

2005 Schedule/Results (23-11, 5-7 SEC)

| Date | Opponent | Time/Result |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| February | | |
| 11 (Fri.) | NICHOLLS STATE | W, 12-1 |
| 12 (Sat.) | NICHOLLS STATE | W, 19-2 |
| 13 (Sun.) | NICHOLLS STATE | W, 6-3 |
| 15 (Tue.) | UL-MONROE (COX) | W, 9-6 |
| 18 (Fri.) | ARK.-LITTLE ROCK | W, 4-2 |
| 19 (Sat.) | ARK.-LITTLE ROCK | W, 11-8 |
| 20 (Sun.) | ARK.-LITTLE ROCK | W, 15-9 |
| 25 (Fri.) | at Houston | L, 1-2 |
| 27 (Sun.) | at Houston (JSN) | W, 11-5 |
| 27 (Sun.) | at Houston (JSN) | W, 8-1 |
| March | | |
| 2 (Wed.) | at Centenary | L, 1-6 % |
| 4 (Fri.) | UAB | W, 12-6 |
| 5 (Sat.) | UAB | W, 7-3 |
| 6 (Sun.) | UAB | L, 3-4 |
| 8 (Tue.) | #1 TULANE (COX) | L, 2-6 |
| 11 (Fri.) | ARIZONA STATE | W, 6-5 |
| 12 (Sat.) | WESTERN ILLINOIS | W, 10-8 |
| 13 (Sun.) | ARIZONA STATE | W, 20-3 |
| 18 (Fri.) | at #17 Georgia | W, 8-2 |
| 19 (Sat.) | at #17 Georgia | W, 5-3 |
| 20 (Sun.) | at #17 Georgia (JSN) | W, 6-4 |
| 23 (Wed.) | Southeastern La. | W, 4-2 \$ |
| 25 (Fri.) | AUBURN | L, 4-6 |
| 26 (Sat.) | AUBURN | W, 6-3 |
| 27 (Sun.) | AUBURN | L, 5-7 |
| 29 (Tue.) | NEW ORLEANS (COX) | W, 18-10 |
| April | | |
| 1 (Fri.) | at Alabama | L, 0-4 |
| 2 (Sat.) | at Alabama (JSN) | W, 11-2 |
| 3 (Sun.) | at Alabama (JSN) | L, 4-5 (13) |
| 5 (Tue.) | at Nicholls State | W, 3-2 |
| 6 (Wed.) | #11 Rice (JSN) | W, 8-2 |
| 8 (Fri.) | #4 SOUTH CAROLINA | L, 1-3 |
| 9 (Sat.) | #4 SOUTH CAROLINA | L, 1-5 |
| 10 (Sun.) | #4 SOUTH CAROLINA | L, 5-7 |
| 12 (Tue.) | NORTHWESTERN STATE | 6:30 p.m. |
| 15 (Fri.) | OLE MISS | 6:30 p.m. |
| 16 (Sat.) | OLE MISS | 2 p.m. |
| 17 (Sun.) | OLE MISS (COX) | 1 p.m. |
| 19 (Tue.) | at Tulane (ESPN 2) | 6 p.m. \$ |
| 22 (Fri.) | at Arkansas | 7:05 p.m. |
| 23 (Sat.) | at Arkansas | 3:05 p.m. |
| 24 (Sun.) | at Arkansas (JSN) | 1:05 p.m. |
| 29 (Fri.) | at Vanderbilt | 6 p.m. |
| 30 (Sat.) | at Vanderbilt | 2 p.m. |
| May | | |
| 1 (Sun.) | at Vanderbilt (JSN) | 1 p.m. |
| 3 (Tue.) | SOUTHERN (COX) | 6:30 p.m. |
| 6 (Fri.) | KENTUCKY (COX) | 6:30 p.m. |
| 7 (Sat.) | KENTUCKY | 2 p.m. |
| 8 (Sun.) | KENTUCKY | Noon |
| 13 (Fri.) | TENNESSEE (COX) | 6:30 p.m. |
| 14 (Sat.) | TENNESSEE (SEC-TV) | 3 p.m. |
| 15 (Sun.) | TENNESSEE | Noon |
| 18 (Wed.) | at New Orleans | 6:30 p.m. # |
| 20 (Fri.) | at Mississippi State | 6:30 p.m. |
| 21 (Sat.) | at Mississippi State | 2 p.m. |
| 22 (Sun.) | at Mississippi State (JSN) | 1:30 p.m. |
| 25-29 | SEC Tournament (Hoover, Ala.) | |
| June | | |
| 3-5 | NCAA Regional (sites TBA) | |
| 10-12/11-13 | NCAA Super Regional (sites TBA) | |
| 17-26/27 | College World Series (Omaha, Neb.) | |

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\$ - Zephyr Field

**LSU BASEBALL****Weekday Release No. 7 • vs. Northwestern State**

April 12, 2005 • 6:30 p.m.

