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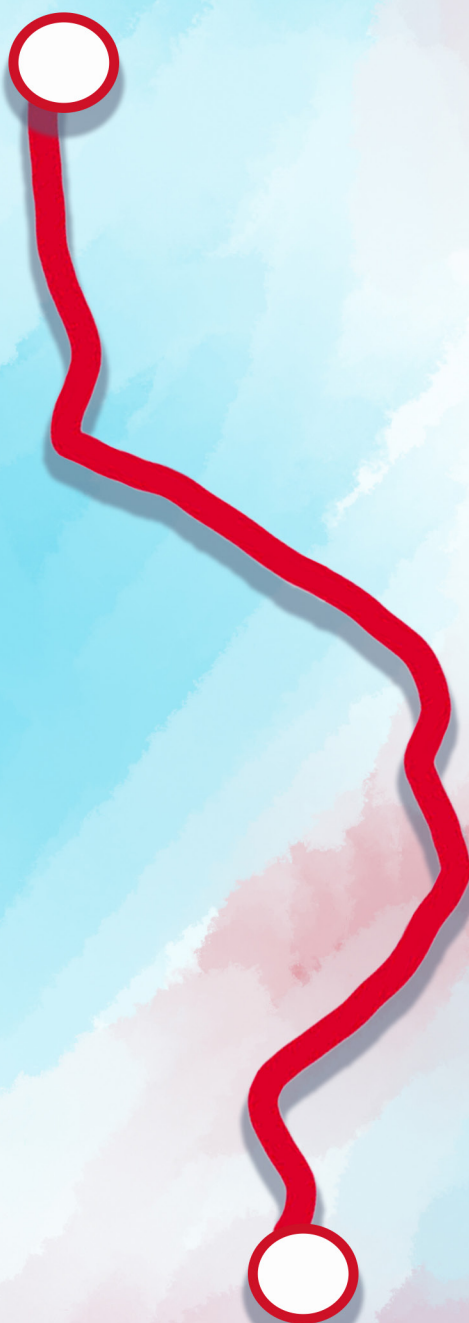
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WELCOME HOME TO THE NCAA NATIONAL BASEBALL CHAMPIONS

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Best moments from a memorable

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The 2022 Ole Miss baseball team had a roller coaster season to remember.

They started strong and were ranked No.1 among college teams during the early months of the season, but a couple of rough stretches in the middle of the schedule gave fans doubts that this team could accomplish anything significant in the long run.

Through highs and lows, though, the Rebels were resilient and miraculously came out on top.

Here are the 15 most memorable moments in the Rebels' NCAA national championship season.

Tim Elko launches Ole Miss' first home run of the year

In 65 games, first baseman and team captain Tim Elko had a .300 batting average, an OPS of 1.049, 75 RBIs and 24 home runs. Of course, it was destined that Elko would get the season started with a home run. It came in the first game of the year against Charleston Southern in the sixth inning.

Rebels sweep Charleston Southern in opening series

Ole Miss got off to a great start by sweeping their first opponent, Charleston Southern, in a three-game series. None of the games were close, as the Rebs beat CSU by six or more runs in each game. After a performance like this, fans were excited to see what the season had in store.

Tywone Malone hits a bomb to walk-off VCU

This game was interesting. VCU started by scoring three runs in the first inning. It was

the first time in the season when the Rebels were met with some resistance from the opposing team; nonetheless, Ole Miss ended up winning 14-3. Tywone Malone came into the game during the seventh inning as a pinch hitter and hit an opposite field home run to walk it off due to the mercy rule.

Peyton Chatagnier goes from first to home in comedic fashion

Ole Miss beat Alcorn State 16-1 in the early stages of the season, but it wasn't the outcome that was memorable. In the second inning, second baseman Peyton Chatagnier reached first base on a walk. Ok, no big deal. Then, Alcorn State's pitcher attempted to pick off Chatagnier at first base, and Chantagnier made it to second base with his speed. Chatagnier then realized that nobody was covering third base, and he made it there safely. Then, he stood up and realized that there was no one covering home plate because the catcher had run over to third base, so he sprinted home. All you could do was laugh it off in what was a pretty strange play.

Ole Miss ranked No.1 after starting off the season hot

On March 14, the Rebels were voted the No.1 seed by D1Baseball. After a scorching hot start to the season, with Ole Miss going 13-2 through the first month, there was no team in baseball that was better than the Rebels. Granted, the Rebs were rolling in non-conference play, but Ole Miss definitely deserved the top spot. Unfortunately, they couldn't sustain that momentum.

Dylan DeLucia grows before our eyes

Ole Miss right-hander Dylan



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Peyton Chatagnier rounds third base and heads for home plate during a game against Alcorn State on March 9.

DeLucia started off the season in the bullpen. He was in a rough position in nine relief appearances, with an 8.10 ERA. His first start came on April 1 against Kentucky where he pitched 6.1 shutout innings and racked up five strikeouts. He finished the season with a 1.92 ERA as a starter. Head coach Mike Bianco made his best decision of the year in promoting DeLucia to full-time starting pitcher.

Kevin Graham's five-hit game vs. Missouri

Left-fielder Kevin Graham played the game of his life against Missouri. His performance in the third game of the series helped the Rebels sweep the Tigers and add three more wins in SEC play to keep hopes of making the tournament alive. Graham had a career-high hit total (5-for-5) and added 3 RBIs to go along with it.

Elko's two-home run day vs. LSU

In the last stretch of the regular season, the Rebels had a three-game series against then No. 9 LSU. Ole Miss needed to win, and they did just that, getting a sweep that helped them gain traction in the SEC standings. In a double-header, Elko hit a home run in each game, which placed him in a tie for the second-most home runs hit by a Rebel in a career. Elko eventually would break the tie and solely secure second place in the homerun rankings.

Ole Miss sneaks into the Coral Gables Regional

After falling to Vanderbilt 3-1 in their only game and being eliminated from the SEC Tournament, the Rebels' prospects of nabbing an at-large berth in the College World Series Regional tournament were slim. Ole Miss was 32-22 (14-16 Conference), and their hopes hinged on a solid late-season run. Miraculously, the

Rebels were one of the last four teams selected for the tournament, and they headed to Coral Gables, Fla. to extend their season.

Elko goes off vs. Arizona

After winning their first two games of the Coral Gables Regional against Arizona and Miami, the Rebels had to beat Arizona again to lock up a place in the Super Regionals. Ole Miss didn't just beat Arizona that day, they absolutely demolished the Wildcats, 22-6. Elko had a monster day at the plate, going 4-for-4 with 5 RBIs, two walks and three home runs. The Regional MVP had a great three games, batting .778 with seven RBIs and a slugging percentage of 2.111. His three-homer game was the highest of his career and the highest by a Rebel in an NCAA tournament game.

Hunter Elliott strikes out 10 vs. Southern Miss

After Ole Miss won the first game in a best-of-three games



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Hunter Elliott warms up during a game against Charleston Southern on Feb. 20.



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Ole Miss pitcher Dylan DeLucia laces up his cleats before facing Arizona in the opening round of the 2022 NCAA Coral Gables Regional in Miami, Fla.

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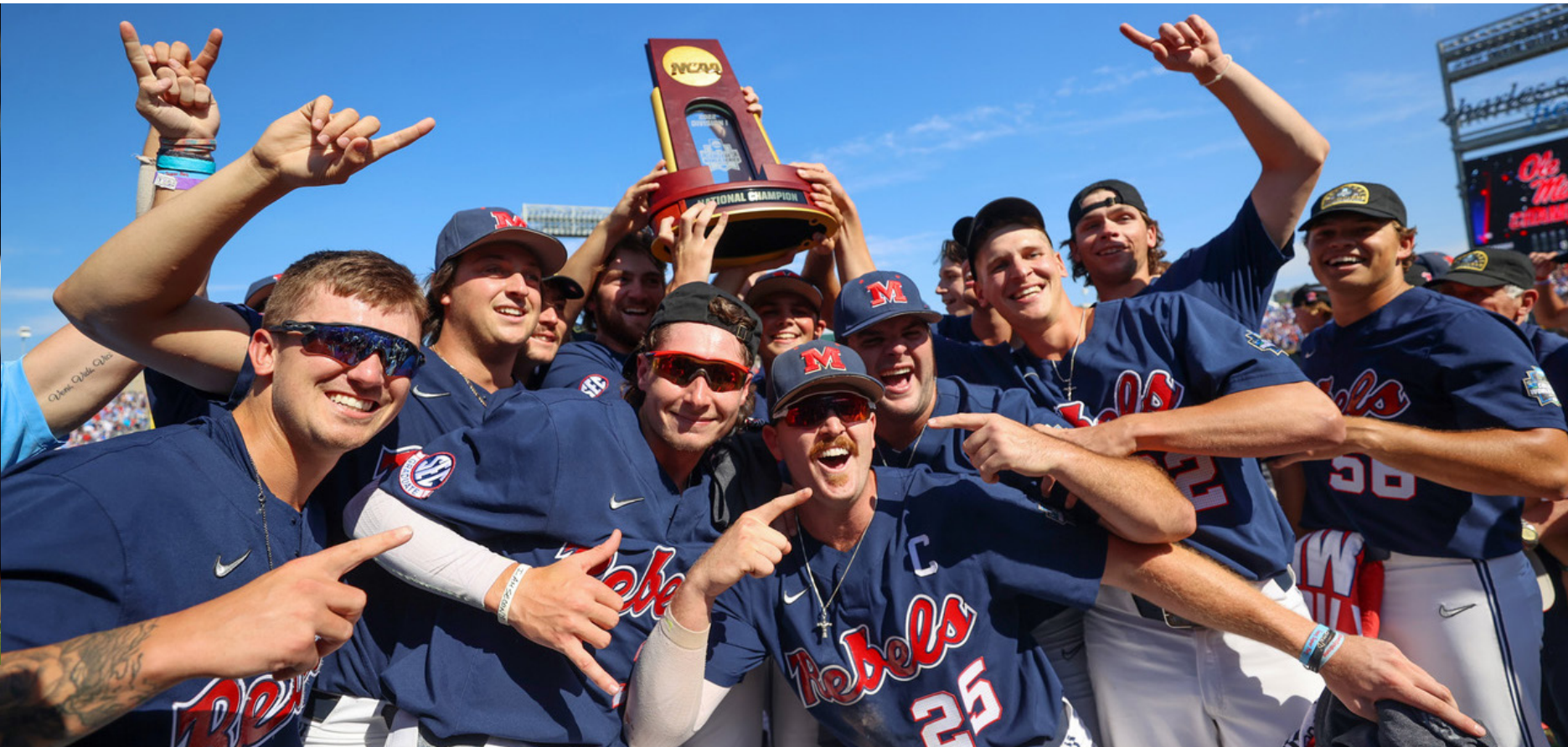


