

LSU FOOTBALL POSTGAME NOTES

#1 LSU vs. #3 Clemson – CFP National Championship

January 13, 2020 – Mercedes-Benz Superdome (New Orleans, Louisiana)

1. The LSU Captains were Joe Burrow, Lloyd Cushenberry III, Grant Delpit, and Rashard Lawrence.
2. LSU won the coin toss and deferred its decision until the second half. LSU will defend the north end zone in the first quarter. LSU finishes the 2019 season 10-5 in coin tosses.
3. LSU will finish the season 15-0 and is just the second team in FBS history to go 15-0
 - a. Clemson (2018-19) is the only other FBS team to go 15-0
 - b. LSU's only other undefeated season came in 1958 when the Tigers went 11-0
4. The Tigers are now 3-1 playing in games for the National Championship. LSU is 1-0 in the College Football Playoff National Championship with the other three National Championship appearances taking place during the BCS Era (2003, '07 and '11)
 - a. This season marks LSU's 4th National Championship with the others coming in 1958, 2003 and 2007
 - i. LSU becomes the 10th team in the AP Poll era to win four National Championships
 - b. This is the sixth season of the four-team College Football Playoff
5. LSU snapped Clemson's 29-game win-streak and now owns the nation's longest active win streak at 16 games
 - a. 16 consecutive wins is the second-most in LSU history
 - i. From 1957-1959 the Tigers rattled off 19 wins in a row
 - ii. (15 is tied for second most 1907-1909)
6. Clemson was the seventh Top-10 opponent for LSU this season and LSU is 7-0 in such matchups
 - a. The seven Top-10 victories in one season is the most in FBS History
7. Joe Burrow was named the Offensive MVP, and Patrick Queen was named the Defensive MVP
8. Playing in its 20th game in the Mercedes-Benz Superdome, LSU improved to 15-5 all-time at the New Orleans venue, including 7-1 since 2000
 - a. LSU won the National Championship in the Superdome in 2003 and 2007 as well
 - b. The Tigers have won 10 straight games in domed venues, including the CFP semi-final against Oklahoma at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta.
9. Dating back to 2001, LSU is 81-9 against non-conference foes
 - a. Under the direction of Coach Ed Orgeron, LSU is 16-2 in non-conference matchups
10. The Tigers offense finished the season averaging 48.4 points per game, breaking the record of 38 PPG set in 2007
 - a. In total, LSU scored 726 points throughout the course of the season, breaking Alabama's 2018 SEC record
11. In games played as the nation's No. 1 Ranked team, LSU is 31-4 all-time and 7-0 this season
12. Ed Orgeron joins Paul Dietzel (1958), Nick Saban (2003) and Les Miles (2007) as the only coaches to lead LSU to a football National Championship
 - a. After serving as interim head coach to finish the 2016 season, Orgeron joins Saban and Miles to win the National Championship in their third full year as LSU's head coach
 - b. Orgeron is now 40-9 as LSU's head coach
 - c. 31 of LSU's victories under Orgeron have come by double-digits and 12 have come against Top-10 teams

Offense

1. QB **Joe Burrow** capped off one of the greatest single seasons by a quarterback ever, going ... in the National Championship Game. In two seasons as LSU's starting quarterback, Burrow led LSU to a 25-3 record. His .892 win percentage is the best ever by an LSU starting QB.

