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Ole Miss looks to go 2-0

After the Louisville blowout, Ole Miss faces Austin Peay.

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The No. 20 Ole Miss Football team will face Austin Peay in their home opener this weekend after defeating Louisville in the Chick-Fil-A Kickoff Bowl on Monday by a score of 43-24.

The Rebels had a dominant start to the season and showed significant progress, easily winning their season opener. This win earned the Rebels a top-25 spot in the AP poll for the first time since 2016.

The offense was exciting as usual with players stepping up to the plate to fill the void of Elijah Moore. Dontario Drummond was one of them who led the team with 177 receiving yards and the running back room handled things on the ground to get the easy win over Louisville. Quarterback Matt Corral also wasted no time in proving his Heisman candidate potential by leading all Power 5 teams in total offense by 72 yards.

The Landshark defense was also able to take control of the game early, only allowing 54 yards of offense in the first quarter. The last time that a Rebel defense performed this well was against Georgia in 2016. While the veterans on the team were able to keep things contained, there are some new faces to keep an eye out for this season.

The Rebels were able to find success despite being without their head coach for the entire game. Two days before kickoff, Lane Kiffin announced that he tested positive for COVID-19 despite being completely vaccinated. He explained that he had been experiencing mild symptoms and wasn't sure that he even needed to be tested. Kiffin did end up testing but reported that there were no other coaches or players that had been affected. The Ole Miss Football program has been completely vaccinated since early August and is now able to forgo weekly testing per NCAA rules.

Ole Miss will continue to show progress as they host Austin Peay this weekend, and will have plenty of depth and talent to take care of the Governors and move to 2-0.

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REBELS RUFFLE FEATHERS IN ATLANTA

The Ole Miss Rebels football team opened the season with a decisive victory over the Louisville Cardinals.

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BOOSTER SHOT ON CAMPUS

The University of Mississippi's on-campus vaccination site is planning to provide the Pfizer booster shot on campus.

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SAMFORD GAME

After 110 minutes of play, no winner could be decided between the Rebels and the Bulldogs at the Ole Miss Soccer Stadium.

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Faculty senate calls for campus-wide vaccinations

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The faculty senate voted late Tuesday evening to pass a resolution regarding the University of Mississippi COVID-19 policies. The resolution directly calls upon the university to initiate a vaccine mandate, and calls upon other bodies at the university – such as the Associated Student Body and the Staff Council – to support

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University to offer COVID-19 booster shot on campus

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The University of Mississippi's on-campus vaccination site is planning to provide a third booster shot for those who have already received the first two doses of the Pfizer vaccine for COVID-19, according to Strategic Communications Director at the University of Mississippi, Lisa Stone.

"We are currently following Centers for Disease Control/Mississippi State Department of Health guidelines to provide an additional dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech), at least 28 days after the completion of the initial mRNA COVID-19 vaccine series to people who are moderately to severely immunocompromised," said Stone, via email.

The University Health Center Pharmacy on the Oxford campus at Johnson Commons is continuing to offer free Johnson & Johnson and Pfizer vaccines Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on a walk-in basis. Anyone 18 and older is eligible for the J&J vaccine and anyone 12 and older is eligible for the Pfizer vaccine, according to The University of Mississippi Health Center Pharmacy.

On Tuesday afternoon, around a dozen students, faculty and members of the Oxford community were at Johnson Commons. Some were getting their first dose of Pfizer while others were getting their second dose to immunize themselves against COVID-19.

"So far, the university has administered more than 5,500 vaccine doses to students, employees and the community since it began offering vaccines in the spring 2021 semester," said Stone, through email.

At the vaccine administration site in Johnson Commons, there were multiple stations set up. There were more than seven stations for multiple patients to come in and get their vaccinations.

Some students and faculty heard about the opportunity and chose to take advantage of it and were willing to talk about their experience.

"It was really fast and easy," said a university staff member, who asked not to be named. "I filled out my paperwork and information online prior to my appointment. Then I went in and got my vaccination and was in and out in less than 15 minutes."

Emma Grace Bronson, a

student at the University of Mississippi was getting her first dose.

"I had to wait for 15 minutes or so, but then I got my first dose of the vaccine. I still need to come back to get my second dose of the vaccine," she said. "It was quick and easy though."

According to the Ole Miss Coronavirus dashboard, within the past week there have been 119 new confirmed cases of COVID-19. They reported that there are 109 COVID-19 cases among active students at the university.

"I think students need to know about it," said Asjah Barksdale, a student at the university. "Students are coming back to campus from all over who probably have not been vaccinated. Since they are offering it for free on campus, they need to be taking advantage of the opportunity."

Stone stated that the supply of vaccines on campus varies with supply and demand.

Mississippi is among the lowest percentage of residents within the state who have been vaccinated at 39% or 1,170,933 people, according to usafacts.org.

"It is incredibly important



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Ole Miss graduate Brianna Chambers was the first person to receive a vaccine dose on campus.

for the university and Oxford communities to take advantage of the COVID-19 vaccines so that we can continue to thrive

as a university, as a city and as a healthy population," said Stone. "Vaccines are the best way forward out of the pandemic."



