

LSU FOOTBALL POSTGAME NOTES • Playstation Fiesta Bowl

#11 LSU vs. #7 UCF

Jan. 1, 2019—State Farm Stadium (Glendale, Ariz.)

Team Notes

1. The LSU Captains were RB **Nick Brossette**, K **Cole Tracy**, LB **Devin White** and OG **Garrett Brumfield**.
2. LSU won the toss, and the Tigers elected to receive. UCF defended the north end zone.
 - a. It was the second time this season that LSU won the toss and elected to receive. The first was against Rice.
 - b. It was the fourth time in a bowl game that LSU has done so (since 1983, when teams were given the option): 1982 Orange, 196 Sugar, 2016 Buffalo Wild Wings Citrus and 2019 Fiesta.
 - c. LSU has won 14 of the past 15 games when winning the coin toss and electing to receive the opening kickoff since 2001.
3. QB **Joe Burrow** was named the Offensive Player of the Game, and DE **Rashard Lawrence** was named the Defensive Player of the Game.
4. The attendance for the game was 57,246.
5. With the 40-32 win, LSU improves to 10-3, 5-3 SEC.
 - a. LSU now holds a 1-0 record in the Fiesta Bowl and a 1-0 record against UCF.
 - b. LSU has a 26-23-1 all-time record in bowl games.
 - c. LSU finishes the season 5-3 against Top 25 foes, which includes four victories against top-10 opponents.
 - i. This is the first time in school history that LSU has beaten four top-10 teams.
 - d. LSU has recorded 10 wins in a season for the first time since 2013.
 - i. LSU has 15 seasons in which it has won at least 10 games.
 - e. LSU is now 3-0 in games played in Arizona.
6. Head Coach Ed Orgeron is now 25-9 at the helm.
 - a. He now has a 41-36 overall record.
 - i. He is 1-0 against UCF all-time.
 - ii. LSU is 19-9 as a Top 25 team under Coach O.
 - iii. LSU is 23-2 under Orgeron when scoring at least 20 points in a game.
 - iv. LSU is now 9-0 under Coach O following a loss.
 - b. In his last 42 games as a head coach, Orgeron has a 31-11 mark, a stretch that includes a 6-2 record with Southern Cal in 2013.
 - c. LSU is 16-1 when the Tigers feature a 100-yard rusher.
 - d. Orgeron has now won two bowls in three seasons (2017 BWW Citrus Bowl, 2019 Fiesta).
7. LSU is 75-9 versus non-conference team dating back to 2001.
 - a. LSU is 73-24-7 all-time against current members of the American Athletic Conference.
8. LSU is 10-2 versus non-conference opponents under Coach Orgeron.
9. LSU did not score a rushing touchdown in the game. It is the first time since the 2014 contest against Ole Miss that the Tigers did not record a rushing touchdown.
10. LSU recorded 555 yards, which is the fourth-most yards recorded by the Tigers in a bowl game.
11. S **Grant Delpit** was disqualified for targeting with 6:27 left in the first half. He sat out the remainder of the game.
12. S **Derian Moore** saw his first career game action on kickoff return.

Individual

Offense

1. QB **Joe Burrow** is now 10-3 as LSU's starting quarterback. He finished the night 21-of-34 passing for a career-high 394 yards and a career-best four touchdowns.
 - a. Burrow's 394 yards ties for the fourth-most passing yards in a game in school history.
 - i. Burrow connected with WR **Derrick Dillon** for his 13th touchdown of the season with 12:59 left in the first half. The 42-yard pass gave LSU the 17-14 lead.
 - ii. The junior hit a wide open WR **Justin Jefferson** for his second touchdown of the game, a 22-yard pass with 1:27 left in the first quarter.

