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ESPY, HYDE-SMITH HEADED TO A HISTORIC RUNOFF

Mississippians returned Roger Wicker (R) to the Senate and sent this year's Special Election to a historic runoff between Cindy Hyde-Smith (R) and Mike Espy (D). See inside for a breakdown of how each Mississippi county voted.

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ROGER WICKER (R)



MIKE ESPY (D)



CINDY HYDE-SMITH (R)

Wicker wins; Espy, Hyde-Smith go to runoff



PHOTO: CHRISTIAN JOHNSON

Oxonians cast their votes in the Oxford Conference Center on Tuesday. Voters experienced long waiting times and lines at many polling locations around Oxford throughout the day.

TAYLOR VANCE

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Roger Wicker, Mississippi's incumbent Republican U.S. senator, defeated David Baria, the state's House minority leader, on Tuesday in the regularly scheduled midterm election. In the state's special Senate election, interim Republican U.S. Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith and former Democratic U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy will head to a runoff election that will take place on Nov. 27.

The runoff election will be historic for the state because voters will either elect the state's first female senator or the state's first African-American senator since Reconstruction.

Long lines at polling precincts in the state mirrored long lines across the country as turnout surpassed levels expected for non-presidential elections.

Wicker, a resident of Tupelo, defeated Baria with 58.9 percent of the vote and ran on a platform of increasing the nation's defense and cutting federal regulations.

"I'm very, very pleased (with the election results)," Wicker said in a telephone interview with The Daily Mississippian. "I look forward to the opportunity to enact policies that will improve the lives of Americans, of Mississippians."

Wicker said he was disappointed in the Democrats gaining control of the House but said it "was not the 'blue wave' everyone thought it would be."

"I think Mississippi voters are conservative and support the policies that this Republican Congress has been implementing, and I look forward to continuing that," Wicker said.

Wicker said he thinks he will become the chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, and he will use that position to advocate for college students and millennials.

"I think by expanding broadband in Mississippi, we can stop the 'brain drain,'" Wicker said. "Everything I do, from protecting social security and entitlements for generations to come, will benefit college students."

Baria, who represents Han-

DM STAFF REPORT

Lafayette County voter turnout exceeds previous midterm levels

Oxford citizens turned out in droves to vote in the 2018 midterm elections on Tuesday, surpassing 2014 midterm voting totals two hours before the polls closed. Voters faced long lines, reported voting machine malfunctions and found limited parking at polling places throughout the historic Election Day.

A total of 16,517 votes were cast in Lafayette County on Election Day, a 69.8 percent increase from the 9,728 votes cast in the 2014 U.S. Senate race between Travis Childers, Thad Cochran and Shawn O'Hara. The total from Tuesday night does not include affidavit ballots, which will be released on Wednesday morning.

Tuesday's turnout was only about 3,100 voters less than the 2016 presidential election in



PHOTO: CHRISTIAN JOHNSON

Voters line up out the door of the Stone Center in Oxford to cast their ballots on Tuesday.

which 19,643 people cast their ballots in Lafayette County.

According to unofficial election results released Tuesday night, 30,841 people in the county are registered to vote. These voters turned out at an above average rate of 53.56 percent.

Lafayette voters favored Democrat Mike Espy in the special election. He received 44.65 percent of the vote while incumbent Republican Cindy Hyde-Smith secured 42.02 percent. The two are set to face off in a state runoff election on Nov. 27.

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Greek advantages in campus elections



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Recent discussion of campus elections has brought attention to one well-known, yet often unspoken issue: Greek organizational advantages in our elections. As a non-Greek student who worked on four campus campaigns across three years, I have seen these advantages firsthand. To develop a more equitable election system, it is important to understand the advantages of Greek candidates.

