

LSU FOOTBALL POSTGAME NOTES

#19/18 LSU vs. Texas A&M

Nov. 25, 2017—Tiger Stadium (Baton Rouge, La.)

1. The LSU Captains were WR **DJ Chark**, WR **Russell Gage**, DE **Christian LaCouture** and RB **Darrel Williams**.
2. LSU lost the coin toss, and the Tigers received the opening kickoff. Texas A&M kicked off and defended the south end zone to start the game.
3. LSU brought a Top-25 ranking into a game in November for the 58th time in 61 tries, a streak that dates back to November 2002.
4. LSU is 44-17 in November games since the 2012 season, which includes a 42-16 record in games in which it is ranked.
5. LSU and Texas A&M met for the 56th time, and LSU now holds a 33-20-3 advantage in the season.
6. The Tigers have recorded their seventh-straight win against the Aggies, dating back to the 2010 season. LSU is 6-0 against Texas A&M since the Aggies joined the SEC.
7. In Baton Rouge, LSU has a 25-10-1 advantage against Texas A&M.
8. LSU head coach Ed Orgeron improved to 15-5 at the helm.
 - a. With the win, Head Coach Ed Orgeron improves to 2-0 against Texas A&M.
9. LSU is now 73-0 when rushing for 100 yards and holding opponents to less than 100 yards. The Tigers rushed for 250 yards and held Texas A&M to 55 rushing yards.
 - a. In the last 164 games, LSU is 124-19 when rushing for 100 yards.
 - b. When holding opponents to fewer than 100 yards and the Tigers are 74-5.
10. When scoring 20 points in a game, the Tigers are now 24-1 dating back to the 2015 season.
11. Dating back to the start of last year's Alabama game, LSU's defense, under the direction of **Dave Aranda**, has limited opponents to only 11 touchdowns in the first half of the final five games of the season through week 12 of 2017.
 - a. Arkansas (2016, 2017), Texas A&M, Mississippi State, Troy, Auburn and Tennessee are the only teams to score first half touchdowns against LSU.
12. The Tigers have held opponents to 11 fourth quarter points in the last seven games against Florida, Auburn, Ole Miss, Alabama, Arkansas, Tennessee and Texas A&M.
13. LSU out-gained Texas A&M 601-282. The last time the LSU offense recorded a 600-yard game was at Texas A&M on Nov. 24, 2016 (6322).
14. Redshirt freshman LB **Ray Thornton** made his first career start.
15. Three Tigers saw their first career action: FB **Trey Gallman**, QB **Caleb Lewis** and OL **Justin Mikush**.

Individual

Offense

1. QB **Danny Etling** finished the night 19-of-30 passing with a LSU career-best 347 yards and three touchdowns.
 - a. His previous career high was 324 at Texas A&M on Nov. 24, 2016.
 - b. On the first play of the second quarter with his eighth pass of the night and sixth completion, Etling connected with RB **Derrius Guice** for an 18-yard pass, giving the senior 2,000 yards for the season.
 - i. The senior finished the 2016 season with 2,123 yards and becomes the fifth quarterback in LSU history to have back-to-back seasons with 2,000 yards passing. The last LSU quarterback to have consecutive seasons with 2,000 yards was Zach Mettenberger (2012-13).
 - c. With 4:23 left in the first quarter, Etling connected with WR **Russell Gage** for his fourth completion of the night, an 11-yard touchdown pass to give LSU the 13-0 lead.
 - i. It marked Etling's 12th touchdown pass this season and 23rd of his LSU career.
 - d. The Tigers took a 34-21 lead against the Aggies when Etling connected with senior TE/F **John David Moore** for a 10-yard touchdown pass.
 - i. It was his second touchdown pass of the night, 13th of the season and 24th of his LSU career.
 - ii. The touchdown marked the seventh multi-touchdown game of the senior's LSU career.
 - e. The senior found **DJ Chark** for a six-yard touchdown pass with 13:18 left in the fourth quarter. It was his third touchdown of the night. He then converted the two-point conversion with a pass to TE/F **Foster Moreau** as LSU took the 42-21 lead.

