



MISSISSIPPI STATE FOOTBALL POSTGAME NOTES

Mississippi State vs. #2 LSU

October 19, 2019 | Davis Wade Stadium | Starkville, Miss.

GENERAL

- MSU's game captains were QB **Tommy Stevens**, P/H **Kody Schexnayder**, S **Brian Cole II**, LB **Erroll Thompson** and 73 **Darryl Williams**.
- LSU won the toss and elected to defer to its option. MSU received the opening kickoff.
- Today's attendance was 59,282.
- MSU's first-time starters: CB **Martin Emerson**

DEFENSE

- LSU was held to just three points in the first quarter today for the third time this season (Texas and Northwestern State were the others).
- Mississippi State's defense limited the Tigers to field goals on each of their first three drives.
 - The Tigers tallied 36 points and 413 total yards which were season-lows.
- The Bulldogs recorded a sack for the 29th straight game.

QB GARRETT SHRADER

- Started at quarterback for the second time this season (Previous: vs. Kentucky on Sept. 21)
- Scored State's first TD of the game (12-yard rush)
- Had 155 yards of total offense in the first half
 - 9 of 13 passing for 112 yards and one interception
 - 11 rushes for 43 yards and one touchdown
- Upped his season touchdown total to seven (4 pass, 3 rush)
- Logged one run of 10+ yards
 - Entered today's game with 21 (tied with Kylin Hill for the SEC lead)
- Finished the game 17-of-28 passing for 238 yards and one TD to go along with 66 rushing yards and one TD on 19 carries.

C DARRYL WILLIAMS

- Made his 32nd career start in MSU's last 33 games.

RB NICK GIBSON

- Recorded the longest catch of his career in the second quarter (24 yards).

WR DEDDRICK THOMAS

- Caught a 17-yard pass for a first down on State's first scoring drive.

WR STEPHEN GUIDRY

- Had a career-high six receptions for a team-leading 98 receiving yards and one TD.
 - The 98 receiving yards are a single-game high for a MSU player this season.
- Hauled down a 24-yard touchdown pass with 59 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter
 - It marked his third receiving touchdown of the season and the sixth of his career.

WR ISAIAH ZUBER

- Recorded a season-long 29-yard catch late in the third quarter.



DE CHAUNCEY RIVERS

- Logged a career high in sacks (1.5).

DE KOBE JONES

- Tallied at least one half-tackle for loss for the third straight game.

DT NATHAN PICKERING

- Collected 1.0 sack for the second time this season.

LB LEO LEWIS

- Recorded his first sack of the season and third career.

LB ERROLL THOMPSON

- Collected at least a half-tackle for loss for the second straight game.
- Added seven tackles and a quarterback hurry.

CB CAMERON DANTZLER

- Recorded one half-sack on LSU's first drive of the second half.
- Tied his career high in tackles (7).
- Forced a fumble for the first time in his career.

S BRIAN COLE

- Tallied at least one half-tackle for loss for the fifth game this season.
- Entered today's game with a team-high 6.5 tackles for loss this year.

S JAQUARIUS LANDREWS

- Led the Bulldogs in tackles (8)

S C.J. MORGAN

- Broke up a career-high four passes

LSU FOOTBALL POSTGAME NOTES

#2 LSU at Mississippi State

October 19, 2019 – Davis Wade Stadium at Scott Field (Starkville, Miss.)

1. The LSU Captains were C Lloyd Cushenberry, LB Jacob Phillips, OL Damien Lewis, and WR Racey McMath
2. LSU won the toss and deferred its decision until the second half; The Tigers kicked off and defended the south end zone to begin the game
3. The Tigers improved to 7-0 on the season and 3-0 in SEC play
 - a. This is the first time since 2015 and third time since the 2010 season that LSU has begun the season 7-0
 - b. This is the first time that an Ed Orgeron coached team has won the first 7 games of the season
4. LSU improves to 75-35-3 all-time against Mississippi State
 - a. This is the first time since 2015 the LSU has won in Starkville
 - b. Ed Orgeron is now 3-3 all-time against Mississippi State
5. Through seven games this year and after scoring 36 points against Mississippi State, the LSU offense is averaging 50.14 points per game
6. LSU's streak of nine consecutive games with 40+ points came to an end today after putting up 26 in Starkville.
 - a. LSU was one of 13 teams in college football history to have scored 40+ points in nine-straight games
7. The Tigers extended their streak of consecutive quarter recording points to 39 after scoring in each of the first three quarters in Starkville. That streak was ended when LSU did not score in the fourth quarter of today's games
 - a. The previous record was 24 straight quarters with points, set in 2011
8. The Tigers remained perfect in the red zone on the season. LSU is No. 1 in the nation in red zone going 39-of-39/31 TDs, 8 FGs
9. Ed Orgeron improves to 32-9 as head coach at LSU.
 - a. 25 of his victories have come by double-digits
 - b. He is now 12-1 in the month of October as LSU's head coach
 - c. When the Tigers score at least 20 points, Orgeron is 30-2 at LSU

