

2005 Schedule/Results (38-20, 18-12 SEC)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
February (9-1)		
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 (11-5, 4-2 SEC)		
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 (10-8, 7-7 SEC)		
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	W, 19-2
15 (Fri.)	#20 OLE MISS	L, 8-14
16 (Sat.)	#20 OLE MISS	W, 7-6
17 (Sun.)	#20 OLE MISS (COX)	W, 5-1
19 (Tue.)	at #1 Tulane (ESPN 2)	L, 8-11 \$
22 (Fri.)	at #11 Arkansas	W, 10-7
23 (Sat.)	at #11 Arkansas	W, 7-0
24 (Sun.)	at #11 Arkansas (JSN)	W, 6-0
30 (Sat.)	at #25 Vanderbilt	L, 4-9
30 (Sat.)	at #25 Vanderbilt	W, 9-3
May (8-6, 7-5 SEC)		
1 (Sun.)	at #25 Vanderbilt (JSN)	W, 3-0
3 (Tue.)	SOUTHERN (COX)	L, 5-9
6 (Fri.)	KENTUCKY (COX)	W, 6-5
7 (Sat.)	KENTUCKY	L, 1-7
8 (Sun.)	KENTUCKY	W, 8-3
13 (Fri.)	#9 TENNESSEE (COX)	L, 2-9
14 (Sat.)	#9 TENNESSEE (SEC-TV)	W, 9-3
15 (Sun.)	#9 TENNESSEE	W, 14-4
18 (Wed.)	at New Orleans	W, 7-5 (13)
20 (Fri.)	at Mississippi State	W, 7-5
21 (Sat.)	at Mississippi State	L, 3-5
22 (Sun.)	at Mississippi State (JSN)	W, 3-2
25 (Wed.)	* Mississippi State	L, 2-9
26 (Thu.)	* #8 Tennessee	L, 1-5
June (0-0)		
3 (Fri.)	& Marist	1 p.m.
4 (Sat.)	& Rice or Northwestern St.	1 or 6 p.m.
5 (Sun.)	& TBA	1 or 6 p.m.
10-12/11-13	NCAA Super Regional (sites TBA)	
17-26/27	College World Series (Omaha, Neb.)	

% - Fair Grounds Field # - Maestri Field
 \$ - Zephyr Field
 * - SEC Tournament & - NCAA Baton Rouge Regional



LSU BASEBALL

Postseason Release No. 2 • 2005 NCAA Baton Rouge Regional
 Fri.-Mon., June 3-6, 2005 • 1 p.m., 6 p.m.
 Baton Rouge, La. • Alex Box Stadium (7,760)

Tigers' Quest For Sixth National Title Begins In NCAA Baton Rouge Regional



No. 1 seed LSU (38-20) will face No. 4 seed Marist (33-19) at 1 p.m. Friday in Alex Box Stadium as the Tigers open the 2005 NCAA Baton Rouge Regional. No. 2 seed Rice (41-17) will take on No. 3 seed Northwestern State (40-18) at 6 p.m. Friday in Game 2 of the regional. The regional continues through Sunday, with a final game to be played Monday, if necessary. The Baton Rouge Regional winner will face the winner of the New Orleans Regional in a Super Regional series next weekend. The Super Regional winner advances to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb. The New Orleans Regional features No. 1 Tulane, No. 2 Alabama, No. 3 UL-Lafayette and No. 4 Southern.

> Broadcast Info

Cox Sports (cable ch. 38 in Baton Rouge) will broadcast every Baton Rouge Regional game. Lyn Rollins (play-by-play) and Ben McDonald (analyst) call the action. LSU's contests can be heard statewide on the LSU Sports Network (WDGL 98.1 FM in Baton Rouge). Jim Hawthorne (play-by-play) and Bill Franques (analyst) call the action. Non-LSU games will be broadcast in Baton Rouge only on WJBO 1150 AM. Live stats from all 16 regionals are available on www.NCAAsports.com. A link to the live stats of Baton Rouge Regional games are also available on www.LSUsports.net.

> About LSU Baseball

LSU finished the 2005 regular season with its 13th SEC Western Division title and its fourth of the decade (2000, 2001, 2003, 2004). The Tigers amassed 38 wins, including victories in 13 of their last 17 SEC games to finish with an 18-12 mark in SEC play for the second consecutive season. LSU was in sixth place in the Western Division on April 15 with a 5-8 league record but posted a 13-4 record the rest of the way. The Tigers recorded league sweeps in series at Georgia and Arkansas before winning its final six SEC series down the stretch. LSU went two-and-out at the SEC Tournament for the second straight year, suffering losses to Mississippi State and Tennessee. On the mound, pitchers Greg Smith and Clay Dirks posted 10 win seasons, and both were named to the All-SEC Team. Outfielder Ryan Patterson enjoyed one of the most prolific offensive seasons in recent history and was named a Dick Howser Trophy and Brooks Wallace Award semifinalist.

Game 1 Pitching Matchup

LSU -- Jr. RHP Justin Meier (2-3, 4.34 ERA, 37.1 IP, 14 BB, 27 SO)

- Right-hander who is making a NCAA Regional opening start for the second straight season
- Last start: May 3 vs. Southern; 5.0 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 2 ER, 2 BB, 1 SO
- Last outing: May 18 at UNO; W, 3.0 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 1 SO
- Earned the extra-inning win in relief with three solid innings against the Privateers

Marist -- Sr. LHP Chris Tracz (9-3, 2.85 ERA, 98.0 IP, 17 BB, 75 SO)

LSU Probable Position Starters

Pos.	Player	Cl.-Exp.	B/T	Avg.	HR	RBI	Notable
C	Matt Liuzza	Jr.-2L	R/R	.244	2	22	Career .444 (24-for-54) in NCAA Tournament
1B	Blake Gill	Sr.-3L	L/R	.324	6	44	Drove in all three LSU runs at SEC Tournament
2B	Clay Harris	Sr.-3L	R/R	.369	9	54	Has made 177 consecutive starts since 2003
SS	Michael Hollander	Fr.-HS	R/R	.238	1	13	Committed no errors in last 18 games
	-or- Derek Hebert	Sr.-1L	L/R	.274	3	11	.412 (7-for-17), 1 HR, 4 RBI, 4 R last 5 games
3B	Chris Jackson	Fr.-RS	R/R	.300	1	16	SEC All Freshman; LSU is 15-8 while in lineup
LF	Quinn Stewart	Jr.-1L	R/R	.239	2	11	Power-hitting OF with 31 starts in 2005
	Ryan Patterson	Sr.-2L	R/R	.363	19	49	USA Today/ESPN SW First-Team All-American
CF	Ryan Patterson	Sr.-2L	R/R	.363	19	49	Dick Howser, Wallace Award Semifinalist
	-or- Bruce Sprowl	Jr.-1L	L/R	.257	2	12	.350 (7-for-20), 1 HR, 2 RBI, 4 R last 5 games
RF	Nick Stavinoha	Sr.-1L	R/R	.350	17	59	2nd Team All-SEC; hits in 23 of last 25 games
DH	Jordan Mayer	Fr.-RS	R/R	.320	3	22	SEC All Freshman; .310 avg in last 10 games

	LSU	Marist
Record	38-20 (18-12 SEC)	33-19 (22-5 MAAC)
SEC Finish	t1st in West/t3rd overall	1st in MAAC/1st in MAAC Tour.
Ranking	No. 13 Baseball America No. 16 Collegiate Baseball No. 12 ESPN/Sports Weekly	NR Baseball America NR Collegiate Baseball NR ESPN/Sports Weekly
Coach	Smoke Laval	Joe Raccuia
Career Record	414-242-1 (.632/11th year)	58-49 (.542/second year)
LSU Record	173-83-1 (.680/fourth year)	Marist Record 58-49 (.542/second year)
Laval vs. Marist	First Meeting	Raccuia vs. LSU First Meeting

Baton Rouge Regional Quick Facts

TEAM RECORDS

No. 1 seed LSU: 38-20, 18-12 SEC (3rd overall, t-1st West, t-7th in SEC Tournament)
No. 2 seed Rice: 41-17, 21-9 WAC (champions, no tournament)
No. 3 seed Northwestern State: 40-18, 22-5 Southland (champions, t-5th in Southland Conference Tournament)
No. 4 seed Marist: 33-19, 22-5 MAAC (champions, MAAC Tournament champions)

RADIO

All LSU games will be broadcast live by the LSU Sports Network and can be heard on WDGL-98.1, the network's flagship station in Baton Rouge. Jim Hawthorne and Charles Hanagriff call the action. All non-LSU games will be carried in Baton Rouge only on WJBO 1150 AM.

TELEVISION

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INTERNET

Live audio from the LSU Sports Network will be available at www.lsusports.net, while live statistics from all 16 regionals will be available at www.ncaasports.com.

TOURNAMENT UMPIRES (ASSIGNED BY NCAA)

Randy Bruns (crew chief), Jeff Henrichs (assistant crew chief), Darrin Sealey, Joe Marion, Ron Sebastian and Mike Rust

RANKINGS

LSU: No. 13 Baseball America, No. 16 Collegiate Baseball, No. 12 ESPN/Sports Weekly
Rice: No. 14 Baseball America, No. 17 Collegiate Baseball, No. 7 ESPN/Sports Weekly
Northwestern State and Marist: not ranked

NCAA TOURNAMENT RECORD

LSU holds the highest NCAA Tournament winning percentage in Division I at .727 (104-39). The Tigers have won 17 regional championships since 1986 and hold a 68-15 (.819) regional record all-time.

LAST YEAR

LSU went 3-0 in the 2004 Baton Rouge regional, defeating Army, Southern Miss and College of Charleston before taking two straight from Texas A&M in the super regional round to reach the College World Series.

COACHES

Smoke Laval, LSU (fourth year at LSU, 173-83-1; 11th year overall, 414-242-1)
Wayne Graham, Rice (14th year at Rice, 623-255; 25th year overall, 1,198-368)
Mitch Gaspard, Northwestern State (fourth year, 151-78)
Joe Raccuia (second year at Marist, 58-49)

UP NEXT

The winner of the Baton Rouge Regional advances to face the winner of the New Orleans Regional (Tulane, Alabama, UL-Lafayette and Southern) in the super regional round in a best-of-three series, June 10-12/11-13.

Statistical Comparison



(1) LSU	(2) Rice		(3) NSU	(4) Marist
.294	.294	Batting Average	.287	.282
7.0	6.8	Runs Per Game	6.1	6.2
10.5	10.1	Hits Per Game	9.4	9.5
119	118	Doubles	106	88
14	14	Triples	14	12
73	59	Homers	41	20
.473	.456	Slugging Percentage	.422	.380
.375	.385	On-Base Percentage	.384	.363
35/46	48/63	Stolen Bases/Attempts	83/118	80/113
3.80	3.08	Earned Run Average	3.91	4.45
.259	.216	Opponents Batting Average	.251	.279
6.9	9.2	Strikeouts Per Nine Inn.	6.4	5.5
2.7	3.3	Walks Per Nine Inn.	4.2	2.9
.970	.966	Fielding Percentage	.974	.967

Baton Rouge Regional Schedule

Fri., June 3

Game 1: (4) Marist vs. (1) LSU • 1 p.m.
Game 2: (3) Northwestern St. vs. (2) Rice • 6 p.m.

Sat., June 4

Game 3: Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2 • 1 p.m.
Game 4: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2 • 6 p.m.

Sun., June 5

Game 5: Winner Game 3 vs. Loser Game 4 • 1 p.m.
Game 6: Winner Game 4 vs. Winner Game 5 • 6 p.m.

Mon., June 6

Game 7: Same two teams (if necessary) • 1 p.m.

In The Polls

LSU fell in all three polls this week after its two-and-out showing at the SEC Tournament. The Tigers dropped four spots to No. 13 in Baseball America and five positions to No. 16 in Collegiate Baseball. LSU's highest ranking is 12th in the ESPN/Sports Weekly poll. On the season, the Tigers' highest ranking came to start the 2005 season. LSU was tabbed No. 2 in the country (Baseball America) for four straight weeks. ESPN/Sports Weekly also had the Tigers ranked second on Feb. 21 and 28.

RPI Watch

LSU enters NCAA postseason play with a RPI of No. 15 compiled by Boyd's World. The SEC managed to get nine teams into the tournament and all nine have RPIs in the top 35. The Tigers' RPI rating ranks third in the conference behind Ole Miss (No. 4) and Florida (No. 9). On the season, LSU compiled a 19-12 record against RPI teams in the top 30, including an 8-2 win over Rice (No. 25) on April 6.

Baton Rouge Regional Team Rating Percentage Index

Rk	Team	Percentage
15.	LSU (38-20)	0.596
25.	Rice (41-17)	0.584
38.	Northwestern State (40-18)	0.568
128.	Marist (33-19)	0.508

Familiar Foes

For the first time since the 2002 season, LSU welcomes at least two teams to the Baton Rouge Regional it has seen before earlier in the season. The Tigers have a 2-0 record against teams in the local regional in 2005, having seen Rice on April 6 in the Wally Pontiff Jr. Classic at Zephyr Field (W, 8-2) and Northwestern State on April 12 at Alex Box Stadium (W, 19-2). In 2002, Southern, UL-Lafayette and Tulane were all on LSU's regular season schedule. All three teams met in the 2002 Baton Rouge Regional, which was won by the Tigers.

Regional Excellence

LSU has won nine straight NCAA Regionals at Alex Box Stadium, dating back to the 1996 season. The last time the Tigers fell in their own regional occurred in 1995 when Rice, led by Major Leaguers Lance Berkman and Jose Cruz Jr., eliminated LSU with two wins by scores of 15-7 and 16-9. Rice then fell to Cal State Fullerton in the regional title game. Fullerton also walked away with the 1992 crown as well. LSU has a 75-22 (.773) mark in NCAA Regional and Super Regional contests, and the Tigers own 68-15 (.819) record in NCAA Regional games alone. LSU's all-time NCAA Tournament winning percentage of .727 (104-39) is the highest of all Division I schools. On championship day in NCAA postseason play (regional, super regional and CWS combined), LSU has compiled an amazing 28-5 mark, including a 5-0 record in national championship games.

18-0 In Regional Openers

LSU has never lost a regional opener, posting a stellar 18-0 mark since its first regional in 1986. The Tigers opened the 1991 South Regional at Alex Box Stadium with a 13-2 win over Northwestern State, the only postseason meeting between the two schools.

The LSU-Marist Series

LSU and Marist will meet for the first time on Friday. The Red Foxes of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., enter postseason play as champions of the MAAC regular season and tournament. The Tigers have only faced a MAAC opponent twice during the program's history. In 1995, Canisius visited Alex Box Stadium and fell to LSU by scores of 7-0 and 10-2. LSU and Marist have shared similar opponents on the season, though. Both have combined to go 0-5 on the season against top-ranked Tulane. Marist was swept by the Green Wave in New Orleans, March 4-6 (4-8, 2-24, 5-11). The Tigers did not fare any better, dropping games at home on March 8 (2-6) and at Zephyr Field on April 19 (8-11). The Red Foxes have faced another in-state foe, opening the season with a 10-1 loss to UL-Lafayette on Feb. 25.

The LSU-Rice Series

LSU leads the all-time series with Rice, 11-8, dating back to the 1914 season. The Owls have won four out of the last six meetings, including a sweep of the Tigers in the 2002 NCAA Super Regional at Reckling Park in Houston. LSU defeated Rice, 8-2, in the Wally Pontiff Jr. Classic on April 6 at Zephyr Field. In that contest, the Tigers launched three homers -- the most allowed by Rice pitching all season -- and freshman **Eric English** earned his first career win. The Owls surrendered 12 hits, which were the second-most allowed by the staff all season. Junior **Justin Meier** did not qualify for the win despite limiting the Owls to no runs on one hit in four innings of work. Before this season, the Tigers last defeated Rice, 5-4, in the 1997 College World Series. In the 1995 South I Regional at Alex Box Stadium, the Owls eliminated the Tigers from their own regional, beating LSU twice by scores of 15-7 and 16-9. It was the last time an opponent defeated LSU in a regional. Smoke Laval owns a 1-2 against Rice, while Wayne Graham is 4-2 against the Tigers in his tenure. The Owls do own a 4-1 record against LSU in postseason play.

The LSU-Northwestern State Series

LSU and Northwestern State know each other all too well. The Tigers hold a 43-10 all-time advantage against the Demons, including five straight wins dating back to 2003. LSU has also won seven of the last eight games between the two. NSU's last win over the Tigers came in 2001 when the Demons won 10-8 in Natchitoches. On April 12, LSU took out its frustrations on the Demons after entering the contest as losers of three straight. Smoke Laval earned his 400th career victory on a night when LSU erupted for 19 runs on 19 hits in a 19-2 romp. It was NSU's worst loss to the Tigers since a 24-0 thrashing in 1986. Eight of the runs came via three homers, including a grand slam by **Nick Stavinoha**. **Brandon Nall** qualified for the win in his third start of the season. LSU and Northwestern State have met once in regional play when the Tigers opened the 1991 South Regional with a 13-2 win. The Demons last win in Baton Rouge came in 1999 (12-6).

Meier No Stranger To NCAA Openers

Right-hander **Justin Meier** is certainly no stranger to NCAA Tournament games in his first three seasons at LSU. Meier, a junior from Windermere, Fla., has fired complete games in his last two NCAA Regional/Super Regional appearances, including a 9-0 blanking of Army last season in the opener. In going the distance, Meier allowed no runs on seven hits, struck out nine and did not walk a batter. In 2003, Meier's complete-game effort in Game 3 of the Super Regional against Baylor propelled LSU to the College World Series. He scattered 12 hits and five runs in nine innings. In two seasons, Meier owns a 2-0 mark in NCAA postseason games with a 3.00 ERA. His only blemish came in the Tigers' CWS loss to South Carolina last season, surrendering two hits and three runs (one earned) to the Gamecocks.

Meier's NCAA Tournament Game-By-Game Starts

2004

Date	Opponent	Line
7/2	vs. South Carolina (CWS)	ND, 0.0 IP, 2 H, 3 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 0 SO
6/4	vs. Army (NCAA Regional)	W, 9.0 IP, 7 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 9 SO

2003

Date	Opponent	Line
6/8	vs. Baylor (NCAA Super)	W, 9.0 IP, 12 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 2 BB, 3 SO

Last Time Out: A Recap Of The SEC Tournament

The SEC Tournament in Hoover, Ala. has been unkind to the LSU Tigers the past two seasons. Last week, LSU went two-and-out from the tournament for the second straight year and only the third time since the Tigers' first appearance in 1979. After taking two of three games to close the regular season at Mississippi State, LSU met the Bulldogs in the opening game. MSU plated four runs in the first off of **Lane Mestepey** and pounded out 17 singles en route to a 9-2 win. Mestepey suffered the shortest outing of his career, lasting just 0.2 of an inning. In an elimination game the following day, Tennessee All-American Luke Hochevar sent the Tigers packing. Hochevar, considered to be a top-five pick in the upcoming draft, tossed seven innings of one-run ball in a 5-1 victory. LSU only managed three runs in two games -- all driven in by first baseman **Blake Gill**.

