

“It’s Saturday Night in **DEATH VALLEY**”

and here come your Fighting Tigers of LSU."

Hearing those words from public address announcer Dan Borne' as the Tigers enter the stadium brings chills to even the casual LSU football fan. Seven nights a year Tiger Stadium becomes the sixth largest city in the state of Louisiana as over 91,000 fans pack the cathedral of college football to watch the Tigers play.

For LSU fans, there's nothing better than spending a night in Tiger Stadium. LSU home football games are events talked about year round. For opponents, it's another story as Tiger Stadium is an intimidating venue that has been called one of the most dreaded road playing sites in all of college football. Seating 91,600 fans and nicknamed "Death Valley", poll after poll have proclaimed Tiger Stadium as one of the greatest sites anywhere for a college football game.

In 1998, Sport Magazine named Tiger Stadium "the most feared road playing site in America." And in 1996, ESPN named LSU's pre-game party the best in all of America. Those surveys supported the previous polls by Gannett News Service in 1995, The Sporting News in 1989 and the College Football Association in 1987 that

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show Tiger Stadium to be the most difficult place for a visiting team to play.

Most recently, the Sporting News ranked Tiger Stadium as the sixth best college football stadium in America in a poll of college football coaches and fans, while Sports Illustrated's Rick Reilly, in a column debating college football vs. pro football, penned that "College football is LSU's Tiger Stadium at night."

Now the fifth largest on-campus stadium in college football, Tiger Stadium is considered one of the loudest athletic arenas in the world. Three years ago, an additional 11,600 seats were added with the addition of the east upper deck to bring the capacity to 91,600. In addition to the new east upper deck, 70 skyboxes, called "Tiger Dens" were built giving Tiger fans luxury accommodations. The addition of the 11,600 seats marked the first expansion to Tiger Stadium since 1978 when the west upper deck was completed

Last year, in just the third season in the expanded stadium, LSU averaged 90,307 fans a contest, the fifth-highest total in college football in 2002. It also marked back-to-back years in which the Tigers averaged over 90,000 fans a contest in Tiger Stadium, a first in school history. Six of LSU's seven home games in 2002 were played before 90,000-plus crowds in Tiger Stadium in 2002, including a season-best of 92,012 against Alabama on Nov. 16.





1921



1931



1953



1966

Indeed, Tiger Stadium is legendary in college football circles for its overflowing, raucous crowds and for uncountable memories that have been spawned inside the mammoth structure.

Part of the lore of Tiger Stadium is the tradition of playing games at night, an idea that was first introduced in 1931 against Spring Hill (a 35-0 LSU victory). Since then, LSU has played the majority of its games at night and the Tigers have fared much better under the lights than during the day. Since 1960, LSU is 182-61-4 (.745) at night in Tiger Stadium compared to a 14-20-3 (.419) record during the day over that span.

Whether the game has been at day or night it hasn't mattered under current coach Nick Saban as the Tigers have put together an impressive 17-4 overall mark, which includes an 8-3 Southeastern Conference record, in Tiger Stadium since 2000.

Last year, after a 33-10 non-conference win over

Miami (Ohio), Miami coach Terry Hoepfener said of Tiger Stadium, "that's an exciting as an environment as you can have. I thought the crowd was a factor for us because we had communication problems we haven't had at Michigan and Ohio State."

In 2001, the Tigers clinched a berth in its first SEC Championship Game with a 27-14 victory over Auburn in the season-finale in Tiger Stadium. After the contest, thousands of Tiger fans spilled onto the stadium floor to celebrate the victory.

After a victory before a national television audience on ESPN in 2001, ESPN sideline reporter Adrian Karsten said, "Death Valley in Baton Rouge is the loudest stadium I've ever been in. There are very few stadiums in America worth a touchdown, but the Bayou Bengals certainly have that advantage in Tiger Stadium"

In 2000, the first year of the Saban era, the goal posts came down twice. Immediately after the Tigers upset

2002 Attendance Figures

		G	ATT.	AVG.
1.	Michigan	7	774,033	110,576
2.	Penn State	8	857,911	107,239
3.	Tennessee	7	746,936	106,705
4.	Ohio State	8	827,904	103,488
5.	LSU	7	632,147	90,307
6.	Georgia	7	605,640	86,520
7.	Florida	7	596,296	85,185
8.	Auburn	7	580,600	82,943
9.	Alabama	7	579,999	82,857
10.	South Carolina	6	492,828	82,138



Tiger Stadium



TIGER STADIUM

then No. 11 ranked Tennessee 38-31 in overtime, the capacity crowd of 91,682 spilled onto the field of Tiger Stadium to celebrate the victory. Hundreds of students lined the sidelines and the back of the north end zone as the Tigers' held the Vols scoreless in overtime for the victory.

The goal posts came down again in the final home game of the season as the Tigers' posted a 30-28 win over Alabama, their first victory over the Crimson Tide in Tiger Stadium since 1969.

The goal posts came down for the first time in 1997 as all of America witnessed one of the most explosive nights in the history of the grand ol' stadium when the Tigers upended No. 1-ranked Florida before a national television audience. A sea of Tiger fans swamped the floor of Tiger Stadium as both goal posts came crashing down -- a scene that was replayed countless times in college football highlight shows.

Perhaps the most famous moment in Death Valley history took place on "The Night The Tigers

Moved the Earth," October 8, 1988. When Tiger quarterback Tommy Hodson threw to Eddie Fuller for a winning touchdown against Auburn, the explosion of the crowd was so thunderous that it caused an earth tremor that registered on a seismograph meter in LSU's Geology Department across campus.

Then there was the night the Tigers nearly upset No. 1-ranked Southern Cal before a sellout crowd on September 28, 1979. The Tigers came up short, but the crowd roared from kickoff to final gun in a game many ardent LSU followers rank as the loudest in stadium history.

And of course there was Halloween night, 1959, when Billy Cannon made his famous 89-yard punt return to lead No. 1 LSU past No. 3 Ole Miss. Legend has it that families living near the campus lakes came running out of their homes in fear of the noise erupting around them.

Those are the highlights, some of which have shaped the character of this great stadium. But week in and week out each fall, a new chapter unfolds in the history of Death Valley.

