



**COACHES**

**Nick Saban**  
Head Coach

2002 Sugar Bowl Championship

# Head Coaches from the SEC Era



**Biff Jones**  
1932-34  
Three seasons  
Record: 20-5-6



**Bernie Moore**  
1935-47  
13 seasons  
Record: 89-39-6



**Gaynell Tinsley**  
1948-54  
Seven seasons  
Record: 35-34-6



**Paul Dietzel**  
1955-61  
Seven seasons  
Record: 46-24-3



**Charles McClendon**  
1962-79  
18 seasons  
Record: 137-59-7



**Bo Rein**  
1980  
Record: 0-0-0



**Jerry Stovall**  
1980-83  
Four seasons  
Record: 22-21-2



**Bill Arnsperger**  
1984-86  
Three seasons  
Record: 26-8-2



**Mike Archer**  
1987-90  
Four seasons  
Record: 27-18-1



**Curley Hallman**  
1991-94  
Four seasons  
Record: 16-28



**Gerry DiNardo**  
1995-99  
Five seasons  
Record: 32-24-1



**Hal Hunter**  
1999 (Interim)  
One game  
Record: 1-0-0



**Nick Saban**  
2000-  
Two seasons  
Record: 18-7

# All-Time Coaching Records

NO.	NAME	ALMA MATER	TENURE	YRS.	W	L	T	PCT.
1.	Dr. Charles E. Coates	Johns Hopkins	1893	1	0	1	0	.000
2.	Albert P. Simmons	Yale	1894-95	2	5	1	0	.833
3.	Allen W. Jeardeau	Harvard	1896-97	2	7	1	0	.875
4.	Edmond A. Chavanne	LSU	1898,1900	2	3	2	0	.600
5.	John P. Gregg	Wisconsin	1899	1	1	4	0	.200
6.	W.S. Boreland	Allegheny	1901-03	3	15	7	0	.681
7.	D.A. Killian	Michigan	1904-06	3	8	6	2	.563
8.	Edgar R. Wingard	Susquehanna	1907-08	2	17	3	0	.850
9.	Joe G.Pritchard	Vanderbilt	1909	1	4	1	0	.800
10.	John W. Mayhew	Brown	1910	1	3	6	0	.333
11.	James K.(Pat) Dwyer	Penn	1911-13	3	16	7	2	.680
12.	E.T. McDonald	Colgate	1914-16	3	14	7	1	.659
13.	Dana X.Bible	Carson-Newman	1916	1	1	0	2	.667
14.	Wayne Sutton	Wash. State	1917	1	3	5	0	.375
15.	Irving R.Pray	MIT	1916,19,22	3	11	9	0	.550
16.	Branch Bocock	Georgetown	1920-21	2	11	4	2	.706
17.	Mike Donahue	Yale	1923-27	5	23	19	3	.544
18.	Russ Cohen	Vanderbilt	1928-31	4	23	13	1	.635
19.	Biff Jones	Army	1932-34	3	20	5	6	.741
20.	Bernie Moore	Carson-Newman	1935-47	13	83	39	6	.671
21.	Gaynell (Gus) Tinsley	LSU	1948-54	7	35	34	6	.507
22.	Paul Dietzel	Miami (Ohio)	1955-61	7	46	24	3	.651
23.	Charles McClendon	Kentucky	1962-79	18	137	59	7	.692
24.	Bo Rein	Ohio State	***	0	0	0	0	.000
25.	Jerry Stovall	Missouri Baptist	1980-83	4	22	21	2	.511
26.	Bill Arnsperger	Miami (Ohio)	1984-86	3	26	8	2	.750
27.	Mike Archer	Miami (Fla.)	1987-90	4	27	18	1	.598
28.	Curley Hallman	Texas A&M	1991-94	4	16	28	0	.364
29.	Gerry DiNardo	Notre Dame	1995-99	5	32	24	1	.570
30.	Hal Hunter	Northwestern	1999 (interim)	0	1	0	0	1.000
31.	Nick Saban	Kent State	2000-	2	18	7	0	.720
<b>TOTALS -108 seasons</b>					<b>628</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>.628</b>

