

**2005 Schedule/Results (23-8, 5-4 SEC)**

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
<b>February</b>		
11 (Fri.)	NICHOLLS STATE	W, 12-1
12 (Sat.)	NICHOLLS STATE	W, 19-2
13 (Sun.)	NICHOLLS STATE	W, 6-3
15 (Tue.)	UL-MONROE (COX)	W, 9-6
18 (Fri.)	ARK.-LITTLE ROCK	W, 4-2
19 (Sat.)	ARK.-LITTLE ROCK	W, 11-8
20 (Sun.)	ARK.-LITTLE ROCK	W, 15-9
25 (Fri.)	at Houston	L, 1-2
27 (Sun.)	at Houston (JSN)	W, 11-5
27 (Sun.)	at Houston (JSN)	W, 8-1
<b>March</b>		
2 (Wed.)	at Centenary	L, 1-6 %
4 (Fri.)	UAB	W, 12-6
5 (Sat.)	UAB	W, 7-3
6 (Sun.)	UAB	L, 3-4
8 (Tue.)	#1 TULANE (COX)	L, 2-6
11 (Fri.)	ARIZONA STATE	W, 6-5
12 (Sat.)	WESTERN ILLINOIS	W, 10-8
13 (Sun.)	ARIZONA STATE	W, 20-3
18 (Fri.)	at #17 Georgia	W, 8-2
19 (Sat.)	at #17 Georgia	W, 5-3
20 (Sun.)	at #17 Georgia (JSN)	W, 6-4
23 (Wed.)	Southeastern La.	W, 4-2 \$
25 (Fri.)	AUBURN	L, 4-6
26 (Sat.)	AUBURN	W, 6-3
27 (Sun.)	AUBURN	L, 5-7
29 (Tue.)	NEW ORLEANS (COX)	W, 18-10
<b>April</b>		
1 (Fri.)	at Alabama	L, 0-4
2 (Sat.)	at Alabama (JSN)	W, 11-2
3 (Sun.)	at Alabama (JSN)	L, 4-5 (13)
5 (Tue.)	at Nicholls State	W, 3-2
6 (Wed.)	#11 Rice (JSN)	W, 8-2
8 (Fri.)	#4 SOUTH CAROLINA	6:30 p.m.
9 (Sat.)	#4 SOUTH CAROLINA	2 p.m.
10 (Sun.)	#4 SOUTH CAROLINA	Noon
12 (Tue.)	NORTHWESTERN STATE	6:30 p.m.
15 (Fri.)	OLE MISS	6:30 p.m.
16 (Sat.)	OLE MISS	2 p.m.
17 (Sun.)	OLE MISS (COX)	1 p.m.
19 (Tue.)	at Tulane (ESPN 2)	6 p.m. \$
22 (Fri.)	at Arkansas	7:05 p.m.
23 (Sat.)	at Arkansas	3:05 p.m.
24 (Sun.)	at Arkansas (JSN)	1:05 p.m.
29 (Fri.)	at Vanderbilt	6 p.m.
30 (Sat.)	at Vanderbilt	2 p.m.
<b>May</b>		
1 (Sun.)	at Vanderbilt (JSN)	1 p.m.
3 (Tue.)	SOUTHERN (COX)	6:30 p.m.
6 (Fri.)	KENTUCKY (COX)	6:30 p.m.
7 (Sat.)	KENTUCKY	2 p.m.
8 (Sun.)	KENTUCKY	Noon
13 (Fri.)	TENNESSEE (COX)	6:30 p.m.
14 (Sat.)	TENNESSEE (SEC-TV)	3 p.m.
15 (Sun.)	TENNESSEE	Noon
18 (Wed.)	at New Orleans	6:30 p.m. #
20 (Fri.)	at Mississippi State	6:30 p.m.
21 (Sat.)	at Mississippi State	2 p.m.
22 (Sun.)	at Mississippi State (JSN)	1:30 p.m.
25-29	SEC Tournament (Hoover, Ala.)	
<b>June</b>		
3-5	NCAA Regional (sites TBA)	
10-12/11-13	NCAA Super Regional (sites TBA)	
17-26/27	College World Series (Omaha, Neb.)	

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\$ - Zephyr Field



# LSU BASEBALL

**Weekend Release No. 9 • vs. South Carolina**

April 8,9 and 10, 2005 • 6:30 p.m., 2 p.m., Noon  
Baton Rouge, La. • Alex Box Stadium (7,760)

**Tigers Look For Crucial SEC Series Victory Against No. 4 South Carolina**

Sixth-ranked LSU (23-8, 5-4 SEC) plays host to No. 4 South Carolina (25-5, 5-4) this weekend in a three-game Southeastern Conference series at Alex Box Stadium. Game 1 of the series is set for 6:30 p.m. CDT Friday, Game 2 begins at 2 p.m. CDT Saturday and Game 3 starts at Noon CDT Sunday. LSU and South Carolina enter the series trailing SEC leaders Florida (6-3) and Alabama (6-3) by one game in the league standings. LSU has won two games this week, including an 8-2 victory over No. 11 Rice Wednesday at Zephyr Field in Metairie. South Carolina extended its win streak to six games Wednesday with a 9-4 win over The Citadel in Columbia. The Gamecocks' streak includes a three-game SEC sweep of Georgia last weekend in Columbia.

