

Assistant Coaches



Kirk Doll

Assistant Head Coach/Linebackers

Kirk Doll, a veteran on the defensive side of the football, enters his second year as LSU's assistant head coach and linebackers coach. Doll joined the LSU staff in the spring of 2002 after serving as an assistant coach at Notre Dame for eight years, five of which were spent as assistant head coach.

In his first year with the Tigers, Doll coached Bradie James to First-Team All-America honors as the senior set a school-record with 154 tackles in 2002. In addition, Doll assisted with an LSU defense that ranked among the best in the nation as the Tigers allowed 286 yards per contest, eighth best nationally.

While at Notre Dame, Doll helped lead the Irish to five bowl games, including an appearance in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl in 2000.

Among Doll's coaching responsibilities at Notre Dame were the linebackers, special teams and the kickers. In 2000, Notre Dame punter Joey Hildbold was a finalist for the Ray Guy Award, which is given to the nation's top punter.

In 1995, Doll helped Notre Dame reach the Orange Bowl as the Fighting Irish defense allowed just 270 yards per contest, the lowest figure at the school since the 1980 season.

Prior to his stint at Notre Dame, Doll coached at Texas A&M for six years, helping the Aggies to five bowl games, including three appearances in the Cotton Bowl. Doll helped Texas A&M lead the nation in total defense in 1991 (222.4 yards per game) and rank third nationally in 1993 (247.6). The Aggies ranked third nationally in scoring defense in 1993 by allowing only 10.8 points per contest. In his final three years at Texas A&M, the Aggies posted a 32-5 overall mark, including a 12-1 record in 1992.

Doll has also coached at the collegiate level at Arizona State (1985-87), Tulsa (1980-84), Iowa State (1979) and Wichita State (1975-76). Doll coached outside linebackers at Arizona State, helping the Sun Devils to a 10-1-1 mark and an appear-



Kirk and Kathy Doll with children Kate, Kelsey and Kyle.

ance in the Rose Bowl in 1986. Doll served as the offensive line coach at Tulsa for five years and he coached the tight ends for one spring as a part-time coach at Iowa State.

Doll's coaching career has featured 14 bowl games, including appearances in the Rose Bowl, Orange Bowl, Cotton Bowl and Fiesta Bowl.

Doll, a native of Wichita, Kan., earned Bachelor's degrees from both East Carolina and Wichita State. He played as both a defensive end and tackle at East Carolina for two years.

Doll is married to the former Kathy Reding and the couple has three children - Kate, Kelsey and Kyle.



THE DOLL FILE

YEAR AT LSU:Second (appointed March 4, 2002)
BIRTHDATE:Sept. 24, 1951 at Wichita, Kan.
WIFE:former Kathy Reding
CHILDREN:Kate, Kelsey and Kyle
HIGH SCHOOL:Wichita West
COLLEGE:East Carolina, '74 and Wichita State, '76

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



Derek Dooley

Special Teams Coordinator/Running Backs

Derek Dooley, who has spearheaded LSU's nationally-ranked recruiting classes for the past three years, including the nation's No. 1 rated class in 2001 and 2003, was promoted to special teams coordinator and running backs coach for the Tigers during the offseason.

Dooley, who has helped lead the Tigers to three straight bowl games, is no stranger to successful Southeastern Conference football programs. The son of legendary Georgia football coach Vince Dooley, Derek enters his fourth season with the Tigers, the first three of which were spent as recruiting coordinator and tight ends coach.

