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Infielder Aaron Hill is a 2003 pre-season all-American.

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Catcher Dustin Weaver

The 2003 squad begins the second year of the Smoke Laval era with aspirations of returning LSU to the College World Series for the first time since 2000, when the Tigers captured their fifth national championship.

Laval, who in his first season directed LSU to a 44-22 record, an NCAA Super Regional berth and a No. 11 final national ranking, welcomes 12 returning lettermen and 18 new players for the '03 campaign.

The Tigers will feature five starting position players and four starting pitchers from the 2002 team, which finished second in the SEC Western Division and won the NCAA Baton Rouge Regional in Alex Box Stadium.

However, only one returning position player - infielder Aaron Hill - has played as a full-time starter during his LSU career. The other players with starting experience have performed mostly on a platoon basis.

Absent from the list of returning players is all-SEC third baseman Wally Pontiff, who tragically died in July due to abnormalities in his heart. Pontiff, a three-year starter and team leader, was also an Academic all-American with a 3.25 gpa in biological sciences. Filling the emotional void left by Pontiff's death will be one of Laval's most difficult challenges this season.

The pitching staff features three outstanding veteran starters in right-handers Jake Tompkins, Brian Wilson and Bo Pettit, who last season combined

for 26 wins, six saves and 302.1 innings. However, the Tigers will likely be without the services of all-SEC left-hander Lane Mestepey, who underwent off-season shoulder surgery. Mestepey, who has won 22 games in two seasons, is expected to receive a medical redshirt this year and return to the mound in 2004 as a junior.

POSITION PLAYERS

Returning position players who started at least 20 of LSU's games last season include sophomore infielder/outfielder J.C. Holt (.349, 3 HR, 23 RBI in 2002), junior infielder Aaron Hill (.329, 9 HR, 47 RBI), sophomore infielder Blake Gill (.292, 1 HR, 26 RBI), senior first baseman Eric Wiethorn (.278, 3 HR, 17 RBI) and sophomore outfielder Jon Zeringue (.245, 2 HR, 8 RBI).

Holt, named a 2002 second-team Freshman all-American by *Baseball America*, may be moved to center field this season after starting 35 games at second base in 2002. Hill, who helped lead the U.S. National Team last summer to the silver medal in the World University Games, was LSU's starting shortstop in 2002; however, he could be moved to third base in '03. Hill's move could give the starting shortstop position to true freshman Matt Horwath, who posted a .411 career batting average at Lake Mary (Fla.) High School.

Gill, LSU's most versatile performer, is capable of playing all nine positions, and he will start either at first base or in

the outfield. Wiethorn will also contend for playing time at first base, and he could serve as one of the Tigers' right-handed designated hitters. True freshman Will Harris of Slidell (La.) High School could also make an impact in the 1B/DH role.

Ivan Naccarata, a transfer from Chipola (Fla.) Junior College, will occupy second base in '03. Naccarata was the 21st-round selection of the Houston Astros in last summer's draft.

Zeringue, who started 19 games in left field in '02, is projected to play right field this season. Along with Holt and Gill, other players who should make an impact in the outfield include junior college transfers Quinn Stewart (Odessa JC), Ryan Patterson (Texarkana College) and Bruce Sprowl (Shelton State CC).

Rhett Buteau, used primarily as a pinch-runner in 2002, lends depth to all three outfield positions.

The catching duties will likely be shared by true freshman Matt Liuzza, an all-state selection from Rummel High School in Metairie, La., and sophomore Dustin Weaver, who received a medical redshirt last season after suffering a knee injury.



First Baseman Eric Wiethorn

RETURNING POSITION STARTERS

PLAYER	POS.	CL.-EXP.	B/T	AVG.	HR	RBI	NOTABLE
Blake Gill	INF/OF	So.-1L	L/R	.292	1	26	Batted .333 in SEC games
Aaron Hill	INF	Jr.-2L	R/R	.329	9	47	Led LSU in slugging pct. (.550)
J.C. Holt	OF	So.-1L	L/R	.349	3	23	Batted .347 with runners in scoring position
Eric Wiethorn	DH/1B	Sr.-2L	R/R	.278	3	17	Started mostly vs. LH pitchers in '02
Jon Zeringue	OF/DH	So.-1L	R/R	.245	2	8	Converted from catcher to outfield

OTHER RETURNING POSITION PLAYERS

PLAYER	POS.	CL.-EXP.	B/T	NOTABLE
Dustin Weaver	C	So.-RS	R/R	Medical Redshirt in '02 (knee injury)
Rhett Buteau	OF	So.-1L	L-R	Appeared in seven games in '02
Shawn French	C	Sr.-Sq.	R-R	Missed '02 season due to injury

TOP NEWCOMERS-POSITION PLAYERS

PLAYER	POS.	CL.	B/T	HOMETOWN (2002 SCHOOL)
Matt Horwath	INF	Fr.	R/R	Lake Mary, Fla.(Lake Mary HS)
Ivan Naccarata	INF	Jr.	L/R	Longueuil, Quebec (Chipola JC)
Will Harris	1B	Fr.	R/R	Slidell,La.(Slidell HS)
Ryan Patterson	OF	So.	R/R	Rowlett, Texas (Texarkana College)
Quinn Stewart	OF	So.	R/R	Rowlett, Texas (Odessa JC)
Bruce Sprowl	OF	So.	L/R	Knoxville, Tenn.(Shelton State CC)
Matt Liuzza	C	Fr.	R/R	Metairie,La.(Archbishop Rummel HS)



Infielder Blake Gill

STARTING POSITION PLAYERS LOST

PLAYER	POS.	CL.-EXP.	B/T	AVG.	HR	RBI	REASON FOR LEAVING
Wally Pontiff	3B	Jr.-3L	L/R	.339	6	46	Died on July 24 of heart abnormality
Sean Barker	RF	Sr.-2L	R/R	.382	8	62	Completed eligibility; signed with Rockies
Chris Phillips	C	Sr.-2L	R/R	.344	7	44	Completed eligibility; signed with Royals
Matt Heath	LF	Sr.-2L	B/R	.293	10	48	Completed eligibility
David Raymer	CF	Sr.-2L	L/R	.266	4	26	Completed eligibility
Rocky Scelfo	2B/SS	Fr.-1L	R/R	.267	2	10	Transferred to Louisiana-Lafayette
Dustin Hahn	LF	So.-1L	L/R	.227	2	12	Transferred to Univ. of Nevada

THE 2003 TIGERS

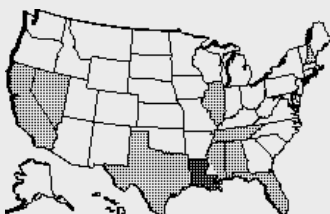
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 12/18
 Position Starters Returning/Lost: 5/7
 Pitchers Returning/Lost: 9/7
 Newcomers: 18 (8 high school, 10 junior college)

BY CLASS

Seniors: 5
 Juniors: 10
 Sophomores: 10
 Freshmen: 10

BY STATE/COUNTRY

Louisiana: 15
 California: 5
 Florida: 5
 Texas: 3
 Alabama: 1
 Illinois: 1
 Mississippi: 1
 Nevada: 1
 New Hampshire: 1
 Tennessee: 1
 Canada: 1



Pitcher Jason Determann

PITCHERS

Senior right-hander Jake Tompkins should work in the starting rotation this season after serving as LSU's closer in 2002 (7-1, four saves, 2.68 ERA, 87.1 IP, 96 Ks). He was the 28th-round draft selection last summer of the Texas Rangers.

Tompkins will be joined in the rotation by junior Brian Wilson (10-5, two saves, 3.54 ERA, 94 IP, 71 Ks) and senior Bo Pettit (9-7, 3.35 ERA, 121 IP, 121 Ks), who was selected last summer in the 13th round of the major league draft by the Minnesota Twins.

Sophomore right-hander Clay Harris, who worked primarily as a middle reliever in 2002 (3-0, 4.15 ERA, 47.2 IP, 37 Ks) will provide valuable innings again in '03.

