

National Champions

1958

11-0

For years, LSU fans eagerly anticipated the coming of each new football season with talk of the two Tiger teams regarded as LSU's national champions—the great 10-0 team of 1908 and “next year.” After 50 years, next year finally came in 1958.

After seasons of 3-5-2, 3-7 and 5-5 under coach Paul Dietzel, and a team which included only three seniors among its 55-man roster, it didn't seem likely that 1958 would be “next year.” Indeed, with a squad dominated by juniors and sophomores, many pointed toward 1959 as the year LSU would make a run at the top.

The LSU Fighting Tigers opened the 1958 campaign Sept. 20 at Houston against the Rice Owls. Although early in the season, Dietzel's Tigers, divided into three units—the White team, the Gold team (later shortened to Go) and the Chinese Bandits—showed unusual poise and balance. LSU scored in each period en route to a 26-6 victory over a team it lost to the two previous seasons.

The following week, the Tigers traveled to Mobile to take on Alabama in its first game under Paul “Bear” Bryant. LSU came away

Coach Paul Dietzel with half-back Johnny Robinson (34), quarterback Warren Rabb (12) and halfback Billy Cannon (20).

with a hard-fought 13-3 win before returning to Baton



The 1958 LSU Football National Champions

Rouge for its home opener against Hardin-Simmons. Against the Cowboys, the Tigers built a 20-6 halftime lead and used it to coast to its victory before only 45,000 fans, indicating that few had any idea what kind of team this would become.

LSU, now ranked No. 11, hit the road again the following week and served notice to the college football world. The Tigers routed the Miami Hurricanes 41-0 at the Orange Bowl to improve their record to 4-0, their best start since 1937.

No. 9 LSU completed the first half of its schedule with a 32-7 victory over Kentucky before a home crowd of 65,000, the largest yet to see the Tigers play. Sixty-three thousand turned out the following week anxious to see if the Bayou Bengals could snap a three-game losing streak to Florida in LSU's Homecoming game. The outcome was in doubt until the final three minutes, when placekicker/fullback Tommy Davis booted a 29-yard field goal, giving the Tigers a 10-7 victory.

Now 6-0, LSU earned the AP poll's No. 1 ranking. But the Tigers knew they had to overcome Johnny Vaught's deadly Ole Miss Rebels if they wished to remain on top, something they hadn't done since 1950.

The Rebels drove to second-and-one, just a foot from LSU's end zone, early in the second quarter before 67,500 fans, the first sellout in Tiger Stadium history. They were turned back by a superb defensive effort by the White team defenders. After that, it was all LSU as White team quarterback Warren Rabb and Go

team signal-caller Durel Matherne ran for scores in the 14-0 Tiger triumph over their archrivals.

Now 7-0 and ranked No. 1 by AP, the Tigers had yet to impress the UPI board of coaches enough to earn the top rating, staying in the No. 3 position going into a home game with Duke. Although the Blue Devils did some things no other team could do against LSU all season—take an early lead, outgain the Tigers 353-yards to 285 and put a total of 18 points on the board—it was simply not enough. LSU bombed Duke for 22 points in the second quarter to take a 28-6 halftime lead and went on to a 50-18 victory.

When the UPI poll came out the following week, LSU was a unanimous No. 1 selection, a position it would not relinquish until it sustained a bitter 14-13 defeat at the hands of Tennessee in week eight of the 1959 season.

One week later, LSU traveled to Jackson, Miss., for a game against Mississippi State. It was a game in which 8-0 LSU could lose everything and the 3-4 Bulldogs could lose nothing. On a muddy field and with the Tigers tense, Miss. State took a 6-0 halftime lead and made it hold up until LSU faced a fourth and goal situation at State's 5 in the third quarter. With a possible national championship on the line, Rabb rolled left and found Billy Hendrix in the end zone to tie the game. Davis' extra point put LSU ahead 7-6 and allowed the Tigers to escape Jackson 9-0.

With one game against ancient rival Tulane separating LSU from its first recognized national championship (in those days, the wire services awarded their national championship trophies before the bowl games), some wondered how the Tigers would approach the 3-6 Green Wave, but a quote from Tulane halfback Claude “Boo” Mason took care of that. After losing to Vanderbilt, Mason told a reporter, “We'll beat





The Chinese Bandits pose for Life Magazine in 1958.

LSU because they'll choke."

Whether the Tigers would choke was subject to debate at halftime, as LSU led only 6-0 before a then Southeastern Conference record crowd of 83,221 in Sugar Bowl Stadium. However, LSU took command in the second half, taking full advantage of Green Wave mistakes en route to a 35-point fourth quarter and a 62-0 thrashing of Tulane, the most lopsided score in the history of the series. Incredibly, LSU would defeat the Greenies by the same score in 1961 and 1965.

With a 10-0 record and national championship in hand, LSU accepted an invitation to take on the Tigers of Clemson, in the 25th annual Sugar Bowl Classic on New Year's Day, 1959. Once again, LSU

found an opponent with little to lose but much recognition to gain in 8-2 Clemson, as Frank Howard's troops tried to deny LSU its first perfect season in 50 years.

After fighting off a series of bad breaks, including a fractured hand by Rabb in the first quarter, LSU got a break of its own when Chinese Bandit Duane Leopard recovered a fumbled punt attempt on the Clemson 11. On third and eight at the 9, Billy Cannon took a handoff from Matherne and hit Mickey Mangham with a touch-down pass on the halfback option for the game's only score.

The following season, a more experienced LSU team demonstrated how difficult it was to repeat as a national champion, going 9-1 during the regular season. Only the loss to Tennessee separated LSU from the school's second straight title.

This defensive stand by the Chinese Bandits was called "The Great Wall of China."

THE 1958 SQUAD

White Team

LE	Billy Hendrix	6-0	185	Rayville, La.
LT	Lynn LeBlanc	6-2	201	Crowley, La.
LG	Larry Kahlden	6-1	210	Weimar, Texas.
C	Max Fugler	6-1	203	Ferriday, La.
RG	Ed McCreedy	6-1	195	Biloxi, Miss.
RT	Charles "Bo" Strange	6-1	202	Baton Rouge, La.
RE	Mickey Mangham	6-1	192	Kensington, Md.
QB	Warren Rabb	6-0	190	Baton Rouge, La.
LH	Billy Cannon	6-1	204	Baton Rouge, La.
RH	Johnny Robinson	6-0	185	Baton Rouge, La.
FB	J.W. Brodnax	6-0	202	Bastrop, La.

Go Team

LE	Scott McClain	6-2	180	Smackover, Ark.
LT	Dave McCarty	6-2	200	Rayville, La.
LG	Al Dampier	6-1	201	Clayton, La.
C	Bobby Greenwood	5-10	195	Lake Charles, La.
RG	Mike Stupka	6-0	205	Bogalusa, La.
RT	Jack Frayer	6-2	210	Toledo, Ohio
RE	Don Norwood	6-3	202	Baton Rouge, La.
QB	Durel Matherne	5-11	188	Lutcher, La.
LH	Don Purvis	5-7	160	Crystal Springs, Miss.
RH	Donnie Daye	5-10	184	Ferriday, La.
FB	Tommy Davis	6-0	204	Shreveport, La.

Chinese Bandits

CB	Andy Bourgeois	5-10	174	New Orleans, La.
LE	Mel Branch	6-1	210	DeRidder, La.
LT	Emile Fournet	5-11	195	Bogalusa, La.
LB	John Langan	6-3	183	Carbondale, Ill.
RG	Tommy Lott	5-9	188	Texarkana, Ark.
RT	Duane Leopard	6-2	205	Baton Rouge, La.
RE	Gaynell Kinchen	6-3	196	Baton Rouge, La.
S	Darryl Jenkins	6-1	163	Franklinton, La.
S	Henry Lee Roberts	6-0	172	Little Rock, Ark.
CB	Hart Bourque	5-8	165	Gonzales, La.
LB	Merle Schexnaildre	5-9	182	Houma, La.



