

LSU FOOTBALL POSTGAME NOTES

#24/#25 LSU vs. #8 Miami • Advocare Kickoff Classic

Sept. 2, 2018—AT&T Stadium (Arlington, Texas)

Team Notes

1. The LSU Captains were RB **Nick Brossette**, S **John Battle**, LB **Devin White** and DE **Rashard Lawrence**.
 - a. LSU's honorary captains for the game were Bradie James and La'el Collins, both of whom were/are Dallas Cowboys.
2. LSU won the coin toss and deferred to the second half. LSU kicked off and defended while Miami received the opening kickoff.
3. LSU head coach Ed Orgeron improved to 16-6 at the helm.
 - a. He now has a 32-33 overall record and is 5-0 in season openers as a head coach.
 - b. In his last 29 appearances as a head coach, which includes his stretch at Southern Cal in 2013, Orgeron has produced a 22-8 mark.
4. With the 16-point win against Miami, 13 of LSU's 16 wins under Orgeron have come by double-digits.
5. The 24-point LSU lead against Miami at the half was the largest against a ranked opponent since Sept. 15, 2015 against Auburn when the Tigers held a 24-0 lead against the SEC West foe. It ties the fourth-largest halftime lead against a top-25 team in program history.
6. In 13 contests with Miami, LSU now has the overall 10-3 advantage in the series.
 - a. LSU is now 38-27 all-time against current Atlantic Coast Conference member institutions in program history.
7. Going back to 2001, LSU has now played 205 of its 222 games ranked in the Top 205.
8. LSU is 30-8 all-time in domed stadium, which now includes a 4-0 record in AT&T Stadium.
 - a. All four wins in Arlington, Texas, were against teams ranked in the Top 25 (No. 8 Miami, 2018; No. 20 TCU, 2013; No. 3 Oregon, 2011; No. 18 Texas A&M, 2011 Cotton Bowl).
9. When the Tigers and Hurricanes kicked off Sunday night, it was just the fourth Sunday game for LSU in program history.
 - a. With the win, LSU is 3-1 in Sunday games.
10. With the win against Miami, LSU is 71-9 vs. non-conference teams dating back to 2001.
11. When rushing for 100 yards in a game and holding opponents to under 100 yards, the Tigers are now 74-0.
12. The Tigers posted 156 rushing yards, which extends the streak of 100-yard rushing games to 18 straight.
13. The Tigers had 11 players record their first starts: RB **Lanard Fournette**, C **Lloyd Cushenberry III**, G **Damien Lewis**, WR **Jonathan Giles**, QB **Joe Burrow**, WR **Justin Jefferson**, WR **Terrace Marshall Jr.**, DE **Breiden Fehoko**, CB **Kristian Fulton**, CB **Terrence Alexander** and LB **Jacob Phillips**.
14. Multiple Tigers recorded their first action in LSU uniform:
 - a. Offense: G **Damien Lewis**, WR **Jonathan Giles**, QB **Joe Burrow**, WR **Terrace Marshall Jr.**, WR **Ja'Marr Chase**, RB **Chris Curry**
 - b. Defense: DE **Breiden Fehoko**, CB **Terrence Alexander**, LB **Jacob Phillips**
 - c. Special Teams: **Kelvin Joseph**, **Cole Tracy**, **Badara Traore**, **Avery Atkins**, **Damone Clark**, **Colby Brunet**, **Kenan Jones**
15. In addition to the three true freshman starters, seven true freshmen saw the field in the season opener for LSU, including WR **Terrace Marshall Jr**, WR **Ja'Marr Chase**, RB **Chris Curry**, PK **Avery Atkins**, CB **Kelvin Joseph**, LB **Damone Clark**, WR **Kenan Jones**.

Team Notes- Season Openers

16. LSU is now 2-0 in openers under Orgeron, and the Tigers have won 15 of their last 16 opening contests dating back to 2003. The only loss during that span came in 2016 against Wisconsin at Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wisconsin.
17. LSU is 12-13-1 all-time against Top 25 teams in season openers.
 - a. The Tigers are 11-2 all-time in season openers when both teams enter the game ranked.
18. The Tigers have now won six-straight season-opening games where both teams are ranked. The last time a ranked LSU team defeated a ranked opponent to open the season prior to Sunday's game was in 2014 against Wisconsin in Houston.

19. Since 2010, LSU has played seven of nine season openers at a neutral site, and the Tigers own a 6-1 record in those games.
20. The game marked the third-straight year that LSU started with a new quarterback-running back combination in **Joe Burrow** and **Lanard Fournette**.

