

INTRO
NOTEBOOK
COACHES
TIGERS
REVIEW
THE SEASON
HISTORY

LSU To Battle Ninth-Ranked Miami In Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl

LSU and Miami will do battle in the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl in one of only two bowl games that features a pair of top 10-ranked teams. The Tigers, the runner-up in the Southeastern Conference, bring a 10-2 mark and a No. 10 national ranking into the game. The Hurricanes posted a 9-2 regular-season record and are ranked No. 9 in the nation. The only other bowl game to feature a higher-ranked matchup is the Rose Bowl, which pits No. 1 Southern Cal against No. 2 Texas. Kickoff between the Tigers and the Hurricanes is set for 7:30 p.m. EST from the Georgia Dome in Atlanta. The game will be televised unopposed to a national audience on ESPN.

LSU vs. Miami: The Series

LSU and Miami will meet for the 12th time in football with the Tigers holding an 8-3 advantage in the series that dates back to 1946. The teams last played in 1988 when the Hurricanes posted a 44-3 win over LSU in Tiger Stadium. The Tigers won the first seven games in the series, starting with a 20-7 win in Miami. Since then, Miami has won 3 of the past 4 games with the Tigers. Miami's first win over LSU came in Baton Rouge in 1967 by a 17-15 count. A year later, the Hurricanes won, 30-0, in Miami. LSU last beat Miami on Oct. 10, 1969, by a 20-0 margin on the road. The following is a game-by-game look at the LSU-Miami series:

DATE	RESULTS	SITE
Nov. 15, 1946	LSU 20, Miami 7	Miami, Fla.
Oct. 10, 1958	LSU 41, Miami 0	Miami, Fla.
Oct. 10, 1959	LSU 27, Miami 3	Baton Rouge, La.
Oct. 13, 1962	LSU 17, Miami 3	Baton Rouge, La.
Oct. 11, 1963	LSU 3, Miami 0	Miami, Fla.
Oct. 9, 1965	LSU 34, Miami 27	Miami, Fla.
Oct. 1, 1966	LSU 10, Miami 8	Baton Rouge, La.
Oct. 14, 1967	Miami 17, LSU 15	Baton Rouge, La.
Oct. 11, 1968	Miami 30, LSU 0	Miami, Fla.
Oct. 10, 1969	LSU 20, Miami 0	Miami, Fla.
Nov. 19, 1988	Miami 44, LSU 3	Baton Rouge, La.

LSU-Miami Notebook

LSU has 4 players on its roster who call Miami home - WR **Dwayne Bowe**, OG **Terrell McGill**, LB **Ali Highsmith** and DE **Ricky Jean-Francois** ... The losing team in the 11-game LSU-Miami series has scored only a field goal or been shutout 7 times ... The last time LSU faced Miami, in 1988, the Hurricanes had 4 coaches on their staff who went on to be head coaches in the NFL - Jimmy Johnson (Dallas Cowboys), Dave Campo (Dallas Cowboys), Butch Davis (Cleveland Browns) and Dave Wannstedt (Chicago Bears and Miami Dolphins).

Tigers and Hurricanes Bring Two of Nation's Top Defenses Into Peach Bowl

Defense will likely be the name of the game when LSU and Miami meet on Dec. 30 at the Georgia Dome as the teams bring two of the nation's highest-rated defenses into the contest. Miami leads the nation in two defensive categories - pass defense (148.2 ypg) and pass efficiency defense (84.57 rating) - and it is second in scoring defense (11.9 ppg) and third in total defense (252.1 ypg). LSU ranks among the top 8 in the nation in four defensive categories, including a No. 5 ranking in both total defense (276.3 ypg) and pass efficiency defense (97.66 rating), as well as being No. 7 in rushing defense (94.75 ypg) and No. 8 in scoring defense (15.2 ppg).

Tigers Make Fourth Appearance in Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl

LSU will make its fourth appearance in the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl. The Tigers are 3-0 in the Atlanta-based bowl, beating Florida State, 31-27, on Dec. 30, 1968, in the inaugural game, followed by a 10-7 victory over Clemson on Dec. 28, 1996, and a 28-14 win over Georgia Tech on Dec. 29, 2000.

Tigers To Appear In 37th Bowl Game

LSU's appearance in the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl will mark the school's 37th appearance in a bowl game, a figure that ranks ninth nationally. LSU ranks fourth in the SEC in bowl appearances, trailing Alabama (53), Tennessee (45) and Georgia (41). In addition, LSU's 17 bowl victories ranks 13th in the nation and fifth in the SEC.

LSU's In A Bowl Game For Sixth Straight Year

LSU is playing in a bowl game for the sixth straight season, which marks the longest streak in school history. LSU's six-year bowl streak started with the 2000 Peach Bowl, a 28-14 win over Georgia Tech. Since then, the Tigers have appeared in the Sugar Bowl (2001 and 2003 seasons), Cotton Bowl (2002 season) and the Capital One Bowl (2004 season).

In The Polls

The Tigers enter the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl ranked No. 10 in the nation in all three major polls - the USA Today Coaches Poll, Associated Press Poll and the Harris Interactive Poll. LSU was ranked No. 12 in the final Bowl Championship Series standings. The Tigers have been ranked for 50 consecutive periods in the USA Today Coaches poll and for 49 straight weeks in the AP poll.

LSU's Miami Ties

Current LSU strength and conditioning coordinator Tommy Moffitt served the same duties at Miami for two years. LSU Athletics Director **Skip Bertman**, a 1961 graduate of the University of Miami, served as an assistant baseball coach for the Hurricanes from 1976-1983. LSU Senior Associate AD **Dan Radakovich** also spent time at Miami as the athletics business manager from 1983-85. On the other side, Miami's defensive backs coach **Tim Walton** spent the 2003 season at LSU as the defensive backs coach.

Miami Tigers

LSU has four players on the roster that hail from the city of Miami. WR **Dwayne Bowe** (Norland HS), OL **Terrell McGill** (Norland HS), LB **Ali Highsmith** (Central HS) and DE **Ricky Jean-Francois** (Carol City HS) all call Miami home.

Home Sweet Dome

LSU's game against Miami in the Georgia Dome will mark the second appearance in a domed stadium for the Tigers this year. LSU had its 10-game winning streak in domes snapped on Dec. 3 when Georgia posted a 34-14 win over the Tigers in the SEC

LSU IN THE POLLS

Tracking the Tigers

WEEK	AP	COACHES	HARRIS	BCS
Preseason	5	6	--	--
Sept. 6	5	5	--	--
Sept. 11	3	3	--	--
Sept. 18	3	3	--	--
Sept. 25	4	4	5	--
Oct. 2	11	11	12	-
Oct. 9	10	8	10	--
Oct. 16	7	7	7	6
Oct. 23	7	7	8	8
Oct. 30	6	6	7	8
Nov. 6	5	5	5	7
Nov. 13	4	4	4	5
Nov. 20	3	3	3	4
Nov. 27	3	3	4	4
Dec. 4	10	10	10	12

Associated Press

RK.	TEAM	REC.	POINTS
1	USC (56)	12-0	1,616
2	Texas(9)	12-0	1,569
3	Penn State	10-1	1,483
4	Ohio State	9-2	1,375
5	Notre Dame	9-2	1,327
6	Oregon	10-1	1,241
7	Auburn	9-2	1,221
8	Georgia	10-2	1,202
9	Miami (Fla.)	9-2	1,098
10	LSU	10-2	1,028
11	West Virginia	10-1	991
12	Virginia Tech	10-2	943
13	Alabama	9-2	813
14	TCU	10-1	790
15	Louisville	9-2	644
16	Florida	8-3	588
17	UCLA	9-2	542
18	Texas Tech	9-2	533
19	Boston College	8-3	410
20	Michigan	7-4	377
21	Wisconsin	9-3	325
22	Florida State	8-4	296
23	Clemson	7-4	240
24	Georgia Tech	7-4	189
25	Iowa	7-4	86

USA Today/Coaches

RK.	TEAM	REC.	POINTS
1	USC (55)	12-0	1,543
2	Texas (7)	12-0	1,495
3	Penn State	10-1	1,424
4	Ohio State	9-2	1,300
5	Oregon	10-1	1,234
6	Notre Dame	9-2	1,219
7	Auburn	9-2	1,141
8	Georgia	10-2	1,097
9	Miami (Fla.)	9-2	1,075
10	LSU	10-2	1,002
11	West Virginia	10-1	959
12	Virginia Tech	10-2	955
13	Alabama	9-2	787
14	TCU	10-1	734
15	Texas Tech	9-2	636
16	Louisville	9-2	585
17	UCLA	9-2	531
18	Florida	8-3	530
19	Boston College	8-3	427
20	Wisconsin	9-3	399
21	Michigan	7-4	274
22	Florida State	8-4	256
23	Clemson	7-4	191
24	Georgia Tech	7-4	114
25	Iowa	7-4	95



INTRO

NOTEBOOK

COACHES

TIGERS

REVIEW

THE SEASON

HISTORY

LSU IN THE POLLS

Harris Interactive

RK.	TEAM	REC.	POINTS
1	USC (99)	12-0	2,811
2	Texas(14)	12-0	2,726
3	Penn State	10-1	2,592
4	Ohio State	9-2	2,398
5	Notre Dame	9-2	2,295
6	Oregon	10-1	2,205
7	Auburn	9-2	2,085
8	Georgia	10-2	2,053
9	Miami (Fla.)	9-2	1,942
10	LSU	10-2	1,812
11	Virginia Tech	10-2	1,719
12	West Virginia	10-1	1,673
13	Alabama	9-2	1,451
14	TCU	10-1	1,328
15	Texas Tech	9-2	1,147
16	Louisville	9-2	1,016
17	UCLA	9-2	1,004
	Florida	8-3	1,004
19	Boston College	8-3	763
20	Wisconsin	9-3	675
21	Michigan	7-4	556
22	Florida State	8-4	474
23	Clemson	7-4	301
24	Georgia Tech	7-4	282
25	Iowa	7-4	132

Bowl Championship Series

RK.	TEAM	REC.	BCS AVG.
1	USC	12-0	0.9868
2	Texas	12-0	0.9732
3	Penn State	10-1	0.9187
4	Ohio State	9-2	0.8559
5	Oregon	10-1	0.7989
6	Notre Dame	9-2	0.7329
7	Georgia	10-2	0.7182
8	Miami (Fla.)	9-2	0.7037
9	Auburn	9-2	0.6747
10	Virginia Tech	10-2	0.6715
11	West Virginia	10-1	0.6403
12	LSU	10-2	0.6293
13	Alabama	9-2	0.4538
14	TCU	10-1	0.4445
15	Texas Tech	9-2	0.4288
16	UCLA	9-2	0.3693
17	Florida	8-3	0.3058
18	Wisconsin	9-3	0.3021
19	Louisville	9-2	0.2624
20	Michigan	7-4	0.2579
21	Boston College	8-3	0.2452
22	Florida State	8-4	0.1110
23	Oklahoma	7-4	0.0999
24	Georgia Tech	7-4	0.0945
25	Northwestern	7-4	0.0887

Championship Game played at the Georgia Dome. LSU's last win in a dome came at the 2004 Nokia Sugar Bowl when the Tigers beat Oklahoma, 21-14, in the Louisiana Superdome to claim the 2003 BCS National Title. The Tigers are 4-1 in the Georgia Dome. LSU beat Clemson, 10-7, in the 1996 Peach Bowl and then followed that with a 28-14 win over Georgia Tech in the 2000 Peach Bowl. LSU's other two Georgia Dome victories came against Tennessee (2001) and Georgia (2003) in the SEC title game.

Who's In and Who's Out For The Tigers

LSU lost sophomore RB **Alley Broussard** for the season back in August with a knee injury. Broussard, who was slated to be LSU's starting running back, will be back in time for spring practice. Redshirt freshman OG **Brett Helms** will miss the remainder of the season with an ankle injury. Helms, who opened the season as LSU's starter at left guard, injured his ankle against North Texas. Redshirt freshman C **Ryan Miller** (knee) has been out of action since the Vanderbilt game on Oct. 8. LSU's most recent injuries include QB **JaMarcus Russell**, who hurt his left (non-throwing) shoulder against Georgia in the SEC Championship Game. Russell's status for the Miami game is still in doubt. In addition, DB **Keron Gordon** injured his knee on the opening kickoff against Georgia on Dec. 3 and will miss the Miami game, while WR **Early Doucet** (ankle) is expected to return to action against the Hurricanes after missing the second half of the Georgia game.