Offense

- 1) QB **Joe Burrow** went 25-32 with 327 yards and 4 touchdowns with 0 interceptions
 - a) He now has 29 touchdowns this season, setting new records for passing touchdowns in a season and touchdowns responsible for in a season during today's game
 - i) When he connected with Dillon with 10:36 left in the third quarter, Burrow tied the LSU school record for most touchdowns responsible for in a season. It was his 30th of the year with 28 passing and two rushing.
(1) JaMarcus Russell in 2006 and Matt Mauck in 2003 were each responsible for 29 touchdowns in those respective seasons. Each of them recorded 28 passing and 1 rushing touchdown during those years.
 - ii) Burrow set the LSU passing touchdowns in a season record when he connected with Justin Jefferson with 5:36 left in the third quarter. It was his 29th passing touchdown of the season.
(1) JaMarcus Russell in 2006 and Matt Mauck in 2003 each threw for 28 touchdowns in those respective seasons.
 - b) This is the 7th time Burrow has passed for over 300 yards. He ties Rohan Davey (1998-2000) for the most 300-yard passing games in LSU history.
 - i) He has recorded a 300+ yard game in five of the last six games
 - c) Burrow has recorded 2+ touchdowns in 10 consecutive games, the most among Power 5 Quarterbacks

- d) Burrow's 327 passing yards gives him 2,484 on the season to put him in the LSU's top-10 for passing yards in a single season, passing Ja'Marcus Russell who threw for 2,443 yards in 2005.
- 2) WR **Justin Jefferson** led LSU's receiving attack with 8 catches for 89 yards and one touchdown.
 - a) Burrow found Jefferson for an 18-yard touchdown in the third quarter
 - b) He now has 9 touchdown receptions this season, ninth most in LSU history
 - i) Here is the list of LSU receivers with nine TD receptions in a single season – Justin Jefferson (2019), Ja'Marr Chase (2019), Dwayne Bowe (2005), Eddie Fuller (1989), Tony Moss (1989) and Andy Hamilton (1971)
- 3) WR **Ja'Marr Chase** finished the day with 5 receptions and 48 yards and one touchdown
 - a) He now has 9 touchdown receptions this season, ninth most in LSU history
 - i) Here is the list of LSU receivers with nine TD receptions in a single season – Justin Jefferson (2019), , Ja'Marr Chase (2019), Dwayne Bowe (2005), Eddie Fuller (1989), Tony Moss (1989) and Andy Hamilton (1971)
- 4) WR **Racey McMath** finished the day with 3 receptions for 76 yards and one touchdown
 - a) His 60-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter was a career long reception
- 5) WR **Derrick Dillon** finished the game with one catches for 37 yards and one touchdown
- 6) RB **Clyde Edwards-Helaire** finished the game with 11 carries for 53 yards

Defense

- 1) S **Grant Delpit** led LSU and recorded a new career-high for tackles in a game with 11 tackles
 - a) His previous career high was 10 tackles in a game, most recently against Mississippi State last season in Baton Rouge
- 2) LB **Michael Divinity Jr.** recorded his second career forced fumble in the second quarter and DL **Rashard Lawrence** recovered it for his first fumble recovery of his career
 - a) Divinity finished with 4 tackles, including 2 TFL and the forced fumble
 - b) Lawrence had 3 tackles to go with his fumble recovery
- 3) S **JaCoby Stevens** recorded his third career and second interception on the season in the second quarter.
 - a) Stevens finished with 8 tackles, 1 sack, 1 TFL and an interception
 - b) His last interception was at Vanderbilt earlier this season
- 4) CB **Kristian Fulton** recorded an interception in the third quarter. It his first interception this season and second of his career.
 - a) He had 3 total tackles, 2 pass breakups and that interception
 - b) His last interception was against Georgia last season

Special Teams

- 1) K **Cade York** was 3-for-3 on field goals with a long of 25 yards.
 - a) He was 3-for-4 on PAT attempts
- 2) PK **Avery Atkins** kicked 7-of-8 kickoffs for touchbacks
- 3) P **Zach Von Rosenberg** kicked 5 punts for an average of 46.6 yards. His long was 57 yards and had two punts downed inside the 20-yard line.

