



LSU (7-4, 4-3 SEC) vs. Vanderbilt (6-5, 3-4 SEC)
Postgame Notes
Saturday, Nov. 23, 2024 · Kickoff 6:55 p.m. CT · SECN

GAME INFORMATION

LSU Captains: LB Greg Penn III, LT Will Campbell
Coin Toss: Vanderbilt won, deferred; LSU received
Weather: Clear, 56 degrees
Wind: 0 mph
Attendance: 102,086
Brian Kelly Career Record: 311-108-2
Brian Kelly LSU Record: 27-11
Brian Kelly vs. Vanderbilt: 2-0
LSU vs. Vanderbilt All-Time: 26-7-1

LSU STARTERS

Offense

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

Defense

DT Paris Shand, DT Gio Paez, DE Sai'vion Jones, DE Bradyn Swinson, LB Whit Weeks, LB Greg Penn III, CB Ashton Stamps, CB Zy Alexander, S Jardin Gilbert, S Sage Ryan, STAR Davhon Keys

GAME NOTES

General

- LSU welcomed Vanderbilt to Tiger Stadium for the first time since 2009.
 - In the last meeting between the teams in Tiger Stadium, LSU – behind a pair of rushing TDs by Keiland Williams and 3 field goals by Josh Jasper – won 23-9, on Sept. 12, 2009.
- LSU leads the overall series – which dates back to 1902 – 26-7-1.
 - The teams are both charter members of the SEC with LSU holding a 26-5 mark in games played as league foes.
 - LSU is currently riding a 10-game winning streak over Vanderbilt.
 - The Tigers have won 14 of the past 15 meetings with Vanderbilt's only win during that span coming in 1990 by a 24-21 margin in Nashville.
 - LSU is 12-2-1 all-time against Vanderbilt in Baton Rouge with all but one of those games played in Tiger Stadium.
 - Vanderbilt's lone win in Tiger Stadium came in 1951 by a 20-13 margin.
 - Seven of LSU's wins during its 10-game winning streak against Vanderbilt have come by double-digits.
- For the second time this season, LSU coach Brian Kelly coached against one of his former assistants.
 - Against Vanderbilt, Kelly faced head coach Clark Lea, who coached under Kelly as his defensive coordinator from 2018-20.
 - Lea is one of two former Kelly assistants in the SEC with the other being Mike Elko at Texas A&M.
- LSU has won 16 of its past 17 night games in Death Valley. Since the turn of the century (2000-24), LSU is 111-16 in night games in Tiger Stadium.
 - LSU went 49-5 from 2000-09, 43-7 from 2010-19 and is 19-4 in those games since 2020.
- Under LSU head coach Brian Kelly, the Tigers are 14-1 in night games in Tiger Stadium.
 - Overall, LSU has won 16 of the last 17 night games in Death Valley.
 - The Tigers won all four of their night games in 2022, followed by a 6-0 mark in 2023. This year, LSU has night game wins in Death Valley over Nicholls, South Alabama, Ole Miss, and Vanderbilt.
 - LSU suffered its first home game loss at night under Kelly when Alabama posted a 42-13 win on Nov. 9.
- LSU is 8-3 under head coach Brian Kelly in games following a loss.
 - The Tigers were 3-1 in those games in 2022, 3-0 in 2023, and 2-2 in 2024.
 - The Tigers have lost back-to-back games twice under BK.
 - The first came in 2022 when the Tigers dropped a 38-23 decision to Texas A&M in the regular-season finale and then fell to No. 1 Georgia, 50-30, in the SEC Championship Game.
 - The second came in 2024 when LSU lost to Texas A&M, 38-23, in Kyle Field and fell to Alabama, 42-13, in Tiger Stadium.
 - LSU's 3-game losing skid was snapped with the victory over Vanderbilt.
- LSU donned gold jerseys for the fifth time since the 1950s, and paired these with white pants and helmet for the third time (1997 Independence Bowl vs. Notre Dame; 2016 vs. Mississippi State). LSU's uniforms in 2016 were referred to as "Gridiron Gold," whereas today's uniform matched the Tigers' traditional gold uniform pants and trim.

GAME NOTES

Offense

1. QB Garrett Nussmeier finished the game 28-for-37 with 332 passing yards and 1 TD.
 - a. His 332 passing yards marked the 7th game of the season he has surpassed 300 yards. It was the eighth of his career, which ranks third in program history behind Joe Burrow (15) and Jayden Daniels (9).
2. RB Josh Williams was LSU's leading rusher on the night, accounting for 96 yards on the ground with 2 TDs. He also had 4 catches for 61 yards.
 - a. Williams' two scores on the night was a career high in a single game. He had previously scored a single rushing TD in a game 14 times.
 - b. His 61 receiving yards was a career high. His career high previously was 46 vs. Army in 2023.
3. Williams sprinted 20 yards for the Tigers' opening score against Vanderbilt to tie the game at 7-7.
 - a. The rushing TD marked the 15th of Williams' LSU career and his 4th of the 2024 season.
 - b. LSU ran 8 plays, went 90 yards and took 4:30 off the clock.
 - c. The 90-yard TD drive marked the fifth 90-plus TD drive of the season for LSU.
4. Williams scampered 21 yards for his second rushing TD of the night, giving LSU the 14-7 lead with 51 seconds remaining in the first half.
 - a. The rushing TD marked the 16th of his career and 5th of the season.
 - b. LSU ran 9-plays, went 80 yards and drained 3:22 off the clock.
5. Nussmeier found WR Kyren Lacy wide open in the endzone for a 12-yard TD reception, giving LSU a 21-10 lead with 3:32 left in the 3Q.
 - a. The passing TD was Nussmeier's 23rd of the season and 34th of his career.
 - b. Lacy's TD reception was his 8th on the season and 25th of his collegiate career. The catch marked his 15th TD reception at LSU.
 - c. LSU ran 10-plays, went 77 yards and took 4:46 off the clock.
 - d. The second-half opening drive ending in a TD marked the third time LSU has scored a TD this season in that scenario.

Defense

1. LB Whit Weeks led the Tigers in tackles with 7.
 - a. Weeks tallied 2 QBHs in addition to his tackling numbers.
2. DE Bradyn Swinson and DT Shone Washington both tallied a half sack early in the 4Q to force a third and long.
 - a. Swinson's sack total improved to 8.5 on the season and 10.5 during his LSU career.
 - b. Washington recorded his first stat in the sack column while at LSU with the 4Q sack.

Special Teams

1. PK Damian Ramos went perfect on PATs (3-for-3)
 - a. Ramos consecutive PATs streak moved to 121, giving him the longest streak by a Tiger.
 - i. The record was previously held by former LSU PK Cade York, who made 118 straight PATs from 2019-21.
2. Ramos knocked through a 28-yard FG attempt to make it 24-10 LSU with 10:41 remaining in the game.
 - a. His season totals moved to 19-for-24 on the season in FG attempts.
3. P Blake Ochsendorf had two punts for 74 yards, averaging 37 per kick.