

**2005 Schedule/Results (36-17, 16-11 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.	W, 4-2 \$
25 (Fri.)	AUBURN	L, 4-6
26 (Sat.)	AUBURN	W, 6-3
27 (Sun.)	AUBURN	L, 5-7
29 (Tue.)	NEW ORLEANS (COX)	W, 18-10
<b>April</b>		
1 (Fri.)	at Alabama	L, 0-4
2 (Sat.)	at Alabama (JSN)	W, 11-2
3 (Sun.)	at Alabama (JSN)	L, 4-5 (13)
5 (Tue.)	at Nicholls State	W, 3-2
6 (Wed.)	#11 Rice (JSN)	W, 8-2
8 (Fri.)	#4 SOUTH CAROLINA	L, 1-3
9 (Sat.)	#4 SOUTH CAROLINA	L, 1-5
10 (Sun.)	#4 SOUTH CAROLINA	L, 5-7
12 (Tue.)	NORTHWESTERN STATE	W, 19-2
15 (Fri.)	#20 OLE MISS	L, 8-14
16 (Sat.)	#20 OLE MISS	W, 7-6
17 (Sun.)	#20 OLE MISS (COX)	W, 5-1
19 (Tue.)	at #1 Tulane (ESPN 2)	L, 8-11 \$
22 (Fri.)	at #11 Arkansas	W, 10-7
23 (Sat.)	at #11 Arkansas	W, 7-0
24 (Sun.)	at #11 Arkansas (JSN)	W, 6-0
30 (Sat.)	at #25 Vanderbilt	L, 4-9
30 (Sat.)	at #25 Vanderbilt	W, 9-3
<b>May</b>		
1 (Sun.)	at #25 Vanderbilt (JSN)	W, 3-0
3 (Tue.)	SOUTHERN (COX)	L, 5-9
6 (Fri.)	KENTUCKY (COX)	W, 6-5
7 (Sat.)	KENTUCKY	L, 1-7
8 (Sun.)	KENTUCKY	W, 8-3
13 (Fri.)	#9 TENNESSEE (COX)	L, 2-9
14 (Sat.)	#9 TENNESSEE (SEC-TV)	W, 9-3
15 (Sun.)	#9 TENNESSEE	W, 14-4
18 (Wed.)	at New Orleans	W, 7-5 (13)
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

**Weekend Release No. 15 • at Mississippi State**

May 20, 21 and 22, 2005 • 6:30 p.m. • 2 p.m. • 1:30 p.m.  
Starkville, Miss. • Dudy Noble Field, Polk-Dement Stadium (15,000)

## Tigers In Search Of 2005 SEC Title At Mississippi State

No. 9 LSU (36-17, 16-11 SEC) seeks the 2005 SEC title this weekend as the Tigers travel to Starkville for a three-game series against Mississippi State (35-18, 12-14) at Dudy Noble Field. Game 1 of the series is set for 6:30 p.m. CDT Friday, Game 2 begins at 2 p.m. CDT Saturday and Game 3 starts at 1:30 p.m. CDT Sunday.

### >Broadcast Info

There will be no television on Friday and Saturday, but the Jumbo Sports Network (cable ch. 3 in Baton Rouge) will televise Sunday's finale. The games can be heard statewide on the LSU Sports Network (WDGL 98.1 FM in Baton Rouge). Jim Hawthorne (play-by-play) and Bill Franques (analyst) call the action. The radio broadcast and live stats are also available on the LSU Athletics web site, www.LSUsports.net.

### >Last Time Out

LSU escaped with a 7-5, 13-inning victory at New Orleans on Wednesday. The Tigers won their fifth straight SEC series last weekend, capturing two of three games against No. 9 Tennessee at Alex Box Stadium.

### >Notables

The Tigers have won 11 of their last 14 conference games and are in first place in the SEC Western Division with a 16-11 league record, one game ahead of Alabama and Ole Miss ... LSU trails SEC East leader Florida (17-10) by just one game in the overall conference standings with one weekend remaining in the regular season ... The Tigers are looking to capture their 14th SEC Championship title ... LSU has won 12 SEC Western Division titles, including three this decade (2000, 2001, 2003) ... LSU's 71 homers are tops in the SEC ... LSU has the league's best ERA in SEC games at 3.65; The Tigers' overall ERA is 3.72, No. 8 in the conference ... Lane Mestepey is 2-0 with a 1.77 ERA in four previous appearances (two starts) against Mississippi State ... In 20.1 career innings against the Bulldogs, Mestepey has allowed four runs on 20 hits with no walks and 16 strikeouts.

## Pitching Matchups

### Game 1

LSU -- Sr. LHP Lane Mestepey (6-7, 4.60 ERA, 86.0 IP, 21 BB, 46 SO)  
MSU -- Sr. RHP Alan Johnson (3-6, 4.93 ERA, 69.1 IP, 26 BB, 52 SO)

### Game 2

LSU -- Jr. LHP Clay Dirks (10-2, 3.12 ERA, 83.2 IP, 24 BB, 60 SO)  
MSU -- Sr. RHP Todd Doolittle (4-7, 4.23 ERA, 61.2 IP, 36 BB, 43 SO)

### Game 3

LSU -- Jr. LHP Greg Smith (9-2, 2.16 ERA, 91.2 IP, 22 BB, 73 SO)  
MSU -- So. RHP Jon Crosby (5-2, 3.65 ERA, 56.2 IP, 11 BB, 29 SO)

## LSU Probable Position Starters

Pos.	Player	Cl.-Exp.	B/T	Avg.	HR	RBI	Notable
C	Matt Liuzza	Jr.-2L	R/R	.248	2	22	.357 (5-for-14), 2 2B, 4 R, 3 RBI last 5 games
1B	Blake Gill	Sr.-3L	L/R	.301	5	40	Has played three different positions this season
2B	Clay Harris	Sr.-3L	R/R	.377	9	52	Has made 172 consecutive starts since 2003
SS	Michael Hollander	Fr.-HS	R/R	.231	1	13	Committed no errors in last 17 games
	-or- Derek Hebert	Sr.-1L	L/R	.250	2	7	.333 (5-for-15), 1 2B, 2 R, 0 RBI last 5 games
3B	Chris Jackson	Fr.-RS	R/R	.312	1	16	LSU is 13-5 with Jackson in the starting lineup
LF	Quinn Stewart	Jr.-1L	R/R	.226	2	11	Has made 31 starts in LF this season
	Ryan Patterson	Sr.-2L	R/R	.395	19	49	SEC Player of the Week
CF	Ryan Patterson	Sr.-2L	R/R	.395	19	49	BA Midseason All-Am.; Golden Spikes Watch
	-or- Bruce Sprowl	Jr.-1L	L/R	.241	1	10	No errors in 45 games this season
RF	Nick Stavinoha	Sr.-1L	R/R	.362	17	58	Leads team in RBI (58); .446 runners in sc pos.
DH	Jordan Mayer	Fr.-RS	R/R	.330	3	22	LSU's leading hitter last 10 games; .400 BA

