



LSU (7-4) vs. Western Kentucky (8-3)

Postgame Notes

Saturday, Nov. 22, 2025 • Kickoff 6:55 p.m. CT • SEC Network

GAME INFORMATION

LSU Captains: QB Garrett Nussmeier, LB Whit Weeks, DT Jacobian Guillory II, PK Damian Ramos

Coin Toss: LSU won, deferred; WKU received

Weather: Clear, 74 degrees

Wind: Northwest at 4 mph

Attendance: 100,923

Frank Wilson Career Record: 28-41

Frank Wilson's LSU Record: 2-1

Frank Wilson vs. WKU: 1-0

LSU vs. WKU All-Time: 3-0

LSU STARTERS

Offense

QB Michael Van Buren Jr., RB Harlem Berry, WR Destyn Hill, WR Kyle Parker, 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 Jack Pyburn, DE Patrick Payton, LB West Weeks, LB Whit Weeks, STAR Harold Perkins Jr., S Tamarcus Cooley, S A.J. Haulcy, CB PJ Woodland, CB DJ Pickett

GAME NOTES

General

1. LSU defeated Western Kentucky in the home finale at Tiger Stadium, 13-3, to improve its overall record to 7-4 heading into the final regular season game against Oklahoma in Norman.
2. LSU is 3-0 all-time against Western Kentucky with both wins coming in Tiger Stadium.
 - a. LSU beat the Hilltoppers, 42-9, on Nov. 12, 2011 and then followed that with a 48-20 victory on Oct. 24, 2015. Both of those games were Homecoming contests for the Tigers.
3. LSU is 30-1 all-time, including a 2-0 mark this year, against current members of Conference USA.
 - a. Earlier this year, LSU beat Louisiana Tech, 27-3, in Tiger Stadium.
 - b. The Tigers have won 26 consecutive games against current Conference USA members.
 - c. LSU is 20-1 all-time against Louisiana Tech, 3-0 against Western Kentucky, New Mexico State, and Middle Tennessee and 1-0 against Jacksonville State, Texas-El Paso, and Sam Houston State.
 - i. Louisiana Tech's win over LSU came in 1904 by a 6-0 margin in Ruston.
4. LSU honored its 28-member senior class on Saturday during a pre-game ceremony prior to the Western Kentucky game.
 - a. Of the 28 seniors, three have been with the Tigers for 5 years – QB Garrett Nussmeier, DT Jacobian Guillory, and WR Chris Hilton, while 14 joined the program through the transfer portal. Sixteen members of LSU's senior class have earned their college degree.
5. LSU has won 21 straight and 70 of its last 71 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.
 - b. 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).
 - c. Before the Troy loss in 2017, LSU's last defeat in Tiger Stadium to a nonconference team came in 2000 against UAB.
6. 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 100-14 against non-SEC foes during that span.
 - a. Of the 100 wins, 22 have come against top-25 teams.
 - b. 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).
7. LSU has won 24 of its 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 this year.

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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.

Offense

1. QB Michael Van Buren Jr. led the passing attack for LSU, connecting on 25-of-42 pass attempts with 1 TD and 1 INT.
2. Freshman RB Harlem Berry earned the lion's share of attempts, finishing with 80 rushing yards on 18 attempts.
3. Senior WR Zavion Thomas paced the Tigers' receiving corps with 47 yards on 6 receptions.
4. At the end of the first half, Van Buren Jr. found TE Trey'Dez Green for an 11-yard TD reception, which gave LSU the 7-3 lead with 1:32 remaining.
 - a. The TD pass for Van Buren Jr. was the 15th of his career and the 4th of his LSU career.
 - b. The TD reception for Green marked the 9th of his career and his 5th in 2025.
 - i. Green tied the program record for TD receptions by a TE in a season with 5. He also ranks 2nd in LSU history with 9 career TD receptions by a TE.
 - c. The scoring drive went 62 yards on 8 plays and drained 1:43 from the game clock.
 - d. The 62-yard drive marked the 3rd time this season a drive within 60-69 yards ended with a TD.

Defense

1. The Tiger defense held Western Kentucky to a one field goal as it won, 13-10 (WKU returned a fumble 71 yards for its second score). LSU's defense allowed 152 total yards on the night (22 rushing, 130 passing).
2. LSU LB Davhon Keys led all Tiger tacklers with 10.
3. DE Jack Pyburn and DT Ahmad Breaux combined to record the Tigers' first sack of the night with 9:00 left in the first quarter.
 - a. The sack improved Pyburn's numbers to 3 in his career and 2 on the season, while Breaux's numbers increased to 0.5 in his LSU career and 0.5 in 2025.
4. In what ended as a three-and-out for WKU, freshman CB DJ Pickett sacked Hilltopper QB Rodney Tisdale Jr. for a loss of 9 yards with 11:43 remaining in the third quarter.
 - a. The sack from Pickett was the second of his young LSU career.
5. Pickett made another impact play in WKU territory by intercepting Tisdale on a pass that was tipped by LB West Weeks. Pickett pulled it in at the WKU 25 and returned it 3 yards to the 22-yard line.
 - a. The INT was Pickett's second in his LSU career.
6. CB PJ Woodland intercepted Tisdale on the next WKU drive at the LSU 45-yard line.
 - a. The INT was Woodland's second career INT and second of the 2025 season.
7. Senior Jimari Butler got to Tisdale for the third time, sacking him with 10:36 left in the game. Butler's sack (-8 yards) marked a three-and-out for the Hilltoppers.
 - a. The sack from Butler improved his career numbers to 8.5. It was the first sack in his LSU stint.
8. LB West Weeks continued the havoc LSU had inflicted on Tisdale with the Tigers' fourth sack of the night.
 - a. The sack from Weeks improved his career numbers to 5 and his season numbers to 2.5.
9. Butler collected his second sack of the night by chasing down Tisdale for LSU's fifth sack of the game.
 - a. The sack from Butler improved his career numbers to 9.5. It was the second sack in his time at LSU.

Special Teams

1. PK Damian Ramos was a perfect 1-for-1 on PATs
2. P Grant Chadwick launched 7 punts for 313 yards, averaging 44.7 yards per kick.
3. Ramos extended the LSU lead to 10-3 with an 18-yard FG following Pickett's INT at the WKU 25-yard line.
 - a. Ramos' numbers improved to 66-of-83 in his career and 21-of-25 on the season.
 - b. The scoring drive went 21 yards on 6 plays and took 2:30 off the clock.
 - c. The 21-yard drive marked the 1st this season within 20-29 yards that ended with a FG.
4. Ramos added three more points with a 29-yard FG that made the LSU lead 13-3 with 11:15 remaining in the game.
 - a. Ramos' numbers improved to 67-of-84 in his career and 22-of-26 on the season.
 - b. The scoring drive went 40 yards on 10 plays and took 4:55 off the clock.
 - c. The 40-yard drive marked the 6th this season within 40-49 yards that ended with a FG.