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Pinner's milestone obscured by tough defeat Wildcats' runner rushed for 143 yards to top 1,000 mark

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LEXINGTON, Ky. -- Lost in the mayhem of No. 16-ranked Louisiana State's 33-30 win over the University of Kentucky yesterday, Artose Pinner went over 1,000 yards rushing for the season.

He became the fifth UK back to top the 1,000-yard mark. But Pinner wasn't in the mood to celebrate.

"I can't even think about that right now," he said of the Wildcats' lastplay loss. "This is tough."

Pinner had what might have been his finest performance of the season, given the competition. LSU entered the game with the nation's No. 1 ranked defense against total yardage.

Pinner started slowly, running for 35 yards on 10 carries in the first half. The Cats' power running game took hold in the second half as Pinner ran for 108 more yards and finished with 143 on 27 carries.

He is the first Southeastern Conference back to go over 100 yards against LSU since Arkansas' Brandon Holmes ran for 143 two seasons ago.

"We just couldn't tackle 20 (Pinner)," LSU coach Nick Saban said. "They really hurt us with the run in the second half. They got into a lot of second-and-one and what do you do against that? We gave them a lot of chances and eventually they took advantage of it."

Pinner's seventh 100-yard game ties Moe Williams for the school record for most 100-yard games in a season. Pinner now stands fifth on UK's career rushing list.

Boone keeps up high touchdown rate

Aaron Boone's three touchdown receptions give him 16 in two seasons among his 52 catches. That means 30.8 percent of his receptions have gone for scores.



UK's Artose Pinner rushed for 143 yards on 27 carries against LSU, putting him over the 1,000-yard plateau.
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The NCAA record in that category belongs to Kevin Williams from Southern California. He had 68 receptions and 24 touchdowns (35.3 percent).

Boone has caught a touchdown pass in eight of UK's 10 games.

"What can you say about Aaron?" UK quarterback Jared Lorenzen said. "He's just great. He's by far the best receiver I've ever thrown to."

Two of Boone's TD receptions came over LSU cornerback Randall Gay, who at 5 feet 11 gave up five inches. Gay had perfect coverage on the two passes, but Boone simply took the ball away.

"I can't tell you that my eyes were open on all of them," Boone said. "But I made the catches."

Important point

UK failed to convert an extra-point attempt for at least the seventh time this season when snapper Coleman Barnes and holder Glenn Pakulak couldn't connect on a clean snap.

The botched point-after came with 10:05 left in the game. The Cats trailed 24-20 at the time and eventually tied the score at 27 instead of going ahead by one.

Extra points

Deion Holts blocked a punt, which led to a third-quarter UK touchdown, and Jeremy Caudill blocked a field goal in the first quarter. That gives the Cats seven blocked kicks this season, the most in the SEC. . . . LSU's four touchdowns covered 70, 30, 63 and 75 yards for an average of 59.5 yards. . . .

For the 10th straight game, UK won the battle of field position. The Cats' average drive start was their 31-yard line, while LSU averaged starting its drives at its 26. . . . UK lost the turnover battle for the third time this season, losing a pair of fumbles. LSU had no turnovers. The Cats also lost the turnover battle against Florida and South Carolina. . . .

LSU's victory on the Hail Mary pass was its first on the last play of the game in 30 years. . . . UK has held the lead in the fourth quarter in nine of 10 games this season. . . .

The Cats are 1-3 against ranked opponents. . . . Lorenzen is one yard short of Tim Couch's school record for total yards. . . .

Lorenzen has now thrown 148 passes without an interception. . . . When Donnie Jones booted an 86yard punt, it set LSU records for longest punt and longest against UK and was the longest in Commonwealth Stadium.

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