

LSU Football Postgame Notes - SEC Championship Game

#1 LSU vs. #4 Georgia

December 7, 2019 - Atlanta, Georgia (Mercedes Benz Stadium)

1. LSU's captains were QB **Joe Burrow**, LS **Blake Ferguson**, DE **Rashard Lawrence**, C **Lloyd Cushenberry**
2. LSU won the coin toss and deferred its decision until the second half. The Tigers will defend the East end zone in the first quarter.
3. LSU 5-1 in the SEC Championship Game
 - a. The last time the Tigers won the SEC Championship was in 2011 when they defeated Georgia, 42-10
 - b. LSU has played Georgia in the SEC Championship Game four times and is 3-1
4. LSU has won a total of 12 SEC Championships
 - a. LSU's SEC Titles have come in 1935, '36, '58, '61, '62, '70, '86, '88, 2001, '07, '11 and 2019
5. LSU is 13-0 for the second time in school history
 - a. The last time LSU started 13-0 was in 2011 when it finished 13-1 after falling in the BCS National Championship Game against Alabama
 - b. The Tigers are just the ninth team in SEC history to begin a season 13-0
 - c. Dating back to the Fiesta Bowl win over UCF, LSU has won 14 consecutive games
 - i. The win-streak is the third longest streak in program history and third longest active in the nation
6. The Tigers have compiled 5 Top-10 wins in 2019, including its New Year's Day win in the Fiesta Bowl against UCF
 - a. This season, LSU has defeated Top-10 teams from Texas, Florida, Auburn, Alabama and Georgia
7. In 49-of-52 quarters this season, LSU has scored points - a staggering 94.2-percent
8. Playing in domed stadiums LSU is 32-8 all-time
 - a. Saturday was the Tigers' first appearance in Mercedes Benz Stadium
9. In games played as the No. 1 team in either the Coaches or AP poll, LSU is 29-4
10. In games played against for LSU assistant coaches, the Tigers are 15-3
 - a. Kirby Smart was LSU's defensive back's coach in 2004
 - b. LSU has beaten a former assistant coach in back-to-back weeks having defeated Jimbo Fisher (TAMU) and Kirby Smart (Georgia)
11. LSU head coach Ed Orgeron is 38-9 as LSU's leader and 1-0 in the SEC Championship Game
 - a. Against teams from the SEC East, Orgeron is now 7-2
 - b. In his last 11 games against Top-10 teams, Orgeron coached LSU teams are 10-1
 - c. 29 of his wins at LSU have come by double-digits

Offense

1. QB **Joe Burrow** continued to make his case as the best single-season quarterback in the history of the SEC going 28-38 for 349 yards and 4 touchdowns in the SEC Championship Game Saturday. He also ran the ball 11 times for 41-yards.
 - a. Burrow became the first QB since Auburn's Cam Newton in 2010 and fourth all-time to throw for four touchdown passes in a game
 - b. Already holding the SEC record for passing yards in a season (4,715), Joe Burrow set the SEC record for touchdown passes in a season with his 45th touchdown pass of the season on a 23 yard pass to Ja'Marr Chase in the 1st quarter
 - c. Of Heisman Trophy Winners that played QB since 2000, only Sam Bradford (Oklahoma, 2008, 4,720 yards),has passed for more yards in their his heisman winning season.
 - d. Burrow continued to hold the pace on setting the NCAA record for completion percentage in a season going 28-38 against Georgia. He is now 342-439 this season for a completion percentage of 77.9-percent
 - e. Burrow has completed 20 passes in 16 consecutive games
 - f. Burrow completed a pass to himself on the first drive of the game. He caught it off a tipped pass and gained 16 yards

- i. It was the first time since Tommy Hodson in 1988 against Auburn that a LSU QB completed a pass to himself
2. **RB Clyde Edwards-Helaire** recorded seven catches for 61-yards during the SEC Championship
 - a. His seven catches put him at 50 receptions for the season, tying him with Gary James (1985) for the most receptions in a LSU season by a running back
3. **WR Ja'Marr Chase** caught three passes for 41-yards and a touchdown
 - a. On a 23-yard reception from Joe Burrow in the first quarter, Chase caught his 18th touchdown of the season, tying Reidel Anthony's SEC record of 18 receiving touchdowns at Florida in 1996
4. **WR Justin Jefferson** finished the day with seven receptions for 115 yards and a touchdown
 - a. Jefferson set a new career-long reception with a 71-yard catch on a throw from Burrow in the third quarter. His previous career-long was 65-yards earlier in the season against Ole Miss.
 - b. Justin Jefferson eclipsed the 2,000-yard mark for his career at LSU in the SEC Championship
5. **WR Terrace Marshall Jr.** caught 5 passes for 82-yards and two touchdowns
 - a. He became the third LSU receiver this season to catch at least 10 touchdown passes
 - i. Ja'Marr Chase has 18 this year and Justin Jefferson has 14

Defense

1. **CB Derek Stingley Jr.** recorded two interceptions in the SEC Championship, tying the record for the most in the SEC Championship Game.
 - a. The true-freshman has six interceptions this season, giving him the most in a LSU season since Greedy Williams also had six in 2016 during his redshirt freshman season
2. **S JaCoby Stevens** led the Tigers with 7 tackles
3. **LB Patrick Queen**, **LB K'Lavon Chaisson** and **S Grant Delpit** each recorded a sack

Special Teams

1. **K Cade York** was 3-for-4 kicking field goals and made all 4 of his PAT Attempts
 - a. With 13 total points, Cade York set the SEC Championship Game record for Most Points by a Kicker
 - b. He hit a 41-yard field goal with 2:22 left in the second quarter
 - c. He made a 28-yarder with 8:20 left in the third quarter
 - d. He split the uprights from 50-yards with 7:41 left in the fourth quarter
 - i. It was his third 50-yard field goal in two weeks
 - ii. He joined Colt David (2008) as the only two LSU kickers to hit four 50-yard field goals in a season