

**2005 Schedule/Results (17-4, 0-0 SEC)**

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
<b>February</b>		
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
<b>March</b>		
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.	6:30 p.m. \$
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.
<b>April</b>		
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.
<b>May</b>		
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.)	
<b>June</b>		
3-5	NCAA Regional (sites TBA)	
10-12/11-13	NCAA Super Regional (sites TBA)	
17-26/27	College World Series (Omaha, Neb.)	
% - Fair Grounds Field # - Maestri Field \$ - Zephyr Field		

**LSU BASEBALL**

Weekday Release No. 4 • vs. Southeastern Louisiana  
March 22, 2005 • 6:30 p.m.  
Metairie, La. • Zephyr Field (10,800)

**No. 3 LSU Faces Southeastern Louisiana In Road Game at Zephyr Field**

Third-ranked LSU (17-4) concludes its four-game road stretch at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday as the Tigers face Southeastern Louisiana at Zephyr Field in Metairie. The game can be heard on the LSU Sports Network (WDGL 98.1 FM in Baton Rouge) and on the Internet at [www.LSUsports.net](http://www.LSUsports.net).

LSU increased its current win streak to six games last weekend with a three-game sweep at No. 17 Georgia. The Tigers have won 22 of their last 23 regular-season series (dating back to the 2003 season), including the last 12 in a row. LSU's sweep at UGA was its first SEC sweep since April of 2003, when the Tigers won three straight over Tennessee in Baton Rouge, and last weekend marked the Tigers' first SEC road sweep since March, 2003, when LSU also won three straight at Georgia.

LSU coach Smoke Laval will send junior right-hander Justin Meier (1-1, 4.85 ERA) to the mound on Wednesday. Meier earned a relief victory Sunday at Georgia, as he worked 1.1 innings, allowing one unearned run on one hit with one walk and two strikeouts. SLU coach Dan Canevari, an LSU assistant for 12 seasons (1991-2002), will counter with sophomore right-hander Bernard Robert (2-3, 3.63 ERA).

The Lions, hitting .300 as a team with 21 homers, are led by catcher Randy Roth, who is batting .394 (37-for-94) with six doubles, three homers and 22 RBI.

During its six-game win streak, LSU is hitting .326 (71-for-218) as a team with 13 doubles, three triples and 14 homers. The Tigers have outscored their opposition, 55-25, in the six victories. Senior outfielder Ryan Patterson batted .545 (6-for-11) in the UGA series with three homers, four RBI and four runs scored. Patterson, who is riding a 10-game hitting streak, has homered seven times in LSU's last five games, and he has three two-homer games in that span, including a pair of blasts in Saturday's 5-3 victory over Georgia.

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**TV:** None

**Radio:** LSU Sports Network (Jim Hawthorne -- play-by-play, Bill Franques -- analyst), WDGL 98.1 in Baton Rouge

**Pitching Matchup**

LSU -- Jr. RHP Justin Meier (1-1, 4.85 ERA, 13.0 IP, 7 BB, 18 SO)  
SLU -- So. RHP Bernard Robert (2-3, 3.63 ERA, 34.2 IP, 9 BB, 32 SO)

**LSU Probable Position Starters**

Pos.	Player	Cl.-Exp.	B/T	Avg.	HR	RBI	Notable
C	Matt Liuzza	Jr.-2L	R/R	.228	2	8	.292 (7-for-24), 1 HR, 3 RBI during win streak
1B	Will Harris	Jr.-2L	R/R	.246	1	11	.318 (7-for-22) with runners in scoring position
2B	Clay Harris	Sr.-3L	R/R	.400	4	20	.733 (11-for-15) vs. left-handed pitchers
SS	Michael Hollander	Fr.-HS	R/R	.327	0	9	.359 (14-for-39) vs. right-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	.329	2	22	.417 (10-for-24) with runners in score position
LF	Quinn Stewart	Jr.-1L	R/R	.275	1	9	.348 (8-for-23), 1 HR, 8 RBI during win streak
CF	Ryan Patterson	Sr.-2L	R/R	.423	9	20	7 HR, 12 runs, 11 RBI in last six games
RF	Nick Stavinoha	Sr.-1L	R/R	.333	5	21	.357 (5-for-15), 1 HR, 1 RBI vs. Georgia
DH	Dustin Weaver	Sr.-2L	R/R	.217	1	9	.308 (4-for-13) with runners in score position

