

2004 Schedule/Results (16-2, 0-0 SEC)

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

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

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

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

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

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



LSU TIGERS

(16-2, #1)

at
South Carolina (18-0, #3)

Sarge Frye Field (6,000) • Columbia, S.C.

Friday-Sunday, March 19-21 • 7 p.m. EST (Friday), 4 p.m. EST (Saturday), 1:30 p.m. EST (Sunday)

Radio: LSU Sports Network

TV: Jumbo Sports (Sunday only)

Tigers Face South Carolina in Opening SEC Series

Top-ranked LSU (16-2) opens defense of its 2003 SEC title this weekend as the Tigers play No. 3 South Carolina at Sarge Frye Field in Columbia. First pitch for Game 1 of the LSU-USC series is 6 p.m. CST Friday, Game 2 is set for 3 p.m. CST Saturday and Game 3 will be played at 12:30 p.m. CST Sunday.

The games can be heard statewide on the LSU Sports Network (WDGL-FM 98.1 in Baton Rouge). All three games can also be heard on the internet at www.LSUsports.net.

Sunday's game will be televised statewide by the Jumbo Sports Network (Cable Ch. 3 in Baton Rouge).

LSU, ranked No. 1 for the fourth straight week by Collegiate Baseball magazine, has won 14 of its last 15 games, including a 14-0 victory against New Orleans on Tuesday night.

The Tigers' 16-2 record is LSU's best through 18 games since the 1997 club began the season with 18 consecutive wins en route to a 19-0 start.

The Tigers enter this weekend's series riding a five-game win streak after Tuesday's win over UNO. LSU exploded for eight runs in the first inning -- the Tigers' largest single-inning output since they scored 12 runs in the fourth inning of a Feb. 22 victory over Jacksonville State.

Four LSU pitchers combined against UNO to record the Tigers' second shutout this season, lowering the team ERA to 1.86. LSU has allowed two or less runs in its last five games and in 13 of its 18 games overall.

The LSU-South Carolina Series

LSU and South Carolina last met in the 2003 College World Series, where the Gamecocks defeated the Tigers, 11-10, in a CWS elimination game.

LSU leads the all-time series with South Carolina, 19-10-1, and the teams split four meetings last season. LSU won two of three games in the regular-season series in Baton Rouge before the Gamecocks edged the Tigers in the CWS.

LSU has an 8-4 mark in its four previous visits to Columbia, though South Carolina won two of three games in the last series meeting there in 2002. LSU has a 17-13 mark in SEC regular-season road games during Laval's three-year tenure.

This weekend's series matches two of the nation's top programs this decade -- over the past four seasons, LSU and South Carolina have made a combined four College World Series appearances and have won three SEC championships.

Pitching Matchups

Friday

LSU - So. RHP Justin Meier (4-0, 1.83 ERA, 34.1 IP, 8 BB, 21 SO)

USC - Jr. RHP Billy Buckner (4-0, 3.21 ERA, 28.0 IP, 3 BB, 41 SO)

Saturday

LSU - Jr. LHP Lane Mestepey (3-1, 2.57 ERA, 28.0 IP, 9 BB, 16 SO)

USC - Jr. RHP Aaron Rawl (4-0, 2.08 ERA, 30.1 IP, 3 BB, 28 SO)

Sunday

LSU - Sr. RHP Nate Bumstead (2-0, 3.18 ERA, 17.0 IP, 6 BB, 13 SO)

USC - Jr. LHP Matt Campbell (4-0, 0.00 ERA, 30.1 IP, 2 BB, 43 SO)

LSU		South Carolina	
Record	16-2 (0-0 SEC)	Record	18-0 (0-0 SEC)
Ranking	No. 1 Collegiate Baseball No. 4 Baseball America No. 5 ESPN/Sports Weekly	Ranking	No. 4 Collegiate Baseball No. 3 Baseball America No. 4 ESPN/Sports Weekly
Coach	Smoke Laval	Coach	Ray Tanner
Career Record	346-205-1 (10th year)	Career Record	732-308-3 (17th year)
LSU Record	105-46-1 (third year)	USC Record	337-135 (eighth year)
Laval vs. USC	4-6	Tanner vs. LSU	9-11

Tracking the Tigers

Week	BA	CB	ESPN/SW
Preseason	2	3	3
Feb. 2	2	3	3
Feb. 9	2	3	3
Feb. 16	2	4	5
Feb. 23	3	1	5
March 1	3	1	4
March 8	5	1	5
March 15	4	1	5

Baseball America (March 15)

- Stanford (15-3)
- Texas (23-2)
- South Carolina (17-0)
- LSU (15-2)**
- Rice (14-4)
- Miami, Fla. (15-3)
- Auburn (16-2)
- Arizona State (17-3)
- Texas A&M (18-2)
- Long Beach State (13-5)
- Ole Miss (14-1)
- Notre Dame (12-1)
- Wichita State (6-0)
- Tulane (12-5)
- Florida Atlantic (18-2)
- Florida (18-3)
- Arizona (11-7)
- East Carolina (16-3)
- Virginia (17-2)
- Florida State (16-5)
- Southern Miss (14-2)
- Vanderbilt (13-2)
- UC-Irvine (14-5-1)
- Mississippi State (10-2)
- Nebraska (8-4)

Collegiate Baseball (March 15)

- LSU (15-2)**
- Stanford (15-3)
- Texas (23-2)
- South Carolina (17-0)
- Arizona State (17-3)
- Miami, Fla. (15-3)
- Rice (14-4)
- Notre Dame (12-1)
- Wichita State (6-0)
- Auburn (16-2)
- Ole Miss (14-1)
- Florida (18-3)
- Texas A&M (18-2)
- Florida Atlantic (18-2)
- Long Beach State (13-5)
- Florida State (16-5)
- Tulane (12-5)
- North Carolina State (14-3)
- Tennessee (16-2)
- Virginia (17-2)
- Mississippi State (10-2)
- UC-Irvine (14-5-1)
- Nebraska (8-4)
- East Carolina (16-3)
- North Carolina (12-4)

