

LSU vs. Kansas State – Championship Game – 6:30 p.m. CT

Nov. 23, 2022 -- John Gray Gymnasium – George Town, Grand Cayman

PROBABLE STARTERS FOR LSU

F – 5 – Mwani Wilkinson – Jr., 6-5, Las Vegas, Nevada – 3.6 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 1.2 apg

G – 3 – Justice Hill – Sr., 6-0, Little Rock, Arkansas – 10.8 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 4.6 apg

F – 12 – KJ Williams – 5th year Sr., 6-10, Cleveland Mississippi – 17.4 ppg, 7.0 rpg, 1.2 bpg, 2.0 spg

F – 13 – Jalen Reed – Fr., 6-10, Jackson, Mississippi – 4.6 ppg, 4.0 rpg

G – 44 – Adam Miller – So., 6-3, Peoria, Illinois – 17.4 ppg, 2.0 rpg, 1.8 apg

THE TOURNAMENT SO FAR FOR LSU

QUARTERFINALS – LSU 77, ILLINOIS STATE 61

LSU played its best defensive half of the season in the opening 20 minutes against Illinois State and rode the dominant performance on offense of KJ Williams in a 77-61 win over Illinois State in the opening round game of the Cayman Islands Classic.

LSU, after falling behind 3-2 early, started a 13-0 run that allowed LSU to take a 15-3 advantage at the 13:21 mark. After an Illinois State bucket, LSU started another run of 10-2 to make the lead 18, 25-7, and the Tigers finished with seven straight points for the 27-point advantage at the break.

The Tigers shot 59.3 percent in the first half (16-of-27) with two treys and 11-of-15 free throws. Illinois State, which committed 10 turnovers under the LSU pressure, shot just 25.9 percent in the first 20 minutes (7-of-27).

KJ Williams made 13-of-19 field goal attempts, including a trey and 6-6 at the free throw line to get 33 points with eight boards, three assists, two steals and a block. Adam Miller had 13 points, while Cam Hayes added 10.

SEMIFINALS – LSU 73, AKRON 58

Offensively and defensively the Tigers had moments that stood out in the contest against the Zips, now 3-2. Defensively, LSU held Akron to just 25.9 percent field goal shooting for the game (14-of-54) and a strong 20 percent in the final 20 minutes as the Zips made just 5-of-25 overall, 2-of-16 from inside the arc. The defensive effort proved pivotal at a point in the first half when Akron was able to outscore LSU 12-3 to reverse a 22-21 LSU lead into a 33-25 Tiger deficit with 4:21 to go in the first half. Coach Matt McMahon called time out to try to get things organized but Akron had a chance to go up double figures after an LSU miss and a Tiger foul.

Akron would miss a front end of a one-and-one and LSU would cut the lead to two, 35-33, at the break.

It took LSU all of 22 seconds of the opening possession to tie the game in the second half as Justice Hill hit a driving layup to tie the game. Akron turned the ball over and KJ Williams after an offensive board, scored to give LSU the lead again at 37-35. An Akron three gave the Zips a 38-37 advantage, but when Adam Miller's jumper at the 18:16 mark went in to give LSU back the lead at 39-38, the Tigers would never trail again.

LSU shot 57.1 percent in the second half (16-28) and 4-of-10 from the arc. Miller would finish with 23 points off five treys with KJ Williams adding 19 and Justice Hill 14 points, three assists and no turnovers in 26 minutes.

A STATISTICAL ANOMALY

LSU held Akron to just six two-point field goals over the course of the contest as the Zips made just 14 field goals overall, but just 6-of-29 inside the arc in the game. It is the second time in a year LSU has held a team to just six two-point field goals made as Ohio made six two-point field goals against the Tigers on Dec. 1, 2021.

Through much research by researcher, content manager Todd Politz, it has been discovered that these two games are the fewest two-point field goals LSU has allowed since Feb. 7, 1953 against Tulane when the Green Wave scored just five two-point field goals (with obvious no three-point shot).