LSU in NCAA Regional Play (68-15, .819)

Date	Opponent	Site	Result
6/6/04	Coll. of Charleston	Baton Rouge	W, 11-3
6/5/04	Southern Miss	Baton Rouge	W, 6-2
6/4/04	Army	Baton Rouge	W, 9-0
6/1/03	UNC Wilmington	Baton Rouge	W, 9-8 (11)
5/31/03	Tulane	Baton Rouge	W, 13-5
5/30/03	Northeastern	Baton Rouge	W, 11-8
6/2/02	UL-Lafayette	Baton Rouge	W, 12-2
6/2/02	UL-Lafayette	Baton Rouge	W, 12-2
6/1/02	Tulane	Baton Rouge	W, 4-2
6/1/02	UL-Lafayette	Baton Rouge	L, 0-5
5/31/02	Southern	Baton Rouge	W, 5-4
5/27/01	VCU	Baton Rouge	W, 14-9
5/27/01	VCU	Baton Rouge	L, 7-10
5/26/01	VCU	Baton Rouge	W, 13-9
5/25/01	Minnesota	Baton Rouge	W, 10-9
5/28/00	UL-Monroe	Baton Rouge	W, 5-3
5/27/00	UL-Monroe	Baton Rouge	W, 21-0
5/26/00	Jackson State	Baton Rouge	W, 19-1
5/31/99	East Carolina	Baton Rouge	W, 9-0
5/30/99	East Carolina	Baton Rouge	W, 12-10
5/29/99	Southern	Baton Rouge	W, 6-3
5/29/99	East Carolina	Baton Rouge	L, 10-11
5/28/99	UL-Monroe	Baton Rouge	W, 11-4
5/24/98	Cal State Fullerton	Baton Rouge	W, 14-3
5/23/98	Cal State Fullerton	Baton Rouge	W, 13-11
5/22/98	UL-Lafayette	Baton Rouge	W, 15-6
5/21/98	Nicholls State	Baton Rouge	W, 18-4
5/26/97	South Alabama	Baton Rouge	W, 15-4
5/26/97	South Alabama	Baton Rouge	W, 14-4
5/25/97	Long Beach State	Baton Rouge	W, 14-7(11)
5/24/97	South Alabama	Baton Rouge	L, 5-11
5/23/97	Oklahoma	Baton Rouge	W, 14-3
5/22/97	UNC Greensboro	Baton Rouge	W, 14-0
5/26/96	Georgia Tech	Baton Rouge	W, 29-13
5/25/96	New Orleans	Baton Rouge	W, 17-4
5/24/96	UNLV	Baton Rouge	W, 7-6
5/23/96	Austin Peay	Baton Rouge	W, 9-3
5/27/95	Rice	Baton Rouge	L, 9-16
5/27/95	Central Michigan	Baton Rouge	W, 10-5
5/26/95	Rice	Baton Rouge	L, 7-15
5/25/95	Central Michigan	Baton Rouge	W, 5-3
5/29/94	USC	Baton Rouge	W, 12-10
5/28/94	USC	Baton Rouge	W, 6-2
5/27/94	Fresno State	Baton Rouge	W, 6-2
5/26/94	Southeastern La.	Baton Rouge	W, 10-6
5/30/93	South Alabama	Baton Rouge	W, 9-4
5/29/93	South Alabama	Baton Rouge	W, 11-4
5/29/93	Baylor	Baton Rouge	W, 13-6
5/28/93	Kent State	Baton Rouge	L, 12-15
5/27/93	Western Carolina	Baton Rouge	W, 7-2
5/23/92	Cal State Fullerton	Baton Rouge	L, 0-11
5/23/92	Tulane	Baton Rouge	W, 7-3
5/22/92	Ohio State	Baton Rouge	L, 0-5
5/21/92	Providence	Baton Rouge	W, 8-1
5/28/91	UL-Lafayette	Baton Rouge	W, 8-5
5/27/91	Texas A&M	Baton Rouge	W, 7-1
5/26/91	Oklahoma	Baton Rouge	W, 4-3
5/24/91	Northwestern State	Baton Rouge	W, 13-2
5/28/90	USC	Baton Rouge	W, 7-6
5/27/90	USC	Baton Rouge	W, 5-4
5/26/90	Houston	Baton Rouge	W, 6-4
5/26/90	USC	Baton Rouge	L, 4-5
5/25/90	Georgia Tech	Baton Rouge	W, 11-5
5/24/90	UL-Lafayette	Baton Rouge	W, 8-0
5/28/89	Texas A&M	College Station	W, 5-4 (12)
5/28/89	Texas A&M	College Station	W, 13-5
5/27/89	South Alabama	College Station	W, 6-5
5/27/89	UNLV	College Station	W, 13-8
5/26/89	South Alabama	College Station	L, 4-6
5/25/89	UNLV	College Station	W, 12-10
5/24/87	Cal State Fullerton	New Orleans	W, 7-3
5/23/87	New Orleans	New Orleans	W, 3-0
5/22/87	New Orleans	New Orleans	W, 14-1
5/21/87	Tulane	New Orleans	W, 5-3
5/25/86	Tulane	Baton Rouge	W, 7-6
5/24/86	Louisiana Tech	Baton Rouge	W, 7-4
5/23/86	Oklahoma	Baton Rouge	W, 8-5
5/22/86	Jackson State	Baton Rouge	W, 14-11
5/25/85	Lamar	Austin	L, 3-4
5/24/85	Houston	Austin	L, 4-11
5/24/75	Miami (Fla.)	Starkville	L, 1-8
5/24/75	Florida State	Starkville	L, 2-4
5/23/75	Murray State	Starkville	W, 7-2

LSU by the Numbers in 2005

Home	21-11
Away	15-7
Neutral Sites	2-2
Day.....	20-10
Night.....	18-10
TV Games.....	13-5
On Jumbo Sports	8-1
On Cox Sports	3-3
On ESPN 2	0-1
On SEC-TV	1-0
Vs. SEC	18-14
Vs. SEC West	9-7
Vs. SEC East.....	9-7
Non-SEC Games.....	19-6
Vs. Louisiana opponents.....	9-4
Vs. Ranked opponents	13-9
Vs. C-USA	4-4
Vs. Mid-Continent.....	1-1
Vs. Pac-10	2-0
Vs. Southland	7-0
Vs. Sun Belt	4-0
Vs. SWAC.....	0-1
Vs. WAC.....	1-0
Doubleheaders	3-1
Game 1 of weekend series	8-7
Game 2 of weekend series	12-3
Game 3 of weekend series	11-4
Sunday	10-3
Monday	1-0
Tuesday	4-3
Wednesday.....	3-2
Thursday	0-1
Friday	8-5
Saturday	12-3
One-run games.....	5-3
Extra inning games	1-1
Shutouts.....	3-1
Number of Losing Streaks	3
Longest Losing Streak	3
Games in which LSU scores first	24-5
Games in which opponent scores first	14-15
When LSU scores 10+	11-0
When LSU scores <5.....	5-14
When opponent scores 10+	1-2
When opponent scores <5.....	25-5
When LSU leads after 6 innings	31-2
When LSU trails after 6 innings.....	4-17
When tied after 6 innings	3-1
When LSU leads after 7 innings	32-2
When LSU trails after 7 innings.....	3-18
When tied after 7 innings	4-0
When LSU leads after 8 innings	35-0
When LSU trails after 8 innings.....	0-19
When tied after 8 innings	3-1
When LSU has 10+ hits.....	26-10
When LSU has <6 hits.....	3-3
When opponent has 10+ hits	13-12
When opponent has <6 hits	8-2
When LSU has more hits	30-3
When LSU has fewer hits	6-13
Equal hits	2-4
When LSU hits 3 or more home runs	10-0
When LSU hits no home runs	7-9
When opponent hits 3+ home runs	0-1
When opponent hits no home runs	22-7
Games won on final at-bat	2
Games lost on final at-bat	1
Come-from-behind wins.....	18
Losses when LSU led previously	8
Blown saves	2
Longest game	4:30 (at Alabama, 4/3; at UNO, 5/18)
Shortest game(9 or more innings)	2:06 (at Alabama, 4/1)

Back At The Box

Alex Box Stadium plays host to its 16th straight NCAA regional and 17th overall. "The Box" has hosted regional tournaments in 1986 and 1990 through 2004. The 16-year streak is the longest of any team in the nation. Texas hosted a 15-year stretch from 1979 through 1994. Three super regional series have taken place at the stadium, including 2000, '03 and '04. LSU captured all three super regional series and has not lost a regional since the 2005 season.

Twenty Years Of Memories: Great LSU Baseball Regional Moments

June 13, 2004

Lane Mestepey fires a masterful five-hit shutout in Game 2 of a Super Regional series against Texas A&M. **Will Harris'** ninth-inning grand slam clinches LSU's 4-0 triumph and sends the Tigers to the College World Series for the second straight season.

June 7-8, 2003

LSU blasts Baylor 20-5, using an 11-run sixth inning highlighted by **Clay Harris'** grand slam to reach its 12th College World Series. The Tigers faced elimination a day earlier after Baylor captured the first contest in the best-of-three set. Harris and Ivan Naccarata belted back-to-back homers to lead off the eighth inning to lift LSU over Baylor, 6-5, to set up the rubber match.

June 1, 2003

Jon Zeringue's one-out, walk-off home run in the bottom of the 11th sends LSU to the super regional round as the Tigers defeat a pesky UNC-Wilmington club, 9-8. Despite defeat, UNC-W becomes the first opposing team to make a congratulatory lap around the field following the game.

June 2, 2002

LSU comes through the loser's bracket to defeat UL-Lafayette twice by identical 12-2 scores to win its seventh consecutive regional championship. The Tigers are the only regional winner of 2002 to come through the loser's bracket to win twice on the final day.

May 30-31, 1999

Facing a seven-run deficit and in danger of being eliminated, LSU rallies to take a 12-10 lead it would not relinquish against East Carolina to force a second championship game. Kurt Ainsworth gets an extra day of rest thanks to rain, which forces the second contest to be moved to Monday. Ainsworth blanks the Pirates, 9-0, hurling the Tigers to a super regional matchup with SEC foe Alabama.

May 28, 1999

LSU tags former UL-Monroe starter and current Milwaukee Brewer star Ben Sheets, opening the Baton Rouge Regional with a convincing 11-4 victory over the Indians who are managed by current LSU head coach **Smoke Laval**.

May 23, 1998

LSU falls behind Cal State Fullerton, 7-0 through two innings, but Cedrick Harris' two-run double in the eighth caps a four-run inning to complete a comeback as the Tigers earn a 13-11 victory. LSU routs the Titans 14-3 the next day to reach Omaha.

May 25, 1997

A classic five-hour marathon comes to an end as LSU outlasts Long Beach State by scoring seven runs in the 11th inning for a 14-7 victory. One day later, the Tigers avenge their second round loss to South Alabama by sweeping the Jaguars, 14-4 and 15-4, before defending its national championship in Omaha. The regional has been called by many as the "most exciting" in LSU history.

May 26, 1996

In one of the largest hit outputs in school history, LSU uses 18 runs on 13 hits in the seventh inning of the South II Regional championship game to rout Georgia Tech, 29-13. Before the game and after the completion of batting practice, the Tigers change uniforms and wear the infamous gold jerseys for the first time in school history.

May 29, 1994

LSU holds on to a 12-10 win over Southern Cal in the South Regional final. Former Trojan and current Minnesota Twins' star Jacque Jones smashes three homers in defeat.

May 28, 1989

LSU completes perhaps its most improbable journey in the program's history to reach its third College World Series. The Tigers win five of six games at the 1989 Central Regional in College Station, Texas. LSU shocks top-ranked Texas A&M with two wins on the tournament's final day -- including a 5-4, 11-inning victory in the championship game. Ben McDonald earns the win in seven innings of work in the first game and then comes back to earn a save in the clincher. All four LSU pitchers in the final game -- Russ Springer, Paul Byrd, Curtis Leskanic and Ben McDonald -- reach the Major Leagues. Texas A&M, at the time, had amassed 58 wins to just five losses and was led by Chuck Knobloch. The 58 wins still stands as an Aggie record.

May 25, 1986

Albert Belle smashes two, two-run homers in the South I Regional championship game, leading the Tigers to their first College World Series with a 7-6 win over Tulane at Alex Box Stadium. Belle was named tournament MVP for his efforts.

Back On Track

Since losing three of its first four SEC series, LSU closed the regular season with six straight league series' wins over Ole Miss, Arkansas, Vanderbilt, Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi State. The Tigers won 13 out of its last 17 conference games -- 10 of those against ranked opponents. On the season, LSU had two SEC road sweeps to its credit -- at Georgia and at Arkansas. The last time an LSU team had two conference road sweeps was 1994 when the Tigers took three games at Auburn and three games at Georgia. Mississippi State had not lost a series at home until the finale.

Ranking Game

LSU is 13-9 against ranked opponents this season. The Tigers went through a stretch during the middle season, playing ranked teams in 14 of its 15 games between April 6 and May 1. During the run, LSU posted an 8-6 mark, including a pair of wins over Ole Miss and Vanderbilt and a sweep at Arkansas.

Iron Man

Clay Harris is the only Tiger to start in all 58 games this season. Harris has started 57 contests at second base since making the move before the season. He also started one game at designated hitter. During his career, Harris has made 177 consecutive starts, dating back to 2003. The last time Harris was not in the starting lineup was in a mid-week game versus Southeastern Louisiana on March 5, 2003. On the season, Harris leads the Tigers in batting average (.369) and is tops on the squad in on-base percentage (.449). Both are career highs, while the .369 average is a 60-point increase from last seasons numbers.

Another Two-Sport Jackson

Redshirt freshman **Chris Jackson** has sparked LSU at the top of the order since entering the Tiger lineup on April 10 versus South Carolina. LSU has a 13-7 record when Jackson starts. At the same time, the River Ridge, La. native wrapped up spring football practice as the squad's starting place kicker/punter. Against Northwestern State on April 12, Jackson arrived to Alex Box 20 minutes before first pitch after going through a football workout. Without taking infield or batting practice, Jackson made his first career start at third base and went 3-for-6 with four runs and four RBI. He also belted his first career homer in the bottom of the seventh. On April 16, he competed in the annual LSU spring football scrimmage in the morning before reporting to the Box 45 minutes before a 2 p.m. first pitch against Ole Miss. In his first at-bat Jackson lined a single to right field and finished the game 3-for-5 with a run and an RBI. He also displayed tremendous defense at third base with four critical assists in the Tigers 7-6 triumph over the Rebels.

Laval In NCAA Tournament Games

Head coach **Smoke Laval** has compiled a 14-8 record in NCAA Tournament games during his three previous seasons at LSU. Laval has guided the Tigers to three straight NCAA Regional victories and is 10-1 in regional games alone. Smoke owns a 3-4 record in super regional contests and is 0-4 in College World Series games.

414 Wins And Counting For Laval

Smoke Laval wrapped up the regular season at Mississippi State with 414 career victories. Laval won his 400th career game in a 19-2 thrashing of Northwestern State on April 12 of this season. Laval compiled a 241-159 mark as head coach at UL-Monroe for seven seasons (1994-2000). Since then, Smoke has won 173 games in his fourth season at LSU after taking over for Skip Bertman.

Hitting Streaks

Ryan Patterson and **Clay Harris** have the longest hitting streaks of any player on the team this season, batting safely in 15 games at one point during the season. **Blake Gill** has the longest current streak with a six-game stretch dating back to May 18 at UNO. Gill extended his streak in the SEC Tournament, while accounting for all three RBI in LSU's losses to Mississippi State and Tennessee. Dating back to last season, Gill maintained a 20-game hitting streak into the 2005 campaign. Gill's run, which began versus Vanderbilt on May 15, 2004, is the longest of his career and the longest since head coach Smoke Laval took over the program. The streak came to an on Feb. 25 at Houston.

Longest Hitting Streaks (past six seasons)

Player	Streak
Brad Cresse (1999-2000)	24
Cedrick Harris (1999-2000)	21
Blake Gill (2004-05)	20

Mestepey Up To 35 Career Wins

Senior left-hander **Lane Mestepey** claimed sole possession of second place in LSU career victories with his 34th win over Georgia on March 18. The Zachary, La., native passed Stan Loewer, who tallied 33 wins between 1984-87. Following his win over Kentucky on May 6, Mestepey is now three wins shy of tying Scott Schultz' career mark of 38, achieved between 1992-95. The southpaw also moved into a tie with Mississippi State's Bobby Reed (1987-90) for eighth place in SEC career victories. South Carolina's Kip Bouknight (1998-01) and Mississippi State's Jeff Brantley (1982-85) share the all-time SEC record with 45 career wins.

LSU Career Pitching Victories

Player	Wins
1. Scott Schultz (1992-95)	38
2. Lane Mestepey (2001-present)	35
3. Stan Loewer (1984-87)	33
4. Paul Byrd (1989-91)	31

SEC Team Statistical Rankings

At The Plate

Batting Average

1. Tennessee	.332
7. LSU	.292

Slugging Percentage

1. Tennessee	.500
3. LSU	.470

On-Base Percentage

1. Tennessee	.411
7. LSU	.373

Runs Scored

1. Tennessee	488
4. LSU	400

Hits

1. Tennessee	708
5. LSU	608

RBI

1. Tennessee	444
4. LSU	362

Home Runs

1. Ole Miss	76
2. LSU	74

Total Bases

1. Tennessee	1067
3. LSU	978

Stolen Bases

1. Arkansas	105
11. LSU	35

On The Mound

Earned Run Average

1. Vanderbilt	3.38
8. LSU	3.81

Opponents Batting Average

1. Vanderbilt	.233
7. LSU	.260

Strikeouts

1. Alabama	539
9. LSU	397

Saves

1. Auburn	21
t7. LSU	13
Arkansas	13

In The Field

Fielding Percentage

1. Ole Miss	.974
4. LSU	.970

Double Plays

1. Florida	59
3. LSU	55

SEC Individual Statistical Rankings

At The Plate

Batting Average

1. Brian Pettway, UM	.400
7. Clay Harris, LSU	.369
8. Ryan Patterson, LSU	.363

Slugging Percentage

1. Matt LaPorta, UF	.730
3. Ryan Patterson, LSU	.714
8. Nick Stavinocha, LSU	.654

On-Base Percentage

1. Chase Headley, UT	.527
8. Clay Harris, LSU	.449

Runs Scored

1. Chase Headley, UT	74
t2. Ryan Patterson, LSU	67
Josh Alley, UT	67

Hits

1. Brian Pettway, UM	96
5. Ryan Patterson, LSU	85
t6. Nick Stavinocha, LSU	84
8. Clay Harris, LSU	83

RBI

1. Matt LaPorta, UF	69
7. Nick Stavinocha, LSU	59

Doubles

1. Karl Amonite, AU	25
2. Ryan Patterson, LSU	21
t3. Nick Stavinocha, LSU	20

Home Runs

1. Matt LaPorta, UF	23
t2. Ryan Patterson, LSU	19
Brian Pettway, UM	19
6. Nick Stavinocha, LSU	17

Total Bases

1. Brian Pettway, UM	172
2. Ryan Patterson, LSU	167
5. Nick Stavinocha, LSU	157
10. Clay Harris, LSU	129

On The Mound

ERA

1. John Madden, AU	1.64
3. Greg Smith, LSU	2.20

Innings Pitched

1. Luke Hochevar, UT	118.2
7. Greg Smith, LSU	98.0
t10. Clay Dirks, LSU	92.2

Wins

1. Luke Hochevar, UT	14
t2. Clay Dirks, LSU	10
Charley Boyce, ARK	10
Greg Smith, LSU	10

Saves

1. Michael Nix, AU	13
t5. Jason Determann, LSU	7
John Madden, AU	7
David Robertson, UA	7

Going the Distance

Clay Dirks' complete game vs. Tennessee on May 14 tallied the Tigers' eighth complete-game outing by an LSU pitcher this season. Dirks owns three nine-inning starts to his credit this season, as does senior **Lane Mestepey**. **Greg Smith** has four on the year -- in three of his last five outings. It marks the first time in school history that LSU has gone with a complete left-handed rotation. Tiger pitchers also compiled eight complete games last season.

Rough Times For Mestepey

Senior left-hander **Lane Mestepey** suffered his eighth loss of the season in his last outing against Mississippi State in the SEC Tournament opener on May 25. Mestepey (6-8) carried a great deal of SEC Tournament success into his start. Entering the contest, the senior had allowed just two earned runs in 27.1 career innings in five appearances in Hoover. On Wednesday, Mestepey left after the shortest outing of his career, surrendering four runs (three earned) in 0.2 of an inning. He was tagged for six hits and did not record a strikeout.

Mestepey Moving Up The SEC Record Books In Innings Pitched

Senior left-hander **Lane Mestepey** became the school's all-time leader in innings pitched on Feb. 25 at Houston. Mestepey worked six frames to surpass Scott Schultz's (1992-95) record of 398. On the season, Mestepey sits at 474.0 innings pitched. He is three innings away from tying Auburn's John Powell (1990-94) for second place. South Carolina's Kip Bouknight (1998-01) holds the all-time SEC record of 482.

SEC Career Innings Pitched

Player	Innings
1. Kip Bouknight, USC (1998-01)	482.0
2. John Powell, Auburn (1990-94)	477.0
3. Lane Mestepey, LSU (2001-present)	474.0
4. R.A. Dickey, Tennessee (1994-96)	434.0

Laval Moves Into Fourth Place In Games Coached

The season-opening win over Nicholls State was head coach **Smoke Laval's** 200th as the Tiger skipper. Laval currently sits at 257 games, the fourth-highest mark of any coach in the school's history. Laval's LSU coaching record of 173-83-1 (.680) is the second-highest mark, behind Skip Bertman's all-time winning percentage of .724.

All-Time LSU Games Coached

Coach	Games
1. Skip Bertman (1984-2001)	1,203
2. Jim Smith (1966-78)	489
3. Harry Rabenhorst (1927-42, 1946-56)	446
4. Smoke Laval (2002-present)	257
5. Jack Lamabe (1979-83)	249

2-3-4-5

It's the heart of the order that has been producing LSU's runs this season. The Tigers' 2-3-4-5 hitters of **Ryan Patterson**, **Blake Gill**, **Nick Stavinocha** and **Clay Harris** are hitting a combined .352 (32-for-909) on the season with 51 homers and 206 RBI.

Patterson Enters The School Record Books

Ryan Patterson has put together a memorable season and is tops on the team in several categories. With his homer on May 15 vs. Tennessee, Patterson moved into a fifth-place tie in the LSU career homers list with 49, also set by Albert Belle (1985-87). Patterson is three away from Todd Walker's (1992-94) fourth-place mark of 52. Eddy Furniss (1995-98) holds the career record with 80 homers. He is sixth in career hits (277), one away of fifth set by Tookie Johnson (1988-91). He is also in a ninth-place tie with Johnson in career RBI (167). Patterson is now in sole possession of second place in the career doubles mark with 64. Patterson's 196 career runs recently moved him into 10th place ahead of Jeremy Witten's (1997-2000) mark of 195.

An Inning Like No Other

On a March 13 contest against Arizona State, LSU produced a memorable inning unlike one seen in school history. The Tigers played 12 runs in the fourth inning highlighted by four consecutive homers from **Blake Gill**, **Ryan Patterson**, **Clay Harris** and **Nick Stavinocha**. The feat had never been achieved before in school history. When the barrage was finally over, LSU sent 17 batters to the plate, amassing the highest run tally in an inning since posting 14 runs on May 27, 2000 in the second game of the NCAA Baton Rouge Regional versus UL-Monroe. Ironically, the head coach of the Indians at the time was **Smoke Laval**. LSU had produced three consecutive homers in a game before, on May 23, 1998, against Cal State Fullerton in the NCAA Regional at Alex Box Stadium.

