

# LSU TIGERS FOOTBALL NEWS

# LSU Tigers (1-0) vs. Houston Cougars (0-1)

#### TIGERS LOOK TO AVENGE '99 DEFEAT AGAINST HOUSTON SATURDAY NIGHT

The LSU Fighting Tigers will look to exact a measure of revenge against Houston on Saturday night, as the Cougars defeated the Tigers 20-7 in Death Valley a year ago in a game that proved to be the finale for LSU coach Gerry DiNardo. The Tigers got out to a 7-0 lead on a 34-yard run by Rondell Mealey, but Houston dominated the line of scrimmage and rattled off 20 straight points to pick up the win. The Tigers enter the game with a 1-0 record after a dominating 58-0 victory over Western Carolina last week at Death Valley. The Cougars return 12 starters from last year's team that went 7-4. They are coached by Dan Dimel, in his first year at Houston after going 23-12 in three seasons at Wyoming. The Cougars opened with a 30-27 overtime loss against Rice last Saturday evening.

#### LSU RIPS WESTERN CAROLINA IN FIRST GAME OF SABAN ERA

The Tiger offense sizzled, amassing 507 yards of offense in the opening 30 minutes while building a 37-0 lead before ultimately defeating Western Carolina 58-0 before an LSU record 87,188 fans last Saturday. Josh Booty threw for a career high 291 yards and a pair of touchdown passed, while Rohan Davey was a perfect 11-for-11 for 194 yards and three TD strikes as LSU wracked up a school record 485 yards passing. The Tigers wound up with 680 yards of total offense, the second highest total in LSU history and the most since 1977. Booty hit Reggie Robinson over the middle for an 80-yard strike on the third play of the game and the Tigers never looked back. Jerel Myers caught six balls for 117 yards and a pair of touchdowns, while Josh Reed hauled in five balls for 137 yards.

#### LSU VS. HOUSTON

Opponents: LSU (1-0) vs. Houston (0-1)

Date: September 9, 2000

Time: 7 p.m.

Site: Tiger Stadium (91,600)

Television: None

The Series: Tied 1-1 (Last Meeting: Houston 20, LSU

7 - Nov. 13, 1999, Baton Rouge, La.)

#### THE LSU-HOUSTON SERIES

Saturday's game marks the third meeting between the two schools, all taking place in the last five years. The series is tied at 1-1 with LSU taking the first meeting in 1996 and Houston winning last year's game, 20-7, in Baton Rouge. The Tigers rallied from a 34-14 deficit in 1996 behind a school-record 246 yards rushing from Kevin Faulk to take a 35-34 victory in their first meeting. Ayear ago the Tigers jumped in front 7-0 but were overpowered by Houston, who rallied for 20 unanswered points to win 20-7.

#### THE COACHES

Nick Saban is in his first year as LSU coach.

Previous position: head coach, Michigan State (1995-99)

Career record: 44-26-1 (7th year)
LSU record: 1-0 (1st year)
vs. Houston: First Meeting

**Dana Dimel** is in his first season as Houston Coach Previous position: Head Coach, Wyoming, 1997-99

Career record: 23-12 (4th year)
Record at Houston: 0-1 (1st year)
vs. LSU: First Meeting

### LSUSports Information on the Internet

#### LSU 58, WESTERN CAROLINA 0

#### Notes On The Game:

- \* LSU broke the single-game school record for passing yardage with 485 yards through the air behind the tandem of **Josh Booty** and **Rohan Davey**. Booty was 12-for-15 for 291 yards and a pair of TD passes, while Davey was a perfect 11-for-11 for 194 yards and three TD strikes.
- \* LSU amassed 680 yards of total offense, the second-highest total in school history and the highest total since amassing a school-record 746 against Rice in 1977.
- \* The Tigers receiving tandem of **Jerel Myers** and **Josh Reed** became the first duo to both go over 100 yards in the same game since 1989. Myers caught six balls for 117 yards and two TDs, while Reed hauled in five passes for 137 yards and was on the receiving end of a 47-yard strike from Davey.
- \* LSU won its fifth straight season opener dating back to 1996. The 58 points was the most for the Tigers in a season opener since putting up 70 against W.D. Wesleyan in 1930.

## LSU Statiscal Leaders vs. Western Carolina: Rushing

LaBrandon Toefield, LSU 11 att., 51 yards, 1 TD Derron Parquet, LSU 11 att., 49 yards

#### **Passing**

Josh Booty, LSU 12 comp., 15 att., 291 yards, 2 TD Rohan Davey, LSU 11 comp., 11 att., 194 yards, 3 TD

#### Receiving

Jerel Myers, LSU 6 rec., 117 yards, 2 TD Josh Reed, LSU 5 rec., 137 yards, 1 TD

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## 2000 LSU Football Media Services

LSU head coach will meet the media immediately after practice on Wednesday's during the regular-season at the Lawton Room. Contact in LSU Sports Information for other interviews with Coach Saban. LSU players are available after practice Monday through Wednesday by appointment. Contact in LSU Sports Information for player interviews.

#### **MONDAY**

## HEAD COACH PRESS LUNCHEON AND PLAYER INTERVIEWS

Each Monday at 11:30 a.m. in the Press Conference Room of the LSU Athletic Administration Building. Luncheons are weekly beginning Monday, August 28 through Monday, November 20 (except open date weeks Monday, Oct. 23 and Nov. 13).

Transcript of quotes can be found at: www.LSUsports.net

Player interviews are held immediately after the head coach answers questions from the media. The player interviews will begin at approximately 12:45 p.m. in the Media Room (old weight room) of Tiger Stadium.