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BSU hosts first Council of Minority Affairs meeting encouraging students to find on-campus communities

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The University of Mississippi's Black Student Union, BSU, hosted its first Council of Minority Affairs, CMA, meeting on Tuesday night, showcasing the many different organizations the school has to offer for minority students. Included in this presentation were several presidents and leaders from about 14 organizations such as Men of Excellence, the National Society of Black Engineers and the National Association of Black Accountants.

The CMA is an acting standing committee within the BSU, meaning that the BSU is an umbrella organization pushing for inclusion in social life, professional development and social peace within the minority community on campus.

For the 2020-2021 school year, the university's demographics show the importance of community within minority groups. The percentage of African American students sits at 12.9%, the largest minority group on campus, while the percentage of white students sits at 75.6%. All minority groups comprise 24.5% of the university, according to the Office of Institutional Research, Effectiveness, and Planning.

Within its efforts for inclusion, the CMA is putting together a week's worth of activities, panels and interest meetings to encourage students of color to join in.

"It is crucial that minority students get involved with the 14 organizations under CMA," BSU President Jon'na Bailey said after the meeting. "While the BSU is the

umbrella organization, these organizations have access to resources tailored to a specific gender, career or professional goals, or social life. As minority students, it's hard to find your place here at the university, and so this year, we see the need for cultivating a Black community like never seen before."

While a minority social community is seen slightly within the campus, Bailey says it's still in its primary stages.

"We're working to move as a unit for Black students, and that comes with its challenges because, for some students, it can be intimidating," Bailey said. "However, in the years to come, other minority groups may be interested in joining, which would be great to create more unity and exemplify diversity and inclusion here at the university."

As for UM Society for Blacks in Political Studies President Bobby Hudson III, his enthusiasm for students to get involved goes far beyond his positive, engaging personality. Hudson III believes that minority students that are involved also help with retention rates. In addition, the ability to create spaces for everyone to feel included is one of the BSU's and its brother and sister organization's main goals.

"We felt it was important that, as the 14 primary Black student organizations here on campus, we team up to create programs and services that are holistic, but also social events to engage our community," Hudson III said after the meeting. "They will help with retention, they can help with academics, but also social peace, and that was one of our main focuses for this year. We don't have a social atmosphere

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SEPT 7
 Know Your Community
 ▪ Grill & Chill with CMA - 11 AM Lyceum Circle
 ▪ GIN Panel w/ Presidents'- 6 PM Bryant Hall

SEPT 8
 BSU State of the Union
 ▪ General Meeting - 6 PM Union 323

SEPT 9
 BLACK @ UM - Spaces
 ▪ Black UM Scavenger Hunt - See additional flyer for more details
 ▪ ESTEEM Ladies Night - 6 PM Lamar Hall 131
 ▪ MOX Game Night with the Brothers - 6 PM Lucky Day Commons

SEPT 10
 "For the Culture" Friday
 ▪ Fried Fish & Fellowship w/ Professional Orgs - 11:50 AM Rebel Market
 ▪ Kente & Karaoke Kickback w/ NPHC 6PM - Union Ballroom

SEPT 12
 Sunday Inspiration
 ▪ Sunday Soul Session w/ UM Gospel Choir - 10 AM Paris Yates Chapel
 ▪ Inspirational Message from Rev. Xakylan Johnson - 10:30 AM Paris Yates Chapel

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for minority and Black students here at the University of Mississippi, and we wanted to ensure we created those opportunities."

According to the panelists at the meeting, freshmen on campus can often feel

intimidated, more specifically, freshmen of color and women. The goal of CMA's "Get Involved Now" week was to encourage freshmen and other students to find their communities, as Bailey stated that she remembered how important

it was to have a community of people her freshman year.

The BSU will be continuing their "Get Involved Now" events until Sunday, Sept. 12. The next events take place on Thursday, Sept. 9 for a scavenger hunt, a ladies night and a game night.

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the resolution.

The resolution comes nearly two weeks after the Institutions of Higher Learning Board of Trustees voted not to require the COVID-19 vaccine for Mississippi public university students.

The faculty senate body, made up of representatives for each

department in the university's 11 schools and colleges, voted overwhelmingly to pass the resolution. Eighty-nine percent of present voting members voted "Yes."

Toward the end of February, University of Mississippi Chancellor Glenn Boyce announced via email to students, faculty, and staff that the university would be returning to a "full in-person, campus experience" for the fall 2021 semester. Due to

a steep rise in cases, caused in large part by the Delta variant, the Chancellor issued another statement on Aug. 4, announcing the implementation of temporary protocols to prevent spread of the virus. However, the university moved forward with in-person classes and no vaccine requirement.

Almost immediately, there were concerns about the virus spreading on campus as well as concerns about students missing

in-person classes due to illness. Many professors, like Carrie Smith, are reporting attendance issues, due in part to the pandemic.

"I teach a 40 person class and I had about 10 people in class today. I know of at least four who are quarantining — they are doing the right thing," Smith said during Tuesday's meeting. "Is there a threshold at which — when you have 'x' percent who are quarantining that it is acceptable for the professor to make that determination that we don't want to leave behind...students when we could do this online, I think that could be very helpful."

Earlier drafts of the resolution called on the university to do a number of things in addition to a university-wide mandate, like supplemental preemptive testing and establishing policies and procedures for faculty to choose teaching modality depending on the circumstances of the pandemic, without penalty. In the end, the body decided to call on university administration to mandate the vaccine, exclusively. According to Faculty Senate Chair Daniel Durkin, another resolution regarding some of the items removed is in the works.

