



North Carolina 76, Mississippi State 74

March 20, 2010
Humphrey Coliseum

Mississippi State Leading Scorer: Barry Stewart, 18

Mississippi State Leading Rebounder: Jarvis Varnado, 7

North Carolina Leading Scorer: Will Graves, 17

North Carolina Leading Rebounder: John Henson, 8

Attendance: 9,471

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
North Carolina vs Mississippi State
03-20-10 11:00 a.m. at Starkville, Miss. (Humphrey Coliseum)

North Carolina 76 • (18-16)

##	Player	f	Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
21	Deon Thompson	f	4-8	0-0	0-0	1	4	5	3	8	2	3	2	0	28
31	John Henson	f	6-11	0-0	0-0	0	8	8	2	12	3	1	3	2	28
01	Marcus Ginyard	g	3-7	0-3	0-2	3	3	6	2	6	3	1	0	1	34
11	Larry Drew II	g	2-5	1-3	0-0	0	1	1	1	5	6	4	0	1	27
13	Will Graves	g	6-10	4-6	1-1	2	1	3	3	17	0	1	0	0	30
05	Dexter Strickland		3-4	0-0	2-3	0	3	3	1	8	2	0	0	1	16
15	Leslie McDonald		3-8	0-2	1-1	0	0	0	4	7	1	1	0	0	10
24	Justin Watts		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
43	Travis Wear		2-5	0-0	2-2	2	0	2	1	6	0	0	0	0	9
44	Tyler Zeller		3-7	0-0	1-1	4	3	7	2	7	0	0	0	0	13
Team						1	3	4							
Totals			32-66	5-14	7-10	13	28	41	19	76	17	11	5	5	200

FG % 1st Half: 17-35 48.6% 2nd half: 15-31 48.4% Game: 32-66 48.5% Deadball
 3FG % 1st Half: 0-2 0.0% 2nd half: 5-12 41.7% Game: 5-14 35.7% Rebounds
 FT % 1st Half: 2-2 100.0% 2nd half: 5-8 62.5% Game: 7-10 70.0% 1

Mississippi State 74 • (24-12)

##	Player	f	Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
24	Kodi Augustus	f	2-4	0-1	0-1	0	2	2	3	4	1	1	0	2	15
32	Jarvis Varnado	f	5-9	0-0	4-5	2	5	7	3	14	2	2	4	1	29
02	Ravern Johnson	g	4-11	4-6	1-2	0	6	6	1	13	1	0	0	0	28
03	Dee Bost	g	4-10	3-9	3-4	2	3	5	3	14	4	3	0	3	32
22	Barry Stewart	g	5-13	3-7	5-7	3	2	5	1	18	2	0	0	1	36
05	Romero Osby		1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	12
15	Riley Benock		0-2	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
25	Phil Turner		3-7	1-4	2-2	1	5	6	1	9	2	1	0	0	33
30	Wendell Lewis		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Team						1	0	1							
Totals			24-58	11-29	15-21	9	23	32	12	74	12	8	5	7	200

FG % 1st Half: 10-32 31.3% 2nd half: 14-26 53.8% Game: 24-58 41.4% Deadball
 3FG % 1st Half: 6-16 37.5% 2nd half: 5-13 38.5% Game: 11-29 37.9% Rebounds
 FT % 1st Half: 7-10 70.0% 2nd half: 8-11 72.7% Game: 15-21 71.4% 3

Officials: Mike Thibodeaux, Kevin Mathis, Glenn Tuitt.
 Technical fouls: North Carolina-None. Mississippi State-None.
 Attendance: 9471
 NIT - Second Round.

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
North Carolina	36	40	76
Mississippi State	33	41	74

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
NC	42	13	20	4	28
MS	14	11	11	0	11

Last FG - NC 2nd-00:04, MS 2nd-01:38.
 Largest lead - NC by 8 1st-03:04, MS by 12 1st-15:15.

Score tied - 6 times.
 Lead changed - 5 times.

