you have to be mentally focused," Feazell said. "That's one of the things I've been working on. In high school, I didn't have to do as much thinking really. I could just go out and play ball but now everybody is just as good as I am."

One of the first revelations Feazell found out is that he was no longer the biggest player on the court. The 6-foot-8, 230-pounder now has four teammates even taller than he is.

"Competing in practice against my teammates has made me better," Feazell said. "That has gotten me ready for the competition I see from other teams."

Another realization has been a reduced role as a true freshman. Feazell is only averaging 7.2 minutes in the 16 games in which he has appeared off the bench and scored 30 total points along with 27 rebounds.

"There are great guys ahead of me with more experience," Feazell said. "I've learned from them and am playing my part on the team. Whatever it takes for us to win – whether that's me playing two minutes or 30 minutes – I'll do what I've got to do. "It's teaching me patience. Of course, I want to play but there's only five guys that can be on the court at a time."

While this year has been an educational experience, Feazell can already tell a difference in his game.

"My motor has improved from what it was," Feazell said. "In high school, I was a little lackadaisical. My high motor has helped me improve. Of course, I still make mistakes but going hard makes up for a lot of mistakes.

Head coach Ben Howland believes Feazell's best basketball is still ahead of him.

"He has a tremendous upside," said MSU coach Ben Howland. "He's willing to be physical and very aggressive with his body. He has gigantic hands and great hands. I think his upside is big time for us in the future."

After graduating high school with a 3.8 GPA and academic honors, the lessons Feazell has learned in his first year of college have not been limited to only on the court.

"This has been a great experience and it teaches you a lot of things," Feazell said. "It teaches you life lessons like discipline and how to respond when things aren't going your way. It's more than just basketball. I'm enjoying it and am going to continue to grow as a person and get better as times goes on."

Weatherspoons lead Mississippi State men past South Carolina

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COLUMBIA, S.C. -- When the Mississippi State men's basketball team needed help at South Carolina, there was always a Weatherspoon there to provide it.

Quinndary Weatherspoon scored 14 of his 18 points in the second half while young brother Nick Weatherspoon scored 17 points Wednesday in an 81-76 victory at South Carolina.

Quinndary Weatherspoon twice accounted for three points after the Gamecocks cut a nine-point lead to one, the first time when he was fouled behind the arc and made all three free throws, the last time on a more traditional shot that extended MSU's lead to 73-69 with less than five minutes left.

"I had a slow first half and I just wanted to come out and play as hard as I could to get a win," Quinndary Weatherspoon said.

MSU coach Ben Howland said Weatherspoon, a 6-foot-4 junior, is not rushing things, and letting the game come to him. "That's a sign," Howland said, "of a guy who's matured."

Although, it's not so bad to play freshman Nick Weatherspoon, who had 13 points in the opening half including a driving layup right before the half that sent the Bulldogs (16-6, 4-5 Southeastern Conference) into the locker up by one instead of trailing.

"Can't say enough great things about little brother because he's a good player," Howland said.

The Bulldogs won an SEC road game -- and consecutive league games -- for the first time all season. MSU also ended a four-game losing streak at South Carolina (13-9, 4-5), which dated back to 2012.

The Weatherspoons were a big reason why.

Quinndary Weatherspoon caught fire after the break, hitting four of six shots including two from behind the arc. He had seven points in an 18-8 run midway through the period as Mississippi State built a 57-48 lead.

"That's just a good player doing what good players do," Gamecocks coach Frank Martin said.

The Gamecocks rallied back and cut the lead to a point several times, the last one on Hassani Gravett's driving layup with 4:50 to go. But Quinndary Weathspoon answered with a 3-pointer and the Gamecocks could not get closer than three points the rest of the way.

Wesley Myers had a chance to tie the game in the final minute with South Carolina trailing 77-74, but his 3-pointer was off the mark with 27 seconds left. Aric Holman followed with a thunder dunk for the Bulldogs about 10 seconds later to end the drama.

It's the 13th time in 22 games that a Weatherspoon has led the scoring for MSU.

Frank Booker had a career high 25 points to lead the Gamecocks, who have lost three of their past four games and all of them at home. Booker's previous high was 22 against Middle Tennessee in January 2017 when he played for Florida Atlantic.

MSU shot 12 fewer free throws than South Carolina, but it made 14 of 15.

Freshman Abdul Ado added a career high 16 points, grabbed nine rebounds, and had four blocks before fouling out with less than three minutes to go. Howland said it was the 6-11 Ado's best overall showing this season. Howland also apologized to Ado when he didn't get any post-game questions.

"That OK," Ado said. "I got the win."

Regular season ends with thud for Howland's squad

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BATON ROUGE, La. -- The ball nearly got away from LSU's Tremont Waters during one of the 5-foot-11 point guard's brazen, penetrating dribbles into a crowd of towering defenders.

Waters saved his dribble by darting along the baseline toward an empty corner, where he turned, saw no one had followed him, and buried a 3-pointer.

"That's good coaching," LSU coach Will Wade deadpanned. "He's just a very instinctive player and a very, very good player. You can't teach that."

Mississippi State, meanwhile, couldn't figure out how to neutralize Waters, whose 14 points and 10 assists helped LSU close out its regular season with a 78-57 victory over the Bulldogs on Saturday.

"Tremont did a good job controlling the game," Wade said.

Aaron Epps highlighted his 16-point performance with a back-breaking 3 with 2:19 to go, and Brandon Sampson had his best game in a month with 16 points and three steals for LSU (17-13, 8-10 Southeastern Conference).

New Orleans native Lamar Peters scored 15 points and Quinndary Weatherspoon added 12 points for the Bulldogs (21-10, 9-9), who could have used a road victory in the league to solidify their credentials for an NCAA Tournament bid.

Instead, LSU won its sixth straight home game to take some momentum into next week's SEC Tournament in St. Louis, where the Tigers likely have to win out to get an NCAA berth.

"We struggled to defend them all day," lamented Bulldogs coach Ben Howland, adding that LSU "is a team that can make some noise in the SEC Tournament. Their guard play is very good."

LSU capitalized on open perimeter shots Waters helped create, hitting 11 of 23 from 3-point range. Waters went 3-for-4 from deep and Epps 4-for-8.

MSU went just 6-for-23 from 3-point range, which Howland emphasized was "not good enough."

"We had to get it inside more and attack the rim," Howland said, adding that a number of the Bulldogs' missed 3s "were decent looks that we just didn't knock down.

"I'm hoping that the rest we're going to get the next few days will help us get our legs back," he said.

The game closed out a brilliant regular season for Waters, the first SEC freshman since Kentucky's John Wall in 2010 to average 15 points and five assists in a season. He had already broken Ben Simmons's single-season assists record at LSU. His fourth 10-assist game gives him 177 this season.

Yet Waters declined to discuss what his success so far could mean for LSU going forward.

All in the family: Q edges Nick for Howell Trophy

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JACKSON -- Quinndary and Nick Weatherspoon competed against and pushed each other from as early as they can remember.

Whether it was in baseball, basketball, football, racing, or pretty much everything, the Weatherspoon brothers brought out the best in each other.

On Monday, Nick received a piece of added motivation to compete even harder against his brother after Quinndary was named the winner of the Howell Trophy, which is given annually to the best men's college basketball player in the state of Mississippi.

"It is a compliment for us to get recognized and it is great for our family," Quinndary said. "Knowing how we grew up and where we came from, we used to do this in the back yard in the dirt. Now we're doing it on the collegiate level, I think it is great."

Quinndary was a nominee for the award last year, but Ole Miss' Sebastian Saiz won it. Weatherspoon breaks a five-year run of winners from Ole Miss.

