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## **2018 MISSISSIPPI STATE** BASEBALL GAME NOTES

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14 MLB FIRST ROUNDERS

11 SEC CHAMPIONSHIPS

**7 SEC TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIPS** 

### **2018 SCHEDULE & RESULTS**

FE	BRUA	ARY	
16	Fri.	at No. 21 Southern Miss	L, 0-11
17	Sat.	at No. 21 Southern Miss	L, 4-7
18	Sun.	at No. 21 Southern Miss	L, 2-5
21	Wed.	at Jackson State	W, 12-0
23	Fri. %	vs. UC Santa Barbara	W, 7-4
24	Sat. %	vs. Nicholls State	W, 14-4
25	Sun. %	at Texas A&M - Corpus Christi	L, 3-6
26	Mon.	at UT-Rio Grande Valley	7 p.m.
28	Wed.	at McNeese State	6 p.m.

### MARCH

M	AKLI	1		
2	Fri.	Λ	vs. UL-Lafayette	7 p.m.
3	Sat.	Λ	vs. Houston	7 p.m.
4	Sun.	Λ	vs. Sam Houston State	2:30 p.m.
6	Tue.		NEW MEXICO STATE	6:30 p.m.
7	Wed.		NEW MEXICO STATE	6:30 p.m.
9	Fri.		UTAH VALLEY	6:30 p.m.
10	Sat.		UTAH VALLEY	1 p.m.
11	Sun.		UTAH VALLEY	1 p.m.
14	Wed.	!	vs. Southeastern Louisiana	6:35 p.m.
16	Fri. <sup>3</sup>	*	VANDERBILT	6:30 p.m.
17	Sat. 3	*	VANDERBILT	2 p.m.
18	Sun. 3	*	VANDERBILT	1 p.m.
20	Tue.		ALCORN STATE	6:30 p.m.
21	Wed.		TEXAS SOUTHERN	6:30 p.m.
23	Fri. <sup>3</sup>	*	at Missouri	6:30 p.m.
24	Sat. <sup>3</sup>	*	at Missouri	2 p.m.
25	Sun. <sup>3</sup>	*	at Missouri	1 p.m.
27	Tue.		at Nicholls State	6 p.m.
29	Thu. <sup>3</sup>	*	at LSU	7 p.m.
30	Fri. <sup>3</sup>	<b>*</b>	at LSU	7 p.m.
31	Sat. 3	<b>X</b> -	at LSU	2 p.m.

#### **APRIL**

4	Wed.	SOUTHERN	6:30 p.m.
6	Fri. *	OLE MISS	6:30 p.m.
7	Sat. *	OLE MISS	2 p.m.
8	Sun. *	OLE MISS	1 p.m.
11	Wed.	at Alabama State	6 p.m.
13	Fri. *	at Auburn	7:30 p.m.
14	Sat. *	at Auburn	2 p.m.
15	Sun. *	at Auburn	1 p.m.
18	Wed. \$	at Memphis	6:30 p.m.
20	Fri. *	ARKANSAS (SBW)	6:30 p.m.
21	Sat. *	ARKANSAS (SBW)	6 p.m.
22	Sun. *	ARKANSAS (SBW)	1 p.m.
24	Tue. #	vs. Ole Miss	6 p.m.
27	Fri. *	TEXAS A&M	6:30 p.m.
28	Sat. *	TEXAS A&M	6:30 p.m.
29	Sun. *	TEXAS A&M	3:30 p.m.

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4	Fr	i.	*	at Alabama	6 p.m.
5	Sa	at.	*	at Alabama	6 p.m.
6	Sι	un.	*	at Alabama	3 p.m.
9	W	/ed.	@	vs. Troy	6 p.m.
1	1 Fr	i.	*	at Kentucky	6:30 p.m.
1.	2 Sa	at.	*	at Kentucky	4 p.m.
1.	3 Si	un.	*	at Kentucky	2 p.m.
1	7 Th	าน.	*	FLORIDA	6:30 p.m.
18	8 Fr	i.	*	FLORIDA	6:30 p.m.
19	9 Sa	at.	*	FLORIDA	2 p.m.

#### In All Caps All Times Central

\* SEC Series

% Game Played at Whataburger Field (Corpus Christi, Texas) ^ Game Played at Minute Maid Park (Houston, Texas) ! Game Played at MGM Park (Biloxi, Miss.)

\$ Game played at Autozone Park (Memphis, Tenn.) # Game Played at Trustmark Park (Pearl, Miss.)

@ Game Played at Hoover Met (Hoover, Ala.)