North Carolina vs Mississippi State
03-20-10 11:00 a.m. at Starkville, Miss. (Humphrey Coliseum)
2nd PERIOD Play-by-Play (Page 1)

Time	Score	Margin	HOME/VISITOR	Time	Score	Margin	HOME/VISITOR
19:36			FOUL by Kodi Augustus (P3T1)	11:47			TIMEOUT MEDIA
19:36			MISSED FT SHOT by Marcus Ginyard	11:47	54-50	H 4	GOOD! FT SHOT by Phil Turner
19:36			REBOUND (OFF) by (DEADBALL)	11:47	55-50	H 5	GOOD! FT SHOT by Phil Turner
19:36			MISSED FT SHOT by Marcus Ginyard	11:18			MISSED JUMPER by Travis Wear
19:36			REBOUND (OFF) by Deon Thompson	11:18			REBOUND (DEF) by Jarvis Varnado
19:34			MISSED 3 PTR by Larry Drew II	10:56	57-50	H 7	GOOD! JUMPER by Jarvis Varnado
19:34			REBOUND (DEF) by Dee Bost	10:42	57-52	H 5	GOOD! JUMPER by Dexter Strickland
19:28			MISSED 3 PTR by Dee Bost	10:42			ASSIST by John Henson
19:28			REBOUND (DEF) by John Henson	10:22			FOUL by Dexter Strickland (P1T7)
19:15	33-39	V 6	GOOD! 3 PTR by Will Graves	10:22	58-52	H 6	GOOD! FT SHOT by Barry Stewart
19:15			ASSIST by Larry Drew II	10:22	59-52	H 7	GOOD! FT SHOT by Barry Stewart
18:52	36-39	V 3	GOOD! 3 PTR by Ravern Johnson	10:22			MISSED FT SHOT by Barry Stewart
18:52			ASSIST by Jarvis Varnado	10:22			REBOUND (DEF) by Will Graves
18:15	36-41	V 5	GOOD! LAYUP by Deon Thompson [PNT]	10:12			MISSED JUMPER by Will Graves
18:15			ASSIST by John Henson	10:12			BLOCK by Romero Osby
18:05			TURNOVR by Dee Bost	10:09			REBOUND (OFF) by Marcus Ginyard
18:03			STEAL by Marcus Ginyard	09:57	59-54	H 5	GOOD! DUNK by Marcus Ginyard [PNT]
18:03			FOUL by Dee Bost (P2T2)	09:33			MISSED 3 PTR by Phil Turner
17:46			MISSED 3 PTR by Marcus Ginyard	09:33			BLOCK by John Henson
17:46			REBOUND (DEF) by Dee Bost	09:30			REBOUND (DEF) by (TEAM)
17:41			FOUL by Will Graves (P2T1)	09:10	59-56	H 3	GOOD! DUNK by John Henson [PNT]
17:29			FOUL by Will Graves (P3T2)	09:10			ASSIST by Larry Drew II
17:05			FOUL by Deon Thompson (P2T3)	08:44			MISSED JUMPER by Phil Turner
16:52	39-41	V 2	GOOD! 3 PTR by Barry Stewart	08:44			REBOUND (DEF) by John Henson
16:52			ASSIST by Dee Bost	08:28			FOUL by Phil Turner (P1T5)
16:24			TURNOVR by Larry Drew II	07:59			TURNOVR by Deon Thompson
16:23			STEAL by Dee Bost	07:59			TIMEOUT MEDIA
16:21	41-41	T 1	GOOD! DUNK by Jarvis Varnado [PNT]	07:46			TURNOVR by Dee Bost
16:21			ASSIST by Barry Stewart	07:31			MISSED LAYUP by John Henson
16:08			MISSED 3 PTR by Leslie McDonald	07:31			REBOUND (OFF) by Marcus Ginyard
16:08			REBOUND (DEF) by Dee Bost	07:26	59-58	H 1	GOOD! TIP-IN by Marcus Ginyard [PNT]
16:03			FOUL by Leslie McDonald (P3T4)	07:02			MISSED LAYUP by Jarvis Varnado
15:49			MISSED 3 PTR by Barry Stewart	07:02			REBOUND (OFF) by Phil Turner
