



## No. 11 LSU (5-1, 2-1 SEC) vs. South Carolina (3-3, 1-2 SEC)

### Postgame Notes

Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025 • Kickoff 6:55 p.m. CT • SEC Network

#### GAME INFORMATION

**LSU Captains:** LB Whit Weeks, OL DJ Chester

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

**Weather:** Clear, 77 degrees

**Wind:** Northeast at 2 mph

**Attendance:** 101,921

**Brian Kelly Career Record:** 318-109-2

**Brian Kelly LSU Record:** 34-12

**Brian Kelly vs. South Carolina:** 2-0

**LSU vs. SC All-Time:** 21-2-1

#### LSU STARTERS

##### Offense

QB Garrett Nussmeier, RB Caden Durham, WR Nic Anderson, WR Kyle Parker, TE Bauer Sharp, TE Trey'Dez Green, LT Tyree Adams, LG Coen Echols, C Braelin Moore, RG Josh Thompson, RT Weston Davis

##### Defense

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

#### GAME NOTES

##### General

1. LSU defeated South Carolina, 20-10, on Oct. 11, playing the Gamecocks in the program's 98th homecoming game, which dates back to 1922 when LSU won 25-14 against Tulane on Nov. 30.
  - a. LSU's record in homecoming matchups improved to 70-25-3.
  - b. The LSU program is currently riding a 8-game winning streak in homecoming contests.
  - c. Kalayna Walker of Gilbert, Ariz. and T'Senre Gray of Lansing, Mich., were named the 2025 LSU Homecoming Queen and King, respectively. The selection was announced at the halftime ceremony of the LSU-South Carolina game.
2. LSU has won 9 straight and holds a 21-2-1 lead in the series against the Gamecocks.
  - a. LSU's winning streak dates back to a 38-14 win in Tiger Stadium in 2002.
  - b. Last year, LSU rallied from a 17-0 first half deficit to beat the Gamecocks, 36-33, in Columbia.
  - c. LSU is 14-1 all-time against South Carolina in Tiger Stadium with the Gamecocks' only win coming in 1994 by an 18-17 count.
  - d. The last tie in LSU football history came against South Carolina when the teams battled to a 20-20 deadlock on Sept. 30, 1995 in Columbia. The NCAA adopted the overtime rule the following year.
3. LSU has won 21 of the last 22 night games in Death Valley and since the turn of the century (2000-24), LSU is 116-16 in night games in Tiger Stadium.
  - a. LSU went 49-5 from 2000-09, 43-7 from 2010-19 and is 24-4 in those games since 2020.
  - b. 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).
4. LSU is 20-1 in night games in Death Valley under head coach Brian Kelly.
  - a. The Tigers have won all 4 night games in Tiger Stadium this year after going 4-1 at night in Death Valley in 2024. LSU went 5-0 in home night games in 2022 and followed that with a 6-0 mark in 2023.
  - b. LSU's only night game loss in Tiger Stadium under BK came against Alabama last year by a 42-13 margin. Prior to the Alabama loss, LSU last dropped a night game in Tiger Stadium on Nov. 13, 2021 when Arkansas kicked a field goal in overtime to win, 16-13.
5. LSU ran its overall record in Tiger Stadium to 23-2 under Brian Kelly with the win over South Carolina on Oct. 11.
  - a. LSU is 4-0 at home this year after posting a 6-1 mark in 2024.
  - b. In 25 home games under BK, LSU's only two losses have come against then-No. 8 Tennessee (40-13 in 2022) and then-No. 11 Alabama (42-13 in 2024).
  - c. The 23-2 mark ties Bernie Moore for the best record in the first 25 home games of an LSU coach's career. Moore has the best opening 25-game stretch in school history, going 23-2 during that span. Les Miles went 22-3 over his first 25 games in Tiger Stadium.
6. LSU is 9-3 under head coach Brian Kelly in games following a loss.
  - a. The Tigers are 6-1 in games after a loss when the following contest is played in Tiger Stadium.
  - b. LSU went 3-1 in those games in 2022, 3-0 in 2023 and 2-2 a year ago.

