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Junior offensive lineman Derrick Wilson FILE PHOTO (QUENTIN WINSTINE) | The Daily Mississippian

## FOOTBALL PLAYER FIGHTS FOR FAMILY

Ole Miss football player Derrick Wilson is in a custody battle for his younger sister after his mother died of cancer in January 2011. The Ole Miss athletics department is looking to assist Wilson prepare for the hearing, the date for which has yet to be announced.

BY SUMMER WIGLEY  
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On Nov. 6, 2010, Ole Miss junior offensive lineman Derrick Wilson found out that his mother, Jelks Wilson, had been diagnosed with cancer.

Wilson was at Horn Lake High School at the time and wanted to go see his mother when he got the call.

"When I found out, I wanted to go home, but my mother called and told me to stay at school," Wilson said.

In the months that followed, his mother began chemotherapy treatments, and Wilson joined the East Mississippi Community College football team.

The team was undefeated and went to the 2011 National Junior College Championship game in Yuma, Ariz., where it won against Arizona Western College.

"After the season was over, I went home to check on my mother, and everything was fine," Wilson said.

On Dec. 9, 2011, Derrick received a call that his mother's cancer had spread to her brain.

"I had to immediately rush back home with the help of my coaches at East Mississippi," Wilson said, "My grades were good enough where I didn't have to take my finals, so I went home and was able to celebrate her birthday with her on Dec. 13."

Wilson noticed that something was different with his mom.

"I called her oncologist, and I was told to bring her to the hospital," he said. "She didn't come home after that."

Doctors tried another round of chemotherapy, but his her body did not respond.

"When she came back to

the room, she wasn't talking, and her eyes were barely open," Wilson said. "I told her if she could hear me to squeeze my hand, and then I felt the slightest squeeze."

Wilson spent Christmas Day with his younger sisters, Fallon, 11, and Reagan, 3, and a cousin.

On Jan. 10, 2011, Wilson's mother passed away. He took care of his sisters after his mother's passing.

Wilson is now in a custody battle for his sister Fallon against his maternal grandmother.

"I think she just wants the money because of the Social Security check," Wilson said.

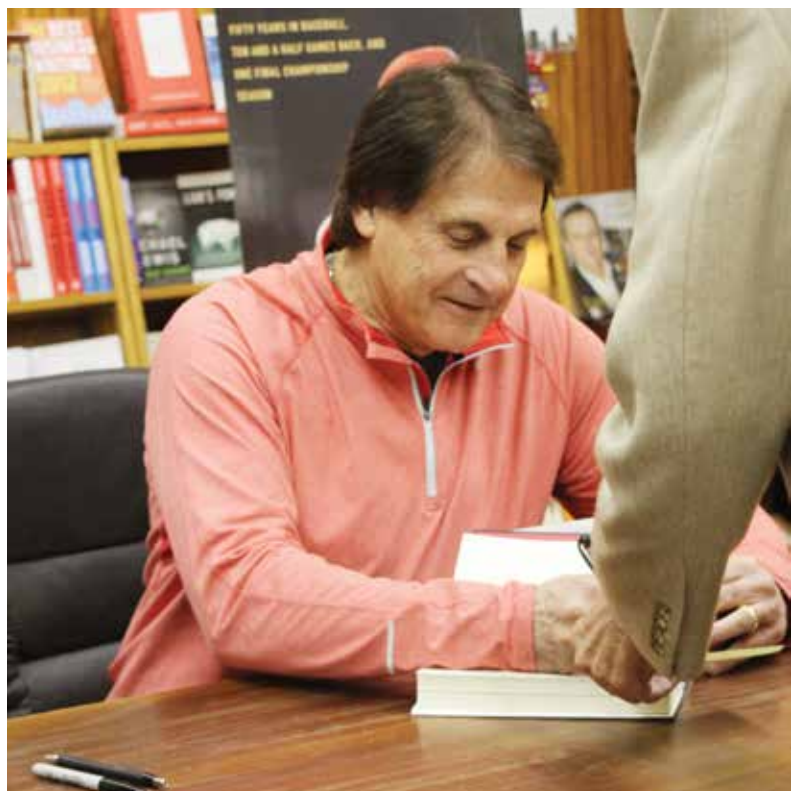
Reagan is currently living with her father in Memphis.

With the upcoming bowl game, Wilson will not be able to spend much time with his

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## Square Books welcomes Tony La Russa

Oxford residents and students packed the entrance of Square Books to have a copy of "One Last Strike" signed by former St. Louis Cardinals Manager Tony La Russa.



Tony LaRussa signs books on the Square.

BY KELTON BROOKS  
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A sea of red flooded the lower level of Square Books as longtime fans came to see St. Louis Cardinals legend Tony La Russa.

Around 400 people were in attendance to have a copy of "One Last Strike" signed by La Russa at the event, which lasted until 9 p.m. Thursday.

Beckett Howorth, supervisor at Square Books, said people had been calling all day with questions because they were unaware of the signing.

He said an estimated 600 copies were sold and signed.

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### CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED POET JOINS UNIVERSITY ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Critically acclaimed poet, essayist and editor Dave Smith, after working for 11 years at Johns Hopkins University's The Writing Seminars Program, will join The University of Mississippi's English department as a visiting professor in fall 2013.

Smith is the author of more than 20 books, including poetry volumes, fiction and non-fiction.

Glen Hopkins, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, indicated excitement in an interview with Ole Miss News.

"We are delighted to have distinguished scholar and poet Dave Smith join our faculty," Hopkins said. "He strengthens an already stellar faculty."

### GRANTS HELP INCREASE MINORITY MATH AND SCIENCE GRADUATES

The University of Mississippi is slated to receive nearly \$40,000 to increase the number of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) Ph.D.s.

In order to increase the number of degrees, the University must invest in human capital across diverse groups.

Ole Miss is working to recruit, support and graduate more minority and women doctoral candidates in STEM fields, both groups who have the greatest potential in the workforce.

