

2005 Schedule/Results (18-4, 3-0 SEC)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
February		
11 (Fri.)	NICHOLLS STATE	W, 12-1
12 (Sat.)	NICHOLLS STATE	W, 19-2
13 (Sun.)	NICHOLLS STATE	W, 6-3
15 (Tue.)	UL-MONROE (COX)	W, 9-6
18 (Fri.)	ARK.-LITTLE ROCK	W, 4-2
19 (Sat.)	ARK.-LITTLE ROCK	W, 11-8
20 (Sun.)	ARK.-LITTLE ROCK	W, 15-9
25 (Fri.)	at Houston	L, 1-2
27 (Sun.)	at Houston (JSN)	W, 11-5
27 (Sun.)	at Houston (JSN)	W, 8-1
March		
2 (Wed.)	at Centenary	L, 1-6 %
4 (Fri.)	UAB	W, 12-6
5 (Sat.)	UAB	W, 7-3
6 (Sun.)	UAB	L, 3-4
8 (Tue.)	#1 TULANE (COX)	L, 2-6
11 (Fri.)	ARIZONA STATE	W, 6-5
12 (Sat.)	WESTERN ILLINOIS	W, 10-8
13 (Sun.)	ARIZONA STATE	W, 20-3
18 (Fri.)	at #17 Georgia	W, 8-2
19 (Sat.)	at #17 Georgia	W, 5-3
20 (Sun.)	at #17 Georgia (JSN)	W, 6-4
23 (Wed.)	Southeastern La.	W, 4-2 \$
25 (Fri.)	AUBURN	6:30 p.m.
26 (Sat.)	AUBURN	2 p.m.
27 (Sun.)	AUBURN	1 p.m.
29 (Tue.)	NEW ORLEANS (COX)	6:30 p.m.
April		
1 (Fri.)	at Alabama	6:30 p.m.
2 (Sat.)	at Alabama	4 p.m.
3 (Sun.)	at Alabama (JSN)	2 p.m.
5 (Tue.)	at Nicholls State	6:30 p.m.
6 (Wed.)	Rice	7 p.m. \$
8 (Fri.)	SOUTH CAROLINA	6:30 p.m.
9 (Sat.)	SOUTH CAROLINA	2 p.m.
10 (Sun.)	SOUTH CAROLINA	Noon
12 (Tue.)	NORTHWESTERN STATE	6:30 p.m.
15 (Fri.)	OLE MISS	6:30 p.m.
16 (Sat.)	OLE MISS	2 p.m.
17 (Sun.)	OLE MISS (COX)	1 p.m.
19 (Tue.)	at Tulane (ESPN 2)	6 p.m. \$
22 (Fri.)	at Arkansas	7:05 p.m.
23 (Sat.)	at Arkansas	3:05 p.m.
24 (Sun.)	at Arkansas (JSN)	1:05 p.m.
29 (Fri.)	at Vanderbilt	6 p.m.
30 (Sat.)	at Vanderbilt	2 p.m.
May		
1 (Sun.)	at Vanderbilt (JSN)	1 p.m.
3 (Tue.)	SOUTHERN (COX)	6:30 p.m.
6 (Fri.)	KENTUCKY (COX)	6:30 p.m.
7 (Sat.)	KENTUCKY	2 p.m.
8 (Sun.)	KENTUCKY	Noon
13 (Fri.)	TENNESSEE (COX)	6:30 p.m.
14 (Sat.)	TENNESSEE (SEC-TV)	3 p.m.
15 (Sun.)	TENNESSEE	Noon
18 (Wed.)	at New Orleans	6:30 p.m. #
20 (Fri.)	at Mississippi State	6:30 p.m.
21 (Sat.)	at Mississippi State	2 p.m.
22 (Sun.)	at Mississippi State (JSN)	1:30 p.m.
25-29	SEC Tournament (Hoover, Ala.)	
June		
3-5	NCAA Regional (sites TBA)	
10-12/11-13	NCAA Super Regional (sites TBA)	
17-26/27	College World Series (Omaha, Neb.)	

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\$ - Zephyr Field



LSU BASEBALL

Weekend Release No. 7 • vs. Auburn

March 25, 26 and 27, 2005 • 6:30 p.m. • 2 p.m., 1 p.m.
Baton Rouge, La. • Alex Box Stadium (7,760)

No. 3 LSU Welcomes Auburn For SEC Home Opener

Third-ranked LSU (18-4, 3-0 SEC) plays host to Auburn (17-7, 1-2) this weekend in a three-game Southeastern Conference series at Alex Box Stadium. Game 1 of the LSU-Auburn series is set for 6:30 p.m. CST Friday, Game 2 begins at 2 p.m. CST Saturday and Game 3 starts at 1 p.m. CST Sunday. The games can be heard statewide on the LSU Sports Network (WDGL 98.1 FM in Baton Rouge). The radio broadcast and live stats are also available on the LSU Athletics web site, www.LSUsports.net.