Baton Rouge, La. • Alex Box Stadium (7,760)

Tigers Look To Return To Winning Ways Against Northwestern State

LSU (23-11) seeks to end its three-game losing skid Tuesday as the Tigers play host to Northwestern State (27-10) at 6:30 p.m. in Alex Box Stadium. The LSU-Northwestern State game can be heard on the LSU Sports Network (98.1 FM in Baton Rouge) and on the Internet at www.LSUsports.net.

LSU, ranked No. 12 this week in the ESPN/Sports Weekly poll, lost three home straight games last weekend to SEC foe South Carolina. The Tigers, 5-7 in league play, are in sixth place in the SEC Western Division. Northwestern State leads the Southland Conference with an 11-1 mark after a three-game sweep of McNeese State last weekend.

LSU coach Smoke Laval is scheduled to send senior right-hander Brandon Nall (2-1, 4.11 ERA) to the mound Tuesday. Nall turned in the best performance of his career last week in a win at Nicholls State. Nall pitched a career-high 8.1 innings, limiting the Colonels to two runs on six hits with one walk and three strikeouts. Nall, who was red-shirted last season after undergoing shoulder surgery in 2003, was making just his second career start.

Northwestern State coach Mitch Gaspard, a 1984 LSU baseball letterman, is expected to counter Tuesday with senior left-hander Rusty Jones (3-1, 5.05 ERA).

Outfielder Ryan Patterson continues to lead LSU in hitting in SEC games, batting .404 (19-for-47) against conference opponents with four doubles, five homers and 11 RBI. Patterson is hitting a team-best .412 (54-for-131) overall with 13 doubles, one triple, 13 homers and 34 RBI.

Northwestern State designated hitter Blake Jones leads the Demons with a .383 average, five homers and 36 RBI. LSU leads the series with Northwestern State, 42-10, and the Tigers have won four straight and six of the last seven meetings between the clubs. Northwestern State defeated LSU in 2001, 10-8, in Natchitoches, but the Tigers won all four meetings with NSU in 2003, including a three-game sweep to open the season in Alex Box Stadium. Northwestern State's last win in Baton Rouge came in 1999, when the Demons posted a 12-6 victory.

Pitching Matchup

LSU -- Sr. RHP Brandon Nall (2-1, 4.11 ERA, 15.1 IP, 7 BB, 4 SO)
NSU -- Sr. LHP Rusty Jones (3-1, 5.05 ERA, 41.0 IP, 11 BB, 21 SO)

LSU Probable Position Starters

| Pos. | Player | Cl.-Exp. | B/T | Avg. | HR | RBI | Notable |
|------|---------------------|----------|-----|------|----|-----|---|
| C | Matt Liuzza | Jr.-2L | R/R | .227 | 2 | 13 | .316 (6-for-19) vs. left-handed pitchers |
| 1B | Blake Gill | Sr.-3L | L/R | .320 | 4 | 30 | .359 (14-for-39), 2 HR, 5 RBI last 10 games |
| | -or- Will Harris | Jr.-2L | R/R | .222 | 3 | 14 | .300 (6-for-20) vs. left-handed pitchers |
| 2B | Clay Harris | Sr.-3L | R/R | .364 | 5 | 31 | .633 (19-for-30) vs. left-handed pitchers |
| SS | Michael Hollander | Fr.-HS | R/R | .277 | 1 | 12 | .280 (7-for-25) vs. left-handed pitchers |
| 3B | Derek Hebert | Sr.-1L | L/R | .237 | 1 | 6 | Started 14 games in 2005 |
| | -or- Bryan Harris | So.-RS | R/R | .105 | 0 | 6 | Started 10 games in 2005 |
| LF | Ryan Patterson | Sr.-2L | R/R | .412 | 13 | 34 | .824 slugging percentage leads SEC |
| | -or- Quinn Stewart | Jr.-1L | R/R | .231 | 1 | 10 | .333 (2-for-6) vs. South Carolina last weekend |
| CF | Bruce Sprowl | Jr.-1L | L/R | .241 | 1 | 7 | .250 (2-for-8) vs. South Carolina last weekend |
| | -or- Ryan Patterson | Sr.-2L | R/R | .412 | 13 | 34 | .375 (15-for-40), 2 HR, 11 RBI last 10 games |
| RF | Nick Stavinoha | Sr.-1L | R/R | .338 | 7 | 27 | .432 (16-for-37) with runners in score position |
| DH | Jordan Mayer | Fr.-RS | R/R | .265 | 1 | 12 | .438 (7-for-16) vs. left-handed pitchers |
| | -or- Dustin Weaver | Sr.-2L | R/R | .227 | 4 | 15 | .250 (1-for-4), 1 HR, 1 RBI vs. South Carolina |

