

PREVIEW





Infielder Blake Gill

Third-year LSU head coach Smoke Laval perceives a sense of urgency emanating from his 2004 club.

"I think our players are on a mission," said Laval, the 2003 SEC Coach of the Year. "There's some unfinished business; that's the phrase that's been going around the locker room. So far, everything's been going even better than it did in the first two years."

The '03 Tigers posted a 45-22-1 record, captured the Southeastern Conference title and earned a berth in the College World Series. However, LSU was eliminated from the CWS after only two games, prompting an intense desire to return to Omaha in '04.

LSU, which finished the '03 season ranked No. 5 by Baseball America magazine, welcomes 19 returning lettermen - including eight starters in the batting order -- and an 11-man signing class.

POSITION PLAYERS

Shortstop Aaron Hill, the 2003 SEC Player of the Year and the first-round draft pick of the Toronto Blue Jays, is the only position player who does not return to the '04 club. The Tigers feature eight hitters who appeared in at least 56 of the squad's 68 games last season.

"Right now, our lineup looks pretty good," Laval said. "We do have a lot of returning players, but they have to step it up a notch. Losing an All-American in

Aaron Hill at shortstop puts a void in there, so we're going to try and mix and match and see who can play in that position.

"With the returning guys that we have and some new recruits we've brought in, hopefully, we don't have to start a new book," Laval said. "In other words, we can just add on some chapters."

The returning starters on the infield include junior second baseman Blake Gill, a second-team all-SEC selection who hit .304 with five homers and 54 RBI; senior third baseman Ivan Naccarata (.320, 6 HR, 53 RBI); junior first baseman Clay Harris (.332, 16 HR, 62 RBI), a first-team all-SEC choice; and sophomore catcher Matt Liuzza (.312, 4 HR, 26 RBI).

Gill and Naccarata may move to shortstop and second base, respectively, this season, as JUCO all-American Bryan Harris of Santa Ana (Calif.) College will make a bid to start at third base.

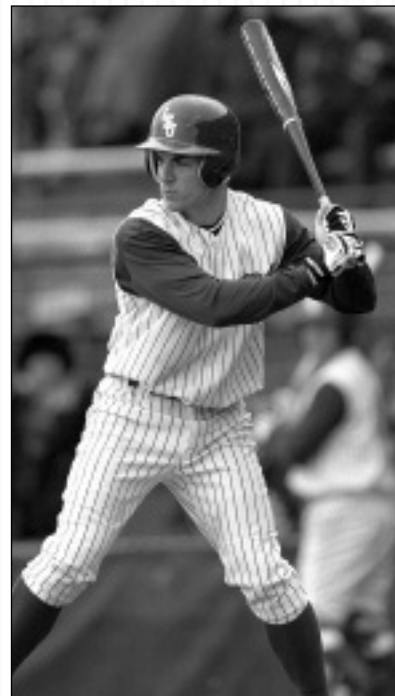
The veteran outfield starters are junior center fielder J.C. Holt (.299, 5 HR, 36 RBI); junior left fielder Bruce Sprowl (.290, 1 HR, 33 RBI); and junior right fielder Jon Zeringue (.339, 13 HR, 45 RBI), a second-team all-conference selection.

Junior Ryan Patterson (.350, 16 HR, 51 RBI), a first-team all-SEC choice as the Tigers' primary DH, should see more action in the outfield in 2004.

Junior outfielder Quinn Stewart (.297, 7 HR, 30 RBI), sophomore first baseman Will

Harris (.233, 2 HR, 6 RBI), freshman infielder Matt Horwath (medical redshirt) and junior catcher Dustin Weaver (.281, 0 HR, 5 RBI) will also contend for playing time.

LSU's recruiting class features several



Infielder Ivan Naccarata

Returning Position Starters

Player	Pos.	Cl.-Exp.	B/T	Avg.	HR	RBI	Notable
Blake Gill	2B/SS	Jr.-2L	L/R	.304	5	54	2003 second-team all-SEC
J.C. Holt	CF	Jr.-2L	L/R	.299	5	36	MOP of '03 NCAA Regional
Jon Zeringue	RF	Jr.-2L	R/R	.339	13	45	2003 second-team all-SEC
Ryan Patterson	OF/DH	Jr.-1L	R/R	.350	16	51	2003 first-team all-SEC
Clay Harris	1B	Jr.-2L	R/R	.332	16	62	2003 first-team all-SEC
Ivan Naccarata	3B/2B	Sr.-1L	L/R	.320	6	53	Hit .533 in '03 NCAA Regional
Matt Liuzza	C	So.-1L	R/R	.312	4	26	54 starts as true freshman in '03
Bruce Sprowl	OF	Jr.-1L	L/R	.290	1	33	Hit .321 in '03 SEC games



Outfielder Quinn Stewart

Other Returning Position Players

Player	Pos.	Cl.-Exp.	B/T	Avg.	HR	RBI	Notable
Will Harris	1B	So.-1L	R-R	.233	2	6	Started 15 games in '03
Matt Horwath	INF	Fr.-RS	R-R	.231	1	6	Medical redshirt in '03
Quinn Stewart	OF	Jr.-1L	R-R	.297	7	30	1 HR, 4 RBI in '03 CWS
Dustin Weaver	C	Jr.-1L	R-R	.281	0	5	Started 11 games in '03

Top Newcomers-Position Players

Player	Pos.	Cl.	B/T	Hometown (2003 School)
Bryan Harris	INF	Jr.	R/R	Tustin, Calif. (Santa Ana College)
Nick Stavinoha	C/OF	Jr.	R/R	Houston, Texas (San Jacinto College)
Derek Hebert	INF	Jr.	L/R	New Iberia, La. (El Camino College)
Jordan Mayer	1B	Fr.	R/R	Alexandria, La. (Alexandria HS)

Starting Position Player Lost

Player	Pos.	Cl.-Exp.	B/T	Avg.	HR	RBI	Reason for leaving
Aaron Hill	SS	Jr.-3L	R/R	.358	9	67	First-round draft choice of Toronto Blue Jays

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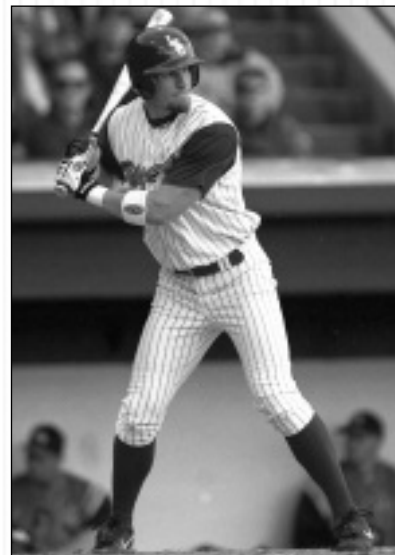
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 19/8
Position Starters Returning/Lost: 8/1
Pitchers Returning/Lost: 7/5
Signees: 11 (8 high school, 3 junior college)

BY CLASS

Seniors: 3
Juniors: 17
Sophomores: 7
Freshmen: 11

BY STATE/COUNTRY

Louisiana: 20
Texas: 5
Florida: 4
California: 2
Mississippi: 2
Alabama: 1
Illinois: 1
Nevada: 1
Tennessee: 1
Canada: 1



Outfielder Jon Zeringue

talented performers who could play important roles, including junior catcher/first baseman Nick Stavinoha of San Jacinto (Texas) Community College; junior infielder Derek Hebert, a New Iberia, La., native who played last season at El Camino (Calif.) College; and freshman first baseman Jordan Mayer of Alexandria (La.) High School.

PITCHERS

The 2004 Tigers feature six pitchers that made mound appearances last season. The pitching staff will also be bolstered considerably by the return of junior left-hander Lane Mestepey, a two-time all-SEC performer who sat out in 2003 while recovering from shoulder surgery.

Laval said Mestepey, a product of Zachary, La., should be at full strength when the Tigers open the '04 season with

a three-game series at Central Florida.

"I think Lane should be able to go full tilt," Laval said. "He hasn't missed any of his bullpen work over the summer and fall. Being ready in February should be no problem for him. We're obviously very excited to have him back."

Also returning to the staff are senior right-hander Nate Bumstead and sophomore right-hander Justin Meier, who combined for 19 wins last season as part of LSU's weekend rotation. Bumstead, a second-team all-SEC selection, emerged as the Tigers' No. 1 starter, posting an 11-4 mark and a 4.42 ERA in 110 innings with 88 strikeouts and 28 walks. Meier earned 2003 Freshman all-America honors as he recorded an 8-3 mark and a 2.83 ERA in 95.1 innings with 62 strikeouts and 25 walks.

