

LSU FOOTBALL POSTGAME NOTES

LSU (3-1, 1-0 SEC) at Mississippi State (2-2, 0-1 SEC)

September 25, 2021 -- Davis Wade Stadium (Starkville, Miss.)

TEAM NOTES

1. The LSU Captains were QB **Max Johnson**, LB **Mike Jones**, WR **Kayshon Boutte**, CB **Jay Ward**, and LB **BJ Ojulari**.
2. MSU won the coin toss and elected to receive the opening kickoff. LSU kicked off and defended the south end zone in the first quarter.
3. The Tigers start the 2021 SEC Schedule at 1-0.
4. Announced attendance was 50,298.
5. LSU has held opponents scoreless in the 1st quarter in 3 of its first four games.
6. LSU's 3 points allowed was the fewest in a 1st half of a conference away game since Nov. 10, 2018, at Arkansas (also 3).

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

1. First time starter: OT **Garrett Dellinger**, CB **Dwight McGlothern**
2. Players seeing action in an LSU uniform for the first time: DB **Matthew Langlois**
3. True freshmen seeing action for the first time: DB **Matthew Langlois**

OFFENSE

1. Sophomore QB **Max Johnson** made his sixth career start for the Tigers.
 - He finished the day 17-27 with 280-yards and four TDs.
 - Surpassed 2,000 career passing yards during the course of the game.
 - Johnson connected on an 11-yard TD pass to Kayshon Boutte to give the Tigers a 7-0 lead in the 1st quarter. This was his 12th TD pass this season.
 - Johnson connected on a 64-yard TD pass to Kayshon Boutte to give the Tigers a 14-3 lead in the 3rd quarter. This was his 13th TD pass this season.
 - Johnson connected to a wide open Trey Palmer for his third TD pass of the day, 14th of the season, on a 58-yard pass in the 3rd quarter to give the Tigers a 21-3 lead.
 - Johnson connected on a 41-yard pass to Kole Taylor to give the Tigers a 28-10 lead in the 4th quarter. This was Johnson's fourth TD pass of the day, 15th of the season.
2. Sophomore WR **Kayshon Boutte** made his 14th career start and surpassed 1,000 career yards for the Tigers. He finished with four receptions for 85 yards with two TDs and a long of 64 yards.
 - Boutte caught his seventh touchdown of the season in the 1st quarter on an 11-yard pass from Max Johnson.
 - Boutte caught his eighth TD of the season and surpassed 1,000 career receiving yards on a 64-yard pass from Max Johnson in the 3rd quarter.
3. Junior WR **Trey Palmer** finished with one reception for 58 yards and a touchdown.
 - Palmer caught a 58-yard pass from Max Johnson in the 3rd quarter for the Tigers' third TD of the day.
4. True freshman WR **Brian Thomas Jr.** finished with three receptions and 43 yards with a long of 20 yards.
5. Sophomore TE **Kole Taylor** finished with one reception on a 41-yard touchdown pass from Max Johnson in the 4th quarter.
6. Junior starting RB **Ty Davis-Price** rushed 13 times for 51 yards with a long of 18 yards.

DEFENSE

1. LSU started in a dime defense (6 DB's) for the first time since facing Texas Tech (Patrick Mahomes) in the 2015 Texas Bowl.
2. The Tigers combined for 97 tackles, one sack, two tackles for loss, one interception, one forced fumble, and one pass breakup.
3. Junior DB **Cordale Flott** finished the game with eight tackles, one interception and one forced fumble.
 - Forced a fumble in the 1st quarter that was recovered by Damone Clark for a 35-yard gain that led to the Tigers' first touchdown.
4. Senior LB **Damone Clark** led the defense with 15 tackles (eight solo) and a fumble recovery.
 - Recovered a fumble in the 1st quarter and ran it back for a 35-yard gain.
5. Senior LB **Micah Baskerville** finished with 11 tackles and one pass breakup.
6. Senior DL **Ali Gaye** made six tackles and one sack.

SPECIAL TEAMS

1. Senior **Avery Atkins** saw action as a punter for the fourth time this season.
 - Punted five times for 197 total yards with an average of 39.4 yards and long of 52.
 - Finished the game 5-5 on kickoffs for touchbacks.
2. Junior PK **Cade York** was 4-4 on PATs, extending his streak to 96 consecutive.