Two hurlers recovering from arm surgery - redshirt freshman left-hander Jason Determann and senior right-hander Chad Vaught - hope to return to the mound early in the '03 campaign.

The returning pitchers are complimented by a talented corps of freshmen and JC transfers. Right-handers Nate Bumstead (College of Southern

Idaho) and Justin Meier (West Orange HS - Windermere, Fla.) should work as mid-week starters. Right-handers Billy Sadler (Pensacola JC), Will Harris (Slidell, La., HS) and Justin Gee (Sarasota, Fla., HS), and left-hander Greg Smith (Alexandria, La., HS) will also make contributions on the hill.

The Tigers' closer will be junior right-hander Brandon Nall, a transfer from Wallace State (Ala.) Community College. Nall, who features a side-arm delivery, recorded a 0.89 ERA in 20.2 innings during LSU's fall intra-squad games.

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PLAYER	R/L	CL.-EXP.	W-L	ERA	IP	BB	SO	NOTABLE
Jake Tompkins	R	Sr.-1L	7-1	2.68	87.1	37	96	4th in SEC in ERA; 3-1, 2.50, 4 SV in relief
Brian Wilson	R	Jr.-2L	10-5	3.54	94.0	31	71	6-3, 3.37 as a starter; 10th in SEC in ERA
Bo Pettit	R	Sr.-3L	9-7	3.35	121.0	57	121	2nd in SEC in Ks, 8th in ERA
Clay Harris	R	So.-1L	3-0	4.15	47.2	5	37	Hit .221 with 3 HR, 12 RBI as reserve INF
Lane Mestepey	L	Jr.-2L	11-5	2.59	142.1	17	74	SEC leader in ERA, complete games (8)
Jason Determann	L	Fr.-RS	1-0	2.25	7.0	1	3	Granted medical redshirt
Chad Vaught	R	Jr.-1L	0-0	1.50	6.0	1	8	Suffered season-ending injury in February
Chris McDougall	L	Fr.-RS						Redshirted in 2002
Jordan Faircloth	R	So.-Sq.						DNP in 2002

TOP NEWCOMERS-PITCHERS

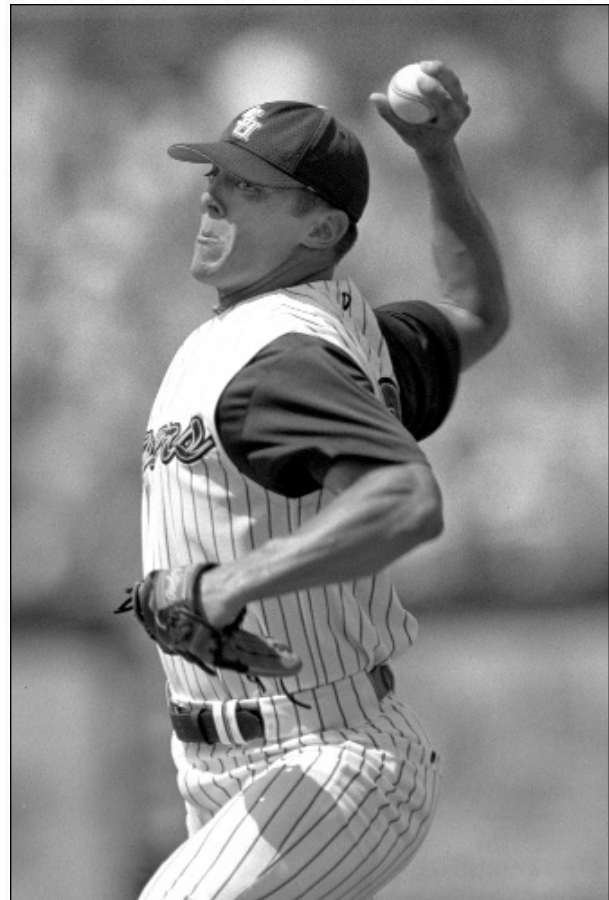
PLAYER	R/L	CL.	HOMETOWN (2002 SCHOOL)
Justin Meier	R	Fr.	Windermere, Fla. (West Orange HS)
Nate Bumstead	R	Jr.	Las Vegas, Nev. (College of Southern Idaho)
Billy Sadler	R	Jr.	Pensacola, Fla. (Pensacola JC)
Justin Gee	R	Fr.	Sarasota, Fla. (Sarasota HS)
Greg Smith	L	Fr.	Alexandria, La. (Alexandria HS)
Will Harris	R	Fr.	Slidell, La. (Slidell HS)
Brandon Nall	R	Jr.	Dothan, Ala. (Wallace State CC)

PITCHERS LOST

PLAYER	R/L	CL.	W-L	ERA	SV	IP	BB	SO	REASON FOR LEAVING
Billy Brian	R	Sr.	0-0	0.00	0	1.0	0	0	Completed eligibility
Brad David	L	Jr.	2-1	5.40	0	30.0	9	19	Signed with Braves
Lukas Guidroz	R	Sr.	0-1	5.60	0	17.2	6	15	Completed eligibility
Weylin Guidry	R	Sr.	0-1	10.22	1	12.1	8	9	Completed eligibility
David Miller	R	Sr.	0-0	54.00	0	0.1	1	0	Completed eligibility
David Shank	R	Sr.	0-0	18.00	0	2.0	0	2	Completed eligibility
Jason Vargas	L	Fr.	1-1	3.43	0	21.0	6	16	Transferred to Cypress CC



Pitcher Brian Wilson



Pitcher Jake Tompkins

DEPTH CHART

First Base

3	Blake Gill	L-R	5-10	200	So.
47	Eric Wiethorn	R-R	6-2	200	Sr.
25	Will Harris	R-R	6-4	230	Fr.

Second Base

7	Ivan Naccarata	L-R	5-11	185	Jr.
1	J.C. Holt	L-R	5-9	170	So.
3	Blake Gill	L-R	5-10	200	So.

Shortstop

2	Matt Horwath	R-R	5-10	170	Fr.
5	Aaron Hill	R-R	6-0	200	Jr.

Third Base

5	Aaron Hill	R-R	6-0	200	Jr.
3	Blake Gill	L-R	5-10	200	So.
21	Clay Harris	R-R	6-4	225	So.

Catcher

9	Dustin Weaver	R-R	6-0	195	So.
14	Matt Liuzza	R-R	6-0	190	Fr.

Left Field

40	Quinn Stewart	R-R	6-2	190	So.
3	Blake Gill	L-R	5-10	200	So.

Center Field

1	J.C. Holt	L-R	5-9	170	So.
24	Bruce Sprowl	L-R	5-9	165	So.

Right Field

16	Jon Zeringue	R-R	6-2	210	So.
28	Ryan Patterson	R-R	5-11	195	So.

Designated Hitter

25	Will Harris	R-R	6-4	230	Fr.
28	Ryan Patterson	R-R	5-11	195	So.
30	Bobby DiLiberto	R-R	5-10	190	Jr.

Weekend Pitching Rotation

12	Jake Tompkins	RH	6-0	195	Sr.
38	Brian Wilson	RH	6-1	205	Jr.
34	Bo Pettit	RH	6-1	215	Sr.

Mid-Week Starting Pitchers

21	Clay Harris	RH	6-4	225	So.
41	Nate Bumstead	RH	6-2	215	Jr.
35	Justin Meier	RH	6-0	205	Fr.

Relief Pitchers

8	Brandon Nall	RH	6-3	185	Jr.
33	Jason Determann	LH	5-11	160	Fr.
4	Billy Sadler	RH	6-0	190	Jr.
27	Greg Smith	LH	6-2	180	Fr.
25	Will Harris	RH	6-4	230	Fr.
36	Justin Gee	RH	6-3	200	Fr.
23	Chad Vaught	RH	6-4	220	Sr.