The mathematics, chemistry and biochemistry departments have received funding

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## American sports enthusiasm: A Chinese perspective

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I have been in the U.S. since August 2011. Since then, I have been to two football games at Ole Miss and three NBA basketball games in Memphis.

I still remember the first football game I went to last September against BYU. American sports enthusiasm was beyond my imagination.

It is odd to me that people can spend several days driving across the country just to watch a football game. On the campground, many people got together, put up tents outside their RVs, set up TVs, drank beer and had parties several days before the game. Moreover, they put up a lot of tents in the Grove. That was the first time I saw so many trash cans in the Grove. So many tents showed up overnight, I was shocked.

Why are Americans so crazy for sports? Those things would never happen in China. This is because of three main reasons: the perception of sports, the

U.S. athletic system and developed professional teams.

The most important one is people's perceptions. Americans uphold sports and athletics. They cultivate their children to love sports from a young age. Parents are proud of their children's achievements not only in studying, but also in sports.

I interviewed a Chinese mom who has lived in Rockville, Md., and was married to an American. At first, she worried that her son spent too much time playing sports and that his studies would be delayed, so she wanted him to stop. However, her husband was opposed. Fortunately, the Chinese mom found that her son could organize his time and do a good job at both.

The U.S. has a perfect system for selecting and cultivating excellent athletes. Different school levels have different teams. For example, middle schools have middle school football teams. High schools can select and recruit good athletes from watching their

games. Colleges recruiting athletes do the same, as do professional teams.

Commercial operation of American sports is well developed and has a knack for creating stars and idols. Once they have created a star, a series of products around him or her can be produced to sell and make money. For example, NBA star Kobe Bryant's shoes, basketball wear and other accessories make quite a profit.

In China, the sports industry is not as prosperous. To begin with, Chinese parents only pay attention to their children's academic achievements. They just care about the score their children get and whether they get accepted into a good (preferably top) university. This stems from the culture.

After Jeremy Lin became a star last year, people asked, "If Jeremy Lin lived in China, could he still become a NBA basketball star?" The answer is absolutely not. With his Harvard economics degree, his Chinese parents would want him to get a job on Wall Street.

Ultimately, China does not have a good professional league. We have CBA, which is the Chinese equivalent of the NBA, but I have never watched a CBA game. However, I've only lived in the U.S. for a year, and I have already been to the FedEx Forum in Memphis to watch three Grizzlies' games, and I often watch NBA games on TV.

There is a clear boundary between ordinary people and athletes in China.

Chinese people who are born in my generation are often the only child in their families, so these children were given a lot of attention by their families. Their parents had high expectations for them. These parents put a lot of pressure on their children and their studies. Therefore, the majority of my generation has poor physical health and weak eyes.

Each individual should be developed in multiple ways rather than in just one dimension, which means Chinese

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## A simple thank you



BY ANGELA ROGALSKI  
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When I sat down to write this column, my last one for The Daily Mississippian, I thought it would be easy. Graduation for me is right around the corner.

I would just write what the last four years at The University of Mississippi have meant to me and how much I've enjoyed doing a weekly column for our school newspaper. Maybe include a few anecdotal comments about an experience or two I've had. Then end with a well-deserved "thank you" to all the wonderful professors in whose classes I have learned so much, and of course, how much I appreciate all of my classmates and the great friendships that I have made over the past four years.

But, it's not that easy. How do you say a simple thank you to people and an institution that have changed your life? To friends that you have made, that while most were much younger than yourself, welcomed you into a camaraderie that you will treasure for the rest of your life? A simple thank you seems so much less than everyone here at Ole Miss deserves.

I came to this school in 2008, not really knowing what to expect. All I knew was this desire that I had had my whole life: to write. I didn't know anything about the right way to do it. I didn't know there were certain rules and precedents that were all a part of this thing I loved called journalism. But the professors at the university knew, and they taught me.

I remember when I was seven

years old and my parents started giving me an allowance each week. My mother and I would go shopping on Saturdays and I would buy books, those little square Golden Books, with my money. I would sit and read them for hours. I was fascinated with words and how, when you fit them together a certain way, you could invent stories. I knew from that moment forward that I wanted to write, that I needed to write.

The University of Mississippi made that dream come true. Every professor or instructor that I have had over these four years has taught me so much. They taught me to push myself, to never accept less than I could achieve and to realize that if I wanted it badly enough and was willing to work for it, I could have it.

The opportunities that have been placed before me by some of these amazing people, I can never thank them enough for. When I walk down the halls of Farley, I get chills. I know to some that may sound cliché or ridiculous, but it's true; being able to actually produce a magazine or create a website or write a column, that's like manna from heaven for me.

The friends I have made here, within these walls, I'll never forget, and I hope I won't have to. Even after graduation, they are my friends, my Ole Miss family.

And that is how I've always felt here, on this campus: a part of the family. The faculty, staff and students are a wonderful group of people who welcomed me from day one, and who will always live in my heart.

So I say simply:  
Thank you...

And pray it's enough.

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COLUMN

## Where's our lottery?

BY ANNA RUSH  
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After Wednesday night, two Americans became a lot richer. I mean over \$100 million richer.

What did they do to amount this wealth? They bought a lottery ticket.

On Wednesday, the multi-state lottery reached a record \$588 million. More than 42 states, as well as the U.S. Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia, participate in the lottery, according to the Multi-State Lottery Association. Over the past 20 years, lottery winners have taken home more than \$11.6 billion.

Beyond the money that goes to the ticket winners, there is the money that the states get for participating in the lottery. States may then apply these funds where they see fit.

The State of Illinois, for example, takes 30 cents for every dollar spent on a lottery ticket. It takes that percentage and applies it to education funding. It may not seem like much, but in 2011, \$632 million went toward the Common School Fund. Many states put their funds toward education, while others put it toward environmental concerns or toward a general fund.

As many of you who drove to Tennessee to purchase a

lottery ticket are aware, Mississippi is one of the few states that does not participate in the lottery. Putting aside the moral implications of gambling and the lottery, let's consider the economic or educational benefits the lottery could bring to the state.