LSU In The Team SEC/NCAA Statistical Leaders

LSU's power display this season has lifted the Tigers into the top three in three SEC offensive categories. LSU's slugging percentage of .470 ranks third in the SEC behind Tennessee and Ole Miss. The Tigers' 74 home runs are two behind SEC leading Ole Miss' 76. LSU is also third in the conference in total bases with 978. Nationally, the Tigers are 10th in homers per game (1.28).

Injury Report

LSU enters postseason play relatively healthy. **Blake Gill** has been bothered by a sore shoulder, which has forced the one-time shortstop to move to first base. **Derek Hebert** also has been bothered by a sore shoulder but will be ready to go in the Tigers' opener on Friday. The following is a list of season-ending injuries entering the 2005 campaign.

Player	Injury	Surgery
RHP Michael Bonura	Elbow	Offseason Tommy John
OF Steven Broschofsky	Shoulder	Surgery in late February
RHP Nolan Cain	Elbow	Tommy John surgery in February
LHP Daniel Forrer	Shoulder	Offseason surgery

Hill Reaches The Show, One Of Six LSU Players On MLB Teams

Aaron Hill, a former standout infielder with the Tigers' from 2001-03, recently reached the Major Leagues as a starting third baseman for the Toronto Blue Jays. Hill played in his first game on May 20 and has since hit safely in nine of his 11 games. He debuted against the Washington Nationals with a 2-for-4 game and one RBI. His is batting .415 with 11 RBI as a three-hole hitter. He is one of six former LSU players on active Major League rosters. Russ Johnson was recently called up with the New York Yankees and has played first base on days Tino Martinez needs a day off. Todd Walker, who is in his 10th Major League season, suffered a MCL injury on April 10 but has since returned. Pitcher Paul Byrd relocates to the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim after spending a season with the Atlanta Braves. Byrd serves as the No. 4 starter in the Angels' rotation. Veteran Russ Springer is once again a member of the Houston Astros bullpen corps. Brad Hawpe has been brilliant in his first full season with the Colorado Rockies. As of June 1, Hawpe is batting .297 with five homers and 23 RBI.

Tigers In The Majors (as of June 1, 2005)

Player	Team	Position
Paul Byrd	Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim	SP
Brad Hawpe	Colorado Rockies	RF
Aaron Hill	Toronto Blue Jays	INF
Russ Johnson	New York Yankees	1B
Russ Springer	Houston Astros	RP
Todd Walker	Chicago Cubs	2B

Patterson Named Top Senior by Baseball America in Midseason Report on April 12

Ryan Patterson was named the top senior in the nation by Baseball America in its midseason edition released on April 12. Patterson was also an unanimous first-team midseason All-American in the outfield. He is one of only two SEC players who made the first-team list. Tennessee's Luke Hochevar also made the list as a starting pitcher. Nebraska's Alex Gordon was named the nation's top player, and Rice's Joe Savery made the list as the top freshman.

Patterson A Semifinalist For the Brooks Wallace Award and Dick Howser Trophy

Ryan Patterson is up for two National Player of the Year awards, including the Brooks Wallace Award and Dick Howser Trophy. The Wallace Watch was trimmed to 12 semifinalists on May 24. The selection committee will narrow the list to three finalists following the NCAA Super Regionals at a press conference in Omaha on June 16. The Dick Howser Trophy will be presented at the College World Series, as well on Friday, June 17. Eddy Furniss is LSU's only Howser Trophy winner, having received the award in 1998.

All-American

Ryan Patterson was voted a first-team All-American by ESPN/USA Today on May 25. He became the 16th LSU player to be named a first-team All-American in the past 17 seasons. Outfielder Jon Zeringue was a recipient in 2004.

Five Tigers On All-SEC Teams

Ryan Patterson and Greg Smith were named to the All-SEC First Team on May 24 prior to the start of the SEC Tournament. Nick Stavinocha, Blake Gill and Clay Dirks all received second-team all-conference honors. Jordan Mayer and Chris Jackson were named to the All Freshman Team.

Determann Nominated For Scholar-Athlete Post-Graduate Scholarship

Pitcher **Jason Determann** is one of two nominees from LSU for the H. Boyd McWhorter Scholar-Athlete Post Graduate Scholarship. The award is presented annually to the SEC's top male and female scholar-athletes. Determann has maintained a 3.781 grade point average, majoring in biology. He is a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta national premedical honor society and has been named to the Dean's List every semester at LSU and the Chancellor's Honor Roll twice. He has already been accepted to the LSU Medical School in New Orleans and will forego his senior season to begin classes in the fall.

Determann Named Academic All-American, SEC Scholar Athlete of the Year

Jason Determann keeps bringing in the academic accolades as the team's highest scholar. Determann was named a second-team Academic All-America selection by ESPN The Magazine on May 31. He becomes the first LSU player to receive the honor since the late Wally Pontiff Jr. did in 2002. Determann also was the Southeastern Conference's recipient of Scholar Athlete of the Year.

Season Awards

33 Jason Determann

- *ESPN The Magazine* Second-Team Academic All-America
- *ESPN The Magazine* District VI Academic All-America Team
- SEC Scholar Athlete of the Year
- SEC Pitcher of the Week (May 17-22; at MSU)
- H. Boyd McWhorter Post-Graduate Scholarship
- LSWA Pitcher of the Week (May 2-8, vs. UK)

13 Clay Dirks

- Second-Team All-SEC
- SEC Pitcher of the Week (April 22-24; at Arkansas)
- LSWA Pitcher of the Week (April 22-24; at Arkansas)

29 Jordan Faircloth

- SEC Community Service Post-Graduate Scholarship
- SEC Good Works Team
- Who's Who Among Students

3 Blake Gill

- Second-Team All-SEC

21 Clay Harris

- SEC Player of the Week (April 12-17; vs. Ole Miss)
- LSWA Player of the Week (April 12-17; vs. Ole Miss)

5 Chris Jackson

- SEC All Freshman Team

14 Matt Liuzza

- *Baseball America* Third-Team Preseason All-America

11 Jordan Mayer

- SEC All Freshman Team

12 Ryan Patterson

- Golden Spikes Award Watch List
- Dick Howser Trophy Semifinalist
- Brooks Wallace Award Semifinalist
- *USA Today/Sports Weekly* First-Team All-America
- *Baseball America* First-Team Midseason All-America
- *Baseball America* Midseason Top Senior
- NCWBA Third-Team Preseason All-American
- First-Team All-SEC
- SEC Player of the Week (May 13-15; vs. Tennessee)
- LSWA Player of the Week (May 13-15; vs. Tenn.)
- LSWA Player of the Week (March 8-13; vs. Tulane)

27 Greg Smith

- First-Team All-SEC
- LSWA Pitcher of the Week (April 29-May 1; at VU)
- LSWA Pitcher of the Week (April 15-17; vs. UM)

43 Nick Stavinocha

- Second-Team All-SEC

Patterson In The Career Record Books

Hits

1. Eddy Furniss (1995-98)	352
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4. Blair Barbier (1997-00)	307
5. Tookie Johnson (1988-91)	278
6. Ryan Patterson (2003-05)	277

Runs

1. Jason Williams (1993-96)	270
...	
8. Brad Cresse (1997-2000)	205
9. Trey McClure (1996-99)	200
10. Ryan Patterson (2003-05)	196

RBI

1. Eddy Furniss (1995-98)	308
...	
8. Albert Belle (1985-87)	172
19. Ryan Patterson (2003-05)	167
Tookie Johnson (1988-91)	167

Batting Average

1. Todd Walker (1992-94)	.396
...	
16. Lyle Mouton (1990-91)	.353
Mark Cooper (1983-84)	.353
18. Ryan Patterson (2003-05)	.351
Brad Hawpe (1999-00)	.351

Doubles

1. Eddy Furniss (1995-98)	87
2. Ryan Patterson (2003-05)	64

Home Runs

1. Eddy Furniss (1995-98)	80
...	
3. Trey McClure (1996-99)	59
4. Todd Walker (1992-94)	52
15. Ryan Patterson (2003-05)	49
Albert Belle (1985-87)	49

For a complete look at where Patterson ranks in the LSU career record books, please consult the LSU Baseball Yearbook, pp. 128-29.

2005 SEC Standings (Final)

Eastern Division

Team	SEC	Pct.	Overall
#Florida*	20-10	.667	40-20
Tennessee*	18-11	.621	41-19
South Carolina*	13-17	.533	38-20
Vanderbilt	13-14	.433	34-21
Georgia	12-17	.414	30-25
Kentucky	7-22	.241	29-27

Western Division

Team	SEC	Pct.	Overall
&LSU*	18-12	.600	38-20
&Ole Miss*	18-12	.600	44-18
Alabama*	17-13	.567	38-21
%Mississippi State*	13-16	.448	40-20
Auburn*	13-17	.433	32-24
Arkansas*	13-17	.433	37-20

- Overall SEC champion/Eastern Division champion

& - Western Division co-champions

% - SEC Tournament champions

* - NCAA Tournament team

Faircloth Receives SEC Community Service Post-Graduate Scholarship

Pitcher **Jordan Faircloth** is one of two Southeastern Conference athletes awarded to the league's community service post-graduate scholarship, commissioner Mike Slive announced on April 8. Faircloth and South Carolina diver Holly Hodges each will receive a \$5,000 post-graduate scholarship provided by the SEC. The two were chosen by a committee of Faculty Athletics Representatives from SEC universities. Faircloth becomes the second LSU athlete to receive the honor. Former catcher Tim Lanier earned the award in 1997.

Liuzza's Postseason Hot-Hitting Earns Him Preseason All-America Honors

Junior catcher **Matt Liuzza** was voted to the 2005 Baseball America Preseason Third-Team. The Metairie, La. native has helped lead the Tigers to consecutive College World Series appearances in 2003 and 2004. He batted .328 (75-for-229) in 2004 with 14 doubles, nine homers, 45 RBI and 37 runs. Liuzza committed just four errors in 370 chances last season, and he threw out 14 base runners attempting to steal. For the entire 2004 NCAA Tournament - including the regional, super regional and CWS - Liuzza hit a sizzling .417 (10-for-24), and he posted a .563 on-base percentage.

Liuzza Headlines Baseball America Preseason Awards

Baseball America released its preseason Southeastern Conference awards in its college baseball preview and catcher **Matt Liuzza** headlined the list of Tigers who earned recognition. Liuzza was rated as the conference's fourth-highest prospect for the upcoming 2005 Major League Baseball Draft. The publication also rated Liuzza as the best defensive catcher in the league with the best arm. **Blake Gill** earned recognition as one of Baseball America's top 50 senior prospects. Gill is listed as the nation's No. 18 rated senior, followed by **Ryan Patterson** who was listed 19th.

New "Box" On Tap For 2008

When the 2008 season rolls around, LSU will move into a new modern facility. LSU athletics director **Skip Bertman** proposed the construction of a new baseball stadium to open in 2008 to the LSU Board of Supervisors. The stadium would be located at the corner of Nicholson Drive and Gourrier Lane, about 2,000 feet south of the current site of Alex Box Stadium, and would seat approximately 8,000 Tiger baseball fans. The new stadium, which will also be named Alex Box Stadium, will be paid for by the LSU Athletics Department through a combination of the sale of revenue bonds and private donations. The expected cost of the project is approximately \$23 million.

Scoreless Smith

Greg Smith entered elite company in a combined four starts against Ole Miss (4/17), Arkansas (4/24), Vanderbilt (5/1) and Kentucky (5/8). Smith fired 28.2 scoreless innings, dating back to the second inning versus the Rebels. He finally surrendered a run in the fourth inning against the Wildcats. Smith's remarkable run covered four outings. He had previously thrown three straight complete games, including two shutouts in wins at Arkansas and at Vanderbilt. Smith's streak was the longest scoreless stretch by an LSU pitcher since Ben McDonald hurled an SEC-record 44.2 straight scoreless frames in 1989. Before an April 17 win against the Rebels, Smith had never thrown a complete game in his previous two seasons.

Cap And Gown Tigers

Five LSU baseball players officially graduated from LSU on May 20, despite not being able to take part in commencement ceremonies. The five graduates -- **Lane Mestepey**, **Jordan Faircloth**, **Jason Determann**, **Nick Stavinoha** and **Dustin Weaver** -- were on a road trip at Mississippi State to close the regular season.

Tigers Win 13th SEC Western Division With Furious Stretch Run

LSU capped off its 38-win campaign with an SEC Western Division title on the final day of the regular season at Mississippi State. The Tigers won their 13th Western Division crown and their fourth of the decade. LSU was in sixth place in the SEC West on April 15 with a 5-8 league record but posted a 13-4 record the rest of the way. Florida wrapped up the overall league title with a 20-10 conference record. Ole Miss finished with an identical 18-12 record, but LSU's two wins over the Rebels on April 16 and 17 earned the Tigers the No. 2 seed in the SEC Tournament.

Coaches Pick LSU to Win SEC Title

In what has become a common occurrence over the past several seasons, LSU is the favorite to win the Southeastern Conference Baseball Championship, as voted by the league's 12 baseball coaches in the 14th annual preseason SEC poll. The Tigers seek to capture their 14th SEC Championship, having won or shared the title three times in the past nine seasons (1996, 1997 and 2003) and seven times since 1990. In the overall SEC Champion vote, LSU received nine of the 12 championship votes in the poll. South Carolina received two votes while Florida received one. LSU was the predicted winner in the Western Division with a total of 66, collecting the maximum possible points for a single team. Ole Miss was second with 51, while Arkansas finished third with 46.

Eastern Division

Team	Pts.
1. South Carolina (9)	63
2. Georgia (1)	50
3. Florida (2)	48
4. Vanderbilt	39
5. Tennessee	29
6. Kentucky	16

Western Division

Team	Pts.
1. LSU (11)	66
2. Ole Miss (1)	51
3. Arkansas	46
4. Mississippi State	30
5. Alabama	29
6. Auburn	23

() - First Place Votes

SEC Champion: LSU (9); South Carolina (2); Florida (1)

NATIONAL POLLS

May 30, 2005

Tracking The Tigers

Week	BA	CB	ESPN/SW
Preseason	2	5	4
Feb. 7	2	5	3
Feb. 14	2	5	3
Feb. 21	2	3	2
Feb. 28	3	3	2
March 7	5	6	5
March 14	5	5	6
March 21	3	3	3
March 28	5	4	5
April 4	8	9	6
April 11	22	19	12
April 18	20	18	12
April 25	16	14	9
May 2	16	13	8
May 9	16	16	11
May 16	13	14	9
May 23	9	11	6
May 30	13	16	12

Baseball America

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- Oregon State (41-9)
- Nebraska (51-13)
- Cal State Fullerton (41-15)
- Georgia Tech (42-16)
- Texas (45-14)
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ESPN/Sports Weekly

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SEC IN THE NCAA REGIONALS

All Times are Central

New Orleans Regional

Hosted by Tulane
Turchin Stadium

- (4) Southern vs. (1) Tulane • 2:30 p.m.
 (3) UL-Lafayette vs. **(2) Alabama** • 6:30 p.m.
 Game 3: Sat., 2:30 p.m.
 Game 4: Sat., 6:30 p.m.
 Game 5: Sun., 2:30 p.m.
 Game 6: Sun., 6:30 p.m.
 Game 7: Mon., 6:30 p.m. (if nec.)

Baton Rouge Regional

Hosted by LSU
Alex Box Stadium

- (4) Marist vs. **(1) LSU** • 1 p.m.
 (3) Northwestern St. vs. (2) Rice • 6 p.m.
 Game 3: Sat., 1 p.m.
 Game 4: Sat., 6 p.m.
 Game 5: Sun., 1 p.m.
 Game 6: Sun., 6 p.m.
 Game 7: Mon., 1 p.m. (if nec.)

Oxford Regional

Hosted by Ole Miss
Oxford-University Stadium/Swayze Field

- (3) Oklahoma vs. (2) Southern Miss • 3 p.m.
 (4) Maine vs. **(1) Ole Miss** • 7 p.m.
 Game 3: Sat., 1 p.m.
 Game 4: Sat., 5 p.m.
 Game 5: Sun., 1 p.m.
 Game 6: Sun., 5 p.m.
 Game 7: Mon., 7 p.m. (if nec.)

Austin Regional

Hosted by Texas
Disch-Falk Field

- (3) Miami (Ohio) vs. **(2) Arkansas** • Noon
 (4) Quinnipiac vs. (1) Texas • 6 p.m.
 Game 3: Sat., Noon
 Game 4: Sat., 6 p.m.
 Game 5: Sun., Noon
 Game 6: Sun., 6 p.m.
 Game 7: Mon., 1 p.m. (if nec.)

Atlanta Regional

Hosted by Georgia Tech
Russ Chandler Stadium

- (3) Michigan vs. **(2) S. Carolina** • 11 a.m.
 (4) Furman vs. (1) Georgia Tech • 3 p.m.
 Game 3: Sat., 11 a.m.
 Game 4: Sat., 3 p.m.
 Game 5: Sun., 11 a.m.
 Game 6: Sun., 3 p.m.
 Game 7: Mon., 5 p.m. (if nec.)

Knoxville Regional

Hosted by Tennessee
Lindsey Nelson Stadium

- (3) Wichita State vs. (2) Winthrop • 1 p.m.
 (4) Austin Peay vs. **(1) Tennessee** • 6 p.m.
 Game 3: Sat., 1 p.m.
 Game 4: Sat., 6 p.m.
 Game 5: Sun., Noon
 Game 6: Sun., 4 p.m.
 Game 7: Mon., 10 a.m. (if nec.)

Gainesville Regional

Hosted by Florida
Alfred A. McKethan Stadium

- (3) Notre Dame vs. (2) North Carolina • 3 p.m.
 (4) Stetson vs. **(1) Florida** • 7 p.m.
 Game 3: Sat., 2:30 p.m.
 Game 4: Sat., 6:30 p.m.
 Game 5: Sun., 1 p.m.
 Game 6: Sun., 5 p.m.
 Game 7: Mon., 6 p.m. (if nec.)

Tallahassee Regional

Hosted by Florida State
Dick Howser Stadium

- (3) South Alabama vs. **(2) Auburn** • Noon
 (4) Army vs. (1) Florida State • 6 p.m.
 Game 3: Sat., Noon
 Game 4: Sat., 6 p.m.
 Game 5: Sun., Noon
 Game 6: Sun., 6 p.m.
 Game 7: Mon., 6 p.m. (if nec.)

Coral Gables Regional

Hosted by Miami (Fla.)
Mark Light Field

- (3) Florida Atlantic vs. **(2) Miss. State** • 2 p.m.
 (4) VCU vs. (1) Miami (Fla.) • 6 p.m.
 Game 3: Sat., 2 p.m.
 Game 4: Sat., 6 p.m.
 Game 5: Sun., 2 p.m.
 Game 6: Sun., 6 p.m.
 Game 7: Mon., 3 p.m. (if nec.)

2005 Game-By-Game Recaps

Game 1 • LSU 12, Nicholls State 1

Feb. 11, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
NSU	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	2	1
LSU	0	0	3	4	0	0	5	0	X	-	12	10	1

W: Mestepey (1-0) **L:** Fernandez, M. (0-1)
Time: 2:14 **Att:** 8,185 (paid); 5,284 (actual)

Notes: Bruce Sprowl -- in his first game since the 2003 season -- went a perfect 3-for-3 providing one of four LSU homers, while Lane Mestepey went seven strong innings, allowing no earned runs on just three hits. Mestepey fired 80 pitches, including 58 strikes, struck out four and walked none. It was Mestepey's 30th win of his career. Nick Stavinocha added a three-run shot and Dustin Weaver had a two-run homer. Eric English made his debut working the final two innings without allowing a hit.

Game 2 • LSU 19, Nicholls State 2

Feb. 12, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
NSU	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	-	2	5	4
LSU	7	1	1	0	5	0	5	0	X	-	19	20	1

W: Dirks (1-0) **L:** Breaux (0-1)
Time: 2:44 **Att:** 8,236 (paid); 5,359 (actual)

Notes: Freshmen Jordan Mayer and Michael Hollander led a 20-hit LSU attack, combining to go 5-for-8 with four runs and seven RBI in their first collegiate starts. All nine Tiger starters plated runs and six first-year players collected hits in the largest margin of victory since posting a 20-3 win over Auburn on May 10, 2003. Clay Dirks pitched six innings, allowing one run on two hits and striking out five. Mayer finished the game 2-for-3 with a triple, a homer and six RBI.

Game 3 • LSU 6, Nicholls State 3

Feb. 14, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
NSU	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	-	3	8	4
LSU	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	X	-	6	5	0

W: Smith (1-0) **L:** Markray (0-1)
S: Faircloth (1)
Time: 2:39 **Att:** 7,118 (paid); 1,920 (actual)

Notes: A five-run first inning highlighted by Michael Hollander's two-run double proved to be just enough run support for three LSU pitchers. Greg Smith earned the win in his first career start, working into the sixth inning and allowing two runs on six hits with nine strikeouts. Smith had two critical pickoffs that erased any kind of Colonel threats late in the game. Jordan Faircloth wrapped up the save surrendering two hits and striking out two.

Game 4 • LSU 9, UL-Monroe 6

Feb. 15, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
ULM	0	1	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	-	6	10	3
LSU	0	2	4	0	0	0	1	2	X	-	9	14	2

W: Determann (1-0) **L:** Stephens (0-1)
Time: 3:03 **Att:** 7,418 (paid); 3,207 (actual)

Notes: A run-scoring balk in the seventh broke a 6-6 tie and Clay Harris' two-run homer in the eighth added insurance in a wild game. The game featured four lead changes. Blake Gill led the Tigers at the plate, going 4-for-5 with two runs and one RBI. Chase Dardar earned the start and left in the fifth after allowing six earned runs on seven hits and striking out six. Jason Determann came on and shut down the Indians, working the final 4.1 innings without allowing a run. Determann surrendered just three hits and struck out six.

