

2004 Schedule/Results (10-1, 0-0 SEC)

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

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

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

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

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

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



LSU TIGERS

(10-1, #1)

vs.

Houston (4-7)

Alex Box Stadium (7,760)

Friday, March 5 @ 6:30 p.m. • Saturday, March 6 @ 2 p.m. • Sunday, March 7 @ 1 p.m.

Radio: LSU Sports Network (Friday and Sunday); WJNH 107.3 FM in Baton Rouge only (Saturday)

TV: None

Tigers Play Host to Houston Cougars in Three-Game Series

Top-ranked LSU (10-1) plays host to Conference USA member Houston (4-7) this weekend in a three-game series beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday in Alex Box Stadium. Game 2 is set for 2 p.m. Saturday and Game 3 will be played at 1 p.m. Sunday.

The games on Friday and Sunday can be heard statewide on the LSU Sports Network (WDGL-FM 98.1 in Baton Rouge). Saturday's game will be broadcast in Baton Rouge only on WJNH-FM 107.3. All three games can also be heard on the internet at www.LSUsports.net.

LSU, ranked No. 1 for the second straight week by Collegiate Baseball magazine, has won eight consecutive games, marking its longest win streak since the Tigers also won eight in a row from April 21-May 1, 2001. LSU last won nine straight during a 10-game win streak from Feb. 17-March 3, 2001.

The Tigers' 10-1 record is LSU's best through 11 games since the 1997 club began the season with 11 consecutive wins en route to a 19-0 start.

The LSU-Houston Series

Houston leads the all-time series with LSU, 20-12, as the teams first met in 1975. The Tigers have faced the Cougars each season since 2000, and Houston holds a 6-5 advantage in games played this decade.

UH swept LSU in 2000 in a three-game series in Alex Box Stadium; LSU returned the favor in 2001 with a three-game sweep of the Cougars in Baton Rouge. The Tigers traveled to Cougar Field in 2002, where UH won two of three games. Last season, the teams split two games in Alex Box Stadium -- the Cougars captured Game 1, 7-2, and LSU responded with a 5-2 victory in Game 2. The third game of the series was canceled due to inclement weather.

LSU is scheduled to travel to Houston in 2005 for a three-game series at Cougar Field.

The Cougars enter Friday's game having played nine consecutive games against Top 15 teams, including Texas, Rice, Cal State Fullerton, Long Beach State and Baylor. Houston was one win away from reaching the 2003 College World Series before dropping two straight games to Rice -- the eventual national champion -- in NCAA Super Regional play.

Pitching Matchups

Game 1

LSU - So. RHP Justin Meier (2-0, 1.80 ERA, 20.0 IP, 5 BB, 15 SO)
UH - Jr. RHP Garrett Mock (0-3, 7.90 ERA, 13.2 IP, 10 BB, 5 SO)

Game 2

LSU - Jr. LHP Lane Mestepey (2-0, 1.53 ERA, 17.2 IP, 5 BB, 8 SO)
UH - Sr. RHP Matt Varner (2-1, 4.15 ERA, 17.1 IP, 3 BB, 10 SO)

Game 3

LSU - Sr. RHP Nate Bumstead (1-0, 4.15 ERA, 8.2 IP, 4 BB, 6 SO)
UH - Fr. RHP Brad Lincoln (1-0, 4.00 ERA, 9.0 IP, 3 BB, 9 SO)

LSU		Houston	
Record	10-1 (0-0 SEC)	Record	4-7 (0-0 C-USA)
Ranking	No. 1 Collegiate Baseball No. 3 Baseball America No. 4 ESPN/Sports Weekly	Ranking	Not Ranked
Coach	Smoke Laval	Coach	Rayner Noble
Career Record	340-204-1 (10th year)	Career Record	335-231 (10th year)
LSU Record	99-45-1 (third year)	UH Record	335-231 (10th year)
Laval vs. UH	2-3	Noble vs. LSU	7-7

Tracking the Tigers

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

Baseball America (March 1)