#### LSU SATELLITE NEWSFEED

Video highlights of LSU football are available via satellite each Monday during the regular-season. The feed is available each Monday beginning August 28. Here is a list of feed times and coordinates for the month of September:

Sept. 4, 11, 18

Time: 4:30-4:45 p.m. Central

Coordinates: Galaxy 3R, Transponder 4 (C-Band)

Sept. 25

Coordinates: Galaxy 3R, Transponder 2 (C-Band)

#### WEDNESDAY

#### **SEC TELECONFERENCE**

The 12 SEC coaches are featured on a weekly teleconference each Wednesday at 10 a.m. during the regular season, beginning August 30. Coach Saban speaks for seven minutes starting at 10:07 a.m.. To access the teleconference dial the number listed below.

Time: 10:00-11:24 a.m (Central) - Wednesdays

Phone: (706) 645-9713

#### **SEC SATELLITE FEED**

The 12 SEC schools are featured on a weekly satellite feed each Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. during the regular season, beginning August 30.

**Time:** 1:30-2:00 p.m. (Central), Wednesdays **Coordinates:** Telestart 6, Transponder C9

#### 24-HOURS

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Time: 24 hours a day

**Phone**: 770-558-6000 **Passcode**: 732

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Including: LSU Football Media Guide

Current Statistics Weekly Notes Schedule Roster Saban guotes

SEC FOOTBALL INFORMATION is available via the Internet at:

#### www.secsports.com

Updated standings, results, schedules, statistics and notes are on the home page Sundays during the season with the remainder of the release added on Mondays.

For more information about these media services contact:

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#### LSU VS. HOUSTON

The LSU Tigers will look to move their record to 2-0 for the fifth straight season when they host Houston at 7 p.m. on Saturday in Tiger Stadium. Last year, LSU opened its season with wins over San Jose State and North Texas. The Tigers won its first three games in 1998, its first two in 1997 and LSU went 4-0 to start the year in 1996.

#### THE SABAN DEBUT

The much anticipated debut of LSU coach **Nick Saban** was impressive on Saturday as the Tigers scored on their third play of the game en route to a 58-0 win over Western Carolina. With the win, Saban became the first LSU coach to win his first game since 1987 when Mike Archer led the Tigers to a 17-3 win over Texas A&M. Saban was also the first LSU coach since Jerry Stovall to coach his debut in Tiger Stadium.

#### THE SABAN RECORD

With LSU's win over Western Carolina, **Nick Saban** ran his record in season-openers to 5-2 and in the process moved his career mark to 44-26-1. Saban, who is in his seventh season as a collegiate head coach, guided Michigan State to four bowl games in five years. He opened his head coaching career in 1990 at Toledo, where he guided the Rockets to a 9-2 mark and a share of the Mid-American Conference title.

## LSU SETS TIGER STADIUM, LOUISIANA ATTENDANCE MARKS

LSU's season-opening crowd of 87,188 broke a couple attendance marks as it maked the largest single-game crowd in Tiger Stadium history and it also bettered the largest single-game crowd in Louisiana history.

The previous Tiger Stadium record was 82,390 set against Washington on Sept. 24, 1983, while the prior Louisiana record was 86,598 set at Tulane Stadium in a game between LSU and Tulane on Dec. 1, 1973.

The following is a look at the top five Tiger Stadium crowds and the top five crowds in Louisiana college football history:

#### **TIGER STADIUM**

NO.	<b>ATTENDA</b>	NCE OPPONENT	T RESULT	S DATE
1	87,188	W. Carolina	W, 58-0	Sept. 2, 2000
2	82,390	Washington	W, 40-14	Sept. 24, 1983
3	80,792	Georgia	L, 28-27	Oct. 3, 1998
4	80,677	Florida	W, 28-21	Oct. 11, 1997
5	80,583	Florida	L, 28-10	Oct. 7, 1995

#### LOUISIANA COLLEGIATE FOOTBALL

N	D. ATTE	ND. DATE	RESULTS	SITE
1	87,188	Sept. 2, 2000	LSU 58, WCU 0	Tiger Stadium
2	86,598	Dec. 1, 1973	Tulane 14, LSU 0	Tulane Stadium
3	85,372	Dec. 2, 1972	LSU 9, Tulane 3	Tulane Stadium
4	85,161	Jan. 1, 1973	N.Dame 24, Bama 23	Tulane Stadium
5	84,031	Jan. 1, 1972	Oklahoma 40, Auburn 22	Tulane Stadium

#### LSU HAD SIX FIRST-TIME STARTERS VS. WESTERN CAR-OLINA

Six LSU players were first-time starters in the Tigers, 58-0, season-opening win over Western Carolina. First-time starters for LSU included: guard **Bob Wynne**, tackle **Brad Smalling**, tailback **LaBrandon Toefield**, defensive tackle **Howard Green**, linebacker **Bradie James** and cornerback **Demetrius Hookfin**.

In addition, **Kyle Kipps** started at defensive end, thus making him both an offensive and defensive starter during his LSU career. Prior to this season, Kipps had started 13 games at tight end.

#### **ABOUT HOUSTON**

Houston enters Saturday's contest with an 0-1 mark after the Cougars dropped a 30-27 overtime decision to Rice last week ... The Cougars are coached by first-year head coach **Dana Dimel**, whop spent the last three years as head coach at Wyoming ... While at Wyoming, Dimel led the Cowboys to a 23-12 overall mark, including an 8-3 mark in 1998 and a 7-4 record last year ... Dimel has an 0-2 coaching mark vs. SEC teams (lost 16-9 at Georgia in 1998 and 42-17 at Tennessee in 1999) ... Houston is a member of Conference USA and last year the Cougars posted a 7-4 overall mark and finished sixth in CUSA with a 3-3 record.

#### **FAULK AND JAMES ON BUTKUS LIST**

LSU sophomore linebackers **Trev Faulk** and **Bradie James** are two of the 70 players from across the country named to the Butkus Award Watch List. The Butkus Award goes to the nation's top linebacker.

