



## No. 16 LSU (3-1) vs. UCLA (1-2) Postgame Notes

### Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024 · Kickoff 2:45 p.m. CT · ABC

#### GAME INFORMATION

**LSU Captains:** WR Kyren Lacy, DE Bradyn Swinson

**Coin Toss:** LSU won, elected to receive

**Weather:** Partly cloudy, 91 degrees

**Wind:** SSE, 8 mph

**Attendance:** 100,315

**Brian Kelly Career Record:** 307-104-2

**Brian Kelly LSU Record:** 23-8

**Brian Kelly vs. UCLA:** 1-0

**LSU vs. UCLA All-Time:** 1-1

#### 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, TE Mason Taylor, WR Kyren Lacy, WR Aaron Anderson, WR CJ Daniels

##### Defense

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

#### GAME NOTES

##### General

- LSU welcomed UCLA to Tiger Stadium for the first time on Saturday, and defeated the Bruins, 34-17, in the second meeting all-time between programs.
  - Following Saturday's result, LSU is 1-1 against the Bruins all-time.
  - UCLA was the first Big Ten team to come to Tiger Stadium since 1987 when the Tigers hosted Ohio State on Sept. 26.
- LSU faced its third team from a Power 4 conference on Saturday against the Big Ten's UCLA.
  - The Tigers opened the season against USC (Big Ten) in Las Vegas and defeated South Carolina (SEC) in week 3.
  - LSU is the only team in the SEC to face three Power 4 non-conference opponents during the first 4 weeks of the season.
- With the 34-17 victory over UCLA, LSU is on a 12-game Tiger Stadium winning streak.
  - LSU is 2-0 in 2024 at Tiger Stadium.
  - The Tigers were 7-0 in Tiger Stadium during the 2023 season and won the final three home games in 2022, which included No. 7 Ole Miss and No. 6 Alabama.
  - The current home winning streak is LSU's longest since also winning 22-straight from 2009 to 2012.
- LSU has won 17 straight and 66 of its last 67 games against non-conference opponents in Tiger Stadium.
- With LSU's 34-17 win over UCLA Saturday afternoon, the Tigers have gone 94-14 against non-conference opponents dating back to the 2001 season.
- LSU is 10-3 against non-conference opponents under third-year head coach Brian Kelly after defeating UCLA.
- LSU is now 15-1 in Tiger Stadium under Brian Kelly.
- As a top 25 team under head coach Brian Kelly, the Tigers improved to 17-7.
- After making their 63rd appearance on ABC, LSU moved its overall record on the network to 24-36-3.
- With the SEC Nation crew in Baton Rouge and LSU appearing in the featured game, the Tigers' record now sits at 13-9 with the gameday show in town.
- Against UCLA, LSU played in its 44th day game at Tiger Stadium since 2000.
  - After Saturday's game, the Tigers record improved to 35-9 in these instances during that time frame.
- LSU has won its past 7 day games in (any) purple jerseys dating back to a 2000 loss at Florida.
  - Only three times since 1993 has LSU worn purple at home for a day game (2015 vs. South Carolina, which was originally scheduled to be a road game; and 2019 vs. Utah State; 2024 vs. UCLA). LSU's game against the Bruins was the third.
  - The UCLA game was LSU's 8th day game in purple since 1993.
- DT Dominick McKinley saw his first action as a Tiger in the matchup against UCLA.
- DT Ahmad Breaux started for the first time at LSU.
- Redshirt freshman Craig Walton Jr. saw his first action as a Tiger.
- Grand Valley State transfer Kenzel Kelly entered for the first time in his LSU career.
  - Kenzel is the youngest of head coach Brian Kelly's three children.

##### Offense

- With his fifth reception on the afternoon, TE Mason Taylor established the LSU record for career receiving yards by a tight end following a 33-yard catch and run.