Mississippi constantly struggles with education. As one of the poorest states in the nation, it is often difficult to adequately fund our education system. Using the lottery to increase education funding could be a valuable asset for Mississippi school-age children and our state's future. An extra \$632 million, like the State of Illinois sees, would be more than welcome to our Department of Education.

According to the Mississippi Department of Education, it was appropriated \$3,177,079,991 for the 2013 fiscal year. If lottery funds were added to this number, the Department of Education would have the ability to apportion money to things that it wished the state could afford: increasing teacher salaries, updating technology, building new or renovating old schools, etc.

Other states that have applied the lottery funds toward education, such as California, have stated that the lottery does not provide much help to them. This is because the California

Legislature reduces the amount of money that it apportions to schools to reflect how much money the school gets. Other states say the percentage of the funds that the lottery brings to education pales in comparison to the need. In Illinois, for instance, the lottery proceeds only make up 7 percent of the state's public school needs.

Other states, such as Louisiana and Georgia, use lottery funding to provide scholarships for their students to attend college. This option, of course, has its own problems to address, but it is worth consideration to help our students fund their higher education. This scholarship program would allow Mississippi children who never thought college was an option to pursue their dreams and would help to alleviate the burden of student loans.

Ultimately, there is a wide variety of issues, both legally and morally, that accompany adopting a lottery, and the proposed benefits might not be as helpful as we imagine. For the sake of helping education, and therefore helping Mississippi's future, however, it is worth examining.

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people should change their bias for sports. They should pay more attention to build

their bodies and personal health. After all, health is wealth and the foundation of everything.

After people's perceptions change, China can be healthier and develop its own sports

industry.

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## 'Hitt' too hard: Corporal punishment in public schools

Lana Hitt filed a report and pressed charges after her son Hunter was "beaten" with a paddle, while attending Eupora High School this past May.

BY SEALY SMITH  
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When Hunter Hitt came home from school, he couldn't help but cry as he told his mother what had happened to him.

That day, 12-year-old Hunter had received a paddling at school for fighting with another student in his class. The fight was Hunter's first disciplinary offense at Eupora High School, and James Courtney, a coach at the school, was the instructor who inflicted the punishment.

"I received three licks for the fight," Hunter said. "I don't remember much about the actual paddling, just that it hurt, and Coach Courtney swung it like a baseball bat."

When Hunter's mother, Lana, saw the bruises on her son, she took him to the emergency room, where doctors documented his injuries. The bruises extended from Hunter's backside down to the back of his knees.

"After realizing how severe the punishment was, I became extremely upset," Lana said. "I am perfectly fine with corporal punishment in schools, but my son was beaten."

The morning after the incident, the Hitt family filed a statement with Webster County law enforcement.

"As a mother, when something like this happens to your child, your first reaction is to play mama bear and do something about it," she said.

Lana also set up an appoint-

ment with Webster County superintendent of education Jimmy Pittman and Eupora High School Principal Lundy Brantley.

According to Lana Hitt, in the meeting Brantley said he had already spoken with the coach who paddled Hunter and with the two required witnesses and that everything involved with Hunter's punishment had been done according to school procedure, with one exception.

The incident, which occurred on May 2, 2012, was not properly documented until the next day.

"After hearing what the superintendent and principal had to say, I proceeded to show them the picture of Hunter's bruises and asked them if that was acceptable in their school," she said. "(Brantley's) comment to me was that everybody bruises differently."

According to Eupora High School's policy on corporal punishment, in order for a student to be corporally punished in school, a parent must sign a waiver stating that the child can be paddled. If a parent doesn't sign the waiver, the school immediately places the child on the "no paddle" list.

"It is the parents' job to discipline their children," Brantley said. "When their children are at school, it is our job to discipline them when necessary. Lana Hitt signed a waiver stating that her child could be physically punished. Therefore, according to school policy, Courtney



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followed the rules."

According to The Center for Effective Discipline, approximately 220,000 students receive corporal punishment each year. While 29 states have banned the practice in schools, Mississippi and 20 others still allow some form of corporal punishment. Mississippi alone paddles more

than 38,000 students a year.

"The debate of whether or not to corporally punish in schools is based around whether or not physical pain can ever be justifiable," said Fannye Love, associate dean of the School of Education and professor of curriculum and instruction at The University of Mississippi-Desoto

Center.

Love said that the issue of paddling or spanking children is less about punishment itself and more about punishment as a means of education.

"Are the effects of corporal punishment positive or negative?" Love said. "Well, each child is different. Therefore, they can be affected differently by different forms of punishment. There is so much gray area when dealing with the punishment of students in schools that school instructors and leaders must be very cautious in deciding whether or not it is appropriate and necessary to perform physical punishment."

Love, who specializes in classroom management, said that when performed correctly, corporal punishment can be effective for some students, but serious physical and psychological injuries can occur when strategic corporal punishment becomes child abuse.

"Punishment and harm are not the same thing," she said. "There is a strict line between the two, and to ignore it is deliberately misleading."

The Hitt family felt that line was crossed in Hunter's case, so they pressed charges against Courtney and took the issue to the school board. Lana said the board meeting was a frustrating experience.

"The members of the school board did not say one word to me," Lana said. "I was told that they were advised by their lawyers not to say anything to me or ask me any questions."

A week later, Pittman called to say the board had decided not to take any action on the matter. Soon after, the Webster County prosecutor took the case to a grand jury; the jury declined to indict.

Courtney, who is still employed with Eupora High School, is no longer facing charges. Hunter is now home-schooled by his mother and grandmother, and Lana is still speaking with lawyers about suing in civil court.

Lana and Hunter said they have absolutely no regrets about their decision to take action against James Courtney and Eupora High School.

"Although I don't really feel I got justice for my son yet, I hope that my actions against the school have a positive effect," she said. "I hope that my voice has gotten attention and that instructors will think before they just start swinging."

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mother passed away. "We're looking into those avenues to see how we can support (Wilson)," Bjork said.

Kyle Campbell, assistant athletics director for media and public relations, said the athletics department is behind Derrick and doing what they can to help him.

