

LSU FOOTBALL POSTGAME NOTES

#8/8/7 LSU vs. Ole Miss

November 17, 2012 – Tiger Stadium (Baton Rouge, La.)

Team Notes

1. LSU's game captains were 30 **Drew Alleman**, 68 **Josh Dworaczyk**, 89 **Lavar Edwards**, 49 **Barkevious Mingo** and 99 **Sam Montgomery**.
2. LSU honored 15 seniors prior to kickoff on Saturday: DE **Chancey Aghayere**, PK **Drew Alleman**, TE **Chase Clement**, DT **Josh Downs**, DB **Rocky Duplessis**, DT **Josh Dworaczyk**, DE **Lavar Edwards**, C **P.J. Lonergan**, WR/RB **Russell Shepard**, DT **Cleveland Davis**, OL **Ben Domingue**, LB **Edwin Johnson**, FB **Jason Slaydon**, RB **Tabari Williams** and LB **Nick Rice**.
3. Ole Miss won the toss and deferred to the second half. LSU received the opening kickoff.
4. Today's attendance is 92,872.
 - a. LSU's total home attendance in 2012 is 741,005, which is the highest for a single-season in program history.
5. LSU won its 50th game in Tiger Stadium under **Les Miles** with a 41-35 victory over Ole Miss on Saturday. The Tigers are now 50-7 in Tiger Stadium in eight seasons under Miles.
 - a. **Miles** is now alone in second place on the school's all-time wins list with 84, eclipsing the 83 wins by **Bernie Moore** (1935-47).
 - b. Saturday's win marked the 20th fourth-quarter comeback by the Tigers in the **Miles** era.
6. LSU has won 20-straight games and 30-of-31 when scoring 20 or more points. LSU is 8-0 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).
7. LSU saw its streak of 56-straight offensive possessions without a turnover come to an end with 7:07 to play in the third quarter when Senquez Golson intercepted a pass by **Zach Mettenberger** in the endzone.
 - a. The Tigers had not committed a turnover on an offensive possession since an interception by **Mettenberger** in the first quarter of the South Carolina game on Oct. 13. It was a streak that spanned 56 possessions over 17 quarters.
 - b. The Tigers held a +1 advantage in the turnover margin in Saturday's win. They are now +9 in their last four games.
8. LSU is 43-5 under **Les Miles** when winning the turnover battle.
9. The LSU defense surrendered 14 points to Ole Miss in the first quarter of Saturday's game, marking the first time an opponent has scored at least 14 points in the first quarter since Mississippi State scored 14 points on Sept. 26, 2009.
10. Bo Wallace's 58-yard touchdown run in the first quarter is the longest rush allowed by the LSU defense in 2012 and the longest rush allowed since Oct. 23, 2010, when Auburn's Ontario McCalebb had a 70-yard run with 5:05 to play in the fourth quarter.

Individual Notes

11. WR **Odell Beckham, Jr.** tied the game at 35-35 with 9:10 to play in the fourth quarter on his 89-yard punt return for a touchdown.
 - a. Beckham returned his second punt for a touchdown this season as he broke his previous career-long of 70 yards for a score in LSU's 41-14 win over North Texas in the season opener on Sept. 1.
 - b. Coincidentally, Billy Cannon's famous punt return for a touchdown on Halloween Night in a 7-3 victory over Ole Miss in 1959 also covered 89 yards and was scored in the North endzone.
12. QB **Zach Mettenberger** completed 22-of-37 passes for 282 yards and 2 interceptions in Saturday's 41-35 win over Ole Miss.
 - a. **Mettenberger** is the first LSU quarterback with three-straight 200-yard passing games since Matt Flynn did it in 2007 against Auburn (319), Alabama (353) and Louisiana Tech (237) in weeks 8, 9 and 10.
 - b. **Mettenberger** saw his streak of 130-straight pass attempts without an interception snapped when he was intercepted on back-to-back passes in the third quarter.
13. RB **Jeremy Hill** rushed 20 times for 77 yards and a career-high 3 touchdowns in the victory.
 - a. **Hill** rushed for at least 2 touchdowns for the third time this season as he also scored twice against Idaho and South Carolina.
 - b. **Hill** is the first LSU running back to rush for 3 TDs in a game since **Stevan Ridley** in a 43-36 win over Ole Miss on Nov. 20, 2010.
 - c. **Hill** has now rushed for 554 yards on the season to rank No. 9 by an LSU freshman running back in a single-season.
14. TE **Travis Dickson** set career single-game highs with 5 catches for 69 yards as the team's leading receiver in the game.
 - a. **Dickson** entered the game with no catches on the season, and just one catch for 10 yards on his career against Western Kentucky in 2011. Dickson had longs of 30 yards in the first quarter and 23 yards in the third quarter in the contest.
15. PK **Drew Alleman** made field goals of 22 yards with 14:50 left in the second quarter and 24 yards with 11:42 left in the third quarter.
 - a. **Alleman** has now made 34 field goals in his LSU career, moving him past **Mike Conway** and **Pedro Suarez** into sole possession of seventh place on the school's all-time career list. Conway and Suarez had 33 made FGs in their careers.
 - b. With five made PATs, **Alleman** has converted 103-straight which continues to rank second in LSU history, trailing David Browndyke's 109. LSU's failed conversion following its game-winning touchdown did not break the streak as there was no kick.
16. LB **Kevin Minter** was the team's leading tackler on the afternoon with 11 total tackles (4 solo, 7 assisted) in the game.
 - a. **Minter** finished the game with 101 tackles on the season, becoming the first LSU Tiger since Kelvin Sheppard (116) in 2010 to eclipse 100 total tackles in a single-season.
17. DE **Sam Montgomery** recorded one sack on the night to move into a tie for eighth place in LSU history with James Gilyard (1992-95) and Michael Brooks (1983-86) with 18 sacks in his career. **Montgomery** also finished the game with 31.5 tackles for loss in his career to rank No. 9 on LSU's all-time career list.
18. LB **Deion Jones** recorded his first career fumble recovery on a muffed punt by Ole Miss' Korvic Neat with 1:57 to play in the first quarter to set up a 22-yard field goal by **Drew Alleman**.
19. CB **Jalen Collins** picked off his second pass of the season and second of his career in the second quarter to set up a 1-yard touchdown run by **Spencer Ware**. **Collins** also intercepted a pass in LSU's 24-19 win at Texas A&M on Oct. 20.
20. CB **Tharold Simon** intercepted a pass by Ole Miss' Bo Wallace on the first drive of the third quarter for his third INT of the year to set a new career-high for a single-season. The play set up a made 24-yard field goal by **Drew Alleman**.