**>Broadcast Info**

This weekend's games will not be televised. The LSU Sports Network broadcasts the game through its radio affiliates. Jim Hawthorne and Charles Hanagriff call the action. Audio and live stats are also available on the official LSU Athletics website, www.LSUsports.net.

**>Last Time Out**

The Tigers launched three homers and while four LSU pitchers combined to hold No. 11 Rice to five hits in an 8-2 win over the Owls in the second annual Wally Pontiff Jr. Classic at Zephyr Field in Metairie on Wednesday night. Blake Gill, Ryan Patterson and Nick Stavinoha combined for six of the Tigers' 12 hits. Freshman Eric English earned his first career win in relief of Justin Meier. English hurled three innings of shutout ball, striking out two and walking none. Stavinoha, Will Harris and Clay Harris each homered for LSU. Rice had allowed only six homers in 31 games going into the contest.

**Pitching Matchups**

**Game 1**

LSU -- Sr. LHP Lane Mestepey (5-3, 2.93 ERA, 55.1 IP, 11 BB, 31 SO)  
USC -- Sr. RHP Jason Fletcher (3-1, 1.75 ERA, 25.2 IP, 3 BB, 24 SO)

**Game 2**

LSU -- So. LHP Clay Dirks (7-0, 3.02 ERA, 44.2 IP, 15 BB, 32 SO)  
USC -- Sr. RHP Zac McCamie (6-1, 2.27 ERA, 47.2 IP, 14 BB, 54 SO)

**Game 3**

LSU -- Jr. LHP Greg Smith (4-1, 2.98 ERA, 48.1 IP, 16 BB, 47 SO)  
USC -- Sr. RHP Aaron Rawl (5-2, 2.80 ERA, 45.0 IP, 12 BB, 42 SO)

**LSU Probable Position Starters**

Pos.	Player	Cl.-Exp.	B/T	Avg.	HR	RBI	Notable
C	Matt Liuzza	Jr.-2L	R/R	.244	2	13	.300 (3-for-10), 2 RBI vs. Alabama
1B	Blake Gill	Sr.-3L	L/R	.324	3	29	.349 (29-for-83) vs. right-handed pitchers
	-or- Will Harris	Jr.-2L	R/R	.232	2	13	.300 (9-for-30) with runners in scoring position
2B	Clay Harris	Sr.-3L	R/R	.378	5	29	.364 (16-for-44) with runners in score position
SS	Michael Hollander	Fr.-HS	R/R	.281	1	12	Current nine-game hitting streak
3B	Derek Hebert	Sr.-1L	L/R	.216	1	5	.250 (1-for-4) vs. Alabama
	-or- Bryan Harris	So.-RS	R/R	.105	0	6	Started 10 games in 2005
LF	Ryan Patterson	Sr.-2L	R/R	.430	13	34	11 homers in last 15 games
	-or- Quinn Stewart	Jr.-1L	R/R	.220	1	10	.357 (5-for-14) with runners in scoring position
CF	Bruce Sprowl	Jr.-1L	L/R	.240	1	7	Started 19 games at CF in 2005
	-or- Ryan Patterson	Sr.-2L	R/R	.430	13	34	.459 (17-for-37), 5 HR, 11 RBI in SEC games
RF	Nick Stavinoha	Sr.-1L	R/R	.367	7	27	.429 (15-for-35) with runners in score position
DH	Jordan Mayer	Fr.-RS	R/R	.271	1	12	.438 (7-for-16) vs. left-handed pitchers
	-or- Dustin Weaver	Sr.-2L	R/R	.226	3	14	.250 (2-for-8), 1 HR, 3 RBI vs. Alabama

LSU		South Carolina	
<b>Record</b>	23-8 (5-4 SEC)	<b>Record</b>	25-5 (5-4 SEC)
<b>Ranking</b>	No. 8 Baseball America No. 9 Collegiate Baseball No. 6 ESPN/Sports Weekly	<b>Ranking</b>	No. 12 Baseball America No. 10 Collegiate Baseball No. 4 ESPN/Sports Weekly
<b>Coach</b>	Smoke Laval	<b>Coach</b>	Ray Tanner
<b>Career Record</b>	399-230-1 (.634/11th year)	<b>Career Record</b>	792-326-3 (.708/17th year)
<b>LSU Record</b>	158-71-1 (.690/fourth year)	<b>SC Record</b>	397-157 (.716/ninth year)
<b>Laval vs. SC</b>	6-8	<b>Tanner vs. LSU</b>	11-13

## Tracking the Tigers

Week	BA	CB	ESPN/SW
Preseason	2	5	4
Feb. 7	2	5	3
Feb. 14	2	5	3
Feb. 21	2	3	2
Feb. 28	3	3	2
March 7	5	6	5
March 14	5	5	6
March 21	3	3	3
March 28	5	4	5
April 4	8	9	6

