





## The Rebs In '69

Through a campaign that was highlighted by football action as pulsating, as electric as any experienced in past Rebel history, Ole Miss football in '69 had to emerge as the Mississippi campaign.

The Johnny Rebs did not lose inside the confines of their home state.

Moreover, in posting a 7-3 record, Johnny Vaught's 23rd machine did not win a decision at night.

If Mississippi was the choice battle ground, then Mississippi Memorial Stadium in Jackson, where 136,123 gathered to watch three Rebel classics, had to be the command post.

After losing one-point heartbreakers to Kentucky in Lexington and Alabama in Birmingham, the Southeastern Conference openers, Ole Miss shot down three nationally-ranked powers, all with perfect records, in the Jackson arena.

The Rebels spotted Georgia (6th ranked) an early touchdown by way of a deflected, intercepted pass, then upended the Bulldogs 25-17. That date was October 11.

Louisiana State, with an eighth-place ranking, was spotted a 23-12 advantage early in the second half, was beaten in an explosive third quarter, 26-23. That date was November 1.

And Tennessee, with seven victories, in third place in both national polls, was stomped 38-0. The outcome was a mild upset. The score was a stunner, the worst Vol defeat since 1923. They had been favored by seven. And that date was November 15.

At the end, from a 14-14 halfway deadlock, the Rebels exploded for 34 second-half points to whip Mississippi State 48-22 and gain their fourth straight Conference victory.

Favored with Georgia, the defending champ, to finish in front in '69, Ole Miss was only a point away, at Lexington or Birmingham, from sharing the crown—it would have been a seventh for the Rebs and for Vaught—with Tennessee.

As it was, Ole Miss wumped the Conference winner, the Vols, and shaded the No. 2 team, the Bayou Bengals.

Memphis State was beaten 28-3 at the start. Then came Kentucky, a 10-9 winner, and Bama, 33-32 on national telly. And Georgia and usually tough Southern Mississippi, a 69-7 victim.

There was a fadeout in Texas, Houston riding high in the Astrodome on Astro-

turf, 25-11. LSU followed. University of Tennessee at Chattanooga was a 21-0 victim ahead of the Vols. And the State game at Starkville was a Thanksgiving Day finale. Memphis State, Southern and Nooga were Hemingway Stadium victims, on the campus.

The Tennessee shambles vaulted the Rebs into their eighth Sugar Bowl game, reminding of how it all started in '52 when defending national champion Maryland, unbeaten and a 20-point favorite, puffed into Oxford and puffed out again, a 21-14 victim.

Safetyman Glenn Cannon became the Rebels' 20th All-America. Quarterback Archie Manning was named the nation's Outstanding College Back by the Washington, D.C., Touchdown Club, winning the Walter Camp Memorial Trophy. He was unanimous All-SEC as was Cannon, and acquired a double-handful of awards and trophies including the Outstanding Player Award in the 1970 Sugar Bowl game.

Manning won the game for the Rebels, 27-22 over Arkansas, but Cannon saved what had been won with spectacular defensive dividends.

Defensive end Hap Farber was All-Conference. Split end Floyd Franks, guard Skip Jernigan, defensive tackle Buz Morrow, middle guard Larry Thomas and punter Julian Fagan won second-team All-Southeastern recognition.

Fagan won Academic All-America honors and he and linebacker Joe Blount and defensive tackle Claude Herard were members of the scholastic All-SEC team. Cornerback Bob Knight and linebacker Paul Dongieux gained berths on the sophomore All-SEC. Linebacker Fred Brister won national and SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week recognition following the 38-0 Tennessee game.

### ole miss 28, memphis state 3

OLE MISS	14	0	7	7-28
MEMPHIS STATE	0	3	0	0-3

Ole Miss knocked on the door four times and scored four touchdowns in beating Memphis State 28-3 to get its 1969 football campaign underway.

The Tigers threatened repeatedly by way of a 21-46-4 air arm, but were forced to settle for a field goal in the second period despite a series of team records that included 331 second-story yards.

Ole Miss went to 14-0 in the opening quarter, added single touchdowns in the last two periods. Archie Manning charged across twice. FB Bo Bowen collected the second Rebel touchdown. And Shug Chumbler, in for Archie at the end, accounted for the finale. Perry King booted three conversions, Jimbo Poole the last one.

This one had been billed as a corker, an early sellout with 34,876 fitted into Hemingway Stadium.

Tackle Claude Herard got the Rebs off and running when he covered a Tiger bobble at the Tiger 26. Manning took over and four plays later was across from the MSU 3, touring left end for the season's first marker at 7:23.

The next one was easier. Fred Brister picked off a Danny Pierce screen pass at the OM 45 and returned to the MSU 14. Felts ran twice for nine yards, Manning sneaked twice to get to the goalline, then Bowen sliced LG to score with 30 seconds remaining.

MSU's Pete Weeks booted a 29-yard fielder with 4:17 left in the half for an intermission tab of 14-3.

The Rebs pumped their margin to 21-3 with a quick 6-pointer starting the third period, then settled back to defensive deployment in continuing to balk the Tigers.

From the OM 44, Manning passed to Riley Myers for six and Poole for 12 yards and four Manning excursions for 33, the last a turn of RE for three, accounted for the third Reb marker just 2:37 into the quarter.