Sophomore left-hander Jason

Determann, LSU's top returning reliever, was also named to the 2003 Freshman all-America squad. The Baton Rouge native was 7-0 with a 2.94 ERA in 67.1 innings with 51 strikeouts and 11 walks.

Sophomore left-hander Greg Smith (0-2, 4.01 ERA) and junior right-hander Jordan Faircloth (0-0, 4.63 ERA) will provide bullpen support. Junior right-hander Brandon Nall (0-1, 2.45 ERA, 2 SV) may return to the mound this season after receiving a medical redshirt (shoulder) in 2003.

Two other pitchers who received medical redshirts last season - freshman left-hander Clay Dirks and junior right-hander Collin Smith - should make significant impacts this spring. True freshmen right-handers Michael Bonura and Kyle Perry may also develop as relievers as the season progresses.

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Pitchers Returning

Player	R/L	Cl.-Exp.	W-L	ERA	IP	BB	SO	Notable
* Lane Mestepey	L	Jr.-2L	11-5	2.59	142.1	17	74	Medical redshirt in '03 (shoulder surgery)
Justin Meier	R	So.-1L	8-3	2.83	95.1	25	62	2003 first-team Freshman all-American
Nate Bumstead	R	Sr.-1L	11-4	4.42	110.0	28	88	2003 second-team all-SEC
Jason Determann	L	So.-1L	7-0	2.94	67.1	11	51	2003 first-team Freshman all-American
Greg Smith	L	So.-1L	0-2	4.01	33.2	7	30	2.1 scoreless innings in '03 NCAA Tournament
Brandon Nall	R	Jr.-RS	0-1	2.45	7.1	2	3	Suffered early season-ending shoulder injury
Jordan Faircloth	R	Jr.-1L	0-0	4.63	11.2	2	5	.211 opponent batting average vs. LH hitters
Clay Dirks	L	Fr.-RS						Medical redshirt in 2003
Collin Smith	R	Jr.-RS						Medical redshirt in 2003

* - Mestepey's 2002 stats

Pitchers Lost

Player	R/L	Cl.	W-L	ERA	SV	IP	BB	SO	Reason for leaving
Bo Pettit	R	Sr.	9-2	5.90	1	103.2	47	99	Signed with Twins
Brian Wilson	R	Jr.	5-3	3.38	0	50.2	13	35	Signed with Giants
Billy Sadler	R	Jr.	1-2	3.89	4	44.0	27	57	Signed with Giants
Jake Tompkins	R	Sr.	3-5	5.23	2	65.1	25	75	Signed with Phillies
Chad Vaughn	R	Sr.	1-0	7.94	0	11.1	6	9	Completed eligibility

Top Newcomers-Pitchers

Player	R/L	Cl.	Hometown (2003 School)
Kyle Perry	R	Fr.	Galveston, Texas (Ball HS)
Michael Bonura	R	Fr.	Destrehan, La. (St. Charles Catholic HS)



Pitcher Justin Meier



Pitcher Lane Mestepey



Catcher Matt Liuzza

DEPTH CHART

First Base

21	Clay Harris	R-R	6-4	230	Jr.
25	Will Harris	R-R	6-3	240	So.
50	Jordan Mayer	R-R	6-3	235	Fr.

Second Base

7	Ivan Naccarata	L-R	5-10	185	Sr.
34	Matt Horwath	R-R	5-9	175	Fr.

Shortstop

3	Blake Gill	L-R	5-10	190	Jr.
34	Matt Horwath	R-R	5-9	175	Fr.

Third Base

4	Bryan Harris	R-R	6-2	195	So.
7	Ivan Naccarata	L-R	5-10	185	Sr.

Catcher

14	Matt Liuzza	R-R	6-0	190	So.
43	Nick Stavinoha	R-R	6-1	220	Jr.
9	Dustin Weaver	R-R	5-10	185	Jr.

Left Field

12	Ryan Patterson	R-R	5-11	200	Jr.
40	Quinn Stewart	R-R	6-0	205	Jr.

Center Field

1	J.C. Holt	L-R	5-9	170	Jr.
24	Bruce Sprowl	L-R	5-8	170	Jr.

Right Field

16	Jon Zeringue	R-R	6-2	205	Jr.
32	Rhett Buteau	L-R	5-8	160	Jr.

Designated Hitter

43	Nick Stavinoha	R-R	6-1	220	Jr.
25	Will Harris	R-R	6-3	240	So.
50	Jordan Mayer	R-R	6-3	235	Fr.

Weekend Pitching Rotation

41	Nate Bumstead	RH	6-1	210	Sr.
35	Justin Meier	RH	6-0	210	So.
46	Lane Mestepey	LH	6-0	195	Jr.

Mid-Week Starters/Relievers

33	Jason Determann	LH	5-10	170	So.
27	Greg Smith	LH	6-0	190	So.
13	Clay Dirks	LH	6-4	235	Fr.
6	Collin Smith	RH	5-10	195	Jr.
29	Jordan Faircloth	RH	6-3	215	Jr.
8	Brandon Nall	RH	6-3	180	Jr.
28	Michael Bonura	RH	6-1	175	Fr.
49	Kyle Perry	RH	6-0	200	Fr.

2004 PRE-SEASON POLLS

Collegiate Baseball

- Rice (58-12)
Miami, Fla. (45-17-1)
- LSU (45-22-1)
- Georgia Tech (44-18)
- Texas (50-20)
- Stanford (51-18)
- Arizona State (54-14)
- Cal State Fullerton (50-16)
- Wichita State (49-27)
- Notre Dame (45-18)
- Baylor (45-23)
- Long Beach State (41-20)
- Tulane* (44-19)
- South Carolina* (45-22)
- Florida (37-21-1)
- Southern California (28-28)
- Clemson (39-22)
- Auburn* (42-21)
- Florida Atlantic (47-16)
- Nebraska (47-18)
- North Carolina (42-23)
- Arizona (35-23)
- Washington (42-18)
- Florida State (54-13-1)
- Minnesota (40-22)

Baseball America

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(2003 records in parentheses)

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ALABAMA

Friday, April 30 at Baton Rouge - 6:30 p.m. (Cox Sports)
 Saturday, May 1 at Baton Rouge - 2 p.m.
 Sunday, May 2 at Baton Rouge - 1 p.m.

Location:Tuscaloosa, Ala.
 Enrollment:20,000
 Nickname:Crimson Tide
 Colors:Crimson and White
 Conference:Southeastern (Western Division)
 President:Dr. Robert E. Witt (Bates College, 1962)
 Athletic Director:Mal Moore (Alabama, 1961)
 Home Park (Capacity): Sewell-Thomas Stadium (6,118)
 Dimensions: ..LF-325; LC-365; CF-400; RC-365; RF-325
 Press Box Phone:(205) 348-4927
 Head Coach: Jim Wells (Northwestern State, 1980)
 Record at Alabama:409-176 (.699/9 years)
 Career Record:601-265 (.694/14 years)
 Baseball Office Phone:(205) 348-3841
 Best Time to Contact:Weekday mornings, CT
 Assistant Coaches: Todd Butler (McNeese State, 1991) and Jim Gatewood (Henderson State, 1988)
 2003 Record:38-24
 SEC Record (Finish):14-16 (5th in West, tied for 7th overall)
 Post Season:4-0 in SEC Tournament (champions); 1-2 in NCAA College Station Regional (3rd)
 Final Rankings:Not Ranked
 Lettermen Returning/Lost:16/9
 Position Starters Returning/Lost:5/4
 Pitchers Returning/Lost:7/3
 Top Returning Position Players: Soph. C Charlie Lyons (.270, 1 HR, 13 RBI); Jr. 2B Allen Rice (.260, 7 HR, 40 RBI); Jr. 1B Zac Welch (.333, 4 HR, 39 RBI)
 Top Returning Pitchers: Jr. LH Brent Carter (10-3, 3.30); Jr. LH Taylor Tankersley (7-5, 5.88)
 Top Newcomers: Fr. LHP/OF Brandon Belcher; Soph. RHP/INF Matt Downs; Fr. LHP Wade LeBlanc
 Series Record vs. LSU:Alabama leads, 182-135-1
 2003 Series:Tied, 2-2 (2-4, 10-6, 11-10 at Tuscaloosa; 3-10 in SEC Tournament)
 Smoke Laval vs. Alabama:7-6
 Jim Wells vs. LSU:19-26
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Jim Wells
HEAD COACH