Miles Makes History

First-year LSU coach **Les Miles** made history this season as he became the only coach in school history to beat Florida, Auburn and Alabama in the same season. LSU beat Florida, 21-17, on Oct. 15, then followed that with a 20-17 overtime win over Auburn a week later. The 16-13 overtime win over Alabama clinched the feat for Miles.

Miles Makes History Part II

LSU coach Les Miles was the first coach in SEC history to lead his team to the SEC Championship Game in his first year in the league.

Miles In Bowl Games

LSU coach **Les Miles** will coach in a bowl game for the fourth time when the Tigers face Miami. Miles led Oklahoma State to three bowl games in four years before joining LSU for the 2005 season. Miles is 1-2 in bowl games, with his win coming against Southern Miss by a 33-23 count in the Houston Bowl in 2002. He also coached the Cowboys in the 2003 Cotton Bowl and the 2004 Alamo Bowl. Ole Miss beat Oklahoma State, 31-28, in the Cotton Bowl, while Ohio State posted a 33-7 victory over the Cowboys in the Alamo Bowl.

Wroten, Williams and Green Are First-Team All-Americans

LSU defensive tackles **Claude Wroten** and **Kyle Williams**, along with return specialist **Skyler Green**, have all been named first-team All-Americans in 2005. Wroten was named first-team All-Americans by Collegefootballnews.com, while Williams and Green were on the Rivals.com All-America list. The following is a list of LSU's All-America selections in 2005:

PLAYER	POSITION	PUBLICATION (TEAM)
Claude Wroten	DT	Collegefootballnews.com (First Team)
Kyle Williams	DT	Rivals.com (First Team)
		Walter Camp Foundation (Second Team)
		Associated Press (Second Team)
		Collegefootballnews.com (Second Team)
Skyler Green	RS	Rivals.com (First Team)
Andrew Whitworth	OT	Walter Camp Foundation (Second Team)
		Associated Press (Third Team)
LaRon Landry	FS	Associated Press (Third Team)
		Rivals.com (Second Team)

Niswanger Repeats As First-Team Academic All-American

LSU C **Rudy Niswanger** became only the second two-time first-team Academic All-American in school history when he was named to the ESPN the Magazine squad this year. Niswanger graduated last May with a 4.0 in pre-medicine. Niswanger joins Rodney Reed as the only two-time first-team Academic All-America selections in school history. Reed was named to the team in 2002 and 2003.

Four Tigers Named First Team All-SEC By The League's Coaches

Four LSU players were named first-team All-SEC by the league's coaches. Among the first teamers for the Tigers include OT **Andrew Whitworth**, DT **Claude Wroten**, FS **LaRon Landry** and RS **Skyler Green**. Second-team selections for the Tigers include OG **Will Arnold**, C **Rudy Niswanger** and DT **Kyle Williams**. Green was named the SEC Special Teams Player of the Year, while Niswanger was honored with the SEC's Scholar-Athlete of the Year award. In addition, DL **Tyson Jackson** was named to the Freshman All-SEC team.

AP Honors Three Tigers

Three members of the LSU squad were named first-team All-SEC by the Associated Press. The three AP first-team All-SEC selections include OT **Andrew Whitworth**, DT **Claude Wroten** and DT **Kyle Williams**. C **Rudy Niswanger**, RS **Skyler Green** and FS **LaRon Landry** were named second-team All-SEC. QB **JaMarcus Russell** and OG **Nate Livings** earned honorable mention all-conference by the media organization.

On The Helmet

In light of the recent natural disaster known as Hurricane Katrina that devastated Louisiana, in particular the city of New Orleans, LSU has added three stickers to its helmet that are representative of the state of Louisiana. The Louisiana state flag along with a "Fleur-de-Lis" are both represented on the LSU football helmet this year. The "Fleur-de-Lis" has been traditionally used to represent French royalty, and in that sense it is said to signify "perfection, light, and life". The Fleur-de-Lis is synonymous with the city of New Orleans. LSU, along with other teams from the SEC, are wearing a sticker that combines that shapes of the states of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, the states that were devastated by Katrina.

LSU's On ESPN For Third Time In 2005

The Chick-Fil-A Peach Bowl will mark LSU's third appearance on ESPN this year. The Tigers have wins over Arizona State and Auburn on the network this season. LSU has won seven straight games on ESPN dating back to the 31-0 loss to Alabama in 2002.



INTRO
NOTEBOOK
COACHES
TIGERS
REVIEW
THE SEASON
HISTORY

Tigers Win 10 Games For Eighth Time; Just Fourth 10-Win Regular Season Campaign

LSU's 19-17 win over Arkansas gave the Tigers their 10th victory this year, marking the eighth 10-win season in school history. With 10 wins during the regular season, this year's LSU squad became just the fourth in school history to collect 10 victories during the regular season. LSU also won at least 10 games during the regular season in 1908, 1958 and 2003. LSU's 10-win seasons have come in 1908 (10-0), 1958 (11-0), 1961 (10-1), 1987 (10-1-1), 1996 (10-2), 2001 (10-3), 2003 (13-1) and 2005 (10-1).

LSU's Four Wins Over Top 25 Teams In 2005 Are Most During Regular Season

LSU's win over third-ranked Alabama marked the fourth time this year the Tigers have recorded a win over a ranked foe. The four ranked victories are the most for an LSU team during the regular season. The 2003 team holds the school record with 5 wins over ranked opponents with 2 of those wins coming in the SEC Championship Game and the Sugar Bowl. This year, LSU has wins over No. 15 Arizona State (W, 35-31), No. 11/13 Florida (W, 21-17), No. 15/16 Auburn (W, 20-17 OT) and No. 3/4 Alabama (W, 16-13 OT).

Tigers Win The Close Ones; LSU's Five Wins Of Four Points Or Less Most In School History

The 2005 season has proven one thing and that's LSU can win the close games. Five of LSU's 10 wins have come by four points or less, which includes a 2-point win over Arkansas (19-17), 3-point wins over Auburn (20-17) and Alabama (16-13) and 4-point wins over Arizona State (35-31) and Florida (21-17). The Auburn and Alabama wins came in overtime. LSU's regular season lone loss, also an overtime game, came at the hands of Tennessee by a 3-point margin (30-27). The 5 wins over 4-points or less this year are the most by an LSU team during the regular season in school history. In 1964, the Tigers won 5 games by 4 points or less, but that included a 13-10 win over Syracuse in the Sugar Bowl.

Tigers Played For 11 Straight Weeks; LSU's Played 11 Games In 68 Days

LSU's game against Georgia in the SEC Championship Game was the 11th straight week of action for the Tigers. Due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, LSU lost its two open dates this year forcing the Tigers to play 11 straight weeks of action. LSU's played its last 11 games of the season over a span of 68 days. The streak of 11 consecutive games without a week off marked the longest such streak since 1983 when the Tigers went 11 straight weeks without having an open date during that 4-7 season.

LSU's Three Overtime Games Most In College Football This Year

By going to overtime against Alabama, LSU played three overtime games in 2005. The three overtime games this year ties Iowa State for the most of any team in the country this season. Since overtime was brought to the college game in 1996, only 13 teams have had three overtime games in a single-season and only one team (Northwestern in 2004) has gone to overtime four times in a single year. LSU is 5-2 all-time in overtime games, including a 2-1 mark this season. LSU's first overtime game came against Ole Miss in 1998 as the Tigers dropped a 37-31 decision to the Rebels in Oxford.

LSU Streaks To Make Note Of

LSU OT **Andrew Whitworth** now holds the school record with 51 consecutive starts, which is the second-longest streak in the nation ... LSU WR **Craig Davis** has caught at least one pass in the 22 straight games in which he has played.

Taking Note On The Tigers Since 2000

Here is a look at some notable trends for LSU during the 76 games its played since 2000 ... LSU is 48-4 when leading at half-time and 43-4 when leading after three quarters ... The Tigers are 53-5 when scoring 20 or more points and 44-2 when scoring at least 25 points in a game ... On the other hand, the Tigers are 5-13 when failing to reach the 20-point mark ... LSU is 19-5 in games decided by 7 points or less and 9-3 in games decided by 3 points or less ... LSU is 39-2 when holding opponents to fewer than 100 team rushing yards and the Tigers are 25-1 they have a player rush for 100 yards.

LSU Started 10-1 For Second Time In Three Years

The win over Arkansas gave LSU its second 10-1 start in three years. In 2003, the Tigers won 10 of their first 11 on the way to a 13-1 overall record and the BCS National Title.

Miles Sets LSU Mark For Best Start For First-Year Coach

With a 10-1 regular season record, **Les Miles** set the record for best start for a first-year coach in LSU history. Miles' 10-1 start bettered that of Bernie Moore, who won 9 of his first 10 games as the first-year Tiger head coach in 1935. Moore went on to lead LSU to a 9-2 record in 1935 as the Tigers claimed both the SEC title as well as the national title as handed out by the Williamson poll.

Russell's 14-2 As LSU's Starting Quarterback

LSU QB **JaMarcus Russell** has put together a 14-2 mark as LSU's starting signal caller over the past 2 years. LSU was 4-0 in 2004 in games in which Russell started and they have followed that with a 10-2 record this year under his direction.

Russell's TD Streak Halted at Nine Straight Games

LSU QB **JaMarcus Russell** failed to throw a touchdown pass in the loss to Georgia in the SEC Championship game, snapping the sophomore's streak at nine straight games with at least one TD pass. The nine-game streak was the longest for a Tiger quarterback since Herb Tyler did it in 11 consecutive games (final game in 1997 and first 10 of 1998 season). Russell's streak started with two TD passes in a 37-7 win over Mississippi State on Oct. 1.

Russell-to-Bowe TD Combination Is Sixth-Best In School History

The pitch and catch combination of **JaMarcus Russell-to-Dwayne Bowe** has accounted for 12 touchdowns over the past two seasons, a figure that ranks the duo as the sixth-most prolific scoring combo in school history. Russell and Bowe have hooked up for eight TDs this year after combining for four scores in 2004. The Tommy Hodson-to-Wendell Davis ranks as the most prolific TD combination in school history as the duo accounted for 21 touchdowns during their careers. The following is a look at the top TD combos in LSU history:

QUARTERBACK	RECEIVER	TDS
Tommy Hodson	Wendell Davis	21 (18 during regular season and 3 in bowl games)
Tommy Hodson	Tony Moss	14 (all during regular season)
Matt Mauck	Devery Henderson	14 (all during regular season)
Tommy Hodson	Eddie Fuller	13 (all during regular season)
Rohan Davey	Josh Reed	13 (10 during regular season and 3 in bowl games)
JaMarcus Russell	Dwayne Bowe	12 (all during regular season)

2005 FINAL SEC STANDINGS

Team	Eastern Division		
	SEC	Pct.	Overall
Georgia	6-2	.750	10-2
South Carolina	5-3	.625	7-4
Florida	5-3	.625	7-3
Vanderbilt	3-5	.375	5-6
Tennessee	3-5	.375	5-6
Kentucky	2-6	.250	3-8

Team	Western Division		
	SEC	Pct.	Overall
LSU	7-1	.875	10-2
Auburn	7-1	.875	9-2
Alabama	6-2	.750	9-2
Arkansas	2-6	.250	4-7
Ole Miss	1-7	.125	3-8
Miss. State	1-7	.125	3-8

SEC in the Bowls

Friday, Dec. 30

Independence Bowl
South Carolina vs. Missouri • 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Chick-Fil-A Peach Bowl
Miami (Fla.) vs. LSU • 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 2

AT&T Cotton Bowl
Alabama vs. Texas Tech • 10 a.m. (FOX)

Outback Bowl
Iowa vs. Florida • 10 a.m. (ESPN)

Capital One Bowl
Wisconsin vs. Auburn • Noon (ABC)

Nokia Sugar Bowl
Georgia vs. West Virginia • 7:30 p.m. (ABC)

-- all times Central --

LSU Opponents in Bowls

ARIZONA STATE (6-5)
Insight Bowl vs. Rutgers
• Dec. 27 • 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

FLORIDA (8-3)
Outback Bowl vs. Iowa
• Jan. 2 • 10 a.m. (ESPN)

AUBURN (9-2)
Capital One Bowl vs. Wisconsin
• Jan. 2 • Noon (ABC)