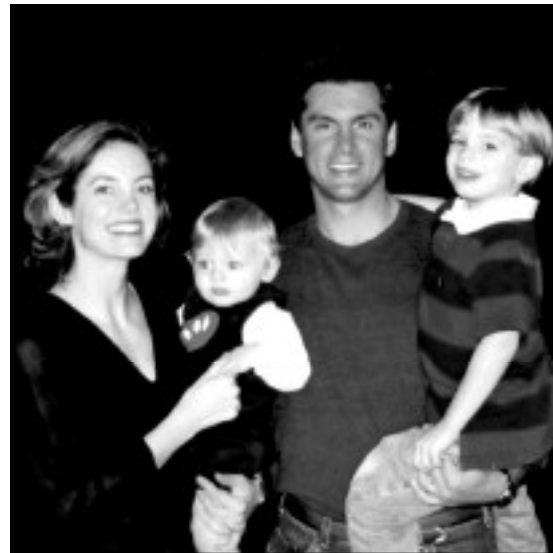
In his first three years with the Tigers, Dooley played a key role in the development of LSU's tight end corps, a group considered to be among the finest in the nation.

Dooley helped develop Robert Royal into one of the nation's premier tight ends. Royal capped his career ranked third in LSU history among tight ends for receptions (59) and yards (707), and ranked second in receiving touchdowns (7). Royal also set the LSU record for tight ends for touchdowns in a season with five in 2000. Following his senior season, Royal was selected in the fifth round of the 2002 NFL Draft by the Washington Redskins.

Royal earned First Team All-SEC honors in both 2000 and 2001, while Marcus Spears, now a defensive end for the Tigers, earned a spot on the Freshman All-SEC squad as a tight end.

Prior to his arrival at LSU, Dooley spent three seasons at SMU. While at SMU, he helped mold a young group of receivers, including Albert Johnson, who became the first player in SMU history to have three straight multiple touchdown games. In 1999, Dooley helped develop two true freshmen, Chris Cunningham and Cody Cardwell, who caught 70 passes for 1,039 yards and eight touchdowns.

A native of Athens, Ga., Dooley attended the University of Virginia, where he walked on the football team and earned a scholarship following his second season. While at Virginia,



Derek and Allison Dooley with sons Peyton and John Taylor.

Dooley participated in three bowl games (Sugar, Citrus, All-American) and helped the Cavaliers win the 1989 ACC Championship. In 1990, Dooley was named First Team Academic All-ACC and was invited to participate in the Senior Bowl.

He graduated from Virginia in 1990 with a bachelor's degree in government and foreign affairs, then went on to earn his law degree from Georgia in 1994. After a year and a half of law practice, Dooley served as a graduate assistant coach at Georgia in 1996 before going to SMU in 1997.

Derek and his wife, Allison, have two sons, John Taylor and Peyton.



THE DOOLEY FILE

YEAR AT LSU:Fourth (appointed Dec. 13, 1999)

BIRTHDATE:June 10, 1968, at Athens, Ga.

WIFE:Allison

CHILDREN:John Taylor, Peyton

HIGH SCHOOL:Clarke Central

COLLEGE:Virginia '91

POSTGRADUATE: ...Georgia '94 (law degree)

1996Georgia (graduate assistant/defensive backs)

1997-99SMU (wide receivers, 1997-99; assistant recruiting coordinator 1998-99)

2000-LSU (recruiting coordinator/tight ends 2000-02; special teams coordinator/running backs 2003)

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Jimbo Fisher

Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks

One of the nation's top offensive minds, Jimbo Fisher enters his fourth season as LSU's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. In three years with the Tigers, Fisher's offense has set numerous school records while developing the reputation as being one of the SEC's most potent units.

Last year, with a pair of first-time starters at quarterback in Matt Mauck and Marcus Randall, Fisher guided an LSU offense to average 350 yards per contest and nearly 25 points per game. LSU scored 30 or more points seven times in 2002, including a school-record tying mark of six straight contests with at least 30 points at one stretch last year.

In three years with the Tigers, Fisher has coached three LSU quarterbacks who have gone on to become NFL Draft picks. Last year, former Tigers Rohan Davey, Josh Booty, and Craig Nall, all of which learned under Fisher, were on active NFL rosters.

