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2002 LSU Football Results

Overall Record: 8-4 SEC Record: 5-3

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	ATTENDANCE
Sept. 1	at #16 Virginia Tech	L, 8-26	65,049
Sept. 7	The Citadel	W, 35-10	85,022
Sept. 14	Miami (Ohio)	W, 33-7	90,010
Sept. 28	Mississippi State *	W, 31-13	90,793
Oct. 5	UL-Lafayette	W, 48-0	91,357
Oct. 12	at #16 Florida *	W, 36-7	85,252
Oct. 19	South Carolina *	W, 38-14	91,340
Oct. 26	at Auburn *	L, 7-31	85,366
Nov. 9	at Kentucky *	W, 33-30	66,262
Nov. 16	#10 Alabama *	L, 0-31	92,012
Nov. 23	Ole Miss *	W, 14-13	91,613
Nov. 27	at Arkansas *	L, 20-21	55,553

* denotes conference game



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LSU Media Relations Information

LSU Coach Nick Saban

LSU coach Nick Saban will meet the media at a press conference at Texas Stadium at approximately 12:30 p.m. on Dec. 27 and then again at the Omni Hotel at 9 a.m. on Dec. 30.

Player Interviews

Selected LSU players will participate in press conferences at the Omni Hotel on Dec. 28 and 29 and during LSU's Media Day at Texas Stadium at approximately 12:30 p.m. on Dec. 27. Players will be available after each practice on Dec. 26, 27, 28 and 29.

Practice Policies

LSU will practice at Texas Stadium each day. LSU will have the same practice policy during the SBC Cotton Bowl week which it had during the regular-season in that the individual portion of practice will be open to the media on Dec. 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30. LSU's practice on Dec. 31 will be closed to all media.

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ON THE COVER

Cholly Mac guided LSU to two Cotton Bowl victories in 1963 and 1966

LSU and Texas will meet for the first time since a 13-0 win by the Tigers in the 1963 Cotton Bowl.

The Tigers will be making their second straight New Year's Day bowl appearance. The back-to-back New Year's Day bowl games is the first for LSU since the mid-1960's.



In three years with the Tigers, Nick Saban has guided LSU to 26 victories, three bowl appearances and one SEC title.

LSU's defense, dubbed "The James Gang" ranks first in the SEC and second in the nation in pass defense and the Tigers are second in the league and fifth in the nation in total defense. LSU held its first six opponents to less than 250 yards of offense in each contest.

LSU will make its fourth trip to Dallas and its first since a 14-7 victory over Arkansas in 1966.

Quick Facts

University

LOCATION:	Baton Rouge, La.
FOUNDED:	1860
ENROLLMENT:	29,022
NICKNAME:	Tigers or Fighting Tigers
COLORS:	Purple & Gold
PRINT SPECIFICATIONS:	Purple-PMS 268, Gold-PMS 123
MASCOT:	Mike V (live Bengal tiger)
STADIUM:	Tiger Stadium
CAPACITY:	91,600
YEAR OPENED:	1924
SURFACE:	Natural grass
CONFERENCE:	Southeastern (Western Division)
BAND:	Golden Band from Tigerland

Football Facts

HEAD COACH:	Nick Saban
CAREER RECORD:	69-37-1
RECORD AT LSU:	26-11 (Third year)
BASIC OFFENSE:	Multiple
BASIC DEFENSE:	4-3
2002 RECORD:	8-4
SEC RECORD:	5-3
SEC FINISH:	1st-tie (West)

University Administration

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CHANCELLOR:	Dr. Mark A. Emmert
FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE:	Ken Carpenter

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2002 LSU Results (8-4)

September			
1	at #16 Virginia Tech	L, 26-8	
7	The Citadel	W, 35-10	
14	Miami (Ohio)	W, 33-7	
28	* Mississippi State	W, 31-13	
October			
5	UL-Lafayette	W, 48-0	
12	* at #16 Florida	W, 36-7	
19	* South Carolina	W, 38-14	
26	* at Auburn	L, 31-7	
November			
9	* at Kentucky	W, 33-30	
16	* #10 Alabama	L, 31-0	
23	* Ole Miss	W, 14-13	
27	* at Arkansas	L, 21-20	

* - denotes Southeastern Conference game

2002 Texas Results (10-2)

August			
31	North Texas	W, 27-0	
September			
14	at North Carolina	W, 52-21	
21	Houston	W, 41-11	
28	at Tulane	W, 49-0	
October			
5	* Oklahoma State	W, 17-15	
12	* vs. #2 Oklahoma +	L, 35-24	
19	* at #17 Kansas State	W, 17-14	
26	* #17 Iowa State	W, 21-10	
November			
2	* at Nebraska	W, 27-24	
9	* Baylor	W, 41-0	
16	* at Texas Tech	L, 42-38	
29	* Texas A&M	W, 50-20	

* - denotes Big 12 Conference game

+ - Played in the Cotton Bowl in Dallas

	#25 LSU	#9 Texas
Conference	Southeastern	Big 12
Location	Baton Rouge, La.	Austin, Texas
Founded	1860	1883
Enrollment	29,022	46,610/35,206 undergrad
Colors	Purple & Gold	Burnt Orange & White
Nickname	Tigers	Longhorns
Stadium (Capacity)	Tiger (91,600)	UT Memorial (80,082)
Head Coach	Nick Saban	Mack Brown
Alma Mater	Kent State, 1971	Florida State, 1974
Career Record	69-37-1 (9th year)	134-89-1 (19th year)
Record at School	26-11 (3rd year)	48-15 (5th year)
2002 Record	8-4	10-2
2002 Conference Record	5-3 (SEC West Co-Champs)	6-2 (Big 12 South Champs)

Team Comparisons

	LSU (National Rank)	Texas (National Rank)
Offense		
Points	25.3 (71st)	33.7 (17th)
Total Offense	342.4 (89th)	385.9 (50th)
Rushing Offense	192.7 (32nd)	137.4 (71st)
Passing Offense	149.8 (103rd)	248.5 (35th)
Defense		
Points	16.9 (10th)	16.0 (8th)
Total Defense	278.8 (5th)	296.6 (12th)
Rushing Defense	135.8 (43rd)	133.8 (39th)
Pass Defense	143.0 (2nd)	162.8 (10th)
Special Teams		
Punting	41.1	39.0
Net Punting	37.0 (18th)	33.9 (67th)
Punt Returns	14.2 (14th)	14.1 (17th)
Kickoff Returns	24.4 (6th)	24.9 (2nd)
Field Goals	15-21	16-24
PATs	32-32	50-50
Miscellaneous		
Turnover Margin	+0.08 (56th)	+1.25 (11th)
Fumbles-Lost	32-16	13-6
Interceptions Thrown	7	11
Penalties	88-740	88-712
3rd Down Conversions	35.3 % (61-173)	41.3 % (76-184)
4th Down Conversions	60.0 % (9-15)	78.6 % (11-14)
Time of Possession	31:14	32:04
Winning Streak	L1	W1
Home Attendance Average	90,307	83,150

Individual Leaders

Rushing					Receiving					
LSU	Att.	Yds	TDs	Lg.	LSU	Rec.	Yds	TDS	Lg.	
Domanick Davis	180	846	6	39	Michael Clayton	51	661	5	48	
Joseph Addai	79	433	4	63	Devery Henderson	23	447	8	75	
LaBrandon Toefield	94	408	2	59	Texas					
Texas					Roy Williams	60	1,000	11	75	
Cedric Benson	293	1,247	11	59	B.J. Johnson	39	601	5	84	
Selvin Young	74	359	5	32	Tackles					
Passing					LSU	UT	AT	TT	Sacks	
LSU	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds	TDS	Bradie James	77	70	147	3-17
Marcus Randall	68-136-4			980	6	Norman Lejeune	69	35	104	4-33
Matt Mauck	63-130-2			782	9	Texas				
Texas					Reed Boyd	52	60	112	2-21	
Chris Simms	220-368-11			2,938	24	Derrick Johnson	71	39	110	2-4

Bowl Itinerary

Thursday - Dec. 26

- 10 a.m. LSU departs from Baton Rouge
- 11:30 a.m. LSU arrives in Dallas
- 4 p.m. Practice at Texas Stadium
Coach Saban & players available after practice



Friday - Dec. 27

- 10 a.m. Practice at Texas Stadium
- Noon Media Day at Texas Stadium

Saturday - Dec. 28

- 10 a.m. Practice at Texas Stadium
Players available after practice
- 1 p.m. Jimbo Fisher and selected offensive players press conference at the Omni Hotel

Inside LSU Football with head coach Nick Saban television show was live from the 2002 Sugar Bowl at Tipitina's Ruins in New Orleans.

Sunday - Dec. 29

- 10 a.m. Practice at Texas Stadium
Players available after practice
- 1 p.m. Will Muschamp and selected defensive players press conference at the Omni Hotel

Monday - Dec. 30

- 9 a.m. Head coaches press conference at the Omni Hotel
- 10 a.m. Practice at Texas Stadium (*No interviews*)
- 6-7 p.m. Tiger Sportsline with Nick Saban > **LIVE RADIO SHOW** < from the Hyatt Regency
- 7-8 p.m. Inside LSU Football with Nick Saban > **LIVE TELEVISION SHOW** < from the Hyatt Regency.

Tuesday - Dec. 31

- 10 a.m. Walk-thru at Cotton Bowl (Closed to the media)

Wednesday - Jan. 1

- 10:12 a.m. LSU vs. Texas - 67th annual SBC Cotton Bowl Classic



Numerical/Alphabetical Rosters



LSU FOOTBALL

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown	HS/College
1	Ronnie Prude	CB	5-11	175	So.	Sqd.	Shreveport, La.	Fair Park
2	Shyrone Carey	RB	5-6	185	So.	Sqd.	New Orleans, La.	Shaw
3	Jerel Myers	WR	5-11	183	Sr.	3VL	Houston, Texas	Madison
4	Reggie Robinson	WR	6-2	195	Sr.	3VL	Shreveport, La.	Fair Park
6	Ryan Gilbert	RB	5-10	206	Fr.	RS	Dallas, Texas	Hillcrest
7	Adrian Mayes	FS	6-1	211	Jr.	2VL	Houston, Texas	Forest Brook
8	Jack Hunt	FS	6-1	189	Jr.	2VL	Ruston, La.	Ruston
9	Devery Henderson	WR	6-0	190	Jr.	2VL	Opelousas, La.	Opelousas
10	Joseph Addai	RB	6-0	202	Fr.	RS	Houston, Texas	Sharpstown
11	Bradie James	LB	6-3	248	Sr.	3VL	West Monroe, La.	West Monroe
12	Marcus Randall	QB	6-2	218	So.	Sqd.	Baton Rouge, La.	Glen Oaks
13	Corey Webster	CB	6-0	197	Jr.	1VL	Vacherie, La.	St. James
14	Michael Clayton	WR	6-4	192	So.	1VL	Baton Rouge, La.	Christian Life
15	Lester Ricard	QB	6-4	192	Fr.	HS	Denham Springs, La.	Amite
16	Rick Clausen	QB	6-2	177	Fr.	RS	Woodlawn Hills, Calif.	Taft
17	Bennie Brazell	WR	6-1	165	Fr.	RS	Houston, Texas	Westbury
18	Matt Mauck	QB	6-2	217	So.	1VL	Jasper, Ind.	Jasper
19	Michael Harrison	QB	6-2	215	Jr.	JC	Long Beach, Calif.	Cerritos CC
21	Randall Gay	CB	5-11	174	Jr.	1VL	Brusly, La.	Brusly
22	LaBrandon Toefield	RB	6-0	230	Jr.	2VL	Independence, La.	Independence
24	Keron Gordon	DB	6-1	174	Fr.	HS	Tampa, Fla.	Plant
25	Greg Hercules	SS	6-1	195	So.	HS	Palatine, Ill.	Palatine
26	Travis Moses	SS	6-1	184	Jr.	2VL	Gonzales, La.	East Ascension
27	Eric Alexander	LB	6-3	225	Jr.	1VL	Port Arthur, Texas	Austin
28	Jeff Cook	DB	6-0	205	Fr.	HS	Rayne, La.	Notre Dame
29	Travis Daniels	CB	6-1	184	So.	Sqd.	Hollywood, Fla.	South Broward
30	Solomon Lee	FB	6-1	237	Sr.	1VL	Bastrop, La.	Bastrop
31	Domanick Davis	RB	5-10	215	Sr.	3VL	Breaux Bridge, La.	Breaux Bridge
32	Jason Spadoni	RB	6-0	207	Fr.	HS	Kenner, La.	John Curtis
33	Demetrius Hookfin	CB	5-11	173	Sr.	3VL	Kentwood, La.	Kentwood
34	Dorsett Buckels	LB	5-10	222	So.	1VL	Amite, La.	Amite
34	Kevin Steltz	FB	5-9	250	Fr.	RS	New Orleans, La.	Rummel
35	Brandon Nowlin	FB	5-10	209	So.	Sqd.	Baton Rouge, La.	Catholic
36	Norman LeJeune	SS	6-1	204	Sr.	3VL	Brusly, La.	Brusly
37	Jim Hall	K	6-2	203	Fr.	HS	Hammond, La.	Hammond
38	Vernon Russell, Jr.	DB	5-11	179	Fr.	HS	Gramercy, La.	John Curtis
39	Troy Hankton	DB	5-9	192	Fr.	HS	New Orleans, La.	Cohen
40	John Corbello	PK	5-11	225	Sr.	3VL	Lafayette, La.	St. Thomas More
41	Andre Boagni	PK	5-9	171	Fr.	HS	Zachary, La.	Zachary
42	Philip Maxwell	LB	6-0	222	Fr.	RS	Shreveport, La.	Evangel Christian
43	Chad White	SS	5-11	203	Jr.	1VL	Hammond, La.	Hammond
44	Brandon Hurley	FB	6-3	289	Fr.	RS	Monroe, La.	Ouachita Christian
45	Gino Giambelluca	WR	5-10	180	Fr.	RS	Chalmette, La.	Holy Cross
46	Cameron Vaughn	LB	6-4	225	Fr.	HS	Terrytown, La.	Shaw
47	Eric Edwards	TE	6-5	264	Jr.	2VL	Monroe, La.	Ouachita Christian
48	Jarvus Ryes	DE	6-3	260	So.	Sqd.	Loreauville, La.	Loreauville
49	Ryan O'Neal	FB	6-1	233	Sr.	3VL	New Orleans, La.	Jesuit
50	Willie Demps	LB	6-1	232	Fr.	HS	Pensacola, Fla.	B. T. Washington
51	Wendell York	SNP	5-11	201	Sr.	2VL	Baton Rouge, La.	Episcopal
53	Tory Collins	DE	6-2	255	Fr.	HS	New Orleans, La.	Fortier
54	Kenderick Allen	DE	6-6	318	Sr.	3VL	Bogalusa, La.	Bogalusa
55	Ben Wilkerson	C	6-4	300	So.	1VL	Hemphill, Texas	Hemphill
56	Jeremy Lawrence	LB	6-3	242	Sr.	3VL	Ferriday, La.	Ferriday
57	Leo Deselle	DL	6-2	260	Fr.	HS	New Orleans, La.	Shaw
58	Lionel Turner	LB	6-2	255	So.	Sqd.	Walker, La.	Walker
59	Doug Planchard	OL	6-3	275	Fr.	HS	Baton Rouge, La.	Catholic
60	Rodney Reed	OT	6-4	280	Jr.	2VL	West Monroe, La.	West Monroe
61	Jimmy Courtenay	C	6-2	304	Jr.	Sq.	New Orleans, La.	Jesuit/Ole Miss
63	Mac McLachlan	OT	6-4	318	So.	Sqd.	Kinder, La.	Kinder
64	Rudy Niswanger	OG	6-5	293	Fr.	RS	Monroe, La.	Ouachita Christian

