

2008 GAME RECAPS

LOUISIANA TECH 22 Mississippi St 14 - MSU took its 2nd possession 94 yds in 9 plays for a TD. LT hit a 48 yd FG. MSU was int'd at the LT19 and then int'd at the LT32. LT was int'd in the EZ. Mid-2Q, MSU went 83 yds in 12 plays for a TD, 14-3 with 2:14 left 1H. LT punted to the 1 and MSU punted with :33 left 1H and after a 28 yd PR, LT started at the MS13. On 3rd & 3 they got a 6 yd TD pass with :17 left, 14-9. MSU had a 237-168 yd edge. MSU fmbld the 2H KO but LT was int'd at the MS1. MSU fmbld a PR at their own 9 and LT got a TD 4 pl later to lead 16-14. MSU got to the LT19 but was int'd & it was ret'd 42 yds and a personal foul set up LT at the 35. LT got a 28 yd FG, 19-14. LT went on a 57 yd, 16 play drive converting on 4th & 1 to the MS39. They nailed a 50 yd FG, 22-14 with 6:48 left.

MISSISSIPPI ST 34 SE Louisiana 10 - In the 1H MSU had a 250-43 yd edge. SL struck first with a 46 yd FG. MSU went 65 yds in 4 plays for a TD, fmbld at the SL43, went 64 yds in 17 plays but settled for a 33 yd FG, fmbld at the SL26, nailed a 41 yd FG then went 46 yds in 9 plays for a TD with :05 left 1H, 20-3. MSU opened the 3Q with 65 yd, 11 play and 27 yd, 5 play (after fmbld) drives for TD's, 34-3. SL went 86 yds in 8 plays for a TD with 4:54 left, 34-10.

Auburn 3 MISSISSIPPI ST 2 - Aub had a 14-6 FD edge and 315-116 yd edge. The first 9 poss were punts then AU went 39 yds in 8 plays & had a FD at the 11 but after a pair of penalties settled for a 35 yd FG. Two poss later AU missed a 42 yd FG with :19 left in the half. AU had a 170-66 yd edge at the half. AU fmbld at their own 32 to open the 3Q but MSU missed a 38 yd FG. AU had a partially blk'd punt but MSU was SOD at the AU37. AU went 58 yds in 8 plays and had a 1st & goal at the 7 but missed a 22 yd FG. AU got to the MS27 but a penalty and a sack forced a 4th & 23 and they punted. After a punt pinned AU at the 3 they were tik'd for a safety, 3-2. MSU was SOD at the AU41 but AU fmbld at their own 47. MSU was SOD at the MS48 but AU fumbled at the MS34. MSU was int'd at the AU18.

GEORGIA TECH 38 Mississippi St 7 - GT rushed for 438 yds, their most since 1978. GT took their opening drive 79 yds in 11 plays for a TD and then after rec a fmbld, went 40 yds in 4 plays for a TD, 14-0. MSU got a 71 yd run by Dixon but had an 18 yd FG blk'd. MSU went on a 9 play drive but was SOD at the GT45. Eight plays later on 4&3 GT got a TD, 21-0. MSU went 65 yds in 15 plays for a FD at the 11 but was int'd at the 2 with :19 left 1H. GT only had a 189-173 yd 1H edge. MSU went on an 8 play drive to open the 3Q but faked a 51 yd FG and pooch punted to the 12 and Dwyer ripped off an 88 yd TD run. GT then iced it by going 53 yds in 6 plays for a 29 yd FG. Two poss later MSU went on a 68 yd, 9 play drive but was SOD at the 12 and it was 31-0 after 3Q's.

LSU 34 Mississippi St 24 - MSU ret'd the opening KO to the LSU 32, gained 7 yds and got a 42 yd FG. LSU went 52 yds in 6 plays for a 38 yd FG. LSU went 88 yds in 15 plays for a TD, 10-3. LSU went 61 yds in 8 plays for a TD, 17-3. LSU was int'd at the 40 and it was ret'd 23 yds but MSU punted. LSU fumbled at their own 47 and MSU went 47 yds in 6 plays for a TD with 2:20 left 1H, 17-10. LSU had a 221-122 yd edge. LSU went 58 yds in 6 plays for a TD, 24-10. LSU hit a 39 yd FG, 27-10. MSU went on a 74 yd, 18 play drive including a 4th & 1 conv to the LSU24 and got a TD with 10:25 left, 27-17. LSU got a 43 yd TD pass, 34-17. MSU went 68 yds in 5 plays for a TD with 2:40 left and LSU rec'd the onside kick.

MISSISSIPPI ST 17 Vanderbilt 14 - In the 1H MSU had a 144-43 yd edge. They settled for a 33 yd FG after a 64 yd, 12 play drive. The next 8 possessions were punts with MSU getting off a 4 yd punt and a 16 yd punt so VU started at the MS17. Seven plays later they got a TD with :19 left 1H and led 7-3. MSU took their opening drive of the 3Q 59 yds in 12 plays for a TD, 10-7. Early 4Q, VU was int'd and it was ret'd 16 yds to their 7. MSU got a TD, 17-7. Adams came in at QB and VU went 57 yds in 10 plays for a TD 17-14. VU took over at their 28 with 3:37 left but Adams was int'd and MSU got 1 FD and took a knee.