LSU		Mississippi State	
<b>Record</b>	36-17 (16-11 SEC)	<b>Record</b>	35-18 (12-14 SEC)
<b>Ranking</b>	No. 13 Baseball America No. 14 Collegiate Baseball No. 9 ESPN/Sports Weekly	<b>Ranking</b>	NR Baseball America NR Collegiate Baseball NR ESPN/Sports Weekly
<b>Coach</b>	Smoke Laval	<b>Coach</b>	Ron Polk
<b>Career Record</b>	412-239-1 (.632/11th year)	<b>Career Record</b>	1,268-620-2 (.672/32nd year)
<b>LSU Record</b>	171-80-1 (.680/fourth year)	<b>MSU Record</b>	1,034-508-2 (.671/26th year)
<b>Laval vs. MSU</b>	7-13	<b>Polk vs. LSU</b>	65-51

## 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
March 28	5	4	5
April 4	8	9	6
April 11	22	19	12
April 18	20	18	12
April 25	16	14	9
May 2	16	13	8
May 9	16	16	11
May 16	13	14	9

## Baseball America (May 16)

1. Cal State Fullerton (37-12)
2. Tulane (45-8)
3. Oregon State (39-8)
4. Miami (Fla.) (38-12-1)
5. Texas (41-11)
6. Georgia Tech (37-14)
7. Nebraska (41-12)
8. Arizona (33-16)
9. Baylor (34-18)
10. Long Beach State (35-17)
11. Tennessee (36-16)
12. Rice (36-15)
13. **LSU (36-17)**
14. Florida State (45-14)
15. Florida (34-18)
16. Alabama (35-18)
17. Arizona State (30-19)
18. UL-Lafayette (44-12)
19. Ole Miss (37-16)
20. Missouri (34-17)
21. Southern Cal (32-15)
22. North Carolina State (36-14)
23. Coastal Carolina (42-11)
24. North Carolina (37-14)
25. St. John's (35-14)

## Collegiate Baseball (May 16)

1. Tulane (45-8)
2. Cal State Fullerton (37-12)
3. Oregon State (39-8)
4. Texas (41-11)
5. Nebraska (41-12)
6. Georgia Tech (37-14)
7. Miami (Fla.) (38-12-1)
8. Baylor (34-18)
9. Arizona (33-16)
10. Florida State (34-18)
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12. Florida (34-18)
13. Long Beach State (35-17)
14. **LSU (36-17)**
15. Rice (36-15)
16. Alabama (35-18)
17. Southern Cal (32-15)
18. Arizona State (30-19)
19. UL-Lafayette (44-12)
20. College of Charleston (41-10)
21. Ole Miss (37-16)
22. Arkansas (37-15)
23. Coastal Carolina (42-11)
24. Clemson (33-19)
25. North Carolina (37-14-1)

## Statistical Comparison

LSU	Mississippi State
.293	Batting Average .295
3.72	Earned Run Average 3.64
115	Doubles 97
14	Triples 15
71	Homers 26
.481	Slugging Percentage .407
.375	On-Base Percentage .372
32/42	Stolen Bases/Attempts 29/41
.254	Opponents Batting Average .260
368	Batters Struck Out 363
12	Saves 9
.970	Fielding Percentage .968

## In the Polls

LSU moved up in all three of the major polls this week after posting a 2-1 mark vs. No. 9 Tennessee. The Tigers leaped three spots to No. 13 in Baseball America, their highest ranking in the poll since April 4. LSU is also ranked 14th in Collegiate Baseball and No. 9 in ESPN/Sports Weekly.

## RPI Watch

The Tigers are ranked No. 11 in the Boyd's World pseudo-RPI's this week. The Tigers were ranked 13th last week. Nine SEC teams are listed in the top 30. Ole Miss leads the way in SEC RPI at No. 6. LSU is the second highest SEC team. The Tigers have an 11-6 record vs. teams in the RPI top 25 and a 16-7 mark against teams in the top 30.

## The LSU-Mississippi State Series

Mississippi State leads the all-time series with LSU, 188-154-1. LSU holds a 9-8 advantage over MSU in the 17 meetings this decade. The Tigers have won five of the last six meetings between the clubs, including a 2-1 series victory in Baton Rouge last season. LSU, however, has lost three of the last five series played in Starkville. The Tigers posted series victories at MSU in 1999 and 2001, but LSU suffered series losses at Dudy Noble Field in 1995, 1997 and 2003.

## Patterson Named SEC Player Of The Week After Record Weekend

**Ryan Patterson** was named Monday as the SEC Player of the Week by the league office. Patterson led the Tigers to series victory over ninth-ranked Tennessee, propelling LSU to sole possession of first place in the SEC Western Division. Patterson hit .636 (7-for-11) in the series with one double, two homers, five RBI and six runs scored. He also walked twice, posting a .692 on-base percentage and a 1.273 slugging percentage. In Saturday's 9-3 win over the Volunteers, Patterson tied an LSU single-game record with five hits - including one homer and one double - while collecting three RBI and scoring four runs. He launched a two-run homer on Sunday to move into a fifth-place tie with Albert Belle (1985-87) on the all-time LSU home runs list (49). Patterson raised his batting average in SEC games to .376 (41-for-109) with eight doubles, one triple, 11 homers and 24 RBI. For the entire season, he is hitting .397 (81-for-204) with 20 doubles, two triples, 19 homers and 49 RBI. Patterson is the third LSU player to receive recognition from the conference office this season.

## Patterson Named To Golden Spikes Watch List

Senior **Ryan Patterson** was named to the Golden Spikes Award Watch List on April 26. Recognized as amateur baseball's most prestigious honor, the Golden Spikes Award is presented to the top college baseball player in the country. Patterson is one of 40 players named to the watch list, which will be trimmed to five finalists in early June. The 28th Annual Golden Spikes Award Show will take place in July in conjunction with USA Baseball. LSU has one Golden Spikes Award winner to its credit when pitcher Ben McDonald took home the hardware in 1989.

## Back On Track

Since losing three of its first four SEC series, LSU has responded with five straight league series' wins over Ole Miss, Arkansas, Vanderbilt, Kentucky and Tennessee. The Tigers have won 11 out of its last 14 conference games -- 10 of those against ranked opponents. On the season, LSU has two SEC road sweeps to its credit -- at Georgia and at Arkansas. The last time an LSU team had two conference road sweeps was 1994 when the Tigers took three games at Auburn and three games at Georgia.