TEAM LEADERS IN THE TOURNAMENT

Here are some of the numbers through two games of the Cayman Islands Classic for the Tigers:

Points per game: KJ Williams 26.0 ppg; Adam Miller 18.0 ppg

Rebounds per game; KJ Williams 6.5 rpg

Assists per game: Justice Hill 4.0 apg; Trae Hannibal 3.5 apg; Adam Miller 2.5 apg

Steals per game: KJ Williams 2.5 spg

Field goal percentage: KJ Williams 59.4% (19-32);

3 FG percentage: Adam Miller 42.9% (6-14), KJ Williams 37.5% (3-8); Cam Hayes 50.0% (2-4)

FT Percentage: KJ Williams 91.7% (11-12), Adam Miller 100.0% (8-8), Justice Hill 100.0% (6-6); Cam Hayes 77.8% (7-9)

TRYING FOR BACK-TO-BACK MTE TITLES

LSU is trying to capture a second straight MTE event after defeating Penn State and Wake Forest en route to the title of the Emerald Coast Classic in Niceville, Florida last November.

The Tigers will be trying to win an eight-team three-game MTE away from Baton Rouge for the first time since the 1999 Hawaii Pacific Classic in Honolulu when LSU was able to defeat Oakland, Fresno State and Wyoming to capture that title. Current LSU radio analyst and former head coach of the Tigers, John Brady, was the coach of the LSU team at that time.

GETTING TO THE LINE AND MAKING IT AT THE LINE

It is one thing to get to the free throw line, but it is another thing to make them and LSU's scoring leaders have done a good job so far in putting points on the board at the line.

Adam Miller – 16-16, 1.000%

Derek Fountain – 9-9, 1.000%

KJ Williams -- 14-16, 87.5%

Justice Hill -- 11-14, 78.6%

Cam Hayes -- 7-9, 77.8%

As a team, LSU is 86-of-114 at the line (75.4%), while opponents are 67-of-95 (70.5).

TIGERS BETTER FROM THE ARC

Five games do not tell you anything about what the season percentage from the arc, but LSU has been much more consistent from the arc early on. That's considering LSU hasn't shot better than 34 percent for a season from the arc since shooting 35.6% in 2013.

But LSU is presently at 39.2 percent (40-of-102). Adam Miller (15), KJ Williams (7) and Cam Hayes (5) have combined to shoot 41.5 percent (27-of-65). Opponents through five games are shooting just 25.4 percent (29-of-114).

OTHER NOTES

LSU's 27-point advantage at halftime against Illinois State on Monday equaled LSU's largest halftime lead away from home since Feb. 14, 2015 at Tennessee (also 27 points, 47-20) ... The final margin of victory away from home of 16 points was the largest since Jan. 10, 2018 at Arkansas (75-54).

The game ran LSU's record to 94-0 since the start of the 1966-67 season when LSU had a lead of 20 points or more at halftime. The Tigers are 2-0 this season in that category.

Justice Williams, one of LSU's backup point guards, has not dressed for either Cayman Islands game with an injured left ankle suffered in the UNO game (11/17).

LSU surrendered 19 offensive boards in the semis against Akron, but LSU for the season is still averaging a 36.2 to 32.6 rebound margin through the first five games.

While LSU has turned the ball over double digits all five games, the Akron game marked a season low with 10 turnovers. LSU is even at 70-70 in assists to turnovers but LSU's Justice Hill is at 23 assists and just 7 turnovers, a 3.28 assist-to-turnover ratio.

AGAINST KANSAS STATE

This battle of SEC and Big 12, an early preview of the SEC/Big 12 Challenge on Jan. 28, will actually mark the first time that LSU and Kansas State have met on the basketball court. So, for the third straight game, the Tigers will meet a first-time opponent, making Kansas State the 251st different four-year school that the Tigers would have played.

Kansas State has defeated Rhode Island, 77-57, and Nevada, 96-87 in OT, to get to the championship game.

LSU BACK HOME TO PLAY ON SUNDAY

The Tigers will fly out on Thanksgiving Day to Baton Rouge and will be back in action on Sunday (Nov. 27) against Wofford. That game is set for a 2 p.m. tip with the game on the affiliates of the LSU Sports Radio Network and streamed on SECN+.