Numerical/Alphabetical Rosters



LSU FOOTBALL

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown	HS/College
65	Steve Arflin	OG	6-4	319	Fr.	RS	Jacksonville, Fla.	Fletcher
66	John Young	C	6-3	305	Sr.	2VL	Ruston, La.	Ruston
67	Bradley Sowa	OG	6-1	264	So.	Sqd.	Greendale, Wisc.	Greendale
68	Terrell McGill	OL	6-4	323	Fr.	HS	Miami, Fla.	Miami-Norland
69	Garett Wibel	OL	6-3	303	Fr.	HS	Metairie, La.	Rummel
71	Nate Livings	DL	6-5	322	Fr.	HS	Lake Charles, La.	Washington-Marion
72	Stephen Peterman	OG	6-4	325	Jr.	2VL	Waveland, Miss.	St. Stanislaus
73	Rob Sale	OG	6-2	315	Sr.	2VL	Monroe, La.	Neville
75	Brian Johnson	OL	6-4	315	Fr.	HS	Tallahassee, Fla.	Godby
76	Andrew Whitworth	OT	6-7	320	Fr.	RS	West Monroe, La.	West Monroe
77	Peter Dyakowski	OL	6-4	300	Fr.	HS	Vancouver, B.C.	Vancouver College
78	Paris Hodges	OL	6-5	350	Fr.	HS	Vacaville, Calif.	Vanden
79	Nick Dupuis	OT	6-3	283	Sr.	Sq.	Lafayette, La.	Acadiana
80	Donnie Jones	P	6-3	217	Jr.	2VL	Baton Rouge, La.	Catholic
81	Skyler Green	WR	5-9	189	Fr.	HS	Westwego, La.	Higgins
82	David Jones	TE	6-4	252	Fr.	RS	Silver Springs, Md.	Springbrook
83	Kory Hebert	TE	6-4	229	Fr.	RS	Lafayette, La.	Teurlings Catholic
84	Marcus Spears	DE	6-4	295	So.	1VL	Baton Rouge	Southern Lab
85	Ryan Willis	DE	6-4	254	Fr.	HS	New Orleans, La.	Holy Cross
86	Junior Joseph	WR	6-1	168	Fr.	HS	New Orleans, La.	O.P. Walker
87	Blain Bech	WR	6-1	179	Jr.	1VL	Slidell, La.	Slidell
88	Demetri Robinson	TE	6-3	250	So.	Sqd.	Lake City, Fla.	Columbia
89	Jacob Guidry	FB/SNP	6-3	269	Fr.	RS	St. Martinville, La.	St. Martinville
90	Melvin Oliver	DT	6-3	255	Fr.	RS	Opelika, Ala.	Opelika
91	Alonzo Manuel	LB	6-2	234	Fr.	HS	Jennings, La.	Jennings
92	Bryce Wyatt	DE	6-4	264	Jr.	1VL	Lake Charles, La.	Barbe
93	Chad Lavalais	DT	6-3	289	Jr.	2VL	Marksville, La.	Marksville
94	Marquise Hill	DE	6-7	294	So.	1VL	New Orleans, La.	De La Salle
95	Kyle Williams	DT	6-3	299	Fr.	HS	Ruston, La.	Ruston
96	Byron Dawson	DT	6-2	296	Sr.	3VL	Shreveport, La.	Evangel
97	Brandon Washington	DE	6-4	295	Fr.	RS	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	Central
98	Torran Williams	DT	6-4	290	Jr.	RS	Miami, Fla.	Dodge
99	Jason LeDoux	ILB	6-3	245	Jr.	Sqd.	West Monroe, La.	Texas A&M

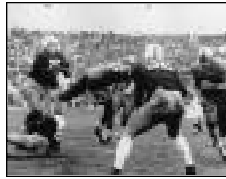
ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

10	Addai, Joseph	RB	83	Hebert, Kory	TE	59	Planchard, Doug	OL
27	Alexander, Eric	LB	9	Henderson, Devery	WR	1	Prude, Ronnie	CB
54	Allen, Kenderick	DE	25	Hercules, Greg	SS	12	Randall, Marcus	QB
65	Arflin, Steve	OG	94	Hill, Marquise	DE	60	Reed, Rodney	OT
87	Bech, Blain	WR	78	Hodges, Paris	OL	15	Ricard, Lester	QB
41	Boagni, Andre	PK	33	Hookfin, Demetrius	CB	88	Robinson, Demetri	TE
17	Brazell, Bennie	WR	8	Hunt, Jack	FS	4	Robinson, Reggie	WR
34	Buckels, Dorsett	LB	44	Hurley, Brandon	FB	38	Russell, Vernon, Jr.	DB
2	Carey, Shyrone	RB	11	James, Bradie James	LB	48	Ryes, Jarvus	DE
16	Clausen, Rick	QB	75	Johnson, Brian	OL	73	Sale, Rob	OG
14	Clayton, Michael	WR	82	Jones, David	TE	67	Sowa, Bradley	OG
53	Collins, Tory	DE	80	Jones, Donnie	P	32	Spadoni, Jason	RB
28	Cook, Jeff	DB	86	Joseph, Junior	WR	84	Spears, Marcus	DE
40	Corbello, John	PK	93	Lavalais, Chad	DT	34	Steltz, Kevin	FB
61	Courtenay, Jimmy	C	56	Lawrence, Jeremy	LB	22	Toefield, LaBrandon	RB
29	Daniels, Travis	CB	99	LeDoux, Jason	ILB	58	Turner, Lionel	LB
31	Davis, Domanick	RB	30	Lee, Solomon	FB	46	Vaughn, Cameron	LB
96	Dawson, Byron	DT	36	LeJeune, Norman	SS	97	Washington, Brandon	DE
50	Demps, Willie	LB	71	Livings, Nate	DL	13	Webster, Corey	CB
57	Deselle, Leo	DL	91	Manuel, Alonzo	LB	43	White, Chad	SS
79	Dupuis, Nick	OT	18	Mauck, Matt	QB	76	Whitworth, Andrew	OT
77	Dyakowski, Peter	OL	42	Maxwell, Philip	OL	69	Wibel, Garett	OL
47	Edwards, Eric	TE	7	Mayes, Adrian	FS	55	Wilkerson, Ben	C
21	Gay, Randall	CB	68	McGill, Terrell	OL	95	Williams, Kyle	DT
45	Giambelluca, Gino	WR	63	McLachlan, Mac	OT	98	Williams, Torran	DT
6	Gilbert, Ryan	RB	26	Moses, Travis	SS	85	Willis, Ryan	DE
24	Gordon, Keron	DB	3	Myers, Jerel	WR	92	Wyatt, Bryce	DE
81	Green, Skyler	WR	64	Niswanger, Rudy	OG	51	York, Wendell	SNP
89	Guidry, Jacob	FB/SNP	35	Nowlin, Brandon	FB			
37	Hall, Jim	K	49	O'Neal, Ryan	FB			
39	Hankton, Troy	DB	90	Oliver, Melvin	DT			
19	Harrison, Michael	QB	72	Peterman, Stephen	OG			

Pronunciation Guide

10	Joseph Addai	A-die
16	Rick Clausen	Claw-sin
17	Bennie Brazell	Brazil
18	Matt Mauck	Mawk
26	Devery Henderson	Dev-ree
31	Domanick Davis	Dom-uh-nik
32	Jason Spadoni	Spuh-doe-nee
33	Demetrius Hookfin	Duh-mee-tree-us
36	Norman LeJeune	Luh-zern
51	Wendell York	Win-duhl
54	Kenderick Allen	Kin-drick
64	Rudy Niswanger	Nis-wang-er
87	Blain Bech	Besh
88	Demetri Robinson	Duh-mee-tree
93	Chad Lavalais	Lav-uh-lay
94	Marquise Hill	Mar-keese
98	Torran Williams	Tuh-ran
99	Jason LeDoux	Luh-doo

LSU and the Cotton Bowl



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Charlie McClendon, seen here riding the shoulders of his players after guiding the Tigers to a 13-0 victory over Texas in the 1963 Cotton Bowl, led LSU to 13 bowl games in 18 years from 1962-79.



1947 COTTON BOWL

LSU 0, ARKANSAS 0
January 1, 1947
Attendance: 38,000

For one team, the 1947 Cotton Bowl was not solace enough for a season that had soured on one loss that cost it a chance at dethroning the powerful Army-Notre Dame axis for the national championship. For the other, it was a surprising reward for a strong season and an unexpected conference championship.

When all was said and done, Mother Nature ruled the day in Dallas, preventing both LSU and Arkansas from denting the scoreboard on a frigid New Year's Day.

LSU was one of the few schools not to be shut down by World War II, as coach Bernie Moore kept the Fighting Tigers on the field throughout the war, even winning the Orange Bowl behind future NFL Hall of Famer Steve Van Buren in 1943.

The 1946 season, Moore's 12th in Baton Rouge, continued the legacy of LSU excellence, although the Tigers struggled with their first two opponents, downing Rice (7-6) and Mississippi State (13-6). LSU beat Texas A&M to move up to 12th in the nation before Bobby Dodd's Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets came to Baton Rouge and wrecked LSU's national championship hopes with a 26-7 victory.

Behind quarterback Y.A. Tittle, the Tigers recovered, and after a 41-27 victory over Tulane capped a six-game winning streak to end the season, Moore accepted the invite of the Cotton Bowl and its \$60,000 payday.

1963 COTTON BOWL

LSU 13, TEXAS 0
January 1, 1963
Attendance: 75,500

The Tigers accepted their first trip to the Cotton Bowl in 16 years, where their opponent would be a Texas team that, like LSU, had tied Rice. The only difference was that the Longhorns' 14-14 draw with the Owls was much more costly, as it denied coach Darrell Royal's club a legitimate chance at the national championship, a crown that went to John McKay's USC Trojans.

Despite missing out on the title, Royal had put together the Longhorns' first unbeaten regular season since 1923, and the former All-American from Oklahoma was stockpiling talent to build the 1960s most dominant college football program.

A perfect New Year's Day greeted the Tigers and the Longhorns for the 27th edition of the Cotton Bowl, and as the record crowd of 75,500 settled in, little did they know that the Tigers would unleash one of the most potent aerial assaults in their 69-year history.

1966 COTTON BOWL

LSU 14, ARKANSAS 7
January 1, 1966
Attendance: 76,200 (Cotton Bowl record)

LSU went into the Cotton Bowl at an unheralded 7-3, especially after one-sided losses to Ole Miss and Alabama, but a 62-0 victory over Tulane in the season finale convinced the Cotton Bowl brass to extend the Bayou Bengals their third invitation to the New Year's Day bowl in Dallas.

The Tigers' task in Dallas would be a formidable one. All LSU had to do was beat the Arkansas Razorbacks, a team that entered the Cotton Bowl at 10-0, one of four undefeated teams in major college football, a team that was also on a 22-game winning streak dating back to the end of the 1963 season.

Coach Frank Broyles' Razorbacks returned to Dallas with hopes of a national championship. All his team would have to do is overcome LSU and hope that UCLA could upend Michigan State later that afternoon in the Rose Bowl.

Arkansas entered the Cotton Bowl with one of the most talented teams in school history, led by an unmatched offensive backfield that featured quarterback Jon Brittenum, running back Jim Lindsey and All-America receiver Bobby Crockett. The Razorback defense wasn't too shabby either, as All-America tackle Loyd Phillips anchored a unit that had three shutouts to its credit.

LSU, meanwhile, entered Dallas with little to lose and a lot of national respect to gain with a victory. Although the Tigers had remained strong under fourth-year coach Charles McClendon in the years after their 1958 national championship, many had branded LSU as a program that couldn't put it all together when it counted. Included in those stingy losses were setbacks to Tennessee and Ole Miss in the Sugar Bowl that cost LSU the 1959 national championship, a 1961 loss to Rice that denied the Tigers a perfect season, and the three SEC losses in 1965.

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SEASON REVIEW NOTEBOOK

2002 LSU Tigers

GAMEDAY MATCHUP

Date/Time

Wednesday, Jan. 1 at 10:12 a.m. CT

Location

Dallas, Texas (Cotton Bowl – 68,252)

Television

Fox (live)

The Series

Texas leads 8-7-1

Last Meeting

Jan. 1, 1963 at Dallas, Texas
- Cotton Bowl (LSU, 13, Texas 0)

LSU

Record 8-4 (5-3 SEC)

Ranking No. 25 ESPN/USA Today
RV in Associated Press

Last Game Nov. 29 at Little Rock, Ark.
Lost to Arkansas, 21-20

Coach Nick Saban

Career Record 69-37-1 (9th year)

LSU Record 26-11 (3rd year)

vs. Texas First Meeting

Texas

Record 10-2 (6-2 Big 12)

Ranking No. 9 ESPN/USA Today
No. 9 Associated Press

Last Game Nov. 29 at Austin, Texas
Def. Texas A&M, 50-20

Coach Mack Brown

Career Record 134-89-1 (19th year)

Texas Record 48-15 (5th year)

vs. LSU 0-3

It's LSU and Texas In The Cotton Bowl

LSU (8-4) and Texas (10-2) meet for the first time in 40 years when the teams square off in the SBC Cotton Bowl in Dallas on New Year's Day. Kickoff is set for 10:12 a.m. The game will be televised to a national audience on the Fox Network. It will be 40 years to the day since the last meeting between the teams as the Tigers came away with a 13-0 victory over the Longhorns in the 1963 Cotton Bowl. Texas leads the overall series with the Tigers, 8-7-1, but LSU has won two of the last three against the Longhorns. LSU, ranked No. 25 in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches poll, dropped a 21-20 last-minute decision to Arkansas in its last game, while Texas posted a 50-20 win over Texas A&M in its regular-season finale.

