

2004 Schedule/Results (13-2, 0-0 SEC)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
February		
13 (Fri.)	at Central Florida	W, 4-3 (10)
14 (Sat.)	at Central Florida	W, 17-4
15 (Sun.)	at Central Florida	L, 5-6 (10)
17 (Tue.)	UL-MONROE	W, 7-1
20 (Fri.)	JACKSONVILLE STATE	W, 6-1
21 (Sat.)	JACKSONVILLE STATE	W, 14-2
22 (Sun.)	JACKSONVILLE STATE	W, 19-1
27 (Fri.)	TEXAS STATE	W, 10-1
28 (Sat.)	TEXAS STATE	W, 2-1
29 (Sun.)	TEXAS STATE	W, 13-2

March		
2 (Tue.)	#8 Tulane	W, 6-0 #
5 (Fri.)	HOUSTON	W, 9-3
6 (Sat.)	HOUSTON	L, 5-10
7 (Sun.)	HOUSTON	W, 8-2
9 (Tue.)	at UL-Monroe	W, 6-1
12 (Fri.)	SOUTHEASTERN LA.	6:30 p.m.
13 (Sat.)	SOUTHEASTERN LA.	2 p.m.
14 (Sun.)	SOUTHEASTERN LA.	1 p.m.
16 (Tue.)	NEW ORLEANS	6:30 p.m.
19 (Fri.)	at South Carolina	6 p.m.
20 (Sat.)	at South Carolina	3 p.m.
21 (Sun.)	at South Carolina	12:30 p.m.
23 (Tue.)	at Centenary	7 p.m.
26 (Fri.)	MISSISSIPPI STATE	6:30 p.m.
27 (Sat.)	MISSISSIPPI STATE	2 p.m.
28 (Sun.)	MISSISSIPPI STATE	1 p.m.
30 (Tue.)	at New Orleans	6:30 p.m.

April		
2 (Fri.)	at Auburn	6:30 p.m.
3 (Sat.)	at Auburn	3 p.m.
4 (Sun.)	at Auburn	1:30 p.m.
6 (Tue.)	TULANE	6:30 p.m.
9 (Fri.)	ARKANSAS	6:30 p.m.
10 (Sat.)	ARKANSAS	2 p.m.
11 (Sun.)	ARKANSAS	1 p.m.
13 (Tue.)	NICHOLLS STATE	6:30 p.m.
14 (Wed.)	Southeastern La.	7 p.m. #
16 (Fri.)	GEORGIA	6:30 p.m.
17 (Sat.)	GEORGIA	2 p.m.
18 (Sun.)	GEORGIA	1 p.m.
20 (Tue.)	at Southern	6:30 p.m.
23 (Fri.)	at Tennessee	6 p.m.
24 (Sat.)	at Tennessee	6 p.m.
25 (Sun.)	at Tennessee	1 p.m.
27 (Tue.)	Tulane	7 p.m. \$
30 (Fri.)	ALABAMA	6:30 p.m.

May		
1 (Sat.)	ALABAMA	2 p.m.
2 (Sun.)	ALABAMA	1 p.m.
7 (Fri.)	at Kentucky	5:30 p.m.
8 (Sat.)	at Kentucky	1 p.m.
9 (Sun.)	at Kentucky	Noon
14 (Fri.)	VANDERBILT	6:30 p.m.
15 (Sat.)	VANDERBILT	2 p.m.
16 (Sun.)	VANDERBILT	1 p.m.
21 (Fri.)	at Ole Miss	6:30 p.m.
22 (Sat.)	at Ole Miss	3 p.m.
23 (Sun.)	at Ole Miss	1:30 p.m.
26-30	SEC Tournament (Hoover, Ala.)	

June		
4-6	NCAA Regional (sites TBA)	
11-13/12-14	NCAA Super Regional (sites TBA)	
18-27/28	College World Series (Omaha, Neb.)	

- Zephyr Field (Metairie, La.) \$ - Louisiana Superdome



LSU TIGERS

(13-2, #1)

vs.

Southeastern La. (5-6)

March 12 @ 6:30 pm * March 13 @ 2 p.m. * March 14 @ 1 p.m. • Alex Box Stadium (7,760)

Radio: LSU Sports Network

(Saturday and Sunday games may be carried on WJNH-FM 107.3 only in Baton Rouge)

TV: March 14 - Cox Sports Television

Tigers Play Host to SLU in Final Non-Conference Series

Top-ranked LSU (13-2) plays host to Southeastern Louisiana (5-6) in Alex Box Stadium this weekend in the Tigers' final non-conference series of the season. LSU opens SEC play next weekend at third-ranked South Carolina.