AUBURN

Friday, April 2 at Auburn - 6:30 p.m.
 Saturday, April 3 at Auburn - 3 p.m.
 Sunday, April 4 at Auburn - 1:30 p.m. (Jumbo Sports)

Location:Auburn, Ala.
 Enrollment:21,775
 Nickname:Tigers
 Colors:Burnt Orange and Navy Blue
 Conference:Southeastern (Western Division)
 President:Dr. William Walker (Texas, 1960)
 Athletic Director:David Housel (Auburn, 1969)
 Home Park (Capacity): Hitchcock Field at Plainsman Park (4,096)
 Dimensions: ..LF-315; LC-335/385; CF-385; RC-360; RF-331
 Press Box Phone:(334) 844-4138
 Head Coach:Steve Renfroe (Auburn, 1982)
 Record at Auburn:113-68 (.624/3 years)
 Career Record:113-68 (.624/3 years)
 Baseball Office Phone:(334) 844-4975
 Best Time to Contact:Weekday mornings CT, through Kirk Sampson
 Assistant Coaches:Mark Fuller (Auburn, 1992) and Chris Finwood (VMI, 1988)
 2003 Record: 42-21
 SEC Record (Finish): 18-12 (2nd in West, 3rd overall)
 Post Season: 2-2 in SEC Tournament (tied for 3rd); 2-2 in NCAA Auburn Regional (2nd)
 Final Rankings:18th Baseball America, 20th Collegiate Baseball, 17th ESPN/USA Today
 Lettermen Returning/Lost:16/8
 Position Starters Returning/Lost:6/2
 Pitchers Returning/Lost:9/3
 Top Returning Position Players: Sr. IF Karl Amonite (.330, 12 HR, 56 RBI); Soph. C Josh Bell (.295, 8 HR, 35 RBI); Jr. OF Shawn Gamble (.300, 3 HR, 33 RBI); Jr. IF Tug Hulett (.373, 2 HR, 39 RBI)
 Top Returning Pitchers: Sr. RH Cory Dueitt (7-2, 3.23, 1 SV); Sr. RH Colby Paxton (7-3, 3.57); Jr. RH Steven Register (3-3, 2.94, 16 SV)
 Top Newcomers: Fr. LHP Colin Carter; Fr. LHP Mike Felix; Fr. IF Cory Zimmerman
 Series Record vs. LSU:LSU leads, 70-56
 2003 Series:LSU, 2-1 (6-5, 20-3, 8-14 at Baton Rouge)
 Smoke Laval vs. Auburn:5-2
 Steve Renfroe vs. LSU:4-6
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Steve Renfroe
HEAD COACH

ARKANSAS

Friday, April 9 at Baton Rouge - 6:30 p.m.
 Saturday, April 10 at Baton Rouge - 2 p.m. (SEC-TV)
 Sunday, April 11 at Baton Rouge - 1 p.m. (Cox Sports)

Location:Fayetteville, Ark.
 Enrollment:16,035
 Nickname:Razorbacks
 Colors:Cardinal and White
 Conference:Southeastern (Western Division)
 Chancellor:Dr. John A. White (Arkansas, 1961)
 Athletic Director:Frank Broyles (Georgia Tech, 1947)
 Home Park (Capacity):Baum Stadium (5,777)
 Dimensions: ..LF-320; LC-375; CF-400; RC-375; RF-320
 Press Box Phone:(479) 575-7481
 Head Coach:Dave Van Horn (Arkansas, 1988)
 Record at Arkansas:35-22 (.612/1 year)
 Career Record:620-271 (.696/15 years)
 Baseball Office Phone:(479) 575-3655
 Best Time to Contact:Weekday mornings, CT
 Assistant Coaches: Dave Jorj (Southeast Missouri, 1981) and Matt Deggs (Northwood, 1994)
 2003 Record:35-22
 SEC Record (Finish):14-16 (6th in West, tied for 6th overall)
 Post Season: 0-2 in SEC Tournament (tied for 7th); 1-2 in NCAA Austin Regional (3rd)
 Final Rankings:Not Ranked
 Lettermen Returning/Lost:12/10
 Position Starters Returning/Lost:6/3
 Pitchers Returning/Lost:5/5
 Top Returning Position Players: Jr. C Brady Toops (.304, 4 HR, 24 RBI); Sr. 1B Haas Pratt (.310, 10 HR, 48 RBI); Jr. 3B Clay Goodwin (.332, 2 HR, 31 RBI)
 Top Returning Pitchers: Soph. RH Charley Boyce (6-5, 3.48); Sr. LH Jay Sawatski (3-3, 3.44, 3 SV)
 Top Newcomers: Jr. OF/INF Casey Rowlett; Jr. OF Matt Fry; Fr. INF Danny Hamblin
 Series Record vs. LSU:LSU leads, 30-13
 2003 Series:LSU, 3-1 (11-3, 5-6 in 10 innings, 6-2 at Fayetteville; 5-4 in SEC Tournament)
 Smoke Laval vs. Arkansas:6-2
 Dave Van Horn vs. LSU:3-6
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Dave Van Horn
HEAD COACH

FLORIDA

No Regular Season Meetings in 2004;
 possible opponent in SEC Tournament

Location:Gainesville, Fla.
 Enrollment:48,184
 Nickname:Gators
 Colors:Orange and Blue
 Conference:Southeastern (Eastern Division)
 President:Dr. Charles E. Young (Cal-Riverside, 1955)
 Athletic Director:Jeremy Foley (Hobart, 1974)
 Home Park (Capacity): Alfred A. McKethan Stadium at Perry Field (5,000)
 Dimensions: ..LF-329; LC-365; CF-400; RC-375; RF-325
 Press Box Phone:(352) 375-4683
 Head Coach:Pat McMahon (Stetson, 1976)
 Record at Florida:83-40-1 (.675/2 years)
 Career Record:436-214-1 (.671/11 years)
 Baseball Office Phone:(352) 375-4683 ext. 4457
 Best Time to Contact:Weekday mornings, ET through Brian Deitz
 Assistant Coaches: Ross Jones (North Florida, 1993); Tom Slater (VMI, 1990) and Brian Fleetwood (North Florida, 1996)
 2003 Record:37-21-1
 SEC Record (Finish):13-16-1 (3rd in East, 9th overall)
 Post Season:3-2 in NCAA Coral Gables Regional (2nd)
 Final Rankings:Not Ranked
 Lettermen Returning/Lost:18/9
 Position Starters Returning/Lost:9/7
 Pitchers Returning/Lost:15/3
 Top Returning Position Players: Jr. OF Jeff Coralett (.313, 6 HR, 44 RBI); Sr. OF Ben Harrison (.362, 11 HR, 61 RBI); Jr. 1B C.J. Smith (.337, 17 HR, 64 RBI)
 Top Returning Pitchers: Soph. RB Bryan Ball (4-2, 4.50); Jr. RH Connor Falkenbach (4-2, 3.86, 3 SV); Jr. RH Justin Hoyman (8-6, 3.31)
 Top Newcomers: Soph. OF Daniel Brooks; Fr. INF Adam Davis; Fr. RHP Matt Fuchs
 Series Record vs. LSU:LSU leads, 45-24-1
 2003 Series:LSU, 2-0-1 (9-0, 3-2, 8-8 in Baton Rouge)
 Smoke Laval vs. Florida:4-1-1
 Pat McMahon vs. LSU:9-12-1
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Pat McMahon
HEAD COACH

GEORGIA

Friday, April 16 at Baton Rouge - 6:30 p.m. (Cox Sports)
 Saturday, April 17 at Baton Rouge - 2 p.m.
 Sunday, April 18 at Baton Rouge - 1 p.m.