The Chinese Bandits

Kneeling: Mel Branch, Emile Fournet, Tommy Lott, Duane Leopard, Gaynell Kinchen. Standing: Andy Bourgeois, Darryl Jenkins, John Langan, Merle Schexnaildre, Henry Lee Roberts and Hart Bourque.

LSU's SEC Championship Teams



2001

Overall Record: 10-3 | SEC Record: 5-3 | Coach Nick Saban

Following a strong 8-4 2000 season under first-year coach Nick Saban, the 2001 Fighting Tigers were widely expected to capture the SEC Western Division championship and play in the school's first SEC Championship Game.

The Tigers got off to a flying start with home victories over Tulane and Utah State before the terrorist attacks of September 11 postponed LSU's SEC opener against Auburn until December 1.

Instead, the Tigers opened SEC play at Tennessee's Neyland Stadium in front of more than 107,000, the largest crowd to ever see LSU play, where the Volunteers got revenge for 2000 with a 26-18 victory, before LSU returned home and fell to 0-2 in the SEC with a 44-15 loss to Florida.

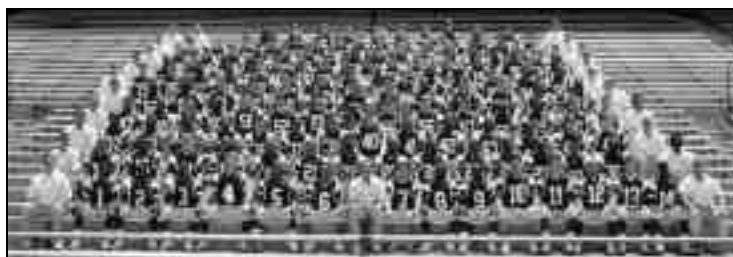
LSU then defeated Kentucky and Mississippi State on the road, but those wins were erased by a 35-24 home loss to Ole Miss that seemingly finished the Tigers' title hopes off, dropping LSU to 2-3 in the SEC.

But instead of folding, the Tigers fought back. First, Rohan Davey threw for 528 yards and Josh Reed caught 19 passes for 293 yards as the Tigers bombed Alabama in Tuscaloosa, 35-21. Home wins over Middle Tennessee and Arkansas ended November and set up the Western division title showdown with Auburn.

The showdown was no contest. LSU rolled to a 21-7 halftime lead and cruised home to a 27-14 victory, sending the Tigers to their first SEC Championship game against a Tennessee squad that would look to punch its ticket to the Rose Bowl and a national championship date with Miami with a second victory over LSU.

Most teams would have wilted under the pressure, especially after losing their starting running back (LaBrandon Toefield) and quarterback (Davey), but LSU didn't just survive, it thrived. Led by the steady play of backup Matt Mauck, the Tigers stunned the college football world by upending the Big Orange, 31-20, sending LSU to its first Sugar Bowl since 1986.

The Tigers capped off this glorious season with a 47-34 pasting of Illinois in the Sugar Bowl, as Davey earned MVP honors by throwing for a bowl record 444 yards and three touchdowns, while Reed caught 14 passes for 239 yards in front of a partisan LSU crowd of more than 77,000, leaving LSU in the top 10 for the first time since 1987.



1988

Overall Record: 8-4 | SEC Record: 6-1 | Coach Mike Archer

LSU looked to win its second SEC title in three years in 1988, and after a 10-1-1 season in 1987 under first-year coach Mike Archer, the Tigers looked the part of champions in their first two games, thrashing Texas A&M 27-0 in Death Valley, then taking the school's first win ever in Knoxville with a 34-9 rout of

Tennessee.

LSU would quickly find itself 2-2, though, as it squandered a 13-point lead in the final five minutes of a 36-33 loss at Ohio State, then dropped a 19-6 decision at Florida before heading into a critical showdown with fourth-ranked Auburn.

In a classic defensive battle, two Auburn field goals gave the Tigers of the Plains a 6-0 lead late in the fourth quarter before Tommy Hodson hit Eddie Fuller in the end zone with less than one minute to play, tying the game and causing such a tremor that it was felt on a seismograph in the LSU Geology Department. David Brownkye then kicked the extra point to give the Bayou Bengals a 7-6 triumph in what will forever be known as the "Earthquake Game".

Tough home victories over Kentucky and Ole Miss followed, then came a trip to Alabama, where LSU fell behind 15-0 late in the first half before the Tigers rallied and took a 19-18 victory on Brownkye's field goal in the waning seconds. The Tigers won the SEC title the following week with a 20-3 win over Mississippi State.

LSU split its final two regular season games, losing to Miami and defeating Tulane, before a loss to Syracuse in the Hall of Fame Bowl ended the Tigers' season at 8-4.



1986

Overall Record: 9-3 | SEC Record: 5-1 | Coach Bill Arnsparger

The Tommy Hodson era began at LSU in 1986 in Bill Arnsparger's third and final season in Tigertown, which got off to a flying start with a 35-17 upset of Texas A&M.

The Tigers then dropped a shocking 21-12 decision to Arnsparger's alma mater, Miami of Ohio the following week.

The loss to Miami was only a temporary setback. The Tigers began to roll behind their new leader, defeating Florida 28-17 in Gainesville, then coming home for a 23-14 win over Georgia. The Tigers rolled to victories over Kentucky and North Carolina before Ole Miss came to Death Valley and won for the first time in Baton Rouge since Archie Manning's sophomore season of 1968, knocking the Tigers out of first place in the SEC.

Now came a trip to league leader Alabama in Birmingham. In a white-knuckle struggle, the Tigers prevailed 14-10, leaving the Tigers needing only to defeat Mississippi State the next week to win the Tigers' first league crown since 1970.

In front of a pro-LSU crowd in Jackson, the Tigers left little doubt as to who would be kings of the SEC, as the Tigers mauled the Bulldogs 47-0 to win at least a share of the league crown. LSU defeated Notre Dame and Tulane to close the season, then Auburn upended Alabama in the Iron Bowl to give the Tigers the title all to themselves and secure the school's second Sugar Bowl berth in three years.

Arnsparger, who accepted the position of athletic director prior to LSU's game with Tulane, coached LSU for the final time on New Year's Day in a 30-15 loss to Nebraska in the Sugar Bowl.



1970

Overall Record: 9-3 | SEC Record: 5-0 | Coach Charles McClendon

Archie Manning and Ole Miss left LSU three points shy of a perfect season and the chance to play Texas in the Cotton Bowl for the national championship in 1969. After refusing a bowl berth following a 9-1 season, LSU was determined to remedy this failure in 1970.

The Tigers' hopes took a serious hit on opening night, as Texas A&M came to town and pulled off a 20-18 upset. The loss left the Tigers bloodied but unbowed, as LSU then rattled off seven consecutive victories, including a 17-9 victory at Auburn over future Heisman Trophy winner Pat Sullivan, then a 14-9 triumph in Birmingham over Alabama squad, the Tigers' second straight over Bear Bryant's Crimson Tide.

LSU would have two big non-conference games before its December 5 showdown with Archie Manning's Ole Miss Rebels for the SEC championship. First was a visit to South Bend and second-ranked Notre Dame, where LSU limited Ara Parseghian's powerful offense led by Joe Theismann to under 250 yards, but the Tigers missed several chances to win the game and fell, 3-0. The Tigers now needed two wins to lock up an Orange Bowl berth opposite Big Eight champion Nebraska, and got the first at Tulane Stadium over a pesky Green Wave squad, 26-14, setting up the title match with the Rebels.