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The Ole Miss baseball team celebrates after defeating Oklahoma in the College World Series Final on June 26.



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Hunter Elliott high fives teammates as he comes off the mound on June 12 in the game against Southern Miss that sent Ole Miss to the College World Series.



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Tim Elko rounds second base after hitting a home run against Arizona in the Coral Gables Regional.

Super Regional series against Southern Miss in Hattiesburg, freshman left-hander Hunter Elliott, unphased by the pressure, led the charge. He pitched 7.1 shutout innings, allowed just three hits and struck out a career-high 10 batters. The game of his career couldn't have come at a better time and the Rebels headed to Omaha and the CWS for the sixth time in program history.

Rebels beat Auburn in first game of CWS

Auburn and Ole Miss had faced each other earlier in the season with Ole Miss winning two-of-three against the Tigers. So the two teams had a sense of familiarity with each other. DeLucia was the starter and pitched a great game, retiring the first 14 Auburn batters. He ended the game with 7.2 innings pitched, allowed just one run and four hits and struck out 10 en route to a 5-1 Rebel victory.

Ole Miss fends off Arkansas to reach the CWS Finals

The Rebels faced the Arkansas Razorbacks in a best-of-three series, and Ole Miss got off to a great start, blowing out the Razorbacks in Game 1 by a score of 13-5. But Game 2 was a whole other story. The Razorbacks edged Ole Miss 3-2 to force a do-or-die Game 3 of the Semifinals. DeLucia was given the start in what was the biggest game of the season, and yet again, he delivered when the Rebels needed him most. He allowed just four hits and struck out seven in a complete-game shutout victory. Ole Miss won 2-0 and advanced to the CWS Finals.

The boys go back-to-back-to-back

Ole Miss played against Oklahoma in the CWS Finals, and the Rebel offense showed

up in perfect situations. In the eighth inning of Game 1, the Rebels held a 4-2 lead, but they knew that it was too close for comfort. With a runner on second base and two outs, the impossible happened. Centerfielder TJ McCants hit a ball over the right-field wall to give the Rebels a 6-2 lead, and the crowd went crazy. Right-fielder Calvin Harris was up next to bat and he hit a ball into the seats himself, making Ole Miss' lead grow more. Before the fans could settle down, third baseman Justin Bench hit a home run to left field that gave Ole Miss a commanding 8-2 lead. The Rebels went back-to-back-to-back. That's a moment not only Ole Miss fans, but all fans of baseball will remember for a long time.

The Rebels are National Champions

Ole Miss was sitting at a 1-0 lead against the Sooners in the CWS Finals. One more win and they would be crowned the 2022 national champions. Pressure was at an all-time high for the Rebels. Elliott was on the mound for Ole Miss, and the game was tied at 0-0 through five innings until shortstop Jacob Gonzalez hit a solo home run in the sixth inning to wake up the Ole Miss fans. However, after the home run, the Sooners took back the lead 2-1. The Rebels showed resilience and scored three runs of their own in the bottom of the eighth to take a 4-2 lead into the ninth. Right-hander Brandon Johnson was the last hope for the Rebels to close out the game and he struck out three batters to give Ole Miss baseball the first national championship in program history. What a remarkable run by this Rebel team in a season that we will remember for the rest of our lives.

Reactions from Ole Miss baseball's title run

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A sea of red and blue filled the seats at Charles Schwab Field in Omaha, Neb., as the Ole Miss Rebels defeated the Oklahoma Sooners to win the 2022 College World Series in June.

The Rebel faithful came to their feet as closer Brandon Johnson struck out the side and the celebration began.

What seemed to be a year full of disappointment for head coach Mike Bianco and the Rebels going into the final month of the season turned into a late-season surge that led to them being one of the last teams selected to play in the 64-team NCAA Baseball Tournament. All this team could have asked for was a chance, and when they were given the opportunity they never looked back.

At the start of every baseball season in the last weeks of winter, college baseball programs begin their quest to get to Omaha. High expectations surround this Ole Miss baseball program year in and year out with the goal of being a national champion.

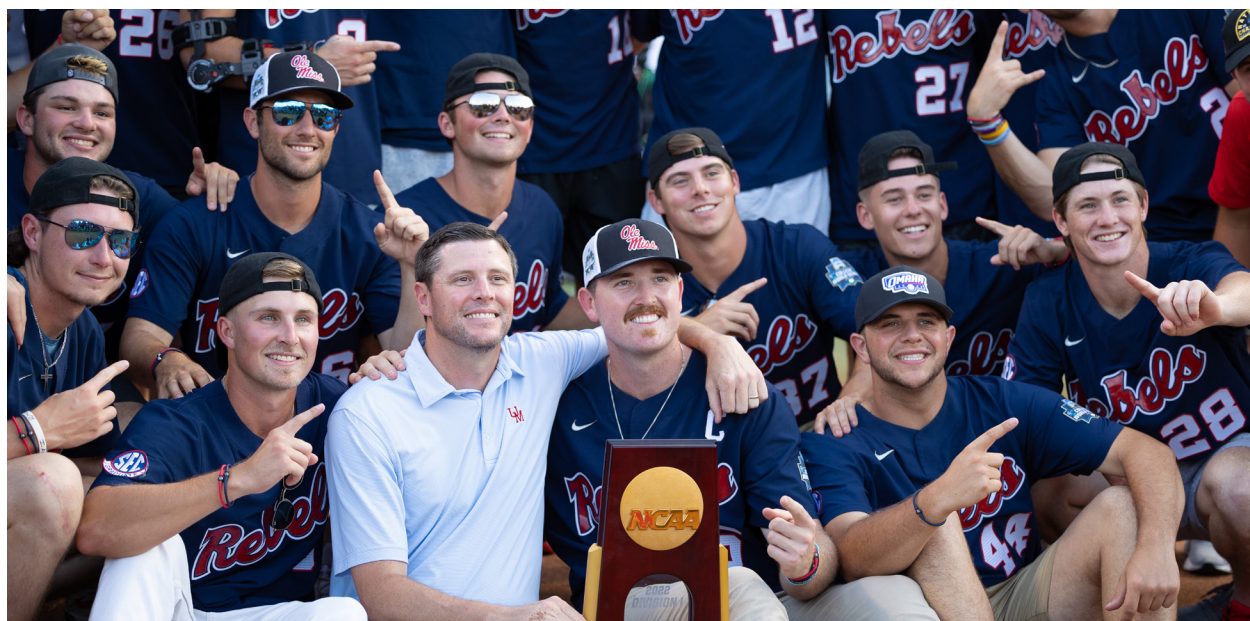
The Rebels' 2021 season ended with a winner-take-all Super Regional loss to the Arizona Wildcats, one win shy of a trip to the College World Series. Similarly, the 2019 Rebel team lost to Arkansas in the Super Regional. Those two disappointments along with arch rival Mississippi State winning the 2021 National Championship ignited a fire in a group of veteran Ole Miss players (Tim Elko, Kevin Graham and Justin Bench), who decided to come back to school for one more year with the hopes of getting this program back to Omaha.

In a season full of ups and downs, from being ranked No. 1 in the country early in the season to being in last place in the SEC West at one point, Bianco made a change to his weekend rotation which proved to make a difference in his ball club. Equally important was a talented lineup that finally got healthy and found their stride.