The LSU Lineup

Player	Pos.	Cl.-Exp.	B/T	Avg.	HR	RBI	Notable
Matt Liuzza	C	So.-1L	R/R	.382	3	17	.400 in last five games with 6 RBI
Clay Harris	3B/1B	Jr.-2L	R/R	.284	1	12	.333 in last five games with 2 RBI
Blake Gill	2B	Jr.-2L	L/R	.338	0	11	.385 in last five games with 3 RBI
Ivan Naccarata	3B	Sr.-1L	L/R	.227	1	9	1-for-7 in last five games with 2 RBI
or							
Will Harris	1B	So.-1L	R/R	.522	2	8	.700 in last five gms. with 1HR, 6 RBI
Derek Hebert	SS	Jr.-JC	L/R	.341	1	5	.214 in last five games with 2 RBI
or							
Matt Horwath	SS	Fr.-RS	R/R	.286	1	6	2-for-7 in last two games with 1 2B
Ryan Patterson	LF	Jr.-1L	R/R	.316	2	17	.238 in last five games w/ 3 2B, 2 RBI
J.C. Holt	CF	Jr.-2L	L/R	.427	1	14	.474 in last five games w/ 1 HR, 3 RBI
Jon Zeringue	RF	Jr.-2L	R/R	.403	3	15	.389 in last five games w/ 1 HR, 4 RBI
Nick Stavinoha	DH	Jr.-JC	R/R	.324	3	14	enters USC series on 8-game hit streak

Dirks Named To Roger Clemens Award Watch List

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

In a four-hit shutout of Tulane on March 2, Dirks allowed just two Green Wave runners to reach second base, and he retired 20 of the final 22 batters he faced. For that effort, Dirks was named the SEC Pitcher of the Week by the league office, and he earned National Pitcher of the Week recognition from the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association.

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

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

Liuzza's Hitting Streak Ends at 14 Games

Sophomore catcher Matt Liuzza's 14-game hitting streak ended last Friday versus Southeastern Louisiana as he was 0-for-4 with a sacrifice fly. Liuzza doubled and drove in a run against SLU the day after the streak was broken.

Liuzza's 14-game streak was the longest of his career, exceeding the 12-game streak he compiled during the 2003 season. During the 2004 streak, Liuzza batted .407 (22-for-54) with five doubles, two homers, 13 RBI and 10 runs.

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

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

Smoke Gets LSU Win No. 100

Smoke Laval, in his third season as the Tigers' head coach, earned his 100th LSU victory on March 5 when the Tigers defeated Houston, 9-3. The 2003 SEC Coach of the Year, Laval has a 105-46-1 (.692) mark at LSU and a 346-205-1 (.627) record in 10 seasons as a collegiate head coach. He served as the head coach at Louisiana-Monroe for seven seasons (1994-2000) prior to taking the reins of the LSU program as head coach. Laval was an LSU assistant coach for 10 seasons (1984-93), helping to lead the Tigers to two national championships (1991, 1993), six College World Series appearances and five SEC titles.

Will Harris Named Louisiana Player of the Week

Sophomore 1B Will Harris, the younger brother of LSU's all-SEC infielder Clay Harris, batted .875 (7-for-8) in the Tigers' three games last week with one homer, six RBI and two runs. He was named on Tuesday as the Louisiana Player of the Week by the Louisiana Sportswriters Association.

Will Harris was 4-for-4 at the plate with one run and two RBI in LSU's win over UL-Monroe March 9, and he launched a grand slam -- LSU's first this season -- in the Tigers' victory over Southeastern Louisiana March 12. He is hitting .522 (12-for-23) on the year with one double, two homers and eight RBI.

From March 7-12, Will Harris collected eight hits in eight at-bats over three games versus Tulane, UL-Monroe and Southeastern Louisiana. The streak began with an eighth-inning single versus Tulane (March 2), and it ended with a fourth-inning strikeout versus SLU (March 13).

Mestepey Earns Career Victory No. 25

Junior left-hander Lane Mestepey earned his 25th career victory last Saturday against Southeastern Louisiana as he pitched 6.2 innings, allowing just one run on eight hits with four walks and four strikeouts.

Mestepey, a two-time all-SEC selection, needs one more victory to move into the LSU Top 10 list for pitching wins. He is currently one victory behind Mark Guthrie (26 wins, 1984-87) for 10th place on the all-time LSU list.

Mestepey has a 25-9 mark during his three seasons on the mound for the Tigers.

Tigers' 18-Game Non-Conference Home Win Streak Finally Halted

LSU's streak of non-conference, regular-season home victories ended at 18 on March 6 when the Tigers dropped a 10-5 decision to Houston. Prior to March 6, LSU's last loss in a non-conference regular-season game in Alex Box Stadium came on Feb. 22, 2003, when Houston, ironically, posted a 7-2 win.

The Tigers' win streak in non-conference home games currently stands at four, as LSU has defeated Houston (March 7), Southeastern Louisiana twice (March 12 and 13) and New Orleans (March 16) since the 18-game streak ended.

The LSU Injury Report

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

INF Matt Horwath -- Horwath, a medical redshirt in 2003 after undergoing right shoulder surgery, started LSU's first seven games at shortstop this season before experiencing soreness in the shoulder. An MRI was performed on the shoulder on March 2, and the results showed no new injuries. Horwath has been cleared to play as he does not experience continued soreness in the shoulder.

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

OF Quinn Stewart -- A starter in 37 games last season, Stewart had the hamate bone in his left wrist removed in early March, and he will receive a redshirt this season. Even without the wrist injury, Stewart likely would have received a redshirt this year due to the tremendous depth LSU has in the outfield. With current starting outfielders Jon Zeringue, J.C. Holt and Ryan Patterson expected to be drafted this June, Stewart should be one of the outfield starters in 2005.

ESPN/Sports Weekly (March 15)

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

2004 SEC Standings (March 16)

Eastern Division			
Team	SEC	Pct.	Overall
Florida	0-0	.000	18-3
Georgia	0-0	.000	13-3
Kentucky	0-0	.000	12-5
South Carolina	0-0	.000	18-0
Tennessee	0-0	.000	17-2
Vanderbilt	0-0	.000	14-2
Western Division			
Team	SEC	Pct.	Overall
Alabama	0-0	.000	14-4
Arkansas	0-0	.000	15-6
Auburn	0-0	.000	16-2
LSU	0-0	.000	16-2
Ole Miss	0-0	.000	14-1
Miss. State	0-0	.000	11-2

This Week in the SEC (March 16-21)

(All times are Central)

Tuesday, March 16

Centenary (9) at Arkansas (10)
 Ga. Southern (5) at Georgia (9)
 Evansville at Kentucky PPD
 New Orleans (0) at LSU (14)
 Miss. State (7) vs. LA Tech (0)
 Davidson (1) at South Carolina (10)
 Lipscomb (4) at Tennessee (12)
 Tenn.-Martin (5) at Vanderbilt (6)

Wednesday, March 17

Alabama at Birmingham Southern • 6:30 p.m.
 Centenary at Arkansas • Noon
 Auburn vs. Troy State • 3 p.m. (at Montgomery, Ala.)
 Army at Florida • 5:30 p.m.
 Georgia Southern at Georgia • 3 p.m.
 Ole Miss at Memphis • 7 p.m.
 Miss. State vs. UL-Monroe • 6:30 p.m. (at Jackson, Miss.)

