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Athletes, Coaches, Families and Visitors,

On behalf of the City of Hattiesburg, welcome to the Hub City for the 2025 Mississippi-Alabama All-Star Football Game! We're thrilled to have you here for this incredible showcase of talent, teamwork and state pride.

Since 1988, this game has been more than just a matchup — it's a tradition that unites rivals, inspires communities and gives the best student-athletes from Mississippi and Alabama the chance to shine on one of the South's premier fields. You're not just playing for bragging rights — you're carrying the pride of your schools, your towns and your state.

While you're here, we hope you take time to experience all Hattiesburg has to offer — from local restaurants and coffee shops to our vibrant murals, museums and parks. Our community is excited to cheer you on and welcome you like one of our own.

So play hard, support one another and soak in every moment — because games like this are what young athletes dream about. Let's make this year's Mississippi-Alabama All-Star Game one we'll all remember for years to come.

We wish you a safe, memorable and hard-fought game and we hope you leave here with great stories and even greater pride.

All the best,

Toby Barker

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Mississippi and Alabama Football Fans:

Welcome to the 39<sup>th</sup> annual Mississippi / Alabama All-Star Football Classic!

The Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA) and the Mississippi Association of Coaches (MAC) congratulates the players and coaches selected to participate in this outstanding event. The game affords the opportunity to create new friendships and bonds will be formed during the week as players, coaches and fans from both teams enjoy the events and festivities leading up to the game.

The City of Hattiesburg and the MAC are to be commended for arranging a week of fun, food and hospitality that will ensure the participants a life-long memory. We would like to thank the University of Southern Mississippi and their athletic department for the hard work and dedication in hosting this event on campus. The venue contributes to the festive atmosphere in making this experience unforgettable for all.

A special thank you goes to the many corporate partners that have contributed to the success of this event along with the City of Hattiesburg, Hattiesburg High School, Oak Grove High School and the Mississippi National Guard.

We know you will enjoy today's game while keeping a high level of respect and sportsmanship for the teams involved.

Best of luck to everyone and enjoy your experience in Hattiesburg and our state.

Sincerely,

Rickey Neaves  
MHSAA Executive Director



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The Clinton, MS, based Mississippi Association of Coaches (MAC) is a membership organization serving coaches of all sports throughout the state of Mississippi.

The All-Star Coaches representing Mississippi in today's game were selected by the Football Committee of the Mississippi Association of Coaches; Mississippi's All-Star Players were selected by the Football Committee along with the All-Star Coaches.

"On behalf of the Mississippi Association of Coaches, the players, coaches, parents and fans from Mississippi, we look forward to another memorable All-Star event featuring the best senior football players that each state has to offer," said MAC Executive Director Johnny Mims. "This All-Star Classic has become a true Southern tradition; the MAC appreciates your attendance here today, and encourages your continued support of high school athletics."

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December 13, 2025

Dear Football Fans & Friends:

On behalf of the Mississippi Association of Coaches, we welcome you to this historic event here at M. M. Roberts Stadium in Hattiesburg on the campus of the University of Southern Mississippi. For only the sixth time in history, the State of Mississippi is hosting today's 39th Annual Mississippi-Alabama All-Star Football Classic featuring the best senior gridiron players from the border states of Mississippi and Alabama.

The Mississippi All-Star coaches and players participating in this game were selected by the Mississippi Association of Coaches through the organization's football committee. The Alabama All-Star coaches and players were chosen by the Alabama High School Athletic Association and their All-Star Classic Selection Committee. This game is presented in a joint effort by the Mississippi Association of Coaches and the Alabama High School Athletic Association.

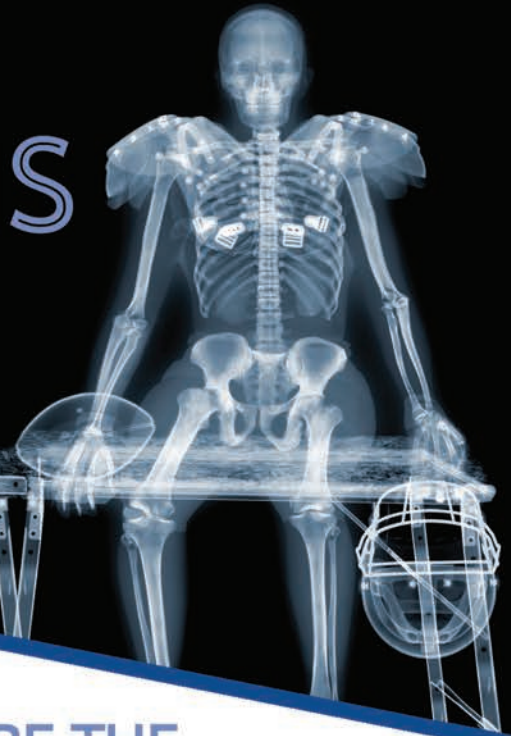
The Mississippi Association of Coaches expresses appreciation to the corporate sponsors of the game and the host school, the University of Southern Mississippi, for bringing you this special athletic event. We welcome you to the Hub City of Hattiesburg and hope you enjoy the game.

Speaking for all of the players, coaches, parents, and fans for both teams, we are excited and thankful for your attendance at this traditional southern All-Star Football Classic and your continued support of high school athletics.

Sincerely,

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ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

December 13, 2025

Dear Football Fans:

The Alabama High School Athletic Association and the Alabama High School Athletic Directors and Coaches Association take this opportunity to congratulate the coaches and players selected to participate in the 39<sup>th</sup> annual Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Football Game.

Participating in the all-star weekend is an honor for all the student-athletes. New friendships are forged while memories are made. The event is an opportunity for the participants to display great sportsmanship, while exemplifying all the characteristics that are at the forefront of interscholastic athletics in Alabama and Mississippi.

We are excited to be a part of this outstanding event at the M.M. Roberts Stadium on the beautiful campus of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, MS. The AHSAA and the AHSADCA wish to express appreciation to Johnny Mims, Executive Director of the Mississippi Association of Coaches; Rickey Neaves, Executive Director of the Mississippi High School Activities Association; the community of Hattiesburg, and the coaches, players, support groups, parents, and fans of the member schools in Mississippi. Having hosted this event in the past, we understand the responsibility and challenges in organizing such a celebrated event. We are excited about this year's event and the opportunity it provides for our student-athletes.

I would also like to thank JT Lawrence, Director of the AHSADCA, and the AHSAA Central Board of Control for its able leadership, the AHSAA selection committee and our staff for their dedication in making this event such a rewarding athletic experience. Foremost, I would like to express a special thanks to the coaches, players, and fans from the member schools of Alabama for their support of interscholastic athletics.

As always, the AHSAA expresses its appreciation for the tremendous support of the media and their coverage of our student-athletes and this All-Star event.

Let us always be reminded that good sportsmanship is at the forefront of all our events. I encourage you to provide the best possible example for our children.

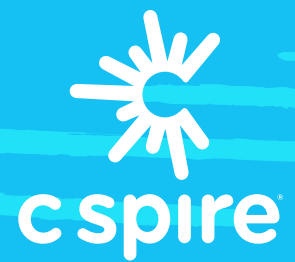
Best of luck to both teams.

Sincerely yours,

Heath Harmon  
AHSAA Executive Director

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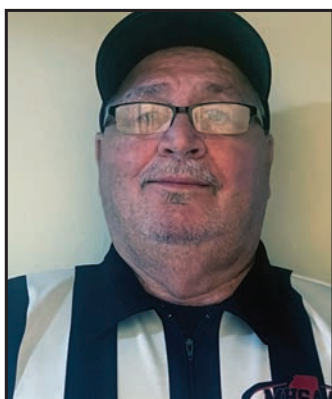
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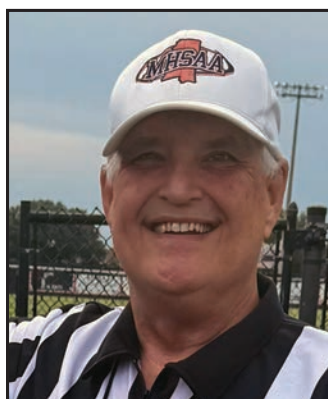
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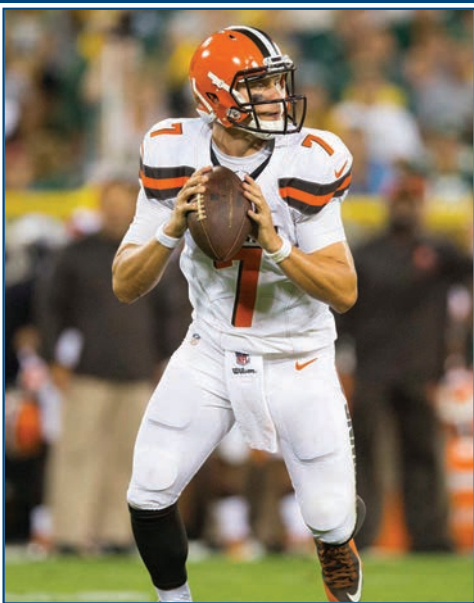


# MISSISSIPPI GAME CAPTAIN

## AUSTIN DAVIS



Austin Davis, the award-winning and record-setting quarterback who played for West Lauderdale High and Southern Miss and had an outstanding 7-year pro football career with the St. Louis Rams, the Miami Dolphins, the Cleveland Browns, the Denver Broncos, the Seattle Seahawks, and the Tennessee Titans. Born in Ringgold, Georgia, Austin was raised in Meridian and played at West Lauderdale High. At West Lauderdale, Davis was the winningest quarterback in school history and was an all-area football player who was also named to the all-state baseball team. He played in the June, 2007, Mississippi/Alabama All-Star Football Classic.



Austin was a walk-on quarterback to the Southern Miss football program after arriving on campus on a baseball scholarship. He started his college career with five straight 200-yard passing games, 9 overall, more than any other Golden Eagle in history and shattered Brett Favre's record for most touchdown passes by a freshman. He was named to the All-Conference USA Freshman team and named honorable mention Freshman All-American. He is a two-time second team All-Conference USA selection and received the Conerly Trophy and the Burlsworth Trophy in his senior season in 2011. He eventually set 15 school passing records in Southern Miss history including single-game and career passing yardage and touchdowns. He lettered for the Golden Eagles from 2007 to 2011 and led his teams to three bowl appearances.

Davis was drafted by the Boston Red Sox in the 2012 MLB Draft in the 31st round, even though he only played baseball for one season at USM in 2007. He decided to pursue a career in the NFL and has never played professional baseball at any level. Undrafted in the 2012 NFL Draft, Austin signed with the St. Louis Rams. He then signed with the Miami Dolphins and re-signed with the Rams in 2013. He led the Rams to several upset wins and played with the squad until 2015.

Austin then signed with the Cleveland Browns as backup to Josh McCown in 2016. After signing a deal with the Denver Broncos, he then played with the Seattle Seahawks as backup to Russell Wilson. In 2018, he was signed as a backup to Marcus Mariota with the Tennessee Titans and was released in 2019.



Austin entered the coaching ranks as an offensive assistant with Seattle in 2019. He was promoted to quarterbacks coach for the Seahawks, making him the youngest such coach in the NFL at 30 years of age. In 2021, he was hired as offensive coordinator and quarterback coach for the Auburn Tigers, but stepped down from the role in 2022.

Austin is currently serving as assistant football and baseball coach at Meridian High. He and his wife Blaire have one daughter, Romy.



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# MISSISSIPPI ALL-STAR ROSTER

#	First Name	Last Name	School	Height	Weight	Position	Coach
0	JJ	Hill	Tupelo	6'0"	220	RB	Ty Hardin
1	Preston	Ashley	Brandon	6'0"	183	S	Lance Pogue
2	Braden	Shettles	New Albany	6'2"	185	QB	Cody Stubblefield
3	Tylan	Wilson	Pascagoula	6'3"	195	S	Lewis Sims
4	Iverson	McCoy	Tupelo	6'1"	185	CB	Ty Hardin
5	Tristen	Keys	Hattiesburg	6'2"	190	WR	Kendall Lacey
6	Cooper	Crosby	Gulfport	5'11"	205	RB	Blake Pennock
7	Zechariah	Jenkins	Laurel	6'2"	190	WR	Ryan Earnest
8	Jayden	Craton	Canton	6'3"	185	WR	Dameon Brown
9	JaReylan	McCoy	Tupelo	6'7"	255	DL	Ty Hardin
10	Hayden	Berglind	Ocean Springs	6'4"	235	TE	Jake Bramlett
11	Zayion	Cotton	Grenada	6'5"	215	WR	Michael Fair
12	Jadien	Taylor	Noxubee County	6'0"	185	WR	Teddy J Young
13	Eric	Perry Jr.	DeSoto Central	6'0"	198	QB	Will Wolfe
14	Demarious	Pittman	Calhoun City	6'0"	180	ATH	MD Jennings
15	Terrell	Johnson Jr.	Holmes Co. Central	6'2"	180	CB	Marcus Rogers
16	Raderriion	Daniels	Lake Cormorant	6'1"	180	CB	Nick Nester
17	Collin	Flanigan	Oxford	6'2"	175	LB	Chris Cutcliffe
18	Jase	Mathews	Greene County	6'0"	190	INJURED	Larry Dolan
19	Maurio	Luvine	Heidelberg	6'3"	235	TE	Darryl Carter
20	Jorden	Rush	West Point	6'2"	250	DL	Brett Morgan
21	Tommaj	Harris	Laurel	5'9"	225	LB	Ryan Earnest
22	Andre	Peters III	Gulfport	5'11"	220	LB	Blake Pennock
23	Tra	Lewis	Columbia	5'10"	210	LB	Chip Bilderback
24	Jazear	Carter	West Harrison	6'2"	270	DL	Quincy Patrick
25	Jarrad	Loper Jr.	Pascagoula	6'0"	230	LB	Lewis Sims
26	Tomareo	Johnson	Pascagoula	6'1"	190	S	Lewis Sims
27	Davon	Merchant	Clinton	6'4"	230	DL	Hamer Morgan
28	Bennett	Payton	Noxubee County	6'3"	195	DL	Teddy J Young
29	Ronderius	King	Madison Central	6'1"	205	LB	Toby Collums
32	Jayden	Curtis	St. Martin	6'3"	265	DL	Woody Cagnolatti
34	Nolan	Wilson	Picayune Memorial	6'4"	270	DL	Cody Stogner
40	Trey	Russo	South Panola	5'8"	180	LS	Brooks Oakley
41	Will	Uelton	Hernando	5'11"	155	K/P	Steve McCann
52	Gunnar	Goodwin	Kossuth	6'4"	295	OL	Brian Kelly
55	Donel	Robinson Jr.	Holmes Co. Central	6'5"	300	OL	Marcus Rogers
57	Anthony "Trey"	Shaw III	Oak Grove	6'4"	300	OL	Drew Causey
58	Jayden	Ross	Ocean Springs	6'5"	320	OL	Jake Bramlett
63	Bryson	Cooley	West Jones	6'6"	335	OL	Cory D. Reynolds
72	Mitchell	Smith	Picayune Memorial	6'6"	340	OL	Cody Stogner
74	Corey	Wells	Petal	6'5"	320	DL	Marcus Boyles
75	Emanuel	Faulkner	New Albany	6'6"	290	OL	Cody Stubblefield
79	Dalton	Toothman	Vancleave	6'5"	315	OL	Kevin Fant

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Offensive Line/Tight Ends Coach  
Defensive Line Coach  
Defensive Backs Coach  
Outside Linebackers Coach  
Running Backs/H-Backs Coach  
Defensive Coordinator/Inside Linebackers Coach  
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# MISSISSIPPI ALL-STAR COACHES



**RYAN EARNEST**  
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**DARRYL CARTER**  
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Receivers Coach



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Itawamba AHS  
Offensive Line/Tight Ends  
Coach



**JOHN FEASTER**  
Pearl River Central  
Defensive Line Coach



**BERNARD EUELL**  
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Defensive Backs Coach



**QUINCY PATRICK**  
West Harrison  
Outside Linebackers Coach



**CORY REYNOLDS**  
West Jones  
Running Backs/H-Backs Coach



**PATRICK SCHOOLAR**  
Pearl  
Scout Coach



**KENNY ROBINSON**  
Administrative Coach



**JUSTIN CHANEY**  
Administrative Coach



**HOSS LADNER**  
Administrative Coach

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Athletic Trainer



# MISSISSIPPI

## ALL-STAR PLAYERS



**JJ HILL**

**0** Tupelo  
6'0" | 220 | RB

**PRESTON ASHLEY**

**1** Brandon  
6'0" | 183 | S

**Braden Shettles**

**2** New Albany  
6'2" | 185 | QB

**Tylan Wilson**

**3** Pascagoula  
6'3" | 195 | S

**Iverson McCoy**

**4** Tupelo  
6'1" | 185 | CB

**Tristen Keys**

**5** Hattiesburg  
6'2" | 190 | WR

**Cooper Crosby**

**6** Gulfport  
5'11" | 205 | RB

**Zechariah Jenkins**

**7** Laurel  
6'2" | 190 | WR

**Jayden Cration**

**8** Canton  
6'3" | 185 | WR

**JaKeylan McCoy**

**9** Tupelo  
6'7" | 255 | DL



**Hayden Berglund**

**10** Ocean Springs  
6'4" | 235 | TE

**Zaylon Cotton**

**11** Grenada  
6'5" | 215 | WR

**JADEN TAYLOR**

**12** Noxubee County  
6'0" | 185 | WR

**Eric Perry Jr.**

**13** DeSoto Central  
6'0" | 198 | QB

**Demarious Pittman**

**14** Calhoun City  
6'0" | 180 | ATH

**Terrell Johnson Jr.**

**15** Holmes Co. Central  
6'2" | 180 | CB

**Raderriion Daniels**

**16** Lake Cormorant  
6'1" | 180 | CB





**Collin Flanigan**




**17** Oxford  
6'2" | 175 | LB

**Jase Mathews**

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**18** Greene County  
6'0" | 190 | INJURED

**Maurio Luvine**



**19** Heidelberg  
6'3" | 235 | TE

**Jordan Rush**



**20** West Point  
6'2" | 250 | DL

**Tommaj Harris**



**21** Laurel  
5'9" | 225 | LB

**Andre Peters III**



**22** Gulfport  
5'11" | 220 | LB

**Tra Lewis**



**23** Columbia  
5'10" | 210 | LB

**Jazear Carter**




**24** West Harrison  
6'2" | 270 | DL

**Jarrad Loper Jr.**



**25** Pascagoula  
6'0" | 230 | LB

**Tomareo Johnson**



**26** Pascagoula  
6'1" | 190 | S



**Davon Merchant**



**27** Clinton  
6'4" | 230 | DL

**Bennett Payton**



**28** Noxubee County  
6'3" | 195 | DL

**Ronderius King**



**29** Madison Central  
6'1" | 205 | LB


**Jayden Curtis**



**32** St. Martin  
6'3" | 265 | DL



**Nolan Wilson**



**34** Picayune Memorial  
6'4" | 270 | DL

**Trey Russo**



**40** South Panola  
5'8" | 180 | LS

**Will Uselton**



**41** Hernando  
5'11" | 155 | K/P



# MISSISSIPPI ALL-STAR PLAYERS

**Gunnar Goodwin**



**52** Kossuth  
6'4" | 295 | OL

**Donel Robinson Jr.**



**55** Holmes Co. Central  
6'5" | 300 | OL

**Anthony "Trey" Shaw III**



**57** Oak Grove  
6'4" | 300 | OL



**Jayden Ross**



**58** Ocean Springs  
6'5" | 320 | OL

**Bryson Cooley**



**63** West Jones  
6'6" | 335 | OL

**Mitchell Smith**



**72** Picayune Memorial  
6'6" | 340 | OL


**Corey Wells**



**74** Petal  
6'5" | 320 | OL



**Emanuel Faulkner**



**75** New Albany  
6'6" | 290 | OL

**Dalton Toothman**



**79** Vancleave  
6'5" | 315 | OL



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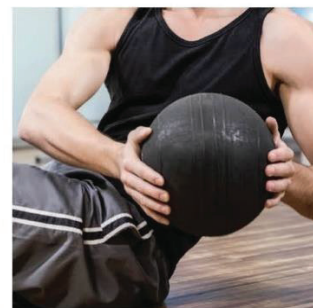
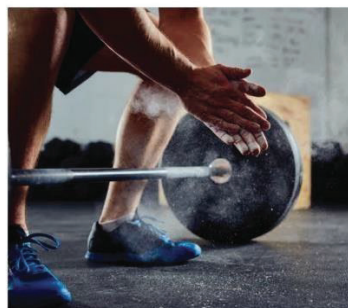
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# ALABAMA ALL-STAR ROSTER

0	Ami	Moala	Thompson	6'2	350	DL	Mark Freeman
1	Ce'derian	Morgan	Benjamin Russell	6'4	220	WR	Kirk Johnson
2	Anthony	Jones	St. Paul's Episcopal	6'5	260	OLB	Ham Barnett
3	Landon	Duckworth	Jackson	6'3	195	QB	Cody Flournoy
4	Zion	Crumpton	Carver	6'1	180	WR	Mario White
5	Zyan	Gibson	Gadsden City	6'1	178	DB	Ali Smith
6	Jordan	Holmes	Pike Road	5'11	175	WR, DB	Granger Shook
7	Brock	Bradley	Spain Park	6'0	190	QB	Tim Vakakes
8	Corey	Barber	Clay Chalkville	6'1	185	WR	Stuart Floyd
9	KaMhariyan	Johnson	Muscle Shoals	6'5	265	DE	Scott Basden
11	Dylan	Cope	Hewitt-Trussville	6'3	190	WR	Josh Floyd
13	Ezavier	Crowell	Jackson	5'11	210	RB	Cody Flournoy
14	Jaden	Bush	Theodore	6'3	213	OLB	Steve Mask
15	DJ	Broughton	Mary G Montgomery	6'5	225	TE	Zach Golson
16	Ronald	Wilder, Jr.	Greene County	6'1	210	Athlete	Corey Cockrell
17	Deshawn	Spencer	Saraland	6'0	168	WR	Jeff Kelly
18	Jaquez	Wilkes	Wadley	6'4	235	DE, LB	Dake Rivers
19	Tristan	Lyles	Central, PC	6'1	238	LB	Patrick Nix
20	BJ	Bedgood	Benjamin Russell	6'0	190	WR, DB	Kirk Johnson
21	Keivay	Foster	Muscle Shoals	6'3	185	S	Scott Basden
22	Delvecchio	Alston	Hewitt-Trussville	6'0	210	RB	Josh Floyd
23	Tony	Arnett	Central, PC	6'2	180	DB	Patrick Nix
24	Jamarrion	Gordon	Jackson	6'1	205	DB, S	Cody Flournoy
28	Dylan	Purter	Booker T Washington	6'1	185	DB	DeAndre' Austin
29	AJ	Alexander	Dothan	5'11	185	Athlete	Jed Kennedy
30	Keenan	Britt	Oxford	6'1	220	LB	Sam Adams
34	Zayden	Hall	Hillcrest, Tuscaloosa	6'2	235	LB	Jamie Mitchell
42	Miles	Khatri	Pike Road	6'1	212	LB	Granger Shook
43	Hayden	Chambers	Fort Payne	6'1	170	K / P	Chris Elmore
50	Jayden	Jones	Clay Chalkville	6'3	275	OL	Stuart Floyd
51	Parks	Glaze	Fairhope	6'7	285	OL	Tim Carter
52	Maddox	Caldwell	St. Michael Catholic	6'2	295	OL	Philip Rivers
53	Jai'Vale	Fredericks	Daphne	6'6	315	OL	Kenny King
54	Hudson	Reed	Spain Park	6'6	290	OL	Tim Vakakes
55	Wesley	Sandefur	Fairhope	6'3	265	OL	Tim Carter
56	Greg	Williams	Auburn	6'0	215	LB	Keith Etheredge
59	Aden	Jackson	Dothan	6'5	270	OL	Jed Kennedy
65	Trinton	Pritchett	Auburn	6'6	290	OL	Keith Etheredge
87	Ar'Mari	Towns	Southside, Selma	6'6	225	TE	Charles Moody
93	Cam	Mallory	Moody	6'2	305	DE	Jake Ganus
95	Vodney	Cleveland	A.H. Parker	6'3	320	DL	Frank Warren
96	Carnell	Jackson	Auburn	6'3	330	DL	Keith Etheredge

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Shenan Motley  
Gregg Baker  
Ken Wright  
Randy White**

**Benjamin Russell  
Moody  
James Clemens  
Reeltown  
Jackson  
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Runningbacks Coach  
Wide Receivers Coach  
Offensive Line Coach  
Quarterbacks Coach  
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# ALABAMA ALL-STAR COACHES



**KIRK JOHNSON**  
Benjamin Russell  
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**JAKE GANUS**  
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Linebackers Coach



**JUAN JOHNSON**  
James Clemens  
Offensive Coordinator



**MATT JOHNSON**  
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Defensive Line Coach



**CODY FLOURNOY**  
Jackson  
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**Darrell Higgins**  
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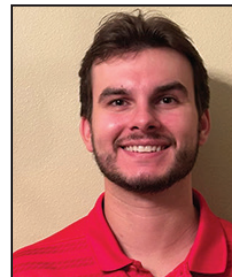
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# ALABAMA ALL-STAR PLAYERS



Ami Moala

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0

Thompson  
6'2" | 350 | DL

Ced'orian Morgan

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1

Benjamin Russell  
6'4" | 220 | WR

Anthony Jones



2

St. Paul's Episcopal  
6'5" | 260 | OLB

Landon Duckworth



3

Jackson  
6'3" | 195 | QB

Zion Crumpton



4

Carver  
6'1" | 180 | WR

Zyan Gibson



5

Gadsden City  
6'1" | 178 | DB

Jordan Holmes



6

Pike Road  
5'11" | 175 | WR, DB

Brock Bradley



7

Spain Park  
6'0" | 190 | QB

Corey Barber



8

Clay Chalkville  
6'1" | 185 | WR

KaMhar'ryan Johnson

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9

Muscle Shoals  
6'5" | 265 | DE



Dylan Cope



11

Hewitt-Trussville  
6'3" | 190 | WR

Ezavier Crowell



13

Jackson  
5'11" | 210 | RB

Jaden Bush



14

Theodore  
6'3" | 213 | OLB

DJ Broughton



15

Mary G Montgomery  
6'5" | 225 | TE

Ronald Wilder, Jr.