- i. The three touchdown passes ties his LSU career high as he had three against Southern Miss in 2016.
 - ii. The last time LSU successful converted for two points was on Sept. 6, 2014, against Sam Houston State when Kenny Hilliard rushed into the endzone.
 - f. LSU improves to 16-6 with Etling as the starting quarterback.
 - g. Etling sits in sole possession of fifth-place with most consecutive starts at LSU after passing Tommy Hodson who had 20 (12 in 1986 and 8 in 1987) at Tennessee. With his start against Texas A&M, he now owns 22 consecutive starts at LSU and has 34 career starts overall (12 at Purdue).
2. QB **Myles Brennan** entered to play with 6:22 left in the game. He finished the night 1-of-1 passing with four yards.
 3. On his third carry of the night, RB **Derrius Guice** moved into fifth place on LSU's all-time career rushing list. He now has 2,976 career yards in 35 games played. He finished the night with 127 yards on 28 carries.
 - a. He passed Harvey Williams who recorded 2,860 yards in 40 games (1986-90).
 - b. With his 26th carry of the night, Guice surpassed 100 yards for the 12th time in his career.
 - c. Guice rushed for his 11th touchdown of the season with a one-yard run with 9:52 left in the third quarter.
 - i. He now sits in sixth place on LSU's all-time career rushing touchdown list with 29 touchdowns, tied with Terry Robiskie (1973-76) and Rondell Mealey (1996-99)
 4. RB **Darrel Williams** recorded 106 yards rushing on 12 attempts. It marked his third career 100-yard game.
 - a. The senior rushed for a one-yard touchdown as LSU took the 20-0 lead with 7:29 left in the second quarter. It marked his ninth rushing touchdown of the season and 19th rushing touchdown of his career.
 - b. He broke for a career-long 77-yard run with 14:52 left in the fourth quarter to set up three plays later.
 5. WR **DJ Chark** tied his career-high with five receptions. He totaled 86 yards and one touchdown.
 - a. His previous career-high was five against Auburn in 2017.
 - b. His touchdown in the fourth quarter was his third of the season and sixth of his career.
 6. WR **Russell Gage** had four receptions for 81 yards and one touchdown. His touchdown in the first quarter was his third this season and fourth of his career.
 7. TE/F **JD Moore** notched two catches for 18 yards. His touchdown in the third quarter was the second of his career and the second this season.
 8. TE/F **Tory Carter** caught a career-long 28-yard pass from Etling on the Tigers' first drive of the second quarter.
 - a. The freshman also caught a four-yard pass from QB **Myles Brennan** in the fourth quarter, marking the second multi-reception of his career.
 9. RB **Clyde Edwards-Helaire** made a career-long 27-yard catch to set up a Guice touchdown two plays later with 9:52 left in the third quarter.
 - a. His previous long was 12 yards against BYU earlier this season.

Defense

1. LB **Devin White** recorded 13 tackles, marking his eighth game with double-digit tackles on the year. He also had 1.5 tackles for loss, one interception and one quarterback hit.
 - a. He ties Bradie James for most double-digit tackle games in a season with eight.
 - b. He sits in sixth place on the LSU 100-plus tackles list with 127 tackles on the season. The junior is two tackles away from fifth place, which would tie Al Richardson, who had 129 in 1980.
 - c. With 1:10 left in the fourth quarter, CB **Kevin Toliver II** broke up QB Nick Starkel's pass, and White intercepted his first career pass and returned it three yards to the Texas A&M 10-yardline. The Tigers came out in victory formation.
2. CB **Andreaz "Greedy" Williams** had one tackle and one interception.
 - a. The redshirt freshman picked off Texas A&M QB Nick Starkel for his team-high fifth pass of the season with 13:58 left in the first quarter.
 - i. His previous interceptions came against BYU, Chattanooga, Syracuse and Arkansas.
 - b. The last player to have five or more interceptions in a season was Morris Claiborne, who had six in 2011.
3. DB **Donte Jackson** intercepted Texas A&M QB Nick Starkel at the LSU 39-yardline with 11:38 left in the third quarter. He finished the night with four tackles.
 - a. The interception was the junior's first of the season and fourth of his career.

4. LB **Donnie Alexander** recovered a fumble forced by CB **Kevin Toliver II** and returned it 33 yards to the Texas A&M-23 yardline with 9:52 left in the first quarter.
 - i. It was his second career fumble recovery. He recovered one fumble in the 2015 season.
 - ii. He also had two tackles on the night.
5. With 0:42 seconds left in the third quarter NT **Greg Gilmore**, sacked Texas A&M QB Nick Starkel for a loss of one yard.
 - a. It was his 6.5 sack of the season and the ninth of his career.
 - b. The senior recorded five tackles, which was LSU's second-most.
6. On Texas A&M's first drive of the fourth quarter, senior LB **Corey Thompson** dropped Texas A&M QB Nick Starkel for a loss of five yards.
 - a. It was his sixth career sack and sixth sack of the season.

Special Teams

1. P **Zach Von Rosenberg** punted once for 41 yards, and P **Josh Growden** punted once for 38 yards to pin Texas A&M inside its own 20.
2. PK **Jack Gonsoulin** was 2-4 on field goal attempts and 2-2 on point after attempts.
 - a. With 9:53 left in the first quarter, Gonsoulin connected on a career-long 46-yard attempt to put the Tigers up 3-0.
 - b. He booted his second field goal of the night, a 33-yard kick, with 6:27 left in the first quarter as the Tigers took the 6-0 lead against the Aggies.
3. PK **Connor Culp** was 1-of-1 on field goal attempts and 2-2 on extra point attempts.
 - a. He made a 26-yard field goal with 7:53 left in the game to give LSU the 45-21 advantage against the Aggies.