

**2005 Schedule/Results (3-0, 0-0 SEC)**

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

% - Fair Grounds Field # - Maestri Field  
\$ - Zephyr Field

**LSU BASEBALL**

Weekday Release No. 1 • vs. UL-Monroe

Tuesday, February 15 • 6:30 p.m.

Baton Rouge, La. • Alex Box Stadium (7,760)

**Second-Ranked Tigers Host UL-Monroe On Tuesday Night**

Second-ranked LSU plays host to UL-Monroe Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m. from Alex Box Stadium. The game will be broadcast by the LSU Sports Network and will also be televised by Cox Sports. The audio broadcast is also available on [www.LSUsports.net](http://www.LSUsports.net).

The Tigers are playing their fourth game in five days, after earning a sweep of Nicholls State in the season opening series this past weekend. LSU took Game 1 by a score of 12-1 and won Game 2, 19-2, with a 20-hit attack on Saturday. Game 3 was scheduled for Sunday afternoon, but rain forced the postponement until Monday night. Despite being out-hit eight to five, three LSU pitchers combined to hold off the Colonels, 6-3 on Monday night.

Junior right-hander Chase Dardar will make his first career start on Tuesday. Dardar, a native of Marrero, La., earned two letters at Delgado Community College in New Orleans before transferring to LSU in the offseason. UL-Monroe will counter with junior righty Steve Lawler (0-0, 3.00). Lawler pitched three innings of relief in the Indians season-opening win over New Orleans on Friday night.

Following Tuesday's night contest, LSU will welcome Arkansas-Little Rock to Alex Box Stadium this weekend. Game times are set for 6:30 p.m. (Friday), 4 p.m. (Saturday) and 1 p.m. (Sunday).

TV: Cox Sports (Lyn Rollins, Ben McDonald)

Radio: LSU Sports Network (Charles Hanagriff, Patrick Wright)

**Pitching Matchup**

LSU - Jr. RHP Chase Dardar (transfer from Delgado Community College)  
NSU - Jr. RHP Steve Lawler (0-0, 3.00 ERA, 3.0 IP, 1 BB, 1 SO)

**LSU Probable Position Starters**

Pos.	Player	Cl.-Exp.	B/T	Avg.	HR	RBI	Notable
C	Matt Liuzza	Jr.-2L	R/R	.400	0	0	Team-high .417 BA in 2004 NCAA Tournament
1B	Will Harris	Jr.-2L	R/R	.333	0	3	2004 NCAA Regional All-Tournament Team
2B	Clay Harris	Sr.-3L	R/R	.400	0	1	2004 Second-Team All-SEC
SS	Derek Hebert -or- Michael Hollander	Sr.-1L Fr.-HS	L/R R/R	.200 .667	0 0	0 3	Started 21 games at SS in 2004 Led all newcomers with .424 BA in fall games
3B	Bryan Harris -or- J.P. Padron	So.-RS Fr.-HS	R/R R/R	.250 .500	0 0	3 1	Earned medical redshirt in 2004 One of <i>Baseball America's</i> Top Texas prospects
LF	Ryan Patterson	Sr.-2L	R/R	.000	0	0	2004 Second-Team All-SEC
CF	Bruce Sprowl	Jr.-1L	L/R	.364	1	4	Redshirt in 2004, Started 61 games in 2003
RF	Nick Stavinoha	Sr.-1L	R/R	.167	1	4	2005 NCAA Regional All-Tournament Team
DH	Blake Gill	Sr.-3L	L/R	.250	0	1	2004 NCAA Regional Most Outstanding Player

**LSU**

<b>Record</b>	3-0 (0-0 SEC)
<b>Ranking</b>	No. 2 Baseball America No. 5 Collegiate Baseball No. 3 ESPN/Sports Weekly
<b>Coach</b>	Smoke Laval
<b>Career Record</b>	379-222-1 (.630/11th year)
<b>LSU Record</b>	138-63-1 (.687/fourth year)
<b>Laval vs. ULM</b>	7-0
<b>Team BA</b>	.330
<b>Team ERA</b>	1.67

