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## THE SABAN ERA:

# It's Been Quite A Ride

**Y**ears from now, LSU fans will look back and remember the first five years of the Nick Saban as the greatest stretch of football in school history.

In today's world of parity in the highly competitive sport of college football, the numbers LSU has accomplished are simply staggering. Consider that since the start of the 2000 season, LSU has won 48 football games (the most victories over any 5-year stretch in school history), claimed two Southeastern Conference titles, won the 2003 BCS National title, had nine first-team All-Americans, had 19 players taken in the NFL Draft and another 53 earn their college diploma.

In 2004, the Tigers have put together a 9-2 record playing in the nation's most difficult conference - the SEC. After opening with a 3-2 mark, LSU has reeled off six consecutive wins and goes into the Capital One Bowl with

a chance to become the first squad in school history to win 10 or more games in back-to-back seasons. Not too bad for a team that lost 13 players from last year's squad who now occupy spots on NFL rosters, seven of which were draft picks.

While the past five years have been one for the record books, the future of LSU football continues to be bright. Next year, LSU sees the opening of a multi-million dollar football operations center to go along with the completed renovation of the West Side of Tiger Stadium. That, on top of LSU's \$15 million state-of-the-art Cox Communications Academic Center for Student-Athletes along with recruiting classes that have been rated among the top three in the nation each of the past four years, puts LSU and its football program as one of the nation's elite.

The future is indeed very bright for Saban and the Tigers.

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LSU IN THE POLLS

Tracking the Tigers

Week	AP	Coaches	BCS
Preseason	4	3	
Aug. 29	No poll	3	
Sept. 5	6	4	
Sept. 12	5	4	
Sept. 19	13	13	
Sept. 26	13	13	
Oct. 3	24	24	
Oct. 10	20	21	
Oct. 17	18	17	19
Oct. 24	19	18	20
Oct. 31	17	17	17
Nov. 7	17	15	19
Nov. 14	14	14	16
Nov. 21	14	12	13
Nov. 28	13	12	11
Dec. 5	12	11	11

Associated Press

Rk.	Team	Rec.	Points
1	USC (44)	12-0	1,599
2	Oklahoma (14)	12-0	1,556
3	Auburn (7)	12-0	1,525
4	California	10-1	1,399
5	Utah	11-0	1,345
6	Texas	10-1	1,337
7	Louisville	10-1	1,183
8	Georgia	9-2	1,117
9	Virginia Tech	10-2	1,111
10	Boise State	11-0	960
11	Iowa	9-2	948
12	<b>LSU</b>	<b>9-2</b>	<b>929</b>
13	Michigan	9-2	917
14	Miami (Fla.)	8-3	776
15	Tennessee	9-3	651
16	Wisconsin	9-2	648
17	Florida State	8-3	647
18	Virginia	8-3	482
19	Pittsburgh	8-3	415
20	Florida	7-4	325
21	Arizona State	8-3	222
22	Texas A&M	7-4	213
23	Texas Tech	7-4	168
24	Ohio State	7-4	155
25	Boston College	8-3	150

ESPN/USA Today/Coaches

Rk.	Team	Rec.	Points
1	USC (35 1/3)	12-0	1,490
2	Oklahoma (16 1/3)	12-0	1,459
3	Auburn (9 1/3)	12-0	1,435
4	California	10-1	1,286
5	Texas	10-1	1,281
6	Utah	11-0	1,215
7	Georgia	9-2	1,117
8	Louisville	10-1	1,066
9	Virginia Tech	10-2	1,037
10	Boise State	11-0	943
11	<b>LSU</b>	<b>9-2</b>	<b>932</b>
12	Michigan	9-2	874
13	Iowa	9-2	812
14	Miami (Fla.)	8-3	738
15	Florida State	8-3	643
16	Wisconsin	9-2	599
17	Tennessee	9-3	559
18	Virginia	8-3	455
19	Florida	7-4	324
20	Pittsburgh	8-3	318
21	Texas Tech	7-4	234
22	Ohio State	7-4	181
23	West Virginia	8-3	177
24	Arizona State	8-3	173
25	Texas A&M	7-4	147

Saban In Bowl Games

LSU coach Nick Saban has a 3-4 mark in bowl games with all 3 of those wins coming at LSU. Saban posted an 0-3 mark in bowl games at Michigan State before going 3-1 at LSU. He recorded his first bowl game win in 2000 when LSU came back from a 14-3 halftime deficit to beat 15th-ranked Georgia Tech, 28-14. The following is a look at Saban's bowl game results:

Year	Team	Opponent	Bowl	Results
1995	Michigan State	LSU	Independence	L, 45-26
1996	Michigan State	Stanford	Sun	L, 38-0
1997	Michigan State	#21 Washington	Aloha	L, 51-23
2000	LSU	#15 Georgia Tech	Peach	W, 28-14
2001	LSU	#7 Illinois	Sugar	W, 47-34
2002	LSU	#9 Texas	Cotton	L, 35-20
2003	LSU	#3 Oklahoma	Sugar	W, 21-14

LSU To Face Iowa In Capital One Bowl

LSU will play in a bowl game for the fifth straight year on Jan. 1 when the 11th-ranked Tigers meet 12th-ranked Iowa in the Capital One Bowl in Orlando, Fla. LSU, winners of six straight, brings a 9-2 overall mark into the Iowa contest. The Hawkeyes, co-champs of the Big Ten, have won seven consecutive games and carry a 9-2 mark into the LSU game. The Capital One Bowl will mark the first meeting between LSU and Iowa in football.

LSU and Iowa: The Series

LSU and Iowa will meet for the first time on the gridiron on Jan. 1 when the teams square off in the Capital One Bowl. LSU last faced a team from the Big Ten in the 2002 Sugar Bowl when the Tigers posted a 47-34 win over Illinois. LSU is 6-3-1 all-time against current members of the Big Ten, which includes a 2-0 record vs. Wisconsin, a 2-1 mark vs. Indiana, 1-0 records against Illinois and Michigan State, an 0-1 mark vs. Penn State and an 0-1-1 record vs. Ohio State.

LSU's Capital One Bowl History

It's been a while, but LSU has played in a bowl game in Orlando. The year was 1979, the coach was the late **Charlie McClendon** and the name of the game was the Tangerine Bowl. On Dec. 22, 1979, LSU defeated Wake Forest, 34-10, before 38,666 in Orlando. That game served as the final contest for McClendon, who capped his career at LSU as the school's all-time winningest coach with 137 wins in 18 years as the Tiger head coach.

A Quick Recap Of LSU's Football History

The Tigers have claimed 6 national championships in football, most recently winning the 2003 BCS National Championship following a 21-14 victory over Oklahoma in last year's Sugar Bowl. LSU also won the 1958 national title. In addition to the 1958 and 2003 titles, LSU can also stake claim to national championships in 1908 (National Championship Foundation), 1935 (Williamson), 1936 (Williamson, Sagarin), and 1962 (Berryman).

Saban vs. Iowa

As head coach at Michigan State for five years, LSU's **Nick Saban** played the Hawkeyes three times, going 1-2 against Iowa. Saban and Michigan State beat the Hawkeyes, 49-3, in 1999, which was Ferentz's first year at Iowa. Saban's two losses to the Hawkeyes came in 1995 by a 21-7 count and in 1996 by a 37-30 margin.

LSU's 18-3 Against Non-SEC Conference Foes Under Saban

LSU will bring an 18-3 record against non-conference foes into the Iowa game on Jan. 1. LSU is 3-0 against non-SEC teams in 2004 after going 5-0 against non-conference foes in 2003. The Tigers, winners of 8 straight non-SEC opponents, have lost a non-conference game since dropping a 35-20 decision to Texas in the 2003 Cotton Bowl.

A Familiar Face (or two) On The Opposing Sidelines

LSU coach **Nick Saban** will see a familiar face when the Tigers face Iowa in the Capital One Bowl. Saban and Iowa head coach **Kirk Ferentz** were on the same staff at the Cleveland Browns in 1993 and 1994. Saban served as the defensive coordinator for the Browns, while Ferentz was Cleveland's offensive line coach, a position he held until taking the Iowa job in 1999. In addition to his ties to Ferentz, Saban has also crossed paths with Iowa defensive coordinator Norm Parker. Saban and Parker were on the same staff at Michigan State from 1983-87. Iowa defensive backs coach **Phil Parker** held the same position on Saban's staff at Toledo in 1990, while also serving as a graduate assistant for Saban at Michigan State in 1987.

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CAPITAL ONE BOWL

### Tigers Earn 36th Bowl Appearance

LSU will make its 36th appearance in a bowl game when they face Iowa in the 2005 Capital One bowl on Jan. 1. LSU is 17-17-1 overall in bowl games, including a 1-0 record in what is now the Capital One Bowl (LSU played in the 1979 Tangerine Bowl that became the Capital One Bowl). The Tigers are 3-1 in bowl games under **Nick Saban**. LSU's 17 bowl victories rank 13th among all NCAA Division I teams, while the Tigers 36 bowl appearances ranks ninth all-time.

### Who's In And Who's Out For The Tigers

LSU enters Capital One Bowl week with two players out of action. Senior C **Ben Wilkerson** ruptured the patella tendon in his left knee against Vanderbilt on Oct. 30 and has been out of action since. Wilkerson underwent successful surgery to repair the tendon on Nov. 1. In addition to Wilkerson's injury, LB **Dorsett Buckels** tore the ACL in his knee in the opening kickoff against Florida on Oct. 9 and will be sidelined for the remainder of the year. WR **Xavier Carter**, who has been out of action since the Vanderbilt game with a fractured clavicle, is expected to play against Iowa. In addition, OL **Brian Johnson** (shoulder) will also see action against the Hawkeyes after missing the season-finale against Arkansas with a shoulder injury.

### In The Polls

The **Tigers** moved up one spot to No. 11 in the latest edition of the USA Today/ESPN Coaches poll. The Tigers are No. 12 in the current Associated Press. LSU has been ranked for 34 consecutive ranking periods in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches poll and for 33 straight in the Associated Press poll.

### Wilkerson Named Co-Recipient Of Rimington Trophy

Ben Wilkerson, a senior center from Hemphill, Texas, etched his name along some of the all-time greats at LSU as he was named the co-recipient of the Rimington Trophy, which goes to the top center in college football. Wilkerson shares the award with Michigan's David Baas. Wilkerson joins RB Billy Cannon (1959 Heisman Trophy) and WR Josh Reed (2001 Biletnikoff Award) as LSU's national award winners in football. "I am not about winning individual awards, but this means a great deal to me to receive this honor," Wilkerson said. "I am truly honored that people around the nation took notice of me even after my injury. This is not only an award for me, but for my teammates as well." Both Wilkerson and Baas, who were selected from a group of finalists based on their honors in four All-America teams, will be officially honored as the annual Dave Rimington Trophy Awards banquet on Jan. 8 in Lincoln, Neb. The American Football Coaches Association, Walter Camp, The Sporting News and the Football Writers Association of America

are the four teams that are used in the selection process. Wilkerson, who missed the final three games of LSU's season after suffering a knee injury against Vanderbilt, earned first-team All-America honors by the AFCA and The Sporting News, and was named second-team Walter Camp All-American. Wilkerson allowed just two sacks in eight games this season. He also anchored an offensive line that helped the LSU running game average over 200 yards per game and score 19 touchdowns. The five-year old trophy is presented by Canon USA, Black & Decker and Power Sentry. Since its inception the Rimington Trophy Award has raised over \$300,000 for the award's benefactor, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The past winners of the award include Nebraska's Dominic Raiola, Ohio State's LeCharles Bentley, Miami's Brett Romberg and Virginia Tech's Jake Grove. The award's namesake was a consensus first-team All-America center at Nebraska in 1981 and 1982.