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Mississippi State Head Coach Joe Moorhead

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Opening Statement

JM: “First and foremost, you have to tip your hat to Coach Orgeron and his staff. That’s a very, very good football team. They’re ranked No. 2 in the country for a reason. They’re going to have an awesome chance to win the SEC, win the SEC West, and compete for a national championship. Credit where it deserves there.

“The biggest thing with this football team that we stressed this week, last night at the hotel, and this week is that we were going to freaking fight. No matter what the circumstance was, we were going to continue to punch and continue to scratch and continue to claw and get up off the mat. No matter what the clock said or what the score said we were going to keep plugging away and keep fighting. I felt like our kids did that. That was a different football team than I saw on the field against Tennessee, and that was stressed. We were going to play with emotion. We were going to play with pride, and intelligence. The intelligence part, maybe we didn’t get.

“What games come down to, particularly when larger barriers are invisible, is turnover margin, which we lost. You can’t turn the ball over three times against this team and expect to win. Explosive play margin. We created a good number on offense, probably gave up a few too many on defense. Then it’s going to come down to third down percentage and red zone, and certainly, those 13 penalties. Some of the pre-snap things, like making a move call, and we are jumping, that’s stuff that’s not maybe at the front-end of it, but it’s stuff that’s going to not help and get you beat against a team like this.

“I’m certainly not excited about the outcome. That’s the No. 2 team in the country. But when you look at it in spurts, it seemed when we were playing well, and when we were executing and doing things we needed to do, we stopped them, we moved the ball, and we were making plays. When we were doing things we weren’t supposed to do, we were not making plays. It’s going to come down to how we prepare during the week and our belief and commitment in our culture, and doing the little things, and building this program the way it needs to be built. I know people sometimes don’t want to hear it. They want the answer now. But Coach O’s in four or five years.

“I promise you this, the things we are building with this program, with a true freshman quarterback, true freshman running back, Nathan Pickering, with Maurice Smitherman out, two true freshman corners in the game. You look at all the youth that we have, and the things that we are building, now once again, not a moral victory at all. I get that part. But the process of what we’re doing and where we’re taking this team is going in the right damn direction. We played our asses off today, and we fought. Was it clean, was it precise, was it what we needed to be against this team? Absolutely not. But I know this – when I’m in that locker room and I

look at that team and I saw how we fought; we're going to build off of this one. We're going to take the good things and correct the bad things and be a football team that continues to fight for the rest of the year. We're going to get ready to roll tomorrow. We're going to get the corrections and get rolling for Texas A&M."

Q: You had three goal-to-go stops on defense. What do you have to say about the defense's performance today?

JM: "They're a team averaging 55 points per game, and I think well over 500 yards, as well. We held them to 314 [yards] and made some critical stops in the game to give ourselves a chance. Once again, I thought we competed. Going back, offensively, we run the trick play and had the ball inside the 15-yard line, but it was erased by a penalty. You can't make those kinds of execution errors. I thought the defense fought and played [well]. I didn't think it was particularly clean, but the effort and spark was there along with the juice and enthusiasm across the board from the sideline with the coaches and the players. It needs to be better."

Q: How would you assess Garrett Schrader's play today?

JM: "I don't want to say indicative of a freshman because that's not necessarily the case. He ran nineteen times for 66 yards and a touchdown....Short term, we're going to look at it, and there are going to be things where we got on the phone and asked him what he saw. Those are some of the things that a freshman sees. You've got to get them corrected, but on top of that, you talk about making plays with your arm, getting the pass game, and with your feet by design or improvisation, that's the reason he was recruited. That's the reason he's doing a good job and giving this offense an opportunity to be successful and score points. And that's the reason he's going to be the quarterback to do the things we need to do moving forward. Not happy with some of the things but pleased with what he can do and what he can bring to the table."

Q: What are you seeing from those younger guys on the defense?

JM: "Number one; when those guys were recruited, those are guys that we recruit for two years. We got to know them, we got to know their families. We got to know what made them tick, got to know that they were guys that believed in the process. They're not only going to do the right things on Saturdays, but they're going to believe in the process in doing all the little things off the field. They're competitors, and they want more. They don't just come in and check in, they're going to watch film on their own, they're going to do all the little things. There's a reason why they were recruited, and they're going to continue to have a great year this year and they're going to do a great job in the future. Those aren't the only ones. Those guys playing are being exasperated by the fact of what we had to deal with at the beginning of the season, and on top of that, all these injuries. These are excuses, I'm not into the excuse making. But we are fighting our tails off under a unique sets of circumstances, and we're going to continue to get better and better. We'll be a better football team next week and going on down the line until the last game of the year."

