

2017-18 OLE MISS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL QUICK FACTS

17 NCAA TOURNAMENT APPEARACES | 10 SWEET SIXTEENS | 5 ELITE EIGHTS

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School	University of Mississippi (Ole Miss)		Matt Insell (Fifth Season
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Founded	Novemeber 6, 1848		58-68
Enrollment			58-68
Nickname			Alex Simmons (Fifth Season
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Home Court (Opened)			Brittany Hudson (Fourth Season
Capacity			Georgia State, 2008
Affiliation			George Porcha (Second Season
Conference	, ,		New Haven, 1998
Chancellor	•	•	Drew Landers (First Season
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Athletic Director	,		Armintie Herrington (Second Season
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TEAM INCODMATION		Strength and Conditioning Coach	Ryan Grubbs
TEAM INFORMATION 2016-17 Overall Record	17.14	PROGRAM HISTORY	
SEC Record			1074.75
			1974-75
Regular-Season Finish			811-507 (.615)
SEC Tounament Finish			181-260 (.410)
Postseason	\ /		
Home Record			
Away Record			
Neutral Record		1	6
Letterwinners Returning/Lost Starters Returning/Lost			2017 (First Round) 4-7
Newcomers			4-7 1
Newcomers		_	1992
COMMUNICATIONS			0
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2017-18 OLE MISS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	TV
Thurs.	Nov. 2	vs. Mississippi College (Exhibition)	The Pavilion at Ole Miss	6 PM	SECN+
Fri.	Nov. 10	vs. Northwestern State	The Pavilion at Ole Miss	5 PM	SECN+
Mon.	Nov. 13	vs. Kennesaw State	The Pavilion at Ole Miss	7:30 PM	SECN+
Fri.	Nov. 17	vs. Saint Louis (\$)	Chicago, III.	4 PM	
Sat.	Nov. 18	vs. DePaul/Delaware St. (\$)	Chicago, III.	TBA	
Tue.	Nov. 21	vs. Troy	The Pavilion at Ole Miss	2 PM	SECN+
Sat.	Nov. 25	at Temple	Philadelphia, Pa.	1 PM	
Wed.	Nov. 29	vs. Middle Tennessee State	The Pavilion at Ole Miss	7 PM	SEC Network
Sat.	Dec. 2	vs. Arkansas State	The Pavilion at Ole Miss	3 PM	SECN+
Sat.	Dec. 9	vs. South Alabama	The Pavilion at Ole Miss	1 PM	SECN+
Tue.	Dec. 12	vs. Southern Miss	The Pavilion at Ole Miss	11 AM	SECN+
Sun.	Dec. 17	at Oregon	Eugene, Ore.	3 PM	
Tue.	Dec. 19	at Portland State	Portland, Ore.	10 PM	
Thurs.	Dec. 28	vs. Texas Southern	The Pavilion at Ole Miss	2 PM	SECN+
Sun.	Dec. 31	at Arkansas*	Fayetteville, Ark.	2 PM	SECN+
Thurs.	Jan. 4	vs. South Carolina*	The Pavilion at Ole Miss	6 PM	SECN+
Sun.	Jan. 7	vs. Florida*	The Pavilion at Ole Miss	2 PM	SECN+
Thurs.	Jan. 11	at Mississippi State*	Starkville, Miss.	8 PM	SEC Network
Thurs.	Jan. 18	vs. Missouri*	The Pavilion at Ole Miss	8 PM	SEC Network
Sun.	Jan. 21	at Florida*	Gainesville, Fla.	12 PM	SEC Network
Thurs.	Jan. 25	at Tennessee*	Knoxville, Tenn.	6 PM	SECN+
Sun.	Jan. 28	vs. Mississippi State*	The Pavilion at Ole Miss	1 PM	ESPNU
Thurs.	Feb. 1	vs. Vanderbilt*	The Pavilion at Ole Miss	6 PM	SECN+
Sun.	Feb. 4	at Georgia*	Athens, Ga.	1 PM	SECN+
Thurs.	Feb. 8	at Texas A&M*	College Station, Texas	7 PM	SECN+
Sun.	Feb. 11	vs. Alabama*	The Pavilion at Ole Miss	2 PM	SECN+
Thurs.	Feb. 15	at LSU*	Baton Rouge, La.	7 PM	SECN+
Mon.	Feb. 19	vs. Georgia*	The Pavilion at Ole Miss	6 PM	SEC Network
Thurs.	Feb. 22	vs. Kentucky*	The Pavilion at Ole Miss	7:30 PM	SEC Network
Sun.	Feb. 25	at Auburn*	Auburn, Ala.	1 PM	SEC Network

SEC Tournament: Feb. 28 - March 4, Nashville, Tenn.

