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2002-03 Ole Miss Rebel Basketball



Game #7
 Ole Miss (5-1)
 vs.
 Memphis (4-2)



December 19, 2002 • 8:30 p.m. (CT) • ESPN2-TV
 The Pyramid • Memphis, Tenn.

REBELS ON TELEVISION & RADIO

Television: ESPN2 (Bob Carpenter, play-by-play; Larry Conley, color analyst; Eric Swaringen, producer)

Radio: Ole Miss Radio Network (David Kellum, play-by-play; Gary Darby, color analyst)

SETTING THE SCENE

⊗ Thursday's game will be the fifth-straight year the two Mid-South schools have met.

⊗ The Rebels have won the last 3 encounters, including a thrilling 71-67 victory last year in Oxford. That contest was also televised by ESPN.

⊗ The last 4 meetings have been decided by an average of 7.0 points per game, including a 78-72 OT win by Memphis in 1998.

OLE MISS TO MEET MEMPHIS IN MID-SOUTH RIVALRY GAME THURSDAY

The Rebels take a short trip up I-55 Thursday Dec. 19 to meet the Memphis Tigers in The Pyramid. The Mid-South rivalry will be televised by ESPN2 at 8:30 p.m. (CT).

Ole Miss (5-1) brings a five-game win streak into the contest after victories over Alabama State, George Mason, Austin Peay, VCU and Louisiana-Monroe. The Tigers (4-2) enter Thursday's contest after a 93-78 setback at nationally-ranked Missouri Dec. 14. Memphis has posted victories over Syracuse (70-63), Arkansas-Pine Bluff (78-54), Arkansas-Little Rock (73-49) and Furman (72-55).

BARNES IN FIFTH SEASON AS REBEL MENTOR

Rod Barnes is in his fifth season at the helm of the Ole Miss Rebel basketball program. **The 2001 Naismith and CollegeInsider.com National Coach of the Year, Barnes has a 91-47 record (.659 winning percentage). He is 5-1 in 2002-03.** The 86 wins in his first four seasons were the most by a Rebel coach in that span of time in Ole Miss history. Last year, Barnes, the 2001 Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year, guided Ole Miss to a 20-11 overall record and a berth in the NCAA Tournament. The winning season and postseason tournament both were the sixth straight for the Ole Miss program.

Ole Miss Probables	<i>(Based on previous game's starters)</i>							
	No.	Player (Yr.)	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	PPG/RPG	Hometown	Notes
	1	Aaron Harper (Jr.)	F	6-7	217	14.2/4.7	Jackson, Miss.	☞ Has scored in dbl figures in all 6 games
	23	Justin Reed (Jr.)	F	6-8	240	14.5/6.3	Jackson, Miss.	☞ Back-to-back 20-pt games vs. VCU, ULM
	40	Derrick Allen (Sr.)	F	6-8	238	9.0/4.8	Gadsden, Ala.	☞ 12.3 pts, 5.0 rebs in 3 games prior to ULM
	2	Trey Pearson (Fr.)	G	6-4	165	5.7/3.8apg	South Fulton, Tenn.	☞ Career-high 9 points vs. ULM
	15	David Sanders (Sr.)	G	6-3	185	12.7/4.0apg	Jackson, Miss.	☞ Only 12 TOs in nearly 200 minutes of play
TOP RESERVES								
	12	Justin Johnson (So.)	G	6-0	200	2.0/0.5	Fayetteville, N.C.	☞ Best game vs. ULM (6 pts, 2 asts, 2 stls)
	31	John Gunn (RJr.)	F/C	6-10	260	5.4/2.8	Oxford, Miss.	☞ Career-high 16 pts vs. Alabama St. Nov. 27
	32	Emmanuel Wade (Sr.)	G	6-3	185	6.3/3.0	Marianna, Ark.	☞ 9 pts, 2 rebs, 2 asts vs. ULM

Memphis Probables	<i>(Based on previous game's starters)</i>							
	No.	Player (Yr.)	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	PPG/RPG	Hometown	Notes
	10	Rodney Carney (Fr.)	F	6-7	205	12.2/8.0	Indianapolis, Ind.	☞ Leads team with 16 blocked shots
	20	John Grice (Sr.)	F	6-6	205	16.3/8.5	Memphis, Tenn.	☞ Team's top 3-pt. threat (14 treys, 37.8 pct.)
	30	Earl Barron (Sr.)	C	7-0	268	14.7/5.7	Clarksdale, Miss.	☞ 7 pts, 8 rebs, 2 blks in last year's game
	1	Antonio Burks (Jr.)	G	6-0	200	9.0/5.9apg	Memphis, Tenn.	☞ 17 assists in only 3 games; 15 pts. vs Mizzou
	23	Anthony Rice (So.)	G	6-4	205	10.8/4.0	Atlanta, Ga.	☞ Squad's leader with 18 assists
TOP RESERVES								
	12	Billy Richmond (So.)	G	6-5	207	22.0/7.0	Memphis, Tenn.	☞ Transfer from Vandy; played 1st game vs. MU
	11	Duane Erwin (So.)	F	6-9	242	4.3/5.0	Huntsville, Ala.	☞ Played in all 6 games; 61.1 FG pct.
	00	Clyde Wade (Fr.)	G	6-0	180	2.0/0.8	Memphis, Tenn.	☞ Seen action in 6 games; 11 asts, 6 stls

2002-03 Schedule/Results

5-1, 0-0 SEC

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 9	West Alabama (Exh.)	97-35 W
<i>Freshman Trey Pearson scores 18 pts</i>		
Nov. 16	Athletes In Action (Exh.)	70-67 W
<i>Harper - 16 pts, 5 rebs, 6 asts; Allen - 16 points</i>		
Nov. 24	East Carolina	58-65 L
<i>Harper - 15 pts, 6 rebs; Pearson gets 1st start</i>		
Nov. 27	Alabama State	74-58 W
<i>Gunn starts, scores career-high 16 pts. (8-11 FG)</i>		
Nov. 30	George Mason	56-49 W
<i>Rebels hold GMU to 38.5 FG pct, 20.5 3-pt FG pct</i>		
Dec. 4	Austin Peay	74-46 W
<i>4 Rebels in dbl figures; APSU held to 26.8 pct FG</i>		
Dec. 14	VCU (FXSNS-TV)	82-68 W
<i>Posse scores 58 of 82 points; Pearson 8 rebs, 5 asts</i>		
Dec. 17	Louisiana-Monroe	80-57 W
<i>Reed's 2nd-straight 20 -point game; Harper has 14</i>		
Dec. 19	Memphis (ESPN2)	8:30 pm
Dec. 21	Nicholls State	2 pm
Dec. 23	Evansville	7 pm
Dec. 28	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	2 pm
Dec. 31	Samford	3 pm
Jan. 8	South Carolina*	6:30 pm
Jan. 11	Tennessee* (JP-TV)	12 pm
Jan. 18	LSU* (JP-TV)	1 pm
Jan. 21	Alabama* (ESPN-TV)	8 pm
Jan. 25	Arkansas* (FXSNS-TV)	5 pm
Jan. 29	Mississippi State*	7 pm
Feb. 1	Vanderbilt*	7 pm
Feb. 5	Auburn*	7 pm
Feb. 8	Kentucky* (JP-TV)	2 pm
Feb. 12	Florida* (JP-TV)	7 pm
Feb. 15	Mississippi St.* (FXSNS-TV)	6 pm
Feb. 22	Auburn* (FXSNS-TV)	4 pm
Feb. 26	Georgia*	7 pm
Mar. 2	Alabama* (CBS-TV)	1 pm
Mar. 5	LSU*	7 pm
Mar. 8	Arkansas*	2 pm
Mar. 13-16	SEC Tournament (JP, CBS-TV)	TBA
<i>(Louisiana Superdome)</i>		

* SEC Game

All Times Central

Home games in bold

— 2002-03 Numerical Roster —

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown/High School
1	Aaron Harper	F/G	6-7	217	Jr.	Jackson, Miss./Provine HS
2	Trey Pearson	G	6-4	165	Fr.	South Fulton, Tenn./South Fulton HS
4	Kendrick Fox	F/G	6-7	210	So.	Oxford, Miss./Lafayette HS
10	Patrick Fields*	G	6-5	190	Fr.	San Antonio, Texas/John Jay HS
12	Justin Johnson	G	6-0	200	So.	Fayetteville, N.C./Seventy-First HS
15	David Sanders	G	6-3	185	Sr.	Jackson, Miss./Provine HS/ Tallahassee (Fla.) C.C.
21	Cavadas Nunnery	G	5-9	165	So.	Magnolia, Miss./South Pike HS
23	Justin Reed	F	6-8	240	Jr.	Jackson, Miss./Provine HS
25	Bryan Brown#	G	5-10	185	Fr.	Corinth, Miss./Corinth HS
31	John Gunn	F/C	6-10	260	RJr.	Oxford, Miss./Oxford HS
32	Emmanuel Wade	G	6-3	185	Sr.	Marianna, Ark./Lee HS
33	Chris Rhodes	F	6-7	220	So.	Houston, Texas/Westbury Christian HS
34	Shaun Holtz	F	6-8	250	Sr.	Crystal Springs, Miss./Crystal Springs HS/ Towson (Md.) University
35	Kendall Granderson*	G	6-2	195	Fr.	Yazoo City, Miss./Yazoo City HS
40	Derrick Allen	F	6-8	238	Sr.	Gadsden, Ala./Gadsden HS/ Southern Union State (Ala.) C.C.
44	Jonathan Loe	G	6-3	185	RFr.	Memphis, Tenn./Bartlett HS
45	Richard Kirklin*	F	6-9	215	Sr.	Pine Bluff, Ark./Watson Chapel HS
54	Lonnice Jackson*	F	6-8	195	So.	Montgomery, Ala./G.W. Carver HS/ Okaloosa-Walton C.C.

