

NEBRASKA 21, LSU 20

Orange Bowl
Miami, Fla.

Jan. 1, 1983
Attendance: 54,407

Underdog LSU came within one point of essaying one of the upsets of the 1982 season, but the effort came as a cropper as Nebraska staged a late rally for the victory.

The Huskers began operations as if they would justify the heavy favorite role as they marched 51 yards on their first possession with Mark Schellen traversing the final five yards and with less than five minutes gone in the game, Nebraska led 7-0.

Herman Fontenot gathered in the ensuing kickoff at the three-yard line and returned it to the LSU 38. The Bengals then drove to the Husker 12 before a deflected Alan Risher pass was intercepted at the Nebraska seven.

But on the first play Liffort Hobley pounced on a fumble and the Tigers were on the 11. Five plays later Dalton Hilliard drove in from the one and it was a 7-7 ball game.

Another Nebraska turnover, this time on a punt return, LSU had the ball early in the second period at the Nebraska 45 and once again it was Hilliard for a one yard scoring run to climax a nine play drive.

The Tigers padded the lead to 17-7 with six and a half minutes to play in the third quarter on a 28-yard Juan Carlos Betanzos field goal.

Then the Huskers staged an 80-yard sustained drive with Turner Gill passing to Mike Rozier from 11 yards out to make it 17-14.

At the start of the final period Clay Parker, rushed on a punt attempt, was forced to run and missed a first down, giving the Big Eight reps the ball at the Tiger 48. Seven plays later Gill plunged over and it was 21-17, Nebraska.

The Tigers weren't through as Betanzos hit a field goal from 49 yards away, his second longest of his career, to pull the Bengals within one with 5:05 left to play.

But that was it as Nebraska maintained possession for the remainder of the game.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

| | | | | |
|----------|---|---|---|------|
| LSU | 7 | 7 | 3 | 3-20 |
| Nebraska | 7 | 0 | 7 | 7-21 |

Scoring

Neb—Schellen, 5 run (Seibel kick)
 LSU—Hilliard, 1 run (Betanzos kick)
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 LSU—FG 28 Betanzos
 Neb—Rozier, 11 run (Seibel kick)
 Neb—Gill, 1 run (Seibel kick)
 LSU—FG 49 Betanzos

1982 LSU FOOTBALL STATISTICS

Record: 8-3-1 SEC: 4-1-1 Home: 5-1-1 Road: 3-2-0

RESULTS AND ATTENDANCE

| | | | |
|---|-------|----------------------|---------|
| W | 45-7 | OREGON STATE | 78,425 |
| W | 52-13 | RICE | 75,040 |
| W | 24-13 | at Florida | 73,152 |
| T | 24-24 | TENNESSEE | 77,448 |
| W | 34-10 | at Kentucky | 55,107 |
| W | 14-6 | SOUTH CAROLINA | 78,944* |
| W | 45-8 | MISSISSIPPI | 74,404 |
| W | 20-10 | at Alabama | 77,230 |
| L | 24-27 | at Miss. State | 31,556 |
| W | 55-21 | FLORIDA STATE | 76,637 |
| L | 28-31 | TULANE | 76,114 |

Orange Bowl

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| L | 20-21 | Nebraska | 54,407 |
| Home Total | | | 537,012* |

*Tiger Stadium Record

| | LSU | Opp. |
|--------------------------|--------|---------|
| Total First Downs | 241 | 152 |
| By Rush | 135 | 63 |
| By Pass | 95 | 78 |
| By Penalty | 11 | 11 |
| Penalties/Yards | 62/527 | 65/574 |
| Avg. Per Game | 47.9 | 52.2 |
| Fumbles Lost | 26/11 | 41/23 |
| Score by Quarters | | |
| LSU | 82 | 132 |
| Opp. | 34 | 44 |
| | 51 | 100-365 |
| | 33 | 59-170 |

