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LSU's 1939 SEC Champions

Louisiana State University has a colorful 113-year (110 seasons) baseball history which began with the first team in 1893 and has continued uninterrupted since 1905.

Although baseball was played at LSU prior to 1893, no contests had been scheduled with any clubs outside of Baton Rouge. The team of 1892 won all of its games against local competition.

On May 13, 1893, in connection with a military field day, LSU was engaged in its first intercollegiate athletic contest and defeated the nine from Tulane University.

That was the only game of 1893 and captain E.B. Young, in selecting materials for uniforms to be used for the May 13 contest, chose the colors of Old Gold and Purple. The baseball squad of 1893 had the honor of first wearing the colors that later were adopted as the official University colors.

In 1904, a game was scheduled to start the year against a local professional club. That game, however, was cancelled when the Tiger captain and manager resigned

upon the refusal of the university president to grant permission for the cadets to attend the contest. The team disbanded and no further contests were played that year.

In 1915 C.C. "Doc" Stroud took over as Tiger coach and eventually became the first man to lead LSU for more than two seasons. In 1919 Stroud led LSU to a 12-4 campaign, a mark that had been bettered only one time before and would not be surpassed again until 1936. In that 1919 season, the Tigers had a fine young pitcher named Tom Staples who threw a perfect game in a 9-0 win over Louisiana College. He also pitched and won both games of a doubleheader that same year.

In 1927 Harry Rabenhorst was named head coach and served in that capacity until 1956, with the exception of a three-year period from 1943-45. During that three-year span, A.L. Swanson was the Tigers' field manager. In Swanson's first year, the Tigers lost their first three games of the season, but bounced back to win 12 of the next 16 and LSU's second SEC championship.

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The first SEC title came back in 1939 under Rabenhorst. The '39 team was one of LSU's best as it posted a 22-5 record for an .815 winning percentage. The team was led by first baseman Paul Brotherton, outfielder Ken Kavanaugh, Sr. and pitcher Jesse Danna, and had a winning streak of 13 games before losing to Minnesota in a swing through the Western (Big 10) Conference.

Besides the 1939 and 1943 championships, LSU also won conference titles in 1946 - under Rabenhorst - and in 1961 under Ray Didier, but not again until 1975 under Jim Smith. During Smith's tenure, however, the Tigers won or tied for the SEC Western Division title on three occasions.

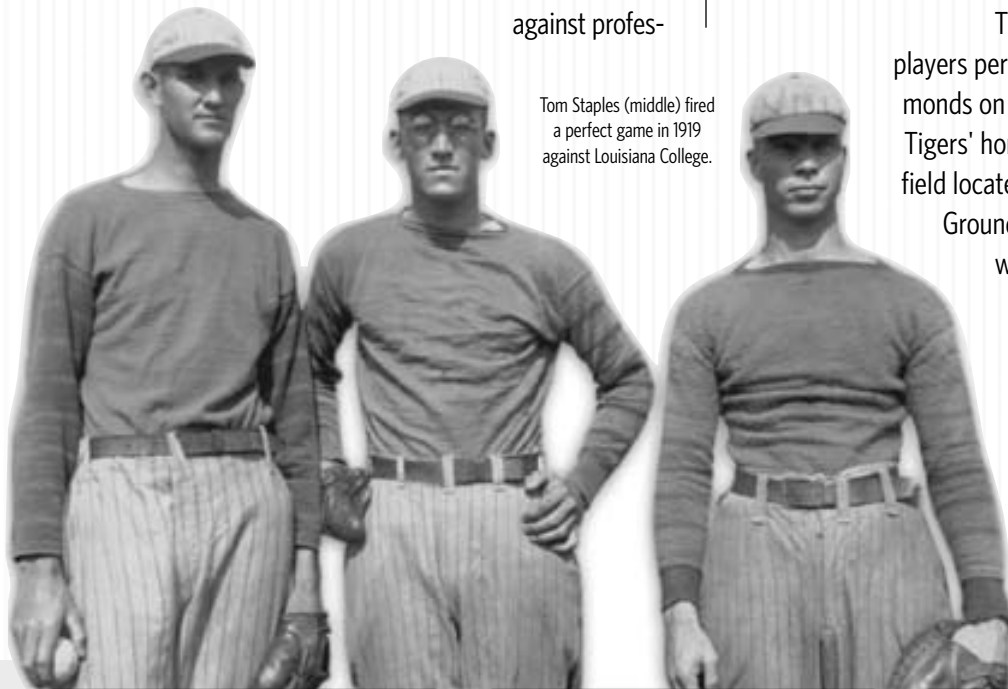
The 1975 team became the first LSU squad to participate in the NCAA Tournament, as the Tigers played in the South Regional at Starkville, Miss. LSU won its first regional game over Murray State, but was eliminated from the tournament after consecutive losses to Florida State and Miami (Fla.).

LSU coaches in the early years supplemented their collegiate schedules with competition against profes-

sional opponents. This gave the Tigers excellent chances to gain experience, but rare chances for victory. Among the Tigers' most noteworthy losses was a 17-7 defeat at the hands of the Chicago White Sox in 1925. Other pro opponents included the Detroit, Cleveland, New York and St. Louis major league teams, Indianapolis of the American Association, Nashville and New Orleans of the Southern Association, plus several teams from Louisiana's celebrated Class "C" Evangeline League.

Through the early years, numerous Tigers made it into the professional ranks. A.W. Baird in 1916 was the first Tiger known to have signed a pro contract. Since then, many players from LSU made their mark in the major leagues, including Walker Cress, Cincinnati Reds; Dave Madison, Detroit Tigers; Buddy Blair, Philadelphia Athletics; Mark Freeman, New York Yankees; Connie Ryan, Boston Braves; Alvin Dark, New York Giants; Joe Bill Adcock, Milwaukee Braves; Art Swanson, Pittsburgh Pirates; Mike Miley, California Angels; and Randy Wiles, Chicago White Sox.

Those and other outstanding players performed on a number of diamonds on the LSU campus. In 1929, the Tigers' home games were played on a field located on the Campanile Parade Grounds. In 1936, the playing field was located north of the football stadium and was equipped with wooden bleachers. In 1938, LSU baseball moved into what was later to be named Alex Box Stadium, the present home of the Fighting Tigers.



Tom Staples (middle) fired a perfect game in 1919 against Louisiana College.



Joe Bill Adcock enjoyed a 17-year big league career.



Venerable Alex Box Stadium has served as the Tigers' home since 1938.



LSU's 1961 SEC Champions

The Bertman Years

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On July 18, 2000, LSU baseball coach Skip Bertman announced that the 2001 season would be his 18th and final at the helm of the Fighting Tigers, the team he had built into the nation's premier collegiate baseball squad.

To Skip Bertman, striving for excellence isn't just a catchy motto or slogan; it's how he has approached every task he has undertaken in his life -- from his playing days at the University of Miami, to his highly-successful 11-year stint as head baseball coach at Miami Beach High School, to his eight years as associate head coach at UM, to his tenure in Baton Rouge.

Bertman, who now serves as LSU's athletics director, led the Tigers to a sterling 870-330-3 mark (.724) from 1984-2001, giving him the highest winning percentage of any SEC baseball coach and the fourth-highest percentage among active coaches at the time of his retirement, trailing only Wichita State's Gene Stephenson, Gary Ward of Oklahoma State and Florida State's Mike Martin. Bertman, USC legend Rod Dedeaux and Augie Garrido of Texas are the only coaches to win five national championships.

In addition to the five national championships (1991, 1993, 1996, 1997, 2000) Bertman's LSU teams captured, the Tigers also claimed seven SEC championships, nine 50-win seasons, 11 CWS berths and six SEC Tournament championships.

Bertman's jersey #15 has been retired by LSU - the first baseball number to receive that designation from the university - and the street in front of Alex Box Stadium has been re-named Skip Bertman Drive. Bertman was inducted into the American Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in January, 2003.

As much as LSU's dominance can be attributed to Bertman, the players have also had a huge part in that success. During Bertman's tenure at LSU, more than 100 players were drafted into professional baseball, with 37 Tigers reaching the major leagues. Bertman produced 11 first-team All-America performers, and more importantly, nearly 100 percent of those who played four or five years in the Tiger program earned their LSU degrees.

Bertman came to LSU after a highly successful eight-year stint at Miami, where he was associate head coach and pitching coach under Hall of Fame coach Ron Fraser. The Bertman-Fraser partnership produced 427 wins and five berths in the CWS, including the Hurricanes' first national championship in 1982. Bertman's recruiting also laid much of the groundwork for Miami's second national championship in 1985, which was Bertman's second year at LSU.