* expected to redshirt in 2002-03

will join team following the football season

Barnes was hired as the Rebel head coach on April 9, 1998. A 1988 graduate of Ole Miss, Barnes served as an assistant under Evans from 1993-98. During his time as an assistant coach, the Rebels compiled a record of 76-63 and won back-to-back Southeastern Conference Western Division titles and received consecutive NCAA Tournament berths in 1997 and 1998. Barnes played at Ole Miss from 1984-88 and was named All-SEC his senior season. He still ranks on the Ole Miss career charts in scoring (17th; 1,201 points), assists (2nd; 456) and steals (7th; 154).

OLE MISS-MEMPHIS SERIES

Thursday's game will be the 34th overall meeting between the two schools, and will be the fifth-straight year that the two teams have played on the hardwood. The Tigers lead the overall series 23-10. Ole Miss has won the last three encounters — 74-64 in Oxford in 1999-2000, 64-56 in Memphis in 2000-01 and 71-67 in Oxford in 2001-02 (*see last meeting recap and boxscore on page 5*). **The last four meetings have been decided by 10 points or fewer and by an average of 7.0 points per contest.**

Before the renewal of the Mid-South rivalry in the 1998-99 campaign, the last time Ole Miss and Memphis played was in the 1985-86 season. Prior to the Rebels' last three wins, the Tigers had won eight straight in the series, including three overtime games. Memphis won the 1998-99 meeting, a 78-72 overtime thriller in The Pyramid.

SCOUTING MEMPHIS

The Tigers enter Thursday's game with a 4-2 mark. Memphis dropped a 93-78 decision in its last outing at Missouri Dec. 14. Billy Richmond, a transfer from Vanderbilt who played in his first game as a Tiger Dec. 14, leads 6 players averaging in double

figures at 22.0 ppg. Jeremy Hunt (19.0 ppg), John Grice (16.3) Earl Barron (14.7), Rodney Carney (12.2) and Anthony Rice (10.8) are also averaging double digits. Hunt has only played in the Tigers' season opener, sustaining a stress fracture to his left foot in that game. Grice leads Memphis on the boards with an 8.5 rebounding average, with Carney a close second at 8.0 boards per game.

Memphis is shooting 43 percent from the field, 31.3 percent from the three-point line and 65.7 percent from the foul line. John Calipari is in his third season as the head coach at Memphis and has a 52-26 record with the Tigers.

OLE MISS IN THE PYRAMID

The Rebels have a 2-5 record in games played in The Pyramid since the facility opened in the 1991-92 season. **Ole Miss' last trip to the Pyramid came in the 2000-01 season, a 64-56 win over the Tigers.** Ole Miss also hosted Arkansas (1993-94) and Kentucky (1994-95) in a regular-season games at The Pyramid in consecutive campaigns in the mid-1990s. The Rebels' other appearances came in the 1994 and 1997 Southeastern Conference tournaments. The following are the Rebels' results in The Pyramid:

Date	Opponent	Result
2-19-94	Arkansas	73-90 L
3-10-94	So. Carolina (SEC)	57-80 L
1-18-95	Kentucky	65-82 L
3-7-97	Vanderbilt (SEC)	64-62 W
3-8-97	Kentucky (SEC)	70-88 L
12-12-98	Memphis	(ot) 72-78 L
12-9-2000	Memphis	64-56 W

(SEC) — denotes SEC Tournament game

REBELS VERSUS CONFERENCE USA

The Rebels have an all-time record of 70-89 (.440 winning percentage) versus current members of Conference USA. **However, Ole Miss has a 9-2 record versus Conference USA teams since the league was formed in the spring of 1995. Earlier this season, the Rebels dropped a 65-58 decision at East Carolina on Nov. 24.** Last year, Ole Miss was 1-0 versus teams from Conference USA, defeating Memphis 71-67. Since the 1990-91 season, the Rebels are 10-3 versus members of Conference USA (3-1 versus Memphis, 2-1 versus Southern Mississippi; 2-0 versus Houston and Louisville; 1-0 versus Charlotte; 0-1 versus East Carolina). The following chart shows Ole Miss' all-time results versus teams from Conference USA:

UAB	4-1
Memphis	10-23
Cincinnati	0-1
Charlotte	2-1
DePaul	0-1
Saint Louis	0-1
East Carolina	0-1
Houston	2-1
Southern Miss.	15-4
Louisville	2-0
South Florida	0-0
Marquette	0-0
Tulane	35-55
Totals	70-89

REBELS TOUGH ON NON-CONFERENCE FOES IN RECENT YEARS

In the last 10 years (including 2002-03), the Rebels have posted a 90-29 record (.756 winning percentage) versus non-conference opponents. **Non-conference foes have found Ole Miss especially tough the last eight seasons (1995-96 through 2002-03), as the Rebels have an impressive 78-21 mark (.788 winning percentage) against out-of-conference teams.** The following shows Ole Miss' non-conference record the last 10 years:

Year	Record
1993-94	7-3
1994-95	5-5
1995-96	6-4
1996-97	8-3
1997-98	9-2
1998-99*	11-4
1999-2000*	14-2
2000-01*	14-2
2001-02*	11-3
2002-03*	5-1
Totals.....	90-29
<i>*Totals Under Barnes.....</i>	<i>55-12</i>

BARNES BECOMES SECOND WINNINGEST COACH IN REBEL HISTORY

With the Rebels' 56-49 victory over George Mason Nov. 30, **Rod Barnes** became the second-winningest head coach in Ole Miss basketball histo-

ry. That win gave him 88 for his career, and his **record now stands at 91-47.** The 91 victories are second most in Ole Miss history, trailing only B.L. "Country" Graham's (1950-62) 145 wins.

Up next for Barnes is the 100-win milestone, and with 9 more victories, he will reach that. If Barnes is successful in reaching 100 victories, he would be only the second Rebel mentor to do so. Barnes is the only coach in the program's history to average 20 or more wins per season entering the 2002-03 campaign. The following lists the winningest coaches in Rebel history:

Coach	Years	Wins
B.L. Graham	1950-62	145
Rod Barnes	1999-present	91
Cob Jarvis	1969-76	87
Rob Evans	1993-98	86
Bob Weltlich	1977-82	83
Ed Murphy	1987-92	76

GOING FOR THE MILLENNIUM

The Ole Miss Rebel basketball program will be going after a milestone as well in 2002-03. Ole Miss entered the season with 992 all-time victories, needing only eight to reach 1,000. **After their 80-57 victory over Louisiana-Monroe Dec. 17, the Rebels' all-time record is now 997-1081.**

DECEMBER'S NOT SO BAD

While the Rebels are nearly unbeatable in the month of November (31-5 record) since 1990-91, their record in the month of December in that same span of time isn't so bad either. **Ole Miss has a 61-27 record (.693 winning percentage) in December games since 1990-91. The Rebels are 23-3 (.885 winning percentage) in December the last four years (6-1 in 1999-2000; 8-1 in 2000-01; 6-1 in 2001-02; 3-0 in 2002-03).**

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

Thursday's game versus Memphis will be the second of 11 regular-season contests in which the Rebels will be on television. Earlier this week, Ole Miss defeated VCU 82-68 Dec. 14. That contest was televised by FOX Sports South Net. Last year, the Rebels were 6-5 in television games. **Under head coach Rod Barnes (since 1998-99), Ole Miss has played 58 television games and has a 35-23 record in those contests.**

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REBEL BASKETBALL ON THE WEB

The Ole Miss athletics page address is:
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ROD BARNES TELEVISION SHOW

"Ole Miss Basketball With Rod Barnes" begins in January. Check local listings for day and time in your area.

ROD BARNES RADIO CALL-IN SHOW

The Rod Barnes Radio Call-In Show begins in January. The show will be held every Thursday from 6-7:00 p.m. (CT) at the Downtown Grill on the Oxford Square throughout the season. Check the radio affiliates in your area.