## Baseball America (April 4)

1. Texas (26-5)
2. Cal State Fullerton (20-7)
3. Tulane (25-5)
4. Georgia Tech (23-6)
5. Florida (23-7)
6. Arizona (21-10)
7. North Carolina (24-5)
8. **LSU (23-8)**
9. Ole Miss (21-7)
10. Stanford (17-9)
11. Rice (21-10)
12. **South Carolina (25-5)**
13. Miami (Fla.) (24-9)
14. Arkansas (22-6)
15. Baylor (19-11)
16. Oregon State (24-4)
17. Nebraska (25-3)
18. Texas A&M (22-10)
19. College of Charleston (23-4)
20. Florida State (29-7)
21. Long Beach State (21-10)
22. Auburn (21-10)
23. Missouri (23-5)
24. Arizona State (21-3)
25. Tennessee (20-8)

## Collegiate Baseball (April 4)

1. Cal State Fullerton (20-7)
2. Tulane (25-5)
3. Georgia Tech (23-6)
4. Nebraska (25-3)
5. Texas (26-5)
6. Florida (23-7)
7. North Carolina (24-5)
8. Florida State (29-7)
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11. Arizona (21-10)
12. Stanford (17-9)
13. Long Beach State (21-10)
14. Miami (Fla.) (24-9)
15. Oregon State (24-4)
16. Auburn (21-10)
17. Arkansas (22-6)
18. College of Charleston (23-4)
19. Missouri (23-5)
20. UL-Lafayette (25-6)
21. Baylor (19-11)
22. Alabama (22-9)
23. Ole Miss (21-7)
24. Mississippi State (17-7)
25. Central Florida (27-7)

## Statistical Comparison

LSU	South Carolina
.298	.309
3.39	2.69
68	66
10	10
41	39
.487	.503
.380	.382
16/23	33/41
.240	.227
225	263
10	9
.965	.977

## In The Polls

LSU fell to its lowest ranking of the season in the Baseball America and Collegiate Baseball polls. The Tigers carry the No. 8 ranking in Baseball America this week, falling three spots from No. 5. LSU is ranked ninth in Collegiate Baseball and sixth in ESPN/Sports Weekly.

## Laval One Win Away From 400

**Smoke Laval** is one win away from reaching his 400th career win in 11 seasons as a head coach. Laval compiled a 241-159 mark as head coach at UL-Monroe for seven seasons (1994-2000). Since then Smoke has won 157 games in three-plus seasons after taking over for Skip Bertman in 2002.

## The LSU-South Carolina Series

The Tigers and Gamecocks have developed a rivalry since **Smoke Laval** took over the program in 2002. LSU leads the all-time series, 22-12-1, but South Carolina has eliminated the Tigers from postseason play three times in the past three seasons. In 2002, the two foes battled three times in the SEC Tournament, and ultimately it were the Gamecocks who got the upperhand. SC beat LSU twice to eliminate the Tigers from the SEC Tournament, including a 5-4 wild game in the tourney semifinals. After taking two of three games from SC in the 2003 regular season, LSU's season was ended by SC with an 11-10 walk-off loss at the College World Series. One year later, the Gamecocks ousted the Tigers again, handing LSU a 15-4 loss in its second game of the 2004 College World Series. The Tigers have won the last two regular season series' meetings, and South Carolina has never won a series at Alex Box Stadium. LSU is 4-6 in its last 10 games against the SEC East foe.

## SEC Blues

For the first time since the 2002 season, LSU has lost back-to-back SEC series. After dropping two games to Auburn (March 25-27), the Tigers were dealt two losses at the hands of Alabama on the road. In 2002, Vanderbilt and Ole Miss each took two games from the Tigers to send them to consecutive SEC series' losses. In the Friday opener versus Alabama on April 1, LSU was shutout, 4-0. The Tigers' hadn't been blanked all season, and it marked the first time that has happened since the 2004 SEC Tournament versus Georgia (1-0). LSU had won five straight series against the Crimson Tide prior to this season.

## On Deck: A Tough Stretch Continues

LSU's seven-game homestand continues at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday against Northwestern State. The Tigers then host No. 9 Ole Miss at Alex Box Stadium next weekend. Game times are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. (Friday), 2 p.m. (Saturday) and 1 p.m. (Sunday). LSU is in the midst of playing 14 of 15 games against ranked opponents.

## Dirks Still Perfect

At the halfway point in the season, **Clay Dirks** has proven to be the ace of the pitching staff, compiling a 7-0 record in seven starts. He is tied for first in the league with Tennessee All-American Luke Hochevar in the category. Opponents are hitting .187 vs. Dirks on the season, which ranks the sophomore sixth in the SEC in that category.

## Down But Never Out

Before the Nicholls State contest on April 5, LSU had not been the first on the scoreboard in its last 10 games. Despite falling behind early, the Tigers still managed to win six of the 10 contests with come-from-behind victories. On the season, LSU is 10-7 when opponents score first. Eleven of the team's 22 wins are of the come-from-behind variety. The streak was snapped on Tuesday night as the Tigers jumped out to a 2-0 lead over the Colonels after two innings of play.

## Hitting Streaks

**Ryan Patterson** and **Clay Harris** each saw their career-high hitting streaks end at 15 games on April 1 at Alabama. Freshman Michael Hollander extended his hitting streak to nine games on Wednesday versus Rice, the longest current stretch by any Tiger. Earlier this season, Blake Gill maintained a 20-game hitting streak, dating back to last season. Gill's run, which began versus Vanderbilt on May 15 last season, is the longest of his career and the longest since head coach Smoke Laval took over the program.