And on NCAA Selection Monday, when the Rebels were picked to compete in the Coral Gables Regional, a new energy infused both the Ole Miss baseball team and its fans.

The Rebels rolled into Miami with a wave of confidence and showed it all weekend long, going 3-0 and finding their rhythm with a dominant one-two punch of Dylan DeLucia and Hunter Elliott on the mound, along with a talented lineup led by Elko.

The Rebels looked poised for a strong Super Regional showing in Hattiesburg the following weekend with an in-state showdown for a berth in the College World Series. In front of a record breaking crowd at the University of Southern Mississippi, the Rebels swept the Golden



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Ole Miss baseball team poses for a photo at a championship celebration on June 29 at Swayze Field in Oxford.

Eagles behind another strong weekend from the pitching staff and the electric bats of the potent Rebel offense. This Ole Miss team was hitting on all cylinders heading into the College World Series.

The bracket that Ole Miss drew for the World Series had some familiar foes from the SEC, such as Auburn and Arkansas. The Rebels would take Game 1 over Auburn, moving them to the winners bracket where they would take on the Arkansas Razorbacks. Ole Miss and Arkansas exchanged strong offensive performances, leaving a winner-take-all game for a shot at a national championship. DeLucia shut down the Razorback lineup, tossing a complete game shutout to put Ole Miss into the College World Series finals against the Oklahoma Sooners.

The anticipation for the national championship had almost every Ole Miss fan searching for tickets and hotels.

"We ended up finding a good priced hotel an hour outside of Omaha and got a group of guys together the day before the game to make the trip and didn't think twice about it," junior Lane Hanna said.

From Oxford to Omaha, the roads were filled with Mississippi tags, and the city of Omaha felt like someone had plucked the Square and dropped it straight into the city center. Going into Game 1 of the national championship series, the atmosphere outside the stadium had the energy of a Saturday game day in the Grove.

As first pitch neared, the entire stadium was taken

over by the Rebel faithful, essentially creating a major home field advantage. Ole Miss would go on to win Game 1 10-3. The highlight came in the eighth inning when the Rebels hit back-to-back-to-back home runs. There were beer showers in Omaha, and Ole Miss showed out with an all-around dominant performance.

Game 2, however, was a pitchers' duel and felt like only a few runs could make the difference. Cade Horton and Elliott were going back and forth all game long and left us with a 2-1 Oklahoma lead going into the eighth inning. Ole Miss got into the Oklahoma bullpen and put together some timely hits, capitalizing on Oklahoma's mistakes to take the lead 4-2 heading into the ninth inning. Rebel closer Brandon Johnson got the ball for the final inning as the Rebel Nation came to its feet.

Johnson struck out the side, and the Ole Miss Rebels were the 2022 National Champions.

"It was a once in a lifetime feeling and experience to actually be there. Seeing it live took it to a whole different level," senior Micheal Baugus said.

The party continued throughout the night in Omaha and into the coming days as the City of Oxford and the university welcomed its National Champions back home with a parade and Swayze Field celebration.

"Growing up an Ole Miss fan, I've always dreamed of witnessing a championship, but to actually be a student while we won just makes it that much better," senior Max Harmon said. "Knowing some of the guys on the team, I just couldn't be happier for them and our university."



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Peyton Chatagnier and Hayden Dunhurst celebrate during a game against Auburn in Round 1 of the College World Series at Charles Schwab Field on June 18.



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Ole Miss baseball Captain Tim Elko leads the 2022 NCAA Division 1 College World Series Championship winning team down the Walk of Champions, Monday, June 27.

Can Ole Miss baseball go back-to-back?

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After the unlikely run to Omaha which culminated in the school's first baseball national championship, the Ole Miss Rebels look forward to defending their title next spring. The path to repeating will not be easy, as the off-season has ravaged the title-winning roster.

However, one key component of the championship run will be back. While his job security was much in doubt throughout the 2022 regular season, head coach Mike Bianco will remain with the Rebels after recently agreeing to a four-year, \$1.6 million per year contract extension.

After exceeding expectations in an unparalleled season, the Rebels now look to replace their team leader Tim Elko. The three-year captain was selected by the Chicago White Sox in this year's draft with the 311th overall pick in the 10th round. Elko leaves Oxford with 46 home runs, two shy of the Ole Miss record set by Kyle Gordon.

The departures of Kevin Graham, Justin Bench and Hayden Dunhurst also leave major holes to fill in the Rebel lineup.

In 47 games, Graham hit .335 with 11 home runs and 51 RBIs. Graham's return to the lineup this season revitalized a depleted offensive front in time to make a deep postseason run. Graham now heads to the Arizona Diamondbacks as their 14th-round pick.

Bench was another key player in the program with his offensive consistency and defensive versatility. Bench recently signed a contract with the San Francisco Giants and he will report to their Arizona fall camp.

Dunhurst leaves a major gap behind the plate for the

Rebels after signing with the Kansas City Royals with their sixth-round selection.

College World Series MVP Dylan DeLucia leaves after his extremely successful lone season in Oxford, drafted in the sixth round by the Cleveland Guardians and joining former Rebel Doug Nixhazy.

Closer Brandon Johnson also leaves after recording the final out of the 2022 season, signing with the Royals as their ninth-round draft pick.

Pitchers Derek Diamond and Derek McDaniel also leave the team as Diamond heads to the Pirates and McDaniel to the White Sox.

Focusing on the returning players, the middle infield duo of Jacob Gonzalez and Peyton Chatagnier will be relied on heavily for their offensive production. Gonzalez is viewed as a team leader following strong freshman and sophomore year campaigns.

Intriguing transfers include former Tulane outfielder Ethan Groff, Northwestern first baseman Anthony Calarco and University of Indianapolis pitcher Xavier Rivas. All three have a chance to hold a meaningful role on the field next spring.

The Rebels will also rely on catcher/outfielder Calvin Harris as a major contributor following a breakout season that ended with a .336 batting average, going 8-for-20 at the College World Series, which included two essential home runs against Oklahoma in the championship game.

The Rebels once again look towards reconstructing a wiped-out pitching staff.

Hunter Elliott will be the anchor of the staff following the lefty's incredible freshman year campaign that ended with a 2.70 ERA and 102 strikeouts across 80 innings pitched in the 12 games he started.

The Rebels will also rely on Division II All-American

Xavier Rivas for the weekend rotation as well as rising junior Jack Dougherty following his strong start in Game 1 of the College World Series championship after primarily coming out of the bullpen last year.

Fellow returning pitchers Mason Nichols and Josh Mallitz look to bolster the bullpen, as Mallitz is likely to close after a 2022 campaign that ended in a 1.45 ERA and 48 strikeouts across 31 innings.

The Rebels lost a key transfer with SEC experience following the MLB Draft. Florida transfer pitcher Nick Pogue signed an undrafted free agent deal with the Washington Nationals after committing to Ole Miss earlier this summer.

Incoming recruits who could contribute include five-star right-handed pitcher Zander Meuth and infielder Cooper Pratt. Both have been selected to participate in the Perfect Game 2022 All-American Classic. As a high school senior, Meuth clocked in at 95 miles per hour, ranking in the 99.95 percentile. Pratt, a Mississippi native from Senatobia, has a lively bat and will be in contention for the third base opening left by Bench.

In the field, Harris likely will take over behind the plate, with transfer Calarco replacing Elko at first base. Chatagnier and Gonzalez will remain up the middle, while upperclassmen Reagan Burford and Garrett Wood also look to return to third. T.J. McCants expects to return to center field following an injury-plagued season. Transfer Groff will likely start in left field and starter Kemp Alderman will return to right field.

While fall ball has yet to begin and the first pitch of the spring season is nearly seven months away, the Ole Miss Rebels look to rebuild and reload to compete in the SEC and achieve back-to-back visits to Omaha for the first time in school history.



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Ole Miss baseball vs Oklahoma in game two of the Championship Series of the College World Series on June 26 in Omaha, Neb.

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It has been about six weeks since the Ole Miss baseball team won it all at the NCAA tournament in Omaha, Neb. — an exhilarating thrill-ride that fans and neutrals alike will never forget.

There were many key performances by some of the Rebels' stars during the championship run, whether it was the pitching of Dylan DeLucia, Hunter Elliott and the Ole Miss bullpen or the offensive firepower of Tim Elko, Kevin Graham and many others.

With a new school year and fall baseball approaching, we see where some of those stars have landed since we last saw them at Swayze Field.

Tim Elko

One of, if not the most, crucial pieces to last year's team was Tim Elko. The word "legend" gets tossed around a lot when Elko's name is brought up, and for good reason. The first baseman batted an eye-popping .300 with 24 homers and 75 runs batted in.

There has been talk about building a statue to honor the inspirational team captain, and during the College World Series championship trophy presentation at Swayze this summer, Ole Miss Athletic Director Keith Carter added more fuel to that fire.

Elko was drafted in this year's MLB Draft to the Chicago White Sox in the 10th round. Though his time so far in the White Sox organization has been short, Elko brings his excellent work ethic and positive attitude to the professional tier in hopes of having a long and successful career in the majors.

