HEAD-TO-HEAD MATCHUP REPORT

Louisiana
5-2 overall · 2-1 conference

VS

Southern Miss
1-5 overall · 0-2 conference

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026 · 4:00 PM CT

Carlisle-Faulkner Field at Renasant Stadium, Hattiesburg, MS · ESPN+

STATS THROUGH OCT 17, 2026

	POINTS / GAME	POINTS ALLOWED	YARDS / GAME	YARDS ALLOWED	TURNOVER MARGIN
UL	30.0	19.3	377.7	298.3	+4
USM	24.2	32.7	394.5	446.7	-3

STATISTICAL EDGES · 34 CATEGORIES — 1 EVEN

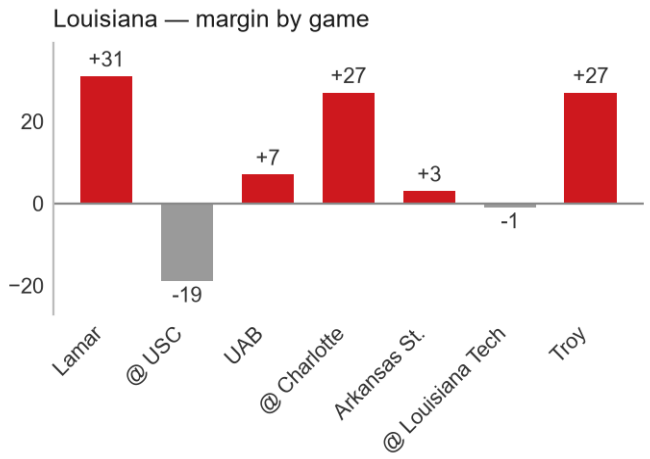
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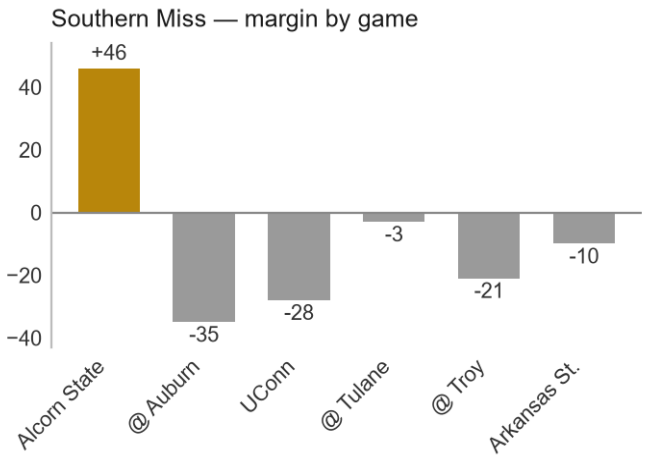
Results to Date

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT
09/05	Lamar University	**W 38-7**
09/12	at USC	L 30-49
09/19	UAB	**W 21-14**
09/26	at Charlotte	**W 34-7**
10/03	Arkansas St. *	**W 23-20**
10/10	at Louisiana Tech *	L 31-32
10/17	Troy *	**W 33-6**

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT
09/05	Alcorn State	**W 49-3**
09/12	at Auburn	L 8-43
09/19	UConn	L 20-48
09/26	at Tulane	L 21-24
10/06	at Troy *	L 34-55
10/17	Arkansas St. *	L 13-23

** Conference game*





Team Statistics, Side by Side

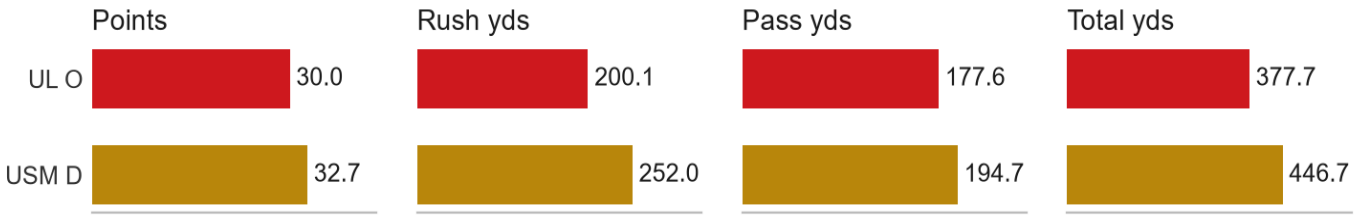
Per-game and rate stats are used because the teams have played a different number of games. The better figure in each row is highlighted in that team's color.