LSU

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| Record | 23-11 (5-7 SEC) |
| Ranking | No. 22 Baseball America No. 19 Collegiate Baseball No. 12 ESPN/Sports Weekly |
| Coach | Smoke Laval |
| Career Record | 399-233-1 (.631/11th year) |
| LSU Record | 158-74-1 (.681/fourth year) |
| Laval vs. NSU | 18-16 |

Northwestern State

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|------------------------|--|
| Record | 27-10 (11-1 SLC) |
| Ranking | NR Baseball America NR Collegiate Baseball NR ESPN/Sports Weekly |
| Coach | Mitch Gaspard |
| Career Record | 138-72 (.657/fourth year) |
| NSU Record | 138-72 (.657/fourth year) |
| Gaspard vs. LSU | 0-4 |

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Smoke Laval

HEAD COACH • FOURTH YEAR

Raymond "Smoke" Laval continues to enhance his reputation as one of the country's top college baseball coaches, as, in three seasons at the helm of the LSU program, he has guided the Tigers to two College World Series berths, two NCAA Super Regional titles, three NCAA Regional championships, one SEC title and Top 10 finishes in each of the past two seasons.

Laval, the 2003 SEC Coach of the Year, was named in 2004 the Louisiana Sportswriters Association Coach of the Year for the third straight season.

Laval has directed LSU to the best SEC regular-season record in the past three seasons, posting a 57-31-1 (.646) mark. South Carolina has the second-best SEC record (57-32, .640), and Florida is third (50-39-1, .561). LSU earned its second consecutive final Top 10 ranking in 2004, as the Tigers finished No. 7 in the Baseball America poll and No. 8 in the Collegiate Baseball poll. The final rankings culminated a magnificent 2004 season that also featured record-breaking marks for academic achievements and attendance figures. The 2004 Tigers advanced to the College World Series for the second straight season, recording a 46-19 overall record, LSU's best mark since the 2000 club finished 52-17.

LSU played host to an NCAA Regional for the 15th straight season, winning the tournament with consecutive victories over Army, Southern Mississippi and College of Charleston. The Tigers then played host to an NCAA Super Regional for the third time in five years, defeating Texas A&M in a best two-of-three series to earn a berth in the CWS.

The 2004 Tigers had the best offensive club in the SEC, completing the year with a .333 team batting average, the second-highest in school history. The Tigers were led by two first-team all-SEC players - right fielder Jon Zeringue, the 2004 SEC Co-Player of the Year and a first-team all-America selection, and center fielder J.C. Holt, a third-team all-America choice. Zeringue was selected in the second round of the 2004 draft by the Arizona Diamondbacks, and Holt was the third-round pick of the Atlanta Braves.

LSU placed 12 players on the 2004 SEC Academic Honor Roll, the highest total in the program's history, and the Tigers' 2004 total home attendance with 36 playing dates was 284,328, the third-largest figure in school history. The average paid attendance in 2004 was 7,898, which is the highest average in LSU annals.

Laval guided the 2003 Tigers to the Southeastern Conference title -- LSU's first since 1997 -- and a berth in the College World Series. He was voted the 2003 SEC Coach of the Year, directing LSU to a 45-22-1 overall record and a 20-9-1 conference mark, as the Tigers finished No. 5 in the final Baseball America rankings.