The resolution lists in great detail the factors that necessitated the resolution's conception as well as what some of the faculty believe to be the risks associated with those factors.

"The conjunction of these factors is likely to result in student and faculty absenteeism in face-to-face courses because of COVID-19 infections, quarantines and caregiving responsibilities," the resolution reads. "And in COVID-19 related hospitalizations and deaths among students, faculty, staff, and their households, including children under 12 not eligible for vaccines and other community members."

The resolution was passed halfway into the third week of the semester, with around two weeks of data to draw impressions from. As of the morning of Sept. 8, there are 114 active confirmed cases — 109 students and five staff and faculty. Since the start of the semester, there have been 255 self-reported cases according to the university's COVID-19 dashboard.

The semester's start saw a two-week spike in the rate of self-reported cases, with a high of 39 new cases happening on Aug. 30. Within the past few days, however, the rate of new cases has slowed down considerably.

Provost Noel Wilkin wrote in an email there were no cases of students, faculty or staff hospitalized by COVID-19 that he is aware of.

While the vaccine mandate seeks to heavily cut down on the rate of transmission, the Office of the Provost and the university's Contact Tracing team have been working with their own strategies and following the data for the first two weeks.

According to Wilkin, testimonies and willingly-supplied data from students so far do not suggest that academic indoor settings such as classrooms and lecture halls are at a particular risk for transmission of COVID-19.

"I am not aware of any evidence that links virus spread to classroom settings," Wilkin wrote in an email. "In fact, we do not have any evidence of spread taking place in work spaces when protocols are followed."

This resolution is not a direct instatement of policy, but rather a guideline that the faculty senate is in general agreement on. With the resolution passed, it will be sent to the Office of the Provost and the Chancellor to use as they see fit. Any further decisions on a vaccine mandate lie within the hands of these two departments.

"I think that the senate did a good job in crafting a more narrowly focused resolution," said Brian Reithel, a business professor and Faculty Senate member. "It's clear that the vast majority of senators representing departments from across campus were in support of it."

Durkin shared similar sentiments, praising the senate body's efforts.

"I am very proud of the process that led to this resolution being passed," he said. "The amount of collegiality and cooperation in the meeting last night is a testament to the amount of professionalism in the Faculty Senate body. The Senate strives to be a deliberative body that serves as a voice for our faculty and colleagues at the University of Mississippi."



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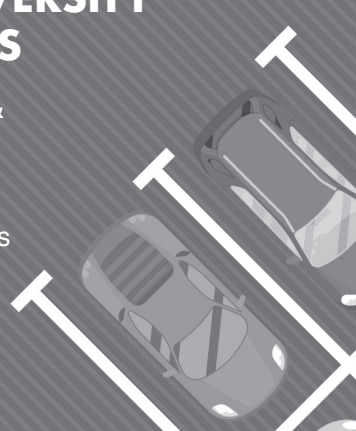


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Rebels ruffle feathers in Atlanta

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The Rebels rushed for 188 yards and passed for 381, finishing the game with 569 yards on offense.

Top: Ole Miss running back Henry Parrish Jr. receives a hand off from quarterback Matt Corral in the red zone.

Above left: Ole Miss fans cheer as the end of the fourth quarter approaches with the Rebels in the lead.

Above right: Ole Miss quarterback Matt Corral throws a pass through the hands of Louisville inside linebacker Dorian Jones.



Ole Miss defensive back Otis Reese tackles Louisville wide receiver Josh Johnson.

Photos by HG Biggs.

FOOTBALL

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The Ole Miss football team opened up the 2021 season in Atlanta against the Louisville Cardinals. It's safe to say the Rebels came out with a different attitude than we saw in last year's season.

The offensive side of the ball was the headline of the 2020 season, and, while it is still early, the defense is showing significant progress in the opener against a good Power 5 team. For the first time since 2016, the Landshark defense shutout their opponent in the first half.

The offense was exciting as usual with players stepping up to the plate to fill the void of Elijah Moore. Dontario Drummond was one of them who led the team with 177 receiving yards and the running back room handled things on the ground to get the easy win over Louisville. Quarterback Matt Corral also wasted no time in proving his Heisman candidate potential by leading all Power 5 teams in total offense by 72 yards.

The Landshark defense was also able to take control of the game early, only allowing 54 yards of offense in the first quarter. The last time that a defense performed this well was against Georgia in 2016. While the veterans on the team were able to keep things contained, there are some new faces to keep an eye out for this season.

Snoop Conner:

One of the biggest surprises of the night was Snoop Conner. Conner was not a big topic throughout fall camp and was even put at fourth string on the depth chart. He dominated in the win against the Cardinals. Conner had eight carries for 60 yards and two touchdowns. He was asked about his role on the team and his position on the depth

chart after the game. "I gotta control what I can control. I've got to put my head down and keep working," Conner said.

Tysheem Johnson:

The true freshman from Philadelphia excelled in his debut in an Ole Miss uniform. Johnson tied for first with the most tackles on the team. He had no problem disrupting the fast offense, and will be important to watch.

Mark Robinson:

Despite having a targeting call early in the game, Robinson showed a lot of potential in his role at linebacker. He will be available for the game on Saturday, and will likely take a lot of snaps.