Manning would return to Death Valley with a cast on his left arm that severely limited his throwing motion. The way LSU played that warm December night, Manning could have been Superman himself and it probably wouldn't have mattered. Tommy Casanova and Craig Burns combined to return three punts for touchdowns, and Ronnie Estay nailed Manning for a safety as LSU brought Christmas to Tiger Stadium early with a 61-17 rout of the Rebels and send the Tigers to Miami.

In the Orange Bowl against a Nebraska team looking to win a share of the national championship, LSU held a 12-10 lead after three quarters before wilting under the charge of the powerful Cornhuskers, 17-12.



1961

Overall Record: 10-1 | SEC Record: 5-0 | Coach Paul Dietzel

Coming off of a 5-4-1 campaign in 1960, LSU wanted to get its 1961 campaign off to a flying start, but a 16-3 loss to Rice in the season opener signaled the beginning of what could have been a very difficult season, but as it turned out, the loss to the Owls meant little.

Over the final nine games of the season, LSU would allow a measly 30 points, with 14 of those scored by Kentucky in a 24-14 Tiger triumph in the fifth game of the year. The Tigers blanked Florida, 23-0, then took a 10-7 win over Ole Miss to leave them needing only a win over archrival Tulane to win a share of the league title.

For the second time in four years, Andy Pilney and his Green Wave suffered a 62-0 humiliation at the hands of the Bayou Bengals, and SEC champion LSU was on to the Orange Bowl to face Big Eight champion Colorado.

In what was Paul Dietzel's final game at LSU, the Tigers had little trouble in silencing the Buffaloes, 25-7.

1958 • National Champions

Overall Record: 11-0 | SEC Record: 6-0 | Coach Paul Dietzel

In the modern era of college football, many coaches, especially in the hyper-competitive world of the SEC, would not survive seasons of 3-5-2, 3-7 and 5-5, but LSU athletic director Jim Corbett showed patience with the Tigers' young innovator, 35-year old Paul Dietzel, and for his fourth season in Baton Rouge, Dietzel would come up with the innovation that would revolutionize college football, and football on the bayou would never be the same.

Dietzel unveiled his three units—the White Team, the Go Team and the Chinese Bandits—in impressive road victories over Rice and Alabama (in its first game under Bear Bryant), before LSU returned home to defeat Hardin-Simmons.

After crushing Miami and Kentucky, LSU moved to third in the polls for a homecoming showdown against Florida in front of the first sellout crowd in Tiger Stadium history. The 67,500 in attendance weren't disappointed, as the Tigers won 10-7 to move to number one in the Associated Press poll, and LSU then backed up that ranking with a 14-0 shutout of sixth-ranked Ole Miss.

A 50-18 victory over Duke moved LSU up to the top spot in the UPI coaches' poll, but the Tigers nearly lost it all the next week against Mississippi State in Jackson, falling behind 6-0 at halftime before Warren Rabb hit Billy Hendrix for the tying touchdown in the third quarter, and Tommy Davis' extra point gave LSU a 7-6 triumph, leaving only nemesis Tulane standing between the Tigers and the brass ring.

The Green Wave held sway in the first half, limiting the Tigers to two field goals and a 6-0 lead at intermission, but in the second half, the Wave was swallowed up, as the Tigers scored an incredible 56 points in the second half, including 35 in the fourth quarter, to win 62-0 and leave no doubt as to who was number one.

LSU then took its victory lap in the Sugar Bowl against Clemson, as Mickey Magnum's halfback option pass to Billy Cannon led to a 7-0 Bayou Bengal triumph and the perfect ending to the first perfect season at LSU in exactly 50 years.

1936

Overall Record: 9-1-1 | SEC Record: 6-0 | Coach Bernie Moore

LSU started off in fine fashion against a pair of SWC powers, defeating Rice 20-7 at home then tying Texas at Austin, 6-6, before destroying Georgia in the SEC opener, 47-7, and shutting out Ole Miss, 13-0.

The Tigers beat border rival Arkansas in Shreveport, 19-7, then blanked Vanderbilt in Music City and Mississippi State in Birmingham, then returned home to down Auburn 19-6 and Southwestern Louisiana 93-0.

LSU finished the regular season by whitewashing rival Tulane, 33-0, leaving the Tigers as the nation's highest scoring team with 281 points. The Tigers finished runner-up in the AP poll to Minnesota, but took national championship honors in the Williamson poll. The Tigers' season went sour again in the Sugar Bowl, though, as coach Buck Shaw's Santa Clara club shocked LSU 21-14.

1935

Overall Record: 9-2 | SEC Record: 5-0 | Coach Bernie Moore

The start of the season proved to be tough for LSU as Rice came to Baton Rouge and handed the Tigers a 10-7 defeat.

But led by the exploits of a freshman end named Gaynell Tinsley, the Tigers would not lose again in the regular season. It started with an 18-6 win over Texas in which the Tigers scored two fourth-quarter touchdowns for the victory, then continued all the way to New York City with a 32-0 rout of Manhattan, then to Shreveport for a win over Arkansas and on to Nashville with a 7-2 victory over Vanderbilt in the SEC opener.

Auburn would fall in a 6-0 tussle in Death Valley, but no opponent the rest of the way would be that close. The Tigers then disposed of Mississippi State and Georgia before crushing Southwestern Louisiana 56-0 and Tulane 41-0 to end the season 9-1 and send SEC champion LSU to its first bowl game ever, a Sugar Bowl date with Sammy Baugh's TCU Horned Frogs.

With heavy rains turning the Tulane Stadium field to slop, the expecting passing matchup between Baugh and LSU's Abe Mickal never developed. Baugh threw an incomplete pass in the end zone for a safety that gave LSU a 2-0 lead, but the Frogs drove for a game-winning field goal and 3-2 triumph in front of an overflow crowd of 35,000.

Billy Cannon

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HB

Even by today's standards Billy Cannon was a rare athlete, combining sprinter speed with brute strength.

Cannon could consistently run a 9.5 in the 100-yard dash and, at 6-1, 210 pounds, he had the size to overpower his opponents as well as outrun them. In 1957, he was an immediate standout as a sophomore, offensively and defensively.

As a junior, Cannon was the driving force behind the Fighting Tigers as they carved out a perfect season and captured the 1958 national championship. He passed for a touchdown and kicked the extra point in LSU's 7-0 win over Clemson in the Sugar Bowl, and earned MVP honors.

Cannon's most memorable performance came in 1959 against Ole Miss. Top-ranked LSU trailed the third-ranked Rebels 3-0 early in the fourth quarter, when Cannon fielded a punt at the LSU 11 and broke seven tackles on his way to paydirt. LSU won the contest 7-3. Considered one of the best collegiate backs of his era, Cannon was awarded the Heisman Trophy at the conclusion of the 1959 season.



Billy Cannon was presented with the 1959 Heisman Trophy by then Vice President Richard Nixon.



