

**LSU vs, Chattanooga**  
**September 9, 2017**

**LSU HEAD COACH ED ORGERON**

***Opening statement...***

"We are pleased with the win. Obviously, there are some areas that we need to improve on. We need to get better in a hurry. Some positives from tonight; we were plus two in the turnover ratio. No turnovers again by the offense, tremendous job. We only had one penalty in the second half as opposed to 10 in the first half. We challenged our guys at halftime and we didn't pick a penalty up again until two minutes left in the second half. That's something we wanted to improve on and something that's unacceptable in the first half. We had 454 yards total. Our receivers played very well tonight. D.J. Chark had a great night. What an outstanding catch by Stephen Sullivan. Very proud of (Wide Receiver coach) Mickey Joseph and the job he's doing with our receivers. On defense, one touchdown in two games. I know (Defensive Coordinator) Dave (Aranda) and our whole defensive staff was disappointed on that last drive. There was a lack of mental focus there. We had five sacks. I thought we rushed the passer well. Special teams, we had a touchdown. Our return unit actually had two touchdowns, but one was called back for a penalty. The kickoffs were great tonight by Cameron Gamble. We need to still find a field-goal kicker. We don't have a guy right now, that will make the kicks that we want. We'll open up the competition. We'll compete. We played 19 true freshmen which we're very proud of. Guys played well tonight. I give credit to Chattanooga. They had a great game plan. They came out, three-step drop, moved the ball, ran the ball on us. Those guys competed very hard and they have a good football team. On to Mississippi State. We'll put this one away, watch the film tomorrow and get ready to play a better ball game next Saturday night on the road in Starkville."

***On whether or not the plan was to take more shots down the field...***

"We took what they gave us. We always want to take shots, but they gave it to us tonight and we did it."

***On the level of concern at placekicker...***

"Very concerned. We can't go for it all the time. We need points and we have to get it fixed very fast. Hopefully we can."

***On challenging the team at halftime about the penalties...***

"I do believe it's a mindset and it has to come from me. I'm not putting up with it anymore."

***On Danny Etling's passing tonight...***

"Very accurate. He did a tremendous job early. The only thing we're disappointed in was in the red zone, we had three plays where we could've scored, but he wasn't on the money then. Besides that, I thought he was very good."

***On the two interceptions...***

"Really proud of those playing tight man coverage. (Defensive Backs Coach) Corey Raymond has done a tremendous job with them. We have preached all camp about turnovers and turnover margin. Tonight we were plus two so we're plus three on the season. We studied some other teams like Washington who was plus 18 and guys that were plus 12 in the College Football Playoff. To where this team wants to get we need to be better in our turnover ratio and we're off to a nice start."

***On offensive balance...***

"We like to be balanced. We'll take what they give us. I thought tonight was a great indicator of being 50-50 and being very balanced. We have to run the football obviously, we know that. There will be times when they put too many guys in the box and we can't run the football. Danny was tremendous on the shots tonight. I thought (Offensive Coordinator) Matt Canada did a tremendous job of calling the game tonight."