Dylan DeLucia

Dylan DeLucia came to Ole Miss out of Northwest Florida State College, looking to provide some much-needed depth for the Rebel pitching staff. After losing two aces in Doug Nikhazy and Gunnar Hoglund to the MLB Draft after the 2021 season, the Rebels needed to reload.

Like Elko, DeLucia was crucial to the Rebels' postseason run. Last season, he posted an 8-2 record with a 3.68 ERA and 105 strikeouts. His power and finesse were especially evident in his complete game shutout of Arkansas in Omaha that advanced Ole Miss to the CWS Finals.

Like Nikhazy, DeLucia was drafted by the Cleveland Guardians in the sixth round and has signed a deal with the organization. While he spent only a year in Oxford, he too has garnered legend status. For his performances in Omaha, DeLucia was named MVP of the CWS tournament.

Kevin Graham

After a stellar year in 2021 that saw him hit .342 with 14 home runs and 56 runs batted in, Kevin Graham followed up last season with near identical numbers. After missing a portion of the season due to an early wrist injury, Graham provided that firepower the Rebels needed.

In his first game back against Alabama, Graham homered in what would be a 7-4 loss. Despite getting swept in the series, the Rebs enjoyed a significant boost with Graham back in the lineup.

Graham was drafted by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the 14th round, a rather good steal for the organization. He wasted no time in showing off his ability, as his first professional hit was a homerun for the Visalia Rawhide.

Hunter Elliott

Similar to DeLucia, Hunter Elliott provided a nice surprise for the Ole Miss pitching staff in 2022. Elliott went 5-3 with a 2.70 ERA and more than 100 strikeouts last season, excellent numbers for a rookie. His stellar performances, flowing hair and number (26) made it seem as if Nikhazy never left.

As a true freshman, Elliott's performances showed why he should be the ace for the Rebels next season. DeLucia may have garnered most of the praise, and rightly so, but truthfully, the Rebels probably would not have had the same success without Elliott.

As he prepares to lead the pitching staff as a sophomore, Elliott will have much on his shoulders as the Rebels defend their national title. Expectations can be heavy when you play for a program

like Ole Miss, but last season has shown that Elliott won't back down from the challenge.

Jacob Gonzalez

Going back to expectations, as the reigning National Freshman of the Year, Jacob Gonzalez had plenty this season. After starting every game in 2021 as shortstop, he looked to be the next in a long line of elite shortstops out of the program.

However, in comparison to his freshman year, 2022 was a bit of a down year. He hit .273 as a sophomore, compared to .355 as a freshman, but that has to be taken with a grain of salt. There aren't many people in the nation who could replicate his freshman season.

Gonzalez did increase the power numbers in 2022, blasting out 18 homers compared to 12 in his freshman year. At the tail end of the year, Gonzalez was in a slight slump. Then came the CWS Finals, where in Game 2, he provided two crucial RBIs, including a homer to start the scoring in the sixth.

With Gonzalez, there is much to be excited about as he enters his junior year. He is touted as one of the top prospects in the country for next year's MLB Draft and is poised to have a big season with the Rebels.

Justin Bench

Whenever thinking of Justin Bench, the term "gamer" comes to mind. Whenever he stepped to the plate, the sense was that he would get on base, whether it was a hit or being hit. Boasting a .316 average this season, Bench was a staple in the Ole Miss lineup his last two seasons.

Likewise, he was crucial defensively for the Rebs. Whether he was playing centerfield or third base, his versatility gave Bianco plenty of options over the course of the year. When centerfielder T.J. McCants went down with an injury, Bench didn't miss a beat as he moved to the outfield.

Bench was drafted in the 17th round by the San Francisco Giants, becoming the last Rebel to be drafted in the 2022 Draft. While he will be missed greatly by the fans and staff, he'll look to carve out a name in the big leagues.

These names were only pieces of a much larger puzzle this past season. Every player contributed to the Rebels' championship run, and their efforts won't be forgotten anytime soon.

As for Bianco and company, they are eager to get back on the diamond and prepare for the 2023 season. With incoming transfers and recruits, Ole Miss looks poised to be a contender yet again.

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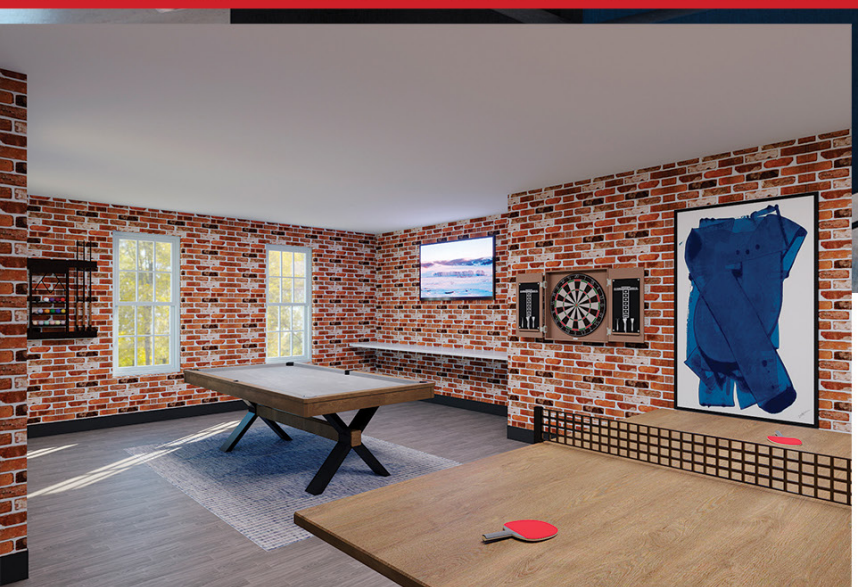
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Campus anticipates largest class size in UM history

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The University of Mississippi's Class of 2026 is projected to be the largest class in the institution's history.

Though it is cause for excitement all-around, the growth also has caused some challenges, especially to the housing and transportation departments.

The housing department has opened up almost all of their buildings to accommodate first-year students, including those that are usually reserved for sophomores and upperclassmen. On-campus residence hall occupancy has increased from 93% to 98% to meet the housing needs of students.

"Student Housing has increased its overall freshman bed count in order to be able to accommodate all first-year students for the fall. To do that, we have opened Brown Hall, which will accommodate more than 200 first-year students," Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Charlotte Fant Pegues said.

The on-campus parking for residential halls is expected to be at capacity, according to Samuel Patterson, the director of parking and transportation. Students are encouraged to find alternative means of transportation such as biking, walking or use of the university transport system.

"To assist with the expected increase in demand, the campus Rebel Red and Rebel Blue shuttle routes have been expanded with service through the residential areas and the South Campus Recreation Center," Patterson said.

Despite housing and parking challenges, students from all classes are returning to Oxford ready to make the most of it. Some students are particularly excited to reconnect.

"I'm looking forward to seeing all the friends I didn't get to see over the summer," said Evan Boren, a multidisciplinary studies major from St. Louis.

While reconnecting with friends is exciting, pharmaceutical studies major Ethan Herbert wants to be sure he

holds a good balance with his school work.

"I really want to have time to enjoy with friends while still maintaining a good GPA and grades," the Monticello, Miss., native said.

Carly Wiseman, an integrated marketing communications major from Poplar Bluff, Mo., is especially ready for the Phi Mu house to be completed.

"I'm excited to get to use the house for philanthropy and sisterhood events," Wiseman said.

With campus coming back to life, dining options will expand, another aspect of campus life that returning students are looking forward to.

"I'm excited for Canes to be open

again; it was a long summer without it," said Niko Zerbonia, an exercise science major from Chatham, Ill.

While the school year is just starting, some students are already looking forward to things beyond their classes.

"I'm ready to pick out my accounting internship," said KB Moore, an accounting major from Tupelo. "It's an exciting time."

Many students are gearing up to support the Rebels this fall.