1957

Second-Team All-SEC (UPI)

All-SEC Sophomore Team

1958

UPI Player of the Year

The Sporting News Player of the Year

Outstanding College Player (Columbus, Ohio Touchdown Club)

AP Back of the Year

UPI Back of the Year

All-America (consensus)

SEC Player of the Year (Nashville Banner)

SEC Back of the Year (Atlanta Touchdown Club)

SEC Back of the Year (Birmingham Touchdown Club)

All-SEC (AP and UPI)

Louisiana VFW Award (Louisiana outstanding athlete)

1959

Heisman Trophy Winner (Downtown Athletic Club of New York)

AP Player of the Year

UPI Player of the Year

The Sporting News Player of the Year

All-America (consensus)

Outstanding College Player (Columbus, Ohio Touchdown Club)

Walter Camp Memorial Trophy (Washington, D.C. TD Club)

College Back of the Year (Los Angeles Times)

AP Back of the Year

UPI Back of the Year

SEC Player of the Year (Nashville Banner)

SEC Player of the Year (Atlanta Touchdown Club)

SEC Player of the Year (Birmingham Touchdown Club)

All-SEC (AP and UPI)

CANNON GAME-BY-GAME**1957**

	NO.	YDS.	AVG.
Rice	6	71	11.8
Alabama	8	140	17.5
Texas Tech	13	36	2.8
Georgia Tech	17	98	5.8
Kentucky	11	70	6.4
Florida	11	22	2.0
Vanderbilt	11	46	4.2
Ole Miss	3	5	1.7
Mississippi State	11	27	2.5
Tulane	14	68	4.8
Totals	105	583	5.5

1958

	NO.	YDS.	AVG.
Rice	9	53	5.9
Alabama	12	86	7.2
Hardin-Simmons	11	83	7.5
Miami	9	34	3.8
Kentucky	12	108	9.0
Florida	15	61	4.1
Ole Miss	11	34	3.1
Duke	8	53	6.6
Mississippi State	13	57	4.4
Tulane	15	117	7.8
Totals	115	686	5.9
Clemson (Sugar Bowl)	13	51	3.9

1959

	NO.	YDS.	AVG.
Rice	15	66	4.4
TCU	9	35	3.9
Baylor	8	73	9.1
Miami	17	90	5.3
Kentucky	11	11	1.0
Florida	15	55	3.7
Ole Miss	12	48	4.0
Tennessee	22	122	5.5
Mississippi State	16	32	2.0
Tulane	14	66	4.7
Totals	139	598	4.3
Ole Miss (Sugar Bowl)	6	8	1.3

Cannon's Career Statistics

	RUSHING				RECEIVING			PASSING				PUNT RETURNS			KICKOFF RETURNS			
	ATT	YDS.	AVG.	TD	REC.	YDS.	TD	ATT.	CMP.	HI	YDS.	TD	NO.	YDS.	TD	NO.	YDS.	TD
1957	105	583	5.5	4	11	199	1	16	7	1	84	0	7	39	0	11	343	1
1958	115	686	5.9	10	9	162	1	4	3	0	14	0	9	89	0	3	82	0
1959	139	598	4.3	5	11	161	0	6	2	2	20	0	15	221	1	8	191	0
Totals	359	1867	5.2	19	31	522	2	26	12	3	118	0	31	349	1	22	616	1

Punting: 111 for 37.8 average

Pass Interceptions: 7 for 165 return yards, one TD

Scoring: 24 TDs, four one-point conversions, three two-point conversions, 154 total points



Josh Reed

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WR

When one thinks of some of the finest players in the history of the Southeastern Conference, Josh Reed's name will now be included on that list. Reed, who will go down as one of the most decorated players in school history, virtually re-wrote both the LSU and SEC receiving record books despite playing only 28 games at wide receiver.

Originally signed out of Rayne (La.) High School as a tailback, Reed moved to wide receiver in week 9 of the 1999 season out of a necessity. The results were immediate as he caught five passes for 100 yards against Houston in just his second game at the position.

A year later, in 2000, Reed earned First Team All-SEC honors after catching 65 passes for 1,127 yards and 10 touchdowns for the 8-4 Tigers. His 102.5 yards receiving a contest led the SEC and he ranked second in the league with just under six catches a game.

Reed put together the finest year for

Josh Reed was presented the Biletnikoff Award by former Miami Dolphins head coach Don Shula and Fred Biletnikoff. Also pictured is Margaret Reed and LSU wide receivers coach Stan Hixon.





a receiver in SEC history in 2001 as he shattered the league's single-season yardage mark with 1,740 yards on a school-record 94 catches. Reed set a pair of league marks in a 35-21 road victory over Alabama as he hauled in 19 passes for 293 yards and a touchdown. He capped his record-setting career in grand fashion, setting a pair of Sugar Bowl record with 14 receptions for 239 yards and two touchdowns in leading the Tigers to a 47-34 victory over Illinois.

At the conclusion of his junior season, Reed was named the winner of the Biletnikoff Award, which is presented annually to the nation's top collegiate receiver. Reed was drafted with the fourth pick of the second round of the 2002 NFL Draft by the Buffalo Bills.

2000

First-Team All-SEC

(AP, SEC Coaches, The Sporting News, Football News, Birmingham News, College Sports-Southeast, Rivals.com)

Louisiana Offensive Player of the Year

(Louisiana Sports Writer's Association)

2001

Biletnikoff Award Winner

First-Team All-America (Walter Camp)

First-Team All-America (Associated Press)

First-Team All-America (Football Writers Association)

First-Team All-America (CNNSI.com)

First-Team All-America (ABC Sports online)

First-Team All-America (Collegefootballnews.com)

First-Team All-America (The Sporting News)

Second-Team All-America (Football News)

First-Team All-SEC (Associated Press)

First-Team All-SEC (SEC Coaches)

Louisiana Offensive Player of the Year

(Louisiana Sports Writer's Association)

SEC Offensive Player of the Week

(Nov. 4, vs. Alabama)

National Player of the Week

(Nov. 4, The Sporting News)

All-Bowl Team

(Sports Illustrated)

Reed's Career Receiving and Rushing Totals - Regular Season

YEAR	G-GS	RECEIVING			ATT.	RUSHING	
		REC.	YDS.	TD		YDS.	TD
1999 Fr.	8-0	8	134	0	6	58	1
2000 So.	11-3	65	1,127	10	1	-2	0
2001 Jr.	12-12	94	1,740	7	2	7	0
TOTALS	31-15	167	3,001	17	9	63	1

Reed's Career Receiving Totals - Bowl Games

YEAR (GAME)	REC.	YDS.	TD	LG
2000 (Peach)	9	96	1	17
2002 (Sugar)	14	239	2	42
TOTALS	23	335	3	42

REED GAME-BY-GAME

1999

	REC	YDS	TD	LG
San Jose State	0	0	0	0
North Texas	0	0	0	0
Auburn	Did not play			
at Georgia	Did not play			
Florida	Did not play			
at Kentucky	Did not play			
at Miss. State	Did not play			
Ole Miss	Did not play			
at Alabama	2	33	0	22
Houston	5	100	0	33
Arkansas	1	1	0	1

2000

	REC	YDS	TD	LG
W. Carolina	5	137	1	47
Houston	3	76	0	30
at Auburn	8	167	2	75
UAB	4	53	0	17
Tennessee	7	146	3	53
at Florida	4	50	0	26
Kentucky	7	67	1	16
Miss. State	10	113	1	20
Alabama	8	129	2	36
at Ole Miss	8	173	0	38
at Arkansas	1	16	0	16
Georgia Tech (Peach)	9	96	1	17

2001

	REC	YDS	TD	LG
Tulane	6	135	0	42
Utah State	5	124	0	45
at Tennessee	7	125	1	30
Florida	6	123	0	39
at Kentucky	8	160	0	49
at Miss. State	10	146	2	42
Ole Miss	3	85	0	34
at Alabama	19*	293*	1	47
Middle Tennessee	9	120	0	21
Arkansas	7	183	2	38
Auburn	10	186	1	33
vs. Tennessee	4	60	0	24
Illinois (Sugar)	14^	239^	2	42

*SEC Record | ^Sugar Bowl Record



Bowl History

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SUGAR (3-7-0)

vs.TCU	2-3	L	Jan.1,1936
vs.Santa Clara	14-21	L	Jan.1,1937
vs.Santa Clara	0-6	L	Jan.1,1938
vs.Oklahoma	0-35	L	Jan.1,1950
vs.Clemson	7-0	W	Jan.1,1959
vs.Ole Miss	0-21	L	Jan.1,1960
vs.Syracuse	13-10	W	Jan.1,1965
vs. Wyoming	20-13	W	Jan.1,1968
vs.Nebraska	10-28	L	Jan.1,1985
vs.Nebraska	15-30	L	Jan.1,1987
vs.Illinois	47-34	W	Jan.1,2002