"As an athletics department, we are currently looking into what ways we can assist Derrick," he said. "He is a special young man with incredible courage, and we want to help him."

Wilson said he has had to mature quickly since his mother's passing, and it continues today.

"I went from an average college student to being a grown man," he said. "I have to be a disciplinarian for my younger sisters."

Wilson's girlfriend, Aniah Lust, a political science sophomore, said she admires how Wilson has remained the same person since his mother's death.

"He has continued to be the strong, funny person I met last year," Lust said. "One thing has changed, though. He cherishes time more. He remains the loving person his mother created and not a person of bitterness or anger."

Wilson does not know when his hearing will be, but he said his time at Ole Miss has had a positive effect on him.

"I love being here at Ole Miss," he said. "Everybody embraces you and makes you feel like you are home."

*Sports Editor David Collier contributed to this report.*

sisters, and with Christmas coming up, he wants what's best for them.

"I want them to have a great Christmas," he said. "My mom would spend bill money if she had to in order to give us a great Christmas."

Wilson was supposed to have a hearing Aug. 3, but it was postponed.

"We had to hire a guardian ad litem to see how Fallon interacted with our grandmother in Greenville," Wilson said.

Ole Miss athletics director Ross Bjork, who has not spoken to Wilson about the matter, said his story is unique.

"The coaches and teammates have been supporting him and understand the story," Bjork said. "I know Derrick has really done a great job on and off the field."

Bjork said the athletics department is looking at a similar situation at Clemson University where a fund was created to help an athlete adopt his sister after his

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under the Graduate Assistance in Areas of National the Need, or GAANN, program underwritten by the U.S. Department of Education.

For each grant, the university contributes matching funds to produce a funding ratio of 80 percent federal to 20 percent non-federal.

Gerard Buskes, professor

of mathematics and principal investigator of one of the grants, told Ole Miss News that he is optimistic the funds will help Ole Miss increase the percentage of STEM professionals in Mississippi.

"There is a broad, national movement to get more math professionals," Buskes said. "GAANN has helped our relatively small department be at the forefront of bridging the gap and ultimately helping fill the shortage of STEM professionals in Mississippi and in the nation."

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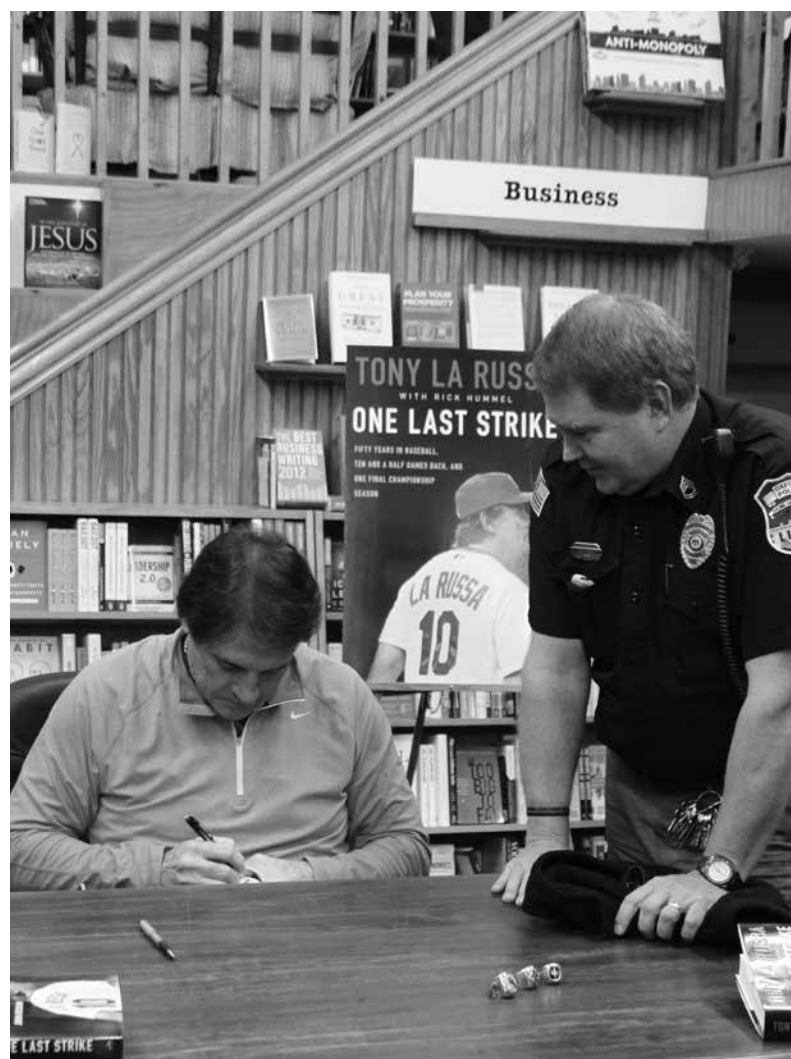
"If we would have had a more advanced notice of this event, we probably would have had more people," Horrowth said. "It feels good to see the excitement on everyone's face as they meet him."

"This is a big deal to Cardinals fans."

Jake Van Ausdall, history senior and Missouri native, agreed, saying La Russa's visit to Oxford was "big deal" for Square Books.

"Square is a gem of Oxford that's fortunate enough to have some really good writers and someone of La Russa's celebrity status to come in," Ausdall said.

Having met La Russa before Winter Warm-up at a meet and greet with players and coaches that takes place in January, Senior Communications Specialist at FedEx Wes Milligan traveled from Memphis to attend the book signing, as well.



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Basketball players Murphy Holloway (left) and Marshall Henderson (right) greeted fans and helped Rebel Rewards hand out "Club Red" T-shirts yesterday afternoon in front of the Student Union.

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## Why finals is the best week of the semester

BY MEGAN MASSEY | No, you didn't read the headline wrong. I truly believe finals week is the best week of the entire semester. I anxiously await its arrival every semester like a small child anticipates the arrival of Santa Claus. You're probably wondering to yourself, "Why does this crazy girl love finals week so much?" I'm so glad you asked:

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The first reason is obvious; you probably had it figured out before you read it. There are no classes during exam week. If you're lucky, you don't have more than an exam a day, which means you only have to be in a classroom for the amount of time it takes to finish one exam. After that, you're free to leave. There are no boring lectures, no in-class exercises, not a PowerPoint presentation in sight.

