



## No. 13 LSU (4-1) vs. South Alabama (2-3) Postgame Notes

### Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024 · Kickoff 6:55 p.m. CT · SECN

#### GAME INFORMATION

**LSU Captains:** S Sage Ryan, WR Zavion Thomas  
**Coin Toss:** USA won, deferred, LSU received  
**Weather:** Clear, 86 degrees  
**Wind:** WNW, 5mph  
**Attendance:** 102,143  
**Brian Kelly Career Record:** 308-104-2  
**Brian Kelly LSU Record:** 24-8  
**Brian Kelly vs. South Alabama:** 1-0  
**LSU vs. South Alabama All-Time:** 1-0

#### LSU STARTERS

##### Offense

LT Will Campbell, LG Garrett Dellinger, C DJ Chester, RG Mile Frazier, RT Emery Jones Jr., QB Garrett Nussmeier, RB Caden Durham, TE Mason Taylor, WR Kyren Lacy, WR CJ Daniels, WR Kyle Parker

##### Defense

DT Ahmad Breaux, DT Gio Paez, DE Bradyn Swinson, DE Sai'vion Jones, LB Greg Penn III, LB Whit Weeks, STAR Major Burns, S Sage Ryan, S Dashawn Spears, CB Ashton Stamps, CB PJ Woodland

#### GAME NOTES

##### General

1. LSU stepped out of SEC play for the final time during the regular-season on Saturday when the Tigers hosted South Alabama. The Tigers won, 42-10.
  - a. LSU extended its winning streak to four games, with a 4-1 overall mark in 2024.
2. LSU is 38-2 all-time against current members of the Sun Belt Conference.
  - a. The game vs. South Alabama was the first in the series, and LSU is now 1-0 against the Jaguars all-time.
3. LSU now has a 13-game Tiger Stadium winning streak after taking down South Alabama.
  - a. LSU won its final three home games in 2022, all 7 home games in 2023, and is 3-0 in the 2024 home schedule.
  - b. LSU now has 454 victories in Tiger Stadium, which is celebrating its 100th year.
4. LSU has won 18 straight and 67 of its last 68 games against non-conference opponents in Tiger Stadium.
  - a. LSU's win over South Alabama marked the 14th straight victory when playing at night in Tiger Stadium.
5. With LSU's 42-10 win over South Alabama, the Tigers have gone 95-14 against non-conference opponents dating back to the 2001 season.
  - a. Of the 95 wins, 21 have come against top-25 teams.
6. LSU is 11-3 against non-conference opponents under third-year head coach Brian Kelly.
7. LSU is now 16-1 when playing in Tiger Stadium under Kelly.
8. Under head coach Brian Kelly, LSU is now 18-7 as a top 25 ranked team.
9. When appearing on SEC Network, LSU improved to 21-4 since its first game on the network in 2014.
10. LSU has gone 109-15 in night games at Tiger Stadium since the turn of the century.
  - a. Brian Kelly is undefeated in night games at home since 2022 with a 12-0 record.
11. LSU donned its gold helmet, white jersey, and white pants combo for just the second time in history - the last time coming against Army in 2023.
  - a. LSU is 2-0 in these instances.
12. RB Caden Durham started for the first time at LSU.
13. Redshirt freshmen Isaiah Stone and Cowinn Helaire saw their first action as a Tiger.
14. Sophomore Tyson Short entered for the first time in his LSU career.

##### Offense

1. LSU's 667 total yards is the 7th-most in program history, and the most since the 2023 Florida game when LSU racked up 701 total yards.
2. The Tigers' 429 total yards in the first half is the most yards of total offense in a half by LSU since LSU played Oklahoma in the 2019 CFP Semifinal when LSU had 497.
3. QB Garrett Nussmeier finished with 409 passing yards, 2 TDs, and 2 INT. He also scored twice rushing the ball.
  - a. Nussmeier joins 4 other LSU QBs since 2000 who have passed and rushed for 2-plus TDs in the same game: Jayden Daniels (FL, OM in 2022; MSU, FLA, GSU in 2023); Max Johnson (vs. Ole Miss in 2020) Joe Burrow (vs. TAMU in 2018); and Marcus Randall (vs. ARK 2004).
  - b. The 409 passing yards is a career high for Nussmeier. His previous high was 395 vs. Wisconsin in the 2024 ReliaQuest Bowl.