2003 PRE-SEASON POLLS

(2002 records in parentheses)

Collegiate Baseball

1. Texas (57-15)
2. Florida State (60-14)
3. Southern California (37-24)
4. Rice (52-14)
5. Georgia Tech (52-16)
6. **LSU (44-22)**
7. Cal State Fullerton (37-22)
8. South Carolina * (57-18)
9. Stanford (47-18)
10. Houston * (48-17)
11. Mississippi State * (34-24-1)
12. Arizona State (37-21)
13. Long Beach State * (39-21)
14. Miami, Fla. (34-29)
15. Wake Forest (47-13-1)
16. Richmond (53-13)
17. Baylor (36-26)
18. Clemson (54-18)
19. Notre Dame (50-18)
20. South Alabama (42-19)
21. Florida Atlantic (46-21)
22. Nebraska (47-21)
23. Tulane * (36-27)
24. Southwest Missouri State (43-21)
25. California (29-27)

Baseball America

1. Georgia Tech (52-16)
2. Rice (52-14)
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16. Long Beach State * (39-21)
17. Mississippi State * (34-24)
18. Stetson (42-19)
19. Clemson (54-17)
20. Nebraska (47-21)
21. Auburn * (34-26)
22. North Carolina (43-21)
23. South Alabama (42-19)
24. Florida Atlantic (46-21)
25. Virginia Commonwealth (38-27)

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ALABAMA

Friday, March 28 at Tuscaloosa-6:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 29 at Tuscaloosa-4 p.m.
Sunday, March 30 at Tuscaloosa-2 p.m.

Location:Tuscaloosa, Ala.
 Enrollment:19,400
 Nickname:Crimson Tide
 Colors:Crimson and White
 Conference:Southeastern (West Division)
 Interim President:Dr. J. Barry Mason (La.Tech,1976)
 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 St.,1980)
 Record at Alabama:371-152 (.709-8 years)
 Career record:563-241 (.700-13 years)
 Baseball Office Phone:(205) 348-4029
 Best Time to Contact: Thursday teleconference (contact Barry Allen for number and time)
 Assistant Coaches: Jim Gatewood (Henderson St.,1988) and Danny Watkins (Georgia Tech,1982)
 2002 Record:51-15
 SEC Record (Finish):20-10 (1st in West,tied for 2nd overall)
 Post Season: 4-1 in SEC Tournament (champions); 3-2 in NCAA Tuscaloosa regional (2nd)
 Final Rankings: 12th ESPN/USA Today, 13th Baseball America, 16th Collegiate Baseball
 Lettermen Returning/Lost:17/5
 Position Starters Returning/Lost:5/4
 Pitchers Returning/Lost:7/3
 Top Returning Position Players: Jr. DH Beau Heard (.335,12 HR,54 RBI); Soph.2B/OF Peter Stonard (.411,5 HR,42 RBI); Sr. RF Travis Garner (.323,6 HR,31 RBI)
 Top Returning Pitchers: Jr. LH Jeffrey Norris (6-1.3.34); Jr. RH Jared Woodward (6-1, 4.52); Soph.LH Taylor Tankersley (8-5,2.26,7 SV)
 Top Newcomers:Soph.LHP Ryan Beagle; Jr. C Bobby Burns; Fr. RHP Allen Ponder
 Series Record vs.LSU:Alabama leads,180-133-1
 2002 series:LSU, 3-0 (3-0,6-5,5-1 at Baton Rouge)
 Smoke Laval vs.Alabama:5-4
 Jim Wells vs.LSU:17-24
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 Fax:(205) 348-8841



Jim Wells
HEAD COACH

AUBURN

Friday, May 9 at Baton Rouge-6:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 10 at Baton Rouge-2 p.m.
Sunday, May 11 at Baton Rouge-1 p.m.

Location:Auburn, Ala.
 Enrollment:21,175
 Nickname:Tigers
 Colors:Burnt Orange and Navy Blue
 Conference:Southeastern (West Division)
 President:Dr. William F. 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 Renfro (Auburn,1982)
 Record at Auburn:71-47 (.602-2 years)
 Career record:Same
 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)
 2002 Record:34-26
 SEC Record (Finish):15-15 (4th in West,tied for 5th overall)
 Post Season:0-2 in SEC Tournament (tied for 7th); 0-2 in NCAA Tuscaloosa Regional (4th)
 Final Rankings:Not Ranked
 Lettermen Returning/Lost:16/5
 Position Starters Returning/Lost:6/2
 Pitchers Returning/Lost:10/3
 Top Returning Position Players: Sr. C Bobby Huddleston (.355,11 HR,50 RBI); Soph.2B Tug Hulett (.308,0 HR,31 RBI); Jr. CF Javon Moran (.365,3 HR,41 RBI)
 Top Returning Pitchers:Sr. RH Levale Speigner (7-6,4.92); Jr. RH Eric Brandon (3-3, 5.27); Jr. RH Colby Paxton (8-6,5.25)
 Top Newcomers:Fr. RHP Chris Dennis; Fr. LHP Grant Cardwell; Jr. IF Matt Devine
 Series Record vs.LSU:LSU leads,70-58
 2002 series:LSU, 3-1 (9-4,3-11,9-5 at Auburn; 2-1 in SEC Tournament)
 Smoke Laval vs.Auburn:3-1
 Steve Renfro vs.LSU:3-4
 Sports Information Contact:Kirk Sampson
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Steve Renfro
HEAD COACH

ARKANSAS

Friday, May 16 at Fayetteville-6:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 17 at Fayetteville-6:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 18 at Fayetteville-1 p.m.

Location:Fayetteville,Ark.
 Enrollment:16,035
 Nickname:Razorbacks
 Colors:Cardinal and White
 Conference:Southeastern (West Division)
 Chancellor:Dr. John A.White (Arkansas,1961)
 Athletic Director:Frank Broyles (Georgia Tech,1947)
 Home Park (Capacity):Baum Stadium at George Cole Field (5,900)
 Dimensions:LF-320; LC-375; CF-400; RC-375; RF--320
 Press Box Phone:(479) 444-0031
 Head Coach:Dave Van Horn (Arkansas,1988)
 Record at School:First Year
 Career record:214-92 (.699-14 years)
 Baseball Office Phone:(479) 575-3655
 Best Time to Contact:Weekday mornings,CT
 Assistant Coaches:Dave Jorn (Southeast Missouri St.,1981) and Matt Deggs (Northwood,1994)
 2002 Record:35-28
 SEC Record (Finish):13-14 (5th in West,8th overall)
 Post Season: 1-2 in SEC Tournament (tied for 5th); 3-0 in NCAA Wichita Regional (champion); 1-2 vs.Clemson in NCAA Clemson super regional
 Final Rankings: 18th Collegiate Baseball,22nd ESPN/USA Today, 25th Baseball America
 Lettermen Returning/Lost:15/11
 Position Starters Returning/Lost:5/3
 Pitchers Returning/Lost:6/4
 Top Returning Position Players: Soph.2B Scott Bridges (.316,2 HR,25 RBI); Sr. 1B/3B Nick Pitts (.267,4 HR,28 RBI); Soph.OF Kirk McConnell (.303,1 HR,27 RBI)
 Top Returning Pitchers:Jr. RH Scott Roehl (4-1,4.17,4 SV)
 Top Newcomers:Jr. LHP Jay Sawatski; Jr. IF Haas Pratt; Jr. C Judd Kindle
 Series Record vs.LSU:LSU leads,33-14
 2002 series:LSU, 3-0 (3-0,8-0,13-5 at Baton Rouge)
 Smoke Laval vs.Arkansas:3-1
 Dave Van Horn vs.LSU:2-3
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 Fax:(479) 575-7481



Dave Van Horn
HEAD COACH

FLORIDA

Friday, March 14 at Baton Rouge-6:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 15 at Baton Rouge-2 p.m.
Sunday, March 16 at Baton Rouge-12:30 p.m.