Caden Costa:

The freshman kicker shined in his debut and brought hope back into the hearts of everyone who has lost faith in the kicking team. Costa had three field goals, the most by a Rebel kicker since 2018. He also hit a 47-yarder, which is the longest by an Ole Miss kicker since 2017.

This week the Rebels will have their home opener against the Austin Peay Governors.

In the majority of the games last season, the final score was determined by a touchdown or one bad play. This year's team showed complete dominance over Louisville, and Austin Peay will be no different.

Austin Peay will be coming off of a win over Chattanooga where they dominated in the air. The Mississippi native, Draylen Ellis, threw for over 325 yards in the 30-20 win. While Austin Peay has found success over the years in the Ohio Valley Conference, they have not been able to beat an FBS team. The Governors faced other SEC opponents in the last five seasons, but have lost all eight games on average by 27 points.

The Rebels will be dealing with minimum rest after



Above: Ole Miss quarterback Matt Corral hands the ball off.



Right: An Ole Miss offensive lineman comes face to face with a Louisville linebacker.

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finishing up on Monday ahead of the Saturday night kick-off. This should be no problem for the Rebels and it should be an easy win over Austin Peay.



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Ole Miss battles Samford to a tie

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In their third ever meeting, the Samford Bulldogs and Ole Miss Rebels battled to a 1-1 draw after 110 minutes of play.

The Rebels kicked off the Kickin' Cancer Match, benefitting Baptist Health and honoring Jennifer O'Connor, the late mother of junior forward Mo O'Connor.

The Rebels got off to a slow start, with their first real chances coming in the 10th minute. Senior Sydney Michalak tallied the first shot of the game off of a corner from Haleigh Stackpole.

After Michalak's shot on frame, the Rebels earned three straight corners, but were unable to find the back of the net.

The first half fared similarly to the teams'

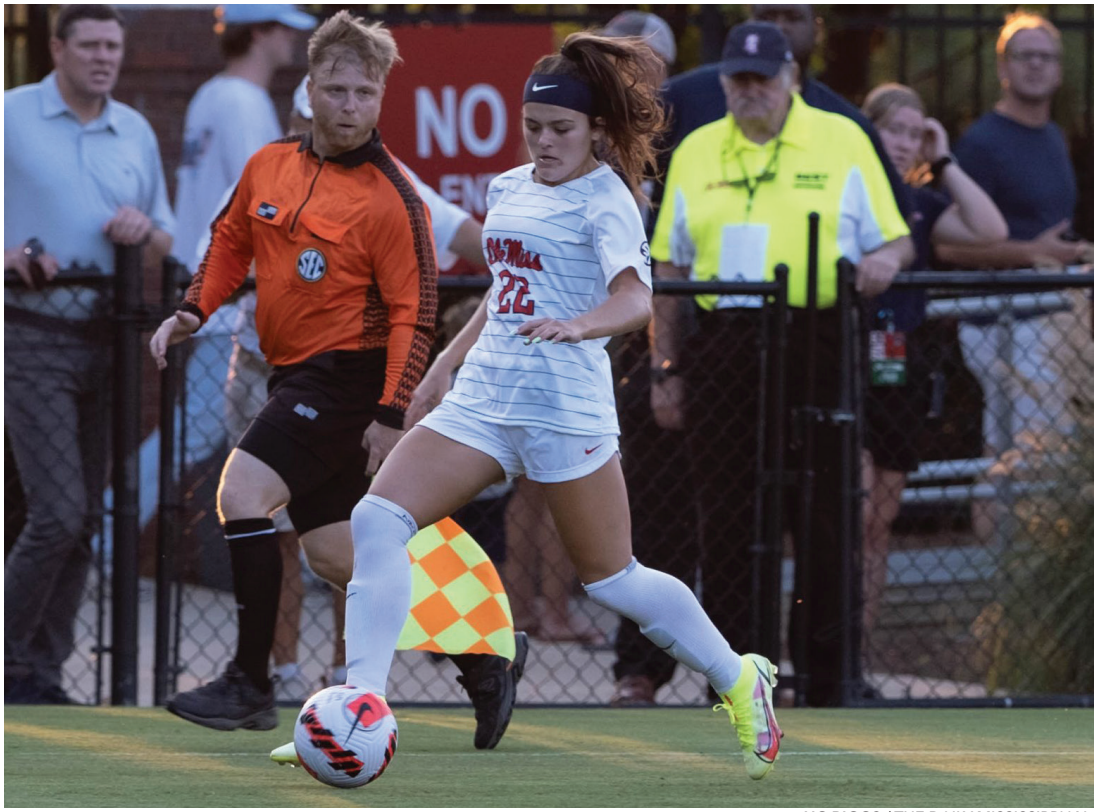
previous meeting with a scoreless first 45 minutes. While the Rebels maintained strong possession, they could not seem to thread the needle in the final third.

At the start of the second half, Ole Miss caught Samford on their heels, finding the back of the net just two minutes in.

Stackpole's short corner found the feet of O'Connor who sent it back out to Stackpole. With her seventh assist of the season, Stackpole sent the ball into senior Channing Foster, who headed it into the side netting, putting the Rebels up 1-0.

The Rebels were able to dominate the Bulldogs until they leveled the score in the 61st minute after their first corner kick of the game.