First pitch for Game 1 of the LSU-SLU series is 6:30 p.m. Friday, Game 2 is set for 2 p.m. Saturday and Game 3 will be played at 1 p.m. Sunday.

The games can be heard statewide on the LSU Sports Network (WDGL-FM 98.1 in Baton Rouge); however, if the LSU men's basketball team is still participating in the SEC Tournament, the Saturday and Sunday games will be broadcast only in Baton Rouge on WJNH-FM 107.3.

All three games can also be heard on the internet at www.LSUsports.net.

Sunday's game will be televised statewide by Cox Sports Television (Cable Ch. 37 in Baton Rouge).

Tickets are available for all three games of the series at www.LSUsports.net or by calling 225.578.2184 or 800.960.8587.

The first 2,000 fans entering the stadium Friday will receive a free 2004 LSU team picture. The LSU Lady Tiger basketball team, which plays host to the NCAA Tournament first-and-second rounds March 21-23, will be introduced by athletics director Skip Bertman at the end of the fifth inning.

Tigers Look to Continue Strong Early-Season Performance

LSU, ranked No. 1 for the third straight week by *Collegiate Baseball* magazine, has won 11 of its last 12 games, including a 6-1 victory at Louisiana-Monroe on Tuesday night.

The Tigers' 13-2 record is LSU's best through 15 games since the 1997 club began the season with 15 consecutive wins en route to a 19-0 start.

LSU coach Smoke Laval will send sophomore right-hander Justin Meier (3-0, 1.98 ERA) to the mound Friday, while SLU, led by second-year coach Dan Canevari -- a former LSU assistant -- will counter with sophomore left-hander Chad Pendarvis (0-2, 5.02 ERA).

Meier defeated Houston in his last outing last Friday, limiting the Cougars to two runs on 10 hits in 7.1 innings with one walk and four strikeouts.

Pitching Matchups

Game 1

LSU - So. RHP Justin Meier (3-0, 1.98 ERA, 27.1 IP, 6 BB, 19 SO)
 SLU - So. LHP Chad Pendarvis (0-2, 5.02 ERA, 14.1 IP, 8 BB, 9 SO)

Game 2

LSU - Jr. LHP Lane Mestepey (2-1, 2.95 ERA, 21.1 IP, 5 BB, 12 SO)
 SLU - Jr. LHP Rodney Story (0-2, 2.57 ERA, 21.0 IP, 9 BB, 16 SO)

Game 3

LSU - Sr. RHP Nate Bumstead (2-0, 3.18 ERA, 17.0 IP, 6 BB, 13 SO)
 SLU - Sr. LHP Mark Weinmunson (2-0, 1.64 ERA, 11.0 IP, 3 BB, 8 SO)

LSU		Southeastern Louisiana	
Record	13-2 (0-0 SEC)	Record	5-6 (0-0 SLC)
Ranking	No. 1 Collegiate Baseball No. 5 Baseball America No. 5 ESPN/Sports Weekly	Ranking	Not Ranked
Coach	Smoke Laval	Coach	Dan Canevari
Career Record	343-205-1 (10th year)	Career Record	23-41
LSU Record	102-46-1 (third year)	SLU Record	23-41
Laval vs. SLU	13-5	Canevari vs. LSU	0-2

Tracking the Tigers

Week	BA	CB	ESPN/SW
Preseason	2	3	3
Feb. 2	2	3	3
Feb. 9	2	3	3
Feb. 16	2	4	5
Feb. 23	3	1	5
March 1	3	1	4
March 8	5	1	5

Baseball America (March 8)

- Stanford (15-3)
- Texas (19-2)
- South Carolina (12-0)
- Rice (11-3)
- LSU (12-2)**
- Miami, Fla. (11-3)
- Auburn (13-1)
- Arizona State (15-2)
- Long Beach State (11-4)
- Ole Miss (11-0)
- Tulane (10-3)
- Texas A&M (14-2)
- Wichita State (3-0)
- Notre Dame (7-1)
- Florida Atlantic (16-1)
- Florida (15-3)
- Georgia Tech (8-5)
- U.C.-Irvine (12-3-1)
- Arizona (9-6)
- Oklahoma (10-3)
- Southern Miss (11-1)
- Mississippi State (7-0)
- East Carolina (12-3)
- Florida State (11-5)
- Clemson (4-5)