LSU		Southeastern Louisiana	
<b>Record</b>	17-4 (3-0 SEC)	<b>Record</b>	9-13 (0-3 SLC)
<b>Ranking</b>	No. 3 Baseball America No. 3 Collegiate Baseball No. 3 ESPN/Sports Weekly	<b>Ranking</b>	NR Baseball America NR Collegiate Baseball NR ESPN/Sports Weekly
<b>Coach</b>	Smoke Laval	<b>Coach</b>	Dan Canevari
<b>Career Record</b>	393-226-1 (.635/11th year)	<b>Career Record</b>	44-87 (.336/third year)
<b>LSU Record</b>	152-67-1 (.694/fourth year)	<b>SLU Record</b>	44-87 (.336/third year)
<b>Laval vs. SLU</b>	16-5	<b>Canevari vs. LSU</b>	0-5

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## 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 (17-4)**
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 (17-4)**
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	SLU
.303	.300
3.37	5.31
44	37
6	2
29	21
.493	.425
.389	.375
11/13	28/34
.241	.279
164	158
8	1
.969	.954

## 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-SLU Series

LSU leads the overall series with SLU, 53-16, and the Tigers have won the last seven meetings between the schools. LSU is 26-2 against the Lions since 1990 -- SLU's only wins in that span came in 1991 (15-2) and 2002 (4-3), both in Alex Box Stadium. The Tigers won all four meetings between the two last season, including a 9-3 win in the Wally Pontiff Classic at Zephyr Field on April 14. Tonight's game will be the only meeting between the two foes this season.

## Scouting Southeastern Louisiana

The Lions carry a 9-13 overall record into tonight, including an 0-3 mark in Southland Conference play. SLU was blanked by Northwestern State to open SLC play this past weekend in Natchitoches. Last week, SLU outlasted 16th-ranked UL-Lafayette, 12-11, in Hammond. Dan Canevari, an LSU assistant coach for 12 seasons (1991-2002), is in his third season as the Lions skipper. Canevari will send sophomore right-hander Bernard Robert to the mound. Robert leads the squad in ERA (3.63) and strikeouts (32). Robert holds a 2-3 record on the year in 34.2 innings of work, owning wins over Jacksonville State and Southeast Missouri. Opponents are hitting .291 against the righty. As a team, SLU is hitting an even .300 and are led at the plate by senior catcher Randy Roth (.394, six doubles, three homers, 22 RBI).

## LSU-SLU Ties

Senior catcher **Dustin Weaver** played one season at SLU before transferring to LSU prior to the 2002 season. As a Lion in 2001, Weaver appeared in 31 games with 24 starts and batted .259 with one homer and 15 RBI. SLU head coach Dan Canevari was a member of all five LSU national championship teams as an assistant coach. Canevari spent 12 seasons (1991-2002) on the squad before taking his current position in 2003. Canevari has compiled a 44-87 record in two seasons.

## On Deck

LSU hosts Auburn this weekend in its first SEC home series at Alex Box Stadium. Game times are set for 6:30 p.m. (Friday), 2 p.m. (Saturday) and 1 p.m. (Sunday).

## At The Track, At The Wall, Gone!

**Ryan Patterson** has homered seven times in LSU's last five games, including three two-homer games during that stretch. Six of the dingers have been the solo variety, and the senior is currently riding a 10-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).

## Patterson Tops In SEC In Four Categories

After putting on a hitting display in his last six games, **Ryan Patterson** currently leads the SEC in four offensive categories, including slugging percentage (.859), runs scored (33), home runs (9) and total bases (67). The senior outfielder is also sixth in batting average (.423), 10th in slugging percentage (.495) and eighth in hits (33). The only other player to be tops in multiple categories is Auburn's Karl Amonite, who is first in RBI (33), first in doubles (10) and tops in sac flies (4).

