

LSU FOOTBALL POSTGAME NOTES

#1/2 LSU at Tennessee

Oct. 15, 2011 – Neyland Stadium (Knoxville, Tenn.)

Team Notes

1. LSU's game captains were 11 **Spencer Ware**, 60 **Will Blackwell**, 15 **Brandon Taylor**, 46 **Kevin Minter**, 30 **Drew Alleman**, 4 **Alfred Blue**.
2. LSU won the toss and deferred to the second half. Tennessee will receive the opening kickoff. It's the sixth time in seven games that the Tigers have kicked off to start a contest. The Kentucky game was the only contest where LSU received the opening kick.
3. Tigers making their first career starts: LB **Tahj Jones**, in his 20th career game, earned his first start.
4. **T-Bob Hebert** made the start at center in place of the injured **P.J. Lonergan**. It was Hebert's first start at center since the Arkansas game on Nov. 28, 2009.
5. The 31-point win marks the largest margin of victory for either team in the 32-game history of this series. The previous best was 28 in a 28-0 win by Tennessee in 1940. LSU's previous best was a 25-point win in a 34-9 triumph in Knoxville in 1988.
6. LSU went undefeated against the SEC East for the second straight season for the first time since the league went to the divisional format in 1992. LSU has won six straight against the Eastern division.
7. LSU has now won its first seven games of the season by double-digits, extending the school record to open a year. LSU has now won eight straight games by double-digits, counting the Cotton Bowl win against Texas A&M, which ties the school record of eight set back in 1936.
8. LSU is now 7-0 for the second straight season. Prior to last season, LSU had not opened a season at 7-0 since 1973.
9. LSU improved to 17-3 when ranked as the No. 1 team and 5-2 under **Les Miles**.
10. LSU has now held opponents without a TD in 21-of-28 quarters this season, and the Tigers have scored a TD in 22-of-28 this season.
11. Tennessee snapped LSU's streak of scoring in 31 straight quarters when the Tigers failed to score in the first quarter.

Individual Notes

12. QB **Jarrett Lee** now owns a 13-4 record as a starter during his career.
 - a. **Lee** tossed two touchdowns today: a 5-yarder to Rueben Randle with 14:56 to go in the second quarter and a 13-yarder to Spencer Ware with 10:01 left in the second quarter.
13. CB **Morris Claiborne** recorded his eighth career interception and third of the season in the final minute of the first quarter. Claiborne picked off the pass at the LSU 6 and raced 89 yards to the Tennessee 5.
 - a. **Claiborne's** interception return was the third-longest INT return in LSU history and the longest since Greg Jackson returned one 100 yards for a touchdown against Mississippi State on Nov. 12, 1988 in Baton Rouge. (White Graves also had a 100-yard interception return for a TD at Kentucky on Oct. 16, 1964.)
 - b. **Claiborne's** interception return is the longest non-scoring INT return in school history.
 - c. The 89 yards also put **Claiborne** in a tie for fifth place in LSU single-game interception return yardage. Wayne Williams also had 89 return yards on two picks against Vanderbilt in 1991.
14. WR **Rueben Randle** caught a 5-yard touchdown pass from Jarrett Lee on the first play of the second quarter. It was Randle's fifth touchdown reception of the season and 10th of his career.
 - a. **Randle** has produced at least one touchdown in five of LSU's seven games this season. Northwestern State and Kentucky were the only games he did not score.
15. RB **Spencer Ware** hauled in a screen pass from Jarrett Lee and tallied a 13-yard touchdown with 10:01 left in the second quarter. It was the first receiving touchdown of Ware's career.
 - a. It was the first receiving touchdown by an LSU running back since Michael Ford had a 27-yard TD against Ole Miss last season on Nov. 20. **Ware** became the seventh LSU player to record at least one receiving touchdown this season.
 - b. **Ware** added a rushing touchdown from 1-yard out with 7:53 to go in the third quarter. It was his sixth of the season and seventh of his career.
 - c. **Ware** is the first Tiger to rush for a touchdown and catch a TD in the same game since Early Doucet did so vs. Tulane on Sept. 23, 2006.
 - d. **Ware** is the first Tiger to rush for a touchdown and catch a TD in an SEC game since Joseph Addai did so vs. Alabama on Nov. 13, 2004. Addai had a 35-yard TD catch and a 47-yard run in the fourth quarter of that game.
16. FS **Eric Reid** picked off his first pass of the season and third of his career with 8:37 to go in the second quarter.
 - a. **Reid** is the fifth different LSU player to make an interception this season.
17. PK **Drew Alleman** made an 18-yard field goal with 0:15 left in the second quarter.
 - a. **Alleman** is now 9-of-11 for the season and for his career.
18. QB **Jordan Jefferson** orchestrated a 16-play, 99-yard drive that he capped off with a three-yard TD run with 8:55 left in the game. It is Jefferson's second rushing TD of the season and 11th of his career.
 - a. **Jefferson's** 11 career rushing TDs puts him in sole possession of fifth place in rushing TDs by a quarterback in school history. He is two shy of tying Alan Risher (1980-82) and Nelson Stokley (1965-67) who each had 13 in their career.
19. WR **Russell Shepard** scored a 15-yard rushing TD on a lateral from Jarrett Lee with 1:35 left in the game. It is the first rushing TD of the season for **Shepard** and the fifth of his career.