

LSU FOOTBALL POSTGAME NOTES

#23/25 LSU vs. Syracuse

Sept. 23, 2017—Tiger Stadium (Baton Rouge, La.)

1. The LSU Captains were NT **Greg Gilmore**, DE **Christian LaCouture**, OT **KJ Malone** and RB **Darrel Williams**.
2. LSU lost the coin toss, and Syracuse elected to receive. LSU kicked off and defended the north end zone.
3. LSU now owns a 3-1 record against Syracuse with the 35-26 win.
4. LSU is now 37-27 all-time against current Atlantic Coast Conference member institutions in program history.
5. With the 35-26 win against Syracuse, LSU now owns a 49-game non-conference home win streak and sits fifth all-time, breaking the tie with Miami (FL) – which won 48-straight games between 1985-1994. Head Coach Ed Orgeron was on that Miami (FL) staff from 1988-92.
6. LSU head coach Ed Orgeron improved to 9-3 at the helm.
 - a. Orgeron has a 5-2 record as the head coach in Tiger Stadium.
 - b. Orgeron is now 3-0 following a loss as the Tigers' head coach.
 - i. Orgeron and the Tigers have outscored their opponents 127-75 with the Syracuse win and wins on the road last season against Arkansas and Texas A&M.
7. LSU combined to rush for 151 yards. It marked the 13th-straight non-conference game in which the Tigers have rushed for more than 100 yards. The LSU defense allowed just 76 rushing yards on the night.
 - a. LSU moved to 118-17 when rushing for more than 100 yards across the past 157 games.
 - b. LSU improved to 71-0 when rushing for 100 or more yards and limiting the opponent to less than 100 rushing yards.
8. On the first play of the game, CB **Andreaz "Greedy" Williams** intercepted Syracuse QB Eric Dungey, returned it for 26 yards, and on the next play RB **Derrius Guice** used a 1-yard rush to score with 14:51 left in the first quarter.
 - a. This marked the quickest score in a LSU game since October 12, 1985, when Norman Jefferson an interception for a 26-yard touchdown with 14:52 remaining in the first quarter.
 - b. The last time that the Tigers scored on the first touch of the first offensive possession was on October 2, 2010, when Jordan Jefferson ran for an 83-yard touchdown against Tennessee in Death Valley.
9. With 3:29 left in the third quarter, RB **Darrel Williams** was tackled by Syracuse LB Parris Bennett for a safety.
 - a. The last time that LSU had a safety scored against them was November 12, 2011, by Western Kentucky with a sack of Jordan Jefferson.
10. LSU's streak of three-straight games with no turnovers ended with 10:41 left in the fourth quarter when QB **Myles Brennan** threw an interception, which was caught by Syracuse DB Juwan Dowels at the Orange 20-yard line.
11. Two Tigers started the first game of their career against Syracuse with one being a true freshmen.
 - a. Freshman TE/F **Tory Carter** and RS Freshman TE **Jamal Pettigrew**. The Tigers opened in a jumbo package with four tight ends.
12. Two Tigers either recorded their first career reception or touchdown.
 - a. Sacks: Tyler Taylor
 - b. Touchdown: WR Stephan Sullivan

Individual

Offense

1. QB **Danny Etling** finished the night 10-of-17 with 188 yards and two touchdowns.
 - a. His 87-yard touchdown pass to Davis marked a career-long pass for the senior.
 - b. Two of Etling's 10 completions were for at least 40 yards.
 - c. LSU improves to 10-4 with Etling as the starting quarterback.
2. RB **Darrel Williams** became the 47th LSU Football player to reach 1,000 career yards in his 39th game played. He finished the night with 16 carries for 92 yards and one touchdown.
 - a. With his second carry of the game, a 10-yard rush on 3rd-and-8, D. Williams broke 1,002 career yards.
 - b. Caught a career-long pass from Brennan for 43 yards before rushing for his eighth carry of the night where he broke for a 20-yard touchdown, his first of the night and 15th career.

- c. In the third quarter with 14:50 left, Williams rushed for 20 yards for his 15th touchdown of his career and fifth of the season.
- 3. QB **Myles Brennan** entered the game with 8:45 left in the third quarter. He finished 4-of-6 for 75 yards.
 - a. He connected with D. Williams for a career-long 43-yard pass during his first drive.
- 4. On RB **Derrius Guice's** first carry of the game, he ran into the end zone for a one yard rush. It was his fifth touchdown of the season and 23rd of his career.
- 5. WR **Stephan Sullivan** recorded his first career touchdown with his second career catch on a 43-yard catch from Etling with 1:15 left in the first half.
- 6. WR **DJ Chark** recorded 57 all-purpose yards. He recorded three rushes for 27 yards and one touchdown and two receptions for 30 yards.
 - a. With 1:52 in the fourth quarter, Chark walked into the end zone with a 20-yard end-around for his fourth career rushing touchdown, first rushing touchdown of the season and first touchdown of the season.
- 7. WR **Drake Davis** was on the receiving end for an 87-yard touchdown pass from Danny Etling with 14:50 left in the third quarter, marking the sophomore's longest grab and second career touchdown.
 - a. The touchdown marked the longest passing touchdown since September 6, 2014, when Travin Dural caught a 94-yard pass from Anthony Jennings against Sam Houston St.
- 8. TE **Foster Moreau** broke a career-best with three receptions. He had grabs of five, six and seven yards.
 - a. His previous best was two grabs against Missouri in 2016.

Defense

- 1. CB **Andreaz "Greedy" Williams** finished the night with seven tackles, four solo tackles, one interception and one pass break-up.
 - a. On the first play of the game, **Andreaz "Greedy" Williams** intercepted Syracuse quarterback Eric Dungey and returned it 28 yards to put LSU on the Syracuse one yard line, setting up a Derrius Guice touchdown on the next play.
 - i. This marked his third interception of the season and first time he made a return on an interception.
- 2. DE **Rashard Lawrence** finished the night with five tackles, two solo tackles, two tackles for loss and one sack.
 - a. With 0:58 left in the first quarter, Lawrence recorded a solo sack, dropping QB Eric Dungey for a loss of eight yards.
- 3. LB **Tyler Taylor** recorded six tackles, 1.5 sacks and 1.5 tackles for loss.
 - a. Dropped Dungey for a loss of three yards with 0:47 seconds left in the first half for his first career sack.
 - b. With 10:41 left in the fourth quarter, LB **Corey Thompson** and LB **Tyler Taylor** combined to sack Dungey for a loss of three yards.
- 4. S **John Battle** recorded a career-best 11 tackles, besting his previous career-high of eight tackles, which he recorded against Florida in 2016. He left the game in the third quarter with an injury and did not return.
- 5. For the fourth-straight game, LB **Devin White** led the team in tackles and set his career-best with 13 tackles.
 - a. His previous best was 11 tackles, which he recorded last week at Mississippi State.

Special Teams

- 1. P **Zach Von Rosenberg** entered to punt in the second quarter.
 - a. He recorded two punts for 89 yards, averaged 44.5 yards per punt. He had a long punt of 49 yards and one punt inside of the 20.
- 2. K **Jack Gonsoulin** went 5-for-5 on extra point attempts and did not record a field goal try.
- 3. K **Cameron Gamble** recorded 7 kickoffs for 451 yards for an average of 64.4 yards per kickoff.
 - a. He also notched five touchbacks.