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1931



1953



1966



"It's Saturday Night in Death Valley and here come your Fighting Tigers of LSU."

Hearing those words from public address announcer Dan Borne' as the Tigers enter the stadium brings chills to even the casual LSU football fan and sends shivers to those on the opposing sidelines. Seven nights a year, Tiger Stadium becomes the sixth largest city in the state of Louisiana as over 92,000 fans pack the cathedral of college football to watch the Tigers play.

For LSU fans, there's nothing better than spending a night in Tiger Stadium. LSU home football games are events talked about year round and happenings in Tiger Stadium are passed down from generation to generation.

For opponents, however, it's another story as Tiger Stadium is an intimidating venue that has been called one of the most dreaded road playing sites in all of college football. Seating over 91,000 fans and nicknamed "Death Valley," poll after poll have proclaimed Tiger Stadium as one of the greatest sites anywhere for a college football game.

ENHANCING TRADITION

The distinctive environment of Tiger Stadium will become even more pronounced in 2005 with the completion of the ambitious West Side Upper Deck project. Construction on the project -- which began immediately after LSU's 2004 home

finale last November -- is ongoing for a \$60 million renovation to the west side of the stadium that will add 3,255 special amenity seats as well as a state-of-the-art press box to Tiger Stadium. The west side renovation, which includes the removal and rebuilding of the upper deck to mirror the east side upper deck, is scheduled to be completed during the 2005 season and will increase Tiger Stadium's seating capacity to over 92,000.

LSU enters the 2005 season with a 10-game home winning streak, the school's longest since 1971-73, when the Tigers won 15 consecutive contests in Death Valley. The 2004 squad posted a perfect 7-0 mark in Tiger Stadium, including nationally-televised (ESPN) victories over Oregon State and Alabama. In 2004, LSU established school records for total attendance (638,462) and average per-game attendance (91,209), as Tiger Stadium enhanced its reputation as one of the nation's legendary playing sites. The 2004 season also marked the fourth consecutive year in which LSU averaged better than 90,000 fans a contest in its mammoth structure.

Part of the lore of Tiger Stadium is the tradition of playing games at night, an idea that was first introduced in 1931 against Spring Hill (a 35-0 LSU

victory). Since then, LSU has played the majority of its games at night and the Tigers have fared much better under the lights than during the day. Since 1960, LSU is 193-62-4 (.753) at night in Tiger Stadium compared to a 17-21-3 (.451) record during the day over that span.

LSU has averaged 74,493 spectators for each of its 298 battles in Tiger Stadium since the NCAA began compiling official attendance figures in 1957. Since the start of the NCAA's attendance compilations, LSU has finished in the nation's top 10 in average attendance in 41 of the past 48 seasons. The Tigers have drawn 22,199,025 fans since 1957.

Tiger Stadium first opened its gates to Tiger fans in the fall of 1924 as LSU hosted Tulane in the season finale. Since that first game in Tiger Stadium, LSU has gone on to post a 342-137-18 (.706) overall mark. LSU's overall home record since start of football in 1893 is 422-158-19 (.720).

TESTIMONIALS

In 1998, Sport Magazine named Tiger Stadium "the most feared road playing site in America", and in 1996, ESPN named LSU's pre-game party the best in all of America. Those surveys supported the previous polls by Gannett News Service in 1995, The

Sporting News in 1989 and the College Football Association in 1987, that show Tiger Stadium to be the most difficult place for a visiting team to play.

Most recently, The Sporting News ranked Tiger Stadium as the sixth best college football stadium in America in a poll of college football coaches and fans, while Sports Illustrated's Rick Reilly, in a column debating college football vs. pro football, penned that "College football is LSU's Tiger Stadium at night." ESPN's Chris Fowler called LSU his favorite game day experience in Sports Illustrated's on Campus Issue in 2003.

In 2002, after a 33-10 non-conference win over Miami (Ohio), Miami coach Terry Hoepfener said of Tiger Stadium, "that's as exciting an environment as you can have. I thought the crowd was a factor for us because we had communication problems we haven't had at Michigan and Ohio State."

After a victory before a national television audience on ESPN in 2001, ESPN sideline reporter Adrian Karsten said, "Death Valley in Baton Rouge is the loudest stadium I've ever been in. There are very few stadiums in America worth a touchdown, but the Bayou Bengals certainly have that advantage in Tiger Stadium"



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GREAT MOMENTS

Already considered one of the most raucous stadiums in all of college football, the 2003 season saw Tiger Stadium take it to another level during LSU's national title run, as the team, along with the fans, captivated the national media almost on a weekly basis. CBS broadcast Matt Mauck's last-minute game-winning pass to Skyler Green against Georgia before a Tiger Stadium record crowd of 92,251 to a national audience, while ESPN was on hand for a dominating 31-7 victory over Auburn. The Tigers closed out the 2003 home slate with a 55-24 win over Arkansas before the second-largest crowd in school history (92,213), a contest that was televised to a national audience by CBS and a win that propelled LSU to the SEC Championship Game.

In 2001, the Tigers clinched a berth in its first SEC Championship Game with a 27-14 victory over Auburn in the season finale in Tiger Stadium. After the contest, thousands of Tiger fans spilled onto the stadium floor to celebrate the victory.

In 2000, the goal posts came down twice. Immediately after the Tigers upset then-No. 11 ranked Tennessee 38-31 in overtime, the capacity crowd of 91,682 spilled onto the field of Tiger Stadium to celebrate the victory. Hundreds of students lined the sidelines and the back of the north end zone as the Tigers' held the Vols scoreless in overtime for the victory.

The goal posts came down again in the final home game of the season as the Tigers' posted a 30-28 win over Alabama, their first victory over the Crimson Tide in Tiger Stadium since 1969.

The goal posts came down for the first time in 1997 as all of America witnessed one of the most explosive nights in the history of the grand stadium when the Tigers upended No. 1-ranked Florida before a national television audience. A sea of Tiger fans swamped the floor of Tiger Stadium as both goal posts came crashing down -- a scene that was replayed countless times in college football highlight shows.

Perhaps the most famous moment in Death Valley history took place on

"The Night The Tigers Moved the Earth," October 8, 1988. When Tiger quarterback Tommy Hodson threw to Eddie Fuller for a winning touchdown against Auburn, the explosion of the crowd was so thunderous that it caused an earth tremor that registered on a seismograph meter in LSU's Geology Department across campus.

Then there was the night the Tigers nearly upset No. 1-ranked Southern Cal before a sellout crowd on September 28, 1979. The Tigers came up short, but the crowd roared from kickoff to final gun in a game many ardent LSU followers rank as the loudest in stadium history.

And of course there was Halloween night 1959, when Billy Cannon made his famous 89-yard punt return to lead No. 1 LSU past No. 3 Ole Miss. Legend has it that families living near the campus lakes came running out of their homes in fear of the noise erupting around them.

Those are the highlights, some of which have shaped the character of this great stadium. But week in and week out each fall, a new chapter unfolds in the history of Death Valley.

HISTORY

The home of one of football's proudest traditions, Tiger Stadium once served as a dormitory for approximately 1,500 students, and while Broussard Hall, then LSU's athletics dormitory, was being renovated during the fall of 1986, the LSU football players lived in Tiger Stadium.

The original phase of construction was completed in 1924. This first phase included the east and west stands, which seated about 12,000. Seven years later (1931), the sides were extended upward to accommodate an additional 10,000 fans, raising the capacity to 22,000. In 1936, the



2004 Attendance Figures

	G	ATT.	AVG.
1. Michigan	6	666,149	111,025
2. Tennessee	7	746,507	106,644
3. Ohio State	6	629,257	104,876
4. Penn State	6	618,665	103,111
5. Georgia	6	556,476	92,746
6. LSU	7	638,462	91,209
7. Florida	6	531,288	88,409
8. Southern Cal	6	511,373	85,229
9. Oklahoma	6	507,189	84,532
10. Texas	6	498,566	83,094

stadium seating capacity was increased to 46,000, with the addition of 24,000 seats in the north end, making Tiger Stadium into a horseshoe configuration.

The next phase of construction took place in 1953 when the stadium's south end was closed to turn the horseshoe into a bowl, increasing the seating capacity to 67,720.

The upper deck atop the west stands was completed in 1978, and it added 8,000 seats to the stadium's capacity. Additional seating in two club level sections which flanked the existing press box brought the total addition to approximately 10,000 seats and raised the stadium's capacity to approximately 78,000.

