



No. 3 LSU (3-0, 1-0 SEC) vs. Florida (1-2, 0-1 SEC)
Postgame Notes
Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025 · Kickoff 6:44 p.m. CT · ABC

GAME INFORMATION

LSU Captains: QB Garrett Nussmeier, LB Whit Weeks, C Braelin Moore, DE Jack Pyburn

Coin Toss: Florida won, deferred; LSU received

Weather: Clear, 91 degrees

Wind: Northeast at 5 mph

Attendance: 102,158

Brian Kelly Career Record: 316-108-2

Brian Kelly LSU Record: 32-11

Brian Kelly vs. Florida: 3-1

LSU vs. Florida All-Time: 35-34-3

LSU STARTERS

Offense

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

Defense

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

GAME NOTES

General

- LSU defeated Florida, 20-10, in Tiger Stadium to move to 3-0 on the season and 1-0 in conference play. LSU improved to 3-0 for the first time since 2019.
 - LSU has won six of the last seven meetings with Florida, including four-straight in Tiger Stadium.
 - Prior to 2024's 27-16 loss in Gainesville, LSU rattled off five-straight wins in the series, which was LSU's longest winning streak in the 72-game series.
 - In the last 22 meetings from 2004-2025, LSU is 15-7 against the Gators. Prior to that, in 20 games from 1984-2003, Florida posted a 15-4-1 mark against the Tigers.
 - LSU is 20-17 all-time in Baton Rouge, which includes a 2-0 mark under Brian Kelly.
- LSU and Florida have met every year since 1971 and the Gators hold a 28-25-2 mark in the 55 games during that span. LSU and Florida were also cross-divisional opponents when the league adopted the divisional format in 1992.
 - LSU hasn't lost back-to-back games against Florida since 2008-09.
- LSU has won five-straight SEC openers and brings a 58-30-5 all-time mark in league openers.
 - LSU coach Brian Kelly is 4-0 in SEC openers at LSU, beating Mississippi State in 2022 and 2023, South Carolina in 2024, and Florida in 2025.
 - Kelly is the second LSU coach to win his 1st four SEC openers, joining Gerry DiNardo, who did from 1995-98.
 - LSU last lost an SEC opener in 2020 when Mississippi State beat the Tigers, 44-34, in the season-opener of the Covid-shortened season.
 - Since 2000, LSU has won 19 SEC openers, including a streak of seven wins from 2007-2013.
- LSU has won 19 of the last 20 night games in Death Valley and since the turn of the century (2000-24), LSU is 114-16 in night games in Tiger Stadium.
 - LSU went 49-5 from 2000-09, 43-7 from 2010-19 and is 22-4 in those games since 2020.
 - Of the 16 losses since the start of the 2000 season, 8 have come to teams ranked in the Top 10 with five of those coming to teams ranked No. 1.
- Under LSU head coach Brian Kelly, the Tigers are 17-1 in night games in Tiger Stadium.
 - Overall, LSU has won 19 of the last 20 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 and is 2-0 in 2025.
 - 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 has an overall mark of 32-11 under head coach Brian Kelly since he took the LSU job prior to the 2022 season.
 - LSU went 10-4 and captured the SEC Western Division title in 2022 followed by a 10-3 mark in 2023. Last year, LSU posted a 9-4 overall mark.
 - LSU has won all three bowl games under Kelly and holds a 3-0 record in 2025.

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- Under fourth-year head coach Brian Kelly, LSU is 18-7 in Southeastern Conference matchups.
 - Kelly went 6-2 in 2022 and 2023, while his 2024 team finished with a 5-3 SEC record.
 - LSU began its SEC slate against Florida in Tiger Stadium.
 - Under Kelly, LSU is 11-2 at home in conference matchups.
 - The Tigers opened the SEC slate against Florida for the first time since Oct. 7, 1989, when the Gators won a 16-13 decision in Baton Rouge.
 - In SEC openers, LSU has a 12-7-1 against Florida in 20 contests.
- Freshman LB Zach Weeks saw action for the first time against Florida.
- Sophomore RB Joseph Eburn saw his first action as a Tiger on punt return.
- LB Whit Weeks was flagged for targeting in the first quarter just three minutes into the game. The penalty carried an ejection and Weeks missed the remainder of the contest.
- For the first time in LSU history, a trio of brothers played in the same game. LBs Whit, West, and Zach all saw playing time at the linebacker position for the Tigers.

Offense

- QB Garrett Nussmeier led the LSU passing attack, going 15-for-27 for 220 yards, one TD, and one INT.
- RB Caden Durham paced the Tigers' rushing offense with 93 yards on 15 attempts. Durham ripped off a 51-yard run late in the fourth to give LSU the opportunity to kneel the ball and close the game out with a victory.
- WR Aaron Anderson was the Tigers' receiving leader with 75 yards.
 - Six receivers caught a pass and two Tigers (Sharp and Anderson) had 70-plus receiving yards. Sharp had a 65-yard reception, a career-long for the TE, whose previous long was 35 at Auburn in 2024.
- Nussmeier found WR Zavion Thomas in the endzone for a 23-yard TD with 7:33 remaining in the first half. The passing TD gave LSU the 10-3 lead following Damian Ramos' point-after attempt.
 - The TD pass was Nussmeier's 3rd of the season and 43rd of his career at LSU.
 - The TD reception for Thomas was the fourth of his career and the 3rd he has reeled in at LSU. Thomas caught one TD at Mississippi State.
 - The scoring drive for the Tigers went 10 plays for 76 yards and drained 4:03 from the clock.
 - The 76 yard drive marked the Tigers' second TD drive between 70 and 79 yards.

