HEAD-TO-HEAD MATCHUP REPORT

Louisiana vs South Alabama

Louisiana
5-3 overall · 2-2 conference

South Alabama
4-4 overall · 2-2 conference

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026 · 4:00 PM CT
Our Lady of Lourdes Stadium, Lafayette, LA · ESPN+
STATS THROUGH OCT 24, 2026 (UL) · OCT 31, 2026 (USA)

	POINTS / GAME	POINTS ALLOWED	YARDS / GAME	YARDS ALLOWED	TURNOVER MARGIN
UL	30.1	21.2	382.8	317.3	+4
USA	33.2	32.8	418.8	401.3	+5

STATISTICAL EDGES · 34 CATEGORIES — 1 EVEN

Louisiana 19 | 14 South Alabama

Results to Date

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT
09/05	Lamar University	W 38-7
09/12	at USC	L 30-49
09/19	UAB	W 21-14
09/26	at Charlotte	W 34-7
10/03	Arkansas St. *	W 23-20
10/10	at Louisiana Tech *	L 31-32
10/17	Troy *	W 33-6
10/24	at Southern Miss. *	L 31-35

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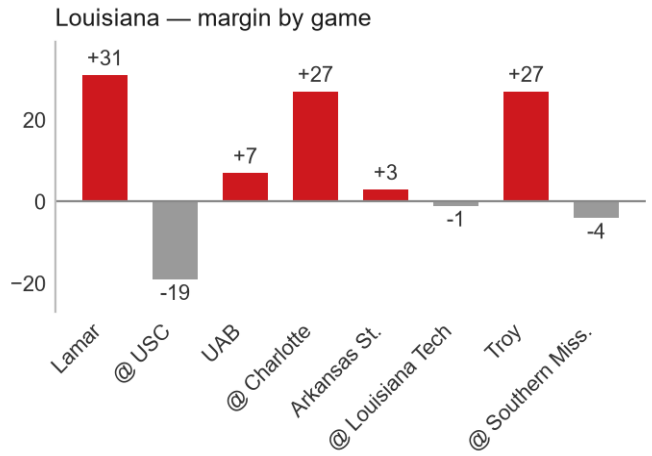
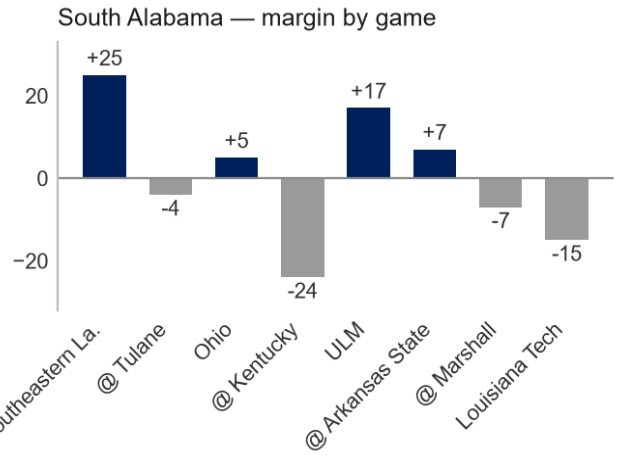
09/05	Southeastern La.	W 39-14
09/12	at Tulane	L 24-28
09/19	Ohio	W 41-36
09/26	at Kentucky	L 21-45
10/03	ULM *	W 52-35
10/08	at Arkansas State *	W 56-49
10/20	at Marshall *	L 13-20
10/31	Louisiana Tech *	L 20-35

** Conference game*





Team Statistics, Side by Side

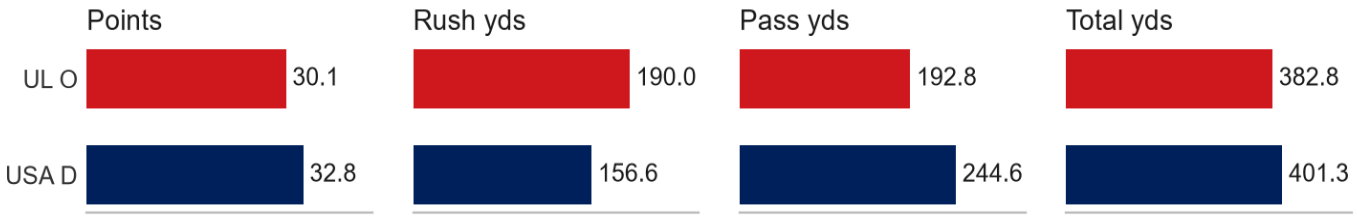
Per-game and rate stats are used because the teams have played a different number of games. The better figure in each row is highlighted in that team's color.