NCAA Tournament: March 16 - April 1

SCHEDULE NOTES:

All times CENTRAL

\$ - Maggie Dixon Classic

*SEC Contest

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<u>#</u>	NAME	YR.	HT.	POS.	HOMETOWN (LAST SCHOOL)
0	Chyna Nixon	FR-HS	5-9	G	Philadelphia, Pa. (Neumann Goretti)
1	Bree Glover	S0-1L	5-10	G	Glasgow, Ky. (Glasgow H.S.)
2	Marlee Hatcher	JR-TR	5-7	G	Pontotoc, Miss. (Itawamba Community College)
10	Cecilia Muhate	JR-2L	6-2	F/C	Madrid, Spain (Arturo Soria)
11	Milicia Reid	FR-HS	5-8	G	Bronx, N.Y. (The Patrick School)
12	Barbara Johnson	JR-TR	5-8	G	Toronto, Ontario (Chipola College)
20	Madinah Muhammad	JR-2L	5-8	G	Chicago, III. (Whitney Young H.S.)
21	Chrishae Rowe	SR-1L	5-10	G	Riverside, Calif. (Kentucky)
23	Shandricka Sessom	SR-3L	5-10	G	Byhalia, Miss. (Byhalia H.S.)
24	Day'Neshia Banks	FR-HS	5-10	F	Jacksonville, Fla. (Ribault H.S.)
25	Alissa Alston	JR-2L	5-8	G	New Haven, Conn. (Upper Room Christian Academy)
32	Kate Rodgers	S0-1L	6-2	F	Birmingham, Ala. (Wenonah H.S.)
42	Shelby Gibson	S0-1L	6-3	F/C	Murfreesboro, Tenn. (Oakland H.S.)
44	Torri Lewis	JR-2L	5-11	G	Olive Branch, Miss. (Homeschool)
55	Promise Taylor	FR-HS	6-5	F	Issaquah, Wash. (Sammamish H.S.)

STAFF

Matt Insell — Head Coach (Middle Tennessee State, Fifth Season)

Alex Simmons — Assistant Coach (Tennessee, Fifth Season)

Brittany Hudson — Assistant Coach (Georgia State, Fourth Season)

George Porcha - Assistant Coach (New Haven, Second Season)

Drew Landers — Director of Operations (Ole Miss, First Season)

Armintie Herrington - Coordinator of Player Engagement (Ole Miss, Second Season)

Ariel Massengale — Graduate Assistant (Tennessee, First Season)

Garner Small - Video Coordinator (Olivet College, First Season)

CLASS BREAKDOWN

Seniors (2): Chrishae Rowe, Shandricka Sessom

Juniors (6): Alissa Alston, Torri Lewis, Marlee Hatcher, Barbara Johnson, Madinah Muhammad, Cecilia Muhate

Sophomores (3): Shelby Gibson, Bree Glover, Kate Rodgers

Freshmen (4): Chyna Nixon, Milicia Reid, Day'Neshia Banks, Promise Taylor

PRONUNCIATION CHART

SHANDRICKA Sessom Shan-(Like Man)-dre-ka

MADINAH MuhammadMa-Dean -ACecilia MUHATEMOO-HOT-A

2017-18 OLE MISS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL \mid 2016-17 OVERALL STATS

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	17-14	15-4	1-9	1-1
CONFERENCE	6-10	5-3	1-7	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	11-4	10-1	0-2	1-1

					Total		3-Poii	nt	F-Thro	W		Rebou	ınds									
##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fta	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq	а	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
20	Muhammad, Madinah	28-27	839	30.0	119-329	.362	50-159	.314	77-93	.828	22	56	78	2.8	79	3	57	77	5	52	365	13.0
23	Sessom, Shandricka	31-30	933	30.1	159-408	.390	49-165	.297	26-41	.634	44	146	190	6.1	86	3	68	75	13	31	393	12.7
21	Rowe, Chrishae	6-0	110	18.3	24-61	.393	3-15	.200	11-15	.733	8	12	20	3.3	10	0	9	10	1	10	62	10.3
50	Manuel, Taylor	29-28	671	23.1	109-228	.478	0-0	.000	60-99	.606	39	87	126	4.3	91	4	38	67	29	40	278	9.6
05	Sisk, Erika	31-31	824	26.6	97-236	.411	14-55	.255	43-74	.581	35	69	104	3.4	58	2	122	84	4	62	251	8.1
25	Alston, Alissa	28-0	564	20.1	61-147	.415	9-28	.321	64-101	.634	17	26	43	1.5	63	1	78	66	2	23	195	7.0
42	Gibson, Shelby	31-3	442	14.3	67-125	.536	7-14	.500	56-81	.691	43	48	91	2.9	89	5	6	26	6	14	197	6.4
11	Joseph, Shequila	30-25	686	22.9	51-150	.340	21-82	.256	14-23	.609	50	111	161	5.4	59	1	30	32	17	30	137	4.6
44	Lewis, Torri	21-4	325	15.5	25-54	.463	19-41	.463	6-6	1.000	2	19	21	1.0	18	0	16	16	0	8	75	3.6
24	Hart, Bretta	28-1	238	8.5	28-57	.491	0-1	.000	7-10	.700	24	48	72	2.6	44	1	7	11	10	5	63	2.3
10	Muhate, Cecilia	29-5	281	9.7	14-42	.333	0-0	.000	9-14	.643	20	38	58	2.0	44	3	6	13	4	4	37	1.3
01	Glover, Bree	19-0	165	8.7	7-31	.226	2-11	.182	7-13	.538	12	12	24	1.3	16	1	11	19	7	4	23	1.2
32	Rodgers, Kate	18-1	122	6.8	7-15	.467	0-1	.000	5-8	.625	10	26	36	2.0	21	1	3	14	2	7	19	1.1
	Team										62	47	109		1			2				
	Total	31	6200		768-1883	.408	174-572	.304	385-578	.666	388	745	1133	36.5	679	25	451	512	100	290	2095	67.6
	Opponents	31	6200		654-1698	.385	132-434	.304	491-708	.694	382	801	1183	38.2	579	-	409	616	100	228	1931	62.3