Refurbishing began on the stadium in the summer of 1985, when the east and west stands were waterproofed, and 25,000 chair back seats were added to replace the older "bench" type seats. Another phase of improvements was completed in 1987, when the north and south stands were waterproofed and newer bleachers were once again installed to replace the older ones.

The playing field was moved 11 feet to the south in 1986, to provide more room between the back line of the North End Zone and the curvature of the stadium fence, which surrounds the field. It also put the playing area in the exact center of the arena's grassy surface.

The Tiger Stadium press box was redecorated prior to the 1987 season, and a few more seats were installed at the upper portion of the west lower stands. Also, the stadium's seating arrangement was renumbered prior to the 1987 season to make all seats a uniform size. The addition of bleacher seating in 1988 brought the capacity to 80,150 and the elimination of some bleacher seating after the 1994 season to accommodate renovated visiting team dressing facilities, and other ensuing seating adjustments, brought the capacity to 80,000.

Now the sixth largest on-campus stadium in college football, Tiger Stadium continues to expand. Five years ago, 11,600 seats were added with the installation of the east upper deck to bring the capacity to 91,600. In addition to the new east upper deck, 70 skyboxes, called "Tiger Dens", were built, giving Tiger fans luxury accommodations. The addition of the 11,600 seats in 2000 marked the first expansion to Tiger Stadium since 1978, when the original west upper deck was completed.

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Top 20 Tiger Stadium Crowds

NO.	ATT.	OPPONENT	DATE	RESULTS
1.	92,251	Georgia	Sept. 20, 2003	LSU, 17-10
2.	92,213	Arkansas	Nov. 28, 2003	LSU, 55-24
3.	92,141	Auburn	Dec. 1, 2001	LSU, 27-14
4.	92,085	Auburn	Oct. 25, 2003	LSU, 31-7
5.	92,077	Florida	Oct. 11, 2003	UF, 19-7
6.	92,012	Alabama	Nov. 16, 2002	ALA, 31-0
7.	92,010	Florida	Oct. 6, 2001	UF, 44-15
8.	91,941	Ole Miss	Oct. 27, 2001	OM, 35-24
9.	91,879	Louisiana Tech	Nov. 1, 2003	LSU, 49-10
10.	91,861	Alabama	Nov. 13, 2004	LSU, 26-10
11.	91,828	Oregon State	Sept. 4, 2004	LSU, 22-21 (OT)
12.	91,782	Tulane	Sept. 1, 2001	LSU, 48-17
13.	91,778	Alabama	Nov. 4, 2000	LSU, 30-28
14.	91,682	Tennessee	Sept. 30, 2000	LSU, 38-31 (OT)
15.	91,613	Ole Miss	Nov. 23, 2002	LSU, 14-13
16.	91,611	Arkansas State	Sept. 11, 2004	LSU, 53-3
17.	91,431	Mississippi State	Sept. 25, 2004	LSU, 51-0
18.	91,413	Ole Miss	Nov. 20, 2004	LSU, 27-24
19.	91,357	UL-Lafayette	Oct. 5, 2002	LSU, 48-0
20.	91,340	South Carolina	Oct. 19, 2002	LSU, 38-14

There's Proof in the Polling

2001

The Sporting News ranks Tiger Stadium as the sixth best college football stadium in America in a poll of college football coaches and fans.

1998

Sport Magazine names Tiger Stadium "the most feared road playing site in America."

1996

ESPN proclaims LSU's pregame party to be the best in college football.

1995

Gannett News Service, in a poll of college football head coaches, names Tiger Stadium as the most dreaded road playing site in America.

1989

The Sporting News rates Tiger Stadium No. 1 among "The 10 best places to attend a college football game."

1987

The College Football Association, in a poll of the nation's Division I-A head coaches, determines that Tiger Stadium is the most difficult place for a visiting team to play.

LSU Win-Loss Records in Tiger Stadium

1924:	0-1-0	1941:	3-3-2	1958:	5-0-0	1975:	3-3-0	1992:	2-5-0
1925:	4-2-0	1942:	6-0-0	1959:	6-0-0	1976:	6-0-1	1993:	3-3-0
1926:	3-1-0	1943:	4-1-0	1960:	4-2-0	1977:	5-2-0	1994:	2-4-0
1927:	2-1-0	1944:	1-4-1	1961:	6-0-0	1978:	5-1-0	1995:	5-1-0
1928:	4-0-0	1945:	4-2-0	1962:	4-1-1	1979:	4-3-0	1996:	6-1-0
1929:	5-1-0	1946:	6-1-0	1963:	5-1-0	1980:	5-1-0	1997:	4-3-0
1930:	5-0-0	1947:	4-1-0	1964:	4-1-1	1981:	3-4-0	1998:	3-3-0
1931:	3-1-0	1948:	3-4-0	1965:	6-1-0	1982:	5-1-1	1999:	3-4-0
1932:	3-1-1	1949:	7-1-0	1966:	3-2-1	1983:	2-5-0	2000:	6-1-0
1933:	5-0-2	1950:	3-2-1	1967:	5-2-0	1984:	5-1-0	2001:	5-2-0
1934:	3-1-1	1951:	4-2-1	1968:	6-1-0	1985:	4-1-1	2002:	6-1-0
1935:	4-1-0	1952:	0-5-0	1969:	6-0-0	1986:	5-2-0	2003:	6-1-0
1936:	6-0-0	1953:	3-2-1	1970:	6-1-0	1987:	5-1-1	2004:	7-0-0
1937:	7-0-0	1954:	3-3-0	1971:	5-2-0	1988:	5-1-0	Totals:	342-137-18
1938:	5-2-0	1955:	2-2-1	1972:	7-0-0	1989:	2-4-0		(.704)
1939:	2-4-0	1956:	1-4-0	1973:	6-1-0	1990:	5-1-0		
1940:	5-2-0	1957:	4-2-0	1974:	5-1-0	1991:	2-4-0		

Tiger Stadium Attendance (1957-2004)

YEAR	G	ATT.	AVG.	NCAA RANK	YEAR	G	ATT.	AVG.	NCAA RANK	YEAR	G	ATT.	AVG.	NCAA RANK
1957	6	297,953	49,659	8	1974	6	395,587	65,931	6	1991	6	412,476	68,746	16
1958	5	296,576	59,315	3	1975	6	386,171	64,362	9	1992	7	470,546	67,221	13
1959	7	408,727	58,390	3	1976	7	452,921	64,703	7	1993	6	361,632	60,272	20
1960	6	318,899	53,150	7	1977	7	455,433	65,062	9	1994	6	390,741	65,124	14
1961	6	381,409	63,568	3	1978	6	446,392	74,399	6	1995	6	446,148	74,358	11
1962	6	397,701	66,284	3	1979	7	507,984	72,569	7	1996	7	556,631	79,519	8
1963	6	396,846	66,141	2	1980	6	444,703	74,617	7	1997	7	561,629	80,233	9
1964	6	380,687	63,448	4	1981	7	513,850	73,407	8	1998	6	481,739	80,290	10
1965	7	457,733	65,390	4	1982	7	537,012	76,716	6	1999	7	551,780	78,826	11
1966	6	386,098	64,350	4	1983	7	535,432	76,490	6	2000	7	614,704	87,815	5
1967	7	454,101	64,872	4	1984	6	467,746	77,958	6	2001	7	633,440	90,491	5
1968	6	396,774	66,129	5	1985	6	454,182	75,697	9	2002	7	632,147	90,307	5
1969	6	388,461	64,744	7	1986	7	546,129	78,018	7	2003	7	636,817	90,974	6
1970	7	436,823	62,403	9	1987	7	541,307	77,330	7	2004	7	* 638,462	* 91,209	6
1971	7	463,491	66,213	5	1988	6	464,006	77,334	7	TOTALS	298	22,199,025	74,493	
1972	7	470,078	67,154	7	1989	6	425,334	70,889	12					
1973	7	474,108	67,730	5	1990	6	429,480	71,580	13					

*denotes LSU record

Individual Records

RUSHING

Yards	.250 by Alley Broussard vs. Ole Miss, 2004; Opponent: 291 by Shaun Alexander (Alabama), 1996
Attempts	.43 by Charles Alexander, 1977
Touchdowns	.4 four times (last: LaBrandon Toefield vs. Utah State, 2001) Opponent: 4 by Shaun Alexander (Alabama), 1996
Longest rush	.88 yards by Adrian Dodson vs. Tulane, 1940