Location:Athens, Ga.
 Enrollment: 32,941
 Nickname:Bulldogs
 Colors:Red and Black
 Conference:Southeastern (Eastern Division)
 President:Dr. Michael Adams (David Lipscomb, 1970)
 Athletic Director:Vince Dooley (Auburn, 1954)
 Home Park (Capacity):Foley Field (3,291)
 Dimensions:LF-350; LC-375; CF-410; RC-375; RF-320
 Press Box Phone:(706) 542-6161/6162
 Head Coach:David Perno (Georgia, 1991)

Record at Georgia:61-55 (.526/2 years)
 Career Record:61-55 (.526/2 years)
 Baseball Office Phone:(706) 542-7971
 Best Time to Contact:Weekday mornings, ET
 Assistant Coaches:Butch Thompson (Birmingham Southern, 1992); Don Norris (Georgia, 1992) and Jason Eller (Georgia State, 1998)
 2003 Record:29-26
 SEC Record (Finish):10-20 (5th in East, 11th overall)
 Post Season:None
 Final Rankings:Not Ranked
 Lettermen Returning/Lost:19/11
 Position Starters Returning/Lost:4/5
 Pitchers Returning/Lost:12/2
 Top Returning Position Players:Jr. C Clint Sammons (.273, 0 HR, 21 RBI); Soph. OF Kyle Keen (.343, 0 HR, 6 RBI); Jr. INF/OF Josh Smith (.338, 1 HR, 26 RBI)
 Top Returning Pitchers:Sr. LH Paul Lubrano (5-3, 3.96); Soph. RH Michael Hyle (6-1, 3.32); Soph. RH Brent Benefield (2-3, 2.47, 3 SV)
 Top Newcomers:Fr. RHP/INF Brooks Brown; Fr. INF Brandon Lowe; Fr. OF/1B Josh Morris
 Series Record vs. LSU:LSU leads, 46-12-1
 2003 Series:LSU, 3-0 (12-5, 13-6, 3-2 at Athens)
 Smoke Laval vs. Georgia:6-0
 David Perno vs. LSU:0-6
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David Perno
HEAD COACH

KENTUCKY

Friday, May 7 at Lexington - 6:30 p.m. EDT
 Saturday, May 8 at Lexington - 2 p.m. EDT
 Sunday, May 9 at Lexington - 1 p.m. EDT (Jumbo Sports)

Location:Lexington, Ky.
 Enrollment: 35,052
 Nickname:Wildcats
 Colors:Blue and White
 Conference:Southeastern (Eastern Division)
 President:Dr. Lee T. Todd (Kentucky, 1968)
 Athletic Director:Mitch Barnhart (Ottawa, 1981)
 Home Park (Capacity):Cliff Hagan Stadium (3,000)
 Dimensions:LF-340; LC-365; CF-390; RC-350; RF-310
 Press Box Phone:(859) 257-9013
 Head Coach:John Cohen (Mississippi State, 1990)
 Record at Kentucky:First Season
 Career Record:146-84 (.635/4 years)
 Baseball Office Phone:(859) 257-3013
 Best Time to Contact:Weekdays ET, through Patrick Mitchell
 Assistant Coaches:Gary Henderson (San Diego State, 1983) and Jan Weisberg (Kentucky, 1993)
 2003 Record:24-32
 SEC Record (Finish):9-20 (6th in East, 12th overall)
 Post Season:None
 Final Rankings:Not Ranked
 Lettermen Returning/Lost:25/6
 Position Starters Returning/Lost:6/3
 Pitchers Returning/Lost:10/2
 Top Returning Position Players:Sr. 1B Mike Breyman (.315, 13 HR, 42 RBI); Sr. INF Spencer Graeter (.290, 4 HR, 23 RBI); Sr. OF Caleb Stewart (.306, 4 HR, 25 RBI)
 Top Returning Pitchers:Soph. RH Kalen Gibson (3-3, 3.41, 3 SV)
 Top Newcomers:Fr. OF Billy Grace; Fr. INF John Shelby
 Series Record vs. LSU:LSU leads, 29-13
 2003 Series:Did Not Play (LSU 6-2, 9-5, 5-9 at Baton Rouge in 2001)
 Smoke Laval vs. Kentucky:0-0
 John Cohen vs. LSU:0-0
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John Cohen
HEAD COACH

OLE MISS

Friday, May 21 at Oxford - 6:30 p.m.
 Saturday, May 22 at Oxford - 3 p.m. (SEC-TV)
 Sunday, May 23 at Oxford - 1:30 p.m. (Jumbo Sports)

Location:Oxford, Miss.
 Enrollment:14,960
 Nickname:Rebels
 Colors:Cardinal Red and Navy Blue
 Conference:Southeastern (Western Division)
 Chancellor:Dr. Robert C. Khayat (Ole Miss, 1961)
 Athletic Director:Pete Boone (Ole Miss, 1972)
 Home Park (Capacity): Oxford-University Stadium/Swayze Field (3,500)
 Dimensions:LF-330; LC-375; CF-400; RC-375; RF-330
 Press Box Phone:(662) 915-7858
 Head Coach:Mike Bianco (LSU, 1990)
 Record at Ole Miss:111-69-1 (.616/3 years)
 Career Record:211-140-1 (.601/6 years)
 Baseball Office Phone:(662) 915-6643
 Best Time to Contact:Weekday mornings, CT
 Assistant Coaches:Dan McDonnell (The Citadel, 1992); Clint Carver (McNeese State, 1998) and Kyle Bunn (The Citadel, 1999)
 2003 Record:35-27
 SEC Record (Finish):17-13 (4th in West, 5th overall)
 Post Season: 1-2 in SEC Tournament (tied for 5th); 1-2 in NCAA Houston Regional (3rd)
 Final Rankings:Not Ranked
 Lettermen Returning/Lost:18/16
 Position Starters Returning/Lost:5/3
 Pitchers Returning/Lost:9/9
 Top Returning Position Players:Soph. 1B Stephen Head (.337, 6 HR, 44 RBI); Jr. OF Seth Smith (.333, 5 HR, 35 RBI); Sr. SS Matt Tolbert (.301, 1 HR, 22 RBI); Soph. INF Brian Pettway (.266, 8 HR, 39 RBI)
 Top Returning Pitchers: Soph. LH Stephen Head (4-1, 1.40, 13 SV); Soph. RH Anthony Cupps (4-3, 2.92, 2 SV); Soph. LH Brae Wright (4-4, 3.49, 1 SV)
 Top Newcomers: Fr. C Justin Brashear; Fr. INF Chris Coghlan; Jr. LHP Chris Holloman
 Series Record vs. LSU:LSU leads, 150-127
 2003 Series:LSU, 2-1 (2-7, 14-6, 13-5 at Baton Rouge)
 Smoke Laval vs. Ole Miss:3-5
 Mike Bianco vs. LSU:6-10
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Mike Bianco
HEAD COACH

MISSISSIPPI STATE

Friday, March 26 at Baton Rouge - 6:30 p.m.
 Saturday, March 27 at Baton Rouge - 2 p.m.
 Sunday, March 28 at Baton Rouge - 1 p.m.

Location:Starkville, Miss.
 Enrollment: 16,236
 Nickname:Bulldogs
 Colors:Maroon and White
 Conference:Southeastern (Western Division)
 President:Dr. J. Charles Lee (North Carolina State, 1964)
 Athletic Director: Larry Templeton (Mississippi State, 1969)
 Home Park (Capacity): Dudy Noble Field, Polk DeMent Stadium (15,000)
 Dimensions:LF-330; LC-373; CF-390; RC-373; RF-326
 Press Box Phone:(662) 325-3776
 Head Coach:Ron Polk (Grand Canyon, 1965)
 Record at Mississippi State:964-466-2 (.674/24 years)
 Career Record:1,198-578-2 (.674/30 years)
 Baseball Office Phone:(662) 325-3597
 Best Time to Contact:Weekday mornings, CT
 Assistant Coaches: Russ McNickle (South Alabama, 1988); Tommy Raffo (Mississippi State, 1990) and Daron Schoenrock (Tennessee Tech, 1984)
 2003 Record:42-20-1
 SEC Record (Finish):17-12 (3rd in West, 4th overall)
 Post Season: 2-2 in SEC Tournament (tied for 3rd); 2-2 in NCAA Starkville Regional (2nd)
 Final Rankings: 24th Baseball America, 24th Collegiate Baseball, 19th ESPN/USA Today
 Lettermen Returning/Lost:17/13
 Position Starters Returning/Lost:6/2
 Pitchers Returning/Lost:7/9
 Top Returning Position Players: Soph. 2B/C Thomas Berkery (.269, 6 HR, 34 RBI); Sr. 3B Steve Gendron (.333, 1 HR, 35 RBI); Soph. OF Jon Mungle (.260, 7 HR, 35 RBI); Soph. C Craig Tatum (.302, 6 HR, 33 RBI)
 Top Returning Pitchers: Soph. RH Jamie Gant (6-1, 1.15, 1 SV); Jr. RH Alan Johnson (5-5, 4.77); Sr. RH Jeff Lacher (6-0, 3.61)
 Top Newcomers: Fr. RHP Jesse Carver; Fr. RHP Jon Crosby; Fr. SS/2B Michael Ledger Series Record vs. LSU:Mississippi State leads, 187-152-1
 2003 Series:LSU, 3-2 (2-4, 0-5, 6-1 at Starkville; 7-2, 17-5 in SEC Tournament)
 Smoke Laval vs. Mississippi State:5-12
 Ron Polk vs. LSU:64-49
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Ron Polk
HEAD COACH

