

2004 Schedule/Results (3-1, 0-0 SEC)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
February		
13 (Fri.)	at Central Florida	W, 4-3
14 (Sat.)	at Central Florida	W, 17-4
15 (Sun.)	at Central Florida	L, 5-6 (10)
17 (Tue.)	UL-MONROE	W, 7-1
20 (Fri.)	JACKSONVILLE STATE	6:30 p.m.
21 (Sat.)	JACKSONVILLE STATE	2 p.m.
22 (Sun.)	JACKSONVILLE STATE	Noon
25 (Wed.)	Southeastern Louisiana	6:30 p.m. #
27 (Fri.)	TEXAS STATE	6:30 p.m.
28 (Sat.)	TEXAS STATE	2 p.m.
29 (Sun.)	TEXAS STATE	Noon
March		
2 (Tue.)	Tulane	7 p.m. #
5 (Fri.)	HOUSTON	6:30 p.m.
6 (Sat.)	HOUSTON	2 p.m.
7 (Sun.)	HOUSTON	1 p.m.
9 (Tue.)	at UL-Monroe	6:30 p.m.
12 (Fri.)	SOUTHEASTERN LA.	6:30 p.m.
13 (Sat.)	SOUTHEASTERN LA.	2 p.m.
14 (Sun.)	SOUTHEASTERN LA.	1 p.m.
16 (Tue.)	NEW ORLEANS	6:30 p.m.
19 (Fri.)	at South Carolina	6 p.m.
20 (Sat.)	at South Carolina	3 p.m.
21 (Sun.)	at South Carolina	12:30 p.m.
23 (Tue.)	at Centenary	7 p.m.
26 (Fri.)	MISSISSIPPI STATE	6:30 p.m.
27 (Sat.)	MISSISSIPPI STATE	2 p.m.
28 (Sun.)	MISSISSIPPI STATE	1 p.m.
30 (Tue.)	at New Orleans	6:30 p.m.
April		
2 (Fri.)	at Auburn	6:30 p.m.
3 (Sat.)	at Auburn	3 p.m.
4 (Sun.)	at Auburn	1:30 p.m.
6 (Tue.)	TULANE	6:30 p.m.
9 (Fri.)	ARKANSAS	6:30 p.m.
10 (Sat.)	ARKANSAS	2 p.m.
11 (Sun.)	ARKANSAS	1 p.m.
13 (Tue.)	NICHOLLS STATE	6:30 p.m.
16 (Fri.)	GEORGIA	6:30 p.m.
17 (Sat.)	GEORGIA	2 p.m.
18 (Sun.)	GEORGIA	1 p.m.
20 (Tue.)	at Southern	6:30 p.m.
23 (Fri.)	at Tennessee	6 p.m.
24 (Sat.)	at Tennessee	6 p.m.
25 (Sun.)	at Tennessee	1 p.m.
27 (Tue.)	Tulane	7 p.m. \$
30 (Fri.)	ALABAMA	6:30 p.m.
May		
1 (Sat.)	ALABAMA	2 p.m.
2 (Sun.)	ALABAMA	1 p.m.
7 (Fri.)	at Kentucky	5:30 p.m.
8 (Sat.)	at Kentucky	1 p.m.
9 (Sun.)	at Kentucky	Noon
14 (Fri.)	VANDERBILT	6:30 p.m.
15 (Sat.)	VANDERBILT	2 p.m.
16 (Sun.)	VANDERBILT	1 p.m.
21 (Fri.)	at Ole Miss	6:30 p.m.
22 (Sat.)	at Ole Miss	3 p.m.
23 (Sun.)	at Ole Miss	1:30 p.m.
26-30	SEC Tournament (Hoover, Ala.)	
June		
4-6	NCAA Regional (sites TBA)	
11-13/12-14	NCAA Super Regional (sites TBA)	
18-27/28	College World Series (Omaha, Neb.)	

- Zephyr Field (Metairie, La.) \$ - Louisiana Superdome



LSU TIGERS

(3-1)

vs. Jacksonville State (1-0)

Friday, Feb. 20 at 6:30 p.m. * Saturday, Feb. 21 at 2 p.m. * Sunday, Feb. 22 at Noon
Radio: Feb. 20 & 22 - LSU Sports Network * Feb. 21 - WJNH 107.3 in Baton Rouge only
TV: None

Tigers Play First Home Weekend Series Vs. Jacksonville State

LSU (3-1) plays its first home weekend series beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday as the second-ranked Tigers entertain Jacksonville State (1-0) in Alex Box Stadium. Game 2 is set for 2 p.m. Saturday and Game 3 will be played at Noon Sunday. LSU has won 11 straight non-conference regular-season home games. The Tigers last loss in a non-conference regular-season game in Alex Box Stadium came on Feb. 22, 2003, when Houston posted a 7-2 win.