## 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.

## 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
<b>2. Lane Mestepey (2001-present)</b>	<b>34</b>
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
<b>5. Lane Mestepey, LSU (2001-present)</b>	<b>424.0</b>

## 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 Stavino** are hitting a combined .402 (39-for-97) during the current six-game winning streak. The lethal group has six doubles, two triples, 12 homers, 30 RBI and 28 runs scored in their last six 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) (17-4)**
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)
10. Stanford (12-7)
11. Baylor (15-7)
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13. Arizona (16-9)
14. Rice (15-8)
15. Texas A&M (17-7)
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 22)

Eastern Division			
Team	SEC	Pct.	Overall
Tennessee	2-1	.667	16-5
Florida	1-2	.333	16-6
South Carolina	1-2	.333	17-3
Vanderbilt	1-2	.333	14-5
Georgia	0-3	.000	10-9
Kentucky	0-3	.000	12-7
Western Division			
Team	SEC	Pct.	Overall
Alabama	3-0	1.000	18-5
LSU	3-0	1.000	17-4
Arkansas	2-1	.667	18-2
Ole Miss	2-1	.667	17-4
Mississippi State	2-1	.667	13-3
Auburn	1-2	.333	16-7

## This Week in the SEC (March 23-27)

(All times are Central)

### Wednesday, March 23

Jacksonville State at Alabama • 6:30 p.m.

Arkansas at Centenary • 3 p.m.

Kentucky at Eastern Kentucky • 1 p.m.

**LSU vs. SE Louisiana • 6:30 p.m. (at Zephyr Field)**

New Orleans at Miss. State • 4 p.m.

Davidson at South Carolina • 6 p.m.

Tennessee at ETSU • 6 p.m.

### 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 .....	0-0
Day.....	9-1
Night.....	8-3
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.....	14-4
Vs. Louisiana opponents.....	4-2
Vs. Ranked opponents .....	3-1
Vs. C-USA .....	4-3
Vs. Mid-Continent.....	1-1
Vs. Pac-10 .....	2-0
Vs. Southland .....	4-0
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.....	0-1
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 .....	6-3
When LSU scores 10+ .....	8-0
When LSU scores <5 .....	1-4
When opponent scores 10+ .....	0-0
When opponent scores <5.....	10-2
When LSU leads after 6 innings .....	15-0
When LSU trails after 6 innings.....	1-4
When tied after 6 innings .....	1-0
When LSU leads after 7 innings .....	16-0
When LSU trails after 7 innings.....	1-4
When tied after 7 innings .....	0-0
When LSU leads after 8 innings .....	17-0
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 .....	13-2
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 .....	10-2
Games won on final at-bat .....	0
Games lost on final at-bat .....	0
Come-from-behind wins.....	8
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** registered his second and third saves of the season in two brilliant outings against Georgia. His three saves are tied for the team-high with fellow reliever Jordan Faircloth. The two are tied for third in the SEC in the category. Known for being a stopper throughout his career, Determann has five saves in three seasons at LSU, after collecting just two as a freshman and junior. As a team, the Tigers' eight saves rank second in the SEC behind Auburn's nine.

## Hitting Streaks

Both **Ryan Patterson** and **Clay Harris** currently hold 10-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.

## Longest Hitting Streaks (past six seasons)

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

## 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 but should be able to swing a bat later this week. 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 114-41 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' five 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 220 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 152-67-1 (.694) 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)	220