| | G | No. | Net | Play | | Gain | Loss | TD | LP |
|----------------|----|-----|-----|-------|-------|------|------|----|----|
| | | | | Avg. | Avg. | | | | |
| Rushing | | | | | | | | | |
| Hilliard, TB | 11 | 193 | 901 | 4.7 | 81.9 | 934 | 33 | 11 | 28 |
| James, TB | 11 | 145 | 710 | 4.9 | 64.5 | 732 | 22 | 7 | 68 |
| Montz, FB | 9 | 48 | 280 | 5.8 | 31.1 | 280 | 0 | 2 | 35 |
| Myles, FB | 11 | 37 | 212 | 5.7 | 19.3 | 217 | 5 | 1 | 29 |
| Risher, QB | 11 | 105 | 202 | 1.9 | 18.4 | 415 | 213 | 4 | 24 |
| Lang, TB-FB | 7 | 24 | 112 | 4.7 | 16.0 | 117 | 5 | 0 | 15 |
| Bernard, TB | 1 | 3 | 10 | 3.3 | 10.0 | 14 | 4 | 0 | 11 |
| Wickersham, QB | 5 | 9 | 35 | 3.9 | 7.0 | 42 | 7 | 1 | 12 |
| Byrd, QB | 5 | 11 | 35 | 3.2 | 7.0 | 59 | 24 | 0 | 20 |
| Martin, SE | 11 | 5 | 52 | 10.4 | 4.7 | 54 | 2 | 0 | 26 |
| Baxter, FB | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| TEAM | 2 | 2 | -24 | -12.0 | -12.0 | 0 | 24 | 0 | 0 |

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| LSU | 11 | 584 | 2526 | 4.3 | 229.6 | 2865 | 339 | 26 | 68 |
| Opponents | 11 | 406 | 1004 | 2.5 | 91.3 | 1450 | 446 | 6 | 42 |

| | Gm. | Att. | Comp. | Pct. | Yds. | TD | LP | HI | Comp. Per | | Avg. | Eff. Rate |
|----------------|-----|------|-------|------|------|----|----|----|-----------|-------|-------|-----------|
| | | | | | | | | | Game | Game | | |
| James, TB | 11 | 2 | 1 | 50.0 | 23 | 1 | 23 | 0 | 0.1 | 2.1 | 311.6 | |
| Byrd, QB | 5 | 8 | 5 | 62.5 | 84 | 2 | 27 | 0 | 1.0 | 16.8 | 233.2 | |
| Wickersham, QB | 5 | 10 | 7 | 70.0 | 69 | 1 | 19 | 0 | 1.4 | 13.8 | 161.0 | |
| Risher, QB | 11 | 234 | 149 | 63.7 | 1834 | 17 | 70 | 8 | 13.5 | 166.7 | 146.6 | |
| Hilliard, TB | 11 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | |

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| LSU | 11 | 255 | 162 | 63.5 | 2018 | 21 | 70 | 8 | 14.7 | 182.7 | 150.6 |
| Opponents | 11 | 298 | 157 | 52.7 | 1703 | 12 | 63 | 13 | 14.3 | 154.8 | 105.3 |

| Quarterback, P | No. | Yds. | Avg. | Blk. | LP |
|----------------|-----|------|------|------|----|
| Team | 62 | 2552 | 41.2 | 0 | 67 |
| | 2 | 37 | 18.5 | 1 | 37 |
| LSU | 64 | 2589 | 40.5 | 1 | 67 |
| Opponents | 78 | 3153 | 40.4 | 0 | 73 |

| Scoring | TD | 2-Pt. | Kick | FGA-FG | Total | Avg. |
|----------------|----|-------|-------|--------|-------|------|
| Hilliard, TB | 16 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 96 | 8.7 |
| Betanzos, KS | 0 | 0-0 | 48-47 | 17-10 | 77 | 7.7 |
| James, TB | 9 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 54 | 4.9 |
| Martin, SE | 7 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 42 | 3.8 |
| Dural, FL | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 6 | 3.0 |
| Curtis, TE | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 6 | 3.0 |
| Ellington, FL | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 6 | 3.0 |
| Risher, QB | 4 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 24 | 2.2 |
| Andrews, TE | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 6 | 2.0 |
| Fontenot, FL | 2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 12 | 1.7 |
| Montz, FB | 2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 12 | 1.3 |
| Britt, FB | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 6 | 1.2 |
| Wickersham, QB | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 6 | 1.2 |
| Scott, TE | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 6 | 0.6 |
| Myles, FB | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 6 | 0.5 |
| LSU | 48 | 0-0 | 48-47 | 17-10 | 365 | 33.2 |
| Opponents | 20 | 3-4 | 17-15 | 13-9 | 170 | 15.5 |