PASSING

Yards	.438 by Tommy Hudson vs. Tennessee, 1989 Opponent: 464 by Rex Grossman (Florida), 2001
Completions	.33 by Jeff Wickersham vs. Mississippi State, 1983 Opponent: 37 twice (last: A.J. Suggs, Tennessee, 2000)
Attempts	.58 by Josh Booty vs. Auburn, 1999 Opponent: 59 by A.J. Suggs (Tennessee), 2000
Touchdowns	.4 10 times (last: Matt Mauck vs. Arkansas, 2003) Opponent: 5 by Rex Grossman (Florida), 2001
Longest Pass	.82 yards - Steve Ensminger to Carlos Carson vs. Georgia, 1978 Opponent: 93 yards - David Greene to Tyson Browning (Georgia), 2003

TOTAL OFFENSE

Plays	.61 by Josh Booty vs. Auburn, 1999 Opponent: 66 by A.J. Suggs (Tennessee), 2000
Yards	.433 by Tommy Hodson vs. Tennessee, 1989 Opponent: 463 by Rex Grossman (Florida), 2001

RECEIVING

Receptions	.14 by Wendell Davis vs. Ole Miss, 1986 Opponent: 12 by David Martin (Tennessee), 2000
Yards	.248 by Todd Kinchen vs. Mississippi State, 1991 Opponent: 175 by Brandon Middleton (Houston), 2000
Touchdowns	.5 by Carlos Carson vs. Rice, Sept. 24, 1977 Opponent: 2 by many

RETURNS

Punt Returns	.7 twice (last: Eddie Kennison vs. Kentucky, 1994)
Punt Return Yards	.145 by Joe Labruzzo vs. Rice, 1965
Kickoff Returns	.5 twice (last: Domanick Davis vs. Arkansas, 2001)
Kickoff Return Yards	.145 by Eric Martin vs. Kentucky, 1981
Long Punt Return	.100 by Eddie Kennison vs. Mississippi State, 1994
Long Kickoff Return	.100 by Eric Martin vs. Kentucky, 1981

ALL-PURPOSE

Yards	.376 by Kevin Faulk vs. Houston, 1996
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SCORING

Points	.30 by Carlos Carson vs. Rice, 1977 Opponent: 24 by Shaun Alexander (Alabama), 1996
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DEFENSE

Tackles	.21 by Al Richardson vs. South Carolina, 1982
Sacks	.3 by several (last: Gabe Northern vs. North Texas, 1995)
Interceptions	.3 twice (last: Craig Burns vs. Ole Miss, 1970)

KICKING

Field Goals	.4 by David Browndyke vs. Ole Miss, 1986
PAT's Made	.10 by Bobby Moreau vs. Rice, 1977
Longest Punt	.71 by Matt DeFrank vs. Notre Dame, 1986

Team Records

RUSHING

Rushing Attempts	.83 vs. Wyoming (1977) Opponent: 71 by Mississippi State (1991)
Rushing Yards	.503 vs. Oregon (1977) Opponent: 422 by Mississippi State (1991)
Rushing Touchdowns	.8 vs. Tulane (1961) Opponent: 5 twice (last Tennessee, 1993)

PASSING

Passes Attempted	.69 vs. Auburn (1999) Opponent: 62 by Tennessee (2000)
Passes Completed	.31 vs. Tennessee (1989) Opponent: 37 by Tennessee (2000)
Completion Pct.	.84% vs. Akron (1997) Opponent: 80% by Florida (1993)
Passing Yards	.485 vs. Western Carolina (2000) Opponent: 504 by Florida (2001)
Passes Had Int.	.6 vs. Tennessee (1939) Opponent: 5 by Texas A&M (1986)
Touchdown Passes	.7 vs. Ohio University (1989) Opponent: 6 by Florida (2001)

OFFENSE

First Downs	.35 vs. Mississippi State (1969) Opponent: 33 by Alabama (1989)
Total Offensive Att.	.99 vs. Tulane (1969) Opponent: 89 twice (last: Tennessee, 2000)
Total Offensive Yards	.746 vs. Rice (1977) Opponent: 644 by Alabama, 1989
Fumbles Lost	.5 three times (last: vs. Mississippi State, 1945)
Total Turnovers	.8 vs. Tulane (1944)

SCORING

Points in a Quarter	.35 vs. Rice (1977) - 3rd Quarter Opponent: 24 by Miami (Fla.), 1988 - 4th Quarter
Points in a Half	.49 vs. Louisiana Tech (2003) - First Half; vs. Rice (1977) - Second Half
Points in First Half	.49 vs. Louisiana Tech (2003)
Points in Second Half	.49 vs. Rice (1977)
Most Points	.77 vs. Rice (1977) Opponent: 58 by Florida (1993)



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2003 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



The 2003 team won the first national title for LSU in 45 years.

The LSU Fighting Tigers entered the 2003 football season with a potent offense, the potential for a dominant defense and many unanswered questions.

The 2002 Tigers endured one of the biggest roller-coaster seasons in recent memory, winning six straight games after a season-opening loss at Virginia Tech to move into the Top 10, but three losses in the final five regular season games, despite the "Bluegrass Miracle"—Marcus Randall's 75-yard touchdown pass to Devery Henderson on the final play of the Tigers' 33-30 win at Kentucky—kept LSU out of the SEC Championship Game.

A 35-20 loss to Texas in the Cotton Bowl left the Tigers out of the final 2002 polls and heading into the 2003 season looking for redemption.

The Tigers earned the 15th spot in the preseason polls by both the Associated Press and the board of coaches of ESPN and USA Today, but question marks were plenty surrounding Nick Saban's fourth LSU team.

Would quarterback Matt Mauck recover fully from the foot injury that ended his 2002 season prematurely? Would Marcus Spears and Marquise Hill develop into the dominant forces at defensive end that they were as Parade All-Americans in high school? Would Chad Lavalais continue to dominate at defensive tackle? Who would replace Bradie James and Jeremy Lawrence in the linebacking corps? And just who would run the football with LaBrandon Toefield and Domanick Davis now in the National Football League?

By the time all was said and done with the 2003 season, all of these questions, and many others, would receive resounding answers from the Tigers.

LSU opened the 2003 slate with a 49-7 win over in-state foe UL-Monroe, sending the Tigers with momentum into their first meeting with Arizona since 1984 and first visit ever to Tucson.

The purple and gold blew into the Old West with all of the force of a desert sandstorm, leaving the Wildcats as tumbleweed in a 59-13 rout in one of LSU's most complete games in many years. The Tigers rolled up an incredible 38-0 halftime lead and finished with 481 total yards in scoring their most impressive non-conference victory away from Baton Rouge since 1986.

The Tigers returned home to face Western Illinois, the top-ranked team in Division I-AA. The Leathernecks put up a good fight, trailing just 6-0 until late in the first half, when LSU finally took control of the game and went on to a 35-7 win, moving the Tigers up to No. 10 for a key early-season showdown with defending SEC champion Georgia, ranked seventh.

The Bulldogs dominated the early going, moving consistently up and down the field on the LSU defense, but when the first 30 minutes ended, it was the Tigers who held a 7-3 edge, and would extend that edge to 10-3, a score that held until late in the fourth quarter.

That's when it appeared Georgia caught lightning in a bottle when David Greene, who had been harassed mercilessly by the Tiger pass rush, hit Tyson Browning with a screen pass that turned into a 93-yard touchdown that tied the

game at 10-10. The record Tiger Stadium crowd of 92,251 had to be wondering if the rug would be pulled from under the purple and gold again.

LSU answered that question with an emphatic no. LSU needed only three minutes to take the lead again, with Skyler Green's over the shoulder catch of a Matt Mauck pass with 1:22 remaining, giving LSU a 17-10 lead. Corey Webster's interception of Greene sealed the Tigers' first win over Georgia in 13 years and propelled LSU into the top 10.

The SEC's other Bulldogs, Mississippi State, provided no such challenge for the Bayou Bengals. LSU jumped out to a 24-0 halftime lead in Starkville and never looked back in a 41-6 rout that put the Tigers at 5-0 for the first time since 1973.

Now, the time seemed ripe for LSU to win back-to-back games over Florida for the first time since 1986-87.

Early on, the Gators were on the skinning block. Green returned a punt 80 yards for a touchdown, and a goalline stand, in which the Tigers recovered a Florida fumble at the 1-yard line, seemed to have LSU on its way to 6-0.