— 2002 REBEL SIGNEES —

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/JC/HS	Notes
	Byron Burnett	F	6-9	250	Anniston, Ala./ Southern Union CC	☞ Avg. 12.7 pts, 13.3rebs in 1st 5 games of 2002-03 season; did not play HS hoops
	Bam Doyne	G	6-4	170	Little Rock, Ark./ Mills HS	☞ 2002 Gatorade Player of the Year in Ark.; 2001 Ark. Democrat-Gazette Sophomore of the Year

2002-03 REBEL RECAP
Game #6 • Dec. 17, 2002
Ole Miss 80, La.-Monroe 57

Junior Wooden Award candidate Justin Reed scored a game-high 21 points and added a team-best 7 boards to lead Ole Miss to an 80-57 non-conference victory over Louisiana-Monroe. It was the second-straight game in which Reed netted 20 or more points.

Aaron Harper scored 14 points, and David Sanders added 12 points and 7 rebounds. Mark Keith led the Indians with 15 points. Brandon Horn and Kirby Lemons each scored 12 points apiece. Lemons led Louisiana-Monroe on the boards with 8 rebounds.

The Rebels held a 37-27 lead at the break, but the pesky Indians would not go quietly. Louisiana-Monroe began the second half with consecutive three-pointers by Reggie Griffin and Keith to pull to within 4 at 37-33 with 18:21 left. Three minutes later, a Horn trey kept the Rebel lead at 4 at 42-38 with 15:34 remaining. Over the next 6 minutes, the Rebels went on a 14-5 run to increase their advantage to 56-43 and take control of the contest.

In the first half, the teams traded baskets to an 8-all tie early. Ole Miss then put together a 24-5 spurt to take a commanding 32-13 lead. The Indians, though, did not fold, finishing the first half on a 14-5 run to pull to within 10 at 37-27 at the break.

Ole Miss hit 53.7 percent from the floor and 81 percent from the charity stripe. The Indians shot 35.2 percent from the field. The Rebels won the battle on the boards 36-31.

La.-Monroe	FG	3P	FT	R	TP	A	B	S
Griffin	3-8	1-4	0-0	3	7	4	2	2
Lemons	2-10	0-0	8-12	8	12	2	0	2
Thompson	2-5	0-0	0-1	7	4	0	0	1
Horn	4-9	2-5	2-2	1	12	3	0	2
Keith	5-9	2-4	3-3	3	15	0	0	0
Branch	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Andrews	2-5	1-1	0-0	0	5	0	0	0
Cooper	0-2	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
Bransom	1-3	0-0	0-3	5	2	1	2	0
Ciszkiewicz	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Parker	0-3	0-1	0-0	3	0	0	0	0
TEAM				0				
Totals	19-54	6-16	13-21	31	57	10	4	7

Ole Miss	FG	3P	FT	R	TP	A	B	S
Harper	5-9	2-4	2-2	3	14	2	0	1
Reed	8-10	0-0	5-7	7	21	0	1	2
Allen	2-6	0-0	0-0	4	4	0	0	1
Pearson	3-6	1-3	2-2	1	9	2	0	2
Sanders	4-6	0-0	4-4	7	12	3	0	2
Fox	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
Johnson	2-4	1-2	1-2	1	6	2	0	2
Nunnery	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
Brown	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Gunn	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	2	2	0	1
Wade	3-5	1-2	2-2	2	9	2	0	1
Rhodes	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
Holtz	0-3	0-1	1-2	1	1	0	0	2
Loe	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	0	0
TEAM				4				
Totals	29-54	5-12	17-21	36	80	13	1	14

La.-Monroe 27 30 — 57
 Ole Miss 37 43 — 80
 Officials: Stuart, Lindsay, Spainhour
 Attendance: 2,532

A WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES REUNION

When Ole Miss and Memphis hit the hardwood Thursday, a 2001 World University Games reunion will take place. Rebel head coach **Rod Barnes** and junior **Justin Reed (Jackson, Miss.)** and Tiger senior Earl Barron all were members of the United States squad that participated in the 2001 World University Games in Beijing, China, in late August. Team USA posted a 7-1 record at the Games and captured the bronze medal. Barnes served as an assistant on the USA coaching staff.

DID YOU KNOW?

Thursday's game will match two head coaches who have been honored as Naismith Coach of the Year. In 2001, Ole Miss head coach **Rod Barnes** received the award from the Atlanta Tip-off Club. Memphis head coach John Calipari won the honor in 1996 when he guided UMass to the NCAA Final Four.

THERE'S A FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING

Ole Miss head coach **Rod Barnes** has said that junior Wooden Award candidate **Justin Reed** is showing more leadership qualities in recent games. That leadership has manifested itself not only in his encouragement of teammates, but also in his offensive output.

In the last two games, the 6-foot-8 forward has scored 22 points versus VCU and 21 points versus Louisiana-Monroe. It is the first time in his Rebel career that Reed has netted 20 or more points in back-to-back games. He now has seven 20-point performances in his career.

Reed is averaging 21.5 points and 6.5 rebounds while shooting 66.7 percent from the field (16-of-24), 100 percent from the three-point arc (1-of-1) and 76.9 percent from the charity stripe (10-of-13) in the last two contests.

SECOND-HALF SUPERMAN

When it comes to playing the Memphis Tigers, junior **Justin Reed** has sort of pulled a Superman scenario in the last two meetings. In the first half, he plays a subpar game, but then a change must occur at the intermission, because he has had two "super" second halves against Memphis. The following shows that:

First Half	Game	Second Half
3 fouls/3 minutes	2000-01	4th foul early; last 10 min:
		8-of-10 pts;
		6 pts in final 3 mins.
Final line: 4-4 FG, 2-2 FT, 10 points, 5 boards		
6 pts.	2001-02	11 pts in final 10 mins; converted
		clutch 3-pt. play with :26 on the clock

Final line: 6-15 FG, 5-5 FT, 17 points, 7 boards

2002-03 Preseason Honors

JUSTIN REED

- John Wooden Award candidate
- Dick Vitale/ESPN.com All-America fifth team
- Athlon Sports All-SEC second team
- Athlon Sports No. 7 Inside-Out player in the nation
- Basketball News All-SEC second team
- Basketball News No. 14 Banger in the nation
- The Sporting News All-SEC second team
- The Sporting News No. 8 power forward in the nation
- Lindy's All-SEC first team
- Lindy's No. 3 small forward in the nation
- Lindy's SEC's Top NBA Prospect
- FOXSports.com No. 18 power forward in the nation

DAVID SANDERS

- The Sporting News SEC's Best Defender

OLE MISS (TEAM HONORS)

- Athlon Sports NCAA Tournament Predictions — One & Done
- Basketball News Best of the Best — No. 5 bench in the country
- Lindy's Field of 64

FOUR PLUS DOUBLE FIGURES EQUALS WINS

It's a rather odd equation, but it is adding up for Ole Miss again in 2002-03. **The Rebels have had 3 games this year in which four or more players have scored in double figures. Ole Miss is 3-0 in those games.** Last year, the Rebels had 19 games in which four or more players netted double digits. Ole Miss was 16-3 in those games, including an 8-1 mark in SEC action.

REED OVER 900...

Junior Wooden Award candidate **Justin Reed** entered the Dec. 14 VCU contest needing 18 points to reach the 900-point milestone. Well, the 6-foot-8 forward wasted no time in getting there with a 22-point performance in the 82-68 win over the Rams. **Reed now has 925 points and needs 75 to become the 27th player in Rebel history to reach 1,000.**

...AND SANDERS OVER 700

Senior **David Sanders (Jackson, Miss.)** had 12 points in Ole Miss' victory over Louisiana-Monroe Dec. 17, and with that, he went over the 700-point plateau for his career. **Entering Thursday's game versus Memphis, Sanders has 705 career points.**

THE LAST TIME THAT...

The Rebels shot only 6 three-pointers in their 82-68 win over VCU Dec. 14. **The last time Ole Miss shot fewer three-point attempts was in a 74-64 victory over Florida International on Dec. 20,**

1996 (1996-97 season). The Rebels shot 5 three-point attempts (made 2) against Florida International. The 6 attempts against VCU were the fewest by a Rebel squad in the Rod Barnes' era.

GETTING DEFENSIVE...PART ONE

Defense has always been a trademark of the Ole Miss Rebel basketball program, and it is continuing in the early part of the 2002-03 campaign. After six games, **Ole Miss is holding opponents to 36.8 percent shooting from the field (2nd in SEC) and 25.8 percent from the three-point arc (1st in SEC). The Rebels are also holding the opposition to 57.2 points per game (2nd in SEC).**

Last year, Ole Miss finished third in the league in scoring defense, allowing only 64.3 points per contest.