## GAME NOTES

4. On the first play from scrimmage for the LSU offense, Nussmeier found freshman RB Caden Durham in the flat, and Durham raced for a 71-yard TD. LSU led 7-0.
  - a. The last time LSU scored on the first play from scrimmage was when Dalton Hilliard ran 16 yards vs. Ole Miss for the score on Oct. 30, 1982. The Rebels had fumbled the opening kickoff that day.
  - b. Durham scored his second receiving TD in the purple and gold on the play.
  - c. Nussmeier's TD pass was his 14th of the season and 25th of his career.
5. Durham rushed for 86 yards on the first play of LSU's second drive to put the Tigers at the 1-yard line.
  - a. The last time LSU scored 2 TD's in 3 plays (or fewer) from scrimmage was 10/11/1997 vs. Florida. That day, LSU scored on consecutive 1-play drives, a 40-yard TD run by Herb Tyler and a 7-yard TD run by Tommy Banks (following an INT).
  - b. The rush by Durham was the longest by an LSU player since Clyde Edwards-Helaire's 89-yard rush vs. Arkansas in 2019.
6. Following Durham's long run, Nussmeier ran it in himself from the 1-yard line to give LSU the 14-0 advantage with 10:47 remaining in the first quarter.
  - a. It was the second rushing TD of his career.
7. Durham scored his second TD of the game - this one on the ground - from 8 yards out to put LSU up 21-0 with 4:45 left in the 1Q.
  - a. It was the third rushing TD of his career.
  - b. Before his rushing TD, Durham surpassed 100 yards for the first time in his career on his third carry of the night. His first three rushes went for 86, 10, and 6.
8. With 11:55 remaining in the first half, Nussmeier recorded his second rushing TD of the night to increase the LSU lead to 28-3.
  - a. It was the third rushing TD of his career.
9. On TE Mason Taylor's first reception of the night, he ran his career numbers to 100 catches and 1,029 yards.
  - a. With the 30-yard reception, he became the first LSU TE to join the 1,000 career yards club and the 44th Tiger all time.
10. Nussmeier connected with WR Aaron Anderson on a 23-yard pass to make the score 35-3 before half.
  - a. The TD pass was Nussmeier's 15th of the season and 26th of his career.
  - b. Anderson recorded his second career TD - both coming at LSU.
11. RB Josh Williams extended the Tigers' lead to 42-10 with a 4-yard rush. The drive went 99 yards on 12 plays.
  - a. It was the 14th career rushing TD for Williams, and his third of the season.
  - b. The 99-yard scoring drive was LSU's first since the Florida State game to open the 2022 season.

## Defense

1. DT Gio Paez and DE Paris Shand each recorded a half sack to force a South Alabama 3-and-out late in the 2Q.
  - a. For Paez, it was the first time he recorded a sack in his career, while Shand's tally increased to 7.5 career sacks and one this season.
2. S Jardin Gilbert and DE Sai'vion Jones ended the first half, sacking the Jaguars' QB for a 6-yard loss.
  - a. It was Gilbert's second half sack in his career, and first sack at LSU. Jones' half brought his career total to 11.5 and season total to 4.5.
3. DE Gabriel Reliford and DE Da'Shawn Womack recorded the third combined sack of the night on South Alabama's first drive of the 4Q.
  - a. Reliford tallied his first sack at LSU, while Womack picked up his first sack of the season.
4. LSU forced three 3-and-outs and six punts against the Jaguars.

## Special Teams

1. PK Damian Ramos was perfect on PATs (6-of-6).
  - a. Ramos consecutive PATs streak moved to 110, ranking him second behind former LSU PK Cade York's 118 straight PATs made.
2. Peyton Todd and Blake Ochsendorf both recorded a single punt against South Alabama.
  - a. Todd's punt went 45 yards, while Ochsendorf's punt went 49 yards and landed inside the opponent's 5-yard line.