



## No. 3 LSU (2-0) vs. Louisiana Tech (1-1)

### Postgame Notes

Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025 · Kickoff 6:32 p.m. CT · ESPN+/SECN+

#### GAME INFORMATION

**LSU Captains:** QB Garrett Nussmeier, LB Whit Weeks, S Jardin Gilbert, WR Zavion Thomas

**Coin Toss:** Tech won, deferred; LSU received

**Weather:** Clear, 86 degrees

**Wind:** North at 4 mph

**Attendance:** 101,667

**Brian Kelly Career Record:** 315-108-2

**Brian Kelly LSU Record:** 31-11

**Brian Kelly vs. La. Tech:** 1-0

**LSU vs. La. Tech All-Time:** 20-1

#### LSU STARTERS

##### Offense

WR Zavion Thomas, WR Aaron Anderson, WR Barion Brown, TE Bauer Sharp, QB Garrett Nussmeier, RB Caden Durham, LT Tyree Adams, LG Paul Mubenga, C Braelin Moore, RG Josh Thompson, RT Weston Davis

##### Defense

S Tamarcus Cooley, S A.J. Haulcy, CB Mansoor Delane, CB PJ Woodland, STAR Jardin Gilbert, LB Whit Weeks, LB West Weeks, DE Patrick Payton, DE Jimari Butler, DT Jacobian Guillory II, DT Dominick McKinley

#### GAME NOTES

##### General

- LSU is 20-1 all-time against Louisiana Tech and improved its winning streak to 17 over the Bulldogs after the Tigers' 23-7 victory Saturday night.
  - Tech's only win over LSU in the 21-game series came in 1904 by a 6-0 count.
  - LSU coach Brian Kelly is now 1-0 in his 35-year head coaching career.
- The Tigers improved their 38-game winning streak and 143-25-8 all-time mark against teams from Louisiana after defeating the Bulldogs, 23-7.
  - LSU hasn't dropped a game to a team from Louisiana since 1982 when Tulane posted a 31-28 victory over the Tigers in Tiger Stadium.
  - LSU's record against in-state schools include: 69-22-7 vs. Tulane; 22-0 vs. Louisiana-Lafayette; 20-1 vs. Louisiana Tech; 12-0 vs. Northwestern State; 4-1 vs. Loyola (New Orleans); 4-0 vs. Louisiana-Monroe; 3-1-1 vs. Centenary; 2-0 vs. Louisiana College, Southeastern and McNeese; and 1-0 against both Southern, Grambling, and Nicholls.
  - The Louisiana Tech contest marked the fifth straight year in which LSU faced a team from Louisiana.
    - LSU beat McNeese (34-7) in 2021, followed by a 65-17 win over Southern in 2022, a 72-10 victory over Grambling in 2023, and a 44-21 win vs. Nicholls last year. LSU added a 23-7 victory over Louisiana Tech in 2025. During his time at LSU, Brian Kelly is 4-0 against schools based in Louisiana.
- LSU has won 18 of the last 19 night games in Death Valley and since the turn of the century (2000-24), LSU is 113-16 in night games in Tiger Stadium.
  - LSU went 49-5 from 2000-09, 43-7 from 2010-19 and is 21-4 in those games since 2020.
  - Of the 16 losses since the start of the 2000 season, eight have come to teams ranked in the Top 10 with five of those coming to teams ranked No. 1.
  - LSU has only two non-conference losses in night games in Tiger Stadium since 2000 (UAB in 2000; Troy in 2017).
- Under LSU head coach Brian Kelly, the Tigers are 16-1 in night games in Tiger Stadium.
  - Overall, LSU has won 18 of the last 19 night games in Death Valley. The Tigers won all four of their night games in 2022, followed by a 6-0 mark in 2023. LSU went 5-1 in 2024 night games.
  - LSU's only night game loss in Tiger Stadium under Kelly came last year when No. 11 Alabama beat the Tigers, 42-13. Prior to the loss against the Crimson Tide, LSU last lost a night game in Tiger Stadium on Nov. 13, 2021 when Arkansas kicked a field goal in overtime to win, 16-13.
  - LSU's only other home loss under Kelly came during the day when then-No. 8 Tennessee posted a 40-13 win over the Tigers on Oct. 8, 2022.
- LSU and Louisiana Tech met on the gridiron 21st time Saturday night.
  - The Tigers now lead the overall series record by a wide margin of 20-1 with LSU holding a 15-0 record when these games are played in Baton Rouge.
  - The 2025 matchup was the first time both teams played since 2018 when LSU won 38-21.
  - The Tigers and Bulldogs met for just the fifth time in the 21st century. Prior to Saturday night, LSU and Louisiana Tech played the previous four matchups in Baton Rouge (2003: W, 49-10; 2007: W, 58-10; 2009: W, 24-16; 2018: W, 38-21). Before the 2003 tilt in Tiger Stadium, both teams had not battled one another for 62 years. All 16 iterations of this series occurred in 1941 and prior.