### 2 COOKIES. OR ICE CREAM. OR CAKE. OR WHATEVER.

The point is that with no classes comes extra free time. Yes, I know you have to study during this week, but let's get real, you're not going to be studying eight hours a day for five days straight, not in undergrad at least. So bake some cookies, go get ice cream with friends or order pizza. Embrace your free time and indulge in a little sugary therapy.

### 3 FORTS

Did the 21-year-old just suggest that forts make finals week the best week? Yes, she did. My sophomore year of college, my roommates and I made a fort in our living room with blankets, comforters, sheets, etc. It was amazing and probably the best idea I've ever had. We spent a couple of hours huddled together in our fort eating popcorn (this would be a good time to eat your cookies) and watching TV. I'm not saying you have to build a fort necessarily, but find time do something a little goofy this week. It'll relieve stress, and you'll have fun.

### 4 MOVIES & TV

If you don't have Netflix, finals week would be a good time to invest in it. There's no better week to catch up on television shows you've missed or meant to start watching. If I were you, I would begin making a list now. Mine includes Breaking Bad, The League and probably a Harry Potter marathon.

### 5 CHRISTMAS

Finals week means Christmas is finally within our grasp. A week from this coming Monday, most of us will be home. We'll be sleeping in, spending time with family and friends, and school will become a distant memory for a few weeks.

Another thing to keep in mind is that finals week isn't worth the stress a lot of us place on ourselves. It just isn't. Maybe it's the senioritis talking, but looking back over my years spent in college, one of the best things I did for myself was not stress out over finals week. I've always made time during the week to have fun and enjoy spending time with friends before we go home for the holidays. My best advice to you is to do the same. Of course you need to study, but don't let that be all you do or you'll miss the best week of the semester.

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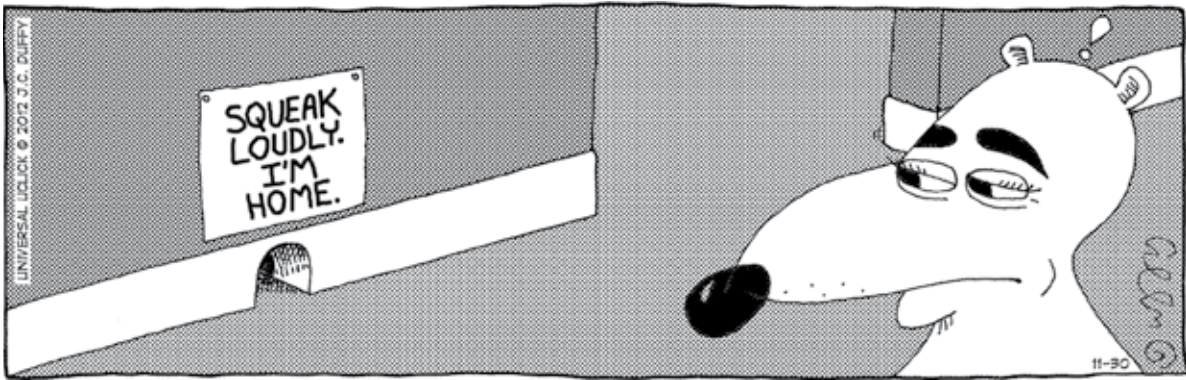
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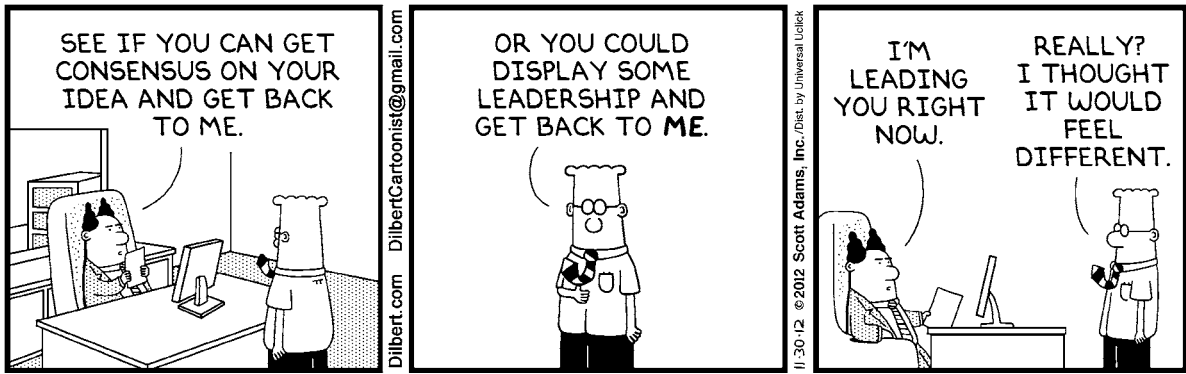
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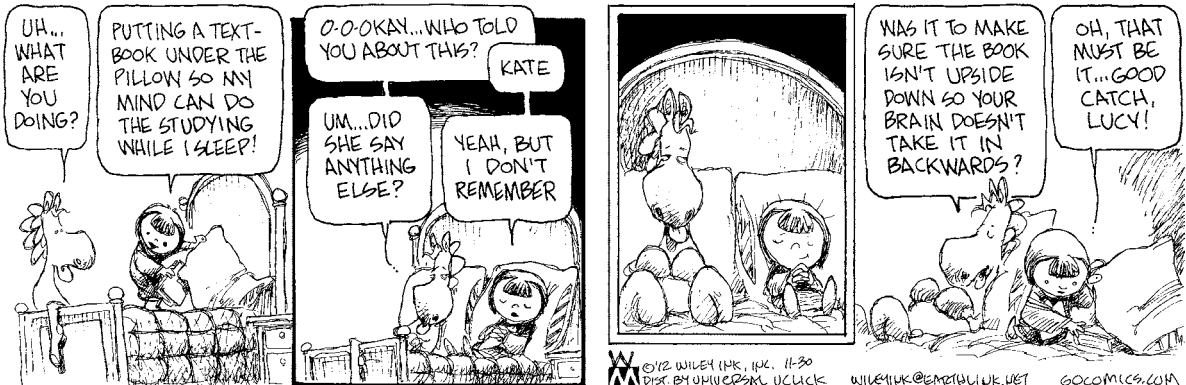
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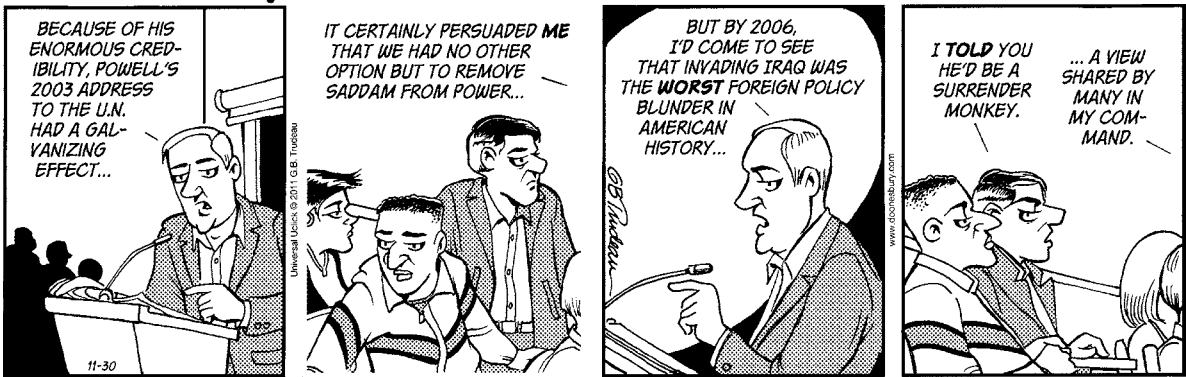
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# Recruiting Update: Commitments and players to watch