TEAM STATISTICS	ОМ	OPP		Data	Onnonent		Score	A 44
SCORING	2095	1931	_	Date	Opponent			Att.
Points per game	67.6	62.3		11/11/16	SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIA	W	81-31	909
Scoring margin	+5.3	02.5		11/13/16	LIPSCOMB	W	76-49	770
FIELD GOALS-ATT	768-1883	654-1698		11/17/16	JACKSONVILLE STATE	W	68-50	876
	.408	.385		11/20/16	HIGH POINT	W	73-62	1127
Field goal pct 3 POINT FG-ATT	. 4 06 174-572	132-434		11/26/16	vs Wisconsin	W	69-44	931
3-point FG pct	.304	.304		11/27/16	at UNLV	L	57-64	841
	5.6	4.3		12/1/16	JACKSON STATE	W	89-41	8088
3-pt FG made per game FREE THROWS-ATT	385-578	4.5 491-708		12-4-16	at West Virginia	L	61-66	2634
	.666	.694		12/10/16	ULM	W	97-40	1001
Free throw pct				12/14/16	OREGON	W	83-67	1079
F-Throws made per game REBOUNDS	12.4	15.8		12/17/16	VCU	W	77-57	956
	1133	1183		12/20/16	AUSTIN PEAY	W	66-38	1104
Rebounds per game	36.5	38.2		12/28/16	MISSISSIPPI VALLEY	W	67-30	1151
Rebounding margin	-1.6	400	*	01/01/17	ARKANSAS	W	73-64	1280
ASSISTS	451	409	*	01/05/17	at Alabama	L	80-90	2588
Assists per game	14.5	13.2	*	1/8/17	at Auburn	L	60-83	2325
TURNOVERS	512	616	*	01/12/17	TENNESSEE	W	67-62	1503
Turnovers per game	16.5	19.9	*	01/16/17	at Mississippi State	L	62-73	8840
Turnover margin	+3.4	-	*	01/19/17	at #5/5 South Carolina	L	46-65	12518
Assist/turnover ratio	0.9	0.7	*	01/22/17	ALABAMA	L	57-65	1596
STEALS	290	228	*	01/26/17	at KENTUCKY	L	57-89	4272
Steals per game	9.4	7.4	*	01/29/17	GEORGIA	W	69-62	1460
BLOCKS	100	100	*	02/06/17	at Florida	W	84-75	1219
Blocks per game	3.2	3.2	*	02/09/17	LSU	L	51-62	729
ATTENDANCE	31863	39831	*	02/12/17	MISSISSIPPI STATE	L	44-66	4634
Home games-Avg/Game	19-1677	10-3890	*	02/16/17	AUBURN	W	63-59	1046
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	2-466	*	02/19/17	at Vanderbilt	L	67-85	3663
			*	02/23/17	at Mizzou	L	65-100	0
Score by Periods 1st			*	02/26/17	TEXAS A&M	W	62-49	1704
Ole Miss 531	439 563 56			03/02/17	vs LSU	L	49-65	0
Opponents 467	478 501 48	5 1931		03/16/17	GRAMBLING	L	75-78	850

^{* =} Conference game

2017-18 OLE MISS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL \mid 2016-17 CONFERENCE-ONLY STATS

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	6-10	5-3	1-7	0-0
CONFERENCE	6-10	5-3	1-7	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

					Total		3-Poi	nt	F-Thro	w		Rebou	ınds									
##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fta	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq	а	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
20	Muhammad, Madinah	16-15	452	28.3	69-189	.365	29-92	.315	40-48	.833	10	34	44	2.8	49	2	32	49	3	22	207	12.9
23	Sessom, Shandricka	16-15	509	31.8	80-208	.385	23-82	.280	20-28	.714	23	84	107	6.7	45	3	41	41	6	12	203	12.7
21	Rowe, Chrishae	2-0	37	18.5	8-21	.381	3-8	.375	1-2	.500	1	3	4	2.0	4	0	5	4	0	4	20	10.0
50	Manuel, Taylor	15-14	362	24.1	47-109	.431	0-0	.000	27-43	.628	16	42	58	3.9	53	4	19	34	14	20	121	8.1
25	Alston, Alissa	16-0	358	22.4	39-88	.443	5-13	.385	44-72	.611	13	17	30	1.9	39	1	44	49	1	10	127	7.9
05	Sisk, Erika	16-16	407	25.4	42-108	.389	6-27	.222	18-29	.621	12	36	48	3.0	33	2	47	43	0	29	108	6.8
11	Joseph, Shequila	15-11	394	26.3	29-81	.358	9-43	.209	10-13	.769	19	58	77	5.1	34	0	14	16	10	13	77	5.1
42	Gibson, Shelby	16-2	217	13.6	28-57	.491	2-6	.333	23-33	.697	21	28	49	3.1	50	5	1	16	4	2	81	5.1
44	Lewis, Torri	8-1	100	12.5	8-15	.533	5-11	.455	0-0	.000	1	4	5	0.6	8	0	6	4	0	2	21	2.6
10	Muhate, Cecilia	15-5	160	10.7	7-21	.333	0-0	.000	4-4	1.000	8	14	22	1.5	28	3	3	5	1	2	18	1.2
01	Glover, Bree	8-0	87	10.9	3-13	.231	1-8	.125	2-6	.333	4	5	9	1.1	9	1	5	9	3	1	9	1.1
24	Hart, Bretta	14-1	79	5.6	5-19	.263	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	5	14	19	1.4	22	1	0	6	2	0	10	0.7
32	Rodgers, Kate	7-0	38	5.4	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	3-6	.500	2	4	6	0.9	12	1	1	2	0	0	5	0.7
	Team										31	20	51		1			2				
	Total	16	3200		366-930	.394	83-291	.285	192-284	.676	166	363	529	33.1	387	23	218	280	44	117	1007	62.9
	Opponents	16	3200		391-907	.431	85-233	.365	282-387	.729	193	431	624	39.0	291	-	240	279	52	124	1149	71.8