HARPER MOVING UP THE CHARTS

Junior **Aaron Harper (Jackson, Miss.)** has expanded his game in 2002-03 with more drives to the basket and mid-range jumpers. However, that doesn't mean the Rebels' sharp-shooter has given up on the three-point shot.

After six games, Harper is 14-of-27 from the arc and leads the team in three-pointers made. With the 14 treys, Harper is moving up the career three-pointers made list, and the following shows that:

Career Three-Pointers Made

1. Keith Carter (1996-99)249
2. Joe Harvell (1990-93)214
3. Jason Harrison (1999-2002)163
4. **Aaron Harper (2001-present)160**
5. Joezon Darby (1996-98)131

MORE ON THE REBEL DEFENSE

Ole Miss held Austin Peay Dec. 4 and George Mason Nov. 30 to below 50 points. The Rebels held George Mason to 49 points and Austin Peay to 46 points. **The last time the Rebels held opponents to less than 50 points in consecutive games was Ole Miss head coach Rod Barnes' first season in 1998-99. In Barnes' first two games as the Rebel mentor, Ole Miss defeated Alabama State 87-45 Nov. 13, 1998, and Belmont 91-42 Nov. 16, 1998.**

IS HE REALLY A FRESHMAN?

The roster has **Trey Pearson (South Fulton, Tenn.)** listed as a true freshman, but he is sure not playing like one. The 6-foot-4 guard is only averaging 5.7 points per game, but it's his total floor game that has been impressive. In his first six games (all starts), Pearson has only 6 turnovers while averaging 26 minutes per contest.

Pearson is only the fourth true freshman since 1995-96 to start his first college game. Jason Smith did so in the 1995-96 season opener, and current Rebels **Aaron Harper** and **Justin Reed** also started their first collegiate game in Ole Miss' 2000-01 opener. The following shows how solid Pearson has been:

Game	Min	Pts	Rebs	Asts	TO
ECU	32	7	2	3	1
Ala. St.	24	6	5	5	1
GMU*	19	6	1	3	0
Austin Peay	26	4	7	5	1
VCU	26	2	8	5	1
La.-Monroe	29	9	1	2	2

bold italics indicate career high

* hit 3-of-4 FTs in final :09 to seal the win

WADE'S BACK!

After getting off to a slow start, senior **Emmanuel Wade (Marianna, Ark.)** is settling back into his role as the Rebels' 6th man. Last year, Wade took over that role and thrived, giving the Rebels a spark off the bench. And, he has done the same in Ole Miss' last four victories.

In those games, the 6-foot-3 guard averaged 6.8 points, 2.8 rebounds and 2.0 assists. He shot 58.8 percent from the field and 40 percent from the arc in those contests.

GETTING DEFENSIVE...PART TWO

Senior **David Sanders** was named by one pre-season publication as the league's top defensive player. Well, the Southeastern Conference schedule hasn't begun yet, but the 6-foot-3 guard is already in mid-season form.

In the Rebels' victory at George Mason Nov. 30, Sanders limited the Patriots' Mark Davis to 11

**LAST MEETING
December 7, 2001
Ole Miss 71, Memphis 67**

Justin Reed led five Rebels in double figures with 17 points and converted a key three-point play late in the game to lift Ole Miss to a 71-67 victory over No. 22-ranked Memphis. Derrick Allen (14 points), Aaron Harper (12), David Sanders (12) and Emmanuel Wade (11) also netted double digits.

Dajuan Wagner led the Tigers with 25 points, while Kelly Wise added 19 points and a game-high 18 boards.

The Rebels grabbed a 66-63 at the 1:50 mark on an Allen three-point play, but Memphis responded with consecutive hoops by Wagner and Wise to retake the lead 67-66 with :44 left. Ole Miss, though, answered with Reed's three-point play with 26 seconds on the clock, giving the Rebels a 69-67 advantage.

Memphis had an opportunity to tie or take the lead, but Wagner's driving shot attempt was blocked by Allen and the ball went out-of-bounds off the Tigers. The Rebels inbounded the ball, and Wade was fouled. Wade made two free throws with two seconds left to seal the victory.

In the first half, Ole Miss jumped out to a 17-10 lead, but Memphis came back with a 14-5 run to take a 24-22 advantage at the 5:20 mark. The Tigers held that lead until 7:47 of the second half.

The Rebels shot 35.7 percent from the field, while Memphis hit 37.3 percent from the floor. Ole Miss shot 80.6 percent from the foul line. The Tigers out-rebounded Ole Miss 43-35.

Memphis	FG	3P	FT	R	TP	A	B	S
Wagner	6-20	2-5	11-14	4	25	4	1	2
McFadgon	3-7	1-3	1-2	1	8	0	0	1
Massie	2-3	0-0	2-2	3	6	0	0	0
Barron	2-6	0-0	3-4	8	7	1	2	0
Wise	8-15	0-0	3-5	18	19	0	2	0
Burks	0-4	0-0	0-0	3	0	4	0	0
Rice	1-4	0-1	0-0	1	2	2	0	1
Barclay	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
TEAM				5				
Totals	22-59	3-9	20-27	43	67	11	5	4

Ole Miss	FG	3P	FT	R	TP	A	B	S
Harper	4-12	3-8	1-2	5	12	2	0	1
Harrison	1-6	0-3	3-4	4	5	6	0	1
Sanders	3-7	2-2	4-8	6	12	2	0	2
Reed	6-15	0-1	5-5	7	17	0	0	0
Allen	3-7	0-0	8-8	5	14	0	1	0
Fox	0-2	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Johnson	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	1	1
Wade	3-5	1-2	4-4	2	11	1	0	0
Rhodes	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Kirklin	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
TEAM				4				
Totals	20-56	6-19	25-31	35	71	11	2	5

Memphis 35 32 — 67
Ole Miss 29 42 — 71
Attendance: 9,217
Officials: Shaw, Sitton, T. Eades

OLE MISS/MEMPHIS TEAM COMPARISONS

Ole Miss	Statistical Category	Memphis
70.7	Scoring Offense	75.2
57.2	Scoring Defense	65.8
35.8	Rebound Avg.	42.5
33.8	Opponent Rebound Avg.	37.2
+2.0	Rebound Margin	+5.3
48.8	Field Goal Percentage	43.0
36.8	Opponent Field Goal Percentage	39.7
37.0	Three-Point Field Goal Percentage	31.3
25.8	Opp. Three-Point Field Goal Percentage	32.8
73.6	Free Throw Percentage	65.7
81	Turnovers	98
96	Opponent Turnovers	110
91	Assists	106
17	Blocks	39
41	Steals	49

Rebels' Record When...

- Leading at the half 5-1
- Tied at the half 0-0
- Behind at the half 0-0
- Playing at home 4-0
- Playing on the road (includes neutral) 1-1
- Playing a night game
(6:00 p.m. or later local time) 5-0
- Playing a day game. 0-1
- Scores 70 points or more 4-0
- Scores less than 70 points 1-1
- Out-rebounds opponent. 4-0
- Out-rebounded by opponent 1-1
- Ties opponents in rebounds. 0-0
- Shoots 50 percent or better
from the field 3-0
- Shoots between 40-49 percent
from the field 2-1
- Shoots under 40 percent
from the field 0-0
- Shoots 30 percent or better
from 3-pt. arc 4-1
- Shoots under 30 percent from arc 1-0
- Shoots 70 percent or better
from FT line 4-1
- Shoots 60-69 percent from FT line 0-0
- Shoots under 60 percent from
FT line 1-0
- Opponent shoots 50 percent or
better from the field 0-0
- Opponent shoots 40-49 percent
from the field 1-0
- Opponent shoots under 40 percent
from the field 4-1
- Opponent shoots 30 percent or
better from 3-pt. arc 2-0
- Opponent shoots under 30 percent
from the 3-pt. arc 3-1
- Commits 15 turnovers or more 1-1
- Commits less than 15 turnovers 4-0
- Forces 15 turnovers or more 3-1
- Forces less than 15 turnovers 2-0

points — only 2 after halftime — and 4 rebounds. He also forced Davis into 3-of-13 shooting from the field, including 1-of-7 from the three-point line. Entering the contest, Davis was averaging 23.0 points and 5.5 boards, while hitting 35.7 percent from the arc.

MORE ON SANDERS

Entering 2002-03, senior **David Sanders** knew he would have to take over a large portion of the point guard duties in the early part of the season, and the off-guard (his normal position) has done quite well.

He leads the team with 24 assists (4.0 average) and has committed only 12 turnovers in 197 minutes of action (32.8 average). **In the Rebels' last four victories, Sanders has turned the ball over only 5 times.**

GUNN'S A-BLAZING

Indeed, redshirt junior **John Gunn (Oxford, Miss.)** came out on fire in the Rebels' victory over Alabama State Nov. 27. After being away from the court for over a year with a kidney illness, the 6-foot-10 forward scored a career-high 16 points against the Hornets. The 16-point performance bested his previous career high of 14 points against Tennessee in the 1999-2000 campaign (Gunn's freshman year). He scored his 16 points on 8-of-11 shooting from the field, and the 8 field goals were also a career best.