## GAME NOTES

- a. Mason finished the game with 8 receptions and 77 yards. His career totals improved to 99 receptions and 999 receiving yards.
- b. The previous record was held by Richard Dickson who amassed 952 yards over his four-year career.
2. QB Garrett Nussmeier finished the game completing 32-of-44 passes with 352 yards and 3 TDs on the afternoon.
  - a. It was Nussmeier's fourth 300-yard passing game out of five starts that dates back to LSU's victory over Wisconsin in the ReliaQuest Bowl.
3. The LSU offense started fast vs. UCLA, after receiving the opening kickoff as Nussmeier found WR Zavion Thomas on a pop pass for a 5-yard TD with 12:19 remaining in the 1Q to make it 7-0.
  - a. The passing TD for Nussmeier was his 11th of the season and 22nd of his LSU career.
  - b. Thomas' receiving TD is the third of his career and second during his stint in Baton Rouge.
  - c. With the first TD pass of the day, LSU extended its consecutive games with a TD pass total to 19.
4. Nussmeier tossed his second TD of the day to WR Kyle Parker, who caught his first career TD at LSU on a 45-yard catch and run with 13:57 left until halftime. The score was 14-10.
  - a. The TD pass was Nussmeier's 12th of the season and 23rd of his career.
5. RB Josh Williams capped off a 96-yard drive with a 2-yard TD rush to give LSU the 24-17 lead with 6:11 left in the 3Q.
  - a. The TD rush was Williams' second of the season and 13th of his career.
  - b. The 96-yard drive was the longest of LSU's season thus far and the longest since a 98-yard drive in the 2024 ReliaQuest Bowl vs. Wisconsin.
    - c. The drive was the longest by LSU in Tiger Stadium since a 96-yard drive against Tennessee in 2022.
6. With 11:15 remaining in the game, Nussmeier found freshman RB Caden Durham for a 35-yard TD pass to extend LSU's lead to 31-17.
  - a. The TD pass was Nussmeier's 13th of the season and 24th of his career.
  - b. Durham's TD reception was the first of his LSU career.
  - c. It was the second 90-plus yard TD drive - the first time since LSU did so against Central Michigan in 2021.
  - d. It is the first time the Tigers drove 90-plus yards on consecutive drives since 2003 when they did so against South Carolina.

### Defense

1. With 17 seconds left in the opening quarter, DT Paris Shand and DE Sai'vion Jones each recorded half a sack to force a UCLA field goal attempt.
  - a. Shand's sack total increased to 7.5 at LSU, while Jones' career numbers improved to 10.5.
2. Freshman Dominick McKinley, who made his first appearance in an LSU uniform, recorded his first career sack at LSU on the first play of UCLA's 2Q drive.
3. On the same drive as McKinley's sack, the Tigers recorded a three-and-out after DE Bradyn Swinson tallied his fourth sack of the season and the sixth of his LSU career. UCLA lost 11 yards on the Swinson sack.
4. Swinson made a splash play for the second straight drive, taking down UCLA's QB and causing a fumble, which was recovered by LSU's Jones.
  - a. The sack was Swinson's fifth of the season and seventh of his LSU career.
  - b. LSU has now recovered a fumble in three consecutive games, dating back to the home opener vs. Nicholls.
5. LSU transfer DT Jay'Viari Suggs picked up his first sack as an LSU Tiger in the 4Q.
  - a. The sack was Suggs' 9th of his career with the previous eight coming at Grand Valley State.
6. LSU S Jardin Gilbert picked off his first pass as a Tiger against the Bruins with 9:25 left on the game clock. LSU would have prime field position at the UCLA 45.
  - a. The INT was Gilbert's third of his career with the previous two coming at Texas A&M.
7. LSU held UCLA to 14 rushing yards, the fewest since November 6, 2021 when the Tigers faced No. 3 Alabama and held them to six net rushing yards.
  - a. A huge contributor to that was LSU's 5 sacks that brought the Bruins' net rushing total down 41 yards.
  - b. It is the first time since games 2 and 3 of the 2021 season against McNeese and Central Michigan LSU recorded five sacks in back-to-back contests.

### Special Teams

1. PK Damian Ramos knocked through a 22-yard FG with 3:45 left in the half to give LSU a 17-10 lead.
2. Ramos converted a 32-yard FGA with 5:51 remaining in the game to give LSU the 34-17 advantage.
3. Ramos was perfect on PATs (4-for-4)
  - a. Ramos' PAT streak continued and now sits at 104.
4. P Blake Ochsendorf handled the punting duties for LSU, recording one punt for 37 yards that landed inside the UCLA 20.