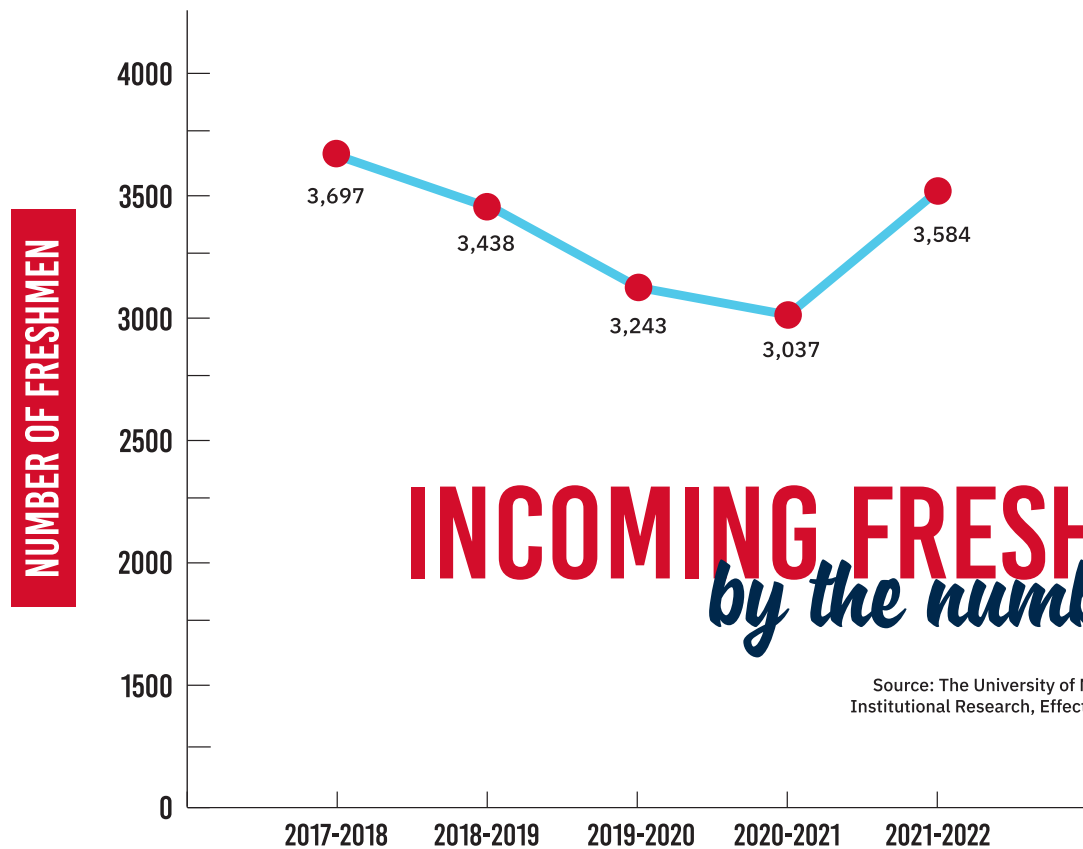
"I am so excited for the football season," said Sacramento, Calif., native Olivia Morrow.

Morrow is not alone. Abby Norton and Hannah Mabie, from Nashville and Memphis, are ready to spend their Sat-

urdays this fall tailgating in the Grove, as is Will Davis, a finance major from Tupelo.

"I'm ready to spend time with my friends and support the Rebels," Davis said.

One student is already looking forward to the end of the Rebel season. Kallen Mitchell, a psychology major from Ridgeland, Miss., is "so excited" for the Egg Bowl when the Rebels will face Mississippi State in Vaught-Hemingway Stadium on Thanksgiving Day.



INCOMING FRESHMEN
by the numbers

Source: The University of Mississippi Office of Institutional Research, Effectiveness, and Planning

Letter from the Chancellor

It's great to start a new academic year on the Most Beautiful Campus in America, home of the reigning NCAA men's baseball champions! Our students are the heart of our university and the reason why this place is so vibrant and remarkable. From our brand new first-year students through our seniors and graduate and professional students, I'm thrilled that each one of you will be part of this historic year ahead of us.

We have so much to look forward to this year, starting with a Month of Welcome, new classes and new friendships. This fall marks 60 years since Civil Rights icon and distinguished alumnus James Meredith integrated the University of Mississippi. To honor this momentous milestone, we have a full year of celebrations planned. I hope you will take part in the numerous events and learn more about this significant part of our university's history that was propelled by Mr. Meredith's courage and perseverance.

As your semester takes shape, keep up with your classes from the outset so you can stay on track and excel. If you need help, the Center for Student Success and First-Year Experience is here to serve you and help you to create a personalized plan. A key part of any student's plan is to prioritize personal wellness by maintaining a balanced lifestyle. Visit the South Campus Recreation Center, the Turner Center or the South Campus Rail

Trail regularly to clear your mind and stay fit. Physical activity reduces feelings of stress, protects your emotional well-being and boosts your energy levels. With all that happens on our campus, you need all the energy that you can get!

This year will be an amazing adventure, and I challenge you to seize the opportunities in front of you. Take charge of what you study, how you engage with your community, who shapes and inspires your future and how you instill leadership lessons into your everyday life. Look to your professors, advisors and student leaders as you find your way because they are invested in your academic and personal success. Most importantly, get involved on campus — it pays big dividends. It's so important because students who build personal connections do better in class and make the most of their college experience.

Please know that I'm ready and eager to listen to your thoughts and ideas. And I'm so excited to see the many ways you will lead and make our campus life better than ever. Best wishes for a successful semester.

Hotty Toddy!



Glenn Boyce
Chancellor

Letter from the ASB President

Hello to those both familiar and new to campus! We are so happy to be welcoming students back on campus for another great year at the Flagship. We are excited to get back into the swing of things here at the University of Mississippi.

The mission of the Associated Student Body is to serve selflessly and to represent justly the needs of our student body. As an organization, our primary goal is to make your lives easier. Whether that is aiding the installation of a new crosswalk on campus or working with administration on varying projects, the Associated Study Body seeks out the voices and concerns of students and hopes to address them throughout our year-long terms.

In addition to different advocacy efforts, we develop various initiatives and programming throughout the school year.

Every other week you will see ASB 365 on the Union Plaza. ASB 365 is an effort by ASB to not only collaborate with different organizations around campus, but also to bring forward important ideas and initiatives to the student body. We understand that by representing the student body we must seek out student opinions, not just expect our constituents to come to us. We will be planning fun activities throughout the year, so be sure to stop by!

We also have events such as Meet Your Senator Night, a great way for students interested in initiatives or who may be vested in an issue they've identified on campus to directly speak to those who represent them in our campus Senate.

If this is your first year at the university, I highly recommend joining our First Year Encounters program formed by three groups: Council, Connect and Forum. Council focuses more on the inner workings of ASB and activities in that group include mock Senate meetings or mock Judicial hearings. In Connect, ASB brings in different campus organizations so that students may interact with multiple groups to further delve into their own interests. Lastly, Forum discusses different hot topics and ideas and facilitates thought-provoking conversations. This year, these three groups will run on a rotating schedule so that you can experience the best that each of these programs has to offer. There also will be multiple points of entry as each cycle switches, so do not be discouraged if you miss the first deadline.

Lastly, I would like to remind you all what it means to be a part of this campus community. There is no other university quite like ours and being a part of this family means that we all need to care for each other. Remember that the University of Mississippi Creed, respect and dignity, fairness and civility, and good stewardship of our resources are all crucial to our campus culture and the success of each individual.

We are excited for a great year with each of you and look forward to what is to come!



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Letter from the DM Editor-in-Chief



Rabria Moore
The DM Editor-in-Chief

Welcome to The Daily Mississippian, your independent, student-run newspaper at the University of Mississippi. The DM provides coverage of the university, Oxford and surrounding communities and is published in print every Thursday and online daily.

The paper has four sections: news, arts and culture, sports, and opinion. While all sections are important and deeply valued, it's also vital you understand that news and opinion are different. News is purely based in fact. The quotes you see come from informed sources, and we've done our due diligence to ensure everything we report is accurate. Opinion, as the name suggests, also has facts included in the piece, but the bulk of the piece is someone's perspective on a particular topic. We understand that we have differing opinions across campus, so if you'd like to submit a letter or column to the DM, please feel free to do so.

As a news organization, we seek to find the truth and report it. We don't change what that truth is, nor can we change it. We bring you information through reporting, but what you decide to do with that information is up to you.

Our goal here at the DM is to tell stories that matter to you, our audience. We know there are communities on our campus and in Oxford who may feel misrepresented or underrepresented. If you or your community feels that way, please reach out to us. We're listening. We may fall short sometimes, but we will continue to do everything in our power to tell stories that are representative of all communities. If we miss an important story, contact us and let us know. If you know of an event happening in the community, we want to hear about it.

If you have suggestions for stories, events or photos, we'd love to hear from you. If you are interested in working with us here at the DM or with NewsWatch, Rebel Radio or the Ole Miss yearbook, feel free to email me at dmeditor@gmail.com.

As you settle in on campus — either as a returning or incoming student, know that our paper or online site is the place to visit for all things Oxford and Ole Miss. The 2022-23 staff here at The Daily Mississippian is looking forward to bringing you news during this next year!

Letter from the BSU President



Dee Harris
BSU President

The Black Student Union would love to welcome each of you to the University of Mississippi.

After four long years of high school, you are officially beginning a new journey as you become the class of 2026. Some of you have decided to stay in your hometown or home state; on the other hand, a good number of you have ventured into a new one. Either way, I'm sure each of you is experiencing a mixture of emotions all at once.

If you're a complete daredevil, I'm sure you're excited about college. You're more than ready to explore endless opportunities, make new friends and embrace the change of scenery. On the other hand, some of y'all are completely terrified. That's okay. It's scary departing from the only version of yourself that you have ever known.

In 2019, I was a mixture of both. The thought of joining new organizations, shaking hands with amazing people and experiencing endless opportunities made me want to spread my wings and fly. However, moving away from my family, losing close contact with my best friends and walking into the world on my own was terrifying. One thing that I learned quickly, as well as something that should give all of you peace, is that you are not alone.

Some of you have been preparing for this moment your entire lives. Y'all have seen generations complete high school and college successfully. Congratulations. You have a good idea about college and all it has to offer. My advice to you is to blaze your own trail and do what works best for you. The

only validation you need comes from within.

