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## Syracuse at No. 25 LSU

Saturday, September 23, 2017

### Postgame Notes

#### OFFENSIVE NOTES

- Syracuse's 17-play, first-quarter scoring drive was its longest of the year in terms of number of plays. The march was capped by a 42-yard field goal by Cole Murphy.
- WR Steve Ishmael and WR Ervin Philips combined for 22 of Syracuse's 34 receptions against LSU. Both Ishmael and Philips tabbed 11 catches in the game. It marked the first time this year the Orange had two players with 10+ receptions in the same game. Syracuse turned that trick twice last season (vs. Colgate, at Pittsburgh).

#### DEFENSIVE NOTES

- The Orange held the Tigers to 10 yards in the opening quarter, the fewest for a Syracuse opponent in any quarter so far in 2017.
- LSU's three rushing touchdowns were the most allowed by the Orange in a game this season. Syracuse came into Saturday with only one rushing TD allowed in its first three games.
- LB Parris Bennett registered Syracuse's first safety of the season when he tackled Darrel Williams in the end zone for a 1-yard loss in the third quarter. They were the first two points of Bennett's career.

#### INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- WR Steve Ishmael caught 11 passes for 123 yards. Ishmael now has 2,056 career receiving yards. He is the seventh player in school history to eclipse 2,000 receiving yards.
- Ishmael moves into sixth in program history for career receiving yards, surpassing Mike Williams (2,044).
- With 123 yards against LSU, Ishmael recorded his fourth 100-yard receiving game, putting him just one game behind Amba Etta-Tawo for the most consecutive 100-yard receiving games in program history.
- WR Ervin Philips had 11 receptions for 93 yards. His third-quarter TD reception was the 13th touchdown catch of his career, tying him with Kevin Johnson (1995-98) for 10th on the Syracuse all-time list.
- K Cole Murphy tied Don McAulay (1983-85) for fifth on the program's career list for most made field goals with his 42-yarder in the opening quarter. Murphy has now 47 career field goals.
- QB Eric Dungey scored his 16th career rushing touchdown in the game to move into a tie with Floyd Little (1964-66) for fifth in program history with 47 touchdowns responsible for.
- DB Juwan Dowels notched his first interception of the season in the fourth quarter, marking the third consecutive game in which Syracuse has posted an interception.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

- WR Devin C. Butler made his first career start in place of the injured Jamal Custis.
- LB Austin Valdez made the 24th start of his career Saturday and first for the Orange at linebacker in place of Jonathan Thomas. Valdez made 23 first-string appearances at Bowling Green.
- WR Devin C. Butler attempted the first two passes of his career in the contest. The first went to QB Eric Dungey for 13 yards on a lateral pass. The second was a 30-yard scoring strike to WR Ervin Philips.

#### GAME CAPTAINS

- LT Cody Conway (offense), DT Chris Slayton (defense) and LB Kielan Whitner (special teams) served as game captains against the Tigers.

#### ATTENDANCE

- Tonight's attendance of 96,044 was the fourth-largest crowd to ever witness a Syracuse football game. It was the largest gathering Syracuse played in front of since 2009 at Penn State (106,387).

#### COIN TOSS

- Syracuse won the toss and elected to receive. It marked the third time in four games in 2017 the Orange won the toss.