Weatherspoon leads MSU (21-10) in scoring (14.7 ppg.). He is sixth in the Southeastern Conference in steals (1.5) and eighth in assists (3.5). He also averages 5.9 rebounds per game.

In December, Weatherspoon, a 6-foot-4 junior, became the 37th player in school history to score 1,000 points. He ranks 19th all time with 1,305 points.

An All-SEC selection and a member of the Wooden Award watch list, the Canton native led MSU to its 18th 20-plus win in school history. He scored in double-digits 26 times and posted two double-doubles.

Weatherspoon is the first MSU player to win the award since Arnett Moultrie in 2012. MSU has won the award six times -- Lawrence Roberts (2005), Jamont Gordon (2008), and Jarvis Varnado (2009 and 2010).

MSU coach Ben Howland praised the parents of Quinndary and Nick, Sharon and Tommie Weatherspoon, for the way they have raised their sons.

"Nick is going to be one of the best players in the history of Mississippi State when it is all said and done," Howland said. "I am really proud to be his coach.

"Q is maturing. He was All-Freshman team as a freshman. He was All-SEC last year. He has improved every year steadily."

Quinndary said his parents weren't "strict." He said they provided understanding and let them make their own decisions and supported them so much that they had a great support system behind them. He said it was special for Howland to talk about his parents and to have them be recognized for what they have done to help them get to this point.

Howland said Quinndary's improvement is even more special because he had wrist surgery and couldn't work on his game in the offseason. Still, Howland said Quinndary has had a "phenomenal" year and that he is really proud of the leadership he has brought to the team.

"Great players make other people around them better, and that is what he has really shown this year," Howland said.

Howland said Quinndary and Nick take pride in making each other better. He said the brothers "go at it" against each other in practice and "hold each other accountable in terms of effort, pride and unselfish."

Nick Weatherspoon, a 6-2 freshman guard, is second on the team in scoring (11.1 ppg.). He also averages 2.9 rebounds per game. Nick said it means a lot to him that he was recognized, especially as a freshman.

"I didn't think I was going to be here," Nick said. "I am just thankful to be here and thankful to God."

Weatherspoon said he entered college knowing he would be able to play defense against opponents. He said he takes pride in his development as an offensive player. Nick said he is proud of Quinndary for winning the award. He said he was "pretty sure" Quinndary was going to win it, and that he thought he should have won it in previous years, too.

Now that Quinndary has won his first Howell Trophy, Nick said it will be a source of motivation for him to equal his brother's accomplishments, just like it was for both of them growing up and competing against each other.

Quinndary, who said he never lost to his brother, agreed and feels winning the award will provide him with just as much motivation as it will for Nick.

Southern Mississippi's Cortez Edwards was the other finalist. Edwards wasn't able to attend the ceremony at the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame because Southern Miss was traveling to Texas for the Conference USA tournament.

The award is named after former MSU great Bailey Howell.

Will a mental break help Mississippi State in the SEC Tournament?

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STARKVILLE — By last Saturday, some members of Mississippi State's basketball program still hadn't mentally moved on from the Bulldogs' loss to visiting Tennessee. The big problem there? That loss against the Volunteers happened on a Tuesday and, well, the Bulldogs had another game on Saturday at LSU.

"They just couldn't get it out of their heads that we lost that game," Quinndary Weatherspoon said. "They just couldn't believe that we had lost that bad at home."

And that's partially how Mississippi State ended up playing poorly and looking bad in a 78-57 loss at LSU. The game against Tennessee was the must-win opportunity for the Bulldogs' NCAA Tournament chances that they lost and, according to some, it was doubly costly.

A two-day break before the SEC Tournament this week in St. Louis, Missouri, was necessary. The Bulldogs practiced Tuesday, but they didn't do any basketball activity on Sunday and Monday. Some weight lifting. Some messages. Otherwise, just rest.

"We needed them to recover physically from the grind," Ben

Howland said. "And, really, take a step back mentally, too."

Maybe rest will help. The Bulldogs can sure use some based on projections.

ESPN labeled Mississippi State as a "fringe" team. That's a concise way of saying it's all but over for the Bulldogs' NCAA Tournament hopes. Howland said he believes the Bulldogs have a shot if they reach the conference championship game on Sunday. To do that, MSU (21-10) will have to win three games in three days, starting at 6 p.m. Thursday (SEC Network) against LSU (17-13) at Scottrade Arena. Winning the tournament gives MSU an automatic bid, and that may be the only way MSU gets on the bracket.

1.9 percent.

That's the shot Mississippi State has at winning the SEC Tournament, per analytics guru Ken Pomeroy. ESPN's odds were slightly kinder to the Bulldogs: 2 percent.

"I'm just hearing that," Nick Weatherspoon said. "I'll be sure to tell the guys for motivation."

LSU has marginally better odds, which means the Tigers are favored in this round. It's hard to argue with that; LSU doesn't turn the ball over at a high rate, has an efficient offense and has a few solid guards to match up with MSU's group.

One of the differences in the last meeting was MSU's demeanor and its regression offensively to selfish play and misguided shot attempts. Perhaps, like Quinndary said, the carryover effect from the Tennessee loss was too much to overcome for a

team that isn't yet used to playing these kinds of high-stakes games. It will be interesting to see if MSU responds differently after the break. If the Bulldogs beat LSU, they advance to play Tennessee.

"We played poorly," Howland said. "So hopefully we can redeem ourselves."

How Mississippi State beat LSU, and what it means for the Tennessee game in SEC tournament

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ST. LOUIS — Before Lamar Peters shook hands with LSU's players following Mississippi State's 80-77 win over the Tigers in a second-round game of the SEC tournament, he looked at his teammates and repeatedly tapped his chest.

"We need to close out games better than that," Peters said. "As the point guard, I'm the leader and we need to do better. We need to get into our sets and look for perfection. But I was just happy we got the win."

The Bulldogs, a No. 7 seed in this tournament, won't win many games going forward (read: advance past Friday's quarterfinal game against No. 2 seed Tennesse and continue to Sunday's SEC tournament championship game and the NCAA tournament automatic bid) if they play like they did during the final five minutes Thursday night at Scottrade Center. The Bulldogs led by as many as 19 late in the first half, but LSU's energy and smaller lineup coupled with MSU's 10 turnovers in the second half made the final margin much closer.

Peters committed two of those turnovers inside the final two

minutes, but he was being hard on himself after a game in which he mostly looked excellent.

Peters scored a season-high 24 points, was 5 for 7 from 3-point range and made six assists with six turnovers.

After one of Peters' 3-pointers, LSU's Daryl Edwards, who was on Peters at the time, threw up his arms as if he was in disbelief as soon as the ball went through the basket. Yes, Peters made another 3-pointer. What made this particular time so defeating for Edwards was it came out of a timeout and gave the Bulldogs a five-point lead with just under six minutes left.

MSU didn't put the Tigers away there, though. LSU — it outscored MSU 48-35 in the second half — cut the lead to 78-77 with nine seconds left after making consecutive 3s. Mississippi State then inbounded the ball, avoided foul attempts and escaped with a victory after Nick Weatherspoon's dunk.

"We got a little crazy there down the stretch," Ben Howland said.

Nick scored 15 points with three assists and Quinndary Weatherspoon added 15 points and six assists. Tyson Carter scored eight points off the bench. MSU's backcourt was sharp, and it was again because of Peters' ability to lead the way by either breaking down defenses or making 3s.

Peters' ankle-breaking and-one on a crossover and layup in the first half drew "ohhhs" and "ahhs" from the crowd.

"We still got life trying to get into the NCAA Tournament,"

Peters said. "Me being the point guard, I like to stir the pot and be a leader and show these guys that we should be playing with good energy because it's not over yet."