Chumbler scored with 36 seconds showing on the clock, also at RE from four

yards out. The drive stemmed from a pass interception picked off by Wyck Neely who returned 32 yards to the MSU 34. TB Bob Knight ran for 13 and Chumbler pitched for 12 to Vernon Studdard for the big gainers in the 4-play push.

Big Reb stands on defense stymied the Tigers at their 4 in the second period, at the 12, 15, 21 and 8 after intermission. That told a big part of the story. The win set the Reb series advantage at 22-1-1.

#### 1969 STATISTICS

	FD	—Rushing—		—Passing—			Punting	Punt	Fum.-	Pen.-	
		No.	Yards	A	C	Yards	No.	Ref's.,	Lost	Yards	
							Avg.	Avg.			
OLE MISS	17	40	218	24	12	109	5	42.8	2—(4.0)	2—1	5—40
MEMPHIS STATE	24	41	79	46	21	331	4	37.5	1—6.0	4—2	6—36

### kentucky 10, ole miss 9

OLE MISS	0	9	0	0—9
KENTUCKY	0	3	7	0—10

As events unfolded throughout 1969, Lexington, Kentucky—the so-called Land of the Blue Grass—was the burial ground for Mississippi's championship ride in the Southeastern.

Kentucky scored what was called an "incredible upset." Again, as events unfolded, it was. The Cats finished at 2-8, went 1-6 inside the Conference. But the score was 10-9 and there it remains.

Events that determined the outcome can be numbered, in sequence: 1—A low, line-drive conversion attempt with OM leading 9-0. 2—A high snap from center on a fourth-down punt by Julian Fagan that never left the ground. (He was pinned down on the UK 9, 12 yards shy of the scrimmage line. With six seconds left, UK kicker Bob Jones toed a 36-yard 3-pointer, cutting the Reb margin to 9-3 at the half.)

3—A Reb fumble on second down at the UK 3 by Leon Felts with 7:15 remaining in the fourth quarter, Kentucky covering to protect its 10-9 lead. 4—A fumble by TB Bob Knight at the Cat 48 when UK was forced to punt from its 5. (Kentucky then killed time. The Rebs got the ball back with 1:17 left, and a long, third-down pass by Archie Manning was picked off for the final junking of OM chances.)

At the start, the Rebs stamped out two hurclean pushes by the fired-up Cats, at their 35 and 4, and later at their 24 with 1:10 left just ahead of Jones' fielder. He had missed from 21 and 41 yards in first-period scuffling.

Manning guided the Rebs 64 yards to the UK 7 early in the second quarter and Poole booted a 24-yard goal for 3-0 with 12:44 left. Seven plays later, Manning broke across LT and raced 64 yards to goal for 9-0. Poole's kick was low and was blocked by Hunter.

Four punts were swapped before another unlikely event occurred. A Cat punt was partially blocked from the UK 43 and Kentucky (Jim Grant) recovered and was in business at the Reb 40. The swirl of events meshing Jones' 41-yard FG bid, Fagan's inability to toe his punt and Jones' 36-yard 3-pointer followed. This was heavy reinforcing of UK morale just before halftime.

Kentucky launched a 63-yard drive midway the third period, an 11-play push climaxed by soph QB Bernie Scruggs' 6-yard romp around RE. On the very first play from the UK 37, LE Hap Farber threw Scruggs for a 7-yard loss. A play later, pass interference was called on the Rebs and the drive stemmed from that incident. Jones' placement set the final margin with 2:57 left.

With 12:38 to play in the final stanza, Manning cranked the Rebel offense and paraded the Rebels 77 yards to the UK 3 with a second down coming up. But Felts attempted to vault the Cat line at RT, fumbled, Paul Martin jumped the ball at the 3 and that was that. Manning's passes (5-5) accounted for 34 yards, his three splits for 16.

The Rebs held at the UK 5 but the reception of Dave Hardt's punt at the Cat

48 was bobbled. Houston Hogg made the recovery with 4:49 left, and that was the old ball game.

The loss trimmed OM's series advantage to 17-8-1. It started the Rebs out 0-1 in quest of their seventh SEC title.

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							Avg.	Avg.			
OLE MISS	11	42	118	18	13	94	7	42.6	3—3.8	2—2	6—55
KENTUCKY	17	59	172	19	8	74	9	36.4	2—16.0	0—0	5—60

### alabama 33, ole miss 32

OLE MISS	7	0	13	12—32
ALABAMA	7	7	7	12—33

This was one for all the marbles.

ABC's top broadcast pair, Chris Shenkel and Bud Wilkinson, called it an all-time TV epic.

It was big-league college offense at its superb best, a 33-32 cardiac confrontation.

The only thing, Alabama cornered the market on marbles in the Rebels' second consecutive one-point defeat. Never before had they experienced that heartbreak. Never before had they scored as many as 32 points only to lose.

As it turned out, the vacant second quarter was Ole Miss' undoing. That and a fumble and a missed extra point, as in the 10-9 loss to Kentucky.

The aftermath for Archie Manning was a string of new Southeastern Conference records and National Back of the Week acclaim, but, as he said later, "I'd much rather have won the game."

The scoring cycle went like this:

Q1—OM 0, UA 7—76 yard march in 15 plays. T-8:19 left. Q1—OM 7, UA 7—74 yards in 10 plays. T-4:05 left. Q2—OM 7, PA 14—96 yards in 7 plays. T-4:27 left. 7-14 at the half.