One of the greatest advantages is access to funding. According to 2018 election expense data released by ASB, the only non-Greek candidate for Mr. Ole Miss

spent slightly more than half of what each of the other three Greek-affiliated candidates spent. Likewise, all candidates for Miss Ole Miss and two candidates for Mr. Ole Miss acknowledged that their campaign was funded by their respective Greek organizations.

While Greek candidates have the option between self-funding a campaign or receiving organizational funds, often the only option for non-Greek candidates is to self-fund their campaigns. When I ran for an ASB executive office during my sophomore year, funding was a problem. I saved for almost a year before I had enough resources to feel confident enough to consider running.

A lack of funding alone may dissuade potential candidates from running, and this situation is more likely to affect non-Greek candidates. Campus elections should not be competitive based on access to resources; they should be competitive based on candidates' ideas and personalities.

Another Greek advantage is in sheer numbers. According

to the 2017-2018 University of Mississippi Viewbook, approximately 42 percent of our student body, or slightly more than 9,750 students based on 2018 enrollment information, were Greek-affiliated. Even broken down by chapters, the numbers are considerable.

Greek houses have access to hundreds of active members to organize a campaign, pass out stickers, build campaign signs and more. Likewise, as most candidates in ASB elections are Greek-affiliated, members of those organizations are more likely to have experience in running a campaign. Some Greek organizations even have positions to oversee all campaigns from members within the chapter. Non-Greek candidates are less likely to have such immediate access to volunteers or experienced campaigners. Even if non-Greek candidates are part of another organization on campus, few rival the size and resources of Greek houses.

Another hurdle for some non-Greek candidates is the culture of Greek-dominated elections.

In the past, Greek organizations have encouraged or coerced members to vote in elections. This point was addressed in debate surrounding ASB Senate Bill 18-14, which passed in August. The bill clarifies existing ASB election rules by prohibiting organizations from coercing or incentivizing voting, and its approval seems to further signal that these actions were present in past elections.

Greek organizations have significant advantages in our campus election system. It is time that we as a student body recognize those advantages and work together to ensure non-Greek students can fairly engage in elections. Every student deserves the opportunity to run for an office or campus position regardless of funding availability or organizational affiliation. We must stand up and speak out for more equitable campus election procedures for all students.

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MEMBER NEWSPAPER

ASB calls for university to cancel classes on Election Day

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As midterm election polls closed across the nation last night, the Associated Student Body Senate unanimously passed a resolution calling for the university to cancel classes on election days in an attempt to increase voter turnout among students.

“We can set an example and give students the day off for them to vote and practice their civic duty,” ASB Director of Voter Registration and Elections Jarrius Adams said. “In doing so, the university will be sending a message to students that, in the end, they must prioritize the future of this nation over their personal commitments.”

Adams co-authored the resolution with Sens. Nick Weaver, Dalton Hull, Jack Hall, Joshua Mannery, Harper Mims, Sarah Doty, Jarvis Benson and J.R. Riojas.

“The University of Mississippi should be on the forefront of listening to student opinions and enacting policies that specifically give students a voice — not just about things going on on campus but about things going on nationwide and in the community,” Weaver said. “We could do that by canceling class on Election Day.”

Weaver said that Northwestern University and Loyola University are among several universities that cancel classes on election days.

Adams said he disagrees with the concern that canceling classes won’t actually make a difference in voter turnout. In 2016, his absentee ballot never arrived, resulting in Adams missing classes and making an eight-hour round trip in order to exercise his right to vote.

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Nick Weaver
ASB Senator

“Most students won’t do that,” Adams said. “While voting is ultimately our responsibility and ours alone, that doesn’t mean that our university can’t make an effort to make that responsibility easier, and that effort doesn’t have to stop at a table on Business Row.”

Sens. Benson and Barron Mayfield are two of several senators who strongly support the resolution.

“I think this does two big things: makes it easier to vote and cancels class,” Mayfield said. “If you can find a student on campus who is against either of those things, please send them my way.”

One anonymous constituent criticism was delivered to the senators prior to voting, which urged them to table the resolution.