Collegiate Baseball (March 8)

- LSU (12-2)**
- Stanford (15-3)
- Texas (19-2)
- South Carolina (12-0)
- Arizona State (15-2)
- Rice (11-3)
- Miami, Fla. (11-3)
- Notre Dame (7-1)
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- Mississippi State (7-0)
- U.C. Irvine (12-3-1)
- Florida State (11-5)
- Nebraska (6-3)
- Oklahoma (10-3)
- Georgia Tech (8-5)
- North Carolina State (10-2)
- East Carolina (12-3)
- North Carolina (8-3)

The LSU Lineup

Player	Pos.	Cl.-Exp.	B/T	Avg.	HR	RBI	Notable
Matt Liuzza	C	So.-1L	R/R	.386	2	13	14-game hit streak entering SLU series
Clay Harris	3B/1B	Jr.-2L	R/R	.268	1	10	3-for-23 in last five games
Blake Gill	2B	Jr.-2L	L/R	.310	0	8	.455, 1 2B, 2 RBI vs. UH
Ivan Naccarata	3B	Sr.-1L	L/R	.244	1	7	.400 (4-for-10) vs. UH
or							
Will Harris	1B	So.-1L	R/R	.529	1	4	4-for-4 vs. ULM on Tuesday
Derek Hebert	SS	Jr.-JC	L/R	.343	1	4	.333, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 3 R vs. UH
Ryan Patterson	LF	Jr.-1L	R/R	.324	2	15	2 RBI, 5 runs in Houston series
J.C. Holt	CF	Jr.-2L	L/R	.431	0	12	.500 last week with 5 RBI
Jon Zeringue	RF	Jr.-2L	R/R	.439	3	15	.538, 3 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR, 6 RBI vs. UH
Nick Stavinoha	DH	Jr.-JC	R/R	.316	2	11	.385 vs. UH with 1 2B, 1 RBI

The LSU-SLU Series

LSU leads the all-time series with SLU, 49-16, including two wins last season in Alex Box Stadium by scores of 4-2 (March 5) and 14-8 (April 23).

The Tigers have won 22 of the 24 meetings between the clubs since 1990; SLU's only wins in that span came in 1991 (15-2) and 2002 (4-3), both in Alex Box Stadium.

Smoke Laval is 13-5 against the Lions during his 10-year collegiate coaching career, including a 3-1 mark as LSU's coach. He is 31-8 (.795) against Louisiana teams since taking over the LSU program (14-5 in 2002, 14-3 in 2003, 3-0 in 2004).

SLU coach Dan Canevari, a member of the LSU staff from 1991-2002, helped lead the Tigers to all five of their NCAA championships under former coach Skip Bertman.

The teams will meet again at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 14, at Zephyr Field in Metairie, La., in the first Wally Pontiff Jr. Baseball Classic.

Smoke Gets LSU Win No. 100

Smoke Laval, in his third season as the Tigers' head coach, earned his 100th LSU victory last Friday, March 5, when the Tigers defeated Houston, 9-3. The 2003 SEC Coach of the Year, Laval has a 102-46-1 (.686) mark at LSU and a 343-205-1 (.625) record in 10 seasons as a collegiate head coach. He served as the head coach at Louisiana-Monroe for seven seasons (1994-2000) prior to taking the reins of the LSU program as head coach. Laval was an LSU assistant coach for 10 seasons (1984-93), helping to lead the Tigers to two national championships (1991, 1993), six College World Series appearances and five SEC titles.

Dirks Named National and SEC Pitcher of the Week

Freshman left-hander **Clay Dirks** fired a four-hit shutout on March 2 to lead the Tigers to a 6-0 win over eighth-ranked Tulane at Zephyr Field in Metairie, La. Dirks allowed just two Green Wave runners to reach second base, and he retired 20 of the final 22 batters he faced. For that effort, Dirks was named Monday the SEC Pitcher of the Week by the league office. He earned National Pitcher of the Week recognition Tuesday from the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association.

Dirks' named has been added to the "Watch List" for the 2004 Roger Clemens Award, which is given to the nation's outstanding collegiate pitcher. The "Cy Young Award" of college baseball, the Clemens Award ceremony will take place on July 15 in Houston.

Dirks, a redshirt freshman from Hernando, Miss., allowed just one double and three singles, and recorded one walk and seven strikeouts. Dirks, who was making just the third start of his collegiate career, missed the 2003 season after undergoing surgery on his elbow in the summer of 2002.

