

LSU downs No. 2 Georgia, gives Ed Orgeron signature win

BATON ROUGE, La. -- Joe Burrow passed for 200 yards and had two short touchdown runs, LSU's defense staggered Georgia's normally prolific offense, and the 13th-ranked Tigers beat the No. 2 Bulldogs 36-16 on Saturday to give coach Ed Orgeron a signature victory.

Five fourth-down decisions by Orgeron influenced the result. LSU converted all four times it ran an offensive play on fourth-and-short, sustaining three drives that produced a total of 13 points.

"We were going to be as aggressive as we can. We were going to take shots and go for it and play to win the game the whole time," Orgeron said. "We were going for it as hard as we can today. We were throwing out the kitchen sink, man. We were giving them everything we had, and we did it."

In another instance, Orgeron called timeout and elected to punt on fourth-and-2 after the offense initially remained on the field. That decision pinned Georgia at its 4, and Kristian Fulton's interception of Jake Fromm's pass shortly afterward set up another of Cole Tracy's five field goals.

Clyde Edwards-Helaire rushed for 133 yards for LSU (6-1, 3-1 Southeastern Conference), and Justin Jefferson caught six passes for 108 yards, including a 41-yard snag of a pass rifled over the middle and between converging defenders. That catch set up Burrow's second TD in the fourth quarter.

"We're an up-and-coming football team. We've still got a long way to go, but we want to lead LSU to a championship," Orgeron said. "Where this takes us, we don't know, but hopefully it gives us some confidence [that] we can play with anybody in the country."

Nick Brossette added a short touchdown in the final minutes after Burrow's 59-yard scamper. Fans rushed the field, ignoring pleas from the public address announcer not to do so, as the game ended.

Orgeron largely deflected credited when asked about his role in the outcome, but his players made it clear how they felt about him.

"The best way we can defend our head coach, who we love, is by winning football games," senior tight end Foster Moreau said.

Fromm had by far his worst game so far this season, completing 16 of 34 passes for 209 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions.

He said after the game that LSU's defense gave him new and exotic pre-snap formations.

"They did a good job with some third-down crazy stuff, some one-hit-wonder stuff. But we kind of got ourselves in a mess with the third-and-longs," Fromm said. "I don't know. We made some plays. I think they made more plays. We just really couldn't string them all together."

LSU's defense registered three sacks, and the combination of pressure and coverage seemed to get Georgia's offense out of sync, with a number of passes sailing to no one.

"We're just a different group of DBs," Fulton said. "That's our game plan, to be physical with them at the line. That's what we did, and you could tell their timing was off."

Behind from the beginning, Georgia (6-1, 4-1) was unable to turn to its running game as much as it might have liked. Averaging about 245 yards, the Bulldogs finished with 113 at LSU, led by D'Andre Swift's 72 yards. Elijah Holyfield scored Georgia's first touchdown late in the third quarter.

"We've got to look ourselves in the mirror and say, 'OK, who are we? Is this who we are?'" Georgia coach Kirby Smart said. "Because we've consistently not played as physical as we need to on the defensive line, and we haven't been as consistent as we need to [be] offensively."

POLL IMPLICATIONS

Georgia could tumble a number of spots, depending on how much voters weigh its relatively unimpressive schedule prior to visiting Death Valley. LSU, which dropped from fifth after losing at Florida a week earlier, could very well climb back into the top 10 in the AP Top 25.

THE TAKEAWAY

Georgia: While Georgia had won all of its previous games by at least two touchdowns, none of its previous opponents was ranked this week. The game more than lived up to its billing as the Bulldogs' toughest test yet, and a Georgia offense that came in averaging 42.8 points looked uncomfortable much of the game.

LSU: The Tigers have not lost two straight since Orgeron took over for Les Miles four games into the 2016 season and now are 7-0 immediately after a loss. LSU needs one more victory to set up a pivotal clash with Alabama on Nov. 3 for control of the SEC West Division.