The two teams continued to battle in a physical showdown, with a combined



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Ole Miss forward Mo O'Connor dribbles the ball downfield in a match against Middle Tennessee on Aug. 26, 2021.

16 fouls on the day. Despite the Rebels numerous chances from their ten corner kicks, the game ended in a 1-1 draw.

Ole Miss and Samford totaled nine shots each, with the visitors edging the Rebels 5-3 in shots on goal.

The Rebels look to Thursday when they host the University of Central Florida at 6 p.m.

UM Volleyball on winning streak

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The Rebels are 5-0 this season after sweeping the Ole Miss Invitational.

To launch the Ole Miss Invitational, Ole Miss matched up with University of Texas at San Antonio at noon on Friday. By the time the score reached 13-9 in the first set, sophomore Samantha Schnitta already made 4 kills. The Rebels began the tournament with a bang by beating UTSA in a quick three sets, 25-18, 25-20 and 25-14.

During the second match, the Rebels played Coastal Carolina University. They ended up securing the win once more. However, during the third set, there was an intense face-off. The Rebels and the Chanticleers went back and

forth, losing and gaining points several times, until the final set of the match ended with a score of 31-29 favoring the Rebels.

The final match against Northwestern State on Saturday at 2 p.m. was another success. The Rebels ended up securing the win in four sets this match. The first couple of sets started strong, earning a 25-11 win the first set, and 25-20 the second set. The third set however, the Demons came back and beat the Rebels 25-21. In the final match, the Rebels returned and won 25-14, wrapping up the match with another win in the tournament.

Setter Kylee McLaughlin and outside hitter Anna Bair were both recognized for their excellent defensive and offensive skill, as well as their leadership on the court.



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Aubrey Sultemeier and Samantha Schnitta block a spike by Northwestern State's No. 12.

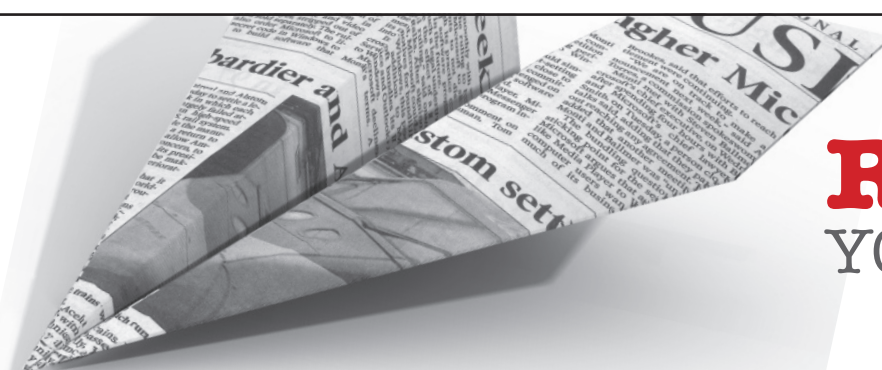
McLaughlin won MVP and Bair won All Tournament Team of the Ole Miss Invitational.

Next weekend, Ole Miss

Volleyball will attend the Holiday Inn-University Plaza Invitational. They will be playing UT Martin on Friday at 1 p.m., Western Kentucky on

Friday at 7 p.m., and ending the tournament in a match against Samford University on Saturday at 11 a.m.

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Four takeaways from Ole Miss' opening victory

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Ole Miss kicked off their 2021 season in terrific fashion, beating the Louisville Cardinals 43-24 to start 1-0. Here are four takeaways from the game:

No Problem Without Lane Kiffin

The Rebels were forced to head into week 1 without head coach Lane Kiffin due to COVID-19 issues. Kiffin had tested positive a few days prior to game day and had to watch the game from Oxford.

Ole Miss had announced that there wouldn't be any change to coaching responsibilities.

The play calling would be handled by offensive coordinator Jeff Leiby and the defensive would be called by co-defensive coordinators D.J. Durkin and Chris Partridge.

Special teams coordinator, Coleman Hutzler, would be in charge of clock management.

Defensive Improvement

Ole Miss's defense has vastly improved coming off of last season's poor numbers. The Rebels held Louisville to zero points in the first half, which

was the first time they shut out an opponent in the first half since 2016 against Georgia. They also held them to just 24 points the entire game.

There were many players that stood out from the defense including linebacker Chance Campbell, a transfer from Maryland, who was all over Louisville quarterback Malik Cunningham. Defensive tackle Quentin Bevens was a big part in holding Louisville's run game.

Snoop Conner Shines

The Rebels put up 188 rushing yards on Louisville's defense and a lot of those yards

came from hard-nosed running back Snoop Conner.

Conner rushed for 60 yards, putting up two touchdowns along with it. One of those touchdowns resulted in a truck move on a Louisville cornerback as he forced his way into the endzone.

Ole Miss' Offense Explodes

Ole Miss had 569 yards of total offense throughout the game, and it seemed as if Louisville couldn't handle the fast paced play calling from the Rebels.

Even though quarterback

Matt Corral threw for only one touchdown, he still threw for 381 yards and showed off his versatility with his legs, running for 55 yards and a touchdown, something we didn't see often last season.

The receiving corps torched Louisville defenders all game long, with receiver Dontario Drummond leading the way with nine catches for 177 yards and a touchdown.