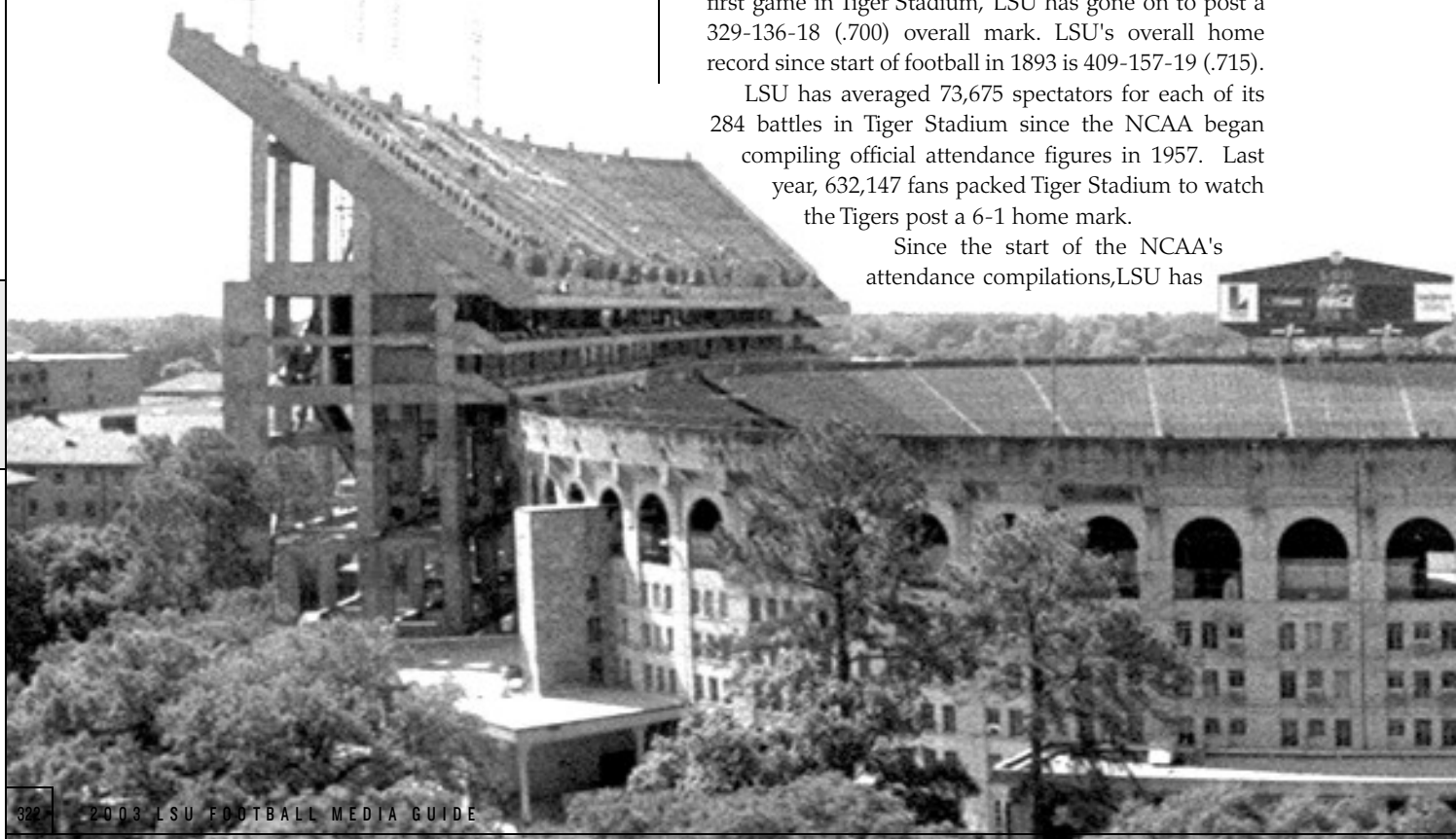
Tiger Stadium first opened its gates to Tiger fans in the fall of 1924 as LSU hosted Tulane in the season-finale in what was the first contest in the stadium. Since that first game in Tiger Stadium, LSU has gone on to post a 329-136-18 (.700) overall mark. LSU's overall home record since start of football in 1893 is 409-157-19 (.715).

LSU has averaged 73,675 spectators for each of its 284 battles in Tiger Stadium since the NCAA began compiling official attendance figures in 1957. Last year, 632,147 fans packed Tiger Stadium to watch the Tigers post a 6-1 home mark.

Since the start of the NCAA's attendance compilations, LSU has

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finished in the nation's top 10 in average attendance 38 of 45 seasons. The Tigers have drawn 20,923,746 fans since 1957.

The home of one of football's proudest traditions, this unique structure also once served as a dormitory for approximately 1,500 students, and while Broussard Hall, then LSU's athletic dormitory, was being renovated during the fall of 1986, the LSU football players lived in Tiger Stadium.

The original phase of construction was completed in 1924. This first phase included the east and west stands, which seated about 12,000. Seven years later (1931), the sides were extended upward to accommodate an additional 10,000 fans, raising the capacity to 22,000. In 1936, the stadium seating capacity was increased to 46,000 with the addition of 24,000 seats in the north end, making Tiger Stadium into a horseshoe configuration.

The next phase of construction took place in 1953, when the stadium's south end was closed to turn the horseshoe into a bowl, increasing the seating capacity to 67,720.

The upper deck atop the west stands was completed in 1978, and it added 8,000 seats to the stadium's capacity. Additional seating in two club level sections, which flanked the existing press box, brought the total addition to approximately 10,000 seats and raised the stadium's capacity to approximately 78,000.

Refurbishing began on the stadium in the summer of 1985, when the east and west stands were waterproofed, and 25,000 chair back seats were added to replace the older "bench" type seats. Another phase of improvements was completed in

1987, when the north and south stands were waterproofed and newer bleachers were once again installed to replace the older ones.

The playing field was moved 11 feet to the south in 1986, to provide more room between the back line of the North End Zone and the curvature of the stadium fence which surrounds the field. It also put the playing area in the exact center of the arena's grassy surface.

The Tiger Stadium press box was redecorated prior to the 1987 season, and a few more seats were installed at the upper portion of the west lower stands. Also, the stadium's seating arrangement was renumbered prior to the 1987 season, to make all seats a uniform size. The addition of bleacher seating in 1988 brought the capacity to 80,150 and the elimination of some bleacher seating after the 1994 season to accommodate renovated visiting team dressing facilities, and other ensuing seating adjustments, brought the capacity to 80,000, its size until the expansion for the 2000 football season.

Most recently, starting in the summer of 2002 and continuing through the start of the 2003 season, concession stands in Tiger Stadium were renovated as the first part of what will be a multi-phased process to update the entire stadium.

Future plans for the stadium include the razing and rebuilding of the west upper deck, which will mirror the east upper deck. Club seats and a new press box are scheduled to be part of the west side addition.