Friday-Sunday, March 19-21

Alabama at Georgia • 6 p.m., 3 p.m., Noon
 Arkansas at Florida • 5:30 p.m., 3 p.m., 11:30 p.m.
 Kentucky at Auburn • 6:30 p.m., 3 p.m., 1:30 p.m.
 LSU at South Carolina • 6 p.m., 3 p.m., 12:30 p.m.
 Tennessee at Miss. State • 6:30 p.m., 2 p.m., 1:30 p.m.
 Vanderbilt at Ole Miss • 6:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m.

2004 LSU TV Schedule

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

JSN - Jumbo Sports Network
 Cox - Cox Sports Television
 Fox - Fox Sports Southwest (SEC-TV)
 CSS - Comcast Sports Southeast

All Times are Central and Subject to Change

SEC Coaches Select LSU to Repeat as League Champion

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

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

SEC Pre-Season Coaches Poll

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

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

Patterson, Harris Earn Collegiate Baseball Pre-Season Recognition

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

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

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

Holt, Zeringue Receive Baseball America Pre-Season Accolades

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

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

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

LSU Lists of Note

College World Series Championships

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

NCAA Tournament Winning Percentage

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

CWS Winning Percentage

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

CWS Appearances

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

Coaches' CWS Winning Percentage

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

Coaches' CWS Victories

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

Current Consecutive Regional Appearances

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

2003 Major League Players

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

Draft Selections (1994-2003)

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

LSU by the Numbers in 2004

Home	12-1
Away	4-1
Neutral Sites	0-0
Day	7-2
Night	9-0
On Jumbo Sports	3-1
On Cox Sports	0-0
On SEC-TV	0-0
Vs. SEC	0-0
Vs. SEC West	0-0
Vs. SEC East	0-0
Non-SEC Games	16-2
Vs. Louisiana opponents	6-0
Vs. Ranked opponents	1-0
Vs. Atlantic Sun	2-1
Vs. C-USA	3-1
Vs. Ohio Valley	3-0
Vs. Southland	7-0
Vs. Sun Belt	1-0
Vs. SWAC	0-0
Doubleheaders	0-0
Game 1 of weekend series	5-0
Game 2 of weekend series	4-1
Game 3 of weekend series	3-1
Sunday	3-1
Tuesday	4-0
Wednesday	0-0
Friday	5-0
Saturday	4-1
One-run games	2-1
Extra inning games	1-1
Shutouts	2-0
Games in which LSU scores first	10-1
Games in which opponent scores first	6-1
When LSU scores 10+	6-0
When LSU scores <5	2-0
When opponent scores 10+	0-1
When opponent scores <5	16-0
When LSU leads after 6 innings	14-0
When LSU trails after 6 innings	0-1
When tied after 6 innings	2-1
When LSU leads after 7 innings	15-0
When LSU trails after 7 innings	0-1
When tied after 7 innings	1-1
When LSU leads after 8 innings	15-0
When LSU trails after 8 innings	0-1
When tied after 8 innings	1-1
Vs. Right-handed starting pitcher	8-2
Vs. Left-handed starting pitcher	8-0
Starting Pitchers	15-0
Relievers	1-2
When LSU has 10+ hits	14-1
When LSU has <6 hits	0-0
When opponent has 10+ hits	3-2
When opponent has <6 hits	4-0
When LSU has more hits	13-0
When LSU has fewer hits	2-2
Equal hits	1-0
When LSU hits 3 or more home runs	3-0
When LSU hits no home runs	5-2
When opponent hits 3+ home runs	0-1
When opponent hits no home runs	12-0
Games won on final at-bat	1
Games lost on final at-bat	1
Come-from-behind wins	6
Losses when LSU led previously	1
Blown saves	0
Longest game	3:27 (at Central Florida, 2/15)
Shortest game(9 or more innings)	2:14 (at UL- Monroe, 3/9)

Smoke Laval

HEAD COACH • THIRD YEAR

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

Laval, the 2003 SEC Coach of the Year, directed LSU to a 45-22-1 overall record and a 20-9-1 conference mark, as the Tigers finished No. 5 in the final Baseball America rankings.

The magnificent '03 campaign augmented the success Laval enjoyed in his inaugural season as LSU's coach, as he led the 2002 Tigers to a 44-22 overall mark, an appearance in the NCAA Super Regional and a No. 11 final national ranking.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Laval Year-By-Year

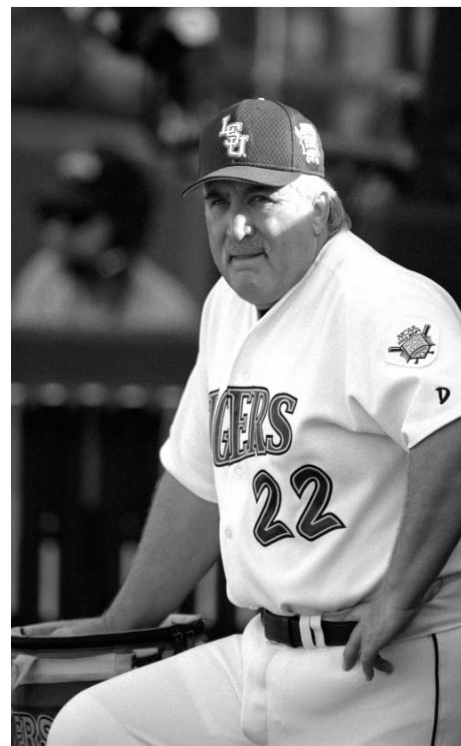
Year	W-L	School	Highlights
1994	20-33	UL-Monroe	Defeated Three NCAA Tournament Teams
1995	37-20	UL-Monroe	SLC Tournament Champions; NCAA Regional Participants
1996	41-19	UL-Monroe	School-Record 41 Wins; SLC Louisiana Division Champions
1997	33-21	UL-Monroe	Became Fourth Coach in ULM History To Record 100 Wins
1998	33-22	UL-Monroe	Led SLC In Hitting For Third Straight Season
1999	36-22	UL-Monroe	SLC Champions; NCAA Regional Participants
2000	41-22	UL-Monroe	SLC Champions; NCAA Regional Participants
2002	44-22	LSU	NCAA Regional Champions; NCAA Super Regional Participants
2003	45-22-1	LSU	SEC Champions; College World Series Participants
2004	16-2	LSU	