16

Greene County  
6'1" | 210 | Athlete

Deshawn Spencer



17

Saraland  
6'0" | 168 | WR

Jaquez Wilkes



18

Wadley  
6'4" | 235 | DE, LB



# ALABAMA ALL-STAR PLAYERS



Tristan Lyles



19

Central, PC  
6'1" | 238 | LB

BJ Bedgood

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20

Benjamin Russell  
6'0" | 190 | WR, DB

Keivay Foster

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21

Muscle Shoals  
6'3" | 185 | S

Delvecchio Alston



22

Hewitt-Trussville  
6'0" | 210 | RB

Tony Arnett



23

Central, PC  
6'2" | 180 | DB

Jamarion Gordon



24

Jackson  
6'1" | 205 | DB, S

Dylan Purter



28

Booker T. Washington  
6'1" | 185 | DB

AJ Alexander



29

Dothan  
5'11" | 185 | Athlete

Keenan Britt



30

Oxford  
6'1" | 220 | LB

Zayden Hall

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34

Hillcrest, Tuscaloosa  
6'2" | 235 | LB



Miles Khatri



42

Pike Road  
6'1" | 212 | LB

Hayden Chambers



43

Fort Payne  
6'1" | 170 | K/P

Jayden Jones



50

Clay Chalkville  
6'3" | 275 | OL

Parks Glaze



51

Fairhope  
6'7" | 285 | OL

Maddox Caldwell



52

St. Michael Catholic  
6'2" | 295 | OL

JaiVale Fredericks

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53

Daphne  
6'6" | 315 | OL

Hudson Reed



54

Spain Park  
6'6" | 290 | OL





# ALABAMA ALL-STAR PLAYERS



**Wesley Sandefur**



**55** Fairhope  
6'3" | 265 | OL

**Greg Williams**



**56** Auburn  
6'0" | 215 | LB

**Aden Jackson**




**59** Dothan  
6'5" | 270 | OL

**Trinton Pritchett**



**65** Auburn  
6'6" | 290 | OL

**Ar'Mari Towns**



**87** Southside, Selma  
6'6" | 225 | TE

**Cam Mallory**




**93** Moody  
6'2" | 305 | DE

**Vodney Cleveland**



**95** A.H. Parker  
6'3" | 320 | DL

**Carnell Jackson**



**96** Auburn  
6'3" | 330 | DL

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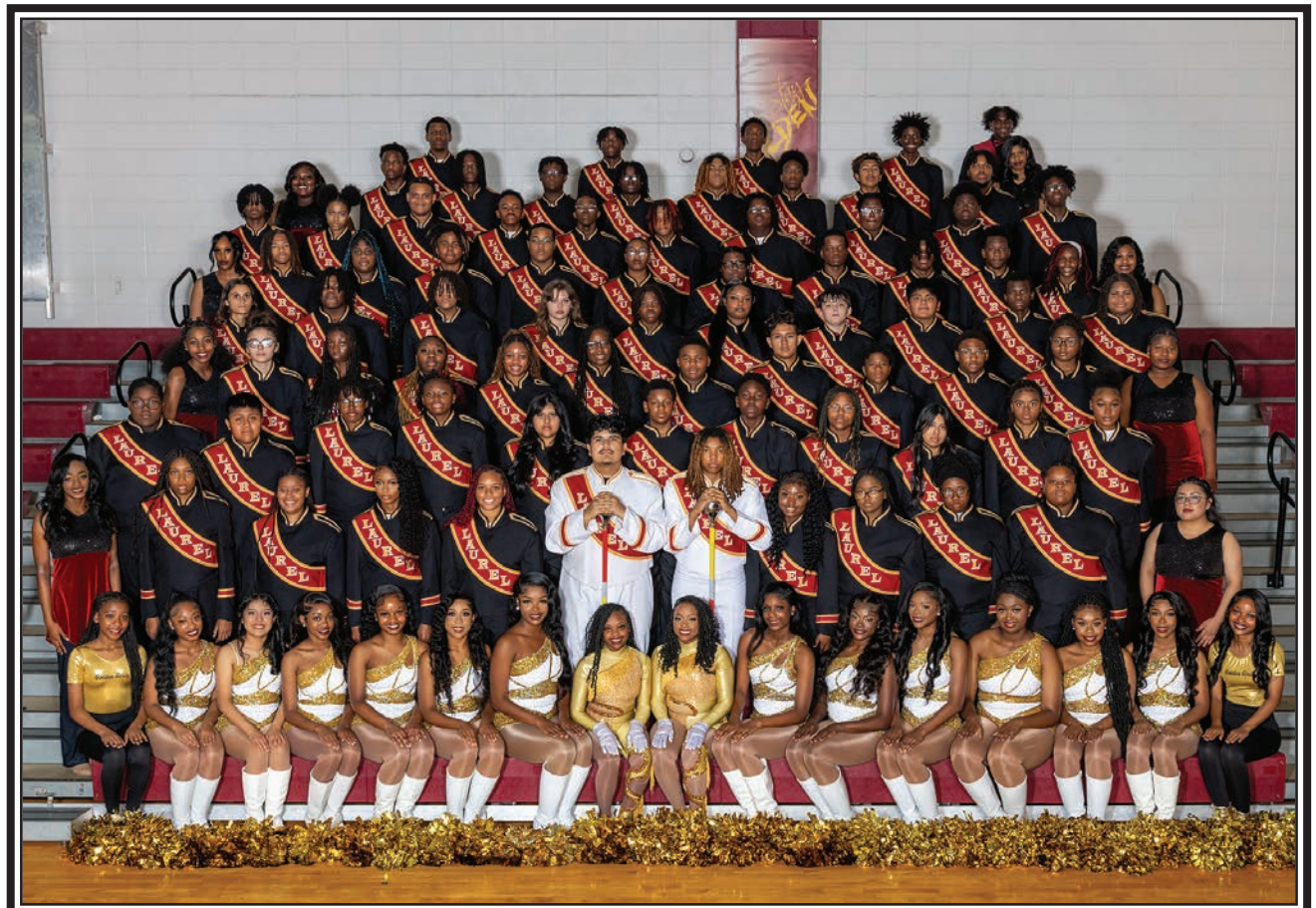
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# YEAR-BY-YEAR HISTORY

## MISSISSIPPI-ALABAMA FOOTBALL ALL-STAR GAME SERIES

YEAR	SCORE	SITE
2024	Alabama 35, Mississippi 29 Alabama MVP Mississippi MVP Alabama Head Coach: Mississippi Head Coach:	Hancock Whitney Stadium, Mobile, AL K. J. Lacey, Saraland Deuce Knight, George County Jeff Kelly Saraland Tony Vance, Hattiesburg
2023	Alabama 26, Mississippi 17 Bubba Davis Alabama MVP Bubba Davis Mississippi MVP C Spire Alabama Academic Achievement Award: C Spire Mississippi Academic Achievement Award: Alabama Head Coach: Mississippi Head Coach:	M. M. Roberts Stadium, Hattiesburg, MS Ryan Williams, Saraland Trey Petty, Starkville Daylan Martin, Saraland Taurean Davis, DeSoto Central Ben Blackmon, Enterprise Judd Boswell, Clinton
2022	Alabama 14, Mississippi 10 Alabama MVP Mississippi MVP Alabama Head Coach Mississippi Head Coach	Hancock Whitney Stadium, Mobile, AL Peter Woods, Thompson Suntarine Perkins, Raleigh Keith Etheredge, Auburn Chris Cutcliffe, Oxford
2021	Alabama 20, Mississippi 0 Bubba Davis Alabama MVP Bubba Davis Mississippi MVP C Spire Alabama Academic Achievement Award C Spire Mississippi Academic Achievement Award Alabama Head Coach Mississippi Head Coach	M. M. Roberts Stadium, Hattiesburg, MS Miguel Mitchell, Oxford Malcolm Hartzog, Jefferson Davis County Justice Finkley, Hewitt-Trussville Blake Gunter, Madison Central Adrian Abrams, Minor Todd Breland, South Jones
2020	Alabama 19, Mississippi 7 Alabama MVP Mississippi MVP Alabama Head Coach Mississippi Head Coach	Cramton Bowl, Montgomery, AL Ga'Quincy McKinstry, Pinson Valley Keyshawn Lawrence, Starkville Steve Mask, St. Paul's Episcopal Derrick Hooker, South Delta
2019	Mississippi 17, Alabama 16 Bubba Davis Alabama MVP Bubba Davis Mississippi MVP C-Spire Alabama Academic Achievement Award C-Spire Mississippi Academic Achievement Award Alabama Head Coach Mississippi Head Coach	(1 OT) M. M. Roberts Stadium, Hattiesburg, MS Eddie Williams, Central-Phenix City McKinnley Jackson, George County  Trent Howard, Briarwood Christian  Hayes Hammond, Tupelo Shawn Raney, Spain Park Brad Breland, Union
2018	Mississippi 24, Alabama 20 Alabama MVP Mississippi MVP Alabama Head Coach: Mississippi Head Coach:	Cramton Bowl, Montgomery, AL George Pickens, Hoover Jarod Conner, Hattiesburg Josh Niblett, Hoover Henry Johnson, Clarksdale
2017	Mississippi 42, Alabama 7 Alabama MVP Mississippi MVP  Alabama Head Coach: Mississippi Head Coach:	M. M. Roberts Stadium, Hattiesburg, MS K. J. Robertson, Thompson Kenny Gainwell, Yazoo County & Tylan Knight, Pearl Steve Smith, Piedmont Lance Mancuso, Jefferson Davis County



# YEAR-BY-YEAR HISTORY

YEAR	SCORE	SITE
<b>2016</b>	Alabama 25, Mississippi 18 Alabama MVP Mississippi MVP Alabama Head Coach Mississippi Head Coach	Cramton Bowl, Montgomery, AL Thomas Johnston, Spanish Fort Kylin Hill, Columbus Terry Curtis, UMS-Wright Todd Mangum, Wayne County
<b>2015</b>	Mississippi 28, Alabama 21 Alabama MVP Mississippi MVP Alabama Head Coach Mississippi Head Coach	M. M. Roberts Stadium, Hattiesburg, MS Benjamin Davis, Gordo Arthur (A.J.) Brown, Starkville, MS Mark Freeman, Thompson Jeff Breland, Lake
<b>2014</b>	Alabama 36, Mississippi 30 Alabama MVP Mississippi MVP Alabama Head Coach Mississippi Head Coach	Cramton Bowl, Montgomery, AL Kerryon Johnson, Madison Academy Raphael Leonard, Starkville Jamey DuBose, Central-Phenix City Jamie Mitchell, Starkville
<b>2013</b>	Alabama 21, Mississippi 17 Alabama MVP Mississippi MVP Alabama Head Coach Mississippi Head Coach	Cramton Bowl, Montgomery, AL Rashaan Evans, Auburn High Sammie Epps, Greenwood Woodrow Lowe, Central-Phenix City Lance Pogue, South Panola
<b>2012</b>	Alabama 21, Mississippi 16 Alabama MVP Mississippi MVP Alabama Head Coach: Mississippi Head Coach:	Cramton Bowl, Montgomery, AL Jason Smith, McGill-Toolen Chris Jones, Houston Chris Yeager, Mountain Brook Junior Graham, Eupora
<b>2011</b>	Alabama 31, Mississippi 12 Alabama MVP Mississippi MVP Alabama Head Coach: Mississippi Head Coach:	Cramton Bowl, Montgomery, AL T. J. Yeldon, Daphne Greg Sims, Brookhaven Jere Adcock, Decatur Larry Weems, Meridian
<b>2010</b>	Alabama 24, Mississippi 17 (2 OT) Alabama MVP Mississippi MVP Alabama Head Coach: Mississippi Head Coach:	Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, AL Stephen Rivers, Athens C. J. Johnson, Philadelphia Fred Yancey, Briarwood Christian M. C. Miller, Louisville
<b>2009</b>	Alabama 21, Mississippi 13 Alabama MVP Mississippi MVP Alabama Head Coach: Mississippi Head Coach:	Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, AL Dale Trimble, Gadsden Will Scott, George County Josh Niblett, Hoover Anthony Hart, Lafayette County
<b>2008</b>	Alabama 28, Mississippi 3 Alabama MVP Mississippi MVP Alabama Head Coach: Mississippi Head Coach:	Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, AL A. J. McCarron, St. Pauls David Conner, South Panola John Grass, Oxford Marcus Boyles, Wayne County

# YEAR-BY-YEAR HISTORY

YEAR	SCORE	SITE
<b>2007</b> (Dec*)	Mississippi 26, Alabama 7  Mississippi MVP Alabama Head Coach: Mississippi Head Coach:	Veterans Memorial Stadium, Troy, AL Alabama MVP Dekendrick Moncrief, Prattville Bret Jefcoat, Itawamba AHS Jackie O'Neal, Reeltown Kenny Robinson, Mize
*(game moved to month of December)		
<b>2007</b> (June)	Alabama 51, Mississippi 14 Alabama MVP  Mississippi MVP  Alabama Head Coach: Mississippi Head Coach:	Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, AL Offense—Larry Smith, Prattville Defense—Rolando McClain, Decatur Offense—Austin Davis, West Lauderdale Defense—Lee Jackson, Clarksdale Bill Clark, Prattville Leslie Peters, East Marion
<b>2006</b>	Alabama 24, Mississippi 3 Alabama MVP Mississippi MVP Alabama Head Coach: Mississippi Head Coach:	Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, AL Jerrell Nobles, Mary Montgomery Tim Buckley, Madison Central Joey Jones, Mountain Brook Johnny Hill, Oxford
<b>2005</b>	Mississippi 21, Alabama 18 Alabama MVP Mississippi MVP Alabama Head Coach: Mississippi Head Coach:	Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, AL Jarod Bryant, Hoover Lee Klein, St. Stanislaus Bob Newton, Homewood Ricky Woods, South Panola
<b>2004</b>	Alabama 24, Mississippi 22 Alabama MVP Mississippi MVP Alabama Head Coach: Mississippi Head Coach:	Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, AL Tribble Reese, Mountain Brook Garry Pack, Oak Grove Rush Propst, Hoover Roy McCrory, Columbus
<b>2003</b>	Alabama 24, Mississippi 16 Alabama MVP Mississippi MVP Alabama Head Coach: Mississippi Head Coach:	Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, AL Chad Jackson, Hoover Jason Hockady, D'Iberville Willie Carl Martin, Benjamin Russell Tony Stanford, Louisville
<b>2002</b>	Alabama 29, Mississippi 17 Alabama MVP Mississippi MVP Alabama Head Coach: Mississippi Head Coach:	Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, AL Brandon Cox, Hewitt-Trussville Darren Williams, Clarksdale Steve Savarese, Daphne Greg Wall, South Pike
<b>2001</b>	Alabama 33, Mississippi 14 Alabama MVP Mississippi MVP Alabama Head Coach: Mississippi Head Coach:	Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, AL Carnell Williams, Etowah Mike Espy, Madison Central Phil Lazenby, Benjamin Russell Mike Justice, Madison Central
<b>2000</b>	Alabama 16, Mississippi 9 Alabama MVP Mississippi MVP Alabama Head Coach: Mississippi Head Coach:	Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, AL J. P. Holley, Stanhope-Elmore John-Michael Martin, Tupelo Jack Wood, Hewitt-Trussville Jack French, Forest



# YEAR-BY-YEAR HISTORY

YEAR	SCORE	SITE
1999	Alabama 28, Mississippi 24 Alabama MVP Mississippi MVP Alabama Head Coach: Mississippi Head Coach:	Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, AL DeAndre Green, Blount Dontae Walker, Clinton Terry Curtis, Murphy Bobby Hall, Amory
1998	Mississippi 9, Alabama 0 Alabama MVP Mississippi MVP Alabama Head Coach: Mississippi Head Coach:	Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, AL Lane Bearden, Pelham Mac Hart, McComb Charles Lee, Jeff Davis Jim Drewry, Booneville
1997	Alabama 10, Mississippi 6 Alabama MVP Mississippi MVP Alabama Head Coach: Mississippi Head Coach:	Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, AL Kecalf Bailey, Central Tuscaloosa Muskingum Barnes, Moss Point Robert Higginbotham, Shades Valley Neil Hitchcock, Grenada
1996	Alabama 17, Mississippi 14 Alabama MVP Mississippi MVP Alabama Head Coach: Mississippi Head Coach:	Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, AL Chris Chukwuma, Sidney Lanier Daryl Carter, Northeast Jones Spence McCracken, Opelika Chuck Friend, Starkville
1995	Mississippi 38, Alabama 9 Alabama MVP Mississippi MVP Alabama Head Coach: Mississippi Head Coach:	Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, AL Eugene Smith, Robert E. Lee Brian Darden, Warren Central Jamie Riggs, T. R. Miller Cotton Robertson, Durant
1994	Mississippi 24, Alabama 10 Alabama MVP Mississippi MVP Alabama Head Coach: Mississippi Head Coach:	Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, AL Kenneth Scissum, Etowah Richard Lucas, Hattiesburg Wayne Trawick, Central Phenix City Charles Faulkner, Okolona
1993	Mississippi 17, Alabama 6 Alabama MVP Mississippi MVP Alabama Head Coach: Mississippi Head Coach:	Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, AL Kivuusama Mays, Anniston Eric Booth, Bassfield Jack Wood, Hewitt-Trussville Tommy Lucas, Starkville
1992	Mississippi 17, Alabama 14 Alabama MVP Mississippi MVP Alabama Head Coach: Mississippi Head Coach:	Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, AL Chris Windsor, Jess Lanier Dwayne Chandler, Aberdeen Glen Daniel, Luverne Lum Wright, Port Gibson
1991	Alabama 15, Mississippi 13 Alabama MVP Mississippi MVP Alabama Head Coach: Mississippi Head Coach:	Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, AL Eric Lewis, Munford Derrick Taite, Moss Point Ben Harris, Blount Joe Gant, Weir
1990	Alabama 21, Mississippi 14 (1 OT) Alabama MVP Mississippi MVP Alabama Head Coach: Mississippi Head Coach:	Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, AL Orlando Watters, Anniston Kelly Steele, Moss Point Berry Halladay, Anniston Robert Morgan, Warren Central

# YEAR-BY-YEAR HISTORY

YEAR	SCORE	SITE
1989	Alabama 24, Mississippi 21 (4 OT) Alabama MVP Mississippi MVP Alabama Head Coach: Mississippi Head Coach:	Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, AL John Copeland, Valley Todd Jordan, Tupelo Robert Herring, Oxford Bubba Davis, West Point
1988	Alabama 24, Mississippi 21 (3 OT) Alabama MVP Mississippi MVP Alabama Head Coach: Mississippi Head Coach:	Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, AL Darrel Crawford, Fairhope John Sullins, Lafayette County Robert Higginbotham, Shades Valley James Sloan, Clinton

**SERIES RECORD:** Alabama 27, Mississippi 11

## WIN LOSS RECORDS BY SITE

Hancock Whitney Stadium, Mobile, AL (2022-)	Alabama 2, Mississippi 0
Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, AL (1988-2010)	Alabama 17, Mississippi 7
Cramton Bowl, Montgomery, AL (2011-2014)	Alabama 6, Mississippi 1
Veterans Memorial Stadium, Troy, AL (2007)	Mississippi 1, Alabama 0
M. M. Roberts Stadium, Hattiesburg, MS (2015-)	Mississippi 3, Alabama 1

	MOST POINTS	FEWEST POINTS	VICTORY MARGIN
Alabama	2007 (57)	1998 (0)	2007 (37)
Mississippi	2017 (42)	2021 (0)	2017 (35)

## MOST POINTS TOTAL IN A GAME

2007	65 (Alabama 51, Mississippi 14 @ Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, AL)
2024	64 (Alabama 35, Mississippi 28 @ Hancock-Whitney Stadium, Mobile, AL)

## FEWEST POINTS TOTAL IN A GAME

1998	9 (Mississippi 9, Alabama 0 @ Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, AL)
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## SHUTOUTS:

2021	Alabama 20, Mississippi 0 @ M. M. Roberts Stadium, Hattiesburg, MS
1998	Mississippi 9, Alabama 0 @ Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, AL

