

2004 Schedule/Results (15-2, 0-0 SEC)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
February		
13 (Fri.)	at Central Florida	W, 4-3 (10)
14 (Sat.)	at Central Florida	W, 17-4
15 (Sun.)	at Central Florida	L, 5-6 (10)
17 (Tue.)	UL-MONROE	W, 7-1
20 (Fri.)	JACKSONVILLE STATE	W, 6-1
21 (Sat.)	JACKSONVILLE STATE	W, 14-2
22 (Sun.)	JACKSONVILLE STATE	W, 19-1
27 (Fri.)	TEXAS STATE	W, 10-1
28 (Sat.)	TEXAS STATE	W, 2-1
29 (Sun.)	TEXAS STATE	W, 13-2
March		
2 (Tue.)	#8 Tulane	W, 6-0 #
5 (Fri.)	HOUSTON	W, 9-3
6 (Sat.)	HOUSTON	L, 5-10
7 (Sun.)	HOUSTON	W, 8-2
9 (Tue.)	at UL-Monroe	W, 6-1
12 (Fri.)	SOUTHEASTERN LA.	W, 7-1
13 (Sat.)	SOUTHEASTERN LA.	W, 5-1
16 (Tue.)	NEW ORLEANS	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.
19 (Wed.)	SOUTHEASTERN LA.	6:30 p.m.
21 (Fri.)	at Ole Miss	6:30 p.m.
22 (Sat.)	at Ole Miss	3 p.m.
23 (Sun.)	at Ole Miss	1:30 p.m.
26-30	SEC Tournament (Hoover, Ala.)	
June		
4-6	NCAA Regional (sites TBA)	
11-13/12-14	NCAA Super Regional (sites TBA)	
18-27/28	College World Series (Omaha, Neb.)	

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



LSU TIGERS

(15-2, #1)

vs.

New Orleans (9-11)

Tuesday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m. • Alex Box Stadium (7,760)

Radio: LSU Sports Network

TV: None

Tigers Play Host to UNO Privateers in Alex Box Stadium

No. 1 LSU (15-2) plays host to the University of New Orleans (9-11) at 6:30 p.m. tonight in Alex Box Stadium.

The game can be heard on the LSU Sports Radio Network, including flagship WDGL-FM 98.1 in Baton Rouge. The radio broadcast may be also be accessed at www.LSUsports.net.

Tuesday is "Bald Is Beautiful" Night at Alex Box Stadium, as all bald individuals will be admitted to the game for just \$1. The first 300 bald fans to enter the stadium will receive a coupon for free Manda Sausage from the Tiger Concession stands.

A barber is scheduled to be at the stadium to shave fans' heads, if they wish to achieve instant baldness. Fans who get their heads shaved will receive a free t-shirt and become eligible for a \$100 cash drawing.

LSU, ranked No. 1 by *Collegiate Baseball* magazine for the fourth consecutive week, has won four straight games and 13 of its last 14 contests after defeating in-state rivals UL-Monroe and Southeastern Louisiana last week. The Tigers' 15-2 record is LSU's best through 17 games since the 1997 club was 17-0 en route to a 19-0 start.

UNO has lost three of its four contests, breaking a three-game losing streak with an 8-5, 12-inning victory Sunday versus UL-Monroe.

The Tigers begin defense of their 2003 Southeastern Conference title this weekend when they play at third-ranked South Carolina.

The LSU-UNO Series

LSU leads the all-time series with UNO, 41-30, and the teams split two meetings last season -- UNO captured a 5-4 win at Zephyr Field in Metairie, La., and LSU defeated the Privateers, 7-2, in Alex Box Stadium.

The Tigers have won 11 of the last 12 meetings with the Privateers. LSU and UNO are scheduled to meet again this season on March 30 at Maestri Field on the UNO campus.

LSU coach Smoke Laval has a 6-7 career mark against the Privateers, including a 3-1 mark as the Tigers' coach. UNO coach Randy Bush is 1-7 versus the Tigers during his five-year career.

LSU has a 33-8 record against Louisiana schools during Laval's three-year tenure as head coach. The Tigers are 5-0 this season against their in-state rivals.