Career Record (10th year): 346-205-1

LSU Record (3rd year): 105-46-1

COACHING HONORS

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



The Laval File

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

Coaching Experience

1977	Assistant Coach	Jacksonville
1978	Assistant Coach	Wolfson HS (Jacksonville, Fla.)
1979	Graduate Assistant	LSU
1980-81	Assistant Coach	Gulf Coast CC
1982-83	Assistant Coach	Florida
1984-93	Assistant Coach	LSU
1994-2000	Head Coach	UL-Monroe
2001	Administrative Asst.	LSU
2002-	Head Coach	LSU

Education

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

Playing Experience

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

The Nickname "Smoke"

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

Media Services

Interview Opportunities

Head Coach Smoke Laval

Coach Laval is available for phone interviews on weekday mornings (9 a.m. -Noon) during the season. Please coordinate all requests for personal interviews with Coach Laval through his office. Appointments and interviews may be arranged through Virginia Robertson at (225) 578-4148. **Coach Laval will talk to reporters approximately 10 minutes after the end of a game in the LSU dugout.**

Players

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

Post-game player interviews are conducted in front of the LSU dugout at the conclusion of a brief team meeting on the field.

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On the Internet

www.LSUsports.net

The Official Website of LSU Athletics is home to all the baseball information you need.

Schedules, results, rosters, bios, statistics and game notes can be found and are always up to date.

http://media.lsusports.net

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

LSU Electronic Media

Radio

The LSU Sports Radio Network will distribute all LSU Baseball games by satellite to 25 radio affiliates. WDGL-FM (98.1) Radio in Baton Rouge will serve as the flagship station for the LSU Sports Network. Jim Hawthorne, the "Voice of the Tigers" for all LSU sports, begins his 21st season of calling baseball play-by-play action. He will be joined on the broadcasts by Charles Hanagriff and LSU baseball publicist Bill Franques. Selected LSU Sports Network stations will also air "Tiger Sportsline with Smoke Laval" each Monday from 7-8 p.m., beginning on March 29. The show airs live from Superior Grill on Government Street in Baton Rouge.

Television

Inside LSU Baseball is a weekly program featuring LSU head coach Smoke Laval. The first installment of the 2004 season will air March 21, and the show will air weekly through May 23. The show features game highlights, player profiles and in-depth stories on college baseball's No. 1 program. Inside LSU Baseball is produced by the LSU Electronic Media Department – Kevin Wagner, Executive Producer; John Schiebe, Associate Producer. Inside LSU Baseball Affiliates include WBRZ Channel 2 in Baton Rouge and Cox Cable Channel 4 in Baton Rouge.

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Week 6: March 15-21

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MONDAY 15	TUESDAY 16	WEDNESDAY 17	THURSDAY 18	FRIDAY 19	SATURDAY 20	SUNDAY 21
	vs. New Orleans W, 14-0 (7 innings) 6:30 p.m. Alex Box Stadium Baton Rouge, La. Radio: LSU Sports Network TV: None			at South Carolina 7 p.m. EST Sarge Frye Field Columbia, S.C. Radio: LSU Sports Network TV: None	at South Carolina 4 p.m. EST Sarge Frye Field Columbia, S.C. Radio: LSU Sports Network TV: None	at South Carolina 1:30 p.m. EST Sarge Frye Field Columbia, S.C. Radio: LSU Sports Network TV: Jumbo Sports

LSU VS. SOUTH CAROLINA

2004 LSU Baseball
Overall Statistics for LSU (as of Mar 16, 2004)
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 16-2 Home: 12-1 Away: 4-1 SEC: 0-0

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
1 J.C. Holt.....	.427	18-18	75	22	32	4	2	1	14	43	.573	7	1	9	1	.482	0	1	5-5	43	0	0	1.000
16 Jon Zeringue.....	.403	18-18	67	17	27	12	1	3	15	50	.746	6	1	13	0	.447	2	0	0-1	32	0	0	1.000
14 Matt Liuzza.....	.382	18-18	68	12	26	6	0	3	17	41	.603	4	0	11	1	.405	2	2	0-0	105	10	0	1.000
3 Blake Gill.....	.338	18-17	68	15	23	3	2	0	11	30	.441	8	0	4	1	.408	0	0	1-1	28	40	3	.958
43 Nick Stavinoha...	.324	17-17	68	12	22	2	0	3	14	33	.485	2	1	9	2	.352	0	0	1-1	0	0	0	.000
12 Ryan Patterson...	.316	18-18	79	21	25	8	0	2	17	39	.494	5	1	12	3	.365	0	0	1-1	32	1	1	.971
21 Clay Harris.....	.284	18-18	67	13	19	1	3	1	12	29	.433	14	1	7	0	.405	2	0	0-0	114	19	2	.985
7 Ivan Naccarata...	.227	16-11	44	12	10	1	0	1	9	14	.318	11	1	9	0	.386	1	0	1-2	3	31	1	.971

25 Will Harris.....	.522	10-7	23	8	12	1	0	2	8	19	.826	5	1	4	1	.621	0	0	0-1	49	4	1	.981
10 Ty Jensen.....	.500	8-0	4	1	2	0	0	0	3	2	.500	0	1	1	0	.600	0	0	0-0	8	0	0	1.000
9 Dustin Weaver....	.417	8-1	12	1	5	1	0	0	5	6	.500	0	0	0	0	.385	1	0	0-0	18	1	0	1.000
2 Derek Hebert.....	.341	13-9	41	13	14	4	0	1	5	21	.512	2	0	9	1	.364	1	0	0-0	21	29	3	.943
30 Bobby DiLiberto..	.300	7-1	10	2	3	0	0	1	4	6	.600	0	0	1	1	.300	0	0	0-0	3	5	1	.889
34 Matt Horwath.....	.286	9-9	28	7	8	1	0	1	6	12	.429	5	1	8	0	.412	0	0	0-0	10	23	2	.943
38 Brad Bass.....	.250	4-0	4	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	.250	0	0	0	1	.250	0	0	0-0	3	0	0	1.000
32 Rhett Buteau.....	.000	5-0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	4	0	0	0	.667	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	1.000
52 Will Davis.....	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Totals.....	.346	18-18	661	157	229	44	8	19	143	346	.523	73	9	98	12	.414	9	3	9-12	478	187	16	.977
Opponents.....	.226	18-18	593	40	134	22	1	7	34	179	.302	51	11	123	16	.298	3	3	11-17	444	165	33	.949

LOB - Team (155), Opp (143). DPs turned - Team (16), Opp (16). CI - Team (0), Opp (1). IBB - Team (0), Opp (2). Picked off - Gill 1, Holt 1.

