

LSU vs. Auburn  
October 3, 2021  
LSU Head Coach Ed Orgeron Quotes

*Opening statement...*

“Very disappointing loss. I thought our guys fought very hard. We couldn’t capitalize on some opportunities, especially in the red zone. We had to settle for some field goals. Their quarterback [Bo Nix], we couldn’t get him down. He made some tremendous plays so give him credit. That was the ballgame, we couldn’t run the football, we couldn’t block well up front, and we couldn’t tackle the quarterback.”

*On why LSU called timeouts early...*

“The play-call was in late, then we tried to change it at the line of scrimmage and we just weren’t well-organized.”

*On if he knew the offensive line would struggle...*

“I’m really disappointed in that. We have two guys on that offensive line that we won a national championship with. I thought that would’ve been one of the strengths of our football team, but it’s not. We have to continue to look at it and improve.”

*On why Quarterback Max Johnson never looks comfortable...*

“I think that there is a lot of pressure on him. There were some balls that should’ve been completed. It looked like he was throwing off his back foot and he was fading away; I know exactly what you’re talking about. No. 80 [Jack Bech] was wide open. We missed him. Could’ve been a touchdown, could’ve been a game-winning play. I think it’s a combination of technique, but he’s under pressure a lot. When you’re under pressure, I think it’s hard to stay in the pocket. When you’re scrambling, you have to make some great throws. Tonight, he [Max Johnson] didn’t.”

*On how LSU tried to contain Auburn’s QB Bo Nix...*

“We told our tackles to bull-rush, we told ends to contain, and we put a spy on him. We kind of shut him down a little bit, but we didn’t shut him down all the way. There comes a point where you have to one-on-one tackle. You gotta make a tackle on a guy, we didn’t. That’s what we spent the whole half time doing is adjusting our rush. We call that a cage rush where we contain him in the pocket, then put a spy on him.”

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LSU Player Quotes

### **LSU Quarterback Max Johnson**

*On being one-dimensional...*

“We just need to pick up some tempo. We have to figure out our run game. We just have to figure out a way to win. We have to score touchdowns, not field goals.”

*On the game plan for tonight...*

“We came in with a running plan, but it didn’t really go as planned.”

*On having to burn timeouts...*

“There’s a play at first and then the play gets changed. I have a couple seconds to get my protections right and that’s when I have to hurry up a little bit.”

### **LSU Linebacker Damone Clark**

*On why LSU had trouble tackling Auburn’s QB Bo Nix...*

“We had him where we wanted him. We were doing the things we wanted to on first and second down, we just didn’t come through. There were way too many missed tackles.”

*On Bo Nix’s long plays...*

“It was disappointing. We have to take the extra step instead of lunging. We just have to do what we’re coached to do.”

*On how the game played out...*

“We knew we had to stop the run, that was the biggest thing going into this week. But the running attack is not what hurt us, it was Bo Nix scrambling in the pocket and finding receivers down the field.”

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Auburn Player Quotes

**Quarterback Bo Nix**

*On his experience after getting benched last week...*

“Well, tonight was a blast. I came in this week with a different mindset, just wanted to be a competitor and went back to my foundation of what kind of got me here, and it seemed to pay off throughout the week. Tonight, I didn’t really know how it was going to go, but I knew I wanted to come in here focused, compete like crazy, and do whatever it takes to win the game. We battled as a team and finally at the end we took the lead. Our defense played incredible down the stretch; they didn’t give up much of anything. Our offense battled, battled, and battled and put together drives that were huge.”

*On how tired his legs are after scrambling...*

“I’m exhausted. I haven’t run around quite like this in a while, so I’m going to sleep good tonight. Whatever I had to do for my team to win the game and move the ball, I was going to do it. Everybody on my team is going to be tired because everybody laid it all out there, laid it on the line, left it all out there on the field.”