Game 5 • LSU 4, Ark.-Little Rock 2

Feb. 18, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
ALR	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	-	2	8	1
LSU	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	X	-	4	8	1

W: Mestepey (2-0) **L:** Cromer (1-1)
S: Faircloth (2)
Time: 2:13 **Att:** 7,646 (paid); 3,757 (actual)

Notes: Lane Mestepey and Bennett Cromer battled in a pitchers duel with Mestepey earning his second win in 6.1 innings. Ryan Patterson broke out of an early season slump going 2-for-3. Two unearned runs proved to be the difference in the game. Edgar Ramirez fell into trouble in the ninth, letting the tying run come to the plate. Jordan Faircloth came on and recorded the final out for the save.

Game 6 • LSU 11, Ark.-Little Rock 8

Feb. 19, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
ALR	2	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	1	-	8	13	3
LSU	2	0	1	4	2	0	1	1	X	-	11	14	0

W: Dirks (2-0) **L:** Enlow (0-3)
S: Determann (1)
Time: 3:03 **Att:** 8,044 (paid); 4,670 (actual)

Notes: Both teams combined to pound out 19 runs on 27 hits in a game featuring five pitchers. Ryan Patterson led LSU at the plate, going 3-for-5 with two RBI. Clay Dirks went five innings, allowing three runs on six hits and striking out four. LSU's four-run first was the result of two critical UALR errors. Justin Meier made his first appearance in the sixth, getting out of a bases loaded jam. He left with two on in the ninth and gave way to Jason Determann who recorded his first save since earlier last season.

Game 7 • LSU 15, Ark.-Little Rock 9

Feb. 20, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
ALR	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	5	0	-	9	9	0
LSU	6	6	0	0	1	0	0	2	X	-	15	16	4

W: Smith (2-0) **L:** Clay (1-1)
S: English (1)
Time: 3:21 **Att:** 7,475 (paid); 3,234 (actual)

Notes: LSU won its seventh straight contest, its best start since 1997. Nick Stavinocha went 2-for-3 with a homer, a double and a career high five RBI. Greg Smith earned the win, working five innings and allowing two runs on five hits. After the first two innings, the Tigers pounded out 12 runs on 11 hits, including three homers and four doubles. UALR brought the tying run to the plate in the eighth after a five-run inning. Eric English worked out of a bases loaded jam in the eighth and then worked a perfect ninth for his first save.

Game 8 • Houston 2, LSU 1

Feb. 25, 2005 at Cougar Field (Houston, Texas)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
LSU	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	-	1	6	1
UH	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	X	-	2	7	0

W: Farrington (2-0) **L:** Mestepey (2-1)
S: Vaclavik (1)
Time: 2:15 **Att:** 2,456

Notes: LSU dropped its first game of the season, collecting only six hits during the contest -- three of them from Clay Harris. Lane Mestepey suffered the hard-luck loss, despite becoming the school's all-time leader in innings pitched in the third. He finished the game with 401.1. Houston's Matt Farrington handcuffed LSU for six innings, allowing one run thanks to Bruce Sprowl's sacrifice fly in the fifth. UH scored their two runs in the bottom of the frame on Jake Stewart's two-run single (both unearned) that bounced off of Mestepey's glove into right field. Cougar reliever Justin Vaclavik recorded the save, despite a threat by the Tigers in their final at-bat.

Game 9 • LSU 11, Houston 5

Feb. 27, 2005 at Cougar Field (Houston, Texas)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
LSU	2	2	4	0	0	1	0	0	2	-	11	14	1
UH	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	-	5	12	2

W: Dirks (3-0) **L:** Lincoln (0-2)
Time: 3:27 **Att:** 2,785

Notes: LSU exploded for eight runs on nine hits through the first three innings and never looked back in the first game of a double-header. Ryan Patterson tied a career high with four hits, producing four runs and two RBI on a homer in the third. Clay Dirks settled down after a shaky start and registered his third win, allowing four runs (three earned) on seven hits and striking out five. The Tigers broke the game open in the third with homers by Will Harris and Patterson.

Game 10 • LSU 8, Houston 1

Feb. 27, 2005 at Cougar Field (Houston, Texas)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
LSU	0	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	-	8	8	1
UH	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	5	4

W: Smith (3-0) **L:** Flores (0-3)
Time: 2:55 **Att:** n/a

Notes: LSU finished off a doubleheader sweep as Greg Smith tossed the most impressive performance of his career, limiting the Cougars to one run on just five hits in a career high seven-inning outing. Ryan Patterson delivered a three-run homer, while Bruce Sprowl and Michael Hollander added two hits apiece. Four Tigers scored unearned runs in the second courtesy of an error by third baseman Kevin Roberts. Justin Meier closed out the final two innings with a dominating performance, striking out four of the seven batters he faced.

Game 11 • Centenary 6, LSU 1

March 2, 2005 at Fair Grounds Field (Shreveport, La.)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
LSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-	1	2	3
CC	1	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	X	-	6	6	3

W: Biagi (1-0) **L:** Nall (0-1)
Time: 2:26 **Att:** 3,805

Notes: For the first time since 1956, LSU was defeated by Centenary behind a complete-game shutout from righty J.C. Biagi on a frigid night. LSU had won the last two meetings between the two, dating back 48 years. Biagi allowed one unearned run on just two hits -- LSU's lowest output since being two-hit at Arkansas in 1997. Brandon Nall suffered the loss in his first career start, lasting just two innings and walking three. Biagi finally surrendered a base hit in the seventh, allowing a single to Quinn Stewart. Matt Liuzza had a sac-fly, but Biagi worked a perfect eighth and ninth.

Game 12 • LSU 12, UAB 6

March 4, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
UAB	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	0	-	6	13	7
LSU	1	0	0	4	2	0	3	2	X	-	12	9	0

W: Mestepey (3-1) **L:** Price (1-1)
Time: 2:54 **Att:** 7,419 (paid); 3,876 (actual)

Notes: Nick Stavinocha went 2-for-4 with a homer and four RBI and Ryan Patterson tied a career high with four runs. UAB committed a season-high seven errors. Lane Mestepey earned the win despite not having his best stuff in 5.2 innings. Mestepey moved into sole possession of third place in LSU all-time victories and tied a career high with eight strikeouts. The Tigers trailed for the second time in as many games but a fourth-run fourth highlighted by Clay Harris' double and Stavinocha's three-run homer swung the momentum of the game. Stavinocha added an RBI double in the seventh.

2005 Game-By-Game Recaps

Game 13 • LSU 7, UAB 3

March 5, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
UAB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	-	3	4	1
LSU	0	1	0	2	2	0	2	0	X	-	7	10	0

W: Dirks (4-0) **L:** Brown (2-0)
Time: 2:26 **Att:** 7,539 (paid); 3,846 (actual)

Notes: Clay Dirks notched his fourth win, facing the minimum in a brilliant seven-inning, one-hit outing. Dirks took a no-hitter into the seventh, before surrendering his only hit to leadoff man Clint Toomey to start the frame. He also tied a career high with seven strikeouts. LSU turned three doubles plays. Nick Stavinoha collected three hits and two RBI. Chris Cahill relieved Dirks in the eighth and gave up three runs in the final two innings.

Game 14 • UAB 4, LSU 3

Feb. 5, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
UAB	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	-	4	5	1
LSU	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	3	8	3

W: Mills (1-0) **L:** Smith (3-1)
Time: 2:38 **Att:** 7,605 (paid); 3,773 (actual)

Notes: RF Cole Helms' solo homer broke a 3-3 tie in the sixth and UAB starter Randy Mills went seven strong innings to snap LSU's 15-game home winning streak. Greg Smith took the loss, allowing four runs and striking out eight, one shy of a career high. Smith committed two errors, which led to two unearned runs. Clay Harris went 2-for-4 with one RBI, boosting his average to .400. Blake Gill added a two-run double in the third. Despite putting the leadoff man on in the ninth, the Tigers were unable to score the tying run.

Game 15 • Tulane 6, LSU 2

March 8, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
TU	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	-	6	10	0
LSU	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	-	2	12	0

W: Gomes (2-0) **L:** Meier (0-1)
S: Latham (2)
Time: 2:54 **Att:** 7,913 (paid); 6,297 (actual)

Notes: Brian Bogusevic's two-out, two-run single in the eighth inning broke open a close game. LSU outit its opponent for the second consecutive game. Justin Meier registered the loss in his first start of the season. Meier went five innings, surrendering four runs on three hits. Blake Gill hit his first homer of the year, highlighting a 2-for-5, two RBI night for the senior. Defensive gems and perfect positioning denied the Tigers any chance of a comeback.

Game 16 • LSU 6, Arizona State 5

March 11, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
ASU	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	-	5	9	0
LSU	1	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	X	-	6	10	1

W: Mestepey (4-1) **L:** Zinicola (2-2)
S: Dirks (1)
Time: 2:38 **Att:** 7,298 (paid); 3,470 (actual)

Notes: Lane Mestepey worked eight innings to pick up his fourth win. LSU trailed early as Mestepey uncharacteristically allowed two hit batsmen and back-to-back singles in the second. In third, the Tigers' top four hitters all collected hits, including Clay Harris who added a two-run double. Quinn Stewart knocked his first homer of the year. Arizona State brought the tying run to the plate in the ninth and scoring two unearned runs. Clay Dirks registered his second career save in the ninth, striking out one and walking one.

Game 17 • LSU 10, Western Illinois 8

March 12, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
WIU	0	2	0	3	2	0	0	0	1	-	8	16	0
LSU	1	0	4	2	0	1	0	2	X	-	10	11	2

W: Dardar (1-0) **L:** Feger (0-2)
S: Faircloth (3)
Time: 3:02 **Att:** 7,265 (paid); 3,356 (actual)

Notes: LSU survived a late scare for the second consecutive game, leading by as many as five runs but rallies by Western Illinois in the fifth, sixth and ninth kept the Leathernecks within striking distance. Clay Harris finished a homer shy of the cycle, going 4-for-4 with four runs scored and one RBI. Ryan Patterson added three hits, including a pair of homers, four runs scored and three RBI. Chris Cahill made his first career start, but Chase Dardar earned his first career win in relief.

Game 18 • LSU 20, Arizona State 3

March 11, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
ASU	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-	3	6	3
LSU	4	0	0	(12)	1	2	0	1	X	-	20	20	1

W: Smith (4-1) **L:** Bresnehan (1-2)
Time: 2:54 **Att:** 7,422 (paid); 3,397 (actual)

Notes: A memorable 12-run fourth inning, featuring four consecutive homers by Blake Gill, Ryan Patterson, Clay Harris and Nick Stavinoha overpowered Arizona State. It was the first time the feat was accomplished in the program's history. Patterson homered twice for the second straight game and Stavinoha finished a single shy of the cycle. LSU sent 17 batters to the plate in the fourth and the first out was not recorded until the 12th hitter of the frame. It was the highest run tally in an inning for the Tigers since the 2000 NCAA Baton Rouge Regional versus UL-Monroe.

Game 19 • LSU 8, Georgia 2

March 18, 2005 at Foley Field (Athens, Ga.)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
LSU	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	0	0	-	8	12	0
UGA	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	2	7	2

W: Mestepey (5-1) **L:** Boggs (1-2)
Time: 2:18 **Att:** 1,633

Notes: Lane Mestepey moved into sole possession on the LSU career victories list with his 16th career complete game effort. He limited the Bulldogs to two runs -- on a two-run homer in the first -- on seven hits with two walks and three strikeouts. Ryan Patterson homered for the third consecutive game and Clay Harris delivered a two-RBI double in a seventh inning uprising.

Game 20 • LSU 5, Georgia 3

March 19, 2005 at Foley Field (Athens, Ga.)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
LSU	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	-	5	8	0
UGA	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-	3	6	2

W: Dirks (5-0) **L:** Hyle (1-1)
S: Determann (2)
Time: 2:22 **Att:** 2,745

Notes: Ryan Patterson unloaded two solo homers for his third multi-homer game of the season in a 5-3 win. Clay Dirks and Jason Determann combined to scatter six hits. For Patterson, it was the fourth game in a row the senior had homered and seventh time in the last four games. In Dirks' final five innings of work, he held the Bulldogs to no runs on just two hits after a shaky first inning. Determann fired three scoreless innings, allowing two hits and striking out four.

Game 21 • LSU 5, Georgia 3

March 19, 2005 at Foley Field (Athens, Ga.)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
LSU	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	1	-	6	10	4
UGA	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	-	4	8	1

W: Meier (1-1) **L:** Startup (1-1)
S: Determann (3)
Time: 2:59 **Att:** 2,801

Notes: LSU overcame a two-run deficit with a three run eighth sparked by freshmen Jordan Mayer and Michael Hollander. Mayer, in his first SEC at-bat, delivered a pinch-hit two-run double off of preseason All-American Will Startup to tie the game, while Hollander followed with an RBI single to give the Tigers a 5-4 lead. Clay Harris' solo homer in the ninth provided insurance for Jason Determann, who earned his second save of the weekend. Greg Smith made his first SEC career start, going six strong innings, limiting Georgia to one earned run on seven hits. It was the Tigers' first SEC series' sweep since blanking Tennessee at Alex Box Stadium in 2003.

Game 22 • LSU 4, Southeastern Louisiana 2

March 23, 2005 at Zephyr Field (Metairie, La.)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
LSU	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	-	4	9	0
SLU	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	-	2	8	0

W: Faircloth (1-0) **L:** St. Germain (0-3)
S: Determann (4)
Time: 2:30 **Att:** 4,217

Notes: LSU rallied for the second time in as many games, using a two-run go-ahead single by Blake Gill in the eighth and a RBI single by Jordan Mayer in the ninth to win its seventh straight game. LSU starter Justin Meier and SLU starter Bernard Robert engaged in a pitchers duel. Meier worked 6.1 solid innings, scattering six hits and allowing two runs. Ryan Patterson homered for the eighth time in the past six games. The Tigers also had two sacrifice bunts by Matt Liuzza and Michael Hollander, which proved to be critical in the late-inning heroics. Jason Determann worked the final 1.1 innings perfectly to earn his third save in as many games.

Game 23 • Auburn 6, LSU 4

March 25, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
AU	1	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	-	6	11	2
LSU	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	-	4	11	1

W: Madden (4-0) **L:** Mestepey (5-2)
Time: 2:48 **Att:** 7,673 (paid); 4,882 (actual)

Notes: LSU's seven-game win streak came to an end. Lane Mestepey suffered his first loss since Feb. 25, allowing seven hits and six runs, while walking a season-high four batters. Three of the walks were to the leadoff hitter and all three came into score. Ryan Patterson went 4-for-5 with two runs and his ninth homer in the past seven games. With the game tied at four apiece, Mestepey set down 11 of 12 batters between the third and sixth innings. Karl Amonite had the go-ahead single for Auburn in the seventh off of Jason Determann. AU reliever John Madden retired all 11 batters he faced to pick up the win.

Game 24 • LSU 6, Auburn 3

March 26, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
AU	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	-	3	7	2
LSU	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	X	-	6	8	0

W: Dirks (6-0) **L:** Sullivan (4-2)
Time: 2:08 **Att:** 7,341 (paid); 3,208 (actual)

Notes: Michael Hollander had a two-run single in the fifth and had four brilliant assists in the field to help Clay Dirks' record remain perfect on the season. Bruce Sprowl went 2-for-3 in his first game back since suffering a broken finger on March 6. Three of LSU's runs were unearned. Nick Stavinoha had a two-run double in the eighth to give the Tigers a comfortable lead.

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Game 25 • Auburn 7, LSU 5

March 27, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
AU	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	3	1	-	7	13	0
LSU	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	5	11	0

W: Nix (4-1) **L:** Meier (1-2)

S: Madden (4)

Time: 2:48 **Att:** 7,254 (paid); 2,534 (actual)

Notes: LSU's streak of 12 straight series' wins came to an end as Auburn scored six unanswered runs after facing a four-run deficit. The Tigers were 16-0 on the season when leading after seven innings of play. Greg Smith started the game and went 6.2 innings, allowing three runs on six hits and striking out nine. LSU's 2-3-4 hitters of Blake Gill, Ryan Patterson and Clay Harris went 6-for-13. Tyler Johnstone delivered the go-ahead two-run single off of Justin Meier in the eighth. LSU only managed two hits after the fifth inning.

Game 26 • LSU 18, UNO 10

March 29, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
UNO	4	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	-	10	9	2
LSU	3	2	2	1	4	5	0	1	X	-	18	17	6

W: Nall (1-1) **L:** Rodriguez (1-3)

Time: 3:11 **Att:** 7,324 (paid); 2,814 (actual)

Notes: Ryan Patterson finished a single shy of the cycle, going 3-for-5 with four runs, five RBI and his first career grand slam. Brandon Nall earned his first career win, pitching three innings of relief. UNO scored six runs in the first two innings off of starter Eric English, but the Tigers responded with nine unanswered runs. LSU had four homers on the night. The Tigers also had a season-high six errors, including four committed by Michael Hollander.

Game 27 • Alabama 4, LSU 0

April 1, 2005 at Sewell-Thomas Stadium (Tuscaloosa, Ala.)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
LSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	4	2
UA	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	X	-	4	5	0

W: Large (5-2) **L:** Mestepey (5-3)

Time: 2:06 **Att:** 4,226

Notes: T.J. Large fired a four-hit shutout, the first suffered by LSU since May 27, 2004 when the Tigers were blanked by Georgia, 1-0, in the SEC Tournament. Ryan Patterson and Clay Harris saw their hitting streaks end at 15 games. Lane Mestepey suffered the loss after allowing four runs (three earned) in seven innings.

Game 28 • LSU 11, Alabama 2

April 2, 2005 at Sewell-Thomas Stadium (Tuscaloosa, Ala.)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
LSU	0	0	2	0	3	0	2	4	0	-	11	11	3
UA	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	2	5	3

W: Dirks (7-0) **L:** Carter (4-2)

Time: 3:00 **Att:** 4,518

Notes: LSU launched three homers, including three-run shots by Ryan Patterson and Blake Gill. Dustin Weaver added a two-run homer to send the Tide to its worst loss of the season. Clay Dirks remained perfect, working five innings and limiting the Tide to two runs on two hits. Gill's blast highlighted a four-run eighth that put the game away.

Game 29 • Alabama 5, LSU 4 (13 inn.)

April 3, 2005 at Sewell-Thomas Stadium (Tuscaloosa, Ala.)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	-	R	H	E
LSU	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	11	11	3
UA	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-	2	5	3

W: Davis (3-0) **L:** Faircloth (1-1)

Time: 4:30 **Att:** 4,591

Notes: Evan Bush's walk-off RBI single in the bottom of the 13th sent LSU to its second consecutive SEC series defeat. The Tigers had not lost two consecutive SEC series since 2002. Jordan Faircloth surrendered the game-winning single and took the loss. Ryan Patterson gave LSU a 4-3 lead on a two-run single in the seventh. Jason Determann couldn't hold the lead, allowing the tying run to score in the eighth. Edgar Ramirez had an impressive outing in relief, working 3.1 innings without allowing a run on just two hits.

Game 30 • LSU 3, Nicholls State 2

April 5, 2005 at Raymond Didier Field (Thibodaux, La.)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
LSU	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	3	11	1
NSU	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	2	6	1

W: Nall (2-1) **L:** Breaux (0-3)

S: Faircloth (4)

Time: 4:30 **Att:** 2,532

Notes: Brandon Nall turned in the most impressive performance of his career, tossing 8.1 innings in a 3-2 win. Nall allowed only two runs on six hits, walked one and struck out three. His previous career high was three innings. Ryan Patterson, Clay Harris and Nick Stavinoah combined for six of LSU's 11 hits. Stavinoah collected two doubles. Jordan Mayer had a pair of sacrifice bunts, which led to the Tigers' first two runs. Jordan Faircloth notched the save, recording the final two outs and stranding the tying and winning runs on second and first in the ninth.

Game 31 • LSU 8, Rice 2

April 6, 2005 at Zephyr Field (Metairie, La.)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
Rice	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	-	2	5	0
LSU	0	1	0	3	2	2	0	0	X	-	8	12	2

W: English (1-0) **L:** Cox (1-2)

Time: 2:46 **Att:** 6,393

Notes: LSU launched three homers against a Rice staff that had only allowed six homers all season (31 games). The Owls were holding hitters to an opposing batting average of .203. Blake Gill, Ryan Patterson and Nick Stavinoah combined for six of LSU's 12 hit attack -- the most allowed by Rice pitching all season. Eric English earned his first career win, hurling three innings of shutout ball in relief of Justin Meier in the fifth. Meier did not qualify for the win, despite limiting Rice to no runs on one hit.

Game 32 • South Carolina 3, LSU 1

April 8, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
SC	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	-	3	8	0
LSU	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	6	1

W: Fletcher (4-1) **L:** Mestepey (5-4)

S: Marsh (6)

Time: 2:10 **Att:** 7,691 (paid); 4,541 (actual)

Notes: Lane Mestepey and Jason Fletcher battled in a pitcher's duel, but Fletcher earned the upper hand surrendering one lone run on a Will Harris homer. Bruce Sprowl and Blake Gill combined for four of the six hits. Mestepey hurled a complete game after a shaky start, allowing three runs (two earned) on eight hits, while striking out five and walking one. Fletcher stymied the Tigers, recording 17 fly-ball outs. LSU's most prominent threat came in the seventh with runners in scoring position and two outs, but Fletcher retired Ryan Patterson.