The Tigers, ranked No. 2 this week by Baseball America magazine, began the 2004 season by winning two of three games last weekend at UCF in Orlando, Fla. LSU captured the first two games by scores of 4-3 (10 innings) and 17-4 before dropping a 10-inning, 6-5 decision in Game 3. LSU improved its record to 3-1 on Tuesday with a 7-1 victory over Louisiana-Monroe in Alex Box Stadium. Freshman right-hander Michael Bonura earned the win in his first career collegiate start, limiting the Indians to one run on four hits in five innings with three walks and three strikeouts. Center fielder J.C. Holt doubled and drove in two runs against ULM while shortstop Matt Horwath was 3-for-3 at the plate with one RBI to pace LSU's 11-hit attack.

About Jacksonville State

Jacksonville State, located in Jacksonville, Ala., opened its 2004 season Wednesday with a thrilling 4-3 home victory over the Alabama Crimson Tide. JSU catcher Scott Smith launched a homer in the bottom of the ninth inning to give the Gamecocks the win. Jacksonville State is the pre-season favorite to win the 2004 Ohio Valley Conference title, as selected by the league's coaches. Southeast Missouri was second and defending OVC champion Austin Peay was third in the pre-season poll.

Other schools in the Ohio Valley Conference include Tennessee State, Tennessee Tech, Tennessee-Martin, Samford, Murray State, Morehead State, Eastern Kentucky and Eastern Illinois.

JSU, which posted a 32-26 overall record in 2003 as a member of the Atlantic Sun Conference, is in its first season as an OVC school. The Gamecocks are directed by third-year coach Jim Case, a former Mississippi State assistant who has a 56-57 record at JSU.

Friday's game marks the first meeting between LSU and Jacksonville State; however, the Tigers have played two other current OVC schools, both in the NCAA Tournament. LSU defeated Murray State, 7-2, in the 1975 South Regional at Starkville, Miss., and the Tigers recorded a 9-3 win over Austin Peay in the 1996 South II Regional at Alex Box Stadium.

Pitching Matchups

Game 1

LSU - So. RHP Justin Meier (0-0, 3.00 ERA, 6 IP, 2 BB, 5 SO)
 JSU - Sr. RHP Bobby Wynns (2-2, 5.56 ERA, 34 IP, 20 BB, 31 SO in 2003)

Game 2

LSU - Jr. LHP Lane Mestepey (1-0, 1.80 ERA, 5 IP, 2 BB, 1 SO)
 JSU - So. RHP Danny Andres (0-0, 0.00 ERA, 1 IP, 0 BB, 1 SO)

Game 3

LSU - Fr. LHP Clay Dirks (0-0, 4.76 ERA, 5.2 IP, 3 BB, 5 SO)
 JSU - TBA

LSU		Jacksonville State	
Record	3-1	Record	1-0
Ranking	No. 2 Baseball America No. 4 Collegiate Baseball No. 5 ESPN/Sports Weekly	Ranking	Not Ranked
Coach	Smoke Laval	Coach	Jim Case
Career Record	333-204-1 (10th year)	Career Record	56-57 (third year)
LSU Record	92-45-1 (third year)	JSU Record	56-57 (third year)
Laval vs. ULM	first meeting	Case vs. LSU	first meeting

Tracking the Tigers

Week	BA	CB	ESPN/SW
Preseason	2	3	3
Feb. 2	2	3	3
Feb. 9	2	3	3
Feb. 16	2	4	5

Baseball America (Feb. 16)

- Rice (2-1)
- LSU (2-1)**
- Miami, Fla. (2-1)
- Stanford (8-1)
- Georgia Tech (2-0)
- Texas (9-0)
- South Carolina (3-0)
- Long Beach State (4-2)
- Tulane (2-0)
- Auburn (3-0)
- Clemson (0-0)
- Baylor (2-1)
- Arizona (5-1)
- Cal State Fullerton (4-5)
- Wichita State (0-0)
- Arizona State (5-1)
- North Carolina (0-0)
- Ole Miss (0-0)
- Notre Dame (0-0)
- Florida (3-2)
- Texas A&M (3-0)
- Florida Atlantic (7-0)
- Nebraska (0-0)
- North Carolina State (1-0)
- Florida State (3-3)

Collegiate Baseball (Feb. 16)

- Texas (9-0)
- Rice (2-1)
- Miami, Fla. (2-1)
- LSU (2-1)**
- Georgia Tech (2-0)
- Stanford (8-1)
- Arizona State (5-1)
- South Carolina (3-0)
- Wichita State (0-0)
- Notre Dame (0-0)
- Baylor (2-1)
- Long Beach St. (4-2)
- Tulane (2-0)
- Arizona (5-1)
- Cal State Fullerton (4-5)
- Florida Atlantic (7-0)
- Clemson (0-0)
- Auburn (3-0)
- Florida (3-2)
- USC (1-2)
- Nebraska (0-0)
- North Carolina (0-0)
- Washington (2-1)
- Florida State (3-3)
- Minnesota (0-0)

The LSU Lineup (probable batting order vs. Jacksonville State)

