



LSU (6-4, 3-4 SEC) vs. Arkansas (2-8, 0-6 SEC)

Postgame Notes

Saturday, Nov. 15, 2025 • Kickoff 11:47 a.m. CT • SEC Network

GAME INFORMATION

LSU Captains: WR Barion Brown, QB Michael Van Buren Jr., LB Harold Perkins Jr., B Garrett Nussmeier, DT Bernard Gooden

Coin Toss: LSU won, deferred; Arkansas received

Weather: Sunny, 76 degrees

Wind: Southwest at 8 mph

Attendance: 100,212

Frank Wilson Career Record: 27-41

Frank Wilson's LSU Record: 1-1

Frank Wilson vs. Arkansas: 1-0

LSU vs. Arkansas All-Time: 46-23-2

LSU STARTERS

Offense

QB Michael Van Buren Jr., RB Harlem Berry, WR Zavion Thomas, WR Barion Brown, TE Bauer Sharp, TE Trey'Dez Green, LT Carius Curne, LG Coen Echols, C Braelin Moore, RG Josh Thompson, RT Ory Williams

Defense

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

GAME NOTES

General

1. LSU defeated Arkansas, 23-22, inside Tiger Stadium to move to 6-4 on the season and 3-4 in league play.

a. It was the second time in the SEC era (since 1933) that LSU had trailed by 10-plus after the first quarter and led at halftime.

2. The matchup between the Tigers and Razorbacks returned to its traditional November slot after being played in October each of the past two seasons.

a. LSU leads the all-time series, 46-23-2, and has claimed 8 of the last 9 meetings.

b. Since Arkansas joined the SEC in 1992, the teams have met annually, with the contest serving as the regular-season finale from 1992–2013 before schedule changes shifted the matchup earlier in the fall.

c. Saturday's game marked the 71st meeting between the two programs in the "Battle for the Boot."

3. LSU has won 4 straight and 9 of the past 10 meetings with Arkansas dating back to a 38-10 victory in Fayetteville in 2016.

a. Saturday's contest marked the 71st overall between the teams with LSU holding a 46-23-2 advantage in the series that dates back to 1901 when the Tigers posted a 15-0 win in Baton Rouge.

b. Since Arkansas joined the SEC in 1992, LSU is 22-11 against the Razorbacks, which includes a 13-4 mark at Tiger Stadium.

c. Of the 34 games played between the teams as SEC foes, 16 ended in one-score games, including 5 of the last 6 meetings.

d. Prior to Arkansas joining the SEC, the teams played 23 times from 1913-36 in Shreveport, La., as part of the State Fair Classic. LSU and Arkansas also met twice in the Cotton Bowl – the first being what's dubbed the "Ice Bowl" on Jan. 1, 1947 as the teams battled to a scoreless tie. LSU beat No. 2-ranked Arkansas, 14-7, in the 1966 Cotton Bowl. The teams didn't play again until Arkansas joined the SEC in 1992.

4. LSU has won 24 of its last 27 games in Tiger Stadium since the start of the 2022 season.

a. All three of LSU's losses during that span have come against Top 25 teams, including losses to No. 8 Tennessee in 2022; No. 11 Alabama in 2024; and No. 3 Texas A&M in 2025.

b. LSU hasn't lost to an unranked team in Tiger Stadium since 2021 when Arkansas posted a 16-13 overtime win over the Tigers.

5. Saturday's 11:45 a.m. kickoff marked only the 17th time LSU has had a pre-noon start in Tiger Stadium history.

a. The Tigers are 13-4 all-time in pre-noon kickoffs in Tiger Stadium.

b. The last time LSU had a prenoon kickoff in Death Valley came in November 2023 when the Tigers defeated Texas A&M 42-30.

c. LSU is 2-0 against Arkansas in pre-noon kickoffs in Tiger Stadium as the Tigers beat the Razorbacks, 33-10, in 2017 in an 11:02 a.m. kick on ESPN.

6. First introduced prior to the 1996 season, LSU and Arkansas have faced each other every year for the Golden Boot, a 24-karat gold, 200-pound trophy molded to resemble the states of Louisiana and Arkansas.

a. The Boot is valued at over \$10,000 and is believed to be one of the heaviest trophies awarded in a college football rivalry.

b. Since being introduced in 1996, LSU has won the Boot 21 times, while the

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Razorbacks have won the game and taken possession of the trophy 9 times.

c. The Boot sat on the LSU sideline during the game on Saturday.

7. Frank Wilson became the fourth interim head coach in the SEC Era of LSU football when he was named to the post a day after the Texas A&M game.

a. Wilson joined Hal Hunter (1999), Ed Orgeron (2016) and Brad Davis (2021) as interim head coaches in program history.

b. LSU interim head coaches have a record of 7-4 (Oregon, 5-2; Hunter, 1-0; Davis, 0-1, Wilson 1-1).

8. An interim LSU head coach coached against Arkansas for the third time on Saturday, Nov. 15.

a. LSU interim head coaches are 3-0 against Arkansas.

b. Hal Hunter and the Tigers upset the No. 17 Razorbacks, 35-10, in the 1999 season-finale in Tiger Stadium, while Ed Orgeron beat No. 25 Arkansas, 35-10, in Fayetteville in 2016.

9. LSU QB Michael Van Buren Jr. earned his first start at LSU against Arkansas. This marked the ninth start of his collegiate career with the other eight coming at Mississippi State in his freshman season.

a. QB Garrett Nussmeier was ruled out in pregame warmups.