Ole Miss also didn't commit a turnover all game, which was a big point of emphasis heading into this game.



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Ole Miss wide receiver Jonathan Mingo evades a tackle by a Louisville defender.



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NCAA football pick 'em: Week 2

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It's another slow week for the SEC with no top-25 matchups for any of the teams. There are still a few games from out of the conference that have caught our writer's attention, along with Ole Miss' home opener this weekend.

Washington at Michigan: Owen Pustell
Final Score Prediction: Michigan 35, Washington 24

After entering the season ranked 20th, the Huskies fumbled their walk-through week 1 game against Montana by a score of 13-7. Quarterback Dylan Morris threw 3 interceptions as the Washington offense could not get out of its own way, failing to gain 300 total yards. On the other sideline, the Wolverines come in full of energy and with high momentum. On Saturday, the winged helmets took off, averaging 9.2 yards per play and dropping 47 points despite taking out their starters with 25 minutes remaining in the game. The one blemish on an otherwise perfect opening weekend was the season ending injury to star receiver Ronnie Bell. Look for Washington to take advantage of their speedy playmakers and stretch the field both horizontally and vertically in an attempt to spread out the defense and get in space. For Michigan, the goal is to establish the run game to keep the defense

in the box before opening up the playbook with deep shots and jet sweeps. The stakes on this game are high, not only is it a primetime matchup between Power Five schools, but there will be a number of Washington-based prospects making the trip up north for the game. The biggest name on the list in five star 2022 offensive tackle Josh Connerly. The 6-5 monster has nearly 30 offers from coast-to-coast but has narrowed his list down to include his home school of Washington, and the Wolverines, among others. A strong showing by either side will go a long way in securing a commitment from Connerly, who would be a key addition to any recruiting class.

Austin Peay at #20 Ole Miss: Ruby Draayer
Final Score Prediction: 57-21

Ole Miss will waste no time in their home opener this weekend. While there are no preseason games in college football, there typically are a few easy wins before conference play starts. Austin-Peay will be one of them. We saw on Monday that there is a legitimate defense that can limit possessions, while still having one of the most dominant offenses in the country. Head coach Lane Kiffin will be back to coach against the Governors, and there is a very small chance that this game will be a close matchup.

#12 Oregon at #3 Ohio State: Aidan Gallardo

Final Score Prediction: Ohio State 42, Oregon 21

After winning a close one against Fresno State in Week 1, Oregon looks to head into Columbus, Ohio with a win against a difficult Ohio State team. But, Ohio State's victory last week against Minnesota wasn't particularly smooth sailing. Redshirt freshman quarterback C.J. Stroud seemed incredibly uncomfortable in the first half against a Minnesota defense that didn't even manage to get a sack. If it wasn't for an incredible second half performance by Stroud, the Buckeyes could've easily started off their season 0-1. Oregon's star passer, Kayvon Thibodeaux suffered an ankle injury and it isn't clear on whether or not he'll play. If Thibodeaux can play, he can get Stroud out of the comfort zone he found in the second half against Minnesota. If Oregon is without Thibodeaux, they'll have a tough chance of winning this game.

#10 Iowa at #9 Iowa State: Catherine Jeffers
Final Score Prediction: Iowa 27, Iowa State 20

Coming off of a tight margin of victory against Northern Iowa, Iowa State will be looking to their in-state rivalry matchup to quiet questions about their abilities. For the first time in this rivalry, both teams are ranked in the AP Top 25, both finishing out the top ten. However, the Cyclones will not have enough to overcome Kirk Ferentz



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and his Hawkeyes. Iowa quarterback Spencer Petras had a great showing in a 34-6 win over Indiana, along with running back Tyler Goodson. Goodson had one rushing touchdown and ran for 109 yards. For Iowa State, they underperformed against Northern Iowa, but still hung on to a top ten ranking. They were only able to put up 16 points on Northern Iowa, made up of one touchdown and three field goals. Because of this, look out for a low scoring game with the Hawkeyes able to edge out the Cyclones in this Week 2 rivalry matchup.

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Square Books hosts author discussion on new short story collection

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In an hour-long, wide-ranging virtual discussion hosted by Square Books, author Maurice Carlos Ruffin discussed his latest work – a collection of short stories, entitled “The Ones Who Don’t Say They Love You” – with fellow author and Jackson native, Kiese Laymon. In addition to discussing the collection, Ruffin and Laymon also discussed their respective artistic processes, attempting to write stories from intuition, and the timeliness of Ruffin’s novelistic insights, whilst answering audience questions throughout.

“The Ones Who Don’t Say They Love You” serves as both unique and familiar territory for Ruffin. Unique

in its stylistic approach, – six different storylines – but familiar in its ideas, as Ruffin continues a thematic artistic lineage he has been reconciling with for quite some time, spearheaded in his 2019 novel, “We Cast A Shadow.” Once again, Ruffin deftly weaves themes of racism, bigotry and those ostracized to societal margins, with his native city of New Orleans serving as a vital backdrop.

Like all great artists, Ruffin holds his hometown, and memories associated with his hometown, dear to his heart, yet is able to confidently keep a personal distance from “The Big Easy.”

“It’s not my book. It’s my city’s book,” Ruffin said.

Through this perception, Ruffin is able to breed

universality out of specificity, with the collection charting various cultural and political eras, from the 1860s to the 1970s, yet, as he eloquently expresses, he “has known these people his entire life,” regardless of the confines of the specific era.