### Spears, Webster and Wilkerson Earn First-Team All-America Honors

LSU DE Marcus Spears capped a tremendous career by being named to the Walter Camp Foundation and the American Football Coaches Association All-America teams in 2004. Spears ranks second in the SEC in both sacks (9) and tackles for losses (17). He goes into the Capital One Bowl with 48 tackles in

2004. He's recorded 19 sacks during his career. Joining Spears on the American Football Coaches Association All-America Team were C Ben Wilkerson and CB Corey Webster. Webster earned a spot on the AFCA team for the second straight year, while Wilkerson was honored for the first time.

### 2004 FINAL SEC STANDINGS

#### Eastern Division

TEAM	SEC	PCT.	OVER.
Tennessee	7-1	.875	9-2
Georgia	6-2	.750	9-2
Florida	4-4	.500	7-4
South Carolina	4-4	.500	6-5
Kentucky	1-7	.125	2-9
Vanderbilt	1-7	.125	2-9

#### Western Division

TEAM	SEC	PCT.	OVER.
Auburn	8-0	1.000	11-0
LSU	6-2	.750	9-2
Arkansas	3-5	.375	5-6
Alabama	3-5	.375	6-5
Ole Miss	3-5	.375	4-7
* Mississippi State	2-6	.250	3-8

\* - not eligible for league title

### SEC in the Bowls

#### Dec. 31

Music City Bowl

Alabama vs. Minnesota • 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Peach Bowl

Miami vs. Florida • 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

#### Jan. 1

Outback Bowl

Georgia vs. Wisconsin • 10 a.m. (ESPN)

Cotton Bowl

Texas A&M vs. Tennessee • 10 a.m. (FOX)

Capital One Bowl

Iowa vs. LSU • Noon (ABC)

#### Jan. 3

Sugar Bowl

Auburn vs. Virginia Tech • 7 p.m. (ABC)

All times are Central

### LSU Opponents in Bowls

OREGON STATE (6-5)

Insight Bowl vs. Notre Dame • Dec. 2 • 8:45 p.m. (ESPN)

AUBURN (12-0)

Sugar Bowl vs. Virginia Tech • Jan. 4 • 7 p.m. (ABC)

GEORGIA (9-2)

Outback Bowl vs. Wisconsin • Jan. 1 • 10 a.m. (ESPN)

FLORIDA (7-4)

Peach Bowl vs. Miami (Fla.) • Dec. 31 • 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

TROY (7-4)

Silicon Valley Bowl vs. Northern Illinois • Dec. 30 • 10 p.m. (ESPN)

ALABAMA (6-5)

Music City Bowl vs. Minnesota • Dec. 31 • 11 a.m. (ESPN)

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1. Kevin Faulk	1995-98	22
2. Dalton Hilliard	1982-85	20
3. Charles Alexander	1975-78	16
4. Harvey Williams	1986-90	8
5. Rondell Mealey	1996-99	7
Steve Van Buren	1941-43	7
LaBrandon Toefield	2000-02	7
8. Justin Vincent	2003-	6
9. Domanick Davis	1999-2002	5
Terry Robsiek	1973-76	5
Don Schwab	1963-65	5

Career Punt Return Yards (Since 1963)

1. Domanick Davis	1999-2002	1,126
2. Eddie Kennison	1993-95	947
3. Sammy Grezaffi	1965-67	905
4. Kevin Faulk	1995-98	832
5. Joe Labruzzo	1963-65	687
6. Skyler Green	2002-	663
7. Norman Jefferson	1983-86	597
8. Carig Burns	1968-70	570
9. Tommy Casanova	1968-70	517
10. Todd Kinchen	1989-91	475

Interceptions

1. Chris Williams	1977-80	20
2. Corey Webster	2001-	16
3. Craig Burns	1968-79	12
Charles Oakley	1951-53	12
5. Tory James	1992-95	11
Greg Jackson	1985-88	11

Sacks

1. Rydell Malancon	1980-83	25
2. Ron Sancho	1985-88	23
3. Gabe Northern	1992-95	21
4. Jarvis Green	1998-2001	20
5. Marcus Spears	2001-	19
Chuck Wiley	1994-97	19
7. James Gillyard	1992-95	18
Michael Brooks	1983-86	18
9. Anthony McFarland	1995-98	17
10. Oliver Lawrence	1985-89	16
Kyle Williams	2002-	12
Melvin Oliver	2002-	11

Tackles for Losses

1. Anthony McFarland (1995-98)	55
2. Chuck Wiley (1994-97)	43
3. Gabe Northern (1992-95)	40
4. Jarvis Green (1998-2001)	39
5. Michael Brooks (1983-86)	38
6. Ron Sancho (1985-88)	37
7. Chad Lavalais (2000-03)	32.5
Marcus Spears (2001-04)	32.5
9. Allen Stansberry (1993-96)	26
10. Kenny Mixon (1994-97)	21

Pass Breakups

1. Corey Webster (2001-present)	48
2. Travis Daniels (2001-present)	36
3. Demetrius Hookfin (1999-2002)	32
4. Ryan Clark (1998-2001)	28
5. Randall Gay (2000-2003)	24
Fred Booker (1997-2000)	24
7. Mark Roman (1996-1999)	23
8. Norman LeJeune (1999-2002)	20
9. Norman Jefferson (1983-1986)	17
10. Rodney Young (1991-1994)	16
Tory James (1992-1995)	16

LSU on ABC

The Tigers will make their first appearance on ABC this season and the first since the 2004 Sugar Bowl, the BCS National Championship game on Jan. 4. LSU has played 47 games that have aired on the network and own a 15-29-3 record in those games.

LSU Looking for 10

LSU will be looking for the program's seventh 10-win season on Jan. 1 against Iowa. The Tigers have won at least 10 games in two of **Nick Saban's** previous four seasons, including a school record 13 victories last season. LSU also won 10 games in 1958 (11-0), 1961 (10-1), 1987 (10-1-1), 1996 (10-2), 2001 (10-3) and 2003 (13-1). With 10 wins, Saban will become the only coach to win at least 10 games three times.

Tigers Have Had Success In The Sunshine State Under Saban

LSU will bring a 2-game winning streak in games played in Florida into the Capital One Bowl. LSU's last two trips to the state of Florida have resulted in wins over the Florida Gators each time. LSU beat Florida, 36-7, in 2002 and then followed that with a 24-21 win over the Gators this season.

No Hawkeyes Here

LSU's roster contains players from 11 different states, however none are from the state of Iowa. In its history, LSU football has never had a letterwinner from the state of Iowa.

Neutral Sites are Fine with LSU

Playing games at neutral sites have been good news for LSU. The Tigers have won eight of the last nine games played on a neutral site, including winning the 2004 Sugar Bowl in the Louisiana Superdome over Oklahoma and the 2003 SEC Championship game in the Georgia Dome over Georgia. LSU lost the 2003 Cotton Bowl in Dallas to snap a six-game neutral site winning streak that dated back to the 1995 Independence Bowl against Michigan State in Shreveport. Prior to the 2003 Cotton Bowl, the last time LSU lost on a neutral field was the 1989 Hall of Fame bowl, a 23-10 loss to Syracuse.

Niswanger Named First Team Academic All-America

LSU's **Rudy Niswanger** has been named to the 2004 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America Team as voted on by the College Sports Information Director's of America. Niswanger's selection to the first-team marks the third straight year in which the LSU football team has had a player earn first-team academic all-America. Former Tiger **Rodney Reed** earned first-team academic all-America honors in 2002 and 2003, while **Matt Mauck** was a second team selection in 2003. Niswanger becomes the 14th first-team academic all-America in LSU history, joining the likes of **Tyler Lafauci** (1973), **Robert Dugas** (1977), **Mike Blanchard** (1994) and **Chad Kessler** (1997) as former Tigers who made the team. In the classroom, Niswanger maintains a 4.0 grade point average in kinesiology with an emphasis on pre-medicine. On the field, Niswanger has started all 11 games for the Tigers in 2004, playing three positions on the offensive line. Niswanger started LSU's final three games at center, subbing for an injured **Ben Wilkerson**. Niswanger's other starts this year have come at left and right guard. Niswanger ranks first among LSU's offensive linemen with 67 knockdowns in 2004 to go with 18 pancakes. He's also allowed only two sacks and been whistled for just one penalty this season. Niswanger, a native of Monroe, La., is a three-time member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll as well as being named the top scholar-athlete for LSU's national champion football team in 2003.

LSU's Arnold Named Freshman All-America By The Sporting News

LSU OG **Will Arnold** has been named first-team freshman All-America by the Sporting News. Arnold, a redshirt freshman from Gloster, Miss., played in eight games for the Tigers in 2004, starting five times. Arnold opened the season with a start at right guard against Oregon State and then followed that with four straight starts at left guard. In eight games for the Tigers in 2004, Arnold recorded four pancakes and 13 knockdowns. He also played a key role in LSU's rushing offense, one that led the league with over 200 yards per game. Arnold was also named to the freshman All-Southeastern Conference team by the Sporting News. Last week, he was named to the freshman All-SEC team from the league's coaches. Joining Arnold on the Sporting News' freshman All-SEC team for LSU was wide receiver **Early Doucet**. Doucet, a true freshman from St. Martinville, La., caught 17 passes for 255 yards and two touchdowns for the Tigers in 2004.

Eight Tigers Earn All-SEC Honors

LSU football players DE **Marcus Spears**, LB **Lionel Turner**, C **Ben Wilkerson** and OT **Andrew Whitworth** each earned first-team All-Southeastern Conference honors by the league's 12 coaches. TE **David Jones**, DT **Claude Wroten**, CB **Corey Webster** and FS **LaRon Landry** all earned second-team honors. LSU had the second most selections in the league with eight. SEC Champion

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Auburn led the way with 10 selections. Spears and Turner helped in leading LSU to having one of the nation's top defensive units. Spears collected 48 tackles, including a team-high nine sacks and 17 tackles for a loss. Turner was second on the team with 75 tackles, including five tackles for a loss. Wilkerson earned the honor despite missing the final three games due to a knee injury. Whitworth along with Wilkerson, blocked the way for 19 rushing touchdowns and 2,208 yards on the ground in 2004. All four first-team selections for LSU made the team for the first time. Jones pulled down eight catches for 138 yards and one touchdown this season. He also started eight games. Wroten gathered 41 tackles in his first season with LSU. He also collected five sacks and 11 tackles for a loss. Webster had 31 tackles, two interceptions and eight pass break ups during the season, while Landry led LSU with 86 tackles.

