



No. 8 LSU (6-2, 3-1 SEC) vs. No. 14 Texas A&M (7-1, 5-0 SEC)

Postgame Notes

Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024 • Kickoff 6:44 p.m. CT • ABC

GAME INFORMATION

LSU Captains: CB Zy Alexander, PK Damian Ramos

Coin Toss: Texas A&M won, deferred; LSU received

Weather: Partly cloudy, 87 degrees

Wind: Southeast at 3 mph

Attendance: 108,852

Brian Kelly Career Record: 310-106-2

Brian Kelly LSU Record (3rd season): 26-9

Brian Kelly vs. Texas A&M: 1-2

LSU vs. Texas A&M All-Time: 36-24-3

LSU STARTERS

Offense

LT Will Campbell, LG Garrett Dellinger, C DJ Chester, RG Miles Fraizer, RT Emery Jones Jr., QB Garrett Nussmeier, RB Caden Durham, TE Mason Taylor, WR Zavion Thomas, WR Aaron Anderson, WR Kyren Lacy

Defense

DT Paris Shand, DT Gio Paez, DE Sai'vion Jones, DE Bradyn Swinson, LB Greg Penn III, LB Whit Weeks, STAR Major Burns, CB Ashton Stamps, CB Zy Alexander, S Jar-din Gilbert, S Sage Ryan

GAME NOTES

General

- LSU and Texas A&M met as Top-15 opponents for the first time since 1987.
 - The last time LSU and Texas A&M were both ranked this high for a contest came on Sept. 5, 1987, when the No. 6 Tigers beat the No. 15 Aggies, 17-3, in College Station.
 - Since Texas A&M joined the SEC in 2012, LSU and Texas A&M have met as ranked opponents 4 times with the Tigers going 3-1.
- LSU holds a 36-24-3 lead in the series with Texas A&M, a rivalry that dates back to 1899 when the Aggies beat the Tigers, 52-0, in College Station.
 - LSU has a 9-4 advantage in the series since the Aggies joined the SEC.
 - LSU won seven straight games in the series beginning with the Cotton Bowl victory and running through a 45-21 win in Tiger Stadium in 2017.
- The Tigers are 25-37-3 on ABC after making their 65th appearance on the network since their first appearance on Oct. 29, 1960, against No. 2 Ole Miss.
- LSU's winning streak came to an end Saturday night after the Tigers reeled off 6 straight wins since dropping the season-opener to USC in Las Vegas.
 - Dating back to last year, LSU has won 10 of its last 12 games and 13 of its last 17. LSU's only 4 losses during the 16-game span dating back to last year came to ranked opponents – No. 20 Ole Miss and No. 8 Alabama in 2023 and No. 23 Southern Cal and No. 14 Texas A&M this year.
- LSU coach Brian Kelly faced Texas A&M coach Mike Elko for the first time on Saturday night as head coaches. Kelly's career record against Elko is 0-1.
 - Kelly and Elko know each other well from their previous coaching stop at Notre Dame where Kelly hired Elko to be his defensive coordinator.
- Junior Garrett Nussmeier's record as the starting quarterback for the Tigers moved to 7-2 with a 38-23 loss to Texas A&M.
- Brian Kelly's record at LSU in October games moved to 8-2.
- LSU is 20-8 in games it has played as a Top-25 team under head coach Brian Kelly.
 - The Tigers were 4-3 in 2022 as a ranked team, followed by a 10-3 mark in 2023. LSU is 6-2 in 2024 while being ranked in the Top 25.
 - Overall, LSU has played 28 of its 35 games ranked in the Top 25 under Kelly.
- For only the seventh time, LSU wore an all-white uniform combination (helmets, jersey, pants) on Saturday when the Tigers faced Texas A&M.
 - LSU last wore the all-white uniform combination against Arkansas in Fayetteville and won 34-10 this season.
 - LSU wore an all-white uniform combination for the first time in 2011 when the Tigers donned the Nike Pro Combat uniform in the win over Auburn in Tiger Stadium.
 - LSU is 4-3 in games in which they have worn all-white.
- Kyle Field drew 108,852 fans to make it the third largest crowd in in the stadium's history.

Offense

- QB Garrett Nussmeier finished the Texas A&M game 25-for-50 passing with 405 yards, 2 TDs, and 3 INTs.
 - With an 8-yard completion to WR CJ Daniels early in the first quarter, Nussmeier became the 13th player in LSU history to surpass 4,000 career passing yards.

