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Nick Saban

2003 AP COACH OF THE YEAR

For years outsiders viewed the LSU football program as an unpolished gem, a potential giant waiting to be reborn in the world of college football. With the wealth of resources LSU has to offer, its tradition and the available talent within the state of Louisiana, all the program needed was the right leader to lead it. In four years as head coach of the Tigers, Nick Saban has proven that he is that leader.

Since taking over a program that suffered through seven losing seasons in the 1990s, Saban has guided the Tigers to the pinnacle of college football - a berth in the Nokia Sugar Bowl and the 2004 National Championship game against Oklahoma. In his four years at LSU, the Tigers have enjoyed its finest stretch ever as Saban has directed his teams to a 38-13 record and a pair of Southeastern Conference Championships.

Saban's ability to successfully lead the Tigers comes from a management style that focuses on the entire program, one that puts his players in position to have success, both on the field and in the classroom. Armed with a plan that starts with recruiting quality people, outstanding football players and good students, Saban and his staff have transformed LSU into a team that is sure to be a fixture among the nation's elite programs for years to come.

On the field, Saban has developed a reputation as a defensive maverick who is among the best in the game - professional or college - when it comes to game day coaching decisions. His defenses are physical, aggressive and deceptive, while offensively, the Tigers put up staggering numbers with a wealth of skill players leading the way.

Off the field, Saban demands excellence from his players in both the classroom as well as the community. There's not a week that goes by that at least one member of the LSU football team is not out speaking to a group somewhere in the Baton Rouge community. Whether it's

talking to an elementary school or visiting sick children in the hospital, Saban's team has made a positive impact on many people in the state of Louisiana.

When it comes to education, Saban has long been an advocate of getting a degree. He's often been quoted as saying that he's never seen a person better off without a college degree than with one. As a result, he played a key role in raising most of the \$15 million for LSU's state-of-the-art Cox Communications Academic Center for Student-Athletes. The center, the best of its kind in college athletics, features a 1,000-seat auditorium with over 100 computers in a 54,000-square foot facility that gives all of LSU's student-athletes the best chance to have success in the classroom.

Saban's mission statement for the LSU football program is simple. He wants his players to become better people for having been a part of the program. He also wants to develop his players so they can reach their full athletic potential, which will enable them to have the opportunity to win a championship. Finally, it's his plan to help each player graduate and launch their career so that when they leave LSU they can have the best opportunities in life.

Four years at LSU have produced dozens of graduates, a pair of SEC championships and student-athletes who are both admired and looked up to in the community. So far, it's been mission accomplished under Nick Saban.

Nick Saban became the 31st head coach of the LSU Tigers on November 30, 1999, after five years as head coach at Michigan State. Saban's first four years at LSU have produced a 38-13 overall mark, which includes a school-record 12-1 mark and a No. 2 national ranking in 2003. In addition, Saban was named the Associated Press National Coach of the Year for his efforts in 2003. Saban's 38 wins are the most-



ever by an LSU coach in four years and he joins Paul Dietzel as the only two coaches in school history to have multiple 10-win seasons (both have done it twice). Saban, along with Dietzel and Bernie Moore, are also the only coaches in LSU history to win more than one SEC title, with each doing it two times.

This year's Tiger team relied on a remarkable defense, one that ranked first in the nation in scoring (10.8) and rushing touchdowns allowed (3) and second in total defense (259.5), while putting an offense on the field that is one of the most explosive in school history. This year's LSU offense, behind the play of quarterback Matt Mauck, set the school standard for scoring average (34.9), points (454), passing touchdowns (30) and offensive touchdowns (54).

Using the approach of taking it one game at a time and focusing on "what is" rather than "what was", the Tigers ran the table the final seven weeks of the season, dominating opponents on both sides of the ball. After a 19-7 setback to Florida on Oct. 11, the Tigers won their final seven games by an average of 35 to 11. Only Ole Miss came within a touchdown of the Tigers during that 7-game stretch, a run that included a 31-7 win over Auburn, a 55-24 victory over Arkansas and a 34-13 win over Georgia in the SEC title game.

