

1996 Statistics

Ole Miss

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1996 OLE MISS RESULTS (5-6 overall, 2-6 SEC)

Date	Opponent	Score	Attendance
Aug. 31	IDAHO STATE	38-14	28,140
Sept. 7	VMI *	31-7	28,196
Sept. 14	AUBURN * (#15)	28-45	40,456
Sept. 21	at Vanderbilt *	20-9	40,820
Oct. 3	TENNESSEE * (#9) \$	3-41	62,640
Oct. 19	at Alabama * (#7)	0-37	70,123
Oct. 26	ARKANSAS STATE	38-21	28,176
Nov. 9	at Arkansas *	7-13	42,536
Nov. 16	LSU * (#17) HC	7-39	44,436
Nov. 23	at Georgia *	31-27	76,511
Nov. 30	MISSISSIPPI STATE *	0-17	23,678

*SEC Game; Home Games in All CAPS

HC — Homecoming

% — Game played in Jackson, Miss.

\$ — Game played in Memphis, Tenn.

National ranking in parenthesis at time of game

Ole Miss	Team Statistics	Opponent	Record	W	L	Pct		
186	Total First Downs	211	All Games	5	6	.455		
77	First Downs - Rushing	97	SEC	2	6	.250		
90	First Downs - Passing	98	Home	3	4	.429		
19	First Downs - Penalty	16	Away	2	2	.500		
721	Total Offensive Plays	746	Neutral	0	0	.000		
3014	Total Yardage	4037	Day	1	4	.200		
274.0	Total Yardage/Game	367.0	Night	4	2	.667		
4.18	Avg Yards/Play	5.41	Ahead at Half	4	0	1.000		
395	Plays Rushing	458	Behind at Half	1	6	.143		
1124	Yards Rushing	1738	Tied at Half	0	0	.000		
102.2	Rushing Yards/Game	158.0	Cumulative Score By Quarters					
1890	Yards Passing	2299	1	2	3	4	Tot	
171.8	Passing Yards/Game	209.0	UM	52	69	34	48	203
326	Passes Attempted	288	Opp	46	54	82	88	270
183	Passes Completed	154	Att. Dates SO Total Avg					
12	Passes Had Intercepted	10	Home	7	1	255722	36532	
18-13	Fumbles-Lost	18-11	Away	4	1	229990	57498	
83-685	Penalties-Yards	87-717	Neutral	0	0	0	0	0
58-163	Third Down Conversions	66-154	Total	11	2	485712	44156	
.356	Third Down Pct	.429	Cumulative Possession Time By Quarters					
9-13	Fourth Down Conversions	5-13	1	2	3	4	Tot	
.692	Fourth Down Pct	.385	Ole Miss	70:27	83:40	81:14	81:55	317:16
			Opponents	94:33	81:20	83:46	83:05	342:44

TOTAL OFFENSE	G-S	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL	Y/G
Paul Head	8-8	-24	1014	990	123.75
John Avery	11-5	788	0	788	71.64
Stewart Patridge	10-3	188	876	688	68.80
Artie Moore	7-5	341	0	341	48.71
Tony Cannon	9-1	191	0	191	21.22
Ta'Boris Fisher	10-7	17	0	17	1.70
Lawrence Adams	11-1	6	0	6	0.55
Armeigis Spearman	11-0	-1	0	-1	-0.09
Robert Reed	1-0	-6	0	-6	-6.00
Ole Miss	11-11	1124	1890	3014	274.00
Opponents	11-11	1738	2299	4037	367.00

ALL-PURPOSE YDS	G-S	RUSH	REC	PRET	KRET	TOT	Y/G
John Avery	11-5	788	99	0	473	1360	123.64
Ta'Boris Fisher	10-7	17	417	256	33	723	72.30
Artie Moore	7-5	341	57	0	0	398	56.86
Andre Rone	11-7	0	225	97	0	322	29.27
Damon Bilbrew	11-11	0	220	0	75	295	26.82
Grant Heard	11-4	0	291	0	0	291	26.45
Kris Mangum	11-11	0	264	0	0	264	24.00
Tony Cannon	9-1	191	0	0	0	191	21.22
Lawrence Adams	11-1	6	111	0	0	117	10.64
Cory Peterson	11-0	0	104	0	0	104	9.45
Rufus French	10-3	0	83	0	0	83	8.30
Robert Reed	1-0	-6	0	0	0	32	32.00
Walt Hill	11-0	0	0	0	24	24	2.18
Malikia Griffin	10-2	0	0	0	14	14	1.40
Jeff Boutwell	3-0	0	10	0	0	10	3.33
Nate Wayne	11-11	0	5	0	0	5	0.45
Eli Anding	11-0	0	3	0	0	3	0.27
Armeigis Spearman	11-0	-1	0	0	2	1	0.09
Marty Stojkovic	6-0	0	1	0	0	1	0.17
Paul Head	8-8	-24	0	0	0	-24	-3.00
Stewart Patridge	10-3	-188	0	0	0	-188	-18.80
Ole Miss	11-11	1124	1890	353	659	4026	366.00
Opponents	11-11	1738	2299	184	444	4665	424.09

SCORING	G-S	TD	XP	2PT	DXP	SAF	FG	PTS
Tim Montz	11-11	0	26-26	0	0	0	7-14	47
John Avery	11-5	7	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	42
Artie Moore	7-5	7	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	42
Kris Mangum	11-11	2	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	12
Grant Heard	11-4	2	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	12
Nate Wayne	11-11	2	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	12
Ta'Boris Fisher	10-7	1	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	6
Damon Bilbrew	11-11	1	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	6
Kyle Wicker	11-11	1	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	6
Eli Anding	11-0	1	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	6
Marty Stojkovic	6-0	1	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	6
Tony Cannon	9-1	1	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	6
Ole Miss	11-11	26	26-26	0	0	0	7-14	203
Opponents	11-11	34	30-31	1	0	2	10-14	270

PUNTING	G-S	NO	YDS	AVG	LP	BLK
Randall Green	11-11	58	2371	40.9	67	0
Kevin Cooper	5-0	8	269	33.6	50	0
Ole Miss	11-11	66	2640	40.0	67	0
Opponents	11-11	54	2189	40.5	59	0

FIELD GOALS	G-S	0-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOT	LP
Tim Montz	11-11	0-0	2-4	3-5	2-5	7-14	54
Ole Miss	11-11	0-0	2-4	3-5	2-5	7-14	54
Opponents	11-11	5-5	5-8	0-0	0-1	10-14	38

KICKOFF RETURNS	G-S	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LP
Ta'Boris Fisher	10-7	1	33	33.0	0	33
John Avery	11-5	17	473	27.8	2	100
Robert Reed	1-0	2	38	19.0	0	19
Malikia Griffin	10-2	1	14	14.0	0	14
Walt Hill	11-0	2	24	12.0	0	12
Damon Bilbrew	11-11	7	75	10.7	0	19
Armeigis Spearman	11-0	1	2	2.0	0	2
Ole Miss	11-11	31	659	21.3	2	100
Opponents	11-11	23	444	19.3	0	49

PUNT RETURNS	G-S	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LP
Andre Rone	11-7	7	97	13.9	0	56
Ta'Boris Fisher	10-7	21	256	12.2	1	73
Ole Miss	11-11	28	353	12.6	1	73
Opponents	11-11	30	184	6.1	0	27

INTERCEPTIONS	G-S	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LP
Ronnie Heard	11-10	3	21	7.0	0	19
Nate Wayne	11-11	2	29	14.5	1	16
Jason Clingan	11-1	1	22	22.0	0	22
Tim Strickland	11-11	1	21	21.0	0	21
Al Rice	11-0	1	8	8.0	0	8
Walker Jones	11-11	1	0	0.0	0	0
Gary Thigpen	11-11	1	0	0.0	0	0
Ole Miss	11-11	10	101	10.1	1	22
Opponents	11-11	12	101	8.4	2	34

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Individual Game-By-Game Passing Statistics

(Att-Comp-Int
Yds-TD)

No.	Player	ISU	VMI	AU	VU	UT	UA	ASU	ARK	LSU	UGA	MSU
13	Head	28-20-1	17-12-1	45-27-4	35-22-0	25-14-1	3-0-0	14-7-0	5-2-1	DNP	DNP	DNP
		252-2	113-1	297-2	134-0	120-0	0-0	79-0	19-0			
1	Patridge	6-4-0	6-4-0	DNP	1-0-0	1-0-0	22-10-0	13-9-0	23-9-0	30-16-1	25-17-2	27-10-1
		69-0	45-0		0-0	0-0	132-0	123-2	68-0	157-0	126-0	156-0
Team Totals		34-24-1	23-16-1	45-27-4	36-22-0	26-14-1	25-10-0	27-16-0	28-11-1	30-16-1	25-17-2	27-10-1
		321-2	158-1	297-2	134-0	120-0	132-0	202-2	87-0	157-0	126-3	156-0
Opponents Totals		23-9-1	6-2-1	25-13-1	20-9-0	28-22-0	33-13-2	47-28-2	17-11-1	21-13-0	42-25-1	26-10-1
		142-1	13-0	249-3	193-0	282-1	216-2	341-3	133-1	255-0	366-1	109-0