15:49			REBOUND (OFF) by Dee Bost	06:58	61-58	H 3	GOOD! TIP-IN by Phil Turner [PNT]
15:44	44-41	H 3	GOOD! 3 PTR by Ravern Johnson	06:38			MISSED 3 PTR by Larry Drew II
15:44			ASSIST by Dee Bost	06:38			REBOUND (DEF) by Phil Turner
15:34			MISSED LAYUP by Leslie McDonald	06:22			MISSED 3 PTR by Dee Bost
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15:31			REBOUND (DEF) by Jarvis Varnado	06:08	61-61	T 2	GOOD! 3 PTR by Will Graves
15:31			FOUL by Leslie McDonald (P4T5)	06:08			ASSIST by Marcus Ginyard
15:31			TIMEOUT MEDIA	05:49	63-61	H 2	GOOD! JUMPER by Barry Stewart
15:31			MISSED 3 PTR by Ravern Johnson	05:32			TURNOVR by Larry Drew II
15:31			REBOUND (OFF) by (TEAM)	05:31			STEAL by Dee Bost
15:06			MISSED 3 PTR by Dee Bost	05:07			TURNOVR by Jarvis Varnado
15:06			REBOUND (DEF) by Deon Thompson	05:05			STEAL by Larry Drew II
14:49			MISSED 3 PTR by Will Graves	04:58	63-64	V 1	GOOD! 3 PTR by Larry Drew II
14:49			REBOUND (DEF) by Barry Stewart	04:58			ASSIST by Marcus Ginyard
14:42	47-41	H 6	GOOD! 3 PTR by Dee Bost	04:42			TIMEOUT 30sec
14:42			ASSIST by Barry Stewart	04:30			MISSED LAYUP by Barry Stewart
14:25			MISSED 3 PTR by Marcus Ginyard	04:30			REBOUND (OFF) by Jarvis Varnado
14:25			REBOUND (DEF) by Phil Turner	04:28			FOUL by John Henson (P2T8)
14:17	49-41	H 8	GOOD! LAYUP by Phil Turner [PNT]	04:28			MISSED FT SHOT by Jarvis Varnado
14:09			FOUL by Dee Bost (P3T3)	04:28			REBOUND (OFF) by (DEADBALL)
14:09	49-42	H 7	GOOD! FT SHOT by Dexter Strickland	04:28	64-64	T 3	GOOD! FT SHOT by Jarvis Varnado
14:09	49-43	H 6	GOOD! FT SHOT by Dexter Strickland	04:04			MISSED LAYUP by Deon Thompson
13:54	51-43	H 8	GOOD! JUMPER by Jarvis Varnado [PNT]	04:04			BLOCK by Jarvis Varnado
13:34	51-46	H 5	GOOD! 3 PTR by Will Graves	04:01			REBOUND (DEF) by Ravern Johnson
13:34			ASSIST by John Henson	03:41			MISSED 3 PTR by Phil Turner
13:02			TURNOVR by Jarvis Varnado	03:41			REBOUND (DEF) by Marcus Ginyard
12:52			MISSED 3 PTR by Will Graves	03:33	64-66	V 2	GOOD! JUMPER by Deon Thompson
12:52			REBOUND (OFF) by Tyler Zeller	03:33			ASSIST by Marcus Ginyard
12:50	51-48	H 3	GOOD! JUMPER by Tyler Zeller [PNT]	03:14	66-66	T 4	GOOD! JUMPER by Barry Stewart
12:31	53-48	H 5	GOOD! LAYUP by Kodi Augustus [PNT]	03:02			MISSED JUMPER by Deon Thompson
12:16			MISSED JUMPER by Tyler Zeller	03:02			REBOUND (DEF) by Ravern Johnson
12:16			REBOUND (OFF) by Tyler Zeller	02:46	69-66	H 3	GOOD! 3 PTR by Ravern Johnson
12:10			FOUL by Barry Stewart (P1T4)	02:46			ASSIST by Jarvis Varnado
12:10	53-49	H 4	GOOD! FT SHOT by Travis Wear	02:28			MISSED JUMPER by Will Graves
12:10	53-50	H 3	GOOD! FT SHOT by Travis Wear	02:28			BLOCK by Jarvis Varnado
11:47			FOUL by Marcus Ginyard (P1T6)	02:27			REBOUND (OFF) by (TEAM)