Last Time Out: Arkansas 21, LSU 20

Matt Jones connected with Decori Birmingham on a 30-yard TD pass with nine seconds left as the Razorbacks overcame a 10-point fourth quarter deficit to beat LSU, 21-20. LSU appeared to have iced the game with a 29-yard field goal by John Corbello with 40 seconds left, however the Razorbacks went 81 yards in 31 seconds, keyed by a 50-yard pass from Jones to Richard Smith, to record the come-from-behind win. LSU dominated the first half, leading 10-0 at halftime on a 67-yard Marcus Randall-to-Skyler Green pass followed by a 49-yard field goal by Corbello at the halftime buzzer. Arkansas pulled to within 10-7 on a 1-yard run by Mark Pierce before LSU stretched the margin to 17-7 on a 5-yard run by Randall late in third quarter. Fred Talley pulled the Razorbacks to within 17-14 on a 56-yard run midway through the fourth quarter. Randall completed 14 of 25 passes for 203 yards and 1 TD for the Tigers, while Domanick Davis rushed for 67 yards. Jones completed only 4 of 16 passes for the Razorbacks, with two coming on their final possession of the game.

LSU-Texas: The Series

LSU meets Texas for the 17th time on New Year's Day when the teams meet in Dallas for the Cotton Bowl ... Texas holds an 8-7-1 advantage in the series that dates back to a 14-0 LSU win in Baton Rouge in 1896 ... The teams haven't played since a 13-0 LSU win in the 1963 Cotton Bowl ... LSU has won two of the last three against the Longhorns ... Texas' last win over LSU came in 1954 in Austin by a 20-6 count ... LSU is 2-0 against Texas at neutral sites, which includes a 5-0 win over the Longhorns in a game played in San Antonio in 1902 and the victory in the 1963 Cotton Bowl ... LSU coach Nick Saban will meet Texas for the first time.

LSU's Cotton Bowl History

Year	Opponent	Results	Attendance
1947	Arkansas	Tie, 0-0	38,000
1963	Texas	LSU won 13-0	75,500
1966	Arkansas	LSU won 14-7	76,200

LSU vs. Texas – Series Results

Texas Leads 8-7-1

Year	Site	Results	Attendance
1896	Baton Rouge	LSU won 14-0	
1899	Austin	Texas won 29-0	
1902	San Antonio	LSU won 5-0	
1907	Austin	Texas won 12-5	
1910	Austin	Texas won 12-0	
1935	Baton Rouge	LSU won 18-6	
1936	Austin	Tie, 6-6	
1937	Baton Rouge	LSU won 9-0	
1938	Austin	LSU won 20-0	
1941	Austin	Texas won 34-0	
1948	Austin	Texas won 33-0	
1950	Austin	Texas won 21-6	35,000
1952	Baton Rouge	Texas won 35-14	42,000
1953	Baton Rouge	LSU won 20-7	45,000
1954	Austin	Texas won 20-6	36,000
1963	Dallas (Cotton Bowl)	LSU won 13-0	75,500

In the Polls

LSU fell to No. 25 in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches poll and dropped out of the Associated Press poll following the loss to Arkansas to end the regular season. A week later, the Tigers maintained their No.25 ranking in the coaches poll and were No. 26 in the AP poll. LSU has been ranked in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches poll for 20 consecutive weeks. LSU was ranked in the AP poll for 18 straight weeks before falling out of the top 25 after the loss to Arkansas on Nov. 29. Under Nick Saban, LSU is 13-7 as a ranked team and 8-6 against Top 25 teams, which includes a 1-2 mark this year. LSU fell in the season-opener to then No. 16 Virginia Tech, 26-8, before posting a 36-7 win over then No. 16 Florida and falling to No. 10 Alabama, 31-0.

Rise and Shine

LSU's contest against Texas in the Cotton Bowl will carry a 10 a.m. start time, marking the third time this year in which the Tigers have kicked off before noon for a game. LSU beat Mississippi State 31-13 in an 11:30 a.m. (CT) kickoff on Sept. 28 in Baton Rouge, but then fell to Auburn on the road 31-7 in another 11:30 a.m.(CT) start on Oct.26.

LSU vs. The Top 25

LSU's game against ninth-ranked Texas will mark the fourth against a ranked opponent for the Tigers this year. LSU enters the contest with a 1-2 mark against ranked teams in 2002. LSU beat then-No. 16 Florida and had losses against then-No. 10 Alabama and then-No.16 Virginia Tech. Under Nick Saban, the Tigers are 8-6 against Top 25 teams, which

includes a 2-0 mark against ranked teams in bowl games.

Tigers and Longhorns Combine To Make Cotton Bowl Grandest Of All This Year

LSU (34) and Texas (42) combine for 76 bowl appearances between them, making this year's Cotton Bowl the grandest of all bowl games this season. No other bowl this season will feature two teams that have combined for more bowl games. The next closest matchup this year is the Independence Bowl between Nebraska (41) and Ole Miss (30) with a combined 71 total bowl appearances. In addition, LSU and Texas have combined for 35 victories in its 76 bowl games.



Rodney Reed, Academic All-American

LSU PLAYERS OF THE GAME

Offense

Virginia Tech	Andrew Whitworth
Citadel	Domanick Davis
Miami (Ohio)	Lee/Toefield
Mississippi St.	Davis/Reed
UL-Lafayette	Addai/Sale
Florida	Clayton/Henderson
S. Carolina	Marcus Randall
Auburn	Joseph Addai
Kentucky	Devery Henderson
Alabama	Reed/Whitworth
Ole Miss	Clayton/Randall
Arkansas	Clayton/Davis

Defense

Virginia Tech	Chad Lavalais
Citadel	B. James/D. James
Miami (Ohio)	Demetrius Hookfin
Mississippi St.	B. James/Webster
UL-Lafayette	Hill/LeJuene
Florida	B. James/Webster
S. Carolina	Demetrius Hookfin
Auburn	Bradie James
Kentucky	Chad Lavalais
Alabama	Jeremy Lawrence
Ole Miss	Norman LeJeune
Arkansas	B. James

Special Teams

Virginia Tech	Randall Gay
Citadel	Adrian Mayes
Miami (Ohio)	Domanick Davis
Mississippi St.	punt return unit
UL-Lafayette	Alexander/Henderson
Florida	Davis/Bech
S. Carolina	kickoff coverage unit
Auburn	Ryan O'Neal
Kentucky	Devery Henderson
Alabama	Bradie James
Ole Miss	Ryan O'Neal
Arkansas	O'Neal/Corbello

LSU To Appear on FOX for First Time

The SBC Cotton Bowl will be nationally televised on Fox. This is the first appearance for the Tigers on the network that also carries the NFL and Major League Baseball. LSU will also make its seventh national television appearance this year. LSU has appeared on ABC (once), ESPN (twice), ESPN2 (twice) and CBS (once). LSU also had three regional television appearances in 2002 on Jefferson-Pilot.

Tigers Claim Share of SEC West Title for Fourth Time in Seven Years

With a 5-3 league mark in 2002, LSU claimed a share of the SEC Western Division title for the second time under Nick Saban and the fourth time in the last seven years. This year, the Tigers tied for the SEC West title with Auburn and Arkansas with the Razorbacks advancing to the league title game due to winning the tiebreaker. A year ago, LSU and Auburn had identical 5-3 league records with LSU advancing to the SEC title game. LSU has also claimed a share of the SEC Western Division title in 1996 and 1997.

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INDIVIDUAL HONORS

Joseph Addai • RB

▶ Freshman All-SEC (Coaches)

John Corbello • PK

▶ Second-Team All-SEC (Coaches)
▶ SEC Special Teams Player of the Week (vs. Miami)

Michael Clayton • WR

▶ Second-Team All-SEC (AP, Coaches)

Domanick Davis • RB/RS

▶ Second-Team All-SEC, RB (Coaches)
▶ Second-Team All-SEC, RS (Coaches)
▶ Second-Team All-SEC, All-Purpose (AP)

Devery Henderson • WR

▶ SEC Offensive Player of the Week (vs. Kentucky)

Demetrius Hookfin • CB

▶ Second-Team All-SEC (AP)
▶ SEC Defensive Player of the Week (vs. South Carolina)

Bradie James • LB

▶ First-Team All-American (AFCA, CBS Sportsline, Sporting News)
▶ Second-Team All-American (CNNSI.com)
▶ National Scholar-Athlete Class (National Football Foundation)
▶ First-Team All-SEC (AP, Coaches, Collegefootballnews.com)
▶ Butkus Award Semifinalist
▶ Lombardi Award Semifinalist

Donnie Jones • P

▶ Second-Team All-SEC (Coaches)

Chad Lavalais • DT

▶ First-Team All-SEC (AP)
▶ Second-Team All-SEC (Sporting News)

Melvin Oliver • DL

▶ Second-Team Freshman All-America (Sporting News)
▶ Freshman All-SEC (Sporting News)

Stephen Peterman • OG

▶ First-Team All-SEC (Coaches, Sporting News)

Marcus Randall • QB

▶ SEC Offensive Player of the Week (vs. Ole Miss)

Rodney Reed • OL

▶ First-Team Academic All-American (CoSIDA)

Cameron Vaughn • LB

▶ Freshman All-SEC (Coaches)

Corey Webster • CB

▶ First-Team All-SEC (AP, Coaches)
▶ National Defensive Player of the Week (vs. Florida)
▶ CBS Sportsline Player of the Week (vs. Florida)
▶ SEC Defensive Player of the Week (vs. Florida)

Andrew Whitworth • OL

▶ First-Team Freshman All-America (Sporting News, Rivals.com)
▶ Freshman All-SEC (Coaches, Sporting News)



LSU's Fan Following

Tickets Sold	Event
20,000 sold *	2003 Cotton Bowl
50,000 ordered *	2002 Sugar Bowl
15,900 sold *	2001 SEC Championship Game
20,000 sold *	2000 Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl

LSU Road Trips 2002

Tickets Sold	Game
6,300 *	Virginia Tech
7,000 *	Auburn
7,000 *	Florida
4,200 *	Arkansas
3,500	Kentucky

* denotes entire allotment

Saban Leads Tigers To Third Straight Bowl Game

The SBC Cotton Bowl will be the third bowl game for the Tigers under Nick Saban. In three years with the Tigers, Saban has guided the Tigers to appearances in the Peach Bowl (2000), Sugar Bowl (2002) and Cotton Bowl (2003). Saban is 2-0 in bowl games with the Tigers. Overall, Saban is 2-3 in bowl games.

LSU Takes Nation's Longest Bowl Winning Streak Into Cotton Bowl

LSU enters the Cotton Bowl against Texas riding a 5-game winning streak in bowl games, which ties with Miami (Fla.) and North Carolina for the longest streak in the nation. LSU's streak dates back to 1995 when LSU posted a 45-26 win over the then-Nick Saban coached Michigan State team. LSU followed that with a 10-7 win over Clemson in the 1996 Peach Bowl and the Tigers then posted a 27-9 victory over Notre Dame in the 1997 Independence Bowl. After a two-year hiatus, LSU continued its winning ways in bowl games with a 28-14 victory over Georgia Tech in the 2000 Peach Bowl followed by last year's 47-34 win over Illinois in the Sugar Bowl. Miami's streak includes wins over Virginia (31-21 in 1996 Carquest), N.C. State (46-23 in 1997 Micron PC), Georgia Tech (28-13 in 2000 Gator), Florida (37-20 in 2001 Sugar) and Nebraska (37-14 in 2002 Rose). North Carolina's streak will not be tested this year as the Tar Heels failed to make a bowl game. In addition, LSU's 5-

game winning streak is the longest bowl winning streak in school history. LSU hasn't lost a bowl game since a 23-10 decision to Syracuse in the 1989 Hall of Fame Bowl.

Tigers To Appear In 34th Bowl Game

LSU will make its 34th appearance in a bowl game, including the 20th on New Year's Day, when they face Texas in the Cotton Bowl on Jan. 1. LSU is 16-16-1 overall in bowl games, which includes a 2-0-1 mark in the Cotton Bowl. LSU is 7-11-1 in New Year's Day bowl games. LSU's 16 bowl victories rank 13th among all NCAA Division I teams, while the Tigers 34 bowl appearances ranks ninth all-time.

Neutral Sites Are Fine With LSU

Playing games at neutral sites have been good news for LSU as the Tigers have won six consecutive neutral site games. LSU is 3-0 at neutral sites under Nick Saban, including wins over Tennessee in the SEC Championship game in 2001 and over Illinois in the 2002 Sugar Bowl. LSU's neutral site streak also includes a 2000 win over Georgia Tech in the Peach Bowl and wins over Notre Dame in the 1997 Independence Bowl in Shreveport, Clemson in the 1996 Peach Bowl and Michigan State in the 1995 Independence Bowl. The last time LSU lost a neutral site contest came in 1989 when the Tigers fell to Syracuse 23-10 in the Hall of Fame Bowl.

Saban One Win Shy of Most Wins by Coach in First 3 Years

Nick Saban enters the Cotton Bowl with 26 wins as LSU's head coach, that ties Bill Arnsparger and Gerry DiNardo for second-most victories by a coach in his first three years in Tigertown. Bernie Moore won 27 games in his first three seasons at LSU to hold down the top spot. Under Saban, the Tigers went 8-4 in 2000, then 10-3 last year and they currently stand at 8-4 this season. Saban also has 15 regular-season SEC wins during that span, that's one shy of the mark of 16 held by Moore and DiNardo.

Bowling for Notes

LSU will be playing in a bowl game outside the state of Louisiana or Georgia for the first time since the 1989 Hall of Fame Bowl in Tampa, Fla. ... LSU's last five bowl games have all taken place in Louisiana (Independence in Shreveport in 1995 and 1997; Sugar Bowl in New Orleans in 2002) and Georgia (Peach Bowl in Atlanta in 1996 and 2000) ... LSU is 3-3-1 in bowl games in the state of Texas (2-0-1 in Cotton; 1-1 in Sun Bowl; 0-2 in Astro-Bluebonnet) ... LSU is 13-12-1 in bowl games played outside and the Tigers are 3-4 in games played in domed stadiums ... The Tigers are 4-2 in bowl games following a loss in the final game of the regular-season ... LSU is playing in a New Year's Day bowl for the second straight year for the first time since Charles McClendon led the Tigers to the Sugar and Cotton Bowls in succession in 1964 and 1965.

A History Lesson On LSU And the Cotton Bowl

In three Cotton Bowl appearances, LSU has allowed only one touchdown ... LSU has outscored its Cotton Bowl opponents, 27-7 ... Current East Baton Rouge Parish District Attorney and color analyst for the LSU Sports Network Doug Moreau played in the 1966 Cotton Bowl ... Moreau caught one pass for 12 yards and kicked a pair of extra points in the 14-7 LSU win over Arkansas ... In three Cotton Bowl games, LSU has thrown 49 passes without an interception and the Tigers have only fumbled twice, both coming in the Ice Bowl in 1947.

Taking Note Under Nick Saban ...

LSU is 2-0 in bowl games and 3-0 in games played at a neutral site ... The Tigers are 17-4 at home, which includes an 8-3 SEC mark and a 14-3 record at night ... The Tigers are 7-2 in games decided by seven points or less ... LSU is 21-2 when leading at halftime and 21-2 when leading after the third quarter ... LSU is 20-0 when it scores at least 30 points in a game and 26-2 when they score 20 or more points ... LSU is 11-0 when having a 100-yard rusher.