## Iron Man

**Clay Harris** is the only Tiger to start in all 53 games this season. Harris has started 52 contests at second base since making the move before the season. He also started one game at designated hitter. During his career, Harris has made 172 consecutive starts, dating back to 2003. The last time Harris was not in the starting lineup was in a mid-week game versus Southeastern Louisiana on March 5, 2003.

## 412 Wins And Counting For Laval

**Smoke Laval** finished the Tennessee weekend with 411 career victories and won his 412th at UNO on Wednesday. Laval won his 400th career game in a 19-2 thrashing of Northwestern State on April 12. Laval compiled a 241-159 mark as head coach at UL-Monroe for seven seasons (1994-2000). Since then, Smoke has won 171 games in his fourth season at LSU after taking over for Skip Bertman.

## A Homecoming For Dirks

Sophomore pitcher **Clay Dirks** returns to his home state this weekend. Dirks grew up nearly three hours away from the Mississippi State campus in Hernando, Miss. The lefty played several tournaments at Dudy Noble Field during his youth baseball days.

## Another Two-Sport Jackson

Redshirt freshman **Chris Jackson** has sparked LSU at the top of the order since entering the Tiger lineup on April 10 versus South Carolina. LSU has a 13-5 record when Jackson starts. He recently maintained a 12-game hitting streak, which came to an end in the first game of a doubleheader at Vanderbilt. At the same time, the River Ridge, La. native just wrapped up spring football practice as the squad's starting place kicker/punter. Against Northwestern State on April 12, Jackson arrived to Alex Box 20 minutes before first pitch after going through a football workout. Without taking infield or batting practice, Jackson made his first career start at third base and went 3-for-6 with four runs and four RBI. He also belted his first career homer in the bottom of the seventh. On April 16, he competed in the annual LSU spring football scrimmage in the morning before reporting to the Box 45 minutes before a 2 p.m. first pitch against Ole Miss. In his first at-bat Jackson lined a single to right field and finished the game 3-for-5 with a run and an RBI. He also displayed tremendous defense at third base with four critical assists in the Tigers 7-6 triumph over the Rebels.

## Hitting Streaks

**Nick Stavinoha** has the longest current hitting streak on the squad, having hit safely in his last 12 games. The streak is the longest of his career and the longest current stretch in the SEC. **Blake Gill** maintained a 20-game hitting streak, dating back to last season. Gill's run, 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>

## Mestepey Up To 35 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. Following his win over Kentucky on May 6, Mestepey is now three wins shy of tying Scott Schultz' career mark of 38, achieved between 1992-95. The southpaw also moved into a tie with Mississippi State's Bobby Reed (1987-90) for eighth place in SEC career victories. 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>35</b>
3. Stan Loewer (1984-87)	33
4. Paul Byrd (1989-91)	31

## Going the Distance

**Clay Dirks'** complete game vs. Tennessee tallied the Tigers' eighth complete game outing by LSU pitchers this season. Dirks owns three nine-inning starts to his credit this season, as does senior **Lane Mestepey**. **Greg Smith** has four on the year -- in three of his last five outings.

## Mestepey Moving Up The SEC Record Books

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. On the season, Mestepey sits at 467.2 innings pitched. He is 9.1 innings away from tying Auburn's John Powell (1990-94) for second place. 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
<b>3. Lane Mestepey, LSU (2001-present)</b>	<b>467.2</b>
4. R.A. Dickey, Tennessee (1994-96)	434.0

## Patterson Named Top Senior by Baseball America in Midseason Report on April 12

**Ryan Patterson** was named the top senior in the nation by Baseball America in its midseason edition released on April 12. Patterson was also a unanimous first-team midseason All-American in the outfield. He is one of only two SEC players who made the first-team list. Tennessee's Luke Hochevar also made the list as a starting pitcher. Nebraska's Alex Gordon was named the nation's top player, and Rice's Joe Savery made the list as the top freshman.

## ESPN/Sports Weekly (May 16)

1. Tulane (36) (45-8)
2. Cal State Fullerton (4) (37-12)
3. Texas (41-11)
4. Miami (Fla.) (38-12-1)
5. Oregon State (39-8)
6. Georgia Tech (37-14)
7. Nebraska (41-12)
8. Arizona (33-16)
- 9. LSU (36-17)**
10. Florida State (46-14)
11. Rice (36-15)
12. Baylor (34-18)
13. Florida (34-18)
14. Long Beach State (35-17)
15. North Carolina (37-14-1)
16. UL-Lafayette (44-12)
17. Ole Miss (37-16)
18. Arkansas (37-15)
19. Tennessee (36-16)
20. Southern Cal (32-15)
21. Arizona State (30-19)
22. Stanford (29-19)
23. South Carolina (34-19)
24. College of Charleston (41-10)
25. Alabama (35-18)

## 2005 SEC Standings (May 19)

Eastern Division			
Team	SEC	Pct.	Overall
Florida	17-10	.630	35-18
Tennessee	16-10	.615	37-16
Vanderbilt	13-14	.481	34-18
South Carolina	13-14	.481	34-19
Georgia	11-15	.423	29-23
Kentucky	7-19	.269	29-24
Western Division			
Team	SEC	Pct.	Overall
LSU	16-11	.593	36-17
Alabama	15-12	.556	35-18
Ole Miss	15-12	.556	37-16
Arkansas	13-14	.478	37-15
Mississippi State	12-14	.458	35-18
Auburn	12-15	.458	31-22

## This Weekend in the SEC (May 20-22)

### May 20 (Friday)

- \*Alabama at Auburn 7 p.m. CT
- \*Florida at Vanderbilt [SUN] 6 p.m. CT
- \*Ole Miss at Arkansas 7 p.m. CT
- \*Georgia at Tennessee 7 p.m. ET
- \*Kentucky at South Carolina 7 p.m. ET
- \*LSU at Mississippi State 6:30 p.m. CT

### May 21 (Saturday)

- \*Alabama at Auburn 4 p.m. CT
- \*Florida at Vanderbilt 2 p.m. CT
- \*Ole Miss at Arkansas [FSN] 3 p.m. CT
- \*Georgia at Tennessee [CSS] 7 p.m. ET
- \*Kentucky at South Carolina 4 p.m. ET
- \*LSU at Mississippi State 2 p.m. CT

### May 22 (Sunday)

- \*Alabama at Auburn [CSS] 1 p.m. CT
- \*Florida at Vanderbilt [SUN] 1 p.m. CT
- \*Ole Miss at Arkansas 1 p.m. CT
- \*Georgia at Tennessee 2 p.m. ET
- \*Kentucky at South Carolina 1 p.m. ET
- \*LSU at Mississippi State [JSN] 1:30 p.m. CT