### It's The Best 5-Year Stretch In LSU History

LSU is currently in the midst of the best 5-year stretch in school history as the Tigers have won 48 games since the start of the 2000 season. The 48 wins over the last five years is the best 5-year stretch at LSU since the Tigers won 45 games from 1969-73. In addition, LSU's current 4-year win total of 40 victories is also the most in school history, bettering the number of wins (39) LSU had from 2000-03.

### Taking Note On The Tigers Under Saban

Here is a look at some notable trends for LSU during its first 63 games under **Nick Saban** ... LSU is 40-3 when leading at halftime and 37-3 when leading after three quarters ... The Tigers are 45-3 when scoring 20 or more points and 39-0 when scoring at least 25 points in a game ... On the other hand, the Tigers are 3-12 when failing to reach the 20-point mark ... LSU is 14-3 in games decided by 7 points or less and 7-2 in games decided by 3 points or less ... LSU is 32-1 when holding opponents to fewer than 100 team rushing yards and the Tigers are 21-0 when having a player rush for 100 yards.

### LSU Brings 6-Game Winning Streak To Orlando

Since a 42-17 loss to Georgia, the Tigers have now reeled off six consecutive victories. The 6-game winning streak marks the fifth time under Nick Saban that the Tigers have put together a string of at least five consecutive victories. LSU won 6 straight to close the 2001 season, then followed that with 6 straight in 2002 followed by streaks of 5 and 8 in 2003. LSU and Iowa will bring a combined winning streak of 13 consecutive games into the Capital One Bowl.

### Randall Comes Up Big In Win Over Arkansas

Playing in his final regular season contest, QB **Marcus Randall** may have saved his best for last, leading the Tigers to a 43-14 win over Arkansas in Little Rock on Nov. 26. Randall, starting for the first time since the Troy game on Oct. 23, accounted for 4 touchdowns - 2 rushing and 2 passing - against the Razorbacks. He connected on 10 of 14 passes for 173 yards and a pair of scores, while also rushing for a career-best 79 yards and 2 TDs. Randall had scoring passes of 20 and 29-yards to **Joseph Addai** in the first half before scoring on runs 1 and 7-yards in the second half.

### It Must Be The Halftime Speech

Something is happening in the LSU locker room at halftime as the Tiger defense has allowed only 12 second half points over the last 6 games. Dating back to the Florida game, LSU has pitched second half shutouts to Florida, Vanderbilt, Alabama and Arkansas. LSU only allowed a second half 2-point conversion against Ole Miss following a 48-yard interception return by the Rebels. The most points scored on the second half since the Florida game came against Troy as the Trojans had 10 points in the final 30 minutes against the Tigers. This year, LSU is allowing only 5.0 points in the second half compared to 10.4 in the first half. What's more impressive than the 12 second half points over the last 6 games is that the fact that since the Florida contest, the Tigers have allowed a total of 550 yards in the second half of those games. The following is a look at LSU's defensive performance in the second half of the last 5 games:

Game	2nd Half Scoring	2nd Half Total Yards	2nd Half Passing Yards	2nd Half Rushing Yards
At Florida	0	125	63	62
Troy	10	113	39	74
Vanderbilt	0	116	87	29
Alabama	0	46	8	38
Ole Miss	2	35	10	25
At Arkansas	0	115	67	48

## LSU ODDS & ENDS

### OFFENSE

#### #2 - Shyrone Carey - RB

Shortest RB to ever play at LSU at 5-foot-6.

#### #3 - Craig Davis - WR

Nicknamed "Buster", which is a name given to him by his grandfather.

#### #12 Marcus Randall - QB

Is 3 hours shy of earning his degree ... Will graduate in December with a degree in general studies ... Brother Eric played QB at Southern and led the Jaguars to the Black College National Championship in 1995.

#### #17 Bennie Brazell - WR

World-class sprinter for LSU track team ... Has been a part of three national relay titles and one team national titles at LSU ... Participated and advanced to the finals in the 400-meter hurdles at the recently completed Olympics in Athens, Greece ... Finished eighth in his event at the Olympics.

#### #43 Joe Lawrence - WR/HOLD

Former 1st round draft pick by the Toronto Blue Jays ... Spent 55 games in the Big Leagues as a second baseman with the Blue Jays in 2002.

#### #55 Ben Wilkerson - C

Sings in the church choir ... played the lead role in several plays while in high school.

#### #64 Rudy Niswanger - OG

Has yet to make anything lower than an "A" in college ... Has a 4.0 gpa ... Getting married on Jan. 8, 2005 ... Plans on becoming a doctor.

### DEFENSE

#### #51 E.J. Kuale - LB

Real name is actually Ejiro, which is a common gender-neutral name in Nigeria ... People had a hard time pronouncing Ejiro, so they started calling him E.J. ... His father is from Nigeria.

#### #54 Brian West - DE

Played three years minor league baseball (pitcher) in the Chicago White Sox organization after high school.

#### #84 Marcus Spears - DE

Would rather go fishing than do anything else ... During the summer, spends hours fishing in a pond in Nick Saban's backyard.

#### #95 Kyle Williams - DT

Spends his Sunday mornings (even during the season) as the director of the middle school Sunday school classes at LSU's Chapel ... It is a title he has owned for over two years ... Also carries a 5-handicap on the golf course.



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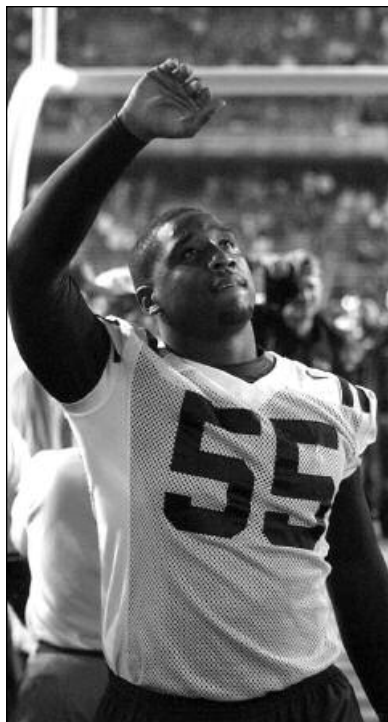
Oregon State	Dwayne Bowe
Arkansas State	Joseph Addai
at Auburn	Alley Broussard/Craig Davis
Mississippi State	Alley Broussard/Marcus Randall
at Georgia	Joseph Addai
at Florida	Marcus Randall/Joseph Addai/O-line
Troy State	Craig Davis
Vanderbilt	Andrew Whitworth/Alley Broussard
Alabama	Joseph Addai/Andrew Whitworth
Ole Miss	Alley Broussard/Andrew Whitworth
at Arkansas	Randall/Niswanger/Whitworth

Defensive

Oregon State	Kyle Williams/Marcus Spears
Arkansas State	Cameron Vaughn
at Auburn	LaRon Landry/Lionel Turner
Mississippi State	Corey Webster/Marcus Spears
at Georgia	Claude Wroten
at Florida	Marcus Spears/Travis Daniels
Troy State	Marcus Spears/Kyle Williams
Vanderbilt	Marcus Spears
Alabama	Marcus Spears/Claude Wroten
Ole Miss	Kyle Williams/Jessie Daniels
at Arkansas	Marcus Spears/LaRon Landry

Special Teams

Oregon State	Ronnie Prude
Arkansas State	Ali Highsmith
at Auburn	Daniel Francis
Mississippi State	Kenneth Hollis/Ali Highsmith
at Georgia	Daniel Francis
at Florida	Bennie Brazell/Justin Vincent
Troy State	Xavier Carter
Vanderbilt	Daniel Francis/Ali Highsmith
Alabama	Ronnie Prude/Chris Jackson
Ole Miss	Joseph Addai/Justin Vincent
at Arkansas	Chris Jackson/Justin Vincent



Ben Wilkerson

LSU On A Nice Run - Tigers Are 22-3 Over Last 25 Games

Dating back to the start of the 2003 season, LSU has won 22 of its last 25 games. The 22-3 record is the best by an LSU team since the early 1970's when the Tigers went 22-2-1 over a 25-game span. That span includes the last 4 games of the 1971 season, all of 1972 and the first 9 games of 1973.

Spears Has Been Dominating Over Last 5 Games

LSU DE **Marcus Spears** has been dominating over the last 5 games as he's recorded 34 tackles, 14 tackles for losses and 8 sacks since the Troy game. Spears capped the regular-season with a 9-tackle, 2-sack effort in a win over Arkansas. Spears started his stretch of torrid play with 9 tackles, 6 of which went for losses, and pair of sacks vs. Troy. He followed that with 4 tackles, including 2 tackles for losses against Vanderbilt. Then against Alabama, Spears had 8 tackles, 2 tackles for losses, 2 sacks and a forced fumble against Alabama. In his final game in Tiger Stadium, Spears had 4 tackles, 2 tackles for losses and 2 sacks against Ole Miss. For the year, Spears has 48 tackles, 17 tackles for losses, 9 sacks, 21 QB hurries. He's also returned an interception 35 yards for a TD against Mississippi State.

Addai's 4 Receiving TDs Most For LSU Running Back Since 1989

With 2 receiving TDs against Arkansas, LSU RB **Joseph Addai** ran his season total for receiving touchdowns to 4. Addai's 4 receiving TDs in 2004 are the most by an LSU running back since 1989 when Eddie Fuller tallied 9 receiving touchdowns. In addition, Addai's 22 receptions and 280 receiving yards in 2004 are the most for a Tiger running back since **Kevin Faulk** caught 22 passes for 287 yards in 1998.

Once November Comes, Tigers Nearly Unbeatable

With the win over Arkansas, LSU once again proved that if you're going to beat the Tigers, you better do it before November. Under **Nick Saban**, LSU is 20-4 in games played once the calendar turns to November. Of LSU's 20 wins in months from November and beyond, three have come in bowl games and two in SEC title games. The Tigers are currently riding a streak of 9-straight wins in games played the months of November and beyond. The following is a look at LSU's record under Saban in games played in the months of November, December or January:

Year	Nov. Record	Dec. Record	Jan. Record	Total
2000	2-1	1-0	0-0	3-1
2001	3-0	2-0	1-0	6-0
2002	2-2	0-0	0-1	2-3
2003	4-0	1-0	1-0	6-0
2004	3-0	0-0	0-0	3-0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>14-3</b>	<b>4-0</b>	<b>2-1</b>	<b>20-4</b>

Tigers To Honor Fallen Seniors With T-Shirt

LSU players will honor their three fallen seniors by wearing a t-shirt under their jerseys on game day. The t-shirts feature the jerseys of the three injured seniors - #13 **Steve Mares** (broken leg), #34 **Dorsett Buckels** (torn ACL), and #55 **Ben Wilkerson** (ruptured patella tendon). The t-shirt also features a quote from Wilkerson stating, "I'm going to walk off this field", which is what he uttered to his teammates moments following his career-ending injury against Vanderbilt. Wilkerson did indeed walk of the Tiger Stadium field despite having a ruptured patella tendon in his left knee. The t-shirt also has a quote from Muhammad Ali, saying "champions don't belong on the ground."