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#### **UT-RIO GRANDE VALLEY** MISSISSIPPI STATE **HEAD COACHES**

Gary Henderson									
2018 RECORD									
3-4									
0-0 (SEC)									
L1									
3-2 Last Five Games									
4-6									
NATIONAL RANKING									
NR									
NR									
21									
NCBWANR									
Perfect GameNR									
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### **GENERAL INFO**

**PROBABLE PITCHERS** 

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TV:	
Internet Stream:	WACSports.com/watch
Radio:	. WKBB-FM (100.9) or WLZA-FM (96.1) in Starkville
Audio Stream (Every Game):	
Location:	Edinburg, Texas
Stadium:	UTRGV Baseball Stadium
Monday Forecast:	High 70, Low 67 – Showers – 60% Chance of Rain

## **NEED TO KNOW**

- Gary Henderson moved from Assistant Coach to Interim Head Coach on Feb. 20, 2018 following the resignation of Andy Cannizaro. Henderson is a 29-year coaching veteran who has served as the MSU pitching coach since June 2016.
- The Diamond Dawgs got off to an 0-3 start for the first time since 1996, a year that saw State go on to finish 38-24 (17-13 SEC) and make one of its 36 all-time NCAA Tournament appearances.
- In the midst of a 12-game span away from home to open the season, it is the longest stretch without a home game to begin a season for State since the 1982 season (14 games) and the longest span without a home game since 1982 (14 games).
- A total of 11 newcomers made their MSU debut through the first four games of the season.
- Four true freshmen started on Opening Day for the first time since at least the 1995 season.
- 25 of MSU's 40 wins in 2017 came in comeback fashion, 13 of which cam against SEC opponents. Three comeback wins came in the NCAA Hattiesburg Regional, which helped State become the 22nd team in the current 64-team NCAA Tournament format to win a regional after losing the opening game.
- State is familiar with close games as the Diamond Dawgs were 13-6 in one-run games and 7-4 in two-run games in 2017.
- Last season, MSU was 30-4 when leading after six innings and 34-1 when leading after eight innings.



## 2018 MISSISSIPPI STATE BASEBALL ROSTER

## ALPHABETICAL

### **NUMERICAL**

No.	Name	No I	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	В-Т	CL	Exp.	Hometown (Previous School)
	- ALEXANDER, Luke	3	Zach Neff	LHP	6-1	195	L-L	Grad.	TR	Belleville, III. (Austin Peay)
-	- ALLEN, Tanner	4	Rowdey Jordan	INF	5-10	181	S-R	Fr.	HS	Auburn, Ala. (Auburn HS)
	- ANDERSON, Jordan	5	Tanner Allen	OF/INF	5-11	181	L-R	Fr.	HS	Theodore, Ala. (UMS-Wright Prep)
	- ASHCRAFT, Graham	7	Luke Alexander	INF	6-0	187	R-R	Jr.	2L	Belmont, Miss. (Belmont HS)
	- BARLOW, Trysten	8	Dustin Skelton	С	6-0	197	R-R	So.	1L	Olive Branch, Miss. (Magnolia Heights School)
29	- BASHAM, James	9	Jordan Anderson	OF	6-1	200	R-R	Fr.	HS	Madison, Ala. (James Clemens HS)
45	- BILLINGSLEY, Jacob	10	Josh Hatcher	1B/LHP	6-2	182	L-L	Fr.	HS	Albany, Ga. (Lee County HS)
43	- BREAUX, Kale	11	Jordan Westburg	INF	6-3	202	R-R	Fr.	HS	New Braunfels, Texas (New Braunfels HS)
28	- FRANCE, JP	12	Tanner Poole	OF	6-4	200	R-R	RSr.	1L	Amory, Miss. (Itawamba [Miss.] CC)
17	- FOSCUE, Justin	13	Hunter Stovall	INF	5-7	165	R-R	Jr.	2L	Pelham, Ala. (Pelham HS)
34	- GILBERT, Marshall	14	Riley Self	RHP	6-4	238	R-R	So.	1L	Coldwater, Miss. (Magnolia Heights School)
24	- GORDON, Cole	15	Jake Mangum	OF	6-1	182	S-L	Jr.	2L	Pearl, Miss. (Jackson Preparatory School)
10	- HATCHER, Josh	17	Justin Foscue	INF	6-0	197	R-R	Fr.	HS	Huntsville, Ala. (Virgil Grissom HS)
18	- JAMES, Keegan	18	Keegan James	RHP	6-3	225	R-R	RSo.	1L	Southaven, Miss. (DeSoto Central HS)
4	- JORDAN, Rowdey	19	Jared Liebelt	RHP	6-0	167	R-R	Jr.	TR	Aurora, III. (Waubonsee [IL] CC)
19	- LIEBELT, Jared	22	Denver McQuary	RHP/INF	6-2	191	R-R	So.	1L	Houston, Miss. (Houston HS)
40	- MACNAMEE, Elijah	23	Alex Pener	1B	6-1	192	S-R	Jr.	TR	Overland Park, Kan. (Scottsdale [AZ] CC)
15	- MANGUM, Jake	24	Cole Gordon	RHP	6-5	241	L-R	RJr.	2L	Tampa, Fla. (Steinbrenner HS)
30	- MARSH, Cole	25	Zane Stephens	RHP	5-11	163	R-R	Fr.	HS	Live Oak, Fla. (Suwanee HS)
22	- MCQUARY, Denver	28	JP France	RHP	6-0	216	R-R	Grad.	TR	Lulling, La. (Tulane University)
3	- NEFF, Zach	29	James Basham	C	5-10	161	R-R	Fr.	HS	Atlanta, Ga. (Riverside Military Academy)
23	- PENER, Alex	30	Cole Marsh	RHP	6-2	193	R-R	So.	TR	Monroe, La. (Mississippi Delta CC)
48	- PILKINGTON, Konnor	32	Hunter Vansau	OF	6-3	205	L-R	Jr.	1L	Crawford, Texas (Northeast Texas CC)
12	- POOLE, Tanner	34	Marshall Gilbert	C	6-1	206	R-R	Jr.	TR	Trevor, Wisc. (John A Logan [IL] College)
55	- PRICE, Spencer	40	Elijah MacNamee	OF/1B	6-4	209	R-R	Jr.	1L	Cypress, Texas (Blinn [TX] CC)
	- SELF, Riley	41	Graham Ashcraft	RHP	6-2	217	L-R	So.	1L	Gurley, Ala. (Huntsville HS)
8	- SKELTON, Dustin	42	Blake Smith	RHP	6-0	208	R-R	RSr.	1L	Fort Payne, Ala. (Shelton State [Ala.] CC)
44	- SMALL, Ethan	43	Kale Breaux	LHP	5-11	188	R-L	RSo.	1L	Sulphur, La. (Sulphur HS)
42	- SMITH, Blake	44	Ethan Small	LHP	6-3	208	L-L	RSo.	1L	Lexington, Tenn. (Lexington HS)
25	- STEPHENS, Zane	45	Jacob Billingsley	RHP	6-1	197	R-R	RSr.	2L	Senatobia, Miss. (Magnolia Heights School)
13	- STOVALL, Hunter	46	Trysten Barlow	LHP	6-1	220	L-L	RSo.	1L	Halls, Tenn. (Dyer County HS)
	- VANSAU, Hunter	48	Konnor Pilkington	LHP	6-3	228	L-L	Jr.	2L	Hurley, Miss. (East Central HS)
11	- WESTBURG, Jordan	55	Spencer Price	RHP	6-2	222	R-R	Jr.	1L	Olive Branch, Miss. (Meridian [Miss.] CC)

### PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

TRYSTEN Barlow	Elijah MACNAMEE
James BASHAM BASH-um	Alex PENER
Kale BREAUX	Tanner <b>POOLE</b>
Justin <b>FOSCUE</b>	Zane STEPHENS STEVE-ins
ROWDEY Jordan	Hunter VANSAU
Jared LIEBELT LEE-belt	DUDY Noble Field Rhymes with Judy

### ROSTER BREAKDOWN

TOTAL33
Freshmen8
Sophomores9
Juniors11
Seniors3
Graduate Transfers2

#### STAFF

HEAD COACH	#20 Gary Henderson (@MSUGH20)
ASSISTANT COACH#	21 Jake Gautreau (@JakeGautreau)
ASSISTANT COACH	. #35 Mike Brown (@mikesbrown5)
COORDINATOR OF CAMPS	#27 A.J. Gaura (@aj_gaura36)
HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER	Jason Wire
<b>HEAD STRENGTH COACH</b>	Brian Neal (@TrainNS3)
COORDINATOR OF OPERATION	<b>IS</b> Trevor Fitts (@tfitts31)
<b>PUBLIC RELATIONS CONTACT</b> .	Andrew Piper (@ADPiper7)

### STUDENT MANAGERS

Austin Burt Bryce Deupree Will McDowell Josh Nichols **Kyle Spencer Brett Spring** 

## **TEAM NOTES & ACCOLADES**

#### **YOUNG PUPS**

The Maroon & White will have a new look in 2018 with 14 newcomers (8 freshmen, 2 sophomores, 2 juniors and 2 graduate transfers).

Four true freshmen started on Opening Day for the first time since at least the 1995 season.

#### DIAMOND DAWG DEBUTS

A total of 11 newcomers made their MSU debut through the first four games of the season (Tanner Allen, Jordan Anderson, JP France, Justin Foscue, Marshall Gilbert, Josh Hatcher, Rowdey Jordan, Jared Liebelt, Zach Neff, Alex Pener and Jordan Westburg).

#### **ROAD DAWGS**

The 12-game road trip that opens the season for State is the longest stretch of games away from Starkville since 1982 when MSU played 14 straight games away from home.

The 12-game span for the 2018 Diamond Dawgs is the longest stretch to open the season without a home game in program history (previousy 10 in 1967).

The road trip is due to the \$55 million construction project that will result in the new Dudy Noble Field. While the project won't be fully completed until February 2019, it will be partially completed for 23 home games, with the possiblity to host during the postseason, in 2018.

#### **JAKE CAN RAKE**

Through the first 34 games of the 2017 season, 2016 SEC Freshman of the Year Jake Mangum was hitting at a .374 clip. After breaking his hand against Kentucky on April 9, went on to finish the season 11th in the SEC in batting (.324) with a .273 batting average over the final 33 games of the season.

#### WHO'S BACK?

With SEC Triple Crown Winner Brent Rooker having been selected in the first round of the 2017 MLB Draft, State will have to look elsewhere for offensive production in 2018 and the possibilities are there as MSU returns 50% of its hits, 36% of its extra-base hits and 39% of its RBIs from 2017.

After preseason injuries have ruled Graham Ashcraft and Preseason All-American Spencer Price out for the entirety of the 2018 season, on the mound MSU is returning 55% of its wins, 59% of its innings pitched and 38% of its saves.

#### **SUMMER SUCCESS**

A total of 14 Diamond Dawgs (10 returning and 4 newcomers) spent their offseason playing summer ball, four of which were named All Stars in their respective leagues (Elijah MacNamee, Jake Mangum, Hunter Vansau, Dustin Skelton).

