



LSU football head coach Lane Kiffin speaks during a news conference at the LSU Football Operations Facility in Baton Rouge, La., on Feb. 4.

Kiffin dives into first season with No. 11 LSU

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BATON ROUGE, La. — When Lane Kiffin glances up from his desk inside LSU’s training center, his eyes are drawn to a large, framed photo of him and his brother, Chris, celebrating on a sideline.

The image was captured at Mississippi’s Vaught Hemingway Stadium less than one year ago, moments after tight end Dae’Quan Wright’s first-down catch sealed a 24-19 victory over LSU.

Those who saw the game might recall Kiffin, moments after the catch, emphatically driving his clenched fist downward, as if pounding a final nail in the Tigers’ coffin.

LSU fans can’t wait to see Kiffin celebrate like that again.

Now that the fiery, outspoken, headline-grabbing coach is wearing LSU’s colors and logo on his visor, the Tigers are the talk of Louisiana and tickets at 102,000-seat Tiger Stadium are hard to get.

“When you hire a coach, that’s part of what you hire; you hire the energy that comes around it,” said Kiffin, whose Tigers open the 2026 season at home against Clemson on Sept. 5. “That pays off in fan support. It pays off in donations. It pays off in recruiting and players wanting to come.”

LSU FACED POLITICAL PRESSURE TO LAND KIFFIN

The buzz surrounding the onset of the Kiffin era at LSU has been building ever since the dramatic, politically charged chain of events last fall that saw him jump in late November from College Football Playoff-bound Ole Miss to its SEC rival from neighboring Louisiana.

LSU fired coach Brian Kelly in October and had to buy out \$54 million remaining on his contract. Then came an athletic department shake-up — driven by Louisiana Gov. Jeff Landry and his appointees on the LSU Board of Supervisors — that forced out athletic director Scott Woodward and replaced him with Verge Ausberry.

Two days after Kiffin had coached Ole Miss to a victory over Mississippi State in the Egg Bowl, he abruptly left Oxford, Mississippi, flying on a private jet to Baton Rouge, where he signed a seven-year, \$91 million contract with LSU.

“There’s a lot of people that have got a lot riding on this football season,” said political pundit and LSU graduate James Carville. “They’re tied to him; it’s pretty clear. They went out of their way to do this. And if it works, they’ll get some credit. And if it doesn’t, they’ll get blamed.”

The 51-year-old Kiffin said he’s been insulated from the hype because he spends most waking hours at LSU’s practice facility.

He shrugs off the focus on whether he can get LSU back into playoff contention.

“It doesn’t bother me,” Kiffin said. “The pressure and the expectations align with how I think. If we don’t win a lot of games, I’m in a really bad place about that, whether the fans are or not.”

TICKET DEMAND SURGES, THANKS TO KIFFIN AND HIS ROSTER

Kiffin will start feeling the fan frenzy up close when he takes part next week in a live radio show hosted by a bar, restaurant and pickleball establishment called Court to Table.

The 250 tickets available for the first show sold out in around 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, after 98% of LSU’s season tickets were renewed, there were 40,000 new ticket requests.

“We had to tell a lot of people, ‘No,’” said associate athletic director Brian Broussard, who oversees ticket sales.

Tickets in the 13,000-seat student section were gone five hours after being made available, as opposed to the usual three weeks.

“I’ve never seen that, and I’ve been here 30 years, through three national championships,” said Broussard, who also has felt the surge in enthusiasm personally.

His parents forward him requests from neighbors seeking help with tickets. His wife gets social media messages from people she hasn’t heard from since high school.

“People are just grasping,” Broussard said.

LSU second-year running back Harlem Berry, a New Orleans-area native, said that when he’s with friends or family, “everybody loves to talk about coach Kiffin and how this LSU offense is — how LSU is going to be this and that this year, and everybody’s excited to see it.”

Berry said he appreciated the stress Kiffin’s up-tempo offense puts on a defense last season when he saw LSU linebacker Whit Weeks “throwing up on the field” during the loss at Ole Miss.

Kiffin has replaced much of LSU’s offense with a transfer class ranked among the best in the country by recruiting analysts. The new arrivals include quarterback Sam Leavitt, as well as several former Ole Miss players.

“I know, as good as we are right now, this is just the beginning,” Kiffin said.

KIFFIN BRINGS A CHECKERED PAST TO LATEST COACHING JOB

Kiffin is now in his sixth head coaching job — all since 2007. He’s been fired from two of those (the NFL’s Raiders and Southern California), and spurned the fan bases of

Tennessee and Ole Miss by leaving.

Along the way, fans were at times amused or turned off by the way he spoke his mind, particularly on social media, which he decided to quit — he won’t say for how long — last spring at the behest of his son, Knox.

Had Kiffin remained on social media, he said, he likely would have had “a field day” lashing back critics of his attempts to sign NFL rookies who’d recently won a court ruling granting them a fifth year of eligibility. Instead, he was looking forward to reviewing video of the day’s practice.

Kiffin says he’s enjoyed his social media silence and the time he’s gotten back to focus on work and family.

There was a time Kiffin believed he was misunderstood and let that bother him, he said, but not anymore.

“There’s too many variables to whether people are going to like you,” Kiffin said, noting that where some people see him as “cocky, brash or disrespectful,” others see him projecting confidence in a way that gives his teams swagger.

Leaving Ole Miss was awkward because he liked it there, and fans seemed to love him, until his sudden departure for LSU — of all places.

His daughter, Landry, who remains enrolled at Ole Miss, has since moved to Baton Rouge and is finishing her degree online.

“I don’t like that for her, that she didn’t get the everyday experience there, but it’s just how she felt,” Kiffin said.

The flip side is that after having Landry nearby for the past several years in Oxford, he didn’t have to give that up by moving away.

