

LSU FOOTBALL POSTGAME NOTES

Chick-fil-A Bowl: #9/7 LSU vs. #14/13 Clemson

December 31, 2012 – Georgia Dome (Atlanta, Ga.)

Team Notes

1. LSU's game captains were 30 **Drew Alleman**, 1 **Eric Reid**, 46 **Kevin Minter**, 68 **Josh Dworaczyk**.
2. Clemson won the toss and received the opening kickoff of the game. LSU received the opening kickoff of the second half.
3. LSU's first touchdown drive with 14:05 in the first quarter (55 seconds in) was its quickest first score of the year and the quickest since Jordan Jefferson's 83-yard run against Tennessee on Oct. 2, 2010. Jefferson scored with 14:43 on the clock in the first quarter.
4. LSU blocked a point-after-attempt (Bennie Logan) for the first time since the third quarter of the Kentucky game on Oct. 17, 1998 when Mark Roman did it.
5. LSU recorded one play of 50 yards or more and finished with seven on the season, representing the most by the Tigers since they had nine during the 2007 championship season.
6. Chick-fil-A Bowl Outstanding Defensive Player of the Game was Kevin Minter. The Outstanding Offensive Player of the Game was Clemson's Tajh Boyd.
7. LSU is now 36-2 under **Les Miles** against non-conference opponents. The other loss was the 2010 Capital One Bowl in which LSU fell to Penn State, 19-17.
8. LSU's all-time bowl record is now 22-21-1, including a 5-3 mark under **Les Miles**.
 - a. The game marked a school-record 13th straight appearance in a bowl game by LSU. That ranks as the nation's eighth-best active streak.
9. LSU falls to 39-3 when scoring 20 or more points since the 2009 season. It breaks a streak of 21 straight wins when LSU has scored at least 20. The other two losses: 25-23 at Ole Miss in 2009, 31-23 at Arkansas in 2010.
10. LSU is 9-2 all-time in the Georgia Dome, 24-8 all-time in domed stadiums and 5-1 in the Chick-fil-A Bowl.
11. LSU running backs finished the season with 278 consecutive carries without a fumble. The last lost fumble was by Michael Ford during the third quarter of the Towson game.
12. LSU falls to 31-4 under **Les Miles** when having a 100-yard rusher.
13. LSU has eight games this season with a 100-yard rusher, the most in a single season during the **Les Miles** era. It is also the most for an LSU team since 2003 when the Tigers had eight.

Individual Notes

14. DE **Barkevious Mingo** forced a fumble 30 seconds into the game that was recovered by **Craig Loston**. It was Mingo's first forced fumble of the year and fourth of his career. For Loston, it was his first fumble recovery of the season and his career.
 - a. **Mingo** finished the game with five tackles and 3.0 tackles for loss. The 3.0 TFLs tied a career high that he set against Arkansas in 2011.
15. LB **Kwon Alexander** saw his first action (10:55 first quarter) since the Florida game on Oct. 6. Alexander missed the last six games of the regular season with an ankle injury.
16. RB **Jeremy Hill** rushed for 124 yards on 12 carries with two touchdowns. His scores: a 17-yard touchdown run with 14:05 in the first quarter and a season-long 57-yard run for a TD on the first play of scrimmage in the second half.
 - a. **Hill** shattered the LSU true freshman record for rushing TDs, finishing with 12, breaking Dalton Hilliard's mark of 11 in 1982.
 - b. It was the fourth 100-yard rushing game of the season for **Hill**.
 - c. **Hill** finished the season with 743 rushing yards, fourth-most by an LSU freshman. In this game he passed Garry James (710 in '82), Harvey Williams (700 in '86) and LaBrandon Toefield (682, '00).
17. WR **Jarvis Landry** hauled in his fifth receiving touchdown catch of the season on a 6-yard throw from Zach Mettenberger with 13:12 to go in the second quarter.
18. QB **Zach Mettenberger** completed 14-of-23 passes for 120 yards and one touchdown pass: a 6-yarder to Jarvis Landry with 13:12 in the second quarter.
 - a. **Mettenberger** finished the season 207-of-352 for 2,609 yards and 12 touchdown passes.
 - b. **Mettenberger** completed his first eight passes before throwing his first incompleteness midway through the second quarter.
19. DT **Bennie Logan** blocked the PAT attempt on Clemson's second score in the second quarter. Logan also had a blocked field goal in LSU's last game of the regular season at Arkansas.
 - a. **Logan** finished with a career-high nine tackles. His previous high was seven vs. Ole Miss this season.
20. LB **Kevin Minter** finished with a game-high 19 tackles, including 14 in the first half.
 - a. The 19 total tackles tonight is one shy of his career-high 20 that he set at Florida earlier this season. The 19 tackles are also the third-most in a game in LSU history.
 - b. **Minter** racked up 130 total tackles on the year, which put him in fourth place in LSU single-season tackles. It was the most by an LSU player in a single-season since Bradie James recorded 154 in 2002.
21. DE **Sam Montgomery** forced a fumble with 7:34 left in the third quarter. It was his second forced fumble of the season (Alabama game other one) and third of his career.
 - a. **Montgomery** also recorded his eighth sack of the season and 19th of his career. He ranks sixth in career sacks at LSU with 19, tied with Marcus Spears (2001-04) and Chuck Wiley (1994-97).
 - b. **Montgomery** posted one tackle for a loss, giving him 13.0 this season and 32.5 in his career. He is tied for eighth place in career TFLs with Chad Lavalais (2000-03) who also recorded 32.5 in his career.
22. S **Eric Reid** recovered the fumble forced by Sam Montgomery in the third quarter. It was Reid's first of the season and second of his career.
23. In his final career game, PK **Drew Alleman** booted a 20-yard field goal with 4:49 remaining in the third quarter.

- a. **Alleman** finished 21-of-29 for the season and 37-of-47 for his career. The 37 makes put him in a tie for fifth place in LSU career field goals with Andre LaFleur (1993-95). The 21 makes this year go down as the third-most made field goals in LSU single-season history, behind only Josh Jasper (28 in 2010) and Colt David (26 in 2007).
 - b. **Alleman** finished his career as the fifth most accurate kicker in school history at .787 (37 of 47).
24. P **Jamie Keehn**, punting in just his second game of the season and first since the season opener, finished with nine punts for an average of 44.6 yards a punt. He booted five punts over 50 yards (long of 58) with two inside the Clemson 20-yard line.
25. LB **Lamin Barrow** matched his career high with 12 tackles tonight. He previously recorded 12 stops at Arkansas and against South Carolina this season.