- Stanford (13-2)
- Rice (7-2)
- LSU (9-1)**
- Texas (15-2)
- South Carolina (9-0)
- Miami, Fla. (7-3)
- Long Beach State (9-3)
- Tulane (8-1)
- Auburn (9-1)
- Arizona State (12-2)
- Notre Dame (9-0)
- Ole Miss (6-0)
- Georgia Tech (6-3)
- Texas A&M (12-1)
- Wichita State (0-0)
- Arizona (7-5-1)
- Cal State Fullerton (8-8)
- Clemson (2-3)
- Oklahoma (8-1)
- Florida Atlantic (12-1)
- East Carolina (12-0)
- Florida (10-3)
- Nebraska (5-1)
- North Carolina State (7-0)
- Baylor (4-5)

Collegiate Baseball (March 1)

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

The LSU Lineup (probable batting order vs. Houston)

Player	Pos.	Cl.-Exp.	B/T	Avg.	HR	RBI	Notable
Ryan Patterson	LF	Jr.-1L	R/R	.340	2	13	career-best 5 RBI vs. TXST (Feb.29)
J.C. Holt	CF	Jr.-2L	L/R	.438	0	9	2B, 3 RBI vs. Tulane (March 2)
Matt Liuzza	C	So.-1L	R/R	.375	2	9	10-game hit streak entering UH series
Nick Stavinoha	DH	Jr.-JC	R/R	.295	2	10	5 RBI in last four games
Clay Harris	1B	Jr.-2L	R/R	.316	1	9	3-for-14 in last four games
Jon Zeringue	RF	Jr.-2L	R/R	.400	2	8	.778, 3 2B, 1 HR, 5 RBI vs. TXST
Blake Gill	2B	Jr.-2L	L/R	.283	0	6	2-for-4 vs. Tulane (March 2)
Ivan Naccarata	3B	Sr.-1L	L/R	.200	1	7	1 2B, 1 RBI vs. TXST
Derek Hebert	SS	Jr.-JC	L/R	.421	1	3	4-for-10, 1 2B, 2 RBI vs. TXST

Smoke Seeks LSU Win No. 100

Smoke Laval, in his third season as the Tigers' head coach, is seeking his 100th LSU victory this week-end versus Houston. The 2003 SEC Coach of the Year, Laval has a 99-45-1 (.685) mark at LSU and a 340-204-1 (.625) record in 10 seasons as a collegiate head coach. He served as the head coach at Louisiana-Monroe for seven seasons (1994-2000) prior to taking the reins of the LSU program.

Weekend Rotation vs. Houston

LSU is scheduled to utilize the same pitching rotation for the second straight weekend. Sophomore right-hander **Justin Meier** (2-0, 1.80 ERA) will start Friday's game on the mound. Meier defeated Texas State last Friday, as he allowed one run on four hits in 7.1 innings with two walks and two strikeouts.

Junior left-hander **Lane Mestepey** (2-0, 1.53 ERA) will start Saturday's game for LSU as he seeks his 25th career victory. Mestepey is two wins away from tying Mark Guthrie (26 wins, 1984-87) for 10th place on the all-time LSU victories list.

Senior right-hander **Nate Bumstead** (1-0, 4.15) gets his second start of the season Sunday after defeating Texas State last week. Bumstead limited the Bobcats to two runs on four hits in six innings with one walk and three strikeouts. Bumstead, an all-SEC pitcher in 2003, missed starting assignments in the first two week-ends of the season after suffering a shoulder injury on Feb. 3 in an intrasquad game.

LSU Pitchers Continue Early-Season Excellence

During its current win streak, the LSU pitching staff has allowed just two runs or less in each of the eight victories, as the Tigers have outcored their opponents by a total of 77-9. The Tigers' ERA in their last eight games is a minuscule 1.03.

LSU posted a team ERA of 1.33 in the Texas State series, as the staff surrendered four earned runs on 21 hits in 27 innings. The Tigers limited the Bobcats to a .206 batting average and just two extra-base hits (one double, one homer) in the series.