## Longest Hitting Streaks (past six seasons)

Player	Streak
Brad Cresse (1999-2000)	24
Cedrick Harris (1999-2000)	21
<b>Blake Gill (2004-05)</b>	<b>20</b>

## At The Track, At the Wall, Gone!

Ryan Patterson has homered 11 times in LSU's last 15 games, including three two-homer games during that stretch. Eight of the dingers have been the solo variety, and the senior connected on his first grand slam against UNO on March 29.

## Patterson Now Tops In SEC In Five Categories

After putting on a hitting display over the past three weeks, **Ryan Patterson** currently leads the SEC in five offensive categories, including slugging percentage (.868), runs scored (44), hits (52), home runs (13) and total bases (105). The senior outfielder is also fourth in batting average (.430), sixth in on-base percentage (.496) and second in doubles (12). Auburn's Karl Amonite is the only other player in the league who is tops in multiple categories.

## Streak of 12 Straight Series Wins Snapped

Auburn's series win over LSU (March 25-27) ended the Tigers' streak of 12 straight regular season series wins, dating back to last season. The Tigers have won 22 out of their last 26 regular-season series, dating back to the final two weekends of the 2003 regular season. In that span, before losses to Auburn and Alabama, LSU last lost a weekend series on April 9-11, 2004, when Arkansas swept three games at Alex Box Stadium.

## Mestepey Second In All-Time Career Wins

Senior left-hander **Lane Mestepey** claimed sole possession of second place in LSU career victories with his 34th win over Georgia on March 18. The Zachary, La., native passed Stan Loewer, who tallied 33 wins between 1984-87. Mestepey is now four wins shy of tying Scott Schultz' career mark of 38, achieved between 1992-95. The southpaw also moved into a tie for ninth place in SEC career victories with Auburn's Ryan Halla (1993-96). With one more win, Mestepey will tie Mississippi State's Bobby Reed (1987-90) for eighth place. South Carolina's Kip Bouknight (1998-01) and Mississippi State's Jeff Brantley (1982-85) share the all-time SEC record with 45 career wins.

### LSU Career Pitching Victories

Player	Wins
1. Scott Schultz (1992-95)	38
<b>2. Lane Mestepey (2001-present)</b>	<b>34</b>
3. Stan Loewer (1984-87)	33
4. Paul Byrd (1989-91)	31

## Mestepey Enters Top-Three In SEC Career Innings Pitched

Senior left-hander **Lane Mestepey** became the school's all-time leader in innings pitched on Feb. 25 at Houston. Mestepey worked six frames to surpass Scott Schultz's (1992-95) record of 398. On the season, Mestepey sits at 437 innings pitched and recently overtook third-place in the SEC career record books with his seven-inning stint at Alabama on April 1. He is 40 innings away from tying Tennessee's R.A. Dickey (1994-96). South Carolina's Kip Bouknight (1998-01) holds the all-time SEC record of 482.

### SEC Career Innings Pitched

Player	Innings
1. Kip Bouknight, USC (1998-01)	482.0
2. John Powell, Auburn (1990-94)	477.0
<b>3. Lane Mestepey, LSU (2001-present)</b>	<b>437.0</b>
4. R.A. Dickey, Tennessee (1994-96)	434.0
5. Jeff Brantley, Miss. State (1982-85)	427.0

## Going the Distance

**Lane Mestepey** fired his 16th career complete game at Georgia on March 18, limiting the Bulldogs to two runs -- all in the first inning -- on seven hits with two walks and three strikeouts. It was the first complete game effort for the senior left-hander since the 2004 NCAA Baton Rouge Super Regional. Mestepey hurled a masterful five-hit shutout against Texas A&M (June 13), helping the Tigers advance to the College World Series. After returning from an injury, which sidelined him during the 2003 season, Mestepey has since thrown four complete games. As a sophomore in 2002, the senior pitched an incredible eight complete games. Pat Moock (1972-75) holds the school record in complete games with 27.

## Southpaw Series

LSU's left-handed weekend rotation of **Lane Mestepey**, **Clay Dirks** and **Greg Smith** is unprecedented in the school's history. The Tigers have never thrown three consecutive southpaws in a series before this season. LSU is also the only school in the SEC to start three lefties in its weekend rotation.

## 2-3-4-5

It's no coincidence LSU's four leading hitters are in the heart of the order. **Blake Gill**, **Ryan Patterson**, **Clay Harris** and **Nick Stavinoha** are hitting a combined .371 (169-for-456) on the season with 39 doubles, three triples, 28 homers and 119 RBI. Stavinoha has been the Tigers' leading hitter the last five games, batting .455 (10-for-22) with six doubles, two homers and four RBI.

## Mestepey Does It All

While **Lane Mestepey** only makes one appearance on the mound every week, the senior has taken upon other responsibilities. Mestepey charts pitches in the dugout during non-starts and also observes the Tigers in the bullpen. He has also been known to coach first base when hitting coach **Turtle Thomas** is out on recruiting trips.