LSU has won seven straight games, including a 4-2 victory Wednesday over Southeastern Louisiana at Zephyr Field in Metairie, La. The Tigers began SEC play last weekend with a three-game sweep at Georgia. Auburn defeated fourth-ranked Georgia Tech, 7-6 (11 innings), Wednesday in Atlanta. The Plainsmen opened conference action at home last weekend by dropping two of three games to Tennessee.

LSU center fielder Ryan Patterson and second baseman Clay Harris each carry an 11-game hitting streak into Friday's contest. Patterson is batting .488 (21-for-43) during his streak with three doubles, eight homers, 13 RBI and 21 runs. He has launched eight homers in his last six games. Harris is hitting .413 (19-for-46) during his streak with four doubles, one triple, two homers, 12 RBI and 10 runs.

The Tigers are hitting .319 (80-for-251) as a team during their seven-game win streak with 15 doubles, three triples and 15 homers. LSU has outscored its opponents, 59-27, in its last seven outings. LSU cumulative team batting average is .301, and the Tigers have unloaded 30 home runs.

Auburn is hitting .308 on the year with 12 homers. First baseman Karl Amonite is hitting a robust .425 with 10 doubles, five homers and 33 RBI. Second baseman Tyler Johnstone, Auburn's lead-off hitter, is batting .422 (43-for-102) with six doubles, two triples, 16 RBI, 28 runs and 10 steals.

LSU leads the overall series with Auburn, 74-60, and the Tigers took two of three games from AU last season at Plainsman Park. LSU has won six of its last eight games with Auburn, and the Tigers have captured five of their last six SEC series with the Plainsmen. Auburn's only series victory over LSU in the past six seasons came in 2001, when AU won two of three games in Alex Box Stadium.

TV: None

Radio: LSU Sports Network (Jim Hawthorne, Charles Hanagriff), WDGL 98.1 in Baton Rouge

Pitching Matchups

Game 1

LSU -- Sr. LHP Lane Mestepey (5-1, 1.91 ERA, 42.1 IP, 6 BB, 27 SO)
AU -- Sr. LHP Arnold Hughey (2-2, 3.54 ERA, 40.2 IP, 3 BB, 35 SO)

Game 2

LSU -- So. LHP Clay Dirks (5-0, 2.93 ERA, 30.2 IP, 11 BB, 23 SO)
AU -- Jr. RHP Josh Sullivan (4-1, 2.01 ERA, 44.2 IP, 6 BB, 37 SO)

Game 3

LSU -- Jr. LHP Greg Smith (4-1, 2.72 ERA, 36.1 IP, 12 BB, 34 SO)
AU -- So. LHP Josh Blake (2-2, 5.40 ERA, 21.2 IP, 10 BB, 8 SO)

LSU Probable Position Starters

Pos.	Player	Cl.-Exp.	B/T	Avg.	HR	RBI	Notable
C	Matt Liuzza	Jr.-2L	R/R	.217	2	8	.259 (7-for-27), 1 HR, 3 RBI during win streak
1B	Will Harris	Jr.-2L	R/R	.238	1	11	.308 (8-for-26) with runners in scoring position
2B	Clay Harris	Sr.-3L	R/R	.405	4	20	.737 (14-for-19) vs. left-handed pitchers
SS	Michael Hollander	Fr.-HS	R/R	.302	0	9	.308 (4-for-13) vs. left-handed pitchers
	-or- Derek Hebert	Sr.-1L	L/R	.205	1	4	Started 9 games at SS in 2005
3B	Blake Gill	Sr.-3L	L/R	.324	2	24	.423 (11-for-26) with runners in score position
LF	Quinn Stewart	Jr.-1L	R/R	.286	1	9	.360 (9-for-25), 1 HR, 8 RBI during win streak
CF	Ryan Patterson	Sr.-2L	R/R	.415	10	21	8 HR, 13 runs, 12 RBI in last seven games
RF	Nick Stavinoaha	Sr.-1L	R/R	.341	5	21	.480 (12-for-25) with runners in score position
DH	Dustin Weaver	Sr.-2L	R/R	.200	1	9	.286 (4-for-14) with runners in score position

LSU		Auburn	
Record	18-4 (3-0 SEC)	Record	17-7 (1-2 SEC)
Ranking	No. 3 Baseball America No. 3 Collegiate Baseball No. 3 ESPN/Sports Weekly	Ranking	NR Baseball America NR Collegiate Baseball NR ESPN/Sports Weekly
Coach	Smoke Laval	Coach	Tom Slater
Career Record	394-226-1 (.635/11th year)	Career Record	67-107 (.385/fourth year)
LSU Record	153-67-1 (.695/fourth year)	AU Record	17-7 (.708/first year)
Laval vs. AU	7-3	Slater vs. LSU	First Meeting

Tracking the Tigers

Week	BA	CB	ESPN/SW
Preseason	2	5	4
Feb. 7	2	5	3
Feb. 14	2	5	3
Feb. 21	2	3	2
Feb. 28	3	3	2
March 7	5	6	5
March 14	5	5	6
March 21	3	3	3

Baseball America (March 21)