**UL-Monroe**

<b>Record</b>	2-1 (0-0 SEC)
<b>Ranking</b>	NR Baseball America NR Collegiate Baseball NR ESPN/Sports Weekly
<b>Coach</b>	Brad Holland
<b>Career Record</b>	129-111 (.538/fifth year)
<b>ULM Record</b>	129-111 (.538/fifth year)
<b>Holland vs. LSU</b>	1-8
<b>Team BA</b>	.279
<b>Team ERA</b>	3.67

## Tracking the Tigers

Week	BA	CB	ESPN/SW
Preseason	2	5	4
Feb. 7	2	5	3
Feb. 14	2	5	3

## Baseball America (Feb. 14)

1. Tulane (3-0)
2. **LSU (3-0)**
3. Cal State Fullerton (4-1)
4. Texas (7-0)
5. Miami, Fla. (7-0)
6. Stanford (7-2)
7. South Carolina (3-0)
8. Baylor (3-0)
9. Georgia (0-0)
10. Arizona (6-0)
11. Arizona State (6-4)
12. Washington (0-3)
13. North Carolina (0-0)
14. Texas A&M (1-2)
15. Florida (2-1)
16. Ole Miss (0-0)
17. Rice (3-1)
18. Vanderbilt (0-0)
19. UC-Irvine (5-1)
20. Long Beach State (5-3)
21. Georgia Tech (2-1)
22. Notre Dame (0-0)
23. TCU (3-0)
24. Oral Roberts (3-0)
25. Winthrop (4-0)

## Collegiate Baseball (Feb. 14)

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

## In the Polls

LSU earned the same ranking in all three major polls this week. The Tigers are No. 3 in the latest ESPN/Sports Weekly poll released on Feb. 14. LSU remained No. 2 in Baseball America, immediately behind in-state rival Tulane who reclaimed the top spot for the third consecutive week. The Tigers are still ranked fifth in the latest Collegiate Baseball poll behind Texas, Miami (Fla.), Cal State Fullerton and Tulane.

## Scouting UL-Monroe

The Indians return 14 letterwinners from a team that finished runner-up in the Southland Conference Tournament last season. UL-Monroe took two out of three from New Orleans this weekend by scores of 11-3, 5-4, 4-5. Junior outfielder Justin LaBorde (.350, 4 HR, 46 RBI in 2004) went 2-for-5 with one RBI in the season opener, while returning centerfielder Glenn Jackson (.299, 1 HR, 14 RBI in 2004) added three runs in Friday night's contest. Sophomore second baseman Scott Vaughn batted .545 (6-for-11) over the weekend with one homer and two RBI. JUCO transfer outfielder James Bennett hit safely in all three games and added a team-high five RBI against New Orleans. The Indians are slated to throw right-hander Steve Lawler (0-0, 3.00) tonight. Lawler, a transfer from DeMoines Area Community College, worked three innings of relief in the Indians season-opening win. UL-Monroe is coached by Brad Holland, now entering his fifth year at the helm. Holland has posted a 129-111 career record since coming over from McNeese State as an assistant coach in 1997.

## The LSU, UL-Monroe Series

LSU and UL-Monroe meet for the 44th time tonight, and it is the eight time head coach **Smoke Laval** has met his former team. Laval has posted a perfect 7-0 record against the team he coached for seven years. The Tigers own a 35-8 all-time advantage against the Indians and have won the last eight contests, dating back to Skip Bertman's final year. UL-Monroe last won at Alex Box Stadium in 2001, posting a 7-6, 11-inning victory over LSU. That game was Brad Holland's first game against the Tigers. Since then he has lost the last eight contests to LSU. Tonight's game will also be the only meeting between the two schools this season. Last year, LSU swept the season series, winning 7-1 at Alex Box Stadium and then 6-1 in Monroe later in the season.

## Tonight's Starting Pitcher: Chase Dardar

**Chase Dardar**, a junior transfer from Delgado Community College in New Orleans, will make his first career start tonight. Dardar becomes the second first-time starter in as many games. Greg Smith won in his first career start on Monday night against Nicholls State. Dardar, a native of Marrero, La., worked a team-high 21.2 innings in fall intrasquad games and will be counted on as a midweek starter all season. Dardar was named to the 2004 ABCA and Rawlings National Junior College Division I All-Region Team at Delgado last season. He posted a 5-3 record with a 2.33 ERA in a team-high 60 innings worked. In high school, Dardar excelled as a two-sport athlete at Shaw High School. Dardar was recruited as a defensive back in high school, but opted to play baseball.

