



2003 LSU BASEBALL

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2003 LSU Baseball Notebook
Thursday, March 6
Overall Record: 8-6

Results this week:
Wednesday—def. Southeastern Louisiana, 4-2

This weekend's games (all times CT):
Friday—Winthrop, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday—Winthrop 3:30 p.m. (note new time)
Sunday—Winthrop, 1 p.m.

Notes from the SLU game:

- The Tigers continued their mastery of in-state opponents, improving to 6-0 this season against Louisiana foes. LSU has won 16 of its last 17 games vs. in-state competition dating back to last year.
- LSU has also won nine consecutive midweek games dating back to last season.
- Wednesday's game was yet another superb performance by true freshman RHP Justin Meier, who won his third game in as many starts this season to run his record to 3-0. Meier struck out a season high five batters and gave up just three hits and one walk.
- For the season, Meier has a microscopic 0.60 ERA (one run in 15 IP) and has allowed opponents to hit just .160 against him.
- Redshirt freshman LHP Jason Determann turned in the longest outing of his career, going four innings in relief of Meier to notch his first career save. Determann did not allow a hit until the ninth inning, when he lost the Tigers' shutout with two outs.
- Determann also struck out a career high four batters in the outing, his third appearance this season after undergoing Tommy John surgery last season that curtailed his season after two games.
- Junior 3B Ivan Naccarata extended his hitting streak to 11 games with a 2-for-4 effort, his third consecutive two-hit game. Naccarata is batting .372 (16-for-43) during the streak and has taken over the team lead in batting average at .340.
- Junior SS Aaron Hill drove in a season high three runs and went 2-for-4, breaking a 3-for-20 slump over his past six games.
- LSU won its second consecutive game by defeating SLU, the Tigers' first consecutive wins since beginning the season 4-0.



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Looking ahead to the Winthrop series:

- Winthrop is LSU's first new opponent since the Tigers swept Birmingham-Southern to open the 2002 season. BSC, ironically, will become a full member of the Big South Conference in 2004, the league that Winthrop is a member of.
- Winthrop is making its first trip to Louisiana, with the Eagles' only games against a Bayou State school coming in the 1999 Auburn regional, when Winthrop split two games with Tulane.
- Outside of South Carolina, the only other school LSU has played from the Palmetto State is The Citadel, whom LSU defeated twice in the 1990 College World Series.
- LSU has not lost a game to a first-time visitor to Baton Rouge since losing to East Carolina in the 1999 regional, although the Tigers won the next two games with the Pirates to win the regional. The Tigers have lost only one regular-season series to a newcomer to Alex Box Stadium since 1968, and that was to South Florida in 1995.



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