## LONGEST WINNING STREAKS

Alabama, 7 games from 2007 to 2014
Alabama, 4 games from 2020 to 2024
Mississippi, 4 games from 1992 to 1995

## OVERTIME RECORDS

Alabama 4-1
Mississippi 1-4

## LONGEST GAME

Alabama 24, Mississippi 21, 4 overtimes, 1990 at Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, AL
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# YEAR-BY-YEAR HISTORY

## – MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA ALL-STAR FOOTBALL CLASSIC INDIVIDUAL RECORDS –

MOST POINTS SCORED	PLAYER	SCHOOL	YEAR
18	Kenny Gainwell	Yazoo County (MS)	2017
18	Kerryon Johnson	Madison Ac (AL)	2014
18	Chad Jackson	Hoover (AL)	2003
18	T. J. Yeldon	Daphne (AL)	2011
MOST TOUCHDOWNS	PLAYER	SCHOOL	YEAR
3	Kenny Gainwell	Yazoo County (MS)	2017
3	Kerryon Johnson	Madison Ac (AL)	2014
3	Chad Jackson	Hoover (AL)	2003
3	T. J. Yeldon	Daphne (AL)	2011
MOST EXTRA POINTS	PLAYER	SCHOOL	YEAR
6	Scott Goodman	Brandon (MS)	
5	Brian Hazelwood	Clinton (MS)	1995
5	Graham Sutter	St. James (AL)	2007
RUSH ATTEMPTS	PLAYER	SCHOOL	YEAR
30	Dontae Walker	Clinton (MS)	1999
RUSHING YARDS	PLAYER	SCHOOL	YEAR
158	Dontae Walker	Clinton (MS)	1999
139	Deuce Knight	George County (MS)	2024
130	Kerryon Johnson	Madison Ac (AL)	2014
118	Eric Lewis	Munford (AL)	1991
116	T. J. Yeldon	Daphne (AL)	2011
112	Jarod Conner	Hattiesburg (MS)	2018
AVG RUSH YARDS	PLAYER	SCHOOL	YEAR
10.4 (5 attempts)	Artie Moore	Stone Cty (MS)	1992
LONGEST RUN	PLAYER	SCHOOL	YEAR
72	Derek Pegues	South Panola (MS)	2005
55	Deuce Knight	George County (MS)	2024
52	D'Mariun Perteet	South Panola (MS)	2022
42	Kevosiey Smoke	Wetumpka (AL)	2017
PASS ATTEMPTS	PLAYER	SCHOOL	YEAR
36	K. J. Lacey	Saraland (AL)	2024
34	Romaro Miller	Shannon (MS)	1997
27	Keon Howard	Laurel (MS)	2015
26	Larry Smith	Prattville (AL)	(June) 2007
26	Austin Davis	W. Lauderdale (MS)	(June) 2007
24	Jameis Winston	Hueytown (AL)	2011
24	Stephen Rivers	Athens (AL)	2010
PASS COMPLETIONS	PLAYER	SCHOOL	YEAR
21	K. J. Lacey	Saraland (AL)	2024
18	Steve Christopher	Anniston (AL)	1990
17	Keon Howard	Laurel (AL)	2015
17	Jameis Winston	Hueytown (AL)	2010
CONSECUTIVE PASSES COMPLETED	PLAYER	SCHOOL	YEAR
12	Brady Davis	Starkville (MS)	2014

# YEAR-BY-YEAR HISTORY

PASS COMPLETION %	PLAYER	SCHOOL	YEAR
.833 (10 of 12)	Patrick Shegog	South Panola (MS)	2017
.818 (9 of 11)	J. P. Holley	Stanhope Elmore (AL)	2000
.800 (12 of 15)	Tribble Reece	Mountain Brook (AL)	2004
.733 (11 of 15)	Miles Brennan	St. Stanislaus (MS)	2016
.667 (8 of 12)	Jeremy Johnson	Carver-Montgomery (AL)	2012

PASSING YARDAGE	PLAYER	SCHOOL	YEAR
327	K. J. Lacey	Saraland (AL)	2024
304	Keon Howard	Laurel (MS)	2015
231	Steve Christopher	Anniston (AL)	1990
206	Ramon Nelson	Theodore (AL)	2001
176	Deuce Knight	George County (MS)	2024
193	Larry Smith	Prattville (AL)	(June) 2007
160	Trey Petty	Starkville (MS)	2023
	Jared Hollins	Mary G. Montgomery (AL)	2023
162	A. J. McCarron	St. Paul's (AL)	2008
156	Nick Mullens	Spain Park (AL)	2012
150	Roman Gagliano	Opelika (AL)	2023

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS	PLAYER	SCHOOL	YEAR
4	K. J. Lacey	Saraland (MS)	2024
4	Keon Howard	Laurel (MS)	2015
3	Brady Davis	Starkville (MS)	2014
3	Richard Lucas	Hattiesburg (MS)	1994

LONGEST PASS PLAYS		YEAR
88	Roman Gagliano, Opelika (AL) to Malcolm Simmons, Benjamin Russell (AL) TD	2023
87	K. J. Lacey, Saraland (AL) to Daylin Upshaw, Central Phenix (AL) TD	2024
80	Jared Hollins, Mary G. Montgomery (AL) to Donovan Price Hewitt-Trussville (AL) (Did not score)	2023
80	Richard Lucas, Hattiesburg (MS) to Moine Nicholson, Louisville (MS)	1994
69	Keon Howard, Laurel (MS) to DeKaylin (D.K.) Metcalf, Oxford (MS)	2015
63	Ben Stevens, West Jones (MS) to Nick Brassell, South Panola (MS)	2010
61	Steve Christopher, Anniston (AL) to Orlando Watters, Anniston (AL)	1990
57	Tom Luke, Gulfport (MS) to Chris Firl, South Leake (MS)	1988
56	Tribble Reese, Mountain Brook (AL) to Marcel Stamps, Brantley (AL)	2004
55	Orlando Watters, Anniston (AL) to Miguel Callier, Murphy (AL)	1990
50	Daryl Norris, Fairhope (AL) to Solomon Patton, Murphy (AL)	2009

PASSES CAUGHT	PLAYER	SCHOOL	YEAR
11	Stonka Burnside	Starkville (MS)	2023
9	George Pickens	Hoover (AL)	2018
9	Arthur (A.J.) Brown	Starkville (MS)	2015
9	Cameron Broadnax	Hueytown (AL)	2011
8	Ryan Williams	Saraland (AL)	2023
7	Jordan Murphy	Hattiesburg	2016
7	Terance Davis	Southaven (MS)	2014
7	Sammie Epps	Greenwood (MS)	2013
7	Danny Woodson	LeFlore (AL)	2010
7	Tim Cole	Meridian (MS)	1996
7	Orlando Watters	Anniston (AL)	1990



# YEAR-BY-YEAR HISTORY

<b>PASS RECEIVING YARDS</b>	<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>YEAR</b>
155 (9 receptions)	George Pickens	Hoover (AL)	2018
151 (5 receptions)	DeKaylin (D.K.) Metcalf	Oxford (MS)	2015
137 (9 receptions)	Arthur (A.J.) Brown	Starkville (MS)	2015
131 (5 receptions)	Daylin Upshaw	Central Phenix (AL)	2024
134 (6 receptions)	Jason Smith	McGill-Toolen (AL)	2012
134 (5 receptions)	Chalos Boner	Greenwood (MS)	1989
<b>TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS</b>	<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>YEAR</b>
3	Chad Jackson	Hoover (AL)	2003
2	Ryan Williams	Saraland (AL)	2023
2	Christian Lewis	Pleasant Grove (AL)	2020
2	George Pickens	Hoover (AL)	2018
2	A. J. Brown	Starkville (MS)	2015
2	D. K. Metcalf	Oxford (MS)	2015
2	Raphael Leonard	Starkville (MS)	2014
<b>MOST PUNTS</b>	<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>YEAR</b>
10	Will Scott	George County (MS)	2009
10	Eric Richards	Warren Central (MS)	2007
10	Jamie Purser	Red Bay (AL)	1996
<b>BEST PUNTING AVG</b>	<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>YEAR</b>
50.0 (4 punts)	Alex McPherson	Fort Payne (AL)	2021
48.5 (5 punts)	Brandon Sellers	Wayne County (MS)	2006
48.2 (4 punts)	Bart Edmiston	Ocean Springs (MS)	2022
47.7 (3 punts)	Cleat Forrest	Alexandria (AL)	2024
46.8 (4 punts)	Jack Sims	Madison Central (MS)	2015
45.0 (10 punts)	Jamie Purser	Red Bay (AL)	1996
44.8 (5 punts)	Jack Richardson	Madison Central (MS)	2024
44.8 (5 punts)	Jake Lane	Park Crossing (AL)	2016
44.0 (4 punts)	Malcolm Simmons	Benjamin Russell (AL)	2023
43.7 (3 punts)	Hayden Wolfe	Clinton (MS)	2023
42.5 (4 punts)	Peyton Argent	Hoover (AL)	2022
42.2 (6 punts)	Evan McPherson	Fort Payne (AL)	2017
<b>LONGEST PUNT</b>	<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>YEAR</b>
69	Dan Brady	Prattville (AL)	1992
63	Jack Richardson	Madison Central (MS)	2024
60	Cleat Forrest	Alexandria (AL)	2024
60	Jake Lane	Park Crossing (AL)	2016
57	Alex McPherson	Fort Payne (AL)	2021
54	Malcolm Simmons	Benjamin Russell (AL)	2023
<b>FIELD GOALS MADE</b>	<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>YEAR</b>
3	Thomas Hamlin	McGill-Toolen (AL)	2012
3	John Michael Martin	Tupelo (MS)	2000
3	Mac Hart	McComb (MS)	1998
3	Dane Prewitt	Hewitt-Trussville (AL)	1991

# YEAR-BY-YEAR HISTORY

LONGEST FIELD GOAL	PLAYER	SCHOOL	YEAR
58	Alex McPherson	Fort Payne (AL)	2021
53	Mac Hart	McComb (MS)	1998
51	Thomas Hamlin	McGill-Toolen (AL)	2012
47	Brandon Sellers	(MS)	2006
47	Britt Barefoot	(MS)	2004
47	John Michael Martin	Tupelo (MS)	2000
44	Brian Hazlewood	Clinton (MS)	1995
43	Tucker Barefoot	Clinton (MS)	2018
43	Patrick Byrne	(AL)	2002
42	Graham Sutter	St. James (AL)	(Dec.) 2007
42	Edward Stallworth	(AL)	2001

LONGEST KO RETURN	PLAYER	SCHOOL	YEAR
90	Henry Ruggs, III	Lee-Montgomery (AL)	2016
53	Anthony Rogers	Carver	2024
48	Triandos Luke	Central Phenix City (AL)	2000
48	Marvin Vaughn	Velma Jackson (MS)	2000

LONGEST PUNT RETURN	PLAYER	SCHOOL	YEAR
51	Greg Sims	Brookhaven (MS)	2011
45	Tylan Knight	Pearl (MS)	2017
42	Walter Tipton	Hewitt-Trussville (AL)	1988

LONGEST FUMBLE RETURN	PLAYER	SCHOOL	YEAR
94	Keyshawn Lawrence	Starkville (MS) (TD)	2020

MOST INTERCEPTIONS	PLAYER	SCHOOL	YEAR
2	Dre Kirkpatrick	Gadsden City	2023
2	Ga'Quincy McKinstry	Pinson Valley	2020
2	Terrente Hinton	Saraland	2020
2	Patrick "P. J." Hall	Hoover (AL)	2015
2	Roderick Woody	Springville (AL)	1990
2	Marc Johnson	Cherokee Cty (AL)	1989
2	John Sullins	Lafayette (MS)1	1988

LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN	PLAYER	SCHOOL	YEAR
94	Alonzo Lawrence	(MS)	2007
84	Larry Casher	Blount (AL)	1997
76	Benjamin Davis	Gordo (AL)	2015
54	Max Lerner	Hoover (AL)	2006
54	Kelly Steele	Moss Point (MS)	1990
49	Kam White	Clinton (MS)	2016
44	Johnathan Abram	East Marion (MS)	2014

MOST TACKLES	PLAYER	SCHOOL	YEAR
17	C. J. Johnson	Philadelphia (MS)	2010
16	Thomas Johnston	Spanish Fort (AL)	2016
12	Keyshawn Lawrence	Starkville (MS)	2020
12	Michael Jackson	Parker (AL)	2014
12	Tre' Williams	St. Paul's (AL)	2007



# YEAR-BY-YEAR HISTORY

## MISSISSIPPI-ALABAMA TEAM RECORDS

### SERIES RECORD

Alabama	27 wins
Mississippi	11 wins

### MOST CONSECUTIVE WINS

7	Alabama	2008-2014
6	Alabama	1999-2004
4	Alabama	2020-2024
4	Mississippi	1992-1995

### SCORING

#### Most Points (One Team)

51	Alabama (51-14)	2007
42	Mississippi (42-7)	2017
38	Mississippi (38-9)	1995
36	Alabama (36-30)	2014
35	Alabama (35-29)	2024
33	Alabama (33-14)	2001
31	Alabama (31-12)	2011

#### Most Points (both teams)

66	Alabama (36-30)	2014
65	Alabama (51-14)	2007
64	Alabama (35-29)	2024

#### Most Points (losing team)

30	Mississippi (30-36)	2014
29	Mississippi (29-35)	2024
24	Mississippi (24-28)	1999
22	Mississippi (22-24)	1999
21	Alabama (21-28)	2015
21	Mississippi (21-24)	1989 (4 OT)
21	Mississippi (21-24)	1988 (3 OT)

#### Biggest Margin of Victory

37	Alabama (51-14)	2007 (June)
35	Mississippi (42-7)	2017

#### Fewest Points (one team)

0	Alabama	1998
0	Mississippi	2021

#### Fewest Points (both teams)

9	Mississippi won 9-0	1998
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### Most Points Scored, One Quarter (one team)

21	Mississippi	2017
21	Alabama	2011
17	Mississippi	1995
17	Alabama	2024

### Most Points Scored, One Half (one team)

35	Mississippi	2017
34	Alabama	2007 (June)
28	Mississippi	2014

### Most Points Scored, Overtime (one team)

17	Alabama	1988, 1989
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### TOTAL OFFENSE

#### Most First Downs (one team)

28	Alabama	2014
25	Alabama	2007 (June)
24	Mississippi	2023
23	Mississippi	2014

#### Most First Downs (both teams)

51	Ala 28, Miss 23	2014
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#### Most Plays (one team)

74	Mississippi	2016
74	Alabama	2014
71	Mississippi	2014
71	Alabama	2007 (June)
67	Mississippi	2023
64	Alabama	2015
64	Mississippi	1999
62	Alabama	2024
61	Alabama	2020
60	Alabama	2021

#### Most Plays (both teams)

145	Ala 74, Miss 71	2014
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#### Most Yards Gained (one team)

486	Alabama	2007 (June)
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### Most Yards Gained (both teams)

796	Ala 429, Miss 297	2014
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### RUSHING

#### Most Rush Attempts (one team)

53	Alabama	2014
50	Mississippi	1993

#### Most Rush Attempts (both teams)

81		1993
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#### Most Rushing Yards (one team)

255	Alabama	2007 (June)
245	Alabama	2014

#### Most Rushing Yards (both teams)

344		1992
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### PASSING

#### Most Pass Attempts (one team)

47	Mississippi	2014
42	Mississippi	1997
39	Alabama	2024
34	Mississippi	2023
32	Mississippi	2024
32	Alabama	2007 (June)

#### Most Pass Attempts (both teams)

71	Ala (39), Miss (32)	2024
68	Miss (47), Ala (21)	2014
60	Miss (34), Ala (26)	2023
60	Ala 31, Miss 29	2015
58	Miss 42, Ala 16	2007 (June)

#### Moss Pass Completions (one team)

25	Mississippi	2014
22	Alabama	2024
22	Mississippi	2023
21	Mississippi	2024
21	Alabama	2011

#### Best Pass Completion Pct. (one team)

80.0 %	Alabama	2004
78.6 %	Mississippi	2017

# YEAR-BY-YEAR HISTORY

## Most Passing Yards (one team)

331	Alabama	2024
326	Mississippi	2015
325	Alabama	1990
310	Alabama	2023
280	Mississippi	2014
231	Alabama	2007 (June)

## Most Passing Yards (both teams)

532	Ala 331, Miss 201	2024
530	Ala 310, Miss 220	2023
480	Miss 325, Ala 154	2015
469	Miss 280, Ala 189	2014

## Most Touchdown Passes (one team)

4	Alabama	2024
4	Mississippi	2015
3	Alabama	2023
3	Mississippi	2014
3	Alabama	2007 (June)
3	Alabama	2003
3	Mississippi	1994

## Most Touchdown Passes (both teams)

6	Miss 4, Ala 2	2015
5	Ala 4, Miss 1	2024
5	Miss 3, Ala 2	2014

## PENALTIES

### Most Penalties Against (one team)

15	Mississippi	2012
14	Alabama	2012
13	Alabama	2020
13	Mississippi	2020

### Most Penalties Against (both teams)

29	Miss 15, Ala 14	2013
26	Ala 13, Miss 13	2020
25	Ala 13, Miss 12	2014

### Most Yards Penalized (one team)

136	Alabama	2020
127	Alabama	2012
116	Alabama	2014
115	Mississippi	2012
108	Alabama	2023
100	Mississippi	2014

## Most Yards Penalized (both teams)

242	Ala 127, Miss 115	2012
233	Ala 136, Miss 97	2020
216	Ala 116, Miss 100	2014

## Most Interceptions (both teams)

6	Ala 1, Miss 5	2020
5	Ala 4, Miss 1	2023

## Most Interceptions (one team)

5	Alabama	2020
4	Alabama	2023

ALL-STAR FOOTBALL





## ► 2024—Alabama 35, Mississippi 29

In a game that featured seven lead changes and a late 17-point fourth quarter rally, the Alabama All-Stars defeated the Mississippi All-Stars 35 to 29 in the 38th Annual Mississippi Alabama All-Star Football Classic at Hancock-Whitney Stadium, Abraham A. Mitchell Field, on the campus of South Alabama in Mobile, AL, on December 14, 2024. The Alabama win was the team's fifth win in a row and increased the Alabama series lead to 27-11 overall.

Alabama scored first on a 14-play, 80-yard drive consuming 6:01 minutes featuring a 16-yard pass from K. J. Lacey to receiver Carson Gill, both Saraland teammates, and a pass interference penalty on Mississippi. Lacey, named MVP for Alabama, finished with a record-setting performance of 21 passes completed on 36 attempts for 327 yards and 4 touchdowns with 2 interceptions. Lacey's totals set series game records for pass attempts, pass completions, and passing yards. On third-and-goal at the four-yard line, Lacey connected with Carver's T. K. Norman on a scoring pass with 2:42 left in the first quarter. Alabama led 7-0 after Cleat Forrest of Alexandria booted the extra point.

Mississippi countered quickly as Mississippi MVP Deuce Knight of George County drove his team 74 yards on 6 plays in 2:07 capped off by a 33-yard touchdown pass to tight end Maddox Lynch of Warren Central. Evan Noel of St. Stanislaus missed the extra point and Alabama kept a 7-6 lead with 26 seconds left in the quarter. For the game, Knight was 17-of-23 passing for 176 yards and 1 touchdown and ran for 139 yards and 2 TDs on 14 rush attempts.

The Magnolia State squad then took a 12-7 lead at the 7:02 mark of the second quarter as Anthony Hopson of Neshoba Central recovered a fumble in the end zone on a punt attempt by Cleat Forrest. Tupelo's Noah Gillon's two-point conversion failed on the first lead change of the day.

After an exchange of possessions including a Mississippi interception by Zach Ruffin of Neshoba Central, Alabama had the ball at their own thirteen-yard line. Lacey then hit Daylyn Upshaw of Central Phenix City just 15 yards downfield and Upshaw raced the rest of the way following a midfield block by Carson Gill for an 87-yard touchdown with 4:01 to play in the half. The 87-yard play was the second longest pass in the series' 38-year history. Lacey then

connected with Gill for the two-point conversion and Alabama led 15 to 12 after the 20 second one-play drive.

Mississippi struck back as Deuce Knight led an 11-play 80-yard drive that took 2:51 off the clock. Knight ran and passed his team to the one-yard line and then scored with 1:10 remaining in the second quarter. Evan Noel's extra point attempt was good and Mississippi regained the lead 19 to 15 at halftime. The Mississippi run defense was stifling as they held the Alabama rushing attack to a minus-20 yards in the first two quarters. Alabama finished the game with only one yard rushing total on 20 rushing attempts.

Following a Mississippi punt, Alabama drove the ball 58 yards on 7 plays for 50 seconds and Cleat Forrest kicked a 32-yard field goal to draw Alabama within a point 19 to 18 with 7:06 left in the third quarter. Mississippi responded with a 10-play 63-yard drive that lasted 5:37 and padded their lead to 22 to 18 on an Evan Noel 30-yard field goal with 1:22 left in the stanza.

Alabama then started a drive that would give the Yellowhammer State the lead again as Lacey drove his team 80 yards in 9 plays in 4:08 and threw a touchdown pass to Gill from 13 yards out with 9:14 left in the fourth quarter. The PAT kick by Cleat Forrest put Alabama up in the contest 25 to 22.

Deuce Knight then took over again for Mississippi as he ran 55 yards around left end for a touchdown with 8:02 to play in the game. Evan Noel kicked the extra point to give Mississippi a 29 to 25 lead after the 3-play 80-yard drive in 1:12—the sixth lead change in the game.

Alabama wasted no time in regaining the lead as Anthony Rogers of Carver ran the ensuing kickoff back 53 yards. One play later, K. J. Lacey hit T. K. Norman of Carver on a 30-yard touchdown pass with 6:53 left in the fourth quarter. Cleat Forrest converted the extra point and Alabama led 32 to 29 after the 2-play 42-yard drive that took 57 seconds.

After a Mississippi punt, Lacey drove Alabama 63 yards in 7 plays that chewed up 1:29 on the clock and ended with a Cleat Forrest 32-yard field goal with 3:15 to play in the game and a 35 to 29 Alabama lead.

With time running down, Deuce Knight had another chance at erasing the Alabama lead, but on third-and-16 at the 44-yard line, his pass was intercepted by Anquon Fegans of Thompson

and returned 18 yards to the Mississippi 41-yard line. Mississippi was able to get the ball back with one last chance with 1:05 left in the game as Lacey threw his second interception of the day to Jamarcus Flowers of South Panola who returned the ball 9 yards to the Mississippi 34-yard line. After completing a pass, off-setting penalties, and a one-yard scramble run, Knight was sacked for a four-yard loss by K. J. Lacey and Kindal Moorehead of Hillcrest as time expired and Alabama prevailed 35 to 29.

The two teams combined for 711 total yards and 41 first downs—both totals ranked second all-time in the series. The 64 points scored was the third all-time in the history of the game. Mississippi outgained Alabama 384 to 331 in total offensive yards and led in both time of possession 26:51 to 21:09 and first downs 22 to 19. Deuce Knight was the game's leading rusher with his 139 yards total that included his two touchdowns. Mississippi punter Jack Richardson of Madison Central booted a 63-yard punt on his first attempt in the game which became the second-longest punt in the game's history.