Player	Pos.	Cl.-Exp.	B/T	Avg.	HR	RBI	Notable
J.C. Holt	CF	Jr.-2L	L/R	.389	0	4	Tigers' leading hitter in 2004
Ryan Patterson	LF	Jr.-1L	R/R	.211	1	4	2003 first-team all-SEC
Ivan Naccarata	3B	Sr.-1L	L/R	.111	0	0	Hit .533 in '03 NCAA Regional
Nick Stavinocha	DH	Jr.-JC	R/R	.294	1	3	37 HRs in JUCO career
Clay Harris	1B	Jr.-2L	R/R	.357	1	5	Team RBI leader in 2004
Jon Zeringue	RF	Jr.-2L	R/R	.267	1	2	2003 second-team all-SEC
Blake Gill	2B	Jr.-2L	L/R	.294	1	2	2003 second-team all-SEC
Matt Liuzza	C	So.-1L	R/R	.267	0	2	54 starts as true freshman in '03
Matt Horwath	SS	Fr.-RS	R/R	.385	1	3	3-for-3 in Feb. 17 win vs. ULM

This Week

Tuesday, Feb. 17 - LSU 7, UL-Monroe 1

LSU jumped out to a 6-0 lead in the first inning, giving true freshman starter Michael Bonura all the run support he would need as the second-ranked Fighting Tigers won their third straight home opener, 7-1, Tuesday night at a chilly Alex Box Stadium. The Tigers sent 10 batters to the plate in a 32-minute first inning, highlighted by J.C. Holt's second at-bat of the frame, a two-RBI double. Holt drew a 10-pitch walk off of Indians starter Matt Green to lead off the inning. Ryan Patterson then lined a deep fly ball that bounced off of the left-center field wall, scoring Holt from first.

After Blake Gill reached on a throwing error that scored Patterson, Nick Stavinocha collected the third RBI of his brief LSU career, grounding a hit into left field, plating Gill. Four batters later, Stavinocha scored on Jon Zeringue's sacrifice fly ball into left field, setting the stage for Holt, who closed out the six-run, five-hit barrage with a double that scored Matt Liuzza and Ivan Naccarata.

LSU right-hander Michael Bonura (1-0) picked up his first career win, working five innings of four-hit, one-run ball, while adding three strikeouts. Greg Smith relieved the Destrehan, La. native in the sixth and continued to silence the Indian bats through the eighth. Smith, in his second outing of the season, went two innings, allowing no runs on no hits while striking out three.

Sophomore Will Harris came on in the ninth inning to end the game, but the Indians did not go quietly. Following a walk, a single and a hit batsman that loaded the bases, the Slidell native retired three consecutive batters to end the game. ULM starter Matt Green (0-1) took the loss, as he worked 3.2 innings, allowing six runs (two earned) on eight hits with five walks and two strikeouts.

Last Weekend

Friday, Feb. 13 - LSU 4, Central Florida 3 (10 innings)

First baseman Clay Harris belted an RBI double in the top of the 10th inning to score designated hitter Nick Stavinocha with the go-ahead run and second-ranked LSU held on for a 4-3 win over Central Florida at Jay Bergman Field. LSU (1-0) won its season opener for the third straight year.

Stavinocha delivered a two-out single in the 10th before scoring on Harris' double down the left-field line against UCF reliever Matt Rhodes (0-1). Jason Determann (1-0) retired the side in order in the bottom of the 10th to preserve the victory. Determann worked four innings in relief of starter Justin Meier, limiting the Knights to one run on three hits with one walk and two strikeouts.

LSU grabbed a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning when center fielder J.C. Holt reached second base on a pair of errors by second baseman Kevin Richmond, advanced on a wild pitch by starter Matt Fox and scored on a passed ball by catcher Drew Butera. The Tigers increased the lead to 2-0 in the fourth on a solo homer by right fielder Jon Zeringue.

UCF answered with a run in the bottom of the fourth on a solo shot by center fielder Clay Timpner, his first homer of the year. The Knights tied the game in the sixth when DH David Mann walked on scored on Richmond's RBI double. LSU regained the lead in the eighth when Stavinocha launched his first career LSU hit, a solo homer beyond the left-field wall. UCF battled right back to tie the game at 3-3 in the bottom of the eighth on Timpner's RBI single.

Meier pitched the first six innings for LSU, limiting UCF to two runs on four hits with two walks and five strikeouts. Fox worked five innings as the UCF starter, allowing two runs (one earned) on three hits with three walks and four strikeouts.

Saturday, Feb. 14 - LSU 17, Central Florida 4

Second-ranked LSU blasted five home runs to highlight a 19-hit attack as the Tigers defeated Central Florida, 17-4, at Jay Bergman Field. UCF led 1-0 in the first inning Saturday when left fielder Dee Brown delivered an RBI single against LSU starter Lane Mestepey, who was making his first pitching appearance since June, 2002, after undergoing shoulder surgery.