Perhaps Fisher's most impressive season with the Tigers came in 2001 as he developed Davey, then a first-time starter as well, into one of the nation's premier signal callers. In 2001, Davey set a total of six school-records during the regular-season and then broke another seven Sugar Bowl or LSU bowl records in the Tigers' 47-34 win over Illinois. For the year, Davey completed 217 of 367 passes for 3,347 yards and 18 touchdowns. He connected on 31 of 53 passes for 444 yards and three scores in the Sugar Bowl. Throw in Josh Reed's 94 receptions for an SEC record 1,740 yards and LSU's offense had two of the nation's most explosive players. Reed was named the winner of the Biletnikoff Award, the honor that goes to the nation's top wide receiver, while Davey was a Second Team All-SEC selection.

In 2001, LSU's offense ranked second in the SEC and 11th in the nation in total offense (451.5 yards per game) and passing offense (298.2). LSU set seven school-records during the regular-season in 2001, including single-season yards of total offense (5,418), single-season passing completed (238), passing yards per game (298.5), total offense per game (451.5) and single-season passing yards (3,578).

Fisher's two finest moments as LSU's offensive coordinator came during the 2001 season in a 35-21 win over Alabama and a 31-



Jimbo and Candi Fisher with son Trey.

20 victory over second-ranked Tennessee in the SEC Championship game. Against Alabama, LSU set a school-record with 528 passing yards, the most-ever recorded against the Crimson Tide. Davey tied an SEC record with 540 yards of total offense in the game, while Reed set SEC records for receptions (19) and receiving yards (293).

Against Tennessee and with starting quarterback Davey out of the game with an injury, Fisher altered the Tiger game plan to better suit second team quarterback Mauck. Mauck took advantage of his rushing skills to leads the Tigers to a 31-20 win and the SEC title.

In the Sugar Bowl, the Tigers racked up a Sugar Bowl record 595 yards of total offense, including 444 through the air, in their win over Illinois. LSU also set a Sugar Bowl record with 34 first half points, including 27 in the second quarter.

For his efforts in 2001, Fisher was named a finalist for the Broyles Assistant Coach of the Year Award.

In his first year with the Tigers, Fisher's influence on quarterbacks Booty and Davey was nothing short of remarkable as Booty was named First Team All-SEC, while Davey earned Most Outstanding Offensive Player honors at the Peach Bowl. The First Team All-SEC honor for Booty marked the first time since 1989 that an LSU player earned all-league honors at quarterback.

In 2000, LSU ranked third in the SEC in passing offense with 245.3 yards per game and the Tigers were second in passing efficiency with a 129.4 rating. As a unit, the Tiger offense ranked fourth in the league in total offense with 376.4 yards a contest.

Prior to joining the Tigers, Fisher engineered one of the nation's most potent offensive attacks at Cincinnati in 1999. Cincinnati finished the 1999 season ranked No. 16 in the nation in total offense with an average of 424.4 yards a contest (172.2 rushing, 252.2 passing).

Before joining the Cincinnati staff in 1999, Fisher served as the quarterbacks coach at Auburn under Terry Bowden from 1993-98 where he tutored record-setting quarterbacks Stan White, Patrick Nix and Dameyune Craig, who is the only 3,000-yard passer in Auburn history. He helped lead Auburn to appearances in the 1996 Outback, 1996 Independence and 1998 Peach Bowls.

Fisher, a native of Clarksburg, W.Va., also served as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Samford for two years (1991-92) before joining the Auburn staff. He started his coaching career as a graduate assistant tutoring quarterbacks at Samford from 1988-90.

In college, Fisher played quarterback for Terry Bowden for three seasons, two at Salem College (1984-85) and one at Samford (1987). While at Samford he set the national record for touchdowns in a season with 34 and was named the Division III National Player of the Year that season. He also set 13 school passing and total offense records.

Following college, Fisher played for one season with the Chicago Bruisers of the Arena Football League in 1988.

