



No. 4 LSU (4-1, 1-1 SEC) vs. No. 11 Ole Miss (5-0, 3-0 SEC)

Postgame Notes

Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025 · Kickoff 2:45 p.m. CT · ABC

GAME INFORMATION

LSU Captains: LB Whit Weeks, WR Barion Brown, LB Harold Perkins Jr.

Coin Toss: Ole Miss won, received; LSU kicked

Weather: Sunny, 82 degrees

Wind: North at 9 mph

Attendance: 67,737

Brian Kelly Career Record: 317-109-2

Brian Kelly LSU Record: 33-12

Brian Kelly vs. Ole Miss: 2-2

LSU vs. Ole Miss All-Time: 66-44-4

LSU STARTERS

Offense

QB Garrett Nussmeier, RB Ju'Juan Johnson, TE Bauer Sharp, WR Zavion Thomas, WR Aaron Anderson, WR Barion Brown, LT Tyree Adams, LG Paul Mubenga, C Braelin Moore, RG Josh Thompson, RT Carius Curne

Defense

DT Bernard Gooden, DT Jacobian Guillory II, EDGE Patrick Payton, EDGE Jack Pyburn, LB West Weeks, LB Whit Weeks, STAR Harold Perkins Jr., CB Mansoor Delane, CB PJ Woodland, S A.J. Haulcy, S Tamarcus Cooley

GAME NOTES

General

- No. 4 LSU battled the No. 11 Ole Miss Rebels for the 114th time in series history Saturday afternoon with LSU falling to the home team, 24-19.
- The loss snapped a seven-game winning streak, which was the longest under Brian Kelly.
 - The seven-game winning streak marked the longest streak for the LSU program since LSU won 16 games from 2018-19. In that span, LSU began its streak with a win in the 2018 bowl season against UCF in the Fiesta Bowl and came back in 2019 to reel off 15-straight wins and win the 2020 CFP National Championship.
- LSU and Ole Miss met as unbeaten and untied foes for the first time since 1959 when then-No. 1 ranked and 7-0 LSU beat No. 3 and 6-0 Ole Miss, 7-3, on Halloween Night in Tiger Stadium.
 - The win was highlighted by Billy Cannon's 89-yard punt return that helped propel the running back to the Heisman Trophy that year, the first in program history.
 - The victory over Ole Miss in 1959 was the 19th straight for the Tigers.
 - In 2025, LSU entered the contest ranked No. 4 and with a 4-0 overall mark (1-0 in SEC). The No. 11 Rebels stood at 4-0 overall and 2-0 in league play.
- Established in 2008 after an agreement between the student governments at both schools, LSU and Ole Miss have squared off each year since then to play for the Magnolia Bowl Trophy.
 - LSU is 11-7 against the Rebels since the establishment of the trophy.
- The home team has won 12 of the last 14 meetings in the series
 - Overall, LSU has won seven of the last 10 against the Rebels and holds a 66-44-4 advantage in the series that dates back to 1894.
 - Saturday's contest marked only the sixth time the teams have met during the month of September.
 - Previously the teams met in September in 1938-39-40 and then again in 2018 and 2023. The earliest the teams have played came in 1938 when Ole Miss won, 20-7, on Sept. 24 in Tiger Stadium.
- LSU coach Brian Kelly faced Ole Miss coach Lane Kiffin for the seventh time on Saturday night.
 - BK is 4-3 vs. Kiffin, which includes a 2-2 mark as head coach at LSU.
 - Kelly and Notre Dame faced Kiffin and Southern Cal three times (2010, 2011, 2012) with Kelly and the Irish winning in 2010 and 2012.
- LSU is 24-11 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 ended 2024 6-4 in 2024 while being ranked in the top 25. In 2025, LSU is 4-1 and has been ranked in the Top 10 since the season opener.
 - Overall, LSU has played 35 of its 44 games ranked in the Top 25 under Kelly.
- With the 24-19 loss, LSU dropped to 9-4 in one score games under Brian Kelly.
- OL Carius Curne earned his first start at LSU as the Tigers' right tackle. Curne started for Weston Davis who was injured in pregame warmups.
 - Curne is the first true freshman to start for LSU this season.
- RB Ju'Juan Johnson started for the first time in an LSU uniform in the place of the injured Caden Durham. Johnson has accumulated 18 appearances since his freshman season in 2024.
- LSU played in front of the fourth-largest crowd in Vaught-Hemingway Stadium history.

