

WEEK FOUR
LOUISIANA AT ALABAMA

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. -- It was Jalyen and Jalen day for No. 1 Alabama.

Jaylen Waddle returned a punt for a touchdown and caught two scoring passes, including a 94-yarder, and Jalen Hurts made a statement just by playing in the Crimson Tide's 56-14 victory Saturday over Louisiana-Lafayette.

Quarterbacks Tua Tagovailoa and Hurts staked the Crimson Tide (5-0) to a 49-0 halftime lead over the Ragin' Cajuns (1-3) en route to the defending national champions' latest blowout.

Hurts, who twice led Alabama to national championship games but lost his starting job, erased any question about possibly taking a redshirt year by playing in his fifth game.

"There's never been anybody that I know of that's in the position that he's in, so that just speaks volumes to his character," Alabama tailback Josh Jacobs said.

Third-teamer Mac Jones got into the act with his 94-yarder to the freshman Waddle late in the third quarter. It tied for the second-longest TD catch in Alabama history.

Alabama has scored at least 45 points five games in a row for the first time in program history.

Tagovailoa completed all eight of his attempts for 128 yards and two touchdowns, mostly in the first quarter. Hurts was 4 of 6 for 118 yards, including a 54-yard touchdown to Henry Ruggs III.

Just the fact that Hurts played was noteworthy.

"Jalen obviously handled this extremely well relative to being a great team player, great team leader, respecting his teammates and sticking with the program here," Alabama coach Nick Saban said.

"He played very well today and took advantage of when he does have an opportunity to play, he plays well and tries to create value for himself, which I think would be the message that I would send to all players out there who are trying to take advantage of this new rule."

Ruggs caught five passes for 116 yards and two TDs. Waddle gained 138 yards on three catches and returned a punt by zig-zagging 63 yards for a score.

"The dude is explosive," Ruggs said. "He's very shifty and very fast. He's going to be a problem."

Alabama took a 21-0 lead in the first seven minutes, with help from two big special teams plays, Waddle's return and Derek Kief's blocked punt.

Jacobs ran for two touchdowns in the first quarter.

The Ragin' Cajuns scored twice in the fourth but were outgained 608-288. Trey Ragas gained 111 yards on 16 rushes with a 1-yard touchdown.

Louisiana-Lafayette coach Billy Napier said he was concerned about Waddle and Jacobs, who returns kicks.

"I probably lost more sleep this week thinking about that than I did anything else," Napier said.

THE TAKEAWAY

Louisiana-Lafayette: Napier, a former Alabama receivers coach, joins the ranks of ex-Saban assistants who haven't beaten their former boss. Saban is 14-0 against former underlings, including last week over Texas A&M's Jimbo Fisher.

Alabama: Fourth straight game against teams that aren't ranked. Did what it's supposed to in such an obvious mismatch: Take care of business early.

HURTS' 5TH GAME

Hurts officially can't follow the path of players such as Clemson quarterback Kelly Bryant, leaving teams to preserve a year of eligibility. He entered on the last drive of the first quarter. A new NCAA rule allows players to redshirt if they don't play in more than four games.

SMALL CROWD

There were thousands of empty seats for the Tide's latest blowout, and only a fraction of seats in the student sections were filled. Official attendance was a near-capacity 101,471.

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ULL	0	0	0	14	14
ALA	28	21	7	0	56

Scoring Summary -----

	ULL	ALA
FIRST QUARTER		
ALA TD 11:25		
Josh Jacobs 9 Yd Run (Joseph Bulovas Kick)	0	7
8 plays, 72 yards, 3:35		
ALA TD 9:25		
Henry Ruggs III 13 Yd pass from Tua Tagovailoa (Joseph Bulovas Kick)	0	14
2 plays, 14 yards, 0:55		
ALA TD 8:02		
Jaylen Waddle 63 Yd Punt Return (Joseph Bulovas Kick)	0	21
3 plays, -1 yard, 1:23		
ALA TD 2:28		
Josh Jacobs 1 Yd Run (Joseph Bulovas Kick)	0	28
5 plays, 69 yards, 1:41		
SECOND QUARTER		
ALA TD 13:52		
Henry Ruggs III 54 Yd pass from Jalen Hurts (Joseph Bulovas Kick)	0	35
5 plays, 80 yards, 2:01		
ALA TD 7:26		
Najee Harris 5 Yd Run (Joseph Bulovas Kick)	0	42
10 plays, 70 yards, 4:14		
ALA TD 1:28		
Jaylen Waddle 20 Yd pass from Tua Tagovailoa (Joseph Bulovas Kick)	0	49
7 plays, 62 yards, 3:38		
THIRD QUARTER		
ALA TD 1:30		
Jaylen Waddle 94 Yd pass from Mac Jones (Joseph Bulovas Kick)	0	56
1 play, 89 yards, 0:33		
FOURTH QUARTER		
ULL TD 13:37		
Trey Ragas 1 Yd Run (Kyle Pfau Kick)	7	56
6 plays, 78 yards, 2:53		
ULL TD 3:58		
Ja'Marcus Bradley 18 Yd pass from Andre Nunez (Kyle Pfau Kick)	14	56
11 plays, 80 yards, 6:06		

Team Stats	ULL	ALA
First Downs	15	26
Total Yards	288	608
Total Plays	58	62
Avg Gain Per Play	5.0	9.8
Net Yards Rushing	200	268
Rushes	38	46
Yards Per Rush	5.3	5.8
Net Yards Passing	88	340
Comp-Att	11-20	13-16
Yards Per Pass	4.4	21.3
Times Sacked	2	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-17	-2
Interceptions	2	0
Punts	7	0
Punt Average	32.6	0.0
Penalties	4	3
Penalty Yards	30	15
Fumbles	1	0
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Possession	29:56	30:04

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
ULL							
Trey Ragas	16	111	6.9	1	26		
Elijah Mitchell	11	85	7.7	0	40		
Jamal Bell	1	8	8.0	0	8		
Ja'Marcus Bradley	1	5	5.0	0	5		
Raymond Calais	6	5	0.8	0	4		
Andre Nunez	3	-14	-4.7	0	3		
ALA							
Najee Harris	11	73	6.6	1	30		
Brian Robinson Jr.	12	65	5.4	0	12		
Josh Jacobs	6	49	8.2	2	11		
Jerome Ford	3	33	11.0	0	15		
Damien Harris	5	20	4.0	0	7		
Tua Tagovailoa	2	12	6.0	0	10		
Ronnie Clark	3	8	2.7	0	5		
Jalen Hurts	4	8	2.0	0	7		
PASSING							
	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
ULL							
Andre Nunez	9	15	75	5.0	1	2	6.7
Levi Lewis	2	5	13	2.6	0	0	2.8
ALA							
Tua Tagovailoa	8	8	128	16.0	2	0	99.5
Jalen Hurts	4	6	118	19.7	1	0	99.7
Mac Jones	1	2	94	47.0	1	0	100.0
RECEIVING							
	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
ULL							
Ja'Marcus Bradley	3	24	8.0	1	18		
Keenan Barnes	2	23	11.5	0	23		
Ryheem Malone	4	20	5.0	0	9		
Elijah Mitchell	1	13	13.0	0	13		
Jalen Williams	1	8	8.0	0	8		
ALA							
Jaylen Waddle	3	138	46.0	2	94		
Henry Ruggs III	5	116	23.2	2	54		
Jerry Jeudy	2	58	29.0	0	34		
Irv Smith Jr.	1	13	13.0	0	13		
DeVonta Smith	1	9	9.0	0	9		
Damien Harris	1	6	6.0	0	6		