LSU followed the Texas State series with a 6-0 blanking of Tulane on March 2 (Tuesday), as freshman left-hander Clay Dirks fired a four-hit shutout. Dirks allowed just two Green Wave runners to reach second base, and he retired 20 of the final 22 batters he faced.

On the year, LSU's cumulative ERA is now 1.83, as the Tigers have allowed just 20 earned runs in 98.1 innings.

Dirks Blanks Tulane on Four-Hitter

Freshman left-hander **Clay Dirks** fired a four-hit shutout Tuesday to lead the Tigers to a 6-0 win over eighth-ranked Tulane at Zephyr Field. Dirks allowed just two Green Wave runners to reach second base, and he retired 20 of the final 22 batters he faced.

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

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

Notes on the Eight-Game Win Streak

LSU is hitting .362 (106-for-293) during its eight-game win streak with 20 doubles, two triples and seven homers. The Tigers have outscored their opposition, 77-9, and have limited their foes to a .191 batting average during the streak. LSU's team ERA in the last eight games is 1.03, as the Tigers have surrendered just eight earned runs in 70 innings of work. LSU has a fielding percentage of .974 during the streak, with eight errors during the eight-game stretch.

Center fielder **J.C. Holt** leads the Tigers during the streak with a .485 (16-for-33) batting average. Holt has two doubles, seven RBI, 10 runs and a .528 on-base average during the streak.

Liuzza Extends Hitting Streak to 10 Games

Sophomore catcher **Matt Liuzza** enters the Houston series riding a 10-game hitting streak, the second-longest of his career (Liuzza posted a 12-game streak in 2003). During his current streak, Liuzza is hitting .405 (15-for-37) with three doubles, two homers, nine RBI, nine runs, a .649 slugging percentage and a .436 on-base percentage. Liuzza enjoyed a sensational series last weekend versus Texas State, batting .556 (5-for-9) with two doubles, one homer, three RBI and three runs. He followed that performance with a 2-for-5 outting versus Tulane on Tuesday, as he launched a two-run homer during a four-run LSU fourth inning.

Tigers Preserve Non-Conference Home Win Streak

Last weekend's sweep of Texas State extended LSU's win streak in non-conference regular-season home games to 17. The Tigers' last loss in a non-conference regular-season game in Alex Box Stadium came on Feb. 22, 2003, when the University of Houston posted a 7-2 win. Houston will have the opportunity to end the streak this weekend as the Cougars visit Alex Box Stadium for a three-game series. Game 1 is set for 6:30 p.m. Friday, Game 2 at 2 p.m. Saturday and Game 3 at 1 p.m. Sunday.

The LSU Injury Report

INF Bryan Harris -- Harris, a transfer from Santa Ana (Calif.) College, was projected to be the Tigers' starter at third base; however, a hernia operation limited his participation during fall practice, and he underwent arthroscopic surgery in January to remove bone chips from his right knee. He is still several weeks away from being able to contribute to the Tigers lineup.

INF Matt Horwath -- Horwath, a medical redshirt in 2003 after undergoing right shoulder surgery, started LSU's first seven games at shortstop this season before experiencing soreness in the shoulder. An MRI was performed on the shoulder on March 2, and doctors were scheduled to evaluate Horwath's condition after reading the MRI reports.

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

Last Weekend: Tigers Extend Win Streak with Sweep of Texas State

LSU recorded a three-game sweep of Texas State of the Southland Conference last weekend in Alex Box Stadium, marking its second consecutive weekend sweep. LSU also swept Jacksonville State in Alex Box Stadium Feb. 20-22.

The Tigers batted .352 in the Texas State series, scoring 25 runs on 37 hits, including nine doubles and five homers. LSU raised its cumulative batting average to a season-high .339 (126-for-372).

Right fielder **Jon Zeringue** enjoyed a superb weekend, batting .778 (7-for-9) with three doubles, one homer and five RBI. Zeringue, who is riding a seven-game hitting streak, is batting a team-best .444 (16-for-36) this season with seven doubles, two homers and eight RBI.