## GAME NOTES

6. Overall, LSU is 105-22-4 in home openers, which includes a 77-20-4 mark in Tiger Stadium following the Louisiana Tech game.
  - a. LSU has won 28 of its last 30 home openers dating back to a 35-34 win over Houston in 1996.
  - b. In that span, the only home opener losses came against SEC foes, falling to Tennessee, 30-27, in overtime on a Monday night in 2005 and a 44-34 setback to Mississippi State in 2020.
  - c. It was the 25th straight home opener win when facing a non-conference opponent.
7. LSU is 28-1 all-time against current members of Conference USA.
  - a. The Tigers are 20-1 against Louisiana Tech, 2-0 against New Mexico State, Middle Tennessee and Western Kentucky and 1-0 against both UTEP and Jacksonville State.
  - b. LSU hosts Western Kentucky later this year for the second Conference USA matchup for the Tigers in 2025.
8. LSU has won 19 straight and 68 of its last 69 games against non-conference opponents in Tiger Stadium.
  - a. LSU's last loss against a non-conference foe came in 2017 when Troy beat the Tigers, 24-21 on Sept. 30. Prior to that loss, LSU had won 49 straight non-conference games in Tiger Stadium, which ranks as the third-longest streak in college football history, trailing only Harvard (55 from 1890-1895) and Carlisle (54 from 1901-1915).
  - b. Before the Troy loss in 2017, LSU's last defeat in Tiger Stadium to a non-conference team came in 2000 against UAB.
9. Dating back to the 2001 season when LSU captured its first outright SEC title since 1986, the Tigers have done quite well against non-conference opponents, going 98-14 against non-SEC foes during that span.
  - a. Of the 98 wins, 22 have come against top-25 teams. Of the 14 losses, only seven have come during the regular season (2002 at Virginia Tech, 2016 vs. Wisconsin at Lambeau Field, 2017 vs. Troy, 2021 at UCLA, 2022 vs. FSU, 2023 vs. FSU, and 2024 vs. USC). The other seven losses came in bowl games (2003 Cotton Bowl vs. Texas; 2005 Capital One Bowl vs. Iowa; 2009 Capital One Bowl vs. Penn State; 2012 Chick-Fil-A Bowl vs. Clemson; 2014 Music City Bowl vs. Notre Dame; 2018 Citrus Bowl vs. Notre Dame; 2022 TaxAct Texas Bowl vs. Kansas State).
10. LSU ran its record to 14-3 against non-conference opponents under Brian Kelly following the Louisiana Tech contest. LSU went 4-1 against non-SEC foes in each of Kelly's first three seasons with the Tigers.
  - a. LSU improved its record to 2-0 against non-conference opponents in 2025.
  - b. LSU's three non-conference losses under Kelly came to Florida State (2022 and 2023) and Southern Cal (2024).
11. DE Jimari Butler, S A.J. Haulcy, and DT Dominick McKinley made their first career start in an LSU uniform against Louisiana Tech.
  - a. Butler made 16 starts during his four-year career at Nebraska, while Haulcy started 33 times at the University of Houston. McKinley, a true sophomore, has been with LSU since 2024.
12. Transfer CB Ja'Keem Jackson saw action for the first time at LSU.
  - a. Jackson played two seasons at Florida and made two career starts during his time as a Gator.
13. Three freshmen Tigers saw action for the first time at LSU including OL Carius Curne, S Jacob Bradford, DT Brandon Brown.
14. Starting C Braelin Moore exited the game with an injury following the first play of the night.
15. TE Trey'Dez Green left the game early in the fourth quarter due to injury.