Individual Game-By-Game Rushing Statistics

(No-Yds-TD)

No.	Player	ISU	VMI	AU	VU	UT	UA	ASU	ARK	LSU	UGA	MSU
20	Avery	14-61-0	10-44-1	10-40-1	18-98-0	12-38-0	13-9-0	14-65-1	20-155-1	18-41-0	29-119-1	23-123-0
28	Moore	27-88-3	19-112-1	21-62-1	20-49-2	8-(-4)-0	4-12-0	8-22-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
33	Cannon	DNP	4-15-0	DNP	2-15-0	8-48-0	9-37-0	9-23-1	3-4-0	4-11-0	6-34-0	4-4-0
1	Patridge	1-(-9)-0	1-(-4)-0	DNP	0-0-0	3-(-12)-0	4-(-32)-0	1-4-0	4-(-15)-0	6-(-24)-0	3-(-21)-0	14-(-75)-0
13	Head	0-0-0	1-1-0	4-2-0	4-(-9)-0	3-(-6)-0	DNP	2-(-9)-0	1-(-3)-0	DNP	DNP	DNP
10	Fisher	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-5-0	1-3-0	1-9-0	0-0-0
17	Adams	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-6-0	0-0-0
4	Spearman	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-(-1)-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
8	Reed	DNP	1-(-6)-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Team Totals		42-135-3	36-162-2	35-104-2	44-153-2	34-64-0	39-26-0	34-105-2	30-145-1	29-31-0	40-146-1	41-52-0
Opponents Totals		29-84-1	47-161-1	34-186-2	39-78-1	45-221-3	49-273-0	32-101-0	59-146-0	49-219-5	35-124-0	40-146-0

Individual Game-By-Game Receiving Statistics

(No-Yds-TD)

No.	Player	ISU	VMI	AU	VU	UT	UA	ASU	ARK	LSU	UGA	MSU
89	Bilbrew	3-57-1	2-28-0	2-15-0	0-0-0	1-8-0	1-25-0	2-15-0	1-12-0	1-14-0	0-0-0	3-21-0
10	Fisher	4-32-0	7-79-0	5-76-0	DNP	1-4-0	4-49-0	3-18-0	2-10-0	6-60-0	6-25-0	2-64-0
82	Mangum	4-38-0	2-8-0	6-80-1	4-16-0	2-27-0	1-8-0	2-30-1	1-3-0	3-31-0	2-7-0	2-16-0
88	Head	3-66-0	1-10-1	4-54-1	2-18-0	2-35-0	1-12-0	0-0-0	2-25-0	3-31-0	4-65-0	0-0-0
28	Moore	3-20-0	0-0-0	3-10-0	3-20-0	2-7-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
85	Peterson	4-76-0	1-0-0	1-8-0	0-0-0	1-12-0	0-0-0	1-8-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
9	French	0-0-0	1-5-0	1-15-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-19-0	1-27-0	1-8-0	1-9-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
80	Rone	1-18-0	0-0-0	3-28-0	3-25-0	2-15-0	2-19-0	4-72-0	2-16-0	0-0-0	1-6-0	2-26-0
17	Adams	0-0-0	1-18-0	0-0-0	6-53-0	2-11-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-29-0
20	Avery	1-9-0	0-0-0	2-11-0	0-0-0	1-1-0	0-0-0	2-31-0	2-13-0	2-12-0	3-21-0	0-0-0
7	Anding	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-2-1	0-0-0
49	Boutwell	0-0-0	1-10	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
41	Wayne	1-5-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
42	Stojkovic	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	1-1-1	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	DNP
Team Totals		24-321-2	16-158-1	27-297-2	22-134-0	14-120-0	10-132-0	16-202-2	11-87-0	16-157-0	17-126-3	10-156-0
Opponents Totals		9-142-1	2-13-0	13-249-3	9-193-0	22-282-1	13-216-2	28-341-3	11-133-1	13-255-0	25-366-1	10-109-0

Individual Game-By-Game Kickoff Return Statistics

(No-Yds-Avg)

No.	Player	ISU	VMI	AU	VU	UT	UA	ASU	ARK	LSU	UGA	MSU
10	Fisher	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-33-33.0	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
20	Avery	1-25-25.0	0-0-0	2-36-18.0	1-21-21.0	5-98-19.6	1-15-15.0	2-120-60.0	2-13.6.5	2-113-56.5	1-32-32.0	0-0-0
8	Reed	DNP	2-38-19.0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0
34	Griffin	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	1-14-14.0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
22	Hill	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-12-12.0	1-12-12.0	0-0-0
89	Bilbrew	1-15-15.0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-35-17.5	1-3-3.0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-22-7.3	0-0-0
4	Spearman	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-2-2.0
Team Totals		2-40-20.0	2-38-19.0	3-69-23.0	2-35-17.5	5-98-19.6	1-1-1.0	2-120-60.0	3-16-5.3	3-125-41.7	5-66-13.2	1-2-2.0
Opponents Totals		4-94-23.5	2-27-13.5	2-24-12.0	1-16-16.0	1-22-22.0	3-17-5.7	1-25-25.0	1-11-11.0	2-61-30.5	6-100-16.7	2-33-16.5

Three National Titles

Six SEC Championships

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Individual Game-By-Game Defensive Statistics (UT-AT-TT TFL-Sack)