Fisher, who graduated from Salem College in 1989, is married to the former Candi Coogler. The couple has one child, Trey, who is two.

THE FISHER FILE

YEAR AT LSU: ... Fourth (appointed Dec. 6, 1999)
BIRTHDATE: Oct. 9, 1965, at Clarksburg, W.V.
WIFE: Candi
CHILD: Trey (2)
HIGH SCHOOL: ... Liberty High
COLLEGE: Salem College '89
1988-89 Samford (Student Assistant)
1990 Samford (graduate assistant/
 quarterbacks)
1991-92 Samford (offensive coordinator/
 quarterbacks)
1993-98 Auburn (quarterbacks)
1999 Cincinnati (offensive coordinator/
 quarterbacks)
2000- LSU (offensive coordinator/
 quarterbacks)



Stan Hixon

Associate Head Coach/Wide Receivers

Stan Hixon continued to make his mark as an outstanding receivers coach last year as the Tigers, despite the loss of All-America wideout Josh Reed, assembled one of the SEC's top receiving corps in 2002.

In his third season with the Tigers in 2002, Hixon developed first-time wideout Devery Henderson into one of the SEC's top receiving threats, while Michael Clayton continued to emerge as one of the league's top all-around wide receivers. Clayton earned Second Team All-SEC honors in 2002, while Henderson was named the league's player of the week after racking up 201 receiving yards, including the 75-yard last second TD dubbed the "Bluegrass Miracle", in LSU's 33-30 win over Kentucky.

In 2001, Hixon coached All-America and Biletnikoff recipient Josh Reed to the most dominant season for a receiver in SEC history. Reed re-wrote both the LSU and SEC record books as he caught a school-record 94 passes for an SEC-record 1,740 yards and seven touchdowns during the 2001 regular season. Reed capped his three-year LSU career with then an SEC record 3,001 receiving yards on 167 receptions. In all, Reed, who originally signed with LSU as a running back, set or tied 14 school, SEC or Sugar Bowl records in 2001. Reed was selected in the second round of the 2002 NFL Draft after deciding to forego his senior season at LSU.

In his first year with the Tigers, Hixon helped develop Reed into a star in the SEC. Reed ranked first in the SEC and sixth nationally with 102.5 yards receiving a contest. For the year, Reed caught 65 passes for 1,127 yards and 10 touchdowns, the second highest total in school history. Reed did all of this despite playing his first full season as wide receiver after shifting from his original position of tailback during the 1999 season. For his efforts, Reed was a consensus First Team All-SEC selection.

Hixon's success coaching wide receivers should not come as

THE HIXON FILE

YEAR AT LSU: Fourth (appointed Dec. 28, 1999)
BIRTHDATE: June 24, 1957 at Lakeland, Florida
WIFE: Rebecca
CHILDREN: Drew, Adele, Avis
HIGH SCHOOL: Lakeland Senior
COLLEGE: Iowa State '79
POSTGRADUATE: Morehead State '84

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



Stan and Rebecca Hixon with son Drew and daughters Adele(l) and Avis.

a surprise as he developed some of the most prolific receivers in Georgia Tech history from 1995-1999.

Hixon, who joined LSU in December of 1999, coached All-Atlantic Coast Conference receivers Kelly Campbell and Dez White at Georgia Tech in 1999. Campbell in 1999 was No. 2 in the ACC and 12th nationally in receiving yards per game (100.5) and he set school records for receptions (69), receiving yards (1,105) and touchdowns (10).

Campbell earned First-Team All-ACC honors and White was named Second-Team All-ACC as they formed the most prolific receiving tandem in Georgia Tech history.

Prior to the emergence of Campbell and White, Hixon tutored the receiving duo of Harvey Middleton, who rewrote Tech's receiving records at the time, and Derrick Steagall, who ranks as one of the Yellow Jackets' career leaders.