TEAM STATISTICS	OM	OPP
SCORING	1007	1149
Points per game	62.9	71.8
Scoring margin	-8.9	-
FIELD GOALS-ATT	366-930	391-907
Field goal pct	.394	.431
3 POINT FG-ATT	83-291	85-233
3-point FG pct	.285	.365
3-pt FG made per game	5.2	5.3
FREE THROWS-ATT	192-284	282-387
Free throw pct	.676	.729
F-Throws made per game	12.0	17.6
REBOUNDS	529	624
Rebounds per game	33.1	39.0
Rebounding margin	-5.9	-
ASSISTS	218	240
Assists per game	13.6	15.0
TURNOVERS	280	279
Turnovers per game	17.5	17.4
Turnover margin	-0.1	-
Assist/turnover ratio	0.8	0.9
STEALS	117	124
Steals per game	7.3	7.8
BLOCKS	44	52
Blocks per game	2.8	3.3
ATTENDANCE	13952	35425
Home games-Avg/Game	8-1744	8-4428
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Totals
Ole Miss	228	182	289	308	1007
Opponents	287	285	264	313	1149

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
*	01/01/17	ARKANSAS	W	73-64	1280
*	01/05/17	at Alabama	L	80-90	2588
*	1/8/17	at Auburn	L	60-83	2325
*	01/12/17	TENNESSEE	W	67-62	1503
*	01/16/17	at Mississippi State	L	62-73	8840
*	01/19/17	at #5/5 South Carolina	L	46-65	12518
*	01/22/17	ALABAMA	L	57-65	1596
*	01/26/17	at KENTUCKY	L	57-89	4272
*	01/29/17	GEORGIA	W	69-62	1460
*	02/06/17	at Florida	W	84-75	1219
*	02/09/17	LSU	L	51-62	729
*	02/12/17	MISSISSIPPI STATE	L	44-66	4634
*	02/16/17	AUBURN	W	63-59	1046
*	02/19/17	at Vanderbilt	L	67-85	3663
*	02/23/17	at Mizzou	L	65-100	0
*	02/26/17	TEXAS A&M	W	62-49	1704

^{* =} Conference game



MATT INSELL HEAD COACH FIFTH SEASON (58-68)



Fifth-year Rebels head coach Matt Insell has Ole Miss women's basketball on the rise entering the 2017-18 season following several highly-touted recruiting classes and a pair of trips back to the postseason.

Insell, the son of Hall of Fame coach Rick Insell at Middle Tennessee State, is 58-68 through four seasons with the Rebels, which includes four top-25 wins and two 17-plus win seasons amidst the intense strength of schedule in the SEC. Insell was named the eighth head women's basketball coach in Ole Miss history on March 28, 2013, following five seasons coaching against the Rebels as an assistant on Matthew Mitchell's staff at Kentucky.

The Insell-led Rebels are coming off a successful 2016-17 campaign that saw at 17-14 record and a return trip to the postseason with a WNIT berth. Ole Miss opened its brand-new arena, The Pavilion at Ole Miss, with 12-straight home wins — the most home wins in the Insell era and the most since the late '80s when Ole Miss won 15 straight. Ole Miss also set a new attendance record for the third straight year with 8,088 fans in attendance to see the Rebels earn their 800th win in program history over Jackson State.

Ole Miss recorded some significant wins in 2016-17, knocking off eventual Elite Eight school and 25th-ranked Oregon at home, 83-67 — marking the third-straight season with a top-25 win under Insell. The Rebels also ended a pair of long losing streaks during the year, breaking a 28-game losing streak that dated back to 1996 against Tennessee (67-62), as well as picking up the first win over Texas A&M since 1997 on Senior Night with a 62-49 victory.

On the court, senior Erika Sisk and junior Shandricka Sessom became the 27th and 28th 1,000-point scorers in Ole Miss history, while sophomore Madinah Muhammad increased her offensive production by nearly six points from her freshman campaign.