PEACH (3-0-0)

vs.Florida State	31-27	W	Dec.30,1968
vs.Clemson	10-7	W	Dec.28,1996
vs.Georgia Tech	28-14	W	Dec.29,2000

INDEPENDENCE (2-0-0)

vs.Michigan State	45-26	W	Dec.29,1995
vs.Notre Dame	27-9	W	Dec.28,1997

COTTON (2-0-1)

vs.Arkansas	0-0	T	Jan.1,1947
vs.Texas	13-0	W	Jan.1,1963
vs.Arkansas	14-7	W	Jan.1,1966

ORANGE (2-3-0)

vs.Texas A&M	19-14	W	Jan.1,1944
vs.Colorado	25-7	W	Jan.1,1962
vs.Nebraska	12-17	L	Jan.1,1971
vs.Penn State	9-16	L	Jan.1,1974
vs.Nebraska	20-21	L	Jan.1,1983

SUN (1-1-0)

vs.Iowa State	33-15	W	Dec.18,1971
vs.Stanford	14-24	L	Dec.31,1977

GATOR (1-0-0)

vs.South Carolina	30-13	W	Dec.31,1987
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FLORIDA CITRUS (1-0-0) (formerly Tangerine)

vs. Wake Forest	34-10	W	Dec.22,1979
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HALL OF FAME (0-1-0)

vs.Syracuse	10-23	L	Jan.2,1989
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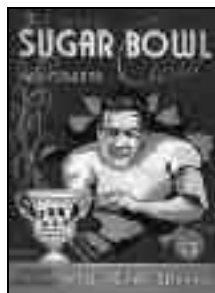
vs.Missouri	15-20	L	Dec.23,1978
vs.Baylor	7-21	L	Dec.27,1985

BLUEBONNET (0-2-0)

(Formerly Astro Bluebonnet)

vs.Baylor	7-14	L	Dec.21,1963
vs.Tennessee	17-24	L	Dec.30,1972

1936 Sugar Bowl



LSU	2
TCU	3
	F

Four days of rain turned an expected passing battle into a punting duel between quarterbacks Sammy Baugh of TCU and LSU's Abe Mickal. The Tigers threatened often, once getting to the six-inch line, but TCU's Taldon Manton kicked a winning 36-yard field goal. LSU scored when All America end Gaynell Tinsley harassed Baugh into throwing an incompletion in the TCU end zone for an automatic safety.

ATTENDANCE: 35,000

1937 Sugar Bowl



Santa Clara	21
LSU	14
	F

Mike the Tiger's first year at LSU ended in an upset by the little-known Broncos. Coach Bernie Moore's previously undefeated Bengals were never in the ball game, trailing 14-0 after the first period. The Tigers scored their last touchdown late in the game, long after Santa Clara coach Buck Shaw had cleared his bench.

ATTENDANCE: 38,483



Pinky Rohm played in three Sugar Bowls for the Tigers.

1938 Sugar Bowl



Santa Clara	6
LSU	0
	F

A rematch of the 1937 Sugar classic saw the unbeaten Broncos score early and then hold off the Tigers with two goal line stands. It marked the first time in 50 games that an LSU team had been held scoreless. Pinky Rohm was the sparkplug for the Tigers, but LSU could not move on the west coast club.

PASSING: Pinky Rohm, 5 of 15, 63 yards
RUSHING: Cotton Milner, 13 att., 34 yards
RECEIVING: Ken Kavanaugh, 4 rec., 46 yards
ATTENDANCE: 40,000

1944 Orange Bowl


LSU 19

Texas A&M 14

F

The war-time Tigers went to Miami despite a 5-3 season, thanks largely to the presence of Steve Van Buren. The red-haired sensation ran and passed for two first quarter touchdowns and sewed up the victory with a 63-yard scoring run in the third period. It was Van Buren's 16th touchdown of the season, a mark that stood until Charles Alexander ran for 17 in 1977.

ATTENDANCE: 32,191

1947 Cotton Bowl


LSU 0

Arkansas 0

F

Shunned by the Sugar Bowl, the 9-1 Tigers marched in the Cotton behind quarterback Y.A. Tittle. But Dallas was pelted with rain, sleet and snow and the scoreless standoff became known as the Ice Bowl. LSU held a 15-1 edge over the Razorbacks in first downs and a 271-54 advantage in total yardage. But the afternoon belonged to the weatherman.

ATTENDANCE: 38,000

1950 Sugar Bowl


Oklahoma 35

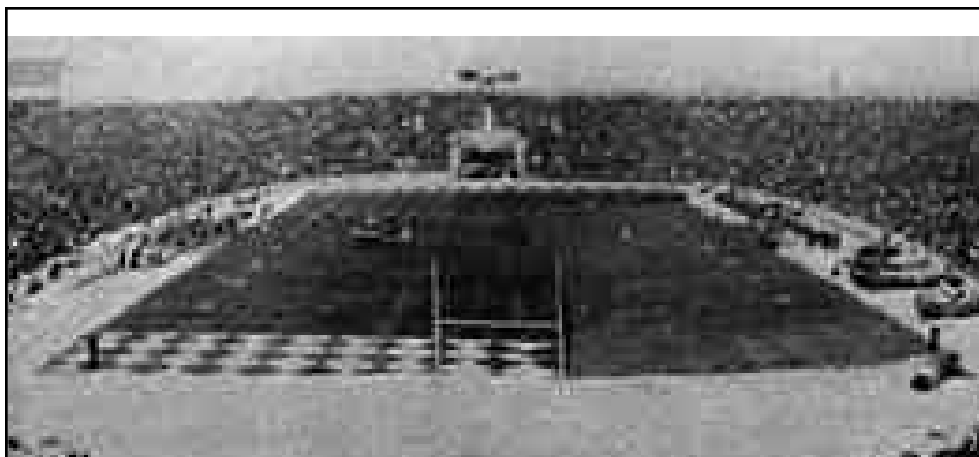
LSU 0

F

The Cinderella Tigers brought an 8-1 record to New Orleans only to see the clock strike midnight at the hands of a powerful Bud Wilkinson-coached Sooner team. Darrell Royal quarterbacked unbeaten Oklahoma to two second period touchdowns, and the Tigers could never recover. Charley Pevey quarterbacked LSU, but the Bengals could manage only 38 rushing yards to OU's 286.

ATTENDANCE: 82,000


Santa Clara scored the game's only points on this play in the first quarter of the 1938 Sugar Bowl.



The 1947 Cotton Bowl, which ended in a scoreless tie, became known as the Ice Bowl.

1959 Sugar Bowl


LSU 7

Clemson 0

F

Paul Dietzel's great national champions closed LSU's first undefeated, untied season in 50 years with a thrilling victory over Clemson. It was the Bayou Bengals' first Sugar Bowl victory and couldn't have come in a sweeter year. Billy Cannon threw a nine-yard scoring pass to Mickey Mangham in the third quarter, and the Chinese Bandits held Clemson in check for the victory.

PASSING: Warren Rabb, 2 of 7, 33 yards
RUSHING: Billy Cannon, 13 att., 51 yards,
RECEIVING: Mickey Mangham, 2 rec., 33 yards, 1 TD
ATTENDANCE: 80,331

Bowl History



Billy Cannon takes the hand off from Warren Rabb (12) in the 1959 Sugar Bowl. Cannon had 51 yards rushing and threw a nine-yard touchdown pass to Mickey Mangham to lead LSU to the 7-0 victory over Clemson.

1960 Sugar Bowl



Mississippi	21
LSU	0
	F

The regular season thriller won by Billy Cannon's 89-yard punt return proved to be a nightmarish rematch for LSU. Jake Gibbs hit Cowboy Woodruff with a 43-yard touchdown pass just before halftime and the Rebels coasted after that. The Tigers and Heisman Trophy winner Cannon never got inside the Ole Miss 38 the entire game.