SEC Opponents

SOUTH CAROLINA

Friday, March 19 at Columbia - 7 p.m. EST
 Saturday, March 20 at Columbia - 4 p.m. EST
 Sunday, March 21 at Columbia - 1:30 p.m. EST (Jumbo Sports)

Location:Columbia, S.C.
 Enrollment:25,140
 Nickname:Gamecocks
 Colors:Garnet and Black
 Conference:Southeastern (Eastern Division)
 President:Dr. Andrew Sorensen (Yale, 1962)
 Athletic Director:Dr. Mike McGee (Duke, 1960)
 Home Park (Capacity):Sarge Frye Field (6,000)
 Dimensions:LF-330; LC-360; CF-390; RC-360; RF-320
 Press Box Phone:(803) 777-6648
 Head Coach:Ray Tanner (N.C. State, 1980)
 Record at South Carolina:319-135 (.703/7 years)
 Career Record:714-308-3 (.698/16 years)
 Baseball Office Phone:(803) 777-1704
 Best Time to Contact:Weekday mornings, ET
 Assistant Coaches: Jerry Meyers (Iowa State, 1987), Jim Toman (N.C. State, 1985) and Monte Lee (College of Charleston, 1999)
 2003 Record:45-22
 SEC Record (Finish):19-11 (1st in East, 2nd overall)
 Post Season: 1-2 in SEC Tournament (tied for 3rd); 1-2 in NCAA Atlanta Regional (champions); 2-0 vs. North Carolina in NCAA Columbia Super Regional; 1-2 in NCAA College World Series (tied for 5th)
 Final Rankings: 10th Baseball America, 7th Collegiate Baseball, 6th ESPN/USA Today
 Lettermen Returning/Lost:16/12
 Position Starters Returning/Lost:6/3
 Pitchers Returning/Lost:6/5
 Top Returning Position Players: Sr. C Landon Powell (.339, 10 HR, 61 RBI); Jr. INF Kevin Melillo (.317, 12 HR, 43 RBI); Sr. INF Bryan Triplett (.311, 7 HR, 47 RBI); Soph. INF/OF Steven Tolleson (.302, 3 HR, 19 RBI)
 Top Returning Pitchers: Jr. LH Matt Campbell (6-4, 3.48, 2 SV); Jr. RH Aaron Rawl (6-3, 3.84, 6 SV); Jr. RH Cliff Donald (0-1, 4.43, 1 SV)
 Top Newcomers: Jr. RHP Chad Blackwell; Fr. INF David Cash; Fr. RHP Andrew Cruse
 Series Record vs. LSU:LSU leads, 20-10-1
 2003 Series:Tied, 2-2 (5-1, 5-8, 12-4 at Baton Rouge; 10-11 in NCAA College World Series)
 Smoke Laval vs. South Carolina:4-6
 Ray Tanner vs. LSU:9-11
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Ray Tanner
 HEAD COACH

VANDERBILT

Friday, May 14 at Baton Rouge - 6:30 p.m. (Cox Sports)
 Saturday, May 15 at Baton Rouge - 2 p.m.
 Sunday, May 16 at Baton Rouge - 1 p.m.

Location:Nashville, Tenn.
 Enrollment:6,319
 Nickname:Commodores
 Colors:Black and Gold
 Conference:Southeastern (Eastern Division)
 Chancellor:Dr. E. Gordon Gee (Utah, 1968)
 Home Park (Capacity):Charles Hawkins Field (1,575)
 Dimensions:LF-310; LC-375; CF-400; RC-375; RF-330
 Press Box Phone:(615) 320-0436
 Head Coach:Tim Corbin (Ohio Wesleyan, 1984)
 Record at Vanderbilt:27-28 (.490/1 year)
 Career Record:27-28 (.490/1 year)
 Baseball Office Phone:(615) 322-4727
 Post Season to Contact:Weekday mornings, CT
 Assistant Coaches:Derek Johnson (Eastern Illinois, 1993) and Erik Bakich (East Carolina, 2000)
 2003 Record:27-28
 SEC Record (Finish):14-16 (2nd in East, tied for 6th overall)
 Post Season:0-2 in SEC Tournament (tied for 7th)
 Final Rankings:Not Ranked
 Lettermen Returning/Lost:18/3
 Position Starters Returning/Lost:9/0
 Pitchers Returning/Lost:4/1
 Top Returning Position Players: Sr. 1B Cesar Nicolas (.313, 7 HR, 33 RBI); Soph. OF Warner Jones (.308, 3 HR, 25 RBI); Jr. SS Ryan Klosterman (.283, 4 HR, 14 RBI)
 Top Returning Pitchers: Jr. LH Jeremy Sowers (7-5, 2.50); Soph. RH Jensen Lewis (3-6, 3.00, 8 SV); Soph. OF Matt Buschmann (6-2, 3.86, 5 SV)
 Top Newcomers: Fr. OF Aaron Garza; Fr. OF Bill Kleinschrodt; Fr. LHP Greg Moviel
 Series Record vs. LSU: LSU leads, 20-10-1
 2003 Series:Vanderbilt, 2-1 (2-4, 4-5, 9-2 at Nashville)
 Smoke Laval vs. Vanderbilt:2-4
 Tim Corbin vs. LSU:2-1
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Tim Corbin
 Head Coach

TENNESSEE

Friday, April 23 at Knoxville - 7 p.m. EDT
 Saturday, April 24 at Knoxville - 7 p.m. EDT
 Sunday, April 25 at Knoxville - 2 p.m. EDT (Jumbo Sports)

Location:Knoxville, Tenn.
 Enrollment:25,793
 Nickname:Volunteers
 Colors:Orange and White
 Conference:Southeastern (Eastern Division)
 President:Dr. Joe Johnson (Birmingham Southern, 1955)
 Athletic Director:Mike Hamilton (Clemson, 1985)
 Home Park (Capacity):Lindsey Nelson Stadium (4,000)
 Dimensions:LF-335; LC-373; CF-404; RC-358; RF-330
 Press Box Phone:(865) 974-3376
 Head Coach:Rod Delmonico (Liberty, 1980)
 Record at Tennessee:550-302 (.646/14 years)
 Career Record:550-302 (.646/14 years)
 Baseball Office Phone:(865) 974-2057
 Best Time to Contact:Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-Noon ET
 Assistant Coaches: Larry Simcox (Ole Miss, 1982); Fred Corral (Sacramento State, 1998) and Clay Greene (Tennessee, 2001)
 2003 Record:31-24
 SEC Record (Finish):13-17 (4th in East, 10th overall)
 Post Season:None
 Final Rankings:Not Ranked
 Lettermen Returning/Lost:17/8
 Position Starters Returning/Lost:6/3
 Pitchers Returning/Lost:10/5
 Top Returning Position Players: Soph. OF Josh Alley (.313, 1 HR, 21 RBI); Sr. SS Brian Cleveland (.271, 4 HR, 32 RBI); Jr. INF Nick Crowe (.327, 2 HR, 29 RBI); Soph. OF Kyle Norrid (.276, 6 HR, 26 RBI)
 Top Returning Pitchers: Jr. RH Joey Andrews (3-1, 4.46, 3 SV); Sr. RH Brandon Crowe (4-1, 5.44); Soph. RH Luke Hochevar (6-5, 4.64, 3 SV); Sr. LH Dusty Johnson (6-1, 3.04); Sr. LH Derek Tharpe (6-6, 3.95)
 Top Newcomers: Fr. RHP Sean Watson; Jr. INF Eric King; Soph. INF Chase Headley
 Series Record vs. LSU:LSU leads, 36-10
 2003 Series:LSU, 3-0 (17-4, 10-6, 15-4 at Baton Rouge)
 Smoke Laval vs. Tennessee:5-1
 Rod Delmonico vs. LSU:8-26
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Rod Delmonico
 HEAD COACH



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Non-Conference Opponents

CENTENARY

Tuesday, February 23 at Shreveport (Fair Grounds Field) - 7 p.m.