Q: What do you think has been the difference in Kylin [Hill]'s performance?

JM: "Not with Kylin. We're doing the best we can. That team stops the run very well. They were giving up 91 yards per game rushing. We had 102 [yards]. We dealt with this issue at Penn State a little bit with Saquon [Barkley]. There were games [at Penn State] where I can go back to the Michigan State game in 2017. I think he was held to 14 yards rushing. We threw the ball over their heads and scored 48 points. We want to get Kylin going. The offense kind of centers around him because he's our most talented player on offense. But at a certain point when they're trying to stop him or we're not getting a push and there are some numbers and angles that don't work in the run game, then you've got to do some of the things that you saw a little bit today in the pass game, and that's get open, protect and throw the ball down the field. The thing that I liked about Kylin today is that he kept his attitude positive the entire game. It didn't necessarily go his way. It wasn't a 100-yard game. He fought for the tough yards, and we're going to continue to work and get him going. Part of it is schematic. Part of it is what the defenders are doing. Part of it is us being able to get a push, and part of it is if that's going to happen, the offense has got to pick up the slack. I would say it's a combination of those things."

Q: How important was it to send a message to the team and to the crowd that you guys were here to fight?

JM: "It was the message we talked about at the hotel before we left: we were going to stand toe-to-toe with the No. 2 team in the country, we're going to look them eye-to-eye. We were not going to back down, we were not going to cower. We were going to bow our backs and we were going to play to win. Reverses, flea-flickers, trick plays, throwing the ball down the field, go for it on fourth down, being aggressive on defense. It didn't bare out, but that's what we need to do to be successful offensively: be an aggressive offense. [We need to] Be an aggressive defense and be an aggressive special teams, but we didn't get it. The defense did. When we went for it on fourth down near midfield to start the game, they weren't complaining that it was a short field. They said 'Good coach. Keep going for it. Let's keep going after these guys.'"

Q: With Kylin Hill getting bottled up the last couple of weeks, has that put a little bit more pressure on the passing game?

JM: "I don't want to say it's much pressure, but when a team like that plays quarters coverage or man-free coverage and they're bringing a lot of pressure, there are more numbers at the line of scrimmage than you have people to block. When you run the ball and they're pressuring or using secondary support, you are getting one-on-one matchups on the perimeter. Look at Stephen Guidry, he had six catches for 98 yards. Isaiah Zuber had three catches for 53 yards. We were able to protect and make the reads. It was great to see the quarterback stand there and make the throw accurately. Once again, the kids don't want to hear it, and I don't want to hear it, but there were a lot of positive things to build off of today."

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Mississippi State Student-Athlete Quotes
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Offensive Student-Athletes

QB Garrett Shrader

Q: A difficult opponent today, as Coach Moorhead you didn't quit, how important was it for you guys to get that last touchdown?

GS: "It was really important, seven points wasn't cutting it, especially [against] a team of a caliber like that. It was good to go [down and score] and it was more of an improv play [for the touchdown] towards the end, but we got the score."

Q: Coach [Moorhead] was just in here and he was pretty emotional, did you see some differences in him leading up to the game, the pregame, throughout the game, and what he was trying to do for you guys?

GS: "He is the same guy all the time. He is very passionate, and he really cares about us and the program. He takes great pride in his offense and the game plan, with the time they put in to make sure we can be successful on the field on Saturdays. He was fired up and we were all fired up, he did a great job getting us ready and there was no doubt in my mind we could go out and play with a team like [LSU]."

Q: He made a point to say that the team still feels really together and that you guys believe that good things are ahead for this program. What do you sense in that when you are talking to your teammates?

GS: "Absolutely, us struggling these past couple of weeks, in the locker room [we have] bonded together even more than before. We were already a tight group before, because we know it doesn't take just one [guy] to win, especially in this league. We have come together, and we just have to learn and build. Learn from our mistakes and make sure we don't repeat them."

OL Darryl Williams

Q: Garrett Shrader is kind of a magician back there at times, are you surprised by how long he can extend plays?

DW: "No question at all, a quarterback uses his feet to make defenses move and he was able to do that today."

Q: You guys moved the ball well, with the turnovers killing drives, what are some things you see that the offence has to clean up?

DW: "It's the little things, like Coach [Moorhead] preaches. It's the little things that always matters in this league. You can't turn the football over too many times and win a football game."

Defensive Student-Athletes

DE Chauncey Rivers

Q: How important is it to create a pass rush against [Joe Burrow] who is putting up numbers like that?

CR: "It is very important. Coming from the offense, they run with seven man protection, we had to get as much pressure as we can on the quarterback just to get him off his looks. We had to get him off his spot and create some type of error or some type of pressure."