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UGA	0	0	9	7	16
LSU	3	13	3	17	36

Scoring Summary -----

	UGA	LSU
first Quarter		
LSU FG 9:32 Cole Tracy 33 Yd Field Goal		3
9 plays, 65 yards, 2:17	0	
second Quarter		
LSU TD 13:34 Joe Burrow 1 Yd Run (Cole Tracy Kick)		10
12 plays, 84 yards, 4:54	0	
LSU FG 11:22 Cole Tracy 36 Yd Field Goal		13
5 plays, 53 yards, 1:18	0	
LSU FG 5:09 Cole Tracy 39 Yd Field Goal		16
15 plays, 50 yards, 4:43	0	
third Quarter		
UGA FG 9:03 Rodrigo Blankenship 40 Yd Field Goal	3	16
12 plays, 52 yards, 5:57		
LSU FG 3:00 Cole Tracy 24 Yd Field Goal		19
8 plays, 17 yards, 2:30	3	
UGA TD 0:07 Elijah Holyfield 10 Yd Run (Two-Point Run Conversion Failed) 7 plays, 75 yards, 2:53	9	19
fourth Quarter		
LSU TD 9:31 Joe Burrow 1 Yd Run (Cole Tracy Kick)		26
6 plays, 86 yards, 2:49	9	
LSU FG 7:20 Cole Tracy 30 Yd Field Goal		29
4 plays, 2 yards, 2:11	9	
UGA TD 6:00 Riley Ridley 27 Yd pass from Jake Fromm (Rodrigo Blankenship Kick) 5 plays, 75 yards, 1:20	16	29
LSU TD 4:14 Nick Brossette 4 Yd Run (Cole Tracy Kick)		36
4 plays, 77 yards, 1:46	16	

Team Stats	UGA	LSU
First Downs	18	20
Total Yards	322	475
Total Plays	64	81
Avg Gain Per Play	5.0	5.9
Net Yards Rushing	113	275
Rushes	30	51
Yards Per Rush	3.8	5.4
Net Yards Passing	209	200
Comp-Att	16-34	15-30
Yards Per Pass	6.1	6.7
Times Sacked	3	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	-21	-23
Interceptions	2	0
Punts	6	4
Punt Average	35.5	41.0
Penalties	4	2
Penalty Yards	20	19
Fumbles	2	0
Fumbles Lost	2	0
Possession	26:19	33:41

Individual Stats

RUSHING

UGA	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
7 D'Andre Swift	12	72	6.0	18	0
13 Elijah Holyfield	7	56	8.0	17	1
1 Justin Fields	1	3	3.0	3	0
35 Brian Herrien	2	3	1.5	4	0
4 Mecole Hardman	1	0	0.0	0	0
Rodrigo Blankenship	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
11 Jake Fromm	6	-19	-3.2	2	0
LSU	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Clyde Edwards-Helaire	19	145	7.6	47	0
9 Joe Burrow	13	66	5.1	59	2
4 Nick Brossette	16	64	4.0	12	1
13 Jontre Kirklin	1	2	2.0	2	0

PASSING

UGA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
11 Jake Fromm	16	34	209	6.1	1	2	96.6
LSU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
9 Joe Burrow	15	30	200	6.7	0	0	106.0

RECEIVING

UGA	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
8 Riley Ridley	3	75	25.0	35	1
18 Isaac Nauta	3	47	15.7	23	0
9 Jeremiah Holloman	3	26	8.7	9	0
4 Mecole Hardman	2	23	11.5	15	0
7 D'Andre Swift	2	21	10.5	13	0
5 Terry Godwin	1	9	9.0	9	0
13 Elijah Holyfield	1	7	7.0	7	0
35 Brian Herrien	1	1	1.0	1	0
LSU	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
2 Justin Jefferson	6	108	18.0	50	0
Terrace Marshall Jr.	2	43	21.5	37	0
18 Foster Moreau	1	12	12.0	12	0
44 Tory Carter	1	10	10.0	10	0
19 Derrick Dillon	1	9	9.0	9	0
1 Ja'Marr Chase	2	7	3.5	5	0
10 Stephen Sullivan	1	6	6.0	6	0
13 Jontre Kirklin	1	5	5.0	5	0