Insell led a young team in 2015-16 with just two seniors and only two returnees that had been in the program for more than two seasons, but the Rebels still produced some exciting moments on the court.

For the second consecutive season, the Rebels knocked off a ranked foe with a 67-59 victory over No. 9 Kentucky — Insell's old school of five years. The win was the first over a top-10 school for Ole Miss since 2010, when the Rebels took down No. 8 Georgia (66-65). For her career-best 21 points against the Wildcats, junior Shequila Joseph was named SEC Player of the Week.

With a group that featured eight underclassmen, Insell and his staff were instrumental in the growth of sophomore Shandricka Sessom. Sessom, who averaged just 5.3 points as a freshman, increased her scoring to 15.6 points per game and was ranked in the top-10 of the SEC for scoring all season. Additionally, freshman Madinah Muhammad was a bright spot. The Chicago native, averaged 7.5 points per game as rookie, which was third best on the Ole Miss squad. That number increased to 8.4 points per game against SEC competition, which trailed just Sessom's 13.4 points per game against SEC foes.

Additionally, the Rebels saw several exciting moments at Tad Smith Coliseum before moving to their new home, The Pavilion at Ole Miss, in January. Freshman Torri Lewis set the single-game record for three-point field goals with 10 triples in a win over New Orleans. Her 10 triples tied her with former Ole Miss men's player Marshall Henderson for the most three-pointers made at Tad Smith Coliseum. Ole Miss also closed the "Tad Pad" in style on Jan. 3, 2016, with junior Erika Sisk nailing a buzzer-beater for a 55-52 win over Vanderbilt.

In just his second year at Ole Miss, Insell took the Rebels to new heights in 2014-15 with 19 wins and seven victories in SEC play, the most overall wins since the 2009-10 season. The Rebels also returned to the postseason with a third-round foray into the WNIT.

The Rebels, who improved seven wins in 2014-15, posted four wins over NCAA Tournament participants, and, after being picked to finish last in the SEC preseason coaches and media poll, closed the season tied for No. 7 in the league standings. Ole Miss garnered the No. 8 seed for the SEC Tournament — the highest seed for the Rebels in five seasons.

Leading a young team that featured eight newcomers, Insell was able to develop his team throughout the season. Freshman A'Queen Hayes took over the starting point guard position midway through the season and excelled, earning her SEC Freshman of the Week honors on January 12 and a spot on the All-Freshman team. Senior forward Tia Faleru picked up where she left off during her junior campaign and became the first SEC player to average a double-double since Georgia's Porsha Phillips in 2010-11. She also became the first player to lead the league in rebounding in back-to-back seasons since LSU's Sylvia Fowles led the league from 2006-08. For her efforts, Faleru was an All-SEC First-Team selection and the only unanimous selection on the Associated Press' All-SEC First-Team. She also earned Honorable Mention AP All-American accolades.

Insell and the Rebels knocked off ranked foes in No. 13 Kentucky and No. 18 Georgia — the first time in five years Ole Miss had defeated a ranked foe. The season also saw Ole Miss pick up its 400th win at Tad Smith Coliseum. One of the high points of the season was when Insell and his father made women's basketball history by becoming the first father-son duo to play against each other in NCAA women's basketball when Middle Tennessee made the trip to Oxford in November.

Insell laid the foundation for the Rebels during his first season in 2013-14, leading Ole Miss to a 10-6 non-conference record and a seven-game winning streak — the longest streak for the Rebels since the 2007-08 season. Insell led Ole Miss to a near non-conference upset of eventual Sweet 16 team Baylor, who battled back in the final minutes to win 87-80 — but, giving fans a glimpse of the success to come under the vision of Insell in the process.

After battling through the always-challenging SEC schedule, the Rebels entered the SEC Tournament as the No. 14 seed, determined to take the momentum from a regular season finale victory over Auburn into the postseason tournament. Drawing the No. 11 seed Arkansas, the Rebels took care of business with a 63-62 victory, giving Ole Miss a statement win for Insell's process. "I didn't look at it as rebuilding, I looked at it as a

process of getting us back to the top," said Insell after the SEC Tournament win. "A win like this helps you get there."

Insell also led the Rebels to wins over instate rival, Mississippi State, to give the first-year head coach his first SEC victory. In addition to the Rebels' battle with 2014 Elite Eight participant, Baylor, Ole Miss posted victories against women's basketball powerhouse, Louisiana Tech, and sent the Ole Miss senior class out in style with a Senior Day overtime win over Auburn at Tad Smith Coliseum.

Prior to his time leading the Rebels, Insell spent five years as an assistant coach for a very successful Kentucky Wildcat team under head coach Matthew Mitchell. While there, UK recorded four 20-win seasons and four tripes to the NCAA Tournament — ending each of the last three seasons he spent in Lexington ranked in the top-25.

Insell, who was responsible for the guards while also having recruiting and player development duties, served as the top assistant coach and helped UK ink three top-10 recruiting classes and seven McDonald's All-Americans. During his time at Kentucky, Insell helped develop guard A'dia Mathies, a two-time SEC Player of the Year and All-America candidate, and Bria Goss who was named SEC Freshman of the Year.