The Daily Mississippian's Bennett Hipp gives a recruiting update for the 2013 Ole Miss football recruiting class, which currently has 20 commits, according to Rivals.com, and 21 commits, according to Scout.com. Hipp also talks about the top prospects to watch during the recruiting season, which ends on National Signing Day on Feb. 6. For continuing coverage of Ole Miss football, follow @thedm\_sports and @bennethipp on Twitter.



FAR LEFT: RB Mark Dodson from Whitehaven High School in Memphis (Chris Desmond, Courtesy Commercial Appeal)

LEFT: DE Robert Nkemdiche, Ole Miss redshirt freshman Denzel Nkemdiche's brother, from Grayson High School in Loganville, Ga. (Courtesy Gwinnett Daily Post)

## RB PEYTON BARBER

5-foot-11, 222 pounds — Alpharetta, Ga. — Milton HS

Rivals.com ★★ ★  
Scout.com ★★ ★

## WR TREY BLEDSOE

6-foot-2, 190 pounds — Grenada, Miss. — Grenada HS

Rivals.com ★★ ★  
Scout.com ★★

## OT DARONTE BOULDIN

6-foot-6, 310 pounds — Canton, Miss. — Canton HS

Rivals.com ★★ ★  
Scout.com ★★ ★

## RB EUGENE BRAZLEY

5-foot-10, 175 pounds — New Orleans — Carver, G.W., Senior HS

Rivals.com ★★ ★  
Scout.com ★★ ★

## QB RYAN BUCHANAN

6-foot-4, 210 pounds — Jackson, Miss. — Jackson Prep

Rivals.com ★★ ★ ★  
Scout.com ★★ ★ ★

## WR DANNON CAVIL

6-foot-4, 205 pounds — San Antonio, Texas — Madison HS

Rivals.com ★★ ★  
Scout.com ★★ ★

## RB MARK DODSON

5-foot-9, 175 pounds — Memphis — Whitehaven HS

Rivals.com ★★ ★ ★  
Scout.com ★★ ★

## TE EVAN ENGRAM

6-foot-3, 210 pounds — Powder Springs, Ga. — Hillgrove HS

Rivals.com ★★ ★  
Scout.com ★★ ★

## CB BOBBY HILL

6-foot, 165 pounds — Moultrie, Ga. — Colquitt County HS

Rivals.com ★★ ★  
Scout.com ★★ ★

## OL BRANDON HILL

6-foot-6, 350 pounds — Chatham, Va. — Hargrave Military Academy

Rivals.com ★★ ★  
Scout.com ★★ ★

## OT DAVION JOHNSON

6-foot-5, 315 pounds — Byhalia, Miss. — Byhalia HS

Rivals.com ★★ ★  
Scout.com ★★ ★

## WR DERRICK JONES

6-foot-2, 180 pounds — Eupora, Miss. — Eupora HS

Rivals.com ★★  
Scout.com ★★ ★

## QB DEVANTE KINCADE

6-foot-1, 185 pounds — Dallas, Texas — Skyline HS

Rivals.com ★★ ★  
Scout.com ★★ ★ ★

## QB JEREMY LIGGINS

6-foot-4, 275 pounds — Oxford, Miss. — Lafayette HS

Rivals.com N/A  
Scout.com ★★ ★

## DT FINESSE MIDDLETON

6-foot-2, 245 pounds — Gadsden, Ala. — Gadsden City HS

Rivals.com ★★  
Scout.com ★★

## WR QUADARIAS MIRELES

5-foot-11, 180 pounds — Raymond, Miss. — Hinds CC

Rivals.com ★★ ★  
Scout.com ★★ ★

## DT HERBERT MOORE

6-foot-2, 180 pounds — Memphis, Tenn. — Memphis East HS

Rivals.com ★★ ★  
Scout.com ★★ ★

## TE CHRISTIAN MORGAN

6-foot-4, 255 pounds — Plano, Texas — Prestonwood Christian Academy

Rivals.com ★★ ★  
Scout.com ★★ ★ ★

## OLB RASHAWN SMITH

6-foot-3, 210 pounds — Florence, Ala. — Florence HS

Rivals.com ★★ ★  
Scout.com ★★ ★

## S CHARLES WILLIAMS

6-foot-2, 180 pounds — Hialeah, Fla. — Champagnat Catholic School of Hialeah

Rivals.com ★★ ★  
Scout.com ★★ ★

## CB ZACH WITCHETT

6-foot-1, 196 pounds — Raymond, Miss. — Hinds CC

Rivals.com ★★ ★  
Scout.com ★★ ★

# Players to watch

## DE JASON CARR

6-foot-6, 280 pounds — Memphis, Tenn. — White Station HS

Rivals.com ★★ ★ ★  
Scout.com ★★ ★

A current Tennessee commitment, Jason Carr has the versatility to play at defensive end or move inside to play tackle, thanks to his 6-foot-6, 280-pound frame. Carr's status with the Volunteers appears to be up in the air, as he waits to see whom Tennessee hires to replace recently fired Derek Dooley. The Rebels appear to have put themselves in good shape with Carr if the Memphis product opens his recruitment up.

## S ANTONIO CONNER

6-foot-2, 200 pounds — Batesville, Miss. — South Panola HS

Rivals.com ★★ ★ ★  
Scout.com ★★ ★ ★ ★

The top player at perennial powerhouse South Panola High School, Conner is in high demand and has sports offers from Alabama, Auburn, Georgia, LSU, Ole Miss, Mississippi State, Tennessee, Texas A&M and many others. It is expected that the 6-foot-2, 200-pound safety will take most, if not all, of his five allotted official visits, but as with most South Panola products, the Rebels look to be in good shape for Mississippi's top player.

## RB KAILO MOORE

5-foot-10, 180 pounds — Rosedale, Miss. — West Bolivar HS

Rivals.com ★★ ★ ★  
Scout.com ★★ ★ ★