## LSU by the Numbers in 2005

Home	21-11
Away	13-6
Neutral Sites	2-0
Day	19-7
Night	17-10
TV Games	12-5
On Jumbo Sports	7-1
On Cox Sports	3-3
On ESPN 2	0-1
On SEC-TV	1-0
Vs. SEC	16-11
Vs. SEC West	7-5
Vs. SEC East	9-6
Non-SEC Games	19-6
Vs. Louisiana opponents	9-4
Vs. Ranked opponents	13-8
Vs. C-USA	4-4
Vs. Mid-Continent	1-1
Vs. Pac-10	2-0
Vs. Southland	7-0
Vs. Sun Belt	4-0
Vs. SWAC	0-1
Vs. WAC	1-0
Doubleheaders	3-1
Game 1 of weekend series	7-7
Game 2 of weekend series	12-2
Game 3 of weekend series	10-4
Sunday	9-3
Monday	1-0
Tuesday	4-3
Wednesday	3-1
Friday	7-5
Saturday	12-2
One-run games	4-3
Extra inning games	1-1
Shutouts	3-1
Number of Losing Streaks	2
Longest Losing Streak	3
Games in which LSU scores first	22-4
Games in which opponent scores first	14-13
When LSU scores 10+	11-0
When LSU scores <5	4-11
When opponent scores 10+	1-2
When opponent scores <5	24-4
When LSU leads after 6 innings	30-1
When LSU trails after 6 innings	3-15
When tied after 6 innings	3-1
When LSU leads after 7 innings	31-2
When LSU trails after 7 innings	2-15
When tied after 7 innings	3-0
When LSU leads after 8 innings	33-0
When LSU trails after 8 innings	0-16
When tied after 8 innings	3-1
When LSU has 10+ hits	24-9
When LSU has <6 hits	3-3
When opponent has 10+ hits	11-9
When opponent has <6 hits	8-2
When LSU has more hits	29-3
When LSU has fewer hits	6-11
Equal hits	1-3
When LSU hits 3 or more home runs	10-0
When LSU hits no home runs	6-8
When opponent hits 3+ home runs	0-1
When opponent hits no home runs	21-5
Games won on final at-bat	2
Games lost on final at-bat	1
Come-from-behind wins	16
Losses when LSU led previously	7
Blown saves	2
Longest game	4:30 (at Alabama, 4/3; at UNO, 5/18)
Shortest game(9 or more innings)	2:06 (at Alabama, 4/1)

## Patterson Named Semifinalist For Dick Howser Trophy

**Ryan Patterson** has been named one of 16 semifinalists for the Dick Howser Trophy, given to the top player in college baseball. The 2005 winner will be announced at the College World Series in Omaha on Friday, June 17 at 10:00 a.m. CDT. The Dick Howser Trophy, given in memory of the former Florida State University All-America shortstop and major league player and manager who died of brain cancer in 1987, is regarded by many as college baseball's most prestigious award. Criteria for consideration for the trophy include performance on the field, leadership, moral character and courage, qualities that were exemplified by Dick Howser's life. LSU has one Howser Trophy winner to its credit. Eddy Furniss captured the award after a brilliant season in 1998.

## 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. 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.

## Determann Nominated For Scholar-Athlete Post-Graduate Scholarship

Pitcher **Jason Determann** is one of two nominees from LSU for the H. Boyd McWhorter Scholar-Athlete Post Graduate Scholarship. The award is presented annually to the SEC's top male and female scholar-athletes. Determann has maintained a 3.781 grade point average, majoring in biology. He is a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta national premedical honor society and has been named to the Dean's List every semester at LSU and the Chancellor's Honor Roll twice. He has already posted the required MCAT scores to qualify for acceptance into medical school.

## Faircloth Receives SEC Community Service Post-Graduate Scholarship

Pitcher **Jordan Faircloth** is one of two Southeastern Conference athletes awarded to the league's community service post-graduate scholarship, commissioner Mike Slive announced on April 8. Faircloth and South Carolina diver Holly Hodges each will receive a \$5,000 post-graduate scholarship provided by the SEC. The two were chosen by a committee of Faculty Athletics Representatives from SEC universities. Faircloth becomes the second LSU athlete to receive the honor. Former catcher Tim Lanier earned the award in 1997.

## 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 helped 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.

## 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.

## Stavinoha On Fire

Right fielder **Nick Stavinoha** has at least one base hit in 19 of his last 20 games, a stretch in which he is batting .411 (30-for-73) with eight doubles, 10 homers, 26 RBI and 19 runs.

## Laval Moves Into Fourth Place In Games Coached

The season-opening win over Nicholls State was head coach **Smoke Laval's** 200th as the Tiger skipper. Laval currently sits at 252 games, the fourth-highest mark of any coach in the school's history. Laval overtook fourth place this past weekend vs. Tennessee, eclipsing Jack Lamabe's (1979-83) total of 249. Laval's LSU coaching record of 171-76-1 (.680) 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. <b>Smoke Laval (2002-present)</b>	<b>252</b>
5. Jack Lamabe (1979-83)	249

## 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	1	0	1	0	0	-	2	8	1
LSU	3	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:** Fenger (0-2)  
**S:** Faircloth (3)  
**Time:** 3:02 **Att:** 7,265 (paid); 3,356 (actual)

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

### Game 18 • LSU 20, Arizona State 3

March 11, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

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

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

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

### Game 19 • LSU 8, Georgia 2

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

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

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

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

### Game 20 • LSU 5, Georgia 3

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

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

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

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

### Game 21 • LSU 5, Georgia 3

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

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

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

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

### Game 22 • LSU 4, Southeastern Louisiana 2

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

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

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

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

### Game 23 • Auburn 6, LSU 4

March 25, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

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

**W:** Madden (4-0) **L:** Mestepey (5-2)  
**Time:** 2:48 **Att:** 7,673 (paid); 4,882 (actual)

**Notes:** LSU's seven-game win streak came to an end. Lane Mestepey suffered his first loss since Feb. 25, allowing seven hits and six runs, while walking a season-high four batters. Three of the walks were to the leadoff hitter and all three came into score. Ryan Patterson went 4-for-5 with two runs and his ninth homer in the past seven games. With the game tied at four apiece, Mestepey set down 11 of 12 batters between the third and sixth innings. Karl Amonite had the go-ahead single for Auburn in the seventh off of Jason Determann. AU reliever John Madden retired all 11 batters he faced to pick up the win.