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7. LSU is 25-11 in games it has played as a Top 25 team under head coach Brian Kelly.
  - a. The Tigers were 4-3 in 2022 as a ranked team, followed by a 10-3 mark in 2023. LSU ended 6-4 in 2024 while being ranked in the top 25.
  - b. In 2025, LSU is 5-1 and has been ranked in the Top 15 since the season opener. Overall, LSU has played 36 of its 45 games ranked in the Top 25 under Kelly.
8. Under fourth-year head coach Brian Kelly, LSU is 19-8 in Southeastern Conference matchups.
  - a. Kelly went 6-2 in 2022 and 2023, while his 2024 team finished with a 5-3 SEC record. LSU is 2-1 in conference games in 2025.
  - b. Under Kelly, LSU is 12-2 in conference matchups at Tiger Stadium.
  - c. LSU is 2-0 against South Carolina during Brian Kelly's tenure at LSU.
9. Brian Kelly, now in his fourth year at LSU and 35th overall, is the winningest active college football coach no matter the division with 318 on-field wins. Kelly's overall mark stands at 318-109-2.
  - a. He's the winningest coach in Notre Dame history (113 wins) in 12 years. He won 118 games and two Division II national titles in 13 years at Grand Valley State. He followed that with 19 wins in three years at Central Michigan and 34 victories in three seasons at Cincinnati.
10. LSU has an overall mark of 34-12 under head coach Brian Kelly since he took the LSU job prior to the 2022 season.
  - a. 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.
  - b. LSU has won all three bowl games under Kelly and holds a 5-1 record in 2025.
11. Redshirt freshman Coen Echols earned his first start at LSU at the left guard position on the offensive line.

### Offense

1. QB Garrett Nussmeier led the passing attack again for LSU against South Carolina, connecting 20-of-33 pass attempts for 254 yards, 2 TDs and 2 INTs.
  - a. With 254 passing yards, Nussmeier (7,185) surpassed 7,000 career passing yards, becoming the third LSU QB to do so. He joined Tommy Hodson (9,115) and Joe Burrow (8,565)
  - b. Nussmeier's 20 completions moved him into third on LSU's all-time list for career completions. He now trails Hodson (674) and Burrow (621) only with 601 completions.
2. TE Trey'Dez Green led the LSU receivers with 119 yards on 8 receptions, both career highs for the sophomore (previous: 53 yards on 6 receptions vs. Baylor). Green caught one pass from Nuss for a TD.
  - a. Green is the 1st LSU tight end with 100+ receiving yards in a game since Chris Hill (5 rec., 104 yards) vs. Southern Miss on Nov. 12, 1994.
  - b. WR Kyle Parker caught Nussmeier's second TD pass of the evening.
3. RB Caden Durham led the ground game for LSU with 70 yards on 15 attempts.
  - a. RB Ju'Juan Johnson ripped off LSU's longest rush of the season with a 56-yard run to the Gamecock 11-yard line.
  - b. LSU eclipsed 150 rushing yards for the first time since playing at Arkansas on Oct. 19, 2024.
4. Nussmeier found TE Trey'Dez Green on a 6-yard TD pass to the back left corner of the endzone to retake the 10-7 lead with 13:01 remaining in the first half.
  - a. The TD pass was Nussmeier's 8th of the season and 48th of his LSU career.
  - b. Green reeled in his 2nd TD reception of the season and the 6th of his career.
    - i. Green is now tied for No. 4 in career TD receptions by an LSU TE with 6. He joins Mason Taylor, Foster Moreau, Eric Edwards and Brian Kinchen. The program record is 10 by Richard Dickson and Brad Boyd.
  - c. Of his 18 career receptions at the time, Green has caught 6 TDs.
  - d. The scoring drive went 57 yards on 6 plays and drained 2:19 from the game clock.
  - e. The 57-yard scoring drive was the 4th TD LSU has scored within 50-59 yards this season.
5. Nussmeier connected with WR Kyle Parker on a 43-yard score to jump in front once again with 6:38 left in the third quarter.
  - a. Nussmeier's TD pass was his 9th of the season and the 49th of his career.
  - b. Parker caught his 3rd TD pass at LSU and his 2nd on the season.
  - c. The scoring drive went 75 yards on 4 plays and took 2:01 off the game clock.
  - d. The 75-yard TD drive marked the 4th TD drive this season within 70-79 yards.