The 5-foot-10, 180-pound running back has elite speed and is said to be one of the faster players in the Southeast. A former Ole Miss commitment, Moore decommitted with the coaching staff change and is currently a verbal commitment to Mississippi State. He has visited Ole Miss a few times, and there's a chance that Moore could end up on Ole Miss' signing day list.

## DE ROBERT NKEMDICHE

6-foot-5, 260 pounds — Loganville, Ga. — Grayson HS

Rivals.com ★★ ★ ★ ★  
Scout.com ★★ ★ ★ ★

Nkemdiche is considered by all services to be the consensus top player in the country for the 2013 class. He is, of course, the brother of Ole Miss redshirt freshman linebacker Denzel Nkemdiche, and the bond between the brothers has Ole Miss in good shape for the younger Nkemdiche. A longtime Clemson commitment, Robert decommitted a few weeks ago and could potentially announce a new commitment in the coming weeks, according to his brother.

## WR LAQUON TREADWELL

6-foot-3, 190 pounds — Crete, Ill. — Crete-Monee HS

Rivals.com ★★ ★ ★  
Scout.com ★★ ★ ★

The top receiver in the country for the class of 2013 according to Rivals, Treadwell isn't from a typical Ole Miss recruiting area, but the Rebels have managed to work their way into Treadwell's top group. Treadwell has listed a top five in order of Oklahoma, Ole Miss, Oklahoma State, Michigan and Michigan State. The Rebels envision placing Treadwell opposite of sophomore wide receiver Donte Moncrief to form a potentially dangerous duo at the receiver spot.

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# A few final thoughts from the football beat

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I stepped on to the Ole Miss football beat for The Daily Mississippian at the beginning of the 2010 football season and immediately realized that the Ole Miss football program, which had won 18 games and back-to-back Cotton Bowls over the past two seasons, was headed in a drastically different direction.

The Rebels lost 49-48 that day in double overtime against Jacksonville State, and my first game on the beat was the beginning of the downfall of head coach Houston Nutt.

Ole Miss won just a combined six games over the 2010 and 2011 seasons, losing games to teams like Jacksonville State and Louisiana Tech. Discipline issues and attrition took a toll on Ole Miss' team depth and chemistry.

The football program had stagnated under Nutt, and the athletics department had done the same under then-athletics director Pete Boone.

Fast forward to today, as the Rebels await a Sunday announcement on which bowl the team will be headed to, and there is nothing stagnant about the Ole Miss football program and the athletics de-

partment.

The school made a home-run hire in luring current athletics director Ross Bjork from Western Kentucky. Bjork pumped energy and creativity into the department, transforming the atmosphere at all Ole Miss sporting events and around every program.

On the football field, the Rebels' choice of Hugh Freeze has proved to be a good one so far, and Freeze and his staff have turned the program around in just under a year.

Freeze recruited a junior college quarterback named Bo Wallace, who promptly put up one of the more prolific offen-

sive seasons in Ole Miss history.

Defensive coordinator Dave Wommack turned a young and untested defense into an average unit built around the speed and desire to win, from players like 5-foot-10, 200-pound redshirt freshman linebacker Denzel Nkemdiche.

The Rebels still have a long way to go, but the difference in attitude and atmosphere around the football program is strikingly different. Freeze has the Rebels headed in the right direction, that much I can say.

I've enjoyed my time on the Ole Miss football beat. It was

never something I expected to have any interest in doing or have the opportunity to do, but I'm grateful for getting the chance to do so.

I want to say thank you to all of the editors and sports editors during my time at the paper, as they've somehow managed to shape what I write into something legible.

I also want to thank all the readers of The DM for reading, sharing, commenting on and criticizing my contributions to the paper.

A paper is nothing without its readers, and I'm grateful that so many people have read and enjoyed my work.