Location:Gainesville,Fla.
 Enrollment:45,937
 Nickname:Gators
 Colors:Blue and Orange
 Conference:Southeastern (East Division)
 President:Dr. Charles E.Young (California-Riverside,1955)
 Athletic Director:Jeremy Foley (Hobart,1974)
 Home Park:Alfred A.McKethan Stadium at Perry Field (5,000)
 Dimensions:LF-329; LC-365; CF-400; RC-365; RF-325
 Press Box Phone:(352) 375-4683 ext.4355,4356,4357
 Head Coach (alma mater year): Pat McMahon (Stetson,1976)
 Record at Florida:46-19 (.708-1 year)
 Career record:399-193 (.674-10 years)
 Baseball Office Phone:(352) 375-4683 ext.4457
 Best Time to Contact:Weekday mornings,ET through Brian Dietz
 Assistant Coaches: John Cohen (Mississippi St.,1990); Ross Jones (North Florida,1993) and Brian Fleetwood (North Florida,1996)
 2002 Record:46-19
 SEC Record (Finish):20-10 (2nd in East,tied for 2nd overall)
 Post Season: 3-2 in SEC Tournament (tied for 3rd); 3-2 in NCAA Gainesville regional (2nd)
 Final Rankings: 15th Baseball America,15th ESPN/USA Today, 20th Collegiate Baseball
 Lettermen Returning/Lost:21/12
 Position Starters Returning/Lost:6/7
 Pitchers Returning/Lost:13/5
 Top Returning Position Players:Sr. OF Mario Garza (.308,11 HR,41 RBI); Sr. C Brian Rose (.281,7 HR,45 RBI); Jr. OF Ben Harrison (.342,8 HR,38 RBI)
 Top Returning Pitchers: Soph.RH David Bartel (5-1,4.57,2 SV); Soph.LH Mike Pete (4-0,5.40); Sr. LH Jamie Goldfarb (2-4,4.00)
 Top Newcomers: Soph. LHP Adam Sanbria; Jr. 1B/LHP Lee Roberson; Jr. IF Brett Dowdy
 Series Record vs.LSU:LSU leads,43-24
 2002 series:LSU, 2-1 (6-5 in 10 innings,3-6,8-5 at Gainesville)
 Smoke Laval vs.Florida:2-1
 Pat McMahon vs.LSU:9-10
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 Fax:(352) 375-4809



Pat McMahon
HEAD COACH

GEORGIA

Friday, March 21 at Athens-7 p.m. EST
 Saturday, March 22 at Athens-2 p.m. EST
 Sunday, March 23 at Athens-1 p.m. EST

Location: Athens, Ga.
 Enrollment: 32,400
 Nickname: Bulldogs
 Colors: Red and Black
 Conference: Southeastern (East 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: 32-29 (.525-1 year)
 Career record: Same
 Baseball Office Phone: (706) 542-7971/7984
 Best Time to Contact: Weekday mornings, ET
 Assistant Coaches: Butch Thompson (Birmingham-Southern, 1992); Rick Eckstein (Florida, 1997) and Jason Eller (Georgia St., 1998)
 2002 Record: 32-29
 SEC Record (Finish): 15-15 (3rd in East, tied for 5th overall)
 Post Season: 0-2 in SEC Tournament (tied for 7th); 2-2 in NCAA Atlanta Regional (2nd)
 Final Rankings: Not Ranked
 Lettermen Returning/Lost: 17/14
 Position Starters Returning/Lost: 7/2
 Pitchers Returning/Lost: 7/4
 Top Returning Position Players: Jr. 3B Lee Mitchell (.286, 14 HR, 55 RBI); Jr. OF David Coffey (.275, 15 HR, 46 RBI); Soph. C Clint Sammons (.242, 7 HR, 31 RBI)
 Top Returning Pitchers: Jr. RH Matt Woods (3-2, 4.46); Soph. LH Mickey Westphal (5-6, 6.35); Sr. RH Brandon Moorhead (2-1, 5.13, 5 SV)
 Top Newcomers: Soph. SS Zeke Paraz; Fr. LHP Will Startup; Soph. RHP Sean Ruthven
 Series Record vs. LSU: LSU leads, 43-13-1
 2002 series: LSU, 3-0 (8-2, 14-4, 13-4 at Baton Rouge)
 Smoke Laval vs. Georgia: 3-0
 David Perno vs. LSU: 0-3
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David Perno
HEAD COACH

KENTUCKY

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

Location: Lexington, Ky.
 Enrollment: 34,182
 Nickname: Wildcats
 Colors: Blue and White
 Conference: Southeastern (East 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: Keith Madison (Western Kentucky, 1975)
 Record at Kentucky: 713-602-5 (.542-24 years)
 Career record: Same
 Baseball Office Phone: (859) 257-2880
 Best Time to Contact: Weekdays, 8-11 a.m. ET
 Assistant Coaches: Jan Wiesberg (Kentucky, 1993); Greg Goff (Delta St., 1994) and Cory Whitby (VCU, 1998)
 2002 Record: 17-36
 SEC Record (Finish): 6-24 (6th in East, 12th overall)
 Post Season: None
 Final Ranking: Not Ranked
 Lettermen Returning/Lost: 13/12
 Position Starters Returning/Lost: 6/5
 Pitchers Returning/Lost: 9/7
 Top Returning Position Players: Jr. 2B Spencer Graeter (.317, 2 HR, 21 RBI); Jr. OF Caleb Stewart (.305, 5 HR, 26 RBI); Sr. 1B/OF Gordon Tyler (.276, 7 HR, 31 RBI)
 Top Returning Pitchers: None
 Top Newcomers: Jr. 1B/OF Mike Breyman; Jr. LHP Heath Castle; Jr. RHP Seth Stanley
 Series Record vs. LSU: LSU leads, 29-13
 2002 series: Did Not Play (LSU 6-2, 9-5, 5-9 at Baton Rouge in 2001)
 Smoke Laval vs. Kentucky: 0-0
 Keith Madison vs. LSU: 13-27
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Keith Madison
HEAD COACH

OLE MISS

Friday, April 11 at Baton Rouge-6:30 p.m.
 Saturday, April 12 at Baton Rouge-2 p.m.
 Sunday, April 13 at Baton Rouge-1 p.m.

Location: Oxford, Miss.
 Enrollment: 14,960
 Nickname: Rebels
 Colors: Cardinal Red and Navy Blue
 Conference: Southeastern (West Division)
 Chancellor: Dr. Robert 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: 76-42-1 (.643-2 years)
 Career record: 176-113-1 (.609-5 years)
 Baseball Office Phone: (662) 915-6643
 Best Time to Contact: Weekday mornings, CT
 Assistant Coaches: Dan McDonnell (The Citadel, 1992); Clint Carver (McNeese St., 1998) and Kyle Bunn (The Citadel, 1999)
 2002 Record: 37-19
 SEC Record (Finish): 14-16 (6th in West, 9th overall)
 Post Season: None
 Final Rankings: Not Ranked
 Lettermen Returning/Lost: 19/14
 Position Starters Returning/Lost: 7/1
 Pitchers Returning/Lost: 11/8
 Top Returning Position Players: Soph. OF Seth Smith (.402, 4 HR, 52 RBI); Sr. SS Chad Sterbens (.376, 4 HR, 49 RBI); Sr. OF Drew Rogers (.364, 6 HR, 34 RBI)
 Top Returning Pitchers: Jr. RH Adam Yates (1-1, 3.76, 4 SV); Sr. RHT J. Beam (2-2, 4.53, 6 SV); Soph. RH Alan Horne (5-2, 4.97)
 Top Newcomers: Fr. RHP/3B Mark Holliman; Jr. OF/1B Charlie Babineaux; Fr. 1B/LHP Stephen Head
 Series Record vs. LSU: LSU leads, 148-126
 2002 series: Ole Miss, 2-1 (9-3, 5-6, 10-7 at Oxford)
 Smoke Laval vs. Ole Miss: 1-4
 Mike Bianco vs. LSU: 5-8
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Mike Bianco
HEAD COACH

MISSISSIPPI STATE

Friday, May 2 at Starkville-6:30 p.m.
 Saturday, May 3 at Starkville-3 p.m. (SEC-TV)
 Sunday, May 4 at Starkville-1:30 p.m.