Tiger Stadium Records

Individual Records

RUSHING

Yards.....	246 by Kevin Faulk vs. Houston, 1996; Opponent: 291 by Shaun Alexander (Alabama), 1996
Attempts	43 by Charles Alexander, 1977
Touchdowns	4 four times (last: LaBrandon Toefield vs. Utah State, 2001) Opponent: 4 by Shaun Alexander (Alabama), 1996
Longest rush	88 yards by Adrian Dodson vs. Tulane, 1940

PASSING

Yards.....	438 by Tommy Hudson vs. Tennessee, 1989 Opponent: 464 by Rex Grossman (Florida), 2001
Completions	33 by Jeff Wickersham vs. Miss. State, 1983 Opponent: 37 twice (last: A.J. Suggs, Tennessee, 2000)
Attempts	58 by Josh Booty vs. Auburn, 1999 Opponent: 59 by A.J. Suggs (Tennessee), 2000
Touchdowns	4 seven times (last: Josh Booty vs. Alabama, 2000) Opponent: 5 by Rex Grossman (Florida), 2001
Longest Pass	82 yards - Steve Enslinger to Carlos Carson vs. Georgia, 1978

TOTAL OFFENSE

Plays	61 by Josh Booty vs. Auburn, 1999 Opponent: 66 by A.J. Suggs (Tennessee), 2000
Yards.....	433 by Tommy Hodson vs. Tennessee, 1989 Opponent: 463 by Rex Grossman (Florida), 2001

RECEIVING

Receptions	14 by Wendell Davis vs. Ole Miss, 1986 Opponent: 12 by David Martin (Tennessee), 2000
Yards.....	248 by Todd Kinchen vs. Mississippi State, 1991 Opponent: 175 by Brandon Middleton (Houston), 2000
Touchdowns	5 by Carlos Carson vs. Rice, Sept. 24, 1977 Opponent: 2 by many

RETURNS

Punt Returns	7 twice (last: Eddie Kennison vs. Kentucky, 1994)
Punt Return Yards	145 by Joe Labruzzo vs. Rice, 1965
Kickoff Returns	5 twice (last: Domanick Davis vs. Arkansas, 2001)
Kickoff Return Yards	145 by Eric Martin vs. Kentucky, 1981
Long Punt Return	100 by Eddie Kennison vs. Mississippi State, 1994
Long Kickoff Return.....	100 by Eric Martin vs. Kentucky, 1981

ALL-PURPOSE

Yards.....	376 by Kevin Faulk vs. Houston, 1996
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SCORING

Points	30 by Carlos Carson vs. Rice, 1977 Opponent: 24 by Shaun Alexander (Alabama), 1996
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DEFENSE

Tackles	21 by Al Richardson vs. South Carolina, 1982
Sacks	3 by several (last: Gabe Northern vs. N. Texas, 1995)
Interceptions	3 twice (last: Craig Burns vs. Ole Miss, 1970)

KICKING

Field Goals	4 by David Browndyke vs. Ole Miss, 1986
PAT's Made	10 by Bobby Moreau vs. Rice, 1977
Longest Punt	71 by Matt DeFrank vs. Notre Dame, 1986



LaBrandon Toefield had four rushing TDs against Utah State in 2001.

Team Records

RUSHING

Rushing Attempts.....	83 vs. Wyoming (1977) Opponent: 71 by Mississippi State (1991)
Rushing Yards	503 vs. Oregon (1977) Opponent: 422 by Mississippi State (1991)
Rushing Touchdowns	8 vs. Tulane (1961) Opponent: 5 twice (last Tennessee, 1993)

PASSING

Passes Attempted.....	69 vs. Auburn (1999) Opponent: 62 by Tennessee (2000)
Passes Completed	31 vs. Tennessee (1989) Opponent: 37 by Tennessee (2000)
Completion Pct.	84% vs. Akron (1997) Opponent: 80% by Florida (1993)
Passing Yards	485 vs. Western Carolina (2000) Opponent: 504 by Florida (2001)
Passes Had Int.	6 vs. Tennessee (1939) Opponent: 5 by Texas A&M (1986)
Touchdown Passes.....	7 vs. Ohio University (1989) Opponent: 6 by Florida (2001)

OFFENSE

First Downs.....	35 vs. Mississippi State (1969) Opponent: 33 by Alabama (1989)
Total Offensive Att.	99 vs. Tulane (1969) Opponent: 89 twice (last: Tennessee, 2000)
Total Offensive Yards.....	746 vs. Rice (1977) Opponent: 644 by Alabama, 1989
Fumbles Lost	5 three times (last: vs. Mississippi State, 1945)
Total Turnovers	8 vs. Tulane (1944)

SCORING

Points in a Quarter	35 vs. Rice (1977) - 3rd Quarter Opponent: 24 by Miami (Fl.), 1988 - 4th Quarter
Points in a Half	49 vs. Rice (1977) - 2nd Half Opponent: 35 by Florida, 1993 - 2nd Half
Points in First Half	42 vs. Akron (1997); vs. New Mexico State (1996)
Points in Second Half	49 vs. Rice (1977)
Most Points	77 vs. Rice (1977) Opponent: 58 by Florida (1993)

Tiger Stadium Diagram/Attendance Records

Top 25 Tiger Stadium Crowds

NO.	ATT.	OPPONENT	DATE	RESULTS
1.	92,141	Auburn	Dec. 1, 2001	LSU, 27-14
2.	92,012	Alabama	Nov. 16, 2002	ALA, 31-0
3.	92,010	Florida	Oct. 6, 2001	UF, 44-15
4.	91,941	Ole Miss	Oct. 27, 2001	OM, 35-24
5.	91,782	Tulane	Sept. 1, 2001	LSU, 48-17
6.	91,778	Alabama	Nov. 4, 2000	LSU, 30-28
7.	91,682	Tennessee	Sept. 30, 2000	LSU, 38-31(OT)
8.	91,613	Ole Miss	Nov. 23, 2002	LSU, 14-13
9.	91,357	UL-Lafayette	Oct. 5, 2002	LSU, 48-0
10.	91,340	South Carolina	Oct. 19, 2002	LSU, 38-14
11.	90,793	Mississippi St.	Sept. 28, 2002	LSU, 31-13
12.	90,584	Mississippi St.	Oct. 21, 2000	LSU, 45-38(OT)
13.	90,010	Miami (Ohio)	Sept. 14, 2002	LSU, 33-7
14.	89,560	Arkansas	Nov. 23, 2001	LSU, 41-38
15.	88,249	Midd. Tenn.	Nov. 10, 2001	LSU, 30-14
16.	87,756	Utah State	Sept. 8, 2001	LSU, 31-14
17.	85,664	Kentucky	Oct. 14, 2000	LSU, 34-0
18.	87,188	West. Carolina	Sept. 2, 2000	LSU, 58-0
19.	85,339	UAB	Sept. 23, 2000	UAB, 13-10
20.	85,022	The Citadel	Sept. 7, 2002	LSU, 35-10
21.	82,469	Houston	Sept. 9, 2000	LSU, 28-13
22.	82,390	Washington	Sept. 24, 1983	LSU, 40-14
23.	80,792	Georgia	Oct. 3, 1998	UGA, 28-27
24.	80,677	Florida	Oct. 11, 1997	LSU, 28-21
25.	80,583	Florida	Oct. 7, 1995	UF, 28-10

There's Proof in the Polling

2001

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1998

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1996

ESPN proclaim's LSU's pregame party to be the best in college football.