Knox also is in Baton Rouge, playing high school football and periodically hanging out in his father’s office.

Now Kiffin needs to win, which won’t be easy this season, given a schedule that includes five SEC teams ranked in the preseason AP Top 25: No. 9 Ole Miss, No. 8 Texas A&M, No. 5 Texas, No. 13 Alabama and No. 20 Tennessee.

Perhaps no game is bigger than the one at Ole Miss on Sept. 19, where boos are bound to rain down and security will be tight.

But Kiffin accepts that now as part of the life he’s chosen.

“I’ve learned to love my story. I embrace the firings, the six jobs, how it all went, because I know now sitting here I’m in such a better position to be a head coach at LSU,” Kiffin said.

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Seattle Seahawks owners The Khosla family, Neeru Khosla, left, Vinod Khosla, center, and Neal Khosla speak during a news conference during an NFL football owners meeting on Wednesday in Atlanta.

NFL owners unanimously OK sale of the Seahawks

BY CHARLES ODUM
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ATLANTA — NFL owners on Wednesday unanimously approved the \$9.612 billion sale of the Seattle Seahawks to Vinod Khosla and his family, currently part owners of the San Francisco 49ers.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell congratulated the family for having “great timing” in purchasing the team that is coming off its second Super Bowl victory in franchise history.

“It’s not very often you can buy a Super Bowl championship team, but you’ve done that,” Goodell said. “Many of our members struggle to find ways to get in the Super Bowl and win a trophy and you’ll be walking into your new building shortly with a fresh, shiny trophy there for you.”

The sales agreement was announced on July 11 and awaited Wednesday’s approval at a special owners meeting in Atlanta to become official. The sale was in accordance with the wishes of late team owner Paul Allen.

Vinod Khosla thanked Allen’s sister, Jody Allen, and the Allen Trust “for trusting us for this franchise.”

“As Roger said, it’s pretty simple when the team is functioning as well as it is today,” Khosla said. “How often do you get to buy a franchise that just won the Super Bowl? So we are

incredibly lucky and humbled by this gift, I would say, from the Allen Trust.”

Vinod Khosla is the founder of Khosla Ventures, a Silicon Valley venture capital firm. His current net worth is \$13.7 billion, according to Forbes.

The Khosla family will be required to relinquish its ownership stake in the 49ers as part of the deal. Khosla joined the 49ers ownership group as a minority owner in 2025, purchasing 3.1% of the team.

Goodell said the family’s experience with the 49ers was attractive to other NFL owners.

“They know our league well,” Goodell said. “As you know, they have been ownership in the NFC West with the San Francisco 49ers. They understand the passion of the NFL, they understand the 12s, they understand this Seattle community and the NFL. And so that makes this transaction particularly attractive to all of us.”

Khosla also paid tribute to the Seattle fans known as the “12s.”

“Having been to Lumen Field and watching the 12s everywhere, I do want to thank them for their passion and fervor,” Khosla said. “And the community in Seattle is incredibly valuable. So we hope we’ll engage a lot more with the community also.”

Khosla’s wife, Neeru,

said their son, Neal, played a role in the family’s interest in buying the team. They attended Wednesday’s meeting with Khosla’s daughter, Nina.

“He’s been a big fan of sports, and in particular, football,” Neeru said of Neal. “... So he’s the one who actually really pushed us into doing this. He worked really hard, so I’m really proud of him.”

Vinod Khosla, who was born in India, said he was first a fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers when he moved to the United States in 1976.

“We’ve been very passionate about football for a long time,” he said. “I would say we’ve been going to home games at the 49ers since (Neal) was 5, maybe half of all home games since he was 5. And so football is definitely a passion. ... I was originally and still am a big Steelers fan. ... Little known fact, but I still watch all the Steelers games, too.”



Living Estate Sale

Tommy and Galena Fulkerson
775 Revlett Drive
Calhoun KY 42327

Thurs., August 27, 9am-4pm
Fri., August 28, 9am-4pm
Sat., August 29, 9am-2 pm

Tommy and Galena have relocated and have left a complete house full of very well cared for items. cherry Queen Anne dining furniture including table and chairs, china cabinet, silverware chest, sideboard, curio cabinet, two tea carts, mahogany china cabinet, painted Bombay chest, glass top coffee table, Tom Blue cherry queen bed and lingerie chest, maple rocker, mahogany sleigh bed, antique rocker, antique trunk, white French console/desk, small pine cupboard, kitchen island, oak dining table, six ladder back chairs, three oak chairs, blanket box, oak roll top desk, oak curio, antique wall phone, old school desks, maple end tables and hutch, plaid couch and club chair, iron full size bed, cherry bookcase desk, arched top curio cabinet, lots of prints including Ray Harm and More-heads, mirrors, lamps, pottery and crocks, glassware including milk glass, Fenton, figurines, floral sofa, vintage high chair, kitchenware, area rugs, flatware, three antique barber chairs, ladders, push mower, leaf vacuum (needs work) lawn and garden tools, weed eaters, chain saws, Cummins generator, air compressor, vintage bike, grinder, antique plow, outdoor furniture including wire bench, park bench, concrete lawn items including urns and large statue of a lady, John Deere riding mower, Christmas decor, NordicTrack commercial treadmill, cardio glide, rattan furniture and much more.

Cash or check with proper ID, 3% fee will be added to credit/debit card purchases. We also accept Venmo. All sales are final. No returns or refunds. KY sales tax of 6% will be added unless buyer presents a resale exemption certificate. All items purchased are as-is. We are not responsible for accidents.

YOU MUST bring help to move large items as we DO NOT have staff to assist. All items must be removed by 2pm on Saturday. Please bring boxes and paper to pack your items. Call Donna at 270-903-7859 with questions.



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