ALABAMA (9-2)
AT&T Cotton Bowl vs. Texas Tech
• Jan. 2 • 10 a.m. (FOX)

GEORGIA (10-2)
Nokia Sugar Bowl vs. West Virginia
• Jan. 2 • 7:30 p.m. (ABC)

-- all times Central --



2005 LSU Football Honors

#73 Will Arnold • OG

Second Team All-SEC (Coaches)

#5 Skyler Green • RS

First-Team All-America (Rivals.com)

Third-Team All-America (AP)

SEC Special Teams Player of the Year (SEC Coaches)

First-Team All-SEC (SEC Coaches)

Second-Team All-SEC (AP)

SEC Special Teams Player of the Week (Oct. 1 vs. Mississippi State)

#7 Ali Highsmith • LB

SEC Defensive Player of the Week (Oct. 15 vs. Florida)

#41 Chris Jackson • P/PK

Master Coaches Award Special Teams Player of the Week (Nov. 14 vs. Alabama)

SEC Special Teams Player of the Week (Nov. 19 vs. Ole Miss)

#97 Tyson Jackson • DE

SEC All-Freshman Team

#30 LaRon Landry • FS

Second-Team All-America (Rivals.com)

Third-Team All-America (AP)

First Team All-SEC (SEC Coaches)

Second-Team All-SEC (AP)

#64 Rudy Niswanger • C

Draddy Trophy recipient (National Football Foundation)

Wuerffel Trophy recipient (All Sports Foundation)

National Scholar-Athlete (National Football Foundation)

SEC Scholar Athlete of the Year (SEC Coaches)

First-Team Academic All-America (ESPN the Magazine)

Second Team All-SEC (AP, SEC Coaches)

#90 Melvin Oliver • DE

SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week (Nov. 25 vs. Arkansas)

#4 JaMarcus Russell • QB

SEC Offensive Player of the Year (Columbus Touchdown Club)

SEC Offensive Player of the Week (Oct. 8 vs. Vanderbilt)

#76 Andrew Whitworth • OT

Second-Team All-America (Walter Camp Foundation)

Third-Team All-America (Associated Press)

First-Team All-SEC (AP, SEC Coaches, Collegefootballnews.com)

#95 Kyle Williams • DT

First-Team All-America (Rivals.com)

Second-Team All-America (AP, Walter Camp Foundation, Collegefootballnews.com)

First-Team All-SEC (AP, Collegefootballnews.com)

Second Team All-SEC (Coaches)

SEC Defensive Player of the Week (Nov. 14 vs. Alabama)

#98 Claude Wroten • DT

First-Team All-America (Collegefootballnews.com)

First-Team All-SEC (AP, SEC Coaches, Collegefootballnews.com)

SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week (Sept. 10 vs. Arizona State, Oct. 22 vs. Auburn)



Craig Davis

Russell Engineers Another Fourth Quarter Or Overtime Comeback For Tigers

QB **JaMarcus Russell** engineered another comeback in either the fourth quarter or overtime for the Tigers against Alabama as the sophomore signal-caller connected with **Dwayne Bowe** on an 11-yard TD reception to give the Tigers a 16-13 win over the Crimson Tide. The overtime victory marked the fourth time this year Russell has led LSU to a victory when the Tigers were either trailing in the fourth quarter or the game was forced into overtime. This year alone, Russell has guided the Tigers to overtime wins over Auburn and Alabama and rallied the Tigers to fourth quarter comeback victories over Arizona State and Florida. All four of Russell's late-game heroics this year have come against ranked opponents. Against Auburn, with LSU trailing 17-14 midway through the fourth quarter, Russell led the Tigers on an 8-play, 48-yard drive to tie the game at 17-17 with just under two minutes left. LSU then went on to beat Auburn in overtime. Russell also led the Tigers back on Sept. 10 when LSU scored 28 fourth quarter points to beat Arizona State, 35-31. The Tigers clinched the win with just over a minute left when Russell drove the Tigers 91 yards on 10 plays, capped on a 39-yard TD pass to **Early Doucet** on a fourth-and-10 play. The overtime win against Alabama represents the 13th time since the 2000 season that the Tigers have rallied to win games despite trailing in either the fourth quarter or in overtime. The following is a look at LSU's other fourth quarter or overtime comebacks since 2000 that resulted in a victory for the Tigers:

YEAR	GAME	4TH QUARTER COMEBACK	RESULTS	QB
2000	Miss. State	scored 21 points to force OT	W, 45-38 OT	Booty
2000	vs. Georgia Tech	scored 19 points for win in Peach Bowl	W, 28-14	Davey
2001	at Kentucky	scored TD with 13 seconds left	W, 29-25	Davey
2002	Ole Miss	scored TD with 6:34 left	W, 14-13	Randall
2002	at Kentucky	scored on 75-yard TD pass as time expired	W, 33-30	Randall
2004	Oregon State	scored TD with 1:05 left to force OT	W, 22-21 OT	Russell
2004	at Florida	scored TD with 27 seconds left	W, 24-21	Randall
2004	Troy	scored TD with 2:18 left	W, 24-20	Randall
2004	Ole Miss	scored TD with 10:51 left	W, 27-24	Russell
2005	at Arizona State	scored TD with 1:13 left	W, 35-31	Russell
2005	Florida	scored TD with 12:35 left	W, 21-14	Russell
2005	Auburn	scored FG with 1:40 left to force OT	W, 20-17 OT	Russell
2005	at Alabama	scored TD on 3rd down in OT	W, 16-13 OT	Russell

Tigers Have Won 11 Straight November Games

The Tigers wrapped up another perfect November with their 19-17 win over Arkansas. The win over Arkansas ran LSU's November winning streak to 11 straight. The last time LSU lost in November was at Arkansas on Nov. 29, 2002. LSU won all 4 November games in 2003 and defeated Alabama, Ole Miss and Arkansas in November a year ago.

Perfect October

With a 5-0 record in October, LSU posted its first perfect October since 1987. LSU has won a total of 8 straight games in the month, the longest streak since 10 straight October wins spanning from 1985-87.

Tigers Go Undeclared On Road For Second Time in Three Years

LSU's win over Ole Miss gave the Tigers a perfect 5-0 mark on the road this year. It's the second undefeated season on the road for the Tigers in three years. LSU was 5-0 on the road during the national championship season of 2003. Prior to 2003, the last time an LSU team went undefeated on the road came in 1997 when the Tigers were 4-0.



INTRO
NOTEBOOK
COACHES
TIGERS
REVIEW
THE SEASON
HISTORY

LSU's Won Seven Straight Road Games

In addition to its 5-0 road mark in 2005, the Tigers have also won seven consecutive road games dating back to last season. LSU opened the year with a 35-31 win over Arizona State and then followed that with road wins against Mississippi State (37-7) on Oct. 1, Vanderbilt (34-6) on Oct. 8 and Alabama (16-13 OT) on Nov. 12. The seven-game road winning streak is the longest for the Tigers since winning seven straight during the 1996 and 1997 seasons. Note: the seven-game road winning streak does not take into account the loss to Iowa in the Capital One Bowl and the loss to Georgia in the SEC Championship game, which are considered neutral site games.

More On The Alabama Win

LSU's win over No. 3 Alabama marked the highest-ranked team the Tigers have beaten on the road. It's also the highest-ranked team the Tigers beat on the road since a 17-13 victory over Alabama in Tuscaloosa in 1993. That year, an unranked LSU team put an end to Alabama's 31-game non-losing streak. Alabama was ranked No. 5 in the nation that season.

Keeping Them Under 20 Points

LSU goes into the Miami game having held nine of its last 10 opponents, seven of which are SEC foes, to 20 points or less. Prior to the Georgia game in the SEC Championship, LSU held nine straight opponents to 20 points. It was the longest streak since 2003 when the Tigers did it for the first 11 weeks of the season on their way to claiming both the SEC and National titles. Over the past 10 games, LSU's defense has allowed a total of 121 points (7 vs. Mississippi State; 6 vs. Vanderbilt; 17 vs. Florida; 17 vs. Auburn; 3 vs. North Texas, 0 vs. Appalachian State, 13 vs. Alabama, 7 vs. Ole Miss, 17 vs. Arkansas, 34 vs. Georgia) for an average of 12.1 points per game over that span.

No First Quarter TDs Allowed Streak Snapped at Eight Straight Games

LSU saw its streak of not allowing a first quarter TD snapped at eight straight games by Georgia in the SEC Championship game. Prior to the Georgia game, the Tigers had not allowed a first-quarter TD in eight straight contests, a streak that stretches back to the first quarter TD by Mississippi State on Oct. 1.

LSU's Only Allowed Eight TDs Over Last 24 Quarters

LSU goes into the Chick-Fil-A Peach Bowl having only allowed eight TDs over the last 24-plus quarters. Since the fourth quarter of the Auburn game on Oct. 15, Alabama, Ole Miss, Arkansas and Georgia are the only teams to have scored a TD against the Tigers.

Tiger Defense Shuts Down Razorback Running Game

LSU's defense shut down the Arkansas running game as the Tigers held the SEC's top rushing attack to just 35 yards, 200 yards below its season average. For the game, Arkansas managed just 35 yards on 34 attempts. Darren McFadden, the SEC's second-leading rusher was held to 57 yards on 24 carries. McFadden entered the game averaging 105 yards per contest.

LSU Tops In SEC In Redzone Offense

Get LSU into the redzone and the Tigers usually deliver. Through 12 games, LSU has made 38 trips inside the redzone and the Tigers have converted on an SEC-best 92.1 percent of those trips. Of its 38 trips inside the redzone, LSU has scored 35 times with 28 of those being touchdowns (17 rushing, 11 passing).

LSU Also Good At Defending The Redzone

LSU has been just as good at defending inside the redzone as the Tigers are allowing opponents a success rate of just 70.0 percent when reaching the 20-yard line. That ranks second in the SEC to Alabama, who leads the SEC with a 61.5 percent rate. In 30 trips inside the LSU redzone this year, the Tigers have held their opponents to 21 scores (12 touchdowns, 9 field goals). Of the 12 touchdowns scored against the Tigers in the redzone, six have come through the air and six on the ground.

Tiger Kickers Give LSU The Edge In Field Position

Chris Jackson continues to be critical to LSU's success this year as the junior has played a key role in the Tigers' holding the edge in field position. As LSU's punter, Jackson has been responsible for the Tigers leading the league and ranking No. 3 in the nation in net punting with a 38.9 net average. Jackson also handles LSU's kickoff chores and the Tigers are first in the SEC with a net average of 45.6 yards on kickoff coverage. With a 45.6 net kickoff average, LSU's limiting its opponents to an average starting position of the 19-yard line every time the Tigers kickoff.

Bowe's TD Streak Snapped At Seven Straight

LSU WR **Dwayne Bowe** had his streak of games with at least one TD reception snapped at seven against Ole Miss. Prior to the Ole Miss game, Bowe had caught a TD pass in a school-record seven straight games, a streak that broke the previous record of six held by Michael Clayton in 2003.

Bowe Moves Up To Sixth on LSU's Single-Season List For TDs

With his TD reception against Georgia, **Dwayne Bowe** moved into a tie with Andy Hamilton, Tony Moss and Eddie Fuller for sixth place for touchdown receptions in a single-season at the school with nine.

Addai Looks To Have Regained Early Season Form

LSU RB **Joseph Addai** appeared to have regained his early season form against Ole Miss, rushing for a team-best 70 yards and 1 TD on 14 carries in the 40-7 win over the Rebels. Addai also caught 2 passes for 10 yards in the contest. Addai followed that with 36 yards on 10 carries against Arkansas before being shaken up in the second half. The 70 yards rushing against Ole Miss on Nov. 19 was the best outing for Addai since going for 105 yards in an overtime win over Auburn on Oct. 15. For the year, Addai has rushed for 781 yards and 8 TDs for the Tigers.

Whitworth Extends LSU Record For Career Starts To 51

LSU OT **Andrew Whitworth** increased his streak for career starts to 51 straight in the SEC Championship game against Georgia. Whitworth's 51 consecutive starts rank as the nation's second-longest streak. Whitworth is the only player in LSU history to start and play in over 50 games in a career.

Kyle Williams Comes Up Big Against Crimson Tide

LSU DT **Kyle Williams** played perhaps the best game of his career against Alabama, coming up with a career-best 11 tackles and 2.5 sacks in the 16-13 overtime win. The 2.5 sacks totaled 15 yards in losses and he also added 4 quarterback hurries.