Game 33 • South Carolina 5, LSU 1

April 9, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
SC	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	-	5	9	0
LSU	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	-	1	3	2

W: McCamie (7-1) **L:** Dirks (7-1)

Time: 2:11 **Att:** 7,475 (paid); 4,049 (actual)

Notes: Zac McCamie fired a complete game three-hitter. For the first time since 1995, LSU dropped its third straight SEC series. South Carolina won its first ever series at Alex Box. The Tigers were unable to capitalize on five walks. Clay Dirks suffered his first loss of the season. All three LSU hits were singles, including Clay Harris' RBI hit in the fifth. Two of the Gamecock runs were unearned. McCamie retired 11 of the final 13 batters in a season-high nine innings.

Game 34 • South Carolina 7, LSU 5

April 10, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
SC	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	-	7	10	3
LSU	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	-	5	13	3

W: Rawl (6-2) **L:** Smith (4-2)

S: Marsh (7)

Time: 2:48 **Att:** 7,198 (paid); 3,013 (actual)

Notes: South Carolina completed a sweep, scoring in each of the first four innings. The Gamecocks became the first team to sweep LSU at Alex Box since Arkansas in 2004. Greg Smith worked 3.2 innings -- his shortest starting outing of the season. Two of the Tigers' five runs came via solo homers by Dustin Weaver and Blake Gill. Derek Hebert went 3-for-4, and Chris Jackson had two hits in his first career start. Aaron Rawl held LSU to two hits entering the fifth. Brent Marsh recorded his second save of the weekend, stranding the tying run at the plate.

Game 35 • LSU 19, Northwestern State 2

April 12, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
NSU	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	2	6	3
LSU	2	1	2	3	0	3	6	X		-	19	19	0

W: Nall (3-1) **L:** Jones (3-2)

Time: 2:46 **Att:** 7,175 (paid); 2,324 (actual)

Notes: Smoke Laval earned his 400th career victory on a night where the Tigers erupted from their hitting woes. Northwestern State suffered its worst loss to LSU since a 24-0 thrashing in 1986. Eight of the runs came via three homers, including a grand slam by Nick Stavinoah. Chris Jackson, who arrived to the field 20 minutes before first pitch after football practice, went 3-for-6 with his first career homer and four RBI. Brandon Nall worked five innings to qualify for the win in his third start of the season. Matt Liuzza, Blake Gill and Quinn Stewart each had three hits.

Game 36 • Ole Miss 14, LSU 8

April 15, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
UM	0	6	3	1	0	0	0	4	0	-	14	18	1
LSU	2	0	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	-	8	12	0

W: Baumgardner (1-0) **L:** Mestepey (5-5)

Time: 3:12 **Att:** 7,699 (paid); 4,502 (actual)

Notes: LSU was unable to overcome a seven-run deficit after three innings of play and lost its fifth straight SEC game for the first time since 1983. Four LSU pitchers, including Lane Mestepey, combined to allow a season-high 14 runs on 18 hits. Eight of the hits were of the extra-base variety. Mestepey lost his fourth straight game in 1.2 innings of work -- the shortest outing of his career. In its 11 previous league games, opponents had taken an early lead on LSU. The Tigers reversed the trend, plating two in the first. Clay Harris went 3-for-5 with a grand slam and five RBI.

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Game 37 • LSU 7, Ole Miss 6

April 16, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
UM	0	0	0	1	4	0	1	0	0	-	6	10	0
LSU	2	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	-	7	17	2

W: Determann (2-0) **L:** Baumgardner (1-1)
Time: 3:10 **Att:** 7,837 (paid); 4,187 (actual)

Notes: Clay Harris' walk-off homer in the bottom of the ninth snapped LSU's five-game SEC losing streak. Harris was a perfect 4-for-4 with a homer, two runs and one RBI. Chris Jackson added three hits and arrived to the field 45 minutes before the first pitch after going through spring football practice in Tiger Stadium. The Tigers trailed entering the seventh but plated two runs on a homer by Nick Stavinocha and a single by Will Harris. Smoke Laval was ejected in the frame. Jason Determann pitched the final two innings flawlessly to record the win in relief of Clay Dirks.

Game 38 • LSU 5, Ole Miss 1

April 17, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
UM	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	4	1
LSU	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	X	-	5	7	0

W: Smith (5-2) **L:** Fowler (2-2)
Time: 2:25 **Att:** 7,600 (paid); 3,862 (actual)

Notes: Greg Smith tossed the first complete game of his career, hurling a one-run, four-hit masterpiece to secure the series for LSU. Smith tallied seven strikeouts and walked none in an economical 96 pitches. Eric Fowler took the loss, despite an equally brilliant performance entering the sixth. Fowler struck out eight batters through the first five innings. Chris Jackson collected two hits, and Will Harris added a homer and two RBI. Smith benefited from two inning-ending double play balls in the sixth and seventh.

Game 39 • Tulane 11, LSU 8

April 19, 2005 at Zephyr Field (Metairie, La.)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
LSU	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	-	8	11	0
TU	1	1	2	7	0	0	0	0	X	-	11	12	2

W: Crowel (8-0) **L:** Nall (3-2)
S: Latham (6)
Time: 2:37 **Att:** 12,069 (new Zephyr Field record)

Notes: A seven-run fourth inning highlighted by a three-run triple from Micah Owings and a three-run homer by Joe Holland powered No. 1 Tulane past LSU. The Green Wave benefited from five hit-batsmen and five walks. Brandon Nall took the loss and hit three batters in the fourth. Clay Harris went 4-for-5 with a homer, two runs and four RBI. The Tigers scored three in the first, ending J.R. Crowel's streak of 26.0 scoreless innings. The record attendance broke the old mark of 11,925 set in a minor league game between New Orleans and Nashville on July 3, 2003.

Game 40 • LSU 10, Arkansas 7

April 22, 2005 at Baum Stadium (Fayetteville, Ark.)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
LSU	0	0	0	1	5	1	0	0	3	-	10	8	1
ARK	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	7	13	4

W: Determann (3-0) **L:** Boyce (7-6)
Time: 2:46 **Att:** 8,806

Notes: Nick Stavinocha's three-run ninth-inning homer lifted the Tigers to a 10-7 victory. LSU rebounded from a 7-1 fifth-inning deficit. Arkansas took a 6-0 lead after two innings on Lane Mestepey. The Tigers struck for five runs in the fifth aided by three Razorback errors. Ryan Patterson blasted two homers and added three runs and three RBI. Quinn Stewart tied the game in the sixth with a solo homer. Relievers Jordan Faircloth and Jason Determann combined to hold Arkansas scoreless over the final four innings.

Game 41 • LSU 7, Arkansas 0

April 23, 2005 at Baum Stadium (Fayetteville, Ark.)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
LSU	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	-	7	8	2
ARK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	3	0

W: Dirks (8-1) **L:** Gilbert (3-1)
Time: 2:39 **Att:** 9,133

Notes: Clay Dirks fired a brilliant three-hit shutout, moving the Tigers into second place in the SEC Western Division. It marked the second shutout of his career and first since March 2, 2004 (at Tulane). It also was the fourth complete game of his career and second this season. The performance was the best by an LSU pitcher since Brian Wilson tossed a three-hit shutout in an 8-0 win over Arkansas on April 27, 2002. Clay Harris went 2-for-2 with a run and an RBI, while Derek Hebert and Jordan Mayer belted homers. Mayer's three-run blast came in the eighth.

Game 42 • LSU 6, Arkansas 0

April 24, 2005 at Baum Stadium (Fayetteville, Ark.)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
LSU	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	1	-	6	13	0
ARK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	8	1

W: Smith (6-2) **L:** Land (1-1)
Time: 2:49 **Att:** 8,068

Notes: Greg Smith tossed his second complete game in as many starts, blanking Arkansas and securing a series sweep for LSU. It marked the Tigers' first sweep at Arkansas since 1993. LSU shutout an opponent in consecutive games for the second time in the past four seasons. Tiger pitching held the league's second-leading hitting team scoreless over the last 23.1 innings of the series. Smith scattered eight hits, walked two and struck out three. Nick Stavinocha went 3-for-5 with a double, a run and two RBI, while Chris Jackson collected two hits to extend his hitting streak to 12 games.

Game 43 • Vanderbilt 9, LSU 4

April 30, 2005 at Hawkins Field (Nashville, Tenn.)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
LSU	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	-	4	8	0
VU	0	3	3	0	0	0	3	0	X	-	9	8	0

W: Lewis (7-2) **L:** Mestepey (5-6)
S: Shao (2)
Time: 2:33 **Att:** 1,665

Notes: LSU saw their SEC win streak end at five games as Lane Mestepey's recent struggles continued. Mestepey was tagged for six runs on five hits in 2.2 innings of work. Three LSU pitchers combined for five walks, four hit-batsmen and two wild pitches. Ryan Patterson and Nick Stavinocha collected two hits apiece, while Patterson set a career with his 17th homer. The 17 homers in a season are the most by an LSU player in a season since Todd Linden belted 20 homers in 2001. Chris Jackson's hit streak came to an end at 12 games.

Game 44 • LSU 9, Vanderbilt 3

April 30, 2005 at Hawkins Field (Nashville, Tenn.)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
LSU	3	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	-	9	12	1
VU	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	-	3	9	3

W: Dirks (9-1) **L:** Mullins (5-1)
Time: 2:52 **Att:** 1,825

Notes: Clay Dirks tossed 6.1 innings and limited Vanderbilt to three runs (one earned) on eight hits. Nick Stavinocha went 4-for-5 with a homer, two runs and two RBI. Clay Harris drove in three runs, and Jordan Mayer added two hits in his third SEC start of the year. Jason Determann and Edgar Ramirez combined to pitch the final 2.2 innings without yielding a run.

Game 45 • LSU 3, Vanderbilt 0

May 1, 2005 at Hawkins Field (Nashville, Tenn.)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
LSU	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	-	3	5	0
VU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	7	1

W: Smith (7-2) **L:** Price (2-3)
Time: 2:31 **Att:** 1,968

Notes: Greg Smith fired his second straight complete game shutout and Nick Stavinocha drove in all three runs. LSU has won seven of its eight SEC games, all against ranked teams. Smith has now thrown 25.2 scoreless innings, dating back to the second inning versus Ole Miss on April 17. Smith scattered seven hits, struck out four and did not walk a batter. Stavinocha homered for the second consecutive day and drove in another with a fielder's choice in the fifth. The Tigers left 13 runners stranded on the day.

Game 46 • Southern 9, LSU 5

May 3, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
SU	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	3	1	-	9	14	1
LSU	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	-	5	13	4

W: Bayless (5-2) **L:** Meier (1-3)
S: Givens (1)
Time: 2:41 **Att:** 7,107 (paid); 2,029 (actual)

Notes: Southern plated six runs in the final three innings to break open a close game and stun LSU. The Tigers fell to their cross-town rival for only the second time since the two teams first met in 1970. LSU had dominated the series with a 39-1 all-time record entering the game. Four double plays prevented any big innings for LSU. The Tigers also committed four errors and stranded a runner in every inning. Justin Meier took the loss in his first start since April 6 versus Rice. Jordan Mayer went 2-for-4 with two RBI.

Game 47 • LSU 6, Kentucky 5

May 6, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
UK	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	-	5	7	3
LSU	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	X	0	-	6	5	1

W: Mestepey (6-6) **L:** Snipp (3-4)
S: Determann (5)
Time: 2:20 **Att:** 7,758 (paid); 4,061 (actual)

Notes: Nick Stavinocha hit a three-run homer in the sixth and Blake Gill smashed a two-run double in the seventh as part of a furious four-run comeback for LSU. The Tigers won their first SEC series opener at home and recorded their 15th come-from-behind win of the season. Lane Mestepey battled through early trouble to pick up his first win since March 18 at Georgia. Mestepey went seven innings, giving up five runs (three earned) on seven hits. Stavinocha homered for the third time in the past four games. Jason Determann collected the save with two scoreless frames.

Game 48 • Kentucky 7, LSU 1

May 7, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
UK	0	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	-	7	10	0
LSU	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	-	1	10	1

W: Tennyson (6-1) **L:** Dirks (9-2)
S: Baber (5)
Time: 2:32 **Att:** 7,883 (paid); 4,616 (actual)

Notes: Kentucky built a 7-0 lead after four innings of play on three-run homers. Nick Stavinocha and Quinn Stewart led LSU at the plate with two hits apiece. Ryan Patterson drove in the Tigers' lone run with a RBI single in the fifth. Clay Dirks lost for the first time in his last five outings, surrendering both homers. An error by Chris Jackson led to four unearned runs for the Wildcats in the second. LSU hit the ball hard all day but right at defenders as Aaron Tennyson escaped with a win.

2005 Game-By-Game Recaps

Game 49 • LSU 8, Kentucky 3

May 8, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
UK	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	-	3	7	3
LSU	0	3	0	2	1	0	2	0	X	-	8	11	1

W: Smith (8-2) **L:** Albers (4-5)
S: Determann (6)
Time: 2:35 **Att:** 7,297 (paid); 2,555 (actual)

Notes: Chris Jackson drove in two runs and Greg Smith turned in another solid performance as LSU won its fourth straight SEC series. Smith yielded three runs (two earned) on six hits, walked two and struck out seven in 6.2 innings. After 28.2 scoreless innings pitched, Smith finally surrendered a run in the fourth. Nick Stavinocha extended his hitting streak to eight games. Jason Determann was brilliant again, allowing one hit over the final 2.1 frames en route to his second save of the weekend.

Game 50 • Tennessee 9, LSU 2

May 13, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
UT	0	0	1	0	1	5	0	0	2	-	9	17	0
LSU	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	8	11	1

W: Hochevar (12-2) **L:** Mestepey (6-7)
Time: 3:09 **Att:** 7,603 (paid); 4,619 (actual)

Notes: Nick Stavinocha's first-inning two-run homer gave LSU a quick 2-0 lead against Vols ace Luke Hochevar, but it was all the Tigers could muster against the hard-throwing right-hander. Hochevar did not allow a run after the first and scattered six hits in eight innings. Lane Mestepey took the loss, giving up five runs on nine hits in 5.1 innings of work. Tennessee broke open the game with a five-run sixth.

Game 51 • LSU 9, Tennessee 3

May 14, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
UT	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	-	3	10	1
LSU	2	0	2	0	3	0	0	2	X	-	8	11	1

W: Dirks (10-2) **L:** Cobb (5-3)
Time: 2:30 **Att:** 7,845 (paid); 4,243 (actual)

Notes: Ryan Patterson tied a school record with five hits, and Clay Dirks hurled his third complete game of the season. Patterson became the first player to collect five hits in a game since Jon Zeringue did so nearly a year ago to the day. Zeringue pounded out five hits in a 7-6 win versus Vanderbilt on May 15 last season. Clay Harris had four hits and drove in three. Jordan Mayer's homer accounted for the final margin. Dirks limited the Vols to three runs while scattering 10 hits, walking none and striking out five. Eleven senior players were honored before the game.

Game 52 • LSU 14, Tennessee 4

May 15, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
UT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	-	4	10	3
LSU	2	8	2	0	1	1	0	0	X	-	14	11	1

W: Smith (9-2) **L:** Adkins (7-3)
Time: 2:38 **Att:** 7,818 (paid); 4,714 (actual)

Notes: LSU won its fifth straight SEC series, using an eight-run second inning to put away the Vols in the final regular season game at Alex Box. Ryan Patterson homered for the second time in as many games, and Nick Stavinocha extended his hitting streak to 11 games with a homer. Chris Jackson had two hits and scored three runs. The eight-run second inning were the most runs scored by LSU in an SEC game since posting a nine-run first versus Mississippi State in the semifinals of the SEC Tournament on May 24, 2003. Greg Smith worked six solid innings to pick up his fifth straight win. Smith was staked to an early 12-0 lead and limited the league's leading hitting team to six hits and no runs.

Game 53 • LSU 7, UNO 5 (13 inn.)

May 18, 2005 at Maestri Field (New Orleans, La.)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	-	R	H	E
LSU	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	-	7	11	1
UNO	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	5	10	2

W: Meier (2-3) **L:** Dorcey (0-1)
Time: 4:30 **Att:** 2,334

Notes: Nick Stavinocha's RBI sac fly brought in the game-winning run and Clay Harris' two-out RBI single provided insurance as LSU escaped with a wild 13-inning win. LSU won their first extra-inning game of the season and closed its mid-week schedule with a 7-4 record. Justin Meier earned the win in relief, pitching three scoreless innings and allowing two hits. It was his first win since March 20 at Georgia. Stavinocha's sac fly capped a four RBI night for the senior. He connected on his 17th homer of the season with a three-run shot in the fifth. Derek Hebert added three hits and scored two runs, including the game-winner. Both teams combined to strand 31 runners on the night.

Game 54 • LSU 7, Mississippi State 5

May 20, 2005 at Dudy Noble Field (Starkville, Miss.)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
LSU	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	3	0	-	7	11	2
MSU	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	-	5	11	3

W: Determann (4-0) **L:** Cleveland (2-1)
Time: 2:53 **Att:** 6,542

Notes: Derek Hebert's two-out, two-run single highlighted a three-run eighth as LSU erased a 5-4 deficit and won their 17th come-from-behind game of the season. Bruce Sprowl provided insurance with his single against reliever Mike Valentine. Jason Determann registered the win in relief of Lane Mestepey. Determann fought off a threat in the eighth and pitched a perfect ninth. Mestepey, who took a no-hitter into the fifth, worked 5.2 innings and surrendered four runs on six hits.

Game 55 • Mississippi State 5, LSU 3

May 21, 2005 at Dudy Noble Field (Starkville, Miss.)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
LSU	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	3	10	1
MSU	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	X	-	5	10	2

W: Pigott (2-1) **L:** Ramirez (0-1)
S: Valentine (3)
Time: 2:57 **Att:** 6,975

Notes: MSU erased a 3-2 deficit with a three-run seventh off of relievers Edgar Ramirez and Jordan Faircloth as LSU saw its four-game win streak come to an end. The Tigers threatened in their last at-bat on leadoff singles by Michael Hollander and Quinn Stewart but failed to score as reliever Mike Valentine retired the heart of the order -- Blake Gill, Ryan Patterson and Nick Stavinocha. Ramirez was charged with the loss after relieving starter Clay Dirks in the sixth. Dirks had allowed no runs on one hit through the first four innings. Bruce Sprowl led off the game with his second homer of the year and Gill provided a RBI double in the second.

Game 56 • LSU 3, Mississippi State 2

May 22, 2005 at Dudy Noble Field (Starkville, Miss.)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
LSU	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	-	3	13	0
MSU	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	-	2	10	1

W: Smith (10-2) **L:** Crosby (5-3)
S: Determann (7)
Time: 2:50 **Att:** 6,850

Notes: Derek Hebert's solo homer in the sixth proved to be the winning run and Jason Determann tossed 2.2 scoreless innings of relief to save the game for Greg Smith. Smith worked 6.1 innings, scattered eight hits and surrendered two runs. Blake Gill added four hits and Clay Harris drove in two.

Game 57 • Mississippi State 9, LSU 2

May 25, 2005 at Hoover Met Stadium (Birmingham, Ala.)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
MSU	4	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	-	9	17	0
LSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	-	2	9	1

W: Johnson (4-6) **L:** Mestepey (6-8)
Time: 3:03 **Att:** 7,989

Notes: Mississippi State plated four runs in the first against Lane Mestepey and pounded out a season-high 17 hits to send LSU to the loser's bracket of the SEC Tournament. Sixteen of the 17 hits were singles. Blake Gill drove in the Tigers' only two runs with a 2-for-4 day. Mestepey had entered the contest having allowed just two earned runs in 27.1 career innings in five appearances at the SEC Tournament. He left after the shortest outing of his career, surrendering four runs (three earned) in 0.2 of an inning. MSU starter Alan Johnson handcuffed LSU through the first six innings.

Game 58 • Tennessee 5, LSU 1

May 26, 2005 at Hoover Met Stadium (Birmingham, Ala.)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
LSU	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	-	1	8	2
UT	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	X	-	5	11	0

W: Hochevar (14-2) **L:** Dirks (10-3)
Time: 3:03 **Att:** 6,452

Notes: Luke Hochevar, the SEC Pitcher of the Year, tossed seven innings of one-run ball, while Kelly Edmundson broke open a close game with a two-run homer in the seventh to eliminate LSU. The Tigers went two-and-out at the SEC Tournament for the second consecutive year and have now lost five straight games in Hoover. The Vols defeated LSU for the first time in SEC Tournament play. Hochevar gave up one run on eight hits. Blake Gill accounted for the Tigers lone run with a solo homer in the fifth. Clay Dirks was tabbed with the loss, allowing three runs on seven hits in four innings of work.

UPDATED PLAYER PROFILES

32 Rhett Buteau

Sr. • OF • L/R • Jeanerette, La.