The game's leading receiver was Daylyn Upshaw who hauled in five catches for 131 yards and the 87-yard TD. Mississippi's leading receiver was Tyree Barnett of Hattiesburg who had four receptions for 59 yards. Mississippi's leading tackler was Andrew Maddox of Oak Grove who had 6 total tackles—3 solo stops and 3 assists plus one and a half tackles for loss. Alabama's leading defender was Anquon Fegans of Thompson who had a game-high 7 tackles including 5 solo and 2 assists plus two and a half tackles for loss and the game clinching interception.

## ► 2023—Alabama 26, Mississippi 17

Five turnovers and a special teams miscue helped the Alabama All-Stars to a 26 to 17 win over the Mississippi All-Stars in the 37th Annual Mississippi Alabama All-Star Football Classic at Carlisle-Faulkner Field, M. M. Roberts Stadium, on the campus of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, on December 16, 2023. The Alabama victory was the squad's fourth win in a row and increased the Alabama series lead to 26-11 overall.

On Mississippi's first possession of the game, a bad snap from center on a punt attempt led to Hayden Wolfe's punt being blocked and recovered by Dre Kirkpatrick of Gadsden City



for Alabama. J'Marion Burnett of Andalusia dashed 6 yards into the end zone on the next play and Alabama led 7-0 following the PAT kick by Towns McGough of Auburn at the 9:09 mark of the first quarter. Mississippi then drove the ball 9 plays and 50 yards in 7:52 before Hayden Wolfe missed a 38-yard field goal attempt wide left. Alabama took the ball 41 yards but turned the ball over on downs on a fourth-and-7 at the Mississippi 25-yard line.

Mississippi responded with a 12-play 71-yard drive capped off by a 6-yard touchdown run by Starkville QB Trey Petty. Hayden Wolfe of Clinton booted the extra point and the game was tied 7-7 with 9:38 to play in the second quarter.

Alabama promptly answered with a 5-play 70-yard drive featuring a 48-yard touchdown pass from Roman Gagliano of Opelika to Bubba Davis Alabama MVP Ryan Williams of Saraland. Towns McGough converted the extra point and Alabama regained the lead at 14 to 7 with 7:37 left in the half. Mississippi then reached the Alabama 21 on the ensuing drive and Hayden Wolfe kicked a 38-yard field goal with 4:35 to play in the second quarter to slice the Alabama lead to 14 to 10.

Patrick Broomfield of Clarksdale then intercepted a Roman Gagliano pass at midfield, but the teams quickly exchanged punts. With seconds left to play in the half, Bubba Davis Mississippi MVP QB Trey Petty of Starkville completed a pass to Michael Johnson of South Panola, but Dre Kirkpatrick forced a fumble and picked up the ball for a 26-yard fumble return to set Alabama up at the Alabama 16-yard line. Jared Hollins of Mary G. Montgomery then hit Hewitt-Trussville's Donovan Price on an 80-yard pass to the Mississippi 4-yard line. Hollins then completed a 4-yard TD pass to Williams with five seconds to play in the quarter for Williams' second score of the day and Alabama padded the lead to 20 to 10 after Towns McGough's extra point attempt was blocked.

Mississippi opened the second half with a drive to the Alabama 40-yard line, but Trey Petty's pass was intercepted at the Alabama 1-yard line by Xavier Johnson of Muscle Shoals. Mississippi forced a punt and managed to reach the Alabama 6-yard line, but Dre Kirkpatrick intercepted a pass by A. J. Maddox of Oak Grove in the end zone and returned the ball to the Alabama 8-yard line. After 2 running

plays to the Alabama 12-yard line, Roman Gagliano hit Malcolm Simmons of Benjamin Russell on a record-setting 88-yard touchdown pass, the longest pass play in the history of the Mississippi/Alabama All-Star series. A two-point conversion pass attempt by Gagliano failed and Alabama extended the lead to 26 to 10 at the 4:09 mark of the third quarter.

Mississippi QB Petty then engineered a scoring drive that went 56 yards on 6 plays in 1:17 as he completed a 14-yard touchdown pass to Daniel Hill of Meridian. Hayden Wolfe kicked the extra point and the score was Alabama 26, Mississippi 17 with 2:37 left to go in the third quarter. The teams exchanged punts as they entered the fourth quarter. Alabama went 50 yards on 12 plays to drop the clock to 4:26 to play before Mississippi took over on downs at their own 28-yard line. Dre Kirkpatrick then snuffed out another Mississippi possession as he intercepted a pass by A. J. Maddox at the Alabama 37-yard line.

Mississippi forced a punt and had the ball with 1:34 remaining, but Jamari Payne of Loachapoka sealed the game for Alabama as he picked off a Trey Petty pass at the Alabama 48-yard line with 30 seconds left to play.

Alabama MVP Ryan Williams finished the game with 8 catches for 92 yards and 2 touchdowns along with 2 punt returns for 21 yards. Mississippi MVP Trey Petty completed 13 of 20 passes for 160 yards with 2 interceptions and he recorded a touchdown run and a touchdown pass. Alabama's Dre Kirkpatrick was the defensive star of the game with 6 tackles, 1 forced fumble, 1 fumble return, 2 interceptions, 1 blocked pass, and the blocked punt. Cameron Pruitt of Theodore had a game-high 10 tackles with 2 tackles for loss for Alabama. Mississippi defensive stars included Amarion Tyson of Picayune who had 6 tackles and 1 tackle for loss with a pass breakup. Lake Cormorant's Kamarion Franklin recorded 5 tackles, with 2 QB sacks, 2 tackles for loss, 1 pass breakup and 1 blocked pass.

Offensive standouts included Mississippi's Stonka Burnside of Starkville who hauled in 11 catches for 108 yards and Alabama running back J'Marion Burnett who had a game-high 64 yards on 16 carries with 1 TD. Alabama QB Jared Hollins was 11-for-19 passing for 160 yards and 1 TD while Roman Gagliano was 4-of-7 for 150 yards, 2 TDs and 1 interception.

Mississippi QB A. J. Maddox finished with 9-of-14 passing for 60 yards and 2 interceptions. Mississippi's leading ground gainers were Gavin Griffin of Velma Jackson with 25 yards on 6 rushes and Daniel Hill of Meridian who ran for 22 yards on 7 carries.

Alabama ran 58 plays for 384 yards of total offense while Mississippi had 282 yards on 67 plays. Mississippi had 24 first downs to Alabama's 15. Mississippi led in time of possession 27:07 to 20:53. Alabama was 4-of-11 on third down conversions while Mississippi was 4-of-10 and neither team had a fourth down conversion as Alabama was 0-for-2 and Mississippi was 0-for-0.

## ► 2022– Alabama 14, Mississippi 10

Despite a solid Mississippi All-Star defense that dominated three quarters of the game, the Alabama All-Stars rallied with two late fourth quarter touchdowns to win their third straight victory in the series by defeating the Mississippi All-Stars 14-10 in the 36th Annual Mississippi Alabama All-Star Football Classic at Hancock Whitney Stadium on the campus of South Alabama in Mobile, Alabama, on December 10, 2022. The win added to the Alabama series lead at 25-11 overall.

A flurry of turnovers was the highlight of the first quarter. Southaven's John Slaughter picked off a pass by Alabama's Christopher Vizzina of Briarwood Christian at the Alabama 29, but an ensuing sack and fumble on Bray Hubbard of Ocean Springs by Alabama's Klark Cleveland of Auburn gave Alabama the ball right back at the Mississippi 46-yard line. Two plays later, Alex Sanford of Oxford forced a fumble by Alabama's Earl Woods of Hueytown which was recovered by Mississippi's Jeleel Fleming of Vicksburg that placed the ball at Mississippi's 34-yard line. Mississippi then drove 11 plays and 49 yards in 6:07 before Bart Edmiston of Ocean Springs drilled a 35-yard field goal to give Mississippi a 3-0 lead with 1:30 left in the quarter.

In the second quarter, the teams battled back-and-forth with Mississippi's defense holding Alabama to no points and only 20 yards of total offense for the first half. Besides the fumble recovery by Jeleel Fleming, Fleming intercepted another Alabama pass by Earl Woods to halt another drive and increase the turnover numbers to 2 interceptions and a lost fumble in the first half for the Alabama squad.





Mississippi maintained the 3-0 lead at the halftime break.

In the third quarter, after forcing another Alabama punt, Mississippi went 4 plays and 73 yards in 1:52 to score the game's first touchdown. D'Marium Perteet of South Panola raced 52 yards for the Mississippi six-pointer with 9:04 on the clock and Bart Edmiston added the extra point for a 10-0 Mississippi lead. Following an exchange of punts, Alabama drove 68 yards in 12 plays to the Mississippi 1 yard line, but a goal line stand saw Jaylen Aborom of Oak Grove recover a fumble on fourth-and-goal by Peter Woods of Thompson to thwart the Alabama scoring chance.

Alabama rallied late in the fourth quarter bolstered by a Mississippi unnecessary roughness penalty. Alabama marched 40 yards in 4 plays in 2:17 to score their first touchdown as Earl Woods tallied on a 4-yard run. Peyton Argent of Hoover booted the extra point and Alabama sliced the Mississippi lead to 10-7 with 8:42 to play in the game. Mississippi responded with a 49-yard drive that chewed up 4:47, but Bart Edmiston missed a key 38-yard field goal attempt that gave Alabama the ball at their own 21-yard line with 3:55 to play.

Alabama then drove 79 yards in 8 plays and 1:20 for the winning touchdown. Facing a fourth-and-four play at the 46-yard line, Alabama QB Christopher Vizzina connected with Prattville receiver Kameron Shanks for 33 yards to the Mississippi 21. Three plays later, Vizzina fired a perfect pass to Davion Dozier of Moody who outjumped the Mississippi defensive backs for the go-ahead touchdown. Peyton Argent added the point after touchdown and Alabama led for the first time 14-10 with 2:35 left in the fourth quarter.

Mississippi took over on its own 30-yard line with one last chance, but Mack Howard of Oxford threw an interception to T. J. Metcalf of Pinson Valley at the 32-yard line with 2:27 remaining. Alabama's Khalifa Keith from A. H. Parker broke off a 27-yard run for a first down and Alabama ran out the clock for the win.

Defensive stars and the game's leading tacklers received the Most Valuable Player Awards for the game. The Alabama MVP was Peter Woods of Thompson who had 6 solo tackles and 2 assists for a total of 8 tackles with 2 QB sacks and 7 tackles for loss and a

forced fumble. Suntarine Perkins of Raleigh was selected as the Mississippi MVP for his outstanding performance in making 9 solo tackles with 1 assist for a total of 10 tackles with 3 tackles for loss and one pass break-up.

The leading passer for Mississippi was Bray Hubbard of Ocean Springs who completed 4-of-8 for 44 yards and no interceptions. Alabama was led in passing by Christopher Vizzina of Briarwood Christian who connected on 8-of-13 passes for 80 yards, 1 touchdown, and 1 interception. Alabama was led in rushing by Earl Woods of Hueytown who also split time at quarterback and gained 63 yards on 12 rushes with 1 touchdown and a 29-yard run. Mississippi was led in rushing by D'Marium Perteet of South Panola who ran for 87 yards on 6 carries including the 52-yard touchdown. The standout receivers were Mississippi's Ayden Williams of Ridgeland who had 1 catch for 43 yards and Alabama's Kameron Shanks of Prattville who snagged 3 passes for 88 yards.

Both defenses were the true story of the contest. Mississippi had 40 total tackles with 3 QB sacks and 14 tackles for loss with 3 forced fumbles and 2 fumble recoveries along with 2 interceptions and 4 pass break-ups. Alabama racked up 55 total tackles with 5 sacks and 16 tackles for loss with 3 forced fumbles and 1 fumble recovery along with 1 interception and 2 pass break-ups. Alabama was 2-of-12 on third down conversions and 1-of-2 on fourth down with the key fourth quarter pass on the game-winning drive being the only conversion. Mississippi was 2-of-10 on third down and 1-of-3 on fourth down conversions. Mississippi had 14 first downs to Alabama's 12, but the late rally gave Alabama the edge in offense as they ran 53 plays for 209 yards while Mississippi had 50 plays for 189 yards.

## ► 2021– Alabama 20, Mississippi 0

Mississippi started in exciting fashion as Khalid Moore of Poplarville recovered the onsideline opening kickoff. After driving 4 plays to the Alabama 46 yard line, Mississippi yielded the ball on downs and Alabama promptly drove to the Mississippi 11 yard line when Alex McPherson of Fort Payne missed a 28-yard field goal attempt. Alabama would then strike for the game's first score after forcing a Mississippi punt and driving 73 yards on 14 plays into the

second quarter when McPherson drilled a 31-yard field goal to give Alabama a 3-0 lead with 11:49 left in the half.

Just 80 seconds later on the ensuing drive for Mississippi, Bubba Davis Alabama MVP Miguel Mitchell of Oxford picked off a pass thrown by Zachary Wilcke of Hernando and raced 52 yards for a touchdown with 10:39 left in the second quarter. Alex McPherson's extra point put the visitors up 10-0 at the half. Mitchell would finish the game with five tackles, 1 forced fumble, 1 tackle for loss and the interception.

After Mississippi punted to open up the third quarter, Alabama launched a drive that lasted 13 plays and 67 yards before Khalid Moore intercepted a pass by Bennett Meredith of Hoover to halt the march. Following another Mississippi punt, Alabama then drove 5 plays and 76 yards to take a commanding 17-0 lead with 1:38 left in the frame after Kiersten Rogers of Theodore ran into the end zone from one yard out and McPherson kicked the point after. The drive was engineered by key passes from Zach Pyron of Pinson Valley and a superb 31-yard run by Brayton McReynolds of McGill-Toolen who led the game in rushing with 98 yards.

After another exchange of punts in the fourth quarter, the teams exchanged interceptions with Avery Thomas of Wetumpka picking off Wilcke again and Bubba Davis Mississippi MVP Malcolm Hartzog of Jefferson Davis County intercepting Evan Smith of Oak Mountain in the end zone to prevent a touchdown. Hartzog would complete the day with a game-high 9 tackles, 1 pass break-up, and the interception. Miguel Mitchell of Alabama, however, would then force a fumble that would be recovered by Jackson Van Zandt of Thompson and gave Alabama a chance at a 44-yard field goal attempt that was just wide by McPherson.

After Mississippi gave up the ball on downs again, Alex McPherson then made series history as he booted a record 58-yard field goal with 1:17 remaining in the game to give the Alabama All-Stars a final 20-0 score. The field goal was also the longest in the history of M. M. Roberts Stadium. McPherson finished with 2 field goals and punted four times for a record 50.0 yard average. He also had back-to-back 57 yard punts that pinned Mississippi deep in its own territory with one punt downed at the one yard line.



The Alabama All-Stars controlled both sides of the lines of scrimmage and outgained Mississippi in total yards 296 to 117 and in first downs, 15 to 7. Mississippi only crossed midfield on 3 occasions, all in the first half and never got past the Alabama 46-yard line. The Mississippi All-Stars were 3 of 15 on third downs and 0 of 2 on fourth down attempts while Alabama was 2 of 11 on third downs and 1 of 1 on fourth down conversions. Zach Pyron of Pinson Valley was the leading passer for Alabama as he completed 7-of-11 for 91 yards. Kabe Barnett of Oak Grove was the leading passer for Mississippi as he connected on 6-of-14 passes for 40 yards. Both QBs were sacked twice by each squad. While Malcolm Hartzog led Mississippi in tackles, there players for Alabama led their squad with 6 tackles each—Trevon McAlpine of Saraland, T. J. Dudley of Montgomery Catholic, and Jackson Van Zandt of Thompson. The C Spire Academic Achievement Award winners were Mississippi's Blake Hunter of Madison Central and Alabama's Justice Finkley of Hewitt-Trussville.

## ► 2020—Alabama 19, Mississippi 7

Alabama's All-Stars snapped a three-game losing streak to the Mississippi All-Stars on the strength of 5 interceptions as the squad claimed a 19-7 victory in the 34th Annual Mississippi Alabama All-Star Football Classic at the Cramton Bowl in Montgomery, Alabama, on December 12, 2020. With the win, the Alabama All-Stars increased their series lead to 23-11.

Alabama set the turnover tone on the third play from scrimmage as Saraland's Terrente Hinton picked off a pass from Ty Keyes of Taylorsville at the 15 yard line. Alabama came up short, however, on a 28-yard field goal attempt by Drake Tabor of Spain Park that was wide left. The teams then exchanged punts until Alabama started a drive near the end of the first quarter at their own 22 yard line which would cover 5 plays and 63 yards in 2:18 and was capped off by a 28-yard touchdown pass from Will Crowder of Gardendale to Christian Lewis of Pleasant Grove. A Drake Tabor extra point put Alabama in the lead 7-0 with 1:33 to play in the first stanza.

A sack ended the ensuing drive for Mississippi but Tristan Shorter of Oxford recovered a fumble by Revy Higgins of Oxford, AL, at the 46 yard line. After a penalty and 2

incomplete passes, Alabama took over at their own 11. The Alabama All-Stars marched 82 yards on 14 plays in 7:01 and Drake Tabor kicked a 25-yard field goal with 1:07 left in the half to put Alabama up 10-0. Near the end of the half, Alabama MVP Ga'Quincy McKinstry of Pinson Valley snared a pass from Ty Keyes at the Alabama 3-yard line and raced 97 yards for a touchdown. The score was called back on a blind side block and Alabama took a knee to end the half with the 10-0 lead. McKinstry would finish the game with 1 tackle, 2 interceptions, and 3 receptions on offense for 76 yards including a game-long 43 yard catch.

Alabama opened the second half on a long drive which was halted by an interception of a pass thrown by Peyton Higgins of Mars Hill Bible and picked off by Charles Thomas of Horn Lake at the Mississippi 3-yard line. Mississippi then began a drive that was marred by penalties and another interception of a Ty Keyes pass, this time by Noah Warren of Auburn who returned the ball 32 yards to the 15 with a penalty that set Alabama up at the 5 yard line. Alabama's short field drive only yielded a minus five yards on 4 plays in 2:13 following penalties, a blocked field goal attempt, and, finally a 27 yard field goal by Drake Tabor with 2:23 to play in the third quarter to put Alabama up 13-0.

Alabama snuffed out another Mississippi drive in the fourth quarter as Terrente Hinton recorded his second interception by picking off a pass by Magee's Chandler Pittman at the 3-yard line. Mississippi MVP Keyshawn Lawrence of Starkville then stripped Alabama QB Trey Higgins of the ball at the 6 and rumbled 94 yards for a touchdown. Oxford's Jack Tannehill added the extra point and Mississippi had cut the score to Alabama 13, Mississippi 7 with 7:18 left to play. Lawrence would end the day with a game-high 12 tackles including 2 tackles for loss plus the forced fumble and 94-yard fumble return. He also returned a blocked field goal for a touchdown which was erased by too many Mississippi defenders on the field by special game rules.

Alabama would then clinch the game with a drive that lasted 8 plays, went 60 yards, and chewed up 3:52 of the clock. Christian Lewis hauled in his second touchdown catch again from Will Crowder from 11 yards out with 3:26 to play in the game. A two-point conversion attempt was no good and Alabama led 19-7.

Mississippi had the ball for one last drive, however, Ga'Quincy McKinstry intercepted a pass from Laurel's Kanarius Johnson and Alabama ran out the clock to preserve the win.

## ► 2019—Mississippi 17, Alabama 16

A blocked field goal and a blocked extra point attempt proved to be the winning margin for the Mississippi All Stars as they claimed their third consecutive win and fourth win in the last five games by defeating the Alabama All Stars 17 to 16 in an overtime thriller in the 33rd Annual Mississippi Alabama All Star Football Classic at M. M. Roberts Stadium in Hattiesburg, MS, on December 14, 2019. The Magnolia State victory sliced the Alabama overall series lead to 22-11. The overtime game was the first in the series since 2010 and the fifth overall with Alabama holding a 4-1 margin in overtime. The win was Mississippi's first in extra frames in the series.

Alabama took an early 7-0 lead after taking the opening kickoff and driving 11 plays and 69 yards in 5:50. Alabama's Jordon Ingram of St. Paul's ran the ball in from 2 yards out with 6:10 left on the first quarter clock and Evan McGuire of Thompson added the extra point. The key play in the drive was a 42-yard pass completion from Sawyer Pate of Muscle Shoals to receiver Eddie Williams of Central-Phenix City who was later named the Bubba Davis Alabama MVP. Williams finished the game with 6 catches for 98 yards. The Alabama defense held Mississippi in check for much of the first half and thwarted a Mississippi threat in the final minute of the half when Daniel Foster-Allen of St. Paul's and Decarius Hawthorne of Center Point sacked Jimmy Holiday of Madison Central after Mississippi had reached the Alabama 20-yard line.

Leading 7-0 at the half, the Alabama squad forced a punt on Mississippi's first possession in the third quarter and drove 57 yards on 10 plays in 2:16 and increased their lead to 10-0 following Evan McGuire's 30 yard field goal at the 8:02 mark. Mississippi then launched a drive that would take up the remainder of the third quarter. Mississippi traveled mostly on the ground for 18 plays and 56 yards in 8:08 and made the score 10-3 as Gavin Gaudin of Northwest Rankin connected on a 31-yard field goal at 11:54 of the fourth quarter. After holding Alabama, Mississippi drove to the Alabama 22 yard line, but a pass by Will Rogers of Brandon



was intercepted by DeShazio Williams in the end zone to halt the drive.

Alabama then countered with an 8-play, 62-yard drive that ended when Evan McGuire's field goal attempt from 25 yards out went wide right. Mississippi then tied the contest at 10-10 as they went 70 yards on 11 plays in 4:13 and entered the end zone when Will Rogers completed a slant pass to Tupelo's Trip Wilson from 12 yards out. Gavin Gaudin's extra point tied the game with 2:04 to play. Alabama then proceeded to reach the Mississippi 8 yard line and Evan McGuire tried a 25 yard field goal with 42 seconds left in regulation. Mississippi's Jevon Banks of Olive Branch, however, blocked the kick and forced overtime.

In overtime, Mississippi quickly drove 3 plays and 10 yards to take a 17-10 lead after Will Rogers completed a screen pass to Janari Dean of South Panola for 6 yards and Gavin Gaudin added the extra point. Alabama then drove 10 yards on 3 plays as Logan Smothers of Muscle Shoals completed a touchdown pass to Mike Pettway of Thompson from 9 yards out. The extra point attempt by Evan McGuire, however, was blocked by Mississippi's Tyrese Hopkins of Starkville to preserve the Mississippi win.

The Bubba Davis Mississippi MVP was McKinnley Jackson of George County who recorded 3 tackles with 2 solo stops and 1 assist plus one half sack and tackle for loss. The Alabama C-Spire Academic Achievement Award winner was Trent Howard of Briarwood Christian while the Mississippi C-Spire Academic Award winner was Hayes Hammond of Tupelo. Alabama outgained Mississippi in total yards as they had 260 yards (40 yards rushing and 220 yards passing) on 49 plays while Mississippi had 177 yards (88 yards rushing and 89 yards passing) on 63 plays. The leading ground gainer for Alabama was Kristian Story of Lanett who had 37 yards on 8 rushes. Mississippi was paced on the ground by Janari Dean of South Panola who had 66 yards on 19 carries.