Hixon went to Georgia Tech in 1995 after serving as running back coach and assistant head coach at Wake Forest for two seasons. While at Wake Forest, Hixon tutored the leading rusher in the Atlantic Coast Conference, Jon Leach, who became the first 1,000-yard rusher for the Deamon Deacons in almost two decades.

He also served as receivers coach at South Carolina from 1989-92, producing All-American wideouts Robert Brooks and Eddie Miller, both of whom later played in the NFL. He coached at Appalachian State from 1983-88, helping the Mountaineers capture consecutive Southern Conference titles in 1986 and 1987, after he served as running backs coach at Morehead State from 1980-82.



Hixon, a native of Lakeland, Fla., played at Iowa State. He led the Cyclones in receiving his junior and senior seasons and played in the 1977 Peach Bowl and the 1978 Hall of Fame Bowl. Hixon earned his bachelor's degree in physical education in 1979. He earned a master's degree at Morehead State in 1984.

Hixon and his wife Rebecca have one son, Drew, and two daughters, Adele and Avis. Drew is a member of the football team at Tennessee Tech.

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Travis Jones

Defensive Line

Travis Jones, a former standout defensive lineman at Georgia, is in his first year as LSU's defensive line coach after being named to his position with the Tigers in January.

Jones comes to LSU after serving as a member of the Kansas coaching staff in 2001 and 2002. Jones coached the defensive line for the Jayhawks in 2001 and last year, he handled the Kansas defensive ends.

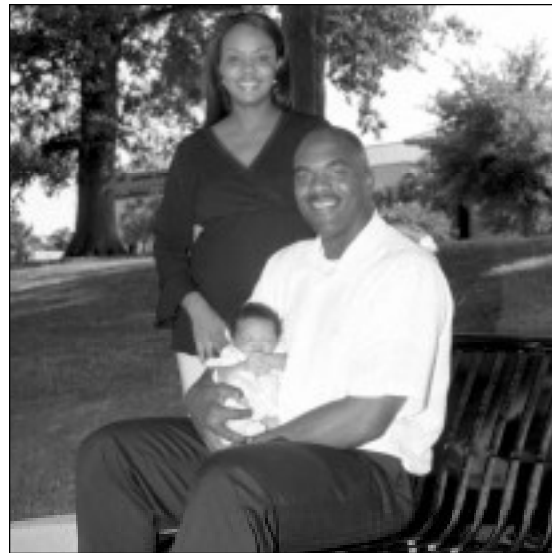
While at Kansas, Jones coached Nate Dwyer, now a member of the Arizona Cardinals, to First Team All-Big 12 honors in 2001.

Prior to his two-year stint at Kansas, Jones spent three years as linebackers coach and recruiting coordinator at Appalachian State. During his three years at Appalachian State, the Mountaineers advanced to the I-AA playoffs each year. He also coached three All-Southern Conference linebackers, including Joe Best, who was a finalist for the Buck Buchanan Award in 2000, which goes to the I-AA Defensive Player of the Year.

Jones began his coaching career at Georgia in 1997, coaching the defensive line for the Bulldogs. Georgia finished the 1997 season with a 10-2 overall mark and beat Wisconsin, 33-6, in the Outback Bowl.

A 1995 graduate of Georgia, Jones also worked as an NCAA Compliance assistant as well as an academic counselor at his alma mater. Jones earned a master's degree from Georgia in 1998.

As a player, Jones was a four-year letterwinner for Georgia leading the Bulldogs to the Independence Bowl in 1991 and the Citrus Bowl in 1993. Jones started at defensive end at Georgia his last two seasons and as a senior, he was selected the defensive team captain.



Travis and Melody Jones with daughter Kennedy.

Jones was selected by the Baltimore Stallions in the 1995 Canadian Football League draft. He played one season in the CFL and then joined the Florida Bobcats of the Arena League for one year in 1996.

A native of Irwinton, Ga., Jones is married to the former Melody Barden and the couple has one daughter, Kennedy Janae', who was born in May.



