



2012 Allstate BCS National Championship **LSU vs. Alabama, January 9, 2012**

GAME NOTES

- Alabama claimed its second BCS National Championship in the last three years, also having won the 2010 title with a 37-21 victory over Texas.
- Alabama's **AJ McCarron** was named the game's Most Outstanding Player on offense. He tied a season and career high with 23 pass completions and established a season and career mark with 34 pass attempts. He also completed 23 passes against Vanderbilt on Oct. 8, 2011.
- The Crimson Tide's **Courtney Upshaw** was named the game's Most Outstanding Player on defense, tallying seven total tackles, including six unassisted stops, and one of Alabama's four quarterback sacks.
- LSU was shut out for the first time since a 31-0 loss to Alabama on Nov. 16, 2002. It also marked the first time a team had been shut out in a BCS bowl game or BCS Championship. The Crimson Tide registered its first bowl shutout since a 17-0 blanking of Oklahoma in the 1963 Orange Bowl. Alabama collected two shutouts during the regular season against North Texas (41-0 on Sept. 17, 2011) and Vanderbilt (31-0 on Oct. 8, 2011). The Tigers were shut out for the first time in a bowl game since falling 21-0 to Ole Miss in the 1960 Sugar Bowl.
- Alabama's **Jeremy Shelley** tied an all-bowls record in the third quarter with his fifth field goal, a 44-yard make with 22 seconds left to play in the period. On the same attempt, he set an all-bowls record with seven attempts in a bowl game. The five made was also accomplished in five other times. There had been six field goal attempts in four other bowl games. Shelley set BCS Championship game marks in the first half for field goals made (3) and attempted (4). Oklahoma's Tim Duncan (2001) and Texas' David Pino (2006) each shared the previous marks, making two of three attempts, respectively. Shelley, who also bested Georgia's Billy Bennett (4 in 2003) for most field goals in a BCS bowl game, converted on treys of 23, 34, 41, 35 and 44 yards in the game, having a 42-yard attempt blocked in the second quarter and missing on a 41-yarder in the third quarter.
- Alabama limited LSU to the second-fewest total yards (92) in a BCS bowl or BCS Championship. Florida limited Ohio State to 82 total yards in the 2007 BCS National Championship. The Tigers' 39 rushing yards were the third-fewest allowed in a BCS Championship game, and LSU's 53 passing yards ranked as second-fewest in a BCS Championship game to Ohio State's 35 passing yards against Florida.

- Shelley's 15 points scored was the fourth-most by an individual in a BCS Championship.
- The 49-yard punt return by Alabama's **Marquis Maze** in the first quarter was the longest in a BCS National Championship game since Miami's Roscoe Parrish returned one 50 yards vs. Ohio State in 2003. LSU had allowed a total of 6 punt return yards on 17 returns during the 2011 season.
- The 59-yard punt by LSU's **Brad Wing** in the first quarter tied for the fourth-longest in a BCS Championship game.
- LSU's block of the 42-yard field goal attempt by Shelley in the second quarter was the first blocked field goal in a BCS Championship since Florida blocked Oklahoma kicker Jimmy Stevens' only attempt of 49 yards in 2009. LSU also blocked a 49-yard attempt by Shelley in the earlier meeting on Nov. 5, 2011.
- LSU made its fifth BCS appearance (2002, 2004, 2007, 2008). The Tigers lost for the first time in a BCS game, having previously registered two National Championship game victories in 2004 and 2008. Alabama made its fourth BCS appearance (2000, 2009, 2010) and is 2-2 in those appearances.
- Alabama leads the all-time series between the schools 46-25-5 and has won three of the last five meetings.
- The Tigers had won nine straight games in the Mercedes-Benz Superdome, including all four of their prior BCS appearances, prior to tonight's loss. LSU's last loss in the building had been a 30-15 Sugar Bowl loss to Nebraska in 1986. The Tigers are 24-7 all-time in domed stadiums.
- Alabama made its NCAA-leading 58th bowl appearance and eighth straight. The Crimson Tide is 33-22-3 in bowl games, also owning the most victories in NCAA annals. LSU is making its school-record 12th straight bowl appearance and owns a 23-20-1 bowl record.
- LSU head coach **Les Miles** is now 5-2 in bowl games and 2-1 in BCS appearances, going 1-1 in BCS National Championship games. Alabama's **Nick Saban** is 7-6 in bowl games and is 4-1 in BCS appearances. Saban has won all three of his BCS National Championship game appearances in 2004, 2010 and 2012.