



No. 13 LSU (0-1) vs. No. 23 USC (1-0) Postgame Notes

Sunday, September 1 · Kickoff 6:44 p.m. CT · ABC · Modelo Vegas Kickoff Classic

GAME INFORMATION

LSU Captains: OT Will Campbell, LB Greg Penn III, RB Josh Williams, LB Harold Perkins Jr.

Coin Toss: LSU won, received

Weather: Dome (outside: Sunny, 101 degrees)

Wind: Dome (outside: East, 5 mph)

Attendance: 63,969

Brian Kelly Career Record: 304-104-2

Brian Kelly LSU Record: 20-8

Brian Kelly vs. USC: 8-4

LSU vs. USC All-Time: 1-2

LSU Record on Turf Field: 71-47-3

LSU STARTERS

Offense

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

Defense

CB Ashton Stamps, **CB** Sage Ryan, **S** Jardin Gilbert, **S** Jordan Allen, **NICK** Major Burns, **LB** Harold Perkins Jr., **LB** Greg Penn III, **DE** Bradyn Swinson, **DE** Sai'vion Jones, **DT** Jacobian Guillory, **DT** Gio Paez

GAME NOTES

General

1. LSU is 1-2 all-time against USC after falling to USC, 27-20, in the Modelo Kickoff Classic in Las Vegas, Nev.
 - a. Sunday's contest marked LSU's first appearance in Las Vegas for a football game.
2. LSU is 91-35-5 in season openers following Sunday's loss to USC.
 - a. The Tigers have won 22 of their past 29 season openers.
3. Since 2010, LSU has played 10 of 15 season openers at a neutral site, and the Tigers own a 6-4 record in those games after Sunday's game vs. USC.
4. LSU played just the seventh Sunday game in program history when the Tigers and Trojans met on Sunday night. LSU is now 3-4 in Sunday games.
 - a. LSU's history in Sunday games dates back to the program's first against Notre Dame on Dec. 28, 1997, a 27-9 win in the Independence Bowl.
5. Brian Kelly is 8-4 all-time against USC, with all 11 previous games before the 2024 matchup coming as head coach at Notre Dame.
6. The Tigers, who are 22-36-3 on ABC after the loss to USC.
 - a. LSU made their 61st appearance on the network.
7. LSU is 8-3 against non-conference opponents under Brian Kelly.
8. LSU is 11-16-2 all-time against current members of the Big Ten.
9. Six Tigers started for the first time in an LSU uniform, including C DJ Chester, WR CJ Daniels, WR Kyle Parker, S Jardin Gilbert, S Jordan Allen, and DT Gio Paez.
10. Nine true freshmen saw action for the first time in the season opener vs. USC. The list includes TE Trey'Dez Green, S Ju'Juan Johnson, PK Aeron Burrell, S Dashawn Spears, DT Ahmad Breaux, DE Kolaj Cobbins, DE Gabriel Reliford, CB PJ Woodland, CB Wallace Foster IV.
11. Four transfers saw playing time for the first time in an LSU jersey. The list includes AP/RS Zavion Thomas, S Austin Ausberry, CB Jyaire Brown, RB Ty'son Edwards.
12. CB JK Johnson, who joined the LSU program last season, earned playing time for the first time.
13. S Jardin Gilbert was charged with targeting in the 4Q and is ineligible for the first half of the Nicholls game.

Offense

1. Making his second career start, QB Garrett Nussmeier finished with 304 passing yards 2 TDs, and one INT.
2. With 7:04 remaining in the first half, WR Kyren Lacy scored the Tigers' first TD of the season on a 19-yard toss from QB Garrett Nussmeier and knotted the score at 7.
3. WR Aaron Anderson gave LSU the 17-13 lead on a 13-yard pass from QB Garrett Nussmeier with 3:42 left in the 3Q.
 - a. Anderson recorded his first collegiate TD on the go-ahead score.

Defense

1. DE Sai'vion Jones collected 2 sacks for eight yards, a career-high for the senior.
2. LB Harold Perkins Jr. collected 8 tackles, 1 solo and 0.5 tackles for loss as the leading tackler.
3. S Jordan Allen, S Major Burns, and LB Whit Weeks each collected 6 tackles and 3 solo tackles apiece.

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Special Teams

1. PK Damian Ramos tied the ballgame 10-10 with 1:08 left in the first half on a 45-yard FG try.
 - a. Ramos improved to 21 of 24 on FG attempts within 45 yards
2. Ramos surpassed 200 career points scored with his PAT and first FG combined.
 - a. He came into the USC game with 198 total points scored and now sits at 206.
3. Ramos finished the game perfect on PATs (2-2)
4. P Peyton Todd punted for the first time in his LSU career during the 3Q. His kick traveled 40 yards.
5. Ramos tied the game again at 20 with 1:47 remaining in the game.