For as great as MSU's backcourt looks when Peters is playing this way, Mississippi State needs more out of its frontcourt to keep its faint hope of an NCAA tournament appearance alive. Will the Bulldogs get enough out of their bigs to upset Tennessee and its size and length?

The good thing and the problem now for Mississippi State represent the same thing: The Bulldogs (22-10) advanced to play Tennessee (23-7) here at 6 p.m. Friday (SEC Network). Reminder: Tennessee clobbered the Bulldogs at Humphrey Coliseum with a 22-point win less than two weeks ago.

"We got our work cut out for us," Howland said.

Against Tennessee, which is led by talented forwards Grant Williams and Admiral Schofield, MSU's Aric Holman scored 10 points, but Abdul Ado had only three and Xavian Stapleton was scoreless. The Bulldogs need more. Ado scored only three points and Stapleton was scoreless against LSU; both players were in foul trouble throughout. Holman scored 11 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, and played off the bench for the first time since the season opener.

"I thought Aric really responded," Howland said. "This was one of Aric's best games."

Maybe that will carry over.

MSU is primarily in this position, though, because of a scorching start offensively and if that happens again Friday, the Bulldogs won't have to worry too much about its frontcourt. The Bulldogs led 45-29 at halftime. Mississippi State shot 64 percent from the field and went 9 of 11 on 3-pointers. While Mississippi State was probably due for a performance like that, that's not going to happen on most nights, especially as Mississippi State's 30.1-percent from 3-point range on the season (No. 342 in the country) entering the game suggests.

"I swear to you that I am not surprised," Howland said. "The whole key is to get good shots. We withstood a big punch tonight and live to play another day."

Bulldogs hold off LSU's second-half surge

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ST. LOUIS – Mississippi State started Thursday night's game by sinking 9 of 12 of their 3-pointers in the first half.

As it turned out, the seventh-seeded Bulldogs needed every one of them.

Tenth-seeded LSU nearly overcame a 19-point deficit by scoring 48 points in the second half but were unable to complete the comeback as MSU held on for an 80-77 victory and eliminated the Tigers from the SEC Tournament for the second straight season.

"We withstood a big punch tonight and get a chance to live for another day," said MSU coach Ben Howland.

The Bulldogs advance ahead to take on No. 2 seed Tennessee today at 6 p.m. on the SEC Network. The Volunteers defeated Mississippi State 76-54 in Starkville on Feb. 27 and finished as the league's regular-season co-champion.

"We're just taking it one game at a time," said MSU guard Lamar Peters. "The SEC is very good. We're playing against Tennessee and it's good to get those guys back. We know they're one of the best teams in the SEC and they're going to give us their best punch and have some special pieces."

It was Peters who got the Bulldogs off to such a hot start from the perimeter against LSU. Peters was 4 of 6 from 3-point range in the first half and added another in the second to lead the team with 24 points, a season-high.

"We were moving the ball and guys were able to get me some open shots," Peters said. "I've been working a lot at practice and getting in the gym shooting. I was putting more arc on it and was focusing on knocking it down when I was open."

Nick and Quinndary Weatherspoon added 15 points apiece while Aric Holman notched a double-double with 11 points and 12 rebounds off the bench.

"Give State credit, I thought (Nick) Weatherspoon played a good game," said LSU coach Will Wade. "After not starting, Holman responded well and we couldn't guard Q Weatherspoon off the bounce. He killed us, absolutely killed us. Those guys did a much better job than they did in the first game and that ultimately did us in."

MSU (22-10) finished the game shooting 58.3 percent, including 58.8 percent behind the arc. The Bulldogs led 45-29 at halftime but were outscored by 13 in the second half as the Tigers (17-14) were ignited by Tremont Waters. Waters scored 17 of his 28 points in the final half.

"Obviously Waters was the key," Howland said. "He just went crazy. He's really that good."

Waters hit a 3 with nine seconds remaining to cut the deficit to one but MSU was able to inbound the ball to a wide open Nick Weatherspoon for a last-second slam.

Mississippi State survives against LSU, advances to 2018 SEC Tournament Quarterfinals

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Despite the best efforts from Tremont Waters, the Mississippi State Bulldogs edged out the LSU Tigers 80-77. With the win, the Bulldogs advance to the 2018 SEC TournamentQuarterfinals.

A 3-pointer from the freshman star in Waters cut score to 78-77 with less than 10 seconds to play. But a couple of passes and a dunk by Nick Weatherspoon with only one second remaining effectively snuffed LSU's chances of victory out. Weatherspoon's flush puts the Bulldogs in Thursday's Quarterfinals, as they'll take on the No. 2 seed, the Tennessee Volunteers.

The aforementioned Nick Weatherspoon matched his brother Quinndary's output of 15 points. So the Weatherspoons combined for 30 of their 80 points. 24 of those 80 points were accumulated by Lamar Peters. Peters was integral, shooting 8-of-11 from the field and 5-of-7 from 3-point land. He was hard on himself in the postgame interview with ESPN's Molly McGrath. But, there's no denying that he had a tremendous impact on the game.

Aric Holman was the fourth player to get into double figures for State, scoring 11 points on Thursday night.

Waters, who enjoyed a fantastic freshman season, capped off his first run through SEC play with a 28-point outburst. Waters shot 10-of-20 from the field and 5-of-10 from beyond the 3-point arc, as well. Waters also added six assists and four rebounds in 35 minutes, putting up numbers in just about every possible category. Daryl Edwards and Brandon Rachal joined Waters in double figures, posting up 11 and 10 points respectively.

LSU's season now comes to an end. Will Wade certainly did the best he could with the roster he had, and there's a lot of promise coming next year with a highly touted recruiting class that will be rolling in to Baton Rouge. The Fighting Tigers certainly have a pretty great shot of getting an NIT berth, and they'll be a fun team to watch if that's the case.

Meanwhile, the dream remains alive for Mississippi State. They, too, would probably find themselves in the NIT if the season came to an end today. But, with a little luck, they could steal an auto-bid if they somehow got through Tennessee and then won the SEC Championship. It shall be no easy task for Ben Howland's bunch on Friday though, as the Vols boast the Player of the Year (Grant Williams), the Coach of the Year (Rick Barnes) and Lamonte Turner, who shared the Sixth Man of the Year with Jontay Porter of the Missouri Tigers. But we'll see if these Bulldogs have any more fight in them.

MSU gets second chance against LSU at SEC Tournament

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f at first you don't succeed, try again.

That's what Mississippi State gets the chance to do this week as it begins the Southeastern Conference Tournament Thursday night in St. Louis, Missouri, at 6 p.m. against LSU.

It's the second game in a row that the Bulldogs (21-10, 9-9) and Tigers (17-3, 8-10) have faced off after the two squads closed out the regular season against each other on Saturday. That contest went to LSU 78-57. Today, MSU has the opportunity for retribution.

"They're a good team and played well against us on Saturday," Mississippi State head coach Ben Howland said. "We are both fresh in each other's minds.

"Both teams have prepared for each other, so there won't be a lot of secrets."

For Mississippi State, tonight isn't only a second chance against LSU. It's also a renewed opportunity to find a path into the NCAA Tournament.

The Bulldogs went into the regular season's final two games with a good chance to earn an at-large berth to the big dance with a pair of wins. Instead, MSU was blown out at home by Tennessee and on the road at LSU.

That leaves the Bulldogs in desperation mode this week if they want to get back on college basketball's biggest stage for the first time since 2009. Mississippi State likely needs to get to Sunday's championship game to have any shot of an at-large NCAA Tournament berth. Of course, winning the SEC Tournament would grant State an automatic spot in the NCAA field.

"We played poorly the last week of the season and now we have to try to redeem ourselves," Howland said.