Current Hitting Streak: None

Last five games: .000 (0-1), 0 HR, 0 RBI

- LSU's most reliable pinch runner
- Smashed first career RBI triple in 20-3 rout of Arizona State (3/13)
- Key steal as a pinch runner in the seventh inning vs. UL-Monroe (2/15) that proved to be the game-winning run
- Posted a perfect 2-for-2 day with a run and a career-high two RBI vs. NSU (2/12)
- Made first career start in season opener vs. Nicholls State (2/11), in place of Ryan Patterson (left field)
- Went 1-for-3 with first career homer vs. NSU (2/11)

2005 Season Highs

At-Bats:3 (2/11 vs. Nicholls State)
Hits:2 (2/11 vs. Nicholls State)
Runs Scored:2 (2/11 vs. Nicholls State)
Doubles:none
Triples:1 (3/13 vs. Arizona State)
Home Runs:1 (2/11 vs. Nicholls State)
RBI:2 (2/12 vs. Nicholls State)
Stolen Bases:1 (2/15 vs. UL-Monroe)

Career Highs

At-Bats:3 (2/11/05 vs. Nicholls State)
Hits:2 (2/12/05 vs. Nicholls State)
Runs Scored:2 (2/11/05 vs. Nicholls State)
Doubles:none
Triples:1 (3/13/05 vs. Arizona State)
Home Runs:1 (2/11/05 vs. Nicholls State)
RBI:2 (2/12/05 vs. Nicholls State)
Stolen Bases:1 (twice; last 2/15/05 vs. UL-Monroe)

41 Chris Cahill

Jr. • RHP • Orlando, Fla.

Last Outing: 5/15 vs. Tennessee (1.0 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 2 SO)

- JUCO transfer who has provided depth to the bullpen this season
- Closed out series win over Tennessee (5/15), retiring three of four batters in the ninth; tallied two strikeouts
- Worked two perfect innings of relief vs. UNO (3/29), striking out two and walking none
- Made first career start vs. Western Illinois (3/12), tossing five innings and allowing four runs (five earned) on nine hits
- Debuted vs. Nicholls State (3/12), working one inning of scoreless relief and recording one strikeout

2005 Season Highs

Innings:5.0 (vs. Western Illinois, 3/12)
Strikeouts:4 (vs. Western Illinois, 3/12)
Hits Allowed:9 (vs. Western Illinois, 3/12)
Runs:5 (twice; last vs. Western Illinois, 3/12)
Earned Runs:4 (vs. Western Illinois, 3/12)
Walks:5 (vs. Arkansas-Little Rock, 2/20)

Career Highs

Innings:5.0 (vs. Western Illinois, 3/12)
Strikeouts:4 (vs. Western Illinois, 3/12)
Hits Allowed:9 (vs. Western Illinois, 3/12)
Runs:5 (twice; last vs. Western Illinois, 3/12)
Earned Runs:4 (vs. Western Illinois, 3/12)
Walks:5 (vs. Arkansas-Little Rock, 2/20)

23 Chase Dardar

Jr. • RHP • Marrero, La.

Last Outing: 5/18 at UNO (ND, 1.1 IP, 2 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 4 BB, 0 SO)

- JUCO transfer from Delgado Community College in New Orleans
- Lasted 1.1 innings in first outing in over two months at UNO (5/18); walked four and gave up three runs on two hits
- Worked first scoreless frame in relief vs. UNO (3/29)
- Struck out the side in back-to-back outings at Houston (2/27) and vs. Arkansas-Little Rock (2/19)
- Made first career start vs. UL-Monroe (2/15), pitching 4.2 innings and allowing six runs on seven hits; struck out season-high six in outing

2005 Season Highs

Innings:5.0 (vs. Western Illinois, 3/12)
Strikeouts:4 (vs. Western Illinois, 3/12)
Hits Allowed:9 (vs. Western Illinois, 3/12)
Runs:5 (twice; last vs. Western Illinois, 3/12)
Earned Runs:4 (vs. Western Illinois, 3/12)
Walks:5 (vs. Arkansas-Little Rock, 2/20)

Career Highs

Innings:5.0 (vs. Western Illinois, 3/12)
Strikeouts:4 (vs. Western Illinois, 3/12)
Hits Allowed:9 (vs. Western Illinois, 3/12)
Runs:5 (twice; last vs. Western Illinois, 3/12)
Earned Runs:4 (vs. Western Illinois, 3/12)
Walks:5 (vs. Arkansas-Little Rock, 2/20)

UPDATED PLAYER PROFILES

33 Jason Determann Jr. • LHP • Baton Rouge, La.

Last Outing: 5/26 vs. Tennessee (4.0 IP, 4 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 0 BB, 3 SO)

ESPN The Magazine District VI Academic All-America Team

SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year

SEC Pitcher of the Week (May 17-22; at UNO, at Mississippi State)

H. Boyd McWhorter Scholar-Athlete Post Graduate Scholarship

LSWA Player of the Week (May 2-8, vs. Kentucky)

- LSU's primary relief pitcher for the third straight season, allowing just 50 hits in 54 innings and holding opponents to a .239 batting average
- Has maintained a team-low 2.00 ERA this season after recording an ERA of 4.35 last season
- Will forego senior season to attend LSU Medical School in Shreveport this fall; has maintained a 3.781 grade point average in biology
- Named the SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year on May 25
- Tied for fifth in the SEC in saves (7) and has yielded just five runs (two earned runs) in last 17.1 innings
- Named SEC Pitcher of the Week on May 23 after a brilliant weekend at Mississippi State in which he helped lead the Tigers to a share of the SEC West title
- Earned a win in relief (5/20) and a save (5/22) at Miss. State, limiting the Bulldogs to one run on seven hits with six strikeouts in six innings
- After firing 41 pitches in the series opener at MSU, returned on Sunday and collected the save with 2.2 innings of scoreless relief
- Pitched around a leadoff triple in the 10th inning at UNO (5/18) to keep LSU's hopes alive; retired the next three batters of the frame
- Named LSWA Player of the Week (5/2-8) after picking up two saves in the Kentucky series; allowed just one hit in 4.1 innings of relief on the weekend
- Notched his third win of the season at Arkansas (4/22), working 1.2 innings with allowing no runs on one hit in LSU's 10-7 come-from-behind win
- Worked a season-high five innings of relief vs. South Carolina (4/10); surrendered three runs (two earned) on four hits in the Tigers' 7-5 loss

2005 Season Highs

Innings:5.0 (vs. South Carolina, 4/10)
Strikeouts:6 (twice; last vs. South Carolina, 4/10)
Hits Allowed:7 (vs. Tulane, 3/8)
Runs:3 (vs. South Carolina, 4/10)
Earned Runs:2 (five times; last vs. Tennessee, 5/26)
Walks:2 (vs. Ole Miss, 4/16)

Career Highs

Innings:8.1 (vs. Georgia, 4/16/04)
Strikeouts:7 (twice; last at New Orleans, 3/30/04)
Hits Allowed:9 (at Tennessee, 4/23/04)
Runs:6 (twice; last at Kentucky, 5/7/04)
Earned Runs:6 (at Kentucky, 5/7/04)
Walks:4 (vs. South Carolina, 6/15/03)

13 Clay Dirks

So. • LHP • Hernando, Miss.

Last Start: 5/26 vs. Tennessee (L, 4.0 IP, 7 H, 3 R, 2 ER, 3 BB, 3 SO)

Second-Team All-SEC

SEC Pitcher of the Week (April 22-24, at Arkansas)

LSWA Player of the Week (April 18-24, at Arkansas)

- Dominant southpaw who has been solid as LSU's No. 2 starter
- Team-high 10 wins, which ranks second in the SEC; held opponents to a .232 batting average (eighth in the SEC)
- Selected to the All-SEC Second Team on May 24; one of five LSU players named to the first or second team
- Was tabbed with second loss in first career SEC Tournament appearance vs. Tennessee (5/26); outdueled by Luke Hochevar, the SEC Pitcher of the Year
- Allowed two first inning runs to Tennessee in the SEC Tournament opener; left after giving up seven hits and three runs in four innings of work
- Pitched his third complete game of the season vs. Tennessee (5/14); gave up a season-high 10 hits but only three runs in a 9-3 win over the Vols
- Earned SEC Pitcher of the Week honors after firing a brilliant three-hit shutout at Arkansas (4/23); registered as his second career shutout and fourth CG
- Hurlled 124 pitches and limited the Hogs to just three singles with no walks and a career-high eight strikeouts
- Shutout at Arkansas proved to be the best outing by an LSU pitcher since Brian Wilson threw a three-hit shutout over Arkansas on April 27, 2002
- Suffered his first loss of the season vs. South Carolina (4/9); was touched for five runs (three earned) on eight hits in a 5-1 loss vs. the Gamecocks
- Handcuffed Alabama (4/2) in a five-inning outing, holding the Tide to just two hits and two runs en route to the Tigers only win in that series
- Solid complete-game effort vs. Auburn (3/26), scattering seven hits and three runs, while walking none and fanning five
- Threw perhaps the most dominating outing of his career in a seven-inning start vs. UAB (3/4); allowed just one hit and no runs while striking out seven
- Took a no-hitter into the seventh before surrendering his only hit to leadoff the frame against the Blazers

2005 Season Highs

Innings:9.0 (three times; last vs. Tennessee, 5/14)
Strikeouts:8 (at Arkansas, 4/23)
Hits Allowed:10 (vs. Tennessee, 5/14)
Runs:7 (vs. Kentucky, 5/7)
Earned Runs:4 (vs. Ole Miss, 4/16)
Walks:4 (at Alabama, 4/2)

Career Highs

Innings:9.0 (five times; last vs. Tennessee, 5/14/05)
Strikeouts:8 (at Arkansas, 4/23/05)
Hits Allowed:10 (twice; last vs. Tennessee, 5/14/05)
Runs:7 (twice; last vs. Kentucky, 5/7/05)
Earned Runs:5 (vs. Arkansas, 4/10/04)
Walks:4 (at Alabama, 4/2/05)

UPDATED PLAYER PROFILES

34 Eric English

Fr. • RHP • Weston, Fla.

Last Outing: 5/18 at UNO (2.2 IP, 2 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 3 BB, 3 SO)

- Promising, hard-throwing freshman who has proven to be a valuable arm out of the bullpen
- Leads team in opposing batting average (.209); fifth on the squad in ERA (3.94) in 29.2 innings pitched
- Tossed 3.2 innings of relief at No. 1 Tulane (4/19), allowing just one run on three hits, while striking out three
- Earned first career win in an impressive relief outing vs. No. 11 Rice (4/6); held the Owls to no runs on just two hits in three innings in relief of Justin Meier
- Made first career start vs. New Orleans (3/29) and surrendered six runs (four earned) on seven hits; tallied a career-high five strikeouts
- Worked first 8.2 innings without allowing a run in outings vs. UAB (3/6), at Houston (2/27), vs. Arkansas-Little Rock (2/20) and Nicholls State (2/11)

2005 Season Highs

Innings:3.2 (twice, last at Vanderbilt, 4/30)
Strikeouts:5 (vs. UNO, 3/29)
Hits Allowed:7 (vs. UNO, 3/29)
Runs:6 (vs. UNO, 3/29)
Earned Runs:4 (vs. UNO, 3/29)
Walks:2 (three times, last vs. Ole Miss, 4/15)

Career Highs

Innings:3.2 (twice, last at Vanderbilt, 4/30/05)
Strikeouts:5 (vs. UNO, 3/29/05)
Hits Allowed:7 (vs. UNO, 3/29/05)
Runs:6 (vs. UNO, 3/29/05)
Earned Runs:4 (vs. UNO, 3/29/05)
Walks:2 (three times, last vs. Ole Miss, 4/15/05)

29 Jordan Faircloth

Sr. • RHP • Alexandria, La.

Last Outing: 5/25 vs. Tennessee (3.2 IP, 6 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 2 BB, 1 SO)

SEC Community Service Post-Graduate Scholarship

SEC Good Works Team

Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities

- Sidewinding righty who has been one of the Tigers' most valuable relievers
- Member of the SEC Good Works Team and received the conference's highest community service honor with a post-graduate scholarship
- Allowed a career-high four runs and two walks in SEC Tournament appearance vs. Tennessee (5/25); gave up six hits in 5-1 loss to the Vols
- Did not allow a run in a season-high 5.1 innings vs. Kentucky (5/7); limited the Wildcats to four hits, walked two and struck out a career-high five
- Entered into a ninth-inning jam vs. Nicholls State on (4/5) with the tying and winning runs aboard with one out; turned away the scare with two quick outs
- Registered his fourth save in as many chances in the game vs. NSU
- Started the season with 12.2 consecutive scoreless innings in 10 appearances; streak came to an end at Alabama (4/3)

2005 Season Highs

Innings:5.1 (vs. Kentucky, 5/7)
Strikeouts:5 (vs. Kentucky, 5/7)
Hits Allowed:6 (vs. Tennessee, 5/25)
Runs:4 (vs. Tennessee, 5/25)
Earned Runs:4 (vs. Tennessee, 5/25)
Walks:2 (three times, last vs. Tennessee, 5/25)

Career Highs

Innings:5.2 (vs. Alabama, 5/1/04)
Strikeouts:5 (Kentucky, 5/7/05)
Hits Allowed:7 (vs. Arkansas, 4/9/04)
Runs:4 (twice, last vs. Tennessee, 5/25/05)
Earned Runs:4 (twice, last vs. Tennessee, 5/25/05)
Walks:2 (six times, last vs. Tennessee, 5/25/05)

3 Blake Gill

Sr. • INF • L/R • Bradenton, Fla.

Current Hitting Streak: 6 games

Last five games: .500 (12-24), 2 2B, 1 HR, 4 RBI

Second Team All-SEC

- Tremendous versatile infielder who has started at least one game at third base, second base, first base and designated hitter this season
- Was the Tigers' starting shortstop last season, but underwent offseason shoulder surgery
- Has played in 233 games in four-year career with 215 starts; belted career-high six homers this season
- LSU's leading hitter in last five games (.500) with a team-high six game hitting streak; .708 slugging percentage during the stretch
- Drove in all three LSU runs at the SEC Tournament, collecting two hits in games vs. Miss. State (5/25) and Tennessee (5/26)
- Connected on first homer (5/26) since April 12 with a fifth-inning solo blast off of SEC Pitcher of the Year Luke Hochevar in LSU's 5-1 loss to Tennessee
- Was 2-for-4 with two RBI in the Tigers' SEC Tournament opener vs. Mississippi State (5/25)
- Tied a career high with four hits in division-clinching win at Mississippi State (5/22)
- Instrumental in the Tigers 6-5 comeback series opening win over Kentucky (5/6); lined a two-run double in the seventh which proved to be the winner
- Posted a five-RBI game in the Tigers' 20-3 blasting of Arizona State (3/13); connected on his second career grand slam in a 12-run fourth inning
- The homer was one of four consecutive dingers by the Tigers in the inning -- the first time the feat was accomplished in the program's history
- Went 2-for-5 with a homer, two RBI and a run vs. No. 1 Tulane (3/8); drilled his homer over the scoreboard and onto Nicholson Drive
- Maintained a 20-game hit streak -- the longest of the Smoke Laval era -- dating back to May 15 season and ending at Houston (2/25)

2005 Season Highs

At-Bats:5 (14 times, last vs. Southern, 5/3)
Hits:4 (twice, last vs. Miss. State, 5/22)
Runs Scored:3 (twice, last vs. Ole Miss, 4/15)
Doubles:2 (vs. Rice, 4/6)
Triples:1 (vs. Northwestern State, 4/12)
Home Runs:1 (six times, last vs. Tennessee, 5/26)
RBI:5 (vs. Arizona State, 3/13)
Stolen Bases:2 (at Arkansas, 4/23)

Career Highs

At-Bats:6 (twice, last at South Carolina, 3/19/04)
Hits:4 (four times, last vs. Miss. State, 5/22/05)
Runs Scored:3 (several occasions, last vs. Ole Miss, 4/15/05)
Doubles:2 (vs. Rice, 4/6/05)
Triples:1 (several occasions, last vs. NSU, 4/12/05)
Home Runs:1 (several occasions, last vs. Tennessee, 5/26/05)
RBI:6 (vs. Georgia, 4/14/02)
Stolen Bases:2 (at Arkansas, 4/23/05)

UPDATED PLAYER PROFILES

21 Clay Harris

Sr. • INF • R/R • Slidell, La.

Current hitting streak: 1 game

Last five games: .286 (6-21), 0 HR, 0 RBI, 1 R

SEC Player of the Week (April 12-17; vs. Northwestern State, vs. Ole Miss)

LSWA Player of the Week (April 12-17; vs. Northwestern State, vs. Ole Miss)

- Enjoying a stellar senior campaign and is among the SEC leaders in several categories
- Former pitcher, third baseman and first baseman who has made the move to second base this season; committed just six errors in 169 attempts
- Older brother of first baseman Will Harris
- Carries a team-high .369 batting average and .449 on-base percentage into the regional, which also ranks seventh and eighth in the SEC, respectively
- Has made 177 consecutive starts, including all 58 games this season; last missed a start vs. Southeastern Louisiana on March 5, 2003
- Has four, four-hit games this season and registered a team-high 15-game hit streak beginning on March 4 vs. UAB and ending on April 1 at Alabama
- Drove in two of the Tigers' three runs with a 2-for-4 day in clinching the SEC Western Division at Miss. State (5/22)
- Went 4-for-5 with a homer, two runs and two RBI at No. 1 Tulane on April 19; four hits tied a career high
- Earned SEC Player of the Week honors for the second time in his career after batting .667 (8-for-12) in LSU's series vs. Ole Miss
- Had two doubles, two homers and seven RBI and posted a 1.333 slugging percentage and a .714 on-base percentage against the Rebels
- Drove in a season-high five runs with a grand slam and three hits in a 14-8 loss vs. Ole Miss on April 15
- The following day (4/16), belted a leadoff, walkoff homer to lift the Tigers past Ole Miss, 7-6; was a perfect 4-for-4 with two runs in that game
- Finished a homer shy of the cycle going 4-for-4 against Western Illinois (3/12); scored four runs and drove in the winning run with an RBI single in the 8th

2005 Season Highs

At-Bats:6 (twice; last at UNO, 5/18)
Hits:4 (four times; last vs. Tennessee, 5/14)
Runs Scored:4 (vs. Western Illinois, 3/12)
Doubles:2 (vs. Arkansas-Little Rock, 2/19)
Triples:1 (vs. Western Illinois, 4/12)
Home Runs:1 (nine times; last at UNO, 5/18)
RBI:5 (vs. Ole Miss, 4/15)
Stolen Bases:1 (at Vanderbilt, 4/30)

Career Highs

At-Bats:6 (six times; last at UNO, 5/18/05)
Hits:4 (four times; last vs. Tennessee, 5/14/05)
Runs Scored:4 (vs. Western Illinois, 3/12/05)
Doubles:2 (several occasions; last vs. Ark.-Little Rock, 2/19/05)
Triples:1 (four times; last vs. Western Illinois, 3/12/05)
Home Runs:2 (three times; last vs. Ole Miss, 4/13/03)
RBI:6 (vs. Ole Miss, 4/13/03)
Stolen Bases:1 (five times; last at Vanderbilt, 4/30/05)

25 Will Harris

Jr. • 1B • R/R, Slidell, La.

Current hitting streak: None

Last five games: DNP

- Power-hitting first baseman who is the younger brother of second baseman Clay Harris
- Has played in 44 games this season with 40 starts; last started on May 15 vs. Tennessee
- Tallied six doubles, four homers and 20 RBI in 134 at-bats this season
- Homerless in last 11 games; last homered in April 17 win over Ole Miss
- Provided a homer and a sac-fly in series finale vs. Ole Miss (4/17)
- Was 2-for-4 with a run and a RBI in LSU's walk-off win over Ole Miss on April 16
- Homered off Rice pitcher Ryne Tacker to leadoff the sixth inning in LSU's 8-2 win over the Owls (4/6) in the Wally Pontiff Jr. Classic
- Homered in back-to-back games on April 6 and April 8; after connecting for a solo shot vs. Rice, drilled an opposite field dinger vs. South Carolina
- The homer against Jason Fletcher of the Gamecocks was LSU's lone run of the game as the Tigers fell 3-1
- Maintained a four-game hit streak from Feb. 15 through Feb. 20; batted .533 (8-for-15) during the stretch in wins over UL-Monroe and Ark.-Little Rock
- Turned in a season-high three hits in a 9-6 win over UL-Monroe on Feb. 15; also scored two runs in the game

2005 Season Highs

At-Bats:5 (twice; last at Arkansas, 4/22)
Hits:3 (vs. UL-Monroe, 2/15)
Runs Scored:2 (three times; last vs. Arizona State, 3/13)
Doubles:1 (six times; last at Vanderbilt, 5/1)
Triples:1 (vs. Western Illinois, 4/12)
Home Runs:1 (four times; last vs. Ole Miss, 4/17)
RBI:2 (three times; last vs. Ole Miss, 4/17)
Stolen Bases:none

Career Highs

At-Bats:6 (vs. Southern, 4/20/04)
Hits:4 (twice; last at Kentucky, 5/9/04)
Runs Scored:3 (at Ole Miss, 5/23/04)
Doubles:1 (several occasions; last at Vanderbilt, 5/1/05)
Triples:none
Home Runs:1 (several occasions; last vs. Ole Miss, 4/17/05)
RBI:4 (vs. Southeastern Louisiana, 3/12/04)
Stolen Bases:none

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2 Derek Hebert

Sr. • INF • L/R • New Iberia, La.