Mestepey shut out UCF for the remainder of his five-inning outing. He scattered five hits, allowing one run with two walks and one strikeout. Meanwhile, LSU's bats came alive Saturday after producing just four runs on seven hits in Friday's 4-3 win over UCF. The Tigers sent nine men to the plate in a five-run fourth inning highlighted by center fielder J.C. Holt's two-run single and a three-run homer - his first of the season - by left fielder Ryan Patterson.

LSU increased the lead to 7-1 in the sixth on a solo homer by shortstop Matt Horwath and an RBI

grounder by first baseman Clay Harris. The Tigers scored five more runs in the seventh as Harris sparked the rally with a three-run blast, his first of the year. UCF scored three runs in the seventh against reliever Michael Bonura to narrow the deficit to 12-4, but LSU produced its third five-run inning in the ninth. UCF starter Jaime Douglas (0-1) took the loss, as he was charged with two runs on three hits in 3.1 innings with three walks and two strikeouts.

Sunday, Feb. 15 - Central Florida 6, LSU 5 (10 innings)

UCF overcame two deficits and broke a 5-5 tie on a fielder's choice grounder by left fielder Dee Brown in the bottom of the 10th inning to hand second-ranked LSU its first loss of the season. The contest marked the first time the Tigers had played in two extra-inning affairs in one series since all three games in the 2001 series at Georgia went 11 innings.

Designated hitter David Mann drew a leadoff walk off of LSU reliever Jordan Faircloth and stole second base to spark the game-winning rally. Second baseman Kevin Richmond grounded out to Clay Harris, advancing the speedy Mann to third. Faircloth intentionally walked center fielder Clay Timpner before Brown rolled a ground ball to Clay Harris at first base. Harris fielded the ball, turned and threw it into left field, spoiling a chance at a double play as Mann raced home with the winning run.

Sunday's contest marked the first collegiate start for freshman southpaw Clay Dirks. Dirks, who sat out the 2003 season after undergoing elbow surgery, made a successful debut, hurling 5.2 innings, allowing three earned runs on six hits while adding five strikeouts.

LSU (2-1) jumped out to an early lead for the second consecutive day. Blake Gill collected his first of three hits when he lined a single into right field, scoring J.C. Holt who reached on a fielding error by second baseman Kevin Richmond. The Tigers increased the lead to 3-0 in the fourth inning, when Matt Liuzza doubled off of the left field wall, scoring Clay Harris and Ivan Naccarata.

Dirks held the Golden Knights scoreless until the sixth inning. After retiring the first two batters, UCF cut into the Tigers' lead when Drew Butera laced a two-out double off of the center field batter's eye. Chandler Rose followed with a double, plating Butera for the Knights' first run of the game. Leadoff designated hitter David Mann chased Dirks out of the game, drawing a 3-1 walk.

Nate Bumstead relieved Dirks in the sixth to test his strength after suffering an arm injury in a Feb. 3 intrasquad game. Bumstead walked Kevin Richmond to load the bases. The senior right-hander then got into trouble, balking in Rose and walking Clay Timpner to load the bases again. UCF tied the game on a wild pitch that scored Mann from third.

LSU rallied to score two in the top half of the seventh to take a 5-3 lead, highlighted by Gill's RBI triple that scored Holt. Gill finished the day 3-for-5 with two RBI and a run. Nick Stavinocha closed out LSU's scoring with an RBI single that rolled in between third baseman Drew Butera and shortstop Chandler Rose to score Gill from third. UCF pitcher Tim Bascom (2-0) silenced the Tigers' bats for the final three innings to pick up the win in relief, while Faircloth (0-1) took the loss, allowing one run and two walks in one inning of relief.

SEC Coaches Select LSU to Repeat as League Champion

The LSU Tigers are the favorite to win the Southeastern Conference Baseball Championship, as voted by the league's 12 baseball coaches in the 13th annual preseason SEC poll. The Tigers seek to capture their 14th SEC Championship, having won or shared the title three times in the past eight seasons (1996, 1997 & 2003) and seven times since 1990. LSU won the both the overall SEC Championship and Western Division titles in 2003. In the overall SEC Champion vote, LSU received 11 of the 12 championship votes in the poll, the most possible by one team. South Carolina received the other vote.

In addition to picking a preseason SEC champion, the league's head coaches voted a predicted order of finish in the SEC Eastern and Western Divisions. In the Eastern Division, South Carolina was the favorite with 63 points. Florida came in second with 58 points and Vanderbilt third with 42 points. LSU was the predicted winner in the Western Division with a total of 66, again collecting the maximum points for a team. Auburn was second with 51, while Ole Miss finished third with 41.