1. Cal State Fullerton (16-4)
2. Tulane (19-3)
3. **LSU (18-4)**
4. Texas (21-4)
5. Georgia Tech (19-2)
6. Miami (Fla.) (20-5)
7. Ole Miss (17-4)
8. Arkansas (18-2)
9. South Carolina (17-3)
10. Baylor (15-7)
11. Florida (16-6)
12. Stanford (12-7)
13. Arizona (16-9)
14. Texas A&M (17-7)
15. Rice (15-8)
16. North Carolina (15-5)
17. Florida State (24-4)
18. Oregon State (16-3)
19. College of Charleston (16-4)
20. Nebraska (18-2)
21. Texas Tech (17-6)
22. TCU (14-7)
23. Southern Cal (13-6)
24. Mississippi State (13-3)
25. Central Florida (23-4)

Collegiate Baseball (March 21)

1. Cal State Fullerton (16-4)
2. Tulane (19-3)
3. **LSU (18-4)**
4. Georgia Tech (19-2)
5. Arkansas (18-2)
6. South Carolina (17-3)
7. Texas (21-4)
8. Florida State (24-4)
9. Nebraska (18-2)
10. Miami (Fla.) (20-5)
11. North Carolina (15-5)
12. Florida (16-6)
13. Baylor (15-7)
14. Stanford (12-7)
15. Texas A&M (17-7)
16. Arizona (16-9)
17. Mississippi State (13-3)
18. Ole Miss (17-4)
19. UL-Lafayette (19-4)
20. Central Florida (23-4)
21. Wichita State (19-5)
22. Michigan (11-3)
23. Southern Cal (13-6)
24. Rice (15-8)
25. Coastal Carolina (17-3)

Statistical Comparison

LSU	Auburn
.301	.308
3.31	2.95
46	52
6	7
30	12
.490	.432
.386	.401
11/13	38/47
.240	.259
119	164
9	9
.970	.959

In The Polls

After sweeping No. 17 Georgia last weekend, LSU leaped to No. 3 in each of the three major polls this week. The Tigers had previously been ranked fifth in Baseball America and Collegiate Baseball and were sixth in ESPN/USA Today. Cal State Fullerton and Tulane claimed the No. 1 and No. 2 positions this week.

The LSU-Auburn Series

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Scouting Auburn

Auburn carries a 17-7 overall record into the weekend, including a 1-2 mark in SEC play. The Plainsmen lost two of three games at home last weekend to Tennessee to open league play. On Wednesday, AU rallied from a four-run deficit to stun fourth-ranked Georgia Tech, 7-6, in 11 innings at Atlanta. The win snapped the Yellow Jackets' 12-game winning streak. AU has played a difficult schedule and is in the midst of 15-game stretch against ranked teams. The Plainsmen are led at the plate by Karl Amonite, who ranks seventh in the SEC in batting average (.425). Amonite leads the league in RBI (33) and is among the leaders in doubles (10), slugging percentage (.713) and on-base percentage (.509). On the mound, John Madden leads the team in ERA (0.55) in 33 innings pitched and has proven to be a valuable arm out of the bullpen. Saturday starter Josh Sullivan is tops on the squad in wins with a 4-1 record in a team high 44.2 innings pitched. Opponents are hitting a low .188 against the junior right-hander. Tom Slater is in his first season as head coach of Auburn.

Auburn Ties

Left-hander **Daniel Forrer** pitched one season at Auburn before transferring to Chipola Junior College. The junior then enrolled at LSU in the fall of 2004. Forrer, who underwent season-ending shoulder surgery in the fall, worked 14 innings for AU as a reliever in 2003.

On Deck

LSU hosts New Orleans at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, before heading to Tuscaloosa for an important three-game SEC series at Alabama next weekend. Wednesday's contest will be televised by Cox Sports, while the Jumbo Sports Network will broadcast the series finale at Alabama on Sunday.

At The Track, At the Wall, Gone!

Ryan Patterson has homered eight times in LSU's last six games, including three two-homer games during that stretch. Seven of the dingers have been have the solo variety, and the senior is currently riding an 11-game hitting streak. During the Georgia series (March 18-20), the Rowlett, Texas native batted .545 (6-for-11) with three homers, four RBI and four runs scored. In Game 2 on March 19, Patterson belted two homers after sending a first-inning blast out of the park in Game 1 on Friday. His other two-homer games came in consecutive days against Western Illinois (March 12) and Arizona State (March 13). On Wednesday, Patterson belted a solo homer in a 4-2 win over Southeastern Louisiana at Zephyr Field.

Patterson Tops In SEC In Four Categories

After putting on a hitting display in his last seven games, **Ryan Patterson** currently leads the SEC in four offensive categories, including slugging percentage (.866), runs scored (34), home runs (10) and total bases (71). The senior outfielder is also ninth in batting average (.415) and ninth in hits (34). No other player in the SEC is tops in multiple categories.

SEC Sweep

LSU completed its first Southeastern Conference sweep in nearly two years with its three-game blanking at No. 17 Georgia (March 18-20). It was the first sweep since April 2003 when the Tigers won three straight over Tennessee in Baton Rouge. The sweep also marked LSU's first SEC road sweep since March 2003 when the Tigers defeated Georgia in three games at Athens. LSU has won 12 out of its last 13 SEC series, dating back to 2003.