**Edge Derick Hall**

*On the pass rush...*

“We knew coming in that they were a pass first team, so that was something we really emphasized, getting after the quarterback. Press confusing the quarterback, keeping him in the pocket, trying to do certain things to give us an advantage in the front, so I think just having that in the back of our head and knowing what we had to do really helped us coming into this game.”

*On the defense progressively getting better throughout the game...*

“We came in with a specific plan that the coaches made up from the film. We had to make a lot of adjustments, and I believe once we made those adjustments throughout the game everybody got more comfortable and we were able to be more successful. Once everybody figured out what they had to do, everybody was figuring out how to do that to the best of their ability. I think that’s what really helped us quarter to quarter, becoming more confident and playing looser and more physical as we made those adjustments.”

### **Running Back Jarquez Hunter**

*On struggling to run the ball early and turning it around on the last drive...*

It goes back to Coach telling us it will always come down to the running back room. We have to make plays to win the game. I just remembered that and I had to get a touchdown.”

*On the effort and plays he saw from Bo Nix...*

“It gives good confidence. Bo made some good plays coming out of the pocket, running, passing. He had a good game today.”

### **Tyler Fromm**

*On his touchdown...*

“Well, to be honest we didn’t draw it up like that at all. It’s just one of those that kind of got busted. I saw him roll out the other way and I figured, ‘Heck, might as well just start running.’ What an effort by him though, I mean I turned around, saw him spinning around like three times and I was like, ‘There’s no way he’s going to come out of this.’ And, sure enough he comes out of it, and that’s when the ball was coming my way.”

*On Auburn’s offense not giving up...*

“We have a lot of guys that play hard, and we don’t get down too much. Score-wise, yeah, we were down, but mentally and us being in the game, we weren’t down. “

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Auburn Head Coach Quotes

**Head Coach Bryan Harsin**

*Opening statement...*

“Great win. I told our guys, proud of them for what they did tonight and everything leading up to what they did to prepare for this game to play a really good LSU team. There’s a lot of history with this game and being here, but the most important thing tonight was just what we had to do with this team in order to be successful and find a way to win. Those guys did that. We finished, which I’m proud of our team for that. I thought guys stepped up and made some really big plays tonight, and that needs to happen in big games like this. LSU is a good football team. That was a tremendous environment tonight, and our guys were able to handle that and to focus in, and I think they did a really good job of that. Coaches made adjustments, as a lot of things happened in this game that we had to overcome. Ultimately, tonight was about this football team, certainly about the fans and people who have been a part of this program for a long time. We are very happy for them, and that was something that our guys were really proud of. I felt it in the locker room; something that is really important on this team is comradery and that belief in each other. We made some plays tonight, LSU made plays, just a back-and-forth. It was a tight ballgame. At the end of it, we were able to finish. From my standpoint, for everybody, really good work leading into this game and a lot of that stuff showed up. So, we have to continue that and that’s got to be the mentality that we take moving forward. Tonight though, we’re going to enjoy this, we’re going to get on the plane, get home, it’s going to be late. We got to turn around and get back to work, but we’re going to enjoy the LSU win and we’re going to enjoy the things that we did this week to come in here and find a way to win this ballgame.”

*On Bo Nix leading the team...*

“Bo did a great job this week, coming off the last game, getting himself prepared to play LSU and getting back on the road. I thought TJ [Finley] did a great job this week as well. That was pre-planned, to have TJ come in there on that third drive. He had earned that opportunity through the week at practice. Like I said, a lot goes into the attention to the quarterback position, more importantly our team, our defense, our special teams, things that we did on the offensive side, tight-ends, wide-receivers, tailbacks, O-line, everybody doing their job. That was what I wanted to see and what we all wanted to see from each other. It really came down to a simple ‘Do your job,’ phrase that we’ve said before, and making sure that we played one play at a time, just focus on that, take care of what you have to do and make sure the substitutions are correct. But still, plenty of things that we’re going to have to continue to work on.”