#### A RUBY ANNIVERSARY FOR A GOLDEN VOICE

Long-time MSU radio broadcaster Jim Ellis is in his 40th season as the play-by-play announcer for Mississippi State baseball, with his first season having been 1979.

Ellis is tied for the second longest-tenured broadcaster in the sport, trailing only Dave Nitz at LA Tech (44 seasons). Ellis' 40 years are tied by Ole Miss' David Kellum and Southern Miss' John Cox.

#### #5 Tanner Allen - Fr. - INF/OF

- 2018 Kleberg Bank College Classic All-Tournament Team (3B)
- No. 13 SEC impact freshman (D1 Baseball)
- No. 49 College Freshman (Perfect Game)

#### #41 Graham Ashcraft - So. - RHP

- No. 17 SEC prospect in the 2019 MLB Draft (D1 Baseball)
- No. 56 college sophomore (Perfect Game)

#### #46 Trysten Barlow - RSo. - LHP

No. 29 SEC prospect in the 2019 MLB Draft (D1 Baseball)

#### #10 Josh Hatcher - Fr. - 1B/LHP

- 2018 Kleberg Bank College Classic All-Tournament Team (1B)
- No. 23 SEC impact freshman (D1 Baseball)

#### #40 Elijah MacNamee - Jr. - OF/1B

- No. 87 outfielder (D1 Baseball)
- Best of the Rest of the Top 100 prospects in the 2018 MLB Draft (D1 Baseball)

#### #15 Jake Mangum - Jr. - OF

- 2018 Kleberg Bank College Classic All-Tournament Team (OF)
- USA Baseball Golden Spikes Award Preseason Watch List
- Second Team Preseason All-American (NCBWA)
- Third Team Preseason All-American (D1 Baseball)
- Third Team Preseason All-American (Perfect Game)
- First Team Preseason All-SEC (Coaches)
- Preseason All-SEC Team (Perfect Game)
- No. 10 outfielder (D1 Baseball)
- No. 37 college prospect for 2018 MLB Draft (D1 Baseball)
- No. 11 SEC prospect in 2018 MLB Draft (D1 Baseball)
- No. 63 college junior (Perfect Game)
- No. 19 SEC prospect of 2018 (Perfect Game)

#### #3 Zach Neff - Grad. - LHP

No. 27 College Senior (Perfect Game)

#### #48 Konnor Pilkington - Jr. - LHP

- USA Baseball Golden Spikes Award Preseason Watch List
- Second Team Preseason All-American (Baseball America)
- Second Team Preseason All-American (Collegiate Baseball) Second Team Preseason All-American (NCBWA)
- Second Team Preseason All-American (Perfect Game)
- Third Team Preseason All-American (D1 Baseball)
- Preseason All-SEC Team (Perfect Game)
- No. 12 college prospect for 2018 MLB Draft (D1 Baseball)
- No. 5 SEC prospect in 2018 MLB Draft (D1 Baseball)
- No. 27 college junior (Perfect Game)
- No. 8 SEC prospect of 2018 (Perfect Game)
- No. 18 starting pitcher (D1 Baseball)

### #55 Spencer Price - Jr. - RHP

- Third Team Preseason All-American (Collegiate Baseball)
  - No. 19 relief pitcher (D1 Baseball)

#### #14 Riley Self - So. - RHP

NCBWA Stopper of the Year Watch List

#### #44 Ethan Small - RSo. - LHP

- 2018 Kleberg Bank College Classic All-Tournament Team (P)
- Just Missed the Cut of the Top 100 prospects in the 2018 MLB Draft (D1 Baseball)
  - No. 27 SEC prospect in 2018 MLB Draft (D1 Baseball)

#### #32 Hunter Vansau - Jr. - OF

No. 97 outfielder (D1 Baseball)

# **GAME RESULTS**

Date	Opponent		Score	Inns	Overall	SEC	Pitcher of record	Attend	Time
Feb 16, 2018	at #21 Southern Miss	L	0-11	9	0-1-0	0-0-0	K Pilkington (L 0-1)	4948	3:17
Feb 17, 2018	at #21 Southern Miss	L	4-7	9	0-2-0	0-0-0	Ethan Small (L 0-1)	4988	2:54
Feb 18, 2018	at #21 Southern Miss	L	2-5	9	0-3-0	0-0-0	Zach Neff (L 0-1)	4970	3:20
Feb 21, 2018	at Jackson State	W	12-1	9	1-3-0	0-0-0	JP France (W 1-0)	347	3:20
Feb 23, 2018	vs SANTA BARBARA	W	7-4	9	2-3-0	0-0-0	K Pilkington (W 1-1)	1761	3:15
Feb 24, 2018	vs Nicholls State	W	14-4	9	3-3-0	0-0-0	Ethan Small (W 1-1)	1134	3:10
Feb 25, 2018	at Texas A&M-Corpus Chr	L	3-6	9	3-4-0	0-0-0	Zach Neff (L 0-2)	1898	2:54