Gunn also got the starting nod for the game, which was the second of his career and the first since the 1999-2000 season (started against Prairie View on Dec. 29, 1999).

In the Rebels' game at George Mason Nov. 30, Gunn didn't score, but his aggressive play caused problems for the Patriots. He finished the game with 3 rebounds, 1 block and 1 steal. Against Austin Peay, Gunn had 5 points and 2 boards. He had 4 points and 3 boards versus VCU and 2 points, 2 rebounds and 2 assists versus Louisiana-Monroe.

THRICE WOULD BE NICE

Entering the 2002-03 season, the Rebels have three players — **Justin Reed, David Sanders** and **Aaron Harper** — who could top 1,000 points for their careers. If all three reach the milestone this year, it would be the first time in Ole Miss basketball history that three Rebels hit the 1,000-point plateau in the same season. **After the Rebels' Dec. 17 game against Louisiana-Monroe, Reed now has 925 points, Sanders 705 and Harper 774.** Although he scored most of his points at Towson University, senior transfer **Shaun Holtz (Crystal Springs, Miss.)** — who saw his first action of the year versus VCU Dec. 14 after sitting out with a back injury — could also reach 1,000 points for his collegiate career. **He now has 746 points.** The last time Ole Miss had multiple players reach 1,000 points in the same season was 1997-98 when Ansu Sesay and Keith Carter did so.

AT THE HEAD OF THE CLASS(ES)

As a result of the Rebels' success the last six seasons, the recent seniors have taken their places at the top of the charts for the most wins by a senior class. The 2002-03 senior class of **Derrick Allen (Gadsden, Ala.), Shaun Holtz, David Sanders and Emmanuel Wade** entered the year with 66 victories, which was 22 shy of tying the record of 88. **After the Rebels' win over Louisiana-Monroe Dec. 17, the 2002-03 senior class now has 71 victories.** The record of 88 wins was set by the 2000-01 class of John Engstrom, Jason Flanigan, Jason Holmes and Rahim Lockhart. Last year's senior class of Jason Harrison posted the second-most victories with 86 in a four-year span. The 2002-03 senior class has also been a part of the 2001 SEC Western Division championship squad and has been to three-straight postseasons (2 NCAA, 1 NIT). The following chart lists the most successful classes:

Four-Year Span	No. of Wins
1997-98 to 2000-01	88
1998-99 to 2001-02	86
1995-96 to 1998-99	74
1999-2000 to present	71
1979-80 to 1982-83	70
1935-36 to 1938-39	63
1994-95 to 1997-98	62
1978-79 to 1981-82	62
1923-24 to 1926-27	62

OLE MISS SECOND MOST WINS SINCE 1996-97

The Rebels have, indeed, been one of the Southeastern Conference's most successful teams in recent years — especially since 1996-97. Ole Miss has won 133 games (overall games) since 1996-97, the most by any team in the SEC Western Division. The 133 victories are also second among all league teams, only trailing Kentucky's 172 wins. The following charts show the Rebels' success:

Most Overall/SEC Wins By SEC West Teams (1996-97 to present)

Team	Overall Wins	SEC Wins
Ole Miss	133	56
Arkansas	120	51
Auburn	121	47
Alabama	118	44
Mississippi State	111	40
LSU	97	29

Most Overall/SEC Wins By SEC Teams (Top 6) (1996-97 to present)

Team	Overall Wins	SEC Wins
Kentucky	172	72
Ole Miss	133	56
Florida	131	55
Arkansas	120	51
Auburn	121	47
Tennessee	119	52

GAME - BY - GAME TEAM STATISTICS

OPPONENT	SCORE	FG-FGA	PCT	3P-3PA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF-DEF-TOT	A	TO	BLK	ST
Ole Miss	58	22-55	.400	5-15	.333	9-11	.818	8-22-30	14	18	1	3
at EAST CAROLINA	65	19-48	.396	4-14	.286	23-31	.742	11-28-39	8	18	6	7
Alabama State	58	23-59	.390	3-19	.158	9-16	.563	13-15-28	7	18	1	12
at OLE MISS	74	28-49	.571	4-12	.333	14-18	.778	8-28-36	18	20	5	7
Ole Miss	56	22-49	.449	5-18	.278	7-16	.438	8-24-32	14	8	4	7
at GEORGE MASON	49	18-49	.367	2-11	.182	11-23	.478	15-24-39	6	14	1	3
Austin Peay	46	15-56	.268	3-14	.214	13-18	.722	11-22-33	9	16	5	7
at OLE MISS	74	25-57	.439	8-18	.444	16-21	.762	12-34-46	15	13	4	3
Louisiana-Monroe	57	19-54	.352	6-16	.375	13-21	.619	15-16-31	10	17	4	7
at OLE MISS	80	29-54	.537	5-12	.417	17-21	.810	10-26-36	13	12	1	14

OLE MISS RANKED IN TOP 50 IN FIVE PRE-SEASON PUBLICATIONS/WEB SITES

The Rebels were ranked among the top 50 teams in the country in five preseason publications. Ole Miss is No. 40 in *Basketball News*, No. 43 in *Sporting News*, No. 36 in *Lindy's*, No. 40 in *ESPN.com* and No. 33 in *ESPN.com Bracketology*.

NOT ONLY AN OLE MISS FIRST

When junior forward **Justin Reed** was named a candidate for the 2002-03 John Wooden Award this past summer, it was the second-consecutive year that his name was on the list for the prestigious honor. The Jackson, Miss., native is first player in Ole Miss history to be a two-time Wooden candidate, and is also the first player among all Mississippi Division I state colleges to be a candidate two-straight years. Reed is Ole Miss' third player to be up for the honor, as John Stroud (1980) and Ansu Sesay (1998) were candidates. Stroud and Sesay both earned Wooden All-America distinction.

INDEED, EXPERIENCE COUNTS

One reason that Ole Miss head coach **Rod Barnes** is smiling about the 2002-03 season is because of the number of veterans returning. Four starters are back from the 2001-02 team, and when Ole Miss has had three or more starters return for the following season since 1995-96, it has resulted in a 20-win season and an NCAA Tournament berth. The following chart shows that:

Year	Starters/Prev. Yr.	Rec./Postseason
1996-97	5 (+6th man)	20-9/NCAA
1997-98	5 (+6th man)	22-7/NCAA
1998-99	3	20-13/NCAA
1999-2000	2	19-14/NIT
2000-01	3	27-8/NCAA
2001-02	3	20-11/NCAA
2002-03	4 (+6th man)	_____

OLE MISS PICKED FOURTH IN WEST

The Ole Miss Rebels were picked to finish in fourth place in the Southeastern Conference Western Division in a vote by media members at the annual conference media day Oct. 30 in Birmingham, Ala. Alabama was picked to win the SEC overall title and the Western Division crown, while Florida was selected to win the Eastern Division championship. The following shows the media's picks for the 2002-03 campaign (first-place votes in parentheses):

Eastern Division	Western Division
1. Florida (26)	1. Alabama (30)
2. Georgia (9)	2. Mississippi St. (8)
3. Kentucky (5)	3. LSU
4. South Carolina	4. Ole Miss (1)
5. Tennessee	5. Arkansas
6. Vanderbilt	6. Auburn (1)

REBELS IN GOOD COMPANY

Some say you are judged by the company you keep. If that is true, then the Rebels should be considered among the nation's elite, especially the last six years (1997-2002). Ole Miss is one of only two teams from the Southeastern Conference to post a winning record and participate in postseason play each of the last six seasons. The Rebels played in the NCAA Tournament in 1997, 1998, 1999, 2001 and 2002 and participated in the NIT in 2000. Kentucky is the only other SEC school to have a winning record and play in the postseason (6 NCAA) each of the last six years.

REBELS HAVE SUMMER STAFF CHANGES

For the first time in head coach **Rod Barnes'** tenure at Ole Miss, major staff changes occurred. In early June, **Marc Dukes** resigned his post as assistant coach after four seasons on Barnes' staff. He moved on to the Director of Student Support Services position at Northwest Mississippi Community College. On June 13, **Grant Pate**, who

had served the previous three years as the program's administrative assistant, was promoted to the assistant post vacated by Dukes.

Jay Bowen, an assistant at Austin Peay State University in 2001-02, was hired as Coordinator of Basketball Operations July 3. Bowen returned to Oxford, as he served as a graduate assistant in the 1988-89 season. Also, **Jason Flanigan**, a standout for the Rebels from 1998-2001, returned as the program's graduate administrative aide.