PASSING: Durel Matherne, 5 of 9, 53 yards
RUSHING: Billy Cannon, 6 att., 8 yards
RECEIVING: Billy Cannon, 3 rec., 39 yards
ATTENDANCE: 81,141

1962 Orange Bowl



LSU	25
Colorado	7
	F

Amidst rumors that Paul Dietzel was leaving LSU, the Tigers romped behind Earl Gros, Wendell Harris and Jerry Stovall. All-America guard Roy Winston was outstanding as the Go Team, White Team and Chinese Bandits dominated the Buffalos. Charley White Cranford, Jimmy Field and Gene Sykes scored touchdowns for the Tigers as Harris kicked a 30-yard field goal.

PASSING: Lynn Amedee, 6 of 12, 88 yards, 1 TD
RUSHING: Earl Gros, 10 att., 55 yards
RECEIVING: Ray Wilkins, 3 rec., 58 yards, 1 TD
ATTENDANCE: 68,150

1963 Cotton Bowl



LSU	13
Texas	0
	F

The defense-minded Tigers gave Charlie McClendon a victory over the previously undefeated Longhorns in Mac's first bowl appearance as head coach. Lynn Amedee kicked field goals of 23 and 37 yards, and Jimmy Field ran 22 yards for the game's only touchdown. All-Americans Fred Miller and Jerry Stovall joined Amedee as the stars of the game.

PASSING: Jimmy Field, 9 of 13, 93 yards
RUSHING: Jerry Stovall, 11 att., 36 yards
RECEIVING: Billy Traux, 3 rec., 49 yards
ATTENDANCE: 75,500

1963 Bluebonnet Bowl



Baylor	14
LSU	7
	F

Don Trull passed the injury-ridden Tigers dizzy, hitting on 26 of 37 passes and rolling up 430 yards in total offense. Still, it took two fourth period touchdowns for the Bears to pull the victory out before 50,000 frozen fans in Houston. Joe Labruzzo ran a kickoff back for 72 yards late in the game, but Baylor held and Trull ended the game still firing away at the Tiger secondary.

PASSING: Billy Ezell, 1 of 5, 13 yards
RUSHING: Billy Ezell, 9 att., 30 yards
RECEIVING: Billy Traux, 1 rec., 13 yards
ATTENDANCE: 50,000

1965 Sugar Bowl



LSU 13

Syracuse 10

F

Billy Ezell and Pat Screen quarterbacked the Tigers to a come from behind victory over the Orangemen. Ezell threw a 57-yard touch-down pass to Doug Moreau and then hit Joe Labruzzo on a two-point conversion. Moreau, the game's MVP, kicked a 28-yard field goal for the deciding points. The Tiger defense held the Syracuse running duo of Floyd Little and Jim Nance in check, as LSU defensive tackle George Rice dumped Little for a first half safety.

PASSING: Billy Ezell, 2 of 5, 67 yards, 1 TD

RUSHING: Joe Labruzzo, 10 att., 25 yards

RECEIVING: Doug Moreau, 2 rec., 54 yards, 1 TD

ATTENDANCE: 60,322



Pat Screen



Nelson Stokley



Doug Moreau's 28 yard field goal earned him MVP honors and the Tigers the win in 1965 Sugar Bowl.

1966 Cotton Bowl



LSU 14

Arkansas 7

F

Pat Screen took over for injured Nelson Stokley and directed the Tigers to a great upset over second-ranked and unbeaten Arkansas. Joe Labruzzo ran three yards for one score and went over from a yard out for the other. The Razorbacks scored on Jon Brittenum's 16-yard pass to Bobby Crockett, but a Jerry Joseph interception stopped the Hogs' last chance in the game and ended a 22-game Arkansas win streak.

PASSING: Pat Screen, 7 of 10, 82 yards

RUSHING: Joe Labruzzo, 21 att., 69 yards, 2 TD

RECEIVING: Billy Masters, 4 rec., 45 yards,

ATTENDANCE: 76,200

1968 Sugar Bowl



LSU 20

Wyoming 13

F

A topsy-turvy year for the Tigers ended in a come-back win over the previously unbeaten Cowboys. Glenn Smith came off the bench to spark the victory and became the first sophomore in Sugar Bowl history to win the MVP award. Nelson Stokley threw touchdown passes of 35 and 14 yards to Tommy Morel, and Smith ran one yard for the other score on a chilly and rainy New Orleans afternoon.

PASSING: Nelson Stokley, 6 of 20, 91 yards, 1 TD

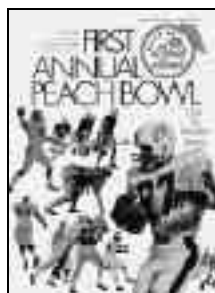
RUSHING: Glenn Smith, 16 att., 74 yards, 1 TD

RECEIVING: Tommy Morel, 4 rec., 38 yards, 2 TD

ATTENDANCE: 72,858

Bowl History

1968 Peach Bowl



LSU 31

Florida State 27

F

The see-saw contest left the Atlanta crowd limp with enthusiasm as the Tigers moved 61 yards in nine plays behind Mike Hillman for the winning touchdown. Florida State's Bill Cappelman, who threw for three touchdowns, put the ball in the air 41 times and Hillman 30 with Barton Frye's diving deflection in the end zone. Super pass catcher Ron Sellers caught two scoring passes for FSU, but LSU's Tommy Morel made a great clutch reception on the Bengals' winning drive to set up Maurice LeBlanc's two-yard TD run.

PASSING: Mike Hillman, 16 of 29, 229 yards, 2 TDs

RUSHING: Maurice LeBlanc, 14 att., 97 yards

RECEIVING: Tommy Morel, 6 rec., 103 yards

ATTENDANCE: 35,545



Maurice Leblanc (34) scored LSU's winning touchdown on a 3-yard dive.

1971 Orange Bowl



Nebraska 17

LSU 12

F

With the national title at stake, the Cornhuskers' Jerry Tagge leaped over from one yard out for the winning touchdown. Buddy Lee's 31-yard pass to Al Coffee had given the Tigers a 12-10 lead going into the final period. Mark Lumpkin kicked field goals of 36 and 25 yards for the Bengals, who could not stop Nebraska's winning 67-yard touchdown drive.

PASSING: Buddy Lee, 17 of 32, 182 yards, 1 TD

RUSHING: Bert Jones, 8 att. 54 yards,

RECEIVING: Andy Hamilton, 9 rec., 146 yards

ATTENDANCE: 80,699

1972 Bluebonnet Bowl



Tennessee 24

LSU 17

F

Tennessee struck for three first half touchdowns and then held off an LSU comeback in the second half, ending when a Bert Jones pass was deflected at the Volunteer 10 with less than two minutes left. UT quarterback Condredge Holloway ran for two scores and passed for another, while Jones and Brad Davis ran for the two Bengal touchdowns. The Vols led 24-3 at the half before the Tigers clawed their way back in the Astrodome.

PASSING: Bert Jones, 7 of 20, 90 yards

RUSHING: Brad Davis, 1 TD

ATTENDANCE: 52,961

1971 Sun Bowl



LSU 33

Iowa State 16

F

Bert Jones completed 12 of 18 passes for 227 yards and three touchdowns as the Tigers routed the Big Eight Cyclones. Jones hit cousin Andy Hamilton six times with passes, once for a touchdown, and scored the clincher himself on a run from six yards out. Jay Michaelson kicked two field goals and caught a touchdown pass for the Bengals.