In passing, Mississippi's Will Rogers was 10 of 16 for 66 yards, 2 touchdowns, and one interception while Jimmy Holiday of Madison Central was 3 of 5 for 23 yards. The Alabama passing attack was paced by Sawyer Pate who was 7 of 13 for 127 yards and Logan Smothers who connected on 7 of 9 passes for

93 yards and one touchdown. Alabama MVP Eddie Williams was the leading receiver for the game while Mississippi's Jaden Walley of D'Iberville paced his team with 4 catches for 27 yards. On defense, Alabama was led by Xavier Morrow of Paul Bryant who had 9 total tackles including 8 solo stops, 1 assist, and 1 tackle for loss. Mississippi's Emmanuel Forbes of Grenada led his defense with 8 total tackles with 6 solos, 2 assists, and 1 tackle for loss.

### ► 2018– Mississippi 24, Alabama 20

A strong ground game led Mississippi's All Stars to their second straight victory and third win in the last four games by defeating the Alabama All Stars 24 to 20 in the 32nd Annual Mississippi Alabama All Star Football Classic at the Cramton Bowl in Montgomery, Alabama, on December 17, 2018. The Mississippi team win was the first ever in the series for the squad at the Cramton Bowl in Montgomery and reduced the Alabama overall series lead to 22-10. The consecutive wins also marked the first time the Mississippi squad had accomplished back-to-back victories since the squad's 4-game winning streak in the series from 1992 to 1995. Alabama opened the scoring in the game after missing a 41-yard field goal attempt and an interception by Nehemiah Pritchett of Jackson off Oak Grove quarterback John Rhys Plumlee set up Alabama at the Mississippi 49-yard line. Alabama then scored on a 13-yard touchdown catch by George Pickens of Hoover on a pass from Pinson Valley's Bo Nix to take a 7-0 lead on a 6-play drive that lasted 1:58. Jarod Conner of Hattiesburg, who was named the Bubba Davis Mississippi Most Valuable Player, tied the game with 1:19 remaining in the half on a 2-yard run capping off an 11-play, 44-yard drive that was started by a fumble recovery at midfield. For the game, Conner ran 18 times for 112 yards and two touchdowns out of a single wing formation. Following the half and tied at 7-7, Mississippi would take the lead with 9:44 left in the third quarter as Conner scored his second touchdown on a 6-yard run. Oak Grove quarterback John Rhys Plumlee hit Jarrian Jones of Northwest Rankin on a key third-and-13 play for 35 yards to the Alabama 19-yard line and Mississippi scored 4 plays later to take control of the game. The scoring drive featured 9 plays covering 75 yards chewing up

over 2 minutes on the clock primarily on the ground. Tupelo's Jaquerrious Williams capped off a 7-play, 70-yard drive covering 2:11 on the clock to give Mississippi a 21-7 lead as he ran the ball in from 13 yards out with 11:07 left in the fourth quarter. Alabama struck back on a 12-play, 75-yard drive midway in the final period as Michael Vice of Vestavia Hills gathered in a 3-yard touchdown pass from Peter Parrish of Central-Phenix to cut the Mississippi lead to 21-14 with just over 7 minutes to play. After taking over on downs with 1:38 left to play, Mississippi iced the game as Tucker Barefoot of Clinton, who had earlier missed two field goal attempts by twice hitting the uprights, drilled a game-clinching 43-yard field goal with 35 seconds remaining to increase the lead to 24-14. Alabama scored on the last play of the game as Bo Nix once again hit George Pickens with a 32-yard touchdown pass to make the final score 24-20. Pickens earned Alabama Most Valuable Player honors with a series record-setting 9 catches for 155 yards and two touchdowns. Mississippi ran for 176 of its 257 yards in the second half outgaining Alabama a total of 257 to 57 on the ground. Mississippi only attempted 7 passes in the second half and picked up 16 of the team's 19 first downs on the ground. In addition to Jarod Conner's 112 yards, Jaquerrious Williams gained 94 yards on 20 carries. In the passing category, John Rhys Plumlee of Oak Grove was 6-of-12 for 77 yards and 1 interception while K. J. Jefferson of North Panola finished with 3-of-4 completions for 56 yards. Alabama was led in passing by Bo Nix of Pinson Valley who was 9-of-22 for 162 yards, 2 touchdowns, and 1 interception while Peter Parrish of Central-Phenix completed 7-of-17 passes for 75 yards and 1 touchdown. The leading rusher for Alabama was Amontae Spivey of Central-Phenix City who gained 29 yards on 7 rushes. On defense, Mississippi was paced by Nakobe Dean of Horn Lake who recorded 8 total tackles—4 solo with 4 assists—and one tackle for loss. Alabama was led in tackles by Kendall McCallum of Oxford who had 10 total tackles including 8 solo and 2 assists with one tackle for loss. Mississippi had 390 yards of total offense (257 rushing, 133 passing) on 69 plays while Alabama had 294 yards (57 rushing, 237 passing) on 61 plays.





## ► 2017– Mississippi 42, Alabama 7

Mississippi's All Stars claimed their second win in the last three years and their second straight victory in the Magnolia State by crushing the Alabama All Stars 42 to 7 at M. M. Roberts Stadium in Hattiesburg, MS, on December 16, 2017. Tied at 7-7 at halftime, the Mississippi squad exploded for 3 touchdowns in the third quarter to take control of the game. Turnovers and bad snaps from center disrupted the Alabama offense throughout the game. Mississippi took advantage of 3 lost fumbles and 2 interceptions by Alabama and scored following three of the miscues. After Alabama took an early 7-0 lead on a 1 yard run by Wetumpka's Kavosiey Smoke, Jason Brownlee of West Point recovered an Alabama fumble at the 24 yard line. Yazoo County's Kenny Gainwell quickly ran the ball into the end zone on the next play to tie the score at 7 apiece. Both teams missed long field goal attempts in the second quarter as Alabama kicker Evan McPherson of Fort Payne failed on a 51-yard effort and Mississippi kicker Scott Goodman of Brandon fell short on a 48-yard attempt as the horn sounded at the half. In the second half, Mississippi's defense forced an early three-and-out and then drove 5 plays and 35 yards in 2:29 capped off by a 3 yard touchdown run by South Panola's Patrick Shegog. On the ensuing Alabama drive, Pearl's Tylan Knight intercepted a pass from James Foster of Sidney Lanier to set up Mississippi at the Alabama 26 yard line. Mississippi then drove the distance on 3 plays in 26 yards in 1:25 to take a 21-7 lead on a 2 yard touchdown yard by West Point's Marcus Murphy. In the fourth quarter, Mississippi continued to dominate play as they drove 46 yards on 6 plays in 3:18 after an Alabama punt to take a 28-7 lead on Yazoo County Kenny Gainwell's 12 yard run. Chris Smith of Nanih Waiya then recovered a fumble by Hoover's Shedrick Jackson following a pass completion to set up Mississippi at the Alabama 25 yard line. Kenny Gainwell then tallied his third touchdown by racing in from 3 yards out to increase the Mississippi lead to 35-7. Marcus Murphy of West Point closed out the scoring for the Mississippi squad with a 25 yard touchdown run as the team marched 90 yards in 5 plays in 2:41 on the strength of runs by Murphy of 54, 16, and 25 yards. For the second time in the history of the series, the

Bubba Davis Most Valuable Player Award for Mississippi was shared by two players as Kenny Gainwell of Yazoo County and Tylan Knight of Pearl were named Co-MVPs. Gainwell ran for 3 touchdowns and 56 yards on 9 carries and tied a series individual scoring record with 18 points. Knight ran back 3 punts for 45 yards, had a key interception, and recorded 3 solo tackles and 2 assists for a total of 5 tackles including 2 and-a-half tackles for loss. The Alabama MVP was Kenneth Robertson of Thompson who had 3 solo tackles and 4 assists for 7 tackles including 1 QB sack and 2-and-a-half tackles for loss.

## ► 2016 – Alabama 25, Mississippi 18

Alabama scored 12 points in the fourth quarter for a come-from-behind 25-14 win over Mississippi in the 30th Annual Alabama Mississippi All Star Football Classic played at the Cramton Bowl in Montgomery on December 10, 2016. Alabama took a quick 7-0 lead when Henry Ruggs of Lee-Montgomery returned the opening kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown—the longest kickoff return in the game's history. Jake Lane of Park Crossing kicked the extra point and added a 38-yard field goal in the first quarter for a 10-0 Alabama lead after an 11 play 43 yard drive. Mississippi cut the lead to 10-7 as Kylin Hill of Columbus scored on a 9 yard run to top off a 12 play 70 yard drive at the 4:11 mark of the second quarter. Alabama's Alec Jackson of Jeff Davis recovered a fumble by Myles Brennan of St. Stanislaus at the Mississippi 28 yard line to set up an 8 play 13 yard drive leading to a 32 yard field goal by Jake Lane and a 13-7 halftime lead. Early in the third quarter, Clinton's Kam White intercepted a pass by Bubba Thompson of McGill-Toolen and raced 49 yards for a Mississippi touchdown. The pick six score was the 6th longest interception return in the history of the series. Connor McKay of Germantown converted the extra point and Mississippi had a 14-13 lead. An intentional grounding penalty and a short punt gave Alabama prime field position at the Mississippi 39 yard line at the end of the third quarter. After a 7 play 17 yard drive, Alabama's Jake Lane booted his third field goal of the day from 38 yards out and Alabama recaptured the lead at 16-14 with 11:06 left to play. On the ensuing possession for Mississippi, Alabama scored on a team safety as a punt snap sailed over the

punter's head and out of the back of the end zone at the 9:33 mark increasing the lead to 18-14. Alabama stopped Mississippi on downs near midfield and proceeded to go on a 6 play 41 yard drive marked by a 13 yard touchdown run by Brian Robinson of Hillcrest-Tuscaloosa with 3:07 left in the game to clinch the final score at Alabama 25, Mississippi 14. Alabama linebacker Thomas Johnston of Spanish Fort was named the Alabama MVP as he had 16 tackles including two stops on Clinton's Cam Akers that ended Mississippi drives. The Mississippi MVP was Kylin Hill of Columbus who led all rushers in the game with 91 yards and a touchdown on 18 rushes. Mississippi outgained Alabama 229 to 179 yards and had dominated the time of possession in the first half, but the Alabama defense stiffened on clutch downs as Mississippi went 0 for 6 on fourth down conversions.

## ► 2015 – Mississippi 28, Alabama 21

Mississippi overcame an early 7-0 deficit and broke open a tie game to claim a 28-21 win over Alabama in the 29th Annual Mississippi Alabama All Star football classic played at Carlisle-Faulkner Field, M. M. Roberts Stadium, in Hattiesburg on December 12, 2015. The Magnolia State victory ended a 7-game winning streak by Alabama in the first game of the series ever played in the state of Mississippi and cut the Alabama series lead to 21-8. Mississippi trailed 7-0 after Alabama MVP Ben Davis of Gordo, who had 8 tackles including one tackle for loss in the game, returned an interception 76 yards in the first quarter. From that point, Mississippi Co-MVP wide receivers D. K. Metcalf of Oxford and A. J. Brown of Starkville took over the game. Mississippi QB Keon Howard of Laurel, who set series records for most passing yards (304) and touchdown passes (4), connected with D. K. Metcalf for a 69-yard scoring strike to tie the game at 7-7. Alabama took a 14-7 lead on a 10-yard pass from T. J. Simmons of Clay-Chalkville to Tyler Johnston of Spanish Fort, but Mississippi answered to tie the contest at 14-14 as Howard connected with A. J. Brown on a 35-yard pass just before halftime. Howard then threw another TD pass to Brown from 17 yards out on the last play of the third quarter to give Mississippi a 21-14 lead. Howard then tossed his 4th TD



pass in the fourth quarter as he again hooked up with D. K. Metcalf for a 32-yard TD and a 28-14 Mississippi lead. Alabama scored with 39 seconds left in the game as Simmons threw a 21-yard TD pass to Tyrrell Pigrome of Clay-Chalkville to close the scoring at 28-21. D. K. Metcalf finished the game with 5 catches for 151 yards and 2 TDs while A. J. Brown concluded his game with 9 catches for 137 yards and 2 TDs as both players were named Mississippi Co-MVPs for the first time in the history of the series. Tre'veon Nelson of Simmons was selected by Mississippi for the prestigious Cotton Robertson Award.

## ► 2014 – Alabama 36, Mississippi 30

Alabama wide receiver Justin Johnson of Hoover came down with perhaps the most dramatic catch in the 28-year Alabama-Mississippi Football All-Star Game series on the last play of the game to score the game-winning touchdown in the 36-30 win.

With the game at Cramton Bowl tied at 30 all with 12 seconds remaining and Alabama at the Mississippi 30-yard line, quarterback Tyler Cameron of Foley fired deep into the left corner of the end zone and Johnson, a 6 – foot-4 receiver, leaped high to wrestle the ball into his arms from a Mississippi defender for the spectacular TD.

The play climaxed an incredible comeback by the Alabama All-Stars, now 21-7 in the series and a perfect 4-0 in the game played at Cramton Bowl. Coach Jamey DuBose of Central-Phenix City, Alabama's head coach, saw his team trailing 28-10 late in the first half before the offense finally got on track.

Sparked by the hard running of Madison Academy running back Kerryon Johnson, Alabama took a 30-28 lead with 7:44 left in the third quarter when St. James tight end Jalen Harris caught a 7-yard TD pass from Mountain Brook quarterback Jacob Carroll. Johnson, who earned Alabama team MVP honors with 130 yards rushing and three touchdowns, scored on runs of 11 and 7 yards in the second quarter and capped a 10-play, 80-yard march in the third period with a 5-yard score to pull his team to within four at 28-24.

Mississippi, coached by Starkville's Jamie Mitchell, came out clicking on all cylinders in the first half as Starkville quarterback Brady Davis completed his first 12 passes to help

the visitors post four first-half touchdowns, a Mississippi record in 28-year history of the series. Davis connected with his own high school teammate Raphael Leonard for two touchdowns in the first quarter. Leonard made great grabs for 28 yards and 11 yards to put Mississippi up 14-3. Leonard finished with five catches for 59 yards to earn Mississippi MVP honors. Davis, who was just 1-of-12 over his last dozen passes, finished 13-of-24 for 158 yards and three scores. Terance Davis, an Ole Miss early basketball signee from Southaven, was the game's leading receiver with seven receptions for 104 yards and a 23-yard TD from Davis late in the first half. Linebacker Johnathan Abram of East Marion also raced 44 yards with an interception for Mississippi's final touchdown of the first half.

Alabama, which led 3-0 on Decatur kicker Rhett Morrison's 31-yard field goal in the opening period, gave up a safety with 3:22 remaining in the third quarter when Mississippi linebacker Fred Walls of Olive Branch tackled Blount's back Demetric Vaughan in the end zone after the running back tried to scoop up an errant snap that had sailed past him past the goal line. The play erased Alabama's first lead of the game and tied the game at 30-30.

That is how it stood when Mississippi kicker Michael Godley tried a 46-yard field goal with 1:03 remaining that sailed short and wide left.

Starting its final drive at the Alabama 30, the host team needed six plays to reach the end zone. Johnson had runs of 21 and 9 yards, Dale County's Jamarius Henderson streaked for a six-yard gain and DeSherrius Flowers of Vigor gained four yards to set up the final play.

Alabama finished with a series-record 28 first downs, 240 yards rushing and 189 passing for 429 total yards. The 74 total offensive plays also set a new series record. Mississippi set the series record for passes attempted and completed with a 25-of-47 performance that netted 280 yards. The visitors managed only five net yards rushing on 17 attempts.

Johnson's 130 yards led all rushers. Vaughan had 38 on nine carries, Keith Mixon of Shades Valley added 29 on two carries with one long end round touchdown called back. Henderson had 20 yards on six carries. Cameron was 5-of-9 passing for 147 yards. Carroll was 5-of-12 for 42 yards. Each fired one TD pass. Mixon also caught three passes for

90 yards and Johnson finished with 49 yards on three catches.

Jamarius Smith of Meridian was 12-of-23 passing for 122 yards to go with Davis' 158-yard, three-TD total for Mississippi.

Defensively, Michael Jackson of Parker had 11 tackles and one assist to pace Alabama. Amon'te Caban of Smiths Station added seven stops and Melvin Tyus of Carver-Montgomery had five. Quandeski Whitlow of Opelika had three tackles for 15 yards in losses and Caban had three stops behind the line for seven yards in losses.

Mississippi's defensive leaders were Leo Lewis of Brookhaven, Jamal Paters of Bassfield and Ephraim Kitchen of South Panola each had seven tackles to pace Coach Jamie Mitchell's defense.

After 28 games in Alabama, the series will move to Mississippi next year with the game set to be played at M.M. Roberts Stadium on the campus of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg.

## ► 2013 - Alabama 21 - Mississippi 17

Alabama's All-Stars extended their winning streak to six games with a 21-17 win over Mississippi in the 27th annual Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Football Game.

The hosts have won all three games played at Cramton Bowl since 2011 and own a 20-7 record in the series which dates back to 1988. The last loss came in December 2007 when Mississippi won 26-7. That was the only year that two games were played. Alabama won the game in June 51-14 – the most points scored by any team in the series.

Alabama, coached by Central-Phenix City's Woodrow Lowe, jumped to a quick lead in the first quarter marching 72 yards on five plays with Demopolis receiver Demetrius Kemp grabbing a 24-yard touchdown pass from Clay-Chalkville quarterback Hayden Moore. The drive took just one minute off the clock. James Sherman of Montgomery Catholic booted the first of three extra points and Alabama led 7-0.

Mississippi wasted little time tying the game. Starting on the Alabama 41 following a punt, Coach Lance Pogue's team needed only two plays to score. A'eris Williams of West Point scored the touchdown on a 3-yard run and Cody Mills, from Oxford, booted the extra point with 6:50 left in the quarter.

Mississippi took a 14-7 lead into halftime



thanks to a 21-yard pass from Louisville's Wyatt Roberts to Greenwood receiver Sammie Epps. The 6-foot-5, 220-pound Epps finished the game with seven catches for 125 yards to earn MVP honors for Mississippi.

Alabama scored twice in the second half – the first coming on a pass deflected by linebacker Rashaan Evans of Auburn High School. He turned quickly to find the ball still suspended in air, tucked it to his chest at the Mississippi 5 and waltzed into the end zone for a TD just 49 seconds into the third quarter.

Evans, the son of former Auburn University running back Alan Evans, had several big plays on defense with four tackles for 13 yards in losses and a sack among his eight stops. He was named the Alabama MVP.

Kemp snagged a 33-yard pass from Moore late in the third quarter for his second TD of the game and gave Alabama the lead for good, 21-14. Kemp finished with three receptions for 72 yards. Mississippi cut the lead to 21-17 with Mills' 29-yard field goal with 8:57 to play.

Alabama finished with 10 first downs, 87 yards rushing and 95 passing for 182 total yards. Mississippi had 15 first downs, 67 yards rushing and 266 passing yards for 333 total yards.

Ito Smith of McGill-Toolen was the game's leading rusher with 53 yards on 14 carries for Alabama. Moore added 26 yards on seven carries and was 7-of-13 passing for 95 yards and two scores. Sherman punted seven times for a 34.1-yard average, and Marlon Humphrey of Hoover had one kickoff return for 28 yards.

Roberts was 10-of-20 passing for 190 yards and a TD for Mississippi. Thad Miller of Gulfport was 4-of-13 for 76 yards. Tevin Moore of Stringer was Mississippi's leading rusher with 33 yards on 13 carries.

Defensively, St. Paul's linebacker Tre' Williams had 12 tackles to pace Alabama. Christian Campbell of Central-Phenix City added nine tackles, Evans and Taylor Stallworth of Murphy added eight each, and Hillcrest linebacker Keith Holcombe had seven stops.

Shareef White of Grenada had eight tackles for Mississippi.

The six wins in a row by Alabama tied the series record set by Alabama from 1999-2004. Alabama's All-Stars won the first four games (1988-91), and Mississippi won four in a row from 1992-95.

## ► 2012 - Alabama 21, Mississippi 16

MONTGOMERY, AL – Alabama's All-Stars fought off a furious Mississippi comeback effort in the final quarter to claim a 21-16 victory in the 26th annual Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Football Game at Cramton Bowl.

The last Alabama loss came in December of 2007. This was the second year that Cramton Bowl and the Montgomery Lions Club have served as hosts for the game put on by the Alabama High School Athletic Association and its coach's arm, the Alabama High School Athletic Directors & Coaches Association.

With the victory, Alabama now holds a 19-7 edge in the series that dates back to 1988. The first 24 games were played at Ladd-Peebles Stadium in Mobile.

After the teams battled to a scoreless first quarter, Alabama took the lead in the second period when McGill-Toolen place-kicker Thomas Hamlin kicked three field goals to tie the Alabama-Mississippi Game record. His first was a 30-yarder just 53 seconds into the quarter, a 35-yarder with 3:58 left and then a 51-yarder with 1:01 remaining before the intermission. The 51-yard kick was the second longest in Alabama-Mississippi All-Star history.

Mississippi moved the ball well but two turnovers, a fumble inside the Alabama 20 and an interception on the Alabama goal line, thwarted two prime scoring opportunities. Jonathan Cook, a defensive back from Spanish Fort, returned the interception 57 yards before Mississippi quarterback Parker Adamson, the only player in close pursuit, pulled him down at the 43-yard line.

Alabama, head coached by Mountain Brook's Chris Yeager, took command in the third quarter when Cedrix Reed of Foley sped 30 yards for a touchdown at the 8:23 mark while the Alabama defense continued to stymie the Mississippi team coached by Eupora's Junior Graham.

Early in the fourth period Alabama struck again with 10:54 left to build a 21-0 lead when Joshua Walker of Austin ran 9 yards off tackle for another touchdown.

Mississippi quarterback Parker Adamson of Oxford got his team back into the contest two plays later, however, with a 47-yard touchdown pass to Kameron Myers of Charleston to cap a 65-yard scoring drive.

Five minutes later, Kamyron Melton of Dothan intercepted a Mississippi pass at the Alabama 2-yard line. However, the defensive gem was quickly erased when defensive tackle Dylan Bradley of Noxubee County broke through to tackle Walker in the end zone for a safety.

Following the free kick by Alabama just 14 seconds later, Mississippi struck again when Eupora's Derrick Jones caught a 41-yard scoring pass from quarterback Wes Windham of Ocean Springs to cut the lead to 21-16.

The Alabama defense held off the visitors the rest of the game to emerge with its seventh win in eight years and 13th in the last 15 years dating back to 1996.

Jason Smith was named the Alabama MVP. The McGill-Toolen quarterback, who turned wide receiver in this game, snared six receptions for 134 yards to tie the Classic record for yards receiving set by Chalos Boner of Greenwood, MS in 1989. He had two spectacular one-handed catches to keep scoring drives alive.

Mississippi's 6-foot-6, 248-pound defensive end Chris Jones of Houston had eight tackles including a sack and three others for losses to earn MVP honors for his team.