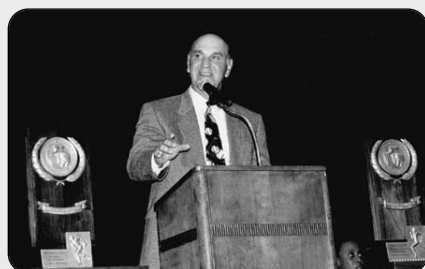
Bertman was also an accomplished international coach, serving as pitching coach under Stanford's Mark Marquess on the United States' gold-medal winning 1988 squad, then leading the USA to the bronze medal at the Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta in 1996.

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In addition to becoming an accomplished coach, Bertman has authored two books (*Coaching Youth League Baseball* and *Skip: The Man and the System*), produced a motivational video (*Motivation and Teamwork: Winning the Big One*), and has been a featured speaker and clinician at banquets, civic organizations and youth groups around the country.

As athletics director, Bertman oversees a 20-sport program that has brought home 43 national championships, more than any other SEC school. With a diverse and talented coaching staff as well as some of the best facilities in the nation, Bertman should have no trouble keeping the LSU program near the top of the heap both in the SEC and on the national stage.

Bertman's Era of Excellence as LSU's baseball coach has ended, but his service to the university continues on a more comprehensive level. On January 19, 2001, the LSU Board of Supervisors paved the way for another Bertman era, as the panel unanimously approved LSU Chancellor Mark Emmert's selection of Bertman to be the school's seventh permanent athletics director since LSU became a charter member of the Southeastern Conference in 1933. Bertman assumed his duties as athletics director on August 6, 2001.



Skip Bertman was named LSU's athletics director on January 19, 2001.



Skip Bertman and his wife, Sandy, wave farewell to the Alex Box Stadium crowd after Bertman's final regular-season home game.



Skip Bertman's LSU program was characterized not only by winning championships, but also by its accessibility and courtesy to Tiger fans.



Two of the three men to win five College World Series titles: LSU's Skip Bertman and former Southern California coach Rod Dedeaux.

LSU Superlatives Under Bertman

Five NCAA College World Series Championships

1991, 1993, 1996, 1997, 2000

11 CWS Appearances

1986, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2000

16 NCAA Tournament Berths

1985, 1986, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001

Seven Southeastern Conference Championships

1986, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1996, 1997

Six SEC Tournament Titles

1986, 1990, 1992, 1993, 1994, 2000

Nine SEC Western Division Championships

1985, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001

Nine 50-Win Seasons

1986, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1996, 1997, 2000

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BERTMAN'S BIG LEAGUERS

Here are the former Skip Bertman-coached LSU Tigers who appeared on 2005 major league rosters:

PLAYER	YEARS AT LSU	MAJOR LEAGUE TEAM
Russ Springer, RHP	1987-89	Houston Astros
Keith Osik, C	1988-90	Washington Nationals
Paul Byrd, RHP	1989-91	Los Angeles Angels
Todd Walker, INF	1992-94	Chicago Cubs
Russ Johnson, INF	1992-94	New York Yankees
Brian Tallet, LHP	1998-00	Cleveland Indians
Randy Keisler, LHP	1998	Cincinnati Reds
Brad Hawpe, OF	1999-00	Colorado Rockies
Ryan Theriot, INF	1999-01	Chicago Cubs
Ryan Jorgensen, C	2000	Florida Marlins
Mke Fontenot, INF	2000-01	Chicago Cubs
Todd Linden, OF	2001	San Francisco Giants
Aaron Hill, INF	2001-03	Toronto Blue Jays

Bertman coached 24 other major leaguers during his LSU tenure, including All-Star outfielder Albert Belle and the No. 1 pick in the 1989 draft, pitcher Ben McDonald.

BERTMAN YEAR-BY-YEAR

SEASON	OVERALL RECORD	SEC RECORD	NATIONAL FINISH
1984	32-23	12-12 (3rd, West)	NR
1985	41-18	17-7 (1st, West)	20th
1986	55-14	22-5 (1st)	5th
1987	49-19	12-10 (5th)	4th
1988	39-21	16-11 (5th)	NR
1989	55-17	18-9 (2nd)	3rd
1990	54-19	20-7 (1st)	3rd
1991	55-18	19-7 (1st)	1st
1992	50-16	18-6 (1st)	6th
1993	53-17-1	18-8-1 (1st)	1st
1994	46-20	21-6 (2nd)	7th
1995	47-18	17-12 (5th)	14th
1996	52-15	20-10 (1st)	1st
1997	57-13	22-7 (1st)	1st
1998	48-19	21-9 (2nd)	3rd
1999	41-24-1	18-11-1 (3rd)	14th
2000	52-17	19-10 (2nd)	1st
2001	44-22-1	18-12 (2nd)	9th

Totals 870-330-3 (.724) 328-159-2 (.673)

Coach Bertman with actor Kevin Costner at the 2000 CWS.



Skip Bertman celebrates his first national title in 1991 (above) and his fifth national title in 2000 (below).



THE BERTMAN FAMILY COACHING TREE

A look at some of Skip's former players and assistants in college baseball:

NAME	YEARS UNDER BERTMAN	CURRENT POSITION/OTHER POSITIONS
Smoke Laval	LSU Assistant, 1984-93	Head coach at LSU; former head coach at Louisiana-Monroe
Mike Bianco	Player at LSU, 1988-89	Head coach at Ole Miss; former head coach at McNeese St. and assistant at LSU
Jim Wells	G.A. at LSU, 1987-89	Head coach at Alabama; former head coach at Northwestern State
Mitch Gaspard	Player at LSU, 1985	Head coach at Northwestern State
Dan Canevari	LSU Assistant, 1991-2002	Former head coach at Southeastern Louisiana
Randy Davis	G.A. at LSU, 1988-90	Former head coach at Louisiana Tech and assistant at South Carolina
Ray Tanner	Olympic Assistant, 1996	Head coach at South Carolina; former head coach at North Carolina State
Dave Snow	Olympic Assistant, 1996	Former head coach at Long Beach State
Jerry Weinstein	Olympic Assistant, 1996	Former head coach at Sacramento City College

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YEAR-BY-YEAR STATISTICS OF BERTMAN'S LSU TEAMS

Batting

YEAR (W-L-T)	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB-ATT	SLG	OBP	AVG
1984 (32-23-0)	55	1606	309	443	76	20	51	263	92-139	.443	NA	.276
1985 (41-18-0)	59	1883	412	557	102	17	63	343	108-145	.468	NA	.296
1986 (55-14-0)	69	2272	542	696	135	27	83	455	153-188	.499	NA	.306
1987 (49-19-0)	68	2178	509	619	104	18	76	434	156-208	.453	.425	.284
1988 (39-21-0)	60	1823	390	490	92	19	41	331	69-104	.408	.443	.269
1989 (55-17-0)	72	2424	566	723	144	26	62	494	113-142	.456	.461	.298
1990 (54-19-0)	73	2480	587	807	156	27	63	515	95-135	.486	.470	.325
1991 (55-18-0)	73	2366	547	488	138	18	85	488	84-123	.478	.446	.297
1992 (50-16-0)	66	2261	509	681	132	17	67	438	125-159	.464	.447	.301
1993 (53-17-1)	71	2385	603	737	152	37	85	527	122-151	.511	.414	.309
1994 (46-20-0)	66	2273	504	659	124	15	87	439	116-142	.473	.394	.290
1995 (47-18-0)	65	2259	506	680	146	21	81	458	95-128	.492	.397	.301
1996 (52-15-0)	67	2384	648	759	143	18	131	585	99-120	.558	.419	.318
1997 (57-13-0)	70	2509	673	791	146	11	188	632	71-99	.607	.412	.315
1998 (48-19-0)	67	2314	583	692	132	12	157	542	64-85	.570	.409	.299
1999 (41-24-1)	66	2317	556	699	122	14	104	502	77-101	.501	.406	.302
2000 (52-17-0)	69	2542	652	864	194	16	96	598	73-94	.542	.432	.340
2001 (44-22-1)	67	2372	574	754	137	10	98	514	90-115	.508	.417	.318

