



2015 SEC Men's Basketball Tournament

Nashville, Tenn. – Bridgestone Arena



First Round – Game #1 Notes

Auburn 74, Mississippi State 68

Auburn will play No. 5 seed Texas A&M Thursday at approximately 3:30 p.m. CT.

Series Notes:

- All-Time Series: Auburn leads 74-68
- SEC Tournament: Tied at 2-2 (last in 1996)
- Season Series: Tied at 1-1
- MSU won the lone regular-season encounter 78-71 in Auburn on January 17.

Game Notes:

- There were nine lead changes and six ties in the game, including four lead changes and two ties in the final 7:11. The largest lead was an 11-point Auburn advantage in the second half.
- Trailing 56-45 at the 11:37 mark of the second half, MSU used 16-3 run to take a 61-59 lead with 7:11 left.
- Auburn shot 53 percent from the 3-point line (8-of-15) compared to just 8 percent for MSU (1-12). The one trey is the Bulldogs' fewest in their last nine games.
- Auburn enjoyed a 24-11 edge in bench points.

Mississippi State Notes:

- Mississippi State falls to 13-19.
- Craig Sword posted his third 20-point performance in the last four games and sixth of the year with 21.
- Sword led the team in points (21), rebounds (7) and assists (4). It marks the first time a Bulldog has accomplished that feat this season.
- IJ Ready tied his season high with 18 points and scored in double-figures for the first time in his last 10 games.

Auburn Notes:

- Auburn improves to 13-19 and snaps a six-game skid.
- The Tigers post their first SEC Tournament win since 2009.
- Trailing 36-34 at halftime, Auburn picked up its first win over an SEC foe this season when trailing at the break (1-11).
- Ross Miller notched season-highs of 21 points (tied) and 7 rebounds. He also shot a season-best 9-of-10 from the free throw line.
- Alex Thompson posted a career-high 16 points.