

Missouri Opens SEC Play With 51-28 Win at Vanderbilt

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Senior quarterback James Franklin threw for 278 yards and four touchdowns, leading the Missouri Tigers to a dominating win to open Southeastern Conference play, 51-28 against the Vanderbilt Commodores.



The Tigers jumped out to a 20-0 first quarter lead in Nashville and were never seriously threatened in pushing their record to 5-0 overall, and 1-0 in SEC play. Vanderbilt is now 0-3 in conference play, and buried in the basement of the SEC East.

Franklin rushed for 63 yards for Mizzou, while L'Damian Washington had three catches for 86 yards and two touchdowns. The Tigers finished with 523 total yards. Henry Josey and Marcus Murphy each had two touchdowns, with Marcus Lucas (a senior out of Liberty) adding a touchdown catch.

Austyn Carta-Samuels threw for 338 yards and two scores for the Commodores, who are 3-3 overall. Jordan Mathews had seven catches for 123 yards and a touchdown. This Saturday, Missouri faces the toughest test of the season to date, playing at #7 Georgia. The Tigers are ranked #25 in this week's AP poll and just out of the top 25 (at #26) in the coaches poll. Kickoff from Sanford Stadium in Athens, Georgia is slated for 11 o'clock, with "Tiger Tailgate" beginning pre-game coverage at 9 AM on KTTN FM 92.3. The game between the Tigers and the Bulldogs can be seen on ESPN.