THE JONES FILE

YEAR AT LSU:First (appointed on Jan. 13, 2003)

BIRTHDATE:June 6, 1972 in Milledgeville, Ga.

WIFE:Melody

CHILDREN:Kennedi Janae'

HIGH SCHOOL:Wilkinson County

COLLEGE:Georgia, '95

POSTGRADUATE: ...Georgia, '98

1997Georgia (defensive line)

1998-2000Appalachian State (linebackers/recruiting coordinator)

2001-02Kansas (defensive line 2001; defensive ends, 2002)

2003LSU (defensive line)



Will Muschamp
Defensive Coordinator

If Will Muschamp's first year as LSU's defensive coordinator is any indication as to which direction the defense is heading, then the Tiger defense is in good hands.

In his first year as LSU's defensive coordinator, Muschamp managed a Tiger defense that ranked among the best in the nation. LSU led the SEC and ranked second in the nation in pass defense (152.7 yards per game) and the Tigers were third in the league and eighth nationally in total defense (286.8 ypg). In addition, the Tigers held their first five opponents in 2002 to fewer than 250 yards of total offense in each game, which included limiting the high-powered Florida offense to 237 yards and on only seven points. For the season, the Tigers allowed only 18.3 points a contest, which ranked 15th in the nation.

Muschamp, now in his third season at LSU, served as the Tigers' linebackers coach in 2001 before being elevated to his current position in the spring of 2002. At 32 years of age, Muschamp is one of the youngest coordinators at the Division I level.

In his first season with the Tigers, Muschamp coached one of the nation's best linebacking corps in Trev Faulk and Bradie James. Faulk and James both were semifinalist for the Butkus Award and both were named First Team All-SEC during their careers. James capped his senior season in 2002 with a school-record 154 tackles.

Muschamp's promotion to defensive coordinator marks the second time he has held such a position at the collegiate level. Prior to joining the Tigers, Muschamp served as the defensive coordinator at Valdosta State for one year in 2000. Muschamp helped lead the Blazers to a 10-2 overall mark, a share of the Gulf South Conference title and an appearance in the NCAA Division II playoffs.

Prior to his year at Valdosta State, Muschamp spent the 1999 season coaching the secondary at Eastern Kentucky. Muschamp served as the secondary coach for West Georgia in 1998. From 1995-1997, Muschamp was a graduate assistant



Will and Carol Muschamp with son Jackson.

coach at Auburn.

Muschamp was a four-year letterwinner at Georgia from 1991-1994 and he served as co-captain of the defense as a senior. In four years with the Bulldogs, Muschamp played in two bowl games, helping Georgia to a 24-15 win over Arkansas in the 1991 Independence Bowl and a 21-14 victory over Ohio State in the 1993 Citrus Bowl. Muschamp earned a spot on the SEC Academic Honor Roll in 1993.

Following his graduation from Georgia in 1994, Muschamp moved to Auburn where he spent the next two seasons as a graduate assistant coach. Muschamp earned his master's degree from Auburn in 1997. While at Auburn, Muschamp coached with current LSU offensive coordinator Jimbo Fisher and former Tiger defensive line coach Pete Jenkins.

Muschamp is a native of Rome, Ga., and he is married to the former Carol Davis of Thomaston, and the couple has one child, Jackson.



THE MUSCHAMP FILE

YEAR AT LSU:Third (appointed on Feb. 22, 2001)
 BIRTHDATE:Aug. 3, 1971
 WIFE:Carol
 CHILDREN:Jackson
 HIGH SCHOOL:Darlington (Ga.) High School
 ALMA MATER:Georgia, '94
 POST-GRADUATE: ...Auburn, '97

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

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Stacey Searels

Offensive Line

Stacy Searels, a former First-Team All-America lineman at Auburn, enters his first year as offensive line coach at LSU after being named to the position in January.