CATEGORY	LOUISIANA	SOUTH ALABAMA	EDGE
SCORING			
Points per game	30.1	**33.2**	USA
Points allowed per game	**21.2**	32.8	UL
Scoring margin per game	**+8.9**	+0.5	UL
OFFENSE			
Total yards per game	382.8	**418.8**	USA
Yards per play	5.6	**5.8**	USA
Rushing yards per game	190.0	**213.1**	USA
Yards per carry	4.5	**4.7**	USA
Passing yards per game	192.8	**205.6**	USA
Yards per pass attempt	7.49	**7.65**	USA
Completion %	**66.5%**	56.7%	UL
First downs per game	22.0	22.0	—
Sacks allowed per game	1.50	**1.25**	USA
DEFENSE			
Total yards allowed / game	**317.3**	401.3	UL
Yards per play allowed	**5.1**	6.7	UL
Rush yards allowed / game	**127.0**	156.6	UL
Yards per carry allowed	**4.2**	5.1	UL
Pass yards allowed / game	**190.2**	244.6	UL
Opp. completion %	**61.5%**	66.5%	UL
Sacks per game	1.50	**1.75**	USA
SITUATIONAL			
3rd-down conversion %	**41.2%**	40.7%	UL
Opp. 3rd-down conversion %	**38.8%**	39.3%	UL
4th-down conversion %	54.5%	**60.0%**	USA
Red-zone scoring %	**96.7%**	90.3%	UL
Red-zone TD %	**73.3%**	67.7%	UL
Opp. red-zone TD %	**71.4%**	77.1%	UL
Time of possession / game	**33:33**	32:48	UL
TURNOVERS & DISCIPLINE			
Takeaways	**15**	11	UL
Giveaways	11	**6**	USA
Turnover margin	+4	**+5**	USA
Penalty yards per game	**44.0**	59.8	UL
SPECIAL TEAMS			
Field goal %	**91.7%**	75.0%	UL
Net punting average	34.9	**37.6**	USA
Kick return average	21.3	**26.8**	USA
Punt return average	**10.9**	10.7	UL

Unit vs. Unit

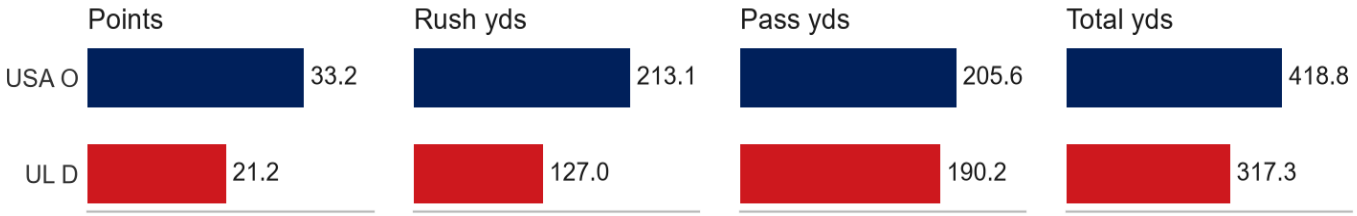
Each offense against the defense it will face. Blend is the simple average of what the offense produces and what the defense allows per game. It is a reference point, not a prediction, and it does not adjust for strength of schedule.

Louisiana offense vs. South Alabama defense



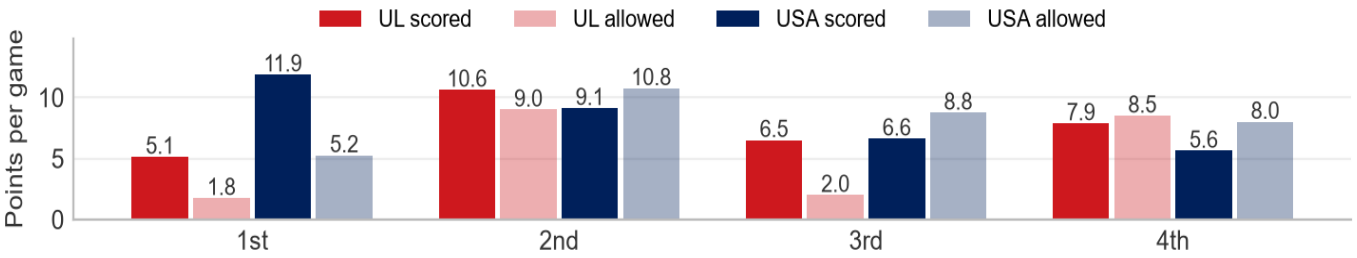
PER GAME	UL OFFENSE	USA ALLOWS	BLEND
Points	30.1	32.8	**31.4**
Total yards	382.8	401.3	**392.1**
Rushing yards	190.0	156.6	**173.3**
Passing yards	192.8	244.6	**218.7**
Yards per play	5.6	6.7	**6.2**
3rd-down %	41.2%	39.3%	**40.2%**