Team	Pts.	'03 SEC Rec/Finish
Eastern Division		
1. S. Carolina (8)	63	19-11/1st
2. Florida (4)	58	13-16-1/3rd
3. Vanderbilt	42	14-165/2nd
4. Georgia	36	10-20/5th
5. Tennessee	30	13-17/4th
6. Kentucky	17	9-20/6th
Western Division		
1. LSU (11)	66	20-9-1/1st
2. Auburn (1)	51	18-12/2nd
3. Ole Miss	41	17-13/4th
4. Alabama	38	14-16/t5th
5. Miss. State	30	17-12/3rd
6. Arkansas	20	14-16/t5th

() - First Place Votes

SEC Champion: LSU (11); South Carolina (1)

ESPN/Sports Weekly (Feb. 16)

- Rice (2-1)
- Texas (9-0)
- Stanford (8-1)
- Miami, Fla. (2-1)
- LSU (2-1)
- Georgia Tech (2-0)
- Arizona State (5-1)
- South Carolina (3-0)
- Long Beach State (4-2)
- Tulane (2-0)
- Arizona (5-1)
- Baylor (2-1)
- Auburn (3-0)
- Clemson (0-0)
- Wichita State (0-0)
- Notre Dame (0-0)
- Cal State Fullerton (4-5)
- North Carolina (0-0)
- Florida Atlantic (7-0)
- Nebraska (0-0)
- Florida (3-2)
- Ole Miss (0-0)
- USC (1-2)
- Florida State (3-3)
- North Carolina State (1-0)

2003 Final SEC Standings

Team	Eastern Division		
	SEC	Pct.	Overall
South Carolina	19-11	.633	45-22
Vanderbilt	14-16	.467	27-28
Florida	13-16-1	.450	37-21-1
Tennessee	13-17	.433	31-24
Georgia	10-20	.333	29-26
Kentucky	9-20	.310	24-32
Team	Western Division		
	SEC	Pct.	Overall
LSU	20-9-1	.682	45-22-1
Auburn	18-11	.600	42-21
Miss. State	17-12	.586	42-20-1
Ole Miss	17-13	.567	35-27
Alabama	14-16	.467	38-24
Arkansas	14-16	.467	35-22

This Week in the SEC (Feb. 16-22)

Tuesday, Feb. 16

East Tennessee State at Georgia • 3 p.m.
UL-Monroe at LSU • 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 17

Alabama at Jacksonville State • 8 p.m.
Florida A&M at Florida • 5:30 p.m.
East Tennessee State at Georgia • 3 p.m.
UL-Monroe at LSU • 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 20-Sunday, Feb. 22

Cincinnati at Alabama • 6:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 2 p.m.
St. John's at Arkansas • 2:35 p.m., 12:05 p.m., 2:05 p.m.
Boston College at Auburn • 3 p.m., 3 p.m., 1:30 p.m.
Miami (Ohio) at Florida • 5:30 p.m., 1 p.m., Noon
Georgia at Georgia Southern • 12:30 p.m., 12:30 p.m.
Eastern Michigan at Kentucky • 2 p.m., Noon, Noon
Jacksonville State at LSU • 6:30 p.m., 2 p.m., Noon
Birmingham S. at Ole Miss • 3 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m.
UNC-W at S. Carolina • 2 p.m., 12:30 p.m., 12:30 p.m.
Tennessee at Miami (Fla.) • 6 p.m., 6 p.m., Noon
Southern Illinois at Vanderbilt • 4 p.m., 2 p.m., 1 p.m.

All times are Central

2004 LSU TV Schedule

Feb. 14	at UCF	Noon	JSN
Feb. 15	at UCF	Noon	JSN
March 2	at Tulane	7 p.m.	JSN
March 9	at UL-Monroe	6:30 p.m.	JSN
March 14	SE Louisiana	1 p.m.	Cox
March 21	at South Carolina	12:30 p.m.	JSN
March 30	at New Orleans	6:30 p.m.	JSN
April 4	at Auburn	1:30 p.m.	JSN
April 10	Arkansas	2 p.m.	Fox
April 11	Arkansas	1 p.m.	Cox
April 16	Georgia	6:30 p.m.	Cox
April 24	at Tennessee	6 p.m.	CSS
April 25	at Tennessee	1 p.m.	JSN
April 30	Alabama	6:30 p.m.	Cox
May 9	at Kentucky	Noon	JSN
May 14	Vanderbilt	6:30 p.m.	Cox
May 22	at Ole Miss	3 p.m.	Fox
May 23	at Ole Miss	1:30 p.m.	JSN

JSN - Jumbo Sports Network

Cox - Cox Sports Television

Fox - Fox Sports Southwest (SEC-TV)

CSS - Comcast Sports Southeast

All Times are Central and Subject to Change

WALLY PONTIFF JR. BASEBALL CLASSIC

LSU and Southeastern Louisiana will meet in the first Wally Pontiff Jr. Baseball Classic on Wednesday, February 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Zephyr Field in Metairie. Tickets for the game are \$15, and all seating is reserved. Tickets are on sale at the Southeastern athletic ticket office (985.549.5466), located at Gate 3 of the University Center. Tickets are also on sale at the Zephyr Field box office (504.734.5155) and at any Ticketmaster locations (800.488.5252).