### Game 24 • LSU 6, Auburn 3

March 26, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

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

**W:** Dirks (6-0) **L:** Sullivan (4-2)  
**Time:** 2:08 **Att:** 7,341 (paid); 3,208 (actual)

**Notes:** Michael Hollander had a two-run single in the fifth and had four brilliant assists in the field to help Clay Dirks' record remain perfect on the season. Bruce Sprowl went 2-for-3 in his first game back since suffering a broken finger on March 6. Three of LSU's runs were unearned. Nick Stavinoha had a two-run double in the eighth to give the Tigers a comfortable lead.

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### Game 25 • Auburn 7, LSU 5

March 27, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

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

**W:** Nix (4-1) **L:** Meier (1-2)

**S:** Madden (4)

**Time:** 2:48 **Att:** 7,254 (paid); 2,534 (actual)

**Notes:** LSU's streak of 12 straight series' wins came to an end as Auburn scored six unanswered runs after facing a four-run deficit. The Tigers were 16-0 on the season when leading after seven innings of play. Greg Smith started the game and went 6.2 innings, allowing three runs on six hits and striking out nine. LSU's 2-3-4 hitters of Blake Gill, Ryan Patterson and Clay Harris went 6-for-13. Tyler Johnstone delivered the go-ahead two-run single off of Justin Meier in the eighth. LSU only managed two hits after the fifth inning.

### Game 26 • LSU 18, UNO 10

March 29, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
UNO	4	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	-	10	9	2
LSU	3	2	2	1	4	5	0	1	X	-	18	17	6

**W:** Nall (1-1) **L:** Rodriguez (1-3)

**Time:** 3:11 **Att:** 7,324 (paid); 2,814 (actual)

**Notes:** Ryan Patterson finished a single shy of the cycle, going 3-for-5 with four runs, five RBI and his first career grand slam. Brandon Nall earned his first career win, pitching three innings of relief. UNO scored six runs in the first two innings off of starter Eric English, but the Tigers responded with nine unanswered runs. LSU had four homers on the night. The Tigers also had a season-high six errors, including four committed by Michael Hollander.

### Game 27 • Alabama 4, LSU 0

April 1, 2005 at Sewell-Thomas Stadium (Tuscaloosa, Ala.)

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

**W:** Large (5-2) **L:** Mestepey (5-3)

**Time:** 2:06 **Att:** 4,226

**Notes:** T.J. Large fired a four-hit shutout, the first suffered by LSU since May 27, 2004 when the Tigers were blanked by Georgia, 1-0, in the SEC Tournament. Ryan Patterson and Clay Harris saw their hitting streaks end at 15 games. Lane Mestepey suffered the loss after allowing four runs (three earned) in seven innings.

### Game 28 • LSU 11, Alabama 2

April 2, 2005 at Sewell-Thomas Stadium (Tuscaloosa, Ala.)

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

**W:** Dirks (7-0) **L:** Carter (4-2)

**Time:** 3:00 **Att:** 4,518

**Notes:** LSU launched three homers, including three-run shots by Ryan Patterson and Blake Gill. Dustin Weaver added a two-run homer to send the Tide to its worst loss of the season. Clay Dirks remained perfect, working five innings and limiting the Tide to two runs on two hits. Gill's blast highlighted a four-run eighth that put the game away.

### Game 29 • Alabama 5, LSU 4 (13 inn.)

April 3, 2005 at Sewell-Thomas Stadium (Tuscaloosa, Ala.)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	-	R	H	E
LSU	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	11	11	3
UA	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-	2	5	3

**W:** Davis (3-0) **L:** Faircloth (1-1)

**Time:** 4:30 **Att:** 4,591

**Notes:** Evan Bush's walk-off RBI single in the bottom of the 13th sent LSU to its second consecutive SEC series defeat. The Tigers had not lost two consecutive SEC series since 2002. Jordan Faircloth surrendered the game-winning single and took the loss. Ryan Patterson gave LSU a 4-3 lead on a two-run single in the seventh. Jason Determann couldn't hold the lead, allowing the tying run to score in the eighth. Edgar Ramirez had an impressive outing in relief, working 3.1 innings without allowing a run on just two hits.

### Game 30 • LSU 3, Nicholls State 2

April 5, 2005 at Raymond Didier Field (Thibodaux, La.)

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

**W:** Nall (2-1) **L:** Breaux (0-3)

**S:** Faircloth (4)

**Time:** 4:30 **Att:** 4,591

**Notes:** Brandon Nall turned in the most impressive performance of his career, tossing 8.1 innings in a 3-2 win. Nall allowed only two runs on six hits, walked one and struck out three. His previous career high was three innings. Ryan Patterson, Clay Harris and Nick Stavinoah combined for six of LSU's 11 hits. Stavinoah collected two doubles. Jordan Mayer had a pair of sacrifice bunts, which led to the Tigers' first two runs. Jordan Faircloth notched the save, recording the final two outs and stranding the tying and winning runs on second and first in the ninth.

### Game 31 • LSU 8, Rice 2

April 6, 2005 at Zephyr Field (Metairie, La.)

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

**W:** English (1-0) **L:** Cox (1-2)

**Time:** 2:46 **Att:** 6,393

**Notes:** LSU launched three homers against a Rice staff that had only allowed six homers all season (31 games). The Owls were holding hitters to an opposing batting average of .203. Blake Gill, Ryan Patterson and Nick Stavinoah combined for six of LSU's 12 hit attack -- the most allowed by Rice pitching all season. Eric English earned his first career win, hurling three innings of shutout ball in relief of Justin Meier in the fifth. Meier did not qualify for the win, despite limiting Rice to no runs on one hit.

### Game 32 • South Carolina 3, LSU 1

April 8, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

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

**W:** Fletcher (4-1) **L:** Mestepey (5-4)

**S:** Marsh (6)

**Time:** 2:10 **Att:** 7,691 (paid); 4,541 (actual)

**Notes:** Lane Mestepey and Jason Fletcher battled in a pitcher's duel, but Fletcher earned the upper hand surrendering one lone run on a Will Harris homer. Bruce Sprowl and Blake Gill combined for four of the six hits. Mestepey hurled a complete game after a shaky start, allowing three runs (two earned) on eight hits, while striking out five and walking one. Fletcher stymied the Tigers, recording 17 fly-ball outs. LSU's most prominent threat came in the seventh with runners in scoring position and two outs, but Fletcher retired Ryan Patterson.

### Game 33 • South Carolina 5, LSU 1

April 9, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

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

**W:** McCamie (7-1) **L:** Dirks (7-1)

**Time:** 2:11 **Att:** 7,475 (paid); 4,049 (actual)

**Notes:** Zac McCamie fired a complete game three-hitter. For the first time since 1995, LSU dropped its third straight SEC series. South Carolina won its first ever series at Alex Box. The Tigers were unable to capitalize on five walks. Clay Dirks suffered his first loss of the season. All three LSU hits were singles, including Clay Harris' RBI hit in the fifth. Two of the Gamecock runs were unearned. McCamie retired 11 of the final 13 batters in a season-high nine innings.