No.	Player	ISU	VMI	AU	VU	UT	UA	ASU	ARK	LSU	UGA	MSU
17	L. Adams	2-0-2 0-0	1-1-2 0-0	2-1-3 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	0-1-1 0-0	0-1-1 0-0	1-0-1 0-0	1-0-1 0-0	1-0-1 0-0	0-1-1 0-0	1-0-1 0-0
7	E. Anding	1-0-0 0-0	1-1-2 0-0	1-0-1 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	1-3-0 0-0	DNP 0-0	DNP 0-0	1-3-4 0-0	2-3-5 0-0	3-2-5 1-0	1-0-1 0-0
56	E. Beelman	1-0-1 0-0	1-1-2 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	0-0-0 0-0
62	M. Boone	0-1-1 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	DNP 0-0	DNP 0-0	DNP 0-0	DNP 0-0	0-1-1 0-0	0-1-1 0-0	2-1-3 1-0	1-1-2 0-1	0-1-1 1-0
23	J. Clingan	0-0-0 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	2-0-2 0-0	1-0-1 0-0	0-3-3 0-0	3-1-4 0-0	3-3-6 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	2-2-4 0-0	1-1-2 0-0	0-0-0 0-0
46	J. Desler	1-0-1 0-0	1-0-1 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	1-0-1 0-0	DNP 0-0	DNP 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	2-0-2 0-0	1-0-1 0-0
60	D. Evans	4-1-5 3-0	2-2-4 0-1	2-3-5 1-0	2-3-5 1-1	2-2-4 0-0	2-1-3 0-0	3-1-4 1-0	7-1-8 4-0	5-2-7 1-0	3-2-5 0-1	5-3-8 0-0
84	C. Fisher	0-0-0 0-0	DNP 0-0	DNP 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	1-1-0 0-0	0-1-1 0-0
34	M. Griffin	1-0-1 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	DNP 0-0	3-1-4 0-0	2-0-2 0-0	7-3-10 0-0	3-1-4 1-0	0-0-0 0-0	1-1-1 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	0-0-0 0-0
15	A. Harrison	1-0-1 1-0	3-2-5 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	0-2-2 0-0.5	2-2-4 2-0	4-1-5 0-0	0-1-1 0-0	3-3-6 1-0	2-1-3 0-0	0-1-1 1-0	1-3-4 0-0
2	R. Heard	0-2-2 0-0	10-4-14 0-0	1-1-2 0-0	3-0-3 0-0	2-3-5 0-0	4-4-8 0-0	7-2-9 0-0	5-2-7 0-0	5-0-5 0-0	4-4-8 0-0	4-2-6 0-0
22	W. Hill	1-0-1 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	1-0-1 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	1-1-2 0-0	0-0-0 0-0
38	D. Jones	3-2-5 0-0	1-0-1 0-0	8-0-8 0-0	6-1-7 0-0	7-2-9 0-0	DNP 0-0	DNP 0-0	5-0-5 0-0	5-2-7 0-0	7-4-11 0-0	3-2-5 0-0
92	J. Jones	0-1-1 0-0	1-1-2 0-0	2-0-2 0-1	3-0-3 0-2	2-3-5 1-1	DNP 0-0	2-3-5 0-1	0-1-1 0-0	6-3-9 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	1-1-2 0-0
29	W. Jones	4-3-7 2-1	3-2-5 5-1	3-4-7 0-0	5-4-9 1-1	3-2-5 0-1	3-5-8 1-1	1-3-4 1-0	5-5-10 1-0.5	0-2-2 0-0	2-4-6 0-0	3-1-4 1-0
52	K. Judon	1-0-1 0-0	1-2-3 0-0	2-1-3 0-0	1-1-2 0-0	1-1-2 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	1-0-1 0-0	DNP 0-0	DNP 0-0
6	S. Joyner	DNP	DNP	0-0-0 0-0	1-1-2 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	0-1-1 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	1-1-2 0-0	0-0-0 0-0
66	B. Killion	0-0-0 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	0-1-1 0-0	0-1-1 0-0	0-1-1 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	1-0-1 0-0	0-1-1 0-0	0-2-2 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	0-0-0 0-0
14	B. Kreitz	2-1-3 0-0	1-5-6 0-0	6-3-9 0-0	3-5-8 0-0	1-6-7 0-0	5-4-9 0-0	7-3-10 0-0	7-4-11 1-0.5	3-1-4 1-0	6-10-16 1-0	3-1-4 0-0
26	N. Magee	2-1-3 0-0	0-1-1 0-0	1-1-2 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	1-0-1 0-0	0-1-1 0-0	1-1-2 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	1-0-1 0-0	0-0-0 0-0
31	S. Owen	0-0-0 0-0	0-1-1 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	DNP 0-0	DNP 0-0	DNP 0-0	DNP 0-0	DNP 0-0	DNP 0-0	DNP 0-0
80	A. Rice	2-0-2 0-0	0-5-5 0-0	1-4-5 0-0	0-1-1 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	2-4-6 0-0	1-3-4 0-0	2-1-3 0-0	2-3-5 0-0	3-2-5 0-0	1-1-2 0-0
95	M. Scott	1-2-3 1-0	1-2-3 0-1	0-2-2 0-1	2-0-2 0-0	0-2-2 0-0	2-1-3 1-0	3-2-5 1-0	0-4-4 1-0	1-2-3 0-0	1-2-3 1-0	0-0-0 0-0
4	A. Spearman	2-2-0 0-0	3-1-4 0-0	1-2-3 0-0	2-2-0 0-0	4-0-0 0-0	6-2-0 0-0	4-4-0 0-0	1-1-2 0-0	2-2-4 0-0	9-2-11 0-0	5-2-7 0-0
3	T. Strickland	4-2-6 0-0	4-3-7 0-0	4-1-5 0-0	0-1-1 0-0	7-8-15 0-1	4-3-7 0-0	4-1-5 0-0	6-2-8 1-0	5-5-10 1-0	3-3-6 0-0	6-2-8 0-0
42	M. Stojkovic	0-0-0 0-0	0-1-1 0-0	0-1-1 0-0	0-2-2 0-0	DNP 0-0	DNP 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	DNP 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	DNP 0-0	DNP 0-0
30	G. Thigpen	0-0-0 0-0	1-2-3 0-0	3-2-5 0-0	2-1-3 0-0	7-1-8 0-0	6-2-8 0-0	2-0-2 0-0	5-1-6 0-0	7-1-8 0-0	6-2-8 1-0	2-0-2 0-0
72	O. Trainer	1-2-3 1-0	1-2-3 1-0	1-1-2 0-0	1-0-1 0-0	3-0-3 1-0	0-1-1 0-0	0-1-1 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	0-0-0 0-0	0-0-0 0-0
41	N. Wayne	3-4-7 0-0	8-7-15 1-0	4-4-8 0-0	6-3-9 1-1.5	6-5-11 0-0	7-6-13 1-0	4-5-9 (Int)	6-7-13 0-0	6-4-10 1-0	7-5-12 1-0	5-3-8 0-1
55	M. Wells	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-1-1 0-0	DNP	DNP	0-2-2 0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
43	K. Wicker	3-0-3 1-0	3-3-6 0-0	2-3-5 0-0	1-2-3 0-0	1-1-2 0-0	2-1-3 0-0	1-1-2 0-0	0-1-1 0-0	0-1-1 1-0	1-2-3 0-0	0-1-1 0-0
90	Q. Wilson	1-0-1 1-0	0-1-1 0-0	4-1-5 1-0	3-3-6 2-3	2-0-2 1-0	1-2-3 0-0	3-0-3 0-1	7-1-8 0-1	1-0-1 0-0	3-1-4 0-0	6-1-7 2-0

Individual Game-By-Game Punt Return Statistics (No-Yds-Avg)

No.	Player	ISU	VMI	AU	VU	UT	UA	ASU	ARK	LSU	UGA	MSU
5	Rone	1-0-0.0	2-87-43.5	0-0-0	4-10-2.5	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
10	Fisher	3-50-16.7	1-73-73.0	4-43-10.8	DNP	2-6-3.0	1-1-1.0	3-32-10.7	2-16-8.0	2-1-0.5	0-0-0	3-34-11.3
Team Totals		4-50-12.5	3-160-53.3	4-43-10.8	4-10-2.5	2-6-3.0	3-50-16.7	3-32-10.7	2-16-8.0	2-1-0.5	0-0-0	3-34-11.3
Opponents Totals		1-10-10.0	1-2-2.0	3-12-4.0	5-19-4.8	6-35-5.8	1-31-31.0	2-29-14.5	3-8-2.7	2-34-17.0	2-7-3.5	2-11-5.5

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Defensive Statistics

Player	G-S	T	A	HITS	CF	RF-YDS	PBU	PRES	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	INT	BK
Nate Wayne	.11-11	62	53	115	1.0	2-0	5	3	5.0-16	2.5-22	2	0
Broc Kreitz	.11-11	44	43	87	2.0	2-0	0	5	2.0-3	0.5-4	0	0
Tim Strickland	.11-11	47	31	78	0.0	1-0	7	0	2.0-4	1.0-1	1	0
Ronnie Heard	.11-10	45	24	69	0.0	1-0	4	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	3	0
Walker Jones	.11-11	32	35	67	0.0	1-0	3	6	6.0-15	5.0-42	1	0
Armegis Spearman	.11-0	39	20	59	0.0	0-0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0
Derek Jones	.9-9	45	13	58	0.0	1-0	8	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0
David Evans	.11-8	37	21	58	1.0	0-0	3	6	11.0-23	2.0-7	0	0
Gary Thigpen	.11-11	41	12	53	1.5	0-0	13	0	1.0-2	0.0-0	1	0
Quentin Wilson	.11-9	31	10	41	1.0	0-0	0	5	7.0-25	5.0-31	0	0
Al Rice	.11-0	14	24	38	0.0	0-0	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0
Andre Harrison	.11-7	16	16	32	0.0	0-0	1	4	5.0-23	0.5-4	0	0
Johnny Jones	.10-0	17	13	30	2.0	0-0	0	9	0.0-0	5.0-20	0	0
Kyle Wicker	.11-11	14	16	30	0.5	1-9	0	5	2.0-4	0.0-0	0	0
Morris Scott	.11-3	11	19	30	0.0	0-0	1	6	4.0-12	2.0-15	0	0
Malikia Griffin	.10-2	17	6	23	1.0	0-0	1	0	1.0-2	0.0-0	0	0
Eli Anding	.11-0	11	12	23	0.0	0-0	0	0	1.0-3	0.0-0	0	0
Jason Clingan	.11-1	12	10	22	0.0	0-0	2	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0
Lawrence Adams	.11-1	8	5	13	0.0	1-0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0
Orlando Trainer	.11-5	7	6	13	0.0	1-0	0	0	3.0-8	0.0-0	0	0
Ken Judon	.9-2	7	5	12	0.0	0-0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0
Michael Boone	.8-0	5	7	12	0.0	0-0	1	0	2.0-3	0.5-2	0	0
T. Nakia Magee	.11-0	6	4	10	0.0	0-0	1	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0
Bobby Killion	.11-11	2	7	9	0.0	0-0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0
Johnny Desler	.11-0	6	0	6	0.0	0-0	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0
Comone Fisher	.9-1	2	3	5	0.0	0-0	1	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0
Seth Joyner	.9-0	2	3	5	0.0	0-0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0
Walt Hill	.11-0	3	1	4	0.0	0-0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0
Marty Stojkovic	.6-0	0	4	4	0.0	0-0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0
Erik Beelman	.3-0	2	1	3	0.0	0-0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0
Matt Wells	.2-0	0	3	3	0.0	0-0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0
Kris Mangum	.11-11	1	1	2	0.0	0-0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0
Randall Green	.11-11	1	0	1	0.0	0-0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0
Devon Coburn	.10-8	1	0	1	0.0	0-0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0
Chris Cola	.2-0	1	0	1	0.0	0-0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0
Steve Lindsey	.11-0	0	1	1	0.0	0-0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0
Sam Owen	.4-0	0	1	1	0.0	0-0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0
Ole Miss Totals	.11-11	589	430	1019	10.0	11-9	51	54	52.0-143	24.0-148	10	0
Opponent Totals	.11-11	514	211	725	9.0	13-64	44	7	71.0-244	30.0-225	12	1

