

# No. 21 LSU (6-4, 3-3 SEC) vs. Florida (5-5, 3-4 SEC) **Postgame Notes** Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024 · Kickoff 3:45 p.m. ET · ABC

# **GAME INFORMATION**

LSU Captains: LB Whit Weeks, OL Miles

Frazier

Coin Toss: Florida won; deferred; LSU

received

Weather: 76 degrees, mostly sunny

Wind: East at 5 mph Attendance: 90,067

Brian Kelly Career Record: 310-108-2 **Brian Kelly LSU Record**: 26-11

Brian Kelly vs. Florida: 2-1 LSU vs. Florida All-Time: 34-34-3

# **LSU STARTERS**

#### Offense

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

### **Defense**

DT Paris Shand, DT Gio Paez, DE Gabriel Reliford, DE Sai'vion Jones, LB Whit Weeks, LB Greg Penn III, STAR Davhon Keys, CB Ashton Stamps, CB Zy Alexander, S Jardin Gilbert, S Major Burns

# **GAME NOTES**

#### General

- 1. LSU and Florida have met every year since 1971 and the Gators hold a 27-25-2 mark in the 54 games during that span.
- a. LSU and Florida were also cross-divisional opponents when the league adopted the divisional format in 1992. The SEC is now division-less after the addition of Texas and Oklahoma to the league.
- 2. LSU's winning streak against Florida was snapped at 5 games Saturday after Florida's 27-16 victory.
- a. The 5-straight wins in the series by the Tigers was LSU's longest streak in the 71-game series prior to Saturday's outcome.
  - b. In the last 21 meetings from 2004-2024, LSU is 14-7 against the Gators.
- i. Prior to that, in 21 games from 1983-2003, Florida posted a 16-4-1 mark against the Tigers.
  - c. LSU is 15-17-3 all-time in Gainesville, which includes a 1-1 mark under Brian
- 3. The last eight games between LSU and Florida in Gainesville have been decided by a total of 48 points and six of the last eight contests have been one possession games.
- 4. LSU is 7-3 under head coach Kelly in games following a loss.
  - a. The Tigers were 3-1 in those games in 2022, 3-0 in 2023, and 1-2 in 2024.
- b. Saturday's loss marked the third straight loss for LSU. It was the first time LSU lost three straight under Kelly.
- 5. Kelly-coached teams have been good when the calendar turns to November as they have won 22 of their last 26 games during the month dating back to his 2018 Notre Dame team.
- a. Kelly had won 19 straight November games before falling to Texas A&M in 2022's regular-season finale.
- b. Prior to that loss at Texas A&M, a Kelly-coached team hadn't lost a game during the month of November since dropping a 38-20 decision at No. 20 Stanford on November 25, 2017.
- c. As a Division I head coach, Kelly has a 57-22 record in games played in November.
- 6. LSU is 20-10 in games it has played as a Top 25 team under Kelly.
- a. The Tigers were 4-3 in 2022 as a ranked team, followed by a 10-3 mark in 2023. LSU is 6-4 in 2024 while being ranked in the top 25.
- b. Overall, LSU has played 30 of its 37 games ranked in the Top 25 under Kelly. 7. LSU's record when playing on ABC moved to 25-39-3, after appearing on the network for the 67th time.
- 8. True freshmen Gabriel Reliford (DE) and Davhon Keys (STAR) earned their first starts in a Tiger uniform.
- 9. True freshman LB Tylen Singleton saw action for the first time in his LSU career.
- 10. Transfer AJ Swann checked into the game, marking the first time he's seen action at LSU.

# Offense

- 1. LSU QB Garrett Nussmeier has had a knack for finding his wide receivers, completing 262 passes on 422 attempts.
- a. His 262 completions through 10 games ranks first in the SEC and third in program history for a single season.

### **GAME NOTES**

- 2. Nussmeier surpassed 3,000 career passing yards against Florida becoming the 6th player in program history to do so.
- 3. Nussmeier finished 27-for-47 with 260 passing yards, 1 TD, and no INTs.
- 4. TE Mason Taylor extended his reception streak to 27 consecutive games with 6 vs. Florida.
- a. Taylor now has 49 receptions for 478 yards on the season and has caught at least 3 passes in every game this year with a season-high 7 receptions against Southern Cal in the opener.
- 5. Taylor became the single season reception leader at LSU with his 5th catch on the day.
  - a. Taylor finished with 6 catches and 59 yards.
- b. He broke the record previously held by TE Thaddeus Moss, who had 48 receptions in the 2019 national championship season.
- 6. RB Caden Durham eclipsed 500 rushing yards on the season becoming the first true freshman since Leonard Fournette in 2014 to surpass that mark.
  - a. Durham had 20 rushes for 91 yards against Florida.
- 7. Nussmeier found WR Aaron Anderson on a 28-yard TD pass to tie the game at 7 with 7:39 remaining in the first half.
  - a. The touchdown throw was Nussmeier's 22nd on the season and 33rd of his LSU career.
  - b. Anderson's TD reception was the 5th of his career all of which have come at LSU.
  - c. The scoring drive was 14-plays, went 84 yards and took 5:51 off the clock.

#### **Defense**

1. Freshman Davhon Keys led LSU in tackles with 5 on the night.

### **Special Teams**

- 1. PK Damian Ramos was perfect on PATs (1-for-1)
- a. Ramos consecutive PATs streak moved to 118, giving him the second longest streak by a Tiger since former LSU PK Cade York's 118 straight PATs made.
- 2. P Blake Ochsendorf launched 2 punts for 92 yards, averaging 46 per kick.
- 3. Ramos missed wide right on a 51-yard FG attempt with 0:27 remaining in the 1Q.
  - a. His season totals moved to 15-for-20 on FG attempts.
- 4. Ramos came back and nailed a 50-yard FG with 10 seconds left in the half.
- a. The 50-yard FG was a career long for Ramos. Ramos previously had two 48-yard FGs one at Arkansas in 2024 and one at Missouri in 2023.
  - b. His season totals moved to 16-for-21 on FG attempts.
- 5. Ramos nailed a 45-yard FG to give LSU the 13-10 lead with 5:54 on the clock in the 3Q.
  - a. His season totals moved to 17-for-22 on FG attempts.
- 6. Ramos knocked through his third FG of the night to cut LSU's deficit to 20-16 with 5:18 remaining in the game.
  - a. His season totals moved to 18-for-23 on FG attempts.