Searels comes to LSU from Cincinnati, where he served in the same capacity for the last two seasons. During his two-year stay with the Bearcats, Cincinnati played in two bowl games as well as winning the school's first conference title since 1964 by capturing the 2002 Conference USA crown.

In 2002, Searels coached an offensive line that helped Cincinnati lead Conference USA in total offense (397.5 yards per game), while averaging 29.2 points a contest.

Prior to joining Cincinnati, Searels served as an assistant coach at Appalachian State from 1994-2000, helping the I-AA squad to five playoff appearances and to a pair of Southern Conference titles. He also coached players to five All-America and 15 all-conference honors in seven years as an offensive line coach at Appalachian State.

Searels got his start in coaching as a graduate assistant at Auburn in 1992, working with the Tiger squad that posted a perfect 11-0 mark in 1993.

As a player, Searels earned First Team All-America honors from both the Associated Press and Football News as a senior at Auburn in 1987. Searels was a three-year starter for Auburn, blocking for Heisman Trophy winner Bo Jackson in 1985 and All-America Brent Fullwood in 1986. He participated in four bowl games as a member of the Auburn football team.

A First-Team All-Southeastern Conference selection as both a junior and senior, he was honored with the team's Ken Rice Award as the school's best blocking lineman in 1987. He played in both the Japan Bowl and the Senior Bowl following the 1987 season.

In 1990, the Birmingham Post-Herald named Searels to the Auburn team of the 1980's.

Searels was a fourth round draft pick by the San Diego Chargers in 1988, playing two seasons there before moving to the Miami Dolphins for the 1990 season. He ended his professional career in 1991 with the New York/New Jersey Knights of the World League of American Football.



Stacey and Patricia Searels with daughters Savannah and Taylor.

Searels, a Trion, Ga., native, graduated from Auburn in with a degree in marketing and transportation in 1990. He followed that with a Master's degree in higher education administration from Auburn in 1995.

Searels is married to the former Patricia Hale and the couple has two daughters, Taylor (6) and Savannah (3).



THE SEARELS FILE

YEAR AT LSU:First (appointed on Jan. 7, 2003)

BIRTHDATE:May 19, 1965 in Rome, Ga.

WIFE:Patricia

CHILDREN:Taylor (6), Savannah (3)

HIGH SCHOOL:Trion

COLLEGE:Auburn, '90

POSTGRADUATE ... Auburn, '95

1992-93 Auburn (graduate assistant)

1994-2000 Appalachian State (offensive line)

2000-02 Cincinnati (offensive line)

2003 LSU (offensive line)



Lance Thompson

Assistant Head Coach/Recruiting Coordinator/Tight Ends

Lance Thompson enters his second season with the Tigers after being promoted to assistant head coach in charge of recruiting and tight ends for LSU in 2003.

Thompson, who joined the Tigers for the 2002 season after a stint at Georgia Tech, coached the LSU defensive line last season.

In his first year with the Tigers, Thompson coached defensive tackle Chad Lavalais to First Team All-SEC honors as the Tigers' front four racked up 22 sacks in helping the LSU defense rank among the best in the SEC by allowing only 286 yards and 18 points a contest.

At Georgia Tech in 2001, Thompson coached a defensive line that recorded 21 sacks for the Yellow Jackets, including 10 by All-America defensive end Greg Gathers.

Thompson spent the 1999 and 2000 seasons coaching the defensive line at Alabama, where he helped the Crimson Tide to the Southeastern Conference title in 1999. Alabama capped the 1999 season ranked No. 2 in the nation in rushing defense (75.3 yards per game) and ranked No. 9 nationally in total defense (297.3 ypg).

Prior to his two-year stint at Alabama, Thompson was a part of the Georgia Tech staff for 11 years. During his 11-year stay with Georgia Tech, Thompson was defensive line coach in 1998, defensive ends coach in 1996 and 1997 and tight ends coach in 1995. Thompson served as the Georgia Tech's recruiting coordinator from 1995-98 and then again in 2001.