## The Fourth Year of the Smoke Laval Era Begins

In just three seasons, head coach **Smoke Laval** has produced magnificent results, continuing the tradition-rich program of excellence established by former coach and current Athletic Director Skip Bertman. Laval guided the Tigers to consecutive College World Series appearances in 2003 and 2004, two NCAA Super Regional titles, three NCAA Regional titles and one Southeastern Conference championship. During that stretch, Laval has produced two SEC Players of the Year, including Aaron Hill (2003) and Jon Zeringue (2004). His marksmanship was not only displayed on the field but in the classroom. LSU placed 12 players on the 2004 SEC Academic Honor Roll, the highest total in the illustrious program's history.

## A Look Back at the 2004 Season

The Tigers earned their second consecutive final top-10 ranking in 2004 finishing No. 6 in the ESPN/Sports Weekly poll, No. 7 in the Baseball America poll and No. 8 in the Collegiate Baseball poll. It marked the 14th time in 19 seasons LSU has finished in the top 10. The Tigers culminated the season by advancing 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. The Tigers lost consecutive games to Miami (Fla.) and South Carolina to finish in a tie for seventh place in Omaha. Head coach Smoke Laval earned the 2004 LSWA Coach of the Year award for the third consecutive season. He guided LSU to NCAA Regional and Super Regional championships as the Tigers played host to an NCAA Regional for the 15th year in a row. LSU led the SEC in seven offensive categories, thanks in large part to Jon Zeringue who earned first-team all-America honors by USA Today/Sports Weekly.

## Injury Report

LSU enters the 2005 season relatively healthy. Sophomore right-hander **Michael Bonura** will miss the entire 2005 season after undergoing Tommy John surgery during the offseason. In 2004, Bonura played a valuable role as a freshman in the LSU bullpen, posting a 4.46 ERA in 34.1 innings and 31 strikeouts. JUCO transfer pitcher **Daniel Forrer** will also sit out the 2005 campaign suffering a shoulder injury in the offseason. A shoulder injury will also keep senior **Blake Gill** from playing the infield the first month of the season. Gill will be limited to the designated hitter role until then and senior **Derek Hebert** and freshman **Michael Hollander** will platoon at shortstop. Freshman prospect **Nolan Cain** underwent Tommy John surgery two weeks ago and will also miss the 2005 season.

## Gill Extends Hitting Streak To 17 Games

Senior **Blake Gill** extended his team-high hitting streak to 17 games over the weekend, hitting safely in Friday and Monday's contests. Gill's streak, which began versus Vanderbilt on May 15, is the longest of his career. A native of Bradenton, Fla., Gill collected singles in both contest and did not play in Saturday's Game 2. The streak is the longest by any Tiger since former infielder Ivan Naccarata maintained a 19-game streak during the 2003 season.

## Mestepey Reaches 30-Win Milestone, Approaches Innings Pitched Record

Senior left-hander **Lane Mestepey** reached the 30-win plateau in his brilliant outing in the series opener versus Nicholls State last Friday night. Mestepey, a native of Zachary, La., went seven strong innings, allowing no earned runs on just two hits, striking out four and walking none. He threw an economical 80 pitches, including 58 strikes in a game that lasted 2:14. The 30 wins by the southpaw moved him into a tie for fourth all-time in LSU's pitching victories with Pat Moock, Chad Ogea and Mike Sirotko. With one more win, Mestepey will tie Paul Byrd (1989-91) for third on the list. He is eight victories away from tying Scott Schultz (1992-95) as the all-time winningest pitcher in LSU history. Mestepey is also 9.1 innings away from tying Schultz in the school's all-time innings pitched mark at 398.

## Harris To Harris To Harris

If one were to take a glance around the Tiger infield, you would notice three players with last name of Harris. **Bryan Harris**, a sophomore from Tustin, Calif., will occupy third base this season after earning a redshirt in 2004. The positioning moves former third baseman **Clay Harris** to second base, while his brother **Will Harris** will maintain first base for the second consecutive season. Bryan, despite the similar last name, is no relation to Clay and Will.

