

LSU FOOTBALL POSTGAME NOTES

LSU (0-1, 0-0 SEC) vs. Florida State (2-0, 0-0 ACC)

September 4, 2022 – Caesars Superdome (New Orleans, La.)

TEAM NOTES

- The LSU captains were WR Jaray Jenkins, DE BJ Ojulari, DE Ali Gaye, and LB Mike Jones Jr.
- LSU won the toss and elected to receive the kickoff to start the game. Florida State kicked off and defended the North end zone.
- Offensive players making their first career starts in LSU uniforms tonight: QB Jayden Daniels, OT (true freshman) Will Campbell, OG Miles Frazier, RB Noah Cain
- Defensive players making their first career stats in LSU uniforms tonight: CB Mekhi Garner, CB Colby Richardson, NICK Greg Brooks Jr., NT Jaquelin Roy
- Following are the LSU true freshmen that played in tonight's game: 33 Javen Nicholas (special teams); 40 Harold Perkins Jr. (special teams); 50 Emery Jones (special teams); 66 Will Campbell (started at LT); 86 Mason Taylor (offense, TE); 29 Jaelyn Davis-Robinson (special teams)
- Quarterback Jayden Daniels enjoyed an exceptional LSU debut, accounting for 323 yards of total offense (209 passing, 114 rushing). Daniels' 114 yards rushing tied Lynn Amedee (vs. Tulane, 1961) for sixth place on the single-game LSU list for rushing yards by a quarterback.
- LSU redshirt freshman PK Damian Ramos nailed his first career collegiate field goal attempt, a 36-yarder that capped LSU's first possession of the game.
- Florida State's block of Damian Ramos' FG attempt in the second quarter marked the first time an LSU FG try was blocked since Oct. 10, 2020, when Tyree Gillespie of Missouri blocked a fourth-quarter kick by Cade York in Columbia, Mo.
- RB Noah Cain, a transfer from Penn State, scored his first career LSU touchdown with a 1-yard burst near the end of the 3rd quarter.
- Senior WR Jaray Jenkins' fourth-quarter, 22-yard TD catch marked his ninth career touchdown reception at LSU, and his two-yard TD grab on the final offensive play of the game was his 10th career scoring catch.
- The fumble recovery by defensive tackle Mekhi Wingo, a transfer from Missouri, on the Tigers' goal line late in the fourth quarter was his first as an LSU player and the first turnover of the season for the Tigers' defense.
- LSU's 99-yard drive at the end of the fourth quarter tied the school record for longest scoring march - it marked the seventh 99-yard drive for LSU since 1944, and the first since the Tigers accomplished the feat against Utah State in Tiger Stadium in 2019.
- Tonight marked the first meeting between LSU and Florida State since 1991 when the then-No.1 Seminoles posted a 27-16 win in Tiger Stadium. LSU is 2-8 all-time against the Seminoles with the victories coming in the 1968 Peach Bowl (31-27) and 1982 (55-21) in Tiger Stadium.

- Brian Kelly's overall coaching record stands at 284-98-2, which ranks his first among all active FBS head coaches in wins.
- LSU featured a new starting quarterback for the third straight year, as Jayden Daniels started tonight's game vs. Florida State. Myles Brennan started the 2020 season-opener against Mississippi State, while Max Johnson opened at the position last year against UCLA. Heisman Trophy winner Joe Burrow was the last LSU QB to start back-to-back season-openers for the Tigers (2018-19).
- LSU opened the season with a new head coach (Brian Kelly) and new starting quarterback (Jayden Daniels) for the second time since 1958, with both games coming versus Florida State. The only other time the Tigers opened a season with both a new head coach and new starting quarterback was in 1980 when sophomore Alan Risher started the season opener for first-year head coach Jerry Stovall. LSU lost to No. 13 Florida State, 16-0.
- LSU is now 92-32-5 all-time in season openers. The Tigers have won 22 of their past 27 season openers. The only five losses during that stretch have come at Virginia Tech in 2002, against Wisconsin at Lambeau Field in 2016, in Tiger Stadium against Mississippi State in 2021, at UCLA in 2022 and tonight vs. Florida State.
- LSU coach Brian Kelly now has a record of 13-6 in season openers as an NCAA Division I head coach at Central Michigan, Cincinnati, Notre Dame and LSU.
- Since 2010, LSU has played eight of 13 season openers at a neutral site, and the Tigers own a 6-2 record in those games.
- LSU traveled to the Superdome for the first time since the 2020 CFP National Championship Game, where the Tigers defeated Clemson, 42-25. LSU is 14-6 all-time in games played in the Superdome, which includes a 4-3 record in bowl games. Since 1987, LSU is 11-2 in the Superdome. Senior safety Jay Ward was the only LSU player on the current roster that also played in the Superdome for the National Championship in January 2020.
- Dating back to the 2001 season when LSU captured its first outright SEC title since 1986, the Tigers have done quite well against non-conference opponents, going 84-12 against non-SEC foes during that span. Of the 84 wins, 21 have come against Top 25 teams.