Spain Park's Nick Mullens and Carver-Montgomery's Jeremy Johnson combined to pass for 231 yards. Mullens was 8-of-12 passing for 156 yards and Johnson 4-of-10 for 75. Reed was the game's leading rusher with 57 yards on nine carries and New Hope's Johnathan Ford added 31 on 14 tries. Clark Quisenberry of Enterprise also had two catches for 30 yards and Nate Andrews of Fairhope one for 34.

Northview's Marquez White led the Alabama defense with six tackles. Melton finished with four stops, a fumble recovery and interception.

Leading Mississippi was Adamson, who was 12-of-21 passing for 117 yards. Windham was 5-of-9 for 70. Ashton Shumpert of Itawamba had 12 carries for just 14 yards and JaMarcus Rivies of Petal had an 18-yard gain on his only carry of the day. Myers' five catches for 82 yards and Jones' four for 55 yards led the Mississippi receiver corps.

Alabama finished with 15 first downs, 87 yards rushing and 318 total yards. Mississippi had 16 first downs, 49 yards rushing and 192 passing for a 241 total. The deciding factors were the three turnovers by Mississippi and only one by Alabama. Both teams were penalized





at a record pace with Mississippi drawing 15 penalties for 115 yards and Alabama 14 for 127 yards.

## ► 2011 - Alabama 31, Mississippi 12

Daphne High School running back T.J. Yeldon rushed for 116 yards and three touchdowns on 16 carries and caught three passes for 37 yards to lead Alabama to a 31-12 win in the 25th Alabama-Mississippi High School All-Star Game at Montgomery's Cramton Bowl.

Alabama improved its lead to 18-7 in the series that was played at Mobile's Ladd-Peebles Stadium from 1988-2010. A strong Montgomery crowd watched as Alabama, coached by Decatur High School's Jere Adcock, jumped out to a 24-3 lead by halftime, running 40 plays to Mississippi's 15 and gaining 237 yards to just 14 for Mississippi.

Mississippi did claw back to within 12 at 24-12 in the second half when Greg Sims of Brookhaven caught a punt on the first bounce and sped 51 yards for a TD midway through the third quarter and A.J. Jefferson tackled an Alabama runner in the end zone for a safety midway through the fourth period.

Yeldon, who scored on runs of 2 and 9 yards in the first half, sealed the win with 1:37 remaining when he shook loose for a 37-yard TD run. The Auburn commitment was named the Alabama game MVP. Matt Pensa of Austin booted a 28-yard field goal for Alabama and Mississippi's Devon Bell of Warren Central kicked a 20-yard field goal following a blocked punt inside the 10-yard line.

Sims, who had two tackles and also returned one kickoff 33 yards, was chosen the Mississippi MVP.

Alabama's game domination included 21 first downs to Mississippi's three, 69 offensive plays for 334 yards to just 36 plays and 60 total yards for Mississippi. The hosts have now won four in a row and six of the last seven.

Troymaine Pope of Anniston also rushed for 50 yards on nine carries and Jameis Winston of Hueytown had 36 on four tries. Winston, a Florida State commitment, also completed 17-of-24 passes for 121 yards with two interceptions. His Hueytown teammate Cameron Broadnax caught a game record nine passes for 63 total yards. Yeldon's three TDs and 18 points scored tied game records..

Clay-Chalkville's Justin Burdette also had three receptions for 37 yards for Alabama.

Mississippi's All-Stars, coached by Meridian's Larry Weems, finished with only two yards rushing and 58 passing. Quarterback Anthony Alford of Petal was 5-of-15 for 58 yards with Terrance Barron of Noxubee County the leading receiver with two catches for 32 yards.

Richie Brown of Long Beach led Mississippi with 12 tackles. Addarrous Perkins of Forrest County and Adarius Barnes of Port Gibson had interceptions.

Pacing the Alabama defense was Jamichael Winston of Vigor and Ryan Anderson of Daphne with five tackles each. Winston, the cousin of quarterback Jameis Winston, Reggie Ragland of Bob Jones and Terris Lewis of Linden recorded sacks. Vigor's Jacoby Glenn also had an interception.

## ► 2010 - Alabama 24, Mississippi 17 (2OT)

Homewood High School senior running back Ameer Abdullah took a direct handoff in the second overtime here Saturday afternoon and streaked 10 yards for a touchdown as Alabama's All-Stars downed Mississippi 24-17 at Ladd-Peebles Stadium to claim its 17th win in the 24-game series of the Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Football Classic.

Alabama's team pulled the victory out of the jaws of defeat. Down 14-6 with time running out in the fourth quarter, Alabama MVP Stephen Rivers of Athens fired a 36-yard touchdown pass to Emmanuel Johnson of McKenzie to pull the hosts within 14-12 with 1:11 remaining in regulation. He then found LeFlore's Danny Woodson open coming across the end zone for the all-important two-point conversion.

Alabama got the ball back on downs with 38 seconds left in regulation at its own 36-yard line and moved the ball to the Mississippi 24 when Rivers found Woodson again for a 15-yard gain with only seven seconds left. Rivers grounded the ball quickly to stop the clock with three seconds remaining, but Alabama was called for an illegal formation that backed the ball up to the 29. On the last play of regulation, Briarwood Christian's Wilson Whorton came up just a couple of yards short on a 46-yard kick.

Mississippi, which scored on a 27-yard fumble return by Kendrick Market in the second

quarter and on a 63-yard pass from West Jones quarterback Ben Stevens to South Panola's Nickolas Brassell in the third quarter, got the ball first in overtime and settled for a 35-yard field goal by Jordan Parker of Corinth to go ahead once again 17-14.

Alabama moved from the 10 to the Mississippi 3-yard line before Whorton's 22-yard kick tied the game at 17-17.

In the second overtime, Alabama head coach Fred Yancey decided to use a play on first down that the staff had put in this week during practice.

"I give credit to Coach (Chris) Fancher of Gardendale for the play," said Yancey. "We put Abdullah in the backfield in the middle and with two on each side. We snapped it directly to Abdullah. He has such great speed and we thought this would be a great play to run in an overtime period if we needed it.

"Stephen (Rivers) did a good job carrying out the fake as if he got the ball. Our line did a terrific job blocking and Ameer did what we thought he would do. He got it into the end zone."

Mississippi still got its chance in the second OT period. After moving to the 5-yard line on first down, Stevens threw incomplete on second down, was sacked on third down to set up one final play. His final pass to Brassell in the right corner of the end zone was batted down by E.J. May of McGill-Toolen to seal the win.

Alabama, now 17-7 in the series, finished with 202 yards passing and 90 rushing for 292 total yards. Mississippi had 115 passing but minus-18 rushing for 97 total yards.

Rivers was named Alabama's MVP after completing 14-of-24 passes for 123 yards. St. Paul's Jacob Coker was 8-of-18 for 79 yards that included a 39-yard TD pass to Sammie Coates of Leroy early in the second quarter. Demopolis' Demarcus James gained 39 yards on 10 rushing attempts, UMS-Wright's Chris Dukes 32 yards on four carries, and Abdullah 24 yards on six carries.

Woodson led all receivers with seven catches for 72 yards.

Stevens was 8-of-27 passing for Mississippi for 115 yards. He was sacked four times for 27 yards in losses.

Russellville's Brent Calloway led Alabama's defense with nine tackles and Leeds defensive



back Jonathan Rose had an interception. C.J. Johnson of Philadelphia led all tacklers with 17 for Mississippi. Taveze Calhoun of Morton also intercepted a pass and returned it 50 yards.

## ► 2009 - Alabama 21, Mississippi 13

Alabama's All-Stars posted two fourth-quarter touchdowns in a matter of 13 seconds to take a 21-13 come-from-behind victory over Mississippi here Saturday at Ladd-Peebles Stadium in the 2009 Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Football Classic.

The victory for Alabama, coached by Hoover's Josh Niblett, was its second in a row, 10th in the last 12 games and 16th overall in the 23-game series that began in 1988. All games have been played here at Ladd-Peebles Stadium.

Mississippi took a 3-0 lead with 1:09 remaining in the first half on a Will Scott 29-yard field goal as the visitors' defense shut down Alabama for the first two quarters, limiting the hosts to one first down and just 11 total yards.

Alabama was almost as effective as Mississippi managed only two first downs and 16 total yards by intermission. Even the Mississippi field goal took two tries. The first, a 34-yard attempt, came up short, but Alabama was called for rushing too many defenders, a violation of the special rules in this all-star classic. On his second try Scott nailed the 29-yarder for the game's only first-half points.

Things changed quickly in the second half, however. Alabama's defense stopped Mississippi on the first possession with Greenville's Kenneth Carter picking up a sack of quarterback Dominique Sullivan on third down at the Mississippi 27 to force a punt.

With Cherokee County quarterback Coty Blanchard at the throttle, Alabama marched 71 yards on 12 plays with Hoover receiver Maudrecas Humphrey hauling in a 21-yard TD strike from Blanchard for the game's first touchdown with 4:34 left in the period.

It was Blanchard's running on quarterback keepers that kept the drive alive time and time again as he reeled off runs of 7, 13 and 10 yards in the march. The drive survived a fumbled option pitch when Vestavia Hills offensive lineman Drew Dearman recovered the miscue at the Mississippi 38 for what turned out to be a four-yard gain.

Prattville return specialist Corey Shelton

boosted Alabama's spirits with a 17-yard punt return on the first play of the fourth quarter to midfield. Fairhope quarterback Daryl Norris, after two straight incompletions, scrambled out of the pocket to his right on third down and found Murphy receiver Solomon Patton behind the Mississippi defense for a 50-yard touchdown connection. Foley kicker Jorge Santamaria's boot made it 14-3 with 11:20 left to play.

Following the kickoff, Mississippi took over on its own 30 and disaster hit again. Sullivan's pass down the left sideline was picked off by Gadsden City defensive back Dale Trimble. The speedster then ran the interception back untouched 36 yards for a touchdown just 13 seconds after Patton's TD score.

Mississippi picked up a 27-yard field goal by Scott with 6:07 to play and scored again with 1:22 left on Sullivan's 38-yard touchdown pass to Markese Triplett to cut the Alabama lead to 21-13. Mississippi's Taurice King recovered an onside kick to add a little drama to the finish. Alabama's defense held, however, got the ball back and the offense ran out the clock.

Trimble was named Alabama's game MVP with three tackles, the interception return for the TD and two other passes broken up. Scott, from George County, was named the Mississippi MVP with two field goals and a 38.9 average on 10 punts.

Blanchard finished as the game's leading rusher with 14 carries for 60 yards. He also was 2-of-10 passing for 20 yards and Norris was 4-of-12 for 47. Blanchard also had eight punts for a 32.4 average.

Alabama finished with 71 yards rushing, 67 passing and 138 total. Mississippi had minus-6 yards rushing for the game and was 7-of-27 passing for 50 yards.

John Propst of Hoover led Alabama's tacklers with seven. He also had one of Alabama's seven sacks on the day. LaDarius Owens of Jess Lanier had five stops and three sacks while Jared Morse of Oxford recorded four tackles with three sacks. Patrick Black of Forest Hill had eight stops for Mississippi.

The game was telecast to a national audience over VERSUS Network.

## ► 2008 - Alabama 28, Mississippi 3

St. Paul's quarterback A.J. McCarron's precision passing and Alabama's running success behind an offensive line anchored

by Foley's giant left tackle D.J. Fluker was a winning combination in a 28-3 win over Mississippi in the 22nd annual All-Star Classic.

Alabama game MVP McCarron, playing before a home crowd one last time, was 9-of-17 passing for 162 yards and two touchdowns of 9 and 23 yards to Raphael Poellnitz, a fellow Mobilian from Murphy High School. The first TD pass came with 9:05 left in the second quarter as the Alabama All-Stars built a 21-0 lead.

The first two scores came on the legs of Florence running back Shaun Southward, who sped into the end zone behind the blocking of the 6-foot-7, 340-pound Fluker. The first-quarter TD runs covered 11 and 2 yards, and Southward finished with 57 yards rushing on 16 carries.

Alabama rushed for 158 yards total, led by Central-Phenix City's Orwin Smith who was the game's leading rusher with 65 yards on eight carries.

Caleb Lewis of Tuscaloosa County led all receivers with four catches for 55 yards, and Gadsden City's Kendall Kelly caught a 57-yarder to set up Southward's first touchdown.

Mississippi struggled against the Alabama defense, rushing for just 18 yards on 21 attempts and completing only 19-of-37 passes for 161 yards.

Dre Kirkpatrick of Gadsden City had one interception at the Alabama 9-yard line and returned it 20 yards to thwart one Mississippi scoring opportunity, while linebacker Jonathan Evans of Blount had another pickoff.

Evans finished with nine tackles, Hoover's Patrick Miller had seven and Prattville's Zach Brownell had five, while Prattville's Alex Page also had four with one sack to lead the Alabama defensive attack.

Dennis Thames of Louisville led Mississippi with eight tackles, including four for losses, while South Panola's David Conner added four stops and was chosen MVP for Mississippi.

## ► 2007 (December) - Mississippi 26, Alabama 7

The best thing about its 51-14 shel-lacking at the hands of Alabama in the June, 2007 Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Classic was that team Mississippi didn't have to wait an entire year for a rematch. With officials moving the game to a December playing date, two All-Star Classics had to be played in the same year.



This time there was a total different ending. The young men from Mississippi left little doubt as to the out-come of the contest, putting 14 points on the first-quarter scoreboard and never looking back in a convincing 26-7 win in the 21st Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Classic.

The victory was right out of the production "The Grinch That Stole Christmas" as the blue-clad Mississippi squad converted six Alabama turnovers, four via the interception route – two of those were returned for touchdowns – in the decisive win. Combine that with a run defensive that allowed 'Bama only a yard per carry and it is easy to see why Alabama was left without any presents under the Christmas Tree.

The team from the Magnolia State served notice quickly that it meant business. It took the opening kickoff 77 yards in a methodical 14 plays to grab a 7-0 lead on a Bret Jefcoat-to-Chris Lofton pass from 10 yards out. After Brett Baer's successful PAT, Mississippi held a two-touchdown lead over a shell-shocked 'Bama squad.

A series later, Alabama wasted a golden opportunity to get back in the game. Starting on the Mississippi 20-yard line, 'Bama saw its chance for points go up in smoke when defensive back Charles Mitchell intercepted a Barrett Trotter pass in his own end zone.

The same scenario happened on Alabama's next possession. After a beautiful 64-yard punt by Baer was downed at the Bama 2-yard line, Trotter was once again intercepted, this time by Mississippi's Charles Rancifer, who promptly darted into the end zone for six and a 20-0 halftime lead. Baer's PAT attempt failed.

Alabama finally got on the scoreboard, opening the second half with a 59-yard, six-play drive. A Trotter-to Dekendrick Moncrief pass of 30 yards gave 'Bama six and Ryan Whatley's PAT closed the Mississippi advantage to 20-7.

It looked like Alabama was going to make a game of it after Jacoby Thomas recovered a Mississippi fumble on its next possession. With first down at the Mississippi 40-yard line, Trotter drove Bama to his opponents' 5-yard line. Enter Alonzo Lawrence. The gang-ly George County High School product, a University of Alabama signee, stepped in front of a Trotter pass at his own 6-yard line and raced untouched to the other end of Ladd-Peebles Stadium for a game-breaking touchdown. The two-point conversion

attempt failed, but the wind had been taken out of the sails of the Alabama squad. Two turnovers in the fourth quarter – fumbles – were too much for team Bama to overcome.

Jeffcoat, an Itawamba AHS product, was a do-everything performer for Mississippi. Playing every snap at quarterback, he completed 8-of-15 passes for 81 yards and two touchdowns. He rushed for an additional 22 yards and even handled the kickoff responsibilities. The only player to outrush him in the game was teammate Darius Barksdale of South Panola with 73 yards on 15 carries.

Defensively, Mississippi had an array of heroes. Defensive back Charles Mitchell had a team-best eight tackles, including two for losses, and an interception, while Ramon Blakeney registered six tackles, including one for a loss, and forced a fumble. Sylvester Hemphill and Josh Chastang each recovered a fumble while Derrick Herman joined Mitchell, Rancifer and Lawrence in the interception category.

Alabama, which only had 176 yards in total offense, played two quarterbacks. Trotter went 11-15 for 117 yards and a score, but also threw three picks. Prattville's Casey Weston had six completions in 12 attempts for 37 yards. He was intercepted once.

Moncrief led all receivers in the game with six catches for 71 yards and the 30-yard touchdown catch. Defensively, Alabama signee Jewell Harris of Gadsden posted a game-high nine tackles and forced a fumble.

## ► 2007- Alabama 51, Mississippi 14

Nobody saw this one coming. Not in the 19-year history of the Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Classic had either team produced such a lopsided win. Prior to the contest, the largest margin of victory by any team was a 29-point win by Mississippi (38-9) in the 1995 game.

But a 51-14 decision by team Alabama over an outmanned Mississippi squad was, well, a shocker. All told, Alabama and Mississippi combined to establish 16 new All-Star Classic records.

This was a contest that simply got out of hand, and it didn't happen until the third quarter. Not many of the spectators thought it would be a blow out at halftime, with Alabama only leading by a respectable 17-7 margin.

Prattville quarterback Larry Smith, who earlier in the year had led his team to the Class 6A state championship, tossed a couple of touchdown passes for Ralph Spry from 10 yards and Oxford's Charles McClain from 25 to give Alabama a 14-0 lead early in the second stanza.

But Mississippi came back on a 35-yard pass from Austin Davis to Ronnie Tubbs to cut the margin to 14-7 with 5:04 showing on the second quarter clock.

Graham Sutter's 40-yard field goal with only a tick over a minute to play before intermission was a little insurance for the Alabama squad as it took a 17-7 advantage into the locker room.

What followed next was not for the faint of heart. A defensive safety in the end zone upped the Alabama advantage to 19-7, and Terrell Edwards' two-yard dash and a Smith-to-Dilbert (Justin) pass for the two-point conversion made the scoreboard look 27-7 in Alabama's favor. 'Alabama wasn't through yet, however, at it would add three more points on a 42-yard field goal from Sutter and a 16-yard pass from quarterback Jamie Hampton to Eufaula's Jerrel Jernigan increased the lead to 37-7. The 20-point third-quarter explosion by Alabama was the most points scored in one quarter in the history of the game.

Hampton added a touchdown run -- this one from five yards out -- to go along with his scoring pass with 10:43 showing on the Ladd-Peebles Stadium clock and a 44-7 margin.

Mississippi's final score came when Damien Anderson returned an Alabama pass 16-yards for the touchdown with 6:56 to play, but Alabama countered that with a Jernigan 45-yards scamper, his only carry of the night.

Smith completed 12-of-26 passes for 193 yards and two scores, while Stanley Jones led one of five Alabama ball carriers to gave 45 yards or more with 59. McClain and Diliberto each had a team high four receptions, McClain for 73 and Diliberto for 50.

Davis completed 12-of-26 passes for 77 yards and the one score, and he was also his team's leading ground gainer with 46. Mississippi could manage only 51 yards rushing and 128 in total offense. Marquese Ray had the most receptions with four for 31 yards.

Defensively, Mississippi's Chris White led all tacklers in the game with six and one-half





tackles, while Lee Jackson added five and one-half and broke up three passes.

Alabama was paced by Zach Smith with six tackles, included two for losses of six yards, and a forced fumbled. Alabama had seven tackles behind the line of scrimmage.

## ► 2006 - Alabama 24, Mississippi 3

The old saying stats are for losers was never truer in the 19th Annual Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Classic at Ladd-Peebles Stadium. Alabama came out victorious with a 24-3 win, but the scoreboard was the only thing the 'Bama squad led all night.

Consider the following:

- Mississippi had 12 first downs, Alabama 8.
- Mississippi rushed for 101 yards to only 41 for their next-door neighbor.
- Mississippi threw for 113 yards, while Alabama had 52.
- Mississippi rolled up 214 yards of total offense, to only 93 for 'Bama

Funny thing, those statistics. They don't account for a 'Bama interception returned for a touchdown, an Alabama fumble recovery at the Mississippi 11 that led to an easy score, and another fumble returned 30 yards for a touchdown.

Mississippi's Brandon Sellers did his part in getting his team off to a good start – um, foot – by booting a 47-yard field goal with 8:37 showing on the first quarter clock for a 3-0 lead. Little did anyone know that would be Mississippi's one shining moment

After a change of possession, Alabama began its most impressive drive of the night to take a 7-3 lead. Beginning on the Mississippi 41, quarterback Chris Smelley connected with tight end Preston Dial for 9 yards. A pass interference call two plays later moved the ball to the Mississippi 18, and three plays later Smelley found a wide open Terrell Zachary from 12 yards out for the score. Patrick Dolan's PAT was true for a 7-3 lead.

Alabama wasted little time increasing its lead to 10-3. Defensive back Max Lerner, on the third play of the second quarter, intercepted a Matt Malouf pass and returned it 54 yards to the Mississippi 16 yard line. The drive stalled, and Dolan came on to kick a 31-yard field goal with 8:43 showing on the second quarter clock. Neither team scored the remainder of the quarter.

Mississippi mounted an impressive drive to open the third stanza, driving from its own 35 to the Bama 9-yard line, but Sellers' 26-yard field goal went wide left.

On its next possession, Mississippi dug its grave a little deeper as running back Cordera Eason fumbled at the Alabama 15, which was recovered by Bama's Andy Davis. Four plays later, halfback Arnil Stallworth crossed the goalline for Alabama from one-yard out with 51 seconds to play in the third quarter. Dolan's PAT made it 17-7.

Mississippi's final nail in the coffin came on its first play after the ensuing kickoff. Anthony Dixon fumbled at his own 30 and an alert Captain Munnerlyn scooped it up and ran it in for a touchdown with 38 seconds to play in the third quarter. Dolan's PAT put the finishing touch on the scoring for the night and a 24-7 Alabama victory.

Defensive end Jerrell Nobles was named Most Outstanding Player for Alabama, while Tim Buckley was the Mississippi Most Outstanding Player.

Buckley led all rushers in the game with 42 yards on seven carries while Dixon added 36 on 10. Quarterback Donald Williams was Bama's top rusher with 27 of his team's 41 yards.

Buckley completed 7-of-15 passes for 79 yards while both Wilson and Smelley completed 3-of-8 passes for Bama, Williams for 29 yards and Smelley for 23. Smelley threw the lone touchdown pass in the game.

Maurice Langton of Mississippi led all receivers with 43 yards on four catches while Anthony Gray had a pair of catches for 45 yards. Alabama's leading receiver was Rashaud Slaughter, who had two receptions for 16 yards.

One bright spot for Mississippi was the punting of Brandon Sellers, who established a new All-Star Classic record with a 48.5 yards per punt average.

## ► 2005 - Mississippi 21, Alabama 18

Entering the 2005 Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Classic, the Alabama squad had won a record six consecutive games – dating back to a 28-24 victory the 1999 contest – and, quite frankly, the boys from Mississippi were awfully tired hearing about it.

All but one of the games had been decided by two touchdowns or less, but when the Ladd-Peebles Memorial Stadium clock had ticked off

its final seconds, Mississippi was always on the short end of the stick. That is, until Mississippi "Player of the Year" Jimmy Johns and Company put a screeching halt to the streak, defeating the Alabama squad, 21-18.