Q: What was working so well for you in the first half?

CR: "We were getting after the offensive line. We were playing with tension and our key was to play a very aggressive [style of] defense."

Q: Do you feel like anything changed after halftime?

CR: "I feel like we just got the ball thrown over our head a couple of times. At the end of the day, we have to get to the quarterback faster."

Q: What was the mood in the locker room after the game?

CR: "Disappointment. We did not get the job done, and at the end of the day the job is to win, and we didn't get the win. At the end of it, we are disappointed, and we have to come back next week and get to work. We have a great opponent next week."

DT Nathan Pickering

Q: What did it feel like to be out there playing against the number two team in the country?

NP: "It was a blessing. Of course, it is LSU, and they are a great team, but I just give credit to them and I give credit to the defense. Having the No. 2 team in the country is not an easy job to handle, and I just thank Coach Moorhead for bringing the passion this week."

Q: Was Coach Moorhead different this week?

NP: "Oh yeah. With the No. 2 team in the country coming in you have to bring juice and that is what he said, 'bring the juice, bring the juice.' We definitely brought the juice and we brought it every day at practice because we knew we had a job to get done. We came out and we competed."

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Head Coach Ed Orgeron

Opening Statement

EO: "You have to give credit it to Mississippi State. [Joe Moorhead] had his team ready. We knew it was going to be a tough place to play. Three years ago, we came here and didn't play very well. We didn't play our best game today, but you know what, I knew this day was going to come. I'm proud of our defense; [they forced] three turnovers in the first half. We had to settle for some field goals, and we weren't as sharp as we'd been on offense, but I knew the offense was going get the deep pass going. Overall, it was a big win for our team. A plus three in the turnover margin I think is the difference in the game. We're 7-0. We came in a hostile environment, and won ourselves a big game. Any questions?"

Q: You said you knew this day was coming. What do you mean?

EO: "Well, you know the offense is not going to play on fire every week. You just can't expect that. There will be a time where it's going to be rainy, you're going to be on the road, and the offense is not playing well. That's when you've got to play great defense. I told the defense they did a phenomenal job today up to the last series."

Q: How concerned were you with settling for field goals?

EO: "I didn't like it. I didn't like it for sure. If it had been fourth and one or two, maybe we would have went for it. We weren't clicking on offense, so we settled for the field goals. That's not like us. We had to look at what we did wrong in the red zone. But you know what, it's going to happen, and we won the game. That's what we came here to do."

Q: Coach, I know this team isn't really obsessed with stats, but Joe Burrow broke the single-season passing touchdown record today. Can you comment on that?

EO: "It was a testament to him, the receivers, the offensive line and the coaching. We're just getting started. We have a lot of football left, and I know Joe is not worried about records. I'll tell you, we are 7-0, and I think our team is a little upset about the way we played. I know our coaching staff is. I'm happy. I know I won't be as happy when I watch the film. There will be some things to get done, but it's good for our football team to get us hungry for next week."

Q: With those three goal-line field goals you guys had, what was Mississippi State doing right to kind of force you guys out of touchdowns in the red zone?

EO: "Well, I think it was the tight coverage. They made a play on Ja'Marr Chase where some guy came over the top and punched the ball. I think you have to give them some credit. They had some nice tight coverage, and there weren't a lot of open holes there."

QB Joe Burrow

Q: What was going on in your first-half struggle?

JB: "We just started off slow. We were moving the ball, but we didn't execute the way that we have been in the red zone. That's credit to [Mississippi State], and I felt a little less energy during the game so that is probably had to do with some of it."

Q: You broke the LSU single-season passing touchdown record today. How significant is that mark for you?

JB: "It just shows the amount of work we put in during offseason. In game seven, we broke the touchdown record, and we're about to have two guys break the single-season receiving touchdown record coming up. I think it was obviously a great achievement for us, but we still have five games left."

S JaCoby Stevens

Q: Was the offense just not playing well or was it time for the defense to stand up?

JP: "I wouldn't say that the offense didn't play well. They just didn't score the 40-60 points like we are accustomed to now. They held the ball, they made plays when they had to, but it was time for the defense to step up. It turned into a defensive game in the first quarter, and we did our job."

Q: What do you think clicked for you guys these last few weeks as a defense?

JP: "We were just tired of the way that we've been playing. We gave up 38 points to Texas and Vanderbilt. We didn't forget that. It motivates us, and we know that we have a lot of room to improve. We have a lot of talent, and we feel like we've been playing well under the amount of talent that we have on the team. We are going to come out and keep trying to dominate like we did today."