Prior to serving as an on-field coach for the Yellow Jackets, Thompson held the position of Director of Football Operations at Georgia Tech from 1992-94.



Lance and Stacey Thompson with daughters Alexandra, Christina and Lane.

Thompson got his start in coaching in 1989, serving as a graduate assistant for two years at Georgia Tech followed by two more years as a volunteer assistant in 1990 and 1991. Georgia Tech won the national championship in 1990. Thompson coached Marco Coleman to First Team All-America honors and he eventually became and first round draft pick of the Miami Dolphins in 1992.

As a player, Thompson was a four-year letterwinner at The Citadel. He graduated from The Citadel in 1987 with a bachelor's degree in education/math.

A native of Riverdale, Ga., Thompson is married to the former Stacy Cambron of Henderson, Ky., and the couple has three daughters - Alexandra, Christina and Lane.



THE THOMPSON FILE

YEAR AT LSU: Second (appointed Feb. 18, 2002)
BIRTHDATE: June 4, 1964
WIFE: Stacy
CHILDREN: Alexandra, Christina, Lane
HIGH SCHOOL: Riverdale (Calif.)
ALMA MATER: The Citadel, '87

1988-91 Georgia Tech (1988-89, graduate assistant; 1990-91, volunteer coach)
 1992-94 Georgia Tech Director of Football Operations
 1995-98 Georgia Tech (1995, tight ends/recruiting coordinator; 1996-97, defensive ends/recruiting coordinator; 1998 defensive line/recruiting coordinator)
 1999-00 Alabama (defensive line)
 2001 Georgia Tech (defensive line/recruiting coordinator)
 2002 LSU (defensive line, 2002; asst. head coach/recruiting coordinator/tight ends, 2003)

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Tim Walton

Defensive Backs

Tim Walton, a member of the coaching staff at Syracuse in 2002, enters his first year with the Tigers after being named LSU's defensive backs coach in February.

Walton, a native of Columbus, Ga., spent 2002 coaching the defensive backs for the Orangemen.

Walton coached the defensive backs at Memphis in 2000 and 2001. In his first year with Memphis, the Tigers led the nation in rushing defense and were fifth in the country in total defense, allowing only 275 yards per contest. He also coached two First-Team All-Conference USA selections in Idrees Bashir and Michael Stone at Memphis. Bashir was taken as the 37th overall pick of the 2001 NFL Draft by the Indianapolis Colts, while Stone was taken later in the second round (54th overall pick) by the Arizona Cardinals.

Walton started his coaching career as a defensive graduate assistant at Bowling Green in 1995. He was promoted to running backs coach in 1996 and then moved to coach the defensive backs in 1999.

In addition to his collegiate coaching experience, Walton has had two summer internships with NFL teams. He spent the summer of 1998 serving as a defensive intern with the Chicago Bears and then spent the summer of 2001 as a defensive intern for the Green Bay Packers.

As a player, Walton was a two-year starter and four-year letterwinner at Ohio State, serving as co-captain for the Big Ten co-Champions Buckeyes in 1993. Walton signed a free agent contract with the Atlanta Falcons following his senior season and was in the Falcons camp in 1994.

Walton, a 1994 graduate from Ohio State, and his wife Tracy, have three children, Trei, Timia, and Tyler.



Tim and Tracy Walton with children Trei, Timia and Tyler.



THE WALTON FILE

YEAR AT LSU:First (appointed Feb.10, 2003)
BIRTHDATE:March 11, 1971 in Columbus, Ga.
WIFETracy
CHILDRENTrei, Timia, and Tyler
HIGH SCHOOL:Carver
COLLEGE:OhioState, '94

1995-2000Bowling Green (graduate assistant coach, 1995; running backs, 1996-98; defensive backs, 1999-2000)

2000-01Memphis (defensive backs)
 2002Syracuse (defensive backs)
 2003LSU (defensive backs)