

LSU BASEBALL LEGACY



NATIONAL 1991 • 1993 • 1996 • 1997 • 2000 CHAMPIONS



1991



1993



1996



1997



2000

Five

NCAA College World Series Championships 1991, 1993, 1996, 1997, 2000

LSU is one of only four schools to win five CWS titles. Only LSU and Southern California have won four in one decade.

13

Southeastern Conference Championships

LSU claimed six SEC titles in the '90s. The Tigers won an unprecedented four straight league crowns from 1990-93.

256,537

The Nation's Best Attendance

LSU drew 256,537 fans to Alex Box Stadium in 2007 to lead the USA in attendance for the 12th straight season.

13

CWS Appearances in the Past 22 Years

LSU and Miami (Fla.) are the only two schools in the country with 13 CWS berths since 1986.

21

NCAA Tournament Berths

The Tigers have appeared in an NCAA Regional in 17 of the past 19 seasons.

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NCAA Regional Host Site for 16 of the Past 18 Seasons

LSU played host to an NCAA Regional Tournament each year from 1990-2005.

28-6

Record on Championship Day in NCAA Tournament Competition

LSU is 23-6 in the final rounds of NCAA regionals and super regionals, and the Tigers are 5-0 in CWS championship games.

.721

Highest All-Time NCAA Tournament Winning Percentage

LSU has a 106-41 record and a .721 winning percentage in regional/super regional and CWS games combined.

.630

Fourth-Highest All-Time College World Series Winning Percentage

LSU is 29-17 (.630) at the CWS. The Tigers have won 14 of their last 20 CWS games.

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Most All-Time CWS Victories (29) and Appearances (13) Among SEC Teams.

The second-highest totals among SEC schools are 17 CWS victories and eight CWS appearances.

Nine

50-Win Seasons

LSU is the only SEC school with more than four 50-win seasons in its annals.

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February

22 (Fri.)	INDIANA	ALEX BOX STADIUM	7 p.m.
23 (Sat.)	INDIANA	ALEX BOX STADIUM	1 p.m.
24 (Sun.)	INDIANA	ALEX BOX STADIUM	11 a.m.
26 (Tue.)	SOUTHERN (Cox Sports TV)	ALEX BOX STADIUM	6:30 p.m.
27 (Wed.)	MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE	ALEX BOX STADIUM	6:30 p.m.
29 (Fri.)	DUQUESNE	ALEX BOX STADIUM	7 p.m.

March

1 (Sat.)	DUQUESNE	ALEX BOX STADIUM	2 p.m.
2 (Sun.)	DUQUESNE	ALEX BOX STADIUM	11 a.m.
4 (Tue.)	MICHIGAN STATE	ALEX BOX STADIUM	6:30 p.m.
5 (Wed.)	MICHIGAN STATE	ALEX BOX STADIUM	3 p.m.
7 (Fri.)	STETSON	ALEX BOX STADIUM	7 p.m.
8 (Sat.)	STETSON	ALEX BOX STADIUM	2 p.m.
9 (Sun.)	STETSON	ALEX BOX STADIUM	1 p.m.
11 (Tue.)	SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA	ALEX BOX STADIUM	6:30 p.m.
14 (Fri.)	at Tennessee	Knoxville, Tenn.	6 p.m.
15 (Sat.)	at Tennessee	Knoxville, Tenn.	3 p.m.
16 (Sun.)	at Tennessee	Knoxville, Tenn.	1 p.m.
19 (Wed.)	TULANE	ALEX BOX STADIUM	6:30 p.m.
21 (Fri.)	ARKANSAS (Cox Sports TV)	ALEX BOX STADIUM	7 p.m.
22 (Sat.)	ARKANSAS	ALEX BOX STADIUM	3 p.m.
23 (Sun.)	ARKANSAS (Cox Sports TV)	ALEX BOX STADIUM	1 p.m.
25 (Tue.)	NORTHWESTERN STATE	ALEX BOX STADIUM	6:30 p.m.
26 (Wed.)	NEW ORLEANS	ALEX BOX STADIUM	6:30 p.m.
28 (Fri.)	at Florida	Gainesville, Fla.	5:30 p.m.
29 (Sat.)	at Florida	Gainesville, Fla.	3 p.m.
30 (Sun.)	at Florida	Gainesville, Fla.	Noon