12 and Counting ...

With its series sweep over Georgia, LSU has won its last 12 regular-season series, dating back to last season. The Tigers have also won an amazing 22 out of their last 23 regular-season series, dating back to the final two weekends of the 2003 regular season. In that span, LSU last lost a weekend series on April 9-11, 2004, when Arkansas swept three games at Alex Box Stadium. Since the loss, the Tigers have taken series from Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky, Vanderbilt, Ole Miss, Nicholls State, Arkansas-Little Rock, Houston, UAB, Western Illinois and Arizona State and Georgia.

SEC Home Openers

LSU has won its last two SEC home-opening series, with wins over Mississippi State in 2004 and Florida in 2003. The Tigers last lost an SEC home-opening series two years ago when Vanderbilt took two of three games at Alex Box Stadium in 2002.

Mestepey Second In All-Time Career Wins

Senior left-hander **Lane Mestepey** claimed sole possession of second place in LSU career victories with his 34th win over Georgia on March 18. The Zachary, La., native passed Stan Loewer, who tallied 33 wins between 1984-87. Mestepey is now four wins shy of tying Scott Schultz' career mark of 38, achieved between 1992-95. The southpaw also moved into a tie for ninth place in SEC career victories with Auburn's Ryan Halla (1993-96). With one more win, Mestepey will tie Mississippi State's Bobby Reed (1987-90) for eighth place. South Carolina's Kip Bouknight (1998-01) and Mississippi State's Jeff Brantley (1982-85) share the all-time SEC record with 45 career wins.

LSU Career Pitching Victories

Player	Wins
1. Scott Schultz (1992-95)	38
2. Lane Mestepey (2001-present)	34
3. Stan Loewer (1984-87)	33
4. Paul Byrd (1989-91)	31

Mestepey Moves Into Fifth-Place In SEC Career Innings Pitched

Senior left-hander **Lane Mestepey** became the school's all-time leader in innings pitched on Feb. 25 at Houston. Mestepey worked six frames to surpass Scott Schultz's (1992-95) record of 398. After his complete game effort at Georgia on March 18, Mestepey currently sits at 424 innings pitched. He is three innings away from tying Mississippi State's Jeff Brantley (1982-85) for fourth place in SEC career innings pitched. South Carolina's Kip Bouknight (1998-01) holds the all-time SEC record of 482.

SEC Career Innings Pitched

Player	Innings
1. Kip Bouknight, USC (1998-01)	482.0
2. John Powell, Auburn (1990-94)	477.0
3. R.A. Dickey, Tennessee (1994-96)	434.0
4. Jeff Brantley, Miss. State (1982-85)	427.0
5. Lane Mestepey, LSU (2001-present)	424.0

Going the Distance

Lane Mestepey fired his 16th career complete game at Georgia on March 18, limiting the Bulldogs to two runs -- all in the first inning -- on seven hits with two walks and three strikeouts. It was the first complete game effort for the senior left-hander since the 2004 NCAA Baton Rouge Super Regional. Mestepey hurled a masterful five-hit shutout against Texas A&M (June 13), helping the Tigers advance to the College World Series. After returning from an injury, which sidelined him during the 2003 season, Mestepey has since thrown four complete games. As a sophomore in 2002, the senior pitched an incredible eight complete games. Pat Moock (1972-75) holds the school record in complete games with 27.

Southpaw Series

In the three-game sweep over Georgia (March 18-20), four LSU left-handers combined to shut down the Georgia attack. **Lane Mestepey** fired a complete game on Friday night. He was followed up by sophomore lefty **Clay Dirks** who went six innings to earn the win before yielding to southpaw stopper **Jason Determann**. Determann worked three innings, allowing no runs to pick up the save on Saturday. On Sunday, junior lefty **Greg Smith** made his first career SEC start, going six strong innings. Determann also hurled the final 1.2 frames without allowing a hit or a run to notch his second save of the weekend.

On The Run

LSU entered the Georgia series with eight stolen bases on the season, but in Game 1 on Friday night, the Tigers swiped three bases, manufacturing an early lead to win the game. **Michael Hollander** swiped his first base of the season, while **Blake Gill** added a pair of steals in LSU's 8-2 series-opening win.

2-3-4-5

LSU's 2-3-4-5 hitters of **Ryan Patterson**, **Blake Gill**, **Clay Harris** and **Nick Stavinocha** are hitting a combined .398 (45-for-113) during the current seven-game winning streak. The lethal group has seven doubles, two triples, 13 homers, 33 RBI and 30 runs scored in their last seven games. The four players have been part of batting order that has remained unchanged since LSU's 20-3 defeat of Arizona State on March 13. In that game, LSU used the same batting order as it did in Friday night's opener on March 11 -- the first time all season the order was used again.

