

LSU FOOTBALL POSTGAME NOTES

Mississippi State at No. 6/5 LSU

September 26, 2020 – Tiger Stadium (Baton Rouge, La.)

1. The LSU Captains were DE **Andre Anthony**, TE **Tory Carter**, RB **Chris Curry** and S **JaCoby Stevens**.
2. Mississippi State won the toss and elected to receive; The Tigers kicked off and defended the north end zone to begin the game
3. The Tigers start the 2020 season 0-1 and 0-1 in SEC play
 - a. In season openers, the Tigers are now 92-30-5 overall.
 - b. The Tigers are now 100-22-4 in home openers, which includes a 72-20-4 mark in Tiger Stadium.
 - c. Announced attendance for the game was 21,124
4. LSU improves to 75-36-3 all-time against Mississippi State
 - a. **Ed Orgeron** is now 3-4 all-time against Mississippi State
5. Coach Ed Orgeron is now 40-10 as head coach of the Tigers.
 - a. He is 6-1 all-time in season openers (3-1 at LSU and 3-0 at Ole Miss)
 - b. LSU is 44-6 as a Top 25 team under Orgeron, which includes a 20-4 record as a Top 10 team.
 - c. Orgeron is 11-3 in the month of September.
6. This game is the first day-game season-opener in Tiger Stadium since 2008 when the Tigers beat Appalachian State 41-13 in a game moved to 10 a.m. due to Hurricane Gustav.
7. September 26 is the latest LSU has started a season since 1956 (Sept. 29, vs. TAMU; also a 10-game season).
8. This game marked the 601st game in Tiger Stadium.
9. This game was the first time CBS has televised LSU's season opener.
10. It was 257 days between LSU football games, which is the longest since the 1999-2000 offseason (281 days).
11. 14 Tigers saw their first playing time as a Tiger, including seven starters in **Kayshon Boutte**, **Eli Ricks**, **Arik Gilbert**, **Ali Gaye**, **Jabril Cox**, **Darren Evans** and **Liam Shanahan**.

Offense

- 1) QB **Myles Brennan** made his first career start for the Tigers.
 - a) Brennan recorded his third passing TD in his career – a 2-yard pass to Gilbert in the second quarter to give the Tigers a 14-10 lead.
 - b) Passed his fourth TD in his career – a 37-yard pass to Marshall Jr. in the 3rd quarter
 - c) Passed his fifth TD of his career – a 33-yard pass to Marshall Jr. in the 4th quarter
 - d) Had a career-high of 27 completions and 46 pass attempts for a career-high of 345 yards.
- 2) RB **Chris Curry** started at running back for the Tigers.
 - a) Curry finished the game with 47 yards on nine carries.
- 3) WR **Terrace Marshall Jr.** has now started in nine consecutive games.
 - a) Picked up his 14th career touchdown in the third quarter to give the Tigers a 24-20 lead – a 37 yard pass from Brennan.
 - b) Second touchdown of the game came in the fourth quarter to close in on Mississippi St. 34-31. That's his 15th career touchdown – a 33 yard reception from Brennan.
 - c) Had a total of eight receptions for 122 yards with an average of 15.3 yards per reception
- 4) WR **Arik Gilbert** picked up his first career touchdown in the second quarter to give the Tigers a 14-10 lead – a 2-yard pass from Brennan.
- 5) WR **Jaray Jenkins** notched a career-high 85 receiving yards. Topping his 67-yard performance against Northwestern State in 2019.
- 6) RB **Tyrion Davis Price** notched 43 yards on 13 carries. His 13 carries is a new career high. Previous was 11 against Utah State in 2019.

- 7) RB **John Emery Jr.** finished the game with 27 yards on seven carries.

Defense

- 1) S **JaCoby Stevens** made his 20th consecutive start in his career
 - a) Stevens had his first sack of the season on Mississippi State's first drive of the year. It was his seventh sack in his career.
 - b) Picked up his second and third career fumble recovery – his first in his career came in 2018 against Southeastern Louisiana.
 - c) His second fumble recovery on the game came in the fourth quarter.
- 2) DL **Ali Gaye** made his first career start for the Tigers and recorded his first career sack in a Tiger uniform.
 - a) He had three pass break ups on the game.
- 3) LB **Damone Clark** had a career-high 11 tackles in his fourth career start for the Tigers, including one sack and 1.5 tackles for loss.
 - a) Clark now has 4.5 sacks in his career
- 4) LB **Jabril Cox** picked up his first interception as a Tiger and seventh in his career – a 14 yard interception in the second quarter to give LSU a 7-3 lead.
 - a) The last time a LSU player returned an interception for a touchdown was Jacob Phillips vs. Miami (Sept. 2, 2018) for 45 yards.
- 5) True freshman CB **Eli Ricks** recorded his first interception in his first career start in the fourth quarter that ultimately led to a touchdown.

Special Teams

- 1) K **Cade York** was 2-of-2 on field goals with a long of 40 yards.
 - a) He was 4-of-4 on PAT attempts
 - b) His second field goal tied the game up in the fourth quarter at 34-34
- 2) PK **Avery Atkins** kicked 4-of-4 kickoffs for touchbacks
- 3) P **Zach Von Rosenberg** kicked seven punts for an average of 49.4 yards. His long was 58 yards and had five punch downs inside the 20-yard line and three 50+ yard punts.
 - a) He is the second oldest player in College Football in 2020. He turned 30 this week.