Current hitting streak: 3 games

Last five games: .412 (7-17), 1 HR, 4 RBI, 4 R

- All-around infielder who has started 27 games this season at shortstop
- LSU's leading hitter at the SEC Tournament, batting .500 (4-for-8) with one run in losses to Mississippi State (5/25) and Tennessee (5/26)
- Hitting .375 (12-for-32) in last 10 games with six runs scored, a double, a triple, a homer and four RBI
- Produced the game-winning hit in both of LSU's wins at Mississippi State (5/20,22)
- Provided a two-out, two-run single in the eighth inning at MSU (5/20), which erased a 5-4 deficit and gave the Tigers a 7-5 victory
- In the finale at MSU (5/22), smashed a sixth-inning, solo homer that broke a 2-2 tie and proved to be the difference in LSU's 3-2 win that clinched the West
- Batted .400 (6-for-15) in four games against Miss. State and UNO (5/18) with a triple, a homer, four RBI and five runs
- Tied a career high with three hits at UNO (5/18); scored the go-ahead run in the top of the 13th after tripling against the Privateers

2005 Season Highs

At-Bats:6 (at UNO, 5/18)
Hits:3 (twice; last at UNO, 5/18)
Runs Scored:3 (vs. UNO, 3/29)
Doubles:1 (four times; last vs. Tennessee, 5/13)
Triples:1 (twice; last at UNO, 5/18)
Home Runs:1 (three times; last at Miss. State, 5/22)
RBI:2 (three times; last at Miss. State, 5/20)
Stolen Bases:2 (at Vanderbilt, 5/1)

Career Highs

At-Bats:6 (twice; last at UNO, 5/18/05)
Hits:4 (at Southern, 4/20/04)
Runs Scored:4 (at Southern, 4/20/04)
Doubles:1 (several occasions; last vs. Tennessee, 5/13/05)
Triples:1 (twice; last at UNO, 5/18/05)
Home Runs:1 (four times; last at Miss. State, 5/22/05)
RBI:2 (three times; last at Miss. State, 5/20/05)
Stolen Bases:2 (at Vanderbilt, 5/1/05)

7 Michael Hollander

Fr. • INF • R/R • Mandeville, La.

Current hitting streak: 1 game

Last five games: 1.000 (1-1), 0 HR, 0 RBI, 0 R

- Talented true freshman who has played in 42 games with 36 starts at shortstop
- Named one of Baseball America's Top High School Prospects
- .932 fielding percentage on the season; has not committed an error in last 19 games (last error on April 6 vs. Rice)
- Hit safely in 21 of his first 25 games, which included a 10-game hit streak beginning March 25 at Auburn and ending vs. South Carolina on April 9
- Produced first career homer in an 18-10 win vs. UNO on March 29 at Alex Box Stadium
- Led a 20-hit attack with a 3-for-5 debut against Nicholls State (2/12); scored two runs with one RBI vs. the Colonels

2005 Season Highs

At-Bats:6 (at Alabama, 4/3)
Hits:3 (vs. Nicholls State, 2/12)
Runs Scored:2 (four times; last at Alabama, 4/2)
Doubles:1 (four times; last vs. Auburn, 3/27)
Triples:none
Home Runs:1 (vs. UNO, 3/29)
RBI:3 (vs. Arkansas-Little Rock, 2/19)
Stolen Bases:1 (twice; last vs. Rice, 4/6)

Career Highs

At-Bats:6 (at Alabama, 4/3/05)
Hits:3 (vs. Nicholls State, 2/12/05)
Runs Scored:2 (four times; last at Alabama, 4/2/05)
Doubles:1 (four times; last vs. Auburn, 3/27/05)
Triples:none
Home Runs:1 (vs. UNO, 3/29/05)
RBI:3 (vs. Arkansas-Little Rock, 2/19/05)
Stolen Bases:1 (twice; last vs. Rice, 4/6/05)

5 Chris Jackson

Fr.-RS • INF • R/R • River Ridge, La.

Current hitting streak: 2 games

Last five games: .235 (4-17), 0 HR, 0 RBI, 0 R

SEC All Freshman Team

- Talented athlete who also serves as LSU's starting placekicker and punter for the football team
- Has made a tremendous impact since becoming the Tigers' starting third baseman on April 10; LSU is 15-7 with Jackson in the lineup
- LSU's leading hitter at the SEC Tournament, batting .500 (3-for-6) in games vs. Miss. State and Tennessee
- Hit safely in 24 of 32 games played, including a 12-game hit streak beginning vs. UNO on March 29 and ending April 24 at Arkansas
- Sparked LSU at the top of the order, scoring three runs and collecting two hits and one RBI in rubber game vs. Tennessee (5/15)
- Displayed his versatility on April 16 against Ole Miss - he played in the LSU football spring game in the early afternoon before hustling across the street to the baseball stadium to turn in a 3-for-5 effort at the plate with one double, one RBI and one run scored
- Did not take batting practice or infield and arrived to the field 30 minutes before first pitch on April 16 after the scrimmage
- 3-for-6 with a double, a homer and four RBI and four runs vs. Northwestern St. on (4/12)

2005 Season Highs

At-Bats:6 (vs. Northwestern State, 4/12)
Hits:3 (twice, last vs. Ole Miss, 4/16)
Runs Scored:4 (vs. Northwestern State, 4/12)
Doubles:1 (three times, last vs. Ole Miss, 4/16)
Triples:1 (vs. UNO, 3/29)
Home Runs:1 (vs. Northwestern State, 4/12)
RBI:4 (vs. Northwestern State, 4/12)
Stolen Bases:none

Career Highs

At-Bats:6 (vs. Northwestern State, 4/12/05)
Hits:3 (twice, last vs. Ole Miss, 4/16/05)
Runs Scored:4 (vs. Northwestern State, 4/12/05)
Doubles:1 (three times, last vs. Ole Miss, 4/16/05)
Triples:1 (vs. UNO, 3/29/05)
Home Runs:1 (vs. Northwestern State, 4/12/05)
RBI:4 (vs. Northwestern State, 4/12/05)
Stolen Bases:none

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14 Matt Liuzza

Jr. • C • R/R • Metairie, La.

Current hitting streak: 2 games

Last five games: .412 (7-17), 1 HR, 4 RBI, 4 R

Baseball America Third-Team Preseason All-American

- 2005 Preseason All-America selection (third team) by Baseball America magazine
- Has started 156 games at catcher the past three seasons; touted as an early-round selection in the 2005 Major League Baseball draft
- Rated by Baseball America as the SEC's fourth-highest prospect for the upcoming draft; also named the best defensive catcher in the league
- Instrumental in LSU's rubber game win over Tennessee (5/15); drove in two runs and scored twice with a pair of doubles
- 3-for-6 with two doubles and two RBI at Alabama (4/3)
- 3-for-3 with a double, three RBI vs. Northwestern State (4/12); scored a career-high four runs in the game

2005 Season Highs

At-Bats:6 (at Alabama, 4/3)
Hits:3 (twice; last vs. Northwestern State, 4/12)
Runs Scored:4 (vs. Northwestern State, 4/12)
Doubles:2 (twice; last vs. Tennessee, 5/15)
Triples:none
Home Runs:1 (twice; last vs. Arizona State, 3/13)
RBI:3 (vs. Northwestern State, 4/12)
Stolen Bases:none

Career Highs

At-Bats:6 (three times; last at Alabama 4/3/05)
Hits:4 (vs. Arkansas, 4/9/04)
Runs Scored:4 (vs. Northwestern State, 4/12/05)
Doubles:2 (three times; last vs. Tennessee, 5/15/05)
Triples:none
Home Runs:2 (at South Carolina, 3/21/04)
RBI:5 (vs. Arkansas, 4/10/04)
Stolen Bases:1 (vs. Northwestern State, 2/9/03)

11 Jordan Mayer

Fr.-RS • INF • R/R • Alexandria, La.

Current hitting streak: None

Last five games: 1.000 (1-1), 0 HR, 0 RBI, 0 R

SEC All Freshman Team

- The 49th-round selection of the Cincinnati Reds in the 2003 major league draft
- Led all newcomers with a .320 batting average, 12 doubles, three homers and 22 RBI; named to the SEC All Freshman Team
- Moved into the starting lineup as the Tigers' designated hitter on April 30 at Vanderbilt
- Batted .357 (5-for-14) vs. Tennessee (5/13-15) with three runs scored, a homer and four RBI
- Capped a 7-0 LSU shutout at Arkansas (4/23) with a three-run homer eighth-inning homer to left field
- Delivered a game-tying pinch hit two-run double in the eighth inning off of Georgia All-American Will Startup (3/20); erased a 4-2 deficit in a game the Tigers won against the 17th-ranked Bulldogs
- Enjoyed a stellar debut with six RBI in the season opener vs. Nicholls State (2/12) with one triple and one homer

2005 Season Highs

At-Bats:5 (four times; last vs. Tennessee, 5/15)
Hits:2 (eight times; last at Miss. State, 5/21)
Runs Scored:2 (twice; last vs. Tennessee, 5/15)
Doubles:2 (vs. Southern, 5/3)
Triples:1 (vs. Nicholls State, 2/12)
Home Runs:1 (three times; last vs. Tennessee, 5/14)
RBI:6 (vs. Nicholls State, 2/12)
Stolen Bases:none

Career Highs

At-Bats:5 (four times; last vs. Tennessee, 5/15/05)
Hits:2 (eight times; last at Miss. State, 5/21/05)
Runs Scored:2 (twice; last vs. Tennessee, 5/15/05)
Doubles:2 (vs. Southern, 5/3/05)
Triples:1 (vs. Nicholls State, 2/12/05)
Home Runs:1 (three times; last vs. Tennessee, 5/14/05)
RBI:6 (vs. Nicholls State, 2/12/05)
Stolen Bases:none

35 Justin Meier

Jr. • RHP • Windermere, Fla.

Last outing: 5/18 at UNO (W, 3.0 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 1 SO)

- Superb right-handed hurler who has started 33 games and pitched 233.1 innings as one of the Tigers' top pitchers the past three seasons
- Last made a start on May 3 against Southern at Alex Box Stadium; took the loss in five innings of work
- Earned relief victory in a 13-inning game at UNO (5/18), hurling the final three innings without allowing a run on two hits; struck out one and walked one
- Held SLC regular-season champion Northwestern State to no runs on just four hits in three innings of relief on April 12; walked none and fanned three
- Started the Wally Pontiff Jr. Classic vs. Rice (4/6); worked four solid innings but did not qualify for the win (to give the bullpen work)
- Limited the 11th-ranked Owls to one hit and no runs, while walking one and striking out two
- Pitched season-high 6.1 innings vs. Southeastern Louisiana (3/23), allowing two runs on six hits with two strikeouts
- Worked five innings in start vs. Tulane (3/8), allowing four runs on three hits with three walks and five strikeouts; was first start of the season

2005 Season Highs

Innings:6.1 (vs. Southeastern Louisiana, 3/23)
Strikeouts:5 (vs. Tulane, 3/8)
Hits Allowed:6 (vs. Southeastern Louisiana, 3/23)
Runs:4 (twice; last vs. Tennessee, 5/15)
Earned Runs:4 (twice; last vs. Tennessee, 5/15)
Walks:3 (vs. Tulane, 3/8)

Career Highs

Innings:9.0 (three times; last vs. Army, 6/4/04)
Strikeouts:9 (three times; last vs. Army, 6/4/04)
Hits Allowed:12 (vs. Baylor, 6/8/03)
Runs:8 (at Kentucky, 5/8/04)
Earned Runs:8 (at Kentucky, 5/8/04)
Walks:5 (at Mississippi State, 5/2/03)

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46 Lane Mestepey

Sr. • LHP • Zachary, La.

Last Start: 5/25 vs. Tennessee (L, 0.2 IP, 6 H, 4 R, 3 ER, 0 BB, 0 SO)

Brooks Wallace Award Watch List

- LSU's No. 1 pitcher in 2001 and 2002 who returned to the mound in 2004 after receiving a medical redshirt in 2003 due to a shoulder injury
- Led the SEC in 2002 in ERA (2.59) and innings pitched (142.1), and was second in the league in wins (11)
- Finished as the 2001 SEC leader in wins (11), starts (19) and innings pitched (139.1)
- LSU's career leader in starts (67) and innings pitched (474.0)
- Has the opportunity to overtake Scott Schultz (38 wins, 1992-95) as LSU's all-time leader in wins
- Enters the Baton Rouge regional with 35 career victories, No. 2 on the LSU career list and No. 8 on the SEC list
- Career innings pitched mark of 474.0 ranks third all-time in the SEC career list; is four innings away from second place (John Powell of Auburn, 1990-94); needs just eight innings to tie for the all-time SEC mark set by Kip Bouknight of South Carolina (1998-01)
- Owns a 3-4 career record in 49.2 innings pitched in NCAA postseason games
- Has two complete games to his credit this season in an 8-2 win at Georgia (3/18) and a 3-1 loss to South Carolina (4/8); registered 17 career CG
- Had allowed just two earned runs in 27.1 career innings in five appearances at the SEC Tournament before suffering the shortest outing of his career in the 2005 tourney opener vs. Mississippi State (5/25); surrendered four runs on six hits in just 0.2 of an inning
- Fired complete game against South Carolina (4/8), scattering eight hits and three runs (two earned); walked one and struck out five
- Moved into sole possession of second place in the LSU career victories list with a brilliant complete game effort at No. 17 Georgia (3/18)
- Held the Bulldogs to two runs on seven hits; pitched the final eight frames flawlessly after allowing two runs in the first
- Tied a career high with eight strikeouts in a 12-6 win over UAB (3/4); tossed 5.2 innings and allowed three runs on seven hits
- Suffered hard-luck loss at Houston (2/25), yielding two runs (no earned runs) on six hits in six innings
- Opened the season with a solid seven-inning outing vs. Nicholls State (2/11); Colonels only managed two hits and one run, which was unearned

2005 Season Highs

Innings:9.0 (twice; last vs. South Carolina, 4/8)
Strikeouts:8 (vs. UAB, 3/4)
Hits Allowed:11 (at Arkansas, 4/22)
Runs:7 (at Arkansas, 4/22)
Earned Runs:6 (three times; last at Vanderbilt, 4/30)
Walks:4 (twice; last vs. Kentucky, 5/6)

Career Highs

Innings:10.0 at Tulane (6/1/01)
Strikeouts:8 (three times; last vs. UAB, 3/4/05)
Hits Allowed:13 (vs. Minnesota, 5/25/01)
Runs:8 (three times)
Earned Runs:8 (vs. Minnesota, 5/25/01)
Walks:5 (at Ole Miss, 3/23/02)

8 Brandon Nail

Sr. • RHP • Dothan, Ala.

Last outing: 5/15 vs. Tennessee (1.0 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 0 SO)

- Side-arm pitching prospect who received a medical redshirt in 2003 after suffering a shoulder injury early in the season; had surgery on the shoulder in the spring of '03, and he has returned to the mound in 2005
- The 31st-round selection of the Atlanta Braves in the 2002 major league draft
- Worked a perfect seventh inning of relief in a 14-4 win over Tennessee (5/15)
- Started in a nationally televised game on ESPN 2 at No. 1 Tulane (4/19), working three innings and allowing five runs on five hits
- Picked up third win of the season in a five-inning start vs. Northwestern State (4/12), limiting the Demons to two runs on two hits, while fanning four
- Career-best outing on April 5 at Nicholls State - 8.1 innings, two runs on six hits with one walk and three strikeouts in a 3-2 LSU win
- Earned first career victory in three innings of relief vs. UNO (3/29); allowed four runs (one earned) on two hits
- Made return to the mound against Nicholls State on Feb. 12 after being sidelined for two years with arm injury

2005 Season Highs

Innings:8.1 (at Nicholls State, 4/5)
Strikeouts:4 (vs. Northwestern State, 4/12)
Hits Allowed:6 (at Nicholls State, 4/5)
Runs:5 (at Tulane, 4/19)
Earned Runs:5 (at Tulane, 4/19)
Walks:3 (twice; last vs. UNO, 3/29)

Career Highs

Innings:8.1 (at Nicholls State, 4/5/05)
Strikeouts:4 (vs. Northwestern State, 4/12/05)
Hits Allowed:6 (at Nicholls State, 4/5/05)
Runs:5 (at Tulane, 4/19/05)
Earned Runs:5 (at Tulane, 4/19/05)
Walks:3 (twice; last vs. UNO, 3/29)

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12 Ryan Patterson

Sr. • OF • R/R • Rowlett, Texas

Hitting Streak: None

Last five games: .083 (2-24), 0 HR, 0 RBI, 1 R

Golden Spikes Award Watch List

Dick Howser Trophy Semifinalist

Brooks Wallace Award Semifinalist

USA Today/Sports Weekly First-Team All-American

Baseball America First-Team Midseason All-American

Baseball America Midseason Top Senior

NCWBA Third-Team Preseason All-American

First-Team All-SEC

SEC Player of the Week (May 13-15, vs. Tennessee)

LSWA Player of the Week (May 13-15, vs. Tennessee; March 8-13, vs. Tulane and vs. Western Illinois)

- A three-time all-SEC performer who has been instrumental in leading LSU to the College World Series the past two seasons
- MLB Draft: 34th round in 2002 (Atlanta)
- Named to the 2004 Baseball America Summer League All-America team after winning the Thurman Munson Award as the Cape Cod League's top hitter
- Named to the "watch list" for three National Player of the Year awards -- the Golden Spikes Award, the Brooks Wallace Award and the Dick Howser Award
- Hit an amazing nine home runs in a seven-game stretch from March 12-25; that period included three two-homer games - vs. Western Illinois (March 12), vs. Arizona State (March 13) and at Georgia (March 19); he has since added another two-homer game - April 22 at Arkansas
- Among the leaders in several SEC offensive categories, including eighth in batting average (.363), third in slugging percentage (.714), second in doubles (21) and second in total bases (167)
- Has a team-high 19 homers on the season, which ranks second in the SEC; 19 homers is the most by an LSU player since Todd Linden totaled 20 in 2001
- Currently tied for fifth on the LSU career home run list with 49; needs one more homer to claim sole possession of fourth (tied with Albert Belle, 1985-87)
- Tied Belle's mark during the Tennessee weekend (May 13-15), in which he was named SEC Player of the Week for the third time in his career
- Hit .636 (7-for-11) in the Tennessee series with one double, two homers, five RBI and six runs scored; also walked twice, posting a .692 on-base percentage and a 1.273 slugging percentage
- Moved into 10th place in career runs scored with 196, surpassing Jeremy Witten's (1997-2000) mark of 195
- Tied an LSU single-game record with five hits - including one homer and one double - while collecting three RBI and scoring four runs vs. Tennessee (5/14)
- Maintained the longest hitting streak of his career with a 15-game stretch beginning vs. UAB (3/4) and ending at Alabama (4/1)
- Was 3-for-5 with two homers, three runs and three RBI in a series opening win at Arkansas (4/22)
- Has five mult-homer games during his career, including four this season
- Tied a career-high with five RBI and finished a single shy of the cycle vs. UNO (3/29)
- Was 3-for-5 with four RBI and two homers -- his second two-homer game in as many days -- in a 20-3 romp of Arizona State (3/13)
- Finished the Western Illinois and Arizona State weekend (3/11-13) 7-for-12 with four homers, eight runs scored and seven RBI

2005 Season Highs

At-Bats:6 (twice; last at UNO, 5/18)
Hits:5 (vs. Tennessee, 5/14)
Runs Scored:4 (five times; last vs. Tennessee, 5/14)
Doubles:2 (at Tulane, 4/19)
Triples:1 (twice; last vs. Ole Miss, 4/15)
Home Runs:2 (four times; last vs. Tennessee, 5/15)
RBI:5 (vs. UNO, 3/29)
Stolen Bases.....1 (six times; last at Miss. State, 5/20)

Career Highs

At-Bats:6 (several times; last at UNO, 5/18/05)
Hits:5 (vs. Tennessee, 5/14/05)
Runs Scored:4 (seven times; last vs. Tennessee, 5/14/05)
Doubles:2 (five times; last at Tulane, 4/19/05)
Triples:1 (five times; last vs. Ole Miss, 4/15/05)
Home Runs:2 (five times; last vs. Tennessee, 5/15/05)
RBI:5 (four times; last vs. New Orleans, 3/29/05)
Stolen Bases:1 (several times; last at Miss. State, 5/20/05)

36 Edgar Ramirez

Jr. • RHP • Miami, Fla.

Last outing: 5/25 vs. Mississippi State (3.2 IP, 5 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 3 SO)

- Played two seasons at FIU before transferring to LSU this season
- Shined in the Coastal Plains Summer League in 2004, along with LSU teammate Chris Cahill; was nearly unhittable in the summer as the Edenton Steamers closer, producing a 0.83 ERA and nine saves in 20 appearances
- Worked 2.2 scoreless innings of relief at UNO (5/18), allowing one hit and recording a career-high five strikeouts
- Struck out the side in the second inning at UNO, in relief of starter Chase Dardar
- Best outing came at Alabama on April 3 -- 3.1 innings, no runs on two hits with two walks and four strikeouts

2005 Season Highs

Innings:4.2 (vs. Ole Miss, 4/15)
Strikeouts:5 (at UNO, 5/18)
Hits Allowed:6 (vs. Ole Miss, 4/15)
Runs:5 (at Tulane, 4/19)
Earned Runs:5 (at Tulane, 4/19)
Walks:2 (four times; last vs. Miss. State, 5/25)

Career Highs

Innings:4.2 (vs. Ole Miss, 4/15/05)
Strikeouts:5 (at UNO, 5/18/05)
Hits Allowed:6 (vs. Ole Miss, 4/15/05)
Runs:5 (at Tulane, 4/19/05)
Earned Runs:5 (at Tulane, 4/19/05)
Walks:2 (four times; last vs. Miss. State, 5/25/05)

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27 Greg Smith

Jr. • LHP • Alexandria, La.