## ESPN/Sports Weekly (April 4)

1. Texas (31) (26-5)
2. Cal State Fullerton (3) (20-7)
3. Tulane (6) (25-5)
4. **South Carolina (25-5)**
5. Georgia Tech (23-6)
6. **LSU (23-8)**
7. Miami (Fla.) (24-9)
8. North Carolina (24-5)
9. Arizona (21-10)
10. Nebraska (25-3)
11. Stanford (17-9)
12. Florida (23-7)
13. Ole Miss (21-7)
14. Florida State (29-7)
15. Rice (21-10)
16. Arkansas (22-6)
17. Baylor (19-11)
18. Texas A&M (22-10)
19. Long Beach State (21-10)
20. UL-Lafayette (25-6)
21. Auburn (21-10)
22. Vanderbilt (20-7)
23. Oregon State (24-4)
24. Alabama (22-9)
25. Arizona State (21-13)

## 2005 SEC Standings (April 7)

Eastern Division			
Team	SEC	Pct.	Overall
Florida	6-3	.667	23-7
Tennessee	5-3	.625	21-8
South Carolina	5-4	.556	25-5
Vanderbilt	5-4	.556	20-7
Georgia	2-6	.250	17-12
Kentucky	0-8	.000	15-12
Western Division			
Team	SEC	Pct.	Overall
Alabama	6-3	.667	22-9
Auburn	5-4	.556	21-11
LSU	5-4	.556	23-8
Ole Miss	5-4	.556	21-8
Mississippi State	4-4	.500	18-7
Arkansas	4-5	.444	24-6

## This Week in the SEC (April 6-10)

(All times are Central)

### Wednesday, April 6

SE Louisiana at Alabama • Canceled/Rain

Northern Colorado (4) at Arkansas (7)

Georgia (4) at Clemson (1)

Evansville (1) at Kentucky (17)

**LSU (8) vs. Rice (2) (Zephyr Field)**

Miss. State vs. Birmingham Southern • PPD/Rain

The Citadel (4) at South Carolina (9)

Austin Peay at Vanderbilt • Canceled/Rain

### Friday-Sunday, April 8-10

Alabama at Ole Miss • 6:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 1:30 p.m.

Auburn at Miss. State • 6:30 p.m., 3 p.m., 1:30 p.m.

Florida at Georgia • 6 p.m., 6 p.m., Noon

Vanderbilt at Arkansas • 7 p.m., 3 p.m., 1 p.m.

Tennessee at Kentucky • 5:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., Noon

**South Carolina at LSU • 6:30 p.m., 2 p.m., Noon**

## LSU by the Numbers in 2005

Home .....	14-4
Away .....	7-4
Neutral Sites .....	2-0
Day.....	10-3
Night.....	13-5
TV Games.....	7-2
On Jumbo Sports .....	5-1
On Cox Sports .....	2-1
On ESPN 2 .....	0-0
On SEC-TV .....	0-0
Vs. SEC .....	5-4
Vs. SEC West .....	2-4
Vs. SEC East.....	3-0
Non-SEC Games.....	17-4
Vs. Louisiana opponents.....	7-2
Vs. Ranked opponents .....	4-1
Vs. C-USA .....	4-3
Vs. Mid-Continent.....	1-1
Vs. Pac-10 .....	2-0
Vs. Southland .....	6-0
Vs. Sun Belt .....	3-0
Vs. SWAC.....	0-0
Vs. WAC.....	1-0
Doubleheaders .....	0-0
Game 1 of weekend series .....	5-3
Game 2 of weekend series .....	8-0
Game 3 of weekend series .....	5-3
Sunday .....	4-2
Monday .....	1-0
Tuesday .....	3-1
Wednesday.....	2-1
Friday .....	5-2
Saturday .....	7-0
One-run games.....	2-3
Extra inning games .....	0-1
Shutouts.....	0-1
Number of Losing Streaks .....	1
Longest Losing Streak .....	2
Games in which LSU scores first .....	13-1
Games in which opponent scores first .....	10-7
When LSU scores 10+ .....	10-0
When LSU scores <5 .....	3-7
When opponent scores 10+ .....	1-0
When opponent scores <5.....	15-3
When LSU leads after 6 innings .....	20-1
When LSU trails after 6 innings.....	2-6
When tied after 6 innings .....	1-1
When LSU leads after 7 innings .....	21-2
When LSU trails after 7 innings.....	2-6
When tied after 7 innings .....	0-0
When LSU leads after 8 innings .....	23-0
When LSU trails after 8 innings.....	0-7
When tied after 8 innings .....	0-1
When LSU has 10+ hits.....	16-4
When LSU has <6 hits.....	1-2
When opponent has 10+ hits .....	6-3
When opponent has <6 hits .....	6-2
When LSU has more hits .....	19-2
When LSU has fewer hits .....	3-5
Equal hits .....	1-1
When LSU hits 3 or more home runs .....	7-0
When LSU hits no home runs .....	4-5
When opponent hits 3+ home runs .....	0-0
When opponent hits no home runs .....	11-4
Games won on final at-bat .....	0
Games lost on final at-bat .....	1
Come-from-behind wins.....	11
Losses when LSU led previously .....	4
Blown saves .....	2
Longest game .....	4:30 (at Alabama, 4/3 - Game 1)
Shortest game(9 or more innings) .....	2:06 (at Alabama, 4/1)