Location: Starkville, Miss.
 Enrollment: 16,878
 Nickname: Bulldogs
 Colors: Maroon and White
 Conference: Southeastern (West Division)
 Interim President: Dr. J. Charles Lee (North Carolina St., 1964)
 Athletic Director: Larry Templeton (Mississippi St., 1969)
 Home Park (Capacity): Dudy Noble Field, Polk-DeMent Stadium (15,000)
 Dimensions: LF-325; LC-373; CF-390; RC-373; RF-325
 Press Box Phone: (662) 325-3776
 Head Coach: Ron Polk (Grand Canyon, 1965)
 Record at School: 922-446-1 (.674-23 years)
 Career record: 1,56-558-1 (.674-29 years)
 Baseball Office Phone: (662) 325-3597
 Best Time to Contact: Weekday mornings, 9-11 a.m. CT
 Assistant Coaches: Russ McNickle (South Alabama, 1988); Tommy Raffo (Mississippi St., 1990) and Daron Schoenrock (Tennessee Tech, 1984)
 2002 Record: 34-24-1
 SEC Record (Finish): 14-15 (5th in West, 7th overall)
 Post Season: 1-2 in SEC Tournament (tied for 5th)
 Final Rankings: Not Ranked
 Lettermen Returning/Lost: 16/10
 Position Starters Returning/Lost: 5/3
 Pitchers Returning/Lost: 10/4
 Top Returning Position Players: Jr. 1B Matthew Brinson (.316, 14 HR, 71 RBI); Jr. 3B Steve Gendron (.351, 2 HR, 48 RBI); Soph. OF Jon Mungie (.341, 8 HR, 36 RBI)
 Top Returning Pitchers: Jr. LH Paul Maholm (10-3, 3.43); Jr. LH Joey Collums (3-6, 4.58); Jr. RH Jonathan Papelbon (3-4, 2.92, 5 SV)
 Top Newcomers: Soph. RHP Alan Johnson; Fr. OF/RHP Brad Corley; Fr. IF Casey Hamilton
 Series Record vs. LSU: Mississippi St. leads, 185-149-1
 2002 series: Tied, 1-1 (4-15, 7-3 at Baton Rouge; third game canceled by rain)
 Smoke Laval vs. Mississippi St.: 2-10
 Ron Polk vs. LSU: 62-46
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Ron Polk
HEAD COACH

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SOUTH CAROLINA

Friday, April 4 at Baton Rouge-6:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 5 at Baton Rouge-3 p.m. (SEC-TV)
Sunday, April 6 at Baton Rouge-1 p.m.

Location: Columbia, S.C.
 Enrollment: 23,000
 Nickname: Fighting Gamecocks
 Colors: Garnet and Black
 Conference: Southeastern (East Division)
 President: Dr. Andrew Sorensen (Yale,1962)
 Athletic Director: Dr. Mike McGee (Duke,1960)
 Home Park (Capacity): Sarge Frye Field (6,000)
 Dimensions: LF-320; LC-360; CF-390; RC-360; RF-320
 Press Box Phone: (803) 777-6648
 Head Coach: Ray Tanner (North Carolina St.,1980)
 Record at South Carolina:274-113 (.708-6 years)
 Career record:669-286-3 (.700-15 years)
 Baseball Office Phone: (803) 777-1704
 Best Time to Contact: Weekday mornings,ET
 Assistant Coaches: Jim Toman (North Carolina St.,1985), Jerry Meyers (Iowa St.,1987) and Monte Lee (College of Charleston,1999)
 2002 Record:57-13
 SEC Record (Finish):21-8 (SEC champions)
 Post Season: . 4-1 in SEC Tournament (2nd); 3-1 in NCAA Columbia Regional (champion); 2-1 vs.Miami in NCAA Columbia super regional; 4-2 in NCAA College World Series (national runner-up)
 Final Rankings: 2nd (Baseball America,Collegiate Baseball,ESPN/USA Today)
 Lettermen Returning/Lost: 22/10
 Position Starters Returning/Lost: 4/5
 Pitchers Returning/Lost: 9/6
 Top Returning Position Players: . Sr. 3B Brian Buscher (.323,14 HR,64 RBI); Sr. 2B/OF Justin Harris (.295,5 HR,35 RBI); Jr. C Landon Powell (.292,12 HR,53 RBI)
 Top Returning Pitchers: . Sr. LH Steven Bondurant (7-4,4.30); Jr. LH David Marchbanks (9-4,4.98); Soph.RH Aaron Rawl (7-2,3.89,2 SV)
 Top Newcomers: Jr. OF Nick Gardiner; Jr. 1B Hank Parks; Fr. LHP Zach Reeves
 Series Record vs.LSU: LSU leads,18-8-1
 2002 series: South Carolina,4-2 (9-8,2-4,3-4 at Columbia; 8-3,8-10,4-5 in SEC Tournament)
 Smoke Laval vs.South Carolina: 2-4
 Ray Tanner vs.LSU: 7-9
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Ray Tanner
HEAD COACH

TENNESSEE

Friday, April 25 at Baton Rouge-6:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 26 at Baton Rouge-2 p.m.
Sunday, April 27 at Baton Rouge-12:30 p.m.

Location: Knoxville, Tenn.
 Enrollment: 26,033
 Nickname: Volunteers
 Colors: Orange and White
 Conference: Southeastern (East Division)
 President: Dr. John Shumaker (Pittsburgh,1964)
 Athletic Director: Doug Dickey (Florida,1954)
 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:519-278 (.651-13 years)
 Career record: Same
 Baseball Office Phone: (865) 974-2057
 Best Time to Contact: Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-Noon ET
 Assistant Coaches: Fred Corral (Sacramento St., 1998) and Clay Greene (Tennessee,2001)
 2002 Record:27-28
 SEC Record (Finish):12-18 (4th in East,10th overall)
 Post Season: None
 Final Rankings: Not Ranked
 Lettermen Returning/Lost: 13/12
 Position Starters Returning/Lost: 3/6
 Pitchers Returning/Lost: 8/4
 Top Returning Position Players: . Sr. OF Jordan Czarniecki (.364,8 HR,46 RBI); Sr. SS Walter Sevilla (.330,1 HR,33 RBI); Jr. C Javi Herrera (.200,0 HR,7 RBI)
 Top Returning Pitchers: Jr. RH Patrick Hicklen (5-3,6.14 in 2001); Jr. LH Ben Riley (5-3, 5.08); Soph.RH Joey Andrews (4-4,5.92)
 Top Newcomers: . Jr. IF Brian Cleveland; Jr. RHP Patrick Green; Jr. LHP Derrick Tharpe
 Series Record vs.LSU: LSU leads,33-10
 2002 series: LSU, 2-1 (1-2,16-4,6-2 at Knoxville)
 Smoke Laval vs. Tennessee: 2-1
 Rod Delmonico vs.LSU: 8-23
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Rod Delmonico
HEAD COACH

VANDERBILT

Friday, April 18 at Nashville-7 p.m.
Saturday, April 19 at Nashville-4 p.m.
Sunday, April 20 at Nashville-1 p.m.

Location: Nashville, Tenn.
 Enrollment: 6,241
 Nickname: Commodores
 Colors: Black and Gold
 Conference: Southeastern (East Division)
 Chancellor: Dr. E.Gordon Gee (Utah,1968)
 Athletic Director: Todd Turner (North Carolina St.,1973)
 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 School: First Year
 Career record: Same
 Baseball Office Phone: (615) 322-7725
 Best Time to Contact: Weekday mornings,CT through Andre Foushee
 Assistant Coaches: . Eric Bakich (East Carolina,2000); Derek Johnson Eastern Illinois (1993) and Michael Holder (Augusta St.,2001)
 2002 Record:24-27
 SEC Record (Finish):7-21 (5th in East,11th overall)
 Post Season: None
 Final Rankings: Not Ranked
 Lettermen Returning/Lost: 11/15
 Position Starters Returning/Lost: 5/4
 Pitchers Returning/Lost: 5/6
 Top Returning Position Players: . Soph.SS Tony Mansolino (.280,3 HR,20 RBI); Sr. OF John Kaye (.230,9 HR,33 RBI); Jr. 3B Ceasar Nicholas (.274,6 HR,35 RBI)
 Top Returning Pitchers: . Soph. LH Jeremy Sowers (6-5, 4.37); Jr. RH Robert Ransom (0-3,7.40)
 Top Newcomers:Jr. OF Ryan Godfrey; Fr. LHP Ryan Mullins; Soph.IF Ryan Klosterman
 Series record vs.LSU: LSU leads,41-21
 2002 series: Vanderbilt,2-1 (6-0,2-9,7-8 at Baton Rouge)
 Smoke Laval vs. Vanderbilt: 1-2
 Tim Corbin vs.LSU: 0-0
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Tim Corbin
HEAD COACH



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Non-Conference Opponents

CENTENARY

Tuesday, February 11 at Shreveport (Fair Grounds Field)-7 p.m.

