

LSU vs. Texas A&M
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LSU Head Coach Ed Orgeron Quotes

Opening statement...

“I just can’t say enough about our football team. Can’t say enough about the 19 seniors. We always just kept talking, ‘keep on fighting, keep on fighting, and something good will happen,’ and it worked. What a way to end that game. Those guys kept on fighting. They believed in each other. Our backs were against the wall, we were down, but we kept on fighting. I just can’t say enough about the seniors, our team, and about a big win over Texas A&M. They’re a good team. Those guys fought back. We knew it was going to be a battle. Very proud of our football team.”

On what he told the team after the win...

“I told them how proud I am of them. They fought and something good is always going to happen when you fight like that.”

On his thoughts during the final drive...

“I thought something good was going to happen. I just felt that we had enough time. We had done so many two-minute drills over the course of the year that our guys were prepared. I just felt like something good was going to happen. We kept on making play after play after play and kept on fighting.”

On how he is going to remember this team...

“Fortitude. Backs against the wall. Kept on fighting. Stuck together. Think about all those guys that had injuries - guys like Soni Fonua stepping up. Micah Baskerville, Damone Clark, Neil Farrell, Max Johnson... just think of all those guys who have fought. Cordale Thomas, young Garrett Dellinger playing at tackle. He struggled a little bit, but he fought. They stuck together. The coaching staff stuck together, so I’m just so happy about that.”

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LSU Defensive Quotes

Linebacker Micah Baskerville

On what it feels like to win...

“It was a good one, I’ll never forget this game. I love this team. Like I said last week, I told y’all that I was going to win.”

On how satisfying it is for the defense to finally see the offense do good...

“We are a team. It was frustrating sometimes, but all glory to God.”

On how he was able to contain so well during the game...

“We had to stop the run. That was the biggest thing, stop the run. We gave up a few plays, but that’s a part of football. When the defense needed to step up the most, we did.”

Defensive End BJ Ojulari

On what the game-winning touchdown was like...

“Jaray Jenkins told me before the game that he was going to have a hell of a game, and he did. He kept his word on that. In the last seconds of the game, all I see is Jenkins open, and Max Johnson throws it back to him, a great ball. Jenkins catches it and the crowd went crazy, there’s nothing like it, it was a crazy atmosphere. The stadium wasn’t filled, but we definitely felt the crowd out there tonight.”

On how the defense did during this game, especially towards the end...

“We rally behind that guy Number 18, he’s an amazing player. He made those two big stops at the end for us to win the game. Just coming off that by-week from Alabama, we proved our defense is elite, and we continue to prove that week after week. Stopping runs, holding teams under yards, we took pride in that tonight, and we definitely accomplished our goals.”

Linebacker Damone Clarke

On what Coach O means to him...

“It’s kind of emotional to watch him leave. Going into the locker room every other day and we see him there. He was a great coach. He was all about the players. To see him leave, even though I’m also leaving, it’s still kind of emotional. I wish him the best of luck in his career.”

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LSU Offensive Player Quotes

Quarterback Max Johnson

On what Coach Orgeron said after the game..

“He said ‘I love you guys.’ It’s pretty crazy, all that he had to deal with this year. He shouted out the seniors, and it just ended with a bang. It was pretty sweet.”

On bowl game preparations...

“It is another month to work with these guys, a bowl game is what we were fighting for tonight. Our guys are excited to work; we will get a little break this week and we will be back to work.”

Wide Receiver Jaray Jenkins

On his game-winning touchdown...

“We called our leopard play with four deep routes. Max [Johnson] threw the ball up and I had to make a play. He trusted in me, I believe in it and I had to come up with the catch.”

On what it means to make a bowl game...

“It means a lot. We have had a lot of adversity and ups and downs. People have doubted us everywhere, but we stayed as a team. Like our motto, ‘one team, one heartbeat,’ we stayed in that process and got the job done.”

Kicker Cade York

On what he thinks Coach Orgeron is feeling...

“It was a little freeing for him, he just knew he was going to be gone at the end of season, but he was going to finish out strong. It was cool to see him out there.”

On how Coach Orgeron was after the game...

“He was pretty excited. He told us that he was not going to be back, but it was a great way to go out. It was very exciting.”

Center Liam Shanahan

On the last drive of the game...

“It was unbelievable; I don’t even know how to put it into words, after how this season has gone and all of the adversity. That game felt like four or five games that we have already had this year, so for it to go our way was unbelievable, especially in Death Valley.

On Max Johnson’s toughness tonight...

“Gritty is the perfect word to describe it. Max and everyone on the team have fought no matter what this year, so to have that fight rewarded with a big win feels really good.”

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Texas A&M Quotes

Head Coach Jimbo Fisher

Opening Statement...

"I'm disappointed. It was a very good game. A very hard-fought game. We went in knowing they were gonna be a great team. They have been playing really good defense the last few weeks. Their offense played well tonight and made the plays they needed to make. Offensively for us, we didn't get things going early. We couldn't get our running game going. In keys situations, the defense gave up some big plays. I will have to go back and watch the film, but there were a lot of plays we missed. We dropped some balls, we could've blocked better. When you play good teams, that happens sometimes. They battled, we battled, and they made one more play than we did. We have to play better and find a way to close those games out. They played a great game. Our kids fought hard and I'm very proud of them."

On the play of his quarterback, Zach Calzada...

"I thought he battled. I thought he competed and made plays and scrambled and made some big time throws to help us. I thought he battled hard and made some great plays and put us in a position to win the game."

On his young receiving corps...

"I think we just have to catch the ball. We just have to make plays on the ball. We made some really good plays, just had too many drops in key situations. Just gotta focus and put your nose on the ball."