Missouri 52, Louisiana Tech 24
Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022 | Faurot Field

TEAM
• With the win, Mizzou advances to 85-42-5 in season openers (including 22 of the last 26), 96-32-4 in home openers (including 23 of the last 26), and 168-71-8 in home in non-conference matchups.
• In their first meeting, Mizzou takes a 1-0 series lead against Louisiana Tech, also advancing to 6-1 against current Conference USA opponents.
• Thursday night's matchup was Mizzou's first home night game since the 2020 opener against Alabama, and the first Thursday matchup since Mississippi State in November 2015.
• The 52 points scored by the Tigers are the most since October 20, 2018 in a 65-33 win over Memphis. Thursday's 28-point margin of victory is the largest for Mizzou since a 41-point victory over Vanderbilt in 2020.

OFFENSE
• Quarterback Brady Cook finished 18-of-27 for 195 yards and an interception. Cook also picked up 61 yards on seven carries, including a 20-yard touchdown rush.
• Brady Cook threw 89 pass attempts before throwing his first career interception, ranking third in Mizzou history, and only six behind Brad Smith (95).
• Barrett Banister's three receptions on the day made him the third Tiger in history with a reception in five seasons, joining Lamont Downer (1974-78) and George Shorthose (1980-84).
• Cody Schrader pounded in a five-yard touchdown to open up the second quarter, his first as a Tiger. Columbia native Nathaniel Peat took eight carries for 72 yards, while ripping off a 34-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter.
• Freshman wide receiver Luther Burden III earned his first collegiate score on a five-yard reception after making a pair of defenders miss and splitting another pair. He punched in a second score early in the third quarter, this time a one-yard rush off a direct snap.
• Nine Tigers touched the rock on Thursday evening, marking the first time they accomplished the feat since a win over Iowa State on October 15, 2011.

DEFENSE
• Junior defensive back Jaylon Carlies snagged his fifth career interception on the opening drive of the game. In his debut game in Columbia, Joseph Charleston returned a 29-yard interception to the house, the first pick of his career.
• Florida transfer Ty'Ron Hopper also snagged the first interception of his career in his first game in Black and Gold.
• The Tiger defense snagged three picks in the first half, the first time this feat has been accomplished since the 1982 season opener against Colorado State. The most recent game with three total picks for the Tigers is West Virginia in 2019.

SPECIAL TEAMS
• Harrison Mevis made his only field goal attempt, converting a 31-yard attempt to close out the first half, and was a perfect 7-for-7 on extra point attempts.
• Eight of Sean Koetting's nine kickoffs went deep for a touchback.