CATEGORY	LOUISIANA	SOUTHERN MISS	EDGE
SCORING			
Points per game	**30.0**	24.2	**UL**
Points allowed per game	**19.3**	32.7	**UL**
Scoring margin per game	**+10.7**	-8.5	**UL**
OFFENSE			
Total yards per game	377.7	**394.5**	**USM**
Yards per play	5.7	**5.8**	**USM**
Rushing yards per game	**200.1**	133.7	**UL**
Yards per carry	**4.7**	4.1	**UL**
Passing yards per game	177.6	**260.8**	**USM**
Yards per pass attempt	**7.49**	7.31	**UL**
Completion %	**69.3%**	59.8%	**UL**
First downs per game	**22.3**	21.3	**UL**
Sacks allowed per game	**1.29**	1.83	**UL**
DEFENSE			
Total yards allowed / game	**298.3**	446.7	**UL**
Yards per play allowed	**5.0**	6.0	**UL**
Rush yards allowed / game	**104.3**	252.0	**UL**
Yards per carry allowed	**3.7**	5.2	**UL**
Pass yards allowed / game	**194.0**	194.7	**UL**
Opp. completion %	**62.6%**	65.4%	**UL**
Sacks per game	1.29	**2.33**	**USM**
SITUATIONAL			
3rd-down conversion %	**42.4%**	33.8%	**UL**
Opp. 3rd-down conversion %	41.4%	**40.7%**	**USM**
4th-down conversion %	**75.0%**	35.7%	**UL**
Red-zone scoring %	**96.3%**	68.2%	**UL**
Red-zone TD %	**74.1%**	63.6%	**UL**
Opp. red-zone TD %	64.7%	**56.0%**	**USM**
Time of possession / game	**33:27**	25:43	**UL**
TURNOVERS & DISCIPLINE			
Takeaways	**14**	7	**UL**
Giveaways	10	10	—
Turnover margin	**+4**	-3	**UL**
Penalty yards per game	**41.0**	57.8	**UL**
SPECIAL TEAMS			
Field goal %	**100.0%**	33.3%	**UL**
Net punting average	34.5	**39.3**	**USM**
Kick return average	19.4	**20.0**	**USM**
Punt return average	**10.9**	9.0	**UL**

Unit vs. Unit

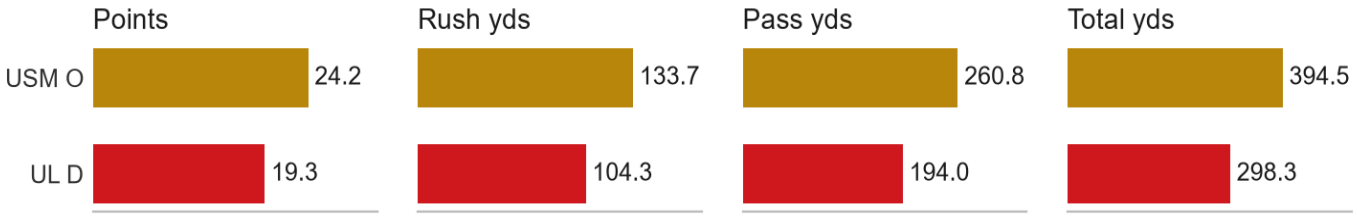
Each offense against the defense it will face. Blend is the simple average of what the offense produces and what the defense allows per game. It is a reference point, not a prediction, and it does not adjust for strength of schedule.

Louisiana offense vs. Southern Miss defense



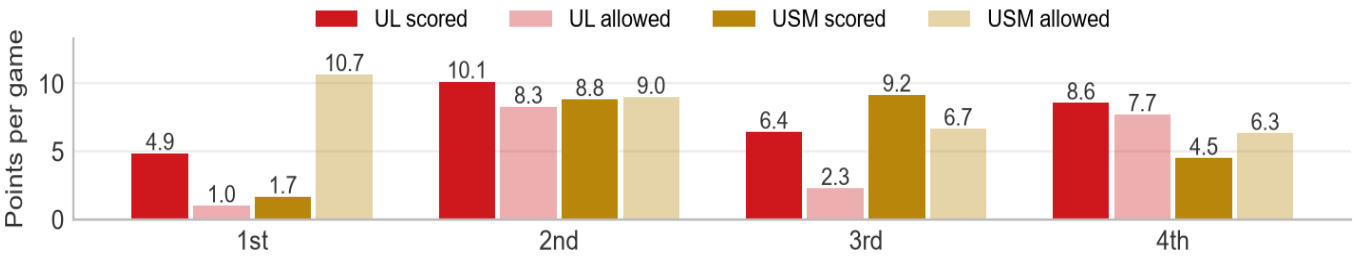
PER GAME	UL OFFENSE	USM ALLOWS	BLEND
Points	30.0	32.7	**31.3**
Total yards	377.7	446.7	**412.2**
Rushing yards	200.1	252.0	**226.1**
Passing yards	177.6	194.7	**186.1**
Yards per play	5.7	6.0	**5.8**
3rd-down %	42.4%	40.7%	**41.5%**