Furthermore, Ruffin uses his specific insights to fulfill his particular authorship mission: to tell the stories of individuals not being told.

“You cannot talk about New Orleans without talking about blackness and queerness,” Ruffin said.

In conjunction with this notion, Laymon admiringly exclaimed, “Are you afraid of trying anything?”

Through the collection, and his entire catalogue, Ruffin vows for others to see themselves in any given

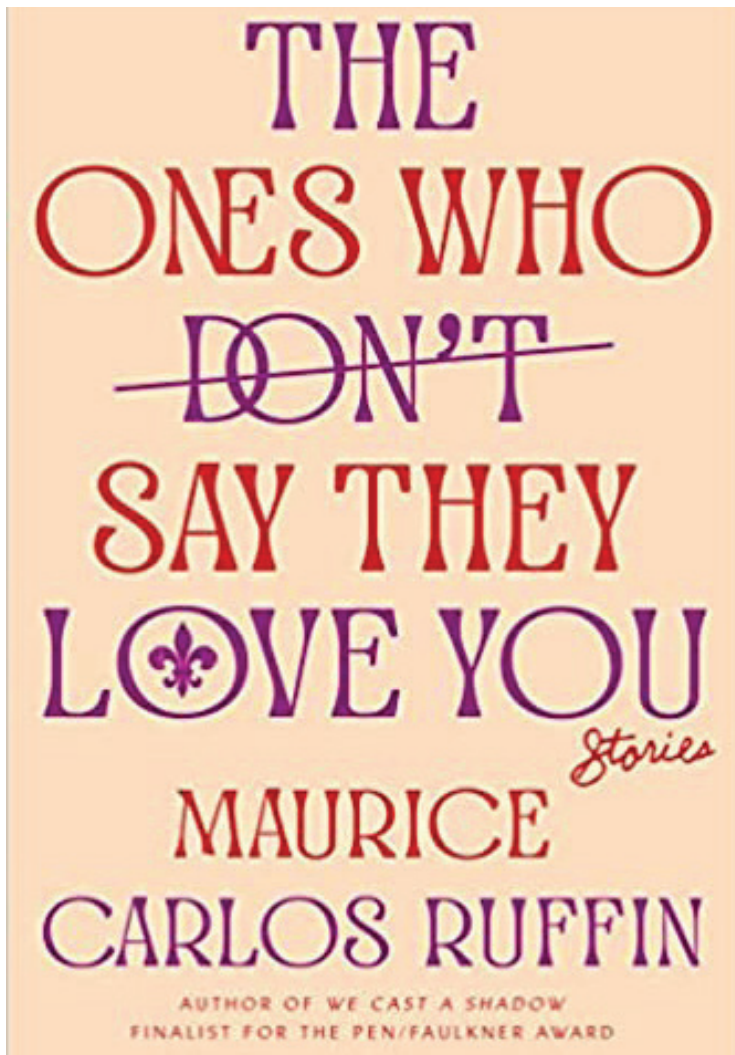


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characters’ shoes, fearlessly utilizing a multitude of literary techniques and storytelling modes in tandem with his relevant socio-political text/subtext; what he describes as a “Neo-realist story of New Orleans black folks.”

To achieve a goal of artistic realism, Ruffin characterizes his writing as purely built out of intuition, opting not to outline or pre-impose where the narrative is heading, in hopes of “finding something [he] didn’t expect to find.”

In a related question about the creative process, Ruffin described writing

both in and outside of New Orleans, and how the latter allowed a creative freedom he had seldom experienced. Currently, Ruffin remains outside of New Orleans once again, as he is safely taking residence in Jackson as a result of Hurricane Ida. Despite this, he is working diligently to promote his new book.

“The Ones Who Don’t Say They Love You” is now available in hardcover. Signed bookplate editions are available at Square Books in Oxford and on their website. Ruffin is currently working on a new novel.

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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 with

no repeats.

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ACROSS

- 1- Hew;
- 5- Extra-terrestrial being;
- 10- Arrived;
- 14- Wheel parts;
- 15- Color anew;
- 16- Scored 100 on;
- 17- Oil of ___;
- 18- Hood-shaped anatomical part;
- 19- Comedian Carvey;
- 20- Closed;
- 22- ___ cholesterol;
- 23- Garden tool;
- 24- Establish;
- 25- Time spans;
- 29- Diplomatic;
- 33- Smart guy;
- 34- Poker declaration;
- 36- Designer Schiaparelli;
- 37- Moving vehicle;
- 38- Equipped;
- 39- Not at home;
- 40- Coup d' ___;
- 42- Psychic;
- 43- Book after Jonah;
- 45- Associated;
- 47- Fetter;
- 49- Stephen of "The Crying Game";
- 50- Modern art?;
- 51- A Simpson;