2002-03 Ole Miss Basketball
Ole Miss Combined Team Statistics (as of Dec 17, 2002)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(5-1)	(4-0)	(1-1)	(0-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(5-1)	(4-0)	(1-1)	(0-0)

## Player	GP-GS	---TOTAL---		---3-PTS---		----REBOUNDS----						PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg		
		Min--Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot									Avg	
23 REED, Justin.....	6-5	164	27.3	35-64	.547	2-4	.500	15-21	.714	10	28	38	6.3	20	0	7	10	8	5	87	14.5
01 HARPER, Aaron.....	6-6	183	30.5	29-51	.569	14-27	.519	13-18	.722	5	23	28	4.7	11	0	11	15	0	5	85	14.2
15 SANDERS, David.....	6-6	197	32.8	29-48	.604	4-13	.308	14-18	.778	8	21	29	4.8	15	0	24	12	4	5	76	12.7
40 ALLEN, Derrick.....	6-5	139	23.2	22-50	.440	0-0	.000	10-15	.667	12	17	29	4.8	12	0	2	7	3	4	54	9.0
32 WADE, Emmanuel.....	6-0	136	22.7	13-25	.520	4-13	.308	8-10	.800	7	11	18	3.0	12	0	12	8	0	4	38	6.3
02 PEARSON, Trey.....	6-6	156	26.0	10-19	.526	4-7	.571	10-12	.833	2	22	24	4.0	15	0	23	6	0	5	34	5.7
31 GUNN, John.....	5-1	60	12.0	13-34	.382	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	3	11	14	2.8	8	0	2	3	2	4	27	5.4
12 JOHNSON, Justin....	6-0	37	6.2	4-11	.364	2-7	.286	2-4	.500	1	2	3	0.5	7	0	4	3	0	2	12	2.0
34 HOLTZ, Shaun.....	2-0	9	4.5	0-3	.000	0-1	.000	3-4	.750	3	1	4	2.0	3	0	0	2	0	3	3	1.5
44 LOE, Jonathan.....	5-0	50	10.0	2-9	.222	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	2	2	4	0.8	6	0	3	6	0	2	4	0.8
04 FOX, Kendrick.....	6-1	28	4.7	1-7	.143	0-5	.000	2-2	1.000	0	6	6	1.0	3	0	1	2	0	1	4	0.7
25 BROWN, Bryan.....	2-0	16	8.0	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0.0
33 RHODES, Chris.....	3-0	10	3.3	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.7	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
21 NUNNERY, Cavadas...	4-0	15	3.8	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	4	4	1.0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0.0
TEAM.....										3	9	12	2.0	0		4					
Total.....	6	1200		158-324	.488	30-81	.370	78-106	.736	56	159	215	35.8	117	0	91	81	17	41	424	70.7
Opponents.....	6	1200		121-329	.368	23-89	.258	78-122	.639	77	126	203	33.8	116	-	51	96	22	40	343	57.2

TEAM STATISTICS	UM	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
SCORING.....	424	343	11/24/02	at East Carolina	L	58-65	6332
Points per game.....	70.7	57.2	11/27/02	ALABAMA STATE	W	74-58	3392
Scoring margin.....	+13.5	-	11/30/02	at George Mason	W	56-49	3040
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	158-324	121-329	12/04/02	AUSTIN PEAY	W	74-46	2517
Field goal pct.....	.488	.368	12/14/02	VCU	W	82-68	3118
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	30-81	23-89	12/17/02	LOUISIANA-MONROE	W	80-57	2532
3-point FG pct.....	.370	.258					
3-pt FG made per game..	5.0	3.8					
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	78-106	78-122					
Free throw pct.....	.736	.639					
REBOUNDS.....	215	203					
Rebounds per game.....	35.8	33.8					
Rebounding margin.....	+2.0	-					
ASSISTS.....	91	51					
Assists per game.....	15.2	8.5					
TURNOVERS.....	81	96					
Turnovers per game.....	13.5	16.0					
Turnover margin.....	+2.5	-					
Assist/turnover ratio..	1.1	0.5					
STEALS.....	41	40					
Steals per game.....	6.8	6.7					
BLOCKS.....	17	22					
Blocks per game.....	2.8	3.7					
WINNING STREAK.....	5	-					
Home win streak.....	4	-					
ATTENDANCE.....	11559	9372					
Home games-Avg/Game....	4-2890	2-4686					
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	0-0					

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	Total
Ole Miss.....	203	221	- 424
Opponents.....	152	191	- 343

2002-03 Ole Miss Basketball
 Ole Miss Game-by-Game Points-Rebounds-Assists (as of Dec 17, 2002)
 All games

Opponent	Date	Score	WL	01 HARPER,AA	02 PEARSON,T	04 FOX,KENDR	12 JOHNSON,J	15 SANDERS,D	21 NUNNERY,C	23 REED,JUST	25 BROWN,BRY	31 GUNN,JOHN
at East Carolina	11/24/02	58-65	L	15- 6- 1	7- 2- 3	0- 0- 1	0- 1- 1	10- 5- 4	0- 2- 0	11- 5- 1	DNP	DNP
ALABAMA STATE	11/27/02	74-58	W	12- 3- 5	6- 5- 5	4- 1- 0	0- 0- 0	13- 1- 5	0- 0- 0	12- 8- 1	DNP	16- 4- 0
at George Mason	11/30/02	56-49	W	12- 5- 1	6- 1- 3	0- 0- 0	0- 0- 0	10- 3- 3	DNP	8- 7- 1	DNP	0- 3- 0
AUSTIN PEAY	12/04/02	74-46	W	17- 6- 0	4- 7- 5	0- 4- 0	6- 1- 1	10- 9- 2	0- 1- 1	13- 5- 3	DNP	5- 2- 0
VCU	12/14/02	82-68	W	15- 5- 2	2- 8- 5	0- 0- 0	0- 0- 0	21- 4- 7	DNP	22- 6- 1	0- 0- 1	4- 3- 0
LOUISIANA-MONROE	12/17/02	80-57	W	14- 3- 2	9- 1- 2	0- 1- 0	6- 1- 2	12- 7- 3	0- 1- 0	21- 7- 0	0- 0- 0	2- 2- 2

Opponent	Date	Score	WL	32 WADE,EMMA	33 RHODES,CH	34 HOLTZ,SHA	40 ALLEN,DER	44 LOE,JONAT
at East Carolina	11/24/02	58-65	L	4- 2- 2	0- 1- 0	DNP	11- 5- 1	DNP
ALABAMA STATE	11/27/02	74-58	W	7- 5- 2	0- 0- 0	DNP	2- 5- 0	2- 1- 0
at George Mason	11/30/02	56-49	W	9- 2- 4	DNP	DNP	11- 9- 1	0- 1- 1
AUSTIN PEAY	12/04/02	74-46	W	9- 5- 2	DNP	DNP	10- 4- 0	0- 0- 1
VCU	12/14/02	82-68	W	0- 2- 0	DNP	2- 3- 0	16- 2- 0	0- 1- 1
LOUISIANA-MONROE	12/17/02	80-57	W	9- 2- 2	0- 1- 0	1- 1- 0	4- 4- 0	2- 1- 0

2002 - 03 REBEL GAME - BY - GAME RECAPS

Game #1 • Nov. 24, 2002
East Carolina 65, Ole Miss 58
Greenville, N.C.

East Carolina's Erroyl Bing had 11 points and 6 boards to lead the Pirates to a 65-58 non-conference victory over Ole Miss, before a crowd of 6,332 at Williams Arena. Gabriel Mikulas also scored 11 points, while Travis Holcomb-Faye added 10 points and 5 assists.

Aaron Harper led Ole Miss with 15 points and 6 boards. Derrick Allen (11 points), Justin Reed (11) and David Sanders (10) also netted double figures. Sanders also dished out 4 assists.

The Rebels held a narrow 27-24 lead at the break, but East Carolina began the second half with a 20-9 spurt to take a 44-36 advantage. The Pirates used the three-point shot to grab the lead as Belton Rivers, Jonathan Moore, Mikulas and Holcomb-Faye each hit a trey in the run.

The Rebels were able to cut the Pirate lead to two at 45-43 on an Allen layup at the 7:23 mark. East Carolina, however, put together a 10-3 run to grab a 55-46 lead with 2:43 left and put the game out of reach. From that point, the Pirates held on to the lead from the foul line.

In the first half, the Rebels jumped out to a 13-7 lead. Harper hit two treys and Sanders had a dunk in the game-opening spurt. East Carolina responded with a 7-0 run to regain the lead, and the remainder of the first half was close with neither team holding a lead larger than 3 points.

The Rebels hit 40 percent from the field and 81.8 percent from the foul line. East Carolina shot 39.6 percent from the field and 74.2 percent from the line. The Pirates won the battle on the boards 39-30.

