



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

GAME 14 | LSU 12, Mississippi State 2 | NOTES AND QUOTES

POST-GAME NOTES

- LSU's win advances the Tigers to the semifinals to face No. 1 Vanderbilt.
- The Tigers have advanced to the semifinals in the SEC Tournament 10 out of the last 11 years.
- Defeating the No. 4 RPI-ranked Bulldogs improved LSU to 12 wins vs. the RPI Top 25.
- LSU won by a 10-run rule after the seventh, which is the second run rule to occur this tournament (Vanderbilt-Auburn).
- The Tigers improved their league-best record to 88-43 all-time in the SEC Tournament.
- LSU has bested Mississippi State 13 out of the last 16 matchups, chipping away at the 206-189-1 all-time record led by the Bulldogs.
- LSU's 12 runs are the most scored for a single team in the SEC Tournament since Arkansas scored 13 last year.
- LSU hitters combined for 12 hits, with seven different batters earning a hit and nine different batters scoring. The Tigers combined for 45 hits in the first four games of the contest.
- LSU racked up double-digit hits for the 24th time this season.
- Four Tiger batters extended their hitting streaks with Josh Smith (8), Saul Garza (7), Brandt Broussard (5) and Zach Watson (4).
- Five LSU batters had multi-hit games including Josh Smith (27th; leads team), Antoine Duplantis (22nd), Daniel Cabrera (16th), Saul Garza (10th) and Chris Reid (8th).
- Zach Watson batted in his eighth multi-RBI game of the season and has reached base for eight-consecutive games.
- Chris Reid achieved his seventh multi-RBI game of the season.
- Drew Bianco recorded his second multi-RBI game in his first time batting cleanup on the season.
- Daniel Cabrera extended his reached-base streak to 13 games.
- LSU handed JT Ginn two of his four losses this season. The Tigers are also the only team who have scored five or more runs on Ginn.

LSU Coach Paul Mainieri

Opening Statement ...

"We're going up against the first round pick who just turned down three million dollars to go to school and frankly, we're pitching guys that didn't pitch a lot for us through the course of the year. You had to love our match-up there, right? The first six at-bats we had there tonight were about as non-competitive at-bats you could have and just went right through us the first two innings, we couldn't even get a sniff and it looked like they were going to just dominate us. The third inning we got a couple of big hits, and I think that loosened everybody up. After that, we just got a lot big hits and got a big enough lead and as long as we threw strikes we had a chance to hold them down. Sidenote, I'm glad we only played seven innings. Every inning we can save pitching helps."



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- With today's loss, Mississippi State falls to 66-55 all-time at the SEC Tournament.
- The Bulldogs are now 214-187-1 all-time against LSU, including a 10-10 mark at the SEC Tournament.
- State's seven runs given up in the fourth inning were the most in a single frame so far in the 2019 SEC Tournament.
- The 10-run rule defeat is just the second for Mississippi State since the SEC Tournament moved to the 12-team format in 2013.
- SEC Freshman Pitcher of the Year JT Ginn surrender four earned runs for just the third time this season.
- Mississippi State did not have an extra-base hit in a game for just the fifth time in 59 games.

MISSISSIPPI STATE HEAD COACH CHRIS LEMONIS

Opening Statement ...

"You don't want to lose by 10, just a tough night. We just didn't have things go our way. We could've made a couple of plays, made a couple of pitches, had a better at-bat maybe in some innings to keep it going. We've just got to regroup. We'll travel back to Starkville and get ready to host our own regional."

On JT Ginn ...

"He was really sharp early. He left some balls up and then they just got some momentum going against him. He's been really good for us, and I'm sure he'll be really good next weekend."

On bouncing back ...

"It's just one of those nights. We hit a couple of balls hard; didn't get much to show for it. [LSU] was just really good tonight. We've bounced back from it all year long."