April

1 (Tue.)	at Southern	Baton Rouge, La.	6 p.m.
2 (Wed.)	CENTENARY	ALEX BOX STADIUM	6:30 p.m.
4 (Fri.)	ALABAMA	ALEX BOX STADIUM	7 p.m.
5 (Sat.)	ALABAMA	ALEX BOX STADIUM	2 p.m.
6 (Sun.)	ALABAMA (Cox Sports TV)	ALEX BOX STADIUM	1 p.m.
9 (Wed.)	at Southern Mississippi	Hattiesburg, Miss.	6:30 pm.
11 (Fri.)	at Ole Miss	Oxford, Miss.	6:30 p.m.
12 (Sat.)	at Ole Miss	Oxford, Miss.	4 p.m.
13 (Sun.)	at Ole Miss	Oxford, Miss.	1:30 p.m.
15 (Tue.)	NICHOLLS STATE	ALEX BOX STADIUM	6:30 p.m.
16 (Wed.)	at New Orleans	New Orleans, La.	6:30 p.m.
18 (Fri.)	GEORGIA	ALEX BOX STADIUM	7 p.m.
19 (Sat.)	GEORGIA	ALEX BOX STADIUM	3 p.m.
20 (Sun.)	GEORGIA	ALEX BOX STADIUM	Noon
22 (Tue.)	at Tulane	New Orleans, La.	6 p.m.
23 (Wed.)	McNEESE STATE (Cox Sports TV)	ALEX BOX STADIUM	6:30 p.m.
25 (Fri.)	SOUTH CAROLINA	ALEX BOX STADIUM	7 p.m.
26 (Sat.)	SOUTH CAROLINA	ALEX BOX STADIUM	3 p.m.
27 (Sun.)	SOUTH CAROLINA	ALEX BOX STADIUM	1 p.m.
29 (Tue.)	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE (Cox Sports TV)	ALEX BOX STADIUM	6:30 p.m.

May

2 (Fri.)	at Kentucky	Lexington, Ky.	5:30 p.m.
3 (Sat.)	at Kentucky	Lexington, Ky.	1 p.m.
4 (Sun.)	at Kentucky	Lexington, Ky.	Noon
9 (Fri.)	MISSISSIPPI STATE (Cox Sports TV)	ALEX BOX STADIUM	7 p.m.
10 (Sat.)	MISSISSIPPI STATE (Fox Sports Net)	ALEX BOX STADIUM	3 p.m.
11 (Sun.)	MISSISSIPPI STATE	ALEX BOX STADIUM	1 p.m.
13 (Tue.)	vs. New Orleans (Wally Pontiff Jr. Classic)	Metairie, La. (Zephyr Field)	6:30p.m.
15 (Thu.)	at Auburn	Auburn, Ala.	6 p.m.
16 (Fri.)	at Auburn	Auburn, Ala.	6 p.m.
17 (Sat.)	at Auburn	Auburn, Ala.	2 p.m.
21-25	SEC Tournament	Hoover, Ala.	
30-June 1/2	NCAA Regional Tournament	Site TBA	

June

6-8/7-9	NCAA Super Regional Series	Site TBA
14-24/25	College World Series	Omaha, Neb.

All times are Central and subject to change

Road Headquarters

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March 13-16
Hilton Knoxville Airport
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Ole Miss

April 10-13
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Oxford, MS 38655
662.236.2500

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May 1-4
Crowne Plaza Lexington
1375 South Broadway
Lexington, KY 40504
859.255.4281

Auburn

May 14-17
Hilton Garden Inn
2555 Hilton Garden Drive
Auburn, AL 36830
334.502.3500

SEC Tournament

May 20-25
Wynfrey Hotel
1000 Riverchase Galleria
Birmingham, AL 35244
205.987.1600



Rosenblatt Stadium - Omaha, Neb.

2008 LSU Baseball Numerical Roster

NO.	NAME	POS.	B-T	HT.	WT.	CL.	EXP.	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/PREVIOUS SCHOOL)
2	Buzzy Haydel	INF	R-R	5-10	190	Jr.	2L	Gonzales, La. (East Ascension HS)
3	Jared Mitchell	OF	L-L	6-0	192	So.	IL	New Iberia, La. (Westgate HS)
4	Chad Jones	OF	L-L	6-3	222	Fr.	HS	Baton Rouge, La. (Southern Lab HS)
5	Derek Helenihi	INF	R-R	6-0	172	Jr.	JC	Livermore, Calif. (Granada HS/Ohlonge College)
6	Leon Landry	OF	L-R	5-11	195	Fr.	HS	Baton Rouge, La. (Baker HS)
7	Michael Hollander	INF	R-R	5-8	178	Sr.	3L	Mandeville, La. (Jesuit HS)
8	Rene Escobar	INF	R-R	5-11	182	Jr.	JC	Nuevo, Calif. (Perris HS/Riverside CC)
9	Matt Clark	INF	L-R	6-5	235	Jr.	JC	Fontana, Calif. (Etiwanda HS/Riverside CC)
10	Ryan Byrd	P	R-L	6-0	170	Jr.	2L	Denham Springs, La. (Denham Springs HS)
11	Ryan Verdugo	P	L-L	6-1	200	Jr.	JC	Lake Stevens, Wash. (Lake Stevens HS/Skagit College)
12	Austin Ross	P	L-R	6-2	189	Fr.	HS	Shreveport, La. (Captain Shreve HS)
13	Jordan Brown	P	R-R