Catcher **Matt Liuzza**, who is currently riding a nine-game hitting streak, batted .556 (5-for-9) in the Texas State series with two doubles, one homer and three RBI. Left fielder Ryan Patterson drove in six runs in the series, including a career-best five RBI on four hits in Sunday's 13-2 win.

Shortstop **Derek Hebert**, starting for the first time in his career in place of the injured Matt Horwath (shoulder), was 4-for-10 at the plate with one double, two RBI and three runs, and he posted a 1.000 fielding percentage in 14 chances.

ESPN/Sports Weekly (March 1)

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

2004 SEC Standings (March 3)

Eastern Division			
Team	SEC	Pct.	Overall
Florida	0-0	.000	12-3
Georgia	0-0	.000	7-2
Kentucky	0-0	.000	7-3
South Carolina	0-0	.000	10-0
Tennessee	0-0	.000	8-2
Vanderbilt	0-0	.000	7-1
Western Division			
Team	SEC	Pct.	Overall
Alabama	0-0	.000	9-2
Arkansas	0-0	.000	11-3
Auburn	0-0	.000	10-1
LSU	0-0	.000	10-1
Ole Miss	0-0	.000	8-0
Miss. State	0-0	.000	5-0

This Weekend in the SEC (March 5-7)

Friday-Sunday, March 5-7

Alabama at Centenary Gent Classic (Shreveport, La.)

vs. Louisiana Tech • 5 p.m. (Fri.)

vs. Centenary • 8 p.m. (Sat.)

vs. Kansas State • Noon (Sun.)

Arkansas at Texas-PA • 7 p.m. (Sat.), 1 p.m. (Sun.)

VCU at Auburn • 3 p.m., 1 p.m., 1:30 p.m.

Purdue at Florida • 5:30 p.m., 1 p.m., 11:30 a.m.

Liberty at Georgia • 4:30 p.m., 1 p.m., Noon

Wright State at Kentucky • 3 p.m., Noon, Noon

Houston at LSU • 6:30 p.m., 2 p.m., 1 p.m.

Eastern Illinois at Ole Miss • 6:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 1:30 p.m.

Tenn. Tech at Miss. State • 2 p.m. (Sat.), 1:30 p.m. (Sun.)

Clemson at South Carolina • 12:30 p.m. (Sat.)

South Carolina at Clemson • 1 p.m. (Sun.)

Georgia State at Tennessee • 2 p.m., 2 p.m., 1 p.m.

Cincinnati at Vanderbilt • 4 p.m., 2 p.m., 1 p.m.

(All times are Central)

2004 LSU TV Schedule

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

JSN - Jumbo Sports Network

Cox - Cox Sports Television

Fox - Fox Sports Southwest (SEC-TV)

CSS - Comcast Sports Southeast

All Times are Central and Subject to Change

WALLY PONTIFF JR. BASEBALL CLASSIC

LSU and Southeastern Louisiana will meet in the first Wally Pontiff Jr. Baseball Classic on Wednesday, April 14 at 7 p.m. at Zephyr Field in Metairie. The game was originally scheduled for Feb. 25, but was postponed due to inclement weather.

Tickets for the game are \$15, and all seating is reserved. Tickets are on sale at the SLU athletic ticket office (985.549.5466), located at Gate 3 of the University Center. Tickets are also on sale at the Zephyr Field box office (504.734.5155) and at any Ticketmaster locations (800.488.5252).

Pontiff, who was a two-time all-SEC selection at LSU, died unexpectedly on July 24, 2002 at 21. Pontiff started for the Tigers from 2000 through 2002 and was the Most Valuable Player of the 2000 SEC Tournament and helped the Tigers win the 2000 national championship.

Pontiff was also a two-time selection to the SEC Academic Honor Roll and was a member of the 2002 District VI all-academic baseball team with a 3.25 GPA in biological sciences.