## Injury Report

Sophomore right-hander **Michael Bonura** will miss the entire 2005 season after undergoing Tommy John surgery during the offseason. In 2004, Bonura played a valuable role as a freshman in the LSU bullpen, posting a 4.46 ERA in 34.1 innings and 31 strikeouts. JUCO transfer pitcher **Daniel Forrer** will also sit out the 2005 campaign suffering a shoulder injury in the offseason. Freshman prospect **Nolan Cain** underwent Tommy John surgery at the beginning of February and will also miss the 2005 season. Outfielder **Steven Broschofsky** underwent shoulder surgery during the first of March to repair a torn labrum. **Bruce Sprowl** suffered a broken finger in the Tigers series against UAB. He returned after a minor surgery as a defensive replacement at Georgia.

Player	Injury	Status
RHP Michael Bonura	Elbow	Offseason Tommy John surgery; out for season
OF Steven Broschofsky	Shoulder	Surgery in late February; out for season
RHP Nolan Cain	Elbow	Tommy John surgery in February; out for season
LHP Daniel Forrer	Shoulder	Offseason surgery; out for season

## Out the Box

A common theme for LSU has been early inning uprisings. The Tigers have outscored their opponents 134-61 in the first four innings combined. LSU's most productive innings have been the first and fourth frames. The Tigers have amassed 38 runs to opponents' eight runs in the fourth inning on the year. LSU is also outscoring opponents 37-21 in the first inning.

## LSU-Tulane ESPN 2 Tilt Highlight TV Schedule

LSU's April 19 contest versus Tulane at Zephyr Field in Metairie has been picked up by ESPN 2, the network announced on Feb. 28. The matchup highlights the Tigers' television schedule this season. The nationally-televised contest will mark LSU's 56th appearance on either ESPN or ESPN2. The Tigers first appeared on ESPN on April 22, 1984 at Miami (Fla.). The game, which was originally scheduled for 7 p.m., has been moved up to 6 p.m. to accommodate the broadcast. To date, LSU is 201-103-2 (.661) all-time on television, which includes a 6-2 mark this season.

## Four Former Tigers On Major League Opening Day Rosters

Four former LSU players are on the opening day 25-man rosters of Major League Baseball clubs. Headlining the list is former All-American Todd Walker, who begins his 10th Major League season. Walker will serve as the Chicago Cubs' starting second baseman. Pitcher Paul Byrd relocates to the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim after spending a season with the Atlanta Braves. Byrd will serve as the No. 4 starter in the Angels' rotation. Veteran Russ Springer is once again a member of the Houston Astros bullpen corps. Brad Hawpe begins his first full Major League season with the Colorado Rockies. Hawpe will platoon in right field with former Alabama star Dustin Mohr.

### Tigers In The Majors (as of opening day 25-man rosters on April 4)

Player	Team	Position
Paul Byrd	Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim	SP
Brad Hawpe	Colorado Rockies	RF
Russ Springer	Houston Astros	RP
Todd Walker	Chicago Cubs	2B

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

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

## Mestepey Joins Patterson On National Player Of The Year Wallace Watch

Lefty **Lane Mestepey** joined senior outfielder **Ryan Patterson** on March 8 as a candidate for the Brooks Wallace Award, presented annually to the national college baseball player of the year. Mestepey was one of 38 players added to the watch list. The Brooks Wallace Award was captured by Cal State Fullerton's Kurt Suzuki last season. The Wallace Watch will be trimmed to 12 semifinalists on May 24. The selection committee will then narrow the list to three finalists following the NCAA Super Regionals at a press conference in Omaha on June 16. Vanderbilt's Warner Jones, Cal-State Fullerton's Ricky Romero, Tennessee's Luke Hochevar, Ole Miss' Stephen Head and Georgia's Will Startup also headline the list.

## Liuzza Named Preseason All-American by Baseball America

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

## Liuzza Headlines Baseball America Preseason Awards

Baseball America released its preseason Southeastern Conference awards in its college baseball preview and catcher **Matt Liuzza** headlined the list of Tigers who earned recognition. Liuzza was rated as the conference's fourth-highest prospect for the upcoming 2005 Major League Baseball Draft. The publication also rated Liuzza as the best defensive catcher in the league with the best arm. **Blake Gill** earned recognition as one of Baseball America's top 50 senior prospects. Gill is listed as the nation's No. 18 rated senior, followed by **Ryan Patterson** who was listed 19th.

## Laval Fifth Place In Games Coached

The season-opening win over Nicholls State was head coach **Smoke Laval's** 200th as the Tiger skipper. Laval currently sits at 230 games, the fifth-highest mark of any coach in the school's history. Laval is 19 games away from reaching Jack Lamabe's (1979-83) total of 249. Laval's LSU coaching record of 158-71-1 (.690) is the second-highest mark, behind Skip Bertman's all-time winning percentage of .724.