LSU played host to an NCAA Regional tournament for the 14th straight season and captured its eighth consecutive regional title. The Tigers entertained Baylor in an NCAA Super Regional series, defeating the Bears in two of three games to earn LSU's first CWS berth since 2000.

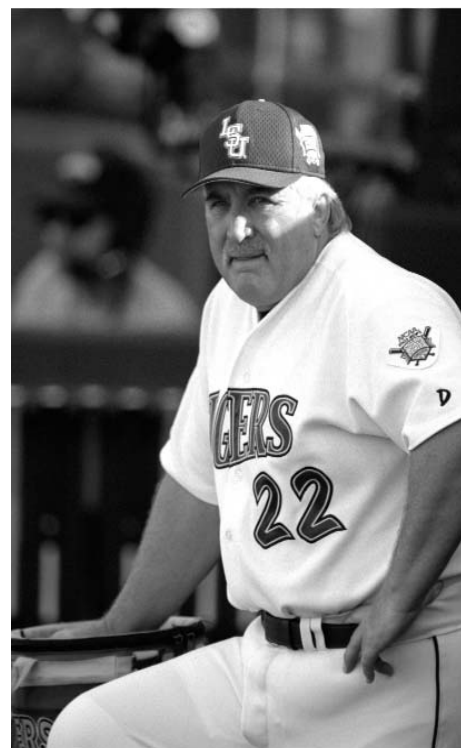
LSU also set an NCAA total attendance record in 2003, drawing 291,676 patrons to Alex Box Stadium.

The Tigers' shortstop, Aaron Hill, was named 2003 SEC Player of the Year and a first-team all-American. Hill was the first-round draft selection (13th pick overall) by the Toronto Blue Jays.

The magnificent '03 campaign augmented the success Laval enjoyed in his inaugural season as LSU's coach, as he led the 2002 Tigers to a 44-22 overall mark, an appearance in the NCAA Super Regional and a No. 11 final national ranking. Laval, named the 2002 Louisiana Coach of the Year by the Louisiana Sportswriters Association, continued the phenomenal tradition of excellence created by his predecessor, the legendary Skip Bertman.

Laval holds a bachelor's degree (1977) from Jacksonville in physical education and a master's degree (1979) from LSU in administration. The McDonald, Pa., native played two seasons at Gulf Coast Community College, where he lettered as a catcher. He completed his playing career at Jacksonville, where he led the ninth-ranked Dolphins in hitting at the 1976 NCAA South Regional.

Laval and his wife, Pam, are the parents of two children, Brandon and Jamie.



The Laval File

Full Name: Raymond Peter Laval
Born: December 20, 1955
Hometown: McDonald, Pa.
Wife: Pam Lewis of Reserve, La.
Children: Jamie and Brandon

Coaching Experience

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|---------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1977 | Assistant Coach | Jacksonville |
| 1978 | Assistant Coach | Wolfson HS (Jacksonville, Fla.) |
| 1979 | Graduate Assistant | LSU |
| 1980-81 | Assistant Coach | Gulf Coast CC |
| 1982-83 | Assistant Coach | Florida |
| 1984-93 | Assistant Coach | LSU |
| 1994-00 | Head Coach | UL-Monroe |
| 2001 | Administrative Asst. | LSU |
| 2002- | Head Coach | LSU |

Education

High School: South Fayette(McDonald, Pa.), 1973
 College: Jacksonville, 1977 (physical education)
 Masters: LSU, 1979 (administration)

Laval Year-By-Year

| Year | W-L | School | Highlights |
|------|---------|-----------|---|
| 1994 | 20-33 | UL-Monroe | Defeated Three NCAA Tournament Teams |
| 1995 | 37-20 | UL-Monroe | SLC Tournament Champions; NCAA Regional Participants |
| 1996 | 41-19 | UL-Monroe | School-Record 41 Wins; SLC Louisiana Division Champions |
| 1997 | 33-21 | UL-Monroe | Became Fourth Coach in ULM History To Record 100 Wins |
| 1998 | 33-22 | UL-Monroe | Led SLC In Hitting For Third Straight Season |
| 1999 | 36-22 | UL-Monroe | SLC Champions; NCAA Regional Participants |
| 2000 | 41-22 | UL-Monroe | SLC Champions; NCAA Regional Participants |
| 2002 | 44-22 | LSU | NCAA Regional Champions; NCAA Super Regional Participants |
| 2003 | 45-22-1 | LSU | SEC Champions; College World Series Participants |
| 2004 | 46-19 | LSU | NCAA Regional/Super Regional Champions; CWS Participants |
| 2005 | 23-11 | LSU | |