The game will mark SLU's first visit to Zephyr Field since winning three games at the park to open the 1998 season. LSU has played at least one game in the park each season since 1998, posting a 9-7 overall mark. Southeastern and LSU have tentative plans to play again at Zephyr Field in 2005. The Lions and the Tigers will also meet in a three-game series this season at Alex Box Stadium March 12-14.

SEC Coaches Select LSU to Repeat as League Champion

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

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

Team	Pts.	'03 SEC Rec/Finish
Eastern Division		
1. S. Carolina (8)	63	19-11/1st
2. Florida (4)	58	13-16-1/3rd
3. Vanderbilt	42	14-165/2nd
4. Georgia	36	10-20/5th
5. Tennessee	30	13-17/4th
6. Kentucky	17	9-20/6th

Western Division

1. LSU (11)	66	20-9-1/1st
2. Auburn (1)	51	18-12/2nd
3. Ole Miss	41	17-13/4th
4. Alabama	38	14-16/t5th
5. Miss. State	30	17-12/3rd
6. Arkansas	20	14-16/t5th

() - First Place Votes

SEC Champion: LSU (11); South Carolina (1)

Patterson, Harris Earn Collegiate Baseball Pre-Season Recognition

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

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

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

Holt, Zeringue Receive Baseball America Pre-Season Accolades

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

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

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

LSU Lists of Note

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

NCAA Tournament Winning Percentage

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

CWS Winning Percentage

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

CWS Appearances

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

Coaches CWS Winning Percentage

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

Coaches CWS Victories

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

Current Consecutive

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

2003 Major League Players

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

Draft Selections (1994-2003)

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

LSU by the Numbers in 2004

Home	7-0
Away	3-1
Neutral Sites	0-0
Day	5-1
Night	5-0
On Jumbo Sports	2-1
On Cox Sports	0-0
On SEC-TV	0-0
Vs. SEC	0-0
Vs. SEC West	0-0
Vs. SEC East	0-0
Non-SEC Games	10-1
Vs. Louisiana opponents	2-0
Vs. Ranked opponents	1-0
Vs. Atlantic Sun	2-1
Vs. C-USA	1-0
Vs. Ohio Valley	3-0
Vs. Southland	4-0
Vs. Sun Belt	0-0
Vs. SWAC	0-0
Doubleheaders	0-0
Game 1 of weekend series	3-0
Game 2 of weekend series	3-0
Game 3 of weekend series	2-1
Sunday	2-1
Tuesday	2-0
Wednesday	0-0
Friday	3-0
Saturday	3-0
One-run games	2-1
Extra inning games	1-1
Shutouts	1-0
Games in which LSU scores first	5-1
Games in which opponent scores first	5-0
When LSU scores 10+	5-0
When LSU scores <5	2-0
When opponent scores 10+	0-0
When opponent scores <5	10-0
When LSU leads after 6 innings	8-0
When LSU trails after 6 innings	0-0
When tied after 6 innings	2-1
When LSU leads after 7 innings	9-0
When LSU trails after 7 innings	0-0
When tied after 7 innings	1-1
When LSU leads after 8 innings	9-0
When LSU trails after 8 innings	0-0
When tied after 8 innings	1-1
Vs. Right-handed starting pitcher	6-1
Vs. Left-handed starting pitcher	4-0
Starting Pitchers	9-0
Relievers	1-1
When LSU has 10+ hits	8-0
When LSU has <6 hits	0-0
When opponent has 10+ hits	0-1
When opponent has <6 hits	2-0
When LSU has more hits	8-0
When LSU has fewer hits	1-1
Equal hits	1-0
When LSU hits 3 or more home runs	3-0
When LSU hits no home runs	3-1
When opponent hits 3+ home runs	0-0
When opponent hits no home runs	6-0
Games won on final at-bat	1
Games lost on final at-bat	1
Come-from-behind wins	5
Losses when LSU led previously	1
Blown saves	0
Longest game	3:27 (at Central Florida, 2/15)
Shortest game	2:18 (Texas State, 2/28)