Q3—OM 14, UA 14—65 yards in 11 plays. T-11:34 left. Q3—OM 14, UA 21—63 yards in six plays. T-6:34 left. Q3—OM 20, UA 21—80 yards in four plays. Perry King missed one-point conversion. T-2:30 left. Q4—OM 26, UA 21—86 yards in eight plays. Manning's two-point conversion pass failed. T-12:02 left. Q4—OM 26, UA 27—67 yards in 10 plays. Scott Hunter's PAT pass intercepted. Q4—OM 32, UA 27—64 yards in three plays. Manning's PAT pass failed. T-7:15 left in game. Q4—OM 32, UA 33—drive spanned 80 yards in 11 plays. Hunter's PAT pass no good. T-3:42 left in game.

And that was how it ended.

From the kickoff that followed Bama 33, Rebs 32, the ball was not snapped on schedule on a fourth and one sneak by Manning, and the Tide took over at its 45. Ole Miss got the ball back on its 5 with 2:00 left, and Manning had his team at midfield as the game ended.

Manning had completed 33 of 52 passes for 436 yards and netted 540 yards in total offense in 67 plays. All were new SEC records. He passed for touchdowns to Floyd Franks and Riley Myers, ran for three scores. The Rebs accumulated a school record 30 first downs, had 606 yards in total offense.

Hunter completed 22 of 29 passes for 300 yards and he and Manning collaborated for 55 completions, a new national record. In all, a total of 24 national, SEC and team records were posted.

Franks caught 13 passes for 190 yards to tie and break Reb one-game marks. Vernon Studdard caught 56 and 42-yard bombs to set up Reb markers. Jimbo Poole had one for 46 to do the same thing. TB Leon Felts kept one drive underway with two counter plays for 28. Safetyman Glenn Cannon had 11 tackles.

However, it was still the yawning second period which gapped the Rebs.

Ahead of Bama's second marker, they had driven 70 yards to the 4 when a fumble on second down cost them the ball. After the Tide went to 14-7, traveling 96 yards in just four plays, Manning ran and passed to get to the 9 where, on fourth down, a shot at LG fell short with 0:35 left. It amounted to 141 yards of rushing and passing cascaded down the drain. And with it went Ole Miss' hopes of a seventh Southeastern Conference title.

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		No.	Yards	A	C	Yards	No.	Avg.			
OLE MISS	30	28	173	52	33	436	2	47.4	1—5.0	2—1	3—22
ALABAMA	23	51	190	29	22	300	5	45.6	1—7.0	2—0	5—51

### ole miss 25, georgia 17

OLE MISS	10	3	6	6—25
GEORGIA	7	7	3	0—17

After Kentucky and Alabama, the two horror stories, Georgia in Jackson was an absolute crossroads for the Johnny Rebs.

Appropriately enough, one of Jackson's slogans is "Crossroads of the South." It fit the case. But it took a lot of heart to bag the Bulldogs.

Three Southeastern Conference bigwigs, all with perfect records and all nationally-ranked, were to be smacked down in Jackson, almost on alternate week ends. The Georgia rating on October 11 was sixth.

The Bulldogs scored early, easily, when an Archie Manning pass was deflected, then intercepted for a safe dash to the goalline. End David McKnight picked it off and sped 34 yards with convoy. Jim McCullough kicked the point and it was 7-0 after 44 seconds.

Thereafter, it was Ole Miss 25, Georgia 10 in a battle of offensives and field-goals, one a 59-yarder, a new national-record kick, by sophomore Cloyce Hinton.

Again, Archie Manning was the big Rebel weapon, this time with a "Heisman Trophy performance," as one visiting writer saw it.

Manning sustained a neck injury with five minutes left in the first half, raced back on the field from Reb dressing quarters with seven minutes remaining in the third quarter. During that interim, the Bulldogs had built a 17-13 lead. From the Reb vantage point, scoring went 0-7, 7-7, 10-7, 13-7, 13-14, 13-17, 19-17 and, finally, 25-17.

It was a big play that set Ole Miss free for the deadlocking touchdown early in the game. From the Reb 27 after 14 yards of chuggin', Manning rolled right, scrambled back to his 5, then found Floyd Franks at midfield for a 23-yard advance. Ten plays later the Rebs were across on a 4-yard peg, Manning to Jim Poole. Perry King knotted the score at 3:44.

All-America safetyman Glenn Cannon picked off a Mike Cavan pass four scrimmage plays later at the Georgia 43. Manning motored down to the Bulldog 13 where, on fourth down, King kicked a 29 yard fielder for 10-7 with 0:14 left in the opening chukker.

At 11:02 into the second period, from the Georgia 42, Hinton booted his historic 59-yard goal and it was 13-7.

Georgia nullified the two Reb field goals with the rest stop approaching via a 51-yard drive climaxed by Bruce Kemp's muscular ramble at LG from the OM 4. McCullough kicked it to 14-13, the intermission score, with 5:47 left.

Georgia started third-quarter scoring with its field goal, picking up a bobble at the OM 34. McCullough kicked a 31-yarder for 17-13 at 8:09.