Joseph Addai



Craig Steltz



Dwayne Bowe



INTRO

NOTEBOOK

COACHES

TIGERS

REVIEW

THE SEASON

HISTORY

LSU RECORD BOOK

Career Rushing 100-yard games

1. Kevin Faulk	1995-98	22
2. Dalton Hilliard	1982-85	20
3. Charles Alexander	1975-78	16
4. Harvey Williams	1986-90	8
5. Rondell Mealey	1996-99	7
Steve Van Buren	1941-43	7
LaBrandon Toefield	2000-02	7
8. Justin Vincent	2003-	6
9. Joseph Addai	2002-	5

Career Rushing Yards

1. Kevin Faulk	1995-98	4,557
2. Dalton Hilliard	1982-85	4,050
3. Charles Alexander	1975-78	4,035
4. Harvey Williams	1986-90	2,860
5. Terry Robiskie	1973-76	2,517
6. Joseph Addai	2002-	2,447
7. LaBrandon Toefield	2000-02	2,291

Career Punt Return Yards (Since 1963)

1. Domanick Davis	1999-02	1,126
2. Skyler Green	2002-	1,018
3. Eddie Kennison	1993-95	947

Career Sacks

1. Rydell Malancon	1980-83	25
2. Ron Sancho	1985-88	23
3. Gabe Northern	1992-95	21
4. Melvin Oliver	2002-	20
Jarvis Green	1998-01	20
6. Marcus Spears	2001-04	19
Chuck Wiley	1994-97	19
8. James Gillyard	1992-95	18
Michael Brooks	1983-86	18
10. Anthony McFarland	1995-98	17
Kyle Williams	2002-	17

Career Starts

1. Andrew Whitworth	2002-	51
2. Jerel Myers	1999-02	48
Rodney Reed	2000-03	48

Career Receptions by a RB

1. Gary James	1982-85	122
2. Dalton Hilliard	1982-85	100
3. Sammy Martin	1984-87	76
4. Eddie Fuller	1986-89	75
5. Harvey Williams	1986-90	64
Joseph Addai	2002-	64

Career Field Goals Made

1. David Brownlyke	1986-89	61 (75 att.)
2. John Corbello	1999-02	50 (77 att.)
3. Andre Lefleur	1993-95	37 (50 att.)
4. Juan Betanzos	1982-84	36 (55 att.)
5. Mike Conway	1975-78	33 (48 att.)
Pedro Suarez	1990-92	33 (45 att.)
7. Chris Jackson	2003-	23 (40 att.)
8. Mark Lumpkin	1968-70	21 (43 att.)

TD Receptions in a season

1. Devery Henderson	2003	11
Wendell Davis	1986	11
3. Michael Clayton	2003	10
Josh Reed	2000	10
Carlos Carson	1977	10
6. Dwayne Bowe	2005	9
Andy Hamilton	1971	9
Tony Moss	1989	9
Eddie Fuller	1989	9
10. Devery Henderson	2002	8

TD Passes in a season

1. Matt Mauck	2003	28
...		
Alan Risher	1982	17
Josh Booty	2000	17
8. Tommy Hodson	1987	15
JaMarcus Russell	2005	15
10. Bert Jones	1972	14

For complete LSU record book information, please consult the football media guide on pages 134-142.

Williams led an LSU defense that limited Alabama to just 13 points, including only 3 overtime points after the first 30 minutes of the game. After giving up 10 points and 207 yards in the first half, the Tigers held the Crimson Tide to only 4 first downs and 77 yards in the second half and overtime. For the year, Williams has recorded 55 tackles (25 solo), 7.5 tackles for losses and 4.5 sacks. He also has 21 quarterback hurries to his credit and a blocked field goal.

Sharing the Wealth

Through 12 games, 16 different Tigers have found their way into the endzone. **Joseph Addai** (8), **Shyrone Carey** (2), **Justin Vincent** (5), **JaMarcus Russell** (2), **Xavier Carter** (1) and **Jacob Hester** (1) have scored on the ground, while **Dwayne Bowe** (9), **Early Doucet** (5), **Bennie Brazell** (3), **Keith Zinger** (1), **Craig Davis** (1) and Carter (1) have pulled down touchdowns through the air. Other TDs have come from **Ken Hollis** (interception return), **Craig Steltz** (blocked punt return), **Mario Stevenson** (blocked FG return), **Ali Highsmith** (fumble return), and **Skyler Green** (punt return).

Green Still Second In LSU History In Punt Returns; Goes Over 1,000 Career Yards

LSU RS **Skyler Green** continues to rank second in school history in career punt return yards with 1,018 on 73 returns. Green went over the 1,000 career-yard mark for punt returns with 32 punt return yards against Ole Miss. This year, Green has returned 23 punts for 313 yards and one score. Domanick Davis holds the LSU record with 1,126 career punt return yards.

Get Addai To 100 And LSU Wins; LSU is 5-0 When Addai Reaches 100 Yards

LSU RB **Joseph Addai** has five 100-yard rushing games to his credit and the Tigers have wins in all five of those games. Addai rushed for 100 or more yards for the third straight game against Auburn, going for 105 yards on 24 carries. Addai has rushed for 100 or more yards four times this year and the Tigers have won all four of those games. The following is a look at how LSU has fared when Addai gets to 100 rushing yards:

YEAR	GAME	RUSHING YARDS	TDS	ATT.	RESULTS
2004	Ole Miss	107	0	14	W, 27-24
2005	at Arizona State	109	2	16	W, 35-31
2005	at Vanderbilt	102	1	24	W, 37-6
2005	Florida	156	1	32	W, 21-17
2005	Auburn	105	0	24	W, 20-17 OT

Addai Goes Over 2,000 Career Rushing Yards; Ranks Sixth All-Time At LSU

LSU RB **Joseph Addai** remains No. 6 on the school's all-time rushing chart after carrying two times for seven yards against Georgia. Addai has rushed for 2,447 yards in his career, which ranks as the sixth-highest total in school history. Next on Addai's list is Terry Robiskie, who ranks fifth in school history with 2,517 yards. Kevin Faulk holds the school-record with 4,557 yards.

Chris Jackson Climbs Career Field Goal List At LSU; Has 13 Field Goals Of At Least 40 Yards

With a 48-yard field goal against Ole Miss, LSU PK **Chris Jackson** ran his career number of field goals to 23, which ranks seventh in school history. Of Jackson's 23 career field goals, 13 have come from at least 40 yards out. David Brownlyke holds the school record with 61 career field goals.

Chris Jackson Must Be Good With The Wedge; Leads SEC In Punts Downed Inside The 20

LSU P/PK **Chris Jackson** has a good short game as the junior has had nearly half of his punts this year have downed inside the opponents' 20-yard line. In 58 punts this year, Jackson has had 26 of those downed inside the 20. Jackson leads the SEC by having 44.8 percent of his punts being downed inside the 20. Over LSU's last 4 games, Jackson has punted 21 times with nine of those punts being downed inside the 20-yard line, including all three vs. Ole Miss and 4-of-6 vs. Alabama.

Jackson Can Hit Too

In addition to his punting, placekicking and kickoff chores for the LSU football team, **Chris Jackson** also plays the hot corner for the Tiger baseball. Last year in his first season with LSU's nationally-ranked baseball team, Jackson earned Freshman All-SEC honors after batting .300 with 1 home run and 17 RBI for the SEC Western Division Champion Tigers.

Jackson's 26 Punts Inside 20 Rank First in LSU History

With 26 punts downed inside the 20-yard line this year, LSU P/PK **Chris Jackson** now holds the school's single-season record in that category. Jackson's 26 punts inside the 20-yard line broke the previous mark of 22 by Donnie Jones in 2003.

Landry Picks Off Ninth Pass of Career; Leads Active Players In SEC

LSU FS **LaRon Landry** intercepted the ninth pass of his career, and third this season, against Arkansas. Landry's nine career interceptions ranks first among active players in the SEC.

Tigers Block Second Field Goal And Third Kick This Year

Kyle Williams' second quarter block of a North Texas field goal attempt marked the third time this year that LSU has blocked a kick. The Tigers blocked a field goal and a punt in its season-opening win over Arizona State. The three blocked kicks are the most by an LSU team since the 2003 blocked three kicks.

LSU's Special Teams Scores For Fourth Time This Season

LSU's special teams registered points for the Tigers for the fourth time this season against Arkansas when **Early Doucet** tackled Razorback punter Jacob Skinner in the endzone just before halftime. The safety gave the Tigers a 12-3 lead at the break and proved to be the margin of victory in the 19-17 win over the Hogs. The following is a look at the points scored by the LSU special teams in 2005:

GAME	PLAY
at Arizona State	Claude Wroten blocked FG attempt - Mario Stevenson scored on a 55-yard return
at Arizona State	Jacob Hester blocked punt - Craig Steltz scored on a 29-yard return
Auburn	Skyler Green returned punt 66 yards for a touchdown
Arkansas	Early Doucet tackled Arkansas punter Jacob Skinner in the endzone for a safety

Green Returns Punt For TD To Break LSU Career Mark

With his 66-yard punt return for a touchdown against Auburn, LSU's **Skyler Green** set the school record for punts returned for a touchdown at four. Green has now returned at least 1 punt for a touchdown in three consecutive seasons. In addition, Green's four career punts returned for a touchdown ties for third in SEC history.



Career Day for Addai

RB **Joseph Addai** had a career day against Florida. The senior carried the ball 32 times for 156 yards and a score. His 32 carries and 156 yards marked career-highs for Addai. His 32 carries also tied Addai for the seventh most carries in a single game in LSU history and marked the first time a player carried the ball that many times in a game since Rondell Mealey rushed 34 times against Notre Dame in 1997.

Russell Ties Career-High With 21 Completions vs. Vanderbilt

LSU QB **JaMarcus Russell** tied a career-best with 21 completions against Vanderbilt. Against the Commodores, Russell connected on 21-of-32 attempts for a career-high 285 yards and a pair of scores. A week earlier against Mississippi State, Russell was good on 21-of-24 attempts for an LSU record 87.5 completion percentage.

Russell First LSU QB With 20-plus Completions In 2 Straight Games Since '01

With 21 completions in consecutive games against Mississippi State and Vanderbilt, LSU QB **JaMarcus Russell** became the first Tiger signal caller to have at least 20 completions in back-to-back games since 2001. In 2001, LSU QB Rohan Davey completed 35-of-44 passes against Alabama and then followed that by connected on 26-of-37 attempts vs. Middle Tennessee. In addition, Russell's 285 yards passing vs. Vanderbilt was the most by an LSU quarterback in a conference games since 2001 when Rohan Davey passed for 359 yards against Arkansas on Nov. 23.

LSU Has Scored TDs Seven Different Ways

LSU's played 12 games and the Tigers have found seven different ways to score touchdowns. The most recent way of scoring a TD for LSU came via the punt return route as **Skyler Green** returned a punt 66 yards for a score against Auburn. Of LSU's 44 touchdowns this year, 19 have come by rushing, 20 by passing and one each by interception return, fumble return, blocked field goal return, blocked punt return and punt return.

LSU's Sack Streak Snapped At 43 Games; Start Another Against Appalachian State

LSU's sack streak was sacked against North Texas on Oct. 29 as the Tigers failed to record a sack in a game for the first time since 2002. Prior to the North Texas game, LSU had recorded at least one sack in 43 straight games, a streak that stretches all the way back to the Miami (Ohio) game in 2002 when the Tigers sacked Ben Roethlisberger three times. LSU ranks second in the SEC with 34 sacks.

Finally Into A Normal Routine

The Vanderbilt week marked the first time this year that the Tigers went through a normal week of preparation and the results were impressive as LSU recorded a 34-6 win over Vanderbilt. Prior to the Vanderbilt week, LSU had its first three games played under altered and adverse conditions. The following is a look at how LSU's weekly routine has been disrupted this year:

WEEK	GAME	DISRUPTION	RESULTS
1	North Texas	Hurricane Katrina	Game postponed on Aug. 30
2	Arizona State	aftermath of Hurricane Katrina	Game moved to Tempe on Sept. 5
3	Tennessee	Hurricane Rita	Game delayed 2 days to Sept. 26
4	Miss. State	Tennessee game on Monday	6 Days between 2 SEC games

Cap and Gown Tigers; 8 Players Have Earned Their Degree

When the Tigers take the field against Miami on Dec. 30, 8 members of the LSU squad will have already earned their college diploma. Current graduates who will play against Miami include C **Rudy Niswanger**, who graduated with a 4.0 grade point average, RB **Joseph Addai**, OT **Andrew Whitworth**, OT **Peter Dyakowski**, LB **Kenneth Hollis**, RB **Shyrone Carey**, FB **Kevin Steltz** and CB **Ronnie Prude**. Of the 8 players who have graduated, 6 will be in the starting lineup against the Hurricanes.

