

## LSU FOOTBALL POSTGAME NOTES

### LSU (2-1) vs. Central Michigan (1-2)

September 18, 2021 -- Tiger Stadium (Baton Rouge, La.)

#### TEAM NOTES

1. The LSU Captains were CB **Darren Evans**, WR **Jaray Jenkins**, OL **Liam Shanahan**, DE **BJ Ojulari**, DE **Andre Anthony**.
2. Central Michigan won the coin toss and deferred its decision until the second half. LSU received and took the ball toward the north end zone. LSU's coin toss win streak ended at 7.
3. Saturday marked LSU's...
  - 606th game in Tiger Stadium
  - 35th-straight win in the Gold helmet, Purple jersey, Gold pants uniform combo.
4. Announced attendance was 92,547.

#### INDIVIDUAL NOTES

1. First time starter: WR **Deion Smith**
2. Players seeing action in an LSU uniform for the first time: DE **Saivion Jones**, WR **Malik Nabers**, DL **Bryce Langston**
3. True freshmen seeing action for the first time: DE **Saivion Jones**, WR **Malik Nabers**, DL **Bryce Langston**

#### OFFENSE

1. Sophomore QB **Max Johnson** made his fifth career start for the Tigers.
  - He finished the night 26-35 with 372-yards and five TDs.
  - Johnson became the first LSU player with 3+ passing TDs in each of his first five starts.
  - Johnson threw for 4 TDs in the first half. The last time an LSU QB tossed for 4+ TDs in the first half in Tiger Stadium: Burrow vs. Georgia Southern (5) on 8/31/2019.
  - Johnson connected on a 28-yard pass to Deion Smith to give the Tigers a 7-0 lead in the 1st quarter and on another 40-yard pass to Smith to extend the Tigers' lead to 21-0 in the 1st quarter.
  - Johnson connected on a 2-yard pass to WR Kayshon Boutte for the Tigers' fourth TD of the night, making the score 28-7.
  - Johnson passed for his 4th TD of the night, a 20-yard pass to WR Jack Bech, in the 2nd quarter to extend the Tigers' lead to 35-7.
  - Johnson passed for his 5th TD of the night, a 21-yard pass to WR Devonta Lee, in the 3rd quarter to bring the Tigers' lead to 42-7.
2. Freshman WR **Deion Smith** made his first career start and set career highs of five receptions for 135 yards and two touchdowns.
3. WR **Kayshon Boutte** made his 13th career start and recorded one TD with eight receptions for 44 yards.
4. True freshman TE **Jack Bech** and junior WR **Devonta Lee** had five receptions; each scored the first TD of his LSU career.
  - Jack Bech had 81-yards receiving.
  - Devonta Lee had 47-yards receiving.
5. True freshman RB **Corey Kiner** rushed 12 times for 74 yards including a 5-yard TD run in the fourth quarter.

#### DEFENSE

1. The Tigers combined for 65 tackles, 15 tackles for loss, five sacks, and one interception.
2. DE **Andre Anthony** returned a forced fumble by junior CB **Derek Stingley Jr.** 33-yards for a TD in the 1st quarter to extend the LSU lead to 14-0. This was the first defensive fumble return for a TD since Michael Divinity Jr. on 11/24/2018 at Texas A&M (58-yard return).
3. Senior LB **Damone Clark** made six tackles and one tackle for loss.
4. Junior CB **Derek Stingley Jr.** made four tackles and 1.5 tackles for loss.
  - Had a forced fumble that was returned by Andre Anthony for a touchdown.
5. Sophomore DE **BJ Ojulari** made three tackles with 2.5 sacks.
6. Sophomore LB **Navonteque Strong** made six tackles and half a tackle for loss.

## **SPECIAL TEAMS**

1. Senior **Avery Atkins** saw action at punter for the third time in his career.
  - Punted four times for 181-yards with an average of 45.3 yards and a long of 55 yards.
2. Junior PK **Cade York** was 6-6 on PATs and 1-1 on kickoffs for touchbacks.
3. Senior PK **Avery Atkins** kicked 6-6 kickoffs for touchbacks.
4. Junior PK **Preston Stafford** scored the first point of his LSU career by making a fourth-quarter PAT.