The Rebs drew life when Craig Elrod fumbled and Dennis Coleman recovered at the Bulldog 28. And this was the scene for Manning's return. The drive bogged

on the G-6 but the Bulldogs had to punt from their 7 and the Rebs were back in business at the G-43.

Bo Bowen took a screen pass for 12, it was Manning to Poole to the 17, then TB Leon Felts broke for the go-ahead touchdown (19-17) with :08 left. Manning's two-point pass was intercepted.

The clincher was not long in coming. Just 2:13 into the last quarter. On third and two at the Georgia 43, Manning fired a bomb at Myers. He was all alone on the 5. King's placement following a 15-yard penalty was wide right.

Rebel defensive play was brilliant in the second half. Aside from an early push to the Reb 14, with the field goal following, Georgia's best foot forward went to the OM 47 twice. Both times, in the fourth, they were halted there on fourth-down plays.

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		No.	Yards	A	C	Yards	No.	Avg.			
OLE MISS	19	46	94	33	19	233	7	39.9	3—13.3	4—1	4—19
GEORGIA	11	51	176	21	9	82	6	42.3	4—6.3	1—1	1—9

### ole miss 69, southern mississippi 7

OLE MISS	10	19	24	16—69
SO. MISS.	0	7	0	0—7

After three seasons of strenuous combat with Southern Mississippi, all for Homecoming in Oxford, the roof fell in on the visiting Southerners. The score was 69-7, highest point total ever under Johnny Vaught and the top Rebel figure since 92-0 over Memphis State in 1935.

Ole Miss collected nine touchdowns, seven extra points, two field goals and a safety. Southern's Arnold Thomas returned a punt 76 yards to set the score difference at 16-7 in the second period. Archie Manning had been benched with the score 16-0, playing parts of the first and second quarters. He completed 10 of 19 passes for 100 yards, ran six times for 17.

Cloyce Hinton kicked a 49-yard field goal and Manning ran LE for 4 yards, Perry King converting for 10-0 in the opening stanza. Bo Bowen scored from three yards out, Glenn Cannon ran an interception 47 yards to tally, and Leon Felts toured LE from the 3 for 29-7 at the half.

Starting the second half, Buz Morrow topped a Southern fumble at the 1 and Joe Sam Owen dove over for 36-7. Shug Chumbler's 41-yard pass to Buddy Jones made it 43-7. And Owens scored again, from the 5-3, for 50-7 with 4:56 left in the third. Hinton kicked a 34-yard goal to make the quarter turn at 53-7.

Eleven seconds into the last stanza, Paul Dongieux blocked a punt and Crowell Armstrong carried it across for 60-7. Rickey Howard got the last Reb TD from 55 yards out, and Allen LeBlanc forced a safety to end scoring with 6:50 left.

The Rebs had 90 scrimmage plays to tie a school record, 419 yards in total offense, intercepted five passes with Cannon claiming a pair. Chumbler completed 10 of 24 passes for 123 yards. Vernon Studdard caught six passes, Jim Poole five.

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		No.	Yards	A	C	Yards	No.	Avg.			
OLE MISS	19	46	175	44	21	244	7	50.3	7—10.0	2—1	9—103
SO. MISS.	7	42	52	29	10	53	12	36.5	2—40.5	2—2	9—123

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## houston 25, ole miss 11

OLE MISS	0	3	8	0-11
HOUSTON	8	7	7	3-25

The house in the Astrodome was full, a packed 48,049. Houston, as well, played with a full house. For the Johnny Rebs, it was the short end of a 25-11 score, their second successive defeat at Cougar hands, their second losing venture under the canopy on AstroTurf.

The Houston front four was like a hungry wolfpack. They limited Rebel runners to 83 hard-knocking yards. And they hounded Archie Manning relentlessly. By way of contrast, they broke for substantial land and air yardage—523 in all. Manning never found his footing on the ersatz turf, admittedly, completing 11 of 28 for 137 yards.

Houston, covering a Reb fumble (from punt) at the 17, had only 12 yards to travel for its first TD, a 5-yard penalty closing the gap. And it took QB Gary Mullins just one play, his own scooter run, and a pass to nudge UH ahead 8-0 with 10:50 left in the very first period.

Cloyce Hinton kicked a 37-yard goal to trim the difference to 8-3 54 seconds into the second quarter, but Houston retaliated by driving 53 yards in four land plays, Ted Heiskell slamming the last five. Carlos Lopez added the one-pointer and it was 15-3 at the half.

Ole Miss made it close again, on a 70-yard excursion in five plays, Manning's third completion (for 62 yards) traveling 17 to Floyd Franks for the touchdown. Leon Felts took a pitchout right for 15-11 with 12:55 remaining in the third period.

Again the Cougars had the answer. From kickoff, they moved 77 yards in 10 calls, the last 41 of them hard-earned on nine plays, with Mullins throwing to Riley Odoms for the last eight. Lopez' conversion was good for 22-11. He kicked a 40-yard field goal for 25-11 midway the last quarter.

In a series that dates back to 1952, Ole Miss' margin was trimmed to 14-3-0.

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		No.	Yards	A	C	Yards					
OLE MISS	13	35	83	29	11	137	10	42.6	5-2.4	1-1	3-25
HOUSTON	25	54	351	26	13	172	7	44.6	2-2.5	1-0	10-70

## ole miss 26, lsu 23

OLE MISS	0	12	14	0-26
L. S. U.	7	9	7	0-23

Louisiana State's Tigers approached the Jackson crossroads with a spotless 6-0-0 worksheet, a high-scoring offense manned by three quarterbacks, a veteran defensive platoon and an eight-place national ranking. The Bengal momentum was tremendous.

