

LSU FOOTBALL POSTGAME NOTES

LSU at #21/20 Florida

Oct. 7, 2017—Ben Hill Griffin Stadium (Gainesville, Fla.)

1. The LSU Captains were S **John Battle**, C/OG **Will Clapp**, DE **Christian LaCouture** and RB **Darrel Williams**.
2. LSU won the coin toss and deferred to the second half. LSU kicked off and defended the south end zone.
3. LSU and Florida met for the 64th time, and the Gators now lead the series, 32-29-3, after the Tiger win.
4. The one-point win marks the closest margin in series history. The previous lowest winning margin was three points. There have been three ties.
5. With the win, Head Coach Ed Orgeron improves to 1-2 vs. Florida.
6. LSU has now won seven of its last eight games against SEC East foes.
7. The Tigers have won 10 consecutive games during the month of October, a streak that dates back to the 2014 season. Seven of the 10 have come against SEC opponents.
8. LSU head coach Ed Orgeron improved to 10-4 at the helm.
 - a. Orgeron is now 4-0 following a loss as the Tigers' head coach.
 - i. Orgeron and the Tigers have outscored their opponents 144-91 with the Florida and Syracuse wins and wins on the road last season against Arkansas and Texas A&M.
9. LSU has now won 62 straight games when leading by at least 14 points at any point in a game.
 - a. Its last loss was in 2008 at Arkansas.
10. The Tigers held the Gators to just a field goal in the first half. The last time LSU went on the road and held an SEC opponent without a first half touchdown was Sept. 12, 2015, at Mississippi State.
 - a. Dating back to the start of the 2016 Alabama game, LSU's defense under the direction of Dave Aranda, has limited opponents to only five touchdowns in the first half of the final five games of the season through week six of 2017.
 - b. Arkansas, Texas A&M, Mississippi State and Troy are the only teams to score first half touchdowns against the Tigers.
11. With 1:45 left in the third quarter, Florida's RB Lamical Perine rushed for a one-yard touchdown, and PK Eddy Pineiro missed the PAT.
 - a. The missed PAT was the first vs. LSU since Oct. 24, 2015 by Western Kentucky.
12. WR **Derrick Dillon** was ejected with 5:43 left in the first quarter for targeting and missed the remainder of the game.
13. For the majority of the contest, LSU played three freshmen on the offensive line: **Saahdiq Charles**, **Austin Deculus**, and **Ed Ingram**.
14. Two Tigers recorded either his first career offensive snap or touchdown.
 - a. Offensive snap: OL **Austin Deculus**
 - b. Touchdown: TE/F **Tory Carter**

Individual

Offense

1. QB **Danny Etling** finished the afternoon 9-of-16 with 125 yards and one touchdown.
 - a. Etling had two passes for more than 20 yards, a 21-yard pass to TE/F **Foster Moreau** and a 47-yard completion to WR **DJ Chark**.
 - b. Etling had 26 rushing yards on nine attempts.
 - c. LSU improves to 11-5 with Etling as the starting quarterback.
2. WR **Russell Gage** was the Tigers' leading rusher as he recorded 52 yards on six attempts with a long rush of 30 yards.
 - a. With 1:22 left in the first quarter, Gage used his 12th rushing attempt to run into the end zone for a 30-yard touchdown on a jet sweep to give LSU the 7-0 lead in Gainesville. It marked his second touchdown of his career, his first career rushing touchdown and his first touchdown of the season.
 - i. His last touchdown was at Texas A&M in 2016.
3. TE/F **Tory Carter** scored his first career touchdown on his third career reception with a two-yard catch from Danny Etling to start the third quarter.
 - a. It marked the first touchdown scored by a LSU true freshman this season.

- b. The last true freshman to score a touchdown was RB Derrius Guice vs. Texas A&M in 2015.
- 4. RB **Darrel Williams** led the Tigers in receiving with three catches for 29 yards.
- 5. TE/F **Foster Moreau** had multiple receptions for the fourth-straight game. He had two catches for 26 yards.
- 6. OT **KJ Malone** left the game after the first drive with an injury. He returned to the game at LT at the end of the third quarter.

Defense

- 1. The LSU defense had four sacks in the first half. Three of the Tigers' four sacks were on Florida's drive which started with 14:48 left in the second quarter.
 - a. On the first drive of the game, LB **Devin White** dropped QB Felipe Franks for a loss of eight yards.
 - b. LB **Donnie Alexander** sacked Franks for a loss of nine yards in the second quarter on 1st-and-10 at the UF 23-yard line.
 - c. At the UF 35-yard line, NT **Greg Gilmore** and DE **Glen Logan** paired to drop Franks for a loss of three yards to the Gators' 35.
 - d. DE **Christian LaCouture** sacked Franks for a loss of three yards on the LSU four-yard line. The play resulted in holding Florida to a field goal in the first half.
- 2. For the fourth-straight game, LB **Devin White** has recorded double-digit tackles. He finished the game with 13 tackles, one sack, one tackle for loss and one pass breakup. He has been the Tigers' leading tackler in five games.
- 3. With 7:22 left in the fourth quarter on 3rd-and-9, DE **Christian LaCouture** and NT **Greg Gilmore** teamed to sack Franks for a loss of seven yards, forcing the Gators to punt.
- 4. DB **Donte Jackson** and DE **Christian LaCouture** finished the game with nine total tackles.
 - a. Jackson had one pass breakup and one quarterback hit
 - b. LaCouture added 1.5 sacks, 1.5 tackles for loss and one quarterback hit.
- 5. S **John Battle** left the game in the second quarter, and S **Eric Monroe** entered in his place.
 - a. Battle finished with three solo tackles and a total of five tackles.

Special Teams

- 1. PK **Connor Culp** was 1-of-1 on field goal attempts and 2-for-2 on extra points.
 - a. The redshirt freshman connected on a 38-yard field goal to give LSU the 10-3 advantage with 0:34 left in the second quarter.
- 2. P **Zach Von Rosenberg** had four punts for 171 yards, including a punt that pinned Florida to its own four-yard line at the end of the fourth quarter. He averaged 42.9 yards per punt and had one punt inside of the 20-yard line.
- 3. P **Josh Growden** punted twice for 65 yards, averaging 32.5 yards per punt. He had a long punt of 33 yards and pinned the Gators inside of their 20-yard line twice.