Ole Miss	FG	3P	FT	R	TP	A	B	S
Harper	6-9	3-6	0-0	6	15	1	0	2
Fox	0-2	0-2	0-0	0	0	1	0	0
Allen	4-15	0-0	3-4	5	11	1	0	0
Pearson	2-5	1-1	2-3	2	7	3	0	0
Sanders	4-6	0-1	2-2	5	10	4	0	1
Johnson	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	0	0
Nunnery	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0
Reed	5-13	1-3	0-0	5	11	1	1	0
Wade	1-4	0-1	2-2	2	4	2	0	0
Rhodes	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
TEAM				1				
Totals	22-55	5-15	9-11	30	58	14	1	3

E. Carolina	FG	3P	FT	R	TP	A	B	S
Bing	5-5	0-0	1-3	6	11	1	1	1
Mikulas	3-6	1-1	4-4	4	11	0	0	1
Rivers	4-12	1-5	0-0	5	9	2	0	0
Wiley	3-10	0-1	2-2	5	8	0	0	4
Holcomb-Faye	2-7	1-4	5-8	3	10	5	0	0
MacKay	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
Badiane	1-4	0-0	5-6	5	7	0	5	0
Moore	1-4	1-3	6-8	1	9	0	0	1
TEAM				9				
Totals	19-48	4-14	23-31	39	65	8	6	7

Ole Miss 27 31 — 58
 East Carolina 24 41 — 65
 Officials: Burr, Sitton, Higgins
 Attendance: 6,332

Game #2 • Nov. 27, 2002
Ole Miss 74, Alabama St. 58
Oxford, Miss.

Redshirt junior forward John Gunn scored a career-high 16 points to lead Ole Miss to a 74-58 non-conference victory over Alabama State before a crowd of 3,392 at Tad Smith Coliseum. The contest was the home opener for the Rebels.

Gunn netted his 16 points on a career-best 8 field goals. David Sanders (13 points), Aaron Harper (12) and Justin Reed (12) also scored in double figures for Ole Miss. Reed grabbed a team-best 8 boards.

Lamar Clark led the Hornets with 15 points, while Cedric Mitchell added 14 points and a team-best 7 rebounds. Alvin Pettway had 13 points and 6 boards.

Alabama State jumped out to a 2-0 lead and stayed with the Rebels throughout the first half. The Rebels' largest lead in the first half was 5 points, and the Hornets even had a one-point lead at 30-29 with only 1:56 remaining before intermission. Ole Miss, though, regained the lead before the break on a Harper three-point play.

In the second half, Ole Miss picked up its defense and used a 22-8 run in the first nine minutes to push the lead to 54-38. The Rebels forced Alabama State into 6 turnovers during the second-half opening spurt. From that point, Ole Miss maintained its double-digit advantage.

The Rebels shot 57.1 percent from the field and 77.8 percent from the foul line. The Ole Miss defense held Alabama State to 39 percent shooting from the floor and 15.8 percent from the arc.

Ala. State	FG	3P	FT	R	TP	A	B	S
Pettway	5-10	0-0	3-5	6	13	1	0	2
Oliver, X.	0-3	0-0	2-2	3	2	2	1	3
Clark	7-12	0-1	1-4	3	15	1	0	1
Gamble	2-5	1-3	0-0	0	5	0	0	1
Campbell	3-11	1-6	0-1	1	7	1	0	3
Harris	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Smith	1-3	0-2	0-0	0	2	2	0	0
Mitchell	5-13	1-6	3-4	7	14	0	0	2
West	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0
Oliver, A.	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Green	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
Russell	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
TEAM				4				
Totals	23-59	3-19	9-16	28	58	7	1	12

Ole Miss	FG	3P	FT	R	TP	A	B	S
Harper	5-8	1-2	1-2	3	12	5	0	1
Reed	4-7	0-0	4-5	8	12	1	2	0
Gunn	8-11	0-0	0-0	4	16	0	1	0
Pearson	2-4	2-3	0-0	5	6	5	0	1
Sanders	4-4	1-1	4-5	1	13	5	2	0
Fox	1-2	0-1	2-2	1	4	0	0	1
Johnson	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Nunnery	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Wade	2-4	0-2	3-4	5	7	2	0	2
Rhodes	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Allen	1-3	0-0	0-0	5	2	0	0	1
Loe	1-4	0-2	0-0	1	2	0	0	1
TEAM				3				
Totals	28-49	4-12	14-18	36	74	18	5	7

Alabama State 30 28 — 58
 Ole Miss 32 42 — 74
 Officials: Stuart, Clougherty, Reyes
 Attendance: 3,392

Game #3 • Nov. 30, 2002
Ole Miss 56, George Mason 49
Fairfax, Va.

Junior Aaron Harper led three Rebels in double figures with 12 points, and freshman Trey Pearson hit 3-of-4 from the free throw line in the final 9 seconds to lift Ole Miss to a 56-49 victory over George Mason. Derrick Allen added 11 points and a team-high 9 boards, while David Sanders had 10 points.

Jesse Young led the Patriots with a double-double of 14 point and 13 rebounds. Jon Larranaga had a team-best 16 points, and Mark Davis added 11 points.

The Rebels held a 29-21 lead at the break, and doubled that advantage to 16 points at 49-33 with 5:47 to play. George Mason, though, did not go away. Over the next four minutes, the Patriots used a 12-1 run to cut the Ole Miss lead to five at 50-45 with 1:19 on the clock. Allen ended the Rebel drought with a layup to make the score 52-45 Ole Miss with 49 ticks remaining. From that point, the Rebels sealed the game at the foul line.

In the first half, Ole Miss jumped out to a 2-0 lead and never trailed. The Rebels built a 22-10 lead midway through the first half on back-to-back treys by Harper and Emmanuel Wade. The Patriots then put together an 11-5 spurt to close to within six, but still trailed 29-21 at the break.

Ole Miss shot 44.9 percent from the field, and the Rebel defense held George Mason to 36.7 percent from the floor and 18.2 percent from the three-point line. The Patriots out-rebounded Ole Miss 39-32.

Sanders also did a solid defensive job on the Patriots' leading scorer, Mark Davis. Sanders held Davis, who entered the game averaging 23.0 points, to only 11 points for the game.

Ole Miss	FG	3P	FT	R	TP	A	B	S
Harper	4-6	2-4	2-5	5	12	1	0	0
Reed	4-7	0-0	0-2	7	8	1	2	2
Allen	5-8	0-0	1-2	9	11	1	1	0
Pearson	1-2	0-0	4-5	1	6	3	0	1
Sanders	4-10	2-7	0-2	3	10	3	0	1
Fox	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Johnson	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Gunn	0-5	0-0	0-0	3	0	0	1	1
Wade	4-8	1-5	0-0	2	9	4	0	1
Loe	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	0	1
TEAM				1				
Totals	22-49	5-18	7-16	32	56	14	4	7

G. Mason	FG	3P	FT	R	TP	A	B	S
Larranaga	7-12	0-0	2-4	5	16	0	0	0
Young	5-11	0-1	4-6	13	14	0	1	0
Lewis	1-3	0-0	0-1	5	2	1	0	0
Heinen	1-6	1-2	0-0	2	3	2	0	1
Davis	3-13	1-7	4-10	4	11	0	0	0
Tynes	1-3	0-1	1-1	4	3	2	0	0
Wurtz	0-1	0-0	0-1	2	0	1	0	2
TEAM				4				
Totals	18-49	2-11	11-23	39	49	6	1	3

Ole Miss 29 27 — 56
 George Mason 21 28 — 49
 Officials: Cofer, Natili, Luckie
 Attendance: 3,040

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**Game #4 • Dec. 4, 2002
Ole Miss 74, Austin Peay 46
Oxford, Miss.**

Junior Aaron Harper led four Rebels in double figures with a game-high 17 points to lift Ole Miss to a 74-46 non-conference victory over Austin Peay. Justin Reed (13 points), Derrick Allen (10) and David Sanders (10) also scored in double figures. Sanders also grabbed a game-high tying 9 boards.

Corey Gipson was the only Austin Peay player in double figure scorer with 12 points. Josh Lewis had 9 rebounds for the Governors.

The Rebels opened the game with a 3-0 lead on a Harper trey and never fell behind the rest of the contest. Austin Peay was able to stay close, trailing only 21-16 at the 7:56 mark of the first half. From that point, the Rebels closed the half with a 15-4 run to take a 36-20 advantage into the break. The Rebels' spurt was sparked by three-pointers from Harper (2) and Sanders (1).

After the intermission, the Governors cut the Rebel lead to 36-23 on a Lewis three-point play, but could get no closer the remainder of the game.

The Rebels shot 43.9 percent from the floor, 44.4 percent from the three-point and 76.2 percent from the foul line. The Ole Miss defense held Austin Peay to 26.8 percent shooting from the field, including 21.4 percent from the three-point arc. The Rebels won the battle on the boards 46-33.