### Game 34 • South Carolina 7, LSU 5

April 10, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
SC	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	-	7	10	3
LSU	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	-	5	13	3

**W:** Rawl (6-2) **L:** Smith (4-2)

**S:** Marsh (7)

**Time:** 2:48 **Att:** 7,198 (paid); 3,013 (actual)

**Notes:** South Carolina completed a sweep, scoring in each of the first four innings. The Gamecocks became the first team to sweep LSU at Alex Box since Arkansas in 2004. Greg Smith worked 3.2 innings -- his shortest starting outing of the season. Two of the Tigers' five runs came via solo homers by Dustin Weaver and Blake Gill. Derek Hebert went 3-for-4, and Chris Jackson had two hits in his first career start. Aaron Rawl held LSU to two hits entering the fifth. Brent Marsh recorded his second save of the weekend, stranding the tying run at the plate.

### Game 35 • LSU 19, Northwestern State 2

April 12, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

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

**W:** Nall (3-1) **L:** Jones (3-2)

**Time:** 2:46 **Att:** 7,175 (paid); 2,324 (actual)

**Notes:** Smoke Laval earned his 400th career victory on a night where the Tigers erupted from their hitting woes. Northwestern State suffered its worst loss to LSU since a 24-0 thrashing in 1986. Eight of the runs came via three homers, including a grand slam by Nick Stavinoah. Chris Jackson, who arrived to the field 20 minutes before first pitch after football practice, went 3-for-6 with his first career homer and four RBI. Brandon Nall worked five innings to qualify for the win in his third start of the season. Matt Liuzza, Blake Gill and Quinn Stewart each had three hits.

### Game 36 • Ole Miss 14, LSU 8

April 15, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
UM	0	6	3	1	0	0	0	4	0	-	14	18	1
LSU	2	0	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	-	8	12	0

**W:** Baumgardner (1-0) **L:** Mestepey (5-5)

**Time:** 3:12 **Att:** 7,699 (paid); 4,502 (actual)

**Notes:** LSU was unable to overcome a seven-run deficit after three innings of play and lost its fifth straight SEC game for the first time since 1983. Four LSU pitchers, including Lane Mestepey, combined to allow a season-high 14 runs on 18 hits. Eight of the hits were of the extra-base variety. Mestepey lost his fourth straight game in 1.2 innings of work -- the shortest outing of his career. In its 11 previous league games, opponents had taken an early lead on LSU. The Tigers reversed the trend, plating two in the first. Clay Harris went 3-for-5 with a grand slam and five RBI.

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### Game 37 • LSU 7, Ole Miss 6

April 16, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
UM	0	0	0	1	4	0	1	0	0	-	6	10	0
LSU	2	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	-	7	17	2

**W:** Determann (2-0) **L:** Baumgardner (1-1)  
**Time:** 3:10 **Att:** 7,837 (paid); 4,187 (actual)

**Notes:** Clay Harris' walk-off homer in the bottom of the ninth snapped LSU's five-game SEC losing streak. Harris was a perfect 4-for-4 with a homer, two runs and one RBI. Chris Jackson added three hits and arrived to the field 45 minutes before the first pitch after going through spring football practice in Tiger Stadium. The Tigers trailed entering the seventh but plated two runs on a homer by Nick Stavinocha and a single by Will Harris. Smoke Laval was ejected in the frame. Jason Determann pitched the final two innings flawlessly to record the win in relief of Clay Dirks.

### Game 38 • LSU 5, Ole Miss 1

April 17, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

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

**W:** Smith (5-2) **L:** Fowler (2-2)  
**Time:** 2:25 **Att:** 7,600 (paid); 3,862 (actual)

**Notes:** Greg Smith tossed the first complete game of his career, hurling a one-run, four-hit masterpiece to secure the series for LSU. Smith tallied seven strikeouts and walked none in an economical 96 pitches. Eric Fowler took the loss, despite an equally brilliant performance entering the sixth. Fowler struck out eight batters through the first five innings. Chris Jackson collected two hits, and Will Harris added a homer and two RBI. Smith benefited from two inning-ending double play balls in the sixth and seventh.

### Game 39 • Tulane 11, LSU 8

April 19, 2005 at Zephyr Field (Metairie, La.)

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

**W:** Crowel (8-0) **L:** Nall (3-2)  
**S:** Latham (6)  
**Time:** 2:37 **Att:** 12,069 (new Zephyr Field record)

**Notes:** A seven-run fourth inning highlighted by a three-run triple from Micah Owings and a three-run homer by Joe Holland powered No. 1 Tulane past LSU. The Green Wave benefited from five hit-batsmen and five walks. Brandon Nall took the loss and hit three batters in the fourth. Clay Harris went 4-for-5 with a homer, two runs and four RBI. The Tigers scored three in the first, ending J.R. Crowel's streak of 26.0 scoreless innings. The record attendance broke the old mark of 11,925 set in a minor league game between New Orleans and Nashville on July 3, 2003.

### Game 40 • LSU 10, Arkansas 7

April 22, 2005 at Baum Stadium (Fayetteville, Ark.)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
LSU	0	0	0	1	5	1	0	0	3	-	10	8	1
ARK	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	7	13	4

**W:** Determann (3-0) **L:** Boyce (7-6)  
**Time:** 2:46 **Att:** 8,806

**Notes:** Nick Stavinocha's three-run ninth-inning homer lifted the Tigers to a 10-7 victory. LSU rebounded from a 7-1 fifth-inning deficit. Arkansas took a 6-0 lead after two innings on Lane Mestepey. The Tigers struck for five runs in the fifth aided by three Razorback errors. Ryan Patterson blasted two homers and added three runs and three RBI. Quinn Stewart tied the game in the sixth with a solo homer. Relievers Jordan Faircloth and Jason Determann combined to hold Arkansas scoreless over the final four innings.

### Game 41 • LSU 7, Arkansas 0

April 23, 2005 at Baum Stadium (Fayetteville, Ark.)

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

**W:** Dirks (8-1) **L:** Gilbert (3-1)  
**Time:** 2:39 **Att:** 9,133

**Notes:** Clay Dirks fired a brilliant three-hit shutout, moving the Tigers into second place in the SEC Western Division. It marked the second shutout of his career and first since March 2, 2004 (at Tulane). It also was the fourth complete game of his career and second this season. The performance was the best by an LSU pitcher since Brian Wilson tossed a three-hit shutout in an 8-0 win over Arkansas on April 27, 2002. Clay Harris went 2-for-2 with a run and an RBI, while Derek Hebert and Jordan Mayer belted homers. Mayer's three-run blast came in the eighth.

