



## No. 16 LSU (2-1) vs. South Carolina (2-1) Postgame Notes

### Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024 · Kickoff 12:12 p.m. ET · ABC

#### GAME INFORMATION

**LSU Captains:** OT Emery Jones Jr., DL Paris Shand

**Coin Toss:** LSU won, deferred & kicked

**Weather:** Mostly Cloudy, 78 degrees

**Wind:** NE, 9 mph

**Attendance:** 79,531

**Brian Kelly Career Record:** 306-104-2

**Brian Kelly LSU Record:** 22-8

**Brian Kelly vs. South Carolina:** 1-0

**LSU vs. SC All-Time:** 20-2-1

#### LSU STARTERS

##### Offense

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

##### Defense

DE Sai'vion Jones, DE Bradyn Swinson, DT Gio Paez, DT Paris Shand, LB Harold Perkins Jr., LB Greg Penn III, LB Whit Weeks, S Major Burns, S Dashawn Spears, CB Ashton Stamps, CB Zy Alexander

#### GAME NOTES

##### General

- LSU is 20-2-1 all-time against the Gamecocks, which includes a 6-1-1 mark in Columbia after LSU defeated South Carolina, 36-33.
  - Since South Carolina joined the SEC in 1992, LSU is 8-1-1 against the Gamecocks.
  - LSU made its first trip to South Carolina since 2008.
- Brian Kelly is 3-0 in SEC openers, beating Mississippi State in both 2022 and 2023.
  - Saturday's matchup against the Gamecocks is the first time Kelly has faced South Carolina in his coaching career.
- LSU has won four straight SEC openers and improved its all-time mark in league openers to 57-30-5 following Saturday's 36-33 win.
  - LSU has won 6 of its last 7 league openers.
- For the 35th time, LSU was a part of the featured game on ESPN's College Gameday.
  - Following Saturday's game, LSU moved to 22-13 overall in these instances.
  - It marked the 12th time LSU appeared when College Gameday was in the opponent's city, and LSU now holds a record of 7-5 in those games.
- The Tigers made their 62nd appearance on ABC and their record in those games moved to 23-36-3.
- LSU's 36-33 victory is tied for the second-largest comeback away from Tiger Stadium since 1940 as the Tigers came back from 17 down.
- South Carolina drove down the field after LSU took the lead with 1:12 remaining and lined up for a 49-yard FG that missed wide left.

##### Offense

- With TE Mason Taylor's sixth reception of the day in the 3Q, he broke Richard Dickson's all-time reception record by an LSU TE on a 2-yard TD reception.
  - Taylor finished with six receptions, 58 yards, and one TD.
  - Taylor's 58 yards brought his career total to 922 career yards, which ranks second in program history behind Richard Dickson's 952 yards.
- Freshman RB Caden Durham rushed for a 26-yard TD on 3rd and 9 to cut into the Gamecocks lead 17-7 with 8:08 remaining in the first half.
  - The rushing score from Durham is his first TD at LSU.
- Nussmeier found WR Kyren Lacy over the middle for a 12-yard TD reception to shorten the deficit to 24-16 at the half.
  - The TD reception was Lacy's 5th on the season - the nation's best mark.
  - Nussmeier tossed his ninth TD of the season and 20th of his career.
- Durham rushed for his second career TD with 6:47 left in the third quarter to make the South Carolina lead 24-22.
  - LSU attempted a 2-point conversion to try and tie the ballgame, but it failed.
- Lacy, who finished the game with five receptions on 63 yards, broke 1,000 receiving yards in his LSU career.
  - Lacy became the 43rd receiver in program history to eclipse that number.
- RB Josh Williams' 2-yard rush with 1:12 remaining in the game gave LSU the 36-33 lead and the win.

##### Defense

- With 6:00 remaining in the first half, DB Sage Ryan forced a fumble in the backfield to give the Tigers prime field position at the South Carolina 19-yard line. LB Harold Perkins

## GAME NOTES

Jr. recovered the fumble at the SC 18.

a. It was the third forced fumble of Ryan's career and the first since 2022 during his sophomore season.

2. At the end of the half, DE Sai'vion Jones forced a fumble to prevent the Gamecocks from scoring.

3. DE Bradyn Swinson forced the second fumble of the game, the fourth of his career.

a. S Major Burns recovered the ball at the SC 12.

4. Swinson tallied three sacks against the Gamecocks - a career-high for the senior.

5. LB Whit Weeks led the Tigers in tackles with 11 on the day.

### Special Teams

1. PK Damian Ramos knocked through a 28-yard FG on the heels of the Tigers' second-quarter fumble recovery to make the deficit 17-10 with 4:27 left in the first half.

2. LSU P Peyton Todd recorded three punts for 122 yards and a 40.7 average and a long of 42.

3. Ramos was perfect on PATs (3-for-3). LSU attempted two 2-point conversions failing on both occasions.

a. Holder on the field goal unit, Peyton Todd, mishandled the snap on one of Ramos' attempts.