“When writing the resolution, the authors met with people who gave them insight and advice but never met with anyone at the university to see if canceling classes was even an option,” the comment read.

However, Weaver said that the authors of this resolution did reach out to university administration and met with Charlotte Pegues, the university’s registrar.

“The (Office of the) Registrar is the (office) in charge of actually changing the academic calendar, and so we sat down with (Pegues) and talked

about the feasibility,” Weaver said. “She absolutely loved this

resolution.”

Weaver said ASB plans to meet with Chancellor Jeffrey Vitter before the end of the semester to further discuss the steps for this resolution and a previously passed resolution calling for a polling place to be established on campus.

Adams said most students don’t know the names of their elected officials, and he sees this as a problem that can be solved simply by encouraging students to get involved in the

democratic process.

“In today’s political climate, it’s more important than ever that we do celebrate those rights, that we do not take our democracy for granted,” Adams said.

Organizations who endorsed this resolution include the Black Student Union, Ole Miss NAACP, Mississippi Votes, College Republicans, College Democrats, Bipartisan Coalition and Rebels for Liberty.

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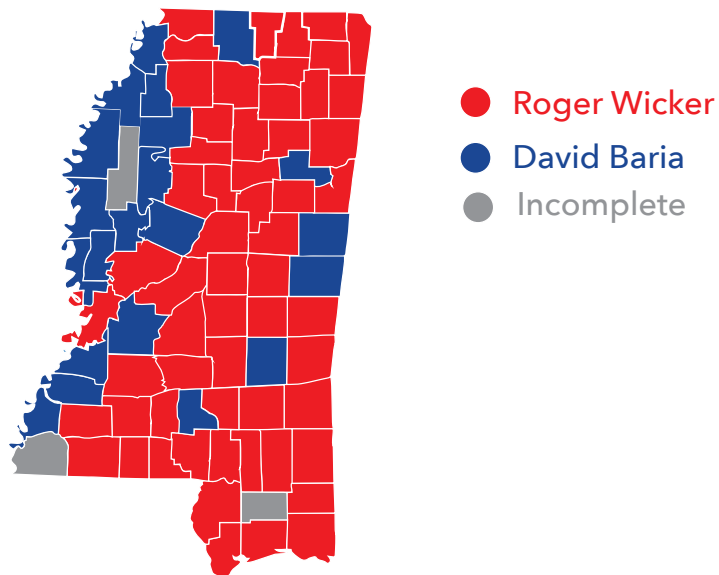


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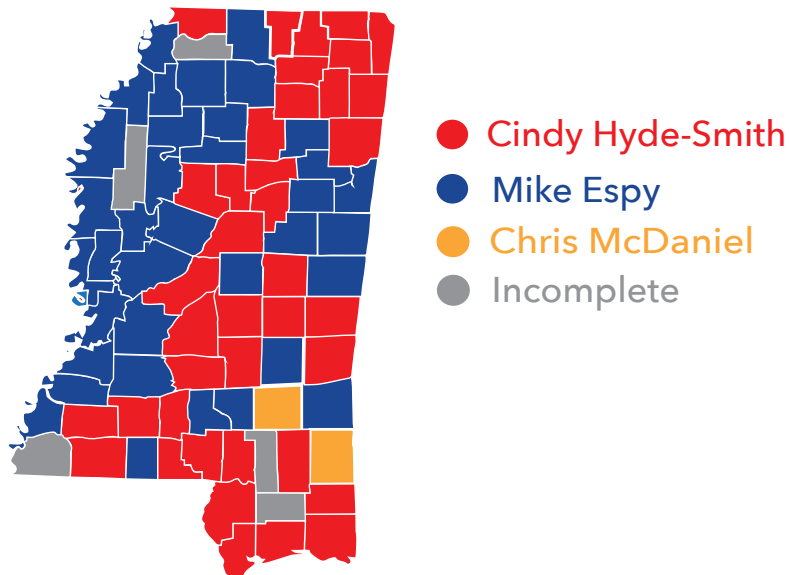