| Third Down Conversions | | | Fourth Down Conversions | | |
|------------------------|--------|-------|-------------------------|-------|-------|
| LSU | 80-178 | 0.449 | LSU | 10-13 | 0.750 |
| Opponents | 51-161 | 0.371 | Opponents | 4-8 | 0.500 |

| Time of Possession (By Quarters) | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| LSU | 83:21 | 90:25 | 93:55 | 94:50 | —362:31 |
| Opponents | 81:39 | 74:35 | 71:05 | 71:10 | —298:29 |

| Field Goal Accuracy | 0-20 | 21-30 | 31-40 | 41-50 | 51-0 |
|---------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Betanzos, KS | 1-1 | 4-5 | 3-4 | 1-6 | 1-1 |
| Opponents | 0-0 | 1-1 | 3-4 | 1-2 | 1-2 |

LSU holds an edge in competition with all major conference opponents, cumulatively. The Tigers are 100-52-13 versus the Southwest; 8-5-0 versus the ACC; 7-6-1 versus the Big Eight; 4-1-0 versus the Big Ten; 5-3-0 versus the Pac-Ten; and 5-0-0 versus the WAC.

LSU's Tiger Stadium is referred to as Death Valley, but longtime followers of LSU football contend that the original sobriquet for the venerable structure was "Deaf Valley." To back the claim there is a service station located near the campus named "Deaf Valley Shell."

| Total Offense | Plays | Game Avg. | Rush Yds. | Rush Game | Pass Yds. | Pass Game | Total Yds. | Play Avg. | Game Avg. |
|---------------|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Risher, QB | 339 | 30.8 | 202 | 18.4 | 1834 | 166.7 | 2036 | 6.0 | 185.1 |
| Hilliard, TB | 194 | 17.6 | 901 | 81.9 | 0 | 0.0 | 901 | 4.6 | 81.9 |
| James, TB | 147 | 13.4 | 710 | 64.5 | 23 | 2.1 | 733 | 5.0 | 66.6 |
| LSU | 839 | 88.0 | 2526 | 229.6 | 2010 | 182.7 | 4536 | 5.4 | 412.4 |
| Opponents | 704 | 64.0 | 1004 | 91.3 | 1703 | 154.8 | 2707 | 3.8 | 246.1 |

| Receiving | No. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | LP |
|---------------|-----|------|------|----|----|
| Martin, SE | 45 | 817 | 18.2 | 7 | 70 |
| Hilliard, TB | 31 | 368 | 11.9 | 5 | 46 |
| Scott, TE | 28 | 264 | 9.4 | 1 | 20 |
| James, TB | 21 | 131 | 6.2 | 2 | 18 |
| Montz, FB | 12 | 117 | 9.8 | 0 | 21 |
| Fontenot, FL | 8 | 83 | 10.4 | 2 | 23 |
| Ellington, FL | 6 | 104 | 17.3 | 1 | 27 |
| Andrews, TE | 3 | 26 | 8.7 | 1 | 10 |
| Dural, FL | 3 | 45 | 15.0 | 1 | 27 |
| Curtis, TE | 2 | 26 | 13.0 | 1 | 15 |
| Lang, TB-FB | 2 | 24 | 12.0 | 0 | 21 |
| Myles, FB | 1 | 5 | 5.0 | 0 | 5 |
| LSU | 162 | 2010 | 12.4 | 21 | 70 |
| Opponents | 157 | 1703 | 10.8 | 12 | 64 |