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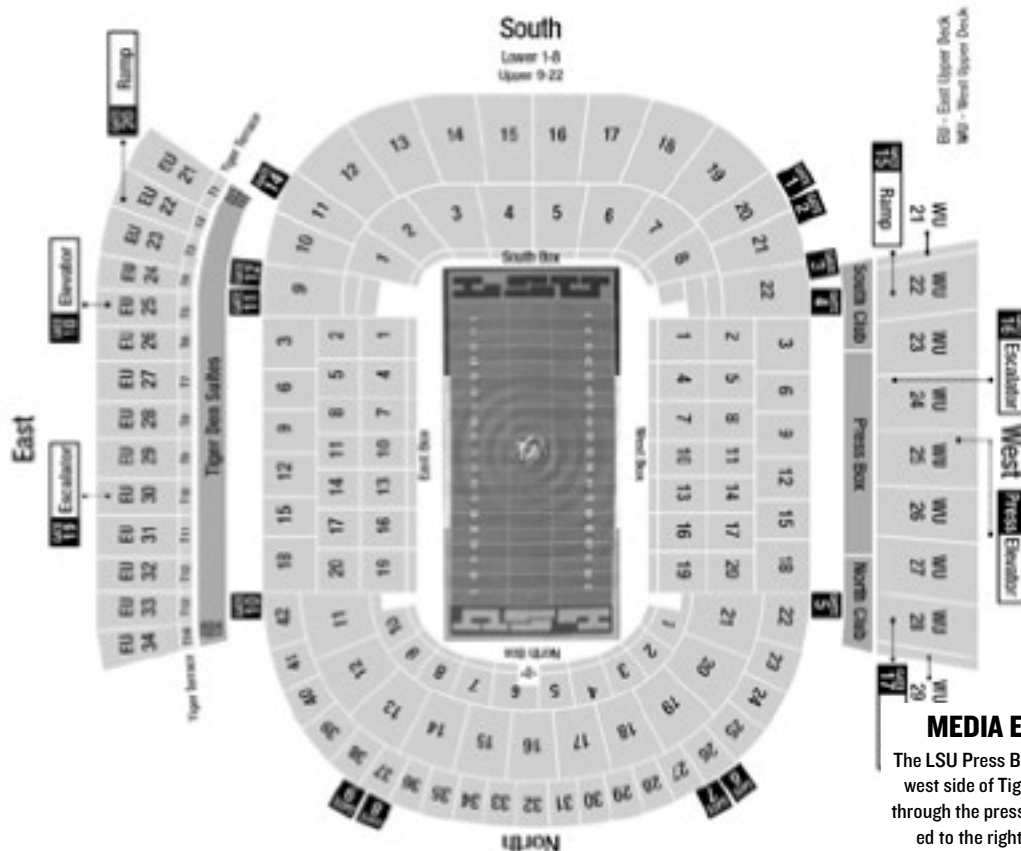
Gannett News Service, in a poll of college football head coaches, names Tiger Stadium as the most dreaded road playing site in America.

1989

The Sporting News rates Tiger Stadium No. 1 among "The 10 best places to attend a college football game."

1987

The College Football Association, in a poll of the nation's Division I-A head coach, determines that Tiger Stadium is the most difficult place for a visiting team to play.



MEDIA ENTRANCE

The LSU Press Box is located on the west side of Tiger Stadium. Enter through the press box elevator located to the right of the Tiger Gift Center, between Gates 4 and 5.

Tiger Stadium Attendance Figures

TIGER STADIUM BY THE NUMBERS

- 92,141 largest crowd (Auburn, 2001)
- 1,500 old dorm rooms below the east and west stands
- .700 winning percentage for 483 games
- 182-61-4 night record since 1960
- 89 yard punt return by Billy Cannon to beat Ole Miss on Halloween Night in 1959
- 79th year of LSU football in Tiger Stadium dating back to 1924
- 70 "Tiger Den" skybox suites in the East Upper Deck
- 38 years LSU has ranked in the top 10 in the nation in attendance
- 17 straight wins to set a school record from 1935-37
- 17-4 is LSU's home record under Nick Saban
- 13 times the crowd in Tiger Stadium has exceeded 90,000 for a game
- 9 undefeated home seasons
- 5 the fifth largest on-campus stadium in college football
- 3 times named the toughest place in the nation to play a road game
- 2 trips by ESPN's "Game Day" crew
- 1 win over a No. 1 ranked team (def. Florida, 28-21 in 1997)

LSU Won-Loss Records in Tiger Stadium

1924: 0-1-0	1941: 3-3-2	1958: 5-0-0	1975: 3-3-0	1992: 2-5-0
1925: 4-2-0	1942: 6-0-0	1959: 6-0-0	1976: 6-0-1	1993: 3-3-0
1926: 3-1-0	1943: 4-1-0	1960: 4-2-0	1977: 5-2-0	1994: 2-4-0
1927: 2-1-0	1944: 1-4-1	1961: 6-0-0	1978: 5-1-0	1995: 5-1-0
1928: 4-0-0	1945: 4-2-0	1962: 4-1-1	1979: 4-3-0	1996: 6-1-0
1929: 5-1-0	1946: 6-1-0	1963: 5-1-0	1980: 5-1-0	1997: 4-3-0
1930: 5-0-0	1947: 4-1-0	1964: 4-1-1	1981: 3-4-0	1998: 3-3-0
1931: 3-1-0	1948: 3-4-0	1965: 6-1-0	1982: 5-1-1	1999: 3-4-0
1932: 3-1-1	1949: 7-1-0	1966: 3-2-1	1983: 2-5-0	2000: 6-1-0
1933: 5-0-2	1950: 3-2-1	1967: 5-2-0	1984: 5-1-0	2001: 5-2-0
1934: 3-1-1	1951: 4-2-1	1968: 6-1-0	1985: 4-1-1	2002: 6-1-1
1935: 4-1-0	1952: 0-5-0	1969: 6-0-0	1986: 5-2-0	Totals:
1936: 6-0-0	1953: 3-2-1	1970: 6-1-0	1987: 5-1-1	329-136-18 (.700)
1937: 7-0-0	1954: 3-3-0	1971: 5-2-0	1988: 5-1-0	
1938: 5-2-0	1955: 2-2-1	1972: 7-0-0	1989: 2-4-0	
1939: 2-4-0	1956: 1-4-0	1973: 6-1-0	1990: 5-1-0	
1940: 5-2-0	1957: 4-2-0	1974: 5-1-0	1991: 2-4-0	

TIGER STADIUM ATTENDANCE (1957-2002)