## Liuzza Named Preseason All-American by Baseball America

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

## Coaches Pick LSU to Win SEC Title

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

### Eastern Division

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

( ) - First Place Votes

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

### Western Division

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

## Redshirts Sprowl, Stewart Return

Outfielders **Bruce Sprowl** and **Quinn Stewart** bring College World Series experience into the 2005 season after serving redshirt years in 2004. Sprowl, a native of Knoxville, Tenn., is expected to be the starting centerfielder on the squad and could serve as a leadoff hitter. In 2003, he played in 63 games, batting .290 (76-for-262) with eight doubles, three triples, one homer 33 RBI and 46 runs. In 51 of those games, the junior served as the Tigers' leadoff hitter. Stewart brings significant power to the lineup, an effort he demonstrated in the 2003 College World Series versus South Carolina on June 15. In that game, Stewart blasted a homer into the left-centerfield bleachers and also added four RBI. On the season, he played in 44 games, batting .297 (43-for-145) with nine doubles, one triple, seven homers, 30 RBI and 26 runs.

## Transfers Cahill, Ramirez to Make Immediate Impact

The most significant acquisitions on the 2005 squad could be transfer pitchers **Chris Cahill** and **Edgar Ramirez**. Cahill, a junior from Orlando, Fla., proved to be an excellent setup man in the Coastal Plains summer league. He posted a 4-0 record with a 1.13 ERA and three saves in 21 appearances. Cahill transferred to LSU after one season at Florida Gulf Coast University. He was joined on the summer league squad by teammate Edgar Ramirez. Ramirez could serve as a closer in 2005 and his dominating presence was displayed this past summer. The Miami, Fla. native was nearly unhittable, producing a 0.83 ERA and nine saves in 20 appearances. Ramirez comes to LSU after two seasons at Florida International.

## Liuzza Headlines Baseball America Preseason Awards

Baseball America released its preseason Southeastern Conference awards in its latest publication and catcher **Matt Liuzza** headlines 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. 19 rated senior, followed by **Ryan Patterson** who was listed 19th.

## ESPN/Sports Weekly (Feb. 14)

1. Texas (28) (7-0)
2. Cal State Fullerton (5) (4-1)
3. **LSU (3-0)**
4. Miami, Fla. (1) (7-0)
5. Tulane (6) (3-0)
6. Stanford (7-2)
7. South Carolina (3-0)
8. Georgia (0-0)
9. Arizona (6-0)
10. Rice (3-1)
11. Florida State (8-1)
12. Baylor (3-0)
13. North Carolina (0-0)
14. Long Beach State (5-3)
15. Ole Miss (0-0)
16. Georgia Tech (2-1)
17. Texas A&M (1-2)
18. Arizona State (6-4)
19. Florida (2-1)
20. Southern Cal (3-0)
21. Vanderbilt (0-0)
22. Notre Dame (0-0)
23. Arkansas (4-0)
24. Clemson (0-0)
25. TCU (3-0)

## 2005 SEC Standings (Feb. 15)

Eastern Division			
Team	SEC	Pct.	Overall
South Carolina	0-0	.000	3-0
Florida	0-0	.000	2-1
Tennessee	0-0	.000	1-2
Georgia	0-0	.000	0-0
Kentucky	0-0	.000	0-0
Vanderbilt	0-0	.000	0-0

Western Division			
Team	SEC	Pct.	Overall
Arkansas	0-0	.000	4-0
LSU	0-0	.000	4-0
Auburn	0-0	.000	4-2
Alabama	0-0	.000	2-2
Ole Miss	0-0	.000	0-0
Miss. State	0-0	.000	0-0

## This Week in the SEC (Feb. 15-20)

(All times are Central)

### Tuesday, Feb. 15

Arkansas State at Ole Miss • 3 p.m.  
 Mercer at Auburn • 4 p.m.  
 Florida A&M at Florida • 5:30 p.m.  
**UL-Monroe at LSU • 6:30 p.m.**

### Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-20

UNC Asheville at Alabama • 6:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 2 p.m.  
 VCU at Auburn • 4 p.m., 4 p.m., 1 p.m.  
 Miami (Fla.) at Florida • 5:30 p.m., 11 a.m., noon  
 Arkansas at Louisiana Tech • 6 p.m., 3 p.m., 1 p.m.  
 Elon at Georgia • 4:30 p.m., 2 p.m., noon  
 Kentucky at Charleston Southern Tournament  
**Ark.-Little Rock at LSU • 6:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 1 p.m.**  
 Ole Miss at Rice Tournament  
 Radford at S. Carolina • 2 p.m., 12:30 p.m., 12:30 p.m.  
 B-Cookman at Tennessee • 2 p.m., 2 p.m., 1 p.m.  
 VMI at Vanderbilt • 4 p.m., 2 p.m., 1 p.m.

