

WEEK NINE
AUBURN at LSU

Burrow’s 321 yards helps No. 2 LSU down No. 9 Auburn, 23-20

BATON ROUGE, La. -- Joe Burrow passed for 321 yards and a touch-down, ran for another score, and second-ranked LSU edged No. 9 Auburn 23-20 on Saturday.

The victory ensured LSU (8-0, 4-0 SEC) would be unbeaten heading into its highly anticipated trip to Alabama on Nov. 9, which entered this weekend ranked No. 1.

Clyde Edwards-Helaire rushed for 136 yards and touchdown for LSU, which wasn’t able to put away Auburn (6-2, 3-2) until Derrick Dillon recovered an onside kick with 2:31 left.

While LSU’s prolific, up-tempo spread offense was able to roll up 508 yards, scoring proved relatively difficult against a gritty Auburn defense that thwarted LSU drives into its territory with a pair of fourth-down stops and an interception.

LSU came in averaging 50.1 points per game and had not previously scored fewer than 36 points in a game, but Auburn’s defensive front put pressure on Burrow, sacking him three times.

Still, Burrow didn’t flinch when he was leveled along the side-line after a first down scramble in the first half. He responded by completing five of his next six throws, ending with a 20-yard touchdown on a fade to Terrace Marshall Jr. Burrow completed 32 of 42 passes and his eighth career 300-yard passing performance gave him the most of any QB in LSU history. Ja’Marr Chase caught eight passes for 123 yards.

Bo Nix completed 15 of 35 passes for 157 yards and one late touch-down to Seth Williams that gave Auburn the opportunity to set up a meaningful onside kick.

D.J. Williams rushed for 130 yards for Auburn, which looked prime to go ahead by a touchdown in the third quarter when Williams sprinted into the open field from his own 20.

Safety Grant Delpit forced Williams out of bounds just inside the 10, and Auburn was not able to turn the 70-yard run into a touch-down, settling instead for a field goal and 13-10 lead.

That lead lasted until five minutes remained in the third quarter, in part because of LSU decided against a tying field goal attempt on fourth-and-goal from the Auburn 2, and instead tried a receiver screen to Ja’Marr Chase that was stopped a yard short of the goal line. Later in the quarter, LSU again was threatening to score when Burrow’s pass intended for Chase was intercepted by Roger McCreary at the Auburn 2.

That was the latest LSU had trailed in a game this season.

LSU finally pushed in front by going back to a running game that had struggled for most of the first three quarters. Edwards-Helaire ran four straight times for gains for 45 yards, capped by a 6-yard score to put LSU in front 16-13.

Burrow’s 7-yard rushing TD, capping a 67-yard drive in which LSU again leaned on the run, widened the lead to 23-13.

THE TAKEAWAY

Auburn: Nix looked more prepared to play in a hostile environment than he did at Florida two weeks earlier. The freshman made his share of plays, but wasn’t quite consistent enough for Auburn to keep pace with a more seasoned and prolific LSU offense down the stretch.

LSU: Defensively, the game was encouraging for LSU, but the offense has stalled in the red zone a half dozen times in the past two games. LSU has gotten away with it so far, but that might not cut it in Tuscaloosa.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
AUB	3	7	3	7	20
LSU	0	10	6	7	23

Scoring Summary -----

	AUB	LSU
FIRST QUARTER		
AUB FG 8:39 Anders Carlson 30 Yd Field Goal		
14 plays, 42 yards, 4:07	3	0
SECOND QUARTER		
LSU TD 12:28 Terrace Marshall Jr. 20 Yd pass from Joe Burrow (Cade York Kick)		
10 plays, 89 yards, 3:34	3	7
AUB TD 3:06 Bo Nix 1 Yd Run (Anders Carlson Kick)		
7 plays, 22 yards, 3:18	10	7
LSU FG 0:33 Cade York 20 Yd Field Goal		
10 plays, 73 yards, 2:33	10	10
THIRD QUARTER		
AUB FG 11:42 Anders Carlson 23 Yd Field Goal		
5 plays, 73 yards, 2:08	13	10
LSU TD 4:58 Clyde Edwards-Helaire 6 Yd Run (Cade York PAT failed)		
4 plays, 45 yards, 0:55	13	16
FOURTH QUARTER		
LSU TD 13:29 Joe Burrow 7 Yd Run (Cade York Kick)		
11 plays, 67 yards, 4:23	13	23
AUB TD 2:32 Seth Williams 5 Yd pass from Bo Nix (Anders Carlson Kick)		
4 plays, 49 yards, 0:54	20	23

Team Stats	AUB	LSU
First Downs	16	30
Passes for First	9	14
Rushes for First	4	13
Penalties for First	3	3
Third Down Efficiency	5-18	9-19
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-1	0-2
Total Yards	287	508
Total Plays	69	88
Avg Gain Per Play	4.2	5.8
Net Yards Rushing	130	187
Rushes	33	46
Yards Per Rush	3.9	4.1
Net Yards Passing	157	321
Comp-Att	15-36	32-42
Yards Per Pass	4.4	7.6
Times Sacked	3	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	-32	-16
Interceptions	1	1
Punts	10	6
Punt Average	46.2	38.2
Penalties	15	12
Penalty Yards	98	118
Fumbles	1	1
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Time of Poss	26:58	33:02

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
AUBURN	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
D.J. Williams	13	130	10.0	0	70		
Shaun Shivers	4	22	5.5	0	13		
JaTarvious Whitlow	3	9	3.0	0	5		
Kam Martin	1	2	2.0	0	2		
Joey Gatewood	1	2	2.0	0	2		
Malik Miller	1	1	1.0	0	1		
Bo Nix	9	-16	-1.8	1	6		
Team	1	-20	-20.0	0	0		
LSU	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Clyde Edwards-Helaire	26	136	5.2	1	26		
Joe Burrow	13	31	2.4	1	14		
Tyrion Davis-Price	4	22	5.5	0	7		
Team	3	-2	-0.7	0	0		
PASSING							
AUBURN	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Bo Nix	15	35	157	4.5	1	1	27.6
Team	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	--
LSU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Joe Burrow	32	42	321	7.6	1	1	60.9
RECEIVING							
AUBURN	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Seth Williams	4	65	16.3	1	34		
Anthony Schwartz	3	33	11.0	0	18		
D.J. Williams	2	21	10.5	0	13		
Eli Stove	2	12	6.0	0	11		
Malik Miller	1	11	11.0	0	11		
Jay Jay Wilson	2	9	4.5	0	5		
John Samuel Shenker	1	6	6.0	0	6		
LSU	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Ja'Marr Chase	8	123	15.4	0	45		
Justin Jefferson	7	60	8.6	0	21		
Clyde Edwards-Helaire	7	51	7.3	0	13		
Thaddeus Moss	7	45	6.4	0	12		
Terrace Marshall Jr.	2	29	14.5	1	20		
Tyrion Davis-Price	1	13	13.0	0	13		