ALABAMA BOWL
MIAMI, OHIO vs LOUISIAN

Lewis, Louisiana-Lafayette beat Miami of Ohio 27-17

MOBILE, Ala. -- Levi Lewis and Louisiana-Lafayette added one more win to the most successful season in school history.

Lewis threw two touchdown passes to Ja'Marcus Bradley, and the Ragin' Cajuns beat Miami of Ohio 27-17 in the LendingTree Bowl on Monday night.

Louisiana-Lafayette earned its first bowl win since 2014. It finished with a school-record 11 victories, two more than the previous mark.

"Tonight, our guys were at their best when it mattered most," coach Billy Napier said. "We made a lot of progress as a team this season and in the last month leading up to this game."

Lewis was 19 for 26 for 246 yards for the Ragin' Cajuns (11-3), and Bradley finished with seven receptions for 88 yards. Lewis also had eight carries for a game-high 62 yards.

"I was just trying to be a team player and not worry about the stats," said Lewis, who was named the game's MVP. "This is a great team to be around."

Lewis found Bradley for a 9-yard score with 10:51 left in the third quarter. They connected for a 12-yard TD with 2:26 left in the third, lifting Louisiana-Lafayette to a 24-10 lead.

Elijah Mitchell also had a 2-yard touchdown run for the Ragin' Cajuns, who earned their first bowl win outside their home state since 1944.

Miami (8-6) pulled within seven on Jaylon Bester's 1-yard touchdown run with 11:35 left. but Stevie Artigue kicked a 38-yard field goal to help Louisiana-Lafayette close out the victory.

The Ragin' Cajuns also had a big goal-line stand, stopping the RedHawks four times from inside the 2-yard line.

"I thought this was a great football game," Miami coach Chuck Martin said. "It was fast, hard-hitting and there was a fight for every inch out there. We've won all year by winning the turnover margin. Tonight, we lost the turnover margin 2-0, which was one of the keys to the game."

Brett Gabbert was 22 for 31 for 248 yards for Miami, and Jack Sorenson had 10 receptions for 107 yards. Gabbert is the younger brother of NFL quarterback Blaine Gabbert.

THE TAKEAWAY

Louisiana-Lafayette: Napier could be a candidate for some top jobs after the Ragin' Cajuns' successful season. The second-year coach has already said he is not interested in the opening at Mississippi State.

Miami: The future is bright with Gabbert behind center for the RedHawks. The true freshman completed 12 straight passes at one point. That streak tied Florida's Tim Tebow and Alabama's Jake Coker for the seventh-longest consecutive completion streak in bowl history. The record is 19 straight by former Georgia quarterback Mike Bobo in the 1980 Outback Bowl.

SUN BELT SUCCESS

Louisiana-Lafayette's victory gave the Sun Belt Conference a 3-2 record this bowl season. The Mid-American Conference dropped to 3-4.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
UL	0	10	14	3	27
MIA	0	7	3	7	17

Scoring Summary ---------------

SECOND QUARTER				**UL**	**MIA**
MIA TD 10:25 Jaylon Bester 5 Yd Run (Sam Sloman Kick)					
10 plays, 66 yards, 4:36				0	7
UL FG 6:32 Stevie Artigue 33 Yd Field Goal					
10 plays, 59 yards, 3:53				3	7
UL TD 1:05 Elijah Mitchell 2 Yd Run (Stevie Artigue Kick)					
7 plays, 57 yards, 3:02				10	7
third Quarter				**UL**	**MIA**
UL TD 10:51 Ja'Marcus Bradley 9 Yd pass from Levi Lewis (Stevie Artigue Kick)					
9 plays, 70 yards, 4:09				17	7
MIA FG 5:18 Sam Sloman 39 Yd Field Goal					
11 plays, 58 yards, 5:33				17	10
UL TD 2:26 Ja'Marcus Bradley 12 Yd pass from Levi Lewis (Stevie Artigue Kick)					
8 plays, 79 yards, 2:52				24	10
fourth Quarter				**UL**	**MIA**
MIA TD 11:35 Jaylon Bester 1 Yd Run (Sam Sloman Kick)					
14 plays, 77 yards, 5:51				24	17
UL FG 4:35 Stevie Artigue 38 Yd Field Goal					
6 plays, 27 yards, 2:50				27	17

Team Stats

	UL	MIA
First Downs	18	22
Passes for First	9	12
Rushes for First	8	8
Penalties for First	1	2
Third Down Efficiency	5-12	6-13
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	0-2
Total Yards	401	351
Total Plays	60	68
Avg Gain Per Play	6.7	5.2
Net Yards Rushing	155	103
Rushes	34	37
Yards Per Rush	4.6	2.8
Net Yards Passing	246	248
Comp-Att	19-26	22-31
Yards Per Pass	9.5	8.0
Times Sacked	0	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	0	-19
Interceptions	0	0
Punts	4	3
Punt Average	45.3	46.7
Penalties	9	3
Penalty Yards	53	23
Fumbles	1	2
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Time of Poss	28:17	31:43

Individual Stats

RUSHING

LOUISIANA	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Levi Lewis	8	62	7.8	0	13
Elijah Mitchell	11	55	5.0	1	19
Trey Ragas	7	24	3.4	0	6
Raymond Calais	5	19	3.8	0	9
Team	3	-5	-1.7	0	0

MIAMI, OH	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Tyre Shelton	6	59	9.8	0	26
Jaylon Bester	19	52	2.7	2	7
Maurice Thomas	1	12	12.0	0	12
Brett Gabbert	10	3	0.3	0	5
Team	1	-23	-23.0	0	0

PASSING

LOUISIANA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Levi Lewis	19	26	246	9.5	2	0	87.7

MIAMI, OH	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Brett Gabbert	22	31	248	8.0	0	0	64.7

RECEIVING

LOUISIANA	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Ja'Marcus Bradley	7	88	12.6	2	27
Calif Gossett	2	79	39.5	0	43
Jalen Williams	3	40	13.3	0	20
Jamal Bell	2	28	14.0	0	27
Peter LeBlanc	1	8	8.0	0	8
Jarrod Jackson	2	5	2.5	0	7
Raymond Calais	2	-2	-1.0	0	4

MIAMI, OH	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Jack Sorenson	10	107	10.7	0	18
James Maye	3	74	24.7	0	63
Jalen Walker	6	49	8.2	0	15
Cam Blakely	1	15	15.0	0	15
Andrew Homer	1	6	6.0	0	6
Tyre Shelton	1	-3	-3.0	0	0