Ole Miss Basketball December-January	
Men's	Women's
Dec. 1 1 p.m. Rutgers Oxford	Dec. 1 7 p.m. LA Tech Ruston
Dec. 8 4 p.m. Middle Tenn. State Murfreesboro	Dec. 8 2 p.m. Massachusetts Oxford
Dec. 14 7 p.m. ETSU Oxford	Dec. 16 2 p.m. Belmont Oxford
Dec. 19 10 p.m. Loyola Marymount Los Angeles	Dec. 18 6 p.m. Cleveland State Cleveland
Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic	New York Life Holiday Inv.
Dec. 22 TBA Indiana State Honolulu	Dec. 21 6 p.m. Hofstra Hempstead
Dec. 23 TBA SDSU / SFU Honolulu	Dec. 22 2 p.m. Northwestern Hempstead
Dec. 25 TBA TBA Honolulu	Tulane Doubletree Classic
Jan. 4 8 p.m. Fordham Oxford	Dec. 29 3 p.m. McNeese State New Orleans
Jan. 9 7 p.m. Tennessee Knoxville	Dec. 30 TBA TBA New Orleans
Jan. 12 7 p.m. Missouri Oxford	Jan. 3 7 p.m. LSU Baton Rouge
Jan. 15 8 p.m. Vanderbilt Nashville	Jan. 6 2:30 p.m. Vanderbilt Oxford
Jan. 19 12:30 p.m. Arkansas Oxford	Jan. 10 6 p.m. Auburn Auburn
	Jan. 13 1:30 p.m. Alabama Oxford
	Jan. 13 2 p.m. Missouri Oxford

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game this season.

Head coach Brett Frank said tempo led to the second half success.

"In the second half we came out and combined the two styles we've been trying to combine," Frank said. "We played a contest defense and the same fast break mentality we've been trying to get on offense."

As for the defense, Frank said he feels it was the team's "most complete game."

The Lady Rebels finished

their five-game homestand to start the season at 4-1. Up next, the Lady Rebels will go on the road for the first time this season to face Louisiana Tech.

"A team I'm a little familiar with," Frank said of his former conference foe in his time spent at Fresno State. "It's exciting to go back to Ruston again. Ready to go have some good food."

The Lady Rebels and Lady Techsters will square off in Ruston at 7 p.m. Saturday night.

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for the (NCAA) Tournament. You never who they might beat in the Big East."

Rutgers is led by two sophomore guards, Eli Carter and Myles Mack. Carter is averaging 18 points per game, while Mack is averaging 14.8.

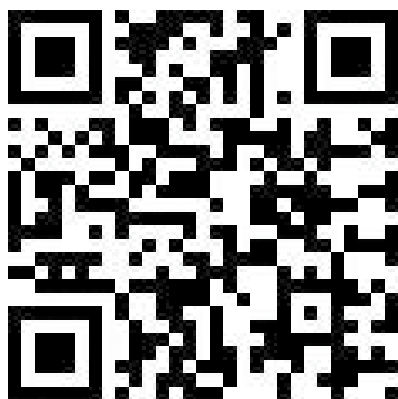
Rutgers' third leading scorer is Wally Judge, a junior forward who transferred from Kansas State. Judge has faced Ole Miss before. As a freshman at Kansas State, he scored 11 points in a Wildcat loss against the Rebels in the Puerto Rico Tip-Off Tournament.

Rutgers lost their opening game by four points to the St. Peter's Peacocks. Four of the Scarlet Knights' five games have been decided by single digits.

Freshman guard Derrick Millinghaus tore his meniscus and is expected to be out at least until mid-December. Junior forward Jason Carter remains suspended for a "violation of team rules."

The Rebels will play their first televised game of the season, as ESPN will carry the game as part of the Big East-SEC Challenge.

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# MEN'S HOOPS TO FACE FIRST TEST SATURDAY

The Ole Miss men's basketball team will look to get their first big win of the year as they host the Rutgers Scarlet Knights on Saturday as part of the Big East-SEC Challenge. The Rebels and Scarlet Knights will tip off at 1 p.m. from the Tad Smith Coliseum and will be televised by ESPNU.



Sophomore forward Aaron Jones

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The Ole Miss men's basketball team will face their toughest test of the season on Saturday in a matchup with Big East foe Rutgers at 1 p.m. from Tad Smith Coliseum.

The Rebels are 5-0, but have not played a team from a power conference this season. Rutgers (1-4) comes to Oxford as a part of the Big East-SEC Challenge.

Sophomore forward Aaron Jones, who has scored 28 points so far this season, knows this game can be a measuring stick for the team.

"We (are) confident, but we know our first test is going to be Saturday," Jones said. "We are going to find out what we are capable of on Saturday."

Ole Miss comes into the matchup with an offense that is rolling. The Rebels are third in the country in scoring with 88.4 points per game and tied for 16th with 1.16 points per possession. They averaged 66.9 points per game last season, and were 237th in points per possession.

Junior guard Marshall Hen-

derson leads Ole Miss in scoring with 17 points per game, but has struggled in the last two games, only shooting 4-for-22 from three-point range.

"It's not going to keep him from shooting the ball," head coach Andy Kennedy said. "For him, it's just a matter of finding rhythm. He's got to be a little more patient in allowing the game to come to him. He'll shoot his way out of it. He'll be fine."

Defensively, Ole Miss has been playing well, too.

The Rebels are fifth in the NCAA in opponent's field goal percentage, which Kennedy said he believes is "the greatest indicator of whether or not you are defending."

Senior forward Murphy Holloway was named SEC player of the Week last week after averaging 19 points and 8.5 rebounds per game in two Rebel victories. Holloway knows this game will have implications on the team's post-season chances.

"I think it's really critical," Holloway said. "I think it'll help us trying to build our resume

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## Lady Rebs use big 2nd half to power past Lipscomb

The Lady Rebel basketball team got their fourth win of the year Thursday night with a 68-46 win over Lipscomb. Ole Miss will hit the road next to face off against the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs Saturday.



Junior guard Diara Moore

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Ole Miss led just 27-24 at the half, but the Lady Rebels (4-1) came back with an 11-0 run to extend the lead in the

second half and run away with a 68-46 win Thursday night over Lipscomb.

Junior point guard Valencia McFarland led Ole Miss scoring 14 points, while adding five assists and four

steals. Junior guard Diara Moore also scored in double figures, adding 12 points of her own. Moore has scored in double figures in each

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