Pitching

YEAR (W-L-T)	G	IP	CG	SHO	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	OBA	ERA
1984 (32-23-0)	55	433.0	12	3	10	439	272	199	206	359	.259	4.13
1985 (41-18-0)	59	484.2	10	3	9	452	273	221	245	442	.247	4.11
1986 (55-14-0)	69	579.0	10	5	17	511	303	245	291	541	.236	3.81
1987 (49-19-0)	68	577.1	13	8	14	502	266	197	223	552	.235	3.07
1988 (39-21-0)	60	497.2	20	1	11	437	262	199	292	519	.236	3.60
1989 (55-17-0)	72	629.0	10	5	20	546	326	254	278	655	.231	3.63
1990 (54-19-0)	73	630.1	13	5	12	631	324	264	249	555	.258	3.77
1991 (55-18-0)	73	621.0	5	6	19	613	330	253	259	626	.255	3.67
1992 (50-16-0)	66	574.2	9	3	12	508	261	222	185	518	.238	3.48
1993 (53-17-1)	71	620.0	15	7	7	586	318	257	246	511	.249	3.73
1994 (46-20-0)	66	589.2	6	1	13	567	356	295	274	520	.253	4.50
1995 (47-18-0)	65	579.0	9	4	10	517	323	261	245	623	.239	4.06
1996 (52-15-0)	67	601.0	8	10	13	549	283	226	233	635	.241	3.38
1997 (57-13-0)	70	621.0	7	3	13	653	380	319	206	682	.266	4.62
1998 (48-19-0)	67	588.1	5	4	14	613	365	287	232	646	.265	4.39
1999 (41-24-1)	66	580.0	8	2	12	651	402	329	212	591	.281	5.11
2000 (52-17-0)	69	619.2	4	6	16	661	375	305	241	574	.272	4.43
2001 (44-22-1)	67	595.2	6	2	12	640	388	314	279	446	.274	4.74

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Skip Bertman had a .690 (29-13) winning percentage in College World Series games.



Warren Morris' ninth-inning homer lifted LSU to the 1996 CWS title.

LSU's Final National Rankings

Year	Collegiate Baseball	Baseball America	ESPN/Sports Weekly
1961	22		
1975	19		
1985	24	20	
1986	5	5	
1987	4	4	
1989	4	7	
1990	4	4	
1991	1	1	
1992	9	6	8
1993	1	1	1
1994	7	10	7
1995	18	15	14
1996	1	1	1
1997	1	1	1
1998	3	4	3
1999	14	16	16
2000	1	1	1
2001	10	9	9
2002	11	11	11
2003	7	5	6
2004	8	7	6
2005	19	18	18

SEC Teams in the College World Series

TEAM	APP.	WON	LOST	PCT.	1ST	2ND
LSU	13	29	17	.631	5	0
Miss. State	7	7	14	.333	0	0
Alabama	5	11	10	.524	0	2
Florida	5	8	11	.421	0	1
Georgia	4	6	7	.462	1	0
Ole Miss	4	3	8	.273	0	0
Auburn	4	3	8	.273	0	0
Tennessee	4	8	8	.500	0	1
South Carolina	3	8	6	.571	0	1
Arkansas	1	0	2	.000	0	0
TOTALS	48	80	87	.479	6	4

*Prior to SEC Membership
 South Carolina 5 9 10 .474 0 2
 Arkansas 4 7 8 .467 0 1

SEC Teams in the NCAA Tournament

TEAM	APP.	WON	LOST	PCT.
LSU	21	106	41	.721
South Carolina	9	40	21	.656
Alabama	17	42	24	.636
Georgia	7	29	18	.617
Tennessee	10	31	21	.596
Miss. State	26	64	45	.587
Florida	23	64	49	.566
Ole Miss	11	28	24	.519
Auburn	17	39	37	.513
Arkansas	8	15	17	.469
Kentucky	4	6	8	.429
Vanderbilt	4	6	8	.429
TOTALS	146	433	284	.604

*Prior to SEC Membership
 South Carolina 12 40 25 .615
 Arkansas 10 25 21 .543
 *Note: Arkansas and South Carolina totals not counted in SEC totals prior to SEC membership

College World Series Championships

Southern California	12
Texas	6
LSU	5
Arizona State	5
Miami (Fla.)	4
Cal State Fullerton	4
Arizona	3
Minnesota	3
California	2
Michigan	2
Oklahoma	2
Stanford	2

NCAA Tournament Winning Percentage

LSU	.721 (106-41)
Southern California	.718 (171-67)
Arizona State	.688 (128-58)
Miami (Fla.)	.684 (156-72)
Texas	.677 (201-96)
Stanford	.669 (117-58)

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CWS Winning Percentage

Southern California	74-26	.740
Minnesota	17-7	.708
Arizona State	58-32	.644
LSU	29-17	.630
Missouri	18-11	.621
Cal State Fullerton	32-21	.604
Texas	78-53	.595
Wichita State	16-11	.593
Stanford	38-27	.585
Miami (Fla.)	45-34	.570

CWS Appearances

Texas	32
Southern California	21
Miami (Fla.)	21
Oklahoma State	19
Arizona State	19
Florida State	18
Stanford	15
Arizona	15
LSU	13
Cal State Fullerton	13

Coaches' CWS Winning Percentage

Rod Dedeaux, Southern California	.789 (60-16)
Bobby Winkles, Arizona State	.762 (16-5)
Dick Siebert, Minnesota	.708 (17-7)
Skip Bertman, LSU	.690 (29-13)
Jerry Kindall, Arizona	.682 (15-7)
Augie Garrido, CS-Fullerton/Texas	.680 (34-16)
Toby Greene, Oklahoma State	.625 (15-9)
Hi Simmons, Missouri	.621 (18-11)
Jim Brock, Arizona State	.600 (36-24)
Mark Marquess, Stanford	.596 (34-23)
Cliff Gustafson, Texas	.595 (44-30)
Jim Morris, Miami (Fla.)	.594 (19-13)
Gene Stephenson, Wichita State	.593 (16-11)
Ron Fraser, Miami (Fla.)	.553 (26-21)
Bibb Falk, Texas	.541 (20-17)

Coaches' CWS Victories

Rod Dedeaux, Southern California	60
Cliff Gustafson, Texas	44
Jim Brock, Arizona State	36
Augie Garrido, CS-Fullerton/Texas	34
Mark Marquess, Stanford	34
Skip Bertman, LSU	29
Ron Fraser, Miami (Fla.)	26
Bibb Falk, Texas	20
Gary Ward, Oklahoma State	19
Jim Morris, Miami (Fla.)	19
Hi Simmons, Missouri	18
Frank Sancet, Arizona	17
Dick Siebert, Minnesota	17
Bobby Winkles, Arizona State	16
Gene Stephenson, Wichita State	16

Current Consecutive Regional Appearances

Miami (Fla.)	33 (1973-2005)
Florida State	28 (1978-2005)
Clemson	19 (1987-2005)
LSU	17 (1989-2005)
Cal State Fullerton	14 (1992-2005)
Stanford	12 (1994-2005)
Rice	11 (1995-2005)

NCAA Super Regional Appearances

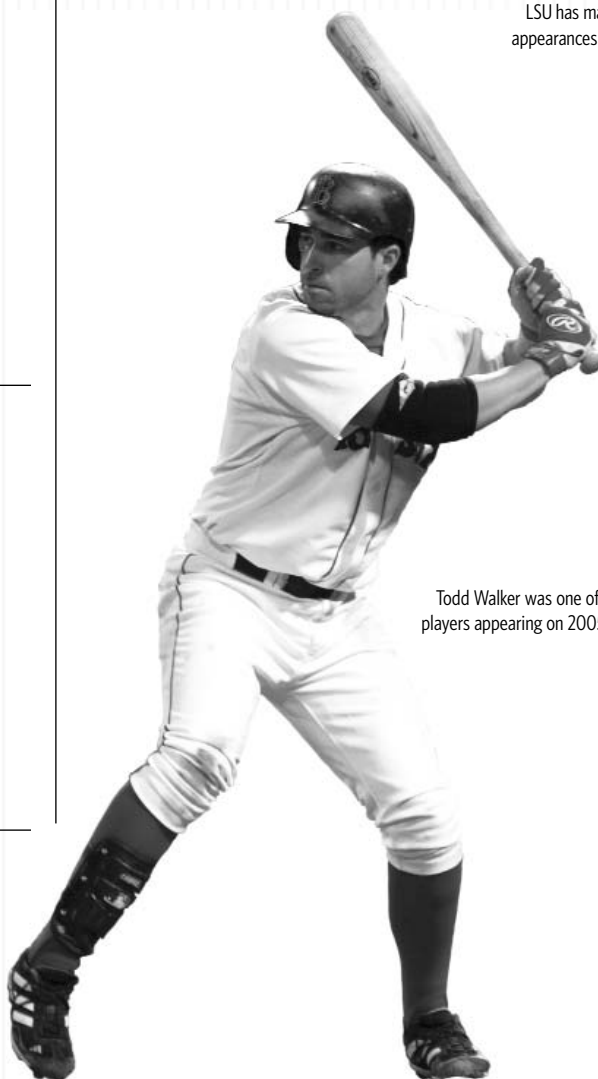
Miami (Fla.)	7
Florida State	7
LSU	6
South Carolina	5
Stanford	5
Cal State Fullerton	5
Clemson	5
Rice	5
Southern California	5
Texas	5
Georgia Tech	4
Nebraska	4

Draft Selections (1994-2003)

Arizona State	83
Miami (Fla.)	74
Cal State Fullerton	72
Long Beach State	66
Stanford	64
LSU	63
Texas A&M	63
Southern California	62
Rice	61
Wichita State	58



LSU has made 13 CWS appearances since 1986.