- a. With his five touchdown passes Monday night, Burrow set the NCAA Record, finishing the season with 60 and breaking Colt Brennan's record from 2006 when he threw for 58 touchdowns at Hawaii
 - i. On a four-yard TD pass to Thaddeus Moss in the third quarter, Burrow broke Brennan's record
- b. With his 463 passing yards against Clemson, Burrow has 5,671 yards this season and will finish with the most yards by a quarterback in 2019-20, passing Anthony Gordon from Washington State who finished the season with 5,579 yards
 - i. His 5,671 yards this season is the most in SEC history and tied for third most in NCAA history alongside Case Keenum (Houston/2009)
- c. Burrow finished his career throwing for 300 yards in nine consecutive games, an LSU record
- d. Burrow has completed 20+ passes in 18 consecutive game, an LSU record
- e. Burrow's 31 passes completed in the national championship made him the record holder for most passes completed in a two-game span in CFP history. His 956 yards passing in a two-game span are also a CFP record
 - i. Burrow's 31 passes completed made him the SEC record holder. He passed Tim Couch, who completed 400 in 1998
- f. In just two seasons for his LSU career with 9,332 yards (767 rush, 8,565 pass), Burrow passed Tommy Hodson's 8,938 yards (-177 rush, 9,115 pass) for the most total yards in a LSU Career. Hodson played at LSU from 1986-89.
 - i. Burrow also holds the LSU career record for completion percentage (621-906), touchdown passes (76), pass yards per game (8,565 in 28 games), 300-yard passing games (15), 400-yard passing games (4), most touchdowns responsible for (88 (12 rush, 76 pass))
- g. Justin Jefferson has caught a pass in 28 consecutive games
- h. Justin Jefferson's 23 catches in the two CFP games gives him the record for most catches in a two-game span in the CFP
- i. Ja'Marr Chase's 52-yard TD reception in the first quarter was his eighth touchdown catch of 50+ yards this season. It's the most in NCAA history, two more than any other player in single season history.
 - i. Chase's first TD catch of the game was his 19th of the season to set a SEC record breaking a three-way tie with himself, Reidel Anthony (Florida) and Justin Jefferson.
 - ii. Chase ended the season with 20 TD receptions for the SEC record
- j. Clyde Edwards-Helaire had five receptions in the championship against Clemson. That put his season total at 55 to surpass Garry James (1985) for most receptions in a single season by an LSU running back
- k. LSU's 628 yards of total offense are more than it had in its previous national championship victories over Oklahoma (312 yards/2003) and Ohio State (326 yards/2007)
- l. On a 43-yard screen pass from Joe Burrow in the third quarter, Ja'Marr Chase broke Josh Reed's LSU and SEC record for receiving yards in a season. Reed had 1,740 yards receiving for LSU in 2001. Chase finished the season with 1,780 yards receiving
- m. Clyde Edwards-Helaire rushed for 110 yards in the championship game to move into No. 4 on the LSU single season list with a 1,414 yards on the ground. He passed Derrius Guice (1,387 yards/2016)
- n. LSU broke the NCAA FBS single-season scoring record with 726 points on the season. The Tigers surpassed Alabama's scoring record of 684 points that was set in 2018 during a 15-game season
- o. LSU finished the season with 8,526 yards for the most in NCAA history. The Tigers broke Houston's record of 8,387 from 2011

- p. LSU tied Hawaii for the most TDs in a season with 62

Defense

- Grant Delpit forced a fumble on Clemson's Trevor Lawrence in the fourth quarter; it was his fourth forced fumble of his career
- Jacob Phillips and Patrick Queen led the way for the Tigers with eight tackles apiece
- Derek Stingley Jr. scooped up a fumble recovery

YORK MADE 83 PATS COMING INTO GAME OUT OF 87

Special Teams

1. K Cade York converted 7-of-7 extra points on Monday night
 - a. York will finish the season with 90 PAT Kicks Made, the most in a single SEC season and the fourth most in FBS season history
 - b. With his seven total points against Clemson, the true-freshman will finish this season with 153 total points. It is the most points by a kicker ever in the SEC and third-most points in a single NCAA season all-time
2. Monday marked long snapper Blake Ferguson's final game at LSU. He played in 53 consecutive games.
 - a. Including Blake's brother Reid, who is now the long snapper for the Buffalo Bills, a Ferguson has long snapped for the Tigers in 104 consecutive games
3. Zach Von Rosenberg's 56-yard punt in was the third-longest in CFB championship game history