James Earns All-America Honors

LSU senior linebacker Bradie James earned the 50th First Team All-America honor in school history when he was named to the

American Football Coaches All-America squad. James, from West Monroe, La., leads LSU with 147 tackles, just four shy of breaking the school mark of 150 set by Al Richardson in 1981. James's honor is the eighth First Team All-America award for LSU over the last seven years.

Whitworth Named To Freshman All-America Squad

Redshirt freshman offensive tackle Andrew Whitworth has been named First Team Freshman All-America by The Sporting News. Whitworth started all 12 games for the Tigers in 2002 and he gave up only two sacks all season, one against Virginia Tech and one against Arkansas. Melvin Oliver earned a spot on the second team as a defensive lineman after leading the Tigers and ranking among the SEC leaders with five sacks.

Bradie James Named National Scholar-Athlete

Linebacker Bradie James combined his on-field success with that of academic achievement as he was named to the 2002 National Scholar-Athlete class by the The National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame. The 2002 class of National Scholar-Athletes includes only 14 players from all divisions. The award, an \$18,000 post-graduate scholarship, is one of the top academic honors available to college football players. Past LSU recipients of the award include punter Chad Kessler in 1997, quarterback Sol Graves in 1990 and center Nacho Albergamo in 1987.

Rodney Reed Named First-Team Academic All-America

LSU starting offensive tackle Rodney Reed earned a spot on the Verizon First Team Academic All-America team as voted on by the College Sports Information Directors of America. Reed, who was a second team selection in 2001, has started all 12 games for the Tigers this year and he's played a season-high 795 plays. Reed, who will graduate in May, has a 3.93 grade point average in accounting. Reed enters the Cotton Bowl riding a streak of 32 consecutive starts on the LSU offensive line.

Tigers Well Represented On Coaches All-SEC Team

Eight LSU Tigers were named to the Coaches' All-SEC Teams, with three on the first team and five more on the second team. Senior linebacker Bradie James, junior defensive back Corey Webster and junior offensive guard Stephen Peterman were each named to the first team, while senior running back Domanick Davis, sophomore wide receiver Michael Clayton, junior punter Donnie Jones and senior place kicker John Corbello were all named to the second team. Davis made the second team as a return specialist as well.

LSU IN THE POLLS

Tracking the Tigers

Week	AP	Coaches	BCS
Preseason	14	13	
Aug. 27	14	14	
Sept. 2	24	23	
Sept. 8	25	22	
Sept. 15	24	20	
Sept. 22	22	20	
Sept. 29	21	19	
Oct. 6	18	15	
Oct. 13	14	12	
Oct. 20	10	10	9
Oct. 27	17	15	14
Nov. 3	16	14	NR
Nov. 10	14	12	13
Nov. 17	21	20	NR
Nov. 24	18	17	NR
Dec. 1	RV	25	NR
Dec. 8	RV	25	NR

Associated Press

No	Team	Rec.	Points
1	Miami (Fla.) (74)	12-0	1,850
2	Ohio State	13-0	1,773
3	Iowa	11-1	1,678
4	Georgia	12-1	1,627
5	USC	10-2	1,559
6	Kansas State	10-2	1,397
7	Washington State	10-2	1,388
8	Oklahoma	11-2	1,371
9	Texas	10-2	1,297
10	Penn State	9-3	1,107
11	Notre Dame	10-2	1,104
12	Michigan	9-3	1,061
13	Alabama	10-3	984
14	Colorado	9-4	758
15	West Virginia	9-3	706
16	Florida State	9-4	661
17	NCState	10-3	570
18	Boise State	11-1	505
19	Auburn	8-4	483
20	Maryland	10-3	446
21	Virginia Tech	9-4	409
22	Florida	8-4	309
23	Colorado State	10-3	277
24	Pittsburgh	8-4	255
25	Arkansas	9-4	160

ESPN/USA Today

No	Team	Rec.	Points
1	Miami (Fla.) (61)	12-0	1,525
2	Ohio State	13-0	1,463
3	Iowa	11-1	1,381
4	Georgia	12-1	1,337
5	USC	10-2	1,283
6	Kansas State	10-2	1,187
7	Washington State	10-2	1,141
8	Oklahoma	11-2	1,088
9	Texas	10-2	1,074
10	Penn State	9-3	921
11	Michigan	9-3	917
12	Notre Dame	10-2	844
13	West Virginia	9-3	651
14	Colorado	9-4	641
15	Boise State	11-1	588
16	Florida State	9-4	562
17	NCState	10-3	555
18	Maryland	10-3	470
19	Virginia Tech	9-4	457
20	Florida	8-4	364
21	Colorado State	10-3	337
22	Auburn	8-4	263
23	Pittsburgh	8-4	204
24	Marshall	10-2	140
25	LSU	8-4	114

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2002 SEC STANDINGS

Eastern Division

Team	SEC	Pct.	Overall
Georgia	7-1	.875	11-1
Florida	6-2	.750	8-4
Tennessee	5-3	.625	8-4
South Carolina	3-5	.375	5-7
Vanderbilt	0-8	.000	2-10
* Kentucky	3-5	.429	7-5

Western Division

Team	SEC	Pct.	Overall
Arkansas	5-3	.571	9-3
LSU	5-3	.625	8-4
Auburn	5-3	.625	8-4
Ole Miss	3-5	.286	6-6
Mississippi St.	0-8	.000	3-9
* Alabama	6-2	.750	10-3

* - not eligible for league title

SEC in the Bowls

Dec. 27

Ole Miss vs. Nebraska • 3:30 p.m.

Dec. 30

Arkansas vs. Minnesota • 4:30 p.m.

Dec. 31

Tennessee vs. Maryland • 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 1

LSU vs. Texas • 10 a.m.

Florida vs. Michigan • 10 a.m.

Auburn vs. Penn State • Noon

Georgia vs. Florida State • 7:30 p.m.

All times are Central

Tracking the Opponents

Virginia Tech (9-3)

San Francisco Bowl vs. Air Force

Citadel (3-9)

season over

Miami (Ohio) (7-5)

season over

Mississippi St. (3-9)

season over

UL-Lafayette (3-9)

season over

Florida (8-4)

Outback Bowl vs. Michigan

South Carolina (5-7)

season over

Auburn (8-4)

Capital One Bowl vs. Penn State

Kentucky (7-5)

season over

Alabama (10-3) at Hawaii

season over

Ole Miss (6-6)

Independence Bowl vs. Nebraska

Arkansas (9-4)

Music City Bowl vs. Minnesota

LSU's James Gang Defense Fifth Nation in Total Defense

LSU's James Gang defense, named for captain Bradie James, enters the Cotton Bowl ranked fifth the nation in total defense (278.8 ypg). The James Gang also ranks second in pass defense (143.0 ypg), third in pass efficiency defense (89.0 rating) and the Tigers are 10th in scoring defense (16.9 points per game). LSU leads the SEC in pass efficiency defense and in pass defense and the Tiger rank second in the league in total defense.

Bradie Reaches Century Mark for Third Straight Year

Senior linebacker Bradie James has recorded at least 100 tackles in each of the past three seasons after collecting 14 tackles in the Oct. 26th loss at Auburn. Currently James has 147 tackles this season. He had 113 last year as a junior and 110 as a sophomore in 2000. The West Monroe, La., native is just the second Tiger in history to record three straight 100-tackle seasons. Linebacker Al Richardson was the first to accomplish the feat recording 129 tackles in 1980, 150 in 1981 and 121 in 1982.

James Nearing Single Season Tackles Mark

Bradie James enters the SBC Cotton Bowl game with 147 tackles, four away from breaking Al Richardson's record for tackles in a season. Richardson made 150 stops during the 1981 season. James' 147 tackles this year ranks as the second-highest single-season total in LSU history.

Bradie Now Second in Career Tackles

Among other feats senior linebacker Bradie James has accumulated during his career at LSU, he is now second in career tackles in Tiger history. James has 411 entering the SBC Cotton Bowl and is 44 away from becoming LSU's all-time leader in tackles. He passed Lawrence Williams with 15 stops against Alabama, leaving only Al Richardson in the senior's way to the top.

Randall Comes on Strong For the Tigers

Overshadowed in LSU's last-second defeat to Arkansas was the performance of sophomore quarterback Marcus Randall. Randall had perhaps his best day as the Tiger signal-caller as he connected on 14 of 25 passes for 203 yards and one touchdown. Randall also rushed 10 times for 26 yards, including a 9-yard scoring run in the third quarter. Randall was named SEC Offensive Player of the Week following LSU's 14-13 win over Ole Miss on Nov. 23. In that game, Randall completed 13 of 20 passes for 179 yards and a pair of TDs, including the game-winner to Michael Clayton late in the fourth quarter. Over LSU's last two games, Randall has connected on 27 of 42 passes for 382 yards and three TDs. He's also thrown 87 passes without an interception. As a matter of fact, all four of Randall's

interceptions came in the same game - vs. Auburn.

LSU's Defense Has Pitched Shutouts in 21 Quarters this Year

LSU's defense has shutout its opponent in 21 of 46 quarters this year, including the first two quarters against Arkansas to end the regular season. LSU's 21 scoreless quarters ranks ninth among all Division I teams in 2002. In SEC games, the Tigers held opponents scoreless in 12 of out 30 quarters. In 13 games (or 52 quarters) last year, LSU held its opponents scoreless in 19 quarters, 13 of which came in SEC games.

When It's Third Down Tigers Go To Clayton

Michael Clayton has become LSU's "go to" man on third down situations this year as the sophomore wideout has 20 third-down receptions this year that have resulted in either a touchdown or a first down. Of Clayton's 51 receptions this year, 39 percent have come on third down. In addition, of Clayton's 661 receiving yards, 253 have come on those 20 third-down receptions (38.3 percent). All five of Clayton's receiving TDs this year have come on third down - two against Miami (Ohio), two vs. UL-Lafayette and the game-winner against Ole Miss.

Toefield Leaves LSU's Mash Unit

LaBrandon Toefield returned to action against Alabama, six weeks to the day of breaking his left forearm against Louisiana-Lafayette. Toefield had surgery on Oct. 6 and had seven screws and two pins placed in his arm. Toefield had his arm in a cast for four weeks and then returned to practice the week of the Kentucky contest. Toefield played the following week against Alabama and he was back to old form against Ole Miss and Arkansas. Toefield, a First Team All-SEC selection in 2001, has rushed for 408 yards and two touchdowns in 2002.

Mauck Undergoes Surgery; Out For Remainder of Season

Matt Mauck underwent surgery on Oct. 20 to repair a sprained ligament in the mid-foot area of his right foot. Mauck suffered the injury in a 36-7 win over Florida on Oct. 12 and was expected to miss eight weeks. Mauck will not play against Texas in the Cotton Bowl. He is expected to be ready to participate in spring practice in March. Mauck started LSU's first six games, and had a 5-1 record. He completed 63 of 130 passes for 782 yards and nine touchdowns.

Tigers Lose Three Starters Over Three-Week Span In October

October was a tough month for LSU as the Tigers lost three starters - two on offense and one on defense. During a three-week span from the Louisiana-Lafayette game on Oct. 5 to the week of the Auburn game on Oct. 26, the Tigers had quarterback Matt Mauck and running back LaBrandon Toefield both go

down with injuries, while senior free safety Damien James, the quarterback of the Tiger secondary, quit the team. Toefield has since returned to action, while Mauck will not return until spring practice.

LSU's Henderson Out For Season With A Fractured Forearm

Devery Henderson's second quarter TD reception against Ole Miss on Nov. 23 came with a pretty lofty price as the junior from Opelousas fractured his forearm in two places on the catch. Henderson had surgery on the arm the following day in Baton Rouge and he will miss the remainder of the season. For the year, Henderson ranked second on the team with 23 receptions for 447 yards and a team-best eight TDs. His eight TDs ranked as the seventh-highest total in school history, just three shy of tying Wendell Davis' record of 11 set in 1986.

Webster and "Hook" Rank 1-2 In SEC In Picks

LSU defensive backs Corey Webster and Demetrius Hookfin rank Nos. 1-2 in the SEC in interceptions with seven and five, respectively. Hookfin is actually tied for second in the SEC along with Rashad Baker of Tennessee and Von Hutchins of Ole Miss. Webster and Hookfin both had crucial interceptions against Ole Miss. Hookfin's fourth quarter interception came on the Tiger 3-yard line and prevented at least a field goal that could have given the Rebels a 16-7 lead. Webster's interception came with less than two minutes left in the contest and halted an Ole Miss drive at midfield. Earlier in the season, Webster tied a school-record with three interceptions, including returning one 45-yards for a TD, in LSU's 36-7 win over Florida. The three-interception performance earned Webster SEC Defensive Player of the Week honors. Hookfin was named SEC Defensive Player of the Week following a two-interception performance in a 38-14 victory over South Carolina. Hookfin returned an interception 10-yards in the win over the Gamecocks.

One-Point Win Snaps Streak

LSU's one-point victory over Ole Miss snapped a streak of three straight losses for the Tigers in games decided by a single point. LSU had not won a game decided by a single point since a 7-6 decision against Vanderbilt in 1997. During that span, the Tigers had losses of 28-27 to Georgia in 1998, 23-22 to Georgia in 1999 and 17-16 to Mississippi State in 1999. One week following LSU's one-point win over Ole Miss, the Tigers dropped a 21-20 decision to Arkansas. LSU had not been involved in back-to-back one-point decisions since 1954 when the Tigers beat Arkansas, 7-6, and then followed that with a 14-13 victory over Tulane.

Marcus' Two-Minute Drill

One thing is certain and that's LSU quarterback Marcus Randall can run the 2-minute drill. Since taking over as LSU's quarterback

against South Carolina in week 7, Randall has led the Tigers on 13 drives that have resulted in touchdowns. Of those 13 drives, five have taken two minutes or less to complete. Against Ole Miss on Nov. 23rd, Randall led the Tigers on a 7-play, 76-yard drive just before the half that took only 54 seconds and resulted in a 19-yard TD pass to Devery Henderson with two seconds left in the first half. Against Kentucky, LSU had TD scoring drives of 1:50, 14 seconds and 11 seconds and against South Carolina he engineered a TD scoring drive that took only 2:05. In the regular-season finale against Arkansas, Randall engineered TD drives of 85 and 89 yards that each took just over three minutes.

It's Official: It's "The Bluegrass Miracle"

Over 10,000 votes were cast the week following LSU's last-second win over Kentucky on LSUsports.net to determine the name for the play that lifted the Tigers to a 33-30 win over the Wildcats in Lexington on Nov. 9. "The Bluegrass Miracle" was the runaway winner. With 4,497 votes, "The Bluegrass Miracle" easily beat out "The Bluegrass Bomb" for the name of the 75-yard Marcus Randall-to-Devery Henderson touchdown pass. "The Bluegrass Bomb" accumulated 2,415 votes, while Hail Henderson had 1,785 votes and "Miracle on the Bluegrass" 1,261 votes. LSUsports.net, the official web site of LSU Athletics, also received 398 write-in emails with suggestions ranging from "Lucky in Kentucky" to "The Devine Deflection" to "It Works Devery Time" and "The Lexington Longshot". One fan submitted song lyrics for the play, while other suggestions included t-shirt ideas and cartoon drawings.