Saban's impact at LSU was immediate as he guided a team coming off back-to-back losing seasons to an 8-4 mark and a win over 15th-ranked Georgia Tech in the 2000 Peach Bowl to rekindle the fire of a proud football tradition in Baton Rouge.

Saban's influence on the Tigers went much further in 2001 as he led LSU to the school's first outright SEC title since 1986 with a 31-20 win over second-ranked Tennessee in the SEC Championship game. The Tigers closed out their 10-3 campaign in 2001 with a 47-34 thrashing of Big 10 Champion Illinois in the Sugar Bowl.

A year after losing two of the most prolific offensive players in school history in quarterback Rohan Davey and wide receiver Josh Reed, Saban used a tenacious defense coupled with a steady offense to lead the 2002 Tigers to an 8-5 overall mark and the school's second straight appearance in a New Year's Day bowl. LSU scored a school-record 30 or more points in six straight games in 2002, while the Tiger defense held the opposition to less than 275 yards in each of the first six games of the year.

A trademark of Saban-coached teams has been their ability to overcome adversity and still effectively perform on the field. In 2001, the Tigers had to overcome the loss of Davey and running back LaBrandon Toefield in the SEC Championship game, while in 2002 LSU prevailed despite losing starting quarterback Mauck midway through the season.

Beating Tennessee to win the league title in 2001 is one thing, but the fashion in which Saban and the Tigers did so speaks volumes on the impact he has had on his squads. Playing without two of their offensive standouts in Davey and Toefield, not only did the Tigers respond to Saban's challenge to step up, but they were dominant, outscoring the high-powered Vol offense 21-3 in the second half.

A year later, LSU found itself in a similar situation, losing three starters - Mauck, Toefield and free safety Damien James - in consecutive weeks. LSU overcame that adversity and found itself heading into the



Nick and Terry Saban with Nicholas and Kristen.

final week of the 2002 season with a chance at reaching the SEC Championship game. Only a last-minute comeback by Arkansas kept the Tigers from winning its second consecutive SEC Western Division title and participating in the league's championship game.

Losing players such as Mauck, Davey and Toefield and still finding a way to be successful on the field has been a trademark of Saban-coached teams. Teaching the players to trust and believe in each other is a characteristic that Saban has branded on his squads. The philosophy of "out of yourself and into the team" is something that Saban instills on a daily basis into his squad. He also preaches to his teams to play for 60 minutes, to become a dominant team on every play of every game, and not worry about what the scoreboard reads. The players respond.

That couldn't have been more true than last year's "Bluegrass Miracle" as Marcus Randall's 75-yard Hail Mary pass to Devery Henderson as time expired gave the Tigers an unlikely 33-30 win over Kentucky in one of the wildest finishes to a football game in LSU history.

Prior to his arrival at LSU for the 2000 season, Saban led his final Spartan team in 1999 to a No. 7 ranking in the nation and became the first Michigan State squad to win 10 games in one season in 34 years.

Saban's 1999 Michigan State team defeated Notre Dame, Michigan, Ohio State and Penn State all in the same year for the first time since 1965 and recorded six wins at home for the first time since the 1912 season.

Saban has long been revered in football coaching circles as one of the keen minds of the game, having coached under some of the best football technicians in the country on both the college and professional levels.

He built his reputation as an assistant coach, but as a head coach he has shown the ability to put together a total program, one that produces big numbers on both sides of the football while stressing discipline and responsibility off the field.

"He's a first-rate person and he's a marvelous football coach," said Bill Polian, the president of the NFL's Indianapolis Colts, who is considered one of the premier minds in professional football. "He brings all the right values to the position and to the job. He believes in an exciting and up-tempo offense and yet his teams are always terrifically sound and very physical."

Saban's background in football is rich and varied. He coached in the NFL under Bill Belichick at Cleveland and under Jerry Glanville at Houston. He is a protégé of George Perles at Michigan State and Earle Bruce at Ohio State. He got his start under venerable Washington coach Don James as a graduate assistant at Kent State.