At game's end, 26-23 for the Johnny Rebs, they had counted four touchdowns to a pair plus three field goals for LSU. Nearing the end, with 1:09 showing, fourth and 8 at the Reb 23, Coach Charley McClendon had a choice: go for broke, the first down, or let Mark Lumpkin go for his fourth fielder—from 40 yards out—in five tries.

The Tigers went for broke and Mike Hillman's lefthanded pass to TE Bill Stober was smeared by LB Paul Dongieux, LB Freddie Brister and safety Glenn Cannon. A tie, as it turned out, would have handed LSU the SEC title.

For a brief descriptive on developments, from *The Birmingham News* by Jimmy

Bryan: "On a gray, windy November day, Mississippi's one horseman rode again. His name is Archie Manning and what that brilliant junior quarterback did was bounce Louisiana State from college football's undefeated ranks in another of those TV suspense thrillers, 26-23.

"Manning took charge of the battlefield after Ole Miss spotted LSU a 23-12 lead early in the third quarter and the long-legged redhead brought it in with his running and passing.

"Magnificent Archie scored three Ole Miss touchdowns, passed for the other and ran a two-point conversion to personally slay Charlie McClendon's talented Bengals."

Archie cornered the winner, the touchdown that beat the Tigers, with 1:13 left in the third quarter. That was for 24-23. He ran right and cut back for the lone Reb conversion of the afternoon.

Hillman was scrambling on first down at the LSU 37 when he fumbled and MG Larry Thomas made the recovery at the 23 to open the door. A penalty put the Rebs in motion from the 38. On in, there were four key plays—a Manning pass to Bo Bowen at the 28, a pass to Floyd Franks to the 13, a FD sneak by Manning close to the 10, this on fourth down, then a third-down completion to Leon Felts at the 1. Manning charged across on first down.

Despite regional TV, a packed audience of 46,332 watched the tension-racked bout in Mississippi Memorial Stadium. This one is a charged-up feud.

Tommy Casanova, LSU all-purpose sophomore, set the Tigers in motion when he intercepted a Manning pass at the Reb 36. Four plays later, Jimmy Gilbert leaped across for six and Lumpkin toed it to 7-0 at 3:38.

Manning got that one back two plays into the second period, scoring at LE from five yards out to culminate 70 yards of driving, but Perry King's conversion kick strayed to the right. Six Manning completions to Jim Poole accounted for 62 yards.

Lumpkin got the first of his three fielders from the OM 19 for 10-6. It was a 36-yard goal.

Manning set the score at 12-10, an 80-yard drive in eight plays, when he rolled left, scrambled back to his right and fired to Studdard. It was a 30-yard pass for nine scrimmage yards at 8:03. His two-point pass was knocked down.

It was Lumpkin's turn again and he rocked one through from 30 yards away. The Tigers led 13-12 with 3:44 remaining. This time by way of a Manning fumble at the Reb 19, Lumpkin had another chance and he set the score at 16-12 with his third (30 yards) goal with 1:33 on the clock.

Starting the second half, LSU had been checked at the Reb 47 but a roughing-the-kicker penalty set up another chance and Hillman struck for paydirt with a perfect 32-yard pass to Andy Hamilton. Lumpkin's conversion ended LSU scoring, 23-12, with 12:16 left in the quarter.

The Rebs waltzed right back for 77 yards to pull within five points. Leon Felts' 25-yard swing around RE was a big gainer. Manning passes carried to the 6 and he ran three times for the touchdown. Again, his two-point bid was scrambled, LSU holding a 23-18 advantage.

It took the Rebs seven plays to go in from the LSU 38 for the winner. Thereafter, just under 14 minutes remained. LSU had been caged on four series of downs before Hillman, with 3:35 left, set sail from his 20. He had connected on four of five passes before Cannon and Neely, Cannon, then Dongieux, Brister and Cannon broke up his last three attempts. Manning ran out the clock—1:03 remained—to salt away Ole Miss' second consecutive three-point win in this series. It was 27-24 in '68 at Tiger Stadium. And the Tigers haven't won since 11-10 in '64.

Manning was named National Back of the Week by Sports Illustrated.

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OLE MISS	18	44	68	36	22	210	7	34.6	1-(2.0)	4-2	5-50
L.S.U.	20	48	176	29	11	160	7	43.6	3-(5.3)	3-1	3-33

## ole miss 21, chattanooga 0

CHATTANOOGA	0	0	0	0-0
OLE MISS	7	7	7	0-21

In a game that was far closer than forecast, Ole Miss blanked University of Tennessee at Chattanooga 21-0 before 15,204 in the last of three '69 appearances in Hemingway Stadium.

Archie Manning's team played 43 of the school record 98 rush-pass plays, retiring with the score 14-0 halfway through the second period. Shug Chumbler's team accounted for the third Reb marker at 8:19 of the third chukker. Perry King booted two conversions, Jim Poole the last one.