YEAR	G	ATT.	AVG.	NCAA RANK	YEAR	G	ATT.	AVG.	NCAA RANK	YEAR	G	ATT.	AVG.	NCAA RANK
1957	6	297,953	49,659	8	1974	6	395,587	65,931	6	1991	6	412,476	68,746	16
1958	5	296,576	59,315	3	1975	6	386,171	64,362	9	1992	7	470,546	67,221	13
1959	7	408,727	58,390	3	1976	7	452,921	64,703	7	1993	6	361,632	60,272	20
1960	6	318,899	53,150	7	1977	7	455,433	65,062	9	1994	6	390,741	65,124	14
1961	6	381,409	63,568	3	1978	6	446,392	74,399	6	1995	6	446,148	74,358	11
1962	6	397,701	66,284	3	1979	7	507,984	72,569	7	1996	7	556,631	79,519	8
1963	6	396,846	66,141	2	1980	6	444,703	74,617	7	1997	7	561,629	80,233	9
1964	6	380,687	63,448	4	1981	7	513,850	73,407	8	1998	6	481,739	80,290	10
1965	7	457,733	65,390	4	1982	7	537,012	76,716	6	1999	7	551,780	78,826	11
1966	6	386,098	64,350	4	1983	7	535,432	76,490	6	2000	7	614,704	87,815	5
1967	7	454,101	64,872	4	1984	6	467,746	77,958	6	2001	7	*633,440	*90,491	5
1968	6	396,774	66,129	5	1985	6	454,182	75,697	9	2002	7	632,147	90,307	5
1969	6	388,461	64,744	7	1986	7	546,129	78,018	7	TOTALS	284	20,923,746	73,675	
1970	7	436,823	62,403	9	1987	7	541,307	77,330	7					
1971	7	463,491	66,213	5	1988	6	464,006	77,334	7					
1972	7	470,078	67,154	7	1989	6	425,334	70,889	12					
1973	7	474,108	67,730	5	1990	6	429,480	71,580	13					

*denotes LSU record

1993

	G	ATT.	AVG.
1. Michigan	6	635,201	105,867
2. Tennessee	6	575,544	95,924
3. Penn State	6	569,195	94,866
4. Ohio State	6	555,900	92,650
5. Florida	7	586,626	83,804
6. Georgia	6	499,162	83,194
7. Clemson	6	460,732	76,789
8. Alabama	7	537,264	76,752
9. Nebraska	6	457,124	76,187
10. Auburn	7	510,549	72,936
20. LSU	6	361,632	60,572

1994

	G	ATT.	AVG.
1. Michigan	6	637,300	106,217
2. Penn State	6	577,731	96,289
3. Tennessee	6	573,821	95,637
4. Ohio State	6	558,619	93,103
5. Florida	7	596,986	85,284
6. Georgia	6	488,633	81,439
7. Auburn	7	569,013	81,288
8. Wisconsin	6	463,970	77,328
9. Florida State	5	382,673	76,535
10. Nebraska	6	453,421	75,570
18. LSU	6	390,741	65,124

1995

	G	ATT.	AVG.
1. Michigan	7	726,368	103,767
2. Tennessee	7	662,857	94,694
3. Penn State	6	561,546	95,591
4. Ohio State	6	561,057	93,510
5. Florida	6	510,832	85,139
6. Georgia	6	503,687	83,948
7. Auburn	7	568,266	81,181
8. Wisconsin	6	469,330	78,222
9. Nebraska	7	529,616	75,659
10. Florida State	6	448,150	74,692
11. LSU	6	446,148	74,358

1996

	G	ATT.	AVG.
1. Michigan	6	635,589	105,932
2. Tennessee	6	632,509	105,418
3. Penn State	6	577,001	96,167
4. Ohio State	6	564,167	94,028
5. Florida	5	427,003	85,401
6. Auburn	7	577,278	82,468
7. So. Carolina	6	477,208	79,535
8. LSU	7	556,631	79,519
9. Georgia	6	475,630	79,272
10. Wisconsin	6	467,692	77,949

1997

	G	ATT.	AVG.
1. Tennessee	6	639,227	106,538
2. Michigan	7	745,139	106,448
3. Penn State	6	582,517	97,086
4. Ohio State	8	731,884	91,486
5. Florida	6	512,775	85,463
6. Auburn	6	501,267	83,545
7. Georgia	6	494,375	82,396
8. Notre Dame	6	481,398	80,223
8. LSU	7	561,629	80,223
10. So. Carolina	6	480,041	80,007

1998

	G	ATT.	AVG.
1. Michigan	6	665,787	110,965
2. Tennessee	6	641,484	106,914
3. Penn State	6	579,190	96,532
4. Ohio State	6	561,014	93,502
5. Georgia	6	513,710	85,618
6. Florida	6	511,792	85,299
7. Alabama	7	578,693	82,670
8. Auburn	7	567,773	81,110
9. Florida St.	6	482,941	80,490
10. LSU	6	481,739	80,290

1999

	G	ATT.	AVG.
1. Michigan	6	667,049	111,175
2. Tennessee	7	747,870	106,839
3. Penn St.	7	675,503	96,500
4. Ohio St.	7	654,192	93,456
5. Georgia	6	516,702	86,117
6. Florida	6	512,960	85,493
7. Texas	6	496,036	82,673
8. Auburn	7	566,333	80,905
9. Notre Dame	7	560,084	80,012
10. Florida St.	6	472,350	78,725
11. LSU	7	550,409	78,630

2000

	G	ATT.	AVG.
1. Michigan	6	664,930	110,822
2. Tennessee	6	645,567	107,595
3. Ohio State	6	586,542	97,757
4. Penn State	6	573,256	95,543
5. LSU	7	614,704	87,815
6. Florida	6	511,518	85,253
7. Georgia	6	506,922	84,487
8. Alabama	6	502,622	83,770
9. Texas	6	493,297	82,216
10. Auburn	6	491,433	81,906

2001

	G	ATT.	AVG.
1. Michigan	6	659,447	109,908
2. Penn State	6	645,457	107,576
3. Tennessee	6	641,059	106,843
4. Ohio State	6	621,192	103,532
5. LSU	7	633,440	90,491
6. Georgia	6	519,120	86,520
7. Auburn	6	512,691	85,449
8. Florida	6	512,590	85,432
9. Texas A&M	6	496,268	82,711
10. South Carolina	7	578,295	82,614

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2. Penn State	8	857,911	107,239
3. Tennessee	7	746,936	106,705
4. Ohio State	8	827,904	103,488
5. LSU	7	632,147	90,307
6. Georgia	7	605,640	86,520
7. Florida	7	596,296	85,185
8. Auburn	7	580,600	82,943
9. Alabama	7	579,999	82,857
10. South Carolina	6	492,828	82,138



1958 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



The 1958 National Champions compiled LSU's first perfect season since 1908.

For years, LSU fans eagerly anticipated the coming of each new football season with talk of the two Tiger teams regarded as LSU's national champions—the great 10-0 team of 1908 and “next year.” After 50 years, next year finally came in 1958.

After seasons of 3-5-2, 3-7 and 5-5 under coach Paul Dietzel, and a team which included only three seniors among its 55-man roster, it didn't seem likely that 1958 would be “next year.” Indeed, with a squad dominated by juniors and sophomores, many pointed toward 1959 as the year LSU would make a run at the top.

The LSU Fighting Tigers opened the 1958 campaign Sept. 20 at Houston against the Rice Owls. Although early in the season, Dietzel's Tigers, divided into three units—the White team, the Gold team (later shortened to Go) and the Chinese Bandits—showed unusual poise and balance. LSU scored in each period en route to a 26-6 victory over a team it lost to the two previous seasons.

The following week, the Tigers traveled to Mobile to take on Alabama in its first game under Paul “Bear” Bryant. LSU came away with a hard-fought 13-3 win before returning to Baton Rouge for its home opener against Hardin-Simmons. Against the Cowboys, the Tigers built a 20-6 halftime lead and used it to coast to its victory before only 45,000 fans, indicating that few had any idea what kind of team this would become.