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U.S. SENATE ELECTION



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U.S. House Election results

Party	Map	Percent	Candidate
GOP	●	58.9%	Roger Wicker
DEM	●	39.1%	David Baria
OTH	N/A	2%	Other

U.S. Special Election results

Party	Map	Percent	Candidate
GOP	●	41.5%	Cindy Hyde-Smith
DEM	●	40.5%	Mike Espy
GOP	●	16.5%	Chris McDaniel
DEM	N/A	1.4%	Tobey Bartee

This U.S. Senate election data was accurate as of 11:32 p.m. on Tuesday and collected from Politico.com.

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SENATE

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cock County in the state legislature, ran a progressive campaign that focused on improving the overall image of the state and advocating for measures to fix the state's infrastructure problem.

Baria's campaign manager, Alyssa Miller, said even though Baria lost, he has started a larger conversation in Mississippi, and his campaign marks a new chapter in Mississippi politics by having a candidate running "who represents what (Mississippians) talk about on a daily basis."

"I think he's elevated himself on a national platform and around the state," Miller said. "He's going to be able to use his platform, not only as minority leader but also as the Democratic nominee, to elevate those issues he discussed on the campaign trail."

She said Baria plans to continue using his position in the state legislature by discussing solutions to the state's brain drain and making education more affordable for students.

"David really changed what it meant to be a Southern Democrat," Miller said.

Melissa Scallan, communications director for Hyde-Smith's campaign, said the campaign was pleased with the election and looks forward to the runoff.

Scallan said she and Hyde-Smith have not discussed the campaign's strategy for the runoff in detail, but the campaign



Sen. Roger Wicker laughs during his victory speech at an election night party in Jackson on Tuesday night.

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will "promote the good things going on in the country."

Scallan did not say whether or not Hyde-Smith would agree to debate with Espy in the weeks leading up to the election, but she said Hyde-Smith "would consider it, and that's one of the many things we'll talk about this week."

Jonathan Winburn, an associate professor of political science at the university, said he thought Wicker's win was "pretty standard" because most Republican candidates get around 60 percent of the vote in Mississippi.

Winburn said he was not surprised that the idea of a 'blue

wave' coming to Mississippi did not pan out.

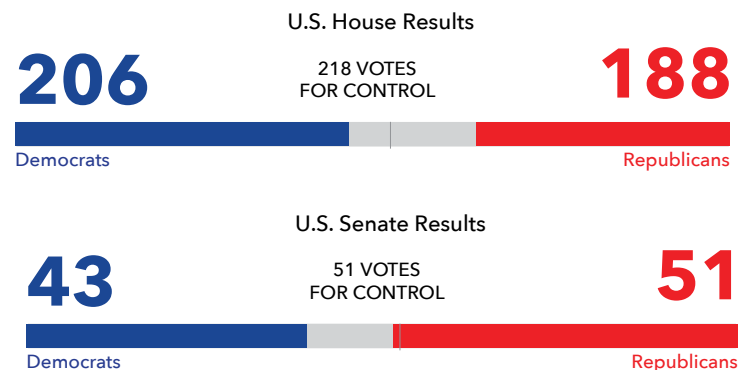
"I don't think that's a huge shock, even though there were some hopes on the Democratic side there might be something that the Democrats could sneak out here," Winburn said.

Mississippians also voted to re-elect incumbent U.S. Reps. Trent Kelly, Steven Palazzo and Bennie Thompson to the U.S. House of Representative. Michael Guest won the election for the Third Congressional seat that was left open by U.S. Rep. Gregg Harper's retirement.

Nationally, Democrats were projected to take control of the

House of Representatives as of midnight on election night, and Republicans maintained control of the Senate.