- iii. With 7:11 left in the second quarter, Burrow found Jefferson for the second time of the day, this time a 33-yard dime, to give LSU the 24-14 lead.
- iv. Burrow recorded his career-best fourth touchdown with a 32-yard pass to WR **Ja'Marr Chase** to give LSU the 31-21 lead with 12:38 left in the third quarter.
 - 1. The four touchdown passes ties the LSU record for most in a bowl game. Matt Flynn had four touchdown passes versus Ohio State in the 2007 BCS National Championship Game.
- 2. RB **Nick Brossette** rushed for 117 yards on 29 attempts.
 - a. On his 16th carry of the day, Brossette eclipsed the 1,000-yard mark on the season.
 - i. With his 1,000 yards on the season, LSU has now had a player reach the 1,000-yard mark for five straight years.
 - ii. It is the 19th time in school history that the Tigers have had a 1,000-yard rusher. He is the 13th player in school history to record a 1,000-yard season.
 - iii. He finished his LSU career with 1,039 yards.
- 3. RB **Clyde Edwards-Helaire** opened the game with his longest kick return of his career, a 77-yard run.
- 4. WR **Justin Jefferson** had four catches for 87 yards and two touchdowns.
 - a. The sophomore hauled in a 22-yard pass with 1:27 left in first quarter to cut the UCF lead to 14-10. The touchdown was his team-best fifth of the season.
 - b. His second touchdown was a 33-yard catch with 7:11 left in the second quarter.
- 5. WR **Derrick Dillon** had two receptions for a career-high 86 yards and one touchdown.
 - a. Dillon's 42-yard touchdown was his second career touchdown.
 - i. With the touchdown catch, Dillon extended his streak of games with at least one reception to eight.
- 6. WR **Ja'Marr Chase** had a career day with six catches for 93 yards and a touchdown. All are career-bests.
 - a. With 12:38 left in the third quarter, Chase caught his third touchdown of the season, a 32-yard grab.

Defense

- 1. LB **Devin White** had eight tackles, one pass breakup and one forced fumble.
 - a. The junior forced his third fumble of the year with 0:03 left in the first quarter. It was his fourth career forced fumble.
- 2. LB **Michael Divinity** recovered the White fumble for his second fumble recovery of the year and fourth career.
- 3. LB **Patrick Queen** led the Tigers by tying his career-high nine tackles. He had one sack and two tackles for loss.
 - a. The sophomore dropped UCF's Darriel Mack for a loss of 22 yards to the UCF13 with 4:00 left in the second quarter for his first career sack.
- 4. DE **Rashard Lawrence** had five tckles, two sacks and four tackles for loss.
 - a. With 1:30 left in the first half, Lawrence sacked Mack for a loss of nine.
 - b. On the same drive, Lawrence dropped Mack for a loss of six yards with 0:11 left to play in the half.
- 5. S **JaCoby Stevens** recorded six tackles, 0.5 sacks, one interception and one pass breakup.
 - a. The sophomore picked off Darriel Mack at the UCF 46 for his first career interception with 20 seconds left in the game.

Special Teams

- 1. K **Cole Tracy** was 4-for-4 on field goals and 4-for-4 on PATs. He is now 29-of-33 as the Tigers' kicker and 42-of-42 from PATs.
 - a. Tracy gave the Tigers the 3-0 lead with 12:38 in the first quarter with a 24-yard kick.
 - b. With his 28-yard kick, Tracy extended the lead to 34-21 with 5:18 left in the third quarter.
 - c. His third field goal of the day, a 28-yard field goal, tied the LSU single season field goal record.
 - i. He had 28 on the year.
 - 1. Josh Jasper recorded 28 in 2010.
 - ii. The field goal also ties the NCAA all-division career record for field goals at 96.
 - 1. Zane Gonzalez of Arizona State recorded 96 between 2013-16.
 - d. He recorded a fourth field goal with 4:12 left in the game, a 26-yard kick to set the record for LSU's single season field goals (29) and the NCAA all-division career field goal record (97).
 - e. He finished his career with 506 points, which is 19th all-time in NCAA all-division history.