\*\*\* — died in plane crash on Jan.10,1980 (appointed head coach Nov. 30,1979)



*Paul Dietzel led the Tigers to the 1958 National Championship and the 1961 SEC Championship.*



*Charles McClendon led LSU to 13 bowl games in 18 seasons.*



*Bill Arnsperger had all three of his Tiger teams reach bowl games, including the 1986 team that was SEC Champions.*

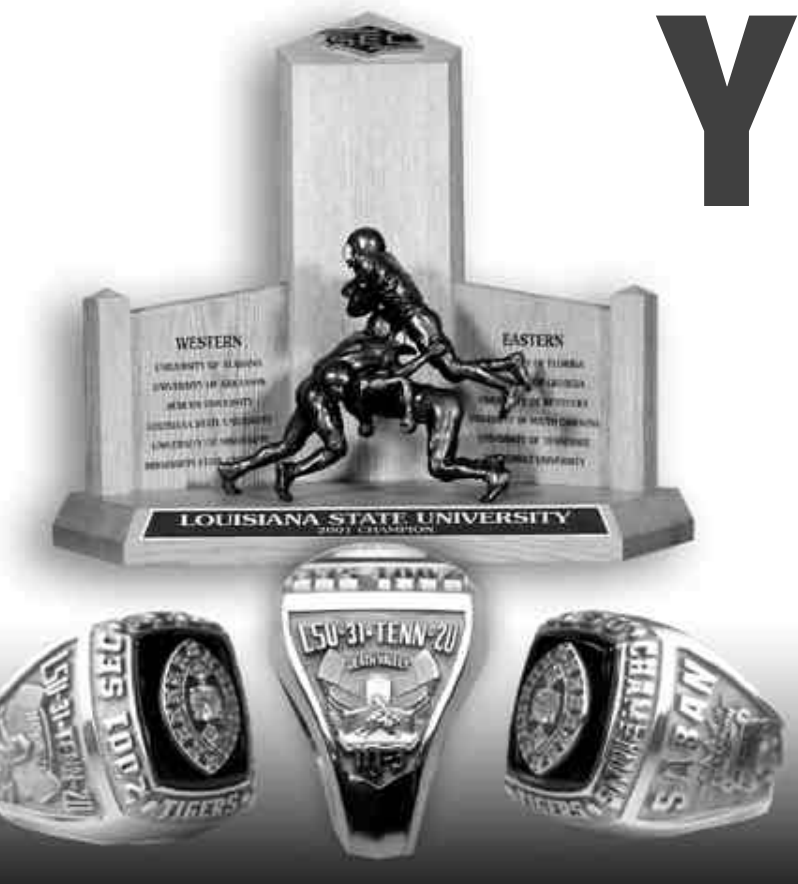
## Head Coach



# Nick Saban

Head Coach • 3rd Season

**Y**ou 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 two short years at LSU's head coach, Saban's on-field success has been unmatched as he has guided the Tigers to 18 victories, a pair of bowl wins, including one in a BCS game, and the 2001 Southeastern Conference title.

Off the field, Saban has spearheaded a fundraising effort that has raised more than \$15 million for a state-of-the-art academic center for student-athletes. The new LSU Academic Center for Student-Athletes is all part of Saban's plan to give his players that best opportunity to best successful when they finish their football career.

Saban 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 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 Southeastern Conference title since 1986 with a 31-20 win over second-ranked Tennessee in the SEC title game and followed that win a 47-34 victory over Illinois in the Sugar



*Nick and Terry Saban with Nicholas and Kristen.*

Bowl, LSU's first New Year's Day Bowl win since 1968.

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 has had on his squad.

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, they were more dominant outscoring the high-powered Vols offense 21-3 in the second half. LSU's defense allowed just 50 yards rushing for the game.

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 squad. Saban preached to his team to play for 60 minutes, to become a dominant team on every play of every game, and to not worry about what the scoreboard read. The players responded.