"No-nonsense" is one description of his style of coaching, but consistent and exacting

YEAR-BY-YEAR WITH NICK SABAN

YEAR	SCHOOL	OVERALL RECORD	CONF. RECORD	VS. TOP 25 TEAMS
1990	Toledo	9-2	7-1 (MAC)	0-0
1995	Michigan State	6-5-1	4-3-1 (Big 10)	1-2
1996	Michigan State	6-6	5-3 (Big 10)	0-3
1997	Michigan State	7-5	4-4 (Big 10)	2-4
1998	Michigan State	6-6	4-4 (Big 10)	2-3
1999	Michigan State	9-2	6-2 (Big 10)	4-2
2000	LSU	8-4	5-3 (SEC)	3-2
2001	LSU	10-3	5-3 (SEC)	4-2
2002	LSU	8-5	5-3 (SEC)	1-3
2003	LSU	12-1	7-1 (SEC)	4-0
TOTALS (10 years)		81-39-1	52-27	21-21
LSU record (4 years)		38-13	22-10	12-7
Michigan State record (5 years)		34-24-1	23-16-1	9-11
Toledo record (1 year)		9-2	7-1	0-0

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might be more precise. "Hard work" can be attached to any successful program, but also working smart is a trademark of Saban coached teams. The keys to Saban's success are founded on aggressive and disciplined leadership and a philosophy of personal responsibility both on the football field and in the classroom.

"Basically, if anybody doesn't want to work hard or be committed to the way he's committed, then they're going to have a problem with him," said Belichick, coach of the Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots. "Now, if they like to work, they won't have any problems at all."

Saban is a communicator who gets the best out of his players, a coach who can guarantee that a player willing to dedicate himself to the program will maximize his talents.

"Instead of looking at the overall picture, he gives his players something they can really lash their teeth into, which allows them to play more aggressively," said Dean Pees, the head coach at Kent State who served as a defensive coordinator under Saban. "There are a lot of guys who can draw up defenses in the dirt and draw X's and O's. The question is what little things can you find to help each player play his position? That's one thing Nick is good at."

Saban has a career win-loss record of 81-39-1 for a winning percentage of .674, a total that includes five years as head coach at Michigan State (1995-99), three seasons at LSU and one year at Toledo (1990). He also has extensive experience in the NFL, having coached the secondary of the Houston Oilers for two seasons (1988-89) and having served as defensive coordinator for the Cleveland Browns for four seasons (1991-94).

During his five-year tenure as head coach at Michigan State, Saban tutored four first-team All-Americans and 10 NFL draft picks. While at LSU, Saban has produced six first-team All-Americans and the Tigers have had 12 NFL Draft picks.

The 52-year-old Saban returned to Michigan State following four seasons as the Cleveland Browns' defensive coordinator from 1991-94. The Browns went from allowing the most points in the NFL prior to Saban's arrival to allowing the fewest points in 1994. His defensive unit allowed a league-low 21 touchdowns and 204 points in 1994, the sixth-fewest points surrendered in NFL history at the time.

Saban previously served as head coach at the University of Toledo where he guided the Rockets to a 9-2 overall record in 1990, including a share of the Mid-America Conference title at 7-1. The Rockets ranked among the NCAA leaders in both total defense (12th at 284.8 yards) and scoring defense (16th at 16.2 points). In his rookie season as a head coach, Toledo missed posting an undefeated record by only five points.

He began his first stint in the NFL with the Houston Oilers as the secondary coach from 1988-89. The Oilers ranked among the AFC leaders in interceptions in both 1988 (tied for second with 22) and 1989 (fourth with 21).

As secondary coach and defensive coordinator, Saban played an integral part in helping Michigan State to three postseason bowl appearances from 1983-87, including a Big Ten championship in 1987 and a 20-17 triumph over Southern California in the 1988 Rose Bowl. The Spartans led the nation in rushing defense in 1987, allowing only 61.2 yards per game, and ranked second in scoring defense, permitting 12.4 points.

