



2023 MISSOURI FOOTBALL

POSTGAME NOTES @ VANDERBILT – SEPT. 30, 2023

TEAM

- Missouri extends their all-time series lead over Vanderbilt to 10-4-1, including four consecutive victories.
- Mizzou is now 4-2 at First Bank Stadium in Nashville.
- The Tigers open the season 5-0 for the first time since 2013, when MU started 7-0 en route to an SEC East Division title.
- Mizzou has started 5-0 six times since 2006 and 12 times overall in its 133 years as a varsity program.
- Mizzou is now 4-8 in SEC openers, including a 2-0 mark against Vanderbilt.
- Mizzou is 9-0 against Vanderbilt when scoring 24 or more.

OFFENSE

- Mizzou topped the 500-yard plateau for total offense for the second-straight game, finishing with 532 yards for the game.
- The Tigers' 395 passing yards marked their best single-game total since 2020 vs. LSU.
- Quarterback Brady Cook broke the SEC's all-time record for consecutive pass attempts without an interception, surpassing previous record-holder Andre Woodson of Kentucky with his 325th straight attempt without a pick midway through the second period; he extended his record-breaking string of attempts to 348 with his 33-of-41 passing day.
- In Cook's 11 games since his last interception, he has contributed 19 TD passes and completed 68.3% (238-of-348) of his throws.
- Cook finished the afternoon with 395 yards and four touchdowns, both of which are career highs.
- Brady Cook's four touchdowns are the most by a Tiger quarterback since Connor Bazelak connected for three scores in 2021 at Kentucky.
- Cook's 401 yards of total offense makes him the first Tiger quarterback to break 400 yards since Bazelak vs. LSU in 2020.
- Cody Schrader punched in his 51st career rushing score, and 11th as a Tiger, early in the second quarter.
- Luther Burden III (140) and Theo Wease Jr. (118) both reached triple digits in receiving yards, the first time a pair of Tiger receivers accomplished the feat since Albert Okwuegbunam (159) and Jalen Knox (109) did so vs. Memphis in 2018.
- Cook racked up 300 passing yards for the third-consecutive week, becoming just the fourth Tiger to do so, joining Bazelak, Drew Lock and Chase Daniel, and the first since Bazelak (Sept. 18-Oct. 2, 2021) two years ago.
- Burden snagged two touchdowns on a career-high 11 receptions, marking the third time he's hauled in two scores in a game.
- Wease caught his third touchdown pass of the season and 13th of his career; he logged a career high with 11 receptions for 118 yards, the latter of which also marked his top total as a Tiger.
- True freshman Marquis Johnson caught a 44-yard scoring strike from Cook to register his second touchdown in as many weeks; both scores were from over 40 yards.

DEFENSE

- Kris Abrams-Draine picked off a pass for the third week in a row, matching his 2021 career-best, single-season total of three interceptions.
- Transfer Austin Firestone achieved his first career sack after dragging down Vanderbilt quarterback for a 13-yard loss.
- Chad Bailey made his first start of the season for the Tigers, recording three tackles and a pass break-up.
- The Tigers allowed a season-low 41 net rushing yards on 20 carries, marking their best day against the run since holding South Carolina to 32 yards last season.
- Mizzou was also strong on third downs, holding the Commodores to just 2-of-10 conversion attempts.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- Kicker Harrison Mevis nailed his only field goal attempt on the day, a 23-yarder, and went 5-5 on PATs to hike his career scoring total to 328 points; the senior moved to within 34 points of Jeff Wolfert's Mizzou career record.
- Luke Bauer booted three kicks for an average of 41.7 yards, dropping two inside the 20.