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 oppo-



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*Coach Saban and the Tigers celebrate after receiving the 2002 Sugar Bowl Trophy.*

nent. 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 title game.

The win over second-ranked Tennessee in the SEC Championship game and then No. 7 Illinois in the Sugar Bowl were just two more 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.

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

Saban 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.

His first two years at LSU have been anything but a disappointment as he has guided the Tigers to a two-year overall record of 18-7, including an 11-6 mark in SEC action. Saban has also led the Tigers to seven wins over ranked teams, including a 31-20 victory over second-ranked Tennessee in the SEC Championship game as LSU claimed its first outright league title since 1986. He has taken the

Tigers to bowl games in each of his first two seasons in Baton Rouge, winning the 2000 Peach Bowl before claiming the Sugar Bowl last year.

LSU closed the 2001 season by winning six straight games, the longest streak since 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



## YEAR-BY-YEAR WITH NICK SABAN

YEAR	SCHOOL	OVERALL RECORD	CONF. RECORD	VS. TOP 25 TEAMS
1990	Toledo	9-2	7-1 (MAC)	0-0
1995	Michigan State	6-5-1	4-3-1 (Big 10)	1-2
1996	Michigan State	6-6	5-3 (Big 10)	0-3
1997	Michigan State	7-5	4-4 (Big 10)	2-4
1998	Michigan State	6-6	4-4 (Big 10)	2-3
1999	Michigan State	9-2	6-2 (Big 10)	4-2
2000	LSU	8-4	5-3 (SEC)	3-2
2001	LSU	10-3	5-3 (SEC)	4-2
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>61-33-1</b>	<b>40-23</b>	<b>16-18</b>

times. LSU set six single-season records on offense, including yards per 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 the Atlanta Touchdown Club and the Birmingham News recognized him as the SEC Coach of the Year.

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.

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 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 Pro 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 in football 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 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



*In 2001, LSU won its first outright SEC Championship since 1986.*



# Head Coach

## SABAN THROUGH THE YEARS

### 1970-72

Nick Saban letters three years as a defensive back at Kent State. He also played baseball, earning two letters as a shortstop for the Golden Flashes.

*Saban as a player at Kent State*



### 1973-76

Saban begins his coaching career at his alma mater under Don James, first as a graduate assistant for two seasons, then as linebackers



*Saban's first head coaching position was Toledo in 1990.*



*Saban as a coach at the Naval Academy.*

coach for two years.

### 1977

Saban coaches for one season as the outside linebackers coach at Syracuse.

### 1978-79

Saban returns to his home state to coach the defensive secondary at West Virginia for two seasons.

### 1980-81

Saban joins head coach Earle Bruce at Ohio State and coaches the defensive secondary for two years.

### 1982

Saban spends one season as defensive backs coach at the US Naval Academy.

### 1983-87

In the first of two stints at Michigan State, Saban serves as secondary coach and defensive coordinator under George Perles for five seasons.

### 1988-89

Saban takes his career into the NFL as coach of the Houston Oilers' defensive secondary for two years.

### 1990

Saban gets his first head coaching assignment at



### 1999

Saban is named the 31st head coach in LSU football history.

*Saban was at Michigan State for five years.*

### 2000

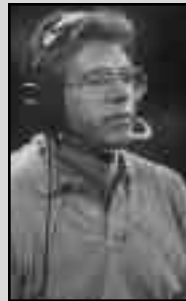
Saban led the Tigers to an 8-4 record and a victory over Georgia Tech in the Peach Bowl.

### 2001

Saban leads LSU to a Sugar Bowl victory for its first New Year's Day bowl victory since 1968. The Tigers clinched its first outright SEC title since 1986 a month earlier with a 31-20 win over No. 2 ranked Tennessee. The win propelled LSU to the Sugar Bowl and a final mark of 10-3 overall.