Defense

- LB Davhon Keys had back-to-back stellar performances, leading the Tigers in tackles for the second-straight game. Keys made 14 tackles on the night, which was a career high for the true sophomore.
- S Dashawn Spears picked off Gator QB DJ Lagway with just under six minutes on the game clock in the first quarter.
 - The INT was Spears' first of his LSU career.
- Spears returned the ball 12 yards, and the LSU offense took over at the LSU 38.
- First-year S transfer from Houston A.J. Haulcy intercepted Lagway for the Tigers' second time on the night.
 - Haulcy's INT was the 1st of his LSU career and the 8th of his collegiate career. He picked off a pass twice at New Mexico and five times at Houston.
 - The INT put LSU in Gator territory at the UF 40. The Tigers would end up with a half-ending FG that gave LSU the 13-10 halftime lead.
- Spears intercepted Lagway for the second time midway through the third quarter and returned for a 58-yard pick six. The momentous INT gave LSU the 20-10 lead.
 - The INT was Spears' second of the season and the second of his LSU career.
 - The last time LSU had at least 3 INTs was against Purdue in the 2023 Cheez-It Citrus Bowl.
 - The three intercepting players for the Tigers were Greg Brooks Jr. (No return), Jarrick Bernard-Converse (23-yard return), and Quad Wilson (99-yard return).
 - The three INTs for LSU was the first in an SEC game since 2021 vs. Florida. LSU picked off the Gators four times and racked up 117 yards total on returns.
 - The four intercepting players for the Tigers were Damone Clark (No return), Micah Baskerville (54-yard return), Jay Ward (26-yard return), and Dwight McGlothorn (37-yard pick six).
- The last time LSU had a player intercept the ball twice in a single game was 2023 vs. Army (Andre' Sam).
- EDGE Patrick Payton and LB Davhon Keys combined to record the Tigers' first sack of the game during Florida's first drive of the second half.
 - Payton added to his sack numbers for the first time at LSU, while Keys statistically recorded his second career sack (had 1.5 coming into the Florida game). Payton's career sack total increased to 3.5.
- DT Jacobian Guillory II recorded a sack with 6:24 remaining in the third quarter.
 - The unassisted sack was the first of his LSU career. He recorded an assisted sack during his second season in 2021.
- Late in the fourth quarter, S Tamarcus Cooley recorded LSU's fourth INT of the game in the endzone, joining Spears and Haulcy.

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- a. The INT was Cooley's fourth career takeaway and the first of his LSU stint.
 - b. Cooley recorded three INTs during his time at NC State in 2024.
 - c. The four INTs for LSU was the first in a game since 2021 vs. Florida. LSU racked up 117 yards total on returns.
9. Freshman CB DJ Pickett joined the defensive party, picking off Lagway for the fifth time, closing in on the two-minute timeout.
- a. Pickett's INT was the first of his LSU career.
 - b. The last time LSU intercepted the opponent five times in a game was vs. Ole Miss in 2020.
 - c. The intercepting players included Jabril Cox (14-yard return), Jay Ward (2x; 47 yards in returns), Ali Gaye (no return), and Todd Harris Jr. (13-yard return).

Special Teams

1. PK Damian Ramos was a perfect 2-for-2 on PATs.
2. P Grant Chadwick had an impressive punting performance, kicking 7 times for 353 yards and averaging 50.4 per punt.
 - a. Chadwick boomed a 58-yard punt late in the first quarter to pin the Gator offense inside their own 10-yard line at the UF 6. The 58-yard punt was career-long at LSU. The first-year transfer from Middle Tennessee hit a 60-yard punt at MTSU.
3. At the start of the second quarter, Ramos attempted a 47-yard FG to tie the game at 3 apiece.
 - a. Ramos' season totals moved to 5-for-7, while his career totals improved to 50-for-65.
 - b. With 50 career FGs made under his belt, Ramos is now tied with John Corbello (1999-2002) at No. 4 on LSU's all-time list. The LSU record holder is David Browndyke who made 61 in his four-year career.
 - c. The scoring drive for the Tigers went 6 plays for 14 yards and took 2:49 off the clock.
4. Following a quick change courtesy of A.J. Haulcy's INT near the end of the first half, Ramos knocked through a 45-yard FG to give LSU the 13-10 advantage.
 - a. Ramos' season totals moved to 6-for-8, while his career totals improved to 51-for-66.
 - b. The FG marked his 51st career made FG, giving Ramos sole possession of No. 4 on the all-time LSU list.
 - c. The scoring drive for the Tigers went for 3 plays on 12 yards and took 23 seconds off the clock, ending the first half.
 - d. With 8 points scored by kicking against Florida, Ramos moved up to No. 2 on LSU's all-time list for career points by kicking (332).