Southern Miss offense vs. Louisiana defense



PER GAME	USM OFFENSE	UL ALLOWS	BLEND
Points	24.2	19.3	**21.7**
Total yards	394.5	298.3	**346.4**
Rushing yards	133.7	104.3	**119.0**
Passing yards	260.8	194.0	**227.4**
Yards per play	5.8	5.0	**5.4**
3rd-down %	33.8%	41.4%	**37.6%**

Scoring by quarter (points per game)



Player Leaders

Louisiana

PASSING	C-A-I	PCT	YDS	TD	RTG
#7 Lunch Winfield	108-155-4	69.7	1153	4	135.5
#11 Daniel Beale	7-10-1	70.0	90	0	125.6

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD	Y/G
#7 Lunch Winfield	97	463	4.8	8	66.1
#20 JJ Garner	44	252	5.7	4	36.0
#22 Anthony Reagan Jr.	53	224	4.2	3	32.0
#24 Steven Blanco	54	210	3.9	4	30.0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	Y/G
#9 KeDarius Wade	11	226	20.6	2	32.3
#4 Trenton Chaney	14	169	12.1	0	33.8
#83 Brock Chappell	12	126	10.5	0	21.0
#10 Russell Babineaux	15	121	8.1	1	17.3

TACKLES	SOLO	AST	TOT	TFL	SACKS
#44 Jake St. Andre	24	24	48	3.5	0
#11 Brent Gordon Jr.	25	18	43	5.5	0
#21 Maurion Eleam	22	15	37	1.5	1
#3 Micah Johnson	11	22	33	2.5	0
#6 Conor McPherson	13	18	31	2.5	0.5

PLAYMAKERS	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FF
#11 Brent Gordon Jr.	5.5	0	2	10	2
#10 Avery Demery	3	1	1	5	0
#80 Lester Jones	2	2	0	2	1
#44 Jake St. Andre	3.5	0	1	0	0

Southern Miss

PASSING	C-A-I	PCT	YDS	TD	RTG
#18 Landry Lyddy	80-133-4	60.1	1032	7	136.7
#5 Ethan Hampton	45-75-4	60.0	419	2	105.1

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD	Y/G
#14 Steven Robinson	99	432	4.4	5	72.0
#6 Jamarice Wilder	44	218	5.0	3	36.3
#2 Robert Briggs	4	66	16.5	1	33.0
#22 Jaylen Foster	6	31	5.2	0	31.0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	Y/G
#1 Mario Sanders	34	492	14.5	5	82.0
#8 AJ Little	17	271	15.9	1	45.2
#7 Kaden Saunders	12	184	15.3	0	36.8
#3 MJ Johnson	11	145	13.2	0	24.2

TACKLES	SOLO	AST	TOT	TFL	SACKS
#13 Mathis Haygood	21	34	55	5.5	0.5
#24 Michael Robinson III	22	29	51	1.5	0
#35 Wesley Edison	20	17	37	3	1
#25 Landon Sylvie	14	23	37	1	0
#12 Laquan Robinson	17	9	26	0	0

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#22 Kobi Albert	0	0	3	3	0
#9 Jameer Lewis	3.5	3	0	0	1
#13 Mathis Haygood	5.5	0.5	0	0	0
#35 Wesley Edison	3	1	0	2	0

Key Matchups to Watch

- **Louisiana run game vs. Southern Miss run defense.** Louisiana averages 200.1 rushing yards per game (22 rushing TDs) and Southern Miss allows 252.0 per game at 5.2 yards a carry. A simple blend of the two projects about 226 rushing yards for Louisiana.
- **Southern Miss run game vs. Louisiana run defense.** Southern Miss runs for 133.7 per game; Louisiana gives up only 104.3 at 3.7 a carry. Blend: roughly 119 rushing yards for Southern Miss.
- **The air game.** Southern Miss throws for 260.8 yards per game (7.31 per attempt) against the Louisiana pass defense, which allows 194.0 (6.20 per attempt). Louisiana completes 69.3% of its passes versus 65.4% allowed by Southern Miss.
- **Red zone.** Louisiana has scored on 26-27 trips (96%), 20-27 for touchdowns. Southern Miss has allowed opponents to score on 20-25 trips. Southern Miss's own red-zone offense is 15-22 (64% TDs).
- **Kicking game.** Louisiana is 10-10 on field goals (100%); Southern Miss is 2-6 (33%). Opponents are 11-11 against Southern Miss.
- **Possession and turnovers.** Louisiana holds the ball 33:27 per game to Southern Miss's 25:43. Turnover margin: Louisiana +4, Southern Miss -3. Southern Miss has thrown 9 interceptions; Louisiana has 14 takeaways.
- **Fourth down.** Louisiana converts 6-8 (75%) on fourth down, and Southern Miss opponents have converted 10-13 (77%). Southern Miss is 5-14 on its own attempts.

Where Each Team Holds the Edge

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