Location: Shreveport, La.
 Enrollment: 890
 Nickname: Gents
 Colors: Maroon and White
 Conference: Independent; to join Mid-Continent Conference in 2004
 President: Dr. Kenneth L. Schwab (Purdue, 1969)
 Athletic Director: Dr. David Bedard (Northwestern St., 1968)
 Home Park (Capacity): Sheehee 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 St., 1977)
 Record at Centenary: 76-147-2 (.342-5 years)
 Career record: Same
 Baseball Office Phone: (318) 869-5298
 Best Time to Contact: Weekday mornings, CT
 Assistant Coaches: Ben Adams, Adam Vorchek and Jeremy Cantrell
 2002 Record: 15-41
 Post Season: None
 Final Rankings: None
 Lettermen Returning/Lost: 12/11
 Position Starters Returning/Lost: 5/3
 Pitchers Returning/Lost: 5/6
 Top Returning Position Players: Sr. IF Patrick Beale (.304, 4 HR, 38 RBI); Sr. OF J.W. Pate (.262, 0 HR, 21 RBI); Jr. IF Tony Cardone (.298, 0 HR, 27 RBI)
 Top Returning Pitchers: Sr. LH Clyde Shields (1-3, 5, 27, 1 SV); Sr. LH Patrick Rhodes (3-3, 5, 6, 8)
 Top Newcomers: Sr. C John Marshall; Jr. RHP/OF Ian Young; Fr. 3B A.J. Howes
 Series Record vs. LSU: LSU leads, 24-7-1
 2002 meeting: LSU, 7-6 at Shreveport
 Smoke Laval vs. Centenary: 16-2
 Ed McCann vs. LSU: 0-3
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HOUSTON

Friday, February 21 at Baton Rouge-6:30 p.m.
 Saturday, February 22 at Baton Rouge-2 p.m.
 Sunday, February 23 at Baton Rouge-1 p.m.

Location: Houston, Texas
 Enrollment: 30,757
 Nickname: Cougars
 Colors: Scarlet and White
 Conference: Conference USA
 President: Dr. Arthur K. Smith (U.S. Naval Academy, 1959)
 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: 294-104 (.602-8 years)
 Career record: Same
 Baseball Office Phone: (713) 743-9396
 Best Time to Contact: Weekday mornings, CT
 Assistant Coaches: Todd Whiting (Houston, 1995); Dr. Bragg Stockton (Sul Ross St., 1961); one assistant TBA
 2002 Record: 48-17
 C-USA Record (Finish): 22-7 (champions)
 Post Season: 3-1 in C-USA Tournament (2nd); 3-0 in NCAA Mesa regional (champion); 1-2 vs. Texas in NCAA Austin super regional
 Final Rankings:
 Lettermen Returning/Lost:
 Position Starters Returning/Lost: 17/9
 Pitchers Returning/Lost: 7/2
 Top Returning Position Players: 7/5
 Top Returning Pitchers: Sr. 1B Brett Cooley (.339, 18 HR, 56 RBI); Jr. CF Michael Bourn (.327, 1 HR, 23 RBI); Jr. DH Thanos Papavisioliou (.358, 1 HR, 20 RBI)
 Top Newcomers: Jr. RH Brad Sullivan (13-1, 1.82); Jr. LH Danny Zell (8-2, 2.86); Jr. RH Gene Flores (3-2, 4.40)
 Series Record vs. LSU: Jr. OF/1B Adam Blumh; Fr. C Clint DeCuir; Soph. RHP Garrett Mock
 Series record vs. LSU: Houston leads, 18-11
 2002 series: Houston, 2-1 (3-11, 8-4, 11-12 at Houston)
 Smoke Laval vs. Houston: 1-2
 Rayner Noble vs. LSU: 6-6
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KANSAS

Friday, February 14 at Baton Rouge-6:30 p.m.
 Saturday, February 15 at Baton Rouge-2 p.m.
 Sunday, February 16 at Baton Rouge-1 p.m.

Location: Lawrence, Kan.
 Enrollment: 24,502
 Nickname: Jayhawks
 Colors: Red and Blue
 Conference: Big XII
 President: Dr. Robert Hemenway (Nebraska-Omaha, 1959)
 Athletic Director: Dr. Allen Bohl (Bowling Green, 1970)
 Home Park (Capacity): Hoaglund Ballpark (2,500)
 Dimensions: LF-350; LC-380; CF-395; RC-380; RF-350
 Press Box Phone: (785) 864-4037
 Head Coach: Ritch Price (Willamette, 1978)
 Record at Kansas:
 Career record: First Year
 Career record: 217-228 (477-8 years)
 Baseball Office Phone: (785) 864-7907
 Best Time to Contact: Weekday mornings, CT
 Assistant Coaches: Steve Abney (Fresno St., 1981); Ryan Graves (Oklahoma St., 1997) and Reggie Christansen (Menlo, 1998)
 2002 Record: 22-29
 Big XII Record (Finish): 5-21 (11th)
 Post Season: None
 Final Rankings: Not Ranked
 Lettermen Returning/Lost: 12/6
 Position Starters Returning/Lost: 7/2
 Pitchers Returning/Lost: 5/4
 Top Returning Position Players: Sr. DH Kevin Wheeler (.320, 8 HR, 42 RBI); Jr. LF Ryan Baty (.341, 6 HR, 51 RBI); Jr. RF Matt Tribble (.318, 6 HR, 36 RBI)
 Top Returning Pitchers: Jr. RH Chris Smart; Jr. LH Tom Gorzelanny; Soph. LH Chris Jones
 Top Newcomers: Jr. IF Kyle Kilgo; Jr. LHP Josh Duran; Jr. RHP Brandon Johnson
 Series Record vs. LSU: LSU leads, 3-0
 Last series: LSU, 3-0 in 1990 (10-1, 9-3, 8-2 at Baton Rouge)
 Smoke Laval vs. Kansas: 0-0
 Ritch Price vs. LSU: 0-0
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LONG BEACH STATE

Friday, February 28 at Long Beach-6:30 p.m. PST
 Saturday, March 1 at Long Beach-1 p.m. PST
 Sunday, March 2 at Long Beach-1 p.m. PST

Location: Long Beach, Calif.
 Enrollment: 32,126
 Nickname: 49ers or Dirtbags
 Colors: Black and Gold
 Conference: Big West
 President: Dr. Robert C. Maxson
 Athletic Director: Bill Shumard
 Home Park (Capacity): Blair Field (3,000)
 Dimensions: LF-348; LC-387; CF-400; RC-387; RF-348
 Press Box Phone: (562) 433-8605
 Head Coach: Mike Weathers (Chapman, 1971)
 Record at Long Beach: 39-21 (.650-1 year)
 Career record: 318-301 (.514-10 years)
 Baseball Office Phone: (562) 985-7548/8215
 Best Time to Contact: Weekday mornings, PT
 Assistant Coaches: Troy Buckley (Long Beach St., 1990); Don Barbara (Long Beach St., 2001) and Brandon Hyde (Long Beach St., 2002)
 2002 Record: 39-21
 Big West Record (Finish): 17-7 (2nd)
 Post Season: 3-2 in Big West tournament (2nd); 1-2 in NCAA Stanford regional (3rd)
 Final Rankings: Not Ranked
 Lettermen Returning/Lost: 16/15
 Position Starters Returning/Lost: 5/5
 Pitchers Returning/Lost: 8/5
 Top Returning Position Players: Jr. 1B Mike Hofius (.314, 2 HR, 32 RBI); Soph. C Brad Davis (.317, 2 HR, 20 RBI); Jr. C/3B Todd Jennings (.277, 3 HR, 28 RBI)
 Top Returning Pitchers: Jr. LH Abe Alvarez (12-3, 2.72); Soph. RH Jered Weaver (8-4, 4.37); Soph. RH Neil Jamison (1-1, 2.70, 2 SV)
 Top Newcomers: Jr. RHP Scott Shoemaker; Jr. IF/OF Bobby Pearce; Fr. LHP Johnny Noland
 Series Record vs. LSU: LSU leads, 6-2
 2002 series: LSU, 2-1 (3-8, 10-2, 5-4 in 11 innings at Baton Rouge)
 Smoke Laval vs. Long Beach: 2-1
 Mike Weathers vs. LSU: 1-2
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LOUISIANA-MONROE

Tuesday, February 18 at Baton Rouge-6:30 p.m.

