



LSU vs. Southern Postgame Notes

Saturday, September 10 • Kickoff 6:30 p.m. CT • SEC Network

GAME INFORMATION

LSU Captains: Ali Gaye, BJ Ojulari, Mike Jones Jr., Jayden Daniels

Coin Toss: Southern won, selected to receive

Weather: 86 degrees

Attendance: 102,321 (capacity, sell-out)

Brian Kelly Career Record: 285-98-2

Brian Kelly LSU Record: 1-1

LSU STARTERS

Offense

QB Jayden Daniels, RB Armoni Goodwin*, WR Kayshon Boutte, WR Jaray Jenkins, TE Kole Taylor, TE Mason Taylor*, LT Will Campbell, LG Garrett Dellinger, C Charles Turner, RG Anthony Bradford, RT Miles Frazier

Defense

JACK Desmond Little*, DT Mekhi Wingo, DT Jaquelin Roy, DE Sai'vion Jones*, LB Greg Penn III, NICKEL Greg Brooks, DB Major Burns, DB Greg Brooks, DB Jay Ward, DB Jarrick Bernard-Converse^, DB Mekhi Gardner

* Marks first career start

^ Marks first start at LSU

GAME NOTES

General

- With 1:31 to play, LSU set the program record for points in a first quarter with 37; this also set the program record for any quarter. The previous record was 35 point which LSU scored against in the third quarter against Rice in 1977 and the fourth quarter against Tulane in 1958 (quarter-by-quarter scoring records since 1944)
 - The 37 points in the first quarter also set the Tiger Stadium record for points in a quarter
- The Tigers' 51 first-half points marked their third-most in a single half in school annals. LSU scored 56 points in the second half at Tulane in 1958 and 52 points in the first half versus UL-Lafayette in 1936.
- LSU has won 10 consecutive and 59 of its last 60 games against non-conference opponents in Tiger Stadium
- With the win over Southern, LSU improved to 140-25-8 against teams from Louisiana
 - The Tigers have won 35 games in a row against in-state opponents
- LSU improved to 102-22-4 in home openers and the Tigers have won 24 of their past 26 home openers

Offense

- QB Jayden Daniels had a productive day both throwing the ball and running it. He went 10-11 (90.9-percent) and passed for 137 yards and 2 touchdowns. On the ground, Daniels ran three times for 18-yards and a score. With LSU holding a 44-0 lead, Garrett Nussmeier took over for Daniels in the second quarter.
 - Daniels scored the first touchdown of the game at the 13:25 mark in the first quarter on an 18-yard scramble on third-and-seven
 - After being forced left out of the pocket on third-and-ten with 7:16 left in the the first quarter, Daniels connected for a 17-yard completion to WR Jack Bech for the receiver's first touchdown of the season in the back left corner of the end zone
 - Daniels found WR Malik Nabers for a 5-yard touchdown pass with 4:44 remaining in the first quarter
 - Daniels connected with WR Brian Thomas with 14:20 left in the second quarter for a 44-yard touchdown
- For the first time since 2019, LSU had four players (Jayden Daniels, Josh Williams, Noah Cain and Armoni Goodwin x2) score rushing touchdowns. LSU finished the day with 36 rushes for 230 yards and 5 touchdowns. Goodwin led the way with 85 yards on 12 carries
 - RB Josh Williams scored his first career rushing touchdown on a 5-yard run at the 11:46 mark in the opening quarter
 - RB Noah Cain scored his first touchdown at LSU on a 2-yard run up the middle with 1:06 remaining in the second quarter
 - RB Armoni Goodwin became the fourth Tiger of the game to rush for a score, taking the ball 2 yards into the end zone with 8:42 remaining in the third quarter
 - Goodwin punched it in a second time with from one-yard out 14:01 left in the fourth quarter
- LSU's 550 total yards were the most since the Tigers had 593 yards against Ole Miss in 2020

Defense

- LSU held Southern to 61 passing yards, the fewest the Tigers have allowed since 2021 when LSU held McNeese to 91 passing yards
- With 7:07 remaining in the opening quarter LB Micah Baserville intercepted a pass and returned it 29-yards up the right sideline into the endzone
 - The pick-six marked LSU's first interception returned for a touchdown since October 16, 2021 when Dwight McGlothorn had one in LSU's win over No. 20 Florida

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3. LB Desmond Little recovered a fumble after a bad handoff for LSU to take over at the Southern 24-yard line with 5:43 left in the first quarter to set up LSU's fifth score of the opening quarter
4. LSU recovered its third fumble of the game with 12:08 left in the third quarter as DE Ali Gaye caused the fumble and it was recovered by LB Greg Penn III for LSU to take over at their own 41-yard line
5. S Sage Ryan recovered LSU's fourth fumble of the game at the Southern 41-yard line after LB West Weeks forced the ball loose

Special Teams

1. LB Xavier Carter forced a fumble on the opening kickoff, recovered by Sage Ryan on the Southern 21-yard line to set up the first score of the game
2. LB Micah Baskerville blocked a Southern punt at the 1:31 mark of the first quarter that went out of the back of the end zone as LSU reached 37 points to set a program record for most points in a quarter
 - a. It was LSU's first blocked punt for a safety since October 16, 1991 at Kentucky, when Jarvis Green blocked a punt out of the back of the end zone
 - b. The play marked LSU's first safety since Neil Farrell Jr. sacked TAMU's James Foster and the ball was recovered by the Aggies in the endzone on November 30, 2019
 - c. Baskerville recorded LSU's other most recent blocked punt at Vanderbilt in 2019, a play that also resulted in a score