But then Chris Leak stopped playing like a freshman, and LSU's offense could not get back on track against a suddenly potent Gator defense. Florida would head back to Gainesville with a 19-7 victory, and the Tigers stood at crossroads with road games at South Carolina and a home date with Auburn on the horizon.

Led by a trio of freshman running backs in Justin Vincent, Alley Broussard and Barrington Edwards, the Tigers rushed for 263 yards on their way to a 482-yard effort by the offense against South Carolina.

Meanwhile, the defense held the Gamecocks to a net rushing total of zero yards and scored a touchdown themselves on a fumble return by Jason LeDoux as LSU rolled to a 33-7 victory.

Beating South Carolina was a solid accomplishment, but, LSU then faced the same team that one year earlier had sent the purple and gold into its season ending tailspin. Auburn had struggled in early season losses to USC and Georgia Tech, but five consecutive wins had coach Tommy Tuberville's team looking ripe to take control of the SEC West.

The Tigers indeed had control of the SEC West when the game was over—the LSU Tigers. Mauck hit Henderson for a 64-yard touchdown pass on the sixth play of the game, and hit Michael Clayton for an 18-yard score as part of a 21-point first quarter.

LSU's defense limited Auburn star running back Carnell Williams to just 61 yards on 20 carries, and Auburn was never in it as the Bayou Bengals rolled to a 31-7 victory and into the top 10 of the Bowl Championship Series standings at No. 7.

LSU didn't show any signs of a letdown in its homecoming game, crushing Louisiana Tech, 49-10, scoring all of its points in the first half.

The Tigers were on a roll and, after an open date, they were back into the nation's elite, at No. 3 in the polls. The dreams of a national championship were alive and well.

THE 2003 SEASON

Overall Record: 13-1 | SEC Record: 7-1

Aug. 30	Louisiana-Monroe	W, 49-7
Sept. 6	at Arizona	W, 59-13
Sept. 13	Western Illinois	W, 35-7
Sept. 20	#7 Georgia	W, 17-10
Sept. 27	at Mississippi State	W, 41-6
Oct. 11	Florida	L, 19-7
Oct. 18	at South Carolina	W, 33-7
Oct. 25	#17 Auburn	W, 31-7
Nov. 1	Louisiana Tech	W, 49-10
Nov. 15	at Alabama	W, 27-3
Nov. 22	#15 at Ole Miss	W, 17-14
Nov. 28	Arkansas	W, 55-24
SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME - ATLANTA, GA.		
Dec. 6	#5 Georgia	W, 34-13
BCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME		
NOKIA SUGAR BOWL - NEW ORLEANS, LA.		
Jan. 4	#3 Oklahoma	W, 21-14

Statistical Leaders

RUSHING					
PLAYER	ATT.	YARDS	TDS		
Justin Vincent	154	1,001	10		
Joseph Addai	114	520	2		
RUSHING					
PLAYER	ATT.	COMP.	YARDS	INT.	TDS
Matt Mauck	358	229	2,825	14	28
Marcus Randall	40	25	403	1	2
RUSHING					
PLAYER	REC.	YARDS	TDS		
Michael Clayton	78	1,079	10		
Devery Henderson	53	861	11		

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LSU's trip to Tuscaloosa was an eerie role reversal for the nearly 84,000 fans jammed into Bryant-Denny Stadium. For decades, it was Alabama who bullied the purple and gold; now, it was Saban's crew doing the bullying, shutting off Alabama in every conceivable way in a 27-3 rout that set up a showdown for the SEC West title the next week at Ole Miss.

Early on, it appeared the Rebels would finally reach the SEC Championship game, as Ole Miss grabbed a 7-0 lead when a Mauck interception was returned for a touchdown on the Tigers' first play from scrimmage.

LSU dominated the rest of the game, holding a 17-14 lead late in the contest, when Ole Miss' Eli Manning got one more chance to lead his team to victory.

It never happened, as Manning tripped over his own lineman on a fourth down in the final minute, allowing the Tigers to escape with a win in the biggest LSU-Ole Miss game since 1970.

To win the West and clinch a berth in the SEC title game, LSU now had a score to settle with the Arkansas Razorbacks, who, in 2002, marched 81 yards down the field with no timeouts to score the winning touchdown and claim a 21-20 victory to steal the title game berth from the Tigers.

The first quarter and a half of the game appeared as if neither team could stop the other. The Tigers and the Hogs were tied at 17-17, and Ole Miss was still holding out hope for an Arkansas victory and a trip to the title game.

LSU then showed how it had developed what Saban liked to call a killer instinct. The Tigers scored 17 points in a five-minute stretch late in the second quarter to break the tie, and then scored three consecutive touchdowns in the second half to run away with a 55-24 blowout and punch their ticket to Atlanta.

The week leading up to the SEC Championship game against Georgia centered as much on LSU's status in the BCS as it did on the Bulldogs. Since their win over Alabama, the Tigers had been mired at No. 3 in the BCS standings behind Oklahoma and USC and all across the country analysts were frantically trying to figure out every possible scenario as to just what two teams would play in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 4 for the national championship.

On championship Saturday, LSU made a statement for itself by blasting the Bulldogs in front of a partisan Georgia crowd, 34-13. SEC Championship Game MVP Vincent scored on an 87-yard run and finished with a championship game record 201 yards on the ground.

Earlier in the day, USC routed Oregon State, 52-28 but that night Oklahoma was blasted by Kansas State in the Big XII title game in Kansas City, 35-7, leaving more speculation than ever as to who would be making the trip to the Big Easy.

At 2:30 p.m., the day after the SEC championship game, LSU Chancellor Dr. Mark Emmert got a phone call. It was from Paul Hoolahan, Executive Director of the Nokia Sugar Bowl. The call relayed to Emmert the news that the Tigers would indeed be making the short bus ride to New Orleans for the title game to play Oklahoma.

LSU had waited 45 years for a shot at a national championship and the Tigers hit the field running, driving to the Sooner 1-yard line on their opening drive. Although LSU came away empty, the tone of this evening was set, and it would be the white-shirted team that would be the aggressor.

No one felt this more than Oklahoma quarterback Jason White, the 2003 Heisman Trophy winner. Time and time again, he was buried by the LSU pass rush, led by All-American Chad Lavalais and the best pair of defensive ends in America in Marcus Spears and Marquise Hill.

When White did have time to throw, he found his receivers blanketed by the Tigers' aggressive secondary, most notably cornerbacks Corey Webster and Travis Daniels.

Indeed, it was Webster, the savior of the first win over Georgia, who set up LSU for its first score of the Sugar Bowl, intercepting White at midfield and returning the pick to the Sooner 32. Four plays later, Green took a reverse around right end to a 24-yard touchdown, and the purple and gold partisans reveled in a 7-0 lead.

A blocked punt early midway through the second quarter set up OU for the tying touchdown, but instead of folding, the Tigers immediately responded with a nine-play, 80-yard drive that ended with Vincent's 18-yard touchdown run that gave the Tigers a 14-7 halftime lead.

Two plays into the second half, LSU took one giant leap toward that championship when Spears grabbed a deflected White pass out of the air and rumbled 20 yards into the end zone, sending most of the Superdome record crowd of 79,342 into sheer pandemonium.

Mauck was intercepted early in the fourth quarter, and the Sooners got a touchdown from Kejuan Jones to cut the LSU lead to 21-14 with 11:01 still to play.

Saban and Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops, the nation's two premier defensive masterminds, set in for the final chess match that would determine the BCS champion. Stoops gained the upper hand with 5:45 left, as White led his team to the Tiger 12 with a first down.

The nation's highest scoring offense had made teams pay time after time when reaching the red zone. But LSU was no ordinary defense. And in a test of wills, the Tigers held firm, as Oklahoma did not move an inch from that point, with White's fourth down pass getting knocked away by freshman Jessie Daniels.

Oklahoma would get one more chance from midfield in the final minutes, but again, the Sooners were stuck in cement, and on fourth and 10, Lionel Turner buried White to send the Heisman winner off the field for the last time in 2003.

The Sooners had one slim chance, and that was to block a Donnie Jones punt with nine seconds left. But Jones made his last kick one for the ages. As it rolled out of bounds at the Sooner 12 on the west sideline of the Superdome, the clock ticked down to three zeros. The game was over...LSU was the national champion!