Representatives from McDaniel and Espy's campaign could not be reached for comment at the time of publication.



This U.S. Senate election data was accurate as of 12:24 a.m. on Wednesday and collected from Politico.com.

TURNOUT

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Incumbent Republican Roger Wicker received 56.09 percent of the vote in Lafayette County in the general election. He was named the winner in the statewide election, beating Democrat David Baria, who received 42.3 percent of Lafayette County's vote.

Voters at Oxford's five precincts faced long lines throughout the day — in some cases waiting up to an hour to cast their vote.

Early in the day at Lafayette Civic Club, a new polling place as of this election, lines of cars backed up to Highway 6, prompting some to turn away. Lafayette Sheriff deputies were on hand later in the day to help

traffic and assist with parking problems.

Some of the voting machines at Lafayette Civic Club were plagued by technical difficulties, keeping the location from running at full capacity for part of the morning.

Several voters reported having issues finding their correct polling place or being directed to a new location despite not having changed their home address. William Panlener, 30, said it took him three hours to find the correct polling station. He wound up voting at Precinct 5.

Confusion among Oxford citizens on Election Day wasn't limited to the physical voting process, however.

Brenda Mansell, a poll watcher for the Democratic Party at Precinct 5, said there was some confusion about the rules regarding their roles.

She said the poll watchers were stationed too far from the sign-in tables to effectively monitor the process.

"We might as well have been in the bathroom with the door closed," Mansell said. "I think the public needs to know that we were not allowed to hear or see what was going on the way the rules say we should've been."

Mansell said her Republican counterpart at Precinct 5 shared her concerns.

Daily Mississippian reporters polled voters at Oxford's five precincts as they exited throughout the day. Voters were asked why they turned out to vote.

"Everybody should vote," Chianne Peyton, 23, said. "It's my first time voting, and a lot of people say your vote doesn't count, so I'm making sure mine does."

Bailey Moorhead, 28, said

young voters can make a difference when they actually get out to the polls.

"Voting is so important because there are so many young people and so few of us actually turn out to vote, and we have a lot of responsibility," Moorhead said.

Voters also weighed in on the issues they care about most.

Ana Martinez, a 25-year-old journalism graduate student, said Trump's immigration policy motivated her to vote. She said some members of her family are undocumented, and she wants them to be protected.

"My dad was born in this country, but his parents were (immigrants)," Martinez said. "I want them to stay."

Oxford residents Ben and Kathy Griffith went to the polls together and said they voted Democrat. The issues they

said they care about most are immigration, healthcare and the economy.

"We want the country to move back to its center," Kathy Griffith said. "We are Democratic down to our toes, and I hope the president gets a real awakening tonight."

Gray Houser, a 19-year-old public policy major at Ole Miss, said he voted for Chris McDaniel in the special election because of one-on-one interactions with the candidate. He said he supported McDaniel in 2014, as well, even though he wasn't old enough to vote at the time.

Oxford resident Judy Dale, 92, voted for Mike Espy and said this election is important to her personally.

"At my age, I may never vote again," Dale said. "I think it is very important. I hope my group wins."

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Characters haunted by mine blast in alumnus' debut novel

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Tom Bennett, a 2013 English MFA graduate from Ole Miss, will read from and sign copies of his first novel, "Burning Under," at 5 p.m. Wednesday at Off Square Books.

"Burning Under" is set in the southwestern part of Pennsylvania and is focused around a deadly coal mine explosion. This thriller is told from the points of view of three people whose lives are disturbed by the disaster.

Larry, a veteran miner, is constantly haunted by his past. He survives the explosion but cannot seem to get out of the media spotlight. Denise is a nurse who is trying to escape her troubled marriage and takes a nursing job at the Pittsburgh hospital. Simon, a lawyer for Common-

wealth Energy, thinks the accident was caused by his company's lack of safety and ethical standards.

Bennett said he is excited to be back in Oxford for his reading.