On their second possession from the OM 21, the Rebs put together an 11-play parade with FB Bo Bowen driving across from the 2. A one-handed catch by Poole for 22 yards established the beachhead. The first big gainer was a 25-yard Manning peg to Floyd Franks, who tied Barney Poole's career reception total of 70 by catching seven, and who topped Jack Stribling's career yardage high of 798 by adding 111 for 887.

Glenn Cannon touched off the second drive with his sixth interception of the season. He returned seven yards to the UTC 43 and Manning ended it by pushing across from the 1.

Chumbler's gang traveled 80 yards in 10 plays. A 41-yard catch by Franks carried to the Moccasin 8 and Chumbler ran LE two plays later from the 6. That ended scoring although the Rebs were denied at the Moc 12 late in the final quarter.

UTC never threatened. John Bonner did put on a tremendous punting show with a 45.5 average on 10 kicks. The Rebs accumulated 507 yards in total offense with Manning completing 12 of 23 for 125 yards and Chumbler 12 of 24 for 203.

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OLE MISS	25	51	179	47	24	328	4	37.7	7-7.3	5-1	4-39
CHATTANOOGA	8	31	78	23	10	93	10	45.5	1-3.0	2-0	0-0

## ole miss 38, tennessee 0

OLE MISS	21	3	7	7-38
TENNESSEE	0	0	0	0-0

Tennessee had achieved a plateau of greatness along with super teams Ohio State and Texas. Gathering momentum, the 7-0-0 perfect-record Vols, third-ranked nationally, were a solid 7-point favorite.

Ole Miss was given a chance; a Johnny Reb win would not have been a tremendous shocker. But the score was. It was 38-0 before a stunned 47,220—a record audience—in Mississippi Memorial Stadium.

Jackson, it appeared, had become the oasis for Ole Miss upsets.

Never had the Rebs been better prepared, mentally and physically. Tennessee's dream of a perfect-record campaign and the Orange Bowl bid was destroyed in the first quarter. The Rebs led by 21-0 at that turn, 24-0 at the half, 31-0 after three periods.

It was the fattest Reb margin ever in this ancient series, topping 43-13 in 1947 and 37-7 in 1959. It was the worst Tennessee defeat since 1923 and a 51-7 Vandy victory.

As was the case with the wrecking of the unbeaten Maryland romp in 1952, a 21-14 job, the manner and margin of victory produced a Sugar Bowl bid two days later. It was quickly accepted.

The Rebs won the toss, took the ball and prodded goalward from their 17, 83 yards in 11 plays. There were only two Archie Manning passes on this march, for 13 yards to Riley Myers for a FD at the OM 34, and for 38 yards to Floyd Franks for a FD at the UT 3. Bo Bowen and Randy Reed picked up 31 yards afoot, and Manning accounted for the touchdown on a sneak. Perry King converted for 7-0 at 10:21.

Vol punter Herman Weaver got only 19 yards, out to the UT 38, following Tennessee's first series of downs and it was 13-0 at 5:38 in the quarter. Bowen and Reed picked up a FD at the Vol 24 and Manning threw to Jim Poole for 17 to the 7. Reed eventually got the six points when he covered Manning's fumble in the end zone. King missed the conversion.

Another Vol series with Weaver punting, and Bob Knight turned this one on. He returned 51 yards to the Vol 16. Manning ran LE for 11 yards, then passed for five to Myers on third down for the touchdown. Leon Felts ran LE for a two-pointer and 21-0 with 2:16 left.

Early in the second quarter, the Vols drove 61 yards to the Reb 1 where Dick Callaway caught Bobby Scott's fourth-down pass and was knocked out of bounds. The first Tennessee threat ended there. The Rebs promptly drove from the 1 to the Vol 25 where, on fourth and 10, Cloyce Hinton upped the score to 24-0 from 42 yards out. The time remaining was 1:33.

Tennessee couldn't go starting the second half and Fred Brister covered QB Phil Pearce's bobble at the Vol 35. Manning fired to Poole at the 21, Reed ran four times to the 1, then vaulted at RG for the fourth Rebel TD. King kicked for 31-0 with 10:10 left.

The period ended that way with Tennessee once more denied the Reb end zone with a touchdown in reaching distance. The Vols had driven 32 yards to the 2 where Paul Dongieux, playing the middle, limited Don McLeary to a single yard, cut Dick Callaway down for a two-yard loss, then cornered McLeary at RE on the three.

The last Reb drive carried 74 yards. Bo Bowen took it in from the 7 on two plays. Manning's 41-yard pass to Franks carried the Rebs from the UT 48. A play earlier, he had tagged Poole for 10.

The top Reb platoons retired at that juncture, with 6:41 left, and the Vols had driven South for 80 yards when Pierce's pass was picked off from the Reb 9 (at the 5) by Glenn Cannon.

The defense, playing superbly all afternoon, had limited the bulldozing, balanced Vol attack to 108 yards on the ground, to 259 in total offense. The Rebs had run right at the "best set of linebackers in the nation," Steve Kiner, Jack Reynolds and Jackie Walker, for 224 yards, had 392 in total offense.

Manning threw only 18 times, completing nine for 159 yards. It was, without reservation, a team victory.

Again, Manning was SEC Back of the Week.