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
13 Clay Dirks.....	1.32	4-0	5	5	1	1/1	0	27.1	19	5	4	4	27	8	0	0	100	.190	1	2	1	0	1
35 Justin Meier.....	1.83	4-0	5	5	0	0/0	0	34.1	28	7	7	8	21	6	0	1	127	.220	2	3	0	1	0
46 Lane Mestepey....	2.57	3-1	5	5	0	0/0	0	28.0	35	10	8	9	16	2	0	3	110	.318	1	1	0	0	2

27 Greg Smith.....	0.73	0-0	7	0	0	0/1	0	12.1	7	1	1	3	16	0	0	1	45	.156	1	1	0	0	0
33 Jason Determann..	0.82	2-0	6	0	0	0/1	1	11.0	7	1	1	2	8	0	0	0	38	.184	1	0	1	1	0
29 Jordan Faircloth.	1.04	0-1	6	0	0	0/0	1	8.2	6	1	1	4	6	0	0	0	31	.194	0	2	0	0	0
6 Collin Smith.....	2.25	0-0	3	0	0	0/0	0	4.0	2	1	1	1	3	2	0	0	16	.125	0	0	0	0	0
28 Michael Bonura...	2.63	1-0	5	1	0	0/1	0	13.2	9	7	4	11	11	1	1	0	48	.188	0	0	1	1	0
25 Will Harris.....	3.00	0-0	3	0	0	0/0	0	3.0	4	1	1	3	2	1	0	0	13	.308	0	1	0	0	0
41 Nate Bumstead....	3.18	2-0	3	2	0	0/0	0	17.0	17	6	6	6	13	2	0	2	65	.262	2	1	1	0	0
Totals.....	1.86	16-2	18	18	1	2/1	2	159.1	134	40	33	51	123	22	1	7	593	.226	8	11	4	3	3
Opponents.....	7.60	2-16	18	18	0	0/0	0	148.0	229	157	125	73	98	44	8	19	661	.346	17	9	3	9	3

PB - Team (3), Liuzza 3, Opp (6). Pickoffs - Team (2), Mestepey 2, Opp (2). SBA/ATT - Liuzza (10-16), Meier (2-4), Mestepey (3-3), Bonura (1-2), Faircloth (1-2), Bumstead (2-2), Smith, C. (1-1), Determann (0-1), Weaver (1-1), Dirks (0-1), Harris, W. (1-1).

2004 LSU Baseball

Overall Statistics for LSU (as of Mar 16, 2004)

(All games Sorted by Fielding pct)

Player	C	PO	A	E	FLD%	Dps	SBA	CSB	SBA%	PB	CI
14 Matt Liuzza.....	115	105	10	0	1.000	0	10	6	.625	3	0
1 J.C. Holt.....	43	43	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
16 Jon Zeringue.....	32	32	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
9 Dustin Weaver....	19	18	1	0	1.000	0	1	0	1.000	0	0
10 Ty Jensen.....	8	8	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
35 Justin Meier.....	6	2	4	0	1.000	0	2	2	.500	0	0
13 Clay Dirks.....	4	0	4	0	1.000	0	0	1	.000	0	0
29 Jordan Faircloth.	4	1	3	0	1.000	0	1	1	.500	0	0
41 Nate Bumstead....	4	1	3	0	1.000	0	2	0	1.000	0	0
38 Brad Bass.....	3	3	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
33 Jason Determann..	2	0	2	0	1.000	0	0	1	.000	0	0
27 Greg Smith.....	2	1	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
32 Rhett Buteau.....	1	1	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
21 Clay Harris.....	135	114	19	2	.985	11	0	0	---	0	0
25 Will Harris.....	54	49	4	1	.981	8	1	0	1.000	0	0
7 Ivan Naccarata...	35	3	31	1	.971	2	0	0	---	0	0
12 Ryan Patterson...	34	32	1	1	.971	0	0	0	---	0	0
3 Blake Gill.....	71	28	40	3	.958	12	0	0	---	0	0
2 Derek Hebert.....	53	21	29	3	.943	5	0	0	---	0	0
34 Matt Horwath.....	35	10	23	2	.943	4	0	0	---	0	0
46 Lane Mestepey....	10	2	7	1	.900	0	3	0	1.000	0	0
30 Bobby DiLiberto..	9	3	5	1	.889	0	0	0	---	0	0
28 Michael Bonura...	2	1	0	1	.500	0	1	1	.500	0	0
52 Will Davis.....	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
6 Collin Smith.....	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	1.000	0	0
43 Nick Stavinoha...	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Totals.....	681	478	187	16	.977	16	11	6	.647	3	0
Opponents.....	642	444	165	33	.949	16	9	3	.750	6	1

