

## LSU FOOTBALL POSTGAME NOTES

**LSU (3-2, 1-1 SEC) vs. #22 Auburn (4-1, 1-0 SEC)**

**October 2, 2021 -- Tiger Stadium (Baton Rouge, LA)**

### TEAM NOTES

1. The LSU Captains were PK **Avery Atkins**, DE **Soni Fonua**, WR **Jontre Kirklin**, WR **Jaray Jenkins**, CB **Cordale Flott**.
2. LSU won the coin toss and deferred its decision to the second half. LSU defended the north end zone.
3. LSU is now 3-2 overall and 1-1 in the SEC.
4. Saturday's announced attendance in Tiger Stadium was 97,717.
5. In his 5+ years as LSU's head coach, Ed Orgeron is 48-16
  - a. Coach O is now 3-5 against Auburn in his career, including a 3-2 record against Auburn as LSU's head coach.
6. Saturday marked the first time since 1999 that Auburn defeated LSU in Tiger Stadium. Prior to Saturday night, LSU had won 10 straight home games against Auburn.
  - a. After Saturday's game, LSU leads to series against Auburn, 31-24-1
7. LSU has held opponents scoreless through the first quarter in four of their five games this year.
8. Prior to Saturday night's loss, LSU had won 39 games in a row when leading at halftime.
  - a. The Tigers led Auburn, 13-10, Saturday at the half before falling, 24-19.
  - b. LSU is 41-2 under Ed Orgeron when leading at the half.
9. First time starters: WR Malik Nabers

### OFFENSE

1. Sophomore QB **Max Johnson** was 26-46 and passed for 325 yards and 1 touchdown with an interception. The interception came on Johnson's final attempt of the night.
  - a. On the sole touchdown drive which took place in the first quarter, Johnson passed for 122-yards and WR **Kayshon Boutte** had 99 receiving yards. The drive lasted five minutes and 25 seconds.
  - b. Heading into Saturday, Johnson had thrown for three or more touchdowns in six straight games. That streak ended on Saturday.
  - c. He made his seventh career start for the Tigers and fifth this season
    - i. LSU is 5-2 when Johnson earns the start behind center.
2. Sophomore WR **Kayshon Boutte** continued his impressive season with 6 receptions for 127 yards and a touchdown
  - a. With his 10 touchdowns on the season, Boutte has caught more touchdown passes than any other receiver in America this season.
3. Freshman WR **Jack Bech** was productive once again, hauling in a game-high 7 catches which resulted in 84 yards.
4. Johnson and Boutte continue to climb LSU's record books together, connecting for their 14th touchdown together with Johnson throwing and Boutte Receiving
  - a. The 14 touchdown connections between Johnson and Boutte ties them with Tommy Hodson/Tony Moss and Matt Mauck/Devery Henderson.
5. The Tigers remain perfect in the red zone this year. In LSU's 14 trips to the red zone in 2021, the Tigers have found the end zone nine times and have kicked field goals during their other five trips inside the red zone.
  - a. Going into Saturday's matchup against Auburn, LSU remained as one of just 11 schools nationally to have a perfect red zone conversion rate.

6. LSU has recorded at least one passing touchdown in 34 straight games, dating back to the 2018 Arkansas game.

## DEFENSE

1. Coming off a week in which he was named SEC Defensive Player of the Week, LB **Damone Clark** had another double-digit tackle game, registering 13 tackles Saturday night, eight of which were solo and one a tackle for loss.
2. **S Jay Ward** was the only other Tiger to register double-digit tackles with 10, six solo.

## SPECIAL TEAMS

1. Junior PK **Cade York** made field goals of 33, 26, 22 and 51 yards. He was 4-4 kicking field goals and 1-1 on PATs.
  - a. He is 10-10 on field goals and 18-18 on PATs through five games in 2021
  - b. The 2020 Second Team All-America has made 16 straight field goals, dating back to last season.
  - c. With his 51-yard field-goal with 3:26 left in the 3rd quarter, he moved into third place in LSU Football history with 284 career points by kicking. He passed John Corbello who had 279 career points from 1999 to 2002.
2. With 9:08 left in the third quarter, Auburn lined up for a 52-yard field goal with LSU leading, 16-10. **S Jay Ward** came off the edge for LSU and blocked the field goal attempt.
  - a. The play proved to shift momentum as on the following offensive drive for LSU, York converted a 52-yard field goal to give the Tigers a nine-point, two-score lead.
  - b. Ward was the last Tiger to block a field goal which happened last season in the fourth quarter at Arkansas.