Last Start: 5/22 at Mississippi State (W, 6.1 IP, 8 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 1 BB, 5 SO)

First-Team All-SEC

LSWA Pitcher of the Week (April 29-May 1, at Vanderbilt)

LSWA Pitcher of the Week (April 15-17, vs. Ole Miss)

- Hard-throwing lefty who was one of the Tigers' top relievers the past two seasons and moved into the weekend starting rotation in 2005
- Ranks third in the SEC in ERA (2.20) and second in victories (10); ERA is the best by an LSU starting pitcher in a season since Brett Laxton in 1993 (1.98)
- Named First-Team All-SEC for the first time in his career; projected to be a high pick in the upcoming draft
- Has won his last seven decisions; last suffered a no-decision or defeat on April 10 vs. South Carolina
- Fired 28.2 innings consecutive scoreless innings during a four-game stretch from April 17-May 8
- Smith's streak was the longest by an LSU pitcher since Ben McDonald fired 44.2 straight scoreless innings in 1989
- Became the first LSU pitcher to record three consecutive complete-game victories since 1999, when first-round draft choice Kurt Ainsworth accomplished the feat
- Hurled complete games in wins over Ole Miss on April 17 (5-1), Arkansas on April 24 (6-0) and Vanderbilt on May 1 (3-0)
- The victories against Arkansas and Vanderbilt marked the first time an LSU pitcher fired back-to-back shutouts since 1989, when first-team all-American Ben McDonald blanked Tennessee and Florida on consecutive weekends
- Turned in 6.1 innings of work in clinching the division at Miss. State (5/22); scattered eight hits and two runs while striking out five
- Held the SEC's leading hitting team, Tennessee, scoreless in a six-inning start on May 15; gave up six hits, walked one and struck out four
- Masterful performance at Vanderbilt (5/1) in the rubber game, shutting out the Commodores in a complete-game effort; walked none and fanned four
- Dominant again at Arkansas (4/24), scattering eight hits without allowing a run while going the distance
- Held Ole Miss at bay on April 17, going the distance and yielding just one run on four hits and striking out seven

2005 Season Highs

Innings:9.0 (three times, last at Vanderbilt, 5/1)
Strikeouts:9 (twice, last vs. Auburn, 3/27)
Hits Allowed:8 (twice; last at Miss. State, 5/22)
Runs:4 (three times, last vs. South Carolina, 4/10)
Earned Runs:3 (three times, last vs. South Carolina, 4/10)
Walks:3 (three times; last vs. Auburn, 3/27)

Career Highs

Innings:9.0 (three times; last at Vanderbilt, 5/1/05)
Strikeouts:9 (twice; last vs. Auburn, 3/27/05)
Hits Allowed:8 (four times; last at Miss. State, 5/22/05)
Runs:8 at Long Beach State, 2/28/03
Earned Runs:5 vs. Loyola-New Orleans, 5/6/03
Walks:3 (four times; last vs. Auburn, 3/27/05)

24 Bruce Sprowl

Jr. • OF • L/R • Knoxville, Tenn.

Current Hitting Streak: None

Last five games: .350 (7-20), 1 HR, 2 RBI, 4 R

- Hard-nosed player who received a redshirt in 2004; he platoons in center field, starting against right-handed pitchers
- One of the top players last summer in the Valley Baseball League, located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia; he was fifth in the league in hitting with a .340 (58-for-200) average, and he collected 13 doubles, six homers, 21 RBI and 21 stolen bases
- A member of the 2004 SEC Academic Honor Roll as a mass communication major
- One of the Tigers' leading hitters in the last five games with a .350 average (7-for-20) with a homer, two RBI and four runs scored
- Has made 33 starts in center field this season; has not committed an error in 93 tries this season
- Homered to lead off the game at Miss. State (5/22), his first blast since the season opener -- a stretch of 46 games
- Tied a career high with three hits vs. No. 1 Tulane (3/8)
- Opened the 2005 campaign with a perfect 3-for-3 game vs. Nicholls State; drove in three runs, scored twice and homered

2005 Season Highs

At-Bats:7 (at UNO, 5/18)
Hits:3 (twice; last vs. Tulane, 3/8)
Runs Scored:2 (six times; last at Miss. State, 5/22)
Doubles:1 (vs. Nicholls State, 2/11)
Triples:1 (twice; last vs. UAB, 3/4)
Home Runs:1 (twice; last at Miss. State, 5/21)
RBI:3 (vs. Nicholls State, 2/11)
Stolen Bases:1 (four times; last at UNO, 5/18)

Career Highs

At-Bats:7 (at UNO, 5/18/05)
Hits:3 (eight times; last vs. Tulane, 3/8/05)
Runs Scored:3 (three times)
Doubles:1 (several times; last vs. Nicholls State, 2/11/05)
Triples:1 (five times; last vs. UAB 3/4/05)
Home Runs:1 (three times; last at Miss. State, 5/21/05)
RBI:3 (vs. Nicholls State, 2/11/05)
Stolen Bases:1 (several occasions; last at UNO, 5/18/05)

UPDATED PLAYER PROFILES

43 Nick Stavinocha

Sr. • OF • R/R • Houston, Texas

Current Hitting Streak: 3 games

Last five games: .227 (5-22), 0 HR, 0 RBI

Second-Team All-SEC

- Power-hitting outfielder who was the Tigers' primary DH in 2004 and has served as the starting right fielder this season
- The 39th-round draft pick of the Houston Astros in the 2002 major league draft; began his collegiate athletic career in 2000 as the long snapper for the University of Houston football team
- Ranked in the SEC's top 10 in six different offensive categories, including 11th in batting average (.350), eighth in slugging percentage (.654), seventh in RBI (59), third in doubles (20), sixth in homers (17) and fifth in total bases (157)
- Leads the squad in multi-hit games (29) and multi-RBI games (16); Owns a .405 average (30-for-74) with runners in scoring position
- Had at least one base hit in 23 of his last 25 games; longest hitting streak of the season was a 13-game stretch from April 24 to May 21 at Miss. State
- Drove in the game-winning run in the 13th inning at UNO (5/18) with a sac-fly; also connected on a tape-measure three-run homer in the game
- Collected five RBI, scored four runs and homered twice in the Tennessee series (5/13-15); belted a first-inning solo homer off of Luke Hochevar, the SEC Pitcher of the Year, in the series opener on May 13
- Batted .500 (7-for-14) at Vanderbilt (4/30-5/1) with three runs, four RBI, two doubles and two homers
- Drove in all three runs in the Tigers' 3-0 win in the finale at Vanderbilt (5/1) with a two-run homer and a fielder's choice grounder
- Blasted a grand slam that highlighted a 3-for-6 effort vs. Northwestern State (4/12); finished with four RBI
- Totaled a career-high five RBI in a 15-9 win over Arkansas-Little Rock (2/20); was 2-for-3 with a three-run homer

2005 Season Highs

At-Bats:6 (twice; last vs. Northwestern State, 4/12)
Hits:4 (at Vanderbilt, 4/30)
Runs Scored:3 (twice; last vs. Ole Miss, 4/15)
Doubles:2 (three times; last at Tulane, 4/19)
Triples:1 (vs. Arizona State, 3/13)
Home Runs:1 (several times; last at UNO, 5/18)
RBI:5 (vs. Arkansas-Little Rock, 2/20)
Stolen Bases.....1 (five times; last vs. Tennessee, 5/15)

Career Highs

At-Bats:6 (twice; last vs. Northwestern State, 4/12/05)
Hits:4 (at Vanderbilt, 4/30/05)
Runs Scored:3 (five times; last vs. Ole Miss, 4/15/05)
Doubles:3 (vs. Southern Miss, 6/5/04)
Triples:1 (twice; last vs. Arizona State, 3/13/05)
Home Runs:1 (several times; last at UNO, 5/18/05)
RBI:5 (twice; last vs. Arkansas-Little Rock, 2/20/05)
Stolen Bases:1 (several times; last vs. Tennessee, 5/15/05)

40 Quinn Stewart

Jr. • OF • R/R • Rowlett, Texas

Current Hitting Streak: 3 games

Last five games: .667 (2-3), 0 HR, 0 RBI, 1 2B

- Powerful hitter that made significant contributions in 2003, starting 36 games at designated hitter and one game in left field . . . redshirted in 2004
- Has played on a platoon basis in left field this season, starting 31 games
- Part of an amazing six-run LSU comeback at Arkansas (4/22) with a solo homer in the sixth to tie the game at 7-7; scored two runs in the contest
- Finished a homer shy of the cycle, going 3-for-5 vs. Northwestern State (4/12) with one double, one triple and three runs scored
- Enjoyed an excellent series vs. Arizona State and Western Illinois (3/11-13), batting .333 (4-for-12) with three runs, five RBI and a homer

2005 Season Highs

At-Bats:5 (twice; last vs. Northwestern State, 4/12)
Hits:3 (vs. Northwestern State, 4/12)
Runs Scored:3 (vs. Northwestern State, 4/12)
Doubles:1 (six times; last vs. Tennessee, 5/26)
Triples:1 (twice; last vs. Northwestern State, 4/12)
Home Runs:1 (twice; last at Arkansas, 4/22)
RBI:2 (twice; last vs. Western Illinois, 3/12)
Stolen Bases.....1 (twice; last vs. Ole Miss, 4/17)

Career Highs

At-Bats:6 (at Tulane, 3/11/03)
Hits:3 (three times; last vs. Northwestern State, 4/12/05)
Runs Scored:3 (vs. Northwestern State, 4/12/05)
Doubles:2 (vs. Kansas, 2/14/03)
Triples:1 (three times; last vs. Northwestern State, 4/12/05)
Home Runs:1 (several times; last at Arkansas, 4/22/05)
RBI:4 (vs. South Carolina, 6/15/03)
Stolen Bases:1 (three times; last at Ole Miss, 4/17/05)

9 Dustin Weaver

Sr. • C • R/R • St. Amant, La.

Current Hitting Streak: None

Last five games: .000 (0-7), 0 HR, 0 RBI, 1 R

- Versatile player who has started 17 games at catcher, three in left field and six at designated hitter
- Was 3-for-4 vs. Arizona State (3/13) with one RBI
- 2-for-4 with one homer and three RBI in win at Alabama (4/2)
- Opened the season with 2-for-4 game vs. Nicholls State (2/11), scoring twice and collecting two RBI with a double and a homer

2005 Season Highs

At-Bats:4 (several times; last vs. Tennessee, 5/26)
Hits:3 (vs. Arizona State, 3/13)
Runs Scored:2 (four times; last at Alabama, 4/2)
Doubles:1 (three times; last at Georgia, 3/18)
Triples:none
Home Runs:1 (four times; last vs. South Carolina, 4/10)
RBI:3 (at Alabama, 4/2)
Stolen Bases.....none

Career Highs

At-Bats:5 (at New Orleans, 3/30/04)
Hits:3 (vs. Arizona State, 3/13/05)
Runs Scored:2 (several times; last at Alabama, 4/2/05)
Doubles:1 (several times; last at Georgia, 3/18/05)
Triples:none
Home Runs:1 (several times; last vs. South Carolina, 4/10/05)
RBI:3 (at Alabama, 4/2/05)
Stolen Bases:none

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.

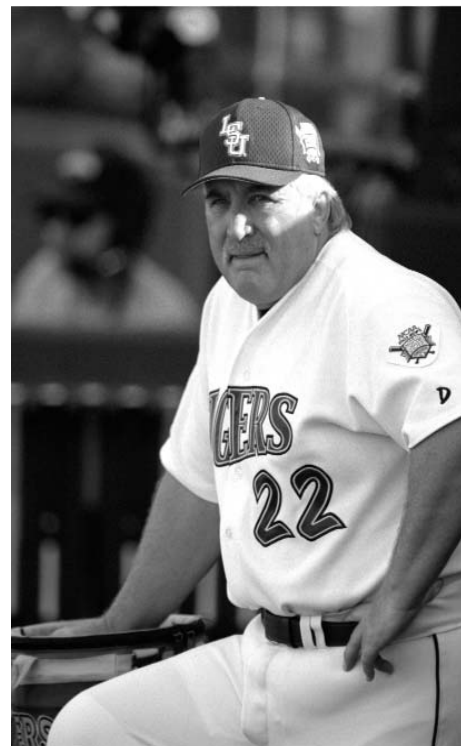
LSU also set an NCAA total attendance record in 2003, drawing 291,676 patrons to Alex Box Stadium.

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

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)

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.

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	38-20	LSU	SEC West Co-champions; NCAA Regional Participants

Career Record (11th year): 414-242-1 (.633)

LSU Record (4th year): 173-83-1 (.681)

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
2004	Louisiana Sportswriters Association Coach of the Year

Alex Box Stadium

Home of College Baseball's Greatest Fans



Alex Box Stadium, the home of the LSU Fighting Tigers, has a storied history which spans several decades. Always known as an excellent facility, recent efforts to upgrade the stadium have made it comparable to that of most professional minor-league clubs.

Last season, the Tigers drew 284,328 fans to Alex Box Stadium as LSU finished first in the nation in total attendance for the ninth straight year. The Tigers set an NCAA record for per-game attendance, averaging 7,898 per contest. LSU established an NCAA total attendance mark in 2003 as 291,676 fans purchased tickets for "Baseball at the Box." LSU has been among the nation's attendance leaders for the past 14 seasons, finishing No. 5 in 1991, No. 6 in 1992, No. 4 in 1993, No. 3 in 1994 and 1995, and No. 1 from 1996-2004. Over the past 21 seasons, the Tigers have attracted over three million fans to Alex Box Stadium. A total of 3,434,652 patrons have watched the Tigers play at "The Box" since 1984.

The stadium is recognized both for its old-fashioned charm and for its modern renovations. Since 1985, it has been the site of four SEC tournaments, 17 NCAA regional tournaments (with the addition of 2005), three NCAA super regional series and one ABCA Hall of Fame tournament. Each year, "The Box" undergoes facility-improvement projects designed to enhance the comfort and enjoyment of LSU baseball fans. Prior to the 1999 season, the stadium scoreboard was moved from left-center field to right-center field. Bleachers were then installed in left-center field, increasing seating capacity to 7,760.

Visitors to Alex Box Stadium in 1998 had for the first time the opportunity to enjoy a concessions/picnic area behind the right-field bleachers, complementing a similar facility behind the left-field bleachers. A major renovation project was completed at Alex Box Stadium in 1997, as two of the facility's light towers were moved behind the seating areas in order to give all fans an unobstructed view of the playing field. The project began in April, 1996, when two of the four light towers were moved. The remaining two towers were moved in February, 1997.

The "Intimidator" billboard depicting LSU's NCAA titles was unveiled in Alex Box Stadium prior to the '97 season. It stands above the right field wall as a testament to LSU's baseball excellence. Some of the other additions to the stadium in the past decade include a players' meeting room and a "Home Run Village" parking area behind the outfield fence which allows fans to tailgate before and during games. A new outfield fence was installed in 1995 with a 15-foot hitters' backdrop in center field. In 1994, "The Box" featured a freshly renovated and expanded players' locker room and lounge, along with additional chair-back seats in the grandstand. In 1993, an advanced outfield drainage system was installed along with additional bleacher seating behind first base.

In 1992, the stadium featured the installation of expanded chair-back gold seats, an umpires' dressing room, terrace-level seating above the third-base dugout and bleachers behind the left-field wall. Renovations for the 1991 season included the installation of a new grandstand roof and the construction of a playground/picnic area behind the left-field bleachers.

The stadium began to resemble its present form with the arrival in 1983 of coach Skip Bertman. In 1985, the Tigers' locker room was given a facelift, and a fully-equipped training room, a coaches' dressing room and a players' lounge were installed. Larger dugouts were constructed in 1986 along with a new outfield fence. The press box was expanded, and the stadium's right field fence was moved to make room for additional bleachers. In 1987, the stadium's restroom facilities were enlarged, and a new concessions stand was built beneath the grandstand.

"The Box" also features a modern scoreboard and message center, a state-of-the-art sound system, luminous field lighting, an underground field sprinkler system and a beautifully landscaped entranceway.

Originally a 2,500-seat facility, the concrete and steel grandstand of Alex Box Stadium was completed in 1938. Funding came from the Works Progress Administration, a federally sponsored agency which constructed public athletic facilities, among other such projects. In its first two years, Alex Box Stadium was the site of spring training for the New York Giants. Such legendary baseball figures as Mel Ott, Carl Hubbell, Bill Terry and Dick Bartell were on hand with the Giants.



Stadium Quick Facts

Seating Capacity: 7,760

Playing Field Distances:

Foul Lines 330 ft.

Power Alleys 365 ft.

Center 405 ft.

Height of Fence 10 ft.

In center field 15 ft.

Playing Surface

natural grass

Tournaments Hosted

NCAA Regional Tournaments (17): 1986, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005

NCAA Super Regional Series (3): 2000, 2003, 2004

SEC Tournaments (4): 1985, 1986, 1991, 1993

Top 10 Attendance Figures

	Att.	Opponent	Date	Score
1.	8683	Houston	3/6/04	UH, 10-5
2.	8622	UL-Lafayette	4/11/00	LSU, 8-2
3.	8521	Miss. State	3/26/04	MSU, 7-3
4.	8512	Auburn	5/9/03	LSU, 6-5
5.	8510	Arkansas	4/27/02	LSU, 8-0
6.	8440	Alabama	5/19/02	LSU, 5-1
7.	8437	Auburn	5/10/03	LSU, 20-3
8.	8413	Ole Miss	4/13/01	LSU, 15-2
9.	8360	Texas State	2/28/04	LSU, 2-1
10.	8310	Tennessee	4/26/03	LSU, 10-6

The Legend

"I want to commend what I truly believe may be the premiere crowd in all of college baseball ... that is a special, special crowd out there. I want to say that the way the fans have responded all weekend to just excellence and outstanding play leads me to believe that they truly do appreciate the difficulty of playing this game. I'm glad to have our players play in front of a crowd that I truly believe appreciated their performance."

-- **Baylor head coach Steve Smith after the 2003 NCAA Super Regional in Alex Box Stadium**

"The fans here are great. It was a pleasure playing ball here today. Great battle, great fans, great atmosphere out here in Baton Rouge and like (first baseman) Matt Wright said, go LSU."

-- **UNC-Wilmington outfielder Chip Grawey after his team took a congratulatory lap around the field following LSU's 2003 NCAA Regional win**

NCAA Regional Media Services

Practice Sessions

Practice sessions will be open to the public and the media on Thursday, June 2. Team SIDs will have coaches and players available to the media after practice. There will be **NO** formal press conference prior to the tournament. Please direct LSU player requests to Bill Martin, Asst. Baseball Contact. The host team (LSU) will practice first followed by the other teams in seed order. Practices will last approximately 75 minutes. The following is Thursday's practice schedule:

10 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	LSU
11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Rice
1 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	Northwestern State
2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Marist

Post Game Press Conferences

All coaches and players will be available for interviews. At the conclusion of the 10-minute cooling off period, the losing coach and two players will be brought to the interview tent, located behind the right field bleachers next to the stadium. The winning team will follow with coach and a maximum of three players. A member of the sports information staff will ask for player requests in the late innings of each game. Please direct LSU requests to Bill Martin. The top two to three players requested and the coach will be made available for a group press conference. One-on-one interviews may be conducted **AFTER THE PRESS CONFERENCE ONLY** at the discretion of the individual school's sports information personnel.

Photography Criteria

PHOTOGRAPHERS AND VIDEOGRAPHERS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED IN LIVE BALL AREA. The following areas only may be used by photographers and camera men:

1. Photographers area adjacent to the third base dugout.
2. Photo stand above the Tiger Terrace on the third base side.
3. Fenced area on plate side of first base dugout.
4. Painted area next to the first base dugout, on right field side.

LSU will provide video feed of the games throughout the tournament. Television stations may record the feed in the media trailer, located behind right field bleachers. No tripods, portable or otherwise, will be permitted on the field.

Press Trailer

The press trailer, located behind the right field bleachers, will house team media guides, game notes and box scores available for use. Updated brackets from all 16 regionals will also be available. A limited number of phone lines will be available for use in the trailer.

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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.

Bill Franques wfranqu@lsu.edu		Week 17-18: May 30-June 12							Bill Martin wmarti4@lsu.edu					
MONDAY	30	TUESDAY	31	WEDNESDAY	1	THURSDAY	2	FRIDAY	3	SATURDAY	4	SUNDAY	5	
NCAA Baseball "Road to Omaha" Selection Show 10:30 a.m. ESPN Players and coaches available after show at squad room of Alex Box Stadium.		Practice 11 a.m. Coaches and players available before prac- tice.		Practice 11 a.m. Coaches and players available before prac- tice.		Open Team Practices LSU 10 a.m.-11:15 a.m. Rice 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Northwestern State 1 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. Marist 2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.		NCAA Baton Rouge Regional Game 1: vs. Marist 1 p.m. Radio: LSU Sports Network TV: Cox Sports		NCAA Baton Rouge Regional Game 3 or 4: vs. Rice or Northwestern State 1 p.m. or 6 p.m. Radio: LSU Sports Network TV: Cox Sports		NCAA Baton Rouge Regional Game 5 and/or 6 vs. TBA 1 p.m. or 6 p.m. Radio: LSU Sports Network TV: Cox Sports		
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NCAA Baton Rouge Regional Game 7: vs. TBA (if necessary) 1 p.m. Radio: LSU Sports Network TV: Cox Sports		Practice TBA		Practice TBA		NCAA Super Regional Practice Day TBA		NCAA Super Regional TBA		NCAA Super Regional TBA		NCAA Super Regional TBA		