Individual

Offense

1. In his first game as a Tiger, QB **Joe Burrow** was 11-of-24 with 140 yards.
 - a. Burrow's start marks the first time since 1959 that an LSU quarterback has started his first game with the team.
 - b. LSU completed a pass on its first offensive play of the season for the first time since 1989 when QB Tommy Hodson completed a pass to Tony Moss in 1989. The Tigers have only attempted four passes in that span with 25 rush attempts.
 - c. With 24 passes, Burrow extended the streak to 135 consecutive passes without an interception by an LSU quarterback, a streak that dates back to Danny Etling's last pass of the first quarter against Alabama on November 4.
2. Senior RB **Nick Brossette** rushed for a career-best 22 attempts with a career-high 125 yards for two touchdowns and a long rush of 50 yards.
 - a. Brossette is the fifth-straight 100-yard rusher in a season opener: Guice (2017), Fournette (2016, 2015) and Kenny Hilliard (2014).
 - b. With 35 seconds left in the first quarter, Brossette broke away for a 50-yard rushing touchdown, the first touchdown of his career.
 - c. Brossette rushed for a 1-yard touchdown with 9:21 left in the first half to lift LSU to a 17-3 lead against Miami.
 - i. With his second rushing touchdown of the night, Brossette is the first LSU player to rush for two or more touchdowns in a game since Darrel Williams saw the end zone twice at Tennessee on Nov. 18, 2017.
3. WR **Justin Jefferson** had a career-best 5 receptions for a career-high 81 yards.
 - a. His 12-yard catch on third-and-10 on LSU's first offensive drive of the game marked the sophomore's first career.
 - b. Jefferson's 37-yard grab in the second quarter was a career long reception that put the Tigers on the Miami 19-yard line
4. WR **Dee Anderson** tied his career-best with two receptions for 20 yards. He last recorded two grabs against Notre Dame in the Citrus Bowl.
5. WRs **Ja'Marr Chase**, **Jonathan Giles** and **Terrace Marshall Jr.** made their first receptions as a Tiger, and RB **Chris Curry** recorded his first career rushes.

Defense

1. LB **Devin White** led the LSU defense with eight tackles, four solo, and one quarterback hurry.
2. LB **Jacob Phillips** recorded a career-best seven tackles, an interception and a quarterback hurry.
 - a. With 4:21 left in the opening half, Phillips picked off Miami QB Malik Roser and ran past the Hurricane goal line for a 45-yard touchdown to give LSU the 27-3 lead. The interception was the sophomore's first career pick.
 - i. The pick six was the first since Tre'Davious White ran back an interception for 21 yards in the 2016 season opener against Wisconsin at Lambeau Field.
 - ii. It was also the longest pick six since Craig Loston's 100-yard return against No. 22 Mississippi State on Nov. 10, 2012.
3. S **John Battle** had three tackles and an interception.
 - a. Battle recorded his third career interception and returned it for 29 yards to place LSU at the Miami 41-yard line with 4:32 left in the third quarter.
 - i. The senior from Hallandale, Florida, recorded one interception in both the 2015 and 2017 seasons. The 29-yard return bests his 19-yard interception return in 2017.

4. DE **Breiden Fehoko** and LB **Michael Divinity Jr.** teamed up to come up with a massive sack, dropping Miami QB Malik Roser for eight yards on fourth down with 4:40 left in the first quarter to give LSU the ball with the 33-17 lead.
 - a. Divinity Jr. finished the night with 1.5 sacks, all coming in the fourth quarter.
5. S **Grant Delpit** and DE **Rashard Lawrence** each recorded a tackle for loss in the Tigers' win. Delpit finished the night with four tackles while Lawrence notched three.
6. OLB **K'Lavon Chaisson** sacked Miami's Malik Roser for a loss of eight yards with nine minutes left in the fourth quarter. It was his first sack of the season and third career.
7. DE **Glen Logan** made a career-high five tackles.
 - a. His previous best was four, which he recorded against Troy in 2017.
8. CB **Kary Vincent Jr.** and LB **Patrick Queen** each recorded a career-best four tackles.

Special Teams

1. PK **Cole Tracy** was 4-for-4 on field goal attempts and 3-for-3 on extra points.
 - a. The graduate transfer connected on a 43-yarder for his first career field goal at LSU with 8:26 left in the first quarter to give the Tigers the 3-0 lead.
 - b. With 4:56 left in the second quarter, Tracy booted a 21-yarder to extend LSU's lead to 20-3.
 - c. Tracy kicked another 21-yarder at the 7:32 mark in the third quarter, and the Tigers took the 30-3 lead.
 - d. With his longest kick of the night, Tracy tied the school record as he placed a 54-yarder through the uprights, lifting LSU to a 33-3 advantage.
 - i. A 54-yard field goal has been recorded twice in LSU history: Wade Richey vs. Kentucky (1996) and Ron Lewis vs. North Carolina (1985).
2. PK **Avery Atkins** handled kickoff duties for the Tigers.
 - a. He kicked off five times with four touchbacks.
3. SNP **Blake Ferguson** handled snapping duties for the 26th-consecutive game.
4. P **Zach Von Rosenberg** punted three times for 140 yards.
 - a. The sophomore averaged 46.7 yards per punt with a long punt of 51 yards and one punt inside of the 20-yard line.
5. P **Josh Growden** was called on to punt twice. He averaged 31.5 yards per punt with a long punt of 47 yards.