Before his time at Kentucky, Insell was the director of basketball operations at Louisiana tech under head coach Chris Long.

Insell ended up at Louisiana Tech following an extremely successful career as one of the top AAU coaches in the country, leading the Tennessee Flight — a Nike Elite travel program. Insell made a national name for himself after coaching 41 of his former AAU players to play Division I basketball, including former Wildcats Victoria Dunlap and Crystal Riley. He also coached the Shelbyville Sports Shop 15-Under team to the AAU National Championship title in 2004.

Insell earned valuable basketball experience while attending the University of Tennessee from 2001-05. He worked closely with both the men's and women's basketball programs, serving as a student assistant and video coordinator under former men's head coach Buzz Peterson and as an instructor at Pat Summitt's summer basketball camps. The Shelbyville, Tenn., native transferred to Middle Tennessee State during the 2005-06 season where his father, Rick Insell, is the head women's basketball coach. He went on to earn his bachelor's degree in political science from MTSU in 2007.

INSELL MILESTONE VICTORIES

FIRST CAREER WIN

vs. Jacksonville State (Oxford) 83-62 (Nov. 8, 2013)

FIRST HOME WIN

vs. Jacksonville State (Oxford) 83-62 (Nov. 8, 2013)

FIRST ROAD WIN

vs. Tulane (New Orleans, La.) 83-62 (Nov. 30, 2013)

FIRST SEC WIN

vs. Mississippi State (Oxford) 87-85 (OT) (Jan. 23, 2014)

FIRST SEC TOURN. WIN

vs. Arkansas (Duluth, Ga.) 63-62 (March 5, 2014)

FIRST POSTSEASON WIN

vs. UT Martin (Oxford) 80-70 (March 18, 2015) (WNIT)

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INSELL VS. ALL OPPONENTS OPPONENT	W-L
Alabama	1-4
Alabama A&M	2-0
	3-3
Arkansas Arkansas - Pine Bluff	
Arkansas - Pine Biuli Auburn	
	3-3
Austin Peay Baylor	2-0 0-2
Baylor Central Arkansas	0-2 0-1
	2-2
Florida Georgia	2-2
Georgia Tech	
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Grambling Hawai'i	0-1
High Point	1-0
lacksonville State	
Jackson State	
Kentucky	
La Tech	
Lipscomb	
Louisiana-Lafayette	
Louisiana-Monroe	
LSU	
McNeese State	
Middle Tennessee	
Mississippi Valley State	
Mississippi State	
Missouri	
Missouri State	
Nevada	
New Orleans	
Oregon	
Southern (LA)	
Southeast Missouri	
Southern Miss	
South Alabama	2-0

South Carolina	0-5
Southeastern Louisiana	3-0
Stony Brook	1-0
Tennessee	1-4
Tennessee State	1-0
Texas A&M	1-4
Tulane	1-1
UNLV	0-1
Utah	1-0
UT Martin	1-0
Vanderbilt	1-4
VCU	1-0
Wagner	1-0
Washington State	0-1
Western Kentucky	1-1
West Virginia	0-2
Wisconsin	1-0
TOTAL	58-68

INSELL VS. SEC OPPONENTS OPPONENT W-I Alahama 1-4 Arkansas 3-3 Auburn 3-3 Florida 2-2 Georgia Kentucky LSU Mississippi State 1-7 Missouri 0-5 South Carolina 0-5 Tennessee 1-4 Texas A&M 1-4

1-4

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INSELL VS. POWER 5 OPPONENTS (NON-SEC)	
OPPONENT	W-L
Baylor	0-2
Georgia Tech	1-0
Oregon	
Utah	1-0
Washington State	0-1
West Virginia	0-2
Wisconsin	1-0
TOTAL	4-5

THE INSELL FILE
BIRTHDATE
• Sept. 22, 1982
HOMETOWN
Shelbyville, Tenn.
EDUCATION
Middle Tennessee State, 2007
Bachelor's degree (Poltical Science)
COACHING EXPERIENCE
2013-present — Ole Miss Head Coach
 2008-13 — Assistant Coach, Kentucky
 2007-08 — Director of Operations, Louisiana Tech
• 2001-07 — Head Coach, AAU Tennessee Flight
COACHING RECORD
• Overall — 58-68
• SEC —18-47

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT INSELL ...

• "I am elated for Matt. He made the decision when he graduated high school to forgo playing collegiate basketball and concentrate on becoming a Division I head coach. I am very excited about the journey he has made. I don't know of a better place to build his legacy than the University of Mississippi. Matt is a fantastic fit for the program. Deb and I, along with our entire family, are very proud of him."