ESPN/Sports Weekly (March 21)

1. Cal State Fullerton (29) (16-4)
2. Tulane (10) (19-3)
- 3. LSU (1) (18-4)**
4. Texas (21-4)
5. Arkansas (18-2)
6. South Carolina (17-3)
7. Miami (Fla.) (20-5)
8. Georgia Tech (19-2)
9. Ole Miss (17-4)
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16. Nebraska (18-2)
17. North Carolina (15-5)
18. Florida (16-6)
19. Texas Tech (17-6)
20. UL-Lafayette (19-4)
21. Southern Cal (13-6)
22. Wichita State (19-5)
23. Oregon State (16-3)
24. Mississippi State (13-3)
25. Vanderbilt (14-5)

2005 SEC Standings (March 24)

Eastern Division			
Team	SEC	Pct.	Overall
Tennessee	2-1	.667	17-5
Florida	1-2	.333	17-6
South Carolina	1-2	.333	18-3
Vanderbilt	1-2	.333	15-5
Georgia	0-3	.000	11-9
Kentucky	0-3	.000	12-7
Western Division			
Team	SEC	Pct.	Overall
Alabama	3-0	1.000	19-5
LSU	3-0	1.000	18-4
Arkansas	2-1	.667	20-2
Ole Miss	2-1	.667	17-4
Mississippi State	2-1	.667	15-3
Auburn	1-2	.333	17-7

This Week in the SEC (March 23-27)

(All times are Central)

Wednesday, March 23

Jacksonville State (3) at Alabama (5)
Arkansas (14) at Centenary (1)
Kentucky at Eastern Kentucky PPD
LSU (4) vs. SE Louisiana (2) (at Zephyr Field)
New Orleans (1) at Miss. State (5)
Davidson (1) at South Carolina (10)
Tennessee (15) at ETSU (12)

Friday-Sunday, March 25-27

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

LSU by the Numbers in 2005

Home	12-2
Away	5-2
Neutral Sites	1-0
Day	9-1
Night	9-3
TV Games	5-1
On Jumbo Sports	3-0
On Cox Sports	1-1
On Comcast	1-0
On ESPN 2	0-0
On SEC-TV	0-0
Vs. SEC	3-0
Vs. SEC West	0-0
Vs. SEC East	3-0
Non-SEC Games	15-4
Vs. Louisiana opponents	5-2
Vs. Ranked opponents	3-1
Vs. C-USA	4-3
Vs. Mid-Continent	1-1
Vs. Pac-10	2-0
Vs. Southland	5-0
Vs. Sun Belt	3-0
Vs. SWAC	0-0
Vs. WAC	0-0
Doubleheaders	0-0
Game 1 of weekend series	5-1
Game 2 of weekend series	6-0
Game 3 of weekend series	5-1
Sunday	4-1
Monday	1-0
Tuesday	1-1
Wednesday	1-1
Friday	5-1
Saturday	6-0
One-run games	1-2
Extra inning games	0-0
Shutouts	0-0
Number of Losing Streaks	1
Longest Losing Streak	2
Games in which LSU scores first	11-1
Games in which opponent scores first	7-3
When LSU scores 10+	8-0
When LSU scores <5	2-4
When opponent scores 10+	0-0
When opponent scores <5	11-2
When LSU leads after 6 innings	15-0
When LSU trails after 6 innings	2-4
When tied after 6 innings	1-0
When LSU leads after 7 innings	16-0
When LSU trails after 7 innings	2-4
When tied after 7 innings	0-0
When LSU leads after 8 innings	18-0
When LSU trails after 8 innings	0-4
When tied after 8 innings	0-0
When LSU has 10+ hits	12-1
When LSU has <6 hits	1-1
When opponent has 10+ hits	5-1
When opponent has <6 hits	4-1
When LSU has more hits	14-2
When LSU has fewer hits	3-2
Equal hits	1-0
When LSU hits 3 or more home runs	4-0
When LSU hits no home runs	3-2
When opponent hits 3+ home runs	0-0
When opponent hits no home runs	11-2
Games won on final at-bat	0
Games lost on final at-bat	0
Come-from-behind wins	9
Losses when LSU led previously	2
Blown saves	0
Longest game	3:27 (at Houston, 2/27 - Game 1)
Shortest game(9 or more innings)	2:13 (vs. Arkansas-Little Rock, 2/18)

Determann-ed

Jason Determann has registered three saves in his last three outings, including 1.1 perfect innings against Southeastern Louisiana on Wednesday. On the season, his four saves are a team-high and rank second in the SEC. Fellow reliever **Jordan Faircloth** has three saves on the year. As a team, LSU's nine saves are tops in the league along with Auburn. Known for being a stopper throughout his career, Determann has six saves in three seasons at LSU, after collecting just two as a freshman and junior.

Hitting Streaks

Both **Ryan Patterson** and **Clay Harris** currently hold 11-game hitting streaks, dating back to the Tigers series' opening win over UAB on March 4. **Blake Gill** maintained a 20-game hitting streak, dating back to last season. It came to an end on Feb. 25 at Houston. Gill, who had hit safely in all five games he had played to start the season, went 0-for-4 on Feb. 25 at UH, despite hitting the ball hard in three of his four at-bats. Gill's streak, which began versus Vanderbilt on May 15 last season is the longest of his career and the longest since head coach Smoke Laval took over the program. **Quinn Stewart** has hit safely in his last seven games since entering the starting lineup. His seven-game streak is the longest of his career, breaking his previous high of a six-game stretch during the 2003 season.