Saban Adds Another Notch To His SEC Belt

With LSU's win over South Carolina on Oct. 19, Nick Saban has now recorded at least one victory over every SEC team that he has faced. The only two SEC teams that Saban has yet to beat are the only two he hasn't faced - Georgia and Vanderbilt.

Toe's Return Gets Him Over 2,000

On LaBrandon Toefield's first carry of his return against Alabama, he gained seven yards, giving him 2,004 yards for his career, making the junior the ninth player in LSU history to reach 2,000 career rushing yards. He enters the SBC Cotton Bowl game with 2,082 yards in his career, ranking him ninth on the all-time list.

Toe Moves Up in Career Attempts

LaBrandon Toefield is seventh on the LSU career rushing attempts list and with his 14 carries against Arkansas, he now has 489 carries in his career, just 11 carries shy of becoming the sixth player in LSU history to have at least 500 career rushes.

TIGER TRENDS

	2002	SABAN
September	3-1	8-4
October	3-1	7-4
November	2-2	7-3
December-January	0-0	4-0
LSU's Conference Record		
at home	3-1	9-3
on the road	2-2	6-7
neutral	0-0	1-0
LSU's Non-Conference Record		
at home	3-0	8-1
on the road	1-1	0-1
neutral	0-0	2-0
LSU vs. Ranked Opponents		
at home	0-1	4-2
on the road	1-1	1-4
neutral	0-0	3-0
LSU's Record in Games		
decided by 7 pts or less	2-1	7-2
decided by 3 pts or less	2-1	3-1
Away during the day	1-2	2-4
Away at night	1-0	4-2
Home during the day	2-0	4-1
Home at night	4-1	13-3
LSU's Record When Scoring		
less than 20 points	1-3	1-9
20+ points	7-1	25-2
25+ points	7-0	24-0
LSU's Record When Allowing		
14 or fewer points	7-0	16-2
24 or fewer points	7-1	19-3
25+ points	1-3	7-8
LSU's Record When		
Leading after the 1st qtr	5-1	18-3
Leading after the 2nd qtr	6-1	21-2
Leading after the 3rd qtr	6-1	19-2
Tied after the 4th qtr	0-0	2-0
Trailing after the 1st qtr	3-2	6-7
Trailing after the 2nd qtr	2-3	5-9
Trailing after the 3rd qtr	1-3	4-9
LSU's Record with		
less than 300 yards	0-3	2-7
400+ yards total offense	5-0	18-1
500+ yards total offense	0-0	5-0
600+ yards total offense	0-0	2-0
less than 100 yards rush	0-1	1-5
100+ yards rushing	8-3	25-6
150+ yards rushing	7-2	16-3
200+ yards rushing	7-0	10-0
250+ yards rushing	2-0	4-0
less than 200 yards pass	6-3	9-6
300+ yards passing	0-0	7-1
350+ yards passing	0-0	5-1
400+ yards passing	0-0	3-0
450+ yards passing	0-0	2-0
less than 200 total yards	1-0	2-1
less than 300 total yards	7-1	9-3
less than 400 total yards	8-3	20-6
400+ yards total offense	0-1	6-5
less than 100 yards rush	5-0	14-0
100+ yards rush	3-4	12-11
less than 200 yards pass	6-4	11-6
less than 250 yards pass	8-3	17-7
less than 300 yards pass	8-3	21-8
300+ yards pass	0-0	5-2

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Rushing Yards

1 Kevin Faulk	1995-98	4,557
...		
7 Rondell Mealey	1996-99	2,238
8 Brad Davis	1972-74	2,165
9 LaBrandon Toefield	2000-pres	2,082
10 Domanick Davis	1999-pres	1,971

Rushing Attempts

1 Dalton Hilliard	1982-85	882
...		
5 Terry Robiskie	1973-76	578
6 Garry James	1982-85	491
7 LaBrandon Toefield	2000-pres	489
8 Brad Davis	1972-74	456
9 Rondell Mealey	1996-99	453
10 Domanick Davis	1999-pres	442

Rushing Touchdowns

1 Kevin Faulk	1995-98	46
...		
4 Terry Robiskie	1973-76	29
Rondell Mealey	1996-99	29
6 Harvey Williams	1986-90	27
Garry James	1982-85	27
8 LaBrandon Toefield	2000-pres	26

Career Receptions

1 Wendell Davis	1984-87	183
2 Josh Reed	1999-2001	167
3 Eric Martin	1981-84	152
4 Jerel Myers	1999-pres	145

Receiving Yards

1 Josh Reed	1999-2001	3,001
...		
6 Todd Kinchen	1988-91	1,911
7 Jerel Myers	1999-pres	1,827

All-Purpose Yards

1 Kevin Faulk	1995-98	6,833
2 Domanick Davis	1999-pres	5,537

Punt Return Yards

1 Domanick Davis	1999-pres	1,126
2 Eddie Kennison	1993-95	947

Kickoff Return Yards

1 Domanick Davis	1999-pres	2,078
2 Robert Dow	1973-76	1,780

Scoring

1 Kevin Faulk	1995-98	318
2 Dalton Hilliard	1982-85	302
3 David Browndyke	1986-89	292
4 John Corbello	1999-pres	270

Field Goals

1 David Browndyke	1986-89	61
2 John Corbello	1999-pres	48

Tackles

1 Al Richardson	1979-82	454
2 Bradie James	1999-pres.	411

How Loud Does Death Valley Get?

Tiger Stadium is called one of the toughest places to play as well as one of the loudest. Against Alabama, members of the LSU Department of Geology and Geophysics gathered information about just how loud Tigers Stadium gets. Just after the opening kickoff, the ground motion in the stadium reached 90 decibels. That is twice as loud as a Boeing 747 taking off.

Henderson Has Record Day at Kentucky

Junior receiver Devery Henderson grabbed a career-high 201 receiving yards and three touchdowns in the thrilling 33-30 victory over Kentucky. He became the first LSU receiver to have at least 200 receiving yards since Josh Reed had 239 against Illinois in the Sugar Bowl. Henderson also became the first Tigers to pull down three touchdowns since Reed accomplished the feat against Tennessee on Sept. 30, 2000. Henderson's 40.2 per catch average vs. Kentucky tied a school-record, which was set by Carlos Carson in 1977. Carson had identical numbers of 5 catches for 201 yards in LSU's 77-0 win over Rice in 1977. The only difference in Carson and Henderson is that all five of Carson's receptions went for touchdowns.

Henderson Makes Most of Receptions

With his touchdown reception in the second quarter of the Ole Miss game, junior Devery Henderson had caught LSU's previous six TD passes. Henderson had a pair of TD receptions vs. Florida, then pulled in all three receiving scores at Kentucky. The streak was snapped when Michael Clayton hauled in a 27-yard touchdown from Marcus Randall in the fourth quarter of the Ole Miss game. For the year, Henderson caught 8 TD passes, the fifth-highest total in the SEC this year and the seventh-best total in school history.

Tigers Nearly Unbeatable After Halloween Under Saban

Once the months turn to November and beyond, the Tigers have become nearly unbeatable under Nick Saban as LSU sports an 11-3 mark in games after October under the third-year coach. Last year, LSU was 4-3 at the conclusion of October. The Tigers then reeled off six straight wins to finish with a 10-3 overall mark. In 2000, the Tigers were 3-1 in post-October games, the lone loss coming in a driving rainstorm against Arkansas in Little Rock. Dating back to Saban's last year at Michigan State, he's posted a 14-3 mark in post-October games, with eight of the 17 games coming against teams ranked in the Top 25.

Tigers Sweep SEC East Foes

With the win over Kentucky, the Tigers completed their regular-season with a 3-0 mark against the SEC Eastern Division in 2002. The three wins signals the first sweep by LSU over the east since 1997 when LSU beat

Florida, Kentucky and Vanderbilt. Since the league went to divisional format, LSU has gone perfect against the SEC East prior to this season only one time (1997) in a single-season. Dating back to last year, LSU has won five straight regular-season contests against SEC Eastern Division teams, and counting the SEC Championship game, the Tigers have won six consecutive games against opponents from the other division. LSU is 7-3 vs. the SEC East under Nick Saban.

It Must Be The Halftime Speech

Whether it's the halftime motivational speech or adjustments by the coaching staff, something is going on in the LSU locker room at halftime as the Tigers have outscored their opponents 86-34 in the third quarter this year, including 79-24 in the last nine games. Against SEC opponents, the third quarter score is 62-24. On Oct. 19, LSU trailed 14-6 at halftime and then promptly went out and held South Carolina to 1 yard of offense in the third quarter, while outscoring the Gamecocks 25-0. Auburn, Kentucky and Arkansas were the only SEC teams to score a touchdown in the third quarter against the Tigers this year.

The Defense is Turning It Over

LSU's James Gang defense has not just been good at shutting down opposing offenses. The Tigers have forced 24 turnovers this season, an average of two per game. Dating back to the 2000 season, LSU has forced a turnover in 25 consecutive games. LSU also scored on three of those turnovers this year, returning three interceptions for touchdowns, two of which came in conference victories.

James Was Semifinalists for Butkus and Lombardi Awards

LSU linebacker Bradie James was a semifinalist for both the Butkus and Lombardi Awards. While James didn't make the finalist list for either award, he still was among only 11 semifinalists for the Butkus Award and one of only 12 for the Lombardi Award.

James Gang Continues To Be Stingy

LSU's defense continues to be the mark of consistency as the Tigers have allowed only four opponents to surpass the 300-yard mark this season. Auburn, Kentucky, Alabama and Arkansas are the only teams this year to record more than 280 yards of offense against LSU. AU had 321 in a 31-7 win over LSU on Oct. 26. UK recorded 375 total yards in the 33-30 loss on Nov. 9th. Alabama gained 477 yards and Arkansas collected 372 yards on the Tigers. Prior to the Auburn game, LSU had held its first seven opponents to fewer than 300 yards of total offense. In addition, LSU went the first six games before allowing a team go over the 250-yard mark. South Carolina snapped the string in Week 7 with 275 yards against the Tigers. Here's a look at the yardage for LSU's opponents this season:

Virginia Tech (231 yards), Citadel (236), Miami (224), Mississippi State (249), Louisiana-Lafayette (70), Florida (237), South Carolina (275), Auburn (321), Kentucky (375), Alabama (477) and Ole Miss (279), Arkansas (372).

LSU's Return Teams Are Special...

LSU's return team combination of Domanick Davis, Devery Henderson and Shyrone Carey have turned into a dominating trio for the Tigers. The Tigers lead the SEC and rank sixth in the nation in kickoff return average at 24.4 yards per return. The Tigers rank third in the SEC and 14th nationally in punt returns with a 14.2 average.

...And So Is the Kickoff Coverage Unit

While LSU's return teams get most of the publicity, the Tiger kickoff coverage team has been just as good as they lead the league by allowing only 16.6 yards per return. On 48 kickoff returns this year against LSU, the Tigers have allowed 795 yards. Over the last seven games, LSU has allowed 311 yards on 21 returns, for an average of 14.8 a return. Miami (Ohio) had a 41-yard return, the longest return against the Tigers this year.

Double D Continues To Add To Return Records

With seven punt return yards and 11 kickoff return yards against Arkansas, Domanick Davis added to his school record in both categories. Davis holds the LSU career mark in both categories with 2,078 kickoff return yards and 1,126 punt return yards.

Davis Moves Past the 5,000 All-Purpose Yard Mark

With 135 all-purpose yards vs. Kentucky, Domanick Davis became just the third player in LSU history and only the sixth player in SEC history to surpass with 5,000-yard mark for all-purpose yards. Davis enters the SBC Cotton Bowl with 5,537 all-purpose yards - 2,078 in kickoff returns, 1,126 in punt returns, 1,971 rushing and 362 receiving.

Domanick All-Purpose Streak Snapped

With only 85 all-purpose yards against Arkansas, Domanick Davis had his streak of games with at least 100 all-purpose yards snapped at six straight. Davis enters the bowl game ranked second in the SEC and 11th in the nation with 159.5 all-purpose yards per contest. Earlier this year, Davis produced 286 all-purpose yards against Mississippi State, which ranks as the fifth-best total in LSU history. This year, Davis has touched the ball 248 times - 180 rushing, 35 punt returns, 20 kick-off returns and 13 receptions and he's averaging 7.7 yards per touch.

Davis Closes In On LSU's Season Punt Return Mark

With 499 yards in punt returns, Domanick Davis has already recorded the second-highest single-season total in LSU history. Davis, who owns the LSU career punt return record, needs 41 yard to overtake Pinky Rohm (1937) for the single-season record. In what is one of the oldest records on the LSU books, Rohm returned 35 punts for 539 yards and three TD's in 1937.

Get on The Board First Equals Success

The Tigers are 5-1 this season when scoring first and 20-3 under Nick Saban when they do so. The last time LSU lost a game in which they scored first was at Arkansas to end the regular season.

LSU's Magic Number: 20

LSU is almost automatic under Nick Saban when they score at least 20 points in a game, posting a 25-2 record. However, the Tigers are 1-9 when not reaching the 20-point plateau under Saban. LSU was 8-0 in 2000, 10-1 in 2001 and 7-1 in 2002 when scoring 20 points in game. The only two losses during that span was a 35-24 defeat to Ole Miss and a 21-20 last-minute loss to Arkansas.

30's Even Better For Saban's Tigers

LSU is even better under Nick Saban when scoring at least 30 points. The Tigers are 20-0 overall, which includes a 7-0 mark this year, when reaching the 30-point mark. The Tigers were 5-0 in 2000 and 8-0 last year when scoring at least 30 points in a contest. In fact, LSU has won its last 22 games when scoring at least 30 points, including two wins in the 1999 season. The last time LSU lost a game in which they scored 30 points was Nov. 21, 1998, when Notre Dame defeated the Tigers 39-36 in South Bend.

LSU Gets First Win Since 1997 When Scoring Under 20 Points

LSU's 14-13 win over Ole Miss marked the first time a Tiger team won a game when scoring fewer than 20 points since a 7-6 victory over Vanderbilt in 1997.

Record Set for Putting 30 on the Board

LSU put at least 30 points on the scoreboard for a school-record six straight games before failing to do so in the 31-7 loss at Auburn. The previous record was five straight games during the tail end of the 1968 season and into the 1969 season. The 2002 Tigers put up 35 against The Citadel, 33 against Miami (Ohio), 31 against Mississippi State, 48 against Louisiana-Lafayette, 36 against Florida and 38 against South Carolina. The previous mark was set against Tulane (34) and Florida State (31) in 1968 and Texas A&M (35), Rice (42) and Baylor (63) in 1969.

