

WEEK TWO
SOUTHERNS LOUISIANA AT LSU

No. 11 LSU struggles in stints, defeats SE Louisiana 31-0 play

BATON ROUGE, La. -- Joe Burrow passed for two touchdowns and ran for a short score, and No. 11 LSU rode an opportunistic defensive performance to a 31-0 victory over Southeastern Louisiana on Saturday night.

While the result was never in doubt, LSU's offense lacked consistency and often struggled to sustain drives. The Tigers managed only one first down during their first three possessions of the second half. That could bode ill as LSU (2-0) heads into Southeastern Conference play against Auburn next week. With the first-team offense on the field, LSU had one first down and three punts on its first three drives of the second half.

Southeastern (0-2), which plays in the second-tier Football Championship Subdivision, had most of the possession of the second half, but turned the ball over twice deep in LSU territory. LSU's Andraez "Greedy" Williams ended one threat with an interception. Another Lions drive ended on a bad shotgun snap over the head of reserve quarterback Lorenzo Nunez. Safety JaCoby Stevens scooped it up and ran 64 yards to set up LSU's final TD on Clyde Edwards-Helaire's 7-yard run.

Running back Nick Brossette was LSU's most productive player on offense, rushing for a career-high 137 yards on 19 carries, including a 42-yard scamper.

Burrow's second touchdown only required him to heave the ball up for grabs from 40 yards out as time expired in the first half. Stephen Sullivan was able to outleap a crowd of players and come down with the ball as his helmet popped off.

Burrow's first TD pass went to Ja'Marr Chase, who accounted for most of the 9-yard score with a short sprint along the sideline and a dive past tacklers near the goal line. Burrow's touchdown run came from one yard out.

KICKING IT

New LSU kicker Cole Tracy, a transfer from Division II Assumption College, booted a 50-yard field goal early in the second quarter. It's his second field goal of 50 or more yards in two games after he tied the school record with a 54-yarder against Miami. Before this season, LSU had converted only one field goal of 50 or more yards since 2011. That was Colby Delahoussaye's 50-yarder in 2014.

MISSING TIGERS

Left tackle Saahdiq Charles and defensive end Michael Divinity were not in uniform. Austin Deculus started for Charles. Andre Anthony saw increased action in place of Divinity.

Meanwhile, edge pass rusher Ray Thornton started for K'Lavon Chaisson, who was lost for the season a week earlier to a knee injury.

TOSSED

LSU starting linebacker Jacob Phillips was ejected late in the second quarter for targeting. He was blitzing when he dipped his shoulder and appeared to catch Southeastern starting QB Chason Virgil in the helmet shortly after a throw. Because the foul occurred in the first half, he will not have to sit out the first half of LSU's next game against Auburn.

THE TAKEAWAY

Southeastern Louisiana: The Lions finished with 189 yards passing, all by Virgil, compared to LSU's 151. Southeastern also converted five of six fourth downs in a feisty performance. Both of their losses have come on the road against FBS teams, and the first was by just three points at Louisiana-Monroe. So, the Lions look to be competitive in FCS play.

LSU: While LSU's largely dominant defense allowed the Tigers to cruise to a lopsided victory, the offense won't be at all satisfied heading into SEC play.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
SELA	0	0	0	0	0
LSU	14	10	0	7	31

Scoring Summary -----

	SELA	LSU
FIRST QUARTER		
LSU TD 7:15 J. Burrow pass, to J. Chase for 9 yds for a TD, (C. Tracy KICK)5 plays, 34 yards, 1:37	0	7
LSU TD 3:20 J. Burrow run for 1 yd for a TD, (C. Tracy KICK)7 plays, 46 yards, 2:34	0	14
second Quarter	SELA	LSU
LSU FG 11:21 C.Tracy 50 yd FG GOOD 8 plays, 28 yds, 4:59	0	17
LSU TD 0:00 J. Burrow pass, to S. Sullivan for 40 yds for a TD, (C. Tracy KICK)7 plays, 96 yards, 0:59	0	24
fourth Quarter	SELA	LSU
LSU TD 2:03 C. Edwards-Helaire run for 7 yds for a TD, (C. Tracy KICK)4 plays, 18 yards, 1:44	0	31

	SELA	LSU
Team Stats		
First Downs	18	18
Total Yards	254	335
Total Plays	76	55
Avg Gain Per Play	3.3	6.1
Net Yards Rushing	65	184
Rushes	42	35
Yards Per Rush	1.5	5.3
Net Yards Passing	189	151
Comp-Att	23-34	10-20
Yards Per Pass	5.6	7.6
Times Sacked	2	6
Yds Lost To Sacks	-10	-50
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	6	6
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	9	7
Penalty Yards	45	84
Fumbles	2	0
Fumbles Lost	2	0
Possession	34:56	25:04

Individual Stats

RUSHING

SE Louisiana	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
10 Lorenzo Nunez	11	64	5.8	25	0
24 Darren Johnson	8	32	4.0	8	0
1 Devonte Williams	10	10	1.0	4	0
18 Jomari Becnel	1	5	5.0	5	0
31 Taron Jones	2	4	2.0	4	0
9 Chason Virgil	9	-35	-3.9	11	0
LSU	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
4 Nick Brossette	19	137	7.2	42	0
Clyde Edwards-Helaire	8	27	3.4	7	1
9 Joe Burrow	8	20	2.5	13	1

PASSING

SE Louisiana	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
9 Chason Virgil	23	33	189	5.7	0	1	111.7
10 Lorenzo Nunez	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
LSU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
9 Joe Burrow	10	20	151	7.6	2	0	146.4

RECEIVING

SE Louisiana	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
5 Juwan Petit-Frere	5	60	12.0	25	0
85 Marquis Williams	2	38	19.0	23	0
88 Bransen Schwebel	4	26	6.5	15	0
12 Nih-Jer Jackson	4	24	6.0	8	0
24 Darren Johnson	5	17	3.4	15	0
83 CJ Turner	1	14	14.0	14	0
1 Devonte Williams	2	10	5.0	8	0
LSU	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
10 Stephen Sullivan	2	54	27.0	40	1
18 Foster Moreau	2	47	23.5	24	0
1 Ja'Marr Chase	3	25	8.3	13	1
4 Nick Brossette	1	12	12.0	12	0
Terrace Marshall Jr.	1	8	8.0	8	0
2 Justin Jefferson	1	5	5.0	5	0
7 Jonathan Giles	0	0	-	-	0