Location: Monroe, La.
 Enrollment: 8,151
 Nickname: Indians
 Colors: Maroon and Gold
 Conference: Southland
 President: Dr. James E. Cofer, Sr. (Mississippi St., 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 St., 1994)
 Record at ULM: 65-53 (.551-2 years)
 Career record: Same
 Baseball Office Phone: (318) 342-3591
 Best Time to Contact: Weekday mornings, CT
 Assistant Coaches: Steve Johnson (Fort Hays St., 1997); Jeremy Talbot (Nicholls St., 1998) and Britten Oubre (Southeastern Louisiana, 1995)
 2002 Record: 29-29
 Southland Record (Finish): 17-10 (co-champions)
 Post Season: 0-2 in Southland tournament (tied for 5th)
 Final Rankings: Not ranked
 Lettermen Returning/Lost: 21/8
 Position Starters Returning/Lost: 8/1
 Pitchers Returning/Lost: 9/5
 Top Returning Position Players: Sr. C Joey Wolfe (.270, 9 HR, 42 RBI); Sr. CF Andy Chance (.320, 7 HR, 38 RBI); Sr. RF Jerad Doty (.385, 6 HR, 23 RBI)
 Top Returning Pitchers: Sr. RH Josh Martinez (2-3, 5.44); Jr. LH Lee Graves (3-1, 6.67); Sr. RH Caleb McConnell (2-4, 6.55)
 Top Newcomers: Fr. SS Ty Rollinson; Jr. 3B Mario Filippi; Jr. LHP Ryan Schwabe
 Series Record vs. LSU: LSU leads, 32-8
 2002 series: LSU, 4-0 (4-3, 7-1, 8-7 at Baton Rouge; 10-3 at Monroe)
 Smoke Laval vs. ULM: 4-0
 Brad Holland vs. LSU: 1-5
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NEW ORLEANS

Tuesday, March 25 at Metairie (Zephyr Field)-6:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, April 30 at Baton Rouge-6:30 p.m.

Location: New Orleans, La.
 Enrollment: 17,014
 Nickname: Privateers
 Colors: Blue and Silver
 Conference: Sun Belt
 Chancellor: Dr. Gregory O'Brien (Lehigh, 1966)
 Athletic Director: Jim Miller
 Home Park (Capacity): Ron Maestri Field at Privateer Park (5,000)
 Dimensions: LF-330; LC-370; CF-405; RC-370; RF-330
 Press Box Phone (at Zephyr Field): (504) 262-0376
 Head Coach: Randy Bush (New Orleans, 1994)
 Record at UNO: 94-85 (.525 - 3 years)
 Career record: Same
 Baseball Office Phone: (504) 280-7021
 Best Time to Contact: weekday mornings
 2002 Record: 31-28
 Sun Belt Record (Finish): 12-12 (5th)
 Post Season: 1-2 at Sun Belt Tournament
 Final Rankings: Not Ranked
 Series Record vs. LSU: LSU leads, 40-29
 2002 series: LSU, 2-0 (8-1 at Baton Rouge, 13-0 at Metairie)
 Smoke Laval vs. UNO: 5-6
 Randy Bush vs. LSU: 0-6
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NICHOLLS STATE

Wednesday, April 2 at Baton Rouge-6:30 p.m.

Location: Thibodaux, La.
 Enrollment: 7,367
 Nickname: Colonels
 Colors: Red, Blue and Silver
 Conference: Southland
 President: Dr. Donald Ayo
 Athletic Director: Rob Bernardi
 Home Park (Capacity): Raymond E. Didier Field (1,000)
 Head Coach: B.D. Parker (Tabor College, 1982)
 Record at Nicholls: 53-59 (.473 - 2 years)
 Career record: 539-324 (.625 - 16 years)
 Assistant Coaches: Gerald Cassard, Jeff McCannon, Marc Gonzales
 2002 Record: 28-26
 Southland Record (Finish): 11-15 (8th)
 Post Season: None
 Final Rankings: Not Ranked
 Series Record vs. LSU: LSU leads, 36-21
 Last Meeting: LSU, 16-4 in 2001 at Baton Rouge
 Smoke Laval vs. Nicholls: 21-6
 B.D. Parker vs. LSU: 0-1
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NORTHWESTERN STATE

Friday, February 7 at Baton Rouge-6:30 p.m.
 Saturday, February 8 at Baton Rouge-2 p.m.
 Sunday, February 9 at Baton Rouge-1 p.m.
 Wednesday, April 9 at Natchitoches-6:30 p.m.

Location: Natchitoches, La.
 Enrollment: 9,415
 Nickname: Demons
 Colors: Purple and White with Orange Trim
 Conference: Southland
 President: Dr. Randall Webb
 Athletic Director: Greg Burke
 Home Park (Capacity): Brown-Stroud Field (1,200)
 Dimensions: LF-320; LC-360; CF-400; RC-360; RF--320
 Press Box Phone: (318) 357-5078
 Head Coach: Mitch Gaspard (Houston, 1987)
 Record at Northwestern St.: 43-17 (.717-1 year)
 Career record: Same
 Baseball Office Phone: (318) 357-4139
 Best Time to Contact: Weekday mornings, CT
 Assistant Coaches: J.P. Davis and Travis Jansen
 2002 Record: 43-17
 Southland Record (Finish): 17-10 (co-champions)
 Post Season: 0-2 in Southland tournament (tied for 5th)
 Final Rankings: Not Ranked
 Lettermen Returning/Lost: 14/14
 Position Starters Returning/Lost: 2/7
 Pitchers Returning/Lost: 5/5
 Series Record vs. LSU: LSU leads, 41-11
 Last series: Tied, 1-1 in 2001 (LSU, 9-7 at Baton Rouge; NSU, 10-8 at Natchitoches)
 Smoke Laval vs. NSU: 14-16
 Mitch Gaspard vs. LSU: 0-0
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SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA

Wednesday, March 5 at Baton Rouge-6:30 p.m.