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All-Purpose Yards

1 Kevin Faulk	1988	2,109
2 Kevin Faulk	1996	2,104
3 Domanick Davis	2002	1,914

Freshman Rushing Yards

1 Dalton Hillard	1982	901
...		
5 LaBrandon Toefield	2000	682
6 Rondell Mealey	1996	603
7 Kendall Cleveland	1995	562
8 Joseph Addai	2002	431

Receiving Touchdowns

1 Wendell Davis	1986	11
...		
4 three players tied		9
7 Devery Henderson	2002	8

Punt Return Yards

1 Pinky Rohm	1937	539
2 Domanick Davis	2002	499

Tackles

1 Al Richardson	1981	150
2 Bradie James	2002	147

Interceptions

1 two players tied		8
3 two players tied		7
5 Corey Webster	2002	6
four other players		6
10 Demetrius Hookfin	2002	5
several others		5

Punts

1 Al Doggett	1952	81
2 Jim Barton	1951	75
3 Steve Jackson	1975	73
4 James Wagner	1981	67
5 Johnston, David	1980	66
6 Wayne Dickinson	1970	64
7 Jerry Stovall	1960	64
8 Eddie Ray	1969	63
9 Clay Parker	1982	62
10 Rusty Jackson	1974	61
-- Donnie Jones	2002	60

Punting Yards

1 Al Doggett	1952	3,147
2 Steve Jackson	1975	2,936
3 Jim Barton	1951	2,696
4 Jerry Stovall	1960	2,696
5 James Wagner	1981	2,682
6 Donnie Jones	2002	2,618

Quarterback Rushing Yards

1 Nelson Stokley	1965	449
2 Fred Haynes	1966	412
3 David Woodley	1978	398
4 Pat Lyons	1971	394
5 Alan Risher	1980	362
6 Nelson Stokley	1967	299
7 Carl Trimble	1974	281
8 Herb Tyler	1997	279
9 David Woodley	1977	279
10 Fred Haynes	1968	274
-- Marcus Randall	2002	270



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Norman LeJeune (36) and the LSU defense has been among the top in nation all season.

Shutout Streak Snapped at School Record 72 Games

By being shutout by Alabama on Nov. 16, LSU's school record of 72 games without being shutout came to an end. Prior to the game, the Tigers had not been shutout in 72 straight games. The last time the Tigers were shutout was in 1996 by Alabama (27-0).

Moving Up Freshman Sacks List

LSU rookie Melvin Oliver continues to move up the school sacks list for freshman. Through 12 games, Oliver has recorded five sacks, which ties him with James Gillyard (1992) and Ron Sancho (1985) for the second-most sacks by a freshman in school history. Jarvis Green (1998) holds the freshman mark with eight sacks. Oliver had a season-best 2.5 sacks in the win over South Carolina on Oct. 19th.

Get a Rusher to 100 and the Tigers Win

When it comes to LSU football and 100-yard rushing games, the Tigers have proven to be tough to beat. Ten times since Nick Saban took over in 2000, LSU has had a player rush for 100 yards and 11 times the Tigers have come away with a victory. Domanick Davis has four of those 100-yard rushing games. Overall, LSU is 164-25 all-time when having a 100-yard rusher. LSU's last loss when having a 100-yard rusher came on Nov. 7, 1998, when Kevin Faulk posted 201 yards in a 22-16 loss to Alabama.

Addai Ranks Eighth Among LSU Freshmen for Rushing Yards

With 433 yards this year for the Tigers, running back Joseph Addai ranks eighth place in LSU history for freshman rushing yards. Dalton Hillard holds the school's freshman rushing record with 902 yards in 1982, while Kevin Faulk stands in second place with 852 yards in 1995. LSU's current backfield of Addai, LaBrandon Toefield and Domanick Davis all rank among the top 10 in LSU history in freshman rushing yards. Toefield had 682 yards as a freshman in 2000 to rank 5th in school history, while Davis had 274 yards in 1999 for 10th place.

Domanick Creeps Up in SEC Career Records in Four Categories

Domanick Davis enters the SBC Cotton Bowl owning the SEC career kick return yards (punts and kickoffs) with 3,204, second in kickoff return yards with 2,078, sixth in punt return yards with 1,126 and fourth in all-purpose yards with 5,537.

Davis Sixth in Single Season All-Purpose in the SEC

Domanick Davis' 1,914 all-purpose yards this season ranks him sixth in the SEC's list of all-purpose yards in a single season. Davis passed Garrison Hearst against Arkansas and is 195 yards away from breaking Kevin Faulk's record of 2,109 in a season.

Clayton's Still Going

Sophomore receiver Michael Clayton has caught a pass in all 25 games (including the 2002 Sugar Bowl) of his career. In that span, he has pulled down at least five receptions in 11 games, including at least five catches in six games in the 2002 season.

Corbello Kicking to the Top

Senior place kicker John Corbello moved past Charles Alexander into fourth place on the LSU career points list with nine points against Kentucky. He now has 271 career points and is 22 points away from passing David Browndyke into third-place. Corbello ranks second in school history with 48 career field goals, 13 fewer than Browndyke, LSU's career leader. Corbello is fourth in the SEC this season in scoring, averaging 6.4 points per game.

Jones Boots His Way into the Record Books

Junior punter Donnie Jones punted his way into the LSU record books against Kentucky, in fact he booted his way right to the top of the record books. Jones nailed an 86-yard punt in the first quarter, bettering the previous school record of 76 yards by Ray Coates on Oct. 7, 1944 against Rice. Jones' 86-yard punt went from the LSU 13-yard line to the UK 1-yard line. It's the sixth-longest punt in the history of the SEC. Jones also connected for a 60-yard punt later in the game.

Myers On The Move

Senior receiver Jerel Myers enters the SBC Cotton Bowl, the last game of his career, in fourth place on the LSU career receptions list. The Houston, Texas, native has 145 receptions for 1,827 yards in his career. He is also seventh in career receiving yards, 85 away from passing Todd Kinchen and moving into sixth in LSU history.

Spreading it Out

A trademark of the Jimbo Fisher offense is spreading the ball around and the Tigers have done a good job of that thru the regular season this year as 13 different players have caught at least one pass. Michael Clayton leads all LSU receivers with 51 receptions for 661 yards and five touchdowns. Of the 13 different receivers for the Tigers this year, seven are wide outs, four are running backs, and two are tight ends. Last year, 15 different players caught passes for the Tigers. In 2000, 13 players caught at least one pass.

2002 Starters Breakdown



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Career Starts by Position...

FB		TB		QB		FL							
Lee	6	Toefield	24	Mauck	6	Robinson	19						
Addai	1	Davis	13	Randall	4	Clayton	12						
				Clausen	1								
WR		TE		RT		RG		C		LG		LT	
Myers	47	Edwards	7	Reed	12	Sale	14	Wilkerson	19	Peterman	24	Reed	19
Clayton	5	D.Robinson	3					Sale	4	Sale	7	Whitworth	11
Henderson	1							Young	2	Reed	2		
CB		LE		LT		RT		RE		CB			
Gay	12	Allen	12	Dawson	9	Lavalais	29	Hill	11	Hookfin	31		
Webster	5	Spears	10	Allen	10			Lawrence	5				
Moses	1							Wyatt	1				
SLB		MLB		WLB									
Lawrence	29	James	12	James	23								
LeJeune	5			Turner	11								
				Vaughn	1								
SS		FS											
LeJeune	18	Hunt	5										
		Gay	1										

2002 Offensive Game-by-Game Starters

Game	X	Z	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	FB	TB	QB
Virginia Tech	Myers	Clayton	Whitworth	Peterman	Wilkerson	Sale	Reed	Edwards	Addai	Toefield	Mauck
Citadel	Myers	Clayton	Whitworth	Peterman	Young	Sale	Reed	D. Robinson	Lee	Davis	Mauck
Miami (Ohio)	Myers	Clayton	Whitworth	Peterman	Young	Sale	Reed	D. Robinson	Lee	Davis	Mauck
Mississippi St.	Myers	Clayton	Whitworth	Peterman	Wilkerson	Sale	Reed	Edwards	D. Robinson (TE)	Toefield	Mauck
UL-Lafayette	Myers	Clayton	Whitworth	Peterman	Wilkerson	Sale	Reed	Edwards	Addai	Davis	Mauck
Florida	Myers	Clayton	Whitworth	Peterman	Wilkerson	Sale	Reed	Edwards	Lee	Davis	Mauck
S. Carolina	Myers	Clayton	Whitworth	Peterman	Wilkerson	Sale	Reed	Edwards	Lee	Davis	Randall
Auburn	Myers	Clayton	Whitworth	Peterman	Wilkerson	Sale	Reed	Henderson (WR)	R. Robinson (WR)	Davis	Randall
Kentucky	Myers	Clayton	Whitworth	Peterman	Wilkerson	Sale	Reed	Edwards	R. Robinson (WR)	Davis	Randall
Alabama	Myers	Clayton	Whitworth	Peterman	Wilkerson	Sale	Reed	Edwards	Lee	Davis	Randall
Ole Miss	Myers	Clayton	Whitworth	Peterman	Wilkerson	Sale	Reed	Edwards	Lee	Davis	Clausen
Arkansas	Myers	Clayton	Whitworth	Peterman	Wilkerson	Sale	Reed	Edwards	R. Robinson (WR)	Davis	Randall

2002 Defensive Game-by-Game Starters

Game	LE	DT	DT	RE	Will	Mike	Sam	LCB	RCB	SS	FS
Virginia Tech	Spears	Dawson	Lavalais	Hill	Turner	B. James	Lawrence	Gay	Hookfin	LeJeune	Hunt
Citadel	Spears	Dawson	Lavalais	Hill	Turner	B. James	Lawrence	Gay	Hookfin	LeJeune	D. James
Miami (Ohio)	Spears	Dawson	Lavalais	Hill	Turner	B. James	Webster (N)	Gay	Hookfin	LeJeune	D. James
Mississippi St.	Spears	Allen	Lavalais	Hill	Turner	B. James	Lawrence	Gay	Hookfin	LeJeune	D. James
UL-Lafayette	Spears	Allen	Lavalais	Hill	Turner	B. James	Lawrence	Gay	Hookfin	LeJeune	D. James
Florida	Spears	Allen	Lavalais	Hill	Turner	B. James	Lawrence	Gay	Hookfin	LeJeune	D. James
S. Carolina	Spears	Allen	Lavalais	Hill	Turner	B. James	Webster (N)	Gay	Hookfin	LeJeune	D. James
Auburn	Oliver	Allen	Lavalais	Hill	Turner	B. James	Lawrence	Webster	Hookfin	LeJeune	Gay
Kentucky	Spears	Allen	Lavalais	Hill	Turner	B. James	Lawrence	Gay	Webster	LeJeune	Hunt
Alabama	Spears	Allen	Lavalais	Hill	Turner	B. James	Webster (N)	Gay	Hookfin	LeJeune	Hunt
Ole Miss	Spears	Allen	Lavalais	Wyatt	Turner	B. James	Lawrence	Gay	Hookfin	LeJeune	Hunt
Arkansas	Spears	Allen	Lavalais	Wyatt	Vaughn	B. James	Lawrence	Gay	Hookfin	LeJeune	Hunt

Moving on Up

• On his first rushing touchdown, **LaBrandon Toefield** will tie for sixth place in LSU history. He needs three to tie for fourth.

• **Corey Webster** needs one interception to move into a third place tie at LSU for most interceptions in a season.

• **Bradie James** will take over the top spot on LSU's all-time single-season tackles list with four tackles.

Tracking Double D

LSU Season Records

• **Domanick Davis** needs 194 all-purpose yards to move into second on the LSU single-season list. He needs 199 for first.

• With 40 punt return yards, he will rank No. 1 in LSU single-season punt return yardage.

• Davis needs 30 yards to take over sixth on the LSU single-season kickoff return yardage chart. He needs 57 for fifth and 62 for fourth.

SEC Career Records

• He needs 60 all-purpose yards to move into third in SEC history for career all-purpose yards. He needs 213 for second.

• With 17 punt return yards, Davis will take over the sixth spot on the SEC career punt return yards list.

SEC Season Records

• Davis will move into fifth in the SEC in season punt return yards with four yards. He needs 30 for fourth.

• *** After gaining 41 all-purpose yards, he will move into fifth in SEC history for all-purpose yards in a season. He needs 106 for fourth, 157 for third, 194 for second and 199 for first.

• Davis needs 19 total kick return yards to move into fourth in SEC single-season history. He needs 54 for third.

*** Places in SEChistory do not take into count Derek Abney's (Kentucky) season yardage total. Abney currently has eight more all-purpose yards than Davis.

With a Cotton Bowl Win ...

• The Tigers will beat a higher-ranked team in a bowl for the third straight year.

• LSU will win nine or more games in consecutive years, the first time since doing so in 1996-97.

• LSU will win its sixth straight bowl game, a school record.

Streaking

Starts (All streaks include bowl games)

37 by Jerel Myers

33 by Rodney Reed

20 by Bradie James

18 by Norman LeJeune, Stephen Peterman

Games with a Reception

25 by Michael Clayton

Wins

Overall - none

Home - 1, dating back to Ole Miss, 2002

Road - none

Neutral Site - 7, dating back to 1989 Hall of Fame Bowl

SEC - none

SEC Home - 1, dating back to Ole Miss, 2002

SEC Road - none

Weeks in the Top 25 (Through Dec. 8 polls)

20, dating back to Nov. 25, 2001 (zero in AP poll)

LSU's Recent Bowl History

2002 Sugar Bowl

LSU broke 21 Sugar Bowl records as the Tigers rolled to a 47-34 victory over Big Ten champion Illinois. **Rohan Davey** threw for 444 yards, 239 of which went to **Josh Reed**. **Domanick Davis** ran for 122 yards and four touchdowns.

2000 Peach Bowl

Rohan Davey came off the bench to throw three touchdown passes as LSU outscored Georgia Tech 25-0 in the second half for a 28-14 Tiger victory.

Cotton Bowl Memories

1969

Notre Dame lifted a self-imposed bowl ban and headed for Dallas, which left a 9-1 LSU team sitting at home on Jan. 1. The Tigers had already turned down Bowl offers, expecting to play in the Cotton Bowl.

1966

Joe Labruzzo ran for 69 yards and two touchdowns to lead unranked LSU to a shocking 14-7 upset of second-ranked Arkansas in the Cotton Bowl. The Razorbacks, a nine-point favorite, entered the contest riding a 22-game win streak.

1963

A defensive-minded Tiger team gave **Charlie McClendon** a bowl victory in his first season with a 13-0 win over undefeated Texas. Seventh-ranked LSU was led by **Jimmy Field**, who was 9-for-13 for 93 yards passing and ran for a 22-yard touchdown in the upset of the fourth-ranked Longhorns.

1947

On a day when the Cotton Bowl was littered with snow, sleet and ice, LSU dominated Arkansas by rolling up a 271-54 advantage in total yards and a 15-1 margin in first downs. However, the Tigers managed just a 0-0 tie. The game became known as the "Ice Bowl."



