

**LSU FOOTBALL POSTGAME NOTES**  
**#22 LSU (8-5, 4-4 SEC) vs. Notre Dame (8-5)**  
**December 30, 2014 – LP Field (Nashville, Tennessee)**

1. LSU's game captains were 70 **La'el Collins**, 18 **Terrence Magee**, 59 **Jermauria Rasco**, 4 **Kwon Alexander** and 38 **Jamie Keehn**.
  - a. All five players were named permanent captains for the 2014 season.
2. Notre Dame won the toss and elected to receive the opening kickoff.
3. After playing all 12 regular season games at night, the Tigers played under the sun for the first time this season. It was the first day game since last year's Outback Bowl against Iowa.
4. LSU dropped to 23-22-1 all time in bowl games and 6-4 in bowl games under head coach Les Miles.
5. LSU is 45-3 against non-conference opponents under Les Miles.
  - a. LSU's only three losses during his tenure have come in bowl games.
6. With the loss, LSU moved 5-6 all-time against Notre Dame.
7. The Tigers also dropped to 46-5 when a running back reaches 100 yards.
8. A total of 17 true freshmen played during the 2014 season.
9. LSU recorded its 22nd touchdown on special teams under Les Miles. The 100-yard kickoff return by **Leonard Fournette** tied for the longest special teams touchdown since Odell Beckham Jr. returned a 100-yard missed field goal for a touchdown against UAB last season.

**Individual**

10. RB **Leonard Fournette** ran for 143 yards on 11 carries and rushed for two touchdowns.
  - a. **Fournette's** 89-yd touchdown run with 6:14 left in the third quarter put him over 1,000 yards for the season.
    - i. It was the longest run for an LSU player in a bowl game. The previous long in a bowl was a 78-yard rush by Rondell Mealey against Notre Dame in the 1997 Independence Bowl.
    - ii. It was also the longest run in Music City Bowl history.
  - b. **Fournette** finished the season with 1,034 rushing yards.
    - i. He became only the second freshman in school history to rush for over 1,000 yards. The other was **Justin Vincent** who finished with 1,001 rushing yards during the 2003 season.
    - ii. The freshman now holds the school record for the most rushing yards in his first year.
  - c. **Fournette** finished the season with 11 total touchdowns (10 rushing, 1 kickoff return).
  - d. **Fournette** also finished the season with a team leading five 100-yard rushing games.
11. Fournette returned a kickoff for a 100-yard touchdown with 10:52 in the first half.
  - i. It was the first kickoff returned for a touchdown for the Tigers since Morris Claiborne returned one 99 yards Sept. 24, 2011 at West Virginia.
  - ii. It tied the school record for the longest kickoff returned for a touchdown. The last 100-yard kick return was Eric Martin vs. Kentucky in 1981.
  - iii. The freshman finished with 264 all-purpose yards. That was the most by an LSU player this season.
12. WR **John Diarse** caught a 75-yard touchdown pass on the first play of the second half to tie it at 21.
  - a. It was a career-long reception and his third career touchdown.
  - b. Diarse has now scored in back-to-games.
  - c. The catch was also just short of the LSU bowl record of 77 yards by Andy Hamilton in the 1971 Sun Bowl.
13. TE **DeSean Smith** collected his first career catch.
  - a. Smith had four receptions for 66 yards.
14. WR **Travin Dural** had a career-high 61 rushing yards on four attempts. He also had a career-long run of 24 yards.
15. S **Jamal Adams** had a career high in both tackles (10) and tackles for loss (2).
16. LB **Kwon Alexander** finished the game with 11 tackles. He also finishes the season with six double-digit tackle games.