His college coaching credits also include stops at the U.S. Naval Academy (1982), Ohio State (1980-81), West Virginia (1978-79), Syracuse (1977) and Kent State (1975-76). While coaching the secondary at Ohio State, he helped produce four NFL draft choices.

He began his coaching career in 1973 as a graduate assistant at his alma mater Kent State. A defensive back for the Golden Flashes from 1970-72, Saban played in the 1972 Tangerine Bowl against Tampa. He also picked up two letters as a shortstop on the Kent State baseball team.

Born October 31, 1951, in Fairmont, W.Va., Saban earned his bachelor's degree in business from Kent State in 1973 and his master's in sports administration in 1975. Saban, who is an avid golfer, co-authored "Tiger Turnaround" in 2001, a 128-page book documenting his first two years in Baton Rouge.

He and his wife, the former Terry Constable of Fairmont, W.Va., have two children, Nicholas and Kristen.

The Saban File

FULL NAME: Nick Lou Saban
BORN: Oct. 31, 1951
BIRTHPLACE: Fairmont, W. Va.
WIFE: Terry Constable of Fairmont, W. Va.
WEDDING DAY: Dec. 18, 1971
CHILDREN: Nicholas and Kristen

COACHING EXPERIENCE

1973-74	Grad. Asst. Coach	Kent State
1975-76	Linebackers Coach	Kent State
1977	Outside LB Coach	Syracuse
1978-79	Secondary Coach	West Virginia
1980-81	Secondary Coach	Ohio State
1982	Secondary Coach	Navy
1983-87	Secondary Coach/ Def. Coordinator	Michigan State
1988-89	Secondary Coach	Oilers (NFL)
1990	Head Coach	Toledo
1991-94	Def. Coordinator	Browns (NFL)
1995-99	Head Coach	Michigan State
2000-	Head Coach	LSU

EDUCATION

HIGH SCHOOL: Monongah (WV) HS, 1969
COLLEGE: Kent State, 1973 (business)
MASTERS: Kent State, 1975 (sports administration)

Saban vs. All Opponents

Alabama3-1	Middle Tennessee ...1-0
Ala.-Birmingham0-1	Minnesota3-1
Arizona1-0	Mississippi State ...4-0
Arkansas2-2	Navy0-1
Arkansas State1-0	Nebraska0-2
Auburn2-2	Northern Illinois1-0
Ball State1-0	Northwestern2-1
Boston College1-0	Notre Dame3-0
Bowling Green1-0	Ohio1-0
Central Michigan1-1	Ohio State2-1
Colorado State0-1	Oklahoma ...first meeting
Eastern Michigan ...3-0	Ole Miss3-1
Florida1-3	Oregon1-1
Georgia2-0	Penn State2-3
Georgia Tech1-0	Purdue1-3-1
Houston1-0	South Carolina2-0
Illinois6-0	Stanford0-1
Indiana4-0	Tennessee2-1
Iowa1-2	The Citadel1-0
Kent1-0	Texas0-1
Kentucky3-0	Tulane1-0
LSU0-1	Utah State1-0
Louisiana-Lafayette ..1-0	Virginia Tech0-1
Louisiana-Monroe1-0	Washington0-1
Louisiana Tech1-0	Western Carolina1-0
Louisville1-1	Western Illinois1-0
Memphis1-0	Western Michigan ...2-0
Miami (Ohio)2-0	Wisconsin1-2
Michigan2-3	





Kirk Doll

Assistant Head Coach/Linebackers

In his second year with the Tigers, serving as assistant head coach and linebackers coach ... Developed a young and inexperienced linebacking corps into a solid and dependable unit this season ... Helped two former defensive backs - Eric Alexander and Adrian Mayes - make the transition to linebacker this

season ... Alexander finished with 57 tackles and five sacks in his first year as a starting linebacker ... Mayes opened the season as a starter at linebacker before a wrist injury relegated him to special teams play ... Junior Lionel Turner stepped in for Bradie James (now with the Dallas Cowboys) at the mike linebacker spot and shored up the middle of the Tiger defense ... Turner, in his second season as a starter, finished with 69 tackles and 10 quarterback pressures.