Tigers To Go Without Wilkerson; O-Line To Wear #55 Decal On Helmets

LSU C **Ben Wilkerson** had his season (and collegiate career) come to an abrupt halt against Vanderbilt as he ruptured the patella tendon in his left knee against the Commodores. Wilkerson started 41 games at center during his career with LSU going 33-8 in those games. Dating back to the 2001 season (Wilkerson's first with the Tigers), he had started 41 of LSU's last 44 games with the Tigers going 33-8 over that span. **Rudy Niswanger**, a junior with a 4.0 grade point average, has started LSU's last 3 games at center in place of Wilkerson. Members of the LSU offensive line will wear a #55 decal on their helmets to honor Wilkerson for the remainder of the season.

LSU's O-Line Shuffle - Tigers Have Used 8 Different Starting Combinations In 2004

A rash of injuries on the offensive line have forced the Tigers to do a lot of shuffling in the trenches this year. In all, LSU has used 8 different starting lineup combinations on the offensive line this season. That comes a year after the Tigers had 4 players start every game on the offensive line in 2003. LSU only used 2 offensive line combinations for the entire 2003 season. Junior **Andrew Whitworth** is the only player on the Tiger offensive line to start every game at the same position. Whitworth started all 11 games at left tackle for the Tigers. **Rudy Niswanger** has started every contest for the Tigers in 2004, but they've come at 4 different positions. Niswanger opened the year at left guard and then moved to right guard for the



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five games. In week 6, Niswanger started in place of **Nate Livings** at right tackle before shifting back to right guard for the next two contests. Then in week 9 and with Ben Wilkerson out of action with a knee injury, Niswanger was moved to center, a position that he'll start at against Iowa. In all, the Tigers have used 7 different starters on the offensive line in 2004. Other players to see action on the offensive line for LSU in 2004 include: **Nate Livings** (10 starts), **Ben Wilkerson** (8 starts), **Will Arnold** (6 starts), **Brian Johnson** (4 starts), **Terrell McGill** (4 starts).

**Broussard Set School's Single-Game Rushing Record With 250 Yards vs. Ole Miss**

LSU RB **Alley Broussard** set the school's single-game rushing record with 250 yards on 26 carries against Ole Miss on Nov. 20. The 250 yards is the most by a running back in the SEC in 2004 and it's the 11th-highest total in history of the league. The 250 yards broke the previous record of 246 set by **Kevin Faulk** against in Houston in 1996. Broussard leads the Tigers with 758 yards and 9 TDs. The 9 rushing TDs ranks as the third-highest total in the SEC, trailing **Carnell Williams'** (Auburn) 12 and **Ciatrick Fason's** (Florida) 11 rushing touchdowns.

**Two Backs Over 100**

For the first time since 1999, LSU had a pair of running backs go over 100 yards in a game as **Alley Broussard** and **Joseph Addai** accomplished the feat against Ole Miss on Nov. 20. Broussard finished with a school-record 250 yards on 26 carries, while Addai added a career-high 107 yards on 14 carries against the Rebels. It's the first time a pair of LSU backs had gone over 100-yards in the same game since Sept. 11, 1999 when **Rondell Mealey** (118 yards) and **Domanick Davis** (108 yards) did it against North Texas.

**Tigers Best In The SEC In Both Rushing Offense and Rushing Defense**

LSU will take the SEC's best rushing offense and rushing defense into the Capital One Bowl against Iowa. LSU's 200.7 yards rushing per contest is first in the SEC and 19th in the nation. Defensively, the Tigers are allowing only 104.5 yards rushing per game, a figure that ranks 13th in the nation. LSU is trying to become the first team in the SEC to lead the league in both rushing offense and rushing defense in the same season since 1981 when Georgia did it. Last year, LSU led the Sec in rushing defense, allowing only 67 yards per game.

**Tigers Still No. 3 In Nation In Total Defense And Pass Defense, No. 11 In Scoring Defense**

LSU remains No. 3 in the nation in total defense as the Tigers will take its 249.9 yards allowed per game into the Capital One Bowl. LSU's total defense average trails only North Carolina State (221.4) and Alabama (235.9). LSU is also third in the nation in pass defense, allowing 145.4 yards per game. That figure trails only Alabama (116.5) and North Carolina State (119.0). In addition, the Tigers are allowing 15.9 points per game, a figure that ranks third in the league and 11th in the nation. Last year, LSU ranked first in the nation in scoring defense (11.0 points per game), and total defense (252.0 yards per game).

**Tiger D-Line Comes Up Big Down The Stretch**

LSU's defensive line has been nearly unstoppable down the stretch for the Tigers. Against Arkansas, DE **Marcus Spears** and DT **Claude Wroten** combined for 13 tackles and 3 sacks accounting for 27-yards in losses. A week earlier, Spears, DT **Kyle Williams** and DE **Melvin Oliver** combined for 18 tackles, 5 tackles for losses, and 5 sacks in the win over Ole Miss. Over the last 5 games, the foursome (all starters) have combined for 18 sacks and 28 tackles for losses.

**LSU's Scoring Defense Average Misleading**

While the Tigers are allowing 15.9 points per game, that number is not truly indicative of the type of defense that LSU has put on the field this season. Consider that of the 20 touchdowns LSU's defense has allowed in 2004, 9 have come on drives of 40 yards or less, including 7 of 25 yards or less and 4 of 10 yards or less (5 and 3 yard vs. Florida; 10 and 2 yards vs. Troy). On the other hand, LSU's defense has only yielded 2 scoring drives of 80-yards or more - 88 vs. Ole Miss and 83 vs. Vanderbilt. Prior to Vanderbilt's 83-yard scoring drive, the longest against LSU this year was a 71-yard drive by Georgia.

**5 Turnovers + 19 Yards = 31 Points**

It may look like bad math, but that's what 5 of LSU's turnovers resulted in against Florida and Troy. Florida and Troy took 5 LSU turnovers, drove a total of 19 yards on offense and still wound up with 31 points off of those turnovers. Florida had TD drives of 5 and 3 yards against LSU and then Troy followed that with TD drives of 10 and 2 yards. Troy also drove minus 1-yards and still managed to kick a second quarter field goal following an LSU interception that the Trojans returned to the LSU 7-yard line.

**Tigers Have Kept Opponents To Less Than 20 Points 37 Times Under Saban**

By holding Arkansas to 14 points on Nov. 26, the Tigers have limited their opponents to less than 20 points in 39 of the 63 games they have played under **Nick Saban**. Under Saban, the Tigers are 34-5 when holding its opponents to fewer than 20 points. Prior to the Florida game in 2003, LSU had won 18 straight contests when holding its opponent to less than 20

**O-LINE STATISTICS**

Player	Pan cakes	Knockdowns
<b>Oregon State</b>		
Nate Livings	4	5
Terrell McGill	0	5
Rudy Niswanger	2	9
Andrew Whitworth	1	4
Ben Wilkerson	2	4
<b>Arkansas State</b>		
Andrew Whitworth	1	3
Terrell McGill	0	3
Ben Wilkerson	1	2
Rudy Niswanger	0	3
Nate Livings	0	2
Brian Johnson	1	0
Doug Planchard	3	0
<b>at Auburn</b>		
Andrew Whitworth	3	8
Terrell McGill	0	6
Ben Wilkerson	4	8
Rudy Niswanger	1	14
Nate Livings	1	12
<b>Mississippi State</b>		
Andrew Whitworth	1	7
Ben Wilkerson	0	5
Rudy Niswanger	1	0
Nate Livings	1	3
Terrell McGill	1	2
Brian Johnson	1	3
Doug Planchard	1	2
<b>at Georgia</b>		
Andrew Whitworth	1	1
Ben Wilkerson	0	4
Rudy Niswanger	1	1
Nate Livings	1	4
Brian Johnson	1	2
Terrell McGill	0	3
<b>at Florida</b>		
Andrew Whitworth	5	5
Will Arnold	2	1
Ben Wilkerson	4	2
Rudy Niswanger	2	3
Nate Livings	1	6
Brian Johnson	2	0
<b>Troy</b>		
Andrew Whitworth	4	9
Will Arnold	2	3
Ben Wilkerson	2	3
Rudy Niswanger	1	6
Nate Livings	1	7
Brian Johnson	3	0
<b>Vanderbilt</b>		
Andrew Whitworth	2	5
Ben Wilkerson	2	1
Rudy Niswanger	4	6
Nate Livings	3	8
Brian Johnson	2	6
Terrell McGill	0	0
<b>Alabama</b>		
Andrew Whitworth	1	7
Terrell McGill	1	1
Rudy Niswanger	4	4
Nate Livings	0	6
Brian Johnson	2	5
Will Arnold	0	4
<b>Ole Miss</b>		
Andrew Whitworth	3	9
Terrell McGill	1	10
Rudy Niswanger	2	12
Nate Livings	1	9
Brian Johnson	0	8
Will Arnold	0	5
<b>Arkansas</b>		
Andrew Whitworth	3	4
Will Arnold	2	5
Rudy Niswanger	2	9
Terrell McGill	0	10
Nate Livings	1	4
Doug Planchard	3	0



TIGERS IN THE NFL

Name	Team
Kenderick Allen	New York Giants
Ryan Clark	Washington Redskins
Michael Clayton	Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Rohan Davy	New England Patriots
Domanick Davis	Houston Texans
Eric Edwards	Arizona Cardinals
Alan Faneca	Pittsburgh Steelers
Kevin Faulk	New England Patriots
Trev Faulk	St. Louis Rams
Randall Gay	New England Patriots
Howard Green	New Orleans Saints
Jarvis Green	New England Patriots
Devery Henderson	New Orleans Saints
Marquise Hill	New England Patriots
Bradie James	Dallas Cowboys
Tory James	Cincinnati Bengals
Donnie Jones	Seattle Seahawks
Eddie Kennison	Kansas City Chiefs
Chad Lavalais	Atlanta Falcons
Kevin Mawae	New York Jets
Todd McClure	Atlanta Falcons
Anthony McFarland	Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Kenny Nixon	Minnesota Vikings
Stephen Peterman	Dallas Cowboys (IR)
Marcus Price	Buffalo Bills
Josh Reed	Buffalo Bills
Wade Richey	Baltimore Ravens
Mark Roman	Green Bay Packers
Robert Royal	Washington Redskins
LaBrandon Toefield	Jacksonville Jaguars
Denard Walker	Oakland Raiders



Marcus Spears

points. That streak dated back to a 14-3 loss to Arkansas in Little Rock in 2000. Of the 39 times that LSU has held its opponent to under 20 points, 21 of those have been when the opponent scored 10 points or less. LSU has also posted five shutouts under Saban, which is the most by any SEC team since 2000.

**Jackson Kicks His Way Into LSU Record Books**

With a 53-yard field goal against Arkansas and a 51-yarder vs. Ole Miss, LSU PK **Chris Jackson** became the first kicker in school history to kick field goals of 50-yards or better in consecutive games. Jackson's 53-yard field goal against Arkansas was the third-longest in school history, just one-yard shy of the school-record of 54 yards. In all, Jackson had field goals of 53, 46, and 27-yards in the win over the Razorbacks. For the season, Jackson has connected on 9 of 15 field goals, including 6 of 40 yards or better. Jackson's 6 field goals of at least 40 yards ranks first in the SEC.