LSU, now ranked No. 11, hit the road again the following week and served notice to the college football

world. The Tigers routed the Miami Hurricanes 41-0 at the Orange Bowl to improve their record to 4-0, their best start since 1937.

No. 9 LSU completed the first half of its schedule with a 32-7 victory over Kentucky before a home crowd of 65,000, the largest yet to see the Tigers play. Sixty-three thousand turned out the following week anxious to see if the Bayou Bengals could snap a three-game losing streak to Florida in LSU's Homecoming game. The outcome was in doubt until the final three minutes, when place-kicker/fullback Tommy Davis booted a 29-yard field goal, giving the Tigers a 10-7 victory.

Now 6-0, LSU earned the AP poll's No. 1 ranking. But the Tigers knew they had to overcome Johnny Vaught's deadly Ole Miss Rebels if they wished to remain on top, something they hadn't done since 1950.

The Rebels drove to second-and-one, just a foot from LSU's end zone, early in the second quarter before 67,500 fans, the first sellout in Tiger Stadium history. They were turned back by a superb defensive effort by the White team defenders. After that, it was all LSU as White team quarterback Warren Rabb and Go team signal-caller Durel Matherne ran for scores in the 14-0 Tiger triumph over their arch-rivals.

Now 7-0 and ranked No. 1 by AP, the Tigers had yet to impress the UPI board of coaches enough to earn the top rating, staying in the No. 3 position going into a home game with Duke. Although the Blue Devils did some things no other team could do against LSU all sea-

THE 1958 SEASON

Overall Record: 11-0 | SEC Record: 6-0

Sept. 20	at Rice	W, 26-6
Sept. 27	at Alabama	W, 13-3
Oct. 4	Hardin-Simmons	W, 20-6
Oct. 10	at Miami (Fla.)	W, 41-0
Oct. 18	Kentucky	W, 32-7
Oct. 25	Florida	W, 10-7
Nov. 1	Ole Miss	W, 14-0
Nov. 8	Duke	W, 50-18
Nov. 15	at Mississippi State	W, 7-6
Nov. 22	at Tulane	W, 62-0
Sugar Bowl - New Orleans, La.		
Jan. 1	Clemson	W, 7-0

Statistical Leaders

RUSHING

PLAYER	ATT.	YARDS	TDS
Billy Cannon	115	686	11
Johnny Robinson	86	480	7

PASSING

PLAYER	ATT.	COMP.	YARDS	INT.	TDS
Warren Rabb	90	45	591	5	8
Durel Matherne	38	9	160	4	3

RECEIVING

PLAYER	REC.	YARDS	TDS
Johnny Robinson	16	235	3
Billy Cannon	9	162	1

son—take an early lead, outgain the Tigers 353-yards to 285 and put a total of 18 points on the board—it was simply not enough. LSU bombed Duke for 22 points in the second quarter to take a 28-6 halftime lead and went on to a 50-18 victory.

When the UPI poll came out the following week, LSU was a unanimous No. 1 selection, a position it would not relinquish until it sustained a bitter 14-13 defeat at the hands of Tennessee in week eight of the 1959 season.

One week later, LSU traveled to Jackson, Miss., for a game against Mississippi State. It was a game in which 8-0 LSU could lose everything and the 3-4 Bulldogs could lose nothing. On a muddy field and with the Tigers tense, Miss. State took a 6-0 halftime lead and made it hold up until LSU faced a fourth and goal situation at State's 5 in the third quarter. With a possible national championship on the line, Rabb rolled left and found Billy Hendrix in the end zone to tie the game. Davis' extra point put LSU ahead 7-6 and allowed the Tigers to escape Jackson 9-0.

With one game against ancient rival Tulane separating LSU from its first recognized national championship (in those days, the wire services awarded their national championship trophies before the bowl games), some wondered how the Tigers would approach the 3-6 Green Wave, but a quote from Tulane halfback Claude "Boo" Mason took care of that. After losing to Vanderbilt, Mason told a reporter, "We'll beat LSU because they'll choke."

Whether the Tigers would choke was subject to debate at halftime, as LSU led only 6-0 before a then Southeastern Conference record crowd of 83,221 in Sugar Bowl Stadium. However, LSU took command in the second half, taking full advantage of Green Wave mistakes en route to a 35-point fourth quarter and a 62-0 thrashing of Tulane, the most lopsided score in the history of the series. Incredibly, LSU would defeat the Greenies by the same score in 1961 and 1965.

With a 10-0 record and national championship in hand, LSU accepted an invitation to take on the Tigers of Clemson, in the 25th annual Sugar Bowl Classic on New Year's Day, 1959. Once again, LSU found an opponent with little to lose but much recognition to gain in 8-2 Clemson, as Frank Howard's troops tried to deny LSU its first perfect season in 50 years.

After fighting off a series of bad breaks, including a fractured hand by Rabb in the first quarter, LSU got a break of its own when Chinese Bandit Duane Leopard recovered a fumbled punt attempt on the Clemson 11. On third and eight at the 9, Billy Cannon took a handoff from Matherne and hit Mickey Mangham with a touchdown pass on the halfback option for the game's only score.

The following season, a more experienced LSU team demonstrated how difficult it was to repeat as a national champion, going 9-1 during the regular season. Only the loss to Tennessee separated LSU from the school's second straight title.



WHITE TEAM

LE	85 Billy Hendrix	6-0	185	Rayville, La.
LT	70 Lynn LeBlanc	6-2	201	Crowley, La.
LG	64 Larry Kahlden	6-1	210	Weimar, Texas.
C	51 Max Fugler	6-1	203	Ferriday, La.
RG	67 Ed McCreedy	6-1	195	Biloxi, Miss.
RT	72 Charles "Bo" Strange	6-1	202	Baton Rouge, La.
RE	86 Mickey Mangham	6-1	192	Kensington, Md.
QB	12 Warren Rabb	6-0	190	Baton Rouge, La.
LH	20 Billy Cannon	6-1	204	Baton Rouge, La.
RH	34 Johnny Robinson	6-0	185	Baton Rouge, La.
FB	40 J.W. Brodnax	6-0	202	Bastrop, La.



GO TEAM

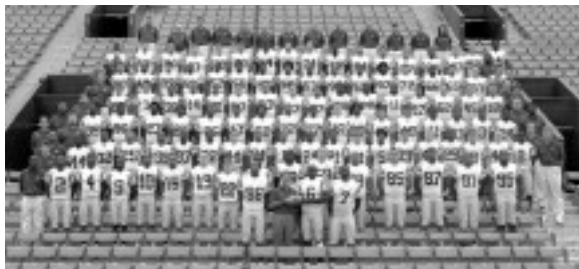
LE	83 Scott McClain	6-2	180	Smackover, Ark.
LT	74 Dave McCarty	6-2	200	Rayville, La.
LG	63 Al Dampier	6-1	201	Clayton, La.
C	50 Bobby Greenwood	5-10	195	Lake Charles, La.
RG	66 Mike Stupka	6-0	205	Bogalusa, La.
RT	73 Jack Frayer	6-2	210	Toledo, Ohio
RE	82 Don Norwood	6-3	202	Baton Rouge, La.
QB	16 Durel Matherne	5-11	188	Lutcher, La.
LH	23 Don Purvis	5-7	160	Crystal Springs, Miss.
RH	33 Donnie Daye	5-10	184	Ferriday, La.
FB	44 Tommy Davis	6-0	204	Shreveport, La.



