



## LSU vs. New Mexico Postgame Notes

Saturday, September 24 • Kickoff 6:32 p.m. CT • ESPN

### GAME INFORMATION

**LSU Captains:** Ali Gaye, BJ Ojulari, Mike Jones Jr., Malik Nabers

**Coin Toss:** New Mexico won, elected to receive

**Weather:** Sunny

**Wind:** 4 northEast

**Temperature:** 93

**Attendance:** 100,501

**Brian Kelly Career Record:** 287-98-2

**Brian Kelly LSU Record:** 3-1

**LSU vs. New Mexico:** 1-0

**LSU vs. Mountain West Conference:** 8-1

### LSU STARTERS

#### Offense

QB Jayden Daniels, RB Armoni Goodwin, WR Jaray Jenkins, WR Malik Nabers, WR Jack Bech, TE Mason Taylor, LT Will Campbell, LG Garrett Dellinger, C Charles Turner, RG Miles Frazier, RT Emery Jones

#### Defense

DE Ali Gaye, DT Mekhi Wingo, DT Jaquelin Roy, DE Sai'vion Jones, LB Mike Jones Jr., LB Greg Penn III, LB Harold Perkins Jr.\*, CB Mekhi Garner, CB Colby Richardson, S Jarrick Bernard-Converse, S Greg Brooks Jr.

\* Marks first career start

^ Marks first start at LSU

### GAME NOTES

#### General

1. LSU has won 9 straight games, including 3 in 2022, when reaching the 30-point mark.
2. LSU has won 11 straight and 60 of its last 61 games against non-conference opponents in Tiger Stadium.
3. LSU out-gained New Mexico by 545 yards (633 LSU yards - 88 UNM yards), LSU's second largest differential in total offense (since 1949). In 1977 LSU out-gained Rice by 668 yards (746-78).
4. LSU's 38-0 shutout over New Mexico was the first shutout by the Tigers since defeating Southeastern 31-0 in 2018.

#### Offense

1. **QB Jayden Daniels** finished the game going 24-29 and throwing for 279 yards.
2. **QB Garrett Nussmeier** relieved Daniels in the third quarter and had a successful game going 9-10 for 135 yards and 1 touchdown.
  - a. Nussmeier connected with **WR Brian Thomas Jr.** for a 57-yard touchdown with 13:14 remaining in the fourth quarter.
    - i. The pass-and-catch extended LSU's streak of games with a passing touchdown to 46, the longest streak in school history.
3. Daniels and Nussmeier combined for a productive and efficient game throwing the football. Together, they were 33-39 for 414 yards and 1 touchdown.
4. The Tigers were strong running the football Saturday night, relying on a cast of five ball carriers who totalled 233 yards on 41 rush attempts for 4 touchdowns.
  - a. **RB Armoni Goodwin** registered his second multi-touchdown game of the season (also had two against Southern).
  - b. **RB Noah Cain** finished the game with 11 rushes (game-high) for 94 yards (game-high) and 2 touchdowns. He registered LSU's most explosive run of the day with a 49-yard rush up the middle that he ran finished for a touchdown with 1:45 remaining in the third quarter.
7. A total of 10 players recorded catches for LSU on Saturday, led by **WR Malik Nabers** who had a six receptions for 65 yards and **WR Jack Bech** who had 6 receptions for 43 yards.
6. Prior to Saturday's game, LSU had started five difference offensive line combinations in each of its past five games. That streak ended Saturday as LSU started the same five offensive linemen (listed in the left-hand column) as last week against Mississippi State.
  - a. Freshmen **Will Campbell (LT)** and **Emory Jones Jr. (RT)** started for the second consecutive week after becoming the first pair of freshmen to start at both tackle positions for the Tigers last week.

#### Defense

1. The LSU defense held New Mexico to two total first downs throughout the whole game, the fewest the Tigers have allowed since the 1947 Cotton Bowl (a.k.a. "The Ice Bowl") against Arkansas where the Razors only gained one first down.
2. The Tigers allowed New Mexico to gain just 88 total yards on offense, the fewest the LSU defense has allowed since UL-Lafayette to 70 yards in 2002.
3. True freshman LB Harold Perskin, who made his first career start on Saturday, led the Tigers with 8 tackled, including three solo tackles throughout the game.

#### Special Teams

1. **WR Jack Bech** returned punts for the first time of his LSU career. He returned 2 punts for 11 yards.
2. LSU never punted during Saturday's contest against New Mexico. It was just the seventh time since 1960 that the Tigers did not punt in a game. The last occasion came in 2020 against South Carolina.