

LSU FOOTBALL POSTGAME NOTES

LSU (1-1) vs. McNeese (0-2)

September 11, 2021 -- Tiger Stadium (Baton Rouge, La.)

TEAM NOTES

1. The LSU Captains were WR **Kayshon Boutte**, WR **Devonta Lee**, S **Cam Lewis**, DT **Neil Farrell**, and PE **Cade York**.
2. LSU won the coin toss and deferred its decision until the second half. LSU defended the north end zone. LSU has won 7-straight coin tosses.
3. Saturday marked LSU's...
 - 605th game in Tiger Stadium.
 - 101st overall win in home openers and 72nd in Tiger Stadium.
4. Announced attendance for the game was 94,220.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

1. First time starters: WR Brian Thomas Jr., RG Marlon Martinez, RT Charles Turner, LT Xavier Hill, FS Cameron Lewis
2. Players seeing action in an LSU uniform for the first time: RB Armoni Goodwin, LB Phillip Webb, WR Deion Smith, QB Garrett Nussmeier, RB Corey Kiner
3. True freshmen seeing action: RB Armoni Goodwin, WR Deion Smith, QB Garrett Nussmeier, RB Corey Kiner

OFFENSE

1. Sophomore QB **Max Johnson** made his fourth career start for the Tigers.
 - He finished the night 18-of-27 for 161 yards and three touchdowns.
 - Johnson is the only quarterback in LSU history to throw three TD passes in his first four starts.
 - Johnson connected on a 19-yard pass to Trey Palmer to give the Tigers a 7-0 lead in the 1st quarter.
 - He then threw touchdown passes of 3 and 6 yards to Boutte in the second and third quarter respectively.
2. True freshman QB **Garrett Nussmeier** entered the game in the 4th quarter and finished 3-of-10 for 19 yards.
3. WR **Kayshon Boutte** made his 12th career start and recorded two touchdowns for the Tigers. He has now connected with Johnson five times in 2021 and ten times in their career.
4. Junior WR **Trey Palmer** caught his first career TD -- a 19-yard pass from QB Max Johnson in the 1st quarter.
5. True freshman RB **Corey Kiner** saw action for the first time tonight.
 - He rushed 11 times for 56 yards and one touchdown (long of 23 yards).
6. RB **Ty-Davis Price** started at running back for the Tigers
 - He rushed eight times for 37 yards.
 - Had one reception for 21 yards.
7. Freshman WR **Deion Smith** saw action for the first time tonight as a true freshman.

DEFENSE

1. The Tigers combined for 66 tackles, 8 sacks, and 16 tackles for loss.
 - 8 sacks by LSU ties for second-highest single-game total in school history (2016 Citrus Bowl vs. Louisville).
2. Freshman DL **Maason Smith** made six tackles, three of them as sacks, and three and a half tackles for loss.
3. Senior LB **Damone Clark** made six tackles with one tackle for loss.

4. DE **Andre Anthony** made five tackles, two and a half of them as sacks and tackles for loss, respectively.
5. Sophomore DE BJ Ojulari made four tackles with one sack and one tackle for loss.
6. Freshman DB **Major Burns** made six tackles.
7. FS **Cameron Lewis** made two tackles and had half a sack with one and a half tackles for loss.

SPECIAL TEAMS

1. Senior **Avery Atkins** saw action at punter for the second time in his career.
 - Punted seven times for a total of 274 yards with an average of 39.1 yards and long of 47 yards.
2. Junior PK **Cade York** was 2-2 on field goals with a long of 56 yards.
 - York's 56-yarder is a Tiger Stadium record for any player. It broke his own record set in the second quarter of 55 yards. The record going into the game was 54 yards set by Wade Richey vs. Kentucky on Oct. 19, 1996.
 - This was York's 11th 50+ yard FG of his career; also his 42nd career field goal and 15th in Tiger Stadium.
 - The kicks marked the second time in York's career that he kicked two 50+ yard field goals in one game; he also accomplished the feat on 11/30/19 against Texas A&M in Tiger Stadium.
 - York was 3-3 on PATs to push his streak to 85 consecutive PATs. consecutive PAT.
3. PK **Avery Atkins** kicked 5-of-7 kickoffs for touchbacks.
4. The 12 punts forced by the Tigers were tied for the most since 2020 against Texas A&M.