



## No. 14 LSU (1-1) vs Grambling State (0-2) Postgame Notes

### Saturday, September 9 · Kickoff 6:32 p.m. CT · SEC Network+

#### GAME INFORMATION

**LSU Captains:** S Greg Brooks Jr., OT Will Campbell, QB Jayden Daniels, DT Mekhi Wingo

**Coin Toss:** Grambling won, deferred

**Weather:** 89 degrees, sunny

**Wind:** NW 7 mph

**Attendance:** 97,735

**Brian Kelly Career Record:** 295-102-2

**Brian Kelly LSU Record:** 11-5

**LSU vs. In-State Schools All-Time:** 141-25-8

**LSU's Record in Home Openers:** 103-22-4

#### LSU STARTERS

##### Offense

QB Jayden Daniels, RB Logan Diggs, WR Malik Nabers, WR Brian Thomas Jr., WR Kyren Lacy, TE Mason Taylor, LT Will Campbell, LG Garrett Dellinger, C Charles Turner III, RG Miles Frazier, RT Emery Jones Jr.

##### Defense

DE Jones, DT Smith, DT Wingo, JACK Oghoufo, LB Speights, LB Penn III, LB Perkins Jr., NICK Sam, CB Alexander, CB Harris, S Burns

#### GAME NOTES

##### General

1. LSU's 62-point margin of victory against Grambling is the largest since Sept. 24, 1977, when the Tigers beat Rice 77-0.
2. The game marked the first-ever meeting between LSU and Grambling in football and only the second time the Tigers have faced an HBCU opponent.
  - a. Last year, LSU beat Southern, 65-17, in its first contest against an HBCU foe.
3. LSU has now won 13 straight and 62 of its last 63 games against non-conference opponents in Tiger Stadium.
  - a. Since 2000, LSU has only dropped 2 non-conference home games (UAB, 13-10, in 2000; Troy, 24-21 in 2017).
  - b. Since the start of the 2000 season, LSU is 65-2 vs. non-conference teams in Tiger Stadium.
4. LSU extended its winning streak against Louisiana opponents to 36 straight following the Grambling game.
  - a. LSU hasn't lost to an opponent from Louisiana since dropping a 31-28 decision to Tulane on November 27, 1982, in Tiger Stadium.
5. LSU is now 103-22-4 in home openers, which includes a 75-20-4 mark in Tiger Stadium.
  - a. LSU has won 26 of its last 28 home openers dating back to a 35-34 win over Houston in 1996
6. LSU is now 4-1 under Brian Kelly in games following a loss.
7. Twelve LSU players saw their first action for LSU in the game. The list includes eight true freshmen (DE Da'Shawn Womack, TE Mac Markway, TE Ka'Morreun Pimpton, OL DJ Chester, S Javien Toviano, CB Ryan Robinson Jr., QB Rickie Collins, and DE Jake Ibieta) and four transfers (RB Logan Diggs, CB Denver Harris, OL Mason Lunsford, and DT Preston Hickey).
8. LSU rushed for 302 yards in the game, marking the 13th straight time LSU has won when rushing for over 200 yards.
  - a. LSU went 6-0 in 2022 when reaching the 200-yard mark and began the 2023 campaign with a 1-0 record when rushing for over 200 yards.
9. LSU has now scored over six points in two of its last three games.
  - a. The Tigers scored 72 against Grambling and 63 points against Purdue in the Cheez-It Bowl to end the 2022 season.

##### Offense

1. QB Jayden Daniels had a successful day throwing the ball, going 18-24 for 269 yards and a career-high five touchdowns. He also ran the ball five times for 29 yards.
  - a. Daniels became the fourth Tiger to throw for at least five TD's in a single game.
    - i. He joined Zach Mettenberger (1x, 2013), Joe Burrow (6x, 2019), and Max Johnson (1x, 2021) as LSU QB's to accomplish the feat.
    - ii. His five touchdowns were a 26-yard pass to WR Brian Thomas Jr. in the first quarter, a 47-yard completion to WR Chris Hilton Jr. in the first quarter, a 7-yard pass to WR Malik Nabers in the second quarter, a 10-yard pass to Thomas Jr. in the second quarter and a 3-yard completion to WR Kyren Lacy in the second quarter.
  - b. With all five TD's from Daniels coming in the first half, it tied for the second-most TD passes in a half by an LSU QB.
    - i. LSU QB Joe Burrow holds the most TD passes in a half by an individual with 7 (Oklahoma, 2019).
  - c. Daniels's outing bumped his total number of passing touchdowns at LSU to 23 and 55 through his collegiate career.
2. WR Brian Thomas Jr. led all of LSU's receivers with 6 receptions for 78 yards and 2 touchdowns.
  - a. He caught a 26-yard touchdown pass to give the Tigers an early 7-0 lead against Grambling State in the first quarter.
    - i. The TD marked Thomas's ninth career TD reception at LSU.
3. RB Logan Diggs, who transferred to LSU from Notre Dame, saw action for the first time in a Tiger uniform and led the Tiger with 115 yards on 15 carries and a touchdown.
  - a. Diggs registered his first rushing touchdown at LSU on a 3-yard run with 7:22 remaining in the second quarter.

## GAME NOTES

4. QB Garrett Nussmeier started the second half and drove LSU down the field for the Tigers' seventh touchdown on the night. Nussmeier executed the one-yard QB sneak for the first rushing TD of his career. He finished 4-6 with 48 yards through the air.
5. RB Kaleb Jackson, a native of Baton Rouge, scored LSU's 8th TD on the night with a 5-yard rush, his first score as a Tiger.

### Defense

1. DB Zy Alexander and LB West Weeks each recorded six tackles to lead the Tigers.
2. Sophomore DT Maason Smith returned to the field after not seeing action during the 2022 season due to an injury he sustained in the opening game against Florida State. Smith.
3. LB Greg Penn III intercepted a pass with 12:29 left in the third quarter to give LSU the ball back. It was the junior's first career interception.
4. DT Jalen Lee recovered a Grambling State fumble with 12:38 left in the fourth quarter to give the Tigers the ball on the GSU 24-yard line.

### Special Teams

1. LSU did not record a punt in the game. It is the 8th time since 1960 the Tigers haven't punted in a game.
2. PK Damian Ramos was a perfect 9-for-9 on PATs in the contest.
3. Sophomore PK Nathan Dibert converted on his first career PAT to put LSU up 70-10 with 10:39 left in the fourth quarter.