



## Cheez-It Citrus Bowl • No. 17 LSU vs. Purdue Postgame Notes Monday, December 2 • Kickoff Noon CT • ABC

### GAME INFORMATION

**LSU Captains:** Mekhi Wingo, Jayden Daniels, Mike Jones Jr.

**Cheez-It Bowl MVP:** Malik Nabers

**Coin Toss:** Purdue won, deferred

**Weather:** 79-degrees

**Attendance:** 42,791

**LSU Record:** 10-4 (6-3 SEC)

**Brian Kelly Career Record:** 294-101-2

**Brian Kelly LSU Record:** 10-4

**Brian Kelly SEC Record:** 6-3

**Brian Kelly In Bowl Games:** 8-6

**Brian Kelly vs. Purdue:** 7-0

**LSU in Citrus Bowl:** 3-3

**LSU Bowl Record:** 29-24-1

**LSU vs. Purdue:** 1-0

### LSU STARTERS

#### Offense

QB Jayden Daniels, RB Noah Cain, WR Brian Thomas Jr., WR Malik Nabers, WR Kyren Lacey, TE Mason Taylor, LT Will Campbell, LG Garrett Dellinger, C Charles Turner III, RG Anthony Bradford, RT Emery Jones Jr.

#### Defense

DT Mekhi Wingo, DT Jacobian Guillory, DE Sai'vion Jones, LB Micah Baskerville, LB Greg Penn III, LB Harold Perkins Jr., CB Jarrick Bernard-Converse, CB Jay Ward, S Joe Foucha, S Major Burns, Nickel Major Burns

### GAME NOTES

#### General

- LSU closed out Brian Kelly's first season at LSU with 63-7 victory in the Cheez-It Citrus Bowl to cap off LSU's 17th 10-win season in program history.
- LSU's 63 points on Monday were the most ever scored by a team in Citrus Bowl history and also tied the program record for points in a bowl, matching the Tigers' 63 points against Oklahoma in the 2019 Peach Bowl.
  - Going into the half with a 35-0 lead, LSU tied its largest halftime lead in a bowl game.
    - LSU led Oklahoma by 35 too at halftime, 49-14, in the 2019 Peach Bowl CFP Semi-Final.
- With a 37-point victory, LSU set a program record for the largest victory margin in a bowl game, surpassing LSU's 2005 40-3 Peach Bowl win over Miami.
- LSU will open the 2023 season against Florida State in Camping World Stadium, the same venue where LSU beat Purdue in the Citrus Bowl.

#### Offense

- QB Jayden Daniels**, who is returning in 2023, was 12-17 for 139 yards and one touchdown. He also ran six times for 67 yards. He also had one reception for five yards that resulted in a touchdown.
  - He finishes his first season at LSU with the second most yards accounted for in program history with 3,798 total yards of offense (885 rushing, 2913 passing).
    - In 2019 Joe Burrow accounted for 6,063 total yards.
  - Jayden Daniels became the first Tiger since RB Keiland Williams in 2008 to throw, rush for and catch a TD in a single season.
- TE Mason Taylor** had 5 catches for 88 yards and a touchdown. He finished the season with 38 receptions, the second most in program history.
  - Only Thaddeus Moss in 2019 had more with 47 receptions throughout LSU's run to the National Championship.
- WR Malik Nabers** led LSU with 9 receptions for 163 yards and a touchdown in the Citrus Bowl. He was named the Citrus Bowl MVP for his performance.
  - With 1,017 receiving yards this season, he records the 10th 1,000-yard receiving season in LSU history, becoming the 9th Tiger to do so. He also led the team with 72 receptions this season and had three touchdown receptions.
  - In the second quarter, Nabers completed a 45-yard pass to **WR Kyren Lacey**.
    - It was the longest pass by an LSU non-QB since WR Todd Kinchen threw a 51-yard TD pass to WR Tony Moss vs. Ohio on 9/30/1989, excluding WR Jontre Kirklín when he started and played QB for the entire 2022 Texas Bowl
  - Nabers completed a five-yard touchdown pass to Daniels in the third quarter.
  - Later in the third quarter Nabers took a WR sweep pass from Nussmeier 75-yards to the house for LSU's seventh touchdown.
- QB Garrett Nussmeier** saw significant time throughout the game, going 11-15 for 173 yards and throwing for a touchdown.
- With Daniels, Nussmeier and Nabers all throwing for touchdown passes, LSU became the first team in the past 25 seasons to have three players throw for touchdown passes in a bowl game, according to ESPN.
- With 4 rushing touchdowns on Monday, LSU set the single-season program record for rushing touchdowns in a season with 39, breaking the 2013 record of 37 rushing touchdowns.

#### Defense

- CB Jarrick Bernard-Converse** recorded his second interception of the season during the second quarter of the Citrus Bowl, setting LSU's offense up for its fifth touchdown of the first half.
- S Greg Brooks Jr.** recorded the second interception of his season in the third quarter.
- DB Quad Wilson**, playing in just his second game this season, recorded his second career interception (had one in 2021-22 playing at McNeese) in the fourth quarter and took it 99-yards to the end zone to give LSU the Citrus Bowl record for points in the game.
- DB Major Burns** led the Tigers with 6 tackles in the Citrus Bowl and he had one pass break-up.
- LB Harold Perkins Jr.** led LSU with 1.5 tackles for loss, including one sack. The true freshman finished the season with 7.5 sacks.

#### Special Teams

- P Jay Bramblett was needed only twice. He averaged 51.5 yards per punt, including one of over 50 yards.