OFFENSE

WR	9	Devery Henderson	6-0	190	Opelousas, La.
LT	76	Andrew Whitworth	6-7	325	West Monroe, La.
LG	71	Nate Livings	6-5	313	Lake Charles, La.
C	71	Ben Wilkerson	6-4	296	Hemphill, Texas
RG	72	Stephen Peterman	6-4	321	Waveland, Miss.
RT	60	Rodney Reed	6-4	287	West Monroe, La.
TE	82	David Jones	6-4	259	Silver Springs, Md.
	47	Eric Edwards	6-5	244	Monroe, La.
WR	14	Michael Clayton	6-4	200	Baton Rouge, La.
WR	5	Skyler Green	5-9	190	West Monroe, La.
QB	18	Matt Mauck	6-2	213	Jasper, Ind.
RB	25	Justin Vincent	5-10	208	Lake Charles, La.
FB	44	Kevin Steltz	5-9	243	New Orleans, La.



DEFENSE

LE	84	Marcus Spears	6-4	297	Baton Rouge, La.
LT	95	Kyle Williams	6-3	288	Ruston, La.
RT	93	Chad Lavalais	6-3	292	Marksville, La.
RE	94	Marquise Hill	6-7	295	New Orleans, La.
LB	27	Eric Alexander	6-3	223	Port Arthur, Texas
LB	95	Lionel Turner	6-2	257	Walker, La.
LB	46	Cameron Vaughn	6-4	220	Terrytown, La.
LCB	13	Corey Webster	6-0	201	Vacherie, La.
SS	8	Jack Hunt	6-1	197	Ruston, La.
FS	30	LaRon Landry	6-2	180	Ama, La.
RCB	29	Travis Daniels	6-1	187	Hollywood, Fla.



SPECIAL TEAMS

P	80	Donnie Jones	6-3	217	Baton Rouge, La.
PK	41	Chris Jackson	5-11	179	New Orleans, La.
PK	39	Ryan Gaudet	5-6	155	New Orleans, La.
HOLD	87	Blain Bech	6-1	179	Slidell, La.
SNAP	70	Gant Petty	6-0	205	Baton Rouge, La.
PR/KR	5	Skyler Green	5-9	190	Westwego, La.
KR	9	Devery Henderson	6-0	190	Opelousas, La.

1958 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



The 1958 National Champions compiled LSU's first perfect season since 1908.

For years, LSU fans eagerly anticipated the coming of each new football season with talk of the two Tiger teams regarded as LSU's national champions—the great 10-0 team of 1908 and “next year.” After 50 years, next year finally came in 1958.

After seasons of 3-5-2, 3-7 and 5-5 under coach Paul Dietzel, and a team which included only three seniors among its 55-man roster, it didn't seem likely that 1958 would be “next year.” Indeed, with a squad dominated by juniors and sophomores, many pointed toward 1959 as the year LSU would make a run at the top.

The LSU Fighting Tigers opened the 1958 campaign Sept. 20 at Houston against the Rice Owls. Although early in the season, Dietzel's Tigers, divided into three units - the White team, the Gold team (later shortened to Go) and the Chinese Bandits - showed unusual poise and balance. LSU scored in each period en route to a 26-6 victory over a team it lost to the two previous seasons.

The following week, the Tigers traveled to Mobile to take on Alabama in its first game under Paul “Bear” Bryant. LSU came away with a hard-fought 13-3 win before returning to Baton Rouge for its home opener against Hardin-Simmons. Against the Cowboys, the Tigers built a 20-6 halftime lead and used it to coast to its victory before only 45,000 fans, indicating that few had any idea what kind of team this would become.

LSU, now ranked No. 11, hit the road again the following week and served notice to the college football world. The Tigers routed the Miami Hurricanes 41-0 at the Orange Bowl to improve their record to 4-0, their

best start since 1937.

No. 9 LSU completed the first half of its schedule with a 32-7 victory over Kentucky before a home crowd of 65,000, the largest yet to see the Tigers play. Sixty-three thousand turned out the following week anxious to see if the Bayou Bengals could snap a three-game losing streak to Florida in LSU's Homecoming game. The outcome was in doubt until the final three minutes, when placekicker/fullback Tommy Davis booted a 29-yard field goal, giving the Tigers a 10-7 victory.

Now 6-0, LSU earned the AP poll's No. 1 ranking. But the Tigers knew they had to overcome Johnny Vaught's deadly Ole Miss Rebels if they wished to remain on top, something they hadn't done since 1950.

The Rebels drove to second-and-one, just a foot from LSU's end zone, early in the second quarter before 67,500 fans, the first sellout in Tiger Stadium history. They were turned back by a superb defensive effort by the White team defenders. After that, it was all LSU as White team quarterback Warren Rabb and Go team signal-caller Durel Matherne ran for scores in the 14-0 Tiger

triumph over their archrivals.

Now 7-0 and ranked No. 1 by AP, the Tigers had yet to impress the UPI board of coaches enough to earn the top rating, staying in the No. 3 position going into a home game with Duke. Although the Blue Devils did some things no other team could do against LSU all season—take an early lead, outgain the Tigers 353-yards to 285 and put a total of 18 points on the board—it was simply not enough. LSU bombed Duke for 22 points in the second quarter to take a 28-6 halftime lead and went

THE 1958 SEASON

Overall Record: 11-0 | SEC Record: 6-0

Sept. 20	at Rice	W, 26-6
Sept. 27	at Alabama	W, 13-3
Oct. 4	Hardin-Simmons	W, 20-6
Oct. 10	at Miami (Fla.)	W, 41-0
Oct. 18	Kentucky	W, 32-7
Oct. 25	Florida	W, 10-7
Nov. 1	Ole Miss	W, 14-0
Nov. 8	Duke	W, 50-18
Nov. 15	at Mississippi State	W, 7-6
Nov. 22	at Tulane	W, 62-0
SUGAR BOWL - NEW ORLEANS, LA.		
Jan. 1	Clemson	W, 7-0

Statistical Leaders

RUSHING

PLAYER	ATT.	YARDS	TDS
Billy Cannon	115	686	11
Johnny Robinson	86	480	7

PASSING

PLAYER	ATT.	COMP.	YARDS	INT.	TDS
Warren Rabb	90	45	591	5	8
Durel Matherne	38	9	160	4	3

RECEIVING

PLAYER	REC.	YARDS	TDS
Johnny Robinson	16	235	3
Billy Cannon	9	162	1

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on to a 50-18 victory.

When the UPI poll came out the following week, LSU was a unanimous No. 1 selection, a position it would not relinquish until it sustained a bitter 14-13 defeat at the hands of Tennessee in week eight of the 1959 season.

One week later, LSU traveled to Jackson, Miss., for a game against Mississippi State. It was a game in which 8-0 LSU could lose everything and the 3-4 Bulldogs could lose nothing. On a muddy field and with the Tigers tense, Mississippi State took a 6-0 halftime lead and made it hold up until LSU faced a fourth and goal situation at State's 5-yard-line in the third quarter. With a possible national championship on the line, Rabb rolled left and found Billy Hendrix in the end zone to tie the game. Davis' extra point put LSU ahead 7-6 and allowed the Tigers to escape Jackson 9-0.

With one game against ancient rival Tulane separating LSU from its first recognized national championship (in those days, the wire services awarded their national championship trophies before the bowl games), some wondered how the Tigers would approach the 3-6 Green Wave, but a quote from Tulane halfback Claude "Boo" Mason took care of that. After losing to Vanderbilt, Mason told a reporter, "We'll beat LSU because they'll choke."

Whether the Tigers would choke was subject to debate at halftime, as LSU led only 6-0 before a then Southeastern Conference record crowd of 83,221 in Sugar Bowl Stadium. However, LSU took command in the second half, taking full advantage of Green Wave mistakes en route to a 35-point fourth quarter and a 62-0 thrashing of Tulane, the most lopsided score in the history of the series. Incredibly, LSU would defeat the Greenies by the same score in 1961 and 1965.

With a 10-0 record and national championship in hand, LSU accepted an invitation to take on the Tigers of Clemson, in the 25th annual Sugar Bowl Classic on New Year's Day, 1959. Once again, LSU found an opponent with little to lose but much recognition to gain in 8-2 Clemson, as Frank Howard's troops tried to deny LSU its first perfect season in 50 years.

After fighting off a series of bad breaks, including a fractured hand by Rabb in the first quarter, LSU got a break of its own when Chinese Bandit Duane Leopard recovered a fumbled punt attempt on the Clemson 11. On third and eight at the 9, Billy Cannon took a handoff from Matherne and hit Mickey Mangham with a touchdown pass on the halfback option for the game's only score.