It all starts with Thursday night's tilt against LSU. The Tigers ran away with things down in Baton Rouge last Saturday. MSU's Quinndary Weatherspoon attributed some of that to the Bulldogs experiencing a hangover effect from State's disappointing home loss against Tennessee earlier in that week.

"Guys couldn't believe we lost like that (to Tennessee) on our home floor," Weatherspoon said. "They were still talking about it at LSU."

All that is in the past now though. As bad as the last two games have hurt the Bulldogs, they know things could turn around just as quickly starting Thursday.

"It's a whole new season," Howland said. "We had (Sunday) and (Monday) off, which I think we needed just to kind of get our legs back and get refocused on the fact that it is a new season that starts all over. It's sudden death now.

"I think we'll come in there very focused and ready to give our very best effort against the LSU Tigers."

Mississippi State has proven at times this year it can be a dangerous squad when everything clicks. The Bulldogs began the season on an eight-game winning streak. In SEC play, MSU had separate winning streaks of four and three games. State knows it can get on a roll. The Bulldogs are counting on doing so yet again.

"We've been up and down, but hopefully we can be hot again," Weatherspoon said.

Mississippi St. downs LSU, heads to SEC quarters

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With 34 seconds left, Mississippi State extended its lead to 78-71, and it looked as if the Bulldogs were going to keep their NCAA Tournament hopes alive.

But as time wound down, those hopes faded as LSU's Skylar Mays hit a 3-pointer and the Bulldogs turned it over on the ensuing possession. With 10 seconds left, Tremont Waters drilled a 3 and the Tigers closed to 78-77.

The Bulldogs avoided foul attempts on the inbound and Nick Weatherspoon capped the victory with a dunk.

Lamar Peters scored a season-high 24 points and Mississippi State hit 10 3-pointers in defeating LSU 80-77 in the second round of the Southeastern Conference Tournament on Thursday.

Peters led an unlikely charge from 3 for the seventh-seeded Bulldogs, who came into the contest the 15th-worst team at 30.7 percent shooting from beyond the arc. Mississippi State (22-10), which faces Tennessee in Friday's third quarterfinal, shot 9 of 12 from 3 in the first half and finished the game 10 for 17.

"I swear to you that I'm not surprised," Mississippi State coach Ben Howland said. "If you look back at those threes, a lot of them were pretty open. Their strategy is to go under the ball screen and make you make shots."

Tenth-seeded LSU (17-14) trimmed a once 19-point Bulldogs' lead to just two with 5:52 remaining. The game stayed close until the end, but the Tigers never retook the lead.

Tremont Waters led LSU with 28 points and six assists. He sustained an injury in the final minutes but battled through till the end of the game.

"That's what we get pretty much every night from him," LSU coach Will Wade said. "(He's) the only reason we're in a lot of games."

Waters and Peters went back and forth all game, but Peters' teammates scored more down the stretch. Quinndary Weatherspoon and his brother, Nick, each finished with 15 points for the Bulldogs. Aric Holman posted a double-double, scoring 11 points and grabbing 12 boards.

BIG PICTURE

LSU: The Tigers simply started slow and got torched in the first half by Mississippi State's 3-point attack. They put together a valiant effort in the second half, but couldn't stop the Bulldogs on the defensive end.

Mississippi State: A hot-shooting night keeps the Bulldogs alive for another game. They'll face Tennessee on Friday. If they win that, it may be time to reconsider the Bulldogs as a bubble team.

TREADING WATERS

With his 28-point performance against Mississippi State, Waters has now scored 20 or more points in four of his last six games.

"Waters is something special," Howland said. "Obviously, Waters was the key. What did they do special? He just went crazy. I think he's really that good."

SQUEAKING ONE OUT

Mississippi State never relinquished its lead, but struggled mightily to hold on. The Bulldogs allowed 14 offensive rebounds and 17 second-chance points. Late turnovers also kept the Tigers alive. Despite his best offensive performance of the season, Peters wasn't pleased with the team's ability to finish.

"It was just fortunate to get the win," Peters said. "I feel like we need to close out games better than we did. We still got life trying to get into the NCAA Tournament."

UP NEXT

LSU will wait to see its postseason fate.

Mississippi State faces Tennessee on Friday in the evening session of the tournament.

Mississippi State loses in SEC tournament after last second shot, Nick Weatherspoon injury

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ST. LOUIS — The only sounds inside Scottrade Center for a few moments were the encouraging shouts from the crowd directed to Quinndary Weatherspoon.

"It's going to be OK, Q," one person shouted.

"Q, don't worry," another yelled. "He is going to be OK."

Quinndary stood on the court holding a towel with both hands over his head as he watched a combination of athletic trainers and doctors place his younger brother Nick Weatherspoon on a stretcher.

This was when play was stopped early on in the second half of Mississippi State's 62-59 loss to Tennessee Friday night in an SEC tournament quarterfinal.

For several minutes, the game didn't matter.

Nick fell hard on the ground after going up for a layup in the first 30 seconds of the second half. He stayed on the floor, out of bounds and underneath the basket for two full possessions while clutching his right hip. Then as Tennessee's Kyle Alexander contested a layup by Quinndary Weatherspoon,

Alexander inadvertently stepped on Nick Weatherspoon's face.

Play was finally stopped, some 14 seconds after the original fall. Players from both teams circled around Nick and clapped in a sign of support.

"I was just hoping he was OK," Quinndary said. "I didn't think the injury was that bad until we came back down the floor and someone stepped on his head or something like that and that probably made it worse than what it was."

Nick, an All-SEC freshman and the team's starting shooting guard, was taken to a nearby hospital. Ben Howland said that Nick was alert and moving all extremities. He is expected to have a CAT scan performed, and both Howland and Quinndary were scheduled to go to the hospital following media obligations.

"He asked about the score of the game to let me know that he's all right," Quinndary said.

There was still a game to be finished — and MSU's NCAA tournament hopes were on the line for the final time.

Quinndary and Lamar Peters returned to the court with moist eyes. MSU was trailing 31-26 with 19:14 left in the second half.

"At that point, I was just trying to play for him," said Quinndary who scored 17 points. "And play with a lot of energy like he plays with. I did what he would want me to do and that's play as hard as I can and try to come out with a win."

The emotional game came down to the final seconds. The second-

seeded Volunteers (24-7) led nearly the entire game, but the seventh-seeded Bulldogs (22-11) had an opportunity to take the lead in the final 10 seconds. Down 61-59, Xavian Stapleton missed a 3-pointer with 4 seconds left that would have put the Bulldogs ahead.

On the play, Peters took a defender off the dribble and when a help defender arrived, Peters dished to Stapleton, who was wide open in the corner.

"If I could do it over, I would do the same play again," Peters said. "I believe in him. It just didn't fall."

Mississippi State's NCAA tournament chances have been fluctuating from first four out to on the bubble for about a month. The Bulldogs were never on any of the mainstream brackets, but they always had hope. Now, that's gone. The Bulldogs will play beyond the conference tournament and in the NIT for the first time since the 2011-12 season (opponent, dates to be determined Sunday).

"The biggest goal was to make it to the NCAA tournament," Peters said. "That was the main objective. And we had a chance. We had a fair chance to make it. But I'm proud of the team that we were able to advance to the postseason. We're just going to learn from this, play in the NIT season and build for next season."

It's a step forward in Year 3 under Howland, and he said that while he was disappointed in how MSU lost — the Bulldogs recorded one assist and Tennessee grabbed 22 offensive rebounds — he was proud with the growth and the latest sign of resiliency. But heads were down

inside Mississippi State's locker room after the game. There was no talking. Many players had moist eyes. Tyson Carter was one of them.