**Skyler Continues To Climb Punt Return Charts**

With 2 more punt return yards against Arkansas, **Skyler Green** continued his climb up LSU's career punt return charts. For his career, Green has returned 46 punts for 663 yards, which ranks sixth in school history. Green is currently tied with **Pinky Rohm** and **Tommy Casanova** for the LSU record in career punt returns for TDs with 3. Green returned his third punt for a TD against Vanderbilt with a 65-yard return in week 8. **Domanick Davis** holds the LSU career punt return yardage record with 1,126 yards on 94 returns.

**Webster Closing In On LSU Career Interception Mark**

With his third quarter interception against Alabama, LSU senior CB **Corey Webster** moved a step closer to the school's career interception mark. For his career, Webster has 16 interceptions, just 4 shy of tying **Mike Williams'** school-record for interceptions at 20. Webster intercepted 7 passes in 2002 and 2003. He has 2 interceptions this year. Webster tied the LSU record for interceptions in a game with 3 against Florida in 2002.

**LSU's Defense Scores Again**

For the third time this year and the 10th time since the start of last season, LSU's defense scored a TD in a game as LB **Cameron Vaughn** picked up a fumble and scampered 8-yards for a score in the third quarter against Alabama. The TD proved to be the winning points for the Tigers as it gave LSU a 13-10 lead. LSU went on to win 26-10. It was the first TD for the Tiger defense since the Mississippi State game when **Marcus Spears** intercepted a pass and returned it 35-yards for a touchdown. Against Arkansas State in week 2 of the season, LSU linebacker **Ali Highsmith** intercepted a **Nick Noce** pass at the ASU 11-yard line and returned it to the 1-yard line where he fumbled, which was picked up by cornerback **Travis Daniels**, who walked into the endzone for the score. Last year, the Tigers scored a school-record 7 defensive TDs (5 int., 2 fumble returns).

**LSU's Kick Coverage Units Have Been Tremendous**

LSU's coverage on both punts and kickoffs has been outstanding this year as the Tigers rank first in the SEC in both net punt coverage (1.5 average) and kickoff coverage (16.7 average). The longest punt return against LSU this year has been 20 yards by **Mike Espy** of Ole Miss and the longest kickoff return against the Tigers has been 62 yards by **Larry Kendrick** of Ole Miss.

**LSU's Sack Streak At 36 Straight Games**

With 3 sacks against Arkansas, LSU ran its streak of games with at least one sack to 36 straight. The streak dates all the way back to the Miami (Ohio) game in 2002 when the Tigers sacked **Ben Roethlisberger** three times. Since then, LSU has had at least one sack in every game, which includes all 14 games in 2003. This year, through 11 games, the Tigers have 34 sacks that have accounted for 263-yards in losses. The 34 sacks rank second in the SEC, trailing only Auburn (35 sacks). LSU's 263-yards in losses by sacks is the most in the SEC. **Marcus Spears** leads the Tigers with 9 sacks, while **Kyle Williams** has 6 sacks and **Claude Wroten** with 5.

**Spears Adds 2 More Sacks To Run Career Total To 19**

With 2 more sacks against Arkansas, DE **Marcus Spears** ran his career sack total to 19, which ties **Chuck Wiley** for fifth place in LSU history. In 2004, Spears has recorded 9 sacks, the fourth-highest total in LSU history. Spears heads into the Iowa game having recorded 6 sacks in LSU's last 3 games and 8 sacks over the last 5 contests. **Rydell Melancon** holds the school mark with 25 career sacks from 1980-83. LSU's single-season sack leader is **Oliver Lawrence**, who had 12 sacks in 1989.

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## Another Fourth-Quarter Comeback

LSU resorted to late game heroics against Ole Miss Nov. 20 as the Tigers recorded their fourth fourth quarter comeback of the season against the Rebels. Trailing 24-20 entering the fourth quarter, the Tigers used a 7-play, 61-yard drive, capped by a 7-yard TD run by **Alley Broussard** to take a 27-24 lead against the Rebels. LSU then used a strong defensive effort, which included interception Ole Miss quarterback **Ethan Flatt** twice in the last two minutes of the contest to preserve the win. The fourth quarterback comeback win represents the ninth time the Tigers have rallied to win games under **Nick Saban** despite trailing in the final quarter. Earlier this year, LSU rallied from a 15-7 fourth quarter deficit to force overtime against Oregon State before eventually beating the Beavers, 22-21. In consecutive games, LSU came from 21-17 down to beat Florida, 24-21 and then the Tigers rallied from a 20-17 deficit to beat Troy. Prior to Oregon State win, the last time the Tigers rallied to win in the fourth quarter came against Kentucky in 2002 when **Marcus Randall** connected with **Devery Henderson** on a 75-yard TD pass as time expired for a 33-30 LSU win. Over the 8 fourth-quarter comeback wins for the Tigers since 2000, Randall has been involved in 5 as he threw the game winning TD against Kentucky and Ole Miss in 2002 and then ran for the game-winning score against Oregon State in overtime. The following is a look at LSU's other fourth quarter comebacks under Saban that resulted in a victory for the Tigers:

Year	Game	4th Quarter Comeback	Results
2000	Miss. State	scored 21 points to force OT	W, 45-38 in OT
2000	vs. Ga. Tech	scored 19 points for win in Peach Bowl	W, 28-14
2001	at Kentucky	scored TD with 13 seconds left	W, 29-25
2002	Ole Miss	scored TD with 6:34 left	W, 14-13
2002	at Kentucky	scored on 75-yard TD pass as time expired	W, 33-30
2004	Oregon State	scored TD with 1:05 left to force OT	W, 22-21 in OT
2004	at Florida	scored TD with 27 seconds left	W, 24-21
2004	Troy	scored TD with 2:18 left	W, 24-20
2004	Ole Miss	scored TD with 10:51 left	W, 27-24

## A Loaded Backfield

One thing is certain about the LSU offense and that's the Tigers have a loaded backfield that includes juniors **Joseph Addai** and **Shyrone Carey** along with sophomores **Alley Broussard** and **Justin Vincent**. All 4 Tiger running backs have 100-yard games to their credit with Vincent leading the way with 6 career 100-yard games. Broussard has 3 career 100-yard games, while Carey and Addai have each done it once. LSU's four running backs of Vincent, Broussard, Addai and Carey have combined to rush for 4,656 yards and 42 TDs.

## Tigers Second-Best In SEC Over Last 5 Years

Since 2000, LSU has won 48 football games, a number that ranks second to Georgia's 49 among teams in the SEC. LSU is 48-15 since 2000, all coming under **Nick Saban**. Georgia ranks first during that time span with a 49-14 mark. The following is a look at how teams in the SEC rank by wins over the last 5 years:

Team	W-L	Bowls
Georgia	49-14	5
<b>LSU</b>	<b>48-15</b>	<b>5</b>
Tennessee	46-16	5
Auburn	45-17	5
Florida	44-18	5
Arkansas	36-26	4
Ole Miss	35-24	3
So. Carolina	33-27	2
Alabama	30-30	2
Miss. State	19-39	1
Kentucky	17-40	0
Vanderbilt	11-46	0

## Randall 7-6 As LSU's Starting QB; 4-0 As A Reliever

**Marcus Randall** ran his record as LSU's starting quarterback to 7-6 with the Tigers' 43-14 win over Arkansas on Nov. 26. Randall is 5-2 as a starter in 2004 after going 2-4 in 2002 as the Tiger starting quarterback. Randall has allowed been effective coming out of the bullpen for the Tigers as he's 4-0 as LSU's relief quarterback. Most recently, he came off the bench to help the Tigers to a 26-10 win over Alabama on Nov. 13. This year, Randall has come off the bench to lead the Tigers to wins over Florida, Vanderbilt and Alabama. His other relief victory came against Ole Miss in 2002.

## TIGER TRENDS

	2004	
<b>Saban</b>		
August	0-0	1-0
September	3-1	15-5
October	3-1	12-6
November	3-0	14-3
December-January	0-0	6-1
<b>LSU's Conference Record</b>		
at home	4-0	16-4
on the road	2-2	12-9
neutral	0-0	2-0
<b>LSU's Non-Conference Record</b>		
at home	3-0	14-1
on the road	0-0	1-1
neutral	0-0	3-1
<b>LSU vs. Ranked Opponents</b>		
at home	0-0	6-2
on the road	1-2	3-7
neutral	0-0	5-1
<b>LSU's Record in Games...</b>		
decided by 7 pts or less	4-1	14-3
decided by 3 pts or less	3-1	7-2
Away during the day	1-2	4-8
Away at night	1-0	10-2
Home during the day	1-0	7-2
Home at night	6-0	23-3
<b>LSU's Record When Scoring...</b>		
less than 20 points	0-2	3-12
20+ points	9-0	44-3
25+ points	6-0	40-0
<b>LSU's Record When Allowing...</b>		
14 or fewer points	5-1	33-3
24 or fewer points	8-1	39-5
25+ points	0-1	7-10
<b>LSU's Record When...</b>		
Leading after the 1st qtr	5-1	33-5
Leading after the 2nd qtr	6-1	40-3
Leading after the 3rd qtr	5-1	37-3
Tied after the 4th qtr	1-0	3-0
Trailing after the 1st qtr	3-1	11-9
Trailing after the 2nd qtr	3-1	8-12
Trailing after the 3rd qtr	3-1	7-12
<b>LSU's Record With...</b>		
less than 300 yards	1-0	4-8
400+ yards total offense	5-0	31-2
500+ yards total offense	1-0	7-0
600+ yards total offense	0-0	3-0
less than 100 yards rush	2-1	3-7
100+ yards rushing	7-1	44-6
150+ yards rushing	7-0	35-3
200+ yards rushing	6-0	21-1
250+ yards rushing	5-0	13-0
less than 200 yards pass	4-1	20-8
300+ yards passing	2-0	12-1
350+ yards passing	0-0	6-1
400+ yards passing	0-0	3-0
450+ yards passing	0-0	2-0
<b>LSU's Record When Allowing...</b>		
less than 200 total yards	3-0	8-1
less than 300 total yards	8-0	27-3
less than 400 total yards	7-1	38-9
400+ yards total offense	0-1	7-6
less than 100 yards rush	7-0	32-1
100+ yards rush	2-2	16-14
less than 200 yards pass	8-1	27-6
less than 250 yards pass	9-2	37-10
less than 300 yards pass	9-2	42-11
300+ yards pass	0-0	6-2

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Craig Davis



Early Doucet



Alley Broussard

**Turnovers Haven't Been Kind To LSU**

Turnovers were a consistent problem for LSU during the regular season as the Tigers have turned the ball over 24 times with just 21 takeaways in 2004. The Tigers are tied for last in the SEC and 79th in the nation in turnover margin with a -3 margin. Of LSU's 23 turnovers, 15 have been fumbles, with the other 9 being interceptions. In addition, of LSU's 23 turnovers, 16 have come on the short side of the field and 9 have resulted in eventual touchdowns for the opponent. Florida and Georgia each scored 14 points off of LSU's turnovers, while Troy scored 17 of its 20 points off of turnovers.

**Bowe and Davis A Nice 1-2 Sophomore Punch At Receiver**

LSU sophomores **Dwayne Bowe** and **Craig Davis** have teamed to give the Tigers a nice 1-2 punch at wideout. Through 11 games, the duo has combined to catch 72 passes for 1,122 yards and 6 TDs. Davis leads the Tigers with 41 receptions for 647 yards and 1 TD, while Bowe has 31 catches for 475 yards and 5 TDs.