Emmanuel Wade added 9 points, 5 rebounds and 2 assists off the bench for Ole Miss. Justin Johnson had 6 points, 1 board and 1 assist.

APSU	FG	3P	FT	R	TP	A	B	S
Henning	2-9	0-2	4-4	7	8	0	3	0
Lewis	1-8	0-0	3-3	9	5	1	2	0
Gipson	3-7	3-4	3-4	4	12	3	0	1
Davis	3-15	0-3	0-0	4	6	0	0	1
Wierzba	1-4	0-3	2-4	4	4	1	0	1
Schlader	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
Carmichael	2-6	0-2	0-1	1	4	0	0	1
Hampton	2-4	0-0	1-2	0	5	1	0	2
Graham	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0
Macura	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	1
Hill	1-3	0-0	0-0	2	2	1	0	0
TEAM				0				
Totals	15-56	3-14	13-18	33	46	9	5	7

Ole Miss	FG	3P	FT	R	TP	A	B	S
Harper	5-11	4-8	3-4	6	17	0	0	0
Reed	6-13	0-0	1-1	5	13	3	1	1
Allen	2-5	0-0	6-7	4	10	0	2	1
Pearson	2-2	0-0	0-0	7	4	5	0	0
Sanders	3-7	1-2	3-3	9	10	2	1	0
Fox	0-2	0-2	0-0	4	0	0	0	0
Johnson	2-4	1-2	1-2	1	6	1	0	0
Nunnery	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0
Gunn	2-7	0-0	1-2	2	5	0	0	1
Wade	3-4	2-3	1-2	5	9	2	0	0
Loe	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	0	0
TEAM				2				
Totals	25-57	8-18	16-21	46	74	15	4	3

Austin Peay 20 26 — 46
Ole Miss 36 38 — 74
Officials: Shows, Poole, Lindsay
Attendance: 2,517

**Game #5 • Dec. 14, 2002
Ole Miss 82, VCU 68
Oxford, Miss.**

Junior Justin Reed scored a game-high 22 points and freshman Trey Pearson grabbed a season-high 8 boards to lead Ole Miss to an 82-68 victory over VCU. Reed's 22-point performance pushed him over 900 points for his career. He now has 904.

Joining Reed in double figures were David Sanders (21 points), Derrick Allen (16) and Aaron Harper (15). Sanders also dished out a game-high 7 assists.

Willie Taylor led four Rams in double figures with 20 points. Domic Jones (13), Troy Godwin (12) and Antoine Willie (12) also netted double digits for VCU. Godwin had 12 rebounds.

The visitors from Richmond, Va., stayed with the Rebels in the early going and even took a 2-point lead at 17-15 on a Willie layup with 9:17 on the clock. Ole Miss, though, responded with a 22-6 run over the next 5:23 to take a 37-23 advantage and take control of the contest. Sanders started the run with a dunk, and Harper (2 treys) and Reed (3 hoops) each added 6 points in the spurt. The Rebels led 42-30 at the break.

After intermission, Ole Miss was able to hold a double-digit lead throughout the second half. VCU was able to cut the Rebel lead to 11 points with 7:39 left, but Ole Miss answered with a 15-4 run to push the advantage up to 22 at 78-56 with only 3:38 to play.

The Rebels shot 53.3 percent from the field, 50 percent from the arc and 78.9 percent from the stripe. Ole Miss won the battle on the boards 35-33.

VCU	FG	3P	FT	R	TP	A	B	S
Taylor	6-12	2-5	6-7	5	20	2	1	2
George	2-6	0-0	1-2	3	5	1	0	1
Godwin	6-12	0-0	0-2	12	12	1	3	0
Jones	5-15	1-3	2-2	1	13	3	0	0
Mathis	2-6	0-3	0-0	1	4	2	1	0
Adams	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Reid	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
Moore	1-1	0-0	0-0	3	2	0	0	0
Willie	5-10	2-4	0-0	2	12	2	0	1
TEAM				5				
Totals	27-63	5-15	9-13	33	68	11	5	4

Ole Miss	FG	3P	FT	R	TP	A	B	S
Harper	4-8	2-3	5-5	5	15	2	0	1
Reed	8-14	1-1	5-6	6	22	1	1	0
Allen	8-13	0-0	0-2	2	16	0	0	1
Pearson	0-0	0-0	2-2	8	2	5	0	1
Sanders	10-15	0-2	1-2	4	21	7	1	1
Fox	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Johnson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Brown	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	1
Gunn	2-9	0-0	0-0	3	4	0	0	1
Wade	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0
Holtz	0-0	0-0	2-2	3	2	0	0	1
Loe	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0
TEAM				1				
Totals	32-60	3-6	15-19	35	82	17	2	7

VCU 30 38 — 68
Ole Miss 42 40 — 82
Officials: Thibodeaux, Maxwell, Ayers
Attendance: 3,118

**Game #6 • Dec. 17, 2002
Ole Miss 80, La.-Monroe 57
Oxford, Miss.**

Junior Wooden Award candidate Justin Reed scored a game-high 21 points and added a team-best 7 boards to lead Ole Miss to an 80-57 non-conference victory over Louisiana-Monroe. It was the second-straight game in which Reed netted 20 or more points.

Aaron Harper scored 14 points, and David Sanders added 12 points and 7 rebounds. Mark Keith led the Indians with 15 points. Brandon Horn and Kirby Lemons each scored 12 points apiece. Lemons led Louisiana-Monroe on the boards with 8 rebounds.

The Rebels held a 37-27 lead at the break, but the pesky Indians would not go quietly. Louisiana-Monroe began the second half with consecutive three-pointers by Reggie Griffin and Keith to pull to within 4 at 37-33 with 18:21 left. Three minutes later, a Horn trey kept the Rebel lead at 4 at 42-38 with 15:34 remaining. Over the next 6 minutes, the Rebels went on a 14-5 run to increase their advantage to 56-43 and take control of the contest.

In the first half, the teams traded baskets to an 8-all tie early. Ole Miss then put together a 24-5 spurt to take a commanding 32-13 lead. The Indians, though, did not fold, finishing the first half on a 14-5 run to pull to within 10 at 37-27 at the break.

Ole Miss hit 53.7 percent from the floor and 81 percent from the charity stripe. The Indians shot 35.2 percent from the field. The Rebels won the battle on the boards 36-31.

La.-Monroe	FG	3P	FT	R	TP	A	B	S
Griffin	3-8	1-4	0-0	3	7	4	2	2
Lemons	2-10	0-0	8-12	8	12	2	0	2
Thompson	2-5	0-0	0-1	7	4	0	0	1
Horn	4-9	2-5	2-2	1	12	3	0	2
Keith	5-9	2-4	3-3	3	15	0	0	0
Branch	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Andrews	2-5	1-1	0-0	0	5	0	0	0
Cooper	0-2	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
Bransom	1-3	0-0	0-3	5	2	1	2	0
Ciszkiwicz	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Parker	0-3	0-1	0-0	3	0	0	0	0
TEAM				0				
Totals	19-54	6-16	13-21	31	57	10	4	7

Ole Miss	FG	3P	FT	R	TP	A	B	S
Harper	5-9	2-4	2-2	3	14	2	0	1
Reed	8-10	0-0	5-7	7	21	0	1	2
Allen	2-6	0-0	0-0	4	4	0	0	1
Pearson	3-6	1-3	2-2	1	9	2	0	2
Sanders	4-6	0-0	4-4	7	12	3	0	2
Fox	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
Johnson	2-4	1-2	1-2	1	6	2	0	2
Nunnery	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
Brown	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Gunn	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	2	2	0	1
Wade	3-5	1-2	2-2	2	9	2	0	1
Rhodes	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
Holtz	0-3	0-1	1-2	1	1	0	0	2
Loe	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	0	0
TEAM				4				
Totals	29-54	5-12	17-21	36	80	13	1	14

La.-Monroe	FG	3P	FT	R	TP	A	B	S
Griffin	2-7	0-0	0-0	3	7	4	2	2
Lemons	2-10	0-0	8-12	8	12	2	0	2
Thompson	2-5	0-0	0-1	7	4	0	0	1
Horn	4-9	2-5	2-2	1	12	3	0	2
Keith	5-9	2-4	3-3	3	15	0	0	0
Branch	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Andrews	2-5	1-1	0-0	0	5	0	0	0
Cooper	0-2	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
Bransom	1-3	0-0	0-3	5	2	1	2	0
Ciszkiwicz	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Parker	0-3	0-1	0-0	3	0	0	0	0
TEAM				0				
Totals	27-63	5-15	9-13	33	68	11	5	4

La.-Monroe 27 30 — 57
Ole Miss 37 43 — 80
Officials: Stuart, Lindsay, Spainhour
Attendance: 2,532