Craig Davis Reception Streak At 22 Straight

With one catch for 12 yards against Georgia, junior WR **Craig Davis** has caught at least one pass in 22 straight games. The streak dates back to LSU's season opener in 2003 against Oregon State. Davis caught at least one pass in all 12 games a year ago. Davis missed the Mississippi State and Florida contests with injuries. In 10 games this year, Davis has caught 30 passes for 460 yards.

Tiger Defense Scores Again

For the fourth time this year, the Tiger defense put points on the board as the LSU "D" recorded a second quarter safety against Arkansas. LSU's defense has now accounted for three safeties and two touchdowns this year. The Tigers recorded safeties against Vanderbilt, Ole Miss and Arkansas and touchdowns against Tennessee and Vanderbilt.

Fisher Spreading It Around On Offense

Sixth-year offensive coordinator **Jimbo Fisher** continues to spread the ball around as offense as the Tigers have had 13 different players catch passes. **Dwayne Bowe** leads the Tigers with 38 receptions for 659 yards and 9 TDs. Of LSU's 203 pass completions, 143 have gone to wide receivers, 29 to running backs, 16 to tight ends and nine to fullbacks. LSU had completions go to a season-high 12 different receivers against North Texas.

Tigers Have Three Players With 1,000 Career Receiving Yards

Three wideouts on this year's LSU football team have gone over the 1,000-yard mark for career receiving yards this season. Buster Davis was the latest to do it, following his 5 catches for 97 yards against North Texas. **Dwayne Bowe** leads all active LSU receivers with 86 receptions for 1,362 yards and 14 touchdowns, followed Davis with 80 receptions for 1,172 yards and Skyler Green with 111 receptions for 1,130 yards.

Green Makes Things Happen With The Football

Skyler Green continues to be a head turner as he has game-breaking ability anytime he touches the football. In 12 games this season, Green has 84 touches and he accounted for 1,047 yards. Green is averaging 12.5 yards every time he gets his hands on the football. Green has rushed 11 times for 111 yards, caught 32 passes for 268 yards, returned 18 kickoffs for 355 yards and returned 23 punts for 313 yards. Green is averaging 87.2 all-purpose yards per contest. Green ranks second in the SEC in punt returns with a 13.6 average.

It's A Veteran O-Line

LSU's offensive line may be one of the most experienced around. The Tigers will start four seniors (**Andrew Whitworth**, **Rudy**

LSU RECORD BOOK

Career TD Passes

1.	Tommy Hodson	1986-89	69
....			
7.	Bert Jones	1970-72	28
8.	Jeff Wickersham	1982-85	25
9.	JaMarcus Russell	2004-	24
	Josh Booty	1999-00	24

Season Passing Yards

1.	Rohan Davey	2001	3,347
2.	Matt Mauck	2003	2,825
3.	Tommy Hodson	1989	2,655
4.	Jeff Wickersham	1983	2,542
5.	JaMarcus Russell	2005	2,443

Season Pass Completions

1.	Matt Mauck	2003	229
2.	Rohan Davey	2001	217
3.	Jeff Wickersham	1985	209
4.	Jeff Wickersham	1983	193
5.	JaMarcus Russell	2005	188

LSU PLAYERS OF THE GAME

Offensive

Arizona State	.....	JaMarcus Russell
Tennessee	.....	Andrew Whitworth
at Mississippi State	.....	Joseph Addai/JaMarcus Russell
at Vanderbilt	.....	Dwayne Bowe
Florida	.....	Joseph Addai
Auburn	.....	Joseph Addai
North Texas	.....	Craig Davis
Appalachian State	.....	JaMarcus Russell/Dwayne Bowe
at Alabama	.....	JaMarcus Russell
at Ole Miss	.....	JaMarcus Russell
Arkansas	.....	Justin Vincent

Defensive

Arizona State	.....	Cameron Vaughn
Tennessee	.....	Cameron Vaughn
at Mississippi State	.....	Melvin Oliver
at Vanderbilt	.....	Claude Wroten
Florida	.....	Melvin Oliver
Auburn	.....	LaRon Landry
North Texas	.....	Ronnie Prude
Appalachian State	.....	Kyle Williams
at Alabama	.....	Kyle Williams
at Ole Miss	.....	Claude Wroten
Arkansas	.....	Melvin Oliver

Special Teams

Arizona State	.....	Chris Jackson
Tennessee	.....	Chris Jackson
at Mississippi State	.....	Skyler Green
at Vanderbilt	.....	Cameron Vaughn
Florida	.....	Chris Jackson
Auburn	.....	Skyler Green
North Texas	.....	Jacob Hester
Appalachian State	.....	Gant Petty
at Alabama	.....	Skyler Green
at Ole Miss	.....	Jacob Hester
Arkansas	.....	Daniel Francis



- INTRO
- NOTEBOOK
- COACHES
- TIGERS
- REVIEW
- THE SEASON
- HISTORY

TIGER TRENDS

	2005	Miles
September	1-1	1-1
October	5-0	5-0
November	4-0	4-0
December-January	0-1	0-1

LSU's Conference Record

at home	3-1	3-1
on the road	4-0	4-0
neutral	0-0	0-0

LSU's Non-Conference Record

at home	2-0	2-0
on the road	1-0	1-0
neutral	0-1	0-1

LSU vs. Ranked Opponents

at home	2-1	2-1
on the road	2-0	2-0
neutral	0-1	0-1

LSU's Record in Games...

decided by 7 pts or less	5-0	5-0
decided by 3 pts or less	3-1	3-1
Away during the day	3-0	3-0
Away at night	3-0	3-0
Home during the day	2-0	2-0
Home at night	3-1	3-1

LSU's Record When Scoring...

less than 20 points	2-1	2-1
20+ points	7-1	7-1
25+ points	5-1	5-1

LSU's Record When Allowing...

14 or fewer points	6-0	6-0
24 or fewer points	8-0	8-0
25+ points	1-2	1-2

LSU's Record When...

Leading after the 1st qtr	7-1	7-1
Tied after the 1st qtr	1-0	1-0
Leading after the 2nd qtr	8-1	8-1
Leading after the 3rd qtr	7-1	7-1
Tied after the 4th qtr	2-1	2-1
Trailing after the 1st qtr	2-1	2-1
Trailing after the 2nd qtr	2-1	2-1
Trailing after the 3rd qtr	2-1	2-1

LSU's Record With...

less than 300 yards	1-2	1-2
400+ yards total offense	4-0	4-0
500+ yards total offense	1-0	1-0
600+ yards total offense	0-0	0-0
less than 100 yards rush	1-2	1-2
100+ yards rushing	9-0	9-0
150+ yards rushing	5-0	5-0
200+ yards rushing	0-0	0-0
250+ yards rushing	0-0	0-0
less than 200 yards pass	2-2	2-2
300+ yards passing	1-0	1-0
350+ yards passing	1-0	1-0
400+ yards passing	0-0	0-0
450+ yards passing	0-0	0-0

LSU's Record When Allowing...

less than 200 total yards	2-0	2-0
less than 300 total yards	8-2	8-2
less than 400 total yards	8-2	8-2
400+ yards total offense	2-0	2-0
less than 100 yards rush	6-1	6-1
100+ yards rush	1-2	1-2
less than 200 yards pass	8-1	8-1
less than 250 yards pass	9-1	9-1
less than 300 yards pass	9-1	9-1
300+ yards pass	1-0	1-0

Niswanger, Nate Livings, and Terrell McGill) and one junior (**Brian Johnson**) against Miami. Whitworth leads all LSU offensive linemen with 51 career starts, followed by Livings (33), Niswanger (30), **Will Arnold** (13), B. Johnson (15), McGill (9), **Brett Helms** (2), **Ryan Miller** (1) and **Herman Johnson** (1). LSU's starting offensive line combines for 142 career starts, while the 2-deep combines for 155 career starts among the group.

Flinging It With Flynn

LSU QB **Matt Flynn** became the first non-starter in school history to throw three touchdown passes in a single quarter when he did it in the fourth quarter against North Texas. Flynn joins Matt Mauck as the only QBs in LSU history to throw three TDs passes in a single quarter. Mauck did it three times during his career - first quarter vs. Louisiana-Lafayette in 2002; second quarter vs. Louisiana-Monroe in 2003 and second quarter vs. Arkansas in 2003. Flynn finished the North Texas contest by connecting on all seven of his pass attempts for 139 yards and three scores. Flynn also rushed once for six yards against the Mean Green.

LSU Has Second-Best Record In SEC Over Last Five Season

LSU's record of 58-18 over the last five seasons is the second-best record in the SEC during that span. Only Georgia, who has a 60-16 mark over that span, has a better five-year record than LSU. The following is a look at how teams in the SEC rank by wins over the last 5 years:

TEAM W-L BOWLS (INCLUDING 2005 BOWL SEASON)

Georgia	60-16	6
LSU	58-18	6
Auburn	55-20	6
Florida	51-23	6
Tennessee	51-24	5
So. Carolina	40-30	3
Arkansas	40-33	4
Alabama	39-33	4
Ole Miss	37-33	3
Miss. State	22-47	1
Kentucky	20-48	0
Vanderbilt	16-52	0

LSU's Used 10 First-Time Starters In 2005

LSU has had 10 players record their first career start in 2005, including four each in wins over Arizona State and Vanderbilt. **Bennie Brazell** was the most-recent first-time starter for LSU as the senior started at wide receiver for the Tigers against Alabama. The following is a look at LSU's first-time starters this season and they game in which they recorded their first start:

OPPONENT FIRST TIME STARTERS (POSITION, NAME)

Arizona State	LB Jason Spadoni , DE Chase Pittman , CB Chevis Jackson , OG Brett Helms
Vanderbilt	C Ryan Miller , RG Herman Johnson , DB Jonathan Zenon , DB Craig Steltz
North Texas	DE Ryan Willis
Alabama	WR Bennie Brazell

LSU's Special Teams Comes Up Big With Two TDs Against Arizona State

The LSU special teams ignited a furious fourth quarter rally against Arizona State as the Tigers blocked both a field goal and punt in the final stanza against the Sun Devils, returning both for touchdowns. DT **Claude Wroten** blocked a 47-yard field goal attempt and DB **Mario Stevenson** picked up the ball and returned it 55-yards for a TD. Then, on its next possession, LSU's **Jacob Hester** blocked an ASU punt and S **Craig Steltz** scooped the ball up and returned it 29-yards for the TD. In its history, LSU has returned 10 blocked punts for TDs. Stevenson's TD return of the blocked field goal is the first in school history. In addition, LSU is the first SEC team since Auburn in 1972 to return two blocked kicks for touchdowns. Auburn blocked a pair of punts, returning both for TDs against Alabama. Prior to LSU, Air Force was the last team to block two kicks (both punts) and return them for scores. The Falcons did it against Hawaii in 1997.

Brazell and Carter Are Wideouts With World-Class Speed

While talented athletes on the football field, Tiger receivers **Bennie Brazell** and **Xavier Carter** have reached world-class status on the track. Brazell, who recently completed his track eligibility in June, concluded his career as the most decorated athlete in Tiger track history, earning a school record 14 All-American honors while helping the Tigers' 4x100 and 4x400-meter relay teams to a total of five NCAA titles. Individually, Brazell, a 2004 Olympic finalist in the 400-meter hurdles, was a two-time NCAA runner-up in the event and leaves LSU with a school record mark of 47.67 seconds, the fourth fastest time in the world in 2005. Carter, in just his first season with the Tiger track program, earned a trio of All-America honors at the NCAA Outdoor Championships. The 2005 SEC Freshman Runner of the Year, established new school records in both the indoor (20.39) and outdoor 200 meters (20.02), finished second in the event at the outdoor nationals and, along with Brazell, anchored the Tigers to a collegiate record (2:59.59) and NCAA title in the 4x400-meter relay. In addition, Carter's personal best time of 20.02 in the 200 meters ranked as the fifth fastest time in the world in 2005.