The reason, on this night, was two-fold.

"It hurts," Carter said. "First, we want Nick to be OK and we wanted him to be able to help us out. Then, we lose and we can't make the tournament. It just really hurts for us right now."

Mississippi State beats Nebraska to advance to the NIT

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STARKVILLE — Abdul Ado looked disinterested in taking the jumper at the top of the key, well beyond his range, despite the shot clock winding down. So with 3 seconds left, he was still looking to get rid of the ball despite the home crowd yelling at him to shoot. He found Tyson Carter a few feet beyond him for a 3-pointer.

When Carter swooshed the 3-pointer, the small-but-vocal crowd at Humphrey Coliseum erupted because it gave Mississippi State a 5-point lead with just over two minutes left.

Without Nick Weatherspoon (hip), Mississippi State beat Nebraska, 66-59, Wednesday night in the first round of the NIT. The Bulldogs advanced to visit Baylor (11 a.m. Sunday). It's not the NCAA tournament, but it's the middle of March and Mississippi State (23-11) is still playing basketball. It was the Bulldogs' first postseason win since 2010, so the jubilation was understandable.

"The mindset is that we wanted to make the NCAA tournament, but we are blessed to keep playing," Lamar Peters said, "so we are going to play Mississippi State basketball and that means not giving up."

MSU won a postseason game against a quality opponent in Nebraska with Peters not scoring and Quinndary Weatherspoon scoring only eight points. That's MSU's usual starting backcourt combining for eight points, if you're counting.

How?

Well, there's still time left in this season, but the first half offered an optimistic, albeit small, snapshot of what MSU could look like next season — and its growth to this point in several other areas.

First, there was Peters' dazzling distributing.

There was the spin move in the paint before feeding Ado for a layup. There was the quick, no-look dish to a cutting Xavian Stapleton. And there was the pass to an open Carter on the wing for a 3-pointer after breaking down Nebraska's 1-3-1 with penetration to the basket.

The first half was the Lamar Peters Show. It was highly entertaining from start to finish — and he didn't even score. Peters racked up 11 assists — a flurry of eye-opening looks coupled with just good, smart decisions — by halftime, surpassing his previous personal high of nine. Peters finished with 14 assists, two turnovers and didn't score.

"Lamar is really blossoming into quite a distributor," Ben Howland said. "He could've had 18 assists."

The Bulldogs led 33-28 at halftime mostly because of Peters' facilitating and Ado's presence inside. MSU outrebounded Nebraska 25-15 in the first half and Ado was responsible for collecting seven of those boards.

Ado also led MSU in first-half points (11), which represented growth. Earlier in the season, Peters would often find Ado inside with a pretty pass only for it to be fumbled or for Ado to hesitate a moment too long. That didn't happen against Nebraska. Instead, Ado was efficient with his steps and routinely finished strong. In short, Ado looked like the guy Howland raved about all preseason. Ado finished with 15 points and nine rebounds while incorporating a nice-looking left hook more than usual.

"I can't tell you how excited we are about that," Howland said.

Carter supplied the crowd with other thrilling moments in addition to the 3-pointer in the fourth. He started in place of Nick Weatherspoon and received the bulk of the minutes at shooting guard with Eli Wright seeing more action than usual. Carter made a couple of buzzer-beaters and finished with nine points in 31 minutes.

Without one of its leaders in the backcourt, it was MSU's frontcourt that handled the heavy lifting in this one.

Stapleton started instead of Aric Holman for the third-straight game, and having Holman come off the bench again seemed to have resonated with the junior. Holman had 16 points and 10 rebounds. Stapleton was sharp, too, with 12 points and five rebounds.

And while MSU didn't need to lean on Quinndary Weatherspoon for scoring, his stingy defense against Nebraska top-scorer James Palmer Jr. (13 points on 3 of 7 shooting) was another reason for the win.

Bulldogs begin postseason play against Nebraska

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STARKVILLE – It might not be the triumphant return to the postseason that Mississippi State had planned on but tonight's National Invitation Tournament game is a step in the right direction the program.

The fourth-seeded Bulldogs will host No. 5 seed Nebraska at 8 on ESPN2 marking their first trip to the postseason since Rick Stansbury's final game in 2012.

"It means a lot because we haven't been in the postseason in I don't even know how long," said MSU guard Quinndary Weatherspoon, who leads the team averaging 14.8 points. "We're just excited to be in any type of postseason and are looking to try and get our first win."

The Bulldogs (22-11) are making their ninth appearance in the NIT and own a 7-8 record in the event. State's previous postseason came at home in the 2012 NIT where the Bulldogs lost in double overtime to UMass, 101-96.

Mississippi State met the Cornhuskers in Starkville earlier this season on Oct. 22 in a special exhibition game to aid in hurricane relief. Nebraska won that contest 76-72 behind a 17-point performance from junior guard James Palmer Jr.

MSU's bench provided the most production in the previous meeting with E.J. Datcher scoring 12 points and Eli Wright and KeyShawn Feazell contributing 10 apiece.

"We wanted a chance to play against those guys again," said MSU guard Lamar Peters. "We felt like we played a bad game to start off the season and I feel like we're way better than we were back then."

Nebraska is coming off a four-year hiatus from postseason play and making its 18th appearance in the NIT. It is the first NIT outing for the Huskers since 2011 and won the event once back in 1996.

Tim Miles' squad went 22-10 during the regular season and posted a 13-5 record in Big Ten play. Palmer Jr. paces Nebraska averaging 17.3 points per game.

State was missing starting forward Abdul Ado during its first meeting against the Cornhuskers and will be without another freshman starter this time around. Shooting guard Nick Weatherspoon will miss tonight's game with a severe hip contusion leaving his minutes to Wright and Tyson Carter, both sophomores.

"Nick going down is going to hurt," Peters said. "He brings a lot of energy, is a defensive guy and a great team player. But Tyson and Eli are more than capable of stepping up and being big. I'm looking forward to seeing what they're going to do."

The winner of tonight's game will advance to the second round to take on top-seeded Baylor, which beat Wagner 80-59 Tuesday night.

Mississippi State Men's Basketball Beats Nebraska in Opening Round of NIT

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Mississippi State Bulldogs Take Down Nebraska Cornhuskers 66 to 59

In the opening round of the National Invitation Tournament, Ben Howland and the Mississippi State Bulldogs came away with a solid win. MSU was hosting the Nebraska Cornhuskers in Humphrey Coliseum last night and State's defense stifled their opponents.

Nebraska was unable to get anything going all night. The Cornhuskers were cold from behind the three point line, hitting 6 of 22 three point attempts.

And while the Bulldogs shut down Nebraska's offense, MSU was able to continue to move the ball and score, despite being without their second leading scorer in Nick Weatherspoon. A huge reason for Mississippi State's success offensively was Lamar Peters. The sophomore point guard made his presence felt and set a school record with assists in postseason play with 14. As a team, the Cornhuskers combined for 10 assists.

Mississippi State's Front Court Leads the Way

Mississippi State also had a commanding lead on the boards. The Bulldogs out rebounded Nebraska by 47 to 30. When it comes to offensive rebounds, Mississippi State came away with 17 while Nebraska had 11.

13 of Mississippi State's offensive rebounds came from Aric Holman and freshman center Abdul Ado. Holman and Ado controlled the paint and combined for a total of 31 points as well as 19 rebounds. Holman's monster night consisted of a double-double of 16 points, 10 rebounds, and 4 blocks, leading MSU in each category.

Behind Holman in scoring came State's freshman center, Ado, with 15 points. The third MSU player to make it into double figures scoring was 6-6 guard Xavian Stapleton, who had 12 points on the evening.