Johns, an Alabama signee, wasn't spectacular, but he delivered most when it counted. His 1-yard touchdown run in the first quarter erased a 3-0 Alabama lead, and another 1-yard plunge late in the third iced the game for Mississippi. He finished with 37 yards rushing and another 88 through the air on 5-9 passing.

Alabama took an early 3-0 lead on a 40-yard field goal by Alex Burkett with 1:14 to play in the first quarter, but Johns quickly answered with his first 1-yard plunge. The go-ahead touchdown came gift-wrapped when Mississippi Most Valuable Player Lee Klein pounced on a Devin Goodwin fumble at the 'Bama 5-yard line. Two plays later, Johns found the end zone.

The lead was short-lived, however. Michael Ricks pounced on a Johns' fumble at the Alabama 47 and quarterback Jarod Bryant quickly drove his team to pay dirt. Two consecutive pass completions to Markus Douglas gained 7 and 42 yards, respectively, down to the Mississippi 1-yard line, and Harris Johnson did the honors from there. Burkett's PAT with 10:12 to play in the second was good, giving Alabama a 10-7 lead.

But it only took one play – one magnificent play – for Mississippi to answer. Batesville's Derek Pegues, a Mississippi State signee, took a handoff from Johns with only a buck-thirty to play in the half and raced – untouched – 72 yards for the score and a 14-10 halftime lead. Ryan Hoorman's PAT was true.

Neither team could mount a drive in the third period until Johns took his team 43 yards in 10 plays, the big play coming on a 45-yard completion from Johns to wide out Stuart Davidson that gave Mississippi a first down at the Alabama 8-yard line. Three plays later, Johns had his second touchdown of the night – another 1-yard dive – and Hoorman's PAT made it 21-10, Mississippi, with 59 seconds remaining in the third quarter.

Alabama rode the arm of Hoover's Bryant to get back into the game. He connected on three passes, the final 41 yards to Tyler Grishman for the score, and then found Gabe McKenzie for the two-point conversion with 7:56 to go in the game. Alabama had a golden opportunity



to take the lead late in the game when Ray Williams recovered a fumble at the Mississippi 29-yard line, but one play later Mississippi's Cornelius McGee intercepted a Goodwin pass at the goal line to thwart the drive. Alabama never threatened after that.

Pegues led all rushers in the game with 106 yards and a touchdown while Harris Johnson topped Alabama's efforts with 44 yards and a score. Johns and teammate Wesley Beardain combined to go 9-for-15 for 100 yards while Bryant completed 7-of-12 for 131 and a touchdown for Alabama. CoEric Riley had three catches for Mississippi as did Aubrey Bell and Douglas for 'Bama.

Defensively, Anthony Johnson recorded seven tackles – six unassisted – and an interception to lead Mississippi while Archie Sims, Marcus Johnson and Klein added six stops. Alabama's C.J. Brown led all tacklers in the game with eight while Cory Reamer added seven. Klein was the MVP for Mississippi, Bryant for Alabama.

## ► 2004 - Alabama 24, Mississippi 22

It wasn't enough that Tribble Reece's unusual first name stood out among the 71 other participants in the 17th Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Classic.

The Mountain Brook product made sure his ability stood out, as well.

All Reece did in leading his Alabama squad to its record sixth consecutive victory in the 17-year history of the game – a 24-22 nail-biter over a gallant Mississippi squad – was complete a Classic-record 12-of-15 passes for 140 yards and a pair of touchdowns. As a result, he was named Alabama's "Most Valuable Player." The record he established came in the form of misfiring on only three of his 15 attempts, completing 80 percent of his passes.

If you like big plays, this was a game for the ages. Of the eight combined scores, six came from further than 15 yards out, and even Mississippi's first score – a 6-yard jaunt by Brandon Jackson with 7:34 to play in the first quarter – came after Xavier Mitchell recovered a blocked punt at the 'Bama 6-yard line. One play later, Jackson danced into the end zone for six, but Alabama reciprocated by blocking the extra point.

The 'Bama squad finally got on the scoreboard with 8:39 showing on the second

quarter clock. Starting at his own 30, Reese drove his team 70 yards in seven plays, capping it off with a 25-yard touchdown strike to Murphy's Jason English. Jason Grammer's PAT gave Alabama the lead.

A 47-yard field goal by Mississippi's Britt Barefoot put his team on top 9-7, with 4:17 to play in the second stanza, but Grammer answered that with a three-pointer of his own – from 30-yards out – a time ticked off the second quarter clock. The kick was set up by a Jock McKissic interception that he returned to the Mississippi 13 with 30 seconds to play before halftime.

Alabama received the second half kick and it didn't take Reece long to find paydirt. After three consecutive running plays, the Mt. Brook product dropped backed to pass and found Brantley's Marcel Stamps all alone for a 56-yard scoring strike. Grammer's PAT gave 'Bama a 17-9 lead with only 98 seconds into the second half.

Mississippi's defense had seen enough. After tackling Brandon Thornton for a seven-yard loss at the Alabama 11, Torrey Stewart intercepted a Michael Henig pass and the Magnolia state boys were back in business. Quarterback Jeremy Watson took his team from its own 42 to the Alabama 16-yard line without ever throwing a pass, then tossed a 16-yard completion to Harrison Central's Antoine Banks for six points, cutting the 'Bama lead to 17-15 with 51 seconds remaining to be played in the third quarter. The try for two failed.

Giving Mississippi a taste of its own medicine, Alabama took the ensuing kickoff and did a little running of its own. Starting at their own 18-yard line, Reese rushed for seven yards, followed by a 21-yard scamper by Hillcrest's Markus Manson. Seven more rushes got the ball to the Mississippi 15-yard line, and Thornton took it in from there. Grammer's all-important PAT gave the Alabama squad a 24-15 advantage with 8:26 to play.

Mississippi was not to be denied, however. They began the drive at their own 25, and took 13 plays to cover the yardage. The score came from Oak Grove's Kyle Sellers to Banks from eight yards out with 3:01 to play. Barefoot's PAT made it 24-22, Alabama.

Alabama proceeded to run valuable time off the clock before Mississippi got one last chance, taking over at its own 34 yard line with 24 ticks

remaining on the clock. But a sack of Sellers by Alabama's Maurice Coleman of Eufaula signaled the end.

Mississippi's Michael Eubanks of Cleveland was a defensive stalwart for his team, recoding seven tackles, including three and one-half in tackles for losses of 23 yards. Steve Gandy of Wayne County also had seven tackles, while Mississippi MVP Garry Pack of Oak Grove had five tackles.

Defensively, Alabama was paced by Dusty Lindsey of Davidson, who had a team-high nine tackles.

Jackson led all rushers in the game with 62 yards and a touchdown, while Manson was tops for Alabama with 55 yards.

## ► 2003 - Alabama 24, Mississippi 16

Coming into the 16th annual Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Classic, the Alabama squad had won four consecutive games, as the bunch from Mississippi had done earlier in the series.

But you can toss those streaks out the window – Alabama became the first team in Classic history to win five consecutive games. The boys from 'Bama set three new records and tied another as they defeated the Magnolia State, 24-16.

Alabama used a huge dose of gifted wide out Chad Jackson and the arms of quarterbacks Jemarcus Russell and Kelcey Luke to run the all-time series to 11-5 in Alabama's favor. Jackson, who prepped at Hoover, was, in a word, unstoppable. The Florida signee established a new classic record for most touchdown passes caught in one game (3), most touchdowns scored (3), and most points scored (18). He also tied the mark for most passes caught in the game (7).

While Jackson & Company were lighting up the Ladd-Peebles Stadium scoreboard, the defensive effort by the Alabama squad should not be overlooked. The Alabama Gang held Mississippi to only six first downs, 65 yards rushing and 149 yards in total offense. They made it a game on a one-yard scoring run by Keem Lofton and a Lofton-to-Chris Johnson pass that covered 56 yards for another score.

After a scoreless first quarter, Mississippi dented the scoreboard first when Lofton dove over from one-yard out. The touchdown was set up by a 37-yard punt return from Grimace McSwain that gave Mississippi a first down at



the Alabama 21-yard line, and a 17-yard dash by Larry Taylor that got the ball to the one. After Lofton's score, the PAT attempt by Darren McCaleb was blocked.

Alabama fumbled the ensuing kickoff and Mississippi had a golden opportunity to put even more points on the board. But three plays lost three yards and McCaleb was wide on a 46-yard field goal attempt.

That's when Alabama went to work. Russell calmly directed his team on a 14-play, 70-yard drive, capping it off with a 10-yard pass to Jackson for the score with 3:52 remaining before halftime. Will Crum's extra point gave 'Bama a 7-6 lead.

Alabama got a huge break of its own on Mississippi's next series. Two plays after the kickoff, Chaz Richards knocked the ball loose from Bobby Weakley and Alabama's Shun Harris pounced on it at the Mississippi 22-yard line. But the Mississippi defense stiffened and Crum came on to boot a 33-yard field goal for a 10-6 lead with just over two minutes remaining before the half.

That, however, was plenty of time for the Mississippi squad. Starting at his own 25-yard line, Lofton struck quickly, completing the 56-yard bomb to Johnson to cap a three-play, 75-yard drive with 1:21 on the second quarter clock. McCaleb's PAT was true and Mississippi took a 13-10 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Each team had three-play, three-yard drives to open the second half before the Alabama team drove 63 yards in eight plays to regain the lead at 17-13. Russell completed passes to three different receivers, the last going 18 yards to Jackson for the score. Crum's PAT was good.

Mississippi wouldn't quit, cutting the Alabama lead to 17-16 on a McCaleb 39-yard field goal with 10:15 to play in the fourth quarter.

Like good teams do, Alabama wasted little time answering the three-pointer, as Jackson caught his record-setting third touchdown – this one a 32-yard pass from Luke – with 7:26 to play. Crum's extra point extended the advantage to eight, 24-16.

Any hopes of a Mississippi comeback were dashed when 'Bama's Eric Brock intercepted an Omarr Conner pass in the end zone with 59 seconds remaining in the game.

Obviously, Jackson was the "Most Valuable Player" for Alabama while Jason Hockady

earned that same honor for Mississippi. Hockady, from D'iberville, recorded seven tackles, a tackle for a loss and forced a fumble. Quinton McCrary and McSwain each had an interception for the Mississippi squad.

Cedric Brooke paced Alabama with six tackles, Deriontae Taylor had five tackles, including two for losses of 10 yards, a sack for six yards and a quarterback hurry.

Offensively Luke led all rushers in the game with 35 yards on five carries. He completed 4-of-11 passes for 70 yards and the one touchdown. Russell completed 11-of-21 passes for 111 and two scores.

Anthony Perine led Mississippi with 20 yards on only one carry. Conner completed 3-of-15 for 14 yards and Lofton 2-for-3 for 70 yards and a score. Perine had three receptions for 32 yards.

## ► 2002 - Alabama 29, Mississippi 17

Although the two teams combined for 46 points in the 15th Annual Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Classic, it was actually the defense – in particular Alabama's – that proved to be the difference.

Holding the Mississippi team to a Classic record 50 yards of total offense, the 'Bama boys posted their fourth consecutive win in the series, claiming a 29-17 victory in Ladd Peebles Stadium.

Mississippi's two scoring drives started at the Alabama 3 and 13-yard lines, respectively, and with the exception of Aries Nelson's brilliant 39-yard run to set up a field goal right before halftime, no Mississippi ball carrier had a run from scrimmage longer than eight yards.

Alabama was so dominating that it ran 62 plays to only 37 for Mississippi. The Alabama squad also had a considerable edge in time of possession, holding onto the ball 30 of the 48 minutes in the game. And Mississippi didn't help its own cause much, setting a new Classic record with 13 penalties.

Despite all the negative statistics, the Mississippi gang had a superb first half. Things looked bright when defensive back Quentin Sullivan recovered a Lee Baker fumble on the opening kickoff at the 'Bama 33-yard line and returned it 30 yards to the 3-yard line. One play later, halfback Kevin Dockery scooted into the endzone with only 20 seconds gone off the first quarter clock. Scott Shurden's PAT made it 7-0.

Unrattled, Alabama quarterback Graeme

McFarland, completing all five of his pass attempts in the drive, calmly guided his team 67 yards in 10 plays to tie the game, tossing a 4-yard scoring strike to tight end Lawrence Lilly for the touchdown with 4:52 to play in the quarter. Patrick Byrne's PAT was successful.

A fresh Alabama defense that had only been on the field one play held Mississippi on its next possession, and Alabama's Mr. Football, quarterback Brandon Cox, emulated McFarland's earlier performance. Cox drove the Alabama team 67 yards in eight plays for the go-ahead touchdown. Halfback Kenneth Darby did most of the legwork, gaining 29 yards on the drive, but it was Jeremie Whittaker who got the touchdown on a 1-yard plunge as the first quarter ended. Byrne's PAT was again true for a 14-7 Alabama advantage.

The two teams swapped possessions to open the second quarter before Mississippi's Darren Williams intercepted a McFarland pass and returned it 33 yards to the Alabama 13-yard line. But the drive stalled and Shurden came on to boot a 29-yard field goal with 5:58 before halftime to cut the 'Bama lead to 14-10.

But Cox didn't take long to get those points back – and more. Back-to-back completions of 25 yards to Brigham and 39 yards to wide receiver Montavous Pitts gave Alabama a first down at the Mississippi 17-yard line. Three plays later, Darby darted in from five yards out with 3:46 left before halftime. Byrne's third extra point of the night was true and Alabama had a 21-10 advantage.

What happened next was simply mind-boggling. Nelson had taken his Mississippi team from the Alabama 43 to the 'Bama 16 as seconds ticked off the second quarter clock. After a time out with 48 seconds to play, Dockery fumbled on a rush attempt that was recovered by teammate Eddie White at the Alabama 39, a 23-yard loss. Faced with a third-and-30 from the Alabama 39, Nelson weaved and darted and dodged his way the entire 39 yards for the touchdown as the horn sounded. Shurden's PAT made the halftime score, Alabama 21, Mississippi 17.

Just like the game started with an Alabama fumble on the kickoff, the third quarter began the same way, with Mississippi handing out the favors. Demeco Ryans pounced on a Chris Browder-caused fumble on the opening kickoff and Alabama was back in business, but





Mississippi's Parys Haralson ended the threat by recovering a 'Bama fumble at his own 16-yard line.

All that did was signal the beginning of the end for the Mississippi squad. A 20-yard Dockery run was called back because of clipping. A false start and a sack pushed the ball back to the Mississippi 6. Another false start came before Alabama defensive lineman Tommy Jackson sacked Morgan in the endzone for a safety, giving 'Bama a 23-17 advantage with 9:33 to play in the third quarter.

On the ensuing kickoff, Cox took 11 plays to drive his Alabama team 41 yards for a field goal, with Byrne doing the honors from 43 yards out. He booted another one, this one from 27-yards out, with 7:24 in the game to round out the scoring.

Darby led all rushers in the game with 60 yards on 13 carries, while Nelson topped Mississippi with 42 yards. McFarland and Cox were both sharp for 'Bama, McFarland hitting 8-of-12 passes for 41 yards and a touchdown and Cox 8-of-11 for 111 yards and a score to earn MVP honors for the Alabama squad.

Jermaine Winters led Mississippi in tackles with eight, while Jayme Mitchell added six, including a pair for losses. Tyrone Martin was Alabama's top tackler with 8, including a pair for losses.

## ► 2001– Alabama 33, Mississippi 14

Mississippi entered the 14th Annual Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Classic with the reputation of having two gunslingers at the quarterback position.

But the showdown at the Ladd-Peebles corral never materialized.

Instead, Alabama used a surprisingly strong passing attack and the legs of its "Mr. Football" - tailback Carnell Williams - to gun down the Magnolia State squad, 33-14.

It wasn't supposed to be that easy.

Mississippi quarterbacks Darius Bilbo and Michael Spurlock had the pre-game hype, but it was the heroics of hometown boy Ramon Nelson that led the Alabama team to its fourth consecutive win. Nelson, of nearby Theodore, was known more for his quick feet than his arm, but he and teammate Josh Crouch completed 16-of-26 passes for 226 yards and one touchdown.

In the meantime, Alabama's staunch and opportunistic defense was limiting Bilbo, Spurlock and Company to only 8 completions in 28 attempts for 106 yards.

The Auburn-bound Williams did yeoman's work, as well. On Alabama's first play of the game, he took a Nelson swing pass on his own 22-yard line and rambled 30 yards for a first down at the Mississippi 48 yard line. Seven plays later, Williams put the first points on the board with a 3-yard run before the large crowd had time to settle into their seats. Edward Stallworth's PAT was good for a 7-0 'Bama lead.

It didn't take long for the Alabama gang to put light up the Ladd-Peebles scoreboard once again. On Mississippi's second play following the Williams touchdown, defensive end Michael Gibson pounced on a Bilbo fumble at the Mississippi 21-yard line, and Alabama was in business once again. Four plays later, Williams scored his second touchdown in less than 90 seconds on a 1-yard run, and Stallworth's PAT gave 'Bama a 14-0 advantage.

Mississippi's defense settled down the next two series before Alabama dented the scoreboard again. Starting from his own 26, Nelson directed his team 74 yards in 9 plays with fullback Kelsey Sheppard doing the honors on an 8-yard run with 8:54 remaining before halftime. Nelson completed 3-of-4 passes, including a 29-yarder to Anthony Mix, during the drive. Stallworth's extra point was again true and Alabama was coasting, 21-0.

A bad night got increasingly worse for Mississippi on the ensuing kickoff. Mike Espy returned Stallworth's kickoff 4 yards before fumbling, which was recovered by 'Bama's Timmy Autry at the Mississippi 16. To its credit, the Mississippi defense rose to the occasion and held 'Bama to only three points, a 25-yard boot from Stallworth that made it 24-0.

Mississippi finally dented the scoreboard with Bilbo at the controls. With only 5 seconds showing on the second quarter clock, an 11-yard pass from Bilbo to Espy capped a 9-play, 70-yard drive. Mike McLaughlin's PAT made it 24-7 at intermission.

The third quarter was a defensive struggle until Mississippi's Keith Houston recovered a Williams fumble at the Alabama 23-yard line. Sylvester Brown's second rush of a three-play drive, from 16 yards away, combined with

McLaughlin's PAT, cut the Alabama lead to 24-14.

An eight-play, 44-yard drive topped off by a Stallworth 42-yard field goal with 11:47 to play increased Alabama's lead to 27-14. Nelson's 35-yard completion to Mix was the highlight of the drive.

Alabama put the game out of reach with just over eight minutes remaining in the game, and it only took one play. Nelson found wide out Ratavious Biddle from 53 yards out for six points and 'Bama a 33-14 edge. Mississippi made one last attempt to light up the scoreboard, driving from its own 20 to the Alabama 25, but the drive stalled and 'Bama ran out the clock.

Autry led an Alabama defensive unit that limited its opponents to only 181 total yards with 9 tackles, including three for losses, a fumble recovery and a sack. Jeremy Ruffin and Fred Perkins each recorded eight tackles for Mississippi. Three of Ruffin's tackles went for losses.

Williams led all rushers in the game with 87 yards on 13 carries and the two touchdowns. Nelson completed 12-of-21 passes for 206 yards, with Biddle hauling in five of those for 87 yards and a score. Mix added four receptions for 74 yards.

Brown led the Mississippi rushing attack with 57 yards on 7 totes, while Bilbo completed 6-of-20 passes for 76 yards and a touchdown. Espy had five catches for 67 yards and a score.

Defensively, Alabama's Autry was the top tackler in the game with 9, including three for losses, while Jeremy Ruffin and Fred Perkins added eight tackles apiece. Ruffin also had three for losses.

Williams was named the MVP for the Alabama squad while Espy earned that distinction for Mississippi.

## ► 2000–Alabama 16, Mississippi 9

Alabama got the new millennium off to a winning start with a hard-fought 16-9 win in a game filled with unlikely heroes.

With the score knotted at 9 midway through the third quarter, unheralded and unsigned quarterback J.P. Holley, who was named Alabama's Most Valuable Player, drove his squad 70 yards in nine plays for the 16-9 margin, then turned it over to a staunch 'Bama defense to preserve the victory. Holley, who played at Stanhope-Elmore, completed five



consecutive passes during the drive, including a 35-yard strike to wide receiver Triandos Luke for the touchdown with only 24 seconds remaining in quarter number three.

On the night, Holley completed 9-11 passes for 85 yards and the touchdown.

Mississippi wasn't without its unlikely heroes, either. Kicker John-Michael Martin kept his squad in the game with field goals of 47, 23 and 20 yards, all the while averaging 43.5 per punt. His only missed field goal came from 60 yards out. Martin's effort earned him MVP honors for the Mississippi squad.

Mississippi got on the scoreboard first with 2:51 showing on the first quarter clock on Martin's 47-yard field goal. The kick was set up by the steady running of halfback Marvin Vaughan, who carried 10 consecutive times on the drive.

A bad snap from center set up Alabama's first score. With 51 seconds left in the opening quarter, Martin saw the football flying over his head into the end zone. In his attempt to rush the football out of the end zone, he fumbled the ball and Bama's Mayo Sowell pounced on it for six points. Phillip Yost's extra-point attempt was no good, leaving Alabama with a 6-3 advantage.

Jason Campbell's 36-yard aerial to Antonio Hargro set up Martin's second field goal of the night, this one from 23 yards, to make the score 6-6 with 5:12 remaining before halftime. The Campbell-to-Hargro connection gave Mississippi a first-and-goal just inside the 10-yard line, but 'Bama's defense stiffened.

On the ensuing kickoff, Luke returned the ball 48 yards to the Mississippi 46-yard line and Alabama was back in business. Using 5:05 on the clock, Holley methodically drove his team down field, covering 58 yards in nine plays. But to their credit, Mississippi's defense, led by linebackers Antoine Cash and Jason Clark, made Alabama settle for a 32-yard field goal from Yost as the horn sounded.

Mississippi took the second half kickoff and pounded its way from Bama's 42 to the Alabama 4-yard line before two penalties stalled the drive. The drive was set up by a 48-yard kickoff return from Vaughan. Martin's third field goal came with 6:37 to play in the third quarter and made it 9-9. That's when Holley displayed his heroics. Starting on the Alabama 30-yard line, Holley directed his team to paydirt, hitting Pelham's Bill Flowers for three passes and tight end Bo Hartsfield for another until hooking up

with Luke in the right corner of the end zone with 4:46 to play in the third. The PAT by Yost was good for a 16-9 lead and the eventual winning margin.

Vaughan led all rushers in the game with 64 yards, while Alabama was paced by Archie Niles 45 yards.

Hargro was the top receiver with 102 yards on six catches. Hartsfield had four catches for 36 yards.

In addition to recovering the fumble for a touchdown, Alabama's Sowell was all over the Ladd-Peebles Stadium turf. He recorded a game-best nine tackles, including two for losses and a sack for five yards, and intercepted one pass.

Clark was Mississippi's top hitter with six tackles, one for a loss, while defensive lineman J.J. Grant recorded his team's only sack of 12 yards. Defensive back Michael Cooley added an interception.

## ► 1999—Alabama 28, Mississippi 24

Mississippi tailback and MVP Dontae Walker of Clinton raced for 158 yards on 30 carries and scored 2 touchdowns to set a new series rushing record, however, Alabama overcame the Walker performance for a 28 to 24 comeback win in the 12th Annual Mississippi Alabama All-Star Football Classic at Ladd-Peebles Stadium in Mobile.