JaMarcus Shares Home With Fats Domino

New Orleans music legend **Fats Domino** spent two days in Baton Rouge in the apartment of LSU QB **JaMarcus Russell**. Domino was rescued from his home in the lower 9th Ward of New Orleans in early September and brought to the triage unit at the Maravich Center on the LSU campus. Domino, who checked in at the triage unit under his given name of Antoine Domino, was then reunited with family members and taken, along with a dozen other New Orleans natives, to Russell's apartment, which is located just off the LSU campus. Russell, a native of Mobile, Ala., said he had close to 20 people in his apartment for two days following the storm. Russell had little sleep over that 48-hour span and he did everything from making trips to the grocery store to even taking a trip to the pharmacy at 2 a.m. to retrieve medicine for Fats Domino. "The important thing is that Fats and his family are all alright," Russell said. "I'm not sure where they are headed, but I just feel better knowing that they are okay." Russell said Domino and the other members of his family had spent the two days sleeping on floors, couches and beds and passed the time watching TV coverage of the aftermath of the storm.

Oliver Named SEC Defensive Lineman Of Week Following Three-Sack Game vs. Arkansas

LSU DE **Melvin Oliver** earned SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week honors following his nine-tackle, three-sack performance against Arkansas. The three sacks rank as the second-highest single game total in school history.



INTRO
NOTEBOOK
COACHES
TIGERS
REVIEW
THE SEASON
HISTORY

Williams Named SEC Defensive Player of the Week vs. Alabama

LSU DT **Kyle Williams** was named the SEC Defensive Player of the Week following his 11-tackle, 2.5-sack performance against Alabama. Williams, a senior from Ruston, played perhaps his best game in an LSU uniform in helping the Tigers to the 16-13 overtime win over Alabama. Five of Williams' 11 tackles were solo stops as he led a Tiger defense that limited Alabama to just four first downs and 77 yards in the second half. The SEC honor was the first of Williams' career.

JaMarcus Russell Named SEC Offensive Player Of The Week vs. Vanderbilt

LSU QB **JaMarcus Russell** was named the SEC's Offensive Player of the Week for his effort in the Tigers' 34-6 win over Vanderbilt. Russell tied a career-best with 21 completions on 32 attempts for a career-high 285 yards and a pair of scores in the contest. He engineered an offense that racked up 479 yards (194 rushing, 285 passing) against the Commodores as the Tigers held the football for nearly 35 minutes in the contest. The SEC honor was the first of Russell's career.

Highsmith Named SEC Defensive Player of the Week vs. Florida

LSU LB **Ali Highsmith** was named the SEC Defensive Player of the Week for his role in the Tigers' 21-17 win over 11th-ranked Florida. Highsmith, a sophomore from Miami, led the Tiger defense with nine tackles, including four tackles for loss, against the Gators. Highsmith added a pair of sacks and three quarterback hurries as the Tiger defense held Florida's potent offensive attack to only 17 points and a season-low 206 yards of offense. The honor was the first of Highsmith's career.

Wroten Named SEC Defensive Lineman Of The Week Twice in 2005

Twice in 2005, LSU's **Claude Wroten** was named the SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week. Wroten earned the second award after collecting 8 tackles, 2 tackles for loss and 1 sack in the Tigers' win over Auburn. Wroten also added a quarterback hurry and batted down a pass in the LSU victory. Wroten was named SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week for the first time this year following LSU's win over Arizona State. In the win over the Sun Devils, Wroten blocked a field goal with just under 15 minutes left in the contest. Wroten's blocked field goal was picked up and returned 55-yard by Mario Stevenson, which pulled the Tigers to within 17-14. In all, the Tigers scored 28 fourth quarter points, including the game winner with just over a minute left. For the game, Wroten recorded three tackles, two of which went for losses. He also was credited with one pass breakup and a quarterback hurry.

Green Named SEC Special Teams Player Of The Week vs. Mississippi State

Skyler Green was named SEC Special Teams Player of the Week for his performance in LSU's 37-7 win over Mississippi State. Green finished the MSU contest with 172 all-purpose yards. He returned five punts for 78 yards, including a long of 37 yards, added a kickoff return for 30 yards and caught nine passes for 64 yards. His 37-yard punt return to the MSU 21-yard line in the third quarter to setup a TD for the Tigers.



Rudy Niswanger

THE MOST DECORATED STUDENT-ATHLETE IN SCHOOL HISTORY

By picking up national awards in the Draddy Trophy and the Wuerffel Trophy, along with being named the SEC Scholar-Athlete of Year in football, center Rudy Niswanger has become the most decorated student-athlete in school history. Niswanger is the first player in LSU history to be named the recipient of the Draddy Trophy, known as the "Academic Heisman". It's an award that goes to the top student-athlete in all divisions of college football. The Draddy Trophy carries a \$25,000 post-graduate scholarship. The Draddy Trophy was established to honor former NFF Chairman Vincent dePaul Draddy, a Manhattan College quarterback who developed the Izod and Lacoste brands. The award comes with a stunning 24-inch, 25-pound bronze trophy.

In addition, Niswanger became the inaugural recipient of the Wuerffel Trophy, which goes to the college football player who best combines exemplary community service with outstanding academic and athletic achievement. The award is named after former Heisman Trophy winner Danny Wuerffel, who led the Florida Gators to the 1996 national championship and played six years in the NFL. Niswanger, who opted to return to LSU for his senior season of football this year, graduated in May with a 4.0 grade point average in kinesiology with emphasis on pre-medicine. He graduated with honors, receiving the University Medal as well as graduating *summa cum laude*. Niswanger has already been accepted to LSU Medical School in Shreveport after scoring a 33 on the MCAT, which placed him among the top eight percent in the nation.

Rudy Niswanger's 2005 Honors

Draddy Trophy winner
(National Football Foundation)

First-Team Academic All-American
(ESPN the Magazine)

Wuerffel Trophy winner
(All Sports Foundation)

Second-Team All-SEC
(SEC Coaches, AP)

SEC Football Scholar-Athlete of the Year
(SEC Coaches)

TIGERS IN THE NFL

Name	Team
Eric Alexander *	New England Patriots
Kenderick Allen	New York Giants
Fred Booker	New Orleans Saints
Ryan Clark	Washington Redskins
Michael Clayton	Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Travis Daniels	Miami Dolphins
Domanick Davis	Houston Texans
Eric Edwards	Arizona Cardinals
Kevin Faulk	New England Patriots
Trev Faulk	St. Louis Rams
Alan Faneca	Pittsburgh Steelers
Randall Gay	New England Patriots
Jarvis Green	New England Patriots
Devery Henderson	New Orleans Saints
Marquise Hill	New England Patriots
Jack Hunt*	Miami Dolphins
Bradie James	Dallas Cowboys
Tory James	Cincinnati Bengals
Donnie Jones	Miami Dolphins
Eddie Kennison	Kansas City Chiefs
Chad Lavalais	Atlanta Falcons
Norman LeJeune	Miami Dolphins
Matt Mauck	Tennessee Titans
Kevin Mawae	New York Jets
Todd McClure	Atlanta Falcons
Anthony McFarland	Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Stephen Peterman	Dallas Cowboys
Marcus Randall*	Tennessee Titans
Josh Reed	Buffalo Bills
Mark Roman	Green Bay Packers
Robert Royal	Washington Redskins
Marcus Spears	Dallas Cowboys
LaBrandon Toefield	Jacksonville Jaguars
Denard Walker	Oakland Raiders
Corey Webster	New York Giants
Ben Wilkerson	Cincinnati Bengals

* - practice squad



Justin Vincent



- INTRO
- NOTEBOOK
- COACHES
- TIGERS
- REVIEW
- THE SEASON
- HISTORY



THE LSU OFFENSE

By the Numbers

3

Number of LSU receivers who have 1,000 or more receiving yards in their career (Dwayne Bowe - 1,362 yards; Craig Davis - 1,172 yards; Skyler Green - 1,130 yards)

4

Running backs who have recorded a 100-yard rushing game in their career

7/9

LSU on fourth-down conversions this season

10

Players who have scored an offensive touchdown for LSU this season

12

Touchdown passes from JaMarcus Russell to Dwayne Bowe, which is the sixth-best touchdown combination in school history

14

Players with at least one reception this season, while 12 have at least two

14-2

JaMarcus Russell's record as a starting quarterback at LSU

20

Consecutive trips to the red zone LSU has scored

24

Sacks allowed by LSU this season, which is tied for second fewest in the SEC

51

Consecutive starts by senior Andrew Whitworth at left tackle, an LSU record

112

Points scored by LSU in the fourth quarter this season, which is best in the SEC

Notables

> **No. 2 in pass efficiency in the SEC with a rating of 141.6**

> **No. 2 in the SEC in passing with 225.7 yards per game**

> **No. 3 in the SEC in scoring with 28.6 points per game**

> **No. 5 in the SEC in total offense with an average of 366.2 yards per game**



Joseph Addai

2005 Offensive Game-by-Game Notable Statistics

	RUSHING		PASSING		NET	POINTS
	YDS.	TD	YDS.	TD	YDS.	
at Arizona State	190	2	244	1	434	35
Tennessee	98	2	158	0	256	27
at Mississippi State	172	3	230	2	402	37
at Vanderbilt	194	1	285	2	479	34
Florida	125	1	236	2	361	21
Auburn	149	0	190	1	339	20
North Texas	183	4	383	4	566	56
Appalachian State	163	1	208	2	371	24
at Alabama	46	1	229	1	275	16
at Ole Miss	177	2	203	3	380	40
Arkansas	108	1	194	1	302	19
vs. Georgia	74	1	156	1	230	14

> **LSU led the SEC by scoring on 91.7 percent of its trips to the red zone, including 30 of its last 31**



THE LSU DEFENSE

By the Numbers

3

First quarter touchdowns allowed this season

2

Rank of the team's red zone defense in the SEC

3

Number of games in which the LSU defense has scored points for the Tigers (TD on interception return vs. Tennessee, TD on fumble return and safety vs. Vanderbilt and safety vs. Ole Miss)

6

Shutouts over the last six seasons

7

Rushing yards by Ole Miss vs. LSU, a season low for the Rebels

8

Number of games LSU's held its opponent to fewer than 100 yards rushing this year

9

Players have at least two sacks apiece

11

Number of tackles by Kyle Williams in LSU's 16-13 overtime win at Alabama, a career high

18

Touchdowns allowed this season, the second lowest total in the SEC

34-4

LSU's record since 2000 when allowing less than 300 total yards

35

Rushing yards by the SEC's leading rushing team, Arkansas, vs. LSU (200 yards below their season average)

39

Sacks as a team, which leads the SEC

49

Combined career sacks by LSU's starting defensive front of Kyle Williams, Melvin Oliver, Claude Wroten and Chase Pittman

Notables

> Only surrendered eight touchdowns in last 24 quarters

> Ranks in the Top 8 in the nation in 4 categories

> No. 8 in the nation in scoring defense, yielding only 15.2 points per game (No. 4 in SEC)

> Ranked seventh in the country in rushing defense, allowing just 94.8 yards per game on the ground (No. 3 in SEC)

> No. 5 in the nation in total defense at 276.8 yards per game (No. 2 in SEC)

> Opponents are just 29.5% (54/183) on third down this year, a figure that ranks second in the conference

> Have held nine of the last ten opponents, seven of which are SEC foes, to 17 points or less

2005 Defensive Game-by-Game Notable Statistics

	RUSHING		PASSING		TOTAL	SACKS		3RD-D	5TH-D	DEF. PTS	
	YDS.	TD	YDS.	TD	YDS.	NO.	YDS.	CONV.	PTS	ALWD.	
at Arizona State	99	0	461	4	560	1	5	14	9/17	0	31
Tennessee	70	3	250	1	320	4	32	6	6/16	6	30
at Mississippi State	56	0	173	1	229	5	40	9	1/11	0	7
at Vanderbilt	25	0	113	0	138	6	53	15	2/14	8	6
Florida	99	2	107	0	206	4	33	1	2/16	0	17
Auburn	230	1	221	1	451	3	21	1	8/19	0	17
North Texas	105	0	101	0	206	0	0	14	5/16	0	3
Appalachian State	176	0	80	0	256	1	6	6	5/14	0	0
at Alabama	97	0	187	1	284	5	44	14	5/17	0	13
at Ole Miss	7	0	168	1	175	1	11	19	2/14	2	7
Arkansas	35	1	206	1	241	4	20	1	4/17	0	17
vs. Georgia	138	1	112	2	250	1	6	3	5/12	0	34