### Game 42 • LSU 6, Arkansas 0

April 24, 2005 at Baum Stadium (Fayetteville, Ark.)

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

**W:** Smith (6-2) **L:** Land (1-1)  
**Time:** 2:49 **Att:** 8,068

**Notes:** Greg Smith tossed his second complete game in as many starts, blanking Arkansas and securing a series sweep for LSU. It marked the Tigers' first sweep at Arkansas since 1993. LSU shutout an opponent in consecutive games for the second time in the past four seasons. Tiger pitching held the league's second-leading hitting team scoreless over the last 23.1 innings of the series. Smith scattered eight hits, walked two and struck out three. Nick Stavinocha went 3-for-5 with a double, a run and two RBI, while Chris Jackson collected two hits to extend his hitting streak to 12 games.

### Game 43 • Vanderbilt 9, LSU 4

April 30, 2005 at Hawkins Field (Nashville, Tenn.)

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

**W:** Lewis (7-2) **L:** Mestepey (5-6)  
**S:** Shao (2)  
**Time:** 2:33 **Att:** 1,665

**Notes:** LSU saw their SEC win streak end at five games as Lane Mestepey's recent struggles continued. Mestepey was tagged for six runs on five hits in 2.2 innings of work. Three LSU pitchers combined for five walks, four hit-batsmen and two wild pitches. Ryan Patterson and Nick Stavinocha collected two hits apiece, while Patterson set a career with his 17th homer. The 17 homers in a season are the most by an LSU player in a season since Todd Linden belted 20 homers in 2001. Chris Jackson's hit streak came to an end at 12 games.

### Game 44 • LSU 9, Vanderbilt 3

April 30, 2005 at Hawkins Field (Nashville, Tenn.)

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

**W:** Dirks (9-1) **L:** Mullins (5-1)  
**Time:** 2:52 **Att:** 1,825

**Notes:** Clay Dirks tossed 6.1 innings and limited Vanderbilt to three runs (one earned) on eight hits. Nick Stavinocha went 4-for-5 with a homer, two runs and two RBI. Clay Harris drove in three runs, and Jordan Mayer added two hits in his third SEC start of the year. Jason Determann and Edgar Ramirez combined to pitch the final 2.2 innings without yielding a run.

### Game 45 • LSU 3, Vanderbilt 0

May 1, 2005 at Hawkins Field (Nashville, Tenn.)

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

**W:** Smith (7-2) **L:** Price (2-3)  
**Time:** 2:31 **Att:** 1,968

**Notes:** Greg Smith fired his second straight complete game shutout and Nick Stavinocha drove in all three runs. LSU has won seven of its eight SEC games, all against ranked teams. Smith has now thrown 25.2 scoreless innings, dating back to the second inning versus Ole Miss on April 17. Smith scattered seven hits, struck out four and did not walk a batter. Stavinocha homered for the second consecutive day and drove in another with a fielder's choice in the fifth. The Tigers left 13 runners stranded on the day.

### Game 46 • Southern 9, LSU 5

May 3, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

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

**W:** Bayless (5-2) **L:** Meier (1-3)  
**S:** Givens (1)  
**Time:** 2:41 **Att:** 7,107 (paid); 2,029 (actual)

**Notes:** Southern plated six runs in the final three innings to break open a close game and stun LSU. The Tigers fell to their cross-town rival for only the second time since the two teams first met in 1970. LSU had dominated the series with a 39-1 all-time record entering the game. Four double plays prevented any big innings for LSU. The Tigers also committed four errors and stranded a runner in every inning. Justin Meier took the loss in his first start since April 6 versus Rice. Jordan Mayer went 2-for-4 with two RBI.

### Game 47 • LSU 6, Kentucky 5

May 6, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

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

**W:** Mestepey (6-6) **L:** Snipp (3-4)  
**S:** Determann (5)  
**Time:** 2:20 **Att:** 7,758 (paid); 4,061 (actual)

**Notes:** Nick Stavinocha hit a three-run homer in the sixth and Blake Gill smashed a two-run double in the seventh as part of a furious four-run comeback for LSU. The Tigers won their first SEC series opener at home and recorded their 15th come-from-behind win of the season. Lane Mestepey battled through early trouble to pick up his first win since March 18 at Georgia. Mestepey went seven innings, giving up five runs (three earned) on seven hits. Stavinocha homered for the third time in the past four games. Jason Determann collected the save with two scoreless frames.

### Game 48 • Kentucky 7, LSU 1

May 7, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

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

**W:** Tennyson (6-1) **L:** Dirks (9-2)  
**S:** Baber (5)  
**Time:** 2:32 **Att:** 7,883 (paid); 4,616 (actual)

**Notes:** Kentucky built a 7-0 lead after four innings of play on three-run homers. Nick Stavinocha and Quinn Stewart led LSU at the plate with two hits apiece. Ryan Patterson drove in the Tigers' lone run with a RBI single in the fifth. Clay Dirks lost for the first time in his last five outings, surrendering both homers. An error by Chris Jackson led to four unearned runs for the Wildcats in the second. LSU hit the ball hard all day but right at defenders as Aaron Tennyson escaped with a win.



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### Game 49 • LSU 8, Kentucky 3

May 8, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

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

**W:** Smith (8-2) **L:** Albers (4-5)

**S:** Determann (6)

**Time:** 2:35 **Att:** 7,297 (paid); 2,555 (actual)

**Notes:** Chris Jackson drove in two runs and Greg Smith turned in another solid performance as LSU won its fourth straight SEC series. Smith yielded three runs (two earned) on six hits, walked two and struck out seven in 6.2 innings. After 28.2 scoreless innings pitched, Smith finally surrendered a run in the fourth. Nick Stavinoha extended his hitting streak to eight games. Jason Determann was brilliant again, allowing one hit over the final 2.1 frames en route to his second save of the weekend.

### Game 50 • Tennessee 9, LSU 2

May 13, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
UT	0	0	1	0	1	5	0	0	2	-	9	17	0
LSU	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	8	11	1

**W:** Hochevar (12-2) **L:** Mestepey (6-7)

**Time:** 3:09 **Att:** 7,603 (paid); 4,619 (actual)

**Notes:** Nick Stavinoha's first-inning two-run homer gave LSU a quick 2-0 lead against Vols ace Luke Hochevar, but it was all the Tigers could muster against the hard-throwing right-hander. Hochevar did not allow a run after the first and scattered six hits in eight innings. Lane Mestepey took the loss, giving up five runs on nine hits in 5.1 innings of work. Tennessee broke open the game with a five-run sixth.