2004 LSU Baseball
 Game Results for LSU (as of Mar 16, 2004)
 (All games)

Game date	Opposing team	Score	r	h	e/	r	h	e	Inns	Overall	SEC	Pitcher of record	Attend	Time	
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Feb 13, 2004	at UCF	W 4-3	4	7	0/	3	7	3	(10)	1- 0- 0	0- 0- 0	Determann (W 1-0)	1922	3:15	
Feb 14, 2004	at UCF	W 17-4	17	19	1/	4	7	2	9	2- 0- 0	0- 0- 0	Mestepey (W 1-0)	1642	3:20	
Feb 15, 2004	at UCF	5-6 L	5	8	1/	6	10	1	(10)	2- 1- 0	0- 0- 0	Faircloth (L 0-1)	1575	3:27	
Feb 17, 2004	Louisiana-Monroe	W 7-1	7	11	1/	1	6	2	9	3- 1- 0	0- 0- 0	Bonura (W 1-0)	7643	2:46	
Feb 20, 2004	Jacksonville State	W 6-1	6	10	0/	1	6	4	9	4- 1- 0	0- 0- 0	Meier (W 1-0)	7448	2:41	
Feb 21, 2004	Jacksonville State	W 14-2	14	14	1/	2	8	3	9	5- 1- 0	0- 0- 0	Mestepey (W 2-0)	7528	2:44	
Feb 22, 2004	Jacksonville State	W 19-1	19	20	3/	1	4	2	7	6- 1- 0	0- 0- 0	Dirks (W 1-0)	7494	2:30	
Feb 27, 2004	Texas State	W 10-1	10	15	2/	1	6	2	9	7- 1- 0	0- 0- 0	Meier (W 2-0)	7748	2:35	
Feb 28, 2004	Texas State	W 2-1	2	6	1/	1	8	1	9	8- 1- 0	0- 0- 0	Determann (W 2-0)	8360	2:18	
Feb 29, 2004	Texas State	W 13-2	13	16	0/	2	7	2	9	9- 1- 0	0- 0- 0	Bumstead (W 1-0)	8103	2:32	
Mar 02, 2004	at #8 Tulane	W 6-0	6	14	0/	0	4	0	9	10- 1- 0	0- 0- 0	Dirks (W 2-0)	10916	2:45	
Mar 05, 2004	Houston	W 9-3	9	14	0/	3	12	3	9	11- 1- 0	0- 0- 0	Meier (W 3-0)	7698	3:23	
Mar 06, 2004	Houston	5-10 L	5	13	4/	10	14	0	9	11- 2- 0	0- 0- 0	Mestepey (L 2-1)	8683	3:01	
Mar 07, 2004	Houston	W 8-2	8	15	0/	2	10	0	9	12- 2- 0	0- 0- 0	Bumstead (W 2-0)	8177	2:33	
Mar 09, 2004	at Louisiana-Monroe	W 6-1	6	12	0/	1	4	2	9	13- 2- 0	0- 0- 0	Dirks (W 3-0)	3651	2:14	
Mar 12, 2004	Southeastern La.	W 7-1	7	12	1/	1	6	1	9	14- 2- 0	0- 0- 0	Meier (W 4-0)	8308	2:20	
Mar 13, 2004	Southeastern La.	W 5-1	5	11	1/	1	12	3	9	15- 2- 0	0- 0- 0	Mestepey (W 3-1)	7978	2:46	
Mar 16, 2004	New Orleans	W 14-0	14	12	0/	0	3	2	7	16- 2- 0	0- 0- 0	Dirks (W 4-0)	7798	2:09	

* = Conference game
 () extra inning game

LSU Player Updates

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Nate Bumstead

RH Pitcher

6-1, 210, R-R, Sr., 1L

Las Vegas, Nev. (College of Southern Idaho)

- Emerged as one of the top pitchers in the Southeastern Conference in 2003, earning second-team all conference honors
- Injured right shoulder in Feb. 3 intrasquad game; an MRI revealed a torn labrum, however, team doctor has cleared him to pitch
- Defeated Houston (March 7), pitching a season-high 8.1 innings and allowing two runs on nine hits with seven strikeouts

Bumstead's LSU Career Highs

Innings: 9.0 (twice)

Strikeouts: 10 vs. Ole Miss (4/13/03)

Hits Allowed: 11 vs. Mississippi State (5/23/03)

Runs: 8 (twice)

Earned Runs: 8 (twice)

Walks: 4 vs. Tennessee (4/27/03)

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Jason Determann

Pitcher

5-10, 170, R-L, So., 1L

Baton Rouge, La. (Catholic HS)

- Outstanding southpaw who earned 2003 Freshman all-America honors as a long reliever and part-time starter
- 9-0 career record at LSU
- Has fired 9.1 consecutive scoreless innings entering USC series
- Earned victory in Tigers' season opener at Central Florida (Feb. 13), allowing one run on three hits in four innings with one walk and two strikeouts
- Picked up the win over Texas State (Feb. 28) with 2.1 relief innings – no runs, one hit, one walk and two Ks

Determann's LSU Career Highs

Innings: .0 vs. New Orleans (4/30/03)

Strikeouts: 7 vs. Nicholls State (4/2/03)

Hits Allowed: 8 (twice)

Runs: 6 vs. SE Louisiana (4/23/03)

Earned Runs: 5 vs. SE Louisiana (4/23/03)

Walks: 4 vs. South Carolina (6/15/03)

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Clay Dirks

LH Pitcher

6-4, 235, L-L, Fr., RS

Hernando, Miss. (Hernando HS)

- Named National Pitcher of the Week (NCBWA) and SEC Pitcher of the Week after firing a four-hit shutout (1 BB, 7 Ks) versus eighth-ranked Tulane on March 2 at Zephyr Field in Metairie, La.
- Allowed just two Tulane base runners to advance to second base and retired 20 of the final 22 batters he faced
- Pitched 17.1 consecutive innings without allowing an earned run in a three-game stretch from Feb. 22-March 9
- Named to the "Watch List" for the 2004 Roger Clemens Award, given to the nation's outstanding collegiate pitcher

Dirks' LSU Career Highs

Innings: 9 vs. Tulane (3/2/04)

Strikeouts: 7 vs. Tulane (3/2/04)

Hits Allowed: 6 at Central Florida (2/15/04)

Runs: 3 at Central Florida (2/15/04)

Earned Runs: 3 at Central Florida (2/15/04)

Walks: 3 at Central Florida (2/15/04)

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Jordan Faircloth

Pitcher

6-3, 215, R-R, Jr., 1L

Alexandria, La. (Alexandria HS)

- Talented pitcher with a side-arm delivery who will continue to contribute as a reliever in 2004 after making his LSU debut last season
- Has allowed just one run in 8.2 innings this season
- Earned first career save vs. SE Louisiana (March 13), working a career-high 2.1 innings with no runs, four hits, no walks and one strikeout
- Also pitched 2.1 scoreless innings at UL-Monroe (March 9) with no hits, one walk and two Ks

Faircloth's LSU Career Highs

Innings: 2.1 (four occasions)

Strikeouts: 2 (three occasions)

Hits Allowed: 4 (twice)

Runs: 3 vs. Ole Miss (4/13/03)