INTRO

NOTEBOOK

COACHES

TIGERS

REVIEW

THE SEASON

HISTORY



LSU SPECIAL TEAMS

The Kickoff Coverage Unit

- > Ranks first in the SEC in kickoff coverage with a net average of 45.5
- > Opponents' average starting field position on LSU kickoffs is the 19-yard line
- > On 40 kickoff returns in 2005, LSU is allowing only 18.0 yards per return
- > Have held opponents to an average starting field position at the 18-yard line on kickoffs (46.4 net average)

The Punt Coverage Unit

- > LSU ranks first in the SEC and No. 3 in the nation in net punting with a 38.9 average
- > Has been responsible for 1 TD and 1 safety this year
- > LSU blocked a punt and returned it 22 yards for a fourth-quarter TD vs. Arizona State
- > Early Doucet tackled the Arkansas punter in the end zone for a safety in 19-17 win over Razorbacks
- > On 14 punt returns, LSU is allowing only 5.7 yards per return
- > Longest punt return against LSU this year is a 20-yarder

The Punt Return Unit

- > Tigers rank No. 2 in the SEC and No. 12 in the nation with a 14.6 punt return average
- > The unit is led by Skyler Green, who has returned 4 punts for TDs during his career, including a 66-yarder this year in win over Auburn

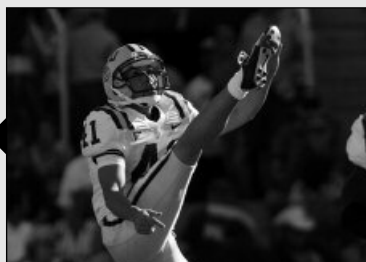


Skyler Green RETURN SPECIALIST

- > Explosive returner who ranks second in the SEC and 15th nationally in punt return average (13.6)
- > Eclipsed the 1,000-yard mark in career punt return yardage and currently sits in second place in school history with 1,018 career yards
- > Set the school record for punts returned for a touchdown at four with his 66-yard dash against Auburn (tied for third in SEC history)
- > Named SEC Special Teams Player of the Year

Chris Jackson PUNTER/PLACE KICKER

- > Leads a unit that ranks No. 3 nationally in net punting with a 40.9 average
- > Averaging 41.5 yards on 58 punts
- > No. 1 in the SEC with 26 punts inside the 20-yard line
- > Named SEC Special Teams Player of the Week vs. Ole Miss
- > Named National Special Teams Player of the Week vs. Alabama
- > Seventh in school history with 23 career field goals made
- > Has made 13 career field goals of 40 yards or more, including four this season



Notables

- > Recorded three touchdowns and three blocked kicks this season
- > Ignited a furious fourth-quarter rally at Arizona State with a blocked field goal and a blocked punt, both for touchdowns



Craig Steltz

- > Became the first SEC team since 1972 to return two blocked kicks for touchdowns in a game
- > The first LSU team in school history to return a blocked field goal for a touchdown (Mario Stevenson at Arizona State)
- > LSU field goal block unit has forced opponents to connect on just 12-of-24 field goals this year, which includes making only 5-of-14 in Tiger Stadium

- INTRO
- NOTEBOOK
- COACHES
- TIGERS
- REVIEW
- THE SEASON
- HISTORY



TIGER STADIUM

By the Numbers

92,664

Largest crowd to see a game in Tiger Stadium (vs. Auburn, Oct. 22, 2005)

89

89-yard punt return by Billy Cannon to beat Ole Miss on Halloween Night in 1959

29

Times the crowd has exceeded 90,000 for a game

6

The sixth largest on-campus stadium in the nation

1,500

Old dorm rooms below the east and west stands

81

81st year of LSU football in Tiger Stadium dating back to 1924

17

Straight wins to set school record from 1935-37

4

Trips by the "ESPN College GameDay" crew

.703

Winning percentage after 501 home games

70

"Tiger Den" skybox suites in the East Upper Deck

10

Undefeated home seasons

3

Times named the toughest place in the nation to play a road game

195-59-3

Night record since 1960

40

Years ranked in the top 10 in the nation in attendance

10

Times the crowd at Tiger Stadium has exceeded 92,000.

1

Win over a No. 1 ranked team (def. Florida, 28-21, in 1997)

Notables

> LSU began playing football in Tiger Stadium in 1924 and is currently in its 81st year in the venerable stadium on **SATURDAY NIGHT**.

> LSU has won **23 OF ITS LAST 26** games at home.

> **More than 85,000 FANS** have attended each of LSU's last 40 home games. In that span, the Tigers have eclipsed the 90,000 mark 29 times, including a school-record 92,664 for the Oct. 22, 2005 game that pitted No. 7 LSU against No. 15 Auburn. LSU won the game, 20-17.

> Since national attendance figures began being kept in 1957, LSU has ranked in the top 20 all 45 seasons. The Tigers have been in the top 15 for 43 of the 45 years and in the top 10 on 40 occasions, including 32 straight from 1957-88. Fourteen times, LSU has ranked in the **TOP SIX IN THE NATION**, including the last four.

> Since 1960, LSU owns a stellar 195-59-3 (.765) record in traditional Tiger Stadium night games. On the other hand, the Tigers are just 18-22-3 (.453) at home during the day in that span.

> **Death Valley is the SIXTH LARGEST on-campus stadium in the nation holding 92,400 fans**

The Legend

“I’d been warned prior to my first visit to Baton Rouge that the legendary Death Valley mystique was a myth. That assessment couldn’t have been more wrong. Tiger Stadium was as loud as any I’ve ever heard during the dramatic fourth quarter of Saturday’s Georgia game, the festivities surrounding it as advertised. The streets were lined with purple and gold. Smoke emanated from the grills in the parking lot. Shouts of “Go Tigers” and “Tiger Bait” echoed from the stadium deep into the heart of campus.

And that was just Friday night. “

- **Stewart Mandel, SI.com (Sept. 21, 2003)**

“Baton Rouge happens to be the worst place in the world for a visiting team. It’s like being inside a drum.”

- **Paul “Bear” Bryant**

“It makes a body tingle -- these folks go berserk when the band marches on the field.”

- **Douglas Looney, Sports Illustrated**

“College football is never better than when there’s a good team in Tiger Stadium.”

- **Lee Corso, ESPN**

Earthquake Game

October 8, 1988. Tommy Hodson connected with Eddie Fuller on 4-and-10 with 1:41 to play for the game-winning touchdown as LSU upset No. 4 Auburn. The play caused such a thunderous explosion from the crowd of 79,341 that the tremor caused by the vibrations measured on the seismograph across campus.

Halloween Night

October 31, 1959. No. 1 LSU trailed No. 3 Ole Miss, 3-0, late in the fourth quarter when Billy Cannon fielded a punt off the bounce at the 11-yard line. He raced 89 yards, careening off seven Rebel defenders, to paydirt to give the Tigers victory and all but clinch the 1959 Heisman Trophy.



INTRO

NOTEBOOK

COACHES

TIGERS

REVIEW

THE SEASON

HISTORY

After the state of Louisiana, in particular the New Orleans area, was hit by one of the worst natural disasters in the history of the United States, the LSU athletic community showed what being a true champion is all about.

The LSU athletic community opened its arms and homes to the victims of Hurricane Katrina, a storm that left New Orleans and the surrounding parishes devastated and destroyed. With the LSU campus, along with many of its athletic facilities, turned into shelters, relief centers and a triage unit for the evacuees of the storm, members of LSU's athletic teams stepped in to help.

For days, members of LSU athletic teams volunteered countless hours to help those in need. LSU student-athletes did anything and everything they could to assist the Red Cross. In most cases, the presence of an LSU athlete could put a smile on the face of someone who had just lost everything because of the storm.

Saturday, August 27

Taste of Tiger Tailgating, annual food festival held prior to each football season, is postponed due to anticipated arrival of Hurricane Katrina

Announced that ribbon-cutting ceremony for Mike the Tiger's new habitat, scheduled for Monday, August 29, is postponed due to anticipated arrival of Hurricane Katrina

Sunday, August 28

Carl Maddox Field House activated as Special Needs Shelter

Monday, August 29

Hurricane Katrina hits southeast Louisiana and Mississippi Gulf Coast

Athletics Department staff determines there is minimal damage to Tiger Stadium

LSU student-athletes and staff volunteer at Carl Maddox Field House to assist in all operations as facility was transformed from shelter to field hospital

Tuesday, August 30

Pete Maravich Assembly Center activated as Medical Triage Unit; Bernie Moore Track Stadium used as helicopter landing pad



Decision made to postpone LSU vs. North Texas game, scheduled for September 3

LSU athletic equipment staff washes 4,000 pounds of linens for operations in the Carl Maddox Field House and Pete Maravich Assembly Center

Wednesday, August 31

Media inquiries begin regarding Tiger Stadium as home site for New Orleans Saints games due to damage at the Louisiana Superdome from Hurricane Katrina

LSU athletic equipment staff washes 10,000 pounds of linens for operations in the Carl Maddox Field House and Pete Maravich Assembly Center



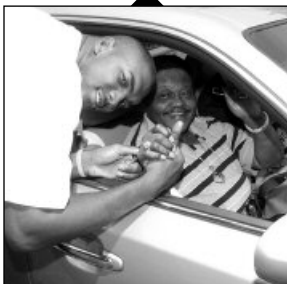
LSU football players visit evacuee shelter at Baton Rouge River Center, bringing t-shirts and posters while signing autographs and taking photographs with children and their families

Thursday, September 1

Athletics director Skip Bertman holds departmental meeting with LSU coaches and athletics staff to discuss impact of Hurricane Katrina on Tiger Athletics

Friday, September 2

LSU quarterback Jamarus Russell reveals that New Orleans music legend Fats Domino has been staying at his apartment for two days; Fats Domino is the grandfather of Russell's girlfriend



Saturday, September 3

Sports Illustrated writer Rick Reilly tours athletics complex; interviews athletes, coaches and staff

LSU officials meet with Saints officials for the first time to discuss possibility of Saints playing games in Tiger Stadium

Sunday, September 4

Secretary of Health and Human Services and Surgeon General tour athletics facilities housing medical operations, meet in LSU Athletics Administration Building

ESPN's "Outside the Lines" Show on campus to conduct interviews, including host Jeremy Schapp

Officials from Arizona State arrive in Baton Rouge to survey campus and assess hotel availability in advance of the LSU vs. Arizona State football game scheduled for September 10

LSU's Alex Box Stadium is used as a rest stop for evacuees being transported out of New Orleans to shelters throughout the south

Monday, September 5

Decision made to move LSU vs. Arizona State game, scheduled to be played in Tiger Stadium on September 10, to Tempe, Ariz.

Tuesday, September 6

LSU football team loads 18-foot trailer with clothes, shoes, linens, pillows, toys, books and other items to take to local shelter for hurricane victims. All items came from the homes and closets of the LSU football team



Wednesday, September 7

Chancellor Sean O'Keefe tapes video message to appear on video boards at Sun Devil Stadium prior to LSU vs. Arizona State game

Initial meeting is held between LSU and New Orleans Hornets officials to discuss possibility of Hornets playing games in the Pete Maravich Assembly Center

Thursday, September 8

LSU featured on ESPN's "Outside the Lines," including interviews and video of LSU student-athletes participating in recovery efforts. Athletics director Skip Bertman is interviewed via satellite from LSU's Manship School of Mass Communications.