Pitching Matchup

LSU - Fr. LHP Clay Dirks (3-0, 1.42 ERA, 25.1 IP, 4 BB, 24 SO)
 UNO - Fr. LHP Marcus McKenzie (1-1, 6.17 ERA, 11.2 IP, 2 BB, 12 SO)

LSU		UNO	
Record	15-2 (0-0 SEC)	Record	9-11 (0-0 Sun Belt)
Ranking	No. 1 Collegiate Baseball No. 5 Baseball America No. 5 ESPN/Sports Weekly	Ranking	Not Ranked
Coach	Smoke Laval	Coach	Randy Bush
Career Record	345-205-1 (10th year)	Career Record	126-128 (fifth year)
LSU Record	104-46-1 (third year)	UNO Record	126-128 (fifth year)
Laval vs. UNO	6-7	Bush vs. LSU	1-7

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
March 8	5	1	5
March 15	4	1	5

Baseball America (March 15)

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

Collegiate Baseball (March 15)

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

The LSU Lineup

Player	Pos.	Cl.-Exp.	B/T	Avg.	HR	RBI	Notable
Matt Liuzza	C	So.-1L	R/R	.364	2	15	.348 in last five games with 5 RBI
Clay Harris	3B/1B	Jr.-2L	R/R	.297	1	11	4-for-8 in SLU series with 1 RBI
Blake Gill	2B	Jr.-2L	L/R	.333	0	9	4-for-8 in SLU series with 1 2B
Ivan Naccarata	3B	Sr.-1L	L/R	.238	1	8	.333 (3-for-9) in last five games
or							
Will Harris	1B	So.-1L	R/R	.571	2	8	.875 last week w/ 1 HR, 6 RBI
Derek Hebert	SS	Jr.-JC	L/R	.308	1	4	3-for-16 in last four games
or							
Matt Horwath	SS	Fr.-RS	R/R	.269	1	5	1-for-5 in SLU series
Ryan Patterson	LF	Jr.-1L	R/R	.299	2	15	3-for-22 in last five games
J.C. Holt	CF	Jr.-2L	L/R	.425	1	13	3-for-8 w/ 1 3B, 1 HR vs. SLU
Jon Zeringue	RF	Jr.-2L	R/R	.422	3	15	.474 with 1 HR, 5 RBI in last 5 games
Nick Stavinoha	DH	Jr.-JC	R/R	.323	3	13	.375, 1 HR, 3 RBI in last 5 games

Dirks Gets Starting Assignment Tonight vs. UNO

LSU coach Smoke Laval will send freshman left-hander Clay Dirks (3-0, 1.42 ERA) to the mound Tuesday. Dirks, who fired a complete-game shutout versus Tulane on March 2, followed that effort with a strong outing last Tuesday at UL-Monroe, limiting the Indians to one run on three hits in 5.2 innings with no walks and six strikeouts.

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

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

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

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

Liuzza's Hitting Streak Ends at 14 Games

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

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

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

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

Smoke Gets LSU Win No. 100

Smoke Laval, in his third season as the Tigers' head coach, earned his 100th LSU victory on March 5 when the Tigers defeated Houston, 9-3. The 2003 SEC Coach of the Year, Laval has a 104-46-1 (.692) mark at LSU and a 345-205-1 (.627) record in 10 seasons as a collegiate head coach. He served as the head coach at Louisiana-Monroe for seven seasons (1994-2000) prior to taking the reins of the LSU program as head coach. Laval was an LSU assistant coach for 10 seasons (1984-93), helping to lead the Tigers to two national championships (1991, 1993), six College World Series appearances and five SEC titles.

Will Harris Enjoys Superb Week vs. UL-Monroe and SE Louisiana

Sophomore 1B Will Harris, the younger brother of LSU's all-SEC infielder Clay Harris, batted .875 (7-for-8) in the Tigers' three games last week with one homer, six RBI and two runs.