## All-Time LSU Games Coached

Coach	Games
1. Skip Bertman (1984-2001)	1,203
2. Jim Smith (1966-78)	489
3. Harry Rabenhorst (1927-42, 1946-56)	446
4. Jack Lamabe (1979-83)	249
5. Smoke Laval (2002-present)	230

## New "Box" On Tap For 2008

When the 2008 season rolls around, LSU will move into a new modern facility. LSU athletics director **Skip Bertman** proposed the construction of a new baseball stadium to open in 2008 to the LSU Board of Supervisors. The stadium would be located at the corner of Nicholson Drive and Gourrier Lane, about 2,000 feet south of the current site of Alex Box Stadium, and would seat approximately 8,000 Tiger baseball fans. The new stadium, which will also be named Alex Box Stadium, will be paid for by the LSU Athletics Department through a combination of the sale of revenue bonds and private donations. The expected cost of the project is approximately \$23 million.

## Coaches Pick LSU to Win SEC Title

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

### Eastern Division

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

( ) - First Place Votes

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

### Western Division

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

## SEC Team Statistical Rankings

### At The Plate

#### Batting Average

1. Tennessee	.333
8. LSU	.298

#### Slugging Percentage

1. Tennessee	.514
t4. LSU	.487
Arkansas	.487

#### On-Base Percentage

1. Florida	.422
8. LSU	.380

#### Runs Scored

1. Florida	261
t2. LSU	239
Tennessee	239
South Carolina	239

#### Hits

1. Arkansas	343
4. LSU	332

#### RBI

t1. South Carolina	224
Florida	224
2. LSU	220

#### Home Runs

1. LSU	41
2. South Carolina	39

#### Total Bases

1. LSU	543
2. South Carolina	527

#### Stolen Bases

1. Arkansas	71
12. LSU	16

### On The Mound

#### Earned Run Average

1. South Carolina	2.69
7. LSU	3.39

#### Opponents Batting Average

1. Alabama	.209
2. South Carolina	.227
5. LSU	.240

#### Strikeouts

1. Alabama	317
7. LSU	225

#### Saves

1. Auburn	12
2. LSU	10

### In The Field

#### Fielding Percentage

1. South Carolina	.977
8. LSU	.965

#### Double Plays

1. Georgia	29
t7. LSU	26



## 2005 Game-By-Game Recaps

### Game 13 • LSU 7, UAB 3

March 5, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

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

**W:** Dirks (4-0) **L:** Brown (2-0)  
**Time:** 2:26 **Att:** 7,539 (paid); 3,846 (actual)

**Notes:** Clay Dirks notched his fourth win, facing the minimum in a brilliant seven-inning, one-hit outing. Dirks took a no-hitter into the seventh, before surrendering his only hit to leadoff man Clint Toomey to start the frame. He also tied a career high with seven strikeouts. LSU turned three doubles plays. Nick Stavinoha collected three hits and two RBI. Chris Cahill relieved Dirks in the eighth and gave up three runs in the final two innings.

### Game 14 • UAB 4, LSU 3

Feb. 5, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

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

**W:** Mills (1-0) **L:** Smith (3-1)  
**Time:** 2:38 **Att:** 7,605 (paid); 3,773 (actual)

**Notes:** RF Cole Helms' solo homer broke a 3-3 tie in the sixth and UAB starter Randy Mills went seven strong innings to snap LSU's 15-game home winning streak. Greg Smith took the loss, allowing four runs and striking out eight, one shy of a career high. Smith committed two errors, which led to two unearned runs. Clay Harris went 2-for-4 with one RBI, boosting his average to .400. Blake Gill added a two-run double in the third. Despite putting the leadoff man on in the ninth, the Tigers were unable to score the tying run.

### Game 15 • Tulane 6, LSU 2

March 8, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

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

**W:** Gomes (2-0) **L:** Meier (0-1)  
**S:** Latham (2)  
**Time:** 2:54 **Att:** 7,913 (paid); 6,297 (actual)

**Notes:** Brian Bogusevic's two-out, two-run single in the eighth inning broke open a close game. LSU outit its opponent for the second consecutive game. Justin Meier registered the loss in his first start of the season. Meier went five innings, surrendering four runs on three hits. Blake Gill hit his first homer of the year, highlighting a 2-for-5, two RBI night for the senior. Defensive gems and perfect positioning denied the Tigers any chance of a comeback.

### Game 16 • LSU 6, Arizona State 5

March 11, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

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

**W:** Mestepey (4-1) **L:** Zinicola (2-2)  
**S:** Dirks (1)  
**Time:** 2:38 **Att:** 7,298 (paid); 3,470 (actual)

**Notes:** Lane Mestepey worked eight innings to pick up his fourth win. LSU trailed early as Mestepey uncharacteristically allowed two hit batsmen and back-to-back singles in the second. In third, the Tigers' top four hitters all collected hits, including Clay Harris who added a two-run double. Quinn Stewart knocked his first homer of the year. Arizona State brought the tying run to the plate in the ninth and scoring two unearned runs. Clay Dirks registered his second career save in the ninth, striking out one and walking one.

