

LSU FOOTBALL POSTGAME NOTES

#22/25 LSU vs. Troy

Sept. 30, 2017—Tiger Stadium (Baton Rouge, La.)

1. The LSU Captains were QB **Danny Etling**, SNP **Blake Ferguson**, TE/F **Foster Moreau** and RB **Darrel Williams**.
2. LSU lost the coin toss and received. Troy deferred to the second half and defended the north end zone.
3. The 2017 LSU Homecoming King was Matthew Boudreaux of Lafayette, La., and the Homecoming Queen is Camille Faircloth of Pineville, La.
4. LSU has ended its win streak on Homecoming at 16 games with the 24-21 loss.
5. The Tigers fall to 2-1 against Troy all-time.
6. LSU is now 35-1 all-time against current members of the Sun Belt.
7. LSU suffered its first loss against non-conference opponents in 49 games. The last loss to a non-conference foe in Tiger Stadium came in 2000 vs. UAB.
 - a. LSU's 49-game win streak against non-conference opponents sits fifth all-time in NCAA history.
8. LSU head coach Ed Orgeron dropped to 9-4 at the helm.
 - a. Orgeron has a 5-4 record as the head coach in Tiger Stadium.
9. The Tigers outgained the Trojans 428-363 on offense.
10. LSU lost the time of possession battle, holding the ball for only 25:16 in comparison to Troy's 34:44.
11. On the first play from scrimmage, RB **Nick Brossette** fumbled the ball and it was recovered by a Troy defender, marking the first lost fumble by LSU this season.
 - a. There were 314 rushing attempts by LSU since it had last lost a fumble. The last time LSU lost a fumble on a rushing attempt prior to tonight's game was in the second quarter against Florida in 2016.
12. LSU trailed Troy 10-0 at the half. The last time LSU was held scoreless in the first half was on Nov. 5, 2016 against Alabama.
 - a. The last time LSU trailed at the half against a non-conference opponent was when it trailed Louisiana Tech by three on Nov. 14, 2009.
13. Two Tigers started the first game of their career against Troy with one being a true freshman.
 - a. Junior RB **Nick Brossette** and true freshman WR **JaCoby Stevens**
14. LSU now has 18 first time starters on the season, including eight true freshmen starters, the most true freshmen starters since 2005.
15. Four Tigers recorded either their first career reception or touchdown.
 - a. Reception: TE/F **Tory Carter**, TE **Jamal Pettigrew**, TE **JaCory Washington**
 - b. Touchdown: QB **Myles Brennan**

Individual

Offense

1. QB **Danny Etling** finished the night 17-25-1 with 198 yards and 2 touchdowns. Etling rushed for a LSU career-best 57 yards on five carries with a long of 19.
 - a. With 2:32 left in the first half, Etling was injured and exited the game.
 - b. The senior returned with 8:09 left in the 4th quarter as the Tigers trailed 24-7.
 - c. On his first drive back in the game with 7:41 left in the fourth quarter, Etling threw a 34-yard strike to WR **Russell Gage** to cut the LSU deficit to 24-14.
 - i. The touchdown marked Gage's second career touchdown.
 - d. With 0:05 seconds left in the game, Etling threw his first interception of the season.
2. QB **Myles Brennan** entered the game with 13:00 left in the third quarter after Etling left the game at the end of the first half with an injury. He finished 4-7-1 with 68 yards and one interception
 - a. He fired a career-long 48-yard pass to DJ Chark with 9:18 left in the third quarter.
 - b. The freshman recorded his first career touchdown after connecting with TE/F **Foster Moreau** for a seven-yard catch with 4:00 left on the clock in the third quarter, cutting the LSU deficit to 17-7.
 - i. The catch marked Moreau's second career touchdown.
3. TE/F **Foster Moreau** recorded three catches for 41 yards and two touchdowns, marking the first time in his career that he had a two-touchdown game.

- a. With 1:59 left in the fourth quarter, Etling fired a 20-yard touchdown pass to Moreau as LSU pulled within three, 24-21.
4. WR **DJ Chark** led LSU receivers with four catches for 105 yards, including a team-best long of 48 yards.
5. RB **Darrel Williams** led all rushers with 69 yards on 17 attempts.
6. TE/F **Tory Carter** recorded his first career catch, a grab of seven yards with 6:03 left in the first quarter.
 - a. He followed with his second reception, a five yard catch on the same drive.
7. TE **Jamal Pettigrew** made his first career reception, an 18-yard catch, in the second quarter.
8. The Tigers recorded their second fumble of the night after WR **Derrick Dillon** made a two-yard catch, and Troy CB **Blace Brown** forced a fumble, which was recovered by Troy's **Melvin Tyus**.

Defense

1. DE **Christian LaCouture** recorded the first two-sack game of his career after dropping Troy quarterback **Brandon Silvers** for a loss of eight total yards. He now has two sacks on the season and 6.5 career sacks.
 - a. He led the team with a career-high 12 tackles and 2.5 tackles for loss.
 - b. With 7:45 left in the second quarter, he dropped Silvers for a loss of six yards.
 - c. In the third quarter with 2:05 left, the senior sacked Silvers for a loss of two yards.
2. LB **Devin White** recorded 13 tackles, including three solo tackles and one tackle for loss.
3. S **John Battle** forced a fumble with 4:45 left in the third quarter, and LB **Devin White** recovered the ball to put LSU at 1st-and-Goal on the Troy four-yard line.
4. CB **Kevin Toliver II** broke up two passes and notched six tackles.
5. NT **Greg Gilmore** recorded a career-high nine tackles and also had a sack.
 - a. In the second quarter, Gilmore dropped Troy quarterback **Brandon Silvers** for a loss of four yards, marking 5.0 sacks for his career.
6. With 5:26 left in the fourth quarter, LB **Donnie Alexander** forced a fumble at the LSU 11 and LB **Michael Divinity Jr.** recovered for the Tigers at the eight-yard line.

Special Teams

1. P **Josh Growden** and P **Zach Von Rosenberg** split time with punts tonight.
 - a. Growden recorded one punt, a 31-yard boot inside of the 20-yard line.
 - b. Von Rosenberg punted twice for 80 yards for an average of 40.0 yards per punt with a long punt of 42.
2. K **Jack Gonsoulin** went 3-for-3 on extra point attempts and 0-for-1 on field goal attempts.
 - a. The Baton Rouge native missed a 35-yard kick with 2:32 left in the second quarter.
3. K **Cameron Gamble** kicked off two times for 125 yards and an average of 62.5 yards per kick.
 - a. He recorded one touchback.