

WEEK ONE  
GEORGIA SOUTHERN at LSU

**Burrow throws for 5 TDs, No. 6 LSU beats Ga. Southern 55-3**

BATON ROUGE, La. -- LSU quarterback Joe Burrow smiled playfully while urging reporters crowding around to him to write that the Tigers' new offense "showed everything we got -- all of it," in its opener against overmatched Georgia Southern.

Burrow knew no one would believe him -- not with LSU's first true test against at No. 10 Texas coming up next weekend. Yet, even the plays LSU did run will put the rest of their opponents on notice that the Tigers are transformed offensively.

Burrow tied an LSU single-game record with five touchdown passes before halftime and No. 6 Tigers held a multi-touchdown lead for all but the first six minutes in a 55-3 victory on Saturday night.

Unleashing a new spread scheme, the Tigers (1-0) scored 21 points in the first quarter -- something they never did in any quarter last season. Their point total was the most in a non-overtime game since scoring 63 against New Mexico State in 2014.

"I wanted 60 tonight," Burrow said. "We've definitely come out of the stone age."

Directing his unit with pace and precision, Burrow completed 23 of 27 passes for 278 yards without an interception before being subbed out after LSU's first possession of the second half, which ended with a field goal. That was Burrow's last chance to break the LSU mark of five touchdowns in a game set by Zach Mettenberger in 2013.

Designed largely by new passing-game coordinator Joe Brady and overseen by incumbent offensive coordinator Steve Ensminger, the up-tempo, no-huddle scheme routinely features five receiving targets, some of whom give Burrow the option to unload the ball quickly if under pressure.

"We're going to run the spread offense. We're going to score points. We've got athletes. That's what we do," coach Ed Orgeron said. "The scheme is a lot better this year. We have answers to different coverages."

**SNAPPING TO IT**

Burrow often was ready for the snap -- and could be seen hopping anxiously -- while officials stood over center, forcing the Tigers to wait until the Eagles (0-1) had a chance to make substitutions.

"I got on the officials a couple of times because we didn't sub, and they were holding the ball up. We are trying to go tempo," Burrow said. "We are going to keep building on this thing and make it even better."

Burrow's first touchdown pass capped a 75-yard drive that took just 2:24 off the clock. LSU led 14-0 with 8:10 remaining in the opening period. None of the Tigers' six touchdown drives directed by Burrow lasted longer than 3:50.

**SPREADING THE WEALTH**

Burrow completed passes to nine players. By the end, 14 LSU players had caught a pass, led by Justin Jefferson's five catches for 87 yards and a touchdown.

Terrace Marshall Jr. caught three short scoring passes.

Tight end Thaddeus Moss, the son of Hall-of-Fame receiver Randy Moss, caught two passes for 61 yards, including a 44-yarder deep down the right side.

"It was a blast," Moss said. "Our offense has been the talk of the off-season. It felt good to finally put that out there." Running back Clyde Edwards-Helaire rushed for a short TD.

**TIME ON TASK**

Georgia Southern, which won 10 games last season, was confronted with an LSU defense prepared to stop its triple-option. Eagles starting quarterback Shai Werts completed one pass for no yards and was held to minus-7 yards rushing before being knocked out of the game with an apparent upper body injury in the first half.

"Obviously we ran into a really good football team," Georgia Southern coach Chad Lunsford said. "Coach O came across the field and said, 'Hey, we've been preparing for you guys since February,' and that showed." LSU finished with a 472-98 advantage in total yards.

LSU's defense forced two turnovers. Rashard Lawrence forced a fumble recovered by Patrick Queen. Grant Delpit recovered a second fumble after outside linebacker K'Lavon Chaisson dislodged the ball with a hit that left running back Matt LaRoche needing attention on the field before walking off with help from trainers.

**THE TAKEAWAY**

Georgia Southern: The Eagles were not as competitive as they hoped to be, but the quality of the opponent had a lot to do with that. Their Sun Belt Conference schedule won't be as tough.

LSU: Even against an opponent from a mid-major conference, the Tigers had to be pleased with how sharp and dominant they looked offensively. Beyond the point total, there were no turnovers or sacks allowed. The defense also looked formidable and special teams play was solid.