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Game-By-Game Team Statistics

		ISU	VMI	AU	VU	UT	UA	ASU	ARK	LSU	UGA	MSU
Total Offense												
Yards	UM	456	320	401	287	184	158	307	232	188	490	208
	Opp	226	174	435	271	503	489	442	279	474	272	255
Total Plays	UM	76	59	80	80	60	55	61	58	59	65	68
	Opp	52	53	59	59	73	82	79	76	70	77	66
Avg/Play	UM	6.0	5.4	5.0	3.6	3.1	6.0	5.0	4.0	3.2	4.2	3.1
	Opp	4.3	3.3	7.4	4.6	6.9	2.9	5.6	3.7	6.8	6.4	3.9
Rushing												
Yards	UM	135	162	104	153	64	26	105	145	31	146	52
	Opp	84	161	186	78	221	273	101	146	219	124	146
Carries	UM	42	36	35	44	34	30	34	30	29	40	41
	Opp	29	47	34	39	45	49	32	59	49	35	40
TDs	UM	3	2	2	2	0	0	2	1	0	1	0
	Opp	1	1	2	1	3	0	0	0	5	0	0
Passing												
Yards	UM	321	158	297	134	120	132	202	87	157	126	156
	Opp	142	13	249	193	282	216	341	133	255	366	109
Attempts	UM	34	23	45	36	26	25	27	28	30	25	27
	Opp	23	6	25	20	28	33	47	17	21	42	26
Completions	UM	24	16	27	22	14	10	16	11	16	17	10
	Opp	9	2	13	9	22	13	28	11	13	25	10
Comp. %	UM	71	67	60	61	54	40	59	39	53	68	37
	Opp	39	33	52	45	79	39	60	65	62	59	38
TDs	UM	2	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	0
	Opp	1	0	3	0	1	2	3	1	0	1	0
Intercepted	UM	1	1	4	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	1
	Opp	1	1	1	0	0	2	2	1	0	1	1
First Downs												
Total	UM	23	19	28	16	11	9	17	15	14	19	15
	Opp	12	10	19	16	25	28	21	23	24	25	10
Rushing	UM	7	8	9	9	3	3	7	9	5	12	5
	Opp	2	9	9	7	11	15	5	12	12	9	6
Passing	UM	15	9	17	7	5	5	8	6	8	4	6
	Opp	7	1	9	8	13	10	15	7	11	15	3
Penalty	UM	1	2	2	0	3	1	2	0	1	3	4
	Opp	3	0	1	1	1	3	1	4	1	1	1
Time of Possession	UM	33:48	28:14	34:54	31:13	26:19	25:53	26:09	22:52	26:37	31:40	28:02
	Opp	26:12	31:46	25:06	28:47	33:41	34:07	33:51	37:08	33:23	28:20	31:58
Third Down Conversions	UM	7/15	7/14	7/12	9/19	2/14	2/14	5/13	4/12	4/13	3/13	6/19
	Opp	4/13	5/13	9/16	1/10	4/11	5/15	12/19	6/14	5/12	11/17	6/18
Fourth Down Conversions	UM	2/2	0/1	0/0	1/1	0/1	0/0	0/0	1/2	0/0	4/4	0/1
	Opp	0/1	0/0	1/1	0/2	1/1	1/3	0/1	2/2	0/0	1/3	0/0
Punting	UM	3/37.7	2/45.0	3/47.7	9/38.2	7/39.7	11/40.3	7/35.7	6/47.3	6/44.8	5/38.2	7/33.6
	Opp	7/37.9	8/33.8	4/42.5	7/47.4	2/43.0	2/41.0	5/41.4	5/43.2	4/44.3	2/42.0	8/37.5
Fumbles	UM	1/1	2/1	2/2	0/0	3/3	2/1	1/0	2/2	2/1	1/0	4/3
	Opp	1/1	0/0	2/1	5/2	1/1	0/0	1/1	1/1	0/0	4/3	1/1
Penalties	UM	11/108	6/52	7/59	9/85	8/66	8/67	10/65	10/86	7/30	3/32	4/35
	Opp	9/61	6/40	10/65	7/60	13/104	5/43	7/66	8/65	4/52	8/53	10/108
Punt Returns	UM	4/50	3/160	4/43	4/10	2/6	1/1	3/32	2/16	2/1	0/0	3/34
	Opp	1/10	1/2	3/12	5/19	6/35	3/17	2/29	3/8	2/34	2/7	2/11
Kickoff Returns	UM	2/40	2/38	3/69	2/35	5/98	3/50	2/120	3/16	3/125	5/66	1/2
	Opp	4/94	2/27	2/24	1/16	1/22	1/31	1/25	1/11	2/61	6/100	2/33
Sacks By	UM	1/10	2/10	2/11	10/68	1/6	1/8	2/5	2/14	0/0	1/5	1/8
	Opp	1/9	1/4	1/6	2/18	4/23	2/19	1/9	2/6	5/32	2/19	9/80

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Ole Miss

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Game #1
August 31
Att.: 28,140

Ole Miss 38 • Idaho St. 14
Oxford, Miss.
Vaught-Hemingway Stadium



Artie Moore

Senior running back Artie Moore rushed for 88 yards on 27 carries and three touchdowns as Ole Miss won its season opener against Idaho State 38-14. On the Rebels' first possession, quarterback Paul Head marched the team down the field and into the red zone, but a John Avery fumble stopped the drive and the Bengals took over deep in their territory. The Bengals failed to capitalize when Walker Jones intercepted a Gary Anderson pass at the 39-yard line. Nine plays later,

Moore ran it in for his first of three touchdowns on the night. The Rebels were just getting started. Head, who completed 20-of-28 attempts for 252 yards, took the Rebels 82 yards in 14 plays on the team's first possession of the second quarter. On fourth-and-one at the ISU 25, Head found tight end Kris Mangum for a 22-yard gain, setting up a Moore one-yard run to give the Rebels a 14-0 lead with 5:49 to go in the first half. After an ISU punt, Head connected with Damon Bilbrew for a 30-yard pickup and then on a 21-yard touchdown pass to give the Rebels a 21-0 lead that would stand at halftime. ISU scored its first touchdown of the game with 8:34 left in the third quarter when the Bengals' Craig Joseph carried it in from one yard out to make the score 21-7 Ole Miss until the fourth quarter. Ole Miss would add two more touchdowns in the fourth quarter, a five-yard run by Moore and a five-yard pass from Head to Nate Wayne, a linebacker who scored his first career touchdown. Moore's three touchdowns tied him for the second-most rushing touchdowns in a single game in Rebel football history, and it was the first time that a player rushed for three touchdowns in a single game since Marvin Courtney did so in a 38-14 victory over Ohio University on Sept. 21, 1991.