Dirks' gem marked the first complete-game shutout for an LSU pitcher since Brian Wilson blanked Florida on five hits on March 14, 2003. The game was LSU's first shutout as a team since April 15, 2003, when the Tigers blanked Tulane, 8-0, in Alex Box Stadium.

Liuzza Extends Hitting Streak to 14 Games

Sophomore catcher **Matt Liuzza** enters the SLU series riding a 14-game hitting streak, the longest of his career. During the streak, Liuzza is hitting .407 (22-for-54) with five doubles, two homers, 13 RBI and 10 runs. Liuzza's previous best streak came in 2003, when he hit safely in 12 straight games.

Liuzza's name appears on the first Johnny Bench Award "Watch List" release earlier this week. The Johnny Bench Award is given annually to the nation's outstanding collegiate catcher. Former LSU Brad Cresse was the first recipient of the award in 2000.

The 2004 Johnny Bench Award ceremony will take place on June 30, in Wichita, Kan.

Tigers Continue Hit Parade

The Tigers hit .378 (42-for-111) in last weekend's Houston series with eight doubles, one triple and one homer. Junior right fielder **Jon Zeringue** paced LSU's offensive effort by hitting .538 (7-for-13) in the series with three doubles, one triple, one homer, six RBI and three runs scored. Zeringue is LSU's leading hitter on the year, batting .439 (25-for-57) with 11 doubles, one triple, three homers and 15 RBI.

Sophomore catcher **Matt Liuzza** hit .462 (6-for-13) in the Houston series with one double and four RBI. He also launched a two-run homer in the Tigers' win over Tulane last Tuesday, March 2. On the year, Liuzza is hitting .386 (22-for-57) with five doubles, two homers and 13 RBI.

Junior center fielder **J.C. Holt** was LSU's top hitter for the four-game week (March 2-7 vs. Tulane and Houston), batting .500 (9-for-18) with two doubles, five RBI, five runs and a .550 on-base percentage. Holt is batting .431 (28-for-65) with four doubles, 12 RBI, 17 runs and a .471 on-base percentage.

Bumstead Impressive Versus Houston

Senior right-hander Nate Bumstead defeated Houston on Sunday with his best outing of the season, limiting the Cougars to two runs on nine hits in 8.1 innings with two walks and seven strikeouts. The Las Vegas, Nev., native carried a shutout into the ninth inning before surrendering a pair of runs in Houston's final at-bat.

Bumstead, who is working his way back from a pre-season shoulder injury, is now 2-0 on the year with a 3.18 ERA. He earned second-team all-SEC honors in 2003 after leading LSU in victories with 11.

Tigers' Non-Conference Home Win Streak Finally Halted

LSU's streak of non-conference, regular-season home victories ended at 18 last Saturday when the Tigers dropped a 10-5 decision to Houston. Prior to Saturday, LSU's last loss in a non-conference regular-season game in Alex Box Stadium came on Feb. 22, 2003, when Houston, ironically, posted a 7-2 win.

The LSU Injury Report

INF Bryan Harris -- Harris, a transfer from Santa Ana (Calif.) College, was projected to be the Tigers' starter at third base; however, a hernia operation limited his participation during fall practice, and he underwent arthroscopic surgery in January to remove bone chips from his right knee. He is scheduled to receive a medical redshirt this season.

INF Matt Horwath -- Horwath, a medical redshirt in 2003 after undergoing right shoulder surgery, started LSU's first seven games at shortstop this season before experiencing soreness in the shoulder. An MRI was performed on the shoulder on March 2, and the results showed no new injuries. Horwath will not play this weekend against SLU, and his condition will be evaluated on a day-to-day basis.

RHP Brandon Nall -- LSU's closer at the beginning of 2003, he pitched in just six games last season before suffering a torn labrum in his shoulder, which required surgery. He could return to the mound at some point this season, depending upon the progress of his rehabilitation.

