

LSU FOOTBALL POSTGAME NOTES

#17/#16/#14 LSU vs. #14/#14/#15 Notre Dame

Jan. 1, 2018—Camping World Stadium (Orlando, Fla.)

1. The LSU Captains were C **Will Clapp**, QB **Danny Etling**, DE **Christian LaCouture** and DE **Rashard Lawrence**.
2. LSU won the coin toss, and the Tigers deferred to the second half. LSU kicked off and defended the north end zone to start the game.
3. LSU head coach Ed Orgeron drops to 15-6 at the helm.
 - a. With the loss, Orgeron is now 0-2 vs. Notre Dame.
4. Notre Dame leads the series with LSU 7-5. LSU and Notre Dame are now tied in bowl games with two wins apiece.
5. LSU out-gained Notre Dame offensively 399-370.
6. Sophomore LB **Michael Divinity Jr.** made his first career start.

Individual

Offense

1. QB **Danny Etling** finished the night 19-of-33 passing with 229 yards and two touchdowns. He tacked on 21 rushing yards on 10 attempts.
 - a. It marked the sixth game this season that he passed for 200 yards.
 - b. With 11:37 left in the third quarter, Etling connected on a 20-yard pass with RB **Derrius Guice** to give LSU the 7-3 lead.
 - c. He found **Derrius Guice** again with 11:13 left in the fourth quarter This time it was a two-yard pass to give LSU the 14-6 lead.
 - i. It marked Etling's 16th touchdown pass this season and 27th of his LSU career.
 - ii. The 16 touchdowns by Etling mark the most passing touchdowns by an LSU quarterback since Zach Mettenberger had 22 in 2013.
 - iii. The touchdown marked the eighth multi-touchdown game of the senior's LSU career.
 - d. Etling finishes his career with a record of 16-7 and a total of 4,586 yards at LSU. He finishes his collegiate career with 7,076 yards.
 - i. He sits in eighth place on LSU's all-time career passing list after passing Alan Risher (4,585) and Rohan Davey (4,415) with his 229-yard performance at the Citrus Bowl.
 - e. Etling sits in sole possession of fifth-place with most consecutive starts at LSU after passing Tommy Hodson who had 20 (12 in 1986 and 8 in 1987) at Tennessee. With his start against Texas A&M, he now owns 23 consecutive starts at LSU and has 35 career starts overall (12 at Purdue).
2. On his third carry of the afternoon, a 31-yard rush, RB **Derrius Guice** surpassed 3,000 career yards. He joins Charles Alexander, Dalton Hilliard, Kevin Faulk and Leonard Fournette as the only Tigers in LSU history to rush for more than 3,000 yards. He now has 3,065 career yards in 36 games played.
 - a. He finished the night with 98 yards on 21 carries.
 - b. His two receiving touchdowns marked a career high for the junior. His previous touchdown reception was in 2016 against Louisville in the Citrus Bowl.
3. RB **Darrel Williams** carried the ball nine times for 44 yards. He amassed 820 yards during his senior season and finished his LSU career with 1,651 yards and 19 total touchdowns.
4. WR **DJ Chark** led LSU receivers with five receptions. He had a total of 63 yards.
 - a. He had 874 receiving yards this season and finishes his LSU career with 1,340 yards on 66 receptions.
5. TE **Foster Moreau** finished the afternoon with four catches for a team-high 64 yards.
 - a. His four receptions are a career-high. His previous high was three receptions, which occurred earlier this season against Troy and Syracuse.
6. WR **Stephan Sullivan** had two catches for 24 yards.
 - a. The two catches tie his career high, which were set against Arkansas and at Alabama earlier this season.

Defense

1. S **Grant Delpit** led the Tiger defense with eight total tackles.
2. CB **Andreaz "Greedy" Williams** had one interception.

- a. The redshirt freshman picked off Notre Dame QB Ian Book at the LSU 11-yardline and returned it four yards with 7:18 left in the third quarter.
 - i. His previous interceptions came against BYU, Chattanooga, Syracuse, Arkansas and Texas A&M.
- b. The last player to have six interceptions in a season was Morris Claiborne in 2011.
3. The LSU defense recorded three sacks on the final drive of the first half and limited the Irish to a field goal to close the second quarter.
 - a. Sophomore LB **Michael Divinity Jr.** recorded his first career sack, dropping Notre Dame's Ian Book for a loss of one yard.
 - b. Sophomore NT **Ed Alexander** followed on the next play and recorded his first career sack after sacking Book for a loss of eight yards.
 - c. On 3rd-and-4 at the LSU 23, senior NT **Greg Gilmore** notched his 10th career sack after dropping Book for a loss of six yards. He has 7.5 sacks on the season.
4. LB **Devin White** had five tackles, one sack, 1.5 tackles for loss and one quarterback hurry.

Special Teams

1. P **Zach Von Rosenberg** three times for 122 yards. He averaged 39.3 yards per punt with a long punt of 47 yards and pinned the Irish inside of their 20 once.
2. P **Josh Growden** punted twice for 68 yards, an average of 34 yards per punt. He had a long punt of 36 yards and stuck Notre Dame inside of the 20 twice.
3. PK **Jack Gonsoulin** was 1-for-2 on field goal attempts and 2-for-2 on point after attempts.
 - a. He connected on a 17-yard field goal with 2:03 left in the fourth quarter to give LSU the 17-14 lead. IOT was his fifth field goal of the season.
4. PK **Connor Culp** was 0-for-1 on field goal attempts. He handled kickoff duties for the Tigers.
5. SNP **Blake Ferguson** recorded his first career fumble recovery.
 - a. On 4th-and-8, Rosenberg punted 30 yards to the Notre Dame 43. The punt touched a Notre Dame player, and Ferguson recovered the ball to start the LSU drive, which led the to the Tigers' first touchdown, with 13:53 left in the third quarter.