

# LSU FOOTBALL POSTGAME NOTES

## #9 LSU vs. #22 Mississippi State

November 10, 2012 – Tiger Stadium (Baton Rouge, La.)

### Team Notes

1. LSU's game captains were 30 **Drew Alleman**, 64 **P.J. Lonergan**, 99 **Sam Montgomery**, 46 **Kevin Minter** and 48 **Seth Fruge**.
2. Mississippi State won the toss and deferred to the second half. LSU received the opening kickoff.
3. At halftime, senior finance major Kendall Knobloch of Baton Rouge and senior mass communications major Taylor Cox of Bossier City, La., were named LSU Homecoming queen and king, respectively, for 2012.
4. Tonight's attendance is 92,831.
5. LSU improved to 8-2 overall, 4-2 in SEC play. The win marks the 13th straight season LSU had recorded at least eight wins, which is a school-record streak. LSU has won at least eight games in every season since 2000.
6. With the win LSU coach **Les Miles** is now 19-1 in games following a loss, and the Tigers have not lost back-to-back games in Tiger Stadium since 2001 when LSU fell to Florida and Ole Miss.
7. LSU is 42-5 under **Les Miles** when winning the turnover battle. Against ranked opponents under Miles, LSU is now 21-3 when having fewer turnovers than its opponent.
8. LSU is now 49-0 under **Les Miles** when the Tigers rush for more than 100 yards as a team and hold their opponent to less than 100 yards rushing. LSU finished with 119 rushing yards to Mississippi State's 47.
9. LSU has beaten Mississippi State in 13 straight seasons, and LSU has defeated the Bulldogs 11 straight games in Tiger Stadium dating back to 1992. During LSU's 13 game winning streak against Mississippi State, LSU has outscored the Bulldogs 489-161.
10. LSU is 47-18-1 all-time against Mississippi State in Baton Rouge and 70-33-3 overall against the Bulldogs.
11. LSU has won 19 straight games and 29 of 30 when scoring 20 or more points. LSU is 7-0 this year when reaching the 20-point mark. The last time LSU lost a game when scoring 20 points or more was in 2010 at Arkansas (31-23).
12. Tyler Russell's 40-yard completion in the fourth quarter for Mississippi State is just the third play of 30 yards or more allowed by the LSU defense this season.
13. Tonight marked the 50th game under defensive coordinator John Chavis, and LSU has held opponents to under 100 yards rushing 22 times in those 50 games, including tonight when the Tigers limited Mississippi State to 47 yards on the ground.

### Individual Notes

14. QB **Zach Mettenberger** completed 19-of-30 passes for 273 yards and 2 touchdowns in a 37-17 win over Mississippi State.
  - a. **Mettenberger** fired touchdown passes of 19 yards to **Jarvis Landry** with 5:31 to go in the second quarter and 20 yards to **Spencer Ware** with 0:13 left in the second quarter.
  - b. **Mettenberger** is the first LSU quarterback with back-to-back 200-yard passing games since Jarrett Lee did it in 2008 against Mississippi State (261) and Florida (209) in weeks 4 and 5.
  - c. Dating back to the third quarter of last week's Alabama game, **Mettenberger** has thrown for 477 yards in the last six quarters.
15. S **Craig Loston** tied an LSU school record with a 100-yard interception return for a touchdown with 1:13 to play in the fourth quarter. It was Loston's second INT of the season and third of his LSU career.
  - a. Loston tied the school record for the longest INT return in program history previously set by **Greg Jackson** vs. Mississippi State on Nov. 12, 1988, and **White Graves** vs. Kentucky on Oct. 17, 1964.
16. PK **Drew Alleman** made field goals of 28 yards with 0:11 left in the first quarter, 26 yards in the second quarter with 7:59 remaining and 41 yards with 8:29 left in the third quarter.
  - a. **Alleman** became the ninth LSU kicker to make at least 30 field goals in a career. He stands one make away from tying **Mike Conway** and **Pedro Suarez** for seventh place in career field goals at LSU. Conway and Suarez had 33 made FGs in their careers.
  - b. In his last two games against Mississippi State, **Alleman** has drilled 7-of-7 field goals. He had a career-best four last season against the Bulldogs in a 19-6 win in Starkville.
  - c. With four made PATs, **Alleman** has converted 98 straight which continues to rank second in LSU history, trailing David Browndyke's 109.
17. DE **Sam Montgomery** recorded a sack to move into a tie for 10th place in LSU history with Anthony McFarland (1995-98) with 17 sacks in his career. **Montgomery** passed Kenny Bordelon (1972-75) for ninth place in LSU history in career tackles for a loss with 30.5. Bordelon had 30 in his career.
18. LB **Lamin Barrow** recovered his third career fumble and second of the season midway through the second quarter. Barrow also recovered a fumble as a freshman and one earlier this season at Texas A&M.
19. WR **Jarvis Landry** reached his career high in catches (8) and receiving yards in the first half (102). He finished with 9 catches for 109 yards, surpassing his previous best of eight catches vs. Alabama and North Texas earlier this year and 82 yards vs. UNT in the season-opener.
  - a. **Landry** caught his third career touchdown pass and third of the season on a 19-yard strike from Zach Mettenberger with 0:13 left in the first half.
  - b. **Landry** is the second LSU player with 100 yards receiving in a game this season. Odell Beckham, Jr. had 128 vs. Towson earlier this year. He is also the first player with 100 yards receiving in an SEC game since Rueben Randle (134) last year vs. Arkansas.
20. FB **J.C. Copeland** barreled into the endzone from 1 yard out with 0:11 in the third quarter for his fourth rushing touchdown of the year.
21. RB **Jeremy Hill** finished with 48 yards rushing against Mississippi State and has rushed for 477 yards this season, a total that ranks as the 10th-most in a season by an LSU freshman running back. Hill passed Joseph Addai who rushed for 438 yards in his freshman season in 2002.
22. CB **Jalen Collins** set a career high with six total tackles and tied his career high with two PBU's. He also had two pass breakups against Idaho.