Todd Walker was one of 13 former LSU players appearing on 2005 major league rosters.

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PLAYERS

- Dale Adams, C
- Adrian Antonini, C
- Tim Bauer, C
- Harry Berrios, OF
- Tiger Blackwell, OF
- Paul Byrd, RHP
- Matt Chamberlain, RHP
- Keyaan Cook, INF
- Rich Cordani, OF
- Luis Garcia, INF
- Pat Garrity, DH
- Mike Graham, OF
- Rick Greene, RHP
- David Herry, RHP
- Gary Hymel, C
- Tookie Johnson, 2B
- Mark LaRosa, LHP
- Bhrett McCabe, RHP
- Chris Mook, 3B
- Gregg Mook, RHP
- Lyle Mouton, RF
- Jared Mula, OF
- Jeff Naquin, RHP
- Mike Neal, INF
- Chad Ogea, RHP
- Ronnie Rantz, LHP
- Armando Rios, CF
- Henri Saunders, RHP
- Andy Sheets, SS
- Mike Sirotko, LHP
- Johnny Tellechea, 1B

COACHES

- Skip Bertman - Head Coach
- Smoke Laval - Asst. Coach
- Beetle Bailey - Asst. Coach
- Dan Canevari - Asst. Coach
- Gregg Patterson - Student Asst. Coach

MANAGERS

- Russ Rome
- Mike Biandolillo

TRAINERS

- Andy Sonnier
- Scott Newman



LSU completed a magnificent 1991 season with a 55-18 record as the Tigers captured their first baseball national title and the 19th overall national championship for the school.

Head coach Skip Bertman directed the Tigers to the 1991 NCAA title after having led his team to the College World Series in five of the past six seasons. Bertman was recognized as the National Coach of the Year by *Collegiate Baseball* magazine shortly after LSU's World Series victory.

The Tigers became the first team since Miami (Fla.) in 1982 to win the national title without a loss in the NCAA Tournament; LSU won eight consecutive games in the tournament, including four in the South Regional and four in the College World Series.

As a team, the Tigers set a College World Series record by averaging 12 runs per game, breaking the previous mark of 11 per contest

established by Notre Dame in 1957.

LSU also set a new Series mark with a team fielding percentage of .993. The Tigers committed only one error in 148 chances.

LSU equaled the College World Series mark for most home runs with nine, tying the record set by Arizona State in 1981. Catcher Gary Hymel blasted four homers, rightfielder Lyle Mouton belted three, designated hitter Pat Garrity contributed one and centerfielder Armando Rios launched a two-run shot in the championship game win over Wichita State.

The Tigers outscored their four Series opponents, 48-15, while recording a team batting average of .329, including five doubles, four triples and nine home runs.

Hymel was named the Most Outstanding Player of the Series, as he batted .500 with four homers and 10 RBI. Hymel finished the season with a .310 batting average and a school-record



The June 9, 1991, headline of the Baton Rouge Sunday Advocate heralds LSU's CWS title.



All-American Chad Ogea pitched the Tigers to victory in the CWS final against Wichita State.

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25 home runs to go along with 79 RBI. Hymel, Mouton, pitcher Chad Ogea and first baseman Johnny Tellechea were named to the College World Series All-Tournament team.

Mouton batted .429 in the Series with three homers and 10 RBI; Ogea earned wins over Florida and Wichita State, compiling a 1.74 ERA in 10 1/3 innings; Tellechea hit .438 with two doubles, one RBI and five runs.

LSU culminated its championship year on July 9, 1991, with a trip to the White House. President George Bush recognized the Tigers in a special Rose Garden ceremony which also honored major league legends Joe DiMaggio and Ted Williams. LSU became only the third collegiate baseball team to receive an invitation to the White House.

1991 COLLEGE WORLD SERIES FACTS

CWS Records Set By LSU

Team Series

Most Runs Per Game - 12 (48 runs in four games)
 Highest Slugging Percentage - .603 (88 total bases/146 at-bats)
 Highest Fielding Percentage - .993 (one error in 148 chances)

Team Single Game

Most Players Used (Both Teams) - 38, LSU vs. Florida (June 5)

Team Championship Game

Most Hit Batsmen - 3, LSU vs. Wichita State (June 8)

Championship Game Attendance

16,612 - LSU vs. Wichita State (June 8)

Individual Series

Highest Slugging Percentage - 1.357 (19 total bases/14 at-bats), Gary Hymel

CWS Records Tied By LSU

Team Series

Most Home Runs - 9 (four games)

Team Championship Game

Most Sacrifice Flies - 1, LSU vs. Wichita State (June 8)
 Most Sacrifice Flies (Both Teams) - 2, LSU (1) vs. Wichita St. (1)
 Most Hit Batters (Both Teams) - 3, LSU (0) vs. Wichita State (3)

Individual Series

Most Home Runs - 4, Gary Hymel (four games)
 Most Hit by Pitch - 3, Gary Hymel (four games)

Individual Championship Game

Most Sacrifice Flies - 1, Rich Cordani, LSU vs. Wichita State

Individual Career

Most Home Runs - 4, Gary Hymel (1990-91)
 4, Lyle Mouton (1990-91)

1991 College World Series All-Tournament Team

- CatcherGary Hymel, LSU
- First BaseJohnny Tellechea, LSU
- Second BaseMike McCafferty, Creighton
- Third BaseJason Giambi, Long Beach State
- ShortstopKevin Polcovich, Florida
- OutfieldLyle Mouton, LSU
- OutfieldJim Audley, Wichita State
- OutfieldSteve Hinton, Creighton
- Designated HitterMario Linares, Florida
- PitcherKennie Steenstra, Wichita State
- PitcherChad Ogea, LSU

Most Outstanding Player

Gary Hymel, LSU

(Right) Pitcher Paul Byrd holds the championship trophy during the celebration at Alex Box Stadium.



(Below) President George Bush saluted the Tigers in a Rose Garden ceremony which also honored baseball legends Joe DiMaggio and Ted Williams. The Tigers gave the President an LSU jersey embroidered with the No. 2, Bush's jersey number as a college baseball player at Yale.



Smoke Laval meets with President Bush.



LSU outscored its four CWS opponents, 48-15.

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PLAYERS

- Kevin Ainsworth, OF
- Adrian Antonini, C
- Wade Bagley, C
- Scott Berardi, C
- Harry Berrios, OF
- Dustin Brandon, INF
- Matt Chamberlain, RHP
- Chad Cooley, OF
- Brian Daugherty, INF
- Jim Greely, OF
- Ryan Huffman, OF
- Will Hunt, LHP
- Kenny Jackson, 1B
- Russ Johnson, SS
- Tim Lanier, C
- Brett Laxton, RHP
- Antonio Leonardi-Cattolica, RHP
- Matt Malejko, RHP
- Bhrett McCabe, RHP
- Gregg Mook, RHP
- Warren Morris, INF
- Jeff Naquin, RHP
- Mike Neal, OF
- Ronnie Rantz, LHP
- Armando Rios, OF
- Trey Rutledge, RHP
- Henri Saunders, RHP
- Scott Schultz, RHP
- Tom Schwier, INF
- Mike Sirotko, LHP
- Mark Stocco, OF
- Sean Teague, RHP
- Todd Walker, 2B
- Kevin Ward, C
- Jason Williams, 3B
- Brad Wilson, INF
- Brian Winders, RHP

COACHES

- Skip Bertman - Head Coach
- Smoke Laval - Asst. Coach
- Mike Bianco - Asst. Coach
- Beetle Bailey - Admin. Assistant
- Rick Smith - Volunteer Asst. Coach

MANAGERS

- Dirck Decoteau
- Jason Decoteau

TRAINERS

- Jim Mensch
- Stacy LeCompte



A century of baseball excellence was culminated in June, 1993, as LSU captured its second NCAA title in three years with an 8-0 victory over Wichita State in the College World Series final. In the 100th anniversary season of the Fighting Tiger program, head coach Skip Bertman and his players reinforced LSU's status as the nation's premier baseball power.