CHINESE BANDITS

CB	80 Andy Bourgeois	5-10	174	New Orleans, La.
LE	75 Mel Branch	6-1	210	DeRidder, La.
LT	65 Emile Fournet	5-11	195	Bogalusa, La.
LB	53 John Langan	6-3	183	Carbondale, Ill.
RG	61 Tommy Lott	5-9	188	Texarkana, Ark.
RT	71 Duane Leopard	6-2	205	Baton Rouge, La.
RE	81 Gaynell Kinchen	6-3	196	Baton Rouge, La.
S	10 Darryl Jenkins	6-1	163	Franklinton, La.
S	32 Henry Lee Roberts	6-0	172	Little Rock, Ark.
CB	22 Hart Bourque	5-8	165	Gonzales, La.
LB	43 Merle Schexnauldre	5-9	182	Houma, La.

LSU's SEC Championship Teams



2001

Overall Record: 10-3 | SEC Record: 5-3 | Coach Nick Saban

Following a strong 8-4 2000 season under first-year coach Nick Saban, the 2001 Fighting Tigers were widely expected to capture the SEC Western Division championship and play in the school's first SEC Championship Game.

The Tigers got off to a flying start with home victories over Tulane and Utah State before the terrorist attacks of September 11 postponed LSU's SEC opener against Auburn until December 1.

Instead, the Tigers opened SEC play at Tennessee's Neyland Stadium in front of more than 107,000, the largest crowd to ever see LSU play, where the Volunteers got revenge for 2000 with a 26-18 victory, before LSU returned home and fell to 0-2 in the SEC with a 44-15 loss to Florida.

LSU then defeated Kentucky and Mississippi State on the road, but those wins were erased by a 35-24 home loss to Ole Miss that seemingly finished the Tigers' title hopes off, dropping LSU to 2-3 in the SEC.

But instead of folding, the Tigers fought back. First, Rohan Davey threw for 528 yards and Josh Reed caught 19 passes for 293 yards as the Tigers bombed Alabama in Tuscaloosa, 35-21. Home wins over Middle Tennessee and Arkansas closed November and set up the Western division title showdown with Auburn.

The showdown was no contest. LSU rolled to a 21-7 halftime lead and cruised home to a 27-14 victory, sending the Tigers to their first SEC Championship game against a Tennessee squad that would look to punch its ticket to the Rose Bowl and a national championship date with Miami with a second victory over LSU.

Most teams would have wilted under the pressure, especially after losing their starting running back (LaBrandon Toefield) and quarterback (Davey), but LSU didn't just survive, it thrived. Led by the steady play of backup Matt Mauck, the Tigers stunned the college football world by upending the Big Orange, 31-20, sending LSU to its first Sugar Bowl since 1986.

The Tigers capped off this glorious season with a 47-34 pasting of Illinois in the Sugar Bowl, as Davey earned MVP honors by throwing for a bowl record 444 yards and three touchdowns, while Reed caught 14 passes for 239 yards in front of a partisan LSU crowd of more than 77,000, leaving LSU in the top 10 for the first time since 1987.



1988

Overall Record: 8-4 | SEC Record: 6-1 | Coach Mike Archer

LSU looked to win its second SEC title in three years in 1988, and after a 10-1-1 season in 1987 under first-year coach Mike Archer, the Tigers looked the part of champions in their first two games, thrashing Texas A&M 27-0 in Death Valley, then taking the school's first win ever in Knoxville with a 34-9 rout of Tennessee.

LSU would quickly find itself 2-2, though, as it squandered a 13-point lead in the final five minutes of a 36-33 loss at Ohio State, then dropped a 19-6 decision at Florida before heading into a critical show-

down with fourth-ranked Auburn.

In a classic defensive battle, two Auburn field goals gave the Tigers of the Plains a 6-0 lead late in the fourth quarter before Tommy Hodson hit Eddie Fuller in the end zone with less than one minute to play, tying the game and causing such a tremor that it was felt on a seismograph in the LSU Geology Department. David Brownlyke then kicked the extra point to give the Bayou Bengals a 7-6 triumph in what will forever be known as the "Earthquake Game".

Tough home victories over Kentucky and Ole Miss followed, then came a trip to Alabama, where LSU fell behind 15-0 late in the first half before the Tigers rallied and took a 19-18 victory on Brownlyke's field goal in the waning seconds. The Tigers won the SEC title the following week with a 20-3 win over Mississippi State.

LSU split its final two regular season games, losing to Miami and defeating Tulane, before a loss to Syracuse in the Hall of Fame Bowl ended the Tigers' season at 8-4.



1986

Overall Record: 9-3 | SEC Record: 5-1 | Coach Bill Arnsparger

The Tommy Hodson era began at LSU in 1986 in Bill Arnsparger's third and final season in Tigertown, which got off to a flying start with a 35-17 upset of Texas A&M.

The Tigers then dropped a shocking 21-12 decision to Arnsparger's alma mater, Miami of Ohio the following week.

The loss to Miami was only a temporary setback. The Tigers began to roll behind their new leader, defeating Florida 28-17 in Gainesville, then coming home for a 23-14 win over Georgia. The Tigers rolled to victories over Kentucky and North Carolina before Ole Miss came to Death Valley and won for the first time in Baton Rouge since Archie Manning's sophomore season of 1968, knocking the Tigers out of first place in the SEC.

Now came a trip to league leader Alabama in Birmingham. In a white-knuckle struggle, the Tigers prevailed 14-10, leaving the Tigers needing only to defeat Mississippi State the next week to win the Tigers' first league crown since 1970.

In front of a pro-LSU crowd in Jackson, the Tigers left little doubt as to who would be kings of the SEC, as the Tigers mauled the Bulldogs 47-0 to win at least a share of the league crown. LSU defeated Notre Dame and Tulane to close the season, then Auburn upended Alabama in the Iron Bowl to give the Tigers the title all to themselves and secure the school's second Sugar Bowl berth in three years.

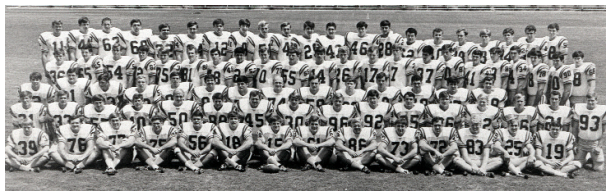
Arnsparger, who accepted the position of athletic director prior to LSU's game with Tulane, coached LSU for the final time on New Year's Day in a 30-15 loss to Nebraska in the Sugar Bowl.