**15 Tigers Have Caught Passes In 2004**

A trademark of a **Jimbo Fisher**-offense is that of spreading the ball around. Through 11 games, the Tigers have done a lot of spreading it around as 15 different players have been on the receiving end of passes. Of the 15 players who have caught passes, 7 are wide receivers, 4 are running backs and 4 are tight ends. **Craig Davis** leads all receivers with 41 catches, **Joseph Addai** is tops among running backs with 22 catches and **David Jones** leads the tight ends with 8 receptions, including the game-winner against Troy.

**Whitworth's The Rock On Tiger O-Line**

LSU OT **Andrew Whitworth** will carry a streak of 38 straight starts on the Tiger offensive line into the Iowa game. Whitworth has started every game that he's played during his career, which includes 13 as a redshirt freshman in 2002, 14 last year as a sophomore and 11 in 2004.

**13 True Freshmen Have Seen Action So Far**

With **Luke Sanders** seeing action against Troy, the Tigers have now had 13 true freshmen see action in 2004. The true freshmen who have seen action for the Tigers this year include LB **Luke Sanders**, LB **Ali Highsmith**, FB **Jacob Hester**, WR **Early Doucet**, DT **Glen Dorsey**, DB **Chevis Jackson**, WR **Xavier Carter**, OL **Brett Helms**, OL **Herman Johnson**, TE **Mit Cole**, DE **Charles Alexander**, DB **Craig Steltz** and HOLD **Joe Lawrence**.

**4 True Frosh Have Started For The Tigers In 2004**

**Early Doucet** added his name to the list of true freshman starters for the Tigers this year when he was part of LSU's 4-wide set to open the game against Troy. Other true freshmen who have started this year include **Jacob Hester** at fullback, **Glen Dorsey** at defensive tackle and **Ali Highsmith** at linebacker.

**11 Different Tigers Have Scored On Offense in 2004**

Last year, LSU had 12 different players score offensive touchdowns all year. This year, through 11 games, the Tigers have had 12 players reach the endzone for a score on offense. Five different players have rushed for a score this year, while the Tigers have had 7 different receivers score. **Alley Broussard** leads the Tigers with 9 rushing TDs, while **Dwayne Bowe** is tops among receivers with 5 catches for scores. Of the 12 players who have scored offensive TDs for LSU, 7 are either freshmen or sophomores and only two are seniors. The following is list of LSU offensive players who've scored this year:

Player	TDs	Type of Score
Alley Broussard	9	all rushing
Dwayne Bowe	5	all receiving
Joseph Addai	7	3 rushing, 4 receiving
Marcus Randall	3	all rushing
Justin Vincent	2	all rushing
Early Doucet	2	all receiving
Craig Davis	1	receiving
JaMarcus Russell	1	rushing
Xavier Carter	1	receiving
Skyler Green	1	receiving
Corey Webster	1	receiving
David Jones	1	receiving



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**Vincent Has 6 100-Yard Rushing Games**

LSU sophomore **Justin Vincent** recorded his sixth 100-yard rushing game against Arkansas State with 102 yards and 2 TDs on 13 carries. Vincent averaged 7.8 yards per carry against Arkansas State. For his career, Vincent has tallied six games of 100 yards or better, including a career-best of 201 yards against Georgia in the SEC Championship game last year. Vincent's first 100-yard rushing game came in last year's 31-7 win over Auburn in Baton Rouge. LSU is 6-0 when Vincent goes over 100 yards. The following is a look at Vincent's 100-yard games:

Yards (TDs)	Opponent	Date	Results
127 (0)	Auburn	Oct. 25, 2003	W, 31-7
105 (0)	at Ole Miss	Nov. 22, 2003	W, 17-14
112 (2)	Arkansas	Nov. 28, 2003	W, 55-24
201 (2)	vs. Georgia	Dec. 6, 2003	W, 34-13
117 (1)	vs. Oklahoma	Jan. 4, 2004	W, 21-14
102 (2)	Arkansas State	Sept. 11, 2004	W, 53-3

**Jackson Handles Both Field Goals and Punting**

**For Tigers And He Can Hit Too**

LSU specialist **Chris Jackson** continues to handle most of LSU's kicking duties, expect for that of point-after conversions and short-range field goals. Jackson also serves as LSU's punter and he's averaging 39.5 yards on 46 punts. As LSU's field goal kicker, Jackson has converted on 9 of 15 attempts, which includes a career-long of 53 yards against Arkansas. Jackson also serves as LSU's kicker on kickoffs. Oh by the way, he's also expected to be a middle infielder for the LSU baseball team next spring.

**Gaudet Takes Over PATs And Short-Range Field Goals For Tigers**

**Ryan Gaudet** has taken away part of the kicking chores away from **Chris Jackson** as he serves as LSU's kicker for PATs and short-range field goals. For the year, Gaudet is 18 of 21 on PATs and he's 6 of 8 on field goals. Last year, Gaudet was 36 of 38 on PATs for the Tigers and 7 of 12 on field goals.

**Randall Has Career Night Against Troy**

LSU QB **Marcus Randall** set career-highs for completions (24) and passing yards (328) in the 24-20 win over Troy. The 24 completions bettered his previous career-high of 19 set against Texas in the 2003 Cotton Bowl, while the 328 yards passing surpassed the 264 yards he passed for against Kentucky in 2002. The 328 yards also marked the 14th-highest passing game in LSU history and it was the most by a Tiger quarterback since **Rohan Davey** threw for 444 yards against Illinois in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 1, 2002.

**Randall Leads Tigers To Another Fourth Quarter Comeback**

**Marcus Randall** has already etched his name into Tiger football lore as the quarterback who was on the throwing end of the "Bluegrass Miracle", the 75-yard TD pass to **Devery Henderson** as time expired to beat Kentucky, 33-30, in 2002. In consecutive games in 2004, Randall led the Tigers to back-to-back fourth quarter comebacks. He did it against Florida on Oct. 9, leading the Tigers from a 14-0 first quarter deficit to a 24-21 win. Against the Gators, Randall guided the Tigers on a 6-play, 50-yard drive, culminating with a 10-yard TD pass to **Joseph Addai** for the winning points with only 27 seconds left. Then, against Troy on Oct. 23, Randall led the Tigers on a 4-play, 54-yard drive with just over 2 minutes left in the game for a 24-20 win over Troy. It marks the 4th fourth quarter comeback that Randall has directed during his career with the Tigers. The other came against Ole Miss in 2002 when Randall led LSU to a 14-13 win over the Rebels.

**Russell In Elite Company**

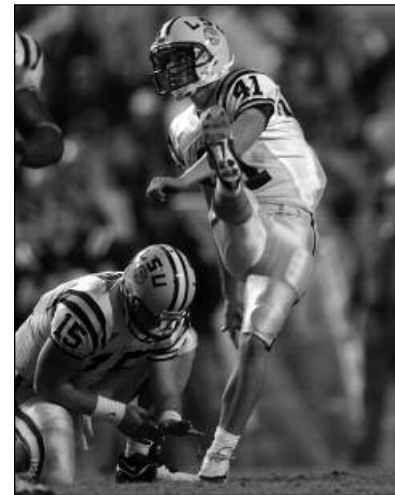
With a pair of TD passes in each of his first two games in an LSU uniform, **JaMarcus Russell** did something that hasn't been done at the school since at least 1970. As far as detailed records account, Russell is the first LSU quarterback to toss at least 2 touchdown passes in his first two games as a Tiger. The only player since 1970 that came close was **Tommy Hodson**, who threw for a pair of TDs in his debut against Texas A&M in 1986. Hodson didn't throw any TD passes the following week in a 21-12 loss to Miami (Ohio).

**Webster and Buckels Are Cap and Gown Tigers**

LSU senior CB **Corey Webster** is not only an accomplished athlete on the field, but he's also done quite well in the classroom as he recently graduated with a degree in general studies. Webster is joined on the Tiger squad by LB **Dorsett Buckels**, who finished up his course work over the summer earning a degree in general studies.



Justin Vincent



Chris Jackson



Marcus Randall



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**Tigers Have Pitched 5 Shutouts Under Saban**

LSU's 51-0 win over Mississippi State marked the fifth time under Nick Saban that the Tigers have held a team scoreless. The shutout against Mississippi State was the first for the Tigers since a 48-0 win over Louisiana-Lafayette on Oct. 5, 2002. It was the first in league play since a 42-0 win over Mississippi State on Oct. 20, 2001. The following is a look at LSU's defensive shutouts under Saban:

Year	Team	Score
2000	Western Carolina	W, 58-0
2000	Kentucky	W, 34-0
2001	at Mississippi State	W, 42-0
2002	Louisiana-Lafayette	W, 48-0
2004	Mississippi State	W, 51-0

**LSU Ranks Ninth In Active NFL Players**

With 33 former Tigers on active NFL rosters, LSU ranks ninth among all schools with former players currently in the NFL. Miami tops the list with 43 followed by Florida State with 39. Notre Dame and Tennessee are next with 38, followed by Florida, Georgia and Ohio State with 36. Michigan is next with 35, then LSU at 33.

**First Rounders On The Diamond**

LSU's football roster features two former first round draft picks in the Major League Amateur Draft in freshman wide receiver **Joe Lawrence** and sophomore defensive end Brian West. Lawrence, who saw action in 55 games as a second baseman for the Toronto Blue Jays in 2002, was the 16th overall pick in the 1996 draft. West, in his second season with the Tigers, was picked with the 35th selection of the 1999 draft by the Chicago White Sox and advanced briefly to AAA before developing career-ending elbow problems.

**Old Men On The Squad**

**Joe Lawrence** at 27-years of age and Andre Gill at 26-years old are the two oldest members of the LSU football team. Lawrence, who is officially listed as a true freshman, is less than two-years younger than LSU defensive backs coach **Kirby Smart**. Lawrence spent eight years in pro baseball, while Gill spent time in the U.S. Armed Services.

**Spears Named SEC Defensive Lineman Of The Week Twice In 2004**

LSU DE **Marcus Spears** earned SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week honors twice in 2004. He first earned the award on Nov. 15 following LSU's 26-10 win over Alabama. In the win over the Crimson Tide, Spears led a Tiger defense that held the Crimson Tide to just 196 yards of offense, including only 46 yards in the second half on Saturday. Spears finished the contest with 8 tackles, 2 sacks, 2 tackles for losses, 2 quarterback hurries and a forced fumble. Spears sacked Alabama quarterback **Spencer Pennington** deep in Crimson Tide territory in the third quarter, forcing a fumble that was picked up by teammate **Cameron Vaughn**, who raced 8-yards for what proved to be the winning points. That defensive touchdown gave the Tigers their first lead of the contest at 13-10. In all, led and LSU defense that held the Crimson Tide to only 82 yards rushing and just 196 yards of total offense. Alabama entered the game ranked No. 1 in the SEC in rushing offense with 229.8 yards per game. Two weeks later, he was cited for his efforts in the 43-14 victory over Arkansas. In the win over the Razorbacks, Spears had 9 tackles and 2 sacks as LSU held Arkansas to just 247 yards of offense and once again, the Tigers kept an opponent out of the endzone in the second half.