Mississippi State will now move on in the NIT. The Bulldogs are set to play top seeded Baylor, who recently came away with a dominant win over Wagner. Should Mississippi State win and advance again, they will then play the winner of Louisville and Middle Tennessee.

Time to shine: Carter, Wright could have huge impact in MSU's NIT game

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STARKVILLE, MS
When the lights dim at the Humphrey Coliseum and the starting lineups are introduced Wednesday night for Mississippi State's first postseason game since 2012, there's a strong chance the MSU starting five is going to include the team's hometown boy.

With State's All-Southeastern Conference Freshman Team guard Nick Weatherspoon expected to miss Wednesday night's first-round National Invitation Tournament game against Nebraska due to a hip contusion suffered last week, it's likely that former Starkville High guard Tyson Carter will be the first man up to try and fill Weatherspoon's big shoes.

Carter says he's ready to handle the responsibility.

"It won't be too big of an adjustment," Carter said. "I started probably half the season anyway, so it'll just be normal."

MSU not having Weatherspoon is perhaps the biggest obstacle the Bulldogs (22-11) will have to overcome tonight at 8 p.m. against the Cornhuskers (22-10). Weatherspoon is MSU's second-leading scorer (11.1 points per game) and arguably the team's best defensive player. Yet he won't be on the floor tonight after an ugly fall last Friday in a Southeastern Conference Tournament game against Tennessee.

There's a chance Weatherspoon could return for the Bulldogs should MSU advance into later rounds of the NIT, but as for tonight, he's out. That means Carter, as well as fellow guard Eli Wright, will be heavily leaned on to try and make up for Weatherspoon's lost production.

MSU's Lamar Peters says he believes the Bulldogs will be just fine leaning on Carter and Wright.

"I trust those guys a lot because I watched how they worked all last summer," Peters said of Carter and Wright. "They put in work last summer. Nick going down, that's going to hurt because he brings a lot of energy. He's a defensive guy and a great team player, but Tyson and Eli are more than capable of stepping up and being big. I'm looking forward to seeing what they're going to do."

Both Carter and Wright have had big moments for the Bulldogs this year to get State to this point. Carter has started in 16 of MSU's 33 games and averages 22.6 minutes per contest anyway. He's used to a heavy workload.
He has also shown flashes this season of being a guy that can take over a game. In late November into early December, Carter had a stretch where he scored 20 or more points in three out of four games. On Nov. 30, he poured in a career-best 35 points against North Dakota State.

Wright has had his share of highlights this year, too. In a reserve role, he has averaged playing 14.3 minutes per game and scores 3.3 per contest, however Wright's impact goes deeper than his numbers may indicate.

"The minutes Eli does play, he really gives us a boost when he comes in," MSU's Quinndary Weatherspoon said.

Never was that more apparent than on Feb. 24. In a 72-68 win over South Carolina, Wright turned the game around with a 2 1/2 minute stretch in which he scored eight points. He scored three baskets in that period with all three resulting in and-1 opportunities. He hit two of the three free throws.

It's performances like those that have the Bulldogs confident they'll be fine in the hands of Carter and Wright Wednsday night.

"I think they're ready to step in," Quinndary Weatherspoon said. "They've been playing great."

It'll likely take solid games from Carter and Wright to propel MSU into the NIT's second round. Nebraska is a challenging opponent who defeated State 76-72 in an exhibition game last October.

The Cornhuskers went on to put together a season that earned them the school's first postseason appearance in four years.

"They're a really good team," Carter said. "They shoot the ball well. They have at least four really good shooters on the court at all times. It's a tough matchup."

Despite Nebraska's talent, and Nick Weatherspoon's absence,

the Bulldogs aren't backing down. State would much rather enter Wednesday nnight with Nick Weatherspoon's services, but that's not the hand MSU has been dealt.

Instead, Mississippi State is counting on Carter and Wright to help shoulder more of the load. It's a chance the duo is excited to have.

"Even though it's a little more responsibility, we're able to help the team more," Carter said. "That's what we're going to try to do."

MBB DOWNED BY MISSISSIPPI STATE AT THE BUZZER

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Scott Drew played the percentages and lost.

Facing a Mississippi State team that was ranked last in the SEC and 335th in the country (out of 351 Division I teams) in 3-point field goal percentage (31.2), it seemed like a safe bet for the Baylor defense to focus more on shots inside the arc.

Instead, the visiting Bulldogs (24-11) shot a sizzling 59 percent from 3-point range (13-of-22), and Quinndary Weatherspon nailed a buzzer-beating trey to end the Bears' season in shocking fashion, 78-77, Sunday afternoon in an NIT second-round game at the Ferrell Center.

Manu Lecomte hit a bank-shot runner to give Baylor a two-point lead with 5.1 seconds left, but Weatherspoon's shot over King McClure hit the front end of the rim, bounced straight up and then softly through the net for a true "March Madness" moment.

"I don't think I've ever seen a shot go straight up and straight down before, but that's what happened," said Drew, whose team finished 19-15, ending a string of six straight 20-win seasons.

"Disappointed, obviously, for our seniors in a game where you think you just won it on a last-second shot and then your season's over."

The fact that it even came down to a pair of last-second shots is amazing considering the Bears found themselves down by 20 in the first half and were still trailing 47-33 at the break.

Led by the red-hot shooting of Tyson Carter, Xavian Stapleton and Lamar Peters, Mississippi State was 8-of-13 from 3-point range and turned it over just three times in the first two quarters.

"I can't remember the last time we scored 47 in a half. It's been a while," MSU coach Ben Howland said. "That's a lot of points against a very good zone like Baylor."

After some struggles in morning tip times in the past, Drew decided to change things up and have an early shoot-around, "but that didn't work either," he said.

Offense wasn't really the issue, though. Baylor shot 50 percent in the first half and 50.8 percent for the game, hitting 31-of-61 shots. It ultimately came down to the Bears' inability to defend the Bulldogs' steady barrage of 3's.

"When we take good shots, we're a good 3-point shooting team," Howland said, although the stats say otherwise. "I give a lot of credit to Lamar. When those 3's are going good for us, he's really doing a good job distributing the ball and penetrating and kicking out."

Mississippi State answered an 8-1 Baylor run at the start of the second half with seven

unanswered points and still led by 14 with 4 ½ minutes left in the third quarter. But, Terry Maston hit three buckets and 7-foot senior center Jo Lual-Acuil capped off a 17-2 run with a dunk off a miss by Lecomte to give the Bears their first lead, 58-57.

"I think we just didn't give up," said Maston, who scored 20 of his game-high 26 points in the second half, finishing 13-of-19 from the field. "We knew that a lot was at stake, obviously the whole season. And we had worked so hard this season to fight back how we did in conference, starting 2-7. It kind of propelled us to go out and try to get this game and prolong the season.

"We did a great job fighting back. Obviously, it wasn't the result we wanted in the end, but I think we still did a great job not giving up."

The Bears extended the lead with another Lual-Acuil dunk and a Maston layup off a feed from McClure and went up by nine, 71-62, on a 3-pointer by Nuni Omot with 4:40 left in the game.

"I don't understand why Maston's not starting," Howland said. "He's so good. I was reading all about him and how he's only started two games in his career, which is incredible for a guy that talented. He really caused us problems."

Baylor had two straight empty possessions with a chance to go up by double digits, then gave up a three-point play to Aric Holman, had a turnover against the press that led to a Holman dunk, followed by the first of Weatherspoon's two clutch 3-

pointers to make it a one-point game, 71-70.

The teams traded blows over the last 1 ½ minutes, with Mississippi State answering a pair of Maston jumpers with a Holman layup and a game-tying 3-pointer from the corner by Carter. Coming in with a team-high 51 3-pointers made, Carter was 5-of-6 from outside the arc and led the Bulldogs with 19 points.