Longest Hitting Streaks (past six seasons)

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

Injury Report

A few Tigers will not see action in 2005 due to season-ending surgeries. Sophomore right-hander **Michael Bonura** will miss the entire 2005 season after undergoing Tommy John surgery during the offseason. In 2004, Bonura played a valuable role as a freshman in the LSU bullpen, posting a 4.46 ERA in 34.1 innings and 31 strikeouts. JUCO transfer pitcher **Daniel Forrer** will also sit out the 2005 campaign suffering a shoulder injury in the offseason. Freshman prospect **Nolan Cain** underwent Tommy John surgery at the beginning of February and will also miss the 2005 season. Outfielder **Steven Broschofsky** underwent shoulder surgery during the first of March to repair a torn labrum. Centerfielder **Bruce Sprowl** broke his right pinky finger in a weekend series, versus UAB (March 4-6). He underwent surgery on March 10 and is expected to swing a bat this weekend. Sprowl returned as a defensive replacement in centerfield in the series finale versus Georgia on March 20.

Player	Injury	Status
RHP Michael Bonura	Elbow	Offseason Tommy John surgery; out for season
OF Steven Broschofsky	Shoulder	Surgery in late February; out for season
RHP Nolan Cain	Elbow	Tommy John surgery in February; out for season
LHP Daniel Forrer	Shoulder	Offseason surgery; out for season
OF Bruce Sprowl	Broken Finger	Underwent surgery on March 10, back this week

Out the Box

A common theme for LSU has been early inning uprisings. The Tigers have outscored their opponents 114-42 in the first four innings combined. LSU's most productive innings have been the first and fourth frames. The Tigers have amassed 36 runs to opponents' six runs in the fourth inning on the year. LSU is also outscoring opponents 33-13 in the first inning.

LSU-Tulane ESPN 2 Tilt Highlight TV Schedule

LSU's April 19 contest versus Tulane at Zephyr Field in Metairie has been picked up by ESPN 2, the network announced on Feb. 28. The matchup highlights the Tigers' television schedule this season. The nationally-televised contest will mark LSU's 56th appearance on either ESPN or ESPN2. The Tigers first appeared on ESPN on April 22, 1984 at Miami (Fla.). The game, which was originally scheduled for 7 p.m., has been moved up to 6 p.m. to accommodate the broadcast. To date, LSU is 200-102-2 (.662) all-time on television, which includes a 5-1 mark this season.

LSU-UNO Makeup Announced for May 18

LSU's baseball game at New Orleans, which was postponed due to inclement weather on March 15, has been re-scheduled for Wednesday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m., it was announced this week.

Mestepey Joins Patterson On National Player Of The Year Wallace Watch

Lefty **Lane Mestepey** joined senior outfielder **Ryan Patterson** on March 8 as a candidate for the Brooks Wallace Award, presented annually to the national college baseball player of the year. Mestepey was one of 38 players added to the watch list on March 8. The Brooks Wallace Award was captured by Cal State Fullerton's Kurt Suzuki last season. The Wallace Watch will be trimmed to 12 semifinalists on May 24. The selection committee will then narrow the list to three finalists following the NCAA Super Regionals at a press conference in Omaha on June 16. Vanderbilt's Warner Jones, Cal-State Fullerton's Ricky Romero, Tennessee's Luke Hochevar, Ole Miss' Stephen Head and Georgia's Will Startup also headline the list.

Liuzza Named Preseason All-American by Baseball America

Junior catcher **Matt Liuzza** was voted to the 2005 Baseball America Preseason Third-Team. The Metairie, La. native has started 114 games behind the plate the past two seasons, helping lead the Tigers to consecutive College World Series appearances. He batted .328 (75-for-229) in 2004 with 14 doubles, nine homers, 45 RBI and 37 runs. Liuzza committed just four errors in 370 chances last season, and he threw out 14 base runners attempting to steal. For the entire 2004 NCAA Tournament - including the regional, super regional and CWS - Liuzza hit a sizzling .417 (10-for-24), and he posted a .563 on-base percentage.

Liuzza Headlines Baseball America Preseason Awards

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

Laval Coaches 200th Game in Nicholls State Series Opener

The season-opening win over Nicholls State was head coach **Smoke Laval's** 200th as the Tiger skipper. Laval currently sits at 221 games, the fifth-highest mark of any coach in the school's history. Laval is 29 games away from reaching Jack Lamabe's (1979-83) total of 249. Laval's LSU coaching record of 153-67-1 (.695) is the second-highest mark, behind Skip Bertman's all-time winning percentage of .724.