PASSING: Bert Jones, 12 of 18, 227 yards, 3 TDs

RUSHING: Allen Shorey, 12 att. 68 yards

RECEIVING: Andy Hamilton, 6 rec., 165 yards, 1 TD, Long 77 yards

ATTENDANCE: 33,530

1974 Orange Bowl



Penn State 16

LSU 9

F

The Tigers, in spite of scoring on the first series of the game, were never able to get possession on the Penn State end of the field. Brad Davis was the leading rusher with 70 yards while the vaunted LSU defense held Heisman Trophy winner John Cappelletti to only 50 yards during the encounter.

PASSING: Mike Miley, 5 of 8, 36 yards

RUSHING: Brad Davis, 13 att., 54 yards

RECEIVING: Brad Davis, 4 rec., 23 yards

ATTENDANCE: 60,477

1977 Sun Bowl



Stanford	24
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LSU	14
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F

Charles Alexander won Offensive Player of the Game honors as he set a pair of Sun Bowl rushing records, carrying 31 times for 197 yards, but LSU mistakes and a superb passing attack by the Pac-8 team enabled the westerners to take the victory. LSU scored the second time it had the ball, but Stanford racked up a touchdown and a field goal for a brief lead which LSU topped with a final minute, first half six-pointer to take a 14-10 lead into intermission. The second half was all Stanford as quarterback Guy Benjamin added two more TD passes to his second period strike for the triumph.

PASSING: Steve Enslinger, 7 of 23, 68 yards, 1 TD

RUSHING: Charles Alexander, 31 att., 197 yards, 1 TD, Long 54 yards

RECEIVING: Carlos Carson, 1 rec., 13 yards

ATTENDANCE: 31,318

1978 Liberty Bowl



Missouri	20
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LSU	15
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F

It was a case of two separate games: the first half was all Missouri and the second half all LSU. The only trouble was that the Big Eight team put more points on the board in its half than the SEC entry did in its. Missouri piled up a seemingly commanding 20-3 halftime advantage, but Coach Charles McClendon's charges came out firing. Although they were not able to overcome the score, they did pile up 247 yards to 84, and 15 first downs to four for Missouri. All-America tailback Charles Alexander played his last game as a Tiger and made it memorable as he gained 133 yards on 24 carries.

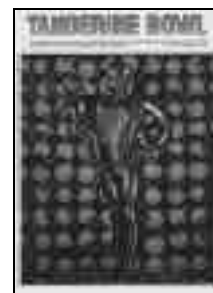
PASSING: David Woodley, 14 of 31, 170 yards

RUSHING: Charles Alexander, 24 att., 133 yards

RECEIVING: Mike Quintella, 6 rec., 81 yards

ATTENDANCE: 53,064

1979 Tangerine Bowl



LSU	34
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Wake Forest	10
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F

It was the end of the Cholly Mac era and it was a glorious end! The Tigers were 10 feet off the ground as they dashed out of their dressing room and immediately gave notice it was going to be their night. The first three times they had the ball they drove downfield, scoring two touchdowns and missing the third when they lost a fumble at the goal line. From then on, it was just a matter of what the final score would be.

PASSING: David Woodley, 16 of 26, 273 yards, 1 TD

RUSHING: David Woodley, 10 att., 68 yards, 2 TDs

RECEIVING: Jerry Murphee, 5 rec., 60 yards, 1 TD

ATTENDANCE: 38,666



A pair of LSU defenders scramble to recover a Wake Forest fumble in the 1979 Tangerine Bowl.



David Woodley passed for 273 yards and ran for 68 yards in the 1979 Tangerine Bowl.

Bowl History

1983 Orange Bowl



Nebraska 21

LSU 20

F

In one of the most exciting games in LSU history, the Tigers came within an eyelash of upsetting powerful Nebraska. Leading 17-7 late in the third period by virtue of two Dalton Hilliard touchdown runs and a 28-yard Juan Carlos Betanzos field goal, it appeared the Bayou Bengals were on the verge of the upset of the year. But two late touchdowns by the Cornhuskers offset a 49-yard Betanzos field goal, and the Tigers' noble efforts resulted in a one-point heartbreaker.

PASSING: Alan Risher, 14 of 34, 173 yards

RUSHING: Dalton Hilliard, 15 att., 22 yards, 2 TDs

RECEIVING: Dalton Hilliard, 3 rec., 51 yards,

ATTENDANCE: 54,407



Dalton Hilliard scored both of LSU's touchdowns in the first half of the 1983 Orange Bowl.

1985 Sugar Bowl



Nebraska 28

LSU 10

F

In a remarkable turnaround from a record of 4-7 in 1983, the 8-2-1 LSU Tigers found themselves in the 51st Sugar Bowl Classic under first-year coach Bill Arnsparger. The Tigers were again heavy underdogs to Nebraska, but quickly jumped out to a 10-0 lead behind a Ronnie Lewis field goal and Dalton Hilliard touchdown. After that it was all Cornhuskers. After pulling to within 10-7 at the half, Nebraska went ahead for good early in the third period, then pulled away as Jeff Wickersham threw five interceptions. Hilliard led the Tigers on the ground with 16 carries for 86 yards before a case of flu forced him to the sidelines.

PASSING: Jeff Wickersham, 20 of 37, 221 yards,

RUSHING: Dalton Hilliard, 16 att., 86 yards, 1 TD

RECEIVING: Eric Martin, 5 rec., 58 yards

ATTENDANCE: 75,608

1987 Sugar Bowl



Nebraska 30

LSU 15

F

LSU began its final bowl under coach Bill Arnsparger in impressive fashion, taking the opening kickoff and quickly moving 66 yards for a Harvey Williams touchdown. Nebraska responded with 30 unanswered points to sub-

1985 Liberty Bowl



Baylor 21

LSU 7

F

The Tigers got on the scoreboard first, but that would be all the scoring LSU could muster, as the Baylor defense stopped the Tigers, 21-7 before 40,186 at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium in Memphis. Norman Jefferson provided the LSU heroics with a 79-yard punt return with 5:17 left in the first quarter that would give the Tigers a 7-0 lead. The return would be a Liberty Bowl record and Jefferson's second scoring return in an LSU uniform. Baylor's high-powered offense was able to gain 489 yards against LSU's defense while the Tigers settled for 192 yards. Jeff Wickersham completed 11 of 24 passes for 95 yards while Dalton Hilliard carried 20 times for 66 yards.

PASSING: Jeff Wickersham, 11 of 24, 95 yards, 1 TD

RUSHING: Dalton Hilliard, 20 att., 66 yards

RECEIVING: Garry James, 4 rec., 25 yards

ATTENDANCE: 40,186

due the SEC champion Tigers in the Louisiana Superdome. The loss marked the fourth straight setback for LSU in post-season bowl games and dropped the Tigers' record to 3-7 in Sugar Bowl games. The Cornhuskers took the lead for good just before halftime when quarterback Steve Taylor capped a 72-yard drive with a two-yard touchdown run, staking Nebraska to a 10-7 advantage en route to earning MVP honors. Nebraska capitalized on two LSU fourth-quarter turnovers to take a 30-7 lead before Tiger quarterback Tom Hodson threw a 24-yard touchdown pass to flanker Tony Moss and completed a two-point pass to tailback Alvin Lee with 2:01 left in the contest.

PASSING: Tommy Hodson, 14 of 30, 159 yards, 1 TD

RUSHING: Harvey Williams, 12 att., 48 yards, 1 TD

RECEIVING: Wendell Davis, 3 rec., 63 yards

ATTENDANCE: 76,234

1987 Gator Bowl


LSU 30

South Carolina 13

F

The Tigers closed out Mike Archer's first year as head coach in grand fashion with a resounding 30-13 win over South Carolina. The LSU defense ran the South Carolina offense into confusion, but it was the offense that owned the show as the pitch-and-catch combination of Tommy Hodson and Wendell Davis thrilled the crowd of 82,119. LSU jumped out to a 14-0 lead before the Gamecocks could put a field goal on the board. The Tigers led 20-6 at the half and rolled from there in the second half. Davis--the game's MVP--caught nine passes for 132 yards and three touchdowns as Hodson completed 20 of 32 tosses for 224 yards and three scores.