Earned Runs: 3 vs. Ole Miss (4/13/03)

Walks: 2 (twice)

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Blake Gill

Infielder

5-10, 190, L-R, Jr., 2L

Bradenton, Fla. (Manatee HS)

- Excellent all-around player who earned 2003 second-team all-SEC recognition at second base
- Batting .500 (5-for-10) in last three games with one double, three RBI and three runs scored; his cumulative average has risen from .306 to .338
- Has produced three 3-hit games: at UCF (Feb. 15), vs. Houston (March 5), vs. SE Louisiana (March 13)

Gill's LSU Career Highs

At-Bats: 6 at Georgia (3/22/03)

Hits: 4 vs. Mercer (2/17/02)

Runs Scored: 3 (three occasions)

Doubles: 1 (several occasions)

Triples: 1 (several occasions)

Home Runs: 1 (several occasions)

RBI: 6 vs. Georgia (4/14/02)

Stolen Bases: 1 (several occasions)

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Clay Harris

Infielder

6-4, 230, R-R, Jr., 2L

Slidell, La. (Slidell HS)

- Powerful slugger who became a regular in the LSU lineup last season in early March and emerged as a 2003 first-team all-SEC performer at first base; has played this season as starter at both first base and third base
- Already has three triples this season after recording no 3Bs in his first two LSU seasons
- Has collected two hits in three of LSU's last five games
- Launched a homer and drove in four runs at UCF (Feb. 14)

C. Harris' LSU Career Highs

At-Bats: 6 (three occasions)

Hits: 3 (several occasions)

Runs Scored: 3 at Alabama (3/30/03)

Doubles: 2 (twice)

Triples: 1 (three occasions)

Home Runs: 2 (three occasions)

RBI: 6 vs. Ole Miss (4/13/03)

Stolen Bases: 1 vs. Miss. State (5/23/03)

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Will Harris

First Baseman

6-3, 240, R-R, So., 1L

Slidell, La. (Slidell HS)

- Named Louisiana Player of the Week on March 16 after batting .875 (7-for-8) in a three-game stretch (vs. UL-Monroe and SE La.) with a grand slam and six RBI
- Recorded eight hits in eight at-bats in a four-game stretch from March 2-13
- 4-for-4 at UL-Monroe (March 9) with two RBI
- 2-for-2 with a grand slam – LSU's only slam this season -- vs. SE Louisiana (March 12)

W. Harris' LSU Career Highs

At-Bats: 5 at Georgia (3/22/03)

Hits: 4 at UL-Monroe (3/9/04)

Runs Scored: 2 (several occasions)

Doubles: 1 (four occasions)

Triples: none

Home Runs: 1 (four occasions)

RBI: 4 vs. SE Louisiana (3/12/04)

Stolen Bases: none

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Derek Hebert

Infielder

5-10, 180, L-R, Jr., JC

New Iberia, La. (El Camino College)

- Excellent all-around prospect that transferred to LSU after one year at El Camino College in Torrance, Calif.
- Has started nine games at shortstop as regular SS Matt Horwath has been bothered by a sore arm
- Has recorded five two-hit games this season

Hebert's LSU Career Highs

At-Bats: 4 (several occasions)

Hits: 2 (several occasions)

Runs Scored: 2 (three occasions)

Doubles: 1 (four occasions)

Triples: none

Home Runs: 1 at Central Florida (Feb. 14)

RBI: 1 (several occasions)

Stolen Bases: none

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J.C. Holt

Infielder/Outfielder

5-9, 170, L-R, Jr., 2L

Sieper, La. (Oak Hill HS)

- A 2004 pre-season all-American who was named in 2003 as the MVP of the Cape Cod Baseball League
- Batting average has remained above .400 for eight straight games, since a 4-for-5 outing (one 2B, three RBI, two runs) at Tulane (March 2)
- 10-game hit streak from Feb. 22-March 12, batting .438 (21-for-48) during the streak with three doubles, one triple, one homer, nine RBI and 12 runs

Holt's LSU Career Highs

At-Bats: 6 (several occasions)
 Hits: 4 (several occasions)
 Runs Scored: 3 (several occasions)
 Doubles: 2 vs. Loyola-N.O. (5/6/03)
 Triples: 1 (several occasions)
 Home Runs: 2 vs. Northeastern (5/30/03)
 RBI: 5 vs. Northeastern (5/30/03)
 Stolen Bases: 3 vs. Northwestern St. (2/8/03)

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Matt Horwath

Infielder

5-9, 175, R-R, Fr., RS

Lake Mary, Fla. (Lake Mary HS)

- Skilled infielder who played as LSU's starting shortstop for the first eight games of the 2003 season before suffering a right shoulder injury that required surgery
- Has missed nine games this season due to soreness in his surgically-repaired shoulder
- 2-for-3 with one HR and two RBI at Central Florida (Feb. 14)

Horwath's LSU Career Highs

At-Bats: 5 vs. Kansas (2/14/03)
 Hits: 3 vs. UL-Monroe (2/17/04)
 Runs Scored: 2 (several occasions)
 Doubles: 1 (three occasions)
 Triples: none
 Home Runs: 1 (twice)
 RBI: 2 (twice)
 Stolen Bases: 1 vs. Northwestern St. (2/8/03)

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Matt Liuzza

Catcher

6-0, 190, R-R, So., 1L

Kenner, La. (Rummel HS)

- Played brilliantly last season as a true freshman, starting 54 games at catcher and leading the Tigers in hitting during the post-season
- Has been named to the "Watch List" for the 2004 Johnny Bench Award, given to the nation's outstanding collegiate catcher
- 4-for-7 in LSU's last two games with one double, one homer, two runs and three RBI
- Career-best 14-game hit streak from Feb. 14-March 9; batted .407 (22-for-54) during the streak with five doubles, two homers, 13 RBI and 10 runs
- Launched homers in consecutive games vs. Texas State and Tulane (Feb. 29 and March 2)

Liuzza's LSU Career Highs

At-Bats: 5 (several occasions)
 Hits: 3 (four occasions)
 Runs Scored: 3 (twice)
 Doubles: 2 vs. Auburn (5/10/03)
 Triples: none
 Home Runs: 1 (several occasions)
 RBI: 2 (several occasions)
 Stolen Bases: 1 vs. Northwestern St. (2/9/03)

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Justin Meier

RH Pitcher

6-0, 210, R-R, So., 1L

Windermere, Fla. (West Orange HS)