Location: Hammond, La.
 Enrollment: 15,195
 Nickname: Lions
 Colors: Green and Gold
 Conference: Southland
 President: Dr. Randy Moffett (Louisiana Tech,1969)
 Athletic Director: Frank Pergolizzi (Williams,1978)
 Home Park (Capacity): Alumni Field (3,000)
 Dimensions: LF-320; LC-360; CF-400; RC-360; RF-320
 Press Box Phone: (985) 549-3774
 Head Coach: Dan Canevari (Miami, Fla., 1980)
 Record at SLU: First Year
 Career record: Same
 Baseball Office Phone: (985) 549-2896
 Best Time to Contact: Weekday mornings, CT
 Assistant Coaches: Bill Dailey (Old Dominion, 1992); Fred Burnside (Miami, Fla., 1969) and Rusty Miller (SLU, 1997)
 2002 Record: 21-33
 Southland Record (Finish): 7-20 (10th)
 Post Season: None
 Final Rankings: Not Ranked
 Lettermen Returning/Lost: 14/16
 Position Starters Returning/Lost: 4/5
 Pitchers Returning/Lost: 4/10
 Top Returning Position Players: . Jr. CF Russell Taylor (.344, 10 HR, 41 RBI); Sr. 2B Joey Duhe (.313, 4 HR, 21 RBI); Sr. DH Blaine Wyninger (.315, 2 HR, 11 RBI);
 Top Returning Pitchers: . Jr. LH Mark Weinmunson (3-5, 5.66); Soph. RHP Riskey St. Germain (2-4, 8.53)
 Top Newcomers: . Jr. OF Jeff Janzen; Jr. LHP Bart Bruan; Jr. RHP Cody Willis
 Series Record vs. LSU: LSU leads, 47-16
 2002 series: Tied, 1-1 (3-4 at Baton Rouge; LSU, 9-7 at Hammond)
 Smoke Laval vs. SLU: 11-5
 Dan Canevari vs. LSU: 0-0
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 Fax: (985) 549-3773

SOUTHERN

Tuesday, March 18 at Southern-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: 542-295-1 (.647 - 18 years)
 Career record: Same
 Baseball Office Phone: (225) 771-2513
 Best Time to Contact: Weekday mornings, CT
 Assistant Coaches: . Barret Rey (Southern, 1997); Arnold Brathwaite (Southern, 1998)
 2002 Record: 45-10
 SWAC Record (Finish): 29-3 (1st)
 Post Season: 5-1 in SWAC Tournament (champions); 0-2 in NCAA Baton Rouge regional (4th)
 Final Rankings: Not ranked
 Top Returning Position Players: Jr. 2B Rickie Weeks, Jr. SS Fernando Puebla
 Series Record vs. LSU: LSU leads, 38-1
 2002 series: . . . LSU, 2-0 (13-1 at Alex Box Stadium; 5-4 in first round of NCAA Baton Rouge regional)
 Smoke Laval vs. Southern: 2-1
 Roger Cador vs. LSU: 1-36
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TULANE

Tuesday, March 11 at Metairie (Zephyr Field)-7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15 at Baton Rouge-6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29 at New Orleans (Louisiana Superdome)-7 p.m.

Location: New Orleans, La.
 Enrollment: 11,900
 Nickname: Green Wave
 Colors: Olive Green and Sky Blue
 Conference: Conference USA
 President: Dr. Scott S. Cowen (Connecticut, 1968)
 Athletic Director: Rick Dickson (Tulsa, 1976)
 Home Park (Capacity): Turchin Stadium (5,000)
 Dimensions: LF-325; LC-370; CF-400; RC-370; RF-325
 Press Box Phone: (504) 862-8224
 Head Coach (alma mater year): Rick Jones (UNC-Wilmington, 1975)
 Record at Tulane: 382-185-1 (.673-9 years)
 Career record: 658-274-1 (.706-16 years)
 Baseball Office Phone: (504) 862-8239
 Best Time to Contact: Weekday mornings, CT through Richie Weaver
 Assistant Coaches: . Mark Kingston (North Carolina, 1995); Chad Sutter (Tulane, 2000) and Chris Burr (Strayer, 1999)
 2002 Record: 36-27
 C-USA Record (Finish): 17-13 (5th)
 Post Season: . . . 2-2 in Conference USA Tournament (tied for 3rd); 1-2 in NCAA Baton Rouge regional (3rd)
 Final Rankings: Not ranked
 Lettermen Returning/Lost: 19/10
 Position Starters Returning/Lost: 8/1
 Pitchers Returning/Lost: 8/7
 Top Returning Position Players: . Jr. 1B Michael Aubrey (.316, 7 HR, 52 RBI); Sr. CF Jon Kaplan (.333, 4 HR, 31 RBI); Sr. LF Aaron Feldman (.316, 3 HR, 22 RBI)
 Top Returning Pitchers: . Jr. LH Michael Aubrey (8-1, 4.45); Jr. LH Joey Charron (3-4, 3.38, 9 SV); Soph. LH Ray Liotta (2-5, 7.38)
 Top Newcomers: . . . Jr. RHP Cory Hahn; Soph. OF Wes Swackhammer; Fr. OF Brian Bogusevic
 Series Record vs. LSU: LSU leads, 153-115-3
 2002 series: . . . LSU, 2-1 (5-6 at Baton Rouge, 9-5 at Superdome, 4-2 in NCAA Baton Rouge regional)
 Smoke Laval vs. Tulane: 3-3
 Rick Jones vs. LSU: 10-12
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WINTHROP

Friday, March 7 at Baton Rouge-6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 8 at Baton Rouge-2 p.m.

Sunday, March 9 at Baton Rouge-1 p.m.

Location: Rock Hill, S.C.
 Enrollment: 6,306
 Nickname: Eagles
 Colors: Garnet and Gold
 Conference: Big South
 President: Dr. Anthony J. DiGiorgio
 Athletic Director: Thomas Hickman
 Home Park (Capacity): Winthrop Ballpark (2,000)
 Dimensions: Not available
 Press Box Phone: (803) 323-2114/2155
 Head Coach: Joe Hudak (Malone College, 1972)
 Record at Winthrop: 379-266-5 (.587-11 years)
 Career record: 582-403-5 (.590-19 years)
 Baseball Office Phone: (803) 323-2129 ext. 6235
 Best Time to Contact: Weekday mornings, ET
 Assistant Coaches: . . . Jeremy Keller (Winthrop, 1996); Scott Forbest (North Carolina Wesleyan, 1998) and Chris Cook (Rockford College, 1998)
 2002 Record: 29-30
 Big South Record (Finish): 8-13 (6th)
 Post Season: 2-2 in Big South tournament (3rd)
 Final Rankings: Not ranked
 Lettermen Returning/Lost: 14/10
 Position Starters Returning/Lost: 5/4
 Pitchers Returning/Lost: 4/2
 Top Returning Position Players: Jr. 1B Bennett Stapf (.304, 17 HR, 57 RBI); Soph. OF Kyle Roberson (.272, 4 HR, 18 RBI); Jr. 2B Matt Matkovich (.294, 3 HR, 24 RBI)
 Top Returning Pitchers: Sr. RH Jeff Reeves (3-4, 3.20); Sr. LH Jeremy Plexico (9-5, 4.36); Jr. RH Chris Carter (2-4, 5.35)
 Top Newcomers: . Jr. RHP Thomas Olenjniczak; Fr. OF Daniel Carte; Fr. C Chris Leroux
 Series Record vs. LSU: First Meeting
 Smoke Laval vs. Winthrop: 0-0
 Joe Hudak vs. LSU: 0-0
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2003 Post-Season Tournaments

SEC TOURNAMENT

The 2003 SEC Tournament, which will be held May 21-25, returns to Hoover (Ala.) Metropolitan Stadium for the sixth consecutive year and for the eighth time in the event's history. Last year, the tournament attracted 124,440 fans for the five-day, 15-game event. The total attendance was the largest in tournament history, and the championship-game attendance (13,023) was the second-highest among 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 sixth 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 2-2 mark at the 2002 SEC Tournament, dropping a 5-4 decision to South Carolina in the semi-finals. In reaching the "Final Four" of the event, the Tigers kept alive a 17-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 2003 SEC Tournament will be held at Birmingham's Hoover Metropolitan Stadium.

NCAA TOURNAMENT

The 2003 NCAA Tournament will feature a 64-team field for the fifth 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 May 30-June 1.

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 6-8. The eight winners of the Super Regionals advance to the College World Series June 13-23 at Omaha's Rosenblatt Stadium, marking the 54th 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, beginning this year, the bracket champions will meet in a best two-of-three playoff to determine the national champion.

In 2002, the fourth season played under the 64-team format, LSU played host to and won an NCAA Regional before dropping two straight games to Rice in the Super Regional at Reckling Park in Houston. The Tigers have advanced to Super Regional play in each of the four seasons of the expanded format, making LSU one of only six schools to accomplish that feat.



LSU played host to and won both a 2000 NCAA Regional and Super Regional.



LSU has the highest all-time NCAA Tournament winning percentage (94-34, .734).