The Tigers began the 1993 campaign as the nation's No. 1 team in all three of the college baseball polls. The Tigers' pre-conference scheduled featured a 12-game winning streak which extended through the month of March as LSU prepared to defend its SEC title. The Tigers' drive to win their fourth straight league crown was spearheaded by Todd Walker, who established an SEC single-season record with a 33-game hitting streak. The regular-season also featured a "Turn Back the Clock" game against Tulane in Alex Box Stadium, as players from both teams wore old-

fashioned uniforms and used wooden bats. The Tigers defeated the Green Wave 6-3 in a game which commemorated LSU's 100-year baseball history.

LSU went on to become the first team in league annals to win four straight SEC championships and, after a 9-4 win over South Alabama in the NCAA South Regional final at Alex Box Stadium, the Tigers advanced to the College World Series for the sixth time in eight seasons.

The Tigers returned to Omaha's Rosenblatt Stadium for another National Championship crusade. The fifth-seeded Tigers disposed of fourth-seeded Long Beach State to open the Series as left fielder Jim Greely launched two home runs and collected a personal-best five RBI. Left-hander Mike Sirotko handcuffed the 49ers with a three-hit, nine strikeout performance.

LSU posted a furious rally against top-seeded Texas A&M in the next round, overcoming a 7-2 deficit and grabbing a 9-8 lead on an eighth inning single by Armando Rios. Then, with the bases loaded, Todd Walker provided one of the series' most scintillating moments, unloading his third grand slam of the season to cap the 13-8 tri-



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Team captain Mike Neal proclaims LSU No. 1 after the Tigers' 8-0 victory over Wichita St.



(left) The 1993 National Champions were honored with a celebration in Tiger Stadium the morning after the CWS triumph.

(below) Todd Walker (left), Brett Laxton (center) and Skip Bertman met with CBS reporter Lesley Visser after the CWS title game.



Mike Sirotka recorded two complete-game victories in the 1993 CWS.

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The momentum generated by the win over the Aggies was vanquished three days later as Long Beach State rallied for an improbable 10-8 victory, striking for four runs in their final at-bat.

Now LSU faced a third meeting with Long Beach, with the winner advancing to the World Series championship game. The Tigers, on the strength of a two-run double by Rios, tied the game 5-5 in the bottom of the ninth before Walker delivered the game-winning single for a thrilling 6-5 victory. LSU was one victory away from fulfilling a season-long dream.

LSU faced Wichita State in the national championship game for the second time in three years, and unlike the first meeting in 1991, this game offered little suspense. Todd Walker's two-run homer in



The Tigers won their second NCAA title in the 100th anniversary season of LSU Baseball.

the first inning began LSU's surge to another World Series title. LSU added three runs in the second inning as Armando Rios sandwiched a sacrifice fly between RBI singles by Walker and by Jason Williams.

While the Tigers bolted to the big lead, freshman right-hander Brett Laxton was in the process of making College World Series history. Relying primarily on an exploding fastball with an occasional paralyzing slider, Laxton set a CWS championship game record with 16 staggering strikeouts. Laxton limited Wichita State to a mere three hits while retiring 16 of the final 20 Shocker batters, including Wichita State's last hope, outfielder Carl Hall, who flied weakly to Harry Berrios in right field to conclude the Tigers' 8-0 triumph. For the second time in three years, an unquenchable desire for victory was LSU's most prominent characteristic as it catapulted the Tigers to college baseball's summit.

Todd Walker was named the Most Outstanding Player of the Series and was joined on the All-Tournament team by Mike Sirotka, Brett Laxton, Adrian Antonini, Jim Greely and Armando Rios. Walker, the 1993 SEC Player of the Year, recorded a conference-record 102 RBI on the season and surpassed Albert Belle as LSU's all-time RBI leader with 175.

Mike Sirotka ended a fantastic four-year career as LSU's career leader in innings pitched with 372. He tied Ben McDonald's school record with 10 complete games, including eight in his final nine starts. Laxton's dazzling performance in the national title game capped a phenomenal season as the National Freshman of the Year was 12-1 with an SEC-best 1.98 ERA.

The 1993 team was expertly guided by Skip Bertman, who for the third time in his 10-year career was named National Coach of the Year. The Tigers completed the year with a 53-17-1 record, marking LSU's fifth-straight 50-win season, a feat unmatched by any other school.

1993 COLLEGE WORLD SERIES FACTS

CWS Records Set By LSU

Individual Championship Game

Most Strikeouts - 16, Brett Laxton, LSU vs. Wichita State
Most Sacrifice Flies - 2, Armando Rios, LSU vs. Wichita State

CWS Records Tied By LSU

Team Championship Game

Most Sacrifice Flies - 2, LSU vs. Wichita State
Most Strikeouts (Both Teams) - 22, LSU vs. Wichita State

Individual Championship Game

Fewest Hits Allowed - 3, Brett Laxton, LSU vs. Wichita State
Most Putouts - 16, Adrian Antonini, LSU vs. Wichita State

1993 College World Series All-Tournament Team

Catcher	.....	Adrian Antonini, LSU
First Base	.....	Hunter Triplett, Oklahoma State
Second Base	.....	Todd Walker, LSU
Third Base	.....	Casey Blake, Wichita State
Shortstop	.....	Jason Adams, Wichita State
Outfield	.....	Jim Greely, LSU
Outfield	.....	Jason Heath, Oklahoma State
Outfield	.....	Armando Rios, LSU
Designated Hitter	.....	Jeff Liefer, Long Beach State
Pitcher	Brett Laxton, LSU
Pitcher	Mike Sirotka, LSU

Most Outstanding Player

Todd Walker, LSU

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- Jason Albritton, RHP
- T.J. Arnett, RHP
- Tom Bernhardt, OF
- Eric Berthelot, LHP
- John Blancher, INF
- Justin Bowles, RF
- Matt Colvin, LHP
- Patrick Coogan, RHP
- Chad Cooley, LF
- Casey Cuntz, INF
- Brian Daugherty, RHP
- Chris Demouy, LHP
- Nathan Dunn, 3B
- Jake Esteves, RHP
- Eddy Furniss, 1B
- Dan Guillory, RHP
- Jeff Harris, RHP
- James Hemphill, OF
- Conan Horton, C
- Sonny Knoll, RHP
- Mike Koerner, CF
- Tim Lanier, C
- Brett Laxton, RHP
- Antonio Leonardi-Cattolica, RHP
- Trey McClure, INF
- Jeramie Moore, 1B
- Warren Morris, 2B
- Joey Painich, RHP
- Keith Polozola, INF
- Kevin Shipp, RHP
- Jeremy Tyson, RHP
- Kevin Ward, C
- Jason Williams, SS
- Brad Wilson, DH
- Jeremy Witten, OF
- Eddie Yarnall, LHP

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- Mike Bianco - Assistant Coach
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- Jimmy Goins
- Wes Penn

TRAINERS

- Jim Mensch
- Lara McNeely



Second baseman Warren Morris launched a two-out, two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning to lift LSU to a pulsating 9-8 victory over Miami (Fla.) in the 1996 College World Series final. The blast marked the first time in the 50-year history of the CWS that a team had won the national championship with a homer in the bottom of the ninth.

As the ball cleared the right-field fence and landed in the third row of the bleachers, Morris raised his arms into the air triumphantly as he rounded first base. Upon reaching home plate, he was mobbed by his jubilant teammates and cheered by 23,905 fans who had just witnessed the greatest finish in CWS annals.

The LSU Tigers, for the third time in six seasons, were the champions of collegiate baseball.

Fittingly, it was the only home run of the season for Morris, as the Alexandria, La., native had missed 39 games due to a broken hamate bone in

his right hand. He returned to the LSU lineup for the NCAA South II Regional, and he led the Tigers to eight straight victories, with the final win giving his team the national title.