- Superb hurler who made an immediate impact last season as a true freshman, pitching in the SEC weekend rotation and earning '03 Freshman all-America recognition
- Four wins in his last four starts; has not allowed more than two runs in any of this five starts this season
- Defeated SE Louisiana (March 12) in last outing, limiting the Lions to one run on six hits in seven innings with two walks and two Ks

- Limited Texas State (Feb. 27) to just one run on four hits in 7.1 innings with two walks and two Ks
- Recorded career-high eight Ks in 6.2 innings vs. Jacksonville State; held JSU to one run on four hits with one walk

Meier's LSU Career Highs

Innings: 9.0 (twice)
 Strikeouts: 8 vs. South Carolina (4/4/03);
 8 vs. Jacksonville State
 (2/20/04)
 Hits Allowed: 12 vs. Baylor (6/8/03)
 Runs: 5 (twice)
 Earned Runs: 5 (twice)
 Walks: 5 at Mississippi State (5/2/03)

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Lane Mestepey

LH Pitcher

6-0, 195, L-L, Jr., 2L

Zachary, La. (Central Private HS)

- LSU's No. 1 pitcher in 2001 and 2002; returned to the mound this season after receiving a medical redshirt in 2003 due to a shoulder injury
- A two-time first-team all-SEC selection with a 25-9 career record in 42 starts
- Has allowed only one run in four of his five starts this season
- Defeated Central Florida (Feb. 14) in his first outing in 20 months, limiting the Knights to one run on five hits in five innings with two walks and one strikeout
- Pitched season-high 6.2 innings in defeating SE Louisiana (March 13), limiting SLU to one run on eight hits with four walks and four strikeouts

Mestepey's LSU Career Highs

Innings: 10.0 at Tulane (6/1/01)
 Strikeouts: 8 vs. Long Beach State
 (3/2/02)
 Hits Allowed: 13 vs. Minnesota (5/25/01)
 Runs: 8 (twice)
 Earned Runs: 8 vs. Minnesota (5/25/01)
 Walks: 5 at Ole Miss (3/23/02)

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Ivan Naccarata

Infielder

5-10, 185, L-R, Sr., 1L

Longueuil, Quebec (Chipola JC)

- Joined the LSU program in January, 2003, and made an immediate impact as the Tigers' starting third baseman
- Has played recently on a platoon basis, starting against right-handed pitchers
- Played for three weeks during the fall of 2003 with the Canadian National Team
- Fluent in four languages – English, French, Slovenian and Italian
- Three RBI in win over Jacksonville State (Feb. 22), tying his career high

Naccarata's LSU Career Highs

At-Bats: 6 (three occasions)
 Hits: 4 vs. Tulane (5/31/03)
 Runs Scored: 4 (twice)
 Doubles: 2 (twice)
 Triples: 1 (five occasions)
 Home Runs: 1 (several occasions)
 RBI: 3 (several occasions)
 Stolen Bases: 1 (several occasions)

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Ryan Patterson

Outfielder

5-11, 200, R-R, Jr., 1L

Rowlett, Texas (Texarkana College)

- A 2003 first-team all-SEC selection as a designated hitter
- Voted a 2004 first-team pre-season all-American by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association
- 4-for-5 with a career-high five RBI (1 2B, two runs) vs. Texas State (Feb. 29)
- Four three-hit games, including 3-for-6 at UCF (Feb. 14) with one HR and three RBI

Patterson's LSU Career Highs

At-Bats: 6 (five occasions)
 Hits: 4 (three occasions)
 Runs Scored: 4 vs. Mississippi State
 (5/24/03)
 Doubles: 2 (three occasions)
 Triples: 1 vs. Mississippi State (5/24/03)
 Home Runs: 1 (several occasions)
 RBI: 5 vs. Texas State (2/29/04)
 Stolen Bases: 1 (several occasions)

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Greg Smith

LH Pitcher

6-0, 190, L-L, So., 1L

Alexandria, La. (Alexandria HS)

- Talented hurler who has been a contributor as a middle and long reliever
- Has allowed just one run in 12.1 innings this season
- Worked 2.1 innings vs. Houston (March 6), allowing one run on two hits with season-high four strikeouts
- Has five strikeouts in his last three innings, allowing one hit, no runs, no walks

G. Smith's LSU Career Highs

Innings: 4.1 vs. Tulane (4/29/03)

Strikeouts: 5 at Mississippi State (5/2/03)

Hits Allowed: 8 at Long Beach State (2/28/03)

Runs: 8 at Long Beach State (2/28/03)

Earned Runs: 5 vs. Loyola-New Orleans (5/6/03)

Walks: 2 (two occasions)

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Nick Stavinoha

DH/Catcher

6-1, 220, R-R, Jr., JC

Houston, Texas (San Jacinto JC)

- Had one of the most prolific fall intrasquad seasons in LSU history, batting a team-high .432 with six homers in 37 at-bats
- Played two seasons at San Jacinto Junior College in Houston where he recorded 37 career home runs and 132 RBI
- Enters USC series riding an eight-game hitting streak, batting .379 (11-for-29) with two doubles, one homer and seven RBI

Stavinoha's LSU Career Highs

At-Bats: 5 (several occasions)

Hits: 2 (several occasions)

Runs Scored: 2 (twice)

Doubles: 1 (twice)

Triples: none

Home Runs: 1 (three occasions)

RBI: 2 (three occasions)

Stolen Bases: 1 vs. Texas State (2/29/04)

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Jon Zeringue

Outfielder

6-2, 205, R-R, Jr., 2L

Thibodaux, La. (E.D. White HS)

- Outstanding 2003 second-team all-SEC performer who was the third-round selection of the Chicago White Sox in the 2001 major league draft
- A 2004 *Baseball America* second-team pre-season all-American
- Batting average has remained at .400 or better for 10 straight games
- 3-for-4 vs. Houston (March 7) with one double, one triple, one homer, three RBI and two runs

Zeringue's LSU Career Highs

At-Bats: 6 at Vanderbilt (4/20/03)

Hits: 4 (twice)

Runs Scored: 4 vs. Baylor (6/8/03)

Doubles: 2 (three occasions)

Triples: 1 vs. Houston (March 7)

Home Runs: 2 vs. Auburn (5/9/03)

RBI: 4 (twice)

Stolen Bases: 2 vs. SE Louisiana (4/23/03)