Mississippi had taken an early 3-0 led on a 25-yard field goal by David Mooneyham with 7:27 to play in the opening quarter and increased the lead to 10-0 on a 27-yard fumble return by Rod Davis with 3:32 left in the first. The game then turned on a fumble by Mississippi's Tanarka Counsior who was hit by Eddie Hoskin of Alabama and linebacker William Orr picked up the loose football and returned it 20 yards to the Mississippi 21-yard line. Two plays later, Alabama's Michael Owens scored from 6 yards out and it was 10-7 with Alabama back in the game.

Alabama then took a 14-10 lead on a Brandon Johnson one-yard run following another Counsior fumble at the Mississippi 30-yard line. Alabama wide receiver DeAndre Green of Blount, who was named the Alabama MVP, completed a 26-yard trick pass to Leonard Fulgham for a first down at the Mississippi 7-yard line and two plays later, Johnson ran in to give Alabama the lead.

Mississippi countered with a 70-yard drive

on 11 plays as Walker gained 49 yards on the drive and ran in his first touchdown from the 2-yard line with 5:04 left in the half to regain the lead at 17-14 for the Magnolia State squad. By halftime, Walker had already gained 117 of his eventual 158 yards. Mississippi started the second half the same way it ended the first as they again drove 70 yards on 10 plays using over 5 minutes on the clock. Walker scored his second touchdown and gave his team a 24 to 14 advantage.

Behind QB Derek Bynum, fullback Brandon Johnson, and wide receiver DeAndre Green, Alabama took 9 plays and a shade over 4 minutes to cover 71 yards and close the gap to 24-21 with 2:44 left in the third quarter. Johnson gained 24 yards rushing in the drive with Bynum completing two passes to Green for 27 yards.

With 8:13 left in the game, Alabama started the winning drive. A pass interference call gave Alabama a first down at its own 46. Alabama QB Brent Speigner hit tight end Robert Johnson for 12 yards to the Mississippi 38. A second pass interference penalty wiped out a Mississippi interception and Alabama was at the Mississippi 18 with 5:41 left to play. One play later, Speigner found Green alone in the end zone for the 18 yard touchdown play and the 28-24 win.

## ► 1998—Mississippi 9, Alabama 0

Mississippi MVP Mac Hart of McComb kicked three field goals in the second quarter including a series record 53 yarder to propel the Mississippi All-Stars to a 9-0 defensive shutout win in the 11th Annual Mississippi Alabama All-Star football classic at Ladd-Peebles Stadium in Mobile. Despite the presence of Alabama QBs Tyler Watts and Gabe Gross, the Mississippi defense never let the Alabama All-Stars generate any offense as they held Alabama to 40 yards rushing and 32 yards passing for total offense in the contest of only 72 yards. Alabama managed to cross into Mississippi territory only one time in the fourth quarter as they reached the Mississippi 32-yard line but turned the ball over on a fumble. Alabama's Lane Bearden of Pittman, who averaged 41.7 yards per punt, was selected as the Alabama MVP.

After a scoreless first quarter, Mississippi had a methodical 12-play drive covering 57 yards and ending with Hart's 21-yard field goal with 10:19 left in the half. On its next



possession, Mississippi then took over on its own 31 and went 9 plays to the Alabama 36-yard line. A sack by Alabama's Davern Williams apparently had taken Mississippi out of field goal range, but Hart proved them wrong as he calmly kicked a record setting 53-yard field goal to give Mississippi a 6-0 lead with 2:55 left in the second quarter.

With time running out in the half, Mississippi forced another punt and Freddie Milons took his team 12 yards in five plays to set up Hart for his third field goal attempt this time from 41 yards out as he knocked in the kick for the 9-0 lead as the horn sounded to end the first half.

The second half of the game was played in a driving rain storm and neither team could muster any offense. Alabama had an 11-play 50-yard drive that got them to the Mississippi 32, but Alabama running back Shoutua Ray fumbled on first-and-10 and Mississippi's Edward Prather pounced on the football to end the scoring threat.

Mississippi tailback Justin Griffin led all rushers in the game with 95 yards on 15 carries. Ray led Alabama with 45 yards on 14 attempts. Linebacker Mario Haggan of Mississippi had five tackles with two tackles for loss of 10 yards and a QB sack for 5 yards while Alabama linebacker Roderick Jones registered 10 tackles (9 solos).

## ► 1997-Alabama 10, Mississippi 6

The old adage that offense sells tickets and defense wins football games was never more evident than in the 1997 Alabama-Mississippi High School All-Star Classic.

Auburn-bound Larry Casher intercepted a Romaro Miller pass with less than five minutes gone off the first-quarter clock and returned it 84 yards down the Ladd Memorial Stadium turf for an Alabama touchdown. It was a message heard loud-and-clear as the 'Bama boys held Mississippi to only 213 yards of total offense and went on to win, 10-6, in the tenth annual All-Star Classic.

Ironically, that was the only touchdown scored between the two teams all night- and it came on the defensive side of the ball. But don't think for one minute that Alabama's "D" was the entire star of the show. The Mississippians know a little bit about playing defense, as well. In fact, the Alabama offense could must just 181 yards of total offense themselves.

It looked like a rout was in order after

Casher's brilliant interception return and a 19-yard field goal by Hoover High School product Jerrod Cook with 5:38 to play in the opening stanza gave Alabama a 10-0 lead.

But the Mississippi defense took over, limiting Alabama to only 11 plays, minus-two yards of total offense and one first down the entire second quarter.

They were rewarded when Morton's Dulymus McAllister recovered a fumbled Alabama punt at the 'Bama 10-yard line with less than two minutes remaining before halftime, giving his team a great opportunity to put six on the scoreboard.

No way, said the Alabama defense. After a Miller-to-Shalondo Jones pass fell incomplete, the 'Bama defense stuffed tailback Kevin Jones for a two yard loss. Another incompleton from Miller-to-Jones brought on Prentiss High School's Wesley Flake, who calmly nailed a 28-yard field goal to cut the lead to 10-3 at the half.

After a scoreless third quarter which saw Mississippi drive to the Alabama 12-yard line only to be denied once again when Erwin's Rob Pate recovered a fumble at the seven, the Mississippians were bound and determined to put some points on the board. Miller led his team from the Alabama 45-yard line to the 23, but Alabama's defense rose to the occasion, forcing Mississippi to settle for a 41-yard field goal by Flake with 9:35 left showing on the fourth-quarter clock.

Mississippi threatened one last time, taking over at midfield with 7:23 to play and getting as close as the Alabama 28, but a four-and-ten pass fell to the turf and Alabama took over on downs. 'Bama pieced together its best drive of the evening, grinding out four first downs, to run out the clock and preserve the win.

Muskingum Barnes, who recored eight tackles and deflected a pair of passes, was named MVP for Mississippi, while Kecal Bailey, who broke up four passes, was Alabama's MVP.

## ► 1996-Alabama 17, Mississippi 14

The 1996 Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Classic will forever be remembered as the year of "The Drive" and the year "The Streak" was finally laid to rest.

For when Blount High School quarterback Kelvin Robinson engineered an eight-play, 65-yard touchdown drive in the game's final moments to give team Alabama a 17-14 win in on of the most thrilling finishes in the game's

nine-year history, it also marked the end to the four-game winning streak recorded by Mississippi from 1992-95.

The storybook ending also capped off a wild four quarter which saw both teams score two touchdowns apiece and Mississippi take a 14-10 lead with only 3:40 remaining.

Entering the final stanza with a 3-0 lead thanks to a second-quarter Jonah Dismukes field goal, Alabama increased its margin to 10-0 when Williamson quarterback Tamaurice "Tee" Martin hit Sidney Lanier running back Chris Chukwuma, who won the MVP award for Alabama, with a 29-yard touchdown pass.

Mississippi then took over at its own 20 and churned out 80 yards on just seven plays. A 25-yard pass from Mississippi MVP Daryl Carter of Northest Jones to Amory's Rufus Tyler then scored on the next play to make 10-7 with 7:02 remaining.

Following an Alabama punt, Mississippi dove to the Alabama 32 and then scored the go-ahead touchdown when French snared a deflected pass and made two spectacular open field moves to run it in for the score. Scott Westerfield's extra-point gave the Mississippians a stunning 14-10 lead with only 3:40 left in the game, to set the stage for Robinson's game-winning drive.

On first-down from their own 35, Robinson hit Murphy's Dennison Robinson for 18 and a first down at the Mississippi 47. He then followed two incompletions with a bullet to Jeff Davis' Gorman Thornton for a gain of 21 and first down at the 26. One play later, Robinson scrambled for 18 and another first down at the 14. With most of the 19,600 fans in Ladd Memorial Stadium now on their feet and creating a deafening roar of approval on every play, Robinson then hit Etowah's Reggie Worthy for ten more to give the Alabamians first nade goal on the four. On first down, B.B. Comer's Tellie Embery took a handoff around the right side, broke a tackle and dove into the corner of the end zone for the winning score with just 1:27 left.

The victory, however, wasn't sealed until Shaw's Leonardo Carson stripped Carter of the ball during Mississippi's final possession and also recovered the fumble to set off a wild celebration as Alabama then ran out the clock for the 17-14 win.





## ► 1995-Mississippi 38, Alabama 9

The 1995 All-Star Classic was simply all Mississippi, as the Mississippians stretched their winning streak to four straight games with a record-setting 38-9 victory, which also knotted the All-Star Classic series at four wins apiece.

Warren Central's Brian Darden paced the Mississippian's ground attack with a game-leading 59-yards rushing and two touchdowns, as Mississippi used a stifling defense, a strong running game and six Alabama turnovers to jump out to a 21-0 lead and never looked back.

Mississippi took the opening kickoff and drove 68 yards on 16 consecutive running plays, capped off by an eight-yard run by Darden and the first of Clinton placekicker Brain Hazlewood's record five extra point to go ahead 7-0.

Following a blocked Alabama punt, Mississippi took over on the Alabama 19 and Clarksdale's Marcus Taylor hit Pontotoc's Jason Clingan, whose leaping catch in the end zone accounted for Mississippi's only completed pass of the evening, for a 14-0 lead. The lead then swelled to 21-0 following a muffed Alabama punt which was recovered by Mississippi at Alabama's ten-yard line, as Weir's Dennis McKinley scored from three yards out.

On the first play of the second half, Mississippi recovered an Alabama fumble at the 28-yard line. Three plays later, Hazlewood set another All-Star Classic record with a 44-yard field goal to make the score 24-0.

Two more third-quarter touchdowns- a six-yard run by Darden and another six-yarder by Mendenhall's Larry Showers-increased the margin to 38-0 before Alabama quarterback Montressa Kirby of Anniston scored on a two-yard keeper in the fourth stanza. An Alabama safety on the ensuing kickoff closed out the scoring at 38-9, which established new All-Star Classic bests for points scored by one team and total points by both teams with 47.

Darden earned MVP honors for Mississippi, while R.E. Lee lineman Eugene Smith took MVP honors for the Alabama squad.

## ► 1994-Mississippi 24, Alabama 10

Mississippi scored its third consecutive win in the series in the 1994 All-Star Classic, largely on the strength of a stingy defense and Hattiesburg quarterback Richard Lucas' record-setting three touchdown passes.

Mississippi jumped out to a 7-0 lead when Lucas connected with Warren Central's Corey Wilson on a nine-yard touchdown pass with 5:43 remaining in the first quarter.

Both teams traded field goals in the second quarter, with Alabama's Kevin Gentle of Gunertsville setting a new All-Star Classic record with a 41-yarder with 11 minutes remaining in the half to make the score 7-3. Mississippi then drove to a first down at the Alabama four-ayrd line, but a tough goal line stand by Alabama forced Gulfport's Brad Palazzo to kick a 19-yard field goal to make the score 10-3 in favor of Mississippi, which remained until halftime.

Alabama came out for the second half on fire, scoring on its first possession when Dora's Adam Russell connected with Gadsden's Toby Walker on a nine-yard touchdown pass. Gentle's extra point knotted the score at 10-10.

Following a missed 52-yard field goal attempt by Gentle, Mississippi took over at its own 20 with 2:53 remaining in the quarter. On second and ten, Lucas connected with Louisville's Moine Nicholson on a pass over the middle and Nicholson outraced all Alabama defenders for an 80-yard score and the longest touchdown pass in All-Star Classic history.

Lucas then closed out the scoring when he hit Smithville's Toby Collums for a 32-yard touchdown with 10:50 remaining, and the Mississippi defense stopped the two remaining Alabama drives to seal the 24-10 win.

Lucas earned MVP honors for the Mississippi squad, while Eotwah running back Kenneth Scissum won the MVP award for Alabama.

## ► 1993-Mississippi 17, Alabama 6

Fans attending the sixth annual All-Star Classic in 1993 expected to see an aerial show courtesy of highly-decorated Alabama quarterbacks > Freddie Kitchens of Etowah and Blount's Dameyune Craig.

Instead, Mississippi turned in a stellar defensive effort and used a steady ground attack to carve out a 17-6 win, its second straight in the series.

Mississippi drew first blood on a 23-yard field goal by North Forrest's Stephen Lindsey in the second quarter, and then jumped out to a 10-0 lead with 7:54 remaining in the half thanks to a little razzle-dazzle which was carried out

to perfection. On first-and-ten from its own 35, quarterback Eli Anding of W.P. Daniel lateralled to Bassfield receiver Eric Booth, who then threw a strike to a wide open Michael Brown of Lanier who caught the ball in stride for a 65-yard touchdown pass.

With time running out in the first half, Kitchens drove Alabama down to a first down at the Mississippi ten. Three plays netted eight yards, and on fourth and goal from the two, Craig was stopped on a keeper at one-yard-line to end the threat and the half.

On Alabama's first possession of the second half, a Kitchen's pass was intercepted by Mississippi's Kobie Jenkins, who returned it to the Alabama eight-yard line. Three plays later, Anding scored on ten-yard keeper and Mississippi had a commanding 17-0 lead.

Alabama got on the board with 5:04 remaining in the game on a seven-yard pass from Kitchens to Walker's Demetrea Shelton, but Mississippi was able to then run out the clock for a 17-6.

Booth took MVP honors for Mississippi, while Anniston linebacker Kivuusama Mays earned the MVP award for Alabama.

## ► 1992-Mississippi 17, Alabama 14

Mississippi broke its four-game losing streak in the series to score its first All-Star Classic win in the 1992 game, as Amory's Clint Allen booted a 23-yard field goal with only six seconds remaining in regulation for a 17-14 victory.

Mississippi scored first on a one-yard run by Aberdeen running back Dwayne Chandler with 9:30 remaining in the second quarter. But Alabama struck back with a fury, scoring on its next two possessions to take a 14-7 halftime lead.

Following a 35-yard pass from Brandon Kinard to Toderick Malone, Bama's Tim Watts scored from two yards out to tie the score at 7-7. Alabama quarterback Chris Windsor then capped off an eight-play, 55-yard drive with a 30-yard touchdown pass to Citronelle running back Marvin Stafford with only 18 seconds in the half to give Alabama its 14-7 lead.

Mississippi tied the contest at 14-14 with 3:53 remaining in the third quarter when defensive back Michael Lowery intercepted an Alabama pass and returned it 21 yards for the touchdown.



The fourth quarter saw Alabama engineer a 14-play drive beginning at its own four-yard line and ending with a missed 46-yard field goal attempt by Michael Proctor with 2:29 left.

Mississippi then took over at its own 20 and, in just six plays, moved to the Alabama seven-yard line with six seconds remaining to set the stage for Allen's game winning kick.

Alabama's MVP was quarterback > Chris Windsor, while Chandler won the award for Mississippi.

## ► 1991-Alabama 15, Mississippi 13

For the fourth time in as many games, the Alabama All-Stars squeaked out a win over their Mississippi counterparts in the 1991 All-Star Classic. However, for the first time ever, the contest was decided in regulation time, with Alabama coming out with a 15-13 win.

In keeping with the closeness of the three previous games, the contest wasn't decided until the final 30 seconds of regulation when a potential game-winning touchdown pass for Mississippi was intercepted in the end zone by Theodore's LaBarion Rankins.

Mississippi drew first blood when, on its first possession of the game, it drove 63 yards on ten plays with quarterback Derrick Taite of Moss Point scoring on a keeper from six yards out. A 26-yard field goal by Alabama's Dane Prewitt in the second quarter cut the deficit to 7-3, and it stayed that way until halftime.

Mississippi stretched its lead to 13-3 on its first possession of the second half when Taite once again scored on a keeper, this time from the one. A two-point conversion attempt failed.

Alabama came right back on the ensuing possession to drive 80 yards on eight plays capped off by a 14-yard run by Blount running back Sherman Williams. Prewitt's extra point failed and the score stood 13-9 in favor of Mississippi after three quarters.

Two Prewitt field goals in the fourth quarter gave Alabama its margin of victory. The first, a 33-yards, came with nine minutes remaining to bring Alabama to within a point at 13-12. The second, a 29-yarder, came with 1:30 remaining after a nine-play drive brought Alabama to the Mississippi 12.

Mississippi's last second rally started on its own 31 and with Taite engineering the two-minute offense to perfection, drove to the Alabama 14 with 31 seconds left. On third

down, he lofted the ball into the end zone and Rankins made a spectacular interception to save the game for Alabama.

MVP's of the 1991 game were Munford's Eric Lewis for the Alabama squad, who set an All-Star Classic record with 118 rushing yards, and Taite for the Mississippi team.

## ► 1990-Alabama 21, Mississippi 14 (1 OT)

Fans were treated to the game's best-ever passing show during the 1990 All-Star Classic, but the result was nearly identical to the previous two years with the contest once again going into overtime and Alabama once again coming out with the victory, 21-14.

The passing duo of Anniston quarterback Steve Christopher and teammate receiver Orlando Watters dazzled fans throughout the contest, as the pair was involved in all three Alabama scores. Christopher rewrote the All-Star Classic record book with passing marks that still stand, including passing yards (231), attempts (27), and completions (18), while Watters also established new game best with seven repetitions for 99 yards.

Alabama jumped out to a 7-0 first quarter lead when Christopher hit Watter with a pass over the middle, who then broke free for a 61-yard touchdown thanks to a great block by Hazlewood's Antonio Langham. The lead grew to 14-0 by half when Watters, who was named Alabama's MVP, took a pitch from Christopher and threw a perfect strike to Murphy's Miguel Callier for a 55-yard score.

But Mississippi wasn't finished. A strong defense in the second half shut down the Alabama attack and two Alabama turnovers set up scores. A fumbled Alabama punt and recovery gave Mississippi a first down deep in Alabama territory, and on third down, Morton's Michael Davis scored from the one to make it 14-7.

Mississippi then tied the score with 3:53 left when Moss Point's Kelly Steele, who earned MVP honors for Mississippi, intercepted an Alabama pass and returned it 54 yards for a 14-14 tie.

Alabama had first crack in overtime and scored what proved to be the winning points when Christopher hit Huntsville's Chris Anderson in the corner of the end zone for a five-yard touchdown. Alabama's defense then

rose to the occasion. On third down, Decatur's Mario Morris batted away a pass in the end zone and Springville's Roderick Woody sealed the victory when he intercepted Honore Britton's pass in the end zone on the game's last play.

Alabama also set an All-Star Classic team record with 325 passing yards and won the contest despite finishing the game with minus 28 yard rushing.

## ► 1989-Alabama 24, Mississippi 21 (4 OT)

Fans thought they had seen it all when it comes to thrilling overtime periods at the inaugural All-Star Classic in 1988. However, the 1989 All-Star Classic was destined to create even greater drama along with an additional overtime period.

The game is also noted for its outstanding roster of talent, which included three future first-round NFL draft picks- Terrell Buckley, John Copeland, and George Teague.

Alabama won the '89 contest by the same 24-21 score, but only after Citronelle's Brian Lee ended the four-overtime marathon with a 27-yard field goal.

Mississippi struck first in the third quarter on five-yard touchdown run by Greg Plump. With just under six minutes remaining in the game, Alabama took over on its own 49-yard line and marched to the Mississippi goal line on 11 plays. On third and goal from the Mississippi three and only 38 seconds left to play, Alabama quarterback Richard Moncrief found Pike County's Fred Baxter in the end zone for the score to send the game into overtime.

Mississippi held Alabama on its first three plays in overtime and Lee missed a 30-yard field goal. On first down, Mississippi went for the win with a 27-yard field goal attempt, but the game was saved thanks to Jeff Davis' Teague, who blocked the kick.

Both teams matched touchdowns in overtime number two, with Mississippi's Marc Johnson scoring from 10-yards out and Alabama scoring on another pass from Moncrief to Baxter, also 10 yards away.

Overtime number three started off with a 10-yard run by Alabama's Jimm Goodwin on first down to give them a 21-14 lead. However, on fourth down, Mississippi amazingly came back again on a one-yard run by Ocean Spring's Irving Spikes to knot the score at 21-21.



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Mississippi had first crack in the the fourth OT. On second down from the two, Johnson fumbled and Alabama's Victor Lockett of Shaw came up with the recovery to set the stage for Lee's game winning kick.

Named MVP for the Alabama squad was Valley's Copeland, who later earned first-team All-American honors at Alabama, while Mississippi MVP was Tupelo quarterback Todd Jordan.

### ► 1988-Alabama 24, Mississippi 21 (3 OT)

Organizers of the All-Star Classic could not have picked a better game to start off the series than the inaugural Classic in 1988, which turned out to be one of the most exciting high school games ever played at Ladd Stadium.

Alabama eventually won the contest, 24-21, but only after three hear-stopping overtime periods.

After three scoreless quarters, Alabama jumped out to a 7-0 lead when Tarrant's Darrin Reeves intercepted a Shane Matthews pass

and returned it 26 yards for a touchdown.

With 4:26 remaining in the game, Mississippi's Chris Firlie of South Leake hauled in a 57-yard touchdown pass from Gulfport's Tom Luke to knot the score at 7-7. A last second, 33-yard field goal attempt by Mississippi went wide right with just eight seconds to play, to send the game into overtime.

In the first overtime, Mississippi scored on the first play-a 10-yard TD run by Greenville's Tyrone Montgomery. Alabama, however, countered with a score of its own when Cherokee County's Marvin Houston dove into the end zone on fourth down from the one.

In the second overtime, Alabama scored first, once again converting on fourth down when Auburn High School's David Crum scored from one yard out. Alabama looked to have the game won at the start of the Mississippi's series of downs, as the Mississippians were penalized 15 yards on Alabama's extra point try for roughing the kicker and were forced to 25 yards in only four plays. On secod down, Luke gained 19 yards on a keeper to the Alabama six, and

then Montgomery scored his second touchdown of the evening on a TD pass from Luke to once again tie the score.

Mississippi has the first possession of the third overtime. On third and nine, Luke was hit in the backfield by Brian Moore, fumbled, and Alabama's Walter Tipton came up with the recovery.

Following a Mississippi penalty, Hamp Greene then kicked a 22-yard field goal to give Alabama the thrilling 24-21 victory.

Fairhope's Darrel Crawford, who later starred at Auburn, was named MVP for Alabama, while John Sullins, who enjoyed a fine career as a linebacker at Alabama, was chosen MVP for the Mississippi squad.



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