Vanderbilt

TOTAL

- Rick Insell, Head Women's Basketball Coach, Middle Tennessee State
- "Ole Miss made a great decision when they hired Matt Insell. Matt is an excellent college basketball coach. I believe you have to be strong in many areas to be a quality college basketball coach. You can't be one dimensional. Matt is an outstanding recruiter, a tireless worker in the area of player development and very knowledgeable from an X and O standpoint. He always had a great feel regarding in-game adjustments that will prove valuable to him as a head coach. More important than any of that to me was his friendship to our family. He is like a member of our family. He was incredibly loyal to the Kentucky program, and we benefitted greatly from his contributions."
- Matthew Mitchell, Head Women's Basketball Coach, Kentucky
- "Coach Insell and his staff continue to work tirelessly to build our program into a contender in the SEC and on the national stage. Coach Insell inherited a very tough situation perhaps tougher than anyone realized and he and his staff have been committed to doing the little things because they know the big things are right around the corner. Everyone in our program has been laser focused on excellence and we have laid a great foundation for success. We have a proud women's basketball heritage and I cannot wait to see our future glory!"
- Ross Bjork, Athletics Director, Ole Miss

2017-18 OLE MISS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | NOTES

2017-18 STORYLINES

- Coach Insell's entire staff of Alex Simmons, Brittany Hudson and George Porcha return for the 2017-18 season, as does coordinator of player engagement Armintie Herrington.
- New to the staff are director of operations **Drew Landers** (son of legendary Georgia coach and TV commentator Andy Landers), graduate assistant **Ariel Massengale**, video coordinator **Garner Small** and recruiting assistant **Courtnei Davis**.
- The Rebels return seven letterwinners, but just two starters: junior Madinah Muhammad and senior Shandricka Sessom.
- Ole Miss adds two transfers for 2017-18: junior guard Marlee Hatcher (Itawamba CC) and junior guard Barbara Johnson (Chipola College).
- Four new Rebel freshman also join Ole Miss in 2017-18: guard **Chyna Nixon** (Philadelphia, Pa.), guard **Milicia Reid** (Bronx, N.Y.), forward **Day'Neshia Banks** (Jacksonville, Fla.) and forward **Promise Taylor** (Issaquah, Wash.). Reid will miss the season due to injury.
- Insell and recruiting coordinator **Alex Simmons** have put together three-straight top-25 recruiting classes in the nation.
- Ole Miss plays 13 schools in 2017-18 that advanced to the NCAA Tournament in 2016-17:

DePaul (2nd Round, lost to runner-up Mississippi State)
Troy (1st Round, lost to runner-up Mississippi State)
Temple (1st Round, lost to Oregon)
Oregon (Elite Eight, lost to UConn)
Texas Southern (1st Round, lost to Baylor)
South Carolina (defending NCAA Champions)
Mississippi State (NCAA runners-up)
Missouri (2nd Round, lost to Florida State)
Tennessee (2nd Round, lost to Louisville)
Texas A&M (2nd Round, lost to UCLA)
LSU (1st Round, lost to Cal)
Kentucky (2nd Round, lost to Ohio State)
Auburn (1st Round, lost to NC State)

• The Rebels went 4-8 against 2016-17 NCAA Tournament teams, notching wins against: No. 25 Oregon (Elite Eight, lost to UConn), Auburn (1st Round, lost to NC State), Tennessee (2nd Round, lost to Louisville) and Texas A&M (2nd Round, lost to UCLA).

SEASON NOTABLES

- -Ole Miss reached the postseason for the second time under Matt Insell. Ole Miss also reached the postseason in 2014-15 and closed the season with a 19-14 record. The Rebels have averaged 18 wins in the seasons that they have advanced to the postseason.
- -Ole Miss snapped a 28-game losing streak to Tennessee with a 67-62 win over Tennessee on Jan. 12 in Oxford. Ole Miss' last win over Tennessee game in 1996, also in Oxford.
- -The Rebels also defeated Texas A&M for the first time since 1996 with a 62-49 win over the Aggies on Senior Night. The Rebels had yet to defeat the Aggies since they joined the SEC during the 2012-13 season.
- -Ole Miss had two players reached the 1,000-point milestone in 2016-16. Senior Erika Sisk, who entered her senior campaign just 64 points away from the milestone, hit the mark against Jackson State while Shandricka Sessom picked up her 1,000th point against Texas A&M, becoming the first junior to earn the milestone since Valencia McFarland in 2012-13.
- -For the third consecutive season, Ole Miss defeated a ranked opponent, knocking off then-No. 25 Oregon in non-conference action. The win was significant as Oregon advanced to the Elite Eight of the 2017 NCAA Tournament.
- -For the second consecutive year, Ole Miss set a new single-game attendance record when 8,088 people were on hand to see the Rebels take on Jackson State. In each of the past four years under Insell, Ole Miss has posted a top-five attendance game in the history of the program at least once a season -- including breaking the all-time record in each of the last two years.
- -Ole Miss won 11 non-conference games the second most in the Insell era with wins over the likes of Wisconsin and No. 25 Oregon. The Rebels have had 10 or more non-conference wins twice in the Insell era. Ole Miss had 12 non-conference wins in 2014-15, but two of those came in the postseason WNIT.
- -Ole Miss opened the 2016-17 season with 12 consecutive home wins. The 12-game streak is the longest in the Insell era and the longest for the women's basketball program since stringing together 15 consecutive home wins in the late '80s
- -Ole Miss' win over Arkansas in its SEC opener marked the third consecutive season Ole Miss has won its SEC opener. Ole Miss is 3-1 in SEC openers in the Insell era and hasn't dropped an SEC opener since his first year in 2013-14.
- -The Rebels picked up two wins over Power-5 foes in nonconference action with wins over Wisconsin and Oregon. It's the first time in the Insell era and the first time since 2006-07 that Ole Miss has picked up two wins over power five foes in non-conference action.