DOWN

- 1- Gator's kin;
- 2- Hawaiian city;
- 3- Yemen neighbor;
- 4- Mental;
- 5- Reasoned;
- 6- Be in front;
- 7- Out of work;
- 8- Watched warily;
- 9- PBS benefactor;
- 10- Member of the Girl Scouts;
- 11- Rent-___;
- 12- Course list?;
- 13- Dutch cheese;
- 21- Watch;
- 22- Brief instant;
- 24- Quartz grains;
- 25- Street machine;
- 26- Overjoy;
- 54- Young sprat;
- 60- Netman Nastase;
- 61- Sharp end;
- 62- River of Spain;
- 63- Fit snugly;
- 64- Small canyon;
- 65- Classic autos;
- 66- Frozen treats;
- 67- Hitching post?;
- 68- Mil. leaders;
- 27- Kidney-related;
- 28- Brought into being;
- 29- Rows;
- 30- Assemblage of animals;
- 31- Customary;
- 32- Shop shaper;
- 35- Marseilles Mrs.;
- 38- In the Black?;
- 41- Goals;
- 43- Female horse;
- 44- Floating mass;
- 46- Driver's aid;
- 48- Seller of Stetsons;
- 51- Start of something small?;
- 52- One of the Baldwins;
- 53- Stand;
- 54- Fleece;
- 55- "Java" trumpeter;
- 56- Actress Swenson;
- 57- Busy as ___;
- 58- Golf club which can be numbered 1 to 9;
- 59- Throw;
- 61- Links org.;

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OPINION



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Get vaccinated: either selfishly or for the common good

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Welcome back to the Velvet Ditch, Rebs. For those of us who have attended the Flagship long enough to remember a pre-COVID-19 campus, this fall is the closest to a “normal” semester we’ve experienced in what feels like forever. Classes are in-person, the bars are fully open and football is back. Can I get a Hell Yeah Damn Right? As we look across our state and country, however, the question on everyone’s minds is: How long will this normalcy last?

Mississippi’s hospitals are on the verge of collapse. Health officials have constructed makeshift Intensive Care Unit beds to supplement the hundreds currently occupied by COVID-19 patients. People across the country are looking at Mississippi as the worst-case scenario, a state on the brink. This was preventable. This is preventable. We need our student body to get vaccinated.

The Delta variant is undeniably ravaging Mississippi because of our

low vaccination rate. While 50% of all US adults are fully vaccinated against the coronavirus, only 35% of Mississippians have received both shots. This leaves a huge swath of our state vulnerable to more serious and sometimes life-threatening cases of COVID-19. With the vaccine so widely available, many believe that those who refuse to get the shot are facing the consequences of their own inaction. I’d even be inclined to agree, except that this exercise of “personal liberty” is causing great collective harm. When 89% of Mississippi ICU beds are occupied by unvaccinated people, it makes it much more difficult for others to receive emergency medical care. Mississippians in urgent need of medical attention are facing prolonged waits and inadequate care due to the imminent collapse of the statewide hospital system. Alarmingly, more than 60% of recent COVID-19 cases in the state are among college-aged people. More than a mask mandate or scaled back social events, the best way we can end this pandemic once and for all is by achieving

near-universal vaccination status.

Moreover, it is our responsibility as a university community to not contribute to the inundation of our hospitals. Over the course of the pandemic, healthcare workers have endured backbreaking hours and faced total exhaustion in the name of combatting this deadly virus. We owe it to them to do everything we can on a University-wide level to prevent hospitalizations. We also owe it to those with chronic medical conditions and compromised immune systems to not endanger their wellbeing or access to emergency care by our refusal to get vaccinated.

But hey, maybe my call to collective action and responsibility just doesn’t do it for you. Calling on college students to make sacrifices hasn’t exactly worked for the past 18 months. So if you glossed over my facts and figures of the sick and dying, at least listen to the selfish case for getting the shot. The university has already—rightfully— instituted a mask mandate for all indoor locations. While I’m happy to

make this small concession for the sake of my classmates, I truly don’t want to give up anything else. If cases continue to rise and hospitals continue to collapse, what other precautionary measures will we be forced to endure? Do you want to wear a mask to the Grove? Are you prepared for another semester of cancellations, social distancing and unmet expectations? I’m not. I selfishly want to get back to all of the things that make Oxford the best college town in America. However, we as a student body shouldn’t get to partake in the group social activities we’ve all been missing without doing our part.

I am done trying to kill this virus with kindness and being understanding of other people’s choices. I am ready to kill it with the

proven science and expertise that went into creating the COVID-19 vaccine. If a student truly does not want to get the vaccine, they can stay home and take classes online while the rest of us party – responsibly – in the Grove. Personally, I’d let them shoot me up with pretty much anything as long as it meant I could hear “No Hands” by Wacka Flocka over frat house speakers again. If you care about your fellow Mississippians, get vaccinated. If you couldn’t care less about the well-being of others but want a real college experience, get vaccinated and tell your classmates to do the same.

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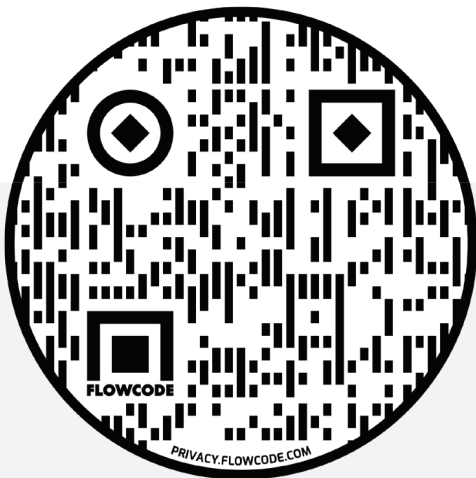
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