### Game 17 • LSU 10, Western Illinois 8

March 12, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	R	H	E
WIU	0	2	0	3	2	0	0	0	1	-	8	16	0
LSU	1	0	4	2	0	1	0	2	X	-	10	11	2

**W:** Dardar (1-0) **L:** Ferger (0-2)  
**S:** Faircloth (3)  
**Time:** 3:02 **Att:** 7,265 (paid); 3,356 (actual)

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

### Game 18 • LSU 20, Arizona State 3

March 11, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

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

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

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

### Game 19 • LSU 8, Georgia 2

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

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

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

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

### Game 20 • LSU 5, Georgia 3

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

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

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

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

### Game 21 • LSU 5, Georgia 3

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Game 23 • Auburn 6, LSU 4

March 25, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

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

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

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

### Game 24 • LSU 6, Auburn 3

March 26, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

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

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

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

## 2005 Game-By-Game Recaps

### Game 25 • Auburn 7, LSU 5

March 27, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

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

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

**S:** Madden (4)

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

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

### Game 26 • LSU 18, UNO 10

March 29, 2005 at Alex Box Stadium

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

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

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

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

### Game 27 • Alabama 4, LSU 0

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

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

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

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

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

### Game 28 • LSU 11, Alabama 2

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Game 30 • LSU 3, Nicholls State 2

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

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

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

**S:** Faircloth (4)

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

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



# Smoke Laval

HEAD COACH • FOURTH YEAR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

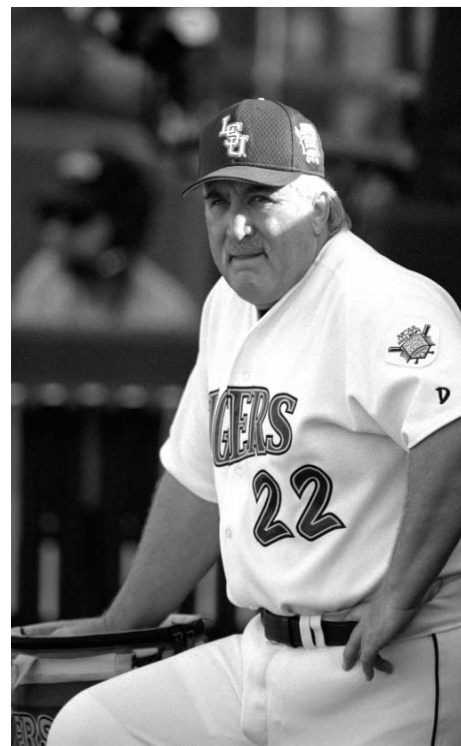
LSU also set an NCAA total attendance record in 2003, drawing 291,676 patrons to Alex Box Stadium.

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

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

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

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



## The Laval File

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

## Coaching Experience

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

## Education

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

## Laval Year-By-Year

Year	W-L	School	Highlights
1994	20-33	UL-Monroe	Defeated Three NCAA Tournament Teams
1995	37-20	UL-Monroe	SLC Tournament Champions; NCAA Regional Participants
1996	41-19	UL-Monroe	School-Record 41 Wins; SLC Louisiana Division Champions
1997	33-21	UL-Monroe	Became Fourth Coach in ULM History To Record 100 Wins
1998	33-22	UL-Monroe	Led SLC In Hitting For Third Straight Season
1999	36-22	UL-Monroe	SLC Champions; NCAA Regional Participants
2000	41-22	UL-Monroe	SLC Champions; NCAA Regional Participants
2002	44-22	LSU	NCAA Regional Champions; NCAA Super Regional Participants
2003	45-22-1	LSU	SEC Champions; College World Series Participants
2004	46-19	LSU	NCAA Regional/Super Regional Champions; CWS Participants
2005	23-8	LSU	

**Career Record (11th year):** 399-230-1 (.634)

**LSU Record (4th year):** 158-71-1 (.690)

### COACHING HONORS

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

## Playing Experience

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

## The Nickname "Smoke"

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

# Media Services

## Interview Opportunities

### Head Coach Smoke Laval

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

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

### Players

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

### Mailing Address

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

### Overnight Mail Address

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

### Phone Directory

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

### Baseball Contact E-mail Address

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## Who to Contact

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### Baseball Contact

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### Asst. Contact

Bill Martin - wmarti4@lsu.edu

### LSU Television

(225) 578-1797

### Asst. AD/Television

Kevin Wagner - jwagne2@lsu.edu

### Manager/Television

John Schiebe - jschiebe@lsu.edu

### LSU Radio

(225) 578-1882

### Asst. AD/Radio

Jim Hawthorne - lsuradio@lsu.edu

## On the Internet

### www.LSUports.net

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

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

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

## LSU Electronic Media

### Radio

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

### Television

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

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## Week 9: April 4-10

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MONDAY	4	TUESDAY	5	WEDNESDAY	6	THURSDAY	7	FRIDAY	8	SATURDAY	9	SUNDAY	10
		at Nicholls State W, 3-2 Raymond Didier Field Thibodaux, La.  Radio: LSU Sports Network  TV: None		Wally Pontiff Classic vs. Rice W, 8-2 Zephyr Field Metairie, La.  Radio: LSU Sports Network  TV: Jumbo Sports Network				vs. South Carolina 6:30 p.m. Alex Box Stadium Baton Rouge, La.  Radio: LSU Sports Network  TV: None		vs. South Carolina 2 p.m. Alex Box Stadium Baton Rouge, La.  Radio: LSU Sports Network  TV: None		vs. South Carolina Noon Alex Box Stadium Baton Rouge, La.  Radio: LSU Sports Network  TV: None	

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