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05	Romero Osby		1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	6
15	Riley Benock		0-2	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
25	Phil Turner		1-1	1-1	0-0	0	3	3	0	3	2	1	0	0	15
30	Wendell Lewis		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
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19:46			STEAL by Kodi Augustus	11:59			REBOUND (DEF) by Dexter Strickland
19:44	3-0	H 3	GOOD! 3 PTR by Dee Bost	11:54			MISSED JUMPER by Dexter Strickland
19:44			ASSIST by Ravern Johnson	11:54			REBOUND (DEF) by Phil Turner
19:25	3-2	H 1	GOOD! JUMPER by Deon Thompson	11:37			TURNOVR by Romero Osby
19:25			ASSIST by Larry Drew II	11:36			STEAL by Dexter Strickland
19:04			MISSED LAYUP by Ravern Johnson	11:33	18-10	H 8	GOOD! LAYUP by Dexter Strickland [FB/PNT]
19:04			REBOUND (OFF) by Jarvis Varnado	11:10			TURNOVR by Kodi Augustus
19:01			MISSED TIP-IN by Jarvis Varnado	11:10			FOUL by Kodi Augustus (P1T2)
19:01			REBOUND (OFF) by Dee Bost	11:10			TIMEOUT MEDIA
18:55			FOUL by Deon Thompson (P1T1)	10:59			MISSED JUMPER by Tyler Zeller
18:55	4-2	H 2	GOOD! FT SHOT by Jarvis Varnado	10:59			REBOUND (DEF) by Jarvis Varnado
18:55	5-2	H 3	GOOD! FT SHOT by Jarvis Varnado	10:40			MISSED 3 PTR by Riley Benock
18:41			TURNOVR by Will Graves	10:40			REBOUND (DEF) by Tyler Zeller
18:39			STEAL by Barry Stewart	10:35			MISSED JUMPER by Justin Watts
18:33			MISSED JUMPER by Ravern Johnson	10:35			REBOUND (OFF) by Travis Wear
18:33			BLOCK by John Henson	10:30	18-12	H 6	GOOD! LAYUP by Travis Wear [PNT]
18:31			REBOUND (DEF) by Deon Thompson	10:08			MISSED 3 PTR by Barry Stewart
18:28			MISSED JUMPER by John Henson	10:08			REBOUND (DEF) by Justin Watts
18:28			REBOUND (DEF) by Jarvis Varnado	09:59	18-14	H 4	GOOD! JUMPER by Tyler Zeller
18:20			MISSED LAYUP by Ravern Johnson	09:59			ASSIST by Dexter Strickland
18:20			REBOUND (DEF) by John Henson	09:07			FOUL by Leslie McDonald (P1T4)
18:13			TURNOVR by Larry Drew II	09:06			FOUL by Leslie McDonald (P2T5)
18:11			STEAL by Jarvis Varnado	09:06			MISSED FT SHOT by Ravern Johnson
18:09			MISSED 3 PTR by Dee Bost	09:06			REBOUND (OFF) by (DEADBALL)
18:09			REBOUND (DEF) by John Henson	09:06	19-14	H 5	GOOD! FT SHOT by Ravern Johnson
17:53			MISSED 3 PTR by Marcus Ginyard	09:00	19-16	H 3	GOOD! DUNK by John Henson [PNT]
17:53			REBOUND (DEF) by Kodi Augustus	09:00			ASSIST by Leslie McDonald
17:33	7-2	H 5	GOOD! JUMPER by Kodi Augustus	08:40			MISSED 3 PTR by Ravern Johnson
17:28			TIMEOUT 30sec	08:40			REBOUND (DEF) by (TEAM)
17:15			MISSED 3 PTR by Leslie McDonald	08:11	19-18	H 1	GOOD! JUMPER by John Henson
17:15			REBOUND (DEF) by Ravern Johnson	08:11			ASSIST by Deon Thompson
16:42	10-2	H 8	GOOD! 3 PTR by Barry Stewart	07:54			MISSED JUMPER by Jarvis Varnado
16:33			TURNOVR by Larry Drew II	07:54			REBOUND (DEF) by John Henson
16:33			FOUL by Larry Drew II (P1T2)	07:47			TURNOVR by Deon Thompson
16:15	12-2	H 10	GOOD! LAYUP by Jarvis Varnado [PNT]	07:47			TIMEOUT MEDIA
16:15			ASSIST by Kodi Augustus	07:37			MISSED 3 PTR by Barry Stewart
16:10			FOUL by Travis Wear (P1T3)	07:37			REBOUND (DEF) by John Henson
16:10	13-2	H 11	GOOD! FT SHOT by Jarvis Varnado	07:27			TURNOVR by John Henson
16:05			MISSED LAYUP by Leslie McDonald	07:25			STEAL by Kodi Augustus
16:05			REBOUND (DEF) by Jarvis Varnado	07:14			MISSED JUMPER by Ravern Johnson
16:00			MISSED 3 PTR by Dee Bost	07:14			REBOUND (OFF) by Barry Stewart
16:00			REBOUND (DEF) by Tyler Zeller	06:57			FOUL by John Henson (P1T6)
15:50	13-4	H 9	GOOD! JUMPER by Travis Wear	06:57			TURNOVR by Dee Bost
15:50			ASSIST by Dexter Strickland	06:55			STEAL by John Henson
15:15	16-4	H 12	GOOD! 3 PTR by Barry Stewart	06:51	19-20	V 1	GOOD! LAYUP by Leslie McDonald [PNT]
15:15			ASSIST by Dee Bost	06:51			ASSIST by Deon Thompson
15:00			FOUL by Jarvis Varnado (P1T1)	06:30			MISSED LAYUP by Jarvis Varnado
15:00			TIMEOUT MEDIA	06:30			BLOCK by Deon Thompson
14:56	16-6	H 10	GOOD! LAYUP by Dexter Strickland [PNT]	06:20			REBOUND (DEF) by Deon Thompson
14:32			MISSED 3 PTR by Dee Bost	06:17	19-22	V 3	GOOD! LAYUP by John Henson [PNT]
14:32			REBOUND (DEF) by Tyler Zeller	05:53	21-22	V 1	GOOD! JUMPER by Jarvis Varnado
14:24	16-8	H 8	GOOD! LAYUP by Leslie McDonald [PNT]	05:40			MISSED JUMPER by Leslie McDonald
13:48			MISSED LAYUP by Romero Osby	05:40			REBOUND (OFF) by Marcus Ginyard
13:48			REBOUND (DEF) by Dexter Strickland	05:35			MISSED LAYUP by Marcus Ginyard
13:35			TURNOVR by Leslie McDonald	05:35			BLOCK by Jarvis Varnado
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13:08			MISSED JUMPER by Travis Wear	05:21	21-24	V 3	GOOD! LAYUP by Leslie McDonald [FB/PNT]
13:08			REBOUND (DEF) by Phil Turner	05:21			FOUL by Jarvis Varnado (P2T3)
13:00	18-8	H 10	GOOD! DUNK by Romero Osby [PNT]	05:21	21-25	V 4	GOOD! FT SHOT by Leslie McDonald
13:00			ASSIST by Phil Turner	05:13			FOUL by Tyler Zeller (P1T7)
12:36			MISSED JUMPER by Tyler Zeller	05:13	22-25	V 3	GOOD! FT SHOT by Dee Bost
12:36			REBOUND (OFF) by Travis Wear	05:13	23-25	V 2	GOOD! FT SHOT by Dee Bost
12:32			MISSED TIP-IN by Travis Wear	04:58			FOUL by Dee Bost (P1T4)
12:32			REBOUND (OFF) by Tyler Zeller	04:54			MISSED JUMPER by Deon Thompson
12:30			MISSED JUMPER by Tyler Zeller	04:54			REBOUND (DEF) by Ravern Johnson
12:30			REBOUND (DEF) by Kodi Augustus	04:29			MISSED JUMPER by Kodi Augustus



MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY Basketball

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Mississippi State Head Coach Rick Stansbury

Opening Comments...

"Give Roy (Williams) and North Carolina credit. They made the plays down the stretch that you have to make to win games. I knew they were a good team with a lot of talent. But with all that, I'm proud of our kids and what they have accomplished. We stayed together through all the adversity we had and there will be only teams that won't have this feeling at the end of the year: the team that wins the national championship and the team that wins the NIT. I hurt for our two seniors now. Walking into the locker room with a jersey on for the last time is a different feeling than you'll ever have. They have been special players for us being part of four different championships in four years. I couldn't have asked to be around or coach better people than them."

On his view of the last shot...

"That's just one of those plays in basketball that just happens. No one can draw it up to shoot it like that. They shot it over my guy, too. They shot it over Jarvis and not many people can do that. It's just a play in the game that happens. We switched off a screen, nothing different. He didn't get a clean look; he just slung it up over his shoulder."

On the lack of depth on this year's team...

"I'll say this: if you told me before the season that I would not have Elgin Bailey, Twanny (Beckham), Shaun (Smith) or (Renardo) Sidney and these guys would still win a championship with a successful postseason, I would have taken it. I'm proud of what they did. When we had that opening line up to begin the season, I think we would all be happy to be where we are at today. We took some, we just want more now. For 36 games they found a way to play, fighting through fatigue and injuries. I'm very proud of what they did."

On the comfort of Barry Stewart shooting free throws at the end...

"I wouldn't have rather had anyone at the line other than Barry Stewart. He's tough enough to go make two free throws when you need them. He did the same thing in the SEC Tournament. He's just tough enough to step up and make the plays you have to make. I got everyone off the line with him up there. I knew he could make them."

On Jarvis Varnado tying his season blocks record at 170...

"That's a great milestone for him. He might not see it right now through all the hurt, but no one can take away what that young man has done in his career. I'll miss him inside for sure. It's been great to have him in there for the four years. I will dearly miss him next year in that paint."