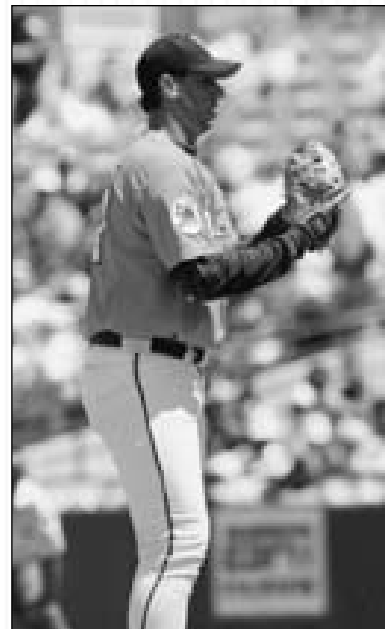
LSU became just the seventh school to win three or more CWS titles in the 50-year history of the event, and Skip Bertman became only the sixth coach to win three or more baseball national championships. LSU also became only the third school to win three national titles in one decade (1991, 1993, 1996).

The CWS championship capped a long list of achievements for the 1996 Tigers, including establishing an SEC record with 131 home runs on the season. The Tigers posted a 52-15 record, marking LSU's sixth 50-win season in eight years and the seventh in school history. LSU recorded a 20-10 SEC mark, sharing the conference title with Florida and Alabama.

Shortstop Jason Williams became the SEC



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All-American Eddie Yarnall earned CWS victories over Wichita State and Florida.

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Seniors Chad Cooley (left) and Tim Lanier display the gold jersey LSU wore during its national title drive. The jerseys were later auctioned by the Tiger Athletic Foundation, raising \$38,000 for LSU Baseball.



Warren Morris presents his CWS home run bat to LSU athletic director Joe Dean as head coach Skip Bertman looks on. The presentation was made in Alex Box Stadium prior to Team USA's summer tour game versus Australia on June 20, 1996.



The LSU dugout erupts after Warren Morris' championship game-winning homer.

career leader in runs scored (270), and he became LSU's all-time hits leader with 327. First baseman Eddy Furniss, a first-team all-America selection, set the SEC single-season mark for RBI (103) and the LSU single-season home run record (26). Pitcher Eddie Yarnall was also a first-team all-America choice, as he posted an 11-1 record, including two victories in the College World Series.

Furniss and pitcher Chris Demouy were named Academic all-Americans; Furniss had a 3.7 gpa in pre-medicine and Demouy a 3.8 gpa in management. Seven Tigers earned Academic all-SEC recognition, including Furniss, Demouy, Morris (3.5 gpa in zoology), catcher Tim Lanier (3.6 in kinesiology), designated hitter Brad Wilson (3.0 in general studies), catcher Kevin Ward (3.6 in electrical engineering) and pitcher Brian Daugherty (3.1 in kinesiology).

For the third time in six seasons, Bertman was named National Coach of the Year, an honor he received from *Collegiate Baseball*, *Baseball America* and the American Baseball Coaches Association.

LSU was No. 1 in the grandstand as well, as the Tigers led the nation in attendance by drawing a school-record 226,805 fans to Alex Box Stadium.

It was a remarkable season, culminated by arguably the greatest moment in LSU athletic history, a decisive swing of the bat by Warren Morris, who magnificently added his name to the list of Tiger legends.

1996 COLLEGE WORLD SERIES FACTS

CWS Records Set By LSU

- Attendance**
Session -- 23,905, LSU vs. Miami (Fla.)
- Hits**
Both Teams, Championship Game -- 29, LSU vs. Miami (Fla.)
- Sacrifice Flies**
Both Teams, Championship Game -- 5, LSU vs. Miami (Fla.)
- Game Time**
Championship Game (9-inning game) -- 3:19, LSU vs. Miami (Fla.)

CWS Records Tied By LSU

- Saves**
Series -- 3, LSU
- Doubles**
Both Teams, Championship Game -- 6, LSU vs. Miami (Fla.)

1996 College World Series All-Tournament Team

- CatcherTim Lanier, LSU
- First BaseChris Moller, Alabama
- Second BaseRudy Gomez, Miami (Fla.)
- Third BasePat Burrell, Miami (Fla.)
- ShortstopAlex Cora, Miami (Fla.)
- OutfieldJustin Bowles, LSU
- OutfieldMichael DeCelle, Miami (Fla.)
- OutfieldBrad Wilkerson, Florida
- Designated HitterChuck Hazzard, Florida
- PitcherJ.D. Arteaga, Miami (Fla.)
- PitcherEddie Yarnall, LSU

Most Outstanding Player

Pat Burrell, Miami (Fla.)

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- Kurt Ainsworth, RHP
- Jason Albritton, RHP
- Blair Barbier, 2B
- Bryon Bennett, OF
- Tom Bernhardt, OF
- Eric Berthelot, LHP
- John Blancher, INF
- Christian Bourgeois, 1B
- Matt Colvin, LHP
- Patrick Coogan, RHP
- Brad Cresse, C
- Casey Cuntz, 3B
- Mike Daly, INF
- Brian Daugherty, RHP
- Wes Davis, OF
- Chris Demouy, LHP
- Clint Earnhart, C
- Eddy Furniss, 1B
- Jamin Garidel, C
- Dan Guillory, RHP
- Cedrick Harris, OF
- Jeff Harris, RHP
- Cody Hartshorn, RHP
- Courtney Hernandez, C
- Danny Higgins, INF
- Conan Horton, C
- David Hughes, LHP
- Sonny Knoll, RHP
- Mike Koerner, CF
- Brandon Larson, SS
- Antonio Leonardi-Cattolica, RHP
- Jeff Lipari, 1B
- Trey McClure, 3B
- Joey Painich, RHP
- Keith Polozola, INF
- Kevin Shipp, RHP
- Antoine Simon, OF
- Johnnie Thibodeaux, INF
- Doug Thompson, RHP
- Drew Topham, INF
- Jeremy Tyson, RHP
- Jeremy Witten, OF

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- Mike Bianco - Assistant Coach
- Daniel Tomlin - Assistant Coach
- Kurt Hester - Strength Coach
- Dan Canevari - Admin. Assistant

MANAGERS

- Mike Boniol
- Wes Penn

TRAINERS

- Shawn Eddy
- Mike Eisen



On June 7, 1997, the LSU Fighting Tigers justified the pre-season status bestowed upon them by *Baseball America* magazine as college baseball's "Team of the '90s" by defeating Southeastern Conference rival Alabama, 13-6, in the championship game of the College World Series. The game was witnessed by a record crowd of 24,401 in Omaha's Rosenblatt Stadium.

LSU won its fourth NCAA championship of the 1990s (1991, 1993, 1996, 1997), and the Tigers became the first team to win back-to-back titles since Stanford accomplished the feat in 1987-88. Head coach Skip Bertman joined Rod Dedeaux of Southern California as the only coaches to win four College World Series championships. Bertman was named the 1997 National Coach of the Year, receiving that designation for the fifth time in his storied 14-year career.

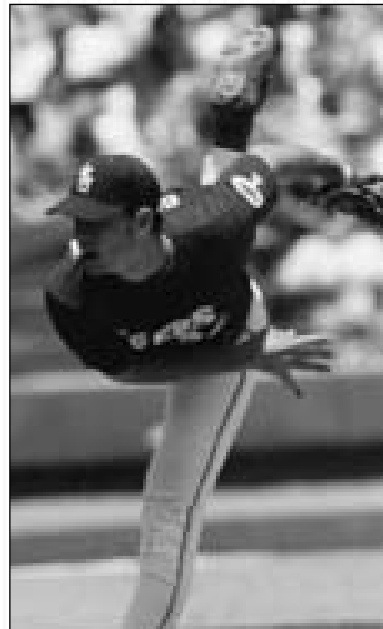
Ironically, a month before the title match, the Crimson Tide humiliated the Tigers, 28-2, the worst loss in LSU's 104-year baseball history. But in the CWS championship contest, the Tigers exploded to a 9-0 lead after two innings and never looked back. LSU won its eighth straight CWS game over two seasons, and the Tigers improved their mark in NCAA (regional and CWS) tournament championship games to a phenomenal 16-0.

Prior to the win over Alabama, the Tigers posted CWS victories over Rice (5-4) and Stanford (10-5 and 13-9). LSU batted .328 (45-for-137) in the Series with seven doubles and 10 home runs. The Tigers averaged better than 10 runs per game in the CWS, outscoring their opponents, 41-24.

The championship game completed a 57-13 campaign for Skip Bertman and his club, as the



The June 13, 1997, headline of the Baton Rouge Advocate heralds LSU's fourth CWS title.



Junior right-hander Patrick Coogan was the ace of the '97 staff as he posted a 14-3 record and a 4.46 ERA with 144 strikeouts in 125 innings.