1970

Overall Record: 9-3 | SEC Record: 5-0 | Coach Charles McClendon

Archie Manning and Ole Miss left LSU three points shy of a perfect season and the chance to play Texas in the Cotton Bowl for the national championship in 1969. After refusing a bowl berth following a 9-1 season, LSU was determined to remedy this failure in 1970.

The Tigers' hopes took a serious hit on opening night, as Texas A&M came to town and pulled off a 20-18 upset. The loss left the Tigers bloodied but unbowed, as LSU then rattled off seven consecutive victories, including a 17-9 victory at Auburn over future Heisman Trophy winner Pat Sullivan, then a 14-9 triumph in Birmingham over Alabama squad, the Tigers' second straight over Bear Bryant's Crimson Tide.



LSU would have two big non-conference games before its December 5 showdown with Archie Manning's Ole Miss Rebels for the SEC championship. First was a visit to South Bend and second-ranked Notre Dame, where LSU limited Ara Parseghian's powerful offense led by Joe Theismann to under 250 yards, but the Tigers missed several chances to win the game and fell, 3-0. The Tigers now needed two wins to lock up an Orange Bowl berth opposite Big Eight champion Nebraska, and got the first at Tulane Stadium over a pesky Green Wave squad, 26-14, setting up the title match with the Rebels.

Manning would return to Death Valley with a cast on his left arm that severely limited his throwing motion. The way LSU played that warm December night, Manning could have been Superman himself and it probably wouldn't have mattered. Tommy Casanova and Craig Burns combined to return three punts for touchdowns, and Ronnie Estay nailed Manning for a safety as LSU brought Christmas to Tiger Stadium early with a 61-17 rout of the Rebels and send the Tigers to Miami.

In the Orange Bowl against a Nebraska team looking to win a share of the national championship, LSU held a 12-10 lead after three quarters before wilting under the charge of the powerful Cornhuskers, 17-12.



1961

Overall Record: 10-1 | SEC Record: 5-0 | Coach Paul Dietzel

Coming off of a 5-4-1 campaign in 1960, LSU wanted to get its 1961 campaign off to a flying start, but a 16-3 loss to Rice in the season opener signaled the beginning of what could have been a very difficult season, but as it turned out, the loss to the Owls meant little.

Over the final nine games of the season, LSU would allow a measly 30 points, with 14 of those scored by Kentucky in a 24-14 Tiger triumph in the fifth game of the year. The Tigers blanked Florida, 23-0, then took a 10-7 win over Ole Miss to leave them needing only a win over archrival Tulane to win a share of the league title.

For the second time in four years, Andy Pilney and his Green Wave suffered a 62-0 humiliation at the hands of the Bayou Bengals, and SEC champion LSU was on to the Orange Bowl to face Big Eight champion Colorado.

In what was Paul Dietzel's final game at LSU, the Tigers had little trouble in silencing the Buffaloes, 25-7.

1958 • National Champions

Overall Record: 11-0 | SEC Record: 6-0 | Coach Paul Dietzel

In the modern era of college football, many coaches, especially in the hyper-competitive world of the SEC, would not survive seasons of 3-5-2, 3-7 and 5-5, but LSU athletic director Jim Corbett showed patience with the Tigers' young innovator, 35-year old Paul Dietzel, and for his fourth season in Baton Rouge, Dietzel would come up with the innovation that would revolutionize college football, and football on the bayou would never be the same.

Dietzel unveiled his three units—the White Team, the Go Team and the Chinese Bandits—in impressive road victories over Rice and Alabama (in its first game under Bear Bryant), before LSU returned

home to defeat Hardin-Simmons.

After crushing Miami and Kentucky, LSU moved to third in the polls for a homecoming showdown against Florida in front of the first sellout crowd in Tiger Stadium history. The 67,500 in attendance weren't disappointed, as the Tigers won 10-7 to move to number one in the Associated Press poll, and LSU then backed up that ranking with a 14-0 shutout of sixth-ranked Ole Miss.

A 50-18 victory over Duke moved LSU up to the top spot in the UPI coaches' poll, but the Tigers nearly lost it all the next week against Mississippi State in Jackson, falling behind 6-0 at halftime before a touchdown in the third quarter, and Tommy Davis' extra point gave LSU a 7-6 triumph, leaving only nemesis Tulane standing between the Tigers and the brass ring.

The Green Wave held sway in the first half, limiting the Tigers to two field goals and a 6-0 lead at intermission, but in the second half, the Wave was swallowed up, as the Tigers scored an incredible 56 points, including 35 in the fourth quarter, to win 62-0 and leave no doubt as to who was number one.

LSU then took its victory lap in the Sugar Bowl against Clemson with a 7-0 victory and the perfect ending to the first perfect season at LSU in exactly 50 years.

1936

Overall Record: 9-1-1 | SEC Record: 6-0 | Coach Bernie Moore

LSU started off in fine fashion against a pair of SWC powers, defeating Rice 20-7 at home then tying Texas at Austin, 6-6, before destroying Georgia in the SEC opener, 47-7, and shutting out Ole Miss, 13-0.

The Tigers beat border rival Arkansas in Shreveport, 19-7, then blanked Vanderbilt in Music City and Mississippi State in Birmingham, then returned home to down Auburn 19-6 and Southwestern Louisiana 93-0.

LSU finished the regular season by whitewashing rival Tulane, 33-0, leaving the Tigers as the nation's highest scoring team with 281 points. The Tigers finished runner-up in the AP poll to Minnesota, but took national championship honors in the Williamson poll. The Tigers' season went sour again in the Sugar Bowl, though, as coach Buck Shaw's Santa Clara club shocked LSU 21-14.

1935

Overall Record: 9-2 | SEC Record: 5-0 | Coach Bernie Moore

The start of the season proved to be tough for LSU as Rice came to Baton Rouge and handed the Tigers a 10-7 defeat.

But led by the exploits of a freshman end named Gaynell Tinsley, the Tigers would not lose again in the regular season. It started with an 18-6 win over Texas in which the Tigers scored two fourth-quarter touchdowns for the victory, then continued all the way to New York City with a 32-0 rout of Manhattan, then to Shreveport for a win over Arkansas and on to Nashville with a 7-2 victory over Vanderbilt in the SEC opener.

Auburn would fall in a 6-0 tussle in Death Valley, but no opponent the rest of the way would be that close. The Tigers then disposed of Mississippi State and Georgia before crushing Southwestern Louisiana 56-0 and Tulane 41-0 to end the season 9-1 and send SEC champion LSU to its first bowl game ever, a Sugar Bowl date with Sammy Baugh's TCU Horned Frogs.

With heavy rains turning the Tulane Stadium field to slop, the expecting passing matchup between Baugh and LSU's Abe Mickal never developed. Baugh threw an incomplete pass in the end zone for a safety that gave LSU a 2-0 lead, but the Frogs drove for a game-winning field goal and 3-2 triumph in front of an overflow crowd of 35,000.