10. OT Ory Williams started along the offensive line for the first time in his LSU career.

Offense

1. QB Michael Van Buren Jr. led the LSU passing attack against Arkansas by connecting on 21-of-31 passes for 221 yards and 1 TD.

a. Ju'Juan Johnson attempted his first career pass and connected with Trey'Dez Green for 14 yards.

b. WR Zavion Thomas also recorded one pass attempt on a double pass that wasn't converted down the field.

2. LSU had three rushers go for 35-plus yards, but sophomore RB Caden Durham led the way with 65 yards on 12 rushing attempts (5.4 ypc). Freshman RB Harlem Berry had another successful game in his opening season at LSU with 52 yards on 11 attempts (4.7 ypc). Van Buren Jr. also recorded 10 attempts for 36 yards.

3. WR Zavion Thomas led the LSU receiving corps against the Razorbacks with 6 catches for 80 yards.

4. On the Tigers' first play of the second quarter, RB Caden Durham burst through the line of scrimmage and converted on a 27-yard rushing TD, cutting into the 14-7 deficit with 14:54 left in the first half.

a. The rushing TD by Durham was his third of the season and the ninth of his LSU career. It was Durham's first rushing TD since the Louisiana Tech game on Sept. 6, 2025.

b. The scoring drive went 75 yards on 9 plays and took 4:12 off the game clock.

c. The 75-yard drive was the 10th TD drive this season within 70-79 yards.

5. With 7:53 left in the contest, Van Buren Jr. found TE Bauer Sharp in the back right of the endzone to tie the ballgame at 22. Ramos converted the PAT to give LSU the 23-22 lead.

a. The TD pass for Van Buren Jr. was the 8th of his career and his 1st at the helm of the Tiger offense.

b. Sharp's TD reception was 8th of his career and the 2nd during his time at LSU.

c. The scoring drive went 92 yards on 12 plays and drained 6:17 from the game clock.

d. The 92-yard TD drive was the 3rd this season within 90-99 yards.

Defense

1. The LSU defense allowed 22 points (14 1H, 8 2H) against the Arkansas Razorbacks on Nov. 15. The Razorbacks recorded 340 total yards (175 rushing, 165 passing) on the day.

2. S Tamarcus Cooley and A.J. Haulcy both led the Tigers in tackles with 8.

3. DE Jack Pyburn got the Tigers' defense started on the Razorbacks first drive by recovering a fumble in LSU territory at the Tiger 26-yard line. The Arkansas RB mishandled the handoff from QB Taylen Green.

a. The fumble recovery by Pyburn was the first of his career.

4. Following Ramos' FG to cut the Arkansas lead to 4, LB Harold Perkins Jr. intercepted QB Taylen Green on the very next play to give LSU prime field position at the Razorback 30-yard line.

a. The INT for Perkins was the fourth of his career and his second in 2025.

5. On the following defensive drive after Damian Ramos cut the lead to one, Perkins (-6 yards) and S Dashawn Spears (-9 yards) both picked up a sack forcing the Razorbacks to go three-and-out.

a. Perkins' sack total increased to 17 in his career and 4 on the season. Spears' sack was the first of his LSU career.

6. CB Mansoor Delane recorded LSU's third takeaway of the game with an interception in the endzone while Arkansas was driving at the end of the first half. LSU had possession of the ball at the 25 with 33 seconds. The Tigers would drive down the field and take the lead with a 42-yard FG to end the half.

a. The INT for Delane was the 8th of his career and his second at LSU.

7. DE Dylan Carpenter collected LSU's third sack of the day after QB Taylen Green was charged with intentional grounding on Carpenter's hurry of the Razorback QB.

a. The sack was Carpenter's second of the season and the second of his career.

8. DT Bernard Gooden and DE CJ Jackson combined to sack QB Taylen Green for a fourth time heading into the 4Q.

a. Gooden's sack total increased to 4 in his career and 2 on the season. Jackson's sack was the first of his LSU career.

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Special Teams

1. PK Damian Ramos went a perfect 2-for-2 on PATs.
2. P Grant Chadwick had 5 punts for 188 yards. He averaged 37.6 yards per kick.
3. Ramos nailed a 50-yard FG with 7:02 remaining in the first half to cut into the Razorback's 14-10 lead.
 - a. Ramos' career numbers improved to 63-for-80, while his season totals moved to 18-for-22.
 - b. The scoring drive went 49 yards on 10 plays and took 5:55 off the game clock.
 - c. The 49-yard drive was the 5th this season within 40-49 yards ending with a FG.
4. On LSU's ensuing drive after the Harold Perkins Jr. INT, Ramos converted on a 42-yard FG to make it 14-13 with 5:08 remaining in the half.
 - a. Ramos' career numbers improved to 64-for-81, while his season totals moved to 19-for-23.
 - b. The scoring drive went 5 yards on 4 plays and took 0:30 off the game clock.
 - c. The 5-yard drive was the 2nd this season within 0-9 yards ending with a FG.
5. At the end of the first half, Ramos knocked through his third FG of the day with a 42-yard kick to give LSU the 16-14 lead at the break.
 - a. Ramos' career numbers improved to 65-for-82, while his season totals moved to 20-for-24.
 - b. The scoring drive went 55 yards on 5 plays and took 0:30 off the game clock.
 - c. The 55-yard drive was the 2nd this season within 50-59 yards ending with a FG.