My group of people, better known as the first-generation college attendees, never had the road to college mapped out for them. They created it for themselves. This road might be difficult, but it will NEVER be impossible. Take the same courage that got you this far to get you to the next level. Be open to success AND failure, knowing both come with valuable lessons. Utilize all your resources — admissions, career center, organizations, faculty/staff members and experienced peers — to make the most of this journey. PSA: No matter which group you fall in, remember this is everybody's first time away from home. None of you truly knows what this experience will be like, so don't be afraid to embrace the knowns and unknowns.

I urge each of you to take full advantage of what the first year of college will look like. Everyone's road will be different — some people experience more bumps than others — but the journey is beautiful either way it goes. I am about to wrap up my last year of college. During my freshman year, I experienced some difficulties. I often got homesick, friends didn't come easy and I didn't know what I was doing. After three years, I've been involved in almost every organization, bonded with some amazing people, excelled and failed academically and found my community here on the University of Mississippi campus.

I wish much success for each of you!

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Hey Soul Sister! Bid Day 2022



Top: Phi Mu actives celebrate as they embrace their bid day buddies when the potential new members ran home on Aug. 20.

Above: Two Tri Delta actives embrace a potential new member.

Above right: A potential new member embraces her recruitment counselor after opening her bid.

Right: Potential new members and their families gathered in the Pavilion on Aug. 20.

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There's no place like home

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Celebration rang through the air on Saturday, Aug. 20, as the results of another successful sorority recruitment season were revealed.

There was not a chair empty nor a spot unclaimed in the Pavilion as hoards of incoming freshmen, parents and active sorority members anxiously awaited the 2022-2023 bid day results with the same excitement as a child opening presents on Christmas morning.

An astounding 1,900-plus estimated potential new members entered this year's rush, seeking a home among the 10 sororities actively recruiting at Ole Miss.

Members of Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Phi, Chi Omega, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Gamma, Kappa Delta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Phi Mu and Pi Beta Phi spent the previous week helping each prospective member find her home away from home.

"It's absolutely crazy (aiding in the process of recruiting new members)," said Camden Day, a junior member of Alpha Delta Pi. "It was a lot of hard work and dedication, but bid day made it so worth it. The experience is something you never forget."

The rush process began for prospective members on Saturday, Aug. 13, with Greek Day. Potential new members attended a convocation sponsored by the University of Mississippi College Panhellenic and visited each sorority to watch a "Go Greek" video.

Following convocation, the prospective new members entered a week-long

process of visiting each house and socializing with active members in multiple rounds that focused on philanthropy, sisterhood and preference.

Philanthropy round took the lead on Aug. 14 and 15 followed by two rounds of sisterhood and a final preference round. With one of the largest potential new member classes yet and rampant speculation on social media and in sorority houses that HBO Max was infiltrating the recruitment process at Ole Miss, both active and potential members were on high alert throughout the week.

In a story published Aug. 12 by The New York Times, Vice Studios confirmed that it is producing a documentary about sorority recruitment at the University of Alabama. In an Aug 16 story, The Tuscaloosa News reported Vice Studios is producing the documentary for HBO Max.

HBO Max did not respond to an inquiry from The Daily Mississippian about possible filming at Ole Miss.

Active members of each sorority were cautioned to keep an eye out for fake potential new members, while the prospective members were careful not to catch suspicious, wandering eyes.

Finally, however, the Pavilion slowly came to life early Saturday morning as music filled the air and potential new members found their places among the sea of white chairs.

Recruitment counselors went through all 32 rows and handed each woman a manilla envelope containing the name of her sorority match. After each potential new member received an envelope, the countdown began.

Ten, nine, eight:
A heavy silence fell over the crowd.
Seven, Six, Five:

Girls began frantically setting up their cameras to film their reactions.

Four, Three, Two:

A simultaneous sharp intake of breath ...

One:

Screams erupted from every corner of the Pavillion. Girls jumped up and down, clung to each other in disbelief and cried tears of joy as the name of their future home appeared in front of them.

"I felt happiness when I first opened my bid," said Delta Gamma new member Lexie Smith, "I felt like DG was my home when I walked into philanthropy."

With the big reveal done, the potential new members were corralled into groups by sorority and the mad dash to their new homes began.

Family members, friends and active members lined Rebel Drive and Sorority Row as new members ran across campus to join their bid day buddies for a day full of fun at each house.

"It's such a surreal and refreshing moment. Seeing all of the girls running home to where they belong with anticipation thick in the air, seniors crying knowing this will be their last time welcoming girls in to continue their legacy," said Ella Hoover, a senior member of Phi Mu.

With another year of recruitment in the books, each of the 10 houses participating in the rush process opened their doors to 100-plus new members. Now, all minds are turned to the school year ahead.



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Potential new members run down sorority row on Aug. 20.

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Celebrating 60 years of integration

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On Oct. 1, 1962, James Meredith became the first African American student to enroll at the University of Mississippi. As we near the 60th anniversary of integration, here is a preview of events the university has planned to celebrate this milestone and commemorate the achievements of Meredith:

Sept. 19, 2022-March 2023: UM Libraries exhibit "Paving the Path: James Meredith and the Integration of the University of Mississippi"

Sept. 28: "The Mission Continues: Building Upon the Legacy," signature event honoring James Meredith and his contributions to the University of Mississippi

Sept. 30: "Legacy Celebration," alumni celebration of African American firsts at UM

Sept. 26-30: Week of Service, a childhood literacy project centering on the four pillars of courage, opportunity, knowledge and perseverance

Oct. 2: Longest Table, an opportunity to share a meal and connect with others at a table that spans UM's Walk of Champions

Jan. 31, 2023: Open Doors, dinner and

conversations with UM administrators

Feb. 7: Black History Month keynote address featuring Judy Meredith, Ph.D.

Feb. 17: Black Student Union's 10th Annual Black History Month Gala

April 11: Celebrating Diversity Excellence, end-of-year celebration

Letters to Mr. Meredith: An opportunity for campus and community members to share reflections and words of appreciation

Speaker Series: A series of interactive dialogues and conversations throughout the academic year

"This anniversary is a powerful reminder that our institution, which once stood in the way of equality, now elevates the stories and experiences of those who have been marginalized in our institution's history," Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Community Engagement Shawnboda D. Mead said in a statement. "It also reminds us to remain steadfast in our commitment to mitigating barriers to success while creating an optimal learning environment in which all members of our campus community can reach their full potential."

According to Mead and Chancellor Glenn Boyce, the university also plans to launch a 60th anniversary website to share updates and announce events.

KEY EVENTS:

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What's new in the L.O.U.?

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Locals know that Lafayette County, the City of Oxford and the University of Mississippi are changing constantly. Whether this is your first semester in Oxford as a freshman or you're a senior returning for your final year at Ole Miss, here are five things that may be new to you.

Construction begins on Oxford Waffle House (finally)

After years and years of anticipation, work is finally underway to construct a Waffle House in Oxford. The restaurant chain will construct its Oxford location across from El Charro Cocina & Cantina on Sisk Avenue. Construction crews broke ground this summer and are expecting to be done as early as October, according to reporting from The Oxford Eagle.

Blenz Bowls opens in the Union

Blenz Bowls, previously available to students in a food truck on campus, has found a permanent home inside the Gertrude C. Ford Student Union. Students in search of the healthy, smoothie bowl snack have to look no further than the union, alongside many other Ole Miss dining options. Ole Miss Dining announced the change via email this summer, also indicating the location will now accept meal swipes.

Juice Kiffin takes Oxford by storm

Perhaps the most exciting thing to happen this summer was the addition of Juice, head football coach Lane Kiffin's dog, to the Ole Miss family. And the English lab has already captured the hearts of Rebel fans.



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This is not our Waffle House, but the Oxford Waffle House will look something like this.

Juice's Twitter page (@JuiceKiffin) has amassed a whopping 19,000 followers and counting since the page's creation in June. After being dubbed Ole Miss's unofficial mascot and being the center of an Ole Miss football recruiting event, "Juice Fest," it's safe to say the pooch's popularity in Oxford will soar even more.

@JuiceKiffin on June 26: "Since I've been born, Ole Miss Baseball has won

every College World Series. Just sayin'."

Sweet Magnolia Gelato comes to campus

For those in search of a frozen treat, look no further than Sweet Magnolia Gelato. The gelato brand with roots in the Mississippi Delta is setting up a shop in Weir Hall after partnering with Ole Miss Dining.

Guthrie's opens in Oxford

Guthrie's, a fast-food franchise, recently opened an Oxford location. The restaurant, which dubs itself "The Original Chicken Finger Restaurant," has several locations in Alabama and Tennessee, but the Oxford location is the first in Mississippi. The store, located at 1506 University Ave., celebrated its grand opening Aug. 19.