The following season, a more experienced LSU team demonstrated how difficult it was to repeat as a national champion, going 9-1 during the regular season. Only the loss to Tennessee separated LSU from the school's second straight title.



WHITE TEAM

LE	85	Billy Hendrix	6-0	185	Rayville, La.
LT	70	Lynn LeBlanc	6-2	201	Crowley, La.
LG	64	Larry Kahlden	6-1	210	Weimar, Texas.
C	51	Max Fugler	6-1	203	Ferriday, La.
RG	67	Ed McCreedy	6-1	195	Biloxi, Miss.
RT	72	Charles "Bo" Strange	6-1	202	Baton Rouge, La.
RE	86	Mickey Mangham	6-1	192	Kensington, Md.
QB	12	Warren Rabb	6-0	190	Baton Rouge, La.
LH	20	Billy Cannon	6-1	204	Baton Rouge, La.
RH	34	Johnny Robinson	6-0	185	Baton Rouge, La.
FB	40	J.W. Brodnax	6-0	202	Bastrop, La.



GO TEAM

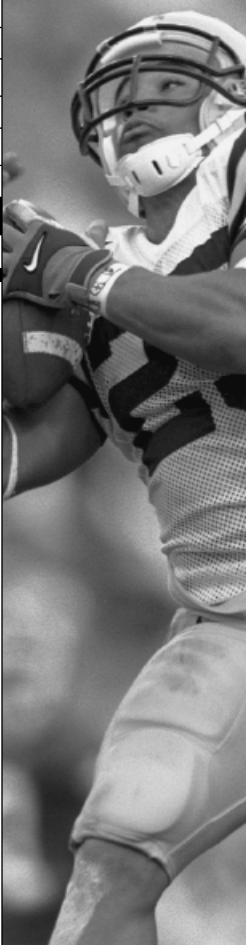
LE	83	Scott McClain	6-2	180	Smackover, Ark.
LT	74	Dave McCarty	6-2	200	Rayville, La.
LG	63	Al Dampier	6-1	201	Clayton, La.
C	50	Bobby Greenwood	5-10	195	Lake Charles, La.
RG	66	Mike Stupka	6-0	205	Bogalusa, La.
RT	73	Jack Frayer	6-2	210	Toledo, Ohio
RE	82	Don Norwood	6-3	202	Baton Rouge, La.
QB	16	Durel Matherne	5-11	188	Lutcher, La.
LH	23	Don Purvis	5-7	160	Crystal Springs, Miss.
RH	33	Donnie Daye	5-10	184	Ferriday, La.
FB	44	Tommy Davis	6-0	204	Shreveport, La.



CHINESE BANDITS

CB	80	Andy Bourgeois	5-10	174	New Orleans, La.
LE	75	Mel Branch	6-1	210	DeRidder, La.
LT	65	Emile Fournet	5-11	195	Bogalusa, La.
LB	53	John Langan	6-3	183	Carbondale, Ill.
RG	61	Tommy Lott	5-9	188	Texarkana, Ark.
RT	71	Duane Leopard	6-2	205	Baton Rouge, La.
RE	81	Gaynell Kinchen	6-3	196	Baton Rouge, La.
S	10	Darryl Jenkins	6-1	163	Franklinton, La.
S	32	Henry Lee Roberts	6-0	172	Little Rock, Ark.
CB	22	Hart Bourque	5-8	165	Gonzales, La.
LB	43	Merle Schexnaldre	5-9	182	Houma, La.

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JOSH REED • WR

2001 BILETNIKOFF AWARD WINNER



When one thinks of some of the finest players in the history of the Southeastern Conference, Josh Reed's name will now be included on that list. Reed, who will go down as one of the most decorated players in school history, virtually re-wrote both the LSU and SEC receiving record books despite playing only 28 games at wide receiver.

Originally signed out of Rayne (La.) High School as a tailback, Reed moved to wide receiver in week 9 of the 1999 season out of a necessity. The results were immediate as he caught five passes for 100 yards against Houston in just his second game at the position.

A year later, in 2000, Reed earned First-Team All-SEC honors after catching 65 passes for 1,127 yards and 10 touchdowns for the 8-4 Tigers. His 102.5 yards receiving a contest led the SEC and he ranked second in the league with just under six catches a game.

Reed put together the finest year for a receiver in SEC history in 2001 as he shattered the league's single-season yardage mark with 1,740 yards on a school-record 94 catches. Reed set a pair of league marks in a 35-21 road victory over Alabama as he hauled in 19 passes for 293 yards and a touchdown. He capped his record-setting career in grand fashion, setting a pair of Sugar Bowl record with 14 receptions for 239 yards and two touchdowns in leading the Tigers to a 47-34 victory over Illinois.

At the conclusion of his junior season, Reed was named the winner of the Biletnikoff Award, which is presented annually to the nation's top collegiate receiver. Reed was drafted with the fourth pick of the second round of the 2002 NFL Draft by the Buffalo Bills.

Reed's Career Receiving and Rushing Totals - Regular Season

YEAR	G-GS	RECEIVING			RUSHING		
		REC.	YDS.	TD	ATT.	YDS.	TD
1999 Fr.	8-0	8	134	0	6	58	1
2000 So.	11-3	65	1,127	10	1	-2	0
2001 Jr.	12-12	94	1,740	7	2	7	0
TOTALS	31-15	167	3,001	17	9	63	1

Reed's Honors

2000

- First-Team All-SEC (AP, SEC Coaches, The Sporting News, Football News, Birmingham News, College Sports-Southeast, Rivals.com)
- Louisiana Offensive Player of the Year (Louisiana Sports Writer's Association)

2001

- Biletnikoff Award Winner
- First-Team All-American (Walter Camp)
- First-Team All-American (Associated Press)
- First-Team All-American (Football Writers Association)
- First-Team All-American (CNNSI.com)
- First-Team All-American (ABC Sports online)
- First-Team All-American (Collegefootballnews.com)
- First-Team All-American (The Sporting News)
- Second-Team All-American (Football News)
- First-Team All-SEC (Associated Press)
- First-Team All-SEC (SEC Coaches)
- Louisiana Offensive Player of the Year (Louisiana Sports Writer's Association)
- SEC Offensive Player of the Week (Nov. 4, vs. Alabama)
- National Player of the Week (Nov. 4, The Sporting News)
- All-Bowl Team (Sports Illustrated)



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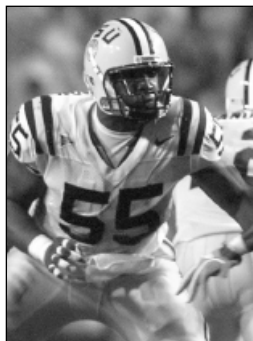
2005 RIMINGTON AWARD WINNER



Ben Wilkerson put together one of the best careers for a center in LSU history, leading the Tigers to a 33-8 mark in 41 starts at the position during his four years at the school. During his career with the Tigers, Wilkerson helped lead LSU to a pair of SEC Championships as well as the 2003 BCS National Championship.

Wilkerson, a native of Hemphill, Texas, had his career cut short as a senior, suffering a knee injury during the eighth week of the season. Despite the injury, Wilkerson still went on to be named the co-recipient, along with David Baas of Michigan, of the Rimington Trophy in 2004, which goes annually to college football's top center. In addition, Wilkerson was named First-Team All-American by the American Football Coaches Association and The Sporting News even though he missed LSU's final four games of the season.

Wilkerson graduated with a degree in general studies in May of 2005 and is currently on the roster of the NFL's Cincinnati Bengals.