Will Harris was 4-for-4 at the plate with one run and two RBI in LSU's win over UL-Monroe Tuesday, and he launched a grand slam -- LSU's first this season -- in the Tigers' victory over Southeastern Louisiana Friday. He is hitting .571 (12-for-21) on the year with one double, two homers and eight RBI.

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

Mestepey Earns Career Victory No. 25

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

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

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

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

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

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

The LSU Injury Report

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

INF Matt Horwath -- Horwath, a medical redshirt in 2003 after undergoing right shoulder surgery, started LSU's first seven games at shortstop this season before experiencing soreness in the shoulder. An MRI was performed on the shoulder on March 2, and the results showed no new injuries. Horwath will not play this weekend against SLU, and his condition will be evaluated on a day-to-day basis.

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

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

ESPN/Sports Weekly (March 15)

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

2004 SEC Standings (March 15)

Eastern Division			
Team	SEC	Pct.	Overall
Florida	0-0	.000	18-3
Georgia	0-0	.000	12-3
Kentucky	0-0	.000	12-5
South Carolina	0-0	.000	17-0
Tennessee	0-0	.000	16-2
Vanderbilt	0-0	.000	13-2
Western Division			
Team	SEC	Pct.	Overall
Alabama	0-0	.000	14-4
Arkansas	0-0	.000	12-6
Auburn	0-0	.000	16-2
LSU	0-0	.000	15-2
Ole Miss	0-0	.000	14-1
Miss. State	0-0	.000	10-2

This Week in the SEC (March 16-17)

Tuesday, March 16

Centenary at Arkansas • 5 p.m.
 Georgia Southern at Georgia • 4:30 p.m.
 Evansville at Kentucky • 4 p.m.
 New Orleans at LSU • 6:30 p.m.
 Mississippi State at Louisiana Tech • 6:30 p.m. (at Jackson, Miss.)
 Davidson at South Carolina • 6 p.m.
 Lipscomb at Tennessee • 6 p.m.
 Tennessee Martin at Vanderbilt • 4 p.m.

Wednesday, March 17

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

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

JSN - Jumbo Sports Network

Cox - Cox Sports Television

Fox - Fox Sports Southwest (SEC-TV)

CSS - Comcast Sports Southeast

All Times are Central and Subject to Change

SEC Coaches Select LSU to Repeat as League Champion

The LSU Tigers are the favorite to win the Southeastern Conference Baseball Championship, as voted by the league's 12 baseball coaches in the 13th annual preseason SEC poll. The Tigers seek to capture their 14th SEC Championship, having won or shared the title three times in the past eight seasons (1996, 1997 & 2003) and seven times since 1990. LSU won the both the 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.

SEC Pre-Season Coaches Poll

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

LSU by the Numbers in 2004

Home	11-1
Away	4-1
Neutral Sites	0-0
Day	7-2
Night	8-0
On Jumbo Sports	3-1
On Cox Sports	0-0
On SEC-TV	0-0
Vs. SEC	0-0
Vs. SEC West	0-0
Vs. SEC East	0-0
Non-SEC Games	15-2
Vs. Louisiana opponents	5-0
Vs. Ranked opponents	1-0
Vs. Atlantic Sun	2-1
Vs. C-USA	3-1
Vs. Ohio Valley	3-0
Vs. Southland	7-0
Vs. Sun Belt	0-0
Vs. SWAC	0-0
Doubleheaders	0-0
Game 1 of weekend series	5-0
Game 2 of weekend series	4-1
Game 3 of weekend series	3-1
Sunday	3-1
Tuesday	3-0
Wednesday	0-0
Friday	5-0
Saturday	4-1
One-run games	2-1
Extra inning games	1-1
Shutouts	1-0
Games in which LSU scores first	9-1
Games in which opponent scores first	6-1
When LSU scores 10+	5-0
When LSU scores <5	2-0
When opponent scores 10+	0-1
When opponent scores <5	15-0
When LSU leads after 6 innings	13-0
When LSU trails after 6 innings	0-1
When tied after 6 innings	2-1
When LSU leads after 7 innings	14-0
When LSU trails after 7 innings	0-1
When tied after 7 innings	1-1
When LSU leads after 8 innings	14-0
When LSU trails after 8 innings	0-1
When tied after 8 innings	1-1
Vs. Right-handed starting pitcher	8-2
Vs. Left-handed starting pitcher	7-0
Starting Pitchers	14-0
Relievers	1-2
When LSU has 10+ hits	13-1
When LSU has <6 hits	0-0
When opponent has 10+ hits	3-2
When opponent has <6 hits	3-0
When LSU has more hits	12-0
When LSU has fewer hits	2-2
Equal hits	1-0
When LSU hits 3 or more home runs	3-0
When LSU hits no home runs	5-2
When opponent hits 3+ home runs	0-1
When opponent hits no home runs	11-0
Games won on final at-bat	1
Games lost on final at-bat	1
Come-from-behind wins	6
Losses when LSU led previously	1
Blown saves	0
Longest game	3:27 (at Central Florida, 2/15)
Shortest game	2:14 (at UL- Monroe, 3/9)