*Saban celebrates after the 2002 Sugar Bowl win.*



*In the NFL as an assistant for the Cleveland Browns.*



*Saban addressing the Louisiana media at his first press conference.*

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 won-loss record of 61-33-1 for a winning percentage of .647,

a total that includes five years as head coach at Michigan State (1995-99), two 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 50-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





*Saban received the traditional bucket shower after the Sugar Bowl win.*

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 record overall in 1990, including a share of the Mid-American 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 Turaround" 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.

### Saban's Record In....

Home games	39-12
Away games	19-18-1
Neutral site games	3-3
Vs. Top 25 Teams	16-18
Vs. Top 10 Teams	6-8
Vs. Top 5 Teams	4-4
Vs. No. 1 Ranked Teams	1-1
Vs. Unranked Teams	45-15-1



**SABAN vs. ALL OPPONENTS**

Alabama	2-0
Alabama-Birmingham	0-1
Arkansas	1-1
Arkansas State	1-0
Auburn	1-1
Ball State	1-0
Boston College	1-0
Bowling Green	1-0
Central Michigan	1-1
Colorado State	0-1
Eastern Michigan	3-0
Florida	0-2
Georgia Tech	1-0
Houston	1-0
Illinois	6-0
Indiana	4-0
Iowa	1-2
Kent	1-0
Kentucky	2-0
LSU	0-1
Louisville	1-1
Memphis	1-0
Miami (Ohio)	1-0
Michigan	2-3
Middle Tennessee	1-0
Minnesota	3-1
Mississippi State	2-0
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	1-1
Oregon	1-1
Penn State	2-3
Purdue	1-3-1
Stanford	0-1
Tennessee	2-1
Tulane	1-0
Utah State	1-0
Washington	0-1
Western Carolina	1-0
Western Michigan	2-0
Wisconsin	1-2

# Head Coach

## Nick Saban's Year-by-Year Results

### 1990 - TOLEDO

RECORD: 9-2 (7-1 MAC, T-1ST)

Sept. 8	at Miami (Ohio)	W	20-14
Sept. 15	Northern Illinois	W	23-14
Sept. 22	at Ball State	W	28-16
Sept. 29	at Ohio	W	27-20
Oct. 6	Eastern Michigan	W	37-23
Oct. 13	Bowling Green	W	19-13
Oct. 20	at Central Michigan	L	13-12
Oct. 27	Kent	W	28-14
Nov. 3	at Western Michigan	W	37-9
Nov. 10	Navy	L	14-10
Nov. 17	Arkansas State	W	43-28

### 1995 - MICHIGAN STATE

RECORD: 6-5-1 (4-3-1 BIG TEN, 5TH)

Sept. 9	#2 Nebraska	L	50-10
Sept. 16	at Louisville	W	30-7
Sept. 23	at Purdue	T	35-35
Sept. 30	Boston College	W	25-21
Oct. 7	Iowa	L	21-7
Oct. 14	at Illinois	W	27-21
Oct. 21	Minnesota	W	34-31
Oct. 28	at Wisconsin	L	45-14
Nov. 4	#7 Michigan	W	28-25
Nov. 11	at Indiana	W	31-13
Nov. 25	#14 Penn State	L	24-20
<b>INDEPENDENCE BOWL</b>			
Dec. 29	LSU	L	45-26

### 1996 - MICHIGAN STATE

RECORD: 6-6 (5-3 BIG TEN, T-5TH)

Aug. 31	Purdue	W	52-14
Sept. 7	at #1 Nebraska	L	55-14
Sept. 21	Louisville	L	30-20
Sept. 28	Eastern Michigan	W	47-0
Oct. 5	at Iowa	L	37-30
Oct. 12	Illinois	W	42-14
Oct. 19	at Minnesota	W	27-9
Oct. 26	Wisconsin	W	30-13
Nov. 2	at #9 Michigan	L	45-29
Nov. 9	Indiana	W	38-15
Nov. 23	at #7 Penn State	L	32-29
<b>SUN BOWL</b>			
Dec. 31	Stanford	L	38-0