South Alabama offense vs. Louisiana defense



PER GAME	USA OFFENSE	UL ALLOWS	BLEND
Points	33.2	21.2	**27.2**
Total yards	418.8	317.3	**368.1**
Rushing yards	213.1	127.0	**170.1**
Passing yards	205.6	190.2	**197.9**
Yards per play	5.8	5.1	**5.4**
3rd-down %	40.7%	38.8%	**39.8%**

Scoring by quarter (points per game)



Player Leaders

Louisiana

PASSING	C-A-I	PCT	YDS	TD	RTG
#7 Lunch Winfield	130-195-5	66.7	1452	6	134.2
#11 Daniel Beale	7-10-1	70.0	90	0	125.6

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD	Y/G
#7 Lunch Winfield	110	470	4.3	9	58.8
#20 JJ Garner	51	305	6.0	5	38.1
#24 Steven Blanco	67	243	3.6	4	30.4
#22 A. Reagan Jr.	58	240	4.1	3	30.0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	Y/G
#9 KeDarius Wade	13	279	21.5	2	34.9
#4 Trenton Chaney	17	204	12.0	1	34.0
#88 Caden Jensen	14	169	12.1	0	28.2
#83 Brock Chappell	14	153	10.9	0	21.9

TACKLES	SOLO	AST	TOT	TFL	SACKS
#44 Jake St. Andre	30	30	60	4.5	1
#11 Brent Gordon Jr.	26	20	46	5.5	0
#21 Maurion Eleam	24	21	45	2.5	1
#3 Micah Johnson	14	27	41	3	0.5
#6 Conor McPherson	13	18	31	2.5	0.5

PLAYMAKERS	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FF
#11 Brent Gordon Jr.	5.5	0	2	12	2
#10 Avery Demery	3	1	1	5	1
#44 Jake St. Andre	4.5	1	1	0	0
#80 Lester Jones	2	2	0	2	1

South Alabama

PASSING	C-A-I	PCT	YDS	TD	RTG
#7 Jared Hollins	82-156-4	52.6	1195	9	130.8
#4 Bishop Davenport	40-59-0	67.8	450	3	148.6

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD	Y/G
#3 Keenan Phillips	107	576	5.4	6	72.0
#0 PJ Martin	118	552	4.7	7	69.0
#21 Trae'von Dunbar	57	295	5.2	4	36.9
#7 Jared Hollins	48	150	3.1	2	21.4

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	Y/G
#12 Brendan Jenkins	27	451	16.7	3	56.4
#1 Anthony Eager	20	450	22.5	6	56.2
#2 J. Jones-Thomas	23	266	11.6	1	38.0
#6 Micah Woods	9	142	15.8	0	20.3

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#14 Cole Blaylock	26	20	46	3.5	0
#2 Jayvon Henderson	19	17	36	0.5	0
#48 Jordan Williams	12	24	36	1	1
#8 Dallas Young	19	17	36	0.5	0
#18 Masey Lewis	15	14	29	4.5	2

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#24 Damyrion Darby	3	1.5	3	1	1
#18 Masey Lewis	4.5	2	1	0	1
#10 William Felton IV	4	2	0	2	0
#26 X. Anderson Jr.	3	3	0	0	0

Key Matchups to Watch

- **Louisiana run game vs. South Alabama run defense.** Louisiana averages 190.0 rushing yards per game (24 rushing TDs) and South Alabama allows 156.6 per game at 5.1 yards a carry. A simple blend of the two projects about 173 rushing yards for Louisiana.
- **South Alabama run game vs. Louisiana run defense.** South Alabama runs for 213.1 per game; Louisiana gives up only 127.0 at 4.2 a carry. Blend: roughly 170 rushing yards for South Alabama.
- **The air game.** South Alabama throws for 205.6 yards per game (7.65 per attempt) against the Louisiana pass defense, which allows 190.2 (5.92 per attempt). Louisiana completes 66.5% of its passes versus 66.5% allowed by South Alabama.
- **Red zone.** Louisiana has scored on 29-30 trips (97%), 22-30 for touchdowns. South Alabama has allowed opponents to score on 30-35 trips. South Alabama's own red-zone offense is 28-31 (68% TDs).
- **Kicking game.** Louisiana is 11-12 on field goals (92%); South Alabama is 9-12 (75%). Opponents are 3-9 against South Alabama.
- **Possession and turnovers.** Louisiana holds the ball 33:33 per game to South Alabama's 32:48. Turnover margin: Louisiana +4, South Alabama +5. South Alabama has thrown 4 interceptions; Louisiana has 15 takeaways.

Where Each Team Holds the Edge

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4th-down conversion %	**60.0%**	54.5%
Giveaways	**6**	11
Turnover margin	**+5**	+4
Net punting average	**37.6**	34.9
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