IDAHO STATE	0	0	7	7	—	14
OLE MISS	7	14	0	17	—	38

- OM — Moore 1 run (Montz kick) 2:47 1Q
- OM — Moore 1 run (Montz kick) 5:49 2Q
- OM — Bilbrew 21 pass from Head (Montz kick) 0:25 2Q
- ISU — Joseph 1 run (Ferrell kick) 4:50 3Q
- OM — Moore 5 run (Montz kick) 12:52 4Q
- OM — Wayne 5 pass from Head (Montz kick) 7:26 4Q
- OM — Montz 36 FG 2:50 4Q
- ISU — Coleman 16 pass from Griggs (Ferrell kick) 0:07 4Q

TEAM STATS	OM	ISU
First Downs	23	12
Rushing (Net)	135	84
Passing (Net)	321	142
Total Offense	456	226
Passing (A-C-I)	34-24-1	23-9-1
Punts-Average	3-37.7	7-37.9
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	11-108	9-61
Possession Time	33:48	26:12

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

- RUSHING — OM: Moore 27-88, Avery 14-56
ISU: A. Anderson 14-65, Joseph 11-23
- PASSING — OM: Head 28-20-1-252
ISU: G. Anderson 19-6-1-86, Griggs 4-3-0-56
- RECEIVING — OM: Peterson 4-76, Heard 3-66, Bilbrew 3-57
ISU: Giles 2-38, Berg 1-26, Felts 2-26

Game #2
September 7
Att.: 28,196

Ole Miss 31 • VMI 7
Jackson, Miss.
Veterans Memorial Stadium



Ronnie Heard

After a two-year absence, Ole Miss made a return to Jackson and Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium. The stadium has been kind to the Rebels, who extended their record there to 72-56-4 with a 31-7 rout of VMI. The day belonged to senior running back Artie Moore who rushed for 112 yards (his first career 100-yard game) and one touchdown to lead the Rebels. VMI quarterback Al Lester took the Keydets to the Ole Miss 43-yard line on their opening possession before being

intercepted by Ronnie Heard who returned it 19 yards. Eight plays later, John Avery carried the ball into the end zone as the Rebels jumped on the Keydets 7-0. After a VMI punt, the Rebels took over on their own 39-yard line, and Rebel quarterback Paul Head, who completed 12-of-17 passes for 113 yards, marched the team 69 yards to set up a one-yard touchdown run by Moore as Ole Miss led 14-0. A 56-yard punt return by Andre Rone set up the Rebels' third touchdown, a 10-yard pass to Grant Heard, who caught his first career touchdown pass. With less than a minute to go in the first half, Jackson native Ta'Boris Fisher returned a Howie Lowden punt 73 yards for a touchdown, giving the Rebels a 28-0 margin at halftime. Fisher had a solid night, catching seven passes for 79 yards to lead all receivers. The Keydets' only touchdown was set up after Cornell Lewis intercepted Head at the Ole Miss 23-yard line. Five plays later, VMI's Thomas Haskins, who gained 85 yards on 25 carries, ran the ball three yards for the touchdown, making the score 28-7. Ole Miss added a 47-yard field goal by Montz with 4:45 to go in the game to end the scoring.

VMI	0	0	7	0	—	7
OLE MISS	7	21	0	3	—	31

- OM — Avery 5 run (Montz kick) 6:07 1Q
- OM — Moore 1 run (Montz kick) 12:12 2Q
- OM — G. Heard 10 pass from Head (Montz kick) 5:49 2Q
- OM — Fisher 73 punt return (Montz kick) 0:33 2Q
- VMI — Haskins 3 run (Harris kick) 11:54 3Q
- OM — Montz 47 field goal 4:45 4Q

TEAM STATS	OM	VMI
First Downs	19	10
Rushing (Net)	162	161
Passing (Net)	158	13
Total Offense	320	174
Passing (A-C-I)	23-16-1	6-2-1
Punts-Average	2-45.0	8-33.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-52	6-40
Possession Time	28:14	31:46

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

- RUSHING — OM: Moore 19-112, Avery 10-44
VMI: Haskins 25-85, White 13-53
- PASSING — OM: Head 17-12-1-113, Patridge 6-4-0-45
VMI: Lester 6-2-1-13
- RECEIVING — OM: Fisher 7-79, Bilbrew 2-28, Mangum 2-8
VMI: Walton 1-9, Harris 1-4

1996 Review

Ole Miss

Rebel Football

Rebel Football

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Game #3
September 14
Att.: 40,456

Auburn 45 • Ole Miss 28
Oxford, Miss.
Vaught-Hemingway Stadium



Paul Head

Auburn hadn't allowed a point all season. Ole Miss cracked the Tiger defense but couldn't stay with the 15th-ranked Tigers, dropping a 45-28 game. A Ta'Boris Fisher fumbled punt return set up Auburn's first score, a 23-yard pass from Dameyune Craig to Robert Baker. The Tigers went up 14-0 with 4:05 left in the first quarter as Craig hit Karsten Bailey from 22 yards out. On Auburn's next possession, Baker fumbled a punt return, and Lawrence Adams recovered the ball for Ole Miss on the AU 20-yard line. Paul Head hit Grant Heard on a 10-yard scoring toss for the Rebels' first touchdown. The Rebels evened things up in the second quarter with an Artie Moore one-yard touchdown run. On Auburn's first possession of the second quarter, Craig hit Baker for a 49-yard gain that set up a 34-yard Jaret Holmes' field goal, giving the Tigers a 17-14 lead. Head, who completed 27-of-45 passes for a career-best 297 yards but threw four interceptions, was picked off by Jayson Bray with 5:22 left in the first half. Bray returned it for a score to give AU a 24-14 halftime lead. In the second half, Head had the Rebels in Auburn territory before being intercepted again, which led to a Tiger touchdown and a 31-14 Auburn lead. The Rebels scored 14 points in the fourth quarter on two Head touchdown passes, but mistakes continued to cost the Rebels as a missed outside kick and another fumble allowed Auburn to score their fifth and sixth touchdowns.

AUBURN	14	10	7	14	—	45
OLE MISS	7	7	0	14	—	28

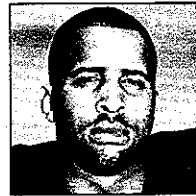
- AU — Baker 23 pass from Craig (Holmes kick) 11:20 1Q
- AU — Bailey 22 pass from Craig (Holmes kick) 4:05 1Q
- OM — G. Heard 14 pass from Head (Montz kick) 1:04 1Q
- OM — Moore 1 run (Montz kick) 9:16 2Q
- AU — Holmes 34 field goal 5:46 2Q
- AU — Bray 34 interception return (Holmes kick) 5:22 2Q
- AU — Baker 67 pass from Craig (Holmes kick) 3:03 3Q
- OM — Avery 13 run (Montz kick) 14:18 4Q
- AU — Beasley 36 run (Holmes kick) 12:38 4Q
- OM — Mangum 14 pass from Head (Montz kick) 9:28 4Q
- AU — Beasley 15 run (Holmes kick) 4:00 4Q

TEAM STATS	OM	AU
First Downs	28	19
Rushing (Net)	98	186
Passing (Net)	297	249
Total Offense	395	435
Passing (A-C-I)	45-27-4	25-13-1
Punts-Average	3-47.7	4-42.5
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	2-1
Penalties-Yards	7-29	10-65
Possession Time	25:06	34:54

- RUSHING — OM: Moore 21-62, Avery 10-40
AU: Beasley 18-115, Hines-Tucker 3-38
- PASSING — OM: Head 45-27-4-297
AU: Craig 25-13-1-249
- RECEIVING — OM: Mangum 6-80, Fisher 5-76, G. Heard 4-54
AU: Baker 5-161, Bailey 3-48

Game #4
September 21
Att.: 40,820

Ole Miss 20 • Vanderbilt 9
Nashville, Tenn.
Vanderbilt Stadium



Quentin Wilson

It was sweet music for the Rebels in 'Music City' Tennessee as they came away with a 20-9 victory over Vanderbilt. The Rebels opened the scoring with a Tim Montz 31-yard field goal that capped a 52-yard, 10-play drive to give them a 3-0 lead that would hold through the first quarter. The Commodores tied it with 8:39 to go in the first half on a Brett Speakman 31-yard field goal. After that, it was all Ole Miss until the final minute of the game. Paul Head, who completed 22-of-35 passes for 134 yards, had to find a new target in place of the injured Ta'Boris Fisher. In came Lawrence Adams, who caught a career-high six passes for 53 yards to lead the Rebels, including a seven-yard gain and a nine-yard pickup that led to an Artie Moore two-yard touchdown run which gave the Rebels a 10-3 lead at halftime. On the Commodores' opening drive of the second half, Marcus Williams fumbled on the first play, and Walker Jones recovered the ball on the Vanderbilt 23-yard line. Six plays later, Moore carried it in for his second touchdown of the night, giving the Rebels a 17-3 lead. The Rebels would add a Montz career-long 54-yard field goal with 8:46 to go in the third quarter. That would be all the Rebels would need as the defense kept the Vanderbilt quarterbacks on the ground all night long with 10 sacks. Quentin Wilson recorded three sacks, and Walker Jones and Johnny Jones came away with two sacks apiece. Vanderbilt scored a late touchdown with less than a minute to go on an Alvin Duke eight-yard run.