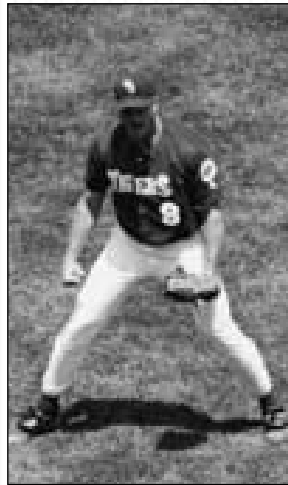
Senior pitcher Brian Daugherty lifts the 1997 NCAA championship trophy at a special ceremony in the Pete Maravich Assembly Center. Nearly 8,000 fans welcomed the Tigers home the day after their triumph in Omaha, Neb.

Tigers established the Southeastern Conference record for most victories in a season. LSU, which returned only two starting position players from its 1996 national championship club, also claimed the '97 SEC championship, the school's sixth conference crown of the 1990s.

LSU roared to a blistering 19-0 start, establishing the SEC mark for most consecutive victories. The Tigers, who began the season ranked No. 8 (*Collegiate Baseball*) and No. 13 (*Baseball America*) in the pre-season polls, ascended to No. 1 by March 10, holding that position for 10 consecutive weeks.

After claiming the SEC title, LSU played host to the NCAA South I Regional, where the Tigers, after suffering a third-round loss to South Alabama, battled back to claim their ninth CWS berth in 12 seasons. LSU posted a thrilling 14-7, 11-inning victory over Long Beach State in an elimination game to force a rematch with South Alabama in the regional championship round. Needing two victories over USA, the Tigers launched eight homers in a doubleheader sweep en route to the regional title. LSU hit .339 (82-for-242) in its six regional games, outscoring the opposition 76-29 while unloading 20 home runs. Third baseman Trey McClure was named the regional's Most Outstanding Player, as he hit .435 (10-for-23) with five doubles, two homers and 10 RBI.

LSU completed the year with an NCAA-record 188 home runs, breaking the previous mark of 161 homers set by Brigham Young in 1988. The Tigers homered at least once in all 70 of their games.



Junior right-hander Doug Thompson was the winning pitcher in the 1997 national championship game, working the final 4.2 innings in the 13-6 win over Alabama.



Senior rightfielder Tom Bernhardt led LSU with a .615 batting average in the CWS.

All-American junior shortstop Brandon Larson enjoyed a remarkable season, batting .381 on the year with 40 homers and 118 RBI. He established SEC single-season records for homers, RBI and total bases (250), and he became just the fourth player in NCAA history to collect 40 or more homers in a season.

Patrick Coogan (14-3, 4.63 ERA, 144 K), a junior right-hander, earned first-team all-America honors, while first baseman Eddy Furniss (.378, 17 HR, 77 RBI) was a third-team all-America selection. Second baseman Blair Barbier (.353, 15 HR, 57 RBI) earned Freshman all-America recognition.

Also enjoying outstanding campaigns were junior center fielder Mike Koerner (.353, 22 HR, 69 RBI), senior right fielder Tom Bernhardt (.322, 17 HR, 49 RBI) and Doug Thompson (12-3, 4.63 ERA, 158 K), a junior right-hander who earned the victory in the national championship game.

The '97 Tigers magnificently maintained LSU's reign as the "Team of the '90s." Not since Southern California won five straight national titles in the 1970s was one school so dominant in the college baseball landscape.

1997 COLLEGE WORLD SERIES FACTS

CWS Records Set By LSU

- Most At-Bats (9-inn. game)*
Both Teams, Championship Game -- 79, LSU vs. Alabama
- Most Runs*
Both Teams, Championship Game -- 19, LSU vs. Alabama
- Most RBI*
Both Teams, Championship Game -- 19, LSU vs. Alabama
- Most Strikeouts (9-inn. game)*
Both Teams, Championship Game -- 25, LSU vs. Alabama

CWS Records Tied By LSU

- Most Home Runs*
Team, Game -- 5, LSU vs. Stanford
- Most Pitchers Used*
Team, Game -- 7, LSU vs. Stanford
- Most Hit Batters*
Both Teams, Game -- 4, LSU vs. Stanford
- Most At-Bats (9-inn. game)*
Individual, Championship Game --
6, Brandon Larson, LSU vs. Alabama
6, Mike Koerner, LSU vs. Alabama

- Most Wild Pitches*
Individual, Game -- 3, Patrick Coogan, LSU vs. Alabama
- Team, Game -- 4, LSU vs. Alabama
- Most Runs*
Team, Championship Game -- 13, LSU vs. Alabama
- Most RBIs*
Team, Championship Game -- 13, LSU vs. Alabama
- Most Doubles*
Both Teams, Championship Game -- 6, LSU vs. Alabama

1997 College World Series All-Tournament Team

- Catcher Matt Frick, Alabama
- First Base Eddy Furniss, LSU
- Second Base Joe Caruso, Alabama
- Third Base Andy Phillips, Alabama
- Shortstop Brandon Larson, LSU
- Outfield Mike Koerner, LSU
- Outfield Tom Bernhardt, LSU
- Outfield G.W. Keller, Alabama
- Designated Hitter Mark Peer, Alabama
- Pitcher Jeff Austin, Stanford
- Pitcher Jarrod Kingrey, Alabama

Most Outstanding Player
Brandon Larson, LSU

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PLAYERS

- Jeremy Alford, OF
- Blair Barbier, 3B
- Christian Bourgeois, OF
- Billy Brian, P
- Victor Brumfield, INF
- Brad Cresse, C
- Mike Daly, INF
- Brad David, P
- Thomas Evans, INF
- Mike Fontenot, 2B
- Jamin Garidel, C
- Hunter Gomez, P
- Weylin Guidry, P
- Cedrick Harris, OF
- Brad Hawpe, 1B
- Trey Hodges, P
- Ryan Jorgensen, C
- Jeff Lipari, 1B
- Jeremy Loftice, P
- Billy McBride, OF
- Heath McMurray, P
- Nathan Meiners, C
- David Miller, P
- Tommy Morel, OF
- Tim Nugent, P
- Bo Pettit, P
- Wally Pontiff, OF
- David Raymer, OF
- Ryan Richard, P
- Ben Saxon, P
- Jason Scobie, P
- David Shank, P
- Antoine Simon, OF
- Chucky Son, P
- Brian Tallet, P
- Sam Taulli, P
- Ryan Theriot, SS
- Johnnie Thibodeaux, OF
- Chad Vaught, P
- Jeremy Witten, OF
- Ray Wright, OF
- Shane Youman, P

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- Mike Boniol
- Johnny Collins
- Wes Penn
- Joey Quilio

TRAINERS

- Shawn Eddy
- Shaun Duhe



Trailing Stanford 5-2 with one out in the bottom of the eighth inning of the 2000 national championship game, the LSU Tigers appeared to have little hope, especially with Cardinal ace Justin Wayne on the mound. Wayne had subdued LSU's bats, allowing no hits while recording seven strikeouts in 3.1 relief innings. In fact, Wayne and Stanford starter Jason Young had combined to hold the Tigers hitless since the second inning, when left field Jeremy Witten singled during a two-run LSU rally.

LSU's only highlight after the second inning had come on defense, when right fielder Ray Wright robbed Stanford's Edmund Muth of a third-inning, two-run homer by leaping above the wall to make a sensational catch.

Thus, when LSU team captain Blair Barbier stepped to the plate with one out in the eighth, everything pointed toward a Stanford victory celebration. After all, the Cardinal were

just five outs away from a national championship with arguably the best pitcher in the country on the mound.

Barbier, undaunted, envisioned a much different scenario. Prior to the inning, he had gathered his teammates in the dugout, imploring them to remain focused, asking them, "DO YOU BELIEVE?" He hoped his words would spark a positive reaction, yet he knew they would be meaningless should he fail in this at-bat, likely the final at-bat of the senior third baseman's brilliant college career.

So, Barbier stood in against Wayne and battled for his team's survival. He stubbornly fouled off several two-strike offerings, before finally ripping a line drive over the left field wall of Rosenblatt Stadium. Barbier's solo shot was his third homer of the College World Series, and the Tigers had life, now down by two runs.

Wally Pontiff then drew a walk from Wayne, but the Stanford right-hander retired



The June 18, 2000, headline of the Baton Rouge Sunday Advocate heralds LSU's CWS title.



Pitcher Trey Hodges was voted the Most Outstanding Player of the 2000 CWS.

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Team captain Blair Barbier displays the NCAA Championship trophy to the throng of fans which welcomed home the Tigers.

center fielder Cedrick Harris on a fly ball to right field for the second out. Witten, who was hitting just .200 (3-for-15) in the CWS, would be Wayne's next challenge.