Career Record (11th year): 399-233-1 (.631)

LSU Record (4th year): 158-74-1 (.681)

COACHING HONORS

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| 1995 | Louisiana Sportswriters Association Coach of the Year |
| 1999 | Southland Conference Coach of the Year |
| 2002 | Louisiana Sportswriters Association Coach of the Year |
| 2003 | SEC Coach of the Year; Louisiana Sportswriters Association Coach of the Year |
| 2004 | Louisiana Sportswriters Association Coach of the Year |

Playing Experience

1970-73: Catcher, South Fayette High School
 1974-75: Catcher, Gulf Coast CC
 1976-77: Catcher, Jacksonville University

The Nickname "Smoke"

As a native of Western Pennsylvania, Raymond Peter Laval grew up as a Pittsburgh Pirates fan. He received the name "Smoke" in the late 1970s from his Gulf Coast Community College teammates, who derived the moniker from Smokey Burgess, a catcher for the Pirates in the 1960s.

Media Services

Interview Opportunities

Head Coach Smoke Laval

Coach Laval is available for phone interviews on weekday mornings (9 a.m. -Noon) during the season. Please coordinate all requests for personal interviews with Coach Laval through his office.

Appointments and interviews may be arranged through Virginia Robertson at (225) 578-4148. **Coach Laval will talk to reporters approximately 10 minutes after the end of a game in the LSU dugout.**

Players

Media members are invited to attend LSU baseball practice sessions. Players are available for interviews before each practice at approximately 1 p.m. in Alex Box Stadium. Requests for live player interviews on the field prior to a game should be made through Bill Franques in the Sports Information Office. **Post-game player interviews are conducted in front of the LSU dugout at the conclusion of a brief team meeting on the field.**

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The Official Website of LSU Athletics is home to all the baseball information you need. Schedules, results, rosters, bios, statistics and game notes can be found and are always up to date.

http://media.lsuports.net

Media can now access images for all LSU athletic teams, including action shots, heads shots, logos, etc. To gain access to the high-resolution pictures, email Bill Franques. You will be assigned a login and password that will enable you to retrieve pictures. This service is for the media use only.

LSU Electronic Media

Radio

The LSU Sports Radio Network distributes all LSU Baseball games by satellite to 25 radio affiliates. WDGL-FM (98.1) Radio in Baton Rouge serves as the flagship station for the LSU Sports Network. Jim Hawthorne, the "Voice of the Tigers" for all LSU sports, is in his 22nd season of calling baseball play-by-play action. He will be joined on the broadcasts by Charles Hanagriff and LSU baseball publicist Bill Franques. Selected LSU Sports Network stations air "Tiger Sportsline with Smoke Laval" beginning Monday, March 28 from 7-8 p.m. The show airs live from Superior Grill on Government Street in Baton Rouge.

Television

Inside LSU Baseball is a weekly program featuring LSU head coach Smoke Laval. The show, which begins on March 20, features game highlights, player profiles and in-depth stories on college baseball's No. 1 program. Inside LSU Baseball is produced by the LSU Electronic Media Department – Kevin Wagner, Executive Producer; John Schiebe, Associate Producer. Inside LSU Baseball Affiliates include WBRZ Channel 2 in Baton Rouge and Cox Sports Television throughout the state of Louisiana.

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Week 10: April 11-17

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| MONDAY 11 | TUESDAY 12 | WEDNESDAY 13 | THURSDAY 14 | FRIDAY 15 | SATURDAY 16 | SUNDAY 17 |
|-----------|---|--------------|-------------|---|--|--|
| | vs. Northwestern State 6:30 p.m. Alex Box Stadium Baton Rouge, La. Radio: LSU Sports Network TV: None | | | vs. Ole Miss 6:30 p.m. Alex Box Stadium Baton Rouge, La. Radio: LSU Sports Network TV: None | vs. Ole Miss 2 p.m. Alex Box Stadium Baton Rouge, La. Radio: LSU Sports Network TV: None | vs. Ole Miss 1 p.m. Alex Box Stadium Baton Rouge, La. Radio: LSU Sports Network TV: Cox Sports |