Smoke Laval

HEAD COACH • THIRD YEAR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Laval Year-By-Year

Year	W-L	School	Highlights
1994	20-33	UL-Monroe	Defeated Three NCAA Tournament Teams
1995	37-20	UL-Monroe	SLC Tournament Champions; NCAA Regional Participants
1996	41-19	UL-Monroe	School-Record 41 Wins; SLC Louisiana Division Champions
1997	33-21	UL-Monroe	Became Fourth Coach in ULM History To Record 100 Wins
1998	33-22	UL-Monroe	Led SLC In Hitting For Third Straight Season
1999	36-22	UL-Monroe	SLC Champions; NCAA Regional Participants
2000	41-22	UL-Monroe	SLC Champions; NCAA Regional Participants
2002	44-22	LSU	NCAA Regional Champions; NCAA Super Regional Participants
2003	45-22-1	LSU	SEC Champions; College World Series Participants
2004	10-1	LSU	

Career Record (10th year): 340-204-1

LSU Record (3rd year): 99-45-1

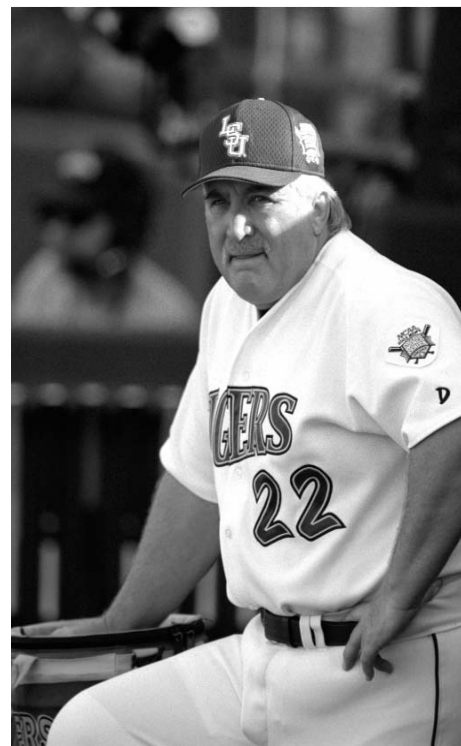
COACHING HONORS

1995 Louisiana Sportswriters Association Coach of the Year

1999 Southland Conference Coach of the Year

2002 Louisiana Sportswriters Association Coach of the Year

2003 SEC Coach of the Year; Louisiana Sportswriters Association Coach of the Year



The Laval File

Full Name: Raymond Peter Laval

Born: December 20, 1955

Hometown: McDonald, Pa.

Wife: Pam Lewis of Reserve, La.

Children: Jamie and Brandon

Coaching Experience

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

Education

High School: South Fayette(McDonald, Pa.), 1973

College: Jacksonville, 1977 (physical education)

Masters: LSU, 1979 (administration)

Playing Experience

1970-73: Catcher, South Fayette High School

1974-75: Catcher, Gulf Coast CC

1976-77: Catcher, Jacksonville University

The Nickname "Smoke"

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

Media Services

Interview Opportunities

Head Coach Smoke Laval

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

Players

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

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

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On the Internet

www.LSUsports.net

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

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

http://media.lsusports.net

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

LSU Electronic Media

Radio

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

Television

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

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MONDAY	1	TUESDAY	2	WEDNESDAY	3	THURSDAY	4	FRIDAY	5	SATURDAY	6	SUNDAY	7
		vs. Tulane 7 p.m. Zephyr Field W, 6-0						vs. Houston 6:30 p.m. Alex Box Stadium		vs. Houston 2 p.m. Alex Box Stadium		vs. Houston 1 p.m. Alex Box Stadium	
		Radio: LSU Sports Network						Radio: LSU Sports Network		Radio: WJNH 107.3 FM in Baton Rouge only		Radio: LSU Sports Network	
		TV: Jumbo Sports Network						TV: None		TV: None		TV: None	

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