### Defense

1. The LSU defense held its opponent to 10 or fewer points for the 5th time this season. Overall, the defense held the Gamecocks to 317 total yards (124 pass, 193 rush).
  - a. LSU recorded 5 sacks against South Carolina (Harold Perkins Jr., Whit Weeks, DJ Pickett and Bernard Gooden). Patrick Payton and Jack Pyburn combined to record the 5th sack.
2. S A.J. Haulcy was the top tackler for LSU against South Carolina with 11.
3. On South Carolina's first play from scrimmage, QB LaNorris Sellers fumbled the snap and LSU DE Patrick Payton recovered it at the

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SC 17 yard line to give the Tigers prime field position with 13:16 left in the first quarter.

a. The fumble recovery for Payton was the first of his collegiate career (4 at FSU, 1 at LSU).

4. LSU collected its second takeaway on S Tamarcus Cooley's INT with 4:37 remaining in the first half. Cooley intercepted the ball at the LSU 20 to give the Tigers the ball back.

a. The INT for Cooley was the 5th of his collegiate career and the 2nd during his time at LSU. Cooley picked three balls in his lone season at NC State.

5. Late in the first half, LB Harold Perkins Jr. was credited with a sack after hurrying Sellers in a decision and was penalized for intentional grounding. The sack resulted in a 20-yard loss due to the penalty that was enforced.

a. Perkins' career sack totals increased to 15, while his season total improved to 2.

6. Right before the half ended, LSU DEs Patrick Payton and Jack Pyburn combined to sack Sellers for an 8-yard loss with 10 seconds left in the half.

a. Pyburn's career total increased to 2.5, while Payton's improved to 17.

b. This season, Pyburn has 1.5 and Payton has 1.

7. With 10:21 remaining in the game, DT Bernard Gooden pressured Sellers again to induce another intentional grounding, which statistically resulted in a sack for 13 yards.

a. Gooden's sack was the 3rd of his career and the 1st during his time at LSU.

8. LB Whit Weeks sacked Sellers on a fourth-and-long for a loss of 2 to force a punt with 9:29 remaining in the game.

a. The sack increased his career total to 5.5, while increasing his season total to 1.5.

9. Freshman DJ Pickett collected his first career sack on the final defensive drive of the game, bringing down Sellers for a 12-yard loss with 1:25 left in the game.

### Special Teams

1. PK Damian Ramos went a perfect 2-for-2 on PATs.

2. P Grant Chadwick recorded 4 punts for 220 yards, averaging 55 per kick.

a. Chadwick launched his career high against South Carolina, booming one of his kicks 71 yards down the field.

3. After the LSU defense recovered a fumbled snap deep in Gamecock territory, Ramos was able to knock through a 28-yard FG to give LSU the early lead with 11:52 remaining in the opening quarter.

a. The FG moved Ramos' career numbers to 54-for-69 and his season numbers improved to 9-for-11.

b. With that FG, Ramos was tied for second all-time in LSU history for career FGs made on 69 attempts. He joined Colt David (72 attempts) and Cade York (66 attempts).

c. The scoring drive went 7 yards on 4 plays and took 1:24 off the game clock. The drive marked the first scoring drive this season within 0-9 yards for LSU.

4. With 1:50 left in the 4Q, Ramos attempted a 22-yard FG and nailed it to give LSU the 20-10, two-possession lead.

a. The FG moved Ramos' career numbers to 55-for-70 and his season numbers improved to 10-for-12.

b. With that FG, Ramos moved into sole possession of second in LSU history for career FGs made. The LSU record holder is David Brownadyke (61).

c. Ramos is 11 points away from establishing a school record in total points scored by kicking. He has 353 and the school record holder Colt David has 363.

d. The scoring drive went 64 yards on 10 plays and drained 3:56 from the game clock. The drive marked the 1st drive that resulted in a FG that went within 60-69 yards.