Pontiff, who was a two-time all-SEC selection at LSU, died unexpectedly on July 24, 2002 at 21. Pontiff started for the Tigers from 2000 through 2002 and was the Most Valuable Player of the 2000 SEC Tournament and helped the Tigers win the 2000 national championship.

Pontiff was also a two-time selection to the SEC Academic Honor Roll and was a member of the 2002 District VI all-academic baseball team with a 3.25 GPA in biological sciences.

The game will mark LSU's first visit to Zephyr Field since winning three games at the park to open the 1998 season. LSU has played at least one game in the park each season since 1998, posting a 9-7 overall mark. Southeastern and LSU also have tentative plans to play in 2005 at Zephyr Field. The Lions and the Tigers will also meet in a three-game series at Alex Box Stadium in Baton Rouge March 12-14.

Patterson, Harris Earn Collegiate Baseball Pre-Season Recognition

LSU outfielder **Ryan Patterson** and first baseman **Clay Harris** were named to the 2004 Collegiate Baseball pre-season all-America team. Patterson, a junior from Rowlett, Texas, was voted to the first team. Harris, a junior from Slidell, La., was a third-team selection.

Patterson earned first-team all-SEC honors last season as the Tigers' primary designated hitter, batting .350 (92-for-263) with 20 doubles, one triple, 16 homers and 51 RBI. He was voted to the NCAA Baton Rouge Regional all-tournament team, and he was named the state's Newcomer of the Year by the Louisiana Sportswriters Association.

Harris, also a 2003 first-team all-SEC selection, tied Patterson for the team lead in home runs with 16. Harris hit .332 (70-for-211) with 16 doubles and 62 RBI, and he was voted second-team all-Louisiana by the LSWA.

Holt, Zeringue Receive Baseball America Pre-Season Accolades

LSU outfielders **Jon Zeringue** and **J.C.Holt** were named to the 2004 Baseball America pre-season all-America team. Zeringue, a junior from Thibodaux, La., was voted to the second team. Holt, a junior from Sieper, La., was a third-team selection.

Zeringue earned second-team all-SEC honors last season as the Tigers' right fielder, batting .339 (77-for-227) with 15 doubles, 13 homers and 45 RBI. He was LSU's leading hitter during the second half of the season (34 games) with a .382 average.

Holt, the 2003 NCAA Baton Rouge Regional Most Outstanding Player, hit .299 last season with 11 doubles, two triples, five homers, 36 RBI, 51 runs and 16 stolen bases. The Tigers' center fielder was also voted in August the MVP of the Cape Cod League, the wooden-bat summer league for the nation's top collegiate players. Holt batted a league-high .388 (52-for-134) in the CCBL with six doubles, one triple, one homer, 19 RBI, 25 runs and 13 steals.

The LSU Injury Report

RHP Nate Bumstead -- LSU's leader in wins (11) and innings pitched (110) in 2003, Bumstead's status for this season was questionable after he injured his shoulder during a pre-season intrasquad game on Feb. 3. An MRI revealed a tear in the labrum of his right shoulder. However, Bumstead conducted a bullpen workout on Feb. 12 during the Tigers' road trip at UCF, and he pitched pain-free with normal velocity. He then pitched in relief in the Feb. 15 game vs. UCF, working 2.2 innings and allowing two runs on four hits with three walks and three strikeouts. Bumstead is scheduled to pitch again on Wednesday, Feb. 25 when the Tigers face Southeastern Louisiana at Zephyr Field in Metairie, La.

INF Bryan Harris -- Harris, a transfer from Santa Ana (Calif.) College, was projected to be the Tigers' starter at third base; however, a hernia operation limited his participation during fall practice, and he underwent arthroscopic surgery in January to remove bone chips from his right knee. He stills several weeks away from being able to contribute to the Tigers lineup.

RHP Brandon Nall -- LSU's closer at the beginning of 2003, he pitched in just six games last season before suffering a torn labrum in his shoulder, which required surgery. He could return to the mound at some point this season, depending upon the progress of his rehabilitation.

Aaron Hill's Donation Funds Locker Room Improvements

Smoke Laval received an unexpected Christmas gift in late December when former player Aaron Hill made a cash contribution to the LSU Baseball program. Hill, a first round draft pick of the Toronto Blue Jays in the 2003 amateur draft, signed professionally following his junior season after leading the Tigers to the 2003 College World Series. He was the 2003 SEC Player of the Year and is one of the Blue Jays' top prospects.

"I was stunned," said Laval of the gift. "He calls out of the blue over the holidays and wants to drop by and the next thing you know, he's handing me a check. I was speechless. I mean, it doesn't surprise me because that's A. Hill, that's him, but you never expect such generosity."

Laval said the gift was partially used to upgrade the carpet in the squad room, the locker room, the training room and the umpires' dressing rooms. In addition, it allowed Laval to replace all of the players' stools in the locker room.

"You see, Aaron Hill gets it", Laval said. "He gave us a lot while he was here as a player, but he has acknowledged on his own, without prompting, that he received a lot in return. To my knowledge, no player has ever given back directly to the baseball program like this, especially so soon after finishing his career here. It's the nicest thing that a former player of mine has ever done."