“The James Gang”

LSU'S DEFENSE



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LSU'S DEFENSE

Where They Stand

Category	No.	SEC	Nation
Scoring Defense	16.9	4th	10th
Total Defense	278.8	2nd	5th
Pass Defense	143.0	1st	2nd
Rushing Defense	135.8	5th	43rd
Opp 1st Downs	185	1st	n/a
Opp 3rd-D Conv.	30.2	3rd	n/a
Pass Eff. Defense	89.02	1st	3rd

New Year ... New Defense

Year(s)	Pts	Total	Pass	Rush
2000-01	20.4	358.9	238.8	120.1
2002	16.9	278.8	143.0	135.8
Change	-3.5	-80.1	-95.8	15.7
Percent	17.2	22.3	40.1	-13.1

• The **JAMES GANG DEFENSE** is led by senior captain **Bradie James**. Bradie, a semifinalist for the Butkus Award and team captain, calls all the shots as the **MIKE**(middle) linebacker.

• All 11 starters on the defense are from the state of Louisiana. Three of the main components of the defense (**Marcus Spears, Jack Hunt, Corey Webster**), all began their LSU careers as offensive players.

• LSU held eight opponents to **FEWER THAN 300** total yards this year. It is the first time since 1976 that a Tiger defense has held seven consecutive opponents under 300 yards.

• The Tigers allowed UL-Lafayette just 70 total yards, the fewest allowed by a Tiger defense **SINCE 1966**. Later in the year, offensive juggernaut Florida passed for only 163 yards and four interceptions against the stingy LSU pass defense.

• Only two opponents have thrown for more than 200 yards against the James Gang this season. Kentucky's powerful passing attack mustered just 221 yards in the air and Eli Manning of Ole Miss only cracked 200 on the final play of the game.

• Opponents are converting a miniscule 30.2 percent of their third-down opportunities against the Tigers this year. At one point, LSU **STOPPED 24 STRAIGHT** third-down conversion attempts.

MLB Bradie James • Sr

Team captain ... Won Class 5A State Championship in Louisiana as a senior ...Louisiana 5A Defensive MVP in 1998 First-team All-American.

RE Marquise Hill • So

Named National HSLineman of the Year by ESPN recruiting guru Tom Lemming as a senior in 2000.

LE Marcus Spears • So

Top tight-end prospect in America coming out of high school, while also being a First-Team All-State defender in 2000.

DE/DT Kenderick Allen • Sr

Second-team HSAll-America (by USA Today) ...Had offseason knee surgery.

DT Chad Lavalais • Jr

In high school, he was a linebacker, running back, kick returner and punter.

CB Demetrius Hookfin • Sr

Starter for three years ...Leads SEC in passes broken up.

SLB Jeremy Lawrence • Sr

Freshman All-SEC performer in 1999 who has started all four years for LSU.

SS Norman LeJeune • Sr

Has played linebacker, cornerback and now safety in his collegiate career.

CB Corey Webster • Jr.

In 2001 as a WR, he had seven catches for 74 yards and no touchdowns. In 2002 as a CB, has 7 interceptions for 75 yards and one touchdown.

FS Jack Hunt • Jr.

Played wide receiver the last two years ...Moved to safety this past Spring.

• LSU has forced a turnover in every game this season, including six games with more than one. The Tigers have forced a turnover in 25 consecutive games.

• Six of the touchdowns given up by LSU have been on drives of fewer than 30 yards. The drives (27, 29, 2, 28, 22, 8) came when the opposing offense had a short field following a shanked punt, a pair of blocked punts, a fumble and two interceptions.

• Nearly 40 percent (277 of 757) of opponents offensive plays this year have gone for **NO GAIN OR NEGATIVE YARDAGE**.

Game-by-Game Statistics

Game	Yds/Carry	Pass Effic.	Plays of 0 or Less	3 & Out	Drives Past 50	3rd Dn. Conv.	To's	Long Play	Rush	Pass	Total	Pts.
Virginia Tech	3.3	89.00	29.2%	5	7	26.7%	1	34	166	65	231	26
Citadel	3.8	60.44	37.9%	5	2	25.0%	2	34	132	104	236	10
Miami (Ohio)	1.7	116.71	33.3%	3	2	22.2%	1	21	29	195	224	7
Mississippi St.	2.9	54.71	45.2%	4	7	26.3%	3	39	88	161	249	13
UL-Lafayette	2.4	40.20	50.0%	12	2	0.0%	3	14	17	53	70	0
Florida	3.0	62.77	45.0%	3	4	41.2%	4	23	74	163	237	7
S. Carolina	4.9	90.76	32.7%	3	3	20.0%	2	60	148	127	275	14
Auburn	4.8	173.82	26.7%	2	11	50.0%	1	48	216	105	321	31
Kentucky	4.4	157.81	37.5%	3	5	41.7%	2	55	154	221	375	30
Alabama	5.6	108.67	27.8%	2	7	50.0%	1	33	300	177	477	31
Ole Miss	2.2	96.35	42.4%	5	7	31.3%	3	26	61	218	279	13
Arkansas	5.1	99.80	29.7%	3	6	28.6%	1	56	245	127	372	21
Totals	3.8	89.02	36.6%	47	57	30.2%	24	60	135.8	142.2	278.8	16.9

All-American Linebacker Bradie James



LSU FOOTBALL



The Best of Both Worlds

2002 First Team All-America (AFCA, The Sporting News, CBS Sportsline)
 2002 National Scholar-Athlete (National Football Foundation)
 2002 First Team All-Southeastern Conference (Coaches, Associated Press)
 2002 Lombardi Award Semifinalist
 2002 Butkus Award Semifinalist



ON THE FIELD

- ▶ Leader of LSU's "James Gang" defense that ranks fifth in the nation in total defense by allowing only 278.8 yards per game. The Tigers also rank second in the nation in pass defense (142.2 yards per game), third in pass efficiency defense (89.02 rating) and 10th in scoring defense (16.9 points per game).
- ▶ Spearheaded an LSU defense that held its first seven opponents to 275 yards or less. In all, LSU has held eight of its 12 foes to fewer than 300 yards.
- ▶ Ranks third in the SEC and 12th nationally with 12.3 tackles a contest. Currently has 147 tackles this year, the second most in LSU history for tackles in a season.
- ▶ Ranks second in school history with 411 career tackles.
- ▶ One of only 11 players named as semifinalists for the 2002 Butkus Award, which is given annually to the nation's top linebacker.
- ▶ One of only 12 players named as a semifinalists for the 2002 Lombardi Award, which is given to college football's top lineman or linebacker.
- ▶ Has recorded 11 or more tackles eight times this year, including a career-best of 19 against Virginia Tech and two 18-tackle games.
- ▶ Named First-Team All-American by the AFCA, CBS Sportsline.com and the Sporting News.
- ▶ Rated as the No.1 linebacker in the nation by collegefootballnews.com.
- ▶ 2001 and 2002 First-Team All-SEC selection.
- ▶ LSU Team Captain.

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OFF THE FIELD

- ▶ One of only 14 players in all NCAA divisions to receive the prestigious National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete Award in 2002.
- ▶ Will graduate in May with a degree in Criminology.
- ▶ Nominee for Disney's Wide World of Sports Spirit Award for 2002.
- ▶ Active participant within the LSU community in service events, including visiting sick children at area hospitals, giving motivational and inspirational talks to youth football teams as well as local junior high and high schools.
- ▶ 2001 SEC Academic Honor Roll selection

BRADIE JAMES' 2002 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

OPPONENT	SACKS						
	SOLO	AST	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	NO-YDS	INT-YDS	QBH
Virginia Tech	11	8	19	0.5-3	1-3	0-0	3
The Citadel	7	11	18	1.0-3	0-0	0-0	3
Miami (Ohio)	5	2	7	0.0-0	0-0	1-0	0
Mississippi State	5	7	12	1.0-5	0-0	0-0	1
UL-Lafayette	2	6	8	1.0-5	1-5	0-0	2
Florida	7	4	11	0.5-1	0-0	0-0	1
South Carolina	5	6	11	1.0-1	0-0	0-0	1
Auburn	9	5	14	0.5-1	0-0	0-0	0
Kentucky	4	5	9	0.0-0	0-0	0-0	3
Alabama	9	6	15	1.0-1	0-0	0-0	1
Ole Miss	2	3	5	1.0-2	0-0	0-0	1
Arkansas	11	7	18	1.0-9	1-9	0-0	2
TOTALS	77	70	147	8.5-31	3-17	1-0	18

BRADIE JAMES' CAREER DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	SOLO	AST	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	SACKS	INT
1999	10-0	31	10	41	7-36	3-28	0-0
2000	11-10	56	54	110	8-32	5-25	0-0
2001	12-11	78	35	113	8-14	3-4	0-0
2002	12-12	77	70	147	8.5-31	3-17	1-0
TOTALS	44-32	242	169	411	31.5-113	14-74	1-0



IT'S SATURDAY NIGHT IN **DEATH VALLEY**



That's as exciting as an environment as you can have. I thought the crowd was a factor for us because we had communication problems we haven't had the first two games or we haven't had at Michigan or Ohio State.

- Miami (Ohio) head coach Terry Hoepfener, Sept. 14, 2002

"Death Valley in Baton Rouge is the loudest stadium I've ever been in. There are very few stadiums in America worth a touchdown, but the Bayou Bengals certainly have that advantage in Tiger Stadium"

- ESPN's Adrian Karsten on Tiger Stadium

- LSU began playing football in Tiger Stadium in 1924 and is currently in its 79th year in the venerable stadium on **Saturday Night**.
- Under **Nick Saban**, the Tigers have posted a **17-4 home record**, including a 4-2 mark against ranked opponents. Against conference foes, Saban is 8-3 in Death Valley. In home games at night, LSU is 13-3 since Saban took over.
- LSU has won **nine of its last 10** games at home, including an eight-game win streak. That was the longest home streak for the Tigers since winning eight straight from 1995-96.
- More than **85,000 fans** have attended each of LSU's last 19 home games. In that span, the Tigers have eclipsed the 90,000 mark 13 times, including a school-record 92,141 for last year's Auburn contest, which LSU won 27-14.
- A **school-record** 63,017 season tickets were sold this year, not counting the more than 15,000 seats reserved for students. Last year, 62,600 season tickets were sold.
- 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 37 occasions, including 32 straight from 1957-88. Fourteen times, LSU has ranked in the **top five in the nation**, including the last two.
- Since 1960, LSU owns a stellar **182-61-4 (.745)** record in traditional Tiger Stadium night games. On the other hand, the Tigers are just 14-20-3 (.419) at home during the day in that span.
- Death Valley is the **fifth largest** on-campus stadium in the nation holding 91,600 fans.

The Legend

"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*

"The Tiger Stadium sound was like nothing I had ever heard in my life. It's not like any other place."

-- Bill Curry

"College football is never better than when there's a good team in Tiger Stadium."

-- Lee Corso

Earthquake Game

October 6, 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.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 92,141** the largest crowd (Auburn, 2001)
- 1,500** old dorm rooms below the east & west stands
- .700** winning percentage after 483 home games
- 182-61-4** night record since 1960
- 89** yard punt return by Billy Cannon to beat Ole Miss on Halloween Night in 1959
- 79** th year of LSU football in Tiger Stadium dating back to 1924
- 70** "Tiger Den" skybox suites in the East Upper Deck
- 37** years ranked in the top 10 in the nation in attendance
- 17** straight wins to set school record from 1935-37
- 17-4** is LSU's home record since Nick Saban took over
- 13** times the crowd has exceeded 90,000 for a game
- 9** undefeated home seasons
- 5** the fifth largest on-campus stadium in the nation
- 3** times named the toughest place in the nation to play a road game
- 2** trips by the "ESPN College GameDay" crew
- 1** length of LSU's current Tiger Stadium win streak
- 1** win over a No. 1 ranked team (def. Florida, 28-21, in 1997)



LSU HEAD COACH

Nick Saban

You can call LSU head coach Nick Saban the complete package. Brought to Baton Rouge following the 1999 season to revive what many considered a sleeping giant, Saban has transformed the LSU football program into one that wins championships, while graduating players at the same time.

Armed with a plan that gives his players a chance to be successful on the field as well as the classroom, Saban's impact on the program has been immediate and it's been powerful.

In just three years as LSU's head coach, Saban's on-field success has been unmatched as he has guided the Tigers to 26 victories, a pair of bowl wins, including one in the Bowl Championship Series, and the 2001 Southeastern Conference title. LSU will be playing in a bowl game on New Year's Day for the second straight year, a feat that hasn't been achieved in Tigertown since Charles McClendon led the Tigers to the Sugar Bowl and Cotton Bowl in consecutive years in the mid-60's. On top of LSU's success on the gridiron, all 22 of the Tiger seniors in 2002 are on pace to graduate within the next 12 months.

Off the field, Saban spearheaded a fundraising effort that raised more than \$15 million for a state-of-the-art academic center for student-athletes. The new Cox Communications Academic Center for Student-Athletes is part of Saban's plan to give his players the

best opportunity to be successful when they finish their football careers. The center, which spans 54,000 square feet, is the best of its kind and features 100 computers, a 1,000-seat auditorium, a library and a communications center for training student-athletes.

Nick Saban became the 31st head coach of the LSU Tigers on November 30, 1999, after five years as head coach at Michigan State.

He didn't waste anytime making his impact felt as he guided a team coming off back-to-back losing seasons to an 8-4 mark and a win over 15th-ranked Georgia Tech in the Peach Bowl in 2000 to rekindle the fire of a proud football tradition in Baton Rouge.

Saban's influence on the Tigers went much further in 2001 as he led LSU to the school's first outright SEC title since 1986 with a 31-20 win over second-ranked Tennessee in the SEC Championship game.

Beating Tennessee to win the league title is one thing, but the fashion in which Saban and the Tigers did so speaks volumes on the impact he has had on his squads. Playing without two of their offensive standouts, quarterback Rohan Davey and running back LaBrandon Toefield, not only did the Tigers respond to Saban's challenge to step up, but they were dominant, outscoring the high-powered Vols offense 21-3 in the second half. LSU's defense allowed just 50 yards rushing.

Losing Davey and Toefield and still overcoming the adversity to win the title game, or any game for that matter, has been a trademark of Saban-coached teams. Teaching the players to trust and believe in each other has been a characteristic that Saban has branded on his squads. Saban preaches to his teams to play for 60 minutes, to become a dominant team on every play of every game, and not worry about what the scoreboard reads. The players respond.

Last year, after the Tigers dropped a 35-24 decision to Ole Miss in Baton Rouge in late October, LSU was practically counted out of the SEC Western Division race. Saban, however, pressed on saying the Tigers would continue to focus on getting better, playing one game at a time, and not worrying about anybody but the next opponent. It worked as the Tigers began to peak during their November run, a stretch that saw LSU win at Alabama, then beat nationally-ranked foes Arkansas and Auburn at home to advance to the SEC Championship game.