YEAR AT LSU:Second (appointed March 4, 2002)
BIRTHDATE:Sept. 24, 1951 at Wichita, Kan.
WIFE:former Kathy Reding
CHILDREN:Kate, Kelsey and Kyle
HIGH SCHOOL:Wichita West
COLLEGE:East Carolina, '74 and Wichita State, '76
1975-76Wichita State (graduate assistant)
1977-78Texas City High School (asst. coach)
1979Iowa State (tight ends)
1980-84Tulsa (offensive line)
1985-87Arizona State (outside linebackers)
1988-93Texas A&M (linebackers)
1994-2001Notre Dame (asst. head coach, linebackers, special teams)
2002LSU (asst. head coach/linebackers)



Derek Dooley

Running Backs/Special Teams Coordinator

In his fourth year with the Tigers ... Served as running backs coach and special teams coordinator this season after holding down the tight ends and recruiting coordinator spot for his first three years on the staff ... Did a fantastic job in both areas, developing a pair of freshmen running

backs in Justin Vincent and Alley Broussard into two of the best backs in the league ... Vincent ran for an SEC title game record 201 yards and was named the game's MVP in LSU's 34-13 win over Georgia ... LSU finished first in the league in three of the fourth special teams categories - net punting (40.3), kickoff coverage (16.7), and punt returns (14.9) ... Son of legendary Georgia coach Vince Dooley ... Will be on the sidelines in a national championship game for the third time, the first as a coach ... Watched from the sidelines as Georgia beat Notre Dame 17-10 in the 1981 Sugar Bowl to claim a national title and then saw the Bulldogs fall to Penn State, 27-23, in the 1983 Sugar Bowl.

YEAR AT LSU:Fourth (appointed Dec. 13, 1999)
BIRTHDATE:June 10, 1968, at Athens, Ga.
WIFE:Allison
CHILDREN:John Taylor, Peyton
HIGH SCHOOL:Clarke Central
COLLEGE:Virginia '91

POSTGRADUATE:Georgia '94 (law degree)
1996Georgia (graduate assistant/defensive backs)
1997-99SMU (wide receivers, 1997-99; assistant recruiting coordinator 1998-99)
2000-LSU (recruiting coordinator/tight ends 2000-02; special teams coordinator/running backs 2003)



Jimbo Fisher

Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks

In his fourth year with the Tigers ... Serves as LSU's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach ... Outstanding offensive mind who has the Tigers ranked among the top four in the SEC in just about every category ... LSU ranks first in the SEC in scoring (34.9), second in rushing offense (187.8), third in

total offense (426.5) and fourth in passing offense (238.8) ... Continues to oversee the progression of quarterback Matt Mauck, who has thrown for a school-record 28 TD passes this year ... In addition, guided the Tigers to school-records in points (454), points per game (34.9), offensive touchdowns (54), passes completed (241), passing touchdowns (30), and first downs (285) ... In four years, has coached Tiger quarterbacks to First Team All-SEC honors once (Josh Booty in 2000) and two Second Team All-SEC honors twice (Rohan Davey in 2001, Mauck in 2003) ... Currently has two former quarterbacks on NFL roster - Davey (Patriots) and Craig Nall (Packers).

YEAR AT LSU:Fourth (appointed Dec. 6, 1999)
BIRTHDATE:Oct. 9, 1965, at Clarksburg, W. Va.
WIFE:Candi
CHILD:Trey (2)
HIGH SCHOOL:Liberty High
COLLEGE:Salem College '89
1988-89Samford (student assistant)
1990Samford (graduate assistant/quarterbacks)
1991-92Samford (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)
1993-98Auburn (quarterbacks)
1999Cincinnati (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)
2000-LSU (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)



Stan Hixon

Associate Head Coach/Wide Receivers

In his fourth season with the Tigers during which time he's coached players to three 1,000-yard receiving seasons, which includes Michael Clayton's 74-catch, 1,041-yards this year ... In his four years with the Tigers, LSU has had a wide receiver earn First Team All-SEC honors three times - Josh Reed in 2000 and

2001 and Clayton in 2003 ... Has been involved with the development of three of the most productive receivers in school history in Reed, Clayton and Devery Henderson ... Reed, a converted running back and now a member of the Buffalo Bills, holds the school-record for career receiving yards with 3,001, while Clayton is the LSU record holder for career TD receptions (21) and Henderson's tied for first in single-season TD receptions with 11 ... Reed won the Biletnikoff Award in 2001 as the nation's top receiver, while Clayton was a semifinalist for the honor this year.