Faulk, a native of Lafayette, started eight games last year and he was named second team Freshman All-America by the Sporting News after registering 68 tackles, four of which went for losses. Faulk was also a Freshman All-SEC pick by both the league's coaches and the Knoxville News Sentinel. Faulk opened the season with seven tackles vs. Western Carolina.

James, a native of West Monroe, also earned

Freshman

All-SEC honors last year in both polls after picking up 41 tackles and three sacks in 10 games for the Tigers. James had five stops in the season-opener vs. Western Carolina.

#### **DAVEY COMPLETION STREAK AT 17 AND COUNTING**

LSU junior quarterback **Rohan Davey** ran his streak of completions to 17 straight with a perfect 11-of-11 performance vs. Western Carolina on Saturday. The 17 straight completions is an LSU record and is tied for the third longest streak in SEC history. Davey's streak includes all 11 of his passes vs. Western Carolina and his last six passes in the season-finale last year vs. Arkansas. Of Davey's 17 straight completions, four have been for touchdowns.

Davey's 17 straight completions ranks behind **Tee Martin** of Tennessee (24 straight in 1998 - 1 vs. Alabama, 23 vs.
South Carolina) and **Kent Austin** of Ole Miss (20 straight in 1982 - 5 vs. Tulane and 15 vs. Tennesse). Davey is tied with **Dave Marler** of Mississippi State for the third most consecutive completions in league history.

## LSU BREAKS SCHOOL RECORD FOR PASSING YARDAGE AND COMPLETION PERCENTAGE IN SEASON-OPENER

With quarterbacks **Josh Booty** and **Rohan Davey** combining to complete 23 of the 26 passes they threw on Saturday night, LSU set the school record for passing yardage with 485 yards vs. Western Carolina.

The 485 yards through the air bettered the previous mark of 456 set in the Tigers 52-7 win over Rice on Sept. 23, 1995. It is also tied for the 10th most passing yards ever by a Southeastern Conference team.

The Tigers also broke the school record for completion percentage as LSU hit on 23 of 28 passes for the game for 82.1 percent. That percentage also ranks fourth in SEC history.

In addition to the pair of school records, LSU's five touchdown passes (three by Davey and two by Booty) tie for second place in school history. The five TD passes rank behind the seven TD passes the Tigers threw in their 57-6 win over Ohio on Sept. 30, 1989.

#### WILLIAMS EXTENDS START-ING STREAK

LSU senior offensive guard Louis Williams made his 23rd straight start on Saturday night. Williams, who has been in the Tiger starting lineup since the 1998 seson-opener against Arkansas State, has the longest current starting string of any LSU player. Other starting streaks of significance are senior cornerback Fred Booker (18 straight), and sophomore split end Jerel

tive starts.

#### HEAR IT

#### **RADIO**

The game will be carried on the LSU Sports Network, including The Eagle 98.1-FM in Baton Rouge and WWL 870-AM in New Orleans. Jim Hawthorne, play-by-play Doug Moreau, analyst

Booker (18 straight), and sophomore split end Jerel

Myers and junior free safety Ryan Clark each with 12 consecu-

#### ABRAM BOOTY MOVES UP LSU RECEIVING CHART

With 65 yards receiving against Western Carolina, LSU split end **Abram Booty** moved up to sixth place on the Tigers career chart for receiving yards. In 31 games, Booty has 1,768 yards receiving on 117 catches. Booty's 117 career receptions rank seventh in school history.

The following is a look at how Booty's numbers stack up in LSU history:

#### **LSU Career Receptions**

NO.	. NAME	YEARS	RECEPTIONS
1.	Wendell Davis	1984-87	183
2.	Eric Martin	1981-84	152
3.	Tony Moss	1986-89	132
4.	Larry Foster	1996-99	125
5.	Garry James	1982-85	122
6.	Sheddrick Wilson	1992-95	121
7.	Abram Booty	Active	117
8.	Todd Kinchen	1988-91	112
9.	Andy Hamilton	1969-71	100
10.	Eddie Kennison	1993-95	98

#### **LSU Career Receiving Yards**

NO.	NAME	YEARS	YARDAGE
1.	Wendell Davis	1984-87	2,708
2.	Eric Martin	1981-84	2,625
3.	Tony Moss	1986-89	2,196
4.	Andy Hamilton	1969-71	1,995
5.	Todd Kinchen	1988-91	1,911
6.	Abram Booty	Active	1,768
7.	Larry Foster	1996-99	1,747
8.	Carlos Carson	1977-79	1,728
9.	Eddie Kennison	1993-95	1,554
10.	Sheddrick Wilson	1992-95	1,536

#### **GREEN ON PACE TO BREAK SACK RECORD**

With 15 sacks in his first two years with the Tigers, junior defensive end **Jarvis Green** is on pace to break the school record for sacks. Rydell Malancon holds the school record with 25 sacks from 1980-83 with Ron Sancho next with 23.

The following is a look at how Green stacks up with some of the top pass rushers in LSU history:

NO.	NAME	YEARS	SACKS
1.	Rydell Malancon	1980-83	25
2.	Ron Sancho	1985-88	23
3.	Gabe Northern	1992-95	21
4.	Chuck Wiley	1994-97	19
5.	James Gillyard	1992-95	18
6.	Anthony McFarland	1995-98	17
t7.	Jarvis Green	Active	15
t7.	Ramsey Dardar	1980-82	15

#### **SEE IT**

#### **TELEVISION**

There is no television for the game.

JONES' PUNTING DEBUT BRIEF, BUT EFFECTIVE
Redshirt freshman Donnie
Jones from Catholic High
School in Baton Rouge
made his LSU debut on
Saturday night. Jones punted
only one time, tallying a 44yard kick. It looked as if Jones'
debut would be pushed back a
week, but Western Carolina
finally forced the Tigers to punt
on their first possession of the
fourth quarter.