| Punt Returns | No. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | LP |
|--------------|-----|------|------|----|----|
| Dale, R | 21 | 90 | 4.3 | 0 | 13 |
| Hobley, FS | 11 | 33 | 3.0 | 0 | 10 |
| Daniel, CB | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dubroc, OLB | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Britt, CB | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| LSU | 36 | 123 | 3.4 | 0 | 13 |
| Opponents | 27 | 294 | 10.9 | 1 | 45 |

| KO Returns | No. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | LP |
|-------------|-----|------|------|----|----|
| Martin, SE | 12 | 311 | 25.9 | 0 | 66 |
| James, TB | 4 | 127 | 31.8 | 0 | 67 |
| Myles, FB | 4 | 45 | 11.3 | 0 | 17 |
| Bernard, TB | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Watson, R | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| LSU | 22 | 483 | 22.0 | 0 | 67 |
| Opponents | 54 | 944 | 17.5 | 1 | 96 |

| Interceptions | No. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | LP |
|-----------------|-----|------|------|----|----|
| Britt, CB | 4 | 70 | 17.5 | 1 | 44 |
| Hobley, FS | 3 | 54 | 18.0 | 0 | 23 |
| Dale, R | 2 | 35 | 17.5 | 0 | 24 |
| Richardson, ILB | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Thomas, CB | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Daniel, CB | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Killeen, CB | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| LSU | 14 | 159 | 12.2 | 1 | 44 |
| Opponents | 9 | 58 | 6.4 | 0 | 21 |

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

| Player | Assists | Solos | Tkls. | Sacks/Yds. | TBL/Yds. | FR | Bl. Kick |
|-----------------|---------|-------|-------|------------|----------|----|-------------|
| Williams, ILB | 68 | 55 | 123 | 1/12 | 6/13 | 1 | 0 |
| Richardson, ILB | 68 | 53 | 121 | 4/29 | 3/6 | 2 | 0 |
| Dale, R | 32 | 55 | 87 | 3/15 | 2/10 | 2 | 0 |
| Malancon, OLB | 24 | 47 | 71 | 8/56 | 11/39 | 2 | 0 |
| Joiner, OLB | 24 | 42 | 66 | 2/21 | 5/15 | 0 | 0 |
| Britt, CB | 18 | 35 | 53 | 0/0 | 2/4 | 0 | 0 |
| Dardar, NG | 21 | 32 | 53 | 4/33 | 4/22 | 1 | 1 |
| Hobley, FS | 27 | 26 | 53 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 1 | 0 |
| Marshall, DT | 21 | 32 | 53 | 4/25 | 11/38 | 2 | 0 |
| Elko, DT | 26 | 25 | 51 | 5/46 | 5/12 | 1 | 0 |
| Dubroc, OLB | 20 | 27 | 47 | 0/0 | 2/2 | 3 | 0 |
| Daniel, CB | 16 | 19 | 35 | 0/0 | 1/9 | 2 | 0 |
| Bowser, NG | 13 | 15 | 28 | 2/15 | 4/18 | 1 | 0 |
| Kittok, DT | 10 | 10 | 20 | 1/8 | 2/3 | 1 | 0 |
| S. Burks, ILB | 6 | 11 | 17 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 1 | 0 |
| Boudreaux, R | 4 | 10 | 14 | 1/10 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fritchie, OLB | 5 | 9 | 14 | 1/10 | 0/0 | 1 | 0 |
| Moore, OLB | 2 | 12 | 14 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 1 | 0 |
| Clark, CB | 2 | 8 | 10 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 |
| Breaux, ILB | 2 | 7 | 9 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 |
| Watson, R | 2 | 7 | 9 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 |
| Betanzos, KS | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hendrix, NG | 3 | 1 | 4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 1 |
| Myles, FB | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lewis, OLB | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wilson, DT | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1/12 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bass, FB | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fontenot, FL | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 |
| Montz, FB | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 |
| Risher, QB | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 |
| Thomas, CB | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 1 | 0 |
| Cager, R | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ellington, FL | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hilliard, TB | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 |
| Killeen, CB | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lang, FB | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 |
| Parker, P | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 |
| Roussel, NG | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 1 | 0 |
| Wagner, KS | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 |