Assistant Coaches

YEAR AT LSU:Fourth (appointed Dec. 28, 1999)
BIRTHDATE:June 24, 1957 at Lakeland, Florida
WIFE:Rebecca
CHILDREN:Drew, Adele, Avis
HIGH SCHOOL:Lakeland Senior
COLLEGE:Iowa State, '79
POSTGRADUATE:Morehead State '84

1980-82Morehead State (running backs)
 1983-88Appalachian State (wide receivers)
 1989-92South Carolina (wide receivers)
 1993-94Wake Forest (running backs/assistant head coach)
 1995-99Georgia Tech (wide receivers)
 2000-LSU (associate head coach/wide receivers)



Travis Jones

Defensive Line

In his first year with the Tigers ... Joined LSU last January after a two-year stint with Kansas ... In his first season with the Tigers, coached a defensive line that could be considered one of the best in school history ... The Tiger s' defensive line has combined for 28 sacks, 56 tackles for losses and 110 quarterback pressures ... Defensive tackle Chad Lavalais earned numerous All-America honors in 2003 after anchoring a Tiger defense with 57 tackles, including 16 for losses ... Lavalais also had 7 sacks and 23 quarterback pressures ... Lavalais was one of four finalists for the Nagurski Award and was one of three finalists for the Outland Trophy ... Lavalais, along with defensive end Marcus Spears, were both First Team All-SEC picks in 2003.

YEAR AT LSU:First (appointed on Jan. 13, 2003)
BIRTHDATE:June 6, 1972 in Milledgeville, Ga.
WIFE:Melody
CHILDREN:Kennedi Janai
HIGH SCHOOL:Wilkinson County
COLLEGE:Georgia, '95
POSTGRADUATE:Georgia, '98

1997Georgia (defensive line)
 1998-2000Appalachian State (linebackers/recruiting coordinator)
 2001-02Kansas (defensive line 2001; defensive ends, 2002)
 2003LSU (defensive line)



Will Muschamp

Defensive Coordinator

In his third season with the Tigers and second as defensive coordinator ... Teams with head coach Nick Saban to give the Tigers two of the best defensive minds in all of college football ... In two years as LSU's defensive coordinator, Muschamp has transformed the Tigers into one of the most dominating units in recent college football history and one of the best in school history ... With an attacking style that features numerous blitzes and disguises, LSU heads into the Sugar Bowl ranked first in the nation in scoring defense (10.8), and rushing TDs allowed (3) and second in total defense (259.5) and third in rushing defense (68.2) ... In all, LSU ranked first in the SEC in seven statistical categories ... In 13 games, LSU has allowed only one team to go over 20 points in a game (Arkansas, 24 points in

week 12) and only two teams have rushed for more than 100 yards against the Tigers in 2003 (Arkansas, 201 yards in week 12; La. Tech, 121 yards in week 9) ... The Tiger defense features All-America defensive tackle Chad Lavalais and All-America cornerback Corey Webster.