#### **RELATIVELY SPEAKING**

Quarterback **Josh Booty** and split end **Abram Booty** are brothers ... Defensive end **Jarvis Green** and linebacker **Jason Green** are brothers and defensive tackle **Howard Green** is Jarvis

and Jason's cousin ... Offensive guard **Trey Langley** is the son of former LSU tackle **Willis Langley**, who lettered at LSU in 1962

and 1963 ... Linebacker **Trev Faulk** is the first cousin of all-time LSU leading rusher **Kevin Faulk** ... Center **John Compton** is the

son of former LSU assistant volleyball coach Francis Compton ... Placekicker **Kris Kessler** is the brother of former LSU punter **Chad Kessler**, who holds the NCAA record by averaging 50.3 a punt for LSU in 1997 ... Split end **Blain Bech** is the brother of former Tiger split end **Brett Bech** and his sister Brenna was the first-ever signee for the LSU women's soccer team ... Freshman wide receiver **Drew Hixon** is the son of LSU associate head coach/wide receivers coach **Stan Hixon**.

#### MORE NOTES FROM THE WESTERN CAROLINA GAME

- \* Josh Reed, with 137 yards, and Jerel Meyers, with 117 yards, became the first duo to each have 100 yards since **Todd**Kinchen had 108 yards and Eddie Fuller had 102 yards receiving in a 35-30 Tiger win over Ole Miss on November 4, 1989.
- \* Josh Booty's 291 yards is a new career high, bettering the 285 yards he threw for on 29-for-58 passing against Auburn on Sept. 18, 1999. It is the highest passing total since Jamie Howard threw for 356 against Rice in a 52-7 win on Sept. 23, 1995.
- \* LaBrandon Toefield, Devery Henderson, Elice Parker, and Derron Parquet each scored their first career TD with an eight-yard run, a 32-yard run, a nine-yard reception and a three-yard run, respectively.
- \* Josh Booty's 80-yard TD pass to Reggie Robinson was the longest passing pass of his career, bettering his 58-yard pass against Georgia on Oct. 2, 1999. It was the longest reception of Robinson's career as well, beating a 67-yard scoring strike against Arkansas on Nov. 26, 1999. In addition, the 80-yard TD pass is the longest touchdown pass by an LSU player since Jamie Howard connected with Brett Bech against Ole Miss for an 81-yard strike on Oct. 29, 1994. It is also tied for the third longest passing play in Tiger history.

#### **TIGERS ON TELEVISION**

Two LSU football games have been selected for television this year. LSU's game at Auburn on September 16 will start at 6:30 p.m. (CT) and will be televised by ESPN, while the Tigers' game at Arkansas has been moved to a 1:30 p.m. start on Friday, November 24 and will be aired by CBS.

Other games will be chosen for television 12 days prior to kickoff.

#### SITE: TIGER STADIUM (91,600)

Nicknamed "Death Valley"... The Tigers will be playing for the first time in the expanded Tiger Stadium, as 11,600 seats have been added to make it the fourth largest on-campus stadium in the country ... It marks the fourth significant expansion of the stadium -1936, 1953, 1978 and 2000 - to reach its current capacity ... The Tigers set a school record with 87,188 fans witnessing their convincing victory over Western Carolina last Saturday ... LSU averaged 78,630 fans a year ago, ranking 11th in the nation ... The Tigers have been in the top 20 in the nation in attendance every single year since the NCAA began keeping the statistic in 1957 ... Has rated consistently as the most feared road sites in America, most recently in 1998 by Sport Magazine in a poll of Division I-A coaches ... The Tigers have posted an all-time mark of 312-132-18 (.695) in the historic stadium dating back to 1924.

#### **SERIES: TIED 1-1**

This will be the third meeting between the two schools ... The Tigers took the first meeting between the two schools in 1996, claiming a thrilling 35-34 come from behind victory at Tiger Stadium ... The two teams met most recently a year ago when the Cougars handed the Tigers a crushing 20-7 defeat at Tiger Stadium

#### LSU Tigers (1-0, 0-0 SEC)

#### **COACH: NICK SABAN (KENT, 1973)**

Opened his tenure as LSU football coach with a resounding 58-0 win over Western Carolina last week ... Comes to LSU after serving as head coach at Michigan State the last five years, guiding the Spartans to a 34-24-1 record, including 9-2 in 1999 ... In seventh season as a collegiate head coach ... Led Toledo to a 9-2 mark in 1990, his first year as a head coach ... Also coached with the Oilers and the Browns in the NFL.

#### LAST YEAR: 3-8 (1-7 IN SEC)

LSU posted a 3-8 mark in 1999 for its second straight losing season ... After starting out 2-0 with victories over San Jose State and North Texas, the Tigers dropped a school-record eight straight decisions before rallying to beat eventual Cotton Bowl champion Arkansas 35-10 to close out the 1999 season.

#### LAST GAME: LSU 58, WESTERN CAROLINA 0

LSU exploded for 37 first half points en route to a 58-0 win over Western Carolina before a school-record 87,188 fans at Tiger Stadium ... Josh Booty passed for a career-high 291 yards and two TD passes, while Rohan Davey was a perfect 11-for-11 for 194 yards and three TD strikes ... The Tigers set a school record for passing yards with 485 yards, breaking the old mark of 456. **NEXT GAME: AUBURN** 

LSU opens SEC play as the Tigers travels to face Auburn on The Plains at 6:30 p.m. next Saturday in a game televised nationally by ESPN ... Last year, Auburn beat LSU, 41-7, in Baton Rouge. **CHAMPIONSHIPS** 

SEC West Titles: 1996-97 SEC Titles: 1935-36-58-61-70-86-88

National Title: 1958

#### **SPORTS INFORMATION (225) 388-8226**

Michael Bonnette, Sports Information Director Fred Demarest, Assoc. SID/Football Assistant RADIO:

Game will be aired over LSU Sports Network with 50-plus stations; flagship is The Eagle, 98.1-FM in Baton Rouge. Play-by-Play: Jim Hawthorne Analyst: Former Tiger All-American Doug Moreau Sideline Reporter: Jordy Hultberg

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	W/L	
SCORE/TI	ME			
Sept. 2	Western Carolina		W	58-0
Sept. 9	Houston			7 p.m.
Sept. 16	at Auburn	ESPN		6:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	Alabama-Birmingham			7 p.m.
Sept. 30	Tennessee			7 p.m.
Oct. 7	at Florida			Noon
Oct. 14	Kentucky			7 p.m.
Oct. 21	Miss. State			7 p.m.
Nov. 4	Alabama			7 p.m.
Nov. 11	at Ole Miss			1 p.m.
Nov 24	at Arkansas	CBS		1:30 n m

## Houston Cougars (0-1, 0-0 CUSA) COACH: DANADIMEL (KANSAS STATE, 1986)

In his first season at Houston, he came to the Cougars after serving as head coach at Wyoming for three years ... Amassed a 23-12 record in three years in Laramie ... Produced winning records each season, going 8-5 in 1997, 8-3 in 1998 and 7-4 a year ago ... Helped the Cowboys to back-to-back victories over Bowl bound teams a year ago, with victories over Utah and BYU in consecutive weeks.

#### LAST YEAR: 7-4 (3-3 CUSA)

The Houston Cougars posted a 7-4 record a year ago, including victories in their final three games? Included in that three-game stretch was a 20-7 victory over the Tigers in Death Valley? The Cougars also picked up a 20-12 victory over North Carolina in Chapel Hill? They posted a 3-3 record in league games, placing them sixth in Conference USA.

#### LAST GAME: RICE 30, HOUSTON 27 (OT)

In the battle of Houston, it took overtime to decide a victor, and Rice picked up the win, 30-27, despite 339 yards passing for Cougar quarterback Jason McKinley? In a wild finish that featured three touchdowns in the final three minutes. McKinley hit Brian Robinson with a six-yard scoring pass with under a minute remaining to send it to OT? After the Cougars got a field goal, Rice responded with a one-yard touchdown run to seal the victo-

#### **NEXT GAME: ARMY**

The Cougars return to Houston for their home opener on Sept. 16 when Conference USAmember Army comes to town

#### SPORTS INFORMATION:

Chris Burkhalter, Associate Athletic Director/Communications Phone: (713) 743-9404

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	W/L	
SCORE/TI				
Sept. 2	Rice		L	30-27 (OT)
Sept.9	at LSU			7:00 p.m.
Sept. 16	Army			7:05 p.m.
Sept. 23	at Texas			TBA
Sept. 30	SMU			7:05 p.m.
Oct. 7	at Cincinnati			TBA
Oct. 21	at Memphis			7 p.m.
Oct. 28	Southern Miss			2:35 p.m.
Nov. 4	at Tulane			TBA
Nov. 11	at East Carolina			TBA
Nov. 18	Louisiville			2:35 p.m.

### THE LAST TIME LSU ...

#### Returned a Kickoff for a Touchdown:

Kevin Faulk, 88 yards, at Notre Dame, November 21, 1998

#### Returned a Punt for a Touchdown:

Larry Foster, 50 yards, vs. Idaho, September 26, 1998

#### Returned an Intercepted Pass for a Touchdown:

Johnny Mitchell, 66 yards, at Alabama, November 6, 1999

#### Recovered a Fumble in the endzone for a Touchdown:

Chuck Wiley recovered a fumble by quarterback Lance Tucker of Alabama, November 8, 1997

#### Returned a Fumble for a Touchdown:

Gabe Northern, 37 yards vs. Michigan State (Independence Bowl), December 29,1995 - Bowl game

#### Blocked a Punt and Scored a Touchdown:

Clarence LeBlanc blocked a punt and Ryan Clark recovered it in the endzone for a touchdown at Miss. State, October 23, 1999

#### Blocked a Punt and Scored a Safety:

Jarvis Green blocked a punt through the end zone at Kentucky, October 16, 1999

#### Recorded a Safety:

Notre Dame quarterback Jarious Jackson tackled in end zone at Notre Dame, November 21, 1998