### 1997 - MICHIGAN STATE

RECORD: 7-5 (4-4 BIG TEN, T-6TH)

#25 Sept. 6	Western Michigan	W	42-10
#21 Sept. 13	Memphis	W	51-21
#17 Sept. 20	at Notre Dame	W	23-7
#12 Oct. 4	Minnesota	W	31-10
#11 Oct. 11	at Indiana	W	38-6
#12 Oct. 18	at Northwestern	L	19-17
#15 Oct. 25	#5 Michigan	L	23-7
#21 Nov. 1	#9 Ohio State	L	37-13
Nov. 8	at #23 Purdue	L	22-21
Nov. 22	at Illinois	W	27-17
Nov. 29	#4 Penn State	W	49-14
<b>ALOHA BOWL</b>			
#25 Dec. 25	#21 Washington	L	51-23

### 1998 - MICHIGAN STATE

RECORD: 6-6 (4-4 BIG TEN, 6TH)

#23 Aug. 29	#15 Colorado State	L	23-16
Sept. 5	at #24 Oregon	L	48-14
Sept. 12	#23 Notre Dame	W	45-23
Sept. 26	at Michigan	L	29-17
Oct. 3	Central Michigan	W	38-7
Oct. 10	Indiana	W	38-31 (2OT)
Oct. 24	at Minnesota	L	19-18
Oct. 31	Northwestern	W	29-5
Nov. 7	at #1 Ohio State	W	28-24
Nov. 14	Purdue	L	25-24
Nov. 21	Illinois	W	41-9
Nov. 28	at #23 Penn State	L	28-51

### 1999 - MICHIGAN STATE

RECORD: 10-2 (6-2 BIG TEN, T-2ND)

Sept. 2	Oregon	W	27-20
Sept. 11	Eastern Michigan	W	51-7
Sept. 18	at #24 Notre Dame	W	23-13
#19 Sept. 25	at Illinois	W	27-10
#14 Oct. 2	Iowa	W	49-3
#11 Oct. 9	#3 Michigan	W	34-31
#5 Oct. 16	at #20 Purdue	L	52-28
#11 Oct. 23	at #17 Wisconsin	L	40-10
#19 Nov. 6	#20 Ohio State	W	23-7
#17 Nov. 13	at Northwestern	W	34-0
#15 Nov. 20	#13 Penn State	W	35-28

### 2000 - LSU

RECORD: 8-4 (5-3 SEC, 2ND-WEST)

Sept. 2	Western Carolina	W	58-0
Sept. 9	Houston	W	28-13
Sept. 16	at #24 Auburn	L	34-17
Sept. 23	UAB	L	13-10
Sept. 30	#11 Tennessee	W	38-31 (OT)
Oct. 7	at #12 Florida	L	41-9
Oct. 14	Kentucky	W	34-0
Oct. 21	#13 Mississippi State	W	45-38 (OT)
Nov. 4	Alabama	W	30-28
Nov. 11	at Ole Miss	W	20-9
#24 Nov. 24	at Arkansas	L	14-3
<b>PEACH BOWL</b>			
Dec. 29	#15 Georgia Tech	W	28-14

### 2001 - LSU

RECORD: 10-3

(SEC: 5-3, 1ST WEST, SEC CHAMPION)

#14 Sept. 1	Tulane	W	48-17
#13 Sept. 8	Utah State	W	31-14
#14 Sept. 29	at #7 Tennessee	L	18-26
#18 Oct. 6	#2 Florida	L	15-44
Oct. 13	at Kentucky	W	29-25
Oct. 20	at Mississippi State	W	42-0
Oct. 27	Ole Miss	L	24-35
Nov. 3	at Alabama	W	35-21
Nov. 10	Middle Tennessee	W	30-14
Nov. 23	#24 Arkansas	W	41-38
#22 Dec. 1	#25 Auburn	W	27-14
<b>SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME</b>			
#21 Dec. 8	#2 Tennessee	W	30-21
<b>SUGAR BOWL</b>			
#12 Jan. 1	#7 Illinois	W	47-34