**2004 Individual Honors**

**Will Arnold • OL**

- First-Team Freshman All-America (Sporting News)
- Second-Team Freshman All-America (Rivals.com)
- Freshman All-SEC (Coaches)

**Alley Broussard • RB**

- Collegefootballnews.com Best SEC Performance of the Year (Nov. 20 vs. Ole Miss)
- SEC Offensive Player of the Week (Nov. 20 vs. Ole Miss)

**Early Doucet • WR**

- Freshman All-SEC (Coaches)

**Skyler Green • PR**

- Honorable Mention All-SEC (AP)

**Chris Jackson • PK**

- SEC Special Teams Player of the Week (Nov. 26 vs. Arkansas)

**David Jones • TE**

- Second-Team All-SEC (AP, Coaches)

**LaRon Landry • FS**

- Second-Team All-SEC (Coaches)

**Rudy Niswanger • OL**

- First-Team Academic All-America (CoSIDA)
- First-Team Academic All-District (CoSIDA)
- CBS Scholar-Athlete of the Week (Nov. 26)

**Marcus Randall • QB**

- SEC Offensive Player of the Week (Oct. 9 vs. Florida)

**Marcus Spears • DE**

- Walter Camp All-America
- Bednarik Award Semifinalist
- Lott Trophy Semifinalist
- Lombardi Award Semifinalist
- First-Team All-America (AFCA, AP, Collegefootballnews.com)
- Second-Team All-American (CNNSI.com)
- First-Team All-SEC (AP, Coaches, Collegefootballnews.com)
- SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week (Nov. 13 vs. Alabama, Nov. 26 at Arkansas)

**Lionel Turner • LB**

- First-Team All-SEC (Coaches)

**Corey Webster • CB**

- Semifinalist for Thorpe Award
- First-Team All-America (AFCA, Sporting News)
- Honorable Mention All-America (CNNSI.com)
- First-Team All-SEC (AP)
- Second-Team All-SEC (Coaches)
- SEC Defensive Player of the Week (Sept. 25 vs. Mississippi State)

**Andrew Whitworth • OT**

- First-Team All-SEC (Coaches, Collegefootballnews.com)
- Second-Team All-SEC (AP)

**Ben Wilkerson • C**

- Rimington Trophy Recipient
- First-Team All-America (AFCA, Sporting News)
- Second-Team All-America (Collegefootballnews.com)
- Third-Team All-American (AP)
- Honorable Mention All-America (CNNSI.com)
- First-Team All-SEC (AP, Coaches, Collegefootballnews.com)
- SEC Good Works Team

**Kyle Williams • DT**

- Second-Team All-SEC (AP)

**Claude Wroten • DT**

- First-Team All-SEC (Collegefootballnews.com)
- Second-Team All-SEC (AP, Coaches)
- SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week (Oct. 30 vs. Vanderbilt)



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**Broussard Named SEC Player of the Week After 250 Yards Rushing Against Ole Miss**

LSU RB **Alley Broussard** was named SEC Offensive Player of the Week following his school-record 250 yards rushing in the 27-24 win over Ole Miss on Nov. 20. Broussard carried the ball 26 times for 250 yards and three touchdowns. The 250 yards bettered the previous LSU mark of 246 set by **Kevin Faulk** against Houston in 1996. The 250 yards also marked the single-game high in the conference this year and ranks as the 14th-highest total in SEC history. The SEC Player of the Week honor is the first for Broussard in his career.

**Wroten Named SEC Def. Lineman of the Week For Game Against Vanderbilt**

LSU DT **Claude Wroten** played his best game in an LSU uniform against Vanderbilt with 6 tackles, including 3 resulting in 9-yards in losses against the Commodores. Wroten also added a pair of sacks, forced a fumble and had 4 quarterback hurries for the Tigers. Of Wroten's 6 tackles, 5 were solo stops. For his effort, Wroten earned SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week honors.

**Randall Named SEC Player of the Week For Performance Against Florida**

LSU QB **Marcus Randall** earned SEC Offensive Player of the Week on Oct. 11 after leading the Tigers to a 24-21 fourth-quarter comeback win over 12th-ranked Florida. For the game, Randall connected on 18 of 27 passes for 198 yards and two touchdowns, including the game-winner with 27 seconds left. Randall also rushed for 46 yards on 10 carries in the game. With the Tigers trailing 21-17 late in the fourth quarter, Randall guided the Tigers on a 6-play, 50-yard drive during the final two minutes of the contest to beat the Gators. Randall clinched the comeback with a 10-yard TD pass to **Joseph Addai** with only 27 seconds left in the contest. The SEC Player of the Week honor is the second of Randall's career. He was named SEC Player of the Week in 2002 after leading the Tigers to a 14-13 win over Ole Miss on Nov. 23.

**Jackson Named SEC Special Teams Player of the Week vs. Arkansas**

By kicking field goals of 53, 46 and 27 yards against Arkansas, LSU PK/P **Chris Jackson** earned SEC Special Teams Player of the Week honors. The 53-yard field goal marks the third-longest field goal in school history. He also averaged 40.0 yards on 2 punts against Arkansas.

**LSU Runs Tiger Stadium Winning Streak To 10 Straight**

LSU's 27-24 win over Ole Miss ran the Tigers' home field winning streak to 10 straight, a string that covers all 7 games in 2004 and the final three home games in 2003. The last time LSU lost at home came on Oct. 11, 2003 when Florida posted a 19-7 win over the Tigers. Since then, LSU has outscored its opponents 362-126 at home for an average of 36.2-12.6 in those 10 games. The 10-game home winning streak is the longest for LSU since the Tigers won 15 straight at home from 1971-73. That streak started with a 28-8 win over Notre Dame on Nov. 20, 1971 and continued all the through a 26-7 win over Mississippi State on Nov. 17, 1973. Alabama snapped the streak a week later with a 21-7 win over LSU on Nov. 22, 1973. It's also the first perfect home record for the Tigers since 1972 when LSU posted a 7-0 mark in Tiger Stadium.

**LSU Break Tiger Stadium Attendance Mark For Second Straight Year**

For the second straight year and the third time in the last four years, LSU reset the Tiger Stadium attendance record in 2004. In 2004, LSU drew a total of 638,462 to seven home games for an average of 91,209. The 638,462 total fans breaks the previous mark of 636,817 set last year, while the average of 91,209 bettered the previous high of 90,974 set in 2003.

**This Day vs. Night Thing In Tiger Stadium**

Myth has it that LSU plays better at night in Tiger Stadium than they do during the day. The facts show that since 1960, LSU is 193-62-4 (.751) at night under the lights compared to a 17-21-3 (.451) mark in Tiger Stadium during the day. Since taking over in 2000, LSU coach **Nick Saban** has guided the Tigers to a 30-5 mark at home. LSU is 24-3 (.880) at night in Tiger Stadium under Saban and they are 6-2 (.750) at home during the day since 2000. Prior to Saban's arrival, LSU had only won 11 games at home during the day in 33 tries. From 1960 to 1999, LSU posted an 11-19-3 (.379) record at home during the day.

**That Tiger Stadium Mystique Is Back Under Saban**

LSU coach **Nick Saban** has restored the mystique that has made Tiger Stadium one of the toughest places for opposing teams to play. In 5 seasons at LSU, Saban has put together a 30-5 mark at home, which includes a 16-4 record in SEC games. LSU finished its 2003 season 6-1 at home after going 6-1 in Tiger Stadium in 2002. Under Saban, the Tigers are 6-2 vs. Top 25 teams in Tiger Stadium.





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# THE LSU OFFENSE

## 2004 LSU OFFENSE BY THE NUMBERS

**250** Rushing yards by Alley Broussard against Ole Miss on Nov. 20, an LSU single-game record

**200.7** Average rushing yards per game this season, the most since averaging 256.6 in 1997

**11** Players that have scored an offensive touchdown for the Tigers this season

**15** Players with at least one reception this season, while 10 have at least two

**8** Receivers who have caught a touchdown pass this season

**39-0** LSU's record under Nick Saban when scoring 25 or more points in a game

**328** Passing yards by Marcus Randall against Troy on Oct. 23, a career high

**21-0** LSU's record under Nick Saban when a player rushes for over 100 yards

**4** Running backs who have recorded a 100-yard rushing game in their career

**38** Consecutive starts by junior Andrew Whitworth at left tackle

▶ No. 1 in the SEC and 19th in the nation in rushing offense with 200.7 yards per game

▶ No. 3 in the SEC in total offense with 400.1 yards per game

▶ No. 4 in the SEC in scoring with 29.0 points per game

▶ No. 4 in the SEC in third-down conversions with 42.7 percent (64/150)

▶ No. 4 in the SEC in time of possession with 31:09 per game

▶ The LSU offense has come from behind in the fourth quarter to win four times this season

▶ Since the Troy game, LSU has rushed for an average of 280.0 yards per game

▶ LSU is averaging 402.8 yards per game in its current six-game winning streak (231.2 rushing, 171.6 passing)

"On a team loaded with talent, this (running back) might be the strongest position with four tremendous options to turn to."

- CollegeFootballNews.com



"It's spelled B-r-o-u-s-s-a-r-d, but B-r-u-i-s-e-a-r-d is more like it. He appears to inflict more pain than he receives."

- columnist Rick Cleveland of the Jackson Clarion-Ledger



"It was a tough day, the first time we've felt like this in Little Rock. Their senior (Marcus Randall) came to play today. Randall had his best game of the season."

- Arkansas head coach Houston Nutt

### 2004 OFFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME NOTABLE STATISTICS

	RUSHING		PASSING		NET	
	YDS.	TD	YDS.	TD	YDS.	POINTS
Oregon State	91	1	211	2	302	22
Arkansas State	251	3	210	3	461	53
at Auburn	140	0	168	1	308	9
Mississippi State	272	4	327	2	599	51
at Georgia	67	0	247	2	314	16
at Florida	210	1	254	2	464	24
Troy	57	2	329	1	386	24
Vanderbilt	273	1	102	1	375	24
Alabama	192	1	91	1	283	26
Ole Miss	360	3	81	0	441	27
at Arkansas	295	3	173	2	468	43
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,208</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2,193</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4,401</b>	<b>29.0</b>



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# THE LSU DEFENSE



"Fast, fast, fast, fast, fast. There's more than enough speed to keep flying into the backfield at all angles and generally making life miserable for everyone."

- CollegeFootballNews.com

"If you give somebody too much attention, somebody else is going to really wear you out. You do have to know exactly where Marcus Spears is because he is an excellent player, a fantastic player to tell you the truth. He makes a lot of plays for them, but they have others."

-Vanderbilt Head Coach Bobby Johnson



"Saban has devised arguably the most complicated blitz package in the game. The scheme is based on making the offense guess ...