() extra inning game

## **SEASON STATS**

Record: 3-4 Home: 0-0 Away: 1-4 Neutral: 2-0 SEC: 0-0

Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so g	jdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	ро	а	e fl	ld%
15 Jake Mangum	.429	7-7	28	6	12	2	1	0	3	16	.571	1	3	2	0	.500	0	0	3-3	15	0	0 1	1.000
10 Josh Hatcher	.393	7-7	28	7	11	0	0	3	7	20	.714	4	1	5	1	.485	0	0	0-0	59	3	0 1	1.000
13 Hunter Stovall	.321	7-7	28	4	9	1	1	0	2	12	.429	2	0	2	1	.344	2	0	1-1	10	21	1 .	.969
17 Justin Foscue	.273	6-2	11	2	3	1	0	1	2	7	.636	0	1	1	0	.308	1	0	0-0	2	4	0 1	1.000
5 Tanner Allen	.261	7-7	23	4	6	3	1	0	6	11	.478	3	1	3	0	.370	0	0	0-0	3	4	2 .	.778
34 Marshall Gilbert	.250	4-2	8	1	2	2	0	0	2	4	.500	0	0	3	0	.250	0	0	0-0	21	1	0 1	1.000
12 Tanner Poole	.231	4-4	13	3	3	0	0	1	4	6	.462	2	1	6	1	.375	0	1	0-0	8	0	0 1	1.000
40 Elijah MacNamee	.227	7-5	22	1	5	0	0	0	5	5	.227	0	1	8	0	.250	1	0	0-0	11	1	0 1	1.000
32 Hunter Vansau	.227	7-7	22	5	5	2	0	1	5	10	.455	2	1	7	0	.320	0	0	0-0	0	0	0 .	.000
7 Luke Alexander	.222	7-7	27	4	6	1	0	0	2	7	.259	3	1	6	1	.323	0	0	0-0	6	13	1 .	.950
4 Rowdey Jordan	.167	4-3	12	0	2	0	0	0	2	2	.167	0	0	4	0	.167	0	0	0-0	1	0	0 1	1.000
8 Dustin Skelton	.133	6-5	15	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	.133	2	1	0	2	.278	0	0	0-0	38	8	0 1	1.000
9 Jordan Anderson	1.000	3-0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.000	2	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0 .	.000
23 Alex Pener	.000	2-0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	2	1	1	0	.500	0	0	0-0	0	0	0 .	.000
11 Jordan Westburg	.000	4-0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	2	0	.333	0	0	0-0	1	3	0 1	1.000
Totals	.276	7	243	42	67	12	3	6	40	103	.424	24	12	50	6	.364	4	1	4-4	177	63	10	.960
Opponents	.272	7	232	38	63	12	1	5	36	92	.397	28	7	63	1	.363	3	5	2-4	186	77	6 .	.978

LOB - Team (56), Opp (60). DPs turned - Team (3), Opp (8).

### (All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	era	w-l	app g	5	сg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	b/avg	wp	hp	bk s	fa s	sha_
24 Cole Gordon	0.00	0-0	2 (	)	0	0/0	0	4.1	1	0	0	7	7	0	0	0	.077	1	0	0	0	1
28 JP France	0.00	1-0	1 1	L	0	0/0	0	3.0	1	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	.125	0	0	0	0	1
42 Blake Smith	0.00	0-0	2 (	)	0	0/0	1	2.1	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	.375	0	1	0	1	0
14 Riley Self	0.00	0-0	1 (	)	0	0/0	0	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0
10 Josh Hatcher	0.00	0-0	1 (	)	0	0/0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0
18 Keegan James	1.59	0-0	2 (	)	0	0/0	0	5.2	4	2	1	1	6	1	0	0	.211	1	2	0	1	1
48 Konnor Pilkington	2.00	1-1	2 2	2	0	0/0	0	9.0	10	4	2	0	10	1	0	2	.263	1	0	0	0	0
46 Trysten Barlow	3.38	0-0	2 (	)	0	0/0	0	2.2	2	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	.200	0	0	0	0	0
44 Ethan Small	4.50	1-1	2 2	2	0	0/0	0	10.0	14	8	5	3	14	3	0	3	.311	0	0	0	0	0
3 Zach Neff	5.06	0-2	2 (	)	0	0/0	0	5.1	8	6	3	0	6	1	0	0	.320	0	0	0	0	0
22 Denver McQuary	5.79	0-0	2 (	)	0	0/0	1	4.2	6	3	3	3	2	2	1	0	.333	2	1	0	0	1
45 Jacob Billingsley	5.87	0-0	2 2	2	0	0/0	0	7.2	8	5	5	6	4	1	0	0	.267	3	0	0	0	0
19 Jared Liebelt	30.38	0-0	3 (	)	0	0/0	0	2.2	6	9	9	5	2	2	0	0	.462	1	3	0	1	1
Totals	4.42	3-4	7	7	0	0/0	2	59.0	63	38	29	28	63	12	1	5	.272	9	7	0	3	5
Opponents	4.94	4-3	7	7	0	1/1	2	62.0	67	42	34	24	50	12	3	6	.276	3	12	0	4	1

PB - Team (1), D Skelton 1, Opp (3).