#### **Blocked a Field Goal:**

Arnold Miller at Notre Dame, November 21, 1998

#### **Blocked an Extra Point Attempt:**

Mark Roman, returned blocked PAT, vs. Kentucky, October 17, 1998

#### Intercepted Two Passes in One Game:

Cedric Donaldson vs. Florida, October 11, 1997

## THE LAST TIME AN OPPONENT ...

#### Returned a Kickoff for a Touchdown:

Bo Carroll of Florida, 100 yards, October 9, 1999

#### Returned a Punt for a Touchdown:

Kendrick Shanklin of Kentucky, 56 yards, October 16, 1999

#### Returned an Intercepted Pass for a Touchdown:

Ronnie Heard of Ole Miss returned an interception 28 yards, October 30, 1999

#### Recovered a Fumble in the Endzone for a Touchdown:

Chris Shelling of Auburn, September 17, 1994

#### Returned a Fumble for a Touchdown:

Bryant Lamont of Notre Dame, 13 yards, November 21, 1998

#### Blocked a Punt and Scored a Touchdown:

Roman Colburn of Alabama, returned a blocked punt 33 yards, November 5, 1994

#### Blocked a Field Goal and Scored a Touchdown:

Art Still of Kentucky, returned a blocked field goal 52 yards, October 15, 1977

#### Recorded a Safety:

Keith Mitchell of Texas A&M sacked Jamie Howard in end zone, September 2, 1995

#### Blocked a Field Goal:

Jermaine White of Kentucky blocked an attempt by Danny Boyd, October 17, 1998

#### **Blocked an Extra Point Attempt:**

Notre Dame blocked Christian Chauvin's attempt at Notre Dame, November 21, 1998

#### Scored a Defensive Extra Point:

Eric Kelly of Kentucky, returned blocked PAT, October 17, 1998

## LSU vs. Houston LSU Depth Chart

	OFFENSE DEFENSE										
SE	3	Jerel Myers	<del>-</del> 5-11	175	So.	LE	85	Kyle Kipps	6-4	256	Jr.
3L	3 25	Josh Reed	5-11 5-11	200	So.	LE	97	Kyle Kipps Kareem Mitchell	6-4	250 251	Sr.
	10	LaVar Johnson	6-1	181	Jr.	-or-	54	Kenderick Allen	6-6	300	So.
										-	
LT	68	Brandon Winey	6-7	288	Sr.	LT	91	Muskingum Barnes	6-2	265	Jr.
-or-	75	Trey Langley	6-5	295	Sr.		96	Byron Dawson	6-2	304	So.
	72	Kade Comeaux	6-5	326	Fr.	DT	05	Harriand One are	0.0	040	l.
LG	76	Bob Wynne	6-4	283	So.	RT	95 93	Howard Green Chad Lavalais	6-2 6-3	319 291	Jr. Fr.
LG	76 66	John Young	6-3	293	So.		93 94	Melvin Richey	6-4	317	Fr.
	00	John Toding	0-3	293	30.	-or-	98	Shaun Wynn	6-2	290	So.
С	64	John Compton	6-3	280	Sr.	O.	00	Griddin Wynni	0 2	200	00.
	70	Louis Williams	6-5	279	Sr.	RE	59	Jarvis Green	6-3	265	Jr.
	79	Jason Underwood	6-4	257	Sr.		82	Stephen Peterman	6-5	274	Fr.
						-or-	54	Kenderick Allen	6-6	300	So.
RG	70	Louis Williams	6-5	279	Sr.						
	78	Dwayne Pierce	6-3	316	Jr.	SLB	56	Jeremy Lawrence	6-3	222	So.
DT	7-	<b>T</b> 11.	0.5	005	0		58	Lionel Turner	6-2	235	Fr.
RT	75 74	Trey Langley	6-5 6-7	295 305	Sr. So.	-or-	46	Wardell Sykes	6-1	225	Sr.
-or-	7 <del>4</del> 69	Brad Smalling Jason Baggett	6- <i>1</i> 6-6	289	Jr.	MLB	7	Treverance Faulk	6-3	225	So.
	09	Jason Daggett	0-0	209	JI.	IVILD	15	Walter Moreham	6-0	220	Jr.
TE	86	Robert Royal	6-5	231	Sr.		50	Marcus Yanez	6-0	239	Fr.
	87	Joe Domingeaux	6-5	256	Jr.						
	47	Eric Edwards	6-5	244	Fr.	WLB	11	Bradie James	6-3	228	So.
							42	Chris Cooper	5-11	226	So.
FL	4	Reggie Robinson	6-2	196	Jr.		29	Terrence O'Bryant	6-3	210	Jr.
	88	Abram Booty	6-2	189	Sr.			<b>5</b> 15 1	<b>5</b> 40	400	
	83	Jack Hunt	6-0	188	Fr.	LCB	1	Fred Booker	5-10	192	Sr.
QB (1)	14	Josh Rooty	6-3	218	Jr.		5 32	Damien James Erin Damond	5-11 5-10	183 176	So. Fr.
(1a)	6	Josh Booty Rohan Davey	6-3	239	Jr. Jr.		32		5-10	170	FI.
(1α)	16	Craig Nall	6-4	229	Jr.	RCB	33	Demetrius Hookfin	5-11	172	So.
		5 · 5 · 5 · 5 · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			•••		9	Robert Davis	5-10	180	Jr.
FB	43	Tommy Banks	6-0	275	Sr.		21	Randall Gay	6-0	184	Fr.
TD	22	LaBrandon Toefield	6.0	224	Г-	cc	20	Lionel Thomas	6.0	195	le.
TB	22 31	Domanick Davis	6-0 5-10	224 206	Fr. So.	SS	28 37	Travis Moses	6-0 6-2	195	Jr. Fr.
	26	Devery Henderson	6-0	187	Fr.		27	Eric Alexander	6-2	206	Fr.
	20	Bevery Heridereen	0 0	107				Eno / lioxandoi	0 2	200	
		<b>RETURN SPECI</b>	<b>ALIST</b>	S		FS	2	Ryan Clark	5-11	185	Jr.
PR	31	Domanick Davis	5-10	206	So.		36	Norman LeJeune	6-0	188	So.
	2	Ryan Clark	5-11	185	Jr.		23	Adrian Mayes	6-1	209	Fr.
	25	Josh Reed	5-11	200	So.			1/101/IN10 0D=0		_	
	33	Demetrius Hookfin	5-11	172	So.			KICKING SPEC			
						PK	40	John Corbello	5-11	222	So.
KOR	31	Domanick Davis	5-10	206	So.		12	Kris Kessler	6-1	188	Jr.
	3	Jerel Myers	5-11 6.0	175	So.	Р	90	Donnio Janes	6.2	244	Er.
	26 25	Devery Henderson Josh Reed	6-0 5-11	187 200	Fr. So.	۲	80 22	Donnie Jones Ryan Miles	6-3 5-8	211 174	Fr. Jr.
	20	JUSH INEEU	J-11	200	30.		<b></b>	ryan wiiics	J-0	1/4	JI.
						SNP	53	Brian Pare	6-1	228	Fr.
							57	Wendell York	5-11	192	So.
						HOLD	14	Josh Booty	6-3	218	Jr.
							6	Rohan Davey	6-3	239	Jr.