YEAR AT LSU:Third (appointed on Feb. 22, 2001)
BIRTHDATE:Aug. 3, 1971
WIFE:Carol
CHILDREN:Jackson
HIGH SCHOOL:Darlington (Ga.) High School
ALMA MATER:Georgia, '94
POST-GRADUATE:Auburn, '97

1995-97Auburn (graduate assistant)
 1998West Georgia (secondary)
 1999Eastern Kentucky (secondary)
 2000Valdosta State (defensive coordinator)
 2001LSU (linebackers 2001; defensive coordinator 2002-)



Stacy Searels

Offensive Line

In his first year with the Tigers as LSU's offensive line coach ... Joined the staff in January after serving as an assistant at Cincinnati for three years ... Made an immediate impact with the Tigers, coaching an offensive line that many considered to be among the best in the nation ... Offensive guard Stephen Peterman

earned recognition as a First Team All-America by several news organizations in 2003, while center Ben Wilkerson was a Second Team All-America pick by The Sporting News ... Offensive tackle Rodney Reed earned First Team Academic All-America honors for the second straight year ... For the year, the Tiger offensive line allowed only 17 sacks, which included holding their opponent without a sack in four of the last six games of the season ... A former All-America lineman at Auburn, who spent a portion of his career blocking for Heisman Trophy winner Bo Jackson and All-American Brent Fullwood.

YEAR AT LSU:First (appointed on Jan. 7, 2003)
BIRTHDATE:May 19, 1965 in Rome, Ga.
WIFE:Patricia
CHILDREN:Taylor (6), Savannah (3)
HIGH SCHOOL:Trion
COLLEGE:Auburn, '90
POSTGRADUATE:Auburn, '95

1992-93Auburn (graduate assistant)
 1994-2000Appalachian State (offensive line)
 2000-02Cincinnati (offensive line)
 2003LSU (offensive line)



Lance Thompson

Tight Ends/Recruiting Coordinator

In his second year with the Tigers, but first as LSU's tight ends coach and recruiting coordinator ... Coached LSU's defensive line in 2002 ... In his first year as LSU's tight ends coach, helped oversee the continued development of Eric Edwards, who was considered one of the best pass-catching/blocking tight ends

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in the SEC ... Edwards has caught 15 passes for 153 yards and a pair of TDs in 2003 ... In addition, backup David Jones has 10 catches for 178 yards and one score, while true freshman Keith Zinger earned Freshman All-SEC honors after grabbing 3 passes for 31 yards for the Tigers.

YEAR AT LSU:Second (appointed Feb. 18, 2002)
BIRTHDATE:June 4, 1964
WIFE:Stacy
CHILDREN:Alexandra, Christina, Lane
HIGH SCHOOL:Riverdale (Calif.)
ALMA MATER:The Citadel, '87

1988-91Georgia Tech (1988-89, graduate asst.; 1990-91, volunt. coach)
 1992-94Georgia Tech Director of Football Operations
 1995-98Georgia Tech (1995, tight ends/recruiting coordinator; 1996-97, defensive ends/recruiting coordinator; 1998 defensive line/recruiting coordinator)
 1999-00Alabama (defensive line)
 2001Georgia Tech (defensive line/recruiting coordinator)
 2002LSU (defensive line, 2002; asst. head coach/recruiting coordinator/tight ends, 2003)



Tim Walton

Defensive Backs

In first year with LSU as the team's defensive backs coach ... Joined the Tigers last February after spending a season at Syracuse ... Coached two of the best and most physical cover corners in the SEC in Corey Webster and Travis Daniels ... The duo combined for eight interceptions and 48 pass breakups in

2003 ... Walton also played a key role in the emergence of safeties Jack Hunt and LaRon Landry ... Landry, a true freshman, started the final nine games of the season for the Tigers, earning Freshman All-America and Freshman All-SEC honors after leading LSU with 76 tackles ... Hunt served as LSU's quarterback in the secondary, finishing with 67 tackles and four interceptions, two of which were returned for touchdowns ... As a unit, LSU ranked first in the SEC and third in the nation in pass defense efficiency.

YEAR AT LSU:First (appointed Feb.10, 2003)
BIRTHDATE:March 11, 1971 in Columbus, Ga.
WIFE:Tracy
CHILDREN:Trei, Timia, and Tyler
HIGH SCHOOL:Carver
COLLEGE:Ohio State, '94

1995-2000Bowling Green (graduate assistant coach, 1995; running backs, 1996-98; defensive backs, 1999-2000)
 2000-01Memphis (defensive backs)
 2002Syracuse (defensive backs)
 2003LSU (defensive backs)

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