GAME NOTES

- i. Nussmeier entered tonight's game with 3,942 yards.
 - b. He passed Jarrett Lee (3,949 yards from 2008-11) and Josh Booty (3,951 yards from 1999-2000) on LSU's career passing list.
 - c. Nussmeier's 400-plus passing yards marked the second time in his career he surpassed that number.
2. WRs Aaron Anderson and Kyren Lacy each eclipsed 100 receiving yards against the Aggies. Anderson finished with 3 catches for 126 yards, while Lacy had 5 receptions for 106 yards
 - a. It marked the first 100-yard receiving game for Anderson and the fifth for Lacy.
3. Nussmeier found TE Mason Taylor on a 2-yard reception to give LSU the 10-0 lead with 3:51 left in the first quarter.
 - a. The TD pass was Nussmeier's 19th of the season and 30th of his career.
 - b. Taylor's TD reception marked the 6th of his career and second of the 2024 season.
4. Nussmeier connected with WR Aaron Anderson for his second passing TD of the night. Anderson caught the slant at the LSU 31-yard line and sprinted 76 yards for the score to make it 17-7 LSU with 4:55 remaining in the first half.
 - a. It was Nussmeier's 20th passing TD on the season and 31st of his career.
 - b. Anderson's 76-yard TD reception was the 4th of his career - all 4 while playing at LSU.
 - c. The 76-yard catch-and-run was the longest of Anderson's career. His previous long was 46 yards.
 - d. It was the longest TD reception for LSU since Jayden Daniels found Brian Thomas Jr. for an 86-yard score against Army on Oct. 21, 2023.
5. Nussmeier added a 1-yard rushing TD in the fourth quarter to cut the Aggie lead to 28-23 with 9:57 left in the game.
 - a. Nussmeier's rushing TD was the third of his career.

Defense

1. DE Bradyn Swinson and LB Whit Weeks led LSU in tackles with 7 apiece.
2. Four LSU players recorded a sack against Texas A&M (Swinson, Penn, Alexander, and Suggs).
3. LB Greg Penn III recorded a sack on 1st down, putting Texas A&M behind the sticks on its first drive of the night. The sack led to LSU's defense forcing a punt.
 - a. It was the first unassisted sack for Penn in 2024, and improved his career sack total to 5.5 while at LSU.
4. S Sage Ryan forced the Tigers' 12th fumble on the season during Texas A&M's second drive in the first quarter.
 - a. S Jardin Gilbert recovered the fumble at the A&M 36-yard line. LSU would score on the ensuing drive in 4 plays.
 - b. It was the 4th time in Ryan's career forcing a fumble, and Gilbert's first fumble recovery of his collegiate career.
5. DE Bradyn Swinson, who came into the Texas A&M game ranked No. 2 in the SEC in sacks, picked up his 8th of the season.
 - a. Swinson's sack was the 10th of his LSU career and the 13th of his college career.
6. CB Zy Alexander tallied a sack early in the 3Q on 3rd-and-9 for a 7-yard loss.
 - a. It was the first sack of his collegiate career.
7. DT Jay'viar Suggs tallied LSU's 4th sack of the night on 1st and 10. The Tigers forced the 3-and-out with 9:54 left in the 3Q.
 - a. Suggs' career totals improved to 10.5 career sacks with 2.5 during his time at LSU.

Special Teams

1. PK Damian Ramos was perfect on PATs (2-for-2)
 - a. Ramos consecutive PATs streak moved to 116, giving him the second longest streak by a Tiger since former LSU PK Cade York's 118 straight PATs made.
2. Ramos opened the scoring against Texas A&M with a 23-yard FG with 6:15 remaining in the first quarter to give LSU a 3-0 lead.
 - a. With the converted FG, Ramos was 13-for-15 on the season. The FG marked his sixth-straight made FG since the Ole Miss contest.
3. Ramos missed his second FG attempt of the game (48 yards), wide left. His totals moved to 13-for-16 on the year.
4. Ramos' third attempt of the night (49 yards) was short and to the right. His totals moved to 13-for-17 on the season.
5. Peyton Todd launched 2 punts for a total of 76 yards averaging 38 yards per kick.