TENNESSEE 34 Mississippi St 3 - In the 1H MSU had a 120-119 yd edge. MSU missed a 39 yd FG. UT got 36 and 28 yd FG's and MSU got a 43 yd'r, 6-3 at the half. UT opened the 3Q with a 53 yd, 11 play TD drive incl 4&2 and 3&10 conversions, 13-3. UT missed a 34 yd FG but then MSU was int'd at their own 44. MSU was int'd at the UT28 & it was ret'd 75 yds for a TD by Berry, 20-3. Three plays later UT got a 32 yd IR TD, 27-3. UT drove 51 yds in 12 plays for a TD with 2:39 left and finished with a 275-189 yd edge.

MISSISSIPPI ST 31 Middle Tennessee 22 - MS went 80 yds, 8 plays and got a TD. MT settled for a 30 yd FG. MS got a 62 yd TD run by Dixon 3 plays later, 14-3. MT went on a 64 yd drive but settled for an 18 yd FG, 14-6. MT got a 55 yd pass to King to the 16 and on 3rd & 8 got a 14 yd TD pass with 6:29 left, 14-13. At the half MSU had a 204-170 yd edge. MT opened the 3Q with a 67 yd, 14 play drive but settled for a 23 yd FG, 16-14. MS went 69 yds in 12 plays for a TD and the lead, 21-16. After a 21 yd PR, MS nailed a 37 yd FG, 24-16 with :22 left 3Q. MS went 61 yds in 11 plays for a TD with 9:45 left, 31-16. MT went 76 yds in 16 plays and got a TD (2 ptng) with 2:45 left, 31-22.

Kentucky 14 MISSISSIPPI ST 13 - MSU took their 2nd drive 78 yds in 9 plays for a TD. Mid-2Q, MSU went 49 yds in 8 plays but was SOD at the UK33. UK missed a 35 yd FG. UK opened the 3Q with a 53 yd, 9 play drive for a TD behind QB Cobb. On their next drive, they converted on 4th & 1 at their own 27 and continued on an 82 yd, 12 play TD drive, 14-7. UK fmbld at their own 31 and MSU got a TD 3 plays later but the xp was blk'd, 14-13. UK was int'd at the MSU31. MSU had 1 FD & then a punt was blk'd on 4th & 6 but offsidess made it 4th & 1 and they went for it and converted. They continued on a 49 yd, 10 play drive for a 27 yd FG but it hit the left upright. MSU was SOD at its own 48 and int'd at its own 45 on its final 2 drives.

ALABAMA 32 Mississippi St 7 - MSU had a 134-110 yd edge at the half and did have a punt blk'd for a safety after their first drive then fmbld at the Bama42 on their 2nd. Bama got a 35 yd FG 9 plays later, 5-0. Two poss later MSU went 78 yds in 7 plays and a 31 yd TD pass put them up 7-5. Bama PR Arenas got a 46 yd PR to the 2 setting up a Tide TD with 4:47 left 1H and led 12-7. In the 3Q, Arenas ret'd a punt 80 yds for a TD, 19-7. Late 3Q, Bama hit a 34 yd FG then went 71 yds in 12 plays for a 35 yd FG, 25-7. Bama got 37 and 34 yd passes on the first 2 plays of its next drive and a 1 yd TD run, 32-7 with 7:54 left.

MISSISSIPPI ST 31 Arkansas 28 - Ark opened with a 71 yd, 10 play drive for a TD but RB Smith had 45 yds on that drive and just 15 the rest of the gm. Ark QB Nathan Dick started as his brother Casey was inj'd and hit an 87 yd TD pass to Miller, 14-0. MSU had 226 rush yds and went 73 yds in 12 plays and 73 yds and 7 plays for TD's, 14-14 early 2Q. Ark missed a 44 yd FG and MSU hit a 32 yd FG, 17-14. MSU was SOD at the UA32 then missed a 42 yd FG. MSU got a 63 yd TD run by Dixon, 24-14. Both tms scored TDs on long drives, 31-21. Ark was SOD at their own 44. UA drove 80 yds on 12 plays for a TD with :25 left, recovered the onside kick but missed a 46 yd FG on the game's final play.

MISSISSIPPI 45 Mississippi St 0 - I used Miss as my Defense of the Week on my CBS College Sports show and they held MSU to 24 total yds offense while rolling up 220 rushing and 241 passing in the biggest rout in the series in 37 years (48-0 in 1971). UM went 76 yds in 5 plays for a TD, 27 yds in 6 plays for a 43 yd FG, 54 yds in 6 plays for a TD and 35 yds in 4 plays (after int) for a TD on their first 4 poss and led 24-0 after 1Q. It was 31-0 at the half with a 324-42 yd edge. The UM D hit MSU QBs on 9 of their first 10 passes and broke the school record by allowing -64 yds rush (110 yds lost on sks).