### 1969 STATISTICS

	FD	—Rushing—		—Passing—		Punting		Punt Ret's., Avg.	Fum.- Lost	Pen.- Yards	
		No.	Yards	A	C	Yards	No.				Avg.
OLE MISS	21	58	224	19	10	168	4	34.0	4-18.0	2-0	9-75
TENNESSEE	15	39	108	28	14	151	5	41.6	4-2.0	4-2	3-35

## ole miss 48, mississippi state 22

OLE MISS .....	14	0	7	27-48
MISS. STATE .....	7	7	0	8-22

The Ole Miss-Mississippi State family battle, this one with a Thanksgiving Day atmosphere for the first time since 1937, found the Rebels riding high at the finish line, 48-22. A steady drizzle fell throughout on a damp assembly of 34,000.

It was a 14-14 struggle for a half, then for three periods with the Rebels riding in front, 21-14.

At that juncture, Archie Manning and his first "big bomb" partner, Vernon Studdard, collaborated for a 58-yard explosion and it was 28-14 and the score began to mount. The clock showed 12:56 left in the game.

FB Bo Bowen, who rambled for 149 yards on 19 carries, had sent the Rebs out front to stay, 21-14, with a 17-yard breakaway up the middle with 2:34 left in the third chukker.

From 28-14, the score mounted to 35-14 on Manning's keeper from the State 1, to 41-14 with Manning again finding Studdard from the 7, and to 48-14 when Tommy Pharr's flat pass was tipped, then intercepted by Bill Jones with an open field ahead. He scampered 12 yards for the last touchdown.

Perry King booted six of seven conversions, missed the sixth one from 35 yards out following a penalty. Both he and Jimbo Poole missed field goals during the second quarter.

State's first-half scores stemmed from lax Rebel play, fumbles at the 35 in the first period, the 36 in the second. Pharr was on target during the afternoon for 290 yards, and Dave Smith made phenomenal catches a habit.

Fumbles were swapped at the Reb 32 and 35 before State hiked its offense and opened scoring at 7:18 with TB Lynn Zeringue driving RT from the 1. Chuck Jordan made it 7-0.

The Rebs went 67 yards to pull even, with Manning racing the last 24 for the touchdown. That was with 5:01 left, with Bowen picking up 28 yards in three carries on the eight-play drive.

Larry Thomas topped Pharr's bobble at the MS 32 and the Rebs were off again, Leon Felts taking a pitchout around RE for the last six yards and 14-7.

Bowen had a beaut of a touchdown run for 26 yards wiped out by penalty six minutes into the second quarter, and King's 47-yard FG bid that followed was short. Then Conn Canale's punt was dropped at the OM 38 and Fred Russell recovered and Pharr and Smith took it in, Smith making a diving catch for the six points. Jordan knotted the score at 6:33.

Manning and mates drove 73 yards to the Bulldog 7 where, on third and two, a play was botched at the middle and Poole's angled field goal bid was deflected.

There was much sparring before Bowen's scamper to ice the lead was recorded, that advance carrying 75 yards in five plays. Manning ran for 41 in two plays, passed to Poole for 10.

State scored a third time, late in the game, starting with an interception of Shug Chumbler's long pass and return to the OM 44. Pharr's 4-yarder to Sammy Milner and a two-point conversion to Milner accounted for the eight points.

For the Rebs' fattest rushing total of the season, they notched 359 yards on 56 land plays, picked up 212 by air for 571 yards in total offense. Manning netted 109 yards rushing, Randy Reed 84. Manning hit 17 of 25 through the airplanes for 206. He scored twice, threw two TD passes.

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		No.	Yards	A	C	Yards	No.	Avg.				
OLE MISS	31	56	359	31	18	212	3	37.3	3-7.0	2-2	9-84	
MISS. STATE	19	32	89	44	24	290	8	38.5	0-0.0	2-2	4-28	

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**1970  
SUGAR  
BOWL  
Ole Miss 27  
Arkansas 22**



Bo Bowen

Climaxing a campaign which was downright sensational, occasionally controversial and individually spectacular, Ole Miss overturned Arkansas' powerhouse Razorbacks 27-22 New Year's Day in the 36th Annual Sugar Bowl.

The Sugar Bowlers tapped the Rebels halfway through November campaigning when they upset Tennessee, 38-0. It was

Texas or Arkansas for the opposite berth into their national-televised national-championship accounting Dec. 6 in Fayetteville. The Longhorns' comeback for a 15-14 win sent the Razorbacks to New Orleans for their fourth Sugar Bowl game, their first as defending champs.

The Razorbacks, 9-1 and third-ranked nationally, were favored over 13th-ranked Ole Miss, who owned a 7-3 report.

At the end, it was Ole Miss by a whisper in a game Johnny Vaught's Rebels had dominated through most of the first half. Archie Manning and his touchdown-scoring platoon won the decision, but it took All-America safety Glenn Cannon and the defensive unit to save it.

Arkansas led the nation in defense against scoring, allowing an average of 7.6 points per game — 76 in all. The Rebels counted 27 in one outing and had 24 at the half.

It was Arkansas coach Frank Broyles' sixth skirmish with the Rebels and Vaught. He had yet to win, losing in 1958, 1959, 1960 and 1961, and in the 1963 and 1970 Sugar Bowl games.

Ole Miss all but buried the Razorbacks up to intermission. At the half, it was Ole Miss 24, Arkansas 12. But a second-period Rebel six-pointer had been voided by penalty, and the Rebel defense had allowed a 47-yard Arkansas touchdown just before the half. The margin could have been 31-6, and it should have been 24-6.