ESPN/Sports Weekly (March 1)

1. Stanford (34) (13-2)
2. Rice (2) (7-2)
3. Texas (15-2)
4. **LSU (4) (9-1)**
5. South Carolina (9-0)
6. Arizona State (12-2)
7. Long Beach State (9-3)
8. Miami, Fla. (7-3)
9. Notre Dame (6-0)
10. Tulane (8-1)
11. Auburn (9-1)
12. Georgia Tech (6-3)
13. Wichita State (0-0)
14. Nebraska (5-1)
15. Florida Atlantic (5-1)
16. Texas A&M (12-1)
17. Oklahoma (8-1)
18. Ole Miss (6-0)
19. North Carolina State (7-0)
20. Cal State Fullerton (8-8)
21. Arizona (7-5-1)
22. Florida State (9-4)
23. Florida (10-3)
24. East Carolina (12-0)
25. Clemson (2-3)

2004 SEC Standings (March 8)

Team	Eastern Division		
	SEC	Pct.	Overall
Florida	0-0	.000	15-3
Georgia	0-0	.000	10-2
Kentucky	0-0	.000	9-4
South Carolina	0-0	.000	12-0
Tennessee	0-0	.000	11-2
Vanderbilt	0-0	.000	10-1
Team	Western Division		
	SEC	Pct.	Overall
Alabama	0-0	.000	10-4
Arkansas	0-0	.000	11-5
Auburn	0-0	.000	13-1
LSU	0-0	.000	12-2
Ole Miss	0-0	.000	11-0
Miss. State	0-0	.000	7-0

This Week in the SEC (March 9-10)

Tuesday, March 9

Troy State at Auburn • 3 p.m.
Georgia at Georgia State • 4:30 p.m.
LSU at UL-Monroe • 6:30 p.m.
South Alabama at Miss. State • 4 p.m.
Yale at South Carolina • 6 p.m.
Niagara at Tennessee • 2 p.m.
Vanderbilt at Austin Peay • 4 p.m.

Wednesday, March 10

Southern Miss at Alabama • 6:30 p.m.
Kentucky at W. Kentucky • 2 p.m.
Arkansas State at Ole Miss • 6:30 p.m.
South Alabama at Miss. State • 3 p.m.
Yale at South Carolina • 6 p.m.
Niagara at Tennessee • 2 p.m.

(All times are Central)

2004 LSU TV Schedule

Feb. 14	at UCF	Noon	JSN
Feb. 15	at UCF	Noon	JSN
March 2	at Tulane	7 p.m.	JSN
March 9	at UL-Monroe	6:30 p.m.	JSN
March 14	SE Louisiana	1 p.m.	Cox
March 21	at South Carolina	12:30 p.m.	JSN
March 30	at New Orleans	6:30 p.m.	JSN
April 4	at Auburn	1:30 p.m.	JSN
April 10	Arkansas	2 p.m.	Fox
April 11	Arkansas	1 p.m.	Cox
April 16	Georgia	6:30 p.m.	Cox
April 24	at Tennessee	6 p.m.	CSS
April 25	at Tennessee	1 p.m.	JSN
April 27	vs. Tulane (tape-delayed)	10 p.m.	Cox
April 30	Alabama	6:30 p.m.	Cox
May 9	at Kentucky	Noon	JSN
May 14	Vanderbilt	6:30 p.m.	Cox
May 22	at Ole Miss	3 p.m.	Fox
May 23	at Ole Miss	1:30 p.m.	JSN

JSN - Jumbo Sports Network

Cox - Cox Sports Television

Fox - Fox Sports Southwest (SEC-TV)

CSS - Comcast Sports Southeast

All Times are Central and Subject to Change

SEC Coaches Select LSU to Repeat as League Champion

The LSU Tigers are the favorite to win the Southeastern Conference Baseball Championship, as voted by the league's 12 baseball coaches in the 13th annual preseason SEC poll. The Tigers seek to capture their 14th SEC Championship, having won or shared the title three times in the past eight seasons (1996, 1997 & 2003) and seven times since 1990. LSU won the both the overall SEC Championship and Western Division titles in 2003. In the overall SEC Champion vote, LSU received 11 of the 12 championship votes in the poll, the most possible by one team. South Carolina received the other vote.

In addition to picking a preseason SEC champion, the league's head coaches voted a predicted order of finish in the SEC Eastern and Western Divisions. In the Eastern Division, South Carolina was the favorite with 63 points. Florida came in second with 58 points and Vanderbilt third with 42 points. LSU was the predicted winner in the Western Division with a total of 66, again collecting the maximum points for a team. Auburn was second with 51, while Ole Miss finished third with 41.

