

## LSU FOOTBALL POSTGAME NOTES

#2/3 LSU at #16 West Virginia

Sept. 24, 2011 – Milan Puskar Stadium (Morgantown, W. Va.)

### Team Notes

1. LSU's game captains were 30 **Drew Alleman**, 11 **Spencer Ware**, 64 **P.J. Lonergan**, 99 **Sam Montgomery**.
2. LSU won the toss and deferred to the second half. West Virginia will receive the opening kickoff.
3. Tigers seeing their first action tonight: PK Fr. **James Hairston**, DL **Jermauria Rasco**. Hairston kicked off. Rasco came in on the defensive line in the fourth quarter.
4. LT **Greg Shaw** made his second career start and first since the UL-Monroe game last season.
5. LSU has won 21 straight games during the month of September, and **Miles** moved to 22-2 at LSU. The Tigers' last loss in September was Sept. 16, 2006 in a 7-3 defeat at Auburn.
6. With **Rueben Randle's** 11-yard TD reception, LSU has now scored first in all four of its games this season.
7. LSU has also led at the half in all four of its games this year. (16-13 against Oregon, 28-3 vs. Northwestern State, 6-3 vs. Mississippi State, 27-7 at West Virginia).
8. Tonight's game is the farthest Northeast for LSU since facing Boston College in 1947.
9. In the first quarter, West Virginia did not run one play on LSU's side of the 50.
10. With West Virginia's second quarter touchdown, the LSU defense surrendered its first touchdown since the fourth quarter of the Oregon game in Week 1 (0:14).
11. LSU's redzone streak came to an end early in the third quarter. With Drew Alleman's missed field goal, the Tigers' streak ended at 42 consecutive successful trips to the redzone (a field goal or touchdown). The streak dated back to the second quarter of the McNeese State game last season on Oct. 12, 2010. Prior to the failed trip, LSU was a perfect 17-of-17 in the redzone this season (30 TDs, 12 FGs).
12. LSU's 27 first-half points most in any half against a ranked team on the road since scoring 28 points -- all in the fourth quarter -- at No. 15 Arizona State on Sept. 10, 2005.
13. **Morris Claiborne's** 99-yard kickoff return for a touchdown was the 15<sup>th</sup> score on special teams for LSU under Les Miles. It was the second this season, including Tyrann Mathieu's fumble recovery against Oregon.
14. LSU extended its nation-leading regular season non-conference win streak to 36, dating back to a 26-8 loss in the 2002 season opener at Virginia Tech.

### Individual Notes

15. QB **Jarrett Lee** now owns a 9-4 record as a starter during his career.
  - a. **Lee** fired three touchdowns in the first half: an 11-yarder to Rueben Randle with 10:05 left in the first quarter, a 52-yarder to Odell Beckham, Jr., with 6:57 remaining in the second quarter and a 1-yarder to Chase Clement with 0:27 left in the third quarter.
  - b. **Lee** is the first LSU quarterback to throw TD passes in a half since Matt Flynn had three in the second half of the North Texas game on Oct. 29, 2005.
  - c. **Lee** finished the game with three touchdowns, tying a career high that he also had against Georgia in 2008.
16. WR **Rueben Randle** grabbed his third touchdown catch of the season and eighth of his career on an 11-yard throw from Jarrett Lee with 10:05 left in the first quarter.
17. DB **Tyrann Mathieu** forced his seventh career fumble and second of the season with 9:01 left in the first quarter.
  - a. The seven forced fumbles ties **Mathieu** for the LSU career record, joining Ali Highsmith (2004-07). Mathieu is playing in just his 17th career game. Highsmith played in 52 games in four seasons.
  - b. **Mathieu** made another incredible play when he batted a pass into the air, intercepted it and returned it to the goaline with 0:56 left in the second quarter. It was his first interception of the season and third of his career.
  - c. LSU scored 14 points off of **Mathieu's** two great plays.
18. SS **Brandon Taylor** tallied his third career interception with 4:31 left in the first quarter. It was Taylor's first pick since the Mississippi State game on Sept. 26, 2009.
19. RB **Michael Ford** scampered 22 yards for a touchdown with 1:49 remaining in the first quarter. It was Ford's fifth rushing TD of the season and eighth of his career.
20. WR **Odell Beckham, Jr.**, hauled in his first career touchdown pass, a 52-yarder from Jarrett Lee with 6:57 left in the second quarter.
  - a. It was LSU's longest play of the season.
21. TE **Chase Clement** registered his first career touchdown and his first catch of the season on a 1-yard toss from Jarrett Lee
22. WR **Russell Shepard** made an incredible 16-yard catch with 12:44 and counting in the third quarter. It was his first catch of the season. Shepard was suspended the first three games of the season.
23. CB/RS **Morris Claiborne** scored his first career touchdown when he returned a kickoff 99 yards for a score with 1:00 left in the third quarter.
  - a. It represented the longest kickoff return for LSU since Eric Martin returned one 100 yards for a touchdown against Kentucky in the third quarter on Oct. 17, 1981.
24. DE **Lavar Edwards** recovered a fumble with eight minutes left in the game. It is his second career fumble recovery. He returned his first fumble recovery 29 yards for a TD against Louisiana-Monroe last season.
25. S **Eric Reid** set a new career high with seven tackles tonight, including six unassisted stops.