2022-23 LSU Men's Basketball Combined Team Statistics All games

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	5-0	3-0	0-0	2-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	5-0	3-0	0-0	2-0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT	TOT
LSU	197	179	0	376
Opponents	138	158	0	296

Team Box Score

No.	Player				Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds								PTS	AVG		
		GP-GS	MIN	AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	DQ	A	TO			BLK	STL
44	MILLER, Adam	5-5	166:15	33.3	28-61	.459	15-39	.385	16-16	1.000	0	10	10	2.0	7	0	9	9	0	3	87	17.4
12	WILLIAMS, KJ	5-5	141:52	28.4	33-62	.532	7-17	.412	14-16	.875	14	21	35	7.0	14	0	4	9	6	10	87	17.4
3	HILL, Justice	5-5	142:28	28.5	19-51	.373	5-18	.278	11-14	.786	3	10	13	2.6	7	0	23	7	0	8	54	10.8
1	HAYES, Cam	4-0	56:04	14.0	9-15	.600	5-9	.556	7-9	.778	0	4	4	1.0	6	0	6	7	1	3	30	7.5
20	FOUNTAIN, Derek	5-0	88:04	17.6	9-12	.750	1-1	1.000	9-9	1.000	8	14	22	4.4	11	0	4	7	2	9	28	5.6
13	REED, Jalen	5-5	104:56	21.0	6-14	.429	1-2	.500	10-19	.526	5	15	20	4.0	12	0	3	7	2	4	23	4.6
11	WILLIAMS, Justice	3-0	29:22	9.8	5-8	.625	0-1	.000	2-5	.400	1	3	4	1.3	2	0	3	3	0	1	12	4.0
0	HANNIBAL, Trae	5-0	94:44	18.9	3-17	.176	0-0	.000	12-19	.632	5	19	24	4.8	11	0	11	11	0	6	18	3.6
5	WILKINSON, Mwani	5-5	90:36	18.1	6-14	.429	5-10	.500	1-2	.500	2	12	14	2.8	13	0	6	4	2	2	18	3.6
4	COLEMAN, Kendal	5-0	48:44	9.7	6-10	.600	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	4	10	14	2.8	7	0	0	2	3	3	12	2.4
34	PHILLIPS, Shawn	4-0	09:36	2.4	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	4-4	1.000	0	2	2	0.5	6	0	1	2	0	0	4	1.0
15	WARD, Tyrell	4-0	23:58	6.0	1-5	.200	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.5	3	0	0	0	0	2	3	0.8
10	EGEMO, Brandon	1-0	01:07	1.1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
25	BENHAYOUNE, Adam	1-0	01:07	1.1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
30	EDWARDS, Parker	1-0	01:07	1.1	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											8	8	16					2				
Total		5	1000		125-271	.461	40-102	.392	86-114	.754	50	131	181	36.2	99	0	70	70	16	51	376	75.2
Opponents		5	1000		100-271	.369	29-114	.254	67-95	.705	53	110	163	32.6	94	3	54	88	8	28	296	59.2

Team Statistics

	LSU	OPP
Scoring	376	296
Points per game	75.2	59.2
Scoring margin	+16.0	-
Field goals-att	125-271	100-271
Field goal pct	.461	.369
3 point fg-att	40-102	29-114
3-point FG pct	.392	.254
3-pt FG made per game	8.0	5.8
Free throws-att	86-114	67-95
Free throw pct	.754	.705
F-Throws made per game	17.2	13.4
Rebounds	181	163
Rebounds per game	36.2	32.6
Rebounding margin	+3.6	-
Assists	70	54
Assists per game	14.0	10.8
Turnovers	70	88
Turnovers per game	14.0	17.6
Turnover margin	+3.6	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.0	0.6
Steals	51	28
Steals per game	10.2	5.6
Blocks	16	8
Blocks per game	3.2	1.6
Winning streak	5	-
Home win streak	3	-
Attendance	27573	0
Home games-Avg/Game	3-9191	0-0
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	2-0

Team Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
11/09/2022	Kansas City	W	74-63	9338
11/12/2022	Arkansas St.	W	61-52	9011
11/17/2022	New Orleans	W	91-62	9224
11/21/2022	vs Illinois St.	W	77-61	0
11/22/2022	vs Akron	W	73-58	0



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NON-CONFERENCE	2-0	0-0	0-0	2-0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT	TOT
LSU	78	72	0	150
Opponents	53	66	0	119