## LSU by the Numbers in 2005

Home .....	3-0
Away .....	0-0
Neutral Sites .....	0-0
Day.....	1-0
Night.....	2-0
On Jumbo Sports .....	0-0
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.....	3-0
Vs. Louisiana opponents.....	3-0
Vs. Ranked opponents .....	0-0
Vs. C-USA .....	0-0
Vs. Mid-Continent.....	0-0
Vs. Pac-10 .....	0-0
Vs. Southland .....	3-0
Vs. Sun Belt .....	0-0
Vs. SWAC.....	0-0
Vs. WAC.....	0-0
Doubleheaders .....	0-0
Game 1 of weekend series .....	1-0
Game 2 of weekend series .....	1-0
Game 3 of weekend series .....	1-0
Sunday .....	0-0
Monday .....	1-0
Tuesday .....	0-0
Wednesday.....	0-0
Friday .....	1-0
Saturday .....	1-0
One-run games.....	0-0
Extra inning games .....	0-0
Shutouts.....	0-0
Number of Losing Streaks .....	0
Longest Losing Streak .....	0
Games in which LSU scores first .....	2-0
Games in which opponent scores first .....	1-0
When LSU scores 10+ .....	2-0
When LSU scores <5 .....	0-0
When opponent scores 10+ .....	0-0
When opponent scores <5.....	3-0
When LSU leads after 6 innings .....	3-0
When LSU trails after 6 innings.....	0-0
When tied after 6 innings .....	0-0
When LSU leads after 7 innings .....	3-0
When LSU trails after 7 innings.....	0-0
When tied after 7 innings .....	0-0
When LSU leads after 8 innings .....	3-0
When LSU trails after 8 innings.....	0-0
When tied after 8 innings .....	0-0
When LSU has 10+ hits.....	2-0
When LSU has <6 hits.....	1-0
When opponent has 10+ hits.....	0-0
When opponent has <6 hits .....	2-0
When LSU has more hits .....	2-0
When LSU has fewer hits .....	1-0
Equal hits .....	0-0
When LSU hits 3 or more home runs .....	1-0
When LSU hits no home runs .....	1-0
When opponent hits 3+ home runs .....	0-0
When opponent hits no home runs .....	3-0
Games won on final at-bat .....	0
Games lost on final at-bat .....	0
Come-from-behind wins.....	0
Losses when LSU led previously .....	0
Blown saves .....	0
Longest game .....	2:44 (vs. Nicholls State, 2/12)
Shortest game(9 or more innings) .....	2:14 (vs. Nicholls State, 2/11)

## New Tigers Defeat Old Tigers in Alumni Game

Designated hitter **Chris Jackson** collected three of LSU's 18 hits and drove in one run to lead the Tigers to an 11-4 victory over a squad of former LSU players in the annual Alumni Game in Alex Box Stadium on Feb. 5. LSU is now 6-0 against the Alumni squad in a series that began prior to the 2000 regular season. Senior right-hander **Brandon Nall** earned the win for the Tigers, giving up two earned runs on four hits in two innings of work. He also allowed one walk and did not strike out a batter.