Location: Shreveport, La.
 Enrollment: 860
 Nickname: Gentlemen (Gents)
 Colors: Maroon and White
 Conference: Mid-Continent
 President: Dr. Kenneth L. Schwab (Purdue, 1969)
 Athletic Director: Taylor F. Moore (Centenary, 1969)
 Home Park (Capacity): Shehee Stadium (1,000)
 Dimensions: LF-343; LC-365; CF-380; RC-365; RF-343
 Press Box Phone: (318) 869-5250
 Head Coach: Ed McCann (Southeast Oklahoma State, 1977)
 Record at Centenary: .99-180-2 (.355/5 years)
 Career Record: .99-180-2 (.355/5 years)
 Baseball Office Phone: (318) 869-5250
 Best Time to Contact: Weekday mornings, CT
 Assistant Coaches: Ben Adams, Jeremy Cantrell and Zach Cazzelle
 2003 Record: 23-33
 Conference Record (Finish): n/a
 Post Season: None
 Final Ranking: Not Ranked
 Lettermen Returning/Lost: 16/11
 Position Starters Returning/Lost: 5/3
 Pitchers Returning/Lost: 8/3
 Top Returning Position Players: Sr. SS Tony Cardone (.347, 35 RBI, 39 R); Sr. OF Bobby Gilliam (.305, 50 R, 31 SB); Soph. Alex Valdivia UTL (.312, 44 H, 29 R)
 Top Returning Pitchers: Sr. RH Kevin Cassidy (7-5, 4.12); Sr. RH J.C. Biagi (4-2, 5.34); Sr. RH Dan Bria (3-3, 4.50)
 Top Newcomers: Jr. INF David Kiefer; Jr. C Jordan Standefer; Fr. RHP/1B Will Kaage
 Series Record vs. LSU: LSU leads, 25-7-1
 2003 Meeting: LSU, 15-0 at Shreveport
 Smoke Laval vs. Centenary: 17-2
 Ed McCann vs. LSU: 0-4
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CENTRAL FLORIDA

Friday, February 13 at Orlando - 6 p.m. EST
 Saturday, February 14 at Orlando - 1 p.m. EST (Jumbo Sports)
 Sunday, February 15 at Orlando - 1 p.m. EST (Jumbo Sports)

Location: Orlando, Fla.
 Enrollment: 42,000
 Nickname: Golden Knights
 Colors: Black and Gold
 Conference: Atlantic Sun
 President: Dr. John C. Hitt (Austin, 1962)
 Athletic Director: Steve Orsini (Notre Dame, 1978)
 Home Park (Capacity): Jay Bergman Field (1,980)
 Dimensions: LF-325; LC-370; CF-400; RC-370; RF-325
 Press Box Phone: (407) 823-4487
 Head Coach: Jay Bergman (Rollins, 1963)
 Record at Central Florida: .827-474-3 (.636/21 years)
 Career Record: .1223-666-3 (.647/33 years)
 Baseball Office Phone: (407) 823-0140
 Best Time to Contact: Weekdays, ET through Jason Baum
 Assistant Coaches: Craig Cozart (Central Florida, 1996) and Derek Wolfe (Tennessee Wesleyan, 1994)
 2003 Record: 31-25
 Atlantic Sun Record (Finish): 14-16 (9th)
 Post Season: None
 Final Ranking: Not Ranked
 Lettermen Returning/Lost: 18/15
 Position Starters Returning/Lost: 11/8
 Pitchers Returning/Lost: 7/7
 Top Returning Position Players: Soph. C Drew Butera (.305, 1 HR, 30 RBI); Soph. INF Dave Lambert (.403, 2 HR, 20 RBI); Jr. OF Clay Timpner (.347, 1 HR, 35 RBI)
 Top Returning Pitchers: Soph. RH Kyle Bono (4-2, 0.83, 2 SV); Jr. RH Taylor Cobb (4-3, 4.56, 1 SV); Soph. RH Mike Billek (2-0, 4.55, 1 SV)
 Top Newcomers: Fr. RHP Taylor Meier; Jr. INF Kevin Richmond; Fr. RHP Brett Bordwine
 Series Record vs. LSU: LSU leads, 9-2
 Last Series: LSU, 2-1 in 2000 (13-14, 11-4, 4-1 at Orlando)
 Smoke Laval vs. Central Florida: 0-0
 Jay Bergman vs. LSU: 2-9
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HOUSTON

Friday, March 5 at Baton Rouge - 6:30 p.m.
 Saturday, March 6 at Baton Rouge - 2 p.m.
 Sunday, March 7 at Baton Rouge - 1 p.m.

Location: Houston, Texas
 Enrollment: 30,757
 Nickname: Cougars
 Colors: Scarlet and White with Navy Trim
 Conference: Conference USA
 President: Dr. G. Jay Gogue (Auburn, 1969)
 Athletic Director: Dave Maggard (California, 1962)
 Home Park (Capacity): Cougar Field (3,500)
 Dimensions: LF-330; LC-375; CF-390; RC-375; RF-330
 Press Box Phone: (713) 743-0840
 Head Coach: Rayner Noble (Houston, 1983)
 Record at Houston: .331-224 (.596/9 years)
 Career Record: .331-224 (.596/9 years)
 Baseball Office Phone: (713) 743-9396
 Best Time to Contact: Weekday mornings, CT
 Assistant Coaches: Kirk Blount (Houston, 1995) and Sean Allen (Houston, 2001)
 2003 Record: 37-30
 C-USA Record (Finish): 18-12 (4th)
 Post Season: 1-2 in C-USA Tournament (tied for 5th); 4-1 in NCAA College Station regional (champions); 1-2 vs. Rice in NCAA Houston super regional
 Final Rankings: 22nd Baseball America, 16th Collegiate Baseball, 24th ESPN/USA Today
 Lettermen Returning/Lost: 18/9
 Position Starters Returning/Lost: 6/3
 Pitchers Returning/Lost: 10/5
 Top Returning Position Players: Sr. 2B Cole Bruce (.278, 8 HR, 28 RBI); Soph. DH Travis Tully (.350, 0 HR, 28 RBI); Jr. SS Stuart Musslewhite (.261, 1 HR, 26 RBI); Top Returning Pitchers: Jr. RH Garrett Mock (5-4, 4.50); Sr. RH Gene Flores (3-2, 6.70, 1 SV); Sr. RH Bryan Harris (2-0, 5.09)
 Top Newcomers: Fr. INF Patrick Gaylord; Sr. OF Patrick Breen; Fr. RHP Brad Depoy
 Series Record vs. LSU: Houston leads, 19-12
 2003 Series: Tied, 1-1 (2-7, 5-2 at Baton Rouge)
 Smoke Laval vs. Houston: 2-3
 Rayner Noble vs. LSU: 7-7
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JACKSONVILLE STATE

Friday, February 20 at Baton Rouge - 6:30 p.m.
 Saturday, February 21 at Baton Rouge - 2 p.m.
 Sunday, February 22 at Baton Rouge - Noon

Location: Jacksonville, Ala.
 Enrollment: 9,067
 Nickname: Gamecocks
 Colors: Red and White
 Conference: Ohio Valley
 President: Dr. William A. Meehan (Alabama, 1977)
 Athletic Director: Jim Fuller (Alabama, 1967)
 Home Park (Capacity): Rudy Abbott Field (1,500)
 Dimensions: LF-330; LC-375; CF-400; RC-380; RF-335
 Press Box Phone: (256) 782-5533
 Head Coach: Jim Case (Louisiana Tech, 1983)
 Record at JSU: 55-57 (.491/2 years)
 Career Record: 55-57 (.491/2 years)
 Baseball Office Phone: (256) 782-5367
 Best Time to Contact: Weekday mornings, CT through Greg Seitz
 Assistant Coaches: Steve Gillispie (Fort Hays State, 1988) and Matt Ishee (Mississippi State, 1999)
 2003 Record: 32-26
 Atlantic Sun Record (Finish): 19-14 (tied for 3rd)
 Post Season: 1-2 at Atlantic Sun Tournament (3rd)
 Final Ranking: Not Ranked
 Lettermen Returning/Lost: 16/11
 Position Starters Returning/Lost: 6/3
 Pitchers Returning/Lost: 5/8
 Top Returning Position Players: Sr. OF Matt Ruckdeschel (.328, 0 HR, 30 RBI); Jr. 1B/3B Clint Carroll (.344, 0 HR, 17 RBI); Jr. 1B Brian Haskins (.309, 3 HR, 21 RBI)
 Top Returning Pitchers: Sr. RH C.R. Palmer (7-5, 4.67); Soph. RH Josh Forrest (3-1, 2.39, 6 SV); Sr. RH Bobby Wynns (2-2, 5.56, 5 SV)
 Top Newcomers: Fr. RHP Jon Clements; Fr. RHP Brett Harris; Fr. SS Jake Ball
 Series Record vs. LSU: First Meeting
 Smoke Laval vs. JSU: First Meeting
 Jim Case vs. LSU: 0-0
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LOUISIANA-MONROE