OLE MISS	3	7	10	0	—	20
VANDERBILT	0	3	0	6	—	9

- OM — Montz 31 field goal 4:11 1Q
- VU — Speakman 31 field goal 8:39 2Q
- OM — Moore 2 run (Montz kick) :47 2Q
- OM — Montz 54 field goal 8:46 3Q
- VU — Duke 8 run (Allen pass failed) :44 4Q

TEAM STATS	OM	VU
First Downs	16	16
Rushing (Net)	153	78
Passing (Net)	134	193
Total Offense	287	271
Passing (A-C-I)	36-22-0	20-9-0
Punts-Average	9-38.2	7-47.4
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	5-1
Penalties-Yards	9-85	7-60
Possession Time	31:13	28:47

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

- RUSHING — OM: Avery 18-98, Moore 20-49
VU: Duke 11-58, M. Williams 12-52
- PASSING — OM: Head 35-22-0-134
VU: Allen 20-9-0-193
- RECEIVING — OM: Adams 6-53, Rone 3-25
VU: Yoder 3-122, Fleming 1-25

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Game #5
October 3
Att.: 62,640

Tennessee 41 • Ole Miss 3
Memphis, Tenn.
Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium



Tim Strickland

For the first time since the 1991 season, Ole Miss and Tennessee met on the football field. It was the Rebels' first-ever, regular-season game nationally televised by ESPN. In front of 62,640 fans, the Vols defeated Ole Miss 41-3. For about 24 minutes, the Rebels' held the explosive Tennessee offense in check, allowing only a Jeff Hall 24-yard field goal. Rebel placekicker Tim Montz tied the game with 10:56 left in the second quarter, but after that, it was all Tennessee. On the

Vols' next possession, Jay Graham, who rushed for 118 yards, netted big gains of 13 and 14 yards before Eric Lane rushed for 31 yards and a touchdown to give Tennessee a 10-3 lead. Paul Head took the Rebels to the Tennessee 27-yard line but was sacked for a loss and fumbled the ball. Tennessee took advantage of the turnover as quarterback Peyton Manning, who completed 18-of-22 passes for 242 yards, marched the team 67 yards in six plays, and Graham scored a touchdown on a one-yard run to give the Vols a 17-3 margin going into halftime. Things didn't start well for the Rebels in the second half as Head was penalized 18 yards for intentional grounding on the first play of the second half then threw an interception on the next play. A fumble by quarterback Stewart Patridge allowed the Vols to take a commanding 31-3 lead. Tennessee would add another touchdown late in the third quarter and a 38-yard field goal with 4:52 to go in the game. The Rebels could only manage 184 total offensive yards while yielding 503 to the Vols. Safety Tim Strickland recorded seven tackles and an interception for the Rebel defense.

TENNESSEE	3	14	21	3	—	41
OLE MISS	0	3	0	0	—	3

- UT — Hall 24 field goal 1:31 1Q
- OM — Montz 40 field goal 10:56 2Q
- UT — Lane 31 run (Hall kick) 8:34 2Q
- UT — Graham 1 run (Hall kick) 1:52 2Q
- UT — Nash 5 pass from Manning (Hall kick) 13:55 3Q
- UT — Duff 4 fumble return (Hall kick) 13:23 3Q
- UT — Levine 7 run (Hall kick) 5:11 3Q
- UT — Hall 38 field goal 3:27 4Q

TEAM STATS	OM	UT
First Downs	11	25
Rushing (Net)	64	221
Passing (Net)	120	282
Total Offense	184	503
Passing (A-C-I)	26-14-1	28-22-0
Punts-Average	7-39.7	2-43.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	1-1
Penalties-Yards	13-104	8-66
Possession Time	26:19	33:41

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

- RUSHING — OM: Cannon 8-48, Avery 12-38
UT: Graham 19-118, Darden 7-45
- PASSING — OM: Head 25-14-1-120, Patridge 1-0-0-0
UT: Manning 22-18-0-242, Copeland 6-4-0-40
- RECEIVING — OM: G. Heard 2-35, Mangum 2-27
UT: Kent 7-126, McCollough 4-44

Game #6
October 19
Att.: 70,123

Alabama 37 • Ole Miss 0
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Bryant-Denny Stadium



Stewart Patridge

The Ole Miss defense was able to hold Alabama to 10 first-half points, but it was the vaunted Crimson Tide defense that did the damage, shutting out the Rebels 37-0. The Rebels were in the game in the first half. Alabama got the ball first, and the Rebel defense held the Tide to three plays and out. But on the ensuing punt, a penalty against the Rebels gave the Tide another opportunity which they used to go down and kick a 30-yard field goal by Jon Brock for a 3-0 lead with just over

four minutes gone. The defense kept the Rebels in the game for the first half, intercepting Alabama quarterback Freddie Kitchens in the end zone and forcing a fumble, but the offense could never mount a successful drive. Quarterback Stewart Patridge, filling in for Paul Head, who left after the first series because of the flu, wasn't able to move the offense consistently. For the game, Ole Miss managed only 158 total yards, including only 26 on the ground. Alabama went up 10-0 with 8:18 to go in the first half as Dennis Riddle, who rushed for 140 yards on 31 carries, ran for gains of 29, 11 and 13 yards. Kitchens ended the scoring drive with a 10-yard scoring pass to Michael Vaughn. It would stay that way until 9:43 to go in the third quarter when Kitchens found Vaughn at the Ole Miss 45-yard line and he ran it the rest of the way for a touchdown. The Tide took a 17-0 lead, and it was all Alabama from that moment on. They scored again with 3:05 left in the third quarter on a Riddle two-yard run to go up 24-0. Alabama continued to pound the ball at the Ole Miss defensive front, and put the nail in the coffin with two more touchdowns in the first seven minutes of the fourth quarter. Alabama amassed 489 yards and held the ball almost nine minutes more than the Rebels. Ole Miss punted 11 times and only converted nine first downs.

OLE MISS	0	0	0	0	—	0
ALABAMA	3	7	14	13	—	37

- UA — Brock 31 field goal 10:19 1Q
- UA — Vaughn 10 pass from Kitchens (Brock kick) 8:18 2Q
- UA — Vaughn 60 pass from Kitchens (Brock kick) 9:32 3Q
- UA — Riddle 2 run (Brock kick) 3:05 3Q
- UA — Madden 5 run (Cunningham kick) 13:54 4Q
- UA — Madden 5 run (Cunningham kick failed) 6:51 4Q

TEAM STATS	OM	UA
First Downs	9	28
Rushing (Net)	26	273
Passing (Net)	132	216
Total Offense	158	489
Passing (A-C-I)	25-10-0	33-13-2
Punts-Average	11-40.3	2-41.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	8-67	5-43
Possession Time	34:07	25:53

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

- RUSHING — OM: Cannon 9-37
UA: Riddle 31-140, Madden 9-48
- PASSING — OM: Patridge 22-10-0-132, Head 3-0-0-0
UA: Kitchens 33-13-2-216
- RECEIVING — OM: Fisher 4-49, Bilbrew 1-25
UA: Vaughn 3-89, West 2-41

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Game #7
October 26
Att.: 28,176

Ole Miss 38 • Arkansas St. 21
Oxford, Miss.
Vaught-Hemingway Stadium



Kris Mangum

Ole Miss continued its dominance over Arkansas State, extending the series lead to 13-1-2 with a 38-21 victory. The Rebels struck first on their opening possession of the game as quarterback Paul Head drove the ball 65 yards on 11 plays setting up a 10-yard touchdown run by John Avery. With three minutes left in the first quarter, ASU tied it up on an 18-yard scoring pass from Brent Pettus to Lamont Zachery. After that, the game belonged to Ole Miss. Following the Indians' score, Avery

sparked the Rebels with a 97-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, tying the second-longest return for a touchdown in modern-day Ole Miss history. That gave the Rebels a 14-7 lead. The Rebels added a Tim Montz 41-yard field goal to make it 17-7 with 4:53 to go in the first half. Backup quarterback Stewart Patridge came in with five minutes left in the first half, and seven plays later, connected with Marty Stojkovic on a one-yard touchdown pass. With 22 seconds to go in the half, Patridge hit Kris Mangum from 21 yards out to give the Rebels a commanding 31-7 lead at halftime. Ole Miss added a touchdown with 6:44 remaining in the third quarter when Head connected with Rufus French for a 27-yard gain which set up a three-yard touchdown run by Tony Cannon. Patridge was 9-of-13 passing for 139 yards. Arkansas State, which gained 442 total yards, cut it to 38-14 in the second half on a 48-yard touchdown pass from Jeremie Watkins to Lennie Johnson. Late in the fourth quarter, the Indians added another touchdown on a five-yard toss from Watkins to Corey Walker.