"People need to know what he has done and how much this place and this program have meant to him to make such a gift. And we plan to show him our appreciation and give the fans a chance to thank him properly as well."

Smoke Laval

HEAD COACH • THIRD YEAR

Raymond "Smoke" Laval enhanced his reputation as one of the country's top college baseball coaches, as, in just his second season at the helm of the LSU program, he guided the 2003 Tigers to the Southeastern Conference title -- LSU's first since 1997 -- and a berth in the College World Series.

Laval, the 2003 SEC Coach of the Year, directed LSU to a 45-22-1 overall record and a 20-9-1 conference mark, as the Tigers finished No. 5 in the final Baseball America rankings.

The magnificent '03 campaign augmented the success Laval enjoyed in his inaugural season as LSU's coach, as he led the 2002 Tigers to a 44-22 overall mark, an appearance in the NCAA Super Regional and a No. 11 final national ranking.

Laval, who served seven seasons (1994-2000) as the head coach at the University of Louisiana-Monroe, assumed control of the LSU program from Bertman, who led the Tigers to five NCAA championships and 11 College World Series appearances during an 18-year (1984-2001) tenure. Laval worked as Bertman's top assistant coach for 10 seasons (1984-93), helping lead LSU to its first two NCAA titles in 1991 and 1993. During Laval's 10 years as assistant coach, LSU posted a 483-182-1 record, won five SEC titles, appeared in six College World Series and captured two national championships.

Laval was known at LSU as one of the nation's best recruiters and brightest assistant coaches, as the Tigers reached the College World Series in only the third season (1986) of the Bertman-Laval regime. LSU followed the '86 CWS appearance with Omaha berths in 1987, 1989 and 1990 before the Tigers claimed the school's first baseball national title in 1991. After LSU captured its second NCAA crown in 1993, Laval departed Baton Rouge to become the head coach at Northeast Louisiana (now Louisiana-Monroe).

During his assistant coaching tenure at LSU, Laval -- who worked as the Tigers' primary recruiter - tutored 24 players who would eventually reach the major leagues. Some of the major leaguers with whom Laval worked include all-stars Albert Belle and Paul Byrd, and first-round draft picks Ben McDonald, Rick Greene, Todd Walker and Russ Johnson.

Laval compiled a 241-159 (.603) mark as the head coach at ULM, guiding the Indians to NCAA Regional appearances in 1995, 1999 and 2000.

Laval began his coaching career in 1977 as an assistant at Jacksonville University before moving to Wolfson High School in Jacksonville as a baseball and football coach. He served as a graduate assistant at LSU in 1979 under former Tiger head coach Jack Lamabe before working two years as an assistant at Gulf Coast Community College in Panama City, Fla.

Laval served as an assistant coach at Florida for two seasons (1982-83) before returning to LSU to work under Bertman.

Laval holds a bachelor's degree (1977) from Jacksonville in physical education and a master's degree (1979) from LSU in administration. The McDonald, Pa., native played two seasons at Gulf Coast Community College, where he lettered as a catcher. He completed his playing career at Jacksonville, where he led the ninth-ranked Dolphins in hitting at the 1976 NCAA South Regional.

Laval and his wife, Pam, are the parents of two children, Brandon and Jamie.

Laval Year-By-Year

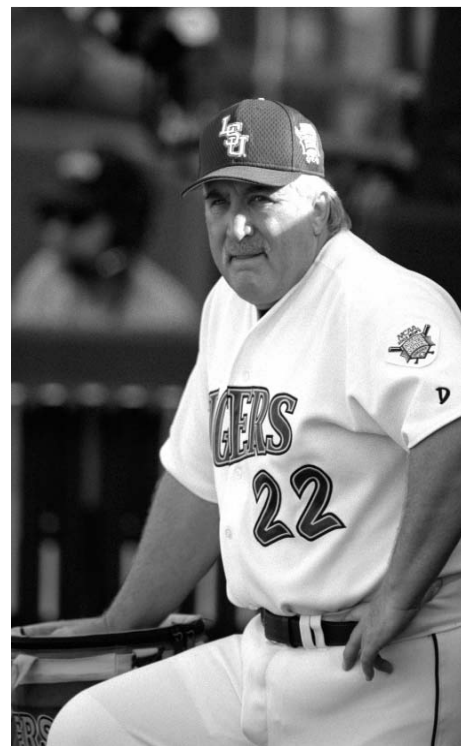
Year	W-L	School	Highlights
1994	20-33	UL-Monroe	Defeated Three NCAA Tournament Teams
1995	37-20	UL-Monroe	SLC Tournament Champions; NCAA Regional Participants
1996	41-19	UL-Monroe	School-Record 41 Wins; SLC Louisiana Division Champions
1997	33-21	UL-Monroe	Became Fourth Coach in ULM History To Record 100 Wins
1998	33-22	UL-Monroe	Led SLC In Hitting For Third Straight Season
1999	36-22	UL-Monroe	SLC Champions; NCAA Regional Participants
2000	41-22	UL-Monroe	SLC Champions; NCAA Regional Participants
2002	44-22	LSU	NCAA Regional Champions; NCAA Super Regional Participants
2003	45-22-1	LSU	SEC Champions; College World Series Participants