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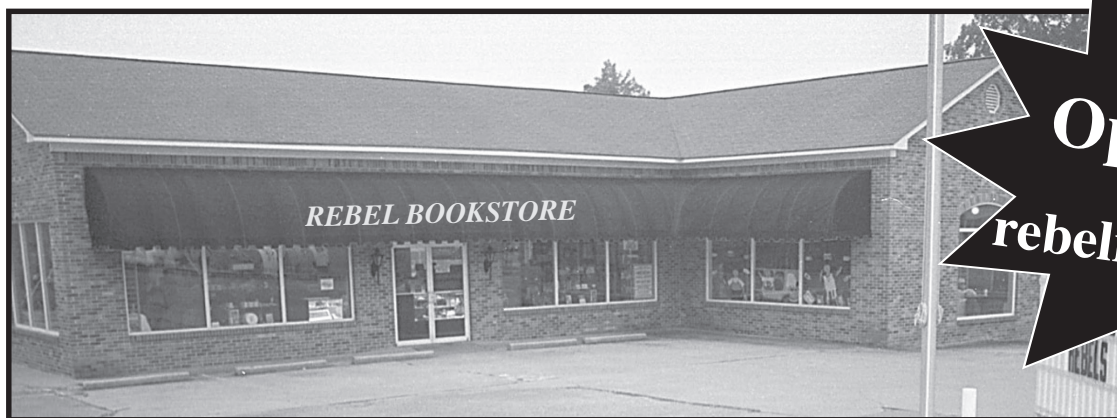


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Get involved with these student organizations

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With the start of classes and what is expected to be the largest number of freshmen in school history, Ole Miss student organizations are sure to spring to life this fall.

Ole Miss boasts more than 370 registered student organizations — 370-plus opportunities for students to get out, get involved and find their community in this university of nearly 22,000. The organizations vary in size and type. There are large, multifaceted organizations like the Associated Student Body. There are also smaller organizations that focus on a singular topic. These include scholarship, academics, the arts, athletics, religion, community service and a variety of special interests.

Students can learn more about these clubs during the Involvement Fair on Tuesday, Aug. 23, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and Wednesday, Aug. 24, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., in the Circle.

Here are 11 organizations to consider joining this fall:

The Leadership and Engagement Ambassadors “connects students to organizations through involvement consultations that gauge interests and passions and help students navigate finding involvement opportunities and ways to get plugged in on campus,” according to Student Involvement Coordinator Emmaline Schild. Schild and the other ambassadors consider involvement a turning point in student development, so they hope students will utilize this resource, located on the first floor in the student union.

HoCoMEC was created to provide a space for minority engagement in the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College. Its mission is to foster an environment that promotes interconnectivity and generates a respectful community within the honors college and the university as a whole. Co-presidents Deshauna Lee Vaughn and Edrei Peña said they are hoping to partner with other student organizations to host bigger events this year. Vaughn and Peña hope to continue their mission of “fostering an environment that promotes interconnectivity and generating a respectful community within the honors college and our university as a whole.”

Hill Country Roots is a student organization dedicated to planting native trees in the Oxford area and is excited to continue making a difference this school year, according to President Christian Boudreaux, who said the club is looking forward to finishing up their tree farm.

Grove Grocery, also known as The University of Mississippi Food Pantry, is an on-campus organization “dedi-



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The University of Mississippi chapter of Active Minds scattered backpacks across the Grove in March 2019 to raise awareness about suicide and mental health.

cated to ending student hunger and alleviating poverty,” said president Tina Troung. The group hopes to grow more this year and become a household name. If students are in need of this resource, it can be found in Kinard Hall.

Active Minds, according to Co-director of Outreach Alex Bush, is a “national nonprofit organization supporting mental health awareness and education.” Bush said Ole Miss’ chapter is looking forward to hosting events including de-stress events, a spring “Mental Health Week”, and “Send Silence Packing”, an exhibit raising suicide prevention awareness. The chapter also hopes to add small group meetings and collaborations with other student organizations to this year’s agenda.

Cover to Cover is the perfect organization for book lovers to meet other book lovers and discuss ... books. Affiliated with the English department, but open to all, Cover to Cover is the club for anyone with a passion for English literature to express that passion through, “community service, social events, or even just discussion.”

Ole Miss Card Sharks is the university’s competitive poker team. Specializing in Texas Hold ‘Em, this organization welcomes all to lay cards on the table. But if you’re strapped for cash and looking to make some money, look elsewhere. In compliance with Mississippi laws, the group wagers no items of monetary value.

Ole Miss Rebel Irish Dancers is a dance troupe that celebrates Irish culture and history through dance.

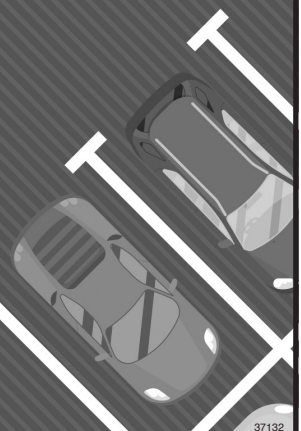


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Whitney Miller, a student volunteer in the Grove Grocery, gathers items for an order.

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Students participate in the RebelTHON dance marathon in the Student Union on Feb. 27.

No experience nor Irish heritage is required to join. Active on the university campus as well as within the Oxford community, it is also a great way to stay fit. The Rebel Irish Dancers welcome all to “batter, skip, and jump” with them.

Phi Beta Lambda, an organization for business related programs, exists to

equip business students with a variety of personal and professional skills to aid them in their futures as business professionals and leaders. They do so through providing “unique career development programs, business tours, workshops and so much more” to ensure members thrive in any business environment.

Big Event is a chance to give back to the community that serves as students’ home away from home. Working in groups from early in the morning until noon, Big Event volunteers engage in a variety of service projects in and around Oxford. Leading up to the spring event, there are numerous opportunities to help plan the day of service.

RebelTHON is an organization that raises money for Children’s of Mississippi in Jackson. Students spend a year raising funds and interacting with children’s hospital patients and families. The year culminates with a dance marathon where the students stay on their feet through dancing, games and entertainment in

celebration of the total amount raised that year.

These organizations are just a snapshot of the numerous student groups that strive to make a difference in many ways. Students can get more information on these and other organizations on ForUM.



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Ole Miss students help clear leaves and dead plants from the Oxford Community Garden as part of the 2021 Big Event. The event included more opportunities for students to provide service to the LOU community.

The Band CAMINO returns to Oxford to headline at The Lyric

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Many students' first weekend in Oxford just got a lot more exciting with the announcement that The Band CAMINO will be headlining at The Lyric on Friday, Aug. 26.

The Nashville by-way-of-Memphis based act, consisting of Spencer Stewart, Jeffery Jordan and Garrison Burgess, is now on the second leg of their recent headline tour, which kicked off in Louisville, Ky., in late March.

The tour comes on the heels of their

debut, self-titled album "The Band CAMINO," which is just one of the band's recent accomplishments.

Within the past year, The Band CAMINO has not only made their television debut on the ABC nightly talk show "Jimmy Kimmel Live" but also acted as the opener for Dan + Shay's 2021 US Tour.

In addition, the band has garnered critical acclaim from Rolling Stone, Billboard, People and The Associated Press.

The acclaim and accomplishments make sense after listening to their discography.

Similar to bands like The 1975, The Band CAMINO's music strikes a unique and refreshing balance of powerful rock, introspective indie and pop.

This blend is most apparent in some of their most popular songs such as "2/14," whose production leans more towards indie than rock, and "I Think I Like You," which artfully incorporates an extremely catchy '80s synth.

"Daphne Blue" is another example, juxtaposing powerful guitar with soft and strong vocal moments that come at just the right time.

Although the sound is the first thing that stands out about The Band CAMINO's

music, their lyrics are an important component worth looking into on Spotify or Apple Music before the show.

Songs such as "EVERYBODYDIES" and "Underneath My Skin" juxtapose upbeat tunes with lyrics about issues or situations to which people can relate.

This rare balance is hard to achieve, but makes for infectious music appropriate for any listener. In the band's most recent bio, Jordan indicated this is one of the primary goals for the band's music.

"We want to make music for the people who listen to everything," Jordan said. "We want people to be able to listen to Justin Bieber and then listen to The Band CAMINO back-to-back."

As far as performance goes, concert-goers in Oxford can expect lots of energy from The Band CAMINO.

According to the band members, strong chemistry has existed since playing their first show.

"There was instant chemistry, and everybody on the team could feel it," Burgess said. "Everybody's very appreciative of each other and what they bring to the table."

One place where this chemistry shines through is in The Band CAMINO's music videos. From the music video for "Roses," which is sweet and comedic, to the music video for "Know it All," which is a more classic music video take, it's clear the band loves working together and will put on a show worth seeing.

The Band CAMINO will perform at The Lyric on Friday, Aug. 26. Tickets are available on The Lyric website.



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The Band CAMINO will headline at The Lyric on Friday, Aug. 26.

Heart of the South: Muscadine Bloodline's Oxford pit stop

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Country music duo Muscadine Bloodline, composed of Charlie Muncaster and Gary Stanton, is set to perform at The Lyric on Thursday, Aug. 25, the beginning of a packed fall lineup for the Oxford music venue.