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## **TEAM GAME-BY-GAME (BATTING)**

Date	Opponent	ab	r	h	rbi	2b	3b	hr	tb	bb	ibb	sb	CS	hbp	sac	sf	gdp	k	ро	а	е	lob	avg
Feb 16	at Southern Miss	34	0	6	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	24	5	2	8	.176
Feb 17	at Southern Miss	35	4	12	4	3	1	1	20	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	5	24	9	1	6	.261
Feb 18	at Southern Miss	30	2	3	2	0	0	0	3	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	7	24	10	2	9	.212
Feb 21	at Jackson State	33	12	10	11	0	0	2	16	11	0	1	0	4	1	1	0	7	27	12	1	11	.235
Feb 23	vs SANTA BARBARA	37	7	10	7	2	0	2	18	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	8	27	7	2	5	.243
Feb 24	vs Nicholls State	43	14	19	13	6	0	0	25	4	0	0	0	3	0	1	2	4	27	11	1	13	.283
Feb 25	at Texas A&M-Corpus C	31	3	7	3	1	2	1	15	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	8	24	9	1	4	.276
Totals		243	42	67	40	12	3	6	103	24	0	4	0	12	1	4	6	50	177	63	10	56	.276

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## **TEAM GAME-BY-GAME (PITCHING)**

Date	Opponent	ip	h	r	er	bb	SO	2b	3b	hr	wp	bk	hbp	dp	ibb	score	W-l	SV	era
Feb 16	at Southern Miss	8.0	11	11	10	5	9	3	0	1	2	0	4	0	0	0-11	0-1	0	11.25
Feb 17	at Southern Miss	8.0	11	7	7	2	9	2	1	2	2	0	1	1	1	4-7	0-2	0	9.56
Feb 18	at Southern Miss	8.0	7	5	3	5	8	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	2-5	0-3	0	7.50
Feb 21	at Jackson State	9.0	4	1	1	3	11	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	12-1	1-3	0	5.73
Feb 23	vs SANTA BARBARA	9.0	10	4	2	5	11	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7-4	2-3	1	4.93
Feb 24	vs Nicholls State	9.0	10	4	1	4	10	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	14-4	3-3	2	4.24
Feb 25	at Texas A&M-Corpus C	8.0	10	6	5	4	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3-6	3-4	2	4.42
Totals		59.0	63	38	29	28	63	12	1	5	9	0	7	3	1	42-38	3-4	2	4.42

## **BULLDOGS IN** PRO BASEBALL IN 2017 (29)

#### MLB (12)

Name	Years at MSU	Club
Jeff Brantley \$	1982-85	Cincinnati
Will Clark!	1983-85	San Francisco
Adam Frazier	2011-13	Pittsburgh
Kendall Graveman	2010-13	Oakland
Jonathan Holder	2012-14	New York (AL)
Jacob Lindgren &	2012-14	Atlanta
Tyler Moore	2008	Miami
Mitch Moreland	2005-07	Boston
Hunter Renfroe	2011-13	San Diego
Buck Showalter ^	1977	Baltimore
Chris Stratton	2010-12	San Francisco
Brandon Woodruff	2012-14	Milwaukee

- 2017 MLB Spring Training Non-Roster Invitee ! Ś Broadcaster Special Assistant
- 3B Coach Λ Manager
- & Last pro baseball appearance was with the New York Yankees - Signed with Atlanta Braves and underwent Tommy John surgery.

#### **AAA (5)**

<u>Name</u>	Years at MSU	<u>Club</u>
Ben Bracewell	2010-14	Nashville (OAK)
Chad Girodo	2010-13	Buffalo (TOR)
Dakota Hudson	2014-16	Memphis (STL)
Evan Mitchell	2011-13	Louisville (CIN)
Nick Routt	2011-13	Louisville (CIN)

#### AA (0)

Name	,	Club			
No former	Diamond	Dawgs	currently	playing	in
Class-AA					

#### Class A (10)

<u>Name</u>	Years at M	<u>SU Club</u>
Daniel Brown	2015-16	Wisconsin (MIL)
Gavin Collins	2014-16	Lynchburg (CLE
Zac Houston	2014-16	Lakeland (DET)
Reid Humphreys	2014-16	Asheville (COL)
Jack Kruger	2016	Burlington (LAA)
Nathaniel Lowe	2016	Charlotte (TB)
Jacob Robson	2013-16	Lakeland (DET)
Brent Rooker	2014-17	Fort Myers (MIN)
Austin Sexton	2014-16	Peoria (STL)
Vance Tatum	2014-16	Lexington (KC)

### Short-Season A (3)

<u>Name</u>	Years at I	MSU	Club
Cody Brown	2013-17	Staten Island	(NYY)
Ryan Gridley	2015-17	Vermont	(OAK)
Paul Young	2015-16	Staten Island	(NYY)

#### Rookie (1)

Name	Years at MSI	J Club
Josh Lovelady	2015-17	AZI Royals (KC)

## DUDY NOBLE FIELD

CROWDS OF 10,000+ AT DUDY NOBLE FIELD (48)

