



POSTGAME NOTES

GAME 7 ■ #22/RV MISSISSIPPI STATE (4-3, 1-3 SEC) VS. #5/5 LSU (7-1, 4-1 SEC) ■ OCT. 20, 2018 ■ TIGER STADIUM

TEAM NOTABLES

- Senior defensive end Gerri Green and senior quarterback Nick Fitzgerald served as captains. LSU won the toss and elected to defer to the second half.
- Defensive end Kobe Jones earned the first start of his career in Saturday's contest.

OFFENSE

- The Bulldogs have out-scored opponents 120-31 in the first half this season.
- MSU had one play of 20 or more yards against Auburn to bring its season total to 37.
- The Bulldogs eclipsed the 200-yard rushing mark for the fifth time this season, ending the game with 201 yards on the ground.

DEFENSE

- Johnathan Abram (10), Mark McLaurin (10) and Jeffery Simmons (10) all finished the game with 10+ tackles, marking the first time since the 2012 season versus Texas A&M that Mississippi State had three or more players record double-digit tackles in a game.
- Montez Sweat and Jeffery Simmons has combined for 48 tackles for loss over their 20 career games played together.

PLAYER NOTABLES

QB NICK FITZGERALD

- Rushed for over 100 yards for the fourth time this season and the 18th time in his career, which sets MSU's school record for most 100-yard rushing games in a career. The previous record of 17 was held by Anthony Dixon (2006-09).
- Eclipsed 3,000 yards rushing to become the only quarterback in SEC history to rush for over 3,000 yards. He is just the third Bulldog to surpass 3,000 career yards rushing in school history, joining Jerious Norwood (2002-05) and Anthony Dixon (2006-09).

K JACE CHRISTMANN

- Connected on a 19-yard field goal with 8:43 remaining in the first quarter to put the Bulldogs on the board. The field goal was the 19th of his career

DE MONTEZ SWEAT

- Tied career high with seven tackles, including four solo stops, and a sack
- Recorded a sack in 12 of his 20 career games as a Bulldog
- Totaled 19 career sacks, which surpasses Titus Brown (2004-07) for seventh all-time in MSU history

DT JEFFERY SIMMONS

- Set a career-high with 10 total tackles for his first double-digit tackling performance of his career

S JOHNATHAN ABRAM

- Set a career-high with 10 total tackles for his first double-digit tackling performance of his career

S MARK MCLAURIN

- For the second consecutive week, recorded at least 10 tackles for the seventh double-digit tackling performance of his career

CB CAM DANTZLER

- Prevented an LSU's scoring drive with an interception in the end zone late in the first quarter. The interception was the second of the season for Dantzler and the third of his career.

CB JAMAL PETERS

- Return from a lower body injury and seeing his first action since Sept. 15, versus Louisiana
- Recorded three solo tackles as a pass break-up in his return

LB WILLIE GAY JR.

- Set a career-high with five tackles

CB MAURICE SMITHERMAN

- Set a career-high with five tackles

LSU FOOTBALL POSTGAME NOTES

#22/RV Mississippi State vs. #5 LSU

Oct. 20, 2018—Tiger Stadium (Baton Rouge, La.)

Team Notes

1. The LSU Captains were RB **Clyde Edwards-Helaire**, S **Todd Harris Jr.**, S **Grant Delpit** and LB **Devin White**.
2. LSU win the toss and deferred to the second half. Mississippi State will receive. LSU kicked off and defended the north end zone.
3. The attendance for the homecoming game was 101,340.
4. LSU's 2018 homecoming queen is Sarah Perkins, and the king is Daniel Wolf.
5. LSU defeated #22/RV Mississippi State, 19-3.
 - a. LSU now has an overall record of 7-1 this season.
 - b. LSU leads the series with an overall record of 73-35-3.
 - c. MSU was the fifth Top 25 team that LSU faced this season. The Tigers are 4-1 against ranked opponents with three of the four wins coming against Top 10 teams.
 - d. LSU has now won 22 straight games played in Tiger Stadium during the month of October, a streak that dates back to 2009.
6. LSU head coach **Ed Orgeron** improved to 22-7 at the helm.
 - a. He now has a 38-34 overall record.
 - i. He is now 3-3 against MSU.
 - ii. LSU is 17-7 as a Top 25 team under Coach O.
 - b. In his last 37 games as a head coach, Orgeron has a 28-9 mark, a stretch that includes a 6-2 record with Southern Cal in 2013.
 - c. With the 16-point win against Mississippi State, 18 of LSU's 22 wins under Orgeron have come by double digits.
7. LSU's streak of 100-yard rushing games has been extended to 25 as the Tigers ran for 110 total yards.
8. LSU now has a +13-turnover margin with four interceptions by the LSU defense and one interception thrown by Joe Burrow.
 - a. In its last 15 games, LSU only has nine turnovers.
9. The Tigers only allowed a field goal in the first quarter, and LSU has not allowed a first quarter touchdown in 12 consecutive games dating back to week 9 of 2017.
10. The game marked the first time since September 27, 2014 vs. New Mexico State (Tre'Davious White and Kendall Beckwith-TD) that LSU had two first quarter interceptions.
 - a. Tonight, **Grant Delpit** and **Michael Divinity** were responsible for the two picks.
11. With the targeting penalty in the fourth quarter, LB **Devin White** was ejected from the game. He will miss the first half of the game against Alabama.
12. LSU's defense came up big against 22nd-ranked Mississippi State, holding the Bulldogs to season lows for points (16), passing yards (59) and third down conversions (2).