Wilkerson's Honors

2001

- Freshman All-SEC (Knoxville News-Sentinel, Coaches)
- Second-Team Freshman All-America (The Sporting News)

2003

- Rimington Trophy Finalist
- Second-Team All-American (Associated Press, Sporting News)
- First-Team All-SEC (AP, ESPN.com)
- SEC Academic Honor Roll

2004

- Rimington Trophy Winner
- First-Team All-American (American Football Coaches Association, The Sporting News)
- Second-Team All-American (Walter Camp)
- First-Team All-SEC (AP, SEC Coaches, Collegefootballnews.com)
- SEC Good Works Team



Cannon Game-By-Game

1957

	NO.	YDS.	AVG.
Rice	6	71	11.8
Alabama	8	140	17.5
Texas Tech	13	36	2.8
Georgia Tech	17	98	5.8
Kentucky	11	70	6.4
Florida	11	22	2.0
Vanderbilt	11	46	4.2
Ole Miss	3	5	1.7
Mississippi State	11	27	2.5
Tulane	14	68	4.8
Totals	105	583	5.5

1958

	NO.	YDS.	AVG.
Rice	9	53	5.9
Alabama	12	86	7.2
Hardin-Simmons	11	83	7.5
Miami	9	34	3.8
Kentucky	12	108	9.0
Florida	15	61	4.1
Ole Miss	11	34	3.1
Duke	8	53	6.6
Mississippi State	13	57	4.4
Tulane	15	117	7.8
Totals	115	686	5.9
Clemson (Sugar Bowl)	13	51	3.9

1959

	NO.	YDS.	AVG.
Rice	15	66	4.4
TCU	9	35	3.9
Baylor	8	73	9.1
Miami	17	90	5.3
Kentucky	11	11	1.0
Florida	15	55	3.7
Ole Miss	12	48	4.0
Tennessee	22	122	5.5
Mississippi State	16	32	2.0
Tulane	14	66	4.7
Totals	139	598	4.3
Ole Miss (Sugar Bowl)	6	8	1.3

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Billy Cannon was presented with the 1959 Heisman Trophy by then Vice President Richard Nixon.

BILLY CANNON • HB
1959 HEISMAN TROPHY WINNER



Even by today's standards Billy Cannon was a rare athlete, combining sprinter speed with brute strength. Cannon could consistently run a 9.5 in the 100-yard dash and, at 6-1, 210 pounds, he had the size to overpower his opponents as well as outrun them. In 1957, he was an immediate standout as a sophomore, offensively and defensively.

As a junior, Cannon was the driving force behind the Fighting Tigers as they carved out a perfect season and captured the 1958 national championship. He passed for a touchdown and kicked the extra point in LSU's 7-0 win over Clemson in the Sugar Bowl, and earned MVP honors.

Cannon's most memorable performance came in 1959 against Ole Miss. Top-ranked LSU trailed the third-ranked Rebels 3-0 early in the fourth quarter, when Cannon fielded a punt at the LSU 11-yard-line and broke seven tackles on his way to paydirt. LSU won the contest 7-3. Considered one of the best collegiate backs of his era, Cannon was awarded the Heisman Trophy at the conclusion of the 1959 season.



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Cannon's Honors

1957

- Second-Team All-SEC (UPI)
- All-SEC Sophomore Team

1958

- UPI Player of the Year
- The Sporting News Player of the Year
- Outstanding College Player (Columbus, Ohio Touchdown Club)
- AP Back of the Year
- UPI Back of the Year
- All-American (consensus)
- SEC Player of the Year (Nashville Banner)
- SEC Back of the Year (Atlanta Touchdown Club)
- SEC Back of the Year (Birmingham Touchdown Club)
- All-SEC (AP and UPI)
- Louisiana VFW Award (Louisiana outstanding athlete)

1959

- Heisman Trophy Winner (Downtown Athletic Club of New York)
- AP Player of the Year
- UPI Player of the Year
- The Sporting News Player of the Year
- All-American (consensus)
- Outstanding College Player (Columbus, Ohio Touchdown Club)
- Walter Camp Memorial Trophy (Washington, D.C. TD Club)
- College Back of the Year (Los Angeles Times)
- AP Back of the Year
- UPI Back of the Year
- SEC Player of the Year (Nashville Banner)
- SEC Player of the Year (Atlanta Touchdown Club)
- SEC Player of the Year (Birmingham Touchdown Club)
- All-SEC (AP and UPI)

Cannon's Career Statistics

	RUSHING			RECEIVING				PASSING				PUNT RETURNS		KICKOFF RETURNS				
	ATT	YDS.	AVG.	TD	REC.	YDS.	TD	ATT.	CMP.	HI	YDS.	TD	NO.	YDS.	TD	NO.	YDS.	TD
1957	105	583	5.5	4	11	199	1	16	7	1	84	0	7	39	0	11	343	1
1958	115	686	5.9	10	9	162	1	4	3	0	14	0	9	89	0	3	82	0
1959	139	598	4.3	5	11	161	0	6	2	2	20	0	15	221	1	8	191	0
Totals	359	1867	5.2	19	31	522	2	26	12	3	118	0	31	349	1	22	616	1

Punting: 111 for 37.8 average • Pass Interceptions: 7 for 165 return yards, one TD • Scoring: 24 TDs, four one-point conversions, three two-point conversions, 154 total points

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LSU Bowl Log

BOWL RECORD: 17-18-1 | 36 BOWL APPEARANCES

Sugar (5-7-0)

vs. TCU	2-3	L	Jan. 1, 1936
vs. Santa Clara	14-21	L	Jan. 1, 1937
vs. Santa Clara	0-6	L	Jan. 1, 1938
vs. Oklahoma	0-35	L	Jan. 1, 1950
vs. Clemson	7-0	W	Jan. 1, 1959
vs. Ole Miss	0-21	L	Jan. 1, 1960
vs. Syracuse	13-10	W	Jan. 1, 1965
vs. Wyoming	20-13	W	Jan. 1, 1968
vs. Nebraska	10-28	L	Jan. 1, 1985
vs. Nebraska	15-30	L	Jan. 1, 1987
vs. Illinois	47-34	W	Jan. 1, 2002
vs. Oklahoma	21-14	W	Jan. 4, 2004

Peach (3-0-0)

vs. Florida State	31-27	W	Dec. 30, 1968
vs. Clemson	10-7	W	Dec. 28, 1996
vs. Georgia Tech	28-14	W	Dec. 29, 2000

Independence (2-0-0)

vs. Michigan State	45-26	W	Dec. 29, 1995
vs. Notre Dame	27-9	W	Dec. 28, 1997

Cotton (2-1-1)

vs. Arkansas	0-0	T	Jan. 1, 1947
vs. Texas	13-0	W	Jan. 1, 1963
vs. Arkansas	14-7	W	Jan. 1, 1966
vs. Texas	20-35	L	Jan. 1, 2003

Orange (2-3-0)

vs. Texas A&M	19-14	W	Jan. 1, 1944
vs. Colorado	25-7	W	Jan. 1, 1962
vs. Nebraska	12-17	L	Jan. 1, 1971
vs. Penn State	9-16	L	Jan. 1, 1974
vs. Nebraska	20-21	L	Jan. 1, 1983

Sun (1-1-0)

vs. Iowa State	33-15	W	Dec. 18, 1971
vs. Stanford	14-24	L	Dec. 31, 1977

Gator (1-0-0)

vs. South Carolina	30-13	W	Dec. 31, 1987
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Capital One (1-1-0) (Formerly Tangerine/Florida Citrus)

vs. Wake Forest	34-10	W	Dec. 22, 1979
vs. Iowa	25-30	L	Jan. 1, 2005

Hall of Fame (0-1-0)

vs. Syracuse	10-23	L	Jan. 2, 1989
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Liberty (0-2-0)

vs. Missouri	15-20	L	Dec. 23, 1978
vs. Baylor	7-21	L	Dec. 27, 1985

Bluebonnet (0-2-0) (Formerly Astro Bluebonnet)

vs. Baylor	7-14	L	Dec. 21, 1963
vs. Tennessee	17-24	L	Dec. 30, 1972

1936



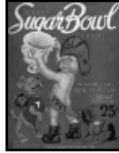
1936 Sugar Bowl
Tulane Stadium • New Orleans, La.
Jan. 1, 1936 (35,000)