	ATTENDANCE	OPPONENT	DATE
1.	15,586*	Ole Miss	April 12, 2014
2.	15,078	Texas A&M	April 16, 2016
3.	14,991	Florida	April 22, 1989
4.	14,562	Auburn	April 20, 2013
5.	14,378	LSU	April 16, 1988
6.	13,761	Arkansas	April 25, 1992
7.	13,715#	Clemson	June 9, 2007
8.	13,691	Kentucky	April 8, 2017
9.	13,617	Georgia	April 8, 2006
10.	13,452#	Arizona	June 11, 2016
11.	13,224	Ole Miss	April 11, 2014
12.	13,123	Ole Miss	April 15, 2000
13.	13,004	Florida	April 18, 2015
14.	12,913#	Arizona	June 10, 2016
15.	12,708	Auburn	April 24, 1993
16.	12,620#	Clemson	June 8, 2007
17.	12,360	Georgia	April 6, 2002
18.	11,763	Auburn	April 12, 2003
19.	11,515	Ole Miss	
			April 2, 2016
20.	11,496#	Florida State	May 27, 1990
21.	11,201	<u>Florida</u>	April 8, 2011
22.	11,174	Florida	April 13, 1991
23.	11,127#	South Alabama	May 26, 2000
24.	11,124#	South Alabama	June 1, 2013
25.	11,102#	Central Arkansas	May 31, 2013
26.	11,089	Tennessee	April 17, 2010
27.	10,964	Western Illinois	Feb. 18, 2017
28.	10,958	Auburn	April 9, 2005
29.	10.832#	Notre Dame	May 28, 2000
30.	10,688#	Washington	May 25, 1997
31.	10,656#	Cal State Fullerton	June 4, 2016
32.	10,619	Florida	April 17, 2004
33.	10,588#	North Carolina	May 28, 1989
34.	10,583	Western Illinois/Texas Tech	Feb. 19, 2017
35.	10,555	Kentucky	April 18, 2009
36.	10,333	Florida	
37.		Ole Miss	April 25, 1987
	10,371		April 13, 2014
38.	10,351	Tennessee	April 21, 2012
39.	10,324	Kentucky	March 31, 2007
40.	10,284#	Middle Tennessee St.	May 30, 2003
41.	10,226#	Central Arkansas	June 3, 2013
42.	10,217	Texas Tech	Feb. 17, 2017
43.	10,164	Ole Miss	April 3, 2016
44.	10,152	Ole Miss	April 1, 2016
45.	10,143	Auburn	April 19, 2013
46.	10,064	Vanderbilt	March 22, 2014
47.	10,050	Alabama	April 10, 1999
48.	10,032	Texas A&M	April 15, 2016
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\* NCAA On-Campus Attendance Record # NCAA Regional/NCAA Super Regional **NOTE:** The Top-13 crowds in Dudy Noble history are also the Top-13 on-campus crowds in NCAA history.

#### **DUDY NOBLE FIELD QUICK FACTS**

SEATING: 9,000 (3,200 chairback seats with additional general admission seating/standing areas) LARGEST CROWD: \*15,586 (April 12, 2014 vs. Ole Miss) \* NCAA on-campus attendance record **DIMENSIONS**: LF: 330, LC: 385, CF: 400, RC: 380, RF: 305

PRIMARY BATTER'S EYE: 40 feet high, 90 feet

**OUTFIELD FENCE**: Padded seven-foot chain link

WARNING TRACK: 20-foot wide track (synthetic turf)

**FOUL POLES**: 40 feet tall

**PLAYING SURFACE**: Latitude36 Bermuda Grass overseeded with Champion GQ Perennial Ryegrass **MSU RECORD AT CURRENT DNF SITE**: 1,124-422-2

**MSU GAMES PLAYED AT DNF: 1,548** 

FIRST GAME: MSU 5, Illinois Wesleyan 3 (4/3/67) **SEC TOURNAMENTS**: 5

## NATIONAL ATTENDANCE LEADERS

	School	Average	Total	Home Dates	
1.	LSU	10,725	418,291	39	
2.	Arkansas	7,616	289,421	38	
3.	Ole Miss	8,545	273,448	32	
4.	Mississippi State	8,028	272,974	34	
5.	South Carolina	7,177	258,407	36	
6.	Texas A&M	5,012	185,466	37	
7.	Clemson	4,509	180,388	40	
8.	Florida State	4,224	177,421	42	
9.	Texas	4,908	171,813	35	
10.	Florida	3,823	156,768	41	
* 2017	SEASON				

## QUICK FACTS

SCHOOL	INFORMATION
Location (Enrollment)	Starkville, Mississippi (20,873)
Founded	
President	Dr. Mark E. Keenum
Faculty Representative	Dr. Steven Turner
Director of Athletics	John Cohen
Twitter	@JohnCohenAD
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	Southeastern - Western Division
	Bulldogs
Colors	Maroon (PMS 202) and White
Athletic Department Phone	(662) 325-2532
Ticket Office Phone	(662) 325-2600
STADIUN	M INFORMATION
Namo	Dudy Noble Field Balk DeMont Stadium

Capacity       .9,000 (For 2018 only         Field Dimensions       Left-330, Left Center-385	Name	Dudy Noble Field, Polk-DeMent Stadium
Center-400, Right Center-380, Right-30	Capacity	9,000 (For 2018 only)
	Field Dimensions	Left-330, Left Center-385,
		.Center-400, Right Center-380, Right-305
(002) 525 577		