"We had been in situations like this before where we came back, so we just know not to give up and keep fighting and put together some stops, and we'll have a chance to win," Carter said.

True to his word, the Bulldogs had that chance at the end of the game.

Weatherspoon, who finished with 13 points and five assists, credited Peters for penetrating and finding him on the wing for his 10th assist of the game.

"I shot it with confidence, and it ended up falling," he said. "I thought I shot it (too) hard. It was short, and I was able to get the shooter's roll. They have soft rims, so I appreciate that."

Mississippi State advances to the NIT quarterfinals and will travel to face either second-seeded Louisville or third-seeded Middle Tennessee on Tuesday for a trip to the Final Four at Madison Square Gardens in New York.

Baylor loses the four seniors that all scored in double figures for the second straight game. Lual-Acuil had 17 points and a team-high eight rebounds, while Lecomte had 15 points, seven assists and only three turnovers and Omot chipped in with 11 points and two 3-pointers.

"It hit home a little bit in the locker room," Maston said. "Once I took off the jersey, I was like, `Man, four years!' It went by really fast, but I had a lot of great memories. I grew a lot as a person, mentally and physically, and I just thank God for the opportunity I had here at Baylor."

Mississippi State advances in NIT after buzzer-beating 3-pointer against Baylor

WACO, Texas (AP) — Quinndary Weatherspoon got a friendly bounce off the rim on a 3-pointer at the buzzer to lift Mississippi State over Baylor 78-77 on Sunday in the second round of the NIT.

Aric Holman's blocked shot led to a fast break and Weatherspoon sank a 3-pointer to pull to 71-70. Terry Maston answered with a baseline jumper and banked in a shot on Baylor's next possession to make it 75-72.

After a timeout, Lamar Peters found Tyson Carter open in the corner for a 3-pointer to tie it at 75-all at 34.8. Manu Lecomte worked the clock down, drove the lane and made a contested floater off the glass with 5.1 remaining. Weatherspoon inbounded it and Peters found him trailing the play for a 3.

Carter led Mississippi State (24-11) with five 3-pointers and 19 points. Weatherspoon finished with 13 points and Peters had nine points and 10 assists. Baylor (19-15) was led by Maston's 26 points. Jo Lual-Acuil Jr. added 17 points with eight rebounds.

Lual-Acuil gave Baylor its first lead of the game, 58-57, on a put-back dunk to cap a 17-2 third-quarter run and the Bears led by nine points midway through the fourth.

NIT: Mississippi State stun Baylor at buzzer

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WACO, Texas – Quinndary Weatherspoon called his game-winning 3-pointer a "shooter's roll," but for Mississippi State it was the most perfect shot of the day.

His buzzer-beating 3-pointer hit the front of the rim, suspended in midair, and then fell through the net to give the fourth-seeded Bulldogs a stunning 78-77 win over No. 1-seeded Baylor in a second-round NIT game Sunday at the Ferrell Center.

Weatherspoon's clutch shot sends the Bulldogs to a third-round game on Tuesday night at No. 2-seeded Louisville (22-13), which beat Middle Tennessee 84-68 on Sunday night.

"This is the fourth game-winning shot for Q's career at the buzzer at Mississippi State," said Mississippi State coach Ben Howland. "I've never had a player that I can remember making more than one in 35 years of coaching Division I basketball. That thing hit the front of the rim, he had good rotation on it and just enough arc where he got the roll."

The Bears (19-15) had taken a 77-75 lead when Manu Lecomte scored on a drive to the basket with six seconds remaining. But Mississippi State point guard Lamar Peters hurried downcourt and passed the ball to Weatherspoon, who hit his game-winning 3-pointer to the right of the top of the arc.

"I credit Lamar Peters just for driving in and drawing two defenders and kicking it back out to me to have an open look," Weatherspoon said. "I shot it with confidence and it ended up falling. I thought I got a good shot, but I thought it was hard, honestly. It was short and I was able to get the shooter's roll. They have soft rims, so I appreciate that."

Weatherspoon's game-winner sent the Bulldogs (24-11) into a wild celebration. Making its first postseason appearance since the 2012 NIT, it was Mississippi State's second NIT win following Wednesday's 66-59 win over Nebraska.

With a third-round win on Tuesday night, the Bulldogs will advance to the NIT semifinals March 27 at Madison Square Garden.

"It's phenomenal because we hadn't won a postseason game since 2010," Howland said. "We want to finish this year out as NIT champs. Is there anything more fun that winning on the road? I can't tell you how exciting it was to see the joy on the faces of the players on the court."

The Bulldogs came out on fire in the 11 a.m. game as they opened up a 24-15 first-quarter lead and extended it to 40-20 midway through the second quarter.

Mississippi State took a 47-33 lead into halftime on the strength of its 3-point shooting. The Bulldogs nailed eight of 13 long shots in the first half and finished 13 of 22.

Tyson Carter was especially hot as he drained five of six 3-pointers and scored a team-high 19 points. Peters nailed three 3-pointers and facilitated many of the Bulldogs' 3s by dishing out 10 assists.

"When we take good shots, we're a good 3-point shooting team," Howland said. "I thought we shot it OK against Nebraska but great today. I give a lot of credit to Lamar. When those 3's are going good for us he's really doing a good job distributing the ball and penetrating and kicking out."

The Bears rallied by outscoring the Bulldogs, 25-10, in the third quarter to grab a 58-57 lead. With forward Terry Maston coming off the bench to score 20 of his game-high 26 points in the second half, the Bears opened up a 71-62 lead with 4:40 remaining.

But the Bulldogs fought back with an 8-0 run capped by Weatherspoon's 3-pointer to cut Baylor's lead to 71-70 with 2:09 remaining.

The Bears grabbed a 75-72 edge when Maston scored on a bank shot, but Carter answered with a wide-open 3-pointer from the right corner to tie the game with 34.8 seconds remaining.

"We had been in situations like this before where we came back, so we just know not to give up and keep fighting and put together some stops and we'll have a chance to win," Carter said.

Xavian Stapleton added 15 points while Quinndary Weatherspoon and Aric Holman scored 13 apiece. Howland was excited by the return of guard Nick Weatherspoon, who collected six points and three assists in 24 minutes after

missing the NIT opener following a hip injury against Tennessee in the SEC tournament.

"It was huge for us," Howland said. "He got us going early with a couple of his patented one-dribble pull-up shots. He's just got great fight. Remember he hasn't even run up and down in nine days. He got a little more winded than he normally would. But you could see he's fine and he's back, and I'm really pleased."

Q THE MADNESS: Weatherspoon hits winning shot for MSU men

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WACO, TEX.
After hitting a couple of game-winning shots earlier in his career, Quinndary Weatherspoon added a postseason game-winner to his resume Sunday afternoon.

Despite leading by as many as 20 points in the first half, MSU had to erase a nine-point deficit in the final 4:40 to put away Baylor 78-77 in a second-round game of the National Invitation Tournament at the Ferrell Center.

After Baylor grabbed a lead with 5 seconds remaining, Lamar Peters fed Weatherspoon, who hit an a 3-pointer from the top of the key as time expired. The shot hit off the front end of the rim but bounced in to keep the Bulldogs' season alive.

MSU will face Louisville on the road in the third round on Tuesday. The Bulldogs stand one win shy of Madison Square Garden and the tournament's semifinal round for the first time since 2007.

The Bulldogs improved to 24-11 with the victory, the most wins in a season since 2010.

Nick Weatherspoon's return to the lineup and some strong 3-point shooting energized MSU early.

An early 8-0 run helped stake the Bulldogs to a 16-7 lead late in the first quarter. The Bears followed with eight straight before MSU scored the final eight points off a turnover-free quarter for a 24-15 lead.