PLAYER NOTABLES

-Erika Sisk scored her 1,000th career-point in a win over Jackson State. Sisk, who transferred from Murray State, scored 792 of her 1,187 points in an Ole Miss uniform.

-In the regular-season finale against Texas A&M, Shandricka Sessom scored her 1,000th point. She became the second Ole Miss player to score their 1,000th point in 2016-17, joining Erika Sisk. It was the first time in the Insell era that Ole Miss had two 1,000-point scorers in the same season. Sessom was also the first to reach the milestone as a junior since Valencia McFarland in 2012-13.

-For the first time in her career, Madinah Muhammad led Ole Miss in scoring with 13.0 ppg. The Chicago native increased her offensive production by 5.5 points per game from her freshman campaign. This is the second consecutive season an Ole Miss sophomore has led the team in scoring, as Shandricka Sessom led the team in scoring in 2015-16 with 15.6 points per game.

-Shequila Joseph set a new career-best in rebounds with 13 in a win over Arkansas in the SEC opener. Joseph posted four games with double figure rebounds in 2016-17 and concluded her career with six games of double figure rebounds.

-Taylor Manuel scored 28 points against Grambling in the WNIT. It was the most points for an Ole Miss player in 2016-17.

-Erika Sisk became the first Ole Miss player since Valencia McFarland to record multiple games of double-digit assists. Sisk had two games of 10 assists on the season and averaged 3.9 assists for the year, which ranked No. 6 in the SEC.

-Ole Miss backup point guard Alissa Alston also picked up her assist numbers in 2016-17, averaging 2.8 assists per game, up 1.3 assists per game from her freshman season. She posted a career-best nine assists against ULM.

-Shelby Gibson had an outstanding freshman season. The Murfreesboro, Tennessee native averaged 6.4 points per game to lead Ole Miss' freshman scorers. She twice earned SEC Freshman of the Week for her efforts — the most for an Ole Miss freshman in the Insell era. Gibson reached double figures in nine games in 2016-17.

-Shelby Gibson became the first player since Armintie Price to open her collegiate career with back-to-back games in double figures and was the first to score in double figures in her collegiate debut since PaSonna Hope in 2010.

2017-18 OLE MISS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | TOP RETURNING REBELS

SHANDRICKA SESSOM

#23 • Senior • Guard Byhalia, Miss. • Byhalia H.S.

JUNIOR SEASON (2016-17)

SEC Winter Academic Honor Roll (2016) SEC First Year Academic Honor Roll C Spire Gillom Trophy Finalist

Averaged 12.7 points per game and 6.1 rebounds per game in 31 appearances ... Averaged 6.7 rebounds against SEC opponents ... Became 28th 1,000-point scorer

vs. Texas A&M and the first to reach as a junior since Valencia McFarland in 2012-13 ... Fifth game in double figures in the last six outings with 18 points vs. Grambling ... Second 20-pt game this season with 26 points vs. Auburn for her 10th career 20-pt game ... Has rebounded from games in single-digits with double figures in the next game; averaging 16.0 points per game in the game after a single-digit outing ... Has scored In double figures in 12 of the last 15 games ... Posted her 100th 3-PT FG vs. LSU ... Has hit a 3-PT FG in eight of the last nine games and has had multiple 3-PT FG's in five of the last eight contests; including tying her career-best with 6 3-PT FG's vs. Auburn ... Four games of 5+ assist ... Dished out 6 assists twice, which is just shy of her career best of 7 assists ... Second double-double in SEC play vs. Tennessee with 14 points and 11 rebounds .. Marked her fourth double-double of 2016-17 and sixth career double-double ... Team-best 23 games in double figures including 16 of Ole Miss' last 20 games ... Served as team captain along with Erika Sisk and Alissa Alston.



CAREER HIGHS

Points: 28, vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 12-06-16

Rebounds: 11, 2x, last vs. Jacksonville State, 11-17-16

Assists: 7, vs. Alabama A&M, 12-29-15 **Steals:** 5, 3x, last vs. Alabama, 01-22-17

Blocks: 3, at UNLV, 11-27-16

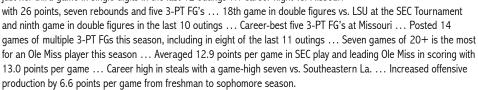
Field Goals: 11, 3x, last vs. Lipscomb, 11-13-16 **Free Throws:** 7, at Middle Tennessee State, 03-26-15 **Three Pointers:** 6, 2x, last vs. Auburn, 02-16-17

MADINAH MUHAMMAD

#20 • Junior • Guard Chicago, III. • Whitney Young H.S.

SOPHOMORE SEASON (2016-17)

Ole Miss' leading scorer, averaged 13.0 points per game and 2.8 rebounds per game in 28 appearances with 27 starts ... Averaged 12.9 points per game against SEC opponents ... Career best five assists vs. Grambling ... Five points vs. Grambling was just her third game in single digits in the last 12 outings ... Career night vs. Missouri





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