



MISSISSIPPI @ VANDERBILT

Thursday, August 29

Vanderbilt Stadium
Nashville, Tennessee
9:15ET // ESPN

Line: Ole Miss by 3 (53.5)



COACH

James Franklin, third year here

Vanderbilt Projected Starters

OFFENSE

- QB: 6 A. Carta-Samuels, Sr.
- RB: 25 Brian Kimbrow, So.
- WR: 87 Jordan Matthews, Sr.
- WR: 80 Chris Boyd, Jr.
- WR: 17 Jonathan Krause, Sr.
- TE: 81 Steven Scheu, So.
- C: 57 Joe Townsend, Jr.
- RG: 77 Spencer Pulley, Jr.
- LG: 53 Jake Bernstein, So.
- RT: 52 Andrew Bridges, Jr.
- LT: 67 Wesley Johnson, Sr.

DEFENSE

- DE: 90 Walker May, Sr.
- DT: 53 Vince Taylor, Jr.
- DT: 44 Barron Dixon, Jr.
- DE: 92 Kyle Woestmann, Jr.
- SLB: 35 Darreon Herring, So.
- MLB: 36 Chase Garnham, Sr.
- WLB: 28 Karl Butler, Sr.
- FS: 1 Kenny Ladler, Sr.
- SS: 31 Javon Marshall, Sr.
- CB: 23 Andre Hal, Sr.
- CB: 12 Steven Clarke, Sr.

SPECIALISTS

- K: 39 Carey Spear, Sr.
- P: 16 Colby Cooke, Fr.
- KR: 25 Brian Kimbrow, So.
- KR: 23 Andre Hal, Sr.
- PR: 17 Jonathan Krause, Sr.

Advantages

Quarterbacks:



Running Backs:



Wide Receivers:



Offensive Line:



Defensive Line:



Secondary:



Special Teams:



Overall:



COACH

Hugh Freeze, second year here

Ole Miss Projected Starters

OFFENSE

- QB: 14 Bo Wallace, Jr.
- RB: 3 Jeff Scott, Sr.
- WR: 12 Donte Moncrief, Jr.
- WR: 85 Ja-Mes Logan, Sr.
- WR: 10 Vince Sanders, Jr.
- TE: 84 Jack Nuismer, Sr.
- C: 56 Evan Swindall, Sr.
- RG: 77 Patrick Junen, Sr.
- LG: 72 Aaron Morris, Jr.
- RT: 71 Pierce Burton, Sr.
- LT: 70 Emmanuel McCray, Sr.

DEFENSE

- DE: 10 CJ Johnson, Jr.
- NT: 94 Isaac Gross, So.
- DT: 95 Bryon Bennett, Jr.
- DE: 5 Robert Nkemdiche, Fr.
- SLB: 4 Denzel Nkemdiche, So.
- MLB: 52 Mike Marry, Sr.
- HUS: 12 Tony Conner, Fr.
- FS: 25 Cody Prewitt, Jr.
- SS: 7 Trae Elston, So.
- CB: 21 Senquez Golson, Jr.
- CB: 3 Charles Sawyer, Sr.

SPECIALISTS

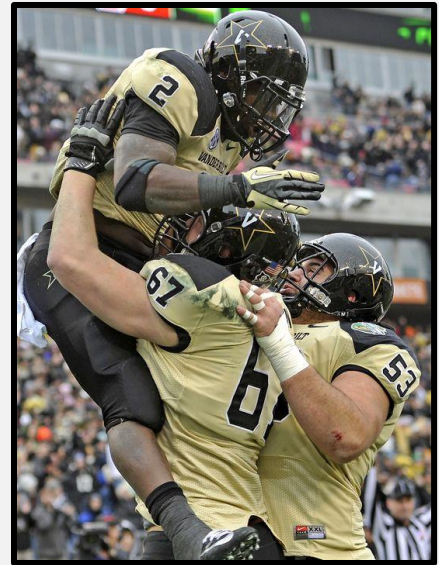
- K: 96 Andrew Ritter, Sr.
- P: 97 Tyler Campbell, Sr.
- KR: 6 Jaylen Walton, So.
- KR: 5 T'Avius Mathers, So.
- PR: 28 Korvic Neat, Sr.

2012 Team Stats

Team	OPPG	OYPG	OPYPG	ORYPG	DPPG	DYPG	DPYPG	DRYPG	TOs	'12 REC	Ret. Strs
MISSISSIPPI	31.5	424	250	174	27.6	376	247	129	-1	7-6	9/10/0
VANDERBILT	30.0	380	213	166	18.7	334	192	142	+0	9-4	7/6/1

2012 Game Recap: Last year's 27-26 final score tells how evenly matched these squads were a year ago. Last season, Ole Miss led at halftime 16-6 and then scored on their first possession in the second half (23-6) and from then on it looked as the Rebels would run away with it, as the offense was clicking on all cylinders, especially quarterback Bo Wallace. Vanderbilt struck back immediately on the next drive with a touchdown pass from Rodgers and the Commodores were back in it. (23-13) The Vanderbilt defense then held the Rebel offense to four straight series without points. (Rose missed 52 yd FG) Vanderbilt tacked on a touchdown in the mid-third quarter to cut the deficit to only three. Rose connected on a 27-yd FG to extend the Rebel lead to six before the 'Dores went up 27-26 late in the fourth to secure the nail-biter victory.

2012 Final Score: Vanderbilt 27 Ole Miss 26



Preview: This season, Ole Miss gains highly sought after players but Vanderbilt loses key players like quarterback Jordan Rodgers and all-time leading rusher Zac Stacy. Ole Miss created a lot of offseason buzz with the recruiting class Hugh Freeze and company reeled in and the amount of players returning from last season's team. Quarterback Bo Wallace returns for the Rebels after passing for 2,994 yards with 22 touchdowns. Senior Jeff Scott will start at running back. (7th in school history in rushing-1, 807) The offensive line is filled with experience as the projected starters have a combined 67 career starts! The defense will have a pair of brothers starting with true freshman Robert Nkemdiche at end and 2012 leading tackler Denzel at linebacker. The pass defense will have their work cut out for them this game. The unit averaged 247 passing yards per game last year and Vanderbilt quarterback Austyn Carta-Samuels will toss the ball around as much he can. Vanderbilt, on the other hand, has some big holes to fill at quarterback and running back. Rodgers put together a productive 2012 season and will be replaced by Wyoming transfer Austyn Carta-Samuels. Carta-Samuels threw 3,655 yards with a 60% completion percentage in two years at Wyoming. Carta-Samuels played in six and started one for the 'Dores in 2012. Sophomore Brian Kimbrow will start at running back and his success running the ball in this game is almost a necessity taking pressure off the fresh face at quarterback. Ole Miss passed 50 times last season but Vanderbilt allowed just 1.4 yards per carry against the run. Stopping the run will be more difficult this time around with more experience in the Ole Miss backfield plus a strong offensive line. The secondary will be on their toes after watching Wallace connect 31 times with his receivers in the 2012 matchup.

My Prediction: With the key losses on offense for Vanderbilt and the amount of returning starters and experience on the Ole Miss defense, I give the Rebels the nod in another close game.

Score Prediction:

Ole Miss 24 Vanderbilt 17