INTRO
NOTEBOOK
COACHES
TIGERS
REVIEW
THE SEASON
HISTORY

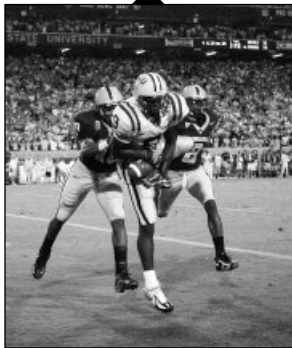
SEC Commissioner Mike Slive and University of Georgia President Dr. Michael Adams tour LSU's athletics facilities that are being used in the recovery effort. Goods donated by the Southeastern Conference Office are delivered on the plane carrying Slive and Adams. Slive and Adams meet with the local news media to laud LSU's efforts

Friday, September 9

LSU football team departs Tempe, Ariz., for game against Arizona State

Saturday, September 10

LSU defeats Arizona State, 35-31, in game at Tempe, Ariz. Proceeds from game go to Bush-Clinton Hurricane Relief Fund and LSU's Hurricane Katrina Student Relief Fund. One end zone is painted with "www.KatrinaSRF.com" and the other says "Together We Stand" with logos of the states of Louisiana and Arizona. The game is televised by ESPN and LSU Chancellor Sean O'Keefe conducts an interview during the second quarter to discuss LSU's participation in the relief efforts



Monday, September 12

LSU head football coach Les Miles appears on ESPN's morning show "Cold Pizza" to discuss the Tigers' dramatic come-from-behind win over Arizona State, and his team's participation in the recovery efforts of Hurricane Katrina

LSU, New Orleans Saints and NFL officials meet in Tiger Den Suites in Tiger Stadium to hammer out agreement for Saints to play four home games at LSU. Press conference held on field of Tiger Stadium with NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue, Saints owner Tom Benson and LSU Chancellor Sean O'Keefe to make announcement

Tuesday, September 13

LSU and New Orleans Saints featured on cover of Sports Illustrated Magazine under the heading "After the Storm"

LIFE OF REILLY

LSU to the Rescue

by Rick Reilly



SPORTS? No, sports had already finished its role with the Gulf Coast's coping to survive Hurricane Katrina.

Except that while the fifth-ranked LSU football team practiced in Baton Rouge, about 80 miles northwest of New Orleans, the coaches were holding classes the likes of Indiana's, 20 in all, dropping off coaches.

Except the infield of the outdoor track was being used as a helipad 24 hours a day.

Except that the basketball arena, Pete Maravich Assembly Center, had been turned into a two-hooped hospital. Trage was where the hand plays during games. Dugout was where the scorekeepers sat. And pedestrians were where students usually wait. People still lined up outside to get a drink. It's just that their lives are all structures.

No, sports weren't at all involved, except that the field house next door was a patient ward. And the baseball stadium was an intensive monitoring center.

Katrina chaos was everywhere. In the LSU sports information office, student assistant Jill Martin couldn't sleep after volunteering at the Maravich Center, so he decided to urge his friends to help out by e-mailing their about what he'd seen.

Although helicopters were carrying in victims relief from around the world, those called in from New Orleans. ... A lady fell out of her wheelchair and we scrambled to help her up. ... A man from New Orleans was badly injured on his hand. Five minutes later he was dead. Mothers were giving birth in the locker rooms. ... A man was mugged in an elevator (suffering from) pneumonia. A person said a lover would be there and he wouldn't give it to her. ... The marching band was being used as a camp. I couldn't take myself down there to see it.

March friends should have heard the story of his colleague James Holman. He was stranded in LSU, near the police road block 30 minutes outside New Orleans, when a flood and a lightning storm swept and walked straight into traffic. Police jumped out of their car, opened down the highway, grabbed the woman and dragged her to the shoulder.

It was a week now will forget, much as they would like to be the "Tiger" starting quarterback, sophomore Jahmarie Russell, but

Wednesday, September 14

Planning begins for ceremonies surrounding LSU-Tennessee football game to commemorate victims and impact of Hurricane Katrina

Officials from the New Orleans Hornets visit the LSU campus in anticipation of playing several home games in the Pete Maravich Assembly Center

Thursday, September 15

LSU equipment staff loads LSU Football's 18-wheeler with goods to take to hurricane victims in Bogalusa, La.

Sunday, September 18

LSU announces that Tulane will play a "home" game in Tiger Stadium on October 1 against Southeastern Louisiana University

Monday, September 19

ESPN Gameday announces it will originate from the LSU campus on the day of the LSU-Tennessee football game on Saturday, September 24



for an 11th round win—the seventh game this Saturday night against Arizona State and the 20 displaced people in his three-bedroom apartment. The guy sleeping on his couch? Ben Donato.

Donato, the 6'11" tall son who's been listed in the papers as missing for two days, is the grandson of Reilly's girlfriend, Chantal Bruneau. After the levees gave up in New Orleans, Donato was trapped on the second floor of his house. He was rescued by boat and taken to the makeshift hospital at the Maravich Center. He said he happened to be watching there that night—as an LSU athlete some—bumped into Donato and took him home.

Since then the quarterback has been staying in the people in his apartment. "I've been staying up real late getting medicine and stuff," a blue-eyed Russell said. "Plus, I couldn't eat after what I saw in the Maravich Center."

Is he worried about losing the big game? "What's losing a game," he said. "When people are losing their kids, their parents, their houses? Nothing."

Just ask Russ's teammates, defensive end Donald Hines. As of Sunday he still hadn't heard from his parents, who live in Hammond, La., which was a direct hit from Katrina. "I'm glad I have football," Hines said. "It's my only escape."

The LSU equipment manager Greg DeGroot, who was up to his elbows in everything but football. "The Maravich is 'Vidya just called," he said, staring at his blackberry during Saturday's practice. "They're sending few texts full of supplies." A Detroit Lions fan named Vince Donahy was sending 25. One in the parking lot LSU athletes had already filled up one tractor-trailer with stuff they had donated or collected in their own.

Everybody in the athletic department was in chin-deep. Driving to campus, the football coach's trainer, Jack Maravel, headed a plea from the long hospital over the radio. "Knights, guards and three optima were desperately needed. Hey, Maravel said to himself, I have all that. Fifteen minutes later, he delivered them.

No, no, sports had nothing to do with the Gulf Coast surviving Katrina, except everything. And that's because you always forget what sports can provide—out-of-stuff, it and focused athletes, and high, visible morale—in times of trouble.

Inside the field house-hospital, half the patients were LSU people and half because so many students had donated clothing. He'd spent all night at that end of beds. "Knights, guards and three optima were desperately needed. Hey, Maravel said to himself, I have all that. Fifteen minutes later, he delivered them."

"I never used to work for LSU," said one purple-striped dandy, who'd been mugged by four from the Shreveport hospital in New Orleans. "But after this, I guess we're all fans." □

© 2005 ESPN. A cartoon by Rick Reilly used to be called "The Life of Reilly."

ESPN crew, headed by reporter Holly Rowe, begins conducting interviews and filing stories from the LSU campus in anticipation of the LSU-Tennessee game. Much of the content of these stories revolve around LSU's participation in the relief efforts and the impact of the hurricane on LSU and the Baton Rouge community

Tuesday, September 20

Athletics director Skip Bertman interviewed via satellite from Tiger Stadium for ESPN Hurricane Relief telethon on Stephen A. Smith's "Quite Frankly" show.

Jere Longman, an LSU alumnus now writing for the New York Times, conducts interviews on the LSU campus for story on the participation of LSU Athletics in the recovery efforts

Wednesday, September 21

LSU announces that the New Orleans Hornets of the NBA will play six regular season games and one exhibition game in the Pete Maravich Assembly Center due to damage from Hurricane Katrina at the New Orleans Arena

ESPN Gameday announces it has decided not to originate its show from the LSU



Starters Breakdown

Career Starts by Position ...

INTRO
NOTEBOOK
COACHES
TIGERS
REVIEW
THE SEASON
HISTORY

FB		TB				
Steltz 13	Addai 1	Addai 17	Vincent 13			
Jones (HB) 12	Hester 2					
QB						
Russell 16						
FL						
Bowe 15	Doucet 6	Davis 2				
WR	TE	RT	RG	C	LG	LT
Davis 12 Green 12 Doucet 2 Brazell 2	Zinger 20 Jones 7	B. Johnson 14 Livings 9 Niswanger 1	Livings 14 Niswanger 7 Arnold 1 McGill 1 H. Johnson 1	Niswanger 15 Miller 1	Arnold 12 Livings 10 McGill 10 Niswanger 10 Helms 10 Johnson 10	Whitworth 51
CB	Buck	LE	LT	RT	RE	CB
Prude 17 Landry 1	Hollis 15 Kuale 3 Highsmith 2	Oliver 12	Wroten 21 K. Williams 8 Dorsey 4	K. Williams 24	Oliver 14 C. Pittman 8 Wroten 1 K. Pittman 1 Willis 1	Ch. Jackson 12 Prude 2
Nickel	MLB	Will	SS	FS	Dime	
Zenon 3 Prude 1 C. Steltz 1	Vaughn 12	Vaughn 19 Highsmith 8 Spadoni 1 Kuale 1	J. Daniels 23 C. Steltz 2 Landry 1	Landry 32	Zenon 1	

2005 Offensive Game-by-Game Starters

GAME	X	Z	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	FB	TB	QB
at Arizona State	Doucet	Jones (2 TE)	Whitworth	Helms	Niswanger	Livings	B. Johnson	Zinger	Steltz	Addai	Russell
Tennessee	Doucet	Bowe	Whitworth	Helms	Niswanger	Livings	B. Johnson	Zinger	Steltz	Addai	Russell
at Mississippi State	Doucet	Green	Whitworth	Arnold	Niswanger	Livings	B. Johnson	Zinger	Steltz	Addai	Russell
at Vanderbilt	Davis	Bowe	Whitworth	Arnold	Miller	H. Johnson	Livings	Zinger	Steltz	Addai	Russell
Florida	Doucet	Bowe	Whitworth	Arnold	Niswanger	Livings	B. Johnson	Zinger	Steltz	Addai	Russell
Auburn	Davis	Green	Whitworth	Arnold	Niswanger	Livings	B. Johnson	Zinger	Steltz	Addai	Russell
North Texas	Davis	Bowe	Whitworth	Arnold	Niswanger	Livings	B. Johnson	Zinger	Jones (2 TE)	Addai	Russell
Appalachian State	Davis	Doucet	Whitworth	McGill	Niswanger	Livings	B. Johnson	Zinger	Steltz	Addai	Russell
at Alabama	Brazell	Green	Whitworth	McGill	Niswanger	Livings	B. Johnson	Zinger	Steltz	Addai	Russell
at Ole Miss	Davis	Bowe	Whitworth	McGill	Niswanger	Livings	B. Johnson	Zinger	Steltz	Addai	Russell
Arkansas	Green	Bowe	Whitworth	McGill	Niswanger	Livings	B. Johnson	D. Jones	Steltz	Addai	Russell
vs. Georgia (SEC)	Doucet	Bowe	Whitworth	McGill	Niswanger	Livings	B. Johnson	D. Jones	Brazell (3 WR)	Vincent	Russell
vs. Miami (Peach)											

2005 Defensive Game-by-Game Starters

GAME	LE	DT	DT	RE	WLB	MLB	BUCK	LCB	RCB	SS	FS
at Arizona State	Oliver	Wroten	Williams	C. Pittman	Spadoni	Vaughn	Hollis	Prude	Che. Jackson	Daniels	Landry
Tennessee	Oliver	Wroten	Williams	C. Pittman	Highsmith	Vaughn	Hollis	Prude	Che. Jackson	Daniels	Landry
at Mississippi State	Oliver	Wroten	Williams	C. Pittman	Highsmith	Vaughn	Hollis	Prude	Che. Jackson	Daniels	Landry
at Vanderbilt	Oliver	Wroten	Williams	C. Pittman	Zenon (dime)	Vaughn	C. Steltz (dime)	Prude	Che. Jackson	Daniels	Landry
Florida	Oliver	Wroten	Williams	C. Pittman	Highsmith	Vaughn	Zenon (nickel)	Prude	Che. Jackson	Daniels	Landry
Auburn	Oliver	Wroten	Williams	C. Pittman	Highsmith	Vaughn	Hollis	Prude	Che. Jackson	Daniels	Landry
North Texas	Oliver	Dorsey	Williams	Willis	Highsmith	Vaughn	Hollis	Prude	Che. Jackson	Daniels	Landry
Appalachian State	Oliver	Wroten	Williams	C. Pittman	Highsmith	Vaughn	Zenon (nickel)	Prude	Che. Jackson	C. Steltz	Landry
at Alabama	Oliver	Wroten	Williams	C. Pittman	Highsmith	Vaughn	Hollis	Prude	Che. Jackson	Daniels	Landry
at Ole Miss	Oliver	Wroten	Williams	C. Pittman	Highsmith	Vaughn	Hollis	Prude	Che. Jackson	Daniels	Landry
Arkansas	Oliver	Wroten	Williams	C. Pittman	Kuale	Vaughn	Hollis	Prude	Che. Jackson	Daniels	Landry
vs. Georgia (SEC)	Oliver	Wroten	Williams	C. Pittman	Kuale	Vaughn	Zenon (nickel)	Prude	Che. Jackson	C. Steltz	Landry
vs. Miami (Peach)											