### Offense

1. QB Garrett Nussmeier led the way for the Tigers' passing attack, going 26-for-41 with 237 passing yards, 1 TD, and 1 INT.
2. Freshman RB Harlem Berry ended the night with 56 yards on the ground in 6 attempts, the most by an LSU running back against Louisiana Tech. Berry's longest rush on the night was 43 yards on LSU's second-to-last offensive drive of the night.
  - a. WR Zavion Thomas, who was a part of the passing attack at Clemson, got into the rushing gameplan against the Bulldogs. He rushed for 54 yards on 6 attempts.
  - b. RB Caden Durham carried the ball 13 times for 29 yards.
3. WR Barion Brown led the Tiger receivers on Saturday night. He caught the ball 8 times on 10 targets for 94 yards.
  - a. WR Aaron Anderson (8 catches, 73 yards) and WR Zavion Thomas (4 catches, 35 yards) had the other strong performances of the receiving corps.
  - b. Barion Brown earned the game ball from head coach Brian Kelly.
4. Nussmeier found WR Nic Anderson in the endzone for a 7-yard TD catch and score, taking the 7-0 lead with 12 seconds remaining in the first quarter.
  - a. The TD pass was Nussmeier's second of the season and 42nd of his LSU career.
  - b. Anderson, who transferred from Oklahoma, caught his first TD as a Tiger. It was the 11th TD reception of his 3-plus seasons in college football.
  - c. The Tigers ran 11 plays and went 98 yards with the drive draining 5:37 from the game clock.
  - d. The 98-yard scoring drive was LSU's longest by yardage since Sept. 28, 2024 vs. South Alabama (99 yards on 12 plays).
5. RB Caden Durham added to the Tigers point total with a 3-yard rush that took LSU's lead to 17-0 with 1:58 remaining in the third quarter.
  - a. The TD rush for Durham was his second of the season and eighth of his career.
  - b. The LSU offense drove 33 yards on 6 plays and took 3:16 off the game clock.

## GAME NOTES

### Defense

1. The LSU defense had a second-straight impressive performance on the defensive side of the ball, holding Tech to 7 points and 154 total yards (58 rushing, 96 passing).
2. LB Davhon Keys led the Tiger defense with 11 tackles.
  - a. The 11 tackles for Keys was a career high (previous: 10 vs. Oklahoma, 2024)
3. LB duo West Weeks and Whit Weeks, who made a second straight start together, combined to sack the Bulldog QB with 5:14 left in the third quarter.
  - a. West's career sack total increased to 3, while Whit's increased to 4.5. West recorded one sack at Virginia and 2 at LSU.
4. DE Jack Pyburn and S Jardin Gilbert combined to sack the Bulldog QB for the second time midway through the fourth quarter.
  - a. Pyburn and Gilbert's sack total increased to 1.5 on their career.

### Special Teams

1. PK Damian Ramos was a perfect 2-for-2 on PATs.
2. P Grant Chadwick recorded 3 punts for 126 total yards, averaging 42 yards per kick.
3. Ramos attempted a 51-yard FG with 8:06 remaining in the first quarter and missed the mark wide right.
  - a. Ramos' totals for the season moved to 1-for-3. His career totals are 46-of-61.
4. Ramos knocked through a 23-yard FG with 6:24 remaining in the first half to give LSU the 10-0 lead.
  - a. Ramos' totals for the season moved to 2-for-4. His career totals are 47-of-62.
  - b. The scoring drive went for 85 yards on 13 plays and took 5:07 off the game clock.
5. With 11:14 left in the contest, Ramos nailed a 46-yard FG to put LSU in front, 20-0, over the Bulldogs.
  - a. Ramos' totals for the season moved to 3-for-5. His career totals are 48-of-63.
  - b. LSU's scoring drive went for 38 yards on 11 plays and took off 4:36 from the clock.
6. For Ramos' fourth FG attempt of the night, he hit a 19-yarder to give LSU the 23-7 advantage with 1:56 left in the game.
  - a. Ramos' totals for the season moved to 4-for-6. His career totals are 49-of-64.
  - b. The Tigers' scoring drive went 48 yards on 6 plays with 1:57 coming off the game clock.
  - c. Ramos' fourth FG attempt of the game matched his career high.
    - i. Ramos has attempted four FGs in a game four times and last attempted four FGs at Florida in 2024.