Tuesday, February 17 at Baton Rouge - 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 9 at Monroe - 6:30 p.m. (Jumbo Sports)

Location: Monroe, La.
Enrollment: 8,151
Nickname: Indians
Colors: Maroon and Gold
Conference: Southland
President: Dr. James E. Cofer, Sr. (Mississippi State, 1971)
Athletic Director: Bruce Hanks (UL-Monroe, 1976)
Home Park (Capacity): Indian Field (3,000)
Dimensions: LF-330; LC-375; CF-400; RC-375; RF-330
Press Box Phone: (318) 342-5476
Head Coach: Brad Holland (McNeese State, 1994)
Record at ULM: 94-81 (.537/3 years)
Career Record: 94-81 (.537/3 years)
Baseball Office Phone: (318) 342-3591
Best Time to Contact: Weekday mornings, CT
Assistant Coaches: Terry Burrows (McNeese State, 2003);
Jeremy Talbot (Nicholls State, 1998) and Britten Oubre (Southeastern Louisiana, 1985)
2003 Record: 29-28
Southland Record (Finish): 12-14 (6th)
Post Season: 2-2 in SLC Tournament (3rd)
Final Ranking: Not Ranked
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 22/8
Position Starters Returning/Lost: 6/4
Pitchers Returning/Lost: 8/5
Top Returning Position Players: Jr. 1B Ben Jones (.333, 9 HR, 55 RBI);
Jr. C/DH Daniel Raymond (.275, 1 HR, 33 RBI); Sr. OF Kade Eady (.308, 1 HR, 9 RBI)
Top Returning Pitchers: Soph. RH Matt Green (2-3, 5.25);
Jr. RH Matt Guillory (3-2, 6.15); Sr. RH Jim Miller (1-0, 4.50, 1 SV)
Top Newcomers: Jr. CF Glenn Jackson; Soph. LF Andy Jones;
Fr. C Josh Morrison
Series Record vs. LSU: LSU leads, 33-8
2003 Meeting: LSU, 1-0 (9-4 at Baton Rouge)
Smoke Laval vs. ULM: 5-0
Brad Holland vs. LSU: 1-6
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NEW ORLEANS

Tuesday, March 16 at Baton Rouge - 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 30 at New Orleans (Maestri Field) - 6:30 p.m. (Jumbo Sports)

Location: New Orleans, La.
Enrollment: 17,320
Nickname: Privateers
Colors: Silver and Blue
Conference: Sun Belt
President: Dr. Timothy Ryan (UNO, 1971)
Athletic Director: James W. "Jim" Miller (Kentucky, 1970)
Home Park (Capacity): Maestri Field at Privateer Park (4,200)
Dimensions: LF-330; LC-370; CF-405; RC-370; RF-330
Press Box Phone: (504) 280-7027
Head Coach: Randy Bush (UNO, 1994)
Record at UNO: 117-117 (.500/4 years)
Career Record: 117-117 (.500/4 years)
Baseball Office Phone: (504) 280-7253
Best Time to Contact: Weekday mornings, CT
Assistant Coaches: Kenny Bonura (UNO, 1986)
and Mikel Moreno (Arizona State, 2000)
2003 Record: 23-32
Sun Belt Record (Finish): 7-17 (9th)
Post Season: None
Final Ranking: Not Ranked
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 17/7
Position Starters Returning/Lost: 7/2
Starting Pitchers Returning/Lost: 4/1
Top Returning Position Players: Jr. OF Joe Pietro (.384, 2 HR, 19 RBI);
Sr. C Mike Knuckles (.325, 4 HR, 21 RBI); Sr. OF Mike Forbes (.289, 7 HR, 37 RBI)
Top Returning Pitchers: Sr. RH Michael Jones (5-5, 5.17);
Jr. RH Thomas Diamond (0-3, 5.89)
Top Newcomers: Sr. INF Jay Yaconetti; Fr. OF Tony Gonzalez;
Jr. LHP Matt Crockett
Series Record vs. LSU: LSU leads, 41-30
2003 Series: Tied, 1-1 (4-5 at Metairie, 7-2 at Baton Rouge)
Smoke Laval vs. UNO: 6-7
Randy Bush vs. LSU: 1-7
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NICHOLLS STATE

Tuesday, April 13 at Baton Rouge - 6:30 p.m.

Location: Thibodaux, La.
Enrollment: 7,262
Nickname: Colonels
Colors: Red and Gray
Conference: Southland
President: Dr. Stephen T. Hulbert (Worcester State)
Athletic Director: Rob Bernardi (Cal-State Northridge, 1983)
Home Park (Capacity): Raymond E. Didier Field (1,000)
Dimensions: LF-331; LC-365; CF-401; RC-365; RF-331
Press Box Phone: (985) 448-4281
Head Coach: B.D. Parker (Labor College, 1982)
Record at Nicholls State: 103-117 (.468/4 years)
Career Record: 584-382 (.605/18 years)
Baseball Office Phone: (985) 448-4808
Best Time to Contact: Weekday mornings, CT
Assistant Coaches: Gerald Cassard and Jeff McCannon
2003 Record: 22-32
Southland Record (Finish): 7-20 (10th)
Post Season: None
Final Ranking: Not Ranked
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 9/12
Position Starters Returning/Lost: 3/7
Pitchers Returning/Lost: 3/5
Top Returning Position Players: Sr. INF David Tano (.378, 1 HR, 33 RBI);
Jr. INF Jacob Naquin (.266, 1 HR, 18 RBI); Sr. INF Jeremy Helton (.311, 0 HR, 15 RBI)
Top Returning Pitchers: Jr. RH Robbie Hebert (3-7, 6.93);
Sr. RH Casey Duhe (3-1, 6.16); Sr. RH Mike Prejan (1-6, 7.32)
Top Newcomers: Jr. INF Anthony Hatch; Fr. RHP Ray Labat;
Jr. RHP Neal Cannon
Series Record vs. LSU: LSU leads, 37-21
2003 Meeting: LSU, 6-2 at Baton Rouge
Smoke Laval vs. Nicholls State: 22-6
B.D. Parker vs. LSU: 0-2
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SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA

Wednesday, February 25 at Metairie (Zephyr Field) - 6:30 p.m.
Friday, March 12 at Baton Rouge - 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 13 at Baton Rouge - 2 p.m.
Sunday, March 14 at Baton Rouge - 1 p.m. (Cox Sports)

Location: Hammond, La.
Enrollment: 15,562
Nickname: Lions or Fighting Lions
Colors: Green and Gold
Conference: Southland
President: Dr. M. Randy Moffett (Louisiana Tech, 1969)
Athletic Director: Frank S. Pergolizzi (Williams, 1978)
Home Park (Capacity): Alumni Field (2,000)
Dimensions: LF-320; LC-365; CF-400; RC-365; RF-320
Press Box Phone: (985) 549-2431
Head Coach: Dan Canevari (Miami, Fla., 1980)
Record at SLU: 18-35 (.340/1 year)
Career Record: 18-35 (.340/1 year)
Baseball Office Phone: (985) 549-2896
Best Time to Contact: Weekday mornings, CT
Assistant Coaches: Stephen Labbe (SLU, 2001)
and Graham Martin (SLU, 2003)
2003 Record: 18-35
Southland Record (Finish): 8-18 (9th)
Post Season: None
Final Ranking: Not Ranked
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 11/22
Position Starters Returning/Lost: 3/6
Pitchers Returning/Lost: 5/8
Top Returning Position Players: Sr. 3B Anthony Garibaldi
(.366, 15 HR, 49 RBI); Sr. 1B/DH Jeff Janzen (.313, 4 HR, 36 RBI); Sr. CF Russell Taylor
(.278, 6 HR, 28 RBI)
Top Returning Pitchers: Soph. RH Jeremy Mizell (1-11, 7.06);
Sr. LH Mark Weinmunson (5-6, 6.59); Jr. RH Risley St. Germain (3-5, 4.56, 1 SV)
Top Newcomers: Jr. 1B Trent Hebert; Soph. 2B Corey Penedo;
Jr. RHP Tanna McClure
Series Record vs. LSU: LSU leads, 48-16
2003 Meeting: LSU, 14-8 at Baton Rouge
Smoke Laval vs. SLU: 12-5
Dan Canevari vs. LSU: 0-1
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Non-Conference Opponents

SOUTHERN

Tuesday, April 20 at Baton Rouge (Lee-Hines Field) - 6:30 p.m.