All-Time LSU Games Coached

Coach	Games
1. Skip Bertman (1984-2001)	1,203
2. Jim Smith (1966-78)	489
3. Harry Rabenhorst (1927-42, 1946-56)	446
4. Jack Lamabe (1979-83)	249
5. Smoke Laval (2002-present)	221

New "Box" On Tap For 2008

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

Coaches Pick LSU to Win SEC Title

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

Eastern Division

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

() - First Place Votes

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

Western Division

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

SEC Team Statistical Rankings

At The Plate

Batting Average

1. Tennessee	.338
t9. LSU	.301

Slugging Percentage

1. Tennessee	.541
5. LSU	.490

On-Base Percentage

1. Tennessee	.426
9. LSU	.386

Runs Scored

1. Florida	198
6. LSU	180

Hits

1. Tennessee	270
t7. LSU	236

RBI

1. Tennessee	179
5. LSU	167

Home Runs

1. South Carolina	31
2. LSU	30

Total Bases

1. Tennessee	432
5. LSU	384

Stolen Bases

1. Arkansas	61
12. LSU	11

On The Mound

Earned Run Average

1. Alabama	2.40
8. LSU	3.31

Opponents Batting Average

1. Alabama	.194
6. LSU	.240

Strikeouts

1. Alabama	266
7. LSU	169

Saves

t1. LSU	9
Auburn	9

In The Field

Fielding Percentage

1. South Carolina	.981
6. LSU	.970

Double Plays

1. Ole Miss	24
t9. LSU	17

2005 Game-By-Game Recaps

Game 1 • LSU 12, Nicholls State 1

Feb. 11, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

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

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

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

Game 2 • LSU 19, Nicholls State 2

Feb. 12, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

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

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

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

Game 3 • LSU 6, Nicholls State 3

Feb. 14, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

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

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

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

Game 4 • LSU 9, UL-Monroe 6

Feb. 15, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

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

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

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

Game 5 • LSU 4, Ark.-Little Rock 2

Feb. 18, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

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

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

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

Game 6 • LSU 11, Ark.-Little Rock 8

Feb. 19, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

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

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

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

Game 7 • LSU 15, Ark.-Little Rock 9

Feb. 20, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

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

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

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

Game 8 • Houston 2, LSU 1

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

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

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

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

Game 9 • LSU 11, Houston 5

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

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

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

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

Game 10 • LSU 8, Houston 1

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

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

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

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

Game 11 • Centenary 6, LSU 1

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

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

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

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

Game 12 • LSU 12, UAB 6

March 4, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

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

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

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

2005 Game-By-Game Recaps

Game 13 • LSU 7, UAB 3

March 5, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

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

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

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

Game 14 • UAB 4, LSU 3

Feb. 5, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

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

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

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

Game 15 • Tulane 6, LSU 2

March 8, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

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

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

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

Game 16 • LSU 6, Arizona State 5

March 11, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

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

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

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

Game 17 • LSU 10, Western Illinois 8

March 12, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

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

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

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

Game 18 • LSU 20, Arizona State 3

March 11, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

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

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

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

Game 19 • LSU 8, Georgia 2

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

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

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

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

Game 20 • LSU 5, Georgia 3

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

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

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

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

Game 21 • LSU 5, Georgia 3

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

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

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

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

Game 22 • LSU 4, Southeastern Louisiana 2

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

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

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

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

Smoke Laval

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Raymond "Smoke" Laval continues to enhance his reputation as one of the country's top college baseball coaches, as, in three seasons at the helm of the LSU program, he has guided the Tigers to two College World Series berths, two NCAA Super Regional titles, three NCAA Regional championships, one SEC title and Top 10 finishes in each of the past two seasons.

Laval, the 2003 SEC Coach of the Year, was named in 2004 the Louisiana Sportswriters Association Coach of the Year for the third straight season.

Laval has directed LSU to the best SEC regular-season record in the past three seasons, posting a 57-31-1 (.646) mark. South Carolina has the second-best SEC record (57-32, .640), and Florida is third (50-39-1, .561). LSU earned its second consecutive final Top 10 ranking in 2004, as the Tigers finished No. 7 in the Baseball America poll and No. 8 in the Collegiate Baseball poll. The final rankings culminated a magnificent 2004 season that also featured record-breaking marks for academic achievements and attendance figures. The 2004 Tigers advanced to the College World Series for the second straight season, recording a 46-19 overall record, LSU's best mark since the 2000 club finished 52-17.

LSU played host to an NCAA Regional for the 15th straight season, winning the tournament with consecutive victories over Army, Southern Mississippi and College of Charleston. The Tigers then played host to an NCAA Super Regional for the third time in five years, defeating Texas A&M in a best two-of-three series to earn a berth in the CWS.

The 2004 Tigers had the best offensive club in the SEC, completing the year with a .333 team batting average, the second-highest in school history. The Tigers were led by two first-team all-SEC players - right fielder Jon Zeringue, the 2004 SEC Co-Player of the Year and a first-team all-America selection, and center fielder J.C. Holt, a third-team all-America choice. Zeringue was selected in the second round of the 2004 draft by the Arizona Diamondbacks, and Holt was the third-round pick of the Atlanta Braves.

LSU placed 12 players on the 2004 SEC Academic Honor Roll, the highest total in the program's history, and the Tigers' 2004 total home attendance with 36 playing dates was 284,328, the third-largest figure in school history. The average paid attendance in 2004 was 7,898, which is the highest average in LSU annals.