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GASO	0	3	0	0	3
LSU	21	21	10	3	55

**Scoring Summary -----**

	GASO	LSU
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
LSU TD 12:36 Ja'Marr Chase 13 Yd pass from Joe Burrow (Cade York Kick)		7
6 plays, 75 yards, 2:24	0	7
LSU TD 8:10 Clyde Edwards-Helaire 1 Yd Run (Cade York Kick)		14
6 plays, 34 yards, 2:13	0	14
LSU TD 3:09 Justin Jefferson 9 Yd pass from Joe Burrow (Cade York Kick)		21
10 plays, 52 yards, 3:50	0	21
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>		
LSU TD 13:10 Terrace Marshall Jr. 8 Yd pass from Joe Burrow (Cade York Kick)		28
5 plays, 26 yards, 2:02	0	28
LSU TD 9:58 Terrace Marshall Jr. 3 Yd pass from Joe Burrow (Cade York Kick)		35
4 plays, 25 yards, 1:19	0	35
GASO FG 5:13 Tyler Bass 47 Yd Field Goal		35
10 plays, 45 yards, 4:45	3	35
LSU TD 0:58 Terrace Marshall Jr. 11 Yd pass from Joe Burrow (Cade York Kick)		42
5 plays, 80 yards, 1:24	3	42
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
LSU FG 10:48 Cade York 39 Yd Field Goal		45
7 plays, 44 yards, 2:36	3	45
LSU TD 5:47 Lanard Fournette 2 Yd Run (Cade York Kick)		52
9 plays, 59 yards, 3:47	3	52
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
LSU FG 10:58 Cade York 48 Yd Field Goal		55
7 plays, 16 yards, 4:02	3	55

Team Stats	GASO	LSU
First Downs	8	22
Passes for First	2	13
Rushes for First	3	8
Penalties for First	3	1
Third Down Efficiency	1-12	8-14
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	1-1
Total Yards	98	472
Total Plays	50	72
Avg Gain Per Play	2.0	6.6
Net Yards Rushing	74	122
Rushes	39	33
Yards Per Rush	1.9	3.7
Stat Name		
Net Yards Passing	24	350
Comp-Att	4-11	30-39
Yards Per Pass	2.2	9.0
Times Sacked	2	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	-14	0
Interceptions	0	0
Punts	9	3
Punt Average	44.0	51.7
Penalties	5	7
Penalty Yards	20	70
Fumbles	2	0
Fumbles Lost	2	0
Time of Poss	28:32	31:28

**Individual Stats**

<b>RUSHING</b>							
GEORGIA SOUTH	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Logan Wright	13	37	2.8	0	11		
J.D. King	11	23	2.1	0	5		
Matt LaRoche	5	17	3.4	0	7		
Justin Tomlin	4	4	1.0	0	5		
Shai Werts	6	-7	-1.2	0	10		
LSU	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Clyde Edwards-Helaire	9	45	5.0	1	13		
Chris Curry	2	23	11.5	0	20		
John Emery Jr.	6	20	3.3	0	7		
Lanard Fournette	6	19	3.2	1	10		
Tyrion Davis-Price	5	11	2.2	0	8		
Myles Brennan	3	3	1.0	0	4		
Joe Burrow	1	2	2.0	0	2		
<b>PASSING</b>							
GEORGIA SOUTH	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Justin Tomlin	3	8	24	3.0	0	0	
Shai Werts	1	3	0	0.0	0	0	
LSU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Joe Burrow	23	27	278	10.3	5	0	
Myles Brennan	7	12	72	6.0	0	0	
<b>RECEIVING</b>							
GEORGIA SOUTH	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Khaleb Hood	1	12	12.0	0	12		
Cam Brown	1	10	10.0	0	10		
Malik Murray	1	2	2.0	0	2		
Matt LaRoche	1	0	0.0	0	0		
LSU	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Justin Jefferson	5	87	17.4	1	44		
Thaddeus Moss	2	61	30.5	0	44		
Derrick Dillon	1	32	32.0	0	32		
Terrace Marshall Jr.	4	31	7.8	3	11		
Clyde Edwards-Helaire	4	31	7.8	0	15		
Tyrion Davis-Price	2	24	12.0	0	15		
Ja'Marr Chase	2	21	10.5	1	13		
John Emery Jr.	1	17	17.0	0	17		
Lanard Fournette	3	16	5.3	0	10		
Chris Curry	2	14	7.0	0	9		
TK McLendon	1	12	12.0	0	12		
Trey Palmer	1	6	6.0	0	6		
Jamal Pettigrew	1	-1	-1.0	0	0		
Devonta Lee	1	-1	-1.0	0	0		