"The opportunity to read at (Off) Square Books is very special for me," Bennett said. "I worked there in the first year of my MFA program in 2010 ... and during my time in Oxford, I saw countless amazing writers read and discuss their work at Off Square. So, five years later, it's exciting to return with my first novel in hand."

Slade Lewis, the floor manager for Square Books, worked with Bennett at the store in 2010.

"We look forward to seeing Tom again at Square Books," Lewis said. "He is such a thoughtful and conscientious guy. We cannot wait to see how his book reads."



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Tom Franklin, an Ole Miss creative writing professor, taught Bennett during his

time at the university. "Bennett came here as a fully formed adult, not some-

body right out of undergrad, and used his time here to write some terrific stories," Franklin said. "Maine lobstering, coal mining, meth — Bennett's fiction has it all."

Although he is currently the 2017-2018 Emerging Writer-in-Residence at Penn State-Altoona, Bennett credits Ole Miss for much of his success in his writing career.

"Although most of 'Burning Under' was written after completing my MFA, the craft skills and tools I learned in my Ole Miss workshops, where I was challenged by amazing teachers and classmates, is what enabled me to develop my own voice and write compelling stories and narratives," Bennett said.

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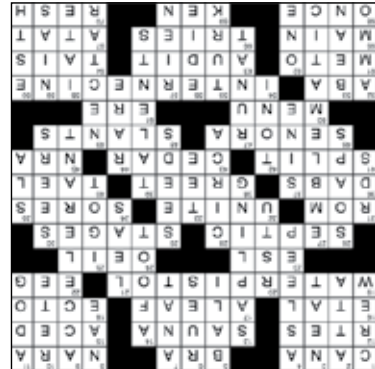
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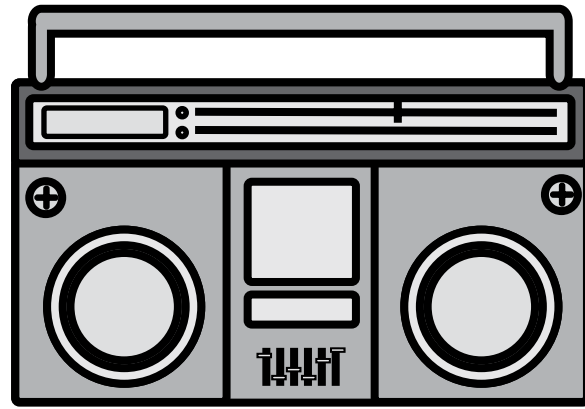
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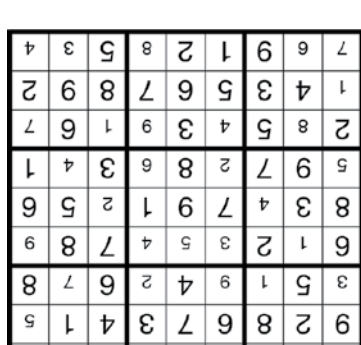
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Elijah Moore capitalizing on newfound playing time

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Ole Miss' receiving corps has proved to be one of the team's greatest strengths throughout the season. In the Rebels' loss at home to South Carolina on Saturday, the position group maintained its success while a new name entered the equation.

True freshman Elijah Moore came to Ole Miss with the understanding that he was not likely to receive a great deal of early playing time due to the abundance of talent and experience that fills the depth chart at receiver. However, injuries to both D.K. Metcalf and Braylon Sanders presented Moore with an opportunity, and he's delivered.

Moore exploded for 11 catches and 129 yards on Saturday. These numbers nearly doubled the freshman's total output on the season up to last weekend.

"I felt comfortable," Moore said. "I like the pressure."

Moore, who stands at 5 feet, 9 inches and weighs 181 pounds, is a different kind of player than the Rebel receiving corps is used to. Starters A.J. Brown, DaMarkus Lodge and D.K. Metcalf all stand over 6 feet, 1 inch. Moore's style makes him best served as a slot receiver, meaning that the more experienced Brown moves to the outside.