TCU 3, LSU 2

1936 SUGAR BOWL

TCU	0	3	0	0	--3
LSU	0	2	0	0	--2

1937



1936 Sugar Bowl
Tulane Stadium • New Orleans, La.
Jan. 1, 1936 (35,000)

Santa Clara 21, LSU 14

1937 SUGAR BOWL

LSU	0	7	0	7	--14
SC	14	0	7	0	--21

1938



1938 Sugar Bowl
Tulane Stadium • New Orleans, La.
Jan. 1, 1938 (40,000)

Santa Clara 6, LSU 0

1937 SUGAR BOWL

SC	0	6	0	0	--6
LSU	0	0	0	0	--0

1944



1944 Orange Bowl
Orange Bowl Stadium • Miami, Fla.
Jan. 1, 1944 (32,191)

LSU 19, Texas A&M 14

1937 ORANGE BOWL

TA&M	7	0	7	0	--14
LSU	12	0	7	0	--19

1947



1947 Sugar Bowl
Cotton Bowl Stadium • Dallas, Texas
Jan. 1, 1947 (38,000)

LSU 0, Arkansas 0

1947 COTTON BOWL

ARK	0	0	0	0	--0
LSU	0	0	0	0	--0

1950



1950 Sugar Bowl
Tulane Stadium • New Orleans, La.
Jan. 1, 1950 (82,000)

Oklahoma 35, LSU 0

1950 SUGAR BOWL

LSU	0	0	0	0	--0
OK	0	14	7	14	--35

1959



1959 Sugar Bowl
Tulane Stadium • New Orleans, La.
Jan. 1, 1959 (80,331)

LSU 7, Clemson 0

1959 SUGAR BOWL

CU	0	0	0	0	--0
LSU	0	0	7	0	--7

1960



1960 Sugar Bowl
Tulane Stadium • New Orleans, La.
Jan. 1, 1960 (81,141)

Ole Miss 21, LSU 0

1960 SUGAR BOWL

LSU	0	0	0	0	--0
UM	0	7	7	7	--21

1962



1962 Orange Bowl
Orange Bowl Stadium • Miami, Fla.
Jan. 1, 1963 (68,150)

LSU 25, Colorado 7

1962 ORANGE BOWL

LSU	5	6	14	0	--25
CU	0	7	0	0	--7

1963



1963 Cotton Bowl
Cotton Bowl Stadium • Dallas, Texas
Jan. 1, 1963 (32,191)

LSU 13, Texas 0

1963 COTTON BOWL

LSU	0	3	7	3	--13
UT	0	0	0	0	--0

1963



1963 Bluebonnet Bowl
Rice Stadium • Houston, Texas
Dec. 21, 1963 (50,000)

Baylor 14, LSU 7

1963 BLUEBONNET BOWL

LSU	7	0	0	0	--7
BU	0	0	0	14	--14

1965



1965 Sugar Bowl
Tulane Stadium • New Orleans, La.
Jan. 1, 1965 (60,322)

LSU 13, Syracuse 10

1965 SUGAR BOWL

LSU	2	0	8	3	--13
SU	10	0	0	0	--10

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1966



1966 Cotton Bowl
Cotton Bowl Stadium • New Orleans, La.
Jan. 1, 1966 (76,200)

LSU 14, Arkansas 7

1966 COTTON BOWL

LSU	0	14	0	0	--14
ARK	7	0	0	0	--7

1968



1968 Sugar Bowl
Tulane Stadium • New Orleans, La.
Jan. 1, 1968 (72,858)

LSU 20, Wyoming 13

1968 SUGAR BOWL

LSU	0	0	7	13	--20
UW	0	13	0	0	--13

1968



1968 Peach Bowl
Grant Field • Atlanta, Ga.
Dec. 30, 1968 (35,545)

LSU 31, Florida St. 27

1968 PEACH BOWL

LSU	0	10	14	7	--31
FSU	0	6	0	14	--27

1971



1971 Orange Bowl
Orange Bowl Stadium • Miami, Fla.
Jan. 1, 1971 (80,699)

Nebraska 17, LSU 12

1971 ORANGE BOWL

LSU	0	3	9	0	--12
NU	10	0	0	7	--17

1971



1971 Sun Bowl
Sun Bowl Stadium • El Paso, Texas
Dec. 18, 1971 (35,530)

LSU 33, Iowa St. 15

1971 SUN BOWL

LSU	6	0	13	14	--33
ISU	0	3	0	6	--15

1972



1972 Bluebonnet Bowl
Astrodome • Houston, Texas
Dec. 30, 1972 (52,961)

Tennessee 24, LSU 17

1972 BLUEBONNET BOWL

LSU	3	0	7	7	--17
UT	14	10	0	0	--24

1973



1974 Orange Bowl
Orange Bowl Stadium • Miami, Fla.
Jan. 1, 1974 (60,477)

Penn St. 16, LSU 9

1973 ORANGE BOWL

LSU	7	0	2	0	--9
PSU	3	13	0	0	--16

1977



1977 Sun Bowl
Sun Bowl Stadium • El Paso, Texas
Dec. 31, 1977 (31,318)

Stanford 24, LSU 14

1973 SUN BOWL

LSU	7	7	0	0	--14
SU	0	10	7	7	--24

1978



1978 Liberty Bowl
Liberty Bowl Stadium • Memphis, Tenn.
Dec. 23, 1978 (53,064)

Missouri 20, LSU 15

1978 LIBERTY BOWL

LSU	3	0	6	6	--15
MIZZU	7	13	0	0	--20

1979



1979 Tangerine Bowl
Tangerine Bowl Stadium • Orlando, Fla.
Dec. 22, 1979 (38,666)

LSU 34, Wake Forest 10

1979 TANGERINE BOWL

LSU	14	10	0	10	--34
WF	0	3	7	0	--10

1983



1983 Orange Bowl
Orange Bowl Stadium • Miami, Fla.
Jan. 1, 1983 (54,407)

Nebraska 21, LSU 20

1983 ORANGE BOWL

LSU	7	7	3	3	--20
NU	7	0	7	7	--21

1985



1985 Sugar Bowl
Superdome • New Orleans, La.
Jan. 1, 1985 (75,608)

Nebraska 28, LSU 10

1985 SUGAR BOWL

LSU	3	7	0	0	--10
NU	0	7	7	14	--28

1985



1985 Liberty Bowl
Liberty Bowl Stadium • Memphis, Tenn.
Dec. 27, 1985 (40,186)

Baylor 21, LSU 7

1985 LIBERTY BOWL

LSU	7	0	0	0	--7
BU	7	3	3	8	--21

1987



1987 Sugar Bowl
Superdome • New Orleans, La.
Jan. 1, 1987 (76,234)

Nebraska 30, LSU 15

1987 SUGAR BOWL

LSU	7	0	0	8	--15
NU	0	10	7	13	--30

1987



1987 Gator Bowl
Gator Bowl Stadium • Jacksonville, Fla.
Dec. 31, 1987 (82,119)

LSU 30, South Carolina 13

1987 SUGAR BOWL

LSU	14	6	7	3	--30
USC	3	3	0	7	--13

1989



1989 Hall of Fame Bowl
Tampa Stadium • Tampa, Fla.
Jan. 2, 1989 (51,112)

Syracuse 23, LSU 10

1989 HALL OF FAME BOWL

LSU	0	7	3	0	--10
SU	7	3	7	6	--23

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2004

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1995

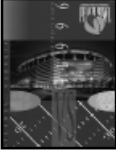


1995 Independence Bowl
Independence Bowl Stadium • Shreveport, La.
Dec. 29, 1995 (48,835)

LSU 45, Michigan St. 26

LSU	7	14	21	3	- 45
MSU	7	17	0	2	- 26

1996



1996 Peach Bowl
Georgia Dome • Atlanta, Ga.
Jan. 1, 1983 (63,622)

LSU 10, Clemson 7

LSU	0	10	0	0	- 10
CU	7	0	0	0	- 7

1997



1997 Independence Bowl
Independence Bowl Stadium • Shreveport, La.
Dec. 28, 1997 (50,459)

LSU 27, Notre Dame 9

LSU	0	3	10	14	- 27
ND	3	3	0	3	- 9

2000



2000 Peach Bowl
Georgia Dome • Atlanta, Ga.
Dec. 29, 1983 (73,614)

LSU 28, Georgia Tech 14

LSU	3	0	6	19	- 28
GT	7	7	0	0	- 14

2002



2002 Sugar Bowl
Superdome • New Orleans, La.
Jan. 1, 2002 (77,688)

LSU 47, Illinois 34

ILLI	0	7	14	13	- 34
LSU	7	27	7	6	- 47

2003



2003 Cotton Bowl
Cotton Bowl Stadium • Dallas, Texas
Jan. 1, 2002 (50,459)

Texas 35, LSU 20

LSU	10	7	0	3	- 20
UT	7	14	7	7	- 35

2004



2004 Sugar Bowl
Superdome • New Orleans, La.
Jan. 4, 2004 (79,342)

LSU 21, Oklahoma 14

LSU	7	7	7	0	- 21
OU	0	7	0	7	- 14

2005



2005 Capital One Bowl
Florida Citrus Bowl Stadium • Orlando, Fla.
Jan. 1, 2005 (70,229)

Iowa 30, LSU 25

LSU	0	12	0	13	- 25
IOWA	7	7	3	7	- 30