

## LSU FOOTBALL POSTGAME NOTES

#19/#20/#19 LSU at #1/#1/#2 Alabama

Nov. 4, 2017—Bryant-Denny Stadium (Tuscaloosa, Ala.)

1. The LSU Captains were RB **Derrius Guice**, DE **Christian LaCouture**, RB **Darrel Williams**, and LB **Devin White**.
2. LSU won the coin toss and deferred to the second half. The Tigers kicked off and defended the north end zone to begin the game.
3. In 82 contests against the Crimson Tide, Alabama holds 52-25-5 advantage in the series.
  - a. Alabama has now won seven-straight against the Tigers.
  - b. For the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive season both teams entered the game ranked in the Top 25.
4. With the loss, LSU has a 2-13-1 record against the No. 1 ranked team in the nation.
  - a. The contest marked the sixth time that LSU faced a No. 1-ranked Alabama team.
    - i. Alabama was also No. 1 in the nation against LSU in 1979, 2008, 2012 and 2013.
5. LSU head coach Ed Orgeron drops to 12-5 at the helm.
  - a. He is now 0-5 against Alabama.
6. This marked the 14<sup>th</sup> time that the Tigers competed against a former head coach. LSU is now 5-9 in those games and 3-9 against Alabama Head Coach Nick Saban.
7. LSU's defense has limited opponents to only nine touchdowns in the first half of the last 14 games, going back to the start of the 2016 Alabama game.
8. The defense continued to hold strong during the fourth quarter of its last four games against No. 21 Florida, No. 10 Auburn, Ole Miss and No. 1 Alabama.
  - a. Aranda's defense did not allow a point against the Gators or Tigers, gave up just eight points against the Rebels and just three to the Crimson Tide.
9. The Tigers out-gained the Tide 306-299 and won the time of possession battle. LSU had the ball for 34:07 while Alabama was limited to 25:53.

### Individual

#### Offense

1. QB **Danny Etling** finished the night 12-26-1 passing with 137 yards.
  - a. LSU falls to 13-6 with Etling as the starting quarterback. He is just 293 yards from entering LSU's top-10 career passing yards list.
  - b. His 19 consecutive starts at LSU are the fifth-most by a quarterback since 1986.
2. QB **Myles Brennan** entered the game on the final drive of the fourth quarter. He was 3-for-5 with 18 yards.
3. RB **Derrius Guice** moved past Joseph Addai into sixth-place on LSU's all-time rushing list with a nine-yard gain in the first drive of the third quarter.
  - a. Guice led all LSU rushers with 19 carries. He had 71 yards.
  - b. The junior also had a team-high five receptions for 29 yards.
4. RB **Darrel Williams** took a direct snap for a career-long 52 yards downfield to the Alabama two-yard line. Two plays later, Williams ran the ball into the end zone for his sixth touchdown of the season and 16<sup>th</sup> rushing touchdown of his career.
  - a. Williams led the Tigers with 83 rushing yards.
5. WR **Derrick Dillon** caught a career-long pass of 16 yards with 9:10 left in the fourth quarter.
6. WR **DJ Chark** had a team-best 53 yards on three receptions.

#### Defense

1. The LSU defense recorded four sacks has combined for 30 sacks throughout nine games.
2. LB **Devin White** led the Tigers with nine total tackles, 0.5 sacks and 0.5 tackles for loss.
3. LB **Arden Key** tied Gabe Northern (1992-95) with 21 career sacks after combining with LB **Devin White** on 1<sup>st</sup>-and-10 to drop Hurts for a loss of seven yards to the Alabama 30-yardline.
  - a. He tied his career-high with eight tackles. He previously had eight tackles against Florida in 2016 and against Texas A&M in 2015.
  - b. He also finished the night with 1.5 tackles for loss and two quarterback hits.
4. DE **Christian LaCouture** had three tackles and one sack.

- a. On 2<sup>nd</sup>-and-10 in the first drive of the game, LaCouture dropped Alabama QB Jalen Hurts for a loss of 10 yards to the Alabama 21-yardline.
5. LB **Corey Thompson** recorded six total tackles, one sack and one tackle for loss.
  - a. Late in the first quarter, the senior sacked Hurts for a loss of seven yards, forcing the Crimson Tide to punt on the next play.
6. NT **Greg Gilmore** sacked Hurts for a loss of one yard on 3<sup>rd</sup>-and-10 with 13:25 left in the fourth quarter.
  - a. The senior finished the night with two tackles.

#### *Special Teams*

1. PK **Connor Culp** was 1-of-1 on field goal attempts and 1-for-1 on extra points. The redshirt freshman is now 9-of-10 on field goal attempts to start his career.
  - i. With 8:38 left in the second quarter, Culp connected on a 21-yard kick to cut the LSU deficit to 14-3.
2. P **Zach Von Rosenberg** had seven punts for 301 yards, an average of 43.0 yards per punt. He pinned the Tide inside of the 20-yard line once.
  - a. His 52-yard punt with 4:09 left in the second quarter was a career-long.
3. P **Josh Growden** punted once for 30 yards and put the ball inside of the Alabama 20.