Individual

Offense

1. QB **Joe Burrow** is now 7-1 as LSU's starting quarterback. He finished the night 16-of-38 passing for 129 yards with one interception.
2. RB **Nick Brossette** ran for 64 yards on 16 attempts with one touchdown, including a long rush of 12 yards.
 - a. On his 16th carry of the game, a 6-yard run with 14:17 left in the 4th quarter, Brossette eclipsed the 1,000 career yards mark with 1,001.
 - i. He has 1,003 career yards.
3. RB **Clyde Edwards-Helaire** rushed for a career-high 145 yards. It was his second 100-yard rushing game.
 - a. His career-long rush of 47 yards ended the first quarter and set up a touchdown three plays later.
4. WR **Dee Anderson** and **Justin Jefferson** led the team with three catches apiece.
 - a. Anderson had 29 yards, and Jefferson recorded 18 yards receiving.

Defense

1. On 3rd-and-11 during the first Mississippi State drive and 13:48 on the clock, LB **Michael Divinity** intercepted Nick Fitzgerald and ran it back 31 yards for his first career interception.
 - a. Divinity finished the night with four tackles one tackle for loss and one pass break-up.
2. S **Grant Delpit** posted a career-high 10 tackles in the game, tying his career best. He had one sack, one tackle for loss and two interceptions.
 - a. On 3rd-and-4 with 3:56 left in the first quarter, Delpit recorded his team-best fourth pick of the year.
 - i. He now has five career interceptions.
 - b. Delpit dropped Fitzgerald for his fourth career sack in the third quarter. It was for a loss of 8 yards. He now has 4.0 sacks for a loss of 36 yards.
 - c. He recorded his second interception of the game, his first multi-interception game of his career with 0:41 left in the game, sealing the LSU victory.
3. S **John Battle** had four tackles and one interception.
 - a. With 5:03 left in the game, Battle intercepted Fitzgerald to put the Tigers on their own 10-yard line.
 - i. The interception was his third of the season and fifth career.
4. LB **Jacob Phillips** had another double-digit tackle game, posting 10 tackles and one quarterback hurry.
 - a. It was the second game of his career with at least 10 tackles.
5. LB **Devin White** had 10 tackles, one pass break-up and one quarterback hurry.

Special Teams

1. PK **Cole Tracy** was 4-for-4 on field goal attempts and 1-for-1 on extra points. He now is 21-for-23 as the Tigers' kicker and 24-of-24 on PATs.
 - a. The graduate transfer connected on a 25-yarder as time expired in the first half to give LSU the 10-3 lead.
 - b. For his second field goal of the evening, Tracy booted a 38-yard field goal to give LSU the 13-3 edge.
 - c. His third field goal put the Tigers up 16-3. It was a 29-yard attempt.
 - d. He legged a 40-yard field goal for his fourth of the night to give LSU the 19-3 lead.
 - i. With his fourth field goal of the night, Tracy moved into a tied for third on LSU's single-season field goal list.
 1. Drew Alleman was 21-of-29 in 2012.
 - ii. It was also the fourth consecutive drive that LSU kicked a field goal. It was the first time converting four-straight field goals since September 18, 2010, when LSU's Josh Jasper converted four on its first four drives to open the game against Mississippi State.
 - e. Since 1966, there is no record of an LSU placekicker making a total of nine field goals in consecutive games.
2. SNP **Blake Ferguson** handled snapping duties for the 33rd-consecutive game.
3. P **Zach Von Rosenberg** punted seven times for 306 yards for an average of 43.7 yards per punt. He dropped the ball inside of the MSU 20-yard line three times and had two punts for at least 50 yards. He had a long punt of 51 yards.
 - a. The 306 punting yards are a career high. His seven attempts also tied a career high.