Team Box Score

No.	Player				Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds											
		GP-GS	MIN	AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	DQ	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
12	WILLIAMS, KJ	2-2	60:57	30.5	19-32	.594	3-8	.375	11-12	.917	5	8	13	6.5	7	0	3	1	2	5	52	26.0
44	MILLER, Adam	2-2	70:23	35.2	11-24	.458	6-14	.429	8-8	1.000	0	2	2	1.0	5	0	5	7	0	0	36	18.0
3	HILL, Justice	2-2	54:48	27.4	6-20	.300	0-4	.000	6-6	1.000	0	3	3	1.5	3	0	8	1	0	1	18	9.0
1	HAYES, Cam	2-0	37:38	18.8	4-8	.500	2-4	.500	7-9	.778	0	4	4	2.0	4	0	3	6	0	3	17	8.5
20	FOUNTAIN, Derek	2-0	40:36	20.3	4-5	.800	0-0	.000	1-1	1.000	3	3	6	3.0	6	0	2	3	2	1	9	4.5
4	COLEMAN, Kendal	2-0	18:37	9.3	4-6	.667	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	1.5	3	0	0	0	1	1	8	4.0
13	REED, Jalen	2-2	38:41	19.3	2-4	.500	1-1	1.000	2-8	.250	1	7	8	4.0	3	0	2	3	0	2	7	3.5
5	WILKINSON, Mwani	2-2	30:09	15.1	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	1	6	7	3.5	5	0	1	2	1	0	3	1.5
15	WARD, Tyrell	2-0	09:34	4.8	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0.0
34	PHILLIPS, Shawn	1-0	01:09	1.2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
0	HANNIBAL, Trae	2-0	37:28	18.7	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	8	9	4.5	5	0	7	4	0	2	0	0.0
Team											5	4	9					1				
Total		2	400		51-105	.486	12-33	.364	36-46	.783	17	49	66	33.0	42	0	31	28	6	17	150	75.0
Opponents		2	400		36-106	.340	13-47	.277	34-44	.773	23	38	61	30.5	38	1	21	33	4	12	119	59.5

Team Statistics

	LSU	OPP
Scoring	150	119
Points per game	75.0	59.5
Scoring margin	+15.5	-
Field goals-att	51-105	36-106
Field goal pct	.486	.340
3 point fg-att	12-33	13-47
3-point FG pct	.364	.277
3-pt FG made per game	6.0	6.5
Free throws-att	36-46	34-44
Free throw pct	.783	.773
F-Throws made per game	18.0	17.0
Rebounds	66	61
Rebounds per game	33.0	30.5
Rebounding margin	+2.5	-
Assists	31	21
Assists per game	15.5	10.5
Turnovers	28	33
Turnovers per game	14.0	16.5
Turnover margin	+2.5	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.1	0.6
Steals	17	12
Steals per game	8.5	6.0
Blocks	6	4
Blocks per game	3.0	2.0
Winning streak	2	-
Home win streak	0	-
Attendance	0	0
Home games-Avg/Game	0-0	0-0
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	2-0

Team Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
11/21/2022	vs Illinois St.	W	77-61	0
11/22/2022	vs Akron	W	73-58	0



**2022-23 LSU Men's Basketball
Team Game-by-Game
All games**

Opponent	Date	Score	W	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds										
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
Kansas City	11/09/2022	74-63	W	24-57	.421	8-21	.381	18-26	.692	13	32	45	45.0	23	16	15	4	11	74	74.0
Arkansas St.	11/12/2022	61-52	W	20-51	.392	8-20	.400	13-16	.813	8	26	34	39.5	11	9	13	3	6	61	67.5
New Orleans	11/17/2022	91-62	W	30-58	.517	12-28	.429	19-26	.731	12	24	36	38.3	23	14	14	3	17	91	75.3
vs Illinois St.	11/21/2022	77-61	W	26-53	.491	3-14	.214	22-30	.733	9	26	35	37.5	19	17	18	3	8	77	75.8
vs Akron	11/22/2022	73-58	W	25-52	.481	9-19	.474	14-16	.875	8	23	31	36.2	23	14	10	3	9	73	75.2
Total		376		125-271	.461	40-102	.392	86-114	.754	50	131	181	36.2	99	70	70	16	51	376	75.2
Opponents		296		100-271	.369	29-114	.254	67-95	.705	53	110	163	32.6	94	54	88	8	28	296	59.2