Following their sophomore album, "Dispatch to 16th Ave.," which debuted at No. 1 on the iTunes Country Chart and No. 17 on the Billboard Chart in February, Muscadine Bloodline comes to Oxford as part of their "Country Band Contraband" tour, which began earlier this summer.

Despite their nationwide tour bouncing from coast to coast, Muscadine Bloodline remains rhythmically in tune with their unique Southern heritage.

"Proudly independent and unapologetically Southern," says their official site.

"Country Band Contraband" remains an apt title, as the duo have lovingly hijacked the contemporary country music scene with their own unique, free-wheeling pop style. A style that remains remarkably catchy, uplifting and wholly refreshing, in addition to underlining their larger ambitions for musical independence.

While their independence implies a freedom from traditional country music, there also remains something so un-

equivocally Southern in their lyricism, importing pop cultural reference points throughout their songs that will resonate with any Southern listeners.

"Like white on rice in your mama's jambalaya ... Like black on night by the mighty Mississippi," are some of the lyrics that make up their popular single, "Me on You."

Even their namesake contains Southern roots, with Muscadine being a reference to a type of grapevine indigenous to the region and "Bloodline" further underscoring their reverential heritage.

This heritage can be traced back to Mobile, Ala., where Muncaster and Stanton grew up. Their paths did not cross until 2012, when Stanton opened a show for Muncaster's

band, the beginning of a beautiful friendship and a fruitful collaboration. Between vocals and guitar, Muncaster and Stanton form a sound that wonderfully meets at the intersection between contemporary and throwback, carving out a distinctive, hard-to-resist voice in American country music.

Since officially naming themselves Muscadine Bloodline in 2015, the duo has skyrocketed to great acclaim, earning positive critical reception for their EPs, opening for hundreds of artists, as well as selling out their own shows, and even garnering a standing ovation at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville in 2018.

"The duo's reputation for high-energy live experiences has resulted in a schedule full

of shows spanning from coast to coast," says the Rhythm and Ribs Music Festival. This type of high-octane energy is exactly what Muscadine Bloodline will be kicking off the fall music

season with in Oxford.

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How Mississippi became the perfect action movie locale

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“After many years, all the pieces started to fit the puzzle: Mississippi became the answer.”

In 2018, when first-time feature filmmaker Declan Whitebloom initially received the script for AMC+’s “Stowaway,” he envisioned an exotic locale for the action-thriller. Locations such as Thailand, Morocco and the Bahamas floated about as producers sought to secure financing. The production finally set their sights on Mauritius, an Indian Ocean Island nation, with seemingly every element in place. Then, the COVID-19 pandemic took its toll, forcing the production to be landlocked. Enter: Mississippi.

Through a combination of assistance, namely tax incentives, from the Mississippi Film Office and other invaluable resources, such as the yacht where the action primarily takes place, Bay St. Louis became the unlikely home for Whitebloom’s vision, as well as a suitable destination for its busy stars: Ruby Rose, Patrick Schwarzenegger and Frank Grillo.

Despite a limited timeframe and increasingly tight budget, the crew was able to complete principal photography in spring 2021.

“I had these dreams of it being all around the world, so at first it felt like a bit of a disappointment,” said Whitebloom. “But when I got there and experienced how welcoming it was, it really changed my thinking about the whole thing. All the pieces started to fit the puzzle. Mississippi became the answer.”

The film, which joins a dual lineage of single-location thrillers and oceanic adventure films — cinematic territo-

ry notably occupied by David Fincher’s “Panic Room” and Steven Spielberg’s “Jaws,” — creates great use of its Deep South environment on-screen, as well as behind-the-scenes, especially during the ever-evolving circumstances of the pandemic.

“There were stringent health checks and protocols to go through, as well as a lot of hoops,” said Whitebloom. “But in that sense, it was a really old-school production. There was only one place to stay, one place to eat, one place to talk to one another. Everyone was part of the family.”

The familial comparison is apt. Whitebloom began his life-long love affair with film in the bounds of a cinema-obsessed family. He spent his childhood watching classic movies, envisioning the opportunity to direct one of his own.

This cinema-literate mindset largely informs many of the stylistic touches in “Stowaway,” with Whitebloom also citing Roman Polanski’s “Knife in the Water” and Philip Noyce’s “Dead Calm” as lesser-known reference points.

Whitebloom began his career in the editing room, working on the post-production end of countless music videos and commercials, eventually making the transition to the director’s chair and earning numerous awards and acclaim along the way.

“It was like a light went on. I loved the edit room, but when I got behind the camera, I knew I was where I wanted to be,” Whitebloom said.

Over the past decade, Whitebloom has made his name in the short-form video sphere, working with companies as influential as Target and Spotify and artists as influential as Taylor Swift and One

Direction.

Yet, the goal of directing a feature film always remained at the forefront — his white whale, so-to-speak. It was a goal that Whitebloom would not let the pandemic and its implications infringe upon, even while facing day-to-day on-set struggles.

“In directing and editing music videos ... you are having to make decisions on the fly. You need to get scrappy,” Whitebloom said. “It teaches you a certain scrappiness, and that was a real advantage personally, when dealing with something on a lower budget level, yet still maintaining the quality of the shots and larger story you’re telling, but I love that challenge.”

The challenges of shooting on sea, working with actors and directing a first feature, all amidst the seeming nightmare of a pandemic would deter most. Yet, Whitebloom continuously directed with a great level of enthusiasm, thanking his crew in the process.

“It turned out well, with the support of the crew and, once again, the great state



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of Mississippi,” he said. “It was a team effort and everyone delivered across the board.”

“Stowaway” is available to watch on AMC+. Whitebloom is currently developing his next feature, as well as a TV series.

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Predictions for the 2022 Ole Miss football season

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After compiling a 10-3 record, including an appearance in the Sugar Bowl last season, Ole Miss looks to turn the page and see how they can build on what they accomplished.

Change was the theme during the off-season, and fans are curious whether incoming freshman, and transfers can compensate for the departures.

Ole Miss comes into this season as one of the most intriguing teams in the nation. After hitting the transfer portal hard, head coach Lane Kiffin has a new roster of weapons to work with in order to follow up on last season's success.

Here are the most impactful newcomers and schedule predictions for this upcoming season:

Roster Turnover

Impact Freshman:

- Davison Igbinosun, CB, Ranked 162 nationally
 - Jaron Willis, LB, Ranked 189 nationally
 - Quinshon Judkins, RB, Ranked 562 nationally
- Incoming Transfers:*
- Jaxson Dart, QB, Transfer from USC, Threw for 1300 yards on 117 attempts as a freshman in 2021
 - Zach Evans, RB, Transfer from TCU, Averaged 7 YPC last season on 92 carries
 - Michael Trigg, TE, Transfer from USC, Ranked 130 nationally in the class of 2021
 - J.J. Pegues, TE/DL, Transfer from Auburn, Oxford native returning home
 - Ladarius Tennison, S, Transfer from Auburn, Recorded 4.5 TFLs for the Tigers last season
 - Troy Brown, LB, Transfer from Central Michigan, 3x 1st team All-MAC selection
 - Mason Brooks, OT, Transfer from Western Kentucky, First team All-CUSA selection
 - Jared Ivey, EDGE, Transfer from Georgia Tech, Recorded 32 tackles as a Sophomore in 2021
 - Jaylon Robinson, WR, Transfer from UCF, Averaged 17.9 YPC in 2021
 - Jordan Watkins, WR, Transfer from Louisville, Recorded 529 receiving yards in 2021
 - Malik Heath, WR, Transfer from Mississippi State, Put up 442 receiving yards in 2021
 - Isheem Young, S, Transfer from Iowa State, 2nd team Freshman All-American as a Freshman in 2020
 - Khari Coleman, EDGE, Transfer from TCU, Freshman All-American in 2020
 - Ulysses Bentley, RB, Transfer from SMU, Averaged 6.4 YPC on 96 touches last year
 - Dashaun Jerkins, S, Transfer from Vanderbilt, Recorded 3 INTs for the Commodores in 2021

Schedule Prediction: 11-1

- Week 1: Sept 3 vs Troy: W
- Week 2: Sept 10 vs Central Arkansas: W
- Week 3: Sept 17 @ Georgia Tech: W
- Week 4: Sept 24 vs Tulsa: W
- Week 5: Oct 1 vs Kentucky: W
- Week 6: Oct 8 @ Vanderbilt: W
- Week 7: Oct 15 vs Auburn: W
- Week 8: Oct 22 @ LSU: W
- Week 9: Oct 29 @ Texas A&M: W
- Week 10: Bye
- Week 11: Nov 12 vs Alabama: L
- Week 12: Nov 19 @ Arkansas: W
- Week 13: Nov 24 vs Little Brother: W

Bold Takes:

- 80% of offensive production comes from new faces.
- Rebels finish 11-1 with the chance to play for an SEC title.
- Troy Brown emerges as a top LB in the SEC and gets Butkus Award consideration.



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Ole Miss defensive back Tylan Knight tackles Arkansas ball carrier Nathan Parodi during Ole Miss' homecoming game on Oct. 9, 2021.



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