## 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 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.

# Smoke Laval

HEAD COACH • FOURTH YEAR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

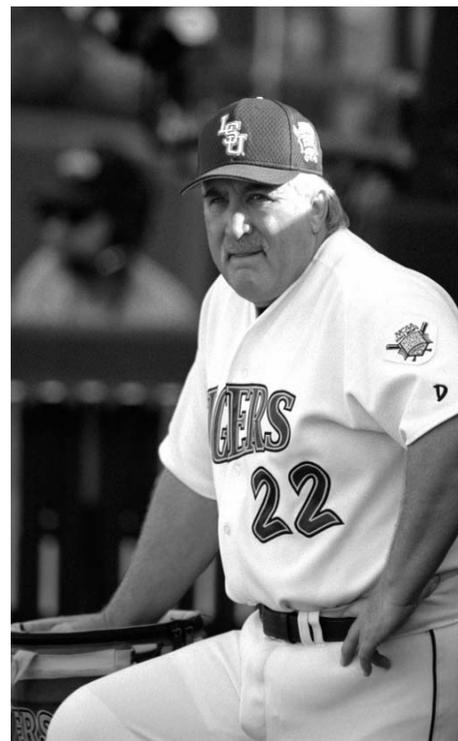
LSU also set an NCAA total attendance record in 2003, drawing 291,676 patrons to Alex Box Stadium.

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

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

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

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



## The Laval File

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

## Coaching Experience

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

## Education

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

## Laval Year-By-Year

Year	W-L	School	Highlights
1994	20-33	UL-Monroe	Defeated Three NCAA Tournament Teams
1995	37-20	UL-Monroe	SLC Tournament Champions; NCAA Regional Participants
1996	41-19	UL-Monroe	School-Record 41 Wins; SLC Louisiana Division Champions
1997	33-21	UL-Monroe	Became Fourth Coach in ULM History To Record 100 Wins
1998	33-22	UL-Monroe	Led SLC In Hitting For Third Straight Season
1999	36-22	UL-Monroe	SLC Champions; NCAA Regional Participants
2000	41-22	UL-Monroe	SLC Champions; NCAA Regional Participants
2002	44-22	LSU	NCAA Regional Champions; NCAA Super Regional Participants
2003	45-22-1	LSU	SEC Champions; College World Series Participants
2004	46-19	LSU	NCAA Regional/Super Regional Champions; CWS Participants
2005	0-0	LSU	

**Career Record (11th year):** 376-222-1 (.629)

**LSU Record (4th year):** 135-63-1 (.681)

### COACHING HONORS

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

## Playing Experience

1970-73: Catcher, South Fayette High School  
 1974-75: Catcher, Gulf Coast CC  
 1976-77: Catcher, Jacksonville University

## The Nickname "Smoke"

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

# Media Services

## Interview Opportunities

### Head Coach Smoke Laval

Coach Laval is available for phone interviews on weekday mornings (9 a.m. -Noon) during the season. Please coordinate all requests for personal interviews with Coach Laval through his office.

Appointments and interviews may be arranged through Virginia Robertson at (225) 578-4148. **Coach Laval will talk to reporters approximately 10 minutes after the end of a game in the LSU dugout.**

### Players

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

### Mailing Address

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

### Overnight Mail Address

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

### Phone Directory

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

### Baseball Contact E-mail Address

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### Baseball Contact

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### Asst. Contact

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### LSU Television

(225) 578-1797

### Asst. AD/Television

Kevin Wagner - kwagner2@lsu.edu

### Manager/Television

John Schiebe - jschiebe@lsu.edu

### LSU Radio

(225) 578-1882

### Asst. AD/Radio

Jim Hawthorne - lsuradio@lsu.edu

## On the Internet

### www.LSUports.net

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

### http://media.lsuports.net

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

## LSU Electronic Media

### Radio

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

### Television

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

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## Week 2: February 14-20

Bill Martin  
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MONDAY 14	TUESDAY 15	WEDNESDAY 16	THURSDAY 17	FRIDAY 18	SATURDAY 19	SUNDAY 20
<b>vs. Nicholls State</b> W, 6-3 Alex Box Stadium Baton Rouge, La.	<b>vs. UL-Monroe</b> 6:30 p.m. Alex Box Stadium Baton Rouge, La.  Radio: LSU Sports Network  TV: Cox Sports			<b>vs. Ark.-Little Rock</b> 6:30 p.m. Alex Box Stadium Baton Rouge, La.  Radio: LSU Sports Network  TV: None	<b>vs. Ark.-Little Rock</b> 4 p.m. Alex Box Stadium Baton Rouge, La.  Radio: LSU Sports Network (Baton Rouge only)  TV: None	<b>vs. Ark.-Little Rock</b> 1 p.m. Alex Box Stadium Baton Rouge, La.  Radio: LSU Sports Network  TV: None

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