LSU Averages

Games Played	Points/game	FG Pct	3FG Pct	FT Pct	Rebounds/game	Assists/game	Turnovers/game	Assist/Turnover ratio	Steals/game	Blocks/game
5	75.2	46.1	39.2	75.4	36.2	14.0	14.0	1.0	10.2	3.2



2022-23 LSU Men's Basketball
Opponents Game-by-Game
All games

Opponent	Date	Score		Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds										
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
Kansas City	11/09/2022	74-63	W	19-58	.328	4-25	.160	21-27	.778	11	27	38	38.0	20	12	16	1	6	63	63.0
Arkansas St.	11/12/2022	61-52	W	22-57	.386	5-25	.200	3-4	.750	10	25	35	36.5	15	9	16	2	7	52	57.5
New Orleans	11/17/2022	91-62	W	23-50	.460	7-17	.412	9-20	.450	9	20	29	34.0	21	12	23	1	3	62	59.0
vs Illinois St.	11/21/2022	77-61	W	22-52	.423	5-22	.227	12-14	.857	4	21	25	31.8	24	13	19	3	8	61	59.5
vs Akron	11/22/2022	73-58	W	14-54	.259	8-25	.320	22-30	.733	19	17	36	32.6	14	8	14	1	4	58	59.2
Total		296		100-271	.369	29-114	.254	67-95	.705	53	110	163	32.6	94	54	88	8	28	296	59.2
LSU		376		125-271	.461	40-102	.392	86-114	.754	50	131	181	36.2	99	70	70	16	51	376	75.2

Opponents Averages

Games Played	Points/game	FG Pct	3FG Pct	FT Pct	Rebounds/game	Assists/game	Turnovers/game	Assist/Turnover ratio	Steals/game	Blocks/game
5	59.2	36.9	25.4	70.5	32.6	10.8	17.6	0.6	5.6	1.6



**2022-23 LSU Men's Basketball
Points-rebounds-assists
All games**

Opponent	Date	Score		0	1	3	4	5	10	11	12	13	15	20
				HANNIBAL,T	HAYES,CAM	HILL,JUSTI	COLEMAN,KE	WILKINSON,	EGEMO,BRAN	WILLIAMS,J	WILLIAMS,K	REED,JALEN	WARD,TYREL	FOUNTAIN,D
Kansas City	11/09/2022	74-63	W	7-8-2	0-0-0	13-4-7	0-2-0	9-1-2	DNP	7-4-2	13-14-0	3-3-1	DNP	4-3-0
Arkansas St.	11/12/2022	61-52	W	4-5-2	DNP	11-4-3	0-2-0	0-6-2	DNP	0-0-0	15-4-1	5-3-0	0-0-0	0-5-0
New Orleans	11/17/2022	91-62	W	7-2-0	13-0-3	12-2-5	4-7-0	6-0-1	0-1-0	5-0-1	7-4-0	8-6-0	3-0-0	15-8-2
vs Illinois St.	11/21/2022	77-61	W	0-4-4	10-3-0	4-1-5	8-3-0	1-5-0	DNP	DNP	33-8-3	4-4-1	0-1-0	4-3-1
vs Akron	11/22/2022	73-58	W	0-5-3	7-1-3	14-2-3	0-0-0	2-2-1	DNP	DNP	19-5-0	3-4-1	0-1-0	5-3-1

Opponent	Date	Score		25	30	34	44
				BENHAYOUNE	EDWARDS,PA	PHILLIPS,S	MILLER,ADA
Kansas City	11/09/2022	74-63	W	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	18-3-2
Arkansas St.	11/12/2022	61-52	W	DNP	DNP	0-1-0	26-3-1
New Orleans	11/17/2022	91-62	W	0-0-0	0-0-0	4-1-1	7-2-1
vs Illinois St.	11/21/2022	77-61	W	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	13-0-3
vs Akron	11/22/2022	73-58	W	DNP	DNP	DNP	23-2-2