### Game 51 • LSU 9, Tennessee 3

May 14, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

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

**W:** Dirks (10-2) **L:** Cobb (5-3)

**Time:** 2:30 **Att:** 7,845 (paid); 4,243 (actual)

**Notes:** Ryan Patterson tied a school record with five hits, and Clay Dirks hurled his third complete game of the season. Patterson became the first player to collect five hits in a game since Jon Zeringue did so nearly a year ago to the day. Zeringue pounded out five hits in a 7-6 win versus Vanderbilt on May 15 last season. Clay Harris had four hits and drove in three. Jordan Mayer's homer accounted for the final margin. Dirks limited the Vols to three runs while scattering 10 hits, walking none and striking out five. Eleven senior players were honored before the game.

### Game 52 • LSU 14, Tennessee 4

May 15, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
UT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	-	4	10	3
LSU	2	8	2	0	1	1	0	0	X	-	14	11	1

**W:** Smith (9-2) **L:** Adkins (7-3)

**Time:** 2:38 **Att:** 7,818 (paid); 4,714 (actual)

**Notes:** LSU won its fifth straight SEC series, using an eight-run second inning to put away the Vols in the final regular season game at Alex Box. Ryan Patterson homered for the second time in as many games, and Nick Stavinoha extended his hitting streak to 11 games with a homer. Chris Jackson had two hits and scored three runs. The eight-run second inning were the most runs scored by LSU in an SEC game since posting a nine-run first versus Mississippi State in the semifinals of the SEC Tournament on May 24, 2003. Greg Smith worked six solid innings to pick up his fifth straight win. Smith was staked to an early 12-0 lead and limited the league's leading hitting team to six hits and no runs.

### Game 53 • LSU 7, UNO 5 (13 inn.)

May 18, 2005 at Maestri Field (New Orleans, La.)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	-	R	H	E
LSU	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	-	7	11	1
UNO	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	5	10	2

**W:** Meier (2-3) **L:** Dorcey (0-1)

**Time:** 4:30 **Att:** 2,334

**Notes:** Nick Stavinoha's RBI sac fly brought in the game-winning run and Clay Harris' two-out RBI single provided insurance as LSU escaped with a wild 13-inning win. LSU won their first extra-inning game of the season and closed its mid-week schedule with a 7-4 record. Justin Meier earned the win in relief, pitching three scoreless innings and allowing two hits. It was his first win since March 20 at Georgia. Stavinoha's sac fly capped a four RBI night for the senior. He connected on his 17th homer of the season with a three-run shot in the fifth. Derek Hebert added three hits and scored two runs, including the game-winner. Both teams combined to strand 31 runners on the night.

# Smoke Laval

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

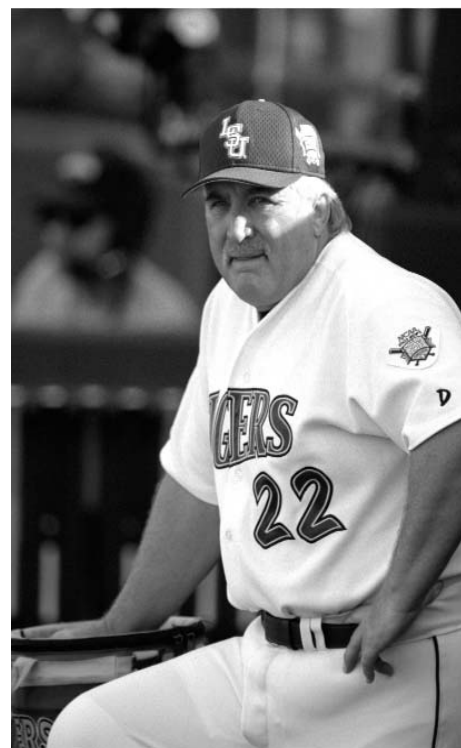
LSU also set an NCAA total attendance record in 2003, drawing 291,676 patrons to Alex Box Stadium.

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

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

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

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



## The Laval File

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

## Coaching Experience

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

## Education

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

## Laval Year-By-Year

Year	W-L	School	Highlights
1994	20-33	UL-Monroe	Defeated Three NCAA Tournament Teams
1995	37-20	UL-Monroe	SLC Tournament Champions; NCAA Regional Participants
1996	41-19	UL-Monroe	School-Record 41 Wins; SLC Louisiana Division Champions
1997	33-21	UL-Monroe	Became Fourth Coach in ULM History To Record 100 Wins
1998	33-22	UL-Monroe	Led SLC In Hitting For Third Straight Season
1999	36-22	UL-Monroe	SLC Champions; NCAA Regional Participants
2000	41-22	UL-Monroe	SLC Champions; NCAA Regional Participants
2002	44-22	LSU	NCAA Regional Champions; NCAA Super Regional Participants
2003	45-22-1	LSU	SEC Champions; College World Series Participants
2004	46-19	LSU	NCAA Regional/Super Regional Champions; CWS Participants
2005	36-17	LSU	

**Career Record (11th year):** 412-239-1 (.632)

**LSU Record (4th year):** 171-80-1 (.680)

### 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.  
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Baton Rouge, LA 70894-5095

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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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### Baseball Contact

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### LSU Television

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### 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.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 distributes all LSU Baseball games by satellite to 25 radio affiliates. WDGL-FM (98.1) Radio in Baton Rouge serves as the flagship station for the LSU Sports Network. Jim Hawthorne, the "Voice of the Tigers" for all LSU sports, is in his 22nd season of calling baseball play-by-play action. He will be joined on the broadcasts by Charles Hanagriff and LSU baseball publicist Bill Franques. Selected LSU Sports Network stations air "Tiger Sportsline with Smoke Laval" beginning Monday, March 28 from 7-8 p.m. The show airs live from Superior Grill on Government Street in Baton Rouge.

### Television

Inside LSU Baseball is a weekly program featuring LSU head coach Smoke Laval. The show, which begins on March 20, features game highlights, player profiles and in-depth stories on college baseball's No. 1 program. Inside LSU Baseball is produced by the LSU Electronic Media Department – Kevin Wagner, Executive Producer; John Schiebe, Associate Producer. Inside LSU Baseball Affiliates include WBRZ Channel 2 in Baton Rouge and Cox Sports Television throughout the state of Louisiana.

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## Week 15: May 16-22

Bill Martin  
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				Radio: LSU Sports Network		Team Headquarters: Comfort Inn 801 Russell Street Starkville, MS 39759		Radio: LSU Sports Network		Radio: LSU Sports Network		Radio: LSU Sports Network	
				TV: None		Practice: 8 p.m. at Dudy Noble Field		TV: None		TV: None		TV: Jumbo Sports Network	