Last year's win over second-ranked Tennessee in the SEC Championship game and victory over No. 7 Illinois in the Sugar Bowl combined with another New Year's Day bowl invitation in 2002 are just a few steps along the way for the Tigers as Saban continues to restore the winning tradition to an LSU program that will soon be a fixture among the nation's elite in college football.

In 2002, Saban's Tigers proved that they could overcome adversity and still be successful on the field for the second straight year.

The Saban philosophy of "out of yourself and into the team" became apparent as the Tigers lost three starters – quarterback Matt Mauck, running back LaBrandon Toefield, and free safety Damien James – in consecutive weeks. LSU barely missed a beat as the Tigers went into the final week of the regular season with a chance to win the SEC Western Division title and advance to the league's championship game.

Saban's success at LSU shouldn't come as a surprise considering the success he had rebuilding a Michigan State program that was riddled with scholarship limitations. In no time, Saban had the Spartans ranked in the top 10 and playing in a New Year's Bowl games.

LSU closed the 2001 season by winning six straight games, the longest streak since the 1973 team won nine straight. In addition, the 2001 team became the first LSU squad to win its final six games of a season since 1961, when the Tigers won 10 straight games to finish at 10-1. The Tigers finished the 2001 season ranked No. 7 in the nation in the Associated Press poll and No. 8 in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches poll, the first Top 10 ranking for the program since 1987.

Known for his defensive prowess, Saban's LSU offense shattered several school records in 2001 as the Tigers scored at least 30 points eight times and went over the 40-point mark four times. LSU set six single-season records on offense, including yards per



Nick and Terry Saban with Nicholas and Kristen.

game (451.5) and passing yards per contest (298.5). LSU ranked second in the SEC and 11th nationally in total offense and passing offense.

For his efforts, Saban was named one of seven finalists for the Bear Bryant National Coach of the Year Award and both the Atlanta Touchdown Club and the Birmingham News recognized him as the SEC Coach of the Year.

His final Spartan team finished with a No. 7 ranking in the nation and became the first Michigan State team to win 10 games in one season in 34 years.

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

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

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

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

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

"No-nonsense" is one description of his style of coaching, but consistent and exacting might be more precise. "Hard work" can be attached to any successful program, but also working smart is a trademark of Saban coached teams. The keys to Saban's success are founded on aggressive and disciplined leadership and a philosophy of personal responsibility both on the football field and in the classroom.

"Basically, if anybody doesn't want to

YEAR-BY-YEAR WITH NICK SABAN

Year	School	Record	Conference	Notes
1990	Toledo	9-2	7-1 (1st)	MAC Co-Champions
1995	Michigan State	6-5-1	4-3-1 (5th)	Independence Bowl
1996	Michigan State	6-6	5-3 (5th)	Sun Bowl
1997	Michigan State	7-5	4-4 (6th)	Aloha Bowl
1998	Michigan State	6-6	4-4 (6th)	Beat No. 1 Ohio State
1999	Michigan State	9-2	6-2 (2nd)	BigTen Runner-Up
2000	LSU	8-4	5-3 (2nd-W)	Peach Bowl Champions
2001	LSU	10-3	5-3 (1st)	SEC and Sugar Bowl Champions
2002	LSU	8-4	5-3 (1st-W)	Cotton Bowl bid
Total	Ninth Year	69-37-1	46-26	Six Bowls; Two Conference Titles

Head Coach

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

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

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

Saban has a career win-loss record of 69-37-1 for a winning percentage of .650, a total that includes five years as head coach at Michigan State (1995-99), three seasons at LSU and one year at Toledo (1990). He also has extensive experience in the NFL, having coached the secondary of the Houston Oilers for two seasons (1988-89) and having served as defensive coordinator for the Cleveland Browns for four seasons (1991-94).

During his five-year tenure as head coach at Michigan State, Saban tutored four first-team All-Americans and 10 NFL draft picks.

The 51-year-old Saban returned to Michigan State following four seasons as the Cleveland Browns' defensive coordinator from 1991-94. The Browns went from allowing the most points in the NFL prior to Saban's arrival to allowing the fewest points in 1994. His defensive unit allowed a league-low 21 touchdowns and 204 points in 1994, the sixth-fewest points surrendered in NFL history at the time.

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

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

As secondary coach and defensive coordinator, Saban played an integral part in helping Michigan State to three post-season bowl appearances from 1983-87, including a Big Ten championship in 1987

and a 20-17 triumph over Southern California in the 1988 Rose Bowl. The Spartans led the nation in rushing defense in 1987, allowing only 61.2 yards per game, and ranked second in scoring defense, permitting 12.4 points.

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

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

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

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

The Saban File

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

COACHING EXPERIENCE

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

EDUCATION

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

Saban vs. All Opponents

Alabama	.....	2-1
Arkansas	.....	1-2
Arkansas State	.....	1-0
Auburn	.....	1-2
Ball State	.....	1-0
Boston College	.....	1-0
Bowling Green	.....	1-0
Central Michigan	.....	1-1
The Citadel	.....	1-0
Colorado State	.....	0-1
Eastern Michigan	.....	3-0
Florida	.....	1-2
Georgia Tech	.....	1-0
Houston	.....	1-0
Illinois	.....	6-0
Indiana	.....	4-0
Iowa	.....	1-2
Kent	.....	1-0
Kentucky	.....	3-0
LSU	.....	0-1
Louisiana-Lafayette	.....	1-0
Louisville	.....	1-1
Memphis	.....	1-0
Miami (Ohio)	.....	2-0
Michigan	.....	2-3
Middle Tennessee	.....	1-0
Minnesota	.....	3-1
Mississippi State	.....	3-0
Navy	.....	0-1
Nebraska	.....	0-2
Northern Illinois	.....	1-0
Northwestern	.....	2-1
Notre Dame	.....	3-0
Ohio	.....	1-0
Ohio State	.....	2-1
Ole Miss	.....	2-1
Oregon	.....	1-1
Penn State	.....	2-3
Purdue	.....	1-3-1
South Carolina	.....	1-0
Stanford	.....	0-1
Tennessee	.....	2-1
Tulane	.....	1-0
UAB	.....	0-1
Utah State	.....	1-0
Virginia Tech	.....	0-1
Washington	.....	0-1
Western Carolina	.....	1-0
Western Michigan	.....	2-0
Wisconsin	.....	1-2



Assistant Coaches



LSU FOOTBALL



Kirk Doll

**Asst.Head
Coach/Linebackers**

In first year with the Tigers ... Came to LSU after serving as an assistant coach at Notre Dame for eight years ... Coached LSU linebacker Bradie James to First Team All-America honors in 2002 ... LSU rookie linebacker Cameron Vaughn earned Freshman All-SEC honors in 2002.

Year at LSU: First (appointed March 4, 2002)
Birthdate: Sept.24, 1951 at Wichita,Kan.
Wife: former Kathy Reding
Children: Kate,Kelsey and Kyle
College: East Carolina, '74 and Wichita State,'76

1975-76 Wichita State (graduate assistant)
1977-78 Texas City High School (asst.coach)
1979 Iowa State (tight ends)
1980-84 Tulsa (offensive line)
1985-87 Arizona State (outside linebackers)
1988-93 Texas A&M (linebackers)
1994-2001 Notre Dame (asst.head coach, linebackers,special teams)
2002- LSU (asst.head coach/linebackers)



Derek Dooley

**Tight Ends/Recruiting
Coordinator**

In third year with the Tigers, all of which have been capped with bowl appearances ... Organizes LSU's recruiting efforts ... LSU's recruiting classes have been ranked among the finest in the nation the last two years, including a No.1 ranking by some publications in 2001 ... Son of legendary Georgia coach Vince Dooley ... Vince

coached Georgia to three Cotton Bowl appearances and now Derek will be coaching in his first Cotton Bowl.

Year at LSU: Third (appointed Dec.13, 1999)
Birthdate: June 10,1968,at Athens, Ga.
Wife: Allison
Children: John Taylor, Peyton
College: Virginia '91
Postgraduate: Georgia '94

1996 Georgia (graduate assistant/defensive ends)
1997-99 SMU (wide receivers,1997-99;
 assistant recruiting coordinator 1998-99)
2000- LSU (recruiting coordinator/tight ends)



Jimbo Fisher

**Offensive
Coordinator/Quarterbacks**

In third year with the Tigers ... Serves as LSU's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach ... Last year, LSU had one of the most potent offenses in school history as the group practically re-wrote the record books for passing offense ... In three years with the Tigers, has coached three quarterbacks who are currently on NFL rosters - Rohan Davey (Patriots), Josh Booty (Browns) and Craig Nall (Packers) ... Finalist for the Broyles Award, which goes to the nation's top assistant coach,in 2001.

Year at LSU: Third (appointed Dec.6, 1999)
Birthdate: Oct.9, 1965,at Clarksburg, W.V.
Wife: Candace
Child: Trey (1)
College: Salem College '89

1988-90 Samford (graduate assistant/quarterbacks)
1991-92 Samford (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)
1993-98 Auburn (quarterbacks)
1999 Cincinnati (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)
2000- LSU (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)



Charlie Harbison

Defensive Backs

In second season with LSU ... Joined LSU after serving on Alabama staff for three years ... Helped the Tigers to rank among one of the being pass defenses in the country in 2002 ... LSU ranked first in the SEC and second in the nation in pass defense, allowing only 143 yards passing per game ... LSU also led the SEC and

ranked third nationally in pass defense efficiency in 2002 with an 89.0 rating ... LSU defensive back Corey Webster earned First Team All-SEC honors after leading the league with seven interceptions .. LSU had two defensive backs - Webster and Demetrius Hookfin - earned SEC Defensive Player of the Week honors in 2002.

Year at LSU: Second (appointed on Feb. 16, 2001)
Birthdate: Oct.27, 1959
Wife: Gloria
Children: Charlie,Stedman, Masai,and Msiba
College: Gardner Webb

1982-83 East Lincoln (N.C.) High School (Linebackers)
1984-85 Gardner Webb (Defensive Backs)
1990 Charlotte Barons (Defensive Backs)
1991 Raleigh-Durham Skyhawks (Defensive Backs)
1992-93 Gardner Webb (Wide Receivers)
1993-94 Charlotte Rage (Defensive Coordinator/
 Defensive Backs)

Assistant Coaches



LSU FOOTBALL

- 1994** Texas-El Paso (Defensive Backs)
- 1995-97** Clemson (Defensive Backs)
- 1998-2000** Alabama (Defensive Backs)
- 2001-** LSU (Defensive Backs)



Michael Haywood

Running Backs/Special Teams Coordinator

The veteran on the LSU staff ... In eighth season with the Tigers ... Has been with LSU since the 1995 season ... In sixth bowl game at LSU ... LSU ranked first in the SEC and sixth in the nation in kickoff returns and the Tiger kickoff coverage unit ranked first in the SEC by allowing only 16.6 yards

per return ... The Tigers had one of the best all-around special teams units in the SEC as punter Donnie Jones, placekicker John Corbello and return specialist Domanick Davis all earned Second Team All-SEC honors in 2002 ... Davis was also named Second Team All-SEC at running back after rushing for 846 yards.

Year at LSU: Eighth (appointed Jan.14, 1995)
Birthdate: Feb. 26, 1964, at Houston, Texas
College: Notre Dame '86

- 1988** Minnesota (graduate assistant coach)
- 1989-90** Army (secondary 1989; outside linebackers/special teams 1990)
- 1991-92** Ohio (outside linebackers/special teams)
- 1993-94** Ball State (receivers/special teams 1993; running backs/special teams 1994)
- 1995-** LSU (running backs 1995- ; special teams coord.1997-98, 2001-)



Stan Hixon

Assoc.Head Coach/Wide Receivers

In third season with the Tigers during which time he's coached Josh Reed to the Biletnikoff Award and Michael Clayton to all-conference honors ... Last year, Reed, now with the Buffalo Bills, set the SEC record for yards (1,740), single-game receptions (19) and single-game yards (293) ... This year, Hixon took former

running back Devery Henderson and made him one of the most dangerous receivers in the SEC ... Henderson caught 23 passes for 447 yards and eight TDs before going down with a season-ending injury vs. Ole Miss ..Clayton ranked among the SEC leaders with 51 catches for 661 yards and five TDs ... Has a son who is a wide receiver at Tennessee Tech.

Year at LSU: Third (appointed Dec.28, 1999)
Birthdate: June 24,1957 at Lakeland,Florida
Wife: Rebecca
Children: Drew, Adele, Avis

College: Iowa State '79
Postgraduate: Morehead State '84

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



Will Muschamp

Defensive Coordinator

In second season with the Tigers and first as LSU's defensive coordinator ... In just a year's time, Muschamp has helped transform the LSU defense into one of the best in the league ... LSU ranked second in the SEC and fifth in the nation in total defense, allowing only 278.8 yards per game ... LSU ranked first in the SEC in pass defense, pass defense efficiency ... The Tigers ranked 10th in the nation in scoring defense with 16.9 points a contest ... LSU held its first six opponents to less than 250 yards of offense.

Year at LSU: Second (appointed on Feb. 22, 2001)
Birthdate: Aug.3, 1971
Wife: Carol
Children: Jackson
Alma Mater: Georgia, '94; Auburn, '97 (Master's)

- 1995-97** Auburn (Graduate Assistant)
- 1997** Jacksonville State (Outside Linebackers)
- 1998** West Georgia (Secondary)
- 1999** Eastern Kentucky (Secondary)
- 2000** Valdosta State (Defensive Coordinator)
- 2001-** LSU (Linebackers 2001; Defensive Coordinator 2002-)



Lance Thompson

Defensive Line

In first year with the Tigers after joining staff last February ... Came to LSU from Georgia Tech, where he coached the defensive line ... Took a pair of first-time starters in Marcus Spears and Marquise Hill and made the pair among the best defensive ends in the league ... Defensive tackle Chad Lavalais was also among the top interior defensive linemen in the SEC, while freshman Melvin Oliver ranked among the league leaders with five sacks.

Year at LSU: First (appointed Feb. 18, 2002)
Birthdate: June 4,1964
Wife: Stacy

Children: Alexandra,Christina, Lane
Alma Mater: The Citadel,'87

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

Year at LSU: Second (appointed on Jan.16, 2001)
Birthdate: Aug.12, 1957
Wife: Cindy
Children: Josh (20),Adrienne (19),and George (16)
College: Washington State '78

1991-95 Washington State (offensive line/special teams)
1995-98 Idaho (offensive coordinator)
1998-99 Houston (assistant head coach/offensive line)
2000 Arizona State (offensive line)
2001- LSU (offensive line)



George Yarno

Offensive Line

In second year with the Tigers ... Longtime player in the NFL ... Played a total of 11 seasons in the NFL with stints with the Buccaneers, Falcons,Oilers and Packers ... Coach of one of the top offensive lines in school history ... Andrew Whitworth earned First Team Freshman All-America honors in 2002, while Stephen Peterman was a First Team All-SEC pick ... Rodney Reed was named First Team Academic All-America in 2002 as well ... Line allowed only 15 sacks all season.

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