



## LSU at Auburn Postgame Notes

Saturday, October 1 • Kickoff 6:00 p.m. CT • ESPN

### GAME INFORMATION

**LSU Captains:** Ali Gaye, BJ Ojulari, Mike Jones Jr., Josh Williams

**Coin Toss:** LSU won, deferred to second half

**Weather:** Clear

**Attendance:** 87,451

**Brian Kelly Career Record:** 288-98-2

**Brian Kelly LSU Record:** 4-1

**Brian Kelly SEC Record:** 2-0

### LSU STARTERS

#### Offense

QB Jayden Daniels, RB Josh Williams, WR Brian Thomas Jr., WR Malik Nabers, WR Kayshon Boutte, TE Mason Taylor, LT Will Campbell, LG Miles Frazier, C Charles Turner, RG Anthony Bradford, RT Emery Jones Jr.

#### Defense

DE Ali Gaye, DT Mekhi Wingo, DT Jaquelin Roy, JACK BJ Ojulari, LB Micah Baskerville, LB Greg Penn III, Nickel Jay Ward, CB Colby Richardson, CB Mekhi Garner, S Joe Foucha<sup>\*</sup>, S Greg Brooks Jr.

\* Marks first career start

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### GAME NOTES

#### General

- LSU trailed 17-0 partway through the second quarter, but finished the game scoring 21 unanswered points to come from behind in Brian Kelly's first SEC road game.
  - The 17-point comeback is tied for the third largest LSU comeback away from Tiger Stadium (since WWII). LSU most recently overcame a 17-point deficit in 2014 against Wisconsin (in Houston), part way through the third quarter, 24-7, before securing the win.
  - Saturday's win in LSU's largest deficit overcome at Auburn since 1943. LSU overcame 11-point deficits in 2008 and 2018 to win.
  - LSU's 17-point comeback win on Saturday at Auburn is LSU's largest come-from-behind win since 2017 when LSU trailed by as many as 20 in the second quarter in Baton Rouge.
  - LSU has relied on second-half comebacks in both of its SEC games up to this point of the season. LSU overcame a 13-point deficit on September 17 against Mississippi State. The Tigers outscored the Bulldogs, 24-3, in the second half, including 21 in the fourth quarter, after trailing 13-7 at the half.
- DB Sevyn Banks** was alert and mobile following an injury on the game's opening kickoff that required him to be carted off. After he passed a series of tests, Banks was cleared to leave the hospital and return to the stadium under the care of team doctors.

#### Offense

- QBs Jayden Daniels** (8-20, 80 yards) struggled to get anything going through the air, but his feet were a crucial part in keeping drives alive during LSU's comeback.
  - The LSU QB ran the ball 16 times for 59 yards, including a 1-yard scamper with 15-seconds remaining in the second quarter to bring LSU within three, going into the half down 17-14.
  - Daniels continued to protect the football as he has still thrown 0 interceptions now through 5 games as LSU's starting quarterback.
  - LSU failed to throw for a touchdown during Saturday's game, ending the Tigers' streak of consecutive games with a passing touchdown at 46 games, the longest streak in school history.
- RB John Emery Jr.** gave LSU the 24-17 lead for good with 3:32 left in the third quarter, breaking tackled and high-stepping into the endzone for a 20-yard touchdown run.
  - Emery Jr. ran the ball eight times for 42 yards.
- RB Josh Williams** led LSU in rushing with 17 carries for 68 yards.

#### Defense

- With LSU in need of some momentum, down 17-0 with 6:45 remaining in the second quarter, **LB BJ Ojulari** recorded a strip-sack that **DB Jay Ward** scooped up for a 21-yard return for a touchdown.
  - It was LSU's first strip-sack-fumble returned for a touchdown since Kwon Alexander sacked Dak Prescott from Mississippi State and Danielle Hunter returned the fumble 25-yards into the endzone (9/20/14)
- Auburn was driving and in the redzone with 12:03 remaining in the game and on 2nd and 10 called a wide receiver pass, but Auburn WR Koy Moore's pass was intercepted by **LB Harold Perkins Jr.** to help LSU maintain a 24-7 lead.
  - The interception was a key play inside the redzone for a LSU defense that has tightened up with its back against the wall this season. Going into Saturday's game at Auburn, LSU ranked No. 9 nationally in redzone defense, having allowed 5 scores in 8 trips to the red zone. On Saturday night, LSU held Auburn to 2 scores in 3 attempts. In total, LSU has allowed 7 scores in 11 attempts on the season.

#### Special Teams

- P Jay Bramblet** was busy Saturday night, booting 9 punts for an average of 44.4 yards with a long of 65 yards. Five of his punts were downed inside the 20-yard line and two of them were over 50 yards.