## LSU vs. Houston Houston Depth Chart

		OFFEN	NSE					DEFE	NSE		
Z	3 8	Kendall Williams Brandon Middleton	5-9 5-11	182 182	Sr. So.	LE	34 97	Sam Hairston Ryan Alvey	6-1 6-3	233 242	Sr. Jr.
X	83 14	KeyKowa Bell Damien Montgomery	5-10 5-9	178 156	Jr. Sr.	LT	91 96	Nikia Adderson Robin Tremblay	5-10 6-2	282 264	Sr. Jr.
WT	70 64	Drew Lowery Josh Demarr	6-5 6-6	281 276	Jr Jr.	RT -or-	69 98 94	Clint McCray Rufus Williams Kevin Payne	5-11 6-5 6-5	276 288 292	Sr. Jr. Jr.
WG	71 65	Josh Lovelady Nathan Woody	6-3 6-3	317 276	Sr. Sr.	RE	75 89	Lee Ingersoll David Midyett	6-3 6-2	260 238	Jr. Fr.
С	56 77	Al James Patrick Boatner	6-0 6-1	279 266	Fr. Jr.	WLB -or-		Waymond Ervin A. Gissendanner Ronnie Braxton	5-11 6-2 6-0	219 207 205	Jr. Jr. Jr.
SG	67 76	Darnerius Watson Rex Hadnot	6-2 6-1	285 312	Jr. Fr.	MLB	10 52	Wayne Rogers Jason Hoelscher	6-2 6-2	233 222	Sr. Sr.
ST	79 72	Jabari Beauford Grover Thompson	6-4 6-5	290 288	Jr. Jr.	СВ	24 28	Jason Parker Marcus Smith	5-10 5-10	175 180	Jr. Sr.
TE	2 85 81	Tommie Baldwin Stephen Cucci Travis Griffith	5-11 6-4 6-4	237 229 214	Jr. So. Fr.	СВ	6 26	Bachie McGruder Reggie Medlock	5-10 5-10	174 178	Jr. So.
F	18 82 19	Orlando Iglesias Brian Robinson Jeremy McCardell	6-3 6-4 6-0	209 190 213	Sr. So. So.	ST	7 27	Heard Robinson Frederick Conley	6-2 5-9	195 192	So. Sr.
QB -or-	16 13 15	Jason McKinley Brian Thiebaud Bubba Teague	6-3 6-2 6-2	208 201 181	Sr. Sr. Fr.	SS	22 17	Emile White Greg Holte	6-0 5-10	222 183	Sr. So.
RB	1 21 31	Joffrey Reynolds Leif Penn Damon Terrell	5-10 5-9 5-9	202 198 197	So. Jr. So.	FS -or-	5 46 30	Hanik Milligan David Williams Clint deGroot	6-3 5-9 5-11	192 174 193	Jr. Sr. Jr.
<b>Retu</b> PR		cialists Bachie McGruder Kendall Williams	5-10 5-9	174Jr. 182	Sr.	Kick P	ing Spe 47 48	ecialists Mike Clark Jeff Patterson	6-1 6-1	194 198	Sr. Sr.
KOR	83 3 21	KeyKowa Bell Kendall Williams Leif Penn	5-10 5-9 5-9	178Jr. 182 198	Sr. Jr.	K	47 46	Mike Clark Dustin Bell	6-1 6-2	194 198	Sr. Fr.
	<b>4</b> I	Lon I Cilii	U-0	130	UI.	LS	32 43	Mike Zajac Lance Phillips	6-1 6-1	207 200	Jr. Jr.
						Н	13 47	Brian Thiebaud Mike Clark	6-2 6-1	201 194	Sr. Sr.

## 2000 Starting Lineups

WESTERN CAROLINA(SEPT. 2) SE 3 Jerel Myers TE 87 Joe Domingeaux LT 75 Trey Langley LG 76 Bob Wynne C 64 John Compton RG 70 Louis Williams RT 74 Brad Smalling TE 86 Robert Royal FL 4 Reggie Robinson TB 22 LaBrandon Toefield QB 14 Josh Booty			
LE 85 Kyle Kipps DT 91 Muskingum Barnes DT 95 Howard Green RE 59 Jarvis Green SLB 56 Jeremy Lawrence MLB 7 Trev Faulk WLB 11 Bradie James LCB 1 Fred Booker FS 2 Ryan Clark SS 28 Lionel Thomas RCB 33 Demetrius Hookfin	AT FLORIDA(OCT. 7)	KENTUCKY (OCT. 14)	MISSISSIPPI STATE (OCT. 21)
TENNESSEE (SEPT. 30)			
ALABAMA(NOV. 4)	OLE MISS (NOV. 11)	ARKANSAS (NOV. 24)	
HOUSTON (SEPT. 9)	AT AUBURN (SEPT. 16)	UAB (SEPT. 23)	

#### GAME 1: LSU 58, WESTERN CAROLINA 0

September 2, 2000 - Tiger Stadium - Baton Rouge, La.

#### LSU RIPS W. CARLOLINA, 58-0, IN SABAN ERA OPENER

The Tiger offense sizzled, amassing 507 yards of offense in the opening 30 minutes while building a 37-0 lead before ultimately defeating Western Carolina 58-0 before an LSU record 87,188 fans last Saturday. Josh Booty threw for a career high 291 yards and a pair of touchdown passed, while Rohan Davey was a perfect 11-for-11 for 194 yards and three TD strikes as LSU wracked up a school record 485 yards passing. The Tigers wound up with 680 yards of total offense, the second highest total in LSU history and the most since 1977. Booty hit Reggie Robinson over the middle for an 80-yard strike on the third play of the game and the Tigers never looked back. Jerel Myers caught six balls for 117 yards and a pair of touchdowns, while Josh Reed hauled in five balls for 137 yards.