Smoke Laval

HEAD COACH • THIRD YEAR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Laval Year-By-Year

Year	W-L	School	Highlights
1994	20-33	UL-Monroe	Defeated Three NCAA Tournament Teams
1995	37-20	UL-Monroe	SLC Tournament Champions; NCAA Regional Participants
1996	41-19	UL-Monroe	School-Record 41 Wins; SLC Louisiana Division Champions
1997	33-21	UL-Monroe	Became Fourth Coach in ULM History To Record 100 Wins
1998	33-22	UL-Monroe	Led SLC In Hitting For Third Straight Season
1999	36-22	UL-Monroe	SLC Champions; NCAA Regional Participants
2000	41-22	UL-Monroe	SLC Champions; NCAA Regional Participants
2002	44-22	LSU	NCAA Regional Champions; NCAA Super Regional Participants
2003	45-22-1	LSU	SEC Champions; College World Series Participants
2004	15-2	LSU	

Career Record (10th year): 345-205-1

LSU Record (3rd year): 104-46-1

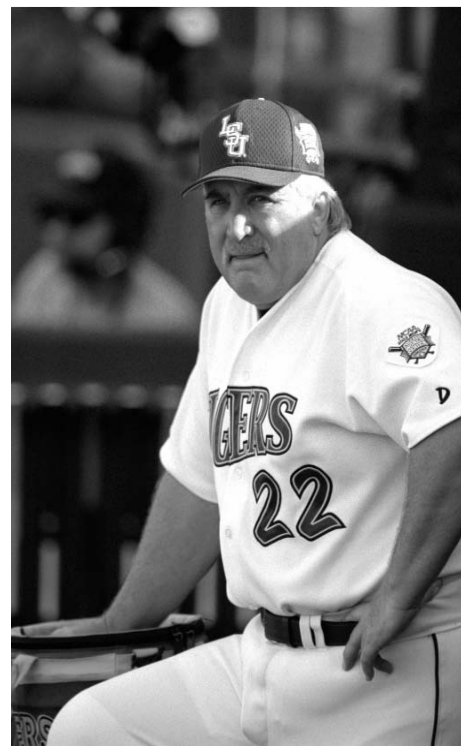
COACHING HONORS

1995 Louisiana Sportswriters Association Coach of the Year

1999 Southland Conference Coach of the Year

2002 Louisiana Sportswriters Association Coach of the Year

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



The Laval File

Full Name: Raymond Peter Laval

Born: December 20, 1955

Hometown: McDonald, Pa.

Wife: Pam Lewis of Reserve, La.

Children: Jamie and Brandon

Coaching Experience

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

Education

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

College: Jacksonville, 1977 (physical education)

Masters: LSU, 1979 (administration)

Playing Experience

1970-73: Catcher, South Fayette High School

1974-75: Catcher, Gulf Coast CC

1976-77: Catcher, Jacksonville University

The Nickname "Smoke"

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

Media Services

Interview Opportunities

Head Coach Smoke Laval

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

Players

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

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

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On the Internet

www.LSUsports.net

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

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

http://media.lsusports.net

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

LSU Electronic Media

Radio

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

Television

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

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

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