ARKANSAS ST.	7	0	7	7	—	21
OLE MISS	14	17	7	0	—	38

- OM — Avery 10 run (Montz kick) 10:52 1Q
- ASU — Zackery 18 pass from Pettus (Caldwell kick) 3:13 1Q
- OM — Avery 97 kickoff return (Montz kick) 2:57 1Q
- OM — Montz 41 FG 6:42 2Q
- OM — Stojkovic 1 pass from Patridge (Montz kick) 1:54 2Q
- OM — Mangum 21 pass from Patridge (Montz kick) 0:21 2Q
- OM — Cannon 3 run (Montz kick) 6:44 3Q
- ASU — Johnson 48 pass from Watkins (Caldwell kick) 0:15 3Q
- ASU — Walker 5 pass from Watkins (Caldwell kick) 2:04 4Q

TEAM STATS	OM	ASU
First Downs	17	17
Rushing (Net)	105	101
Passing (Net)	202	341
Total Offense	307	442
Passing (A-C-I)	27-16-0	47-28-2
Punts-Average	7-35.7	5-41.4
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	10-65	7-66
Possession Time	33:51	26:09

- RUSHING — OM: Avery 14-65, Cannon 9-23
ASU: Walker 19-57, Zackery 10-44
- PASSING — OM: Head 14-7-0-79, Patridge 13-9-0-123
ASU: Watkins 30-18-2-291, Pettus 17-10-0-50
- RECEIVING — OM: Rone 4-72, Avery 2-31
ASU: Johnson 6-132, Murphy 3-63

Game #8
November 9
Att.: 42,536

Arkansas 13 • Ole Miss 7
Fayetteville, Ark.
Razorback Stadium



John Avery

Ole Miss was outgained by Arkansas 279 yards to 232. The Razorbacks controlled the clock for 37:08 while the Rebels only had the ball for 22:52. And Ole Miss committed 10 penalties for 86 yards. The result was a 13-7 victory for Arkansas. In the first quarter alone, Ole Miss only ran six plays and held the ball for just under three minutes. However, the Razorbacks weren't much better, scoring just a field goal. Todd Latourette's 23-yarder gave Arkansas a 3-0 edge at the 3:29 mark

of the first quarter. The teams traded interceptions and punts in the second period. Ole Miss seemed to have put things together in the third quarter. Backup quarterback Stewart Patridge led the Rebels on an 11-play, 65-yard march that ended in a 12-yard touchdown run by John Avery to give Ole Miss a 7-3 lead with 11:24 to go in the third quarter. Avery was a bright spot for the Rebels, running for a career-best 155 yards on 20 carries. The Rebels' lead held until the beginning of the final period. Pete Burks hooked up with Anthony Eubanks on a 12-yard scoring strike to push Arkansas ahead 10-7. Latourette added a 22-yard field goal on the Razorbacks' next series for the 13-7 margin. Avery led all rushers. Oscar Malone rushed 32 times for 126 yards for Arkansas. Burks completed 10-of-17 passes for 133 yards and an interception. Patridge was 9-of-23 for 68 yards for the Rebels. Starting signal caller Paul Head, who left in favor of Patridge in the second quarter, was 2-of-5 for 19 yards and an interception.

OLE MISS	0	0	7	0	—	7
ARKANSAS	3	0	0	10	—	13

- ARK — Latourette 23 field goal 3:29 1Q
- OM — Avery 12 run (Montz kick) 11:24 3Q
- ARK — Eubanks 12 pass from Burks (Latourette kick) 14:50 4Q
- ARK — Latourette 22 field goal 7:49 4Q

TEAM STATS	OM	ARK
First Downs	15	23
Rushing (Net)	145	146
Passing (Net)	87	133
Total Offense	232	279
Passing (A-C-I)	28-11-1	17-10-1
Punts-Average	6-47.3	5-43.2
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-1
Penalties-Yards	10-86	8-65
Possession Time	22:52	37:08

- RUSHING — OM: Avery 20-155
ARK: Malone 32-126, Chukwuma 12-32
- PASSING — OM: Head 5-2-1-19, Patridge 23-9-0-68
ARK: Burks 17-10-1-133
- RECEIVING — OM: G. Heard 2-25, Rone 2-16, Avery 2-13
ARK: Eubanks 4-68, Snowden 2-22, Cornelius 2-21

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Game #9
November 16
Att.: 44,436

LSU 39 • Ole Miss 7
Oxford, Miss.
Vaught-Hemingway Stadium

Game #10
November 23
Att.: 76,511

Ole Miss 31 • Georgia 27
Athens, Ga.
Sanford Stadium



Ta'Boris Fisher

Ole Miss had an impressive 54-12-2 Homecoming mark entering this game and had never lost to LSU on Homecoming. For the first half, it looked as if the Rebels might have a chance to extend their Homecoming streak over the Tigers. The Rebels marched the ball down to the LSU 27-yard line on the first possession of the game, but Tim Montz's 44-yard field goal attempt went wide right. On Ole Miss' next possession, senior H-Back Ta'Boris Fisher recorded the 128th catch of his

career, setting the Rebel all-time reception record. The next series for Ole Miss, quarterback Stewart Patridge, who started in place of Paul Head, was called for intentional grounding in the end zone, giving LSU a safety and a 2-0 lead. Ole Miss had a chance to take the lead with less than 3:00 left in the first half, but Montz missed a 49-yard field goal attempt. LSU got the ball to start the second half, and proceeded to go 72 yards in 12 plays to score on a Wade Richey 25-yard field goal that put the Tigers up 5-0. On the Tigers' next possession, quarterback Herb Tyler hit David LaFleur 59 yards down the right side to the Ole Miss 21-yard line, then Kevin Faulk raced in from there for the first touchdown of the game. Faulk, who rushed for 117 yards on 28 carries, gave the Tigers a 12-0 lead with about five minutes remaining in the third quarter. The Tigers added two more touchdowns on a six-yard pitch to Faulk and a two-yard run by Tyler to start the fourth quarter with a commanding 25-0 lead. The Rebels got on the board when John Avery ran back the ensuing kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown. The Tigers answered with two more touchdowns to make the final 39-7. Patridge completed 16-of-30 passes for 157 yards. Tyler passed for 255 yards, completing 13-of-20 attempts.

LSU	2	0	17	20	—	39
OLE MISS	0	0	0	7	—	7

- LSU — Safety, Patridge intentional grounding in endzone 1:13 1Q
- LSU — Richey 25 field goal 9:35 3Q
- LSU — Faulk 21 run (Richey kick) 5:55 3Q
- LSU — Faulk 6 run (Richey kick) 2:35 3Q
- LSU — Tyler 2 run (Richey kick) 14:57 4Q
- OM — Avery 100 kickoff return (Montz kick) 14:43 4Q
- LSU — Faulk 1 run (Richey kick) 12:06 4Q
- LSU — Tyler 8 run (Richey kick) 11:02 4Q

TEAM STATS	OM	LSU
First Downs	14	24
Rushing (Net)	31	219
Passing (Net)	157	255
Total Offense	188	474
Passing (A-C-I)	30-16-1	21-13-0
Punts-Average	6-44.8	4-44.3
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-30	4-52
Possession Time	26:37	33:23

- RUSHING — OM: Avery 18-41
LSU: Faulk 28-117, Tyler 4-32
- PASSING — OM: Patridge 30-16-1-157
LSU: Tyler 20-13-0-255, Sparacino 1-0-0-0
- RECEIVING — OM: Fisher 6-60, Mangum 3-31
LSU: LaFleur 2-72, Frazier 2-58



Nate Wayne

The Ole Miss defense forced four turnovers as the Rebels earned their fourth victory over the Bulldogs in Athens with a 31-27 win. The Rebels got things going early when Broc Kreitz recovered a fumble on the Bulldog 26-yard line. That would set up a 14-yard touchdown run by John Avery, who rushed for 119 yards on 29 carries for the day. Less than one minute later, Nate Wayne picked off a Mike Bobo pass and returned it 16 yards for the touchdown, giving the Rebels an early 14-0 lead.

The Bulldogs turned the tables quickly with two touchdowns, a 16-yard Bobo pass to Juan Daniels followed by a 40-yard bomb to Hines Ward which tied the score. Georgia scored three times in the second quarter, a 23-yard scoring pass to Daniels and two field goals by Dax Langley to lead 27-14 at halftime. In the second half, Rebel quarterback Stewart Patridge marched the Rebels down to the Georgia eight-yard line before being intercepted. Two plays later, David Evans stripped the ball from Bobo, and Kyle Wicker ran it in from nine yards out for the touchdown, cutting the lead to 27-21 with eight minutes left in the third quarter. Late in the period, Tim Montz got the Rebels to within three with a 51-yard field goal. After a punt, Patridge connected with Ronnie Heard for a 25-yard gain which set up the winning touchdown, a two-yard pass to Eli Anding. Georgia had one last try when Mike Luckie picked off Patridge in the end zone with three minutes remaining. Bobo found Hines Ward on an 83-yard pass play to the Ole Miss 16-yard line. The Rebel defense stopped the Bulldogs on fourth and six from the 12 to notch the victory.