WCU LSU	0 20		0 17	0 14	0 7	- 0 - 58
LSU Booty	14:02	1Q	Reggie	Robinsor	80 pass	from Josh
			(John C	orbello ki	ck)	
LSU	4:24	1Q	L. Toefie	eld 8 run	(Corbello	kick failed)
LSU	2:43	1Q		ers 45 p rbello kio	àss from k)	Booty
LSU	11:03	2Q	J. Reed (Corbell		from R. I	Davey
LSU	7:12	2Q	Devery	Hendérso	n 32 run	(Corbello kick)
LSU	0:00			36 field		,
LSU	12:50	3Q	Mvers 3	6 pass fr	om Dave	v (Corbello kick)
LSU kick)	4:24		,			vey (Corbello
LSÚ	4:48	4Q	Derron I	Parquet 3	3 run (Kri:	s Kessler kick)

FIRST DOWNS	<b>LSU</b> 25	<b>WCU</b> 11
RUSHING	11	5
PASSING	14	3
PENALTY	0	3
RUSHING ATTEMPTS	43	32
YARDS GAINED RUSHING	212	110
YARDS LOST RUSHING	17	14
NET YARDS RUSHING	195	96
NET YARDS PASSING	485	71
PASSES ATTEMPTED	28	22
PASSES COMPLETED	23	11
HAD INTERCEPTED	0	1
TOTAL OFFENSIVE PLAYS	71	54
TOTAL NET YARDS	680	167
AVERAGE GAIN PER PLAY	9.6	3.1
FUMBLES/LOST	0-0	1-1
PENALTIES/YARDS	12-107	1-5
INTERCEPTIONS/YARDS	1-0	0-0
PUNTS/YARDS	1-44	9-344
AVERAGE PER PUNT	44.0	38.2
PUNT RETURNS/YARDS	3-55	1-0
KICKOFF RETURNS/YARDS	1-18	8-156
POSSESSION TIME	30:40	29:20
THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	9 of 12	3 of 13
SACKS BY	0-0	1-2

#### Notes on the game:

LSU RUSHING L. Toefield Derron Parquet D. Henderson Elice Parker Domanick Davis Tommy Banks Josh Booty R. Angelette Josh Reed	ATT. 11 11 5 3 5 4 2 1	<b>GAIN</b> 51 49 42 24 26 17 3 0	LOST 0 0 3 0 5 5 2 0 -2	NET 51 49 39 24 21 12 1 0	TD 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	LONG 9 13 32 17 11 8 3 0	
PASSING Josh Booty Rohan Davey Craig Nall	<b>ATT.</b> 15 11 2	<b>COMP</b> 12 11 0	INT. 0 0 0	YDS. 291 194 0	<b>TD</b> 2 3 0	<b>LONG</b> 80 47 0	<b>SACKS</b> 1 0 0
RECEIVING Jerel Myers Josh Reed Reggie Robinson Abram Booty Robert Royal Jack Hunt Eric Edwards Elice Parker D. Henderson L. Toefield	NO. 6 5 n 2 2 1 1 1 1 1	YDS. 117 137 2 65 32 20 19 9 4 -3	TD 2 1 85 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0	LONG 45 47 1 45 21 10 19 9 4 0	80		
<b>PUNTING</b> Donnie Jones	<b>NO</b> . 1	YDS. 44	<b>AVG</b> . 44.0	LONG 44			
FIELD GOALS John Corbello	<b>ATT</b> .	MADE 1	LONG 47	<b>KICKS</b> 36 G,	47 NG	i	
ALL RETURNS Marcus Yanez Domanick Davis	0	r <b>s</b> <b>YDS LI</b> 0 0 55 28	P NO 0	KOFFS YDS 0 18			
	<u>WE</u>	STEF	RN C	ARO	LINA		
RUSHING Donnie Bryant Fred Boating Tracy Biggs David Rivers Lee Williams	<b>ATT.</b> 3 8 6 5 5	<b>GAIN</b> 28 25 23 16 12	1 0 2 0 0	NET 27 25 21 16 12	<b>TD</b> 0 0 0 0 0 0	24 7 8 5 6	
PASSING David Rivers	<b>ATT.</b> 21	<b>COMP</b> 10	<b>INT.</b> 1	<b>YDS</b> . 75	<b>TD</b> 0	LONG 22	<b>SACKS</b> 0
RECEIVING Michael Banks Tracy Biggs	<b>NO</b> . 4 3	<b>YDS</b> . 49 16	<b>TD</b> 0 0	<b>LONG</b> 22 9	_		

WESTERN CAROLINA												
RUSHING Donnie Bryant Fred Boating	<b>ATT.</b> 3 8	28 25	LOST 1 0	27 25	<b>TD</b> 0 0	LONG 24 7						
Tracy Biggs David Rivers Lee Williams	6 5 5	23 16 12	2 0 0	21 16 12	0 0 0	8 5 6						
<b>PASSING</b> David Rivers	<b>ATT.</b> 21	<b>COMP</b> 10	<b>INT.</b> 1	<b>YDS</b> . 75	<b>TD</b> 0	LONG 22	<b>SACKS</b> 0					
RECEIVING Michael Banks Tracy Biggs Caesar Campar Walter Gary Donnie Bryant	3	YDS. 49 16 2 2 -4	<b>TD</b> 0 0 8 0 0	<b>LONG</b> 22 9 0 2 0	5							
<b>PUNTING</b> Tim Morgan	<b>NO</b> . 9	<b>YDS</b> . 344	<b>AVG</b> . 38.2	LONG 52								
FIELD GOALS None	ATT.	MADE	LONG									
ALL RETURNS		rs Yds Li O O		OFFS YDS		IO. YD	S LP					

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Michael Banks 1 0

Jawan Clark

<sup>\*</sup> The 485 yards passing LSU had set a new school record. breaking the old one of 456 set in the Tigers 52-7 win over Rice on Sept. 23, 1995. It is also tied for the 10th most passing yards ever by a Southeastern Conference team.

<sup>\*</sup> LSU's 680 total yards is the second highest total in school history behind the 746 put up by LSU in a 77-0 win over Rice on Sept. 24, 1977. It is also the 11th highest total in Southeastern Conference history.