With 1:15 left in the game from the Ole Miss 36, Razorback passing whiz Bill Montgomery threw a strike to catching whiz Chuck Dicus for 11 yards. Cannon clobbered Dicus with the reception, forcing and covering a fumble to wrap it up. It was that close.

Archie Manning won the Miller Digby Trophy as the game's Outstanding Player. He was tremendous. However, had the balloting been conducted as the game ended, Cannon might have been the winner.

The Rebels were penalized 101 yards throughout the afternoon on 11 calls, with every inch flagged down by Southwest Conference officials. And it was an offensive interference call, registered after the play, that voided what would have been the third Ole Miss six-pointer. Manning threw a quickie to wingback Buddy Jones for 20 yards 10 plays after an Arkansas touchdown, but it was erased, and Cloyce Hinton followed with a

Sugar Bowl-record 52-yard field goal with 5:01 remaining. Just 2:24 later, the Rebels had another TD. From his 45-yard line, Manning completed three of four passes to span the distance, the payoff strike to Studdard covering 30. Studdard sprinted the last 15 yards, and King toed the point. It was 24-6 with 2:37 left.

Arkansas countered with an 80-yard overhead march. It was after 33 yards of throwing that Montgomery and Dicus paired for their 47-yard spectacular. It trimmed the Razorback deficit to 24-12. Dicus just kept running on a broken pass play and was picked up late — too late — by the Rebel secondary. Bill VanDevender smeared Montgomery's bid for a two-pointer.

Ole Miss was in business at the Arkansas nine early in the third period following Manning's 31-yard sprint, but another penalty spiked that bid, and Hinton booted his second field goal, this one for 36, to set the totals at 27 and 12 with 7:23 left. That was all for the Rebels in the score mart.

Arkansas collected a three-point dividend four minutes later, McClard kicking a 35-yarder, and it was 27-15 with a quarter left. Then, a Manning pass was intercepted at the Ole Miss 41, and Berner returned 30 yards to the 11. On third and five, Montgomery wheeled right and pegged to tailback Bill Burnett for the marker. This time McClard hit the conversion, and it was a final 27-22 with 10:15 left.

Early in the fourth quarter, Cannon had intercepted a tailback pass by Maxwell in the Rebel end zone. The Razorbacks were camped at the 11. Later, from the Rebel 38, he broke up three successive Montgomery passes. Then, from the Ole Miss 40, Montgomery fired to Dicus, and Cannon made his final great defensive stop, and the ball and the game belonged to the Rebels.

It was for a record fifth Sugar Bowl-game win in a record-tying eighth Sugar Bowl game. The Rebels had won it without the services of two of their ranking receivers, Floyd Franks and Riley Myers, and a starting offensive guard, Billy Coker. Arkansas was their fourth top ten victim, after Georgia, LSU and Tennessee in scheduled play.

The Rebels traveled 80 yards for their first touchdown, a full 100 — adding 20 yards in penalties — for the second. Fullback Bo Bowen climaxed a four-play parade by breaking for 69 epic yards to open the scoring 7:55 into the game. Manning broke for 18 and the second six-pointer. A big play in this parade was Manning's 57-yard bomb to Vern Studdard. Perry King added both conversions. It was 14-0 with 1:15 left in the opening period.

Scoring followed this Rebel pattern: 7-0 and 14-0 in the first stanza, then 14-6, 17-6, 24-6 and 24-12 at the half. It was 27-15 after three periods.

Oddly, Ole Miss' scoring in the first quarter followed field goal misses by Razorback ace Bill McClard. It was fourth and two on both attempts, from the Rebel five for 22 yards and the 15 for 36.

Arkansas broke through with an 81-yard drive at this juncture, fullback Bill Burnett traveling the last 12 to climax a 13-play operation. McClard missed this conversion at 5:43 in the second quarter. That was for 14-6.

OLE MISS	14	10	3	0	—	27
ARKANSAS	0	12	3	7	—	22

**SCORING**

- OM — Bowen 69 run (King PAT)
- OM — Manning 18 run (King PAT)
- UA — Burnett 12 run (PAT missed)
- OM — Hinton 52 FG
- OM — Studdard 30 pass from Manning (King PAT)
- UA — Dicus 47 pass from Montgomery (PAT failed)

- OM — Hinton 36 FG
- UA — McClard 35 FG
- UA — Burnett 6 pass from Montgomery (McClard PAT)

**ATTENDANCE** — 82,500

**TEAM STATISTICS**

	OM	UA
First Downs	21	24
Rushing (Net)	154	189
Passing (Net)	273	338
Total Offense	427	527
Passing C-A-I	21-35-2	17-35-2
Punts-Avg.	6-37.7	2-30.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	11-101	3-22

**INDIVIDUAL LEADERS**

- Rushing**
- OM — Bowen 12-94 (1 TD); Manning 13-39 (1 TD)
- UA — Maxwell 8-108; Burnett 17-59 (1 TD)
- Passing**
- OM — Manning 21-35-2 273 (1 TD)
- UA — Montgomery 17-34-1 338 (2 TD)
- Receiving**
- OM — Poole 7-72; Studdard 5-109 (1 TD)
- UA — Maxwell 9-137 (1 TD); Dicus 6-171 (1 TD)