



2019 SEC BASEBALL TOURNAMENT  
MAY 21-26 | HOOVER METROPOLITAN STADIUM | HOOVER, ALA.

GAME 4 | LSU 8, South Carolina 6 | NOTES AND QUOTES

POST-GAME NOTES

- LSU's victory pushed the home teams to a perfect 4-0 on the opening day of the 2019 SEC Tournament.
- With tonight's win, LSU extends its league-best record to 86-42 all-time in the SEC Tournament.
- The Tigers hold a 39-29-1 advantage in the series with South Carolina.
- Devin Fontenot's 4.1 innings is his second-longest outing in 2019, trailing only his 5.0 frames against Kentucky in game one of the March 16 doubleheader with the Wildcats.
- Fontenot's four strikeouts ties for his second-highest output this season. He also had four against Bryant on Feb. 23. His season-best total is five in that matchup with Kentucky.
- The 65 pitches from Fontenot are his most in any appearance this year. He had previously tossed 60 pitches on three occasions, most recently at Mississippi State on March 29.
- LSU's 13 hits are its most since 22 against Ole Miss on May 5 (nine games).
- Eight of the nine offensive starters for the Tigers reached base safely with seven of the nine recording at least one hit. Of that seven, five batters contributed multi-hit efforts.
- Antoine Duplantis extended his hitting streak to eight games with a 2-for-4 showing that featured a double, RBI, run and one walk. Across the streak, which started on May 9 at Arkansas, the senior is batting .412 (14-34) with three doubles, three home runs, nine RBI, eight runs scored and two walks.
- Duplantis has also reached base safely in his last 13 games.
- Josh Smith's 2-for-4 night that included a home run, two RBI, three runs and a hit-by-pitch moved his hitting streak to five games. During that stretch, Smith is batting .318 (7-22) with a double, one home run, four RBI, four runs scored, a walk and hit-by-pitch.
- Smith's two-hit night was his team-leading 24<sup>th</sup> multi-hit game this season.
- Cade Beloso's 3-for-4 performance with a team-best three RBI and a hit-by-pitch pushed his hitting streak to five games. Over the five games, Beloso is batting .500 (9-18) with a home run, seven RBI, two runs scored and three hit-by-pitch.
- Beloso's three-RBI night is his 12<sup>th</sup> multi-RBI game in 2019, moving him into sole possession of second place for the Tigers, trailing only Duplantis' 14 multi-RBI performances.

LSU Coach Paul Mainieri

*Opening Statement ...*

"That was a game of some ebb and flow. Josh (Smith) got us off to a good start (with the homerun) after Cole (Henry) pitched us out of that first inning jam. I felt good about everything. I thought Cole was throwing the ball extremely well. I thought we were going to play really well and then second inning was kind of Murphy's Law ... they throw up the five-spot and this isn't exactly how we had it planned. But I knew our guys wouldn't quit and really the key to the game was Devin Fontenot who came in in the third inning. He just kind of took the team and put us on his shoulders."



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- With today's loss, South Carolina falls to 29-49 all-time at the SEC Tournament.
- The Gamecocks are now 38-30-1 all-time against LSU, including a 2-9 mark at the SEC Tournament.
- Carolina's five runs in the second inning were the most in a single frame on the opening day of the 2019 SEC Tournament.
- Gamecock pitching has surrendered eight or more runs in eight of the last 14 games.
- Luke Berryhill picked up RBIs 48 and 49 en route to his team leading 14th multi-RBI game of the season.
- Andrew Eyster is eight for his last 15 with six RBI and five runs scored.

South Carolina Coach Mark Kingston

*Opening Statement ...*

"Obviously the results on the scoreboard weren't what we wanted most of the year. What I told the team right there is that they kept their self-respect and their attitude and effort never wavered. They played hard, but they just didn't play well enough often. They never embarrassed themselves, they never didn't give 100%. For that, the lesson they learned this year is one they'll take with them the rest of their lives. No matter how tough it gets, you never give in. They didn't give in. We just didn't play good enough baseball on a lot of days."