"They are all big guys," Moore said. "But I feel like I'm quicker in space."

Though he is still young, the



FILE PHOTO: CHRISTIAN JOHNSON

Wide receiver Elijah Moore attempts to out run a Louisiana-Monroe defender during the homecoming game earlier this season.

wideout said he feels like Ole Miss gives him a great opportunity to succeed. He understands that the wealth of talent of those surrounding him is an invaluable asset.

"The more stuff I learn from them, the more stuff I get to use in my game," Moore said.

Moore also feels that the presence of those other wideouts can be partially to blame for his success on Saturday.

"Those big-time guys take pressure off of me," Moore said. "People try to take them out, and (that will) hopefully open me up."

Moore's improvements to his game will be vital for Ole Miss going forward into the team's final three matchups. With Metcalf out

for the season and Sanders questionable for the Texas A&M game on Saturday, Moore's window of opportunity is still wide open. The young receiver is eager to continue his current streak of success.

"When your number is called you have to make the play," Moore said.

While the team is focussed on this year's season, it's hard not to at least consider Moore's importance in the long run. With Lodge, Brown and Metcalf potentially eyeing the NFL Draft in April, the Ole Miss receiving corps may have an all-new look next year. If Moore can prove to be a reliable target, it could be huge for the Rebels in the long run.

"I just like making plays," Moore said. (I want to) be a big-time playmaker in the future."



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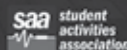
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Women's hoops open with home win over Norfolk State

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Ole Miss women's basketball started off its season in winning fashion Tuesday night, as Coach Yolett McPhee-McCuin led the Rebels to a 60-42 victory over the Norfolk State Spartans in her first game as head coach.

Coming off an 18-11 record last season, their best in 16 years, Norfolk State got off to a hot start, taking an 11-2 lead right out of the gates while making their first four field goals. The Rebel defense started to take form, holding Norfolk State to just two points in the final seven minutes and 30 seconds of the first quarter. Ole Miss closed out the quarter with a 14-13 lead, and the Rebels never lost control.

McPhee-McCuin stressed defense and toughness after the game and was proud of the way the team bounced back defensively.

"We challenge the young ladies to get stops," McPhee-McCuin said. "I think at one point we got 12 in a row in that first quarter. That says a lot. That's toughness."

The Rebels seemed to find their stroke in the second quarter as they outscored the Spar-



PHOTO: MEGAN SUTTLES

Mimi Reed dodges a Norfolk State defender during the team's first official game of the season on Tuesday night. Ole Miss won the game 60-42.

tans 21-11 during the period. Norfolk State's offense cooled off after starting a perfect 4-4 from the field, shooting just 2-11 in the second quarter.

They headed to the locker room facing a 35-24 deficit.

There were many positives for Ole Miss on the defensive end as they forced an expe-

rienced and talented Norfolk State team into 24 turnovers by being active defensively and diving after loose balls. Coach McPhee-McCuin has been

preaching toughness on her roster, especially for her core of inexperienced players.

"Defense is something that my teams have always been known for," McPhee-McCuin said.

Three Rebels finished the night in double digits. Crystal Allen led the Rebels in scoring with 16 points, while Jhileiya Dunlap finished with a double double, pouring in 12 points and coming up with 10 boards on the night. Shannon Dozier chipped in 11 point off of the bench.

After transferring from the University of Texas at Arlington this summer, Allen was eager to get her start for the Rebels. She said it was relieving to make good on her first appearance at Ole Miss.

"It felt like we were waiting forever for our first game to come," McPhee-McCuin said.

The result was not overwhelmingly positive coming against a far weaker opponent, but the bright spots and foundation were there for the Rebels to build on in the coming weeks before SEC play begins. The season will continue at 7 p.m. Friday at the Pavilion against Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

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