PASSING: Tommy Hodson, 20 of 32, 224 yards, 3 TDs

RUSHING: Eddie Fuller, 14 att., 48 yards

RECEIVING: Wendell Davis, 9 rec., 132 yards, 3 TDs

ATTENDANCE: 82,119



Tommy Hodson threw three TD passes to Gator Bowl MVP Wendell Davis in LSU's 30-13 win over South Carolina in 1987.

1989 Hall of Fame Bowl


Syracuse 23

LSU 10

F

The Tigers went to Tampa, Fla., as co-champions of the Southeastern Conference, but came up short in this game as a solid Syracuse offense, spurred by the running halfback Robert Drummond. A stingy Orangeman defense held the Tigers at bay. Drummond was the offensive star of the game, running for 122 yards on 23 carries while Tiger quarterback Tommy Hodson was picked off three times by the aggressive Syracuse defenders. A crowd of 51,112 was on hand in Tampa Stadium for this January 2 game that saw Syracuse jump out to a 10-0 lead before the Tigers got a touchdown on the board to make it 10-7 at the half. But the last two quarters belonged to Syracuse as LSU finished its season at 8-4.

PASSING: Tommy Hodson, 16 of 33, 192 yards

RUSHING: Calvin Windom, 7 att., 32 yards, 1 TD

RECEIVING: Tony Moss, 5 rec., 96 yards, Long 43 yards

ATTENDANCE: 51,112



Kevin Faulk rushed for an LSU bowl record 234 yards in the Tigers 45-26 win over Michigan State in 1995.

1995 Independence Bowl


LSU 45

Michigan St. 26

F

The Tigers wrapped up the first year of the Gerry DiNardo era with a 45-26 win over Michigan State before a sellout crowd of 48,835. The teams battled evenly in a first half of big plays that included a 78-yard TD pass by Michigan State on the second play of the game, an Eddie Kennison kickoff return for a touchdown for LSU, a Michigan State kickoff return for a touchdown and a 51-yard TD run by Kevin Faulk that contributed to a 24-21 MSU halftime lead. But the Tigers broke it open in the second half with 24 unanswered points, including a fumble return for a touchdown by defensive end Gabe Northern. Northern went on to claim defensive player of the game honors and Faulk rushed for a bowl record 234 yards--the second most rushing yards by an LSU player ever--to capture the offensive MVP award. In all, LSU set or tied 11 Independence Bowl records in the romp.

PASSING: Herb Tyler, 10 of 20, 164 yards, 1 TD

RUSHING: Kevin Faulk, 25 att., 234 yards, 2 TDs, Long 68 yards

RECEIVING: Eddie Kennison, 5 rec., 124 yards, 1 TD, Long 49 yards

ATTENDANCE: 48,835

Bowl History

1996 Peach Bowl



LSU	10
Clemson	7
	F

Quarterback Herb Tyler led a balanced LSU attack against a stubborn Clemson squad to send the LSU Tigers to a 10-7 win in the Peach Bowl at the Georgia Dome. The win gave the Tigers their second straight bowl win and their first 10-win season in nine years. Clemson struck first, taking a 7-0 lead when quarterback Nealon Greene took the ball in from five yards out after LSU had turned the ball over deep in Clemson territory. But it would be Clemson's only points of the night. In the second quarter, Kevin Faulk capped a seven-play, 80-yard LSU drive with a three-yard touchdown run and Wade Richey added a 22-yard field goal before intermission for a 10-7 LSU lead at the half that would stand the test of the second half. The game was sealed when LSU's Aaron Adams batted away a 52-yard Clemson field goal try with less than two minutes to play.

PASSING: Herb Tyler, 14 of 21, 163 yards

RUSHING: Kevin Faulk, 23 att., 64 yards, 1 TD

RECEIVING: David Lafleur, 4 rec., 63 yards

ATTENDANCE: 63,622

1997 Independence Bowl



LSU	27
Notre Dame	9
	F

Rondell Mealey electrified a frigid Independence Bowl crowd with a 222-yard rushing performance to pace LSU to a convincing 27-9 win over Notre Dame, avenging a loss to the Irish during the regular season. Mealey subbed for starter Kevin Faulk who was injured early in the game and didn't miss a beat. The teams exchanged field goals early before the LSU touchdown surge began. Scott Cengia hit field goals of 33 and 21 yards for the Irish in the first half while Wade Richey booted a 37-yarder for a 6-3 Notre Dame lead at the half. Richey added a 42-yarder early in the second half before LSU's Herb Tyler hit Abram Booty with a 12-yard scoring strike for a 13-6 Tiger lead. Cengia hit one more field goal, a 33-yarder early in the fourth quarter, but the Irish would score no more. Mealey scored twice in the final period on runs of two and one yard to send LSU to victory before a nationally televised game on ESPN.

PASSING: Herb Tyler, 5 of 12, 61 yards, 1 TD

RUSHING: Rondell Mealey, 34 att., 222 yards, 2 TDs, Long 78 yds

RECEIVING: Abram Booty, 5 rec., 61 yards, 1 TD

ATTENDANCE: 50,459

2000 Peach Bowl



LSU	28
Georgia Tech	14
	F

Rohan Davey came off the bench in the second half to lead the Tigers to a 28-14 come-from-behind win over Georgia Tech in the Peach Bowl. Trailing 14-3 at halftime, Davey started the second half and led the Tigers to a TD on the first possession of the second half. In all, Davey threw three second half TD passes, tying an LSU bowl record, and he finished the contest with 17 completions in 25 attempts for 174 yards. Davey hit wideout Josh Reed on a 9-yard scoring pass early in the fourth quarter to give the Tigers the lead for good at 17-14. Reed finished the game with an LSU bowl record tying nine receptions for 96 yards, while fullback Tommy Banks capped his senior season with two TD receptions and a career-best seven catches for 71 yards. Georgia Tech entered the contest with only 12 turnovers all season, however the Tiger defense forced the Yellow Jackets into six turnovers, including four fumbles.

PASSING: Rohan Davey, 17 of 25, 174 yards, 3 TDs

RUSHING: LaBrandon Toefield, 22 att. 78 yards

RECEIVING: Josh Reed, 9 rec., 96 yards, 1 TD

ATTENDANCE: 73,614

2002 Sugar Bowl



LSU	47
Illinois	34
	F

LSU's high-powered offense led by quarterback Rohan Davey and Josh Reed proved to be too much for seventh-ranked Illinois as the Tigers rolled to a 47-34 win over the Fighting Illini. The win marked LSU's first New Year's Day bowl victory since a win over Wyoming in the 1968 Sugar Bowl. LSU scored 34 first half points as the Tigers led from start to finish in the contest. For the game, Davey passed for a Sugar Bowl record 444 yards by connecting of 31 of 53 attempts. Davey also added three TD passes for the Tigers. Davis rushed for 122 yards and four touchdowns, while Reed caught 14 passes for 239 yards, both Sugar Bowl records, and a pair of touch-

downs in what proved to be his final game in an LSU uniform. As a unit, LSU racked up a Sugar Bowl record 595 yards of total offense and the Tigers' 34 first half points were the most-ever points in a half a Sugar Bowl contest. In all, LSU set eight Sugar Bowl marks in the victory.

PASSING: Rohan Davey 31 of 53, 444 yards, 3 TDs

RUSHING: Domanick Davis, 28 att., 122 yards, 4 TDs

RECEIVING: Josh Reed, 14 rec., 239 yards, 2 TDs

ATTENDANCE: 77,688