The last run included a dunk by Xavian Stapleton, a 3-pointer by Stapleton and a 3-pointer by former Starkville High School player Tyson Carter.

The run stretched to 15-0 to start the second quarter, as the Bulldogs built a 31-15 lead with 8:26 left in the half. A 3-pointer by Carter pushed the advantage to 40-20 with 4:22 left in the half.

MSU hit eight 3-pointers in the first half and led 47-33 at halftime. Stapleton had 15 first-half points for the Bulldogs.

Baylor cut the lead in half 3 minutes into the third quarter. A dunk by Aric Holman capped a 7-0 run for MSU, running the lead back to 55-41.

Over the final 4:44 of the quarter, Baylor reeled off a 17-2 run for a 58-57 lead.

Baylor continued to play well inside, while stretching the lead to 71-62 with 4:40 left. The Bulldogs chipped away with the next eight points, with a 3-pointer from Quinndary Weatherspoon bringing the Bulldogs within 71-70 with 2:09 left.

A 3-pointer by Carter tied the contest with 35 seconds left Baylor then held for potentially the final shot. However, Quinndary Weatherspoon had enough time to give his team the win instead.

For the contest, MSU hit 28 of 52 shots from the field (53.8 percent), 13 of 22 shots from 3-point range (59.1 percent) and 9 of 11 shots from the foul line (81.8 percent). Baylor hit 31 of 61 shots from the field (50.8 percent), 3 of 12 shots from 3-point range (25.0 percent) and 12 of 17 shots from the foul line (70.6 percent).

Baylor held a 34-21 rebounding advantage. The Bulldogs had 24 assists and 12 turnovers, while the Bears had 20 assists and 12 turnovers.

Baylor (19-15) received 26 points from Terry Maston, 17 points from Jo Lual-Acuil, Jr., 15 points from Manu Lecomte and 11 points from Nuni Omot.

Mississippi State Basketball: Bulldogs Demolish Louisville Cardinals in NIT Quarterfinals

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Mississippi State Basketball Crushes Louisville Cardinals in Quarterfinals of NIT

Well, Mississippi State certainly didn't struggle against the Louisville Cardinals tonight. On the road in the quarterfinals of the NIT, Ben Howland had his Mississippi State Bulldogs ready to bulldoze anything in their path.

That's exactly what MSU did tonight.

Mississippi State scorched Louisville's defense for 79 points and made the Cardinals ineffective offensively, holding them to 56 points. As such, the Bulldogs won by 23 in a game that State only trailed for a total of two minutes and nine seconds of game time.

The Bulldogs seriously had no issues at all.

Quinndary Weatherspoon led all scorers with 19 points on 6-10 shooting from the field. Weatherspoon also had a solid double-double as he pulled down 14 rebounds, also a team high tonight. Aric Holman came off the bench yet again and gave Mississippi State 16 points, 8 rebounds, and a pair of blocks.

Xavian Stapleton continued his recent offensive renaissance and put up 12 points in his start. Nick Weatherspoon tied Stapleton for that mark, scoring 4 points and also dishing 4 assists.

This game is the textbook definition of a blowout. Mississippi State made Louisville's scorers inept as the Cardinals only hit 35% of their shots. From deep, Louisville made 29.2% of their three point attempts.

This is all while the Bulldogs made 47.7% of all of their shots while scoring on 38.1% of their shots from downtown.

Mississippi State basketball came to town and made itself at home in Louisville's domain. There was simply nothing the Cardinals could do tonight to disrupt the Bulldogs on offense or defense. And now, Mississippi State is New York City bound to compete in the NIT Semifinals.

Bulldogs are Big Apple bound in NIT

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The Southeastern Conference made its mark as a top-flight basketball league by putting eight teams into the NCAA Tournament this season.

Mississippi State wasn't among them, but has earned a chance to add a rare achievement to the league's resumé.

Quinndary Weatherspoon scored 19 points and grabbed 14 rebounds, and Mississippi State advanced to the NIT semifinals at Madison Square Garden in New York with a 79-56 victory over Louisville on Tuesday.

It's the first time an SEC team has reached the NIT's Final Four since Alabama lost in the championship game in 2011. Since the tournament's inception in 1938, only five SEC teams have won it — Kentucky in 1946 and 1976, Vanderbilt in 1990, and South Carolina in 2005 and 2006.

"It's going to be pretty fun," Weatherspoon said of playing in Madison Square Garden. "I've played in a couple of big arenas, including this one (at Louisville), but I don't think it's going to be nothing like playing in an NBA arena that a lot of great players have played in. So, it's going to be my first time playing there and I hope I play well."

Mississippi State (25-11) will face Penn State (24-13) next Tuesday. It's the second appearance for the Bulldogs in the NIT Final Four. They last made it in 2007.

Southern Miss, in 1987, is the only Mississippi team ever to win the NIT.

More than the chance to make history, Mississippi State coach Ben Howland was happy with the postseason run his team is putting together. The Bulldogs won two road games at Baylor and Louisville to reach the semifinals, after only winning four times in 13 trips away from Starkville prior to the tournament.

"Well that was a phenomenal win for us. This is so exciting for our team. The way they came out here prepared. The way they prepared for this," Howland said. "Remember, we played Sunday, just like they did. They played Sunday night, we played Sunday morning. We had to travel. So to travel that much and show up with that kind of effort is really gratifying for me as their coach and I can't say enough about our entire team. How hard they worked and prepared for this, because we wanted to go to New York City and go to the Garden badly and they displayed that in how they played today."

After beating Baylor with a buzzer-beater Sunday, the Bulldogs blew out Louisville 48 hours later.

Lamar Peters opened the second quarter with a 3-pointer and Mississippi State led by at least nine points the rest of the way. Weatherspoon scored eight points during a 12-3 run to start the third for a 51-31 advantage and MSU cruised.

"Well, we just ran into a bus tonight," Louisville interim coach David Padgett said. "That's a heck of a basketball team. They're the epitome of a team that's even more impressive in person after you watch them on film. That's a big time basketball team. They're extremely athletic and very skilled at every position, shot the ball well and we just couldn't find it offensively tonight."

Aric Holman added 16 points and eight rebounds for Mississippi State, which has won its most games since the 2009-10 season.

Xavian Stapleton and Nick Weatherspoon each chipped in with 12 points. Abdul Ado had three blocks to tie Jarvis Varnado for the most blocks by a Mississippi State freshman with 67.

Peters had just six points and four assists — the first game in the NIT in which he has failed to reach double figures in assists — but Mississippi State had 14 assists as a team. Nick Weatherspoon contributed four and six players had at least one each.

"I'm just excited about how we passed the ball. There were a lot of extra passes tonight that were fantastic. Aric was the recipient of a couple of them, and he made a couple great ones," Howland said. "To see where we started, and where we've come from in terms of making the extra pass, is just so exciting, because we really looked good tonight at both ends of the floor. This is one of our best games of the year and it's good to be playing that way at the end of the season."

Ray Spalding paced Louisville with 13 points and 11 rebounds for his 11th double-double of the season. The Cardinals shot 35 percent from the floor and were outrebounded 42-32.

On Wednesday, Louisville announced that Padgett would not be retained as its head coach. The Cardinals finished 22-14 after the school placed Rick Pitino on unpaid administrative leave following its acknowledgement that it was being investigated in a federal corruption probe of college basketball.

Pitino was fired in October after 16 seasons.

"It was just a learning experience," Padgett said Wednesday at a news conference on campus. "I didn't give myself expectations, I didn't give my team expectations. But having never done something before, you're always going to say, how am I going to do, doing it for the first time. All things considered, I think it went really, really well."