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Record Overall (Years)
Record at MSU (Years)
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Super Regional Appearances
College World Series Appearances
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Coordinator of OperationsTrevor Fitts (Mississippi State '15)
Athletic TrainerJason Wire (St. Cloud State '06)
Student Managers
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Brett Spring

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#### **TEAM INFORMATION**

2017 Overall Record	40-27
Home	23-11
Road	12-12
Neutral-Site	5-4
2017 SEC Record	. 17-13 (5th Overall, 2nd in SEC West)
Postseason	6-5
SEC Tournament	2-2
NCAA Starkville Regional	4-1
NCAA Starkville Super Regional	0-2
Lettermen Returning/Lost	14/12
Position Starters Returning/Lost	5/4
Pitchers Returning/Lost	12/10
Newcomers	8 Freshmen, 1 Sophomores, 3 Juniors,
	2 Fifth-year graduate transfers))

#### PROGRAM INFORMATION

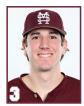
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First Year of Baseball	. 1885 (2018 is 128th season)
First Year in SEC	1933 (Charter Member)
All-Time Record (Win %)	2,604-1,536-29 (.625)
NCAA Tournament Record (Win %)	
NCAA Tournaments (Last)	36 (2017)
Regional Championships (Last)	13 (2017)
NCAA Super Regionals (Last)	6 (2016)
Super Regional Championships (Last)	2 (2013)
College World Series (Last)	9 (2013)
CWS Record (Win %)	10-18 (.357)
All-Time SEC Record (Win %)	923-797-3 (.536)
SEC Championships (Last)	11 (2016)
SEC Tournament Record (Win %)	65-52 (.556)

## MISSISSIPPI STATE WEEK-BY-WEEK IN THE POLLS

	BASEBALL AMERICA	COLLEGIATE BASEBALL	D1 BASEBALL	NCBWA	PERFECT GAME	USA TODAY/ESPN
Preseason	23	13	12	17	25	15
Week 1 - Feb. 19	NR	NR	21	25	NR	-
Week 2 - Feb. 26	NR	NR	21			
Week 3 - March 5						
Week 4 - March 12	2					
Week 5 - March 19	9					
Week 6 - March 20	6					
Week 7 - April 2						
Week 8 - April 9						
Week 9 - April 16						
Week 10 - April 23	3					
Week 11 - April 30	0					
Week 12 - May 7						
Week 13 - May 14						
Week 14 - May 21						
Week 15 - May 28						
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## 2018 BULLDOG BASEBALL TV/RADIO ROSTER



ZACH NEFF LHP • L-L • GRAD BELLEVILLE, IL



ROWDEY JORDAN INF • S-R • FR AUBURN, AL



TANNER ALLEN
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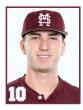
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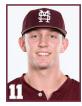
DUSTIN SKELTON C/INF • R-R • SO OLIVE BRANCH, MS



JORDAN ANDERSON OF • R-R • FR MADISON, AL



JOSH HATCHER 1B/LHP • L-L • FR Albany, Ga



JORDAN WESTBURG INF • R-R • FR NEW BRAUNFELS, TX



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OF • R-R • RSR

AMORY, MS



HUNTER STOVALL INF • R-R • JR PELHAM, AL



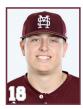
RILEY SELF RHP • R-R • SO COLDWATER, MS



JAKE MANGUM OF ● S-L ● JR PEARL, MS



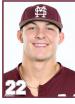
INF • R-R • FR HUNTSVILLE, AL



KEEGAN JAMES RHP • R-R • RSO SOUTHAVEN, MS



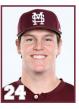
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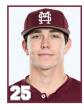
DENVER MCQUARY RHP/INF • R-R • SO HOUSTON, MS



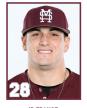
ALEX PENER 1B • S-R • JR OVERLAND PARK, KS



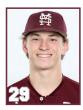
COLE GORDON RHP • L-R • RJR TAMPA, FL



ZANE STEPHENS RHP • R-R • FR LIVE OAK, FL



JP FRANCE RHP • R-R • GRAD LULLING, LA



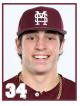
JAMES BASHAM C • R-R • FR ATLANTA, GA



COLE MARSH RHP • R-R • SO MONROE, LA



HUNTER VANSAU OF • L-R • JR CRAWFORD, TX



MARSHALL GILBERT C • R-R • JR TREVOR, WI



ELIJAH MACNAMEE OF/1B • R-R • JR CYPRESS, TX



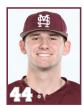
GRAHAM ASHCRAFT RHP • L-R • SO GURLEY, AL



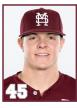
BLAKE SMITH RHP • R-R • RSR FORT PAYNE, AL



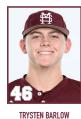
KALE BREAUX LHP • R-L • RSO SULPHUR, LA



ETHAN SMALL
LHP • L-L • RSO
LEXINGTON. TN



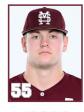
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TRYSTEN BARLOW LHP • L-L • RSO HALLS, TN



KONNOR PILKINGTON LHP • L-L • JR HURLEY, MS



SPENCER PRICE RHP • R-R • JR OLIVE BRANCH, MS



GARY HENDERSON Interim Head Coach



JAKE GAUTREAU ASSISTANT COACH



MIKE BROWN Assistant Coach



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