1. If the blitz is coming
2. If so, from where?"

- Dennis Dodd, CBSsportsline.com Senior Writer

## 2004 LSU DEFENSE BY THE NUMBERS

- 3** Defensive TDs by the Tigers
- 3.0** Yards per carry vs. LSU in all games
- 6** Tackles for losses by Marcus Spears vs. Troy on Oct. 23
- 7** Players with an interception
- 9.5** Number of sacks by Marcus Spears, which is No. 2 in the SEC
- 31** Percentage of opponent third-down conversions
- 32-1** LSU's record under Nick Saban when holding opponents to fewer than 100 team rushing yards
- 36** Straight games with a sack
- 84** Tackles for losses, including 34 sacks
- 104.5** Rushing yards allowed per game, which is tops in the SEC
- 12** second half points scored against LSU's Defense in the last six games

- ▶ No. 1 in rushing defense in the SEC, yielding only 104.5 yards per game
- ▶ No. 3 in total defense in the nation, allowing only 249.9 yards per contest (No. 2 in the SEC)
- ▶ No. 3 in scoring defense in the SEC, giving up an average of 15.9 points per game
- ▶ No. 3 in pass defense in the nation, allowing 145.4 yards per game (No. 2 in the SEC)
- ▶ No. 5 in pass efficiency defense in the nation at 98.5 yards per contest (No. 2 in the SEC)
- ▶ Five defensive players have at least three sacks apiece
- ▶ 34 sacks in 2004, a figure that ranks NO. 2 in the SEC

### 2004 DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME NOTABLE STATISTICS

	RUSHING			PASSING		NET		SACKS		3RD-D CONV.
	YDS.	TD	AVG.	YDS.	TD	YDS.	NO.	YDS.		
Oregon State	84	0	2.7	231	3	315	4	18	6/20	
Arkansas State	54	0	1.6	147	0	201	3	27	4/14	
at Auburn	131	0	3.9	170	1	301	2	14	4/13	
Mississippi State	40	0	1.8	90	0	130	3	22	2/10	
at Georgia	221	1	4.5	209	5	430	1	9	6/16	
at Florida	94	1	3.6	142	2	236	1	9	6/14	
Troy State	90	1	2.2	60	1	150	4	48	3/14	
Vanderbilt	103	1	2.6	186	0	289	5	21	6/16	
Alabama	82	1	1.9	114	0	196	4	29	3/16	
Ole Miss	156	1	4.7	98	0	254	6	29	5/15	
at Arkansas	95	0	3.1	152	2	247	3	37	6/15	



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*"I'd been warned prior to my first visit to Baton Rouge that the legendary Death Valley mystique was a myth. That assessment couldn't have been more wrong. Tiger Stadium was as loud as any I've ever heard during the dramatic fourth quarter of Saturday's Georgia game, the festivities surrounding it as advertised."*

*The streets were lined with purple and gold. Smoke emanated from the grills in the parking lot. Shouts of "Go Tigers" and "Tiger Bait" echoed from the stadium deep into the heart of campus.*

*And that was just Friday night.*  
-- Stewart Mandel, SI.com (Sept. 21, 2003)

# THE LEGEND

*"Baton Rouge happens to be the worst place in the world for a visiting team. It's like being inside a drum."*

- PAUL "BEAR" BRYANT

*"It makes a body tingle -- these folks go berserk when the band marches on the field."*

- DOUGLAS LOONEY, SPORTS ILLUSTRATED

*"The Tiger Stadium sound was like nothing I had ever heard in my life. It's not like any other place."*

- BILL CURRY, ESPN

*"College football is never better than when there's a good team in Tiger Stadium."*

- LEE CORSO, ESPN

## EARTHQUAKE GAME

October 8, 1988. Tommy Hodson connected with Eddie Fuller on 4-and-10 with 1:41 to play for the game-winning touchdown as LSU upset No. 4 Auburn. The play caused such a thunderous explosion from the crowd of 79,341 that the tremor caused by the vibrations measured on the seismograph across campus.

## HALLOWEEN NIGHT

October 31, 1959. No. 1 LSU trailed No. 3 Ole Miss, 3-0, late in the fourth quarter when Billy Cannon fielded a punt off the bounce at the 11-yard line. He raced 89 yards, careening off seven Rebel defenders, to paydirt to give the Tigers victory and all but clinch the 1959 Heisman Trophy.

- LSU began playing football in Tiger Stadium in 1924 and is currently in its 81st year in the venerable stadium on Saturday Night.
- Under Nick Saban, the Tigers have posted a 30-5 home record, including a 6-2 mark against ranked opponents. Against conference foes, Saban is 15-4 in Death Valley. In home games at night, LSU is 22-3 since Saban took over.
- LSU has won 18 of its last 20 games at home, including a current 10-game winning streak.
- More than 85,000 fans have attended each of LSU's last 34 home games. In that span, the Tigers have eclipsed the 90,000 mark 24 times, including a school-record 92,251 for the Sept. 20, 2003 game that pitted No. 10 LSU against No. 7 Georgia. The Tigers won the game 17-10.
- Since national attendance figures began being kept in 1957, LSU has ranked in the top 20 all 45 seasons. The Tigers have been in the top 15 for 43 of the 45 years and in the top 10 on 37 occasions, including 32 straight from 1957-88. Fourteen times, LSU has ranked in the top five in the nation, including the last three.
- Since 1960, LSU owns a stellar 193-62-4 (.751) record in traditional Tiger Stadium night games. On the other hand, the Tigers are just 17-21-3 (.451) at home during the day in that span.
- Death Valley is the SIXTH largest on-campus stadium in the nation holding 91,600 fans.

## TIGER STADIUM BY THE NUMBERS

**92,251** Largest crowd to see a game in Tiger Stadium (vs. Georgia, Sept. 20, 2003)

**30-5** is LSU's home record since Nick Saban took over.

**.703** Winning percentage after 495 home games

**193-62-4** Night record since 1960

**89** Yard punt return by Billy Cannon to beat Ole Miss on Halloween Night in 1959

**81st** Year of LSU football in Tiger Stadium dating back to 1924

**70** "Tiger Den" skybox suites in the East Upper Deck

**39** Years ranked in the top 10 in the nation in attendance

**24** Times the crowd has exceeded 90,000 for a game

**7** Times the crowd at Tiger Stadium has exceeded 92,000.

**6th** Largest on-campus stadium in the nation

**4** Trips by the "ESPN College GameDay" crew

**1** Win over a No. 1-ranked team (def. Florida, 28-21, in 1997)

**17** Straight wins to set school record from 1935-37





### Career Starts by Position...

<b>FB</b>		<b>TB</b>	
Steltz	4	Broussard	7
Addai	1	Vincent	12
Jones (HB)	11	Addai	6
Hester	1		
<b>QB</b>		<b>FL</b>	
Randall	14	Bowe	7
Russell	3	Doucet	3
<b>RG</b>		<b>LG</b>	
Niswanger	7	Arnold	5
Arnold	1	Livingston	10
Johnson	1	Niswanger	7
Livingston	2	McGill	4
		Johnson	1
<b>WR</b>		<b>C</b>	
Green	8	Wilkerson	41
Davis	7	Niswanger	3
Brazell	1		
<b>TE</b>		<b>LT</b>	
Jones	4	Whitworth	38
Zinger	9		
Robinson	4		
<b>RT</b>		<b>RE</b>	
Livingston	8	Oliver	10
Niswanger	1	Wroten	1
Johnson	2	Pittman	1
<b>LE</b>		<b>CB</b>	
Spears	37	T. Daniels	19
Oliver	1	Prude	5
		Landry	1
<b>SLB</b>		<b>MLB</b>	
Hollis	6	Turner	24
Kuale	2		
Highsmith	2		
<b>Nickle</b>		<b>WLB</b>	
Prude	1	Vaughn	18
		Turner	11
<b>SS</b>		<b>FS</b>	
J. Daniels	12	Landry	19
Landry	1	T. Daniels	6

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Game	X	Z	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	FB	TB	QB
Oregon State	Green	Bowe	Whitworth	Niswanger	Wilkerson	Arnold	Livingston	Davis (3-wide)	Jones (HB)	Vincent	Randall
Arkansas State	Davis	Bowe	Whitworth	McGill	Wilkerson	Niswanger	Livingston	Zinger	Jones (HB)	Vincent	Randall
at Auburn	Davis	Bowe	Whitworth	McGill	Wilkerson	Niswanger	Livingston	Zinger	Jones (HB)	Vincent	Randall
Mississippi State	Davis	Bowe	Whitworth	Arnold	Wilkerson	Niswanger	Livingston	Zinger	Steltz	Vincent	Randall
at Georgia	Green	Bowe	Whitworth	Arnold	Wilkerson	Niswanger	Livingston	Zinger	Hester	Broussard	Randall
at Florida	Green	Bowe	Whitworth	Arnold	Wilkerson	Johnson	Niswanger	Zinger	Jones (TE)	Broussard	Russell
Troy	Green	Bowe	Whitworth	Arnold	Wilkerson	Niswanger	Livingston	Doucet (4-wide)	Davis (4-wide)	Broussard	Randall
Vanderbilt	Davis	Bowe	Whitworth	Johnson	Wilkerson	Niswanger	Livingston	Zinger	Jones (TE)	Broussard	Russell
Alabama	Zinger (2-TE)	Bowe	Whitworth	McGill	Niswanger	Livingston	Johnson	Jones	Steltz	Broussard	Russell
Ole Miss	Davis	Doucet	Whitworth	McGill	Niswanger	Livingston	Johnson	Zinger	Jones (HB)	Broussard	Russell
Arkansas	Davis	Doucet	Whitworth	Arnold	Niswanger	McGill	Livingston	Zinger	Jones (HB)	Broussard	Russell

### 2004 Defensive Game-by-Game Starters

Game	LE	DT	DT	RE	Will	Mike	Sam	LCB	RCB	SS	FS
Oregon State	Spears	Wroten	Williams	Oliver	Vaughn	Turner	Kuale	Webster	T. Daniels	J. Daniels	Landry
Arkansas State	Spears	Wroten	Williams	Oliver	Vaughn	Turner	Kuale	Webster	T. Daniels	J. Daniels	Landry
at Auburn	Spears	Wroten	Williams	Oliver	Vaughn	Turner	Prude (nickle)	Webster	T. Daniels	J. Daniels	Landry
Mississippi State	Spears	Dorsey	Williams	Oliver	Vaughn	Turner	Highsmith	Webster	T. Daniels	J. Daniels	Landry
at Georgia	Spears	Dorsey	Williams	Oliver	Vaughn	Turner	Highsmith	Webster	T. Daniels	J. Daniels	Landry
at Florida	Spears	Dorsey	Williams	Wroten	Vaughn	Turner	Hollis	Prude	T. Daniels	J. Daniels	Landry
Troy	Spears	Wroten	Williams	Oliver	Vaughn	Turner	Hollis	Prude	T. Daniels	J. Daniels	Landry
Vanderbilt	Spears	Wroten	Williams	Pittman	Vaughn	Turner	Hollis	Webster	T. Daniels	J. Daniels	Landry
Alabama	Spears	Wroten	Williams	Oliver	Vaughn	Turner	Hollis	Webster	T. Daniels	J. Daniels	Landry
Ole Miss	Spears	Wroten	Williams	Oliver	Vaughn	Turner	Hollis	Webster	T. Daniels	J. Daniels	Landry
Arkansas	Spears	Wroten	Williams	Oliver	Vaughn	Turner	Hollis	Webster	T. Daniels	J. Daniels	Landry