Location: Baton Rouge, La.
 Enrollment: 9,803
 Nickname: Jaguars
 Colors: Blue and Gold
 Conference: Southwestern Athletic
 President: Dr. Edward Jackson
 Athletic Director: Floyd Kerr
 Home Park (Capacity): Lee-Hines Field (1,300)
 Dimensions: LF-330; LC-375; CF-400; RC-375; RF-330
 Press Box Phone: TBA
 Head Coach: Roger Cador (Southern, 1975)
 Record at Southern: .589-295-1 (.666/19 years)
 Career Record: .589-295-1 (.666/19 years)
 Baseball Office Phone: (225) 771-2513
 Best Time to Contact: Weekday mornings, CT
 Assistant Coaches: Barret Rey (Southern, 1997) and Arnold Brathwaite (Southern, 1998)
 2003 Record: .47-7
 Conference Record (Finish): .31-1 (champions)
 Post Season: 3-0 in SWAC Tournament (champions); 1-2 in NCAA Hattiesburg regional (3rd)
 Final Ranking: Not Ranked
 Series Record vs. LSU: LSU leads, 38-1
 2003 Meeting: Rained out
 Smoke Laval vs. Southern: 2-1
 Roger Cador vs. LSU: 1-36
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TEXAS STATE

Friday, February 27 at Baton Rouge - 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 28 at Baton Rouge - 2 p.m.

Sunday, February 29 at Baton Rouge - Noon

Location: San Marcos, Texas
 Enrollment: 26,366
 Nickname: Bobcats
 Colors: Maroon and Gold
 Conference: Southland
 President: Dr. Denise M. Trauth
 Home Park (Capacity): Bobcat Field (1,800)
 Dimensions: LF-320; LC-365; CF-400; RC-365; RF-320
 Head Coach: Ty Harrington (Texas, 1987)
 Record at Texas State: .136-103 (.569/4 years)
 Career Record: .136-103 (.569/4 years)
 Best Time to Contact: Weekday mornings, CT
 Assistant Coaches: Marcus Hendry (Texas, 1996); Howard Bushong (Texas, 1977) and Greg Swindell (Texas, drafted 1986)
 2003 Record: 30-28
 Southland Record: 19-7
 Final Rankings: Not Ranked
 Lettermen Returning/Lost: 21/15
 Position Starters Returning/Lost: 4/5
 Top Returning Position Players: Sr. OF Richard Martinez (.314, 4 HR, 27 RBI); Sr. 1B Mark Cooper (.307, 5 HR, 34 RBI); Sr. OF Evan Tierce (.285, 2 HR, 41 RBI)
 Top Returning Pitchers: Sr. LH Tom Robbins (7-4, 2.70, 1 SV); Sr. LH Paul Schappert (5-6, 5.53); Sr. RH Michael Gultz (0-2, 3.86, 4 SV)
 Series Record vs. LSU: First Meeting
 Smoke Laval vs. Texas State: 13-12
 Ty Harrington vs. LSU: 0-0
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TULANE

Tuesday, March 2 at Metairie (Zephyr Field) - 7 p.m. (Jumbo Sports)

Tuesday, April 6 at Baton Rouge - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 27 at New Orleans (Louisiana Superdome) - 7 p.m.

Location: New Orleans, La.
 Enrollment: 12,381
 Nickname: Green Wave
 Colors: Olive Green and Sky Blue
 Conference: Conference USA
 President: Dr. Scott Cowen (Connecticut, 1968)
 Athletic Director: Rick Dickson (Tulsa, 1976)
 Home Park (Capacity): Turchin Stadium
 Dimensions: LF-325; LC-370; CF-400; RC-370; RF-325
 Press Box Phone: (504) 862-8224
 Head Coach: Rick Jones (UNC-Wilmington, 1975)
 Record at Tulane: 426-204-1 (.676/10 years)
 Career Record: 702-293-1 (.706/17 years)
 Baseball Office Phone: (504) 862-8239
 Best Time to Contact: Weekday mornings, CT through Richie Weaver
 Assistant Coaches: Mark Kingston (North Carolina, 1995); Sean Teague (LSU, 1995) and Matthew Boggs (Georgia Tech, 2001)
 2003 Record: 44-19
 C-USA Record (Finish): 20-10 (3rd)
 Post Season: 3-1 in C-USA Tournament (2nd); 1-2 in NCAA Baton Rouge regional (3rd)
 Final Ranking: Not Ranked
 Lettermen Returning/Lost: 17/13
 Position Starters Returning/Lost: 6/4
 Pitchers Returning/Lost: 10/3
 Top Returning Position Players: Jr. 2B Tommy Manzella (.343, 6 HR, 44 RBI); Soph. RF Brian Bogusevic (.321, 4 HR, 36 RBI); Jr. DH Wes Swackhamer (.297, 10 HR, 39 RBI)
 Top Returning Pitchers: Sr. LH Joey Charron (4-7, 2.63, 12 SV); Soph. LH J.R. Crowel (8-1, 3.40); Sr. RH Cory Hahn (9-1, 3.07)
 Top Newcomers: Jr. OF Matt Barket; Fr. INF Mark Hamilton; Fr. INF Philip Stringer
 Series Record vs. LSU: LSU leads, 153-115-3
 2003 Series: Tied, 2-2 (4-5 at Metairie, 8-0 at Baton Rouge, 5-9 at Superdome, 13-5 in NCAA Baton Rouge regional)
 Smoke Laval vs. Tulane: 5-5
 Rick Jones vs. LSU: 12-14
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SEC TOURNAMENT

May 26-30
Hoover Metropolitan Stadium
Birmingham, Ala.

The 2004 SEC Tournament, which will be held May 26-30, returns to Birmingham's Hoover Metropolitan Stadium for the seventh consecutive year and for the ninth time in the event's history. Last year, the tournament attracted 122,393 fans for the five-day, 13-game event. The total attendance was the second largest in tournament history, and the championship-game attendance (11,705) was the third highest among SEC Tournament title games.



The top two teams from each division receive automatic berths in the tournament, with wild-card berths going to the next four teams with the highest winning percentages, regardless of division.

This will mark the seventh year the tournament has been contested under the "Omaha" format, as eight teams compete in two four-team brackets, with the bracket champions meeting in a one-game championship. The tournament champion earns the SEC's automatic berth to the 64-team NCAA Tournament field.

The championship game, two semi-final contests on Saturday and two elimination games on Friday will be televised as part of the SEC's television package on Fox Sports South. The first and second-round games on Wednesday and Thursday, and two games on Saturday (if necessary) will be televised by ComCast Sports Southeast.

LSU posted a 3-1 mark at the 2003 SEC Tournament, dropping a 10-3 decision to Alabama in the championship game. The Tigers have played in the tournament title game in three of the past four seasons, and, in reaching the "Final Four" of the event last year, LSU sustained an 18-year streak of winning at least one game in the SEC Tournament. Skip Bertman's LSU clubs won six tournament titles (1986, '90, '92, '93, '94 and 2000) and finished as runners-up on five occasions (1987, '91, '95, '97 and 2001).



The 2004 SEC Tournament will be held at Birmingham's Hoover Metropolitan Stadium.

NCAA TOURNAMENT

Regional Tournaments: June 4-6 (sites TBA)
Super Regional Series: June 11-13/12-14 (sites TBA)
College World Series: June 18-27/28 (Rosenblatt Stadium - Omaha, Neb.)

The 2004 NCAA Tournament will feature a 64-team field for the sixth straight year, as the tournament was expanded from 48 to 64 participants in 1999. The teams selected for the tournament will be placed in 16 four-team NCAA Regional brackets at campus sites across the country June 4-6.



The brackets are set up like the NCAA basketball tournament, with the top eight teams in the country earning "National Seeds." The brackets will be used to determine Super Regional pairings, as well as the two brackets for the College World Series.

The 16 winners of the Regionals advance to the Super Regionals, where teams will be matched up for best-of-three series at eight sites June 11-13 and June 12-14. The eight winners of the Super Regionals advance to the College World Series June 18-28 at Omaha's Rosenblatt Stadium, marking the 55th series that will take place in the venerable facility.

The eight CWS teams compete in two four-team brackets. From 1988-2002, the bracket champions met in a single game to determine the national champion; however, the bracket champions now meet in a best two-of-three playoff to determine the national champion.

In 2003, the fifth season played under the 64-team format, LSU played host to and won both an NCAA Regional and Super Regional to advance to the College World Series for the 12th time in school history. LSU is one of only 10 schools to have earned at least 12 CWS berths.



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LSU has the highest all-time NCAA Tournament winning percentage (99-37, .728).