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North Carolina Head Coach Roy Williams

Opening Comments:

"Needless to say, we feel very fortunate. We were very lucky, and this has been the unluckiest year I've ever had in my entire life. I'm not saying that just one game evens everything out. It was bizarre. One time in the first half we deflected the ball it bounced one time between our guys legs to one of there guys in the corner and he made a three. There is no question, I don't think Will intended to make his shot, but it went in and we have had some of those shots (at College of Charleston and Georgia Tech) happen to us this year. Today was smiling on us. When they went to the free throw line I told Larry to push it. After we played Georgia Tech at our place he missed one at the end, and I told him he would get one of these later that would be a game winner. So I'm happy for both of these guys (Larry Drew and Will Graves), because I was about to kill them early in the game. I was not pleased with either of them early, but they were tough enough to make the plays and sick in there at the end."

On Mississippi State not fouling at the end of the game...

"When you think about it, you don't want to foul when the score is tied. You wan to try and play the best defense. They made us take a very difficult shot. You don't want to foul in that scenario because it was in the one-and-one."

On first half play ...

"I was so mad in the first half at some of our guys and they way they were playing. John didn't go over the screen, that's the only thing we talked about for the past two days. Larry throwing it away. Will didn't run back. Will didn't pick up. Will didn't get up over the screen. He had three bad things, and I took them out. And they told me to substitute, but I told them I didn't have anybody I wanted to put back in the game. I was hot, and they deserve it. Leslie, Dexter and Travis, those three guys, and Justin, got us back in the game. It was like a 12 or 13 point game, and they got us back into the game. I made those other guys mad enough at me, so they decided to play when they got back in there."

On upcoming game...

"I'm going to pull for anybody to show up, because I just want to play another game. You always want your league to do well, so there is no question, that I know Sidney better than I know anybody at UAB, so I'll be pulling for them."



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32-Jarvis Varnado; Sr. F/C

On the last shot by North Carolina...

"It was coming at me. I knew he was going to take the shot, and just give credit to him for making a good layup. The ball just didn't fall our way. He stretched it out and put it over my head."

On the tough end to the season...

"The guys fought hard. It just wasn't in our favor today."

On the size difference...

"We have been playing small all year. We fought them and fought them and couldn't come up with the victory today."

22-Barry Stewart; Sr. G

On the last shot by North Carolina...

"I was just making sure there was no kick out on the drive. When the shot went in, we didn't have much time to set up. We stayed in front of him, but it went in."

On thoughts walking off the floor for the last time...

"I have enjoyed every minute of it. It is something you can't describe. It has been fun here. There was a good turnout today, and I appreciate all the fans who cheered for us these last four years."



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11 – Larry Drew II; So. G

On last shot ...

"I just told myself it was a do or die situation and I feel like I can get to the bank any time I want to. I just got to the there and I saw Jarvis (Varnado) to my right side. I just wanted to get up there and give it a chance to go in. Luckily it did."

13 – Will Graves; Jr. G

On banked shot at the end...

"We were running a play trying to get it inside, and if that wasn't open I had a double screen to come to the top. I was just shooting it like I was in practice on any other day. When it came off my hands I felt confident but God did the rest."

On game plan to control Mississippi State three-pointers...

"We came out to a slow start and we were not as intense. They hit us right in the mouth and it was just more of us having to focus and doing what we prepared to do. We had to get up to the three-point shooters, we had a game against William and Mary where we had to do the same thing, so it's kind of just refocusing and putting the effort there and everything else took care of itself."



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Attendance: 9,471

Mississippi State Team Notes

- With the loss, Mississippi State fell to 0-5 all-time against North Carolina and 30-41 against teams from the ACC.
- The Bulldogs are now 7-7 all-time in NIT play.
- Overall, MSU is now 18-17 in the postseason, including its 11-10 mark in the NCAA Tournament.
- MSU fell to 13-4 at home this season.
- Under Rick Stansbury, the Bulldogs fell to 10-10 in post-season play.
- MSU made 10-plus 3-pointers for the 16th time this season.

Mississippi State Individual Notes

- With his first block, senior forward Jarvis Varnado extended his streak to 53 games with at least one. He finished with four to give him 170 for the season, tying his 170 total of a year ago, an SEC record for the most in a single season.
- With his fourth rebound, Jarvis Varnado passed Rickey Brown for the second-most rebounds in school history. He finished his career with 1,096 rebounds.
- Barry Stewart finished his career with 1,602 points.
- Jarvis Varnado finished his career with 1,403 points and 564 blocks.