Career Record (10th year): 333-204-1

LSU Record (3rd year): 92-45-1

COACHING HONORS

1995	Louisiana Sportswriters Association Coach of the Year
1999	Southland Conference Coach of the Year
2002	Louisiana Sportswriters Association Coach of the Year
2003	SEC Coach of the Year; Louisiana Sportswriters Association Coach of the Year



The Laval File

Full Name: Raymond Peter Laval

Born: December 20, 1955

Hometown: McDonald, Pa.

Wife: Pam Lewis of Reserve, La.

Children: Jamie and Brandon

Coaching Experience

1977	Assistant Coach	Jacksonville
1978	Assistant Coach	Wolfson HS (Jacksonville, Fla.)
1979	Graduate Assistant	LSU
1980-81	Assistant Coach	Gulf Coast CC
1982-83	Assistant Coach	Florida
1984-93	Assistant Coach	LSU
1994-2000	Head Coach	UL-Monroe
2001	Administrative Asst.	LSU
2002-	Head Coach	LSU

Education

High School: South Fayette(McDonald, Pa.), 1973

College: Jacksonville, 1977 (physical education)

Masters: LSU, 1979 (administration)

Playing Experience

1970-73: Catcher, South Fayette High School

1974-75: Catcher, Gulf Coast CC

1976-77: Catcher, Jacksonville University

The Nickname "Smoke"

As a native of Western Pennsylvania, Raymond Peter Laval grew up as a Pittsburgh Pirates fan. He received the name "Smoke" in the late 1970s from his Gulf Coast Community College teammates, who derived the moniker from Smokey Burgess, a catcher for the Pirates in the 1960s.

Media Services

Interview Opportunities

Head Coach Smoke Laval

Coach Laval is available for phone interviews on weekday mornings (9 a.m. -Noon) during the season. Please coordinate all requests for personal interviews with Coach Laval through his office. Appointments and interviews may be arranged through Virginia Robertson at (225) 578-4148. **Coach Laval will talk to reporters approximately 10 minutes after the end of a game in the LSU dugout.**

Players

Media members are invited to attend LSU baseball practice sessions. Players are available for interviews before each practice at approximately 1 p.m. in Alex Box Stadium. Requests for live player interviews on the field prior to a game should be made through Bill Franques in the Sports Information Office.

Post-game player interviews are conducted in front of the LSU dugout at the conclusion of a brief team meeting on the field.

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www.LSUsports.net

The Official Website of LSU Athletics is home to all the baseball information you need.

Schedules, results, rosters, bios, statistics and game notes can be found and are always up to date.

http://media.lsusports.net

Media can now access images for all LSU athletic teams, including action shots, heads shots, logos, etc. To gain access to the high-resolution pictures, email Bill Franques. You will be assigned a login and password that will enable you to retrieve pictures. This service is for the media use only.

LSU Electronic Media

Radio

The LSU Sports Radio Network will distribute all LSU Baseball games by satellite to 25 radio affiliates. WDGL-FM (98.1) Radio in Baton Rouge will serve as the flagship station for the LSU Sports Network. Jim Hawthorne, the "Voice of the Tigers" for all LSU sports, begins his 21st season of calling baseball play-by-play action. He will be joined on the broadcasts by Charles Hanagriff and LSU baseball publicist Bill Franques. Selected LSU Sports Network stations will also air "Tiger Sportsline with Smoke Laval" each Monday from 7-8 p.m., beginning on March 29. The show airs live from Superior Grill on Government Street in Baton Rouge.

Television

Inside LSU Baseball is a weekly program featuring LSU head coach Smoke Laval. The first installment of the 2004 season will air March 21, and the show will air weekly through May 23. The show features game highlights, player profiles and in-depth stories on college baseball's No. 1 program. Inside LSU Baseball is produced by the LSU Electronic Media Department – Kevin Wagner, Executive Producer; John Schiebe, Associate Producer. Inside LSU Baseball Affiliates include WBRZ Channel 2 in Baton Rouge and Cox Cable Channel 4 in Baton Rouge.

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MONDAY 16	TUESDAY 17	WEDNESDAY 18	THURSDAY 19	FRIDAY 20	SATURDAY 21	SUNDAY 22
	vs. UL-Monroe 6:30 p.m. Alex Box Stadium Radio: LSU Sports Network TV: None			vs. Jacksonville State 6:30 p.m. Alex Box Stadium Radio: LSU Sports Network TV: None	vs. Jacksonville State 2 p.m. Alex Box Stadium Radio: WJNH 107.3 in Baton Rouge only TV: None	vs. Jacksonville State Noon Alex Box Stadium Radio: LSU Sports Network TV: None