In his only other at-bat against Wayne, Witten, a fifth-year senior, fanned on just three pitches. And, in this at-bat, Witten again quickly fell behind in the count. Knowing that this was perhaps the final at-bat of his college career, indeed the final at-bat of his entire baseball career, Witten would not succumb to Wayne's darting slider. Instead, he launched a soaring liner into the left-center field seats, just out of the reach of Cardinal left fielder Andy Topham.

The Rosenblatt Stadium crowd of over 24,000 erupted as Witten triumphantly rounded the bases, celebrating just his seventh homer of the season. LSU 5, Stanford 5 . . . and the drama

was just beginning.

Wayne retired Wright on a liner to left to end the eighth inning, but Stanford could not recover its lost momentum. LSU right-hander Trey Hodges, who had kept the Tigers in the game with three scoreless relief innings, easily retired the Cardinal in the top of the ninth, setting the stage for the game's final act.

LSU shortstop Ryan Theriot grounded Wayne's first pitch of the ninth into left field to place the winning run on first base. Head coach Skip Bertman, electing not to bunt Theriot down to second base, allowed second baseman Mike Fontenot to swing away. Fontenot skillfully drew a full-count walk from Wayne, placing the Tigers' destiny in the potent bat of catcher Brad Cresse.

Cresse, like Barbier and Witten before him, was standing at the plate for the final time in an LSU uniform. The nation's leader in home runs (30) and RBI (105), the senior was just 1-for-12 in the College World Series. He had struck out in his two previous at-bats against Wayne, who desperately needed a double play to work his way out of the jam.

As he had in his first two encounters with Cresse, Wayne opened with his devastating slider. Strike one. Wayne fired the slider again, but this time Cresse smashed it, sending the ball sharply into left field. Theriot raced around third base as Topham picked up the ball and heaved it toward home plate. But, the throw was up the line and Theriot slid safely across the plate as his teammates burst from the third-base dugout to embrace him. The wave of jubilant Tigers then moved to the infield, engulfing Cresse at first base.

LSU 6, Stanford 5. The Tigers had secured the school's fifth NCAA title since 1991 with a courageous effort, scoring four runs in their final two at-bats to erase a three-run deficit. Blair Barbier's eighth-inning challenge to his teammates was answered in resounding fashion. The 2000 LSU Tigers, without question, did believe.



The Tigers posted a 52-17 record, including a 13-0 post-season mark.

2000 COLLEGE WORLD SERIES FACTS

CWS Records Set or Tied by LSU

- Records Broken*
- Hit Batters, Game, Both Teams - 6, Stanford (4) vs. LSU (2), June 17
- Balks, Series, Team - 3, LSU
- Records Tied*
- Hit by Pitch, Series, Individual - 3, Blair Barbier, LSU
- Balks, Series, Individual - 2, Trey Hodges, LSU

2000 College World Series All-Tournament Team

Catcher	Beau Craig, Southern California
First Base	Craig Thompson, Stanford
Second Base	Mike Fontenot, LSU
Third Base	Blair Barbier, LSU
Shortstop	Ryan Theriot, LSU
Outfield	Steven Feehan, Louisiana-Lafayette
Outfield	Edmund Muth, Stanford
Outfield	Joe Borchart, Stanford
Designated Hitter	Brad Hawpe, LSU
Pitcher	Trey Hodges, LSU
Pitcher	Jon McDonald, Florida State

Most Outstanding Player

Trey Hodges, LSU

* - SEC Record | # - NCAA Record

LSU's NCAA Individual Leaders

Home Runs

1996	Eddy Furniss	26
2000	Brad Cresse	30

RBI

1993	Todd Walker	102
1996	Eddy Furniss	103
2000	Brad Cresse	106

Doubles

2000	Brad Hawpe	# 36
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Total Bases

1993	Todd Walker	214
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Walks

1987	Andy Galy	77
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Saves

1991	Rick Greene	14
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LSU's NCAA Team Leaders

Hits

1990	LSU	807
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Runs Scored

1993	LSU	603
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Home Runs

1997	LSU	# 188
1998	LSU	157

LSU's SEC Individual Leaders

Home Runs

1964	Bob Stewart	7
1987	Albert Belle	21
1988	Craig Cala	15
1991	Gary Hymel	25
1993	Todd Walker	22
1996	Eddy Furniss	26
1997	Brandon Larson	*40
1998	Brad Cresse	29
2000	Brad Cresse	30

RBI

1987	Craig Faulkner	69
1988	Craig Cala	75
1989	Wes Grisham	85
1991	Gary Hymel	79
1992	Todd Walker	76
1993	Todd Walker	102
1996	Eddy Furniss	106
1997	Brandon Larson	*118
1998	Brad Cresse	90
2000	Brad Cresse	106
2001	Todd Linden	76

Triples

1981	Chip Moses	5
1983	Mark Howie	7
1989	Wes Grisham	6
1990	Rich Cordani	6
1995	Mike Klostermeyer	6

Doubles

1986	Jeff Yurtin	24
1994	Russ Johnson	26
2000	Brad Hawpe	# 36
2003	Aaron Hill	27

Stolen Bases

1972	Mike Sonderegger	19
1975	Larry Wright	25
1987	Rob Hartwig	42

Hits

1961	John Bailey	32
1989	Wes Grisham	106
1990	Wes Grisham	100
1992	Todd Walker	100
1993	Todd Walker	109
1997	Brandon Larson	110

Runs Scored

1991	Lyle Mouton	78
1992	Todd Walker	72
1993	Todd Walker	85
1994	Todd Walker	77
1996	Nathan Dunn	95
2000	Mike Fontenot	93
2003	Aaron Hill	68

Pitching Wins

1961	Allen Smith	10
1972	Randy Wiles	8
1975	Pat Mook	10
1976	Paul Stefan	10
1986	Stan Loewer	14
1989	Curtis Leskanic	15
1990	Paul Byrd	17
1991	Chad Ogea	14
1992	Lloyd Peever	14
1996	Eddie Yarnall	11
1999	Kurt Ainsworth	13
2001	Lane Mestepey	11

ERA

1961	Allen Smith	1.34
1966	Bruce Baudier	0.88
1970	Rick Farizo	* 0.21
1980	Don Schneider	1.38
1986	Barry Manuel	2.37
1993	Brett Laxton	1.98
2002	Lane Mestepey	2.59

Strikeouts Pitched

1972	Randy Wiles	116
1975	Paul Stefan	73
1976	Paul Stefan	83
1983	Cal Santarelli	91
1986	Mark Guthrie	122
1988	Russ Springer	156
1989	Ben McDonald	* 202
1991	Chad Ogea	140
1995	Scott Schultz	150
1999	Kurt Ainsworth	157

LSU's SEC Team Leaders

Batting Average

1990	LSU	.325
1996	LSU	.318
2000	LSU	.340
2001	LSU	.318
2004	LSU	.333

Home Runs

1993	LSU	85
1995	LSU	81
1996	LSU	131
1997	LSU	# 188
1998	LSU	157
2003	LSU	85

RBI

1987	LSU	434
1990	LSU	515
1991	LSU	488
1993	LSU	527
1995	LSU	457
1996	LSU	583
1997	LSU	* 632
2000	LSU	598
2001	LSU	514
2003	LSU	477
2004	LSU	473

Triples

1987	LSU	18
1988	LSU	19
1989	LSU	26
1990	LSU	27
1993	LSU	37

Doubles

1990	LSU	156
1991	LSU	138
1993	LSU	152
2000	LSU	* 194
2003	LSU	147

Stolen Bases

1987	LSU	156
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Hits

1986	LSU	696
1990	LSU	807
1993	LSU	737
2000	LSU	864
2001	LSU	754
2003	LSU	777
2004	LSU	791

Runs Scored

1986	LSU	542
1987	LSU	509
1990	LSU	587
1991	LSU	547
1993	LSU	603
1996	LSU	648
2000	LSU	652
2001	LSU	574
2003	LSU	524
2004	LSU	515

ERA

1987	LSU	3.07
1989	LSU	3.50
1996	LSU	3.38
1998	LSU	4.38
2002	LSU	3.42

Strikeouts Pitched

1985	LSU	442
1987	LSU	552
1988	LSU	519
1989	LSU	621
1990	LSU	555
1991	LSU	626
1996	LSU	633
1997	LSU	681
1998	LSU	646
2000	LSU	574
2003	LSU	515

Fielding Percentage

1995	LSU	.970
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Slugging Percentage

1990	LSU	.486
1993	LSU	.511
1995	LSU	.491
1996	LSU	.558
2000	LSU	.542
2001	LSU	.508
2004	LSU	.506

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