OLE MISS	14	0	10	7	—	31
GEORGIA	14	13	0	0	—	27

- OM — Avery 14 run (Montz kick) 13:04 1Q
- OM — Wayne 16 interception return (Montz kick) 11:01 1Q
- UG — Daniels 16 pass from Bobo (Langley kick) 4:46 1Q
- UG — Ward 40 pass from Bobo (Langley kick) 2:17 1Q
- UG — Daniels 23 pass from Bobo (Langley kick) 10:43 2Q
- UG — Langley 27 field goal 2:31 2Q
- UG — Langley 38 field goal 0:00 2Q
- OM — Wicker 9 fumble return (Montz kick) 8:19 3Q
- OM — Montz 51 field goal 3:19 3Q
- OM — Anding 2 pass from Patridge (Montz kick) 14:56 4Q

TEAM STATS	OM	UG
First Downs	19	25
Rushing (Net)	146	124
Passing (Net)	126	366
Total Offense	272	490
Passing (A-C-I)	25-17-2	42-25-1
Punts-Average	5-38.2	2-42.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	4-3
Penalties-Yards	3-32	8-53
Possession Time	31:40	28:20

- RUSHING — OM: Avery 29-119, Cannon 6-34
UG: Edwards 19-69, Ward 2-28
- PASSING — OM: Patridge 25-17-2-126
UG: Bobo 42-25-1-366
- RECEIVING — OM: Fisher 6-25, G. Heard 4-65, Avery 3-21
UG: Daniels 8-125, Ward 5-134

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Ole Miss

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Game #11
November 30
Att.: 23,678

Mississippi St. 17 • Ole Miss 0
Oxford, Miss.
Vaught-Hemingway Stadium



Lawrence Adams

The Rebels had a lot to play for in the annual "Egg Bowl". Bragging rights for the entire year were at stake, but even more significant was a chance to have back-to-back winning seasons while under NCAA probation with severe sanctions. The last four Egg Bowl games had been decided by a touchdown or less, and the 1996 showdown appeared to be headed for another close call. It was a game of defense, and even though the Rebel defense held the MSU offense scoreless,

the Bulldogs made the big plays. In a scoreless game through one and a half quarters, MSU's Eric Brown picked off a Stewart Patridge pass at the Ole Miss 13-yard line and returned it for a touchdown to give the Bulldogs a 7-0 lead. The Rebels had a chance to tie the game at the end of the first half after Patridge connected with Lawrence Adams on a 29-yard pass, placing the Rebels at the Bulldog 20-yard line. The Rebels were unable to punch it in and had to settle for a 38-yard field goal attempt by Tim Montz, but he missed wide left, and the Bulldogs took a 7-0 lead into the locker room. Ole Miss received the ball to start the third quarter, but before they could do anything, a 10-yard penalty and a quarterback sack pushed them back to the four-yard line. One play later, the Bulldogs tackled John Avery in the endzone for a safety to take a 9-0 lead. The Rebels had one more chance to score a touchdown when Patridge hit Ta'Boris Fisher 55 yards down the right sideline. The Rebels came away with nothing as Montz's 37-yard field goal attempt was blocked by MSU's Adesola Badon. With 45 seconds left in the game, Patridge was sacked for a loss of 12 yards and fumbled the ball. Brown recovered the ball and returned it 60 yards for the touchdown, giving the Bulldogs a 17-0 victory. Avery led Ole Miss with 123 yards on 23 carries. Patridge completed 10-of-27 passes for 156 yards. He was sacked nine times. Chris Rainey led the Bulldogs with 84 yards on 22 rushes. Derrick Taite tossed for 97 yards on 9-of-21 passing.

MISS. ST.	0	7	2	8	—	17
OLE MISS	0	0	0	0	—	0

MSU — Brown 13 interception return (Hazlewood kick) 7:09 2Q
MSU — Safety, Avery tackled in endzone 12:54 3Q
MSU — Brown 60 fumble return (Wyatt run) 0:45 4Q

TEAM STATS	OM	MSU
First Downs	15	10
Rushing (Net)	52	146
Passing (Net)	156	109
Total Offense	208	255
Passing (A-C-I)	26-10-1	27-10-1
Punts-Average	8-37.5	7-33.6
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-35	10-108
Possession Time	28:02	31:58

RUSHING — OM: Avery 23-123, Cannon 4-4
MSU: Rainey 22-84, Greer 12-41
PASSING — OM: Patridge 27-10-156
MSU: Taite 21-9-1-97, Wyatt 5-1-0-12
RECEIVING — OM: Bilbrew 3-21, Fisher 2-64, Rone 2-26
MSU: Grant 3-57, Belcher 2-15, Woodberry 2-14

1996 Single Game Superlatives

	Team High & Lows	
	High	Low
Scoring	OM38 vs. ISU, ASU	0 vs. Ala., MSU
	Opp45 by Auburn	7 by VMI
First downs	OM28 vs. Auburn	9 at Alabama
	Opp28 by Alabama	10 by VMI, MSU
Rushes	OM44 at Vanderbilt	29 at LSU
	Opp59 by Arkansas	29 by Idaho State
Rushing yds	OM162 vs. VMI	26 at Alabama
	Opp273 by Alabama	78 by Vanderbilt
Passing atts	OM45 vs. Auburn	23 vs. VMI
	Opp47 by Ark. State	6 by VMI
Pass comps	OM27 vs. Auburn	10 vs. Ala., MSU
	Opp28 by Ark. State	2 by VMI
Passing yds	OM321 vs. Idaho State	87 at Arkansas
	Opp366 by Georgia	13 by VMI
Total offense	OM490 at Georgia	158 at Alabama
	Opp503 by Tennessee	174 by VMI
Offensive plays	OM80 vs. Aub., VU	55 at Alabama
	Opp82 by Alabama	52 by Idaho State
Fumbles	OM4 vs. MSU	0 at Vanderbilt
	Opp5 by Vanderbilt	0 by three teams
Fumbles lost	OM3 vs. UT, MSU	0 three times
	Opp3 by Georgia	0 by three teams
Penalties	OM11 vs. Idaho State	3 at Georgia
	Opp13 by Tennessee	4 by LSU
Penalty yds	OM108 vs. Idaho State	30 at LSU
	Opp108 by MSU	40 by VMI

Individual Game Highs

Rushing attempts	29, John Avery at Georgia, Nov. 23
Net rushing yards	155, John Avery at Arkansas, Nov. 9
Rushing touchdowns	3, Artie Moore vs. Idaho State, Aug. 31
Pass attempts	45, Paul Head vs. Auburn, Sept. 14
Pass completions	27, Paul Head vs. Auburn, Sept. 14
Passing yards	297, Paul Head vs. Auburn, Sept. 14
Passing touchdowns	2, Paul Head twice, Stewart Patridge once
Completion percentage	71.4 (20-28), Paul Head vs. ISU, Aug. 31
Pass receptions	7, Ta'Boris Fisher vs. VMI, Sept. 7
Receiving yards	80, Kris Mangum vs. Auburn, Sept. 14
Receiving touchdowns	1, by eight different players
Total offense	299, Paul Head vs. Auburn, Sept. 14
Points scored	18, Artie Moore vs. Idaho State, Aug. 31
Field goals attempted	2, Tim Montz, four times
Field goals made	2, Tim Montz at Vanderbilt, Sept. 21
PAT kicks attempted	5, Tim Montz vs. ISU and Arkansas State
PAT kicks made	5, Tim Montz vs. ISU and Arkansas State
Punts	9, Randall Green at Vanderbilt, Sept. 21
Longest punt	67, Randall Green at Arkansas, Nov. 9
Punting average	47.7, Randall Green vs. Auburn, Sept. 14
Punt return attempts	4, Ta'Boris Fisher (AU)/Andre Rone (VU)
Punt return yards	87, Andre Rone vs. VMI, Sept. 7
Punt return average	43.5, Andre Rone vs. VMI, Sept. 7
Kickoff return attempts	5, John Avery vs. Tennessee, Oct. 3
Kickoff return yards	120, John Avery vs. ASU, Oct. 26
Kickoff return average	60.0, John Avery vs. ASU, Oct. 26
Tackles	16, Broc Kreitz at Georgia, Nov. 23
Sacks	3, Quentin Wilson at Vanderbilt, Aug. 21
Interception return yards	22, Jason Clingan vs. Auburn, Sept. 14