Laval guided the 2003 Tigers to the Southeastern Conference title -- LSU's first since 1997 -- and a berth in the College World Series. He was voted the 2003 SEC Coach of the Year, directing LSU to a 45-22-1 overall record and a 20-9-1 conference mark, as the Tigers finished No. 5 in the final Baseball America rankings.

LSU played host to an NCAA Regional tournament for the 14th straight season and captured its eighth consecutive regional title. The Tigers entertained Baylor in an NCAA Super Regional series, defeating the Bears in two of three games to earn LSU's first CWS berth since 2000.

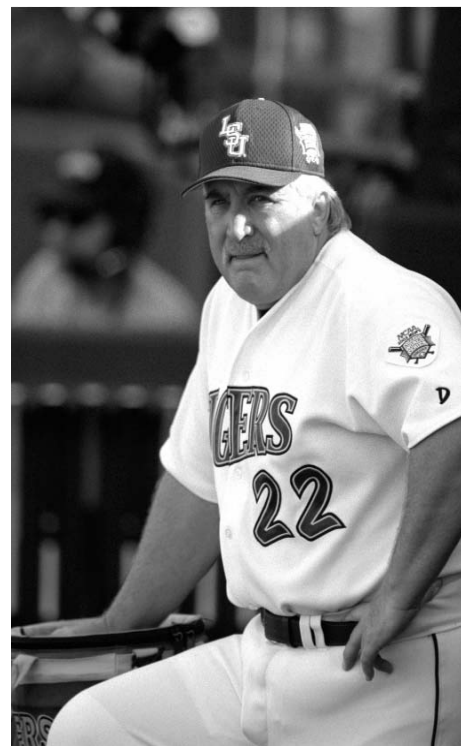
LSU also set an NCAA total attendance record in 2003, drawing 291,676 patrons to Alex Box Stadium.

The Tigers' shortstop, Aaron Hill, was named 2003 SEC Player of the Year and a first-team all-American. Hill was the first-round draft selection (13th pick overall) by the Toronto Blue Jays.

The magnificent '03 campaign augmented the success Laval enjoyed in his inaugural season as LSU's coach, as he led the 2002 Tigers to a 44-22 overall mark, an appearance in the NCAA Super Regional and a No. 11 final national ranking. Laval, named the 2002 Louisiana Coach of the Year by the Louisiana Sportswriters Association, continued the phenomenal tradition of excellence created by his predecessor, the legendary Skip Bertman.

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

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



The Laval File

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

Coaching Experience

1977	Assistant Coach	Jacksonville
1978	Assistant Coach	Wolfson HS (Jacksonville, Fla.)
1979	Graduate Assistant	LSU
1980-81	Assistant Coach	Gulf Coast CC
1982-83	Assistant Coach	Florida
1984-93	Assistant Coach	LSU
1994-00	Head Coach	UL-Monroe
2001	Administrative Asst.	LSU
2002-	Head Coach	LSU

Education

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

Laval Year-By-Year

Year	W-L	School	Highlights
1994	20-33	UL-Monroe	Defeated Three NCAA Tournament Teams
1995	37-20	UL-Monroe	SLC Tournament Champions; NCAA Regional Participants
1996	41-19	UL-Monroe	School-Record 41 Wins; SLC Louisiana Division Champions
1997	33-21	UL-Monroe	Became Fourth Coach in ULM History To Record 100 Wins
1998	33-22	UL-Monroe	Led SLC In Hitting For Third Straight Season
1999	36-22	UL-Monroe	SLC Champions; NCAA Regional Participants
2000	41-22	UL-Monroe	SLC Champions; NCAA Regional Participants
2002	44-22	LSU	NCAA Regional Champions; NCAA Super Regional Participants
2003	45-22-1	LSU	SEC Champions; College World Series Participants
2004	46-19	LSU	NCAA Regional/Super Regional Champions; CWS Participants
2005	18-4	LSU	

Career Record (11th year): 394-226-1 (.635)

LSU Record (4th year): 153-67-1 (.695)

COACHING HONORS

1995	Louisiana Sportswriters Association Coach of the Year
1999	Southland Conference Coach of the Year
2002	Louisiana Sportswriters Association Coach of the Year
2003	SEC Coach of the Year; Louisiana Sportswriters Association Coach of the Year
2004	Louisiana Sportswriters Association Coach of the Year

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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The Official Website of LSU Athletics is home to all the baseball information you need. Schedules, results, rosters, bios, statistics and game notes can be found and are always up to date.

http://media.lsuports.net

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

LSU Electronic Media

Radio

The LSU Sports Radio Network distributes all LSU Baseball games by satellite to 25 radio affiliates. WDGL-FM (98.1) Radio in Baton Rouge serves as the flagship station for the LSU Sports Network. Jim Hawthorne, the "Voice of the Tigers" for all LSU sports, is in his 22nd 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 air "Tiger Sportsline with Smoke Laval" beginning Monday, March 28 from 7-8 p.m. 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 show, which begins on March 20, 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 Sports Television throughout the state of Louisiana.

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