GAME NOTES

Offense

1. QB Garrett Nussmeier led the passing attack for LSU against Ole Miss, connecting on 21 of his 34 attempts with 1 TD and 1 INT.
 - a. With 194 yards through the air, Nussmeier moved to No. 3 all-time in career passing yards with 6,931. Against Ole Miss, he surpassed Jayden Daniels (No. 4: 6,725) and Jeff Wickersham (No. 3: 6,921) and now only sits behind Tommy Hodson (No. 1: 9,115) and Joe Burrow (No. 2: 8,565)
2. Freshman Harlem Berry was the leading rusher for LSU, recording 7 attempts for 22 yards and the Tigers' lone rushing TD of the game.
3. LSU's second leading receiver coming into the game, Barion Brown was the top pass catcher against Ole Miss with 5 receptions for 40 yards
4. Nussmeier connected with WR Nic Anderson after a ricochet off TE Trey'Dez Green's hand to score on a 7-yard passing TD with 9:10 remaining in the first quarter.
 - a. The passing TD was Nussmeier's seventh of the season and 47th of his LSU career.
 - b. Anderson, the Oklahoma transfer, reeled in the 12th TD of his career and the second during his time in Baton Rouge.
 - c. The scoring drive went 67 yards on 5 plays and drained 2:36 from the clock.
 - i. It was LSU's second TD drive this season within 60-69 yards.
 - d. LSU got in the position to score courtesy of a 50-yard pass from Nussmeier to Zavion Thomas. It was the third-most explosive play from the Tigers in 2025. Thomas owns three explosive plays this season (1 rushing, 2 passing).
5. Freshman RB Harlem Berry scored the Tigers' second TD of the game with a 6-yard rush, slicing into the Rebel lead and making it 24-19. LSU failed the 2-point conversion.
 - a. The rushing TD for Berry was the first of his young career at LSU.
 - b. The scoring drive for LSU went 80 yards on 15 plays and took 5:58 from the game clock.
 - i. It was LSU's third TD drive this season that went within 80-89 yards.

Defense

1. The LSU defense allowed 480 total yards (166 rushing, 314 passing) and 24 points, both season highs for an LSU opponent.
2. Before an Ole Miss receiver was able to cross the goal line on the other end of a 32-yard pass, S A.J. Haulcy was able to force a fumble, which was recovered by LB Whit Weeks in the endzone for a touchback.
 - a. The forced fumble by Haulcy was the fourth of his career and the first of his LSU stint. He forced two at New Mexico and one at his most recent school of Houston.
 - b. The fumble recovery from Weeks was the first of his LSU career.
3. With 3:12 left in the 3Q, CB PJ Woodland brought down an INT and returned it 31 yards to the Rebel 47-yard line, giving the LSU offense great field position.
 - a. The INT for Woodland is the first of his collegiate career.
 - b. Woodland's INT marked the second turnover caused by the LSU defense against Ole Miss.

Special Teams

1. PK Damian Ramos was 1-for-1 in PATs.
2. P Grant Chadwick recorded 5 punts for 235 yards, averaging 47 yards per kick. Chadwick boomed 1 50-plus yard kick and had one land inside the 20-yard line.
3. Ramos nailed a 39-yard field goal with 6:02 remaining in the third quarter, cutting the Ole Miss lead to 17-10.
 - a. Ramos' career numbers moved to 52-for-67, while his season numbers improved to 7-for-9.
 - b. The scoring drive for LSU went 33 yards on 8 plays and took off 4:35 from the game clock.
 - i. It was the second time this season an LSU drive ended in a FG make that went between 30-39 yards.
4. Following a quick change on CB PJ Woodland's INT, Ramos attempted a 48-yard FG and nailed it from distance to slash the Rebel lead further to 17-13 with 0:58 seconds left in the third quarter.
 - a. Ramos' career numbers moved to 53-for-68, while his season numbers improved to 8-for-10.
 - b. The scoring drive for LSU went 16 yards on 6 plays and took off 2:14 from the game clock.
 - i. It was the third scoring drive this season that led to a FG and went between 10-19 yards.