## 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. Ole Miss	.335
t7. LSU	.303

#### Slugging Percentage

1. Tennessee	.533
4. LSU	.493

#### On-Base Percentage

1. Tennessee	.423
t7. LSU	.389

#### Runs Scored

1. Florida	181
4. LSU	176

#### Hits

1. Tennessee	251
6. LSU	227

#### RBI

1. Ole Miss	170
4. LSU	163

#### Home Runs

1. South Carolina	30
2. LSU	29

#### Total Bases

1. Tennessee	400
4. LSU	370

#### Stolen Bases

1. Arkansas	61
12. LSU	11

### On The Mound

#### Earned Run Average

1. Alabama	2.37
9. LSU	3.37

#### Opponents Batting Average

1. Alabama	.195
6. LSU	.241

#### Strikeouts

1. Alabama	256
7. LSU	164

#### Saves

1. Auburn	9
2. LSU	8

### In The Field

#### Fielding Percentage

1. South Carolina	.980
6. LSU	.969

#### Double Plays

1. Ole Miss	24
8. 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 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	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.

# Smoke Laval

HEAD COACH • FOURTH YEAR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

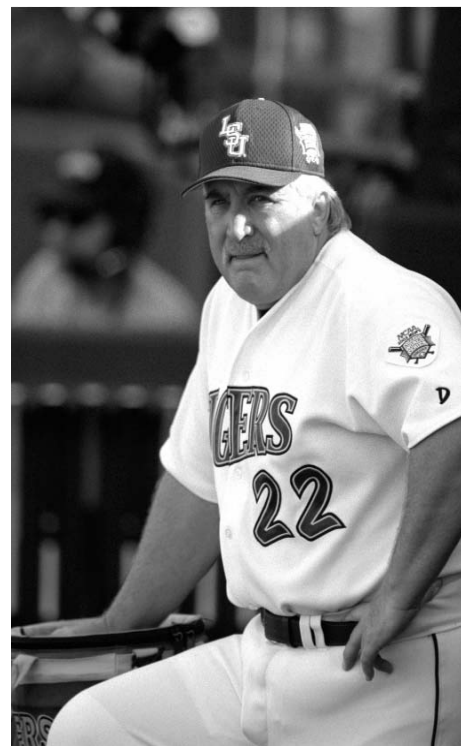
LSU also set an NCAA total attendance record in 2003, drawing 291,676 patrons to Alex Box Stadium.

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

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

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

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



## The Laval File

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

## Coaching Experience

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

## Education

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

## 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	17-4	LSU	

**Career Record (11th year):** 393-226-1 (.635)

**LSU Record (4th year):** 152-67-1 (.694)

### 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.**

### Mailing Address

LSU Sports Information  
P.O. Box 25095  
Baton Rouge, LA 70894-5095

### Overnight Mail Address

Room 501, LSU Athletics Admin. Bldg.  
N. Stadium Dr. at Nicholson Dr.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70894-5095

### Phone Directory

Press Box: 225-578-4149  
Sports Information: 225-578-8226  
Fax: 225-578-1861  
Baseball Office: 225-578-4148  
Fax: 225-578-4066

### Baseball Contact E-mail Address

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## Who to Contact

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### Baseball Contact

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### Asst. Contact

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### LSU Television

(225) 578-1797

### Asst. AD/Television

Kevin Wagner - jwagne2@lsu.edu

### Manager/Television

John Schiebe - jschiebe@lsu.edu

### LSU Radio

(225) 578-1882

### Asst. AD/Radio

Jim Hawthorne - lsuradio@lsu.edu

## On the Internet

### www.LSUports.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.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.

Bill Franques  
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## Week 7: March 21-27

Bill Martin  
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MONDAY	21	TUESDAY	22	WEDNESDAY	23	THURSDAY	24	FRIDAY	25	SATURDAY	26	SUNDAY	27
				<b>vs. Southeastern Louisiana</b> 6:30 p.m. Zephyr Field Metairie, La.  Radio: LSU Sports Network  TV: None				<b>vs. Auburn</b> 6:30 p.m. Alex Box Stadium Baton Rouge, La.  Radio: LSU Sports Network  TV: None		<b>vs. Auburn</b> 2 p.m. Alex Box Stadium Baton Rouge, La.  Radio: LSU Sports Network  TV: None		<b>vs. Auburn</b> 1 p.m. Alex Box Stadium Baton Rouge, La.  Radio: LSU Sports Network  TV: None	

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