SEC Pre-Season Coaches Poll

Team	Pts.	'03 SEC Rec/Finish
Eastern Division		
1. S. Carolina (8)	63	19-11/1st
2. Florida (4)	58	13-16-1/3rd
3. Vanderbilt	42	14-165/2nd
4. Georgia	36	10-20/5th
5. Tennessee	30	13-17/4th
6. Kentucky	17	9-20/6th
Western Division		
1. LSU (11)	66	20-9-1/1st
2. Auburn (1)	51	18-12/2nd
3. Ole Miss	41	17-13/4th
4. Alabama	38	14-16/t5th
5. Miss. State	30	17-12/3rd
6. Arkansas	20	14-16/t5th

() - First Place Votes SEC Champion: LSU (11); South Carolina (1)

Patterson, Harris Earn Collegiate Baseball Pre-Season Recognition

LSU outfielder **Ryan Patterson** and first baseman **Clay Harris** were named to the 2004 Collegiate Baseball pre-season all-America team. Patterson, a junior from Rowlett, Texas, was voted to the first team. Harris, a junior from Slidell, La., was a third-team selection.

Patterson earned first-team all-SEC honors last season as the Tigers' primary designated hitter, batting .350 (92-for-263) with 20 doubles, one triple, 16 homers and 51 RBI. He was voted to the NCAA Baton Rouge Regional all-tournament team, and he was named the state's Newcomer of the Year by the Louisiana Sportswriters Association.

Harris, also a 2003 first-team all-SEC selection, tied Patterson for the team lead in home runs with 16. Harris hit .332 (70-for-211) with 16 doubles and 62 RBI, and he was voted second-team all-Louisiana by the LSWA.

Holt, Zeringue Receive Baseball America Pre-Season Accolades

LSU outfielders **Jon Zeringue** and **J.C. Holt** were named to the 2004 Baseball America pre-season all-America team. Zeringue, a junior from Thibodaux, La., was voted to the second team. Holt, a junior from Sieper, La., was a third-team selection.

Zeringue earned second-team all-SEC honors last season as the Tigers' right fielder, batting .339 (77-for-227) with 15 doubles, 13 homers and 45 RBI. He was LSU's leading hitter during the second half of the season (34 games) with a .382 average.

Holt, the 2003 NCAA Baton Rouge Regional Most Outstanding Player, hit .299 last season with 11 doubles, two triples, five homers, 36 RBI, 51 runs and 16 stolen bases. The Tigers' center fielder was also voted in August the MVP of the Cape Cod League, the wooden-bat summer league for the nation's top collegiate players. Holt batted a league-high .388 (52-for-134) in the CCBL with six doubles, one triple, one homer, 19 RBI, 25 runs and 13 steals.

LSU Lists of Note

College World Series Championships	
Southern California	12
LSU	5
Arizona State	5
Texas	5
Miami (Fla.)	4
Arizona	3
Cal State Fullerton	3
Minnesota	3
California	2
Michigan	2
Oklahoma	2
Stanford	2

NCAA Tournament Winning Percentage

LSU	.728 (99-37)
Southern California	.723 (167-64)
Arizona State	.692 (119-53)
Miami (Fla.)	.684 (147-68)
Stanford	.677 (113-54)
Texas	.664 (182-92)

CWS Winning Percentage

Southern California	74-26	.740
Minnesota	17-7	.708
LSU	29-15	.659
Arizona State	55-30	.647
Missouri	18-11	.621
Widhita State	16-11	.593
Stanford	38-27	.585
Texas	70-51	.579
Miami (Fla.)	44-32	.579
Cal State Fullerton	27-20	.574

CWS Appearances

Texas	30
Southern California	21
Miami (Fla.)	20
Oklahoma State	19
Arizona State	18
Florida State	18
Stanford	15
Arizona	14
LSU	12
Cal State Fullerton	12

Coaches CWS Winning Percentage

Rod Dedeaux, Southern California	.789 (60-16)
Bobby Winkles, Arizona State	.762 (16-5)
Dick Siebert, Minnesota	.708 (17-7)
Skip Bertman, LSU	.690 (29-13)
Jerry Kindall, Arizona	.682 (15-7)
Augie Garrido, CS-Fullerton/Texas	.650 (26-14)
Jim Morris, Miami (Fla.)	.621 (18-11)
Toby Greene, Oklahoma State	.625 (15-9)
Hi Simmons, Missouri	.621 (18-11)
Jim Brock, Arizona State	.600 (36-24)
Cliff Gustafson, Texas	.595 (44-30)

Coaches CWS Victories

Rod Dedeaux, Southern California	60
Cliff Gustafson, Texas	44
Jim Brock, Arizona State	36
Mark Marquess, Stanford	34
Skip Bertman, LSU	29
Ron Fraser, Miami (Fla.)	26
Augie Garrido, CS-Fullerton/Texas	26

