

No. 20 Ole Miss runs right through Ga Tech in 42-0 blowout

By Paul Newberry

ATLANTA (AP) — For those who think Lane Kiffin prefers to throw the ball all over the field, check out what No. 20 Mississippi did on Saturday.

With his quarterback position still in a bit of flux, Kiffin's team put quite the beat-down on Georgia Tech.

Zach Evans and Quinshon Judkins led a 316-yard pummeling on the ground that powered Ole Miss to a 42-0 victory, turning up the heat even more on embattled Yellow Jackets coach Geoff Collins.

"We wanted to come in and suck the life out of them," Evans said.

Mission accomplished.

Jaxson Dart returned as the starting quarterback after Luke Altmyer got the nod the previous week.

It really didn't matter who was taking the snaps. Not the way Ole Miss (3-0) was running the ball out of its fast-paced system.

"Everybody thinks you throw the ball in this system," Kiffin said. "You really don't. You run the ball a lot in this system when you really have it going."

The Rebels had it going from the very first possession. On third-and-7 from the Georgia Tech 17, Judkins ran for the first down. The freshman then rumbled to the end zone on third-and-goal from the 7.

Ole Miss ran for all six of its touchdowns, piling up 31 first downs and averaging 5.1 yards on a staggering 62 carries. Evans had scoring runs of 3 and 26 yards while rushing for 134 yards. Judkins gained 98 yards and also scored twice.

Ulysses Bentley added two more TD runs as the Rebels really poured it on the third quarter, doubling their 21-0 halftime lead.

The Ole Miss defense wasn't too shabby, either. The Rebels held Georgia Tech to 214 yards total offense while sacking Jeff Sims seven times. They have allowed just 13 points on the season, albeit against less-than-stellar opposition.

"That's the goal of our defense," said end Cedric Johnson, who had a sack and a blocked punt. "Play violent on every play."

Dart completed 10 of 16 passes for 207 yards with an interception, doing some of his best work on the ground. He rushed for 40 yards and pretty much delivered the exclamation point to this



Mississippi running back Quinshon Judkins (4) gets past Georgia Tech defensive back Jaylon King (14) as he runs for a touchdown in the first half of an NCAA college football game, Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022, in Atlanta. (AP Photo/John Bazemore)

mauling by lowering his shoulder to send safety Jaylon King flying at the end of a run late in the third.

Georgia Tech (1-2) surrendered another blocked punt — its third of the young season — to set up a touchdown that pushed Ole Miss to a 14-0 lead with the game barely 5 minutes old.

That sparked the Rebels to their first road shutout since 2012 and first blanking of a Power Five school since a 45-0 victory over Mississippi State in 2008.

Georgia Tech did nothing to relieve the pressure on Collins, who increasingly looks to be winding down his tenure in Atlanta.

"That was hard," Collins said. "That was not up to the standard of Georgia Tech football. That completely falls on me as the head foot-

ball coach.

"I thought we were prepared, I thought we had a good plan, I thought we were ready to handle any adversity that showed. But I don't know if there's any positives to take out of that — offensively, defensively or special teams."

Dart, a transfer from Southern Cal, started for the second time. Altmyer got the nod last week, only to be forced out of the game with an upper-body injury.

The injury wasn't serious, but Dart got all the significant snaps in this one. Altmyer finally came on in the fourth quarter to handle garbage time.

QB QUESTIONS

Kiffin declined to comment on the quarterback depth chart going forward, but it certainly appears Dart

has reclaimed the top spot.

"We just kind of went with him," the coach said. "He practiced really well. He had a really good week, a much better week than the previous one."

Kiffin especially liked the way Dart bounced back after his one big mistake, an interception late in the first half when Ole Miss was poised to add to its lead.

Dart led three straight touchdown drives in the third quarter, completing 6 of 7 passes for 115 yards. Clearly, his comfort level in a new system is growing with each game.

"The more I run it," Dart said, "the more I can play without hesitation."

THE TAKEAWAY

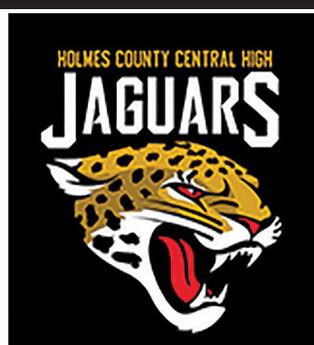
Ole Miss: The defense continues to excel, but it's hard to tell how much of that is due to the lack of quality opponents. Dart did what was asked of him but will eventually need to show more in the passing game. Ole Miss isn't going to be able to run like this once it gets to the Southeastern Conference part of its schedule.

Georgia Tech: There are no signs of this program showing improvement in Collins' fourth season. The Yellow Jackets fell to 10-27 overall and 1-10 against ranked opponents during his tenure. They continue to make the sort of silly mistakes that reflect badly on the coaching staff. Athletic director Todd Stansbury couldn't miss the boos that poured down on the home team as they trotted off the field at halftime — or that most of the fans were long gone by the time the game ended.

UP NEXT

Ole Miss: Rounds out a weak non-conference slate by hosting Tulsa next Saturday.

Holmes County Central High School



The Holmes Central Varsity Jaguars dropped their first game of the season after an impressive start against their first three opponents.

The Jaguars played the away conference game against Neshoba County Central (Philadelphia, MS) and lost by a score of 23-18, leading to a record of 3-1.

(We will provide more stats when available).

The Jaguars will play Canton High School on Friday, September 23 at Canton at 7:00 p.m.



After playing four 4A games, the Central Holmes Trojans played their first 3A game against Delta Streets Academy Friday night, September 16 at the Pillow Academy field. The Trojans looked strong on both sides of the ball and won by a score of 48-1.

The Trojans led 14-3 after the first quarter, 34-10 at the half, and 41-10 after the third quarter.

Coach Womack stated that "I thought that our kids played hard and more physical. Both our offensive and defensive fronts controlled the line of scrimmage." He continued by saying that our backs and quarterback did great jobs running downhill with better physicality. On the rushing front Lamarion Buchanan ran for 131 yards; Mike Jones for 31; John Ward for 113; Josh Robinson for 18; John Hudson Word for 4; Mayson Wiysel for 37; Kade Ward for 7; Ashton Tate for 14; and Lane Womack 1 (FBR).

John Ward attempted 3 passes for 33 yards; John Hudson word had two receptions for 33 yards.

On defense Mason Wiysel had 6 tackles; John Ward 5; John C Riley 8; Josh Robinson 4; Gibson Parish 3; Mike Jones 9; Eli Car 5; Bryan Gallagher 4; Aiden Adcock 7; Ashton Tate 4; Logan Engle 4; Hudson Haffey 3; Cade Ward; and Carson Burrell 4.

The Trojans will play perennial rival Winona Christian School on Friday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m. at Winona.

*Shootings

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At this time both victims

dollars on tuition. Perhaps even more importantly, it has put an affordable college experience into the hands of many members of our future workforce.

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have been released from UMMC and are recovering from their wounds.

Chief Johnson says that the investigation is ongoing. The Mississippi Bureau of Investigation is assisting the Durant police with the investigation.

According to the authorities, the police have neither identified a suspect nor suspects in the case nor a motive for the shooting.

SHOOTING IN GOODMAN

On Wednesday, September 14, on the same day as the shooting in Durant, a shooting occurred in the town of Goodman.

The case is still under investigation. Authorities state that, at this time, there is no evidence of the perpetrators or any other pertinent information about the shooting.

If anyone has any information about the shootings in both Durant and Goodman, please contact the Durant Police or the Goodman Police.



Open Enrollment for MPAC

Families can prepay and lock in today's rates for future college tuition costs

JACKSON, Miss. — Enrollment is now open from September 1, 2022, through May 31, 2023, for families who want to prepay college tuition for a child, grandchild, or loved one. This plan allows families to lock in today's rates for future college tuition costs.

Treasurer David McRae said, "With inflation skyrocketing, and college tuition costs going up even more than the rate of inflation, now is the time for Mississippi families to lock in rates and save thousands in the future."



College costs have increased 160 percent since 1980. Today, between tuition, room and board, books, and other expenses, a college education typically costs families around \$27,000 annually for a public, in-state university and \$55,000 annually for a private college,

according to a 2021 College Board report. As a result, most rely on hefty loans that take years — if not decades — to pay back.

Annual tuition hikes are now the norm, leading U.S. News and World Report to predict that by 2030, annual public university tuition costs could reach \$44,000.

"Earlier this year, we asked Mississippians if they knew they could lock in today's tuition rates, insulate themselves from future price hikes, and begin pre-paying their child's tuition. Two out of every three Mississippians were unaware. That means we still have work to do, and that's why we're making this announcement today and encouraging people to call our office at (601) 359-5255 to learn more," said Treasurer McRae.

The Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition (MPACT) program has saved hundreds of Mississippi families thousands of