

LSU FOOTBALL POSTGAME NOTES

#16 AP / #13 Coaches LSU (0-1) at UCLA (2-0)

September 4, 2021 -- Rose Bowl (Pasadena, Calif.)

TEAM NOTES

1. The LSU Captains were DE **Andre Anthony**, PK **Avery Atkins**, LB **Damone Clark**, OT **Austin Deculus**, OG **Ed Ingram**.
2. LSU won the coin toss and deferred its decision until the second half. UCLA elected to receive and LSU defended the north end zone. LSU has won 6-straight coin tosses.
3. It was 259 days between LSU football games, which is the longest since the 1999-2000 offseason (281 days).
4. Saturday marked LSU's ...
 - 1st appearance in the iconic Rose Bowl stadium;
 - 2nd game in the state of California (Sept. 29, 1984, vs. USC at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum);
 - 1st meeting in the sport of football between LSU and UCLA.
 - The Tigers have a 22-5 all-time record versus schools in the Pac-12 Conference.
5. Announced attendance for the game was 68,123.
6. **Pregame Travel Changes due to Hurricane Ida**
The LSU Football team evacuated Baton Rouge on the evening of Saturday, Aug. 28, as eventual category-4 Hurricane Ida approached the Louisiana coastline with Baton Rouge in its forecast track. Following an 11-hour bus ride, the Tigers spent five days in Houston preparing for this season opener at NRG Stadium before flying to LAX on Thursday, Sept. 2 (as originally scheduled). Along with extensive damage to homes, businesses and infrastructure, millions of Louisiana residents were left without power. As of game time, an estimated 720,000 remain without power.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

1. First-time starters: S Major Burns, WR Jack Bech, WR Trey Palmer, OG Anthony Bradford,
2. Players seeing action in an LSU uniform for the first time: S Major Burns, DT Maason Smith, LB Bugg Strong, WR Brian Thomas Jr., WR Jack Bech, DB Derrick Davis Jr., SE Xavier Carter, WR Chris Hilton Jr., LB Mike Jones Jr., LB Greg Penn III, RB Nick Demas, DB Pig Cage, LB Landon Jackson, OL Garrett Dellinger, DB Damarius McGhee
3. True freshmen seeing action: DT Maason Smith, WR Jack Bech, WR Brian Thomas Jr., DB Derrick Davis Jr., DE Xavier Carter, WR Chris Hilton Jr., LB Greg Penn III, LB Landon Jackson, OL Garrett Dellinger, DB Damarius McGhee,

OFFENSE

1. QB **Max Johnson** made his third career start for the Tigers.
 - Johnson recorded his ninth passing TD in his career -- a 3-yard pass to Boutte in the second quarter to give the Tigers a 7-0 lead.
 - Passed for his 10th career TD -- a 44-yard pass to Kayshon Boutte in the 3rd quarter.
 - Passed for his 11th career TD -- a 45-yard pass to Kayshon Boutte in the 4th quarter.
 - Completed 26 of 46 attempts and passed for 330 yards with three touchdowns and one interception.
2. WR **Kayshon Boutte** made his 11th career start and recorded three touchdowns for the Tigers.
 - Boutte's first touchdown of the season was a 3-yard pass from Max Johnson in the 2nd quarter
 - Scored the Tigers' second TD of the game on a 44-yard pass from Max Johnson in the 3rd quarter.
 - Scored the Tigers' third TD of the game on a 45-yard pass from Max Johnson in the 4th quarter.

- First LSU player to catch for 3 TD's in consecutive games
 - With 148 receiving yards, Boutte extended his streak of 100-yard games to four dating to the 2020 season.
3. RB **Ty Davis-Price** started at running back for the Tigers.
 4. Junior WR Trey Palmer set career highs for receptions (7) and yards (47).
 5. WR Jaray Jenkins and WR Koy Moore each totaled (3) receptions and tallied (46) and (32) yards respectively.

DEFENSE

1. The Tigers combined for 55 tackles, four interceptions, nine tackles for loss, and one interception on defense.
2. Senior LB No. 18 **Damone Clark** made his sixth career start for the Tigers and led the team in tackles with 14.
3. DE **Ali Gaye** made his 11th career start for the Tigers and recorded his first sack of the season, third in his career.
4. CB **Eli Ricks** recorded his fifth career interception in the second quarter.
5. Four players combined for four sacks: Ali Gaye, BJ Ojulari, Andre Anthony, and Navonteque Strong.

SPECIAL TEAMS

1. Senior PK **Avery Atkins** saw his first action as a punter in his LSU career.
 - Punted six times for a total of 240 yards with an average of 40 yards and a long of 47.
 - Four punts landed inside the 20-yard line.
2. Preseason all-America junior PK **Cade York** was 2-2 on field goals with a long of 33 yards.
 - York was 3-3 on PAT attempts, making his 82st-consecutive PAT.
 - Onside kickoff for 12-yards in the 4th quarter was recovered by UCLA.
3. PK **Avery Atkins** kicked 3-5 kickoffs for touchbacks.