Current Consecutive

Regional Appearances	
Miami (Fla.)	31 (1973-2003)
Florida State	26 (1978-2003)
Clemson	17 (1987-2003)
LSU	15 (1989-2003)
Cal State Fullerton	12 (1992-2003)
Stanford	10 (1994-2003)
Rice	9 (1995-2003)
South Alabama	9 (1995-2003)

2003 Major League Players

LSU	16
Southern California	14
UCLA	12
Cal State Fullerton	12
Stanford	12
Miami (Fla.)	11
Florida State	10
Georgia Tech	10
Pepperdine	9
Arizona State	8
Tennessee	8

Draft Selections (1994-2003)

Arizona State	83
Miami (Fla.)	74
Cal State Fullerton	72
Long Beach State	66
Stanford	64
LSU	63
Texas A & M	63
Southern California	62
Rice	61
Widhita State	58

LSU by the Numbers in 2004

Home	9-1
Away	4-1
Neutral Sites	0-0
Day	6-2
Night	7-0
On Jumbo Sports	3-1
On Cox Sports	0-0
On SEC-TV	0-0
Vs. SEC	0-0
Vs. SEC West	0-0
Vs. SEC East	0-0
Non-SEC Games	12-2
Vs. Louisiana opponents	3-0
Vs. Ranked opponents	1-0
Vs. Atlantic Sun	2-1
Vs. C-USA	3-1
Vs. Ohio Valley	3-0
Vs. Southland	5-0
Vs. Sun Belt	0-0
Vs. SWAC	0-0
Doubleheaders	0-0
Game 1 of weekend series	4-0
Game 2 of weekend series	3-1
Game 3 of weekend series	3-1
Sunday	3-1
Tuesday	3-0
Wednesday	0-0
Friday	4-0
Saturday	3-1
One-run games	2-1
Extra inning games	1-1
Shutouts	1-0
Games in which LSU scores first	7-1
Games in which opponent scores first	6-1
When LSU scores 10+	5-0
When LSU scores <5	2-0
When opponent scores 10+	0-1
When opponent scores <5	13-0
When LSU leads after 6 innings	11-0
When LSU trails after 6 innings	0-1
When tied after 6 innings	2-1
When LSU leads after 7 innings	12-0
When LSU trails after 7 innings	0-1
When tied after 7 innings	1-1
When LSU leads after 8 innings	12-0
When LSU trails after 8 innings	0-1
When tied after 8 innings	1-1
Vs. Right-handed starting pitcher	8-2
Vs. Left-handed starting pitcher	5-0
Starting Pitchers	12-0
Relievers	1-2
When LSU has 10+ hits	11-1
When LSU has <6 hits	0-0
When opponent has 10+ hits	2-2
When opponent has <6 hits	3-0
When LSU has more hits	11-0
When LSU has fewer hits	1-2
Equal hits	1-0
When LSU hits 3 or more home runs	3-0
When LSU hits no home runs	5-2
When opponent hits 3+ home runs	0-1
When opponent hits no home runs	9-0
Games won on final at-bat	1
Games lost on final at-bat	1
Come-from-behind wins	6
Losses when LSU led previously	1
Blown saves	0
Longest game	3:27 (at Central Florida, 2/15)
Shortest game	2:14 (at UL- Monroe, 3/9)

Smoke Laval

HEAD COACH • THIRD YEAR

Raymond "Smoke" Laval enhanced his reputation as one of the country's top college baseball coaches, as, in just his second season at the helm of the LSU program, he guided the 2003 Tigers to the Southeastern Conference title -- LSU's first since 1997 -- and a berth in the College World Series.

Laval, the 2003 SEC Coach of the Year, directed 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.

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, who served seven seasons (1994-2000) as the head coach at the University of Louisiana-Monroe, assumed control of the LSU program from Bertman, who led the Tigers to five NCAA championships and 11 College World Series appearances during an 18-year (1984-2001) tenure. Laval worked as Bertman's top assistant coach for 10 seasons (1984-93), helping lead LSU to its first two NCAA titles in 1991 and 1993. During Laval's 10 years as assistant coach, LSU posted a 483-182-1 record, won five SEC titles, appeared in six College World Series and captured two national championships.

Laval was known at LSU as one of the nation's best recruiters and brightest assistant coaches, as the Tigers reached the College World Series in only the third season (1986) of the Bertman-Laval regime. LSU followed the '86 CWS appearance with Omaha berths in 1987, 1989 and 1990 before the Tigers claimed the school's first baseball national title in 1991. After LSU captured its second NCAA crown in 1993, Laval departed Baton Rouge to become the head coach at Northeast Louisiana (now Louisiana-Monroe).

During his assistant coaching tenure at LSU, Laval -- who worked as the Tigers' primary recruiter - tutored 24 players who would eventually reach the major leagues. Some of the major leaguers with whom Laval worked include all-stars Albert Belle and Paul Byrd and first-round pick Todd Walker.

Laval compiled a 241-159 (.603) mark as the head coach at ULM, guiding the Indians to NCAA Regional appearances in 1995, 1999 and 2000.

Laval began his coaching career in 1977 as an assistant at Jacksonville University before moving to Wolfson High School in Jacksonville as a baseball and football coach. He served as a graduate assistant at LSU in 1979 under former Tiger head coach Jack Lamabe before working two years as an assistant at Gulf Coast Community College in Panama City, Fla.

Laval served as an assistant coach at Florida for two seasons (1982-83) before returning to LSU to work under 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.

Laval Year-By-Year

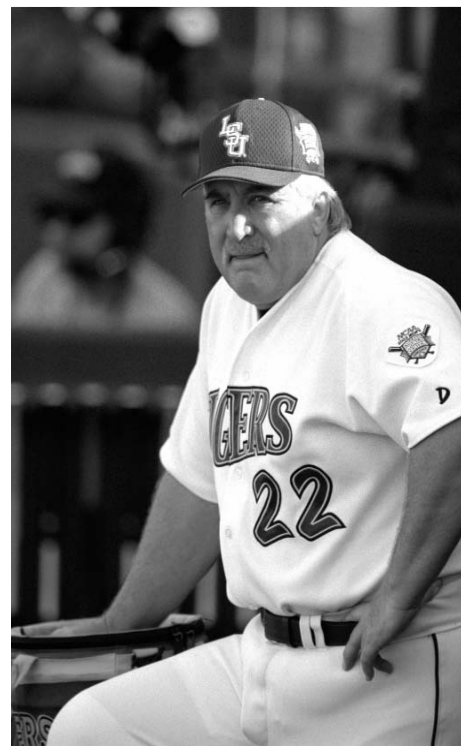
Year	W-L	School	Highlights
1994	20-33	UL-Monroe	Defeated Three NCAA Tournament Teams
1995	37-20	UL-Monroe	SLC Tournament Champions; NCAA Regional Participants
1996	41-19	UL-Monroe	School-Record 41 Wins; SLC Louisiana Division Champions
1997	33-21	UL-Monroe	Became Fourth Coach in ULM History To Record 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	13-2	LSU	

Career Record (10th year): 343-205-1

LSU Record (3rd year): 102-46-1

COACHING HONORS

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



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

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
1994-2000	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)

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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On the Internet

www.LSUsports.net

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.lsusports.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 will distribute all LSU Baseball games by satellite to 25 radio affiliates. WDGL-FM (98.1) Radio in Baton Rouge will serve as the flagship station for the LSU Sports Network. Jim Hawthorne, the "Voice of the Tigers" for all LSU sports, begins his 21st 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 will also air "Tiger Sportsline with Smoke Laval" each Monday from 7-8 p.m., beginning on March 29. 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 first installment of the 2004 season will air March 21, and the show will air weekly through May 23. The show 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 Cable Channel 4 in Baton Rouge.

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MONDAY	8	TUESDAY	9	WEDNESDAY	10	THURSDAY	11	FRIDAY	12	SATURDAY	13	SUNDAY	14
		at UL-Monroe W, 6-1 Monroe, La. Indian Field Radio: LSU Sports Network TV: Jumbo Sports Network						vs. Southeastern Louisiana 6:30 p.m. Alex Box Stadium Radio: LSU Sports Network TV: None		vs. Southeastern Louisiana 2 p.m. Alex Box Stadium Radio: WJNH 107.3 FM in Baton Rouge (if men's basketball team reaches semifinals of SEC Tournament); otherwise on full network TV: None		vs. Southeastern Louisiana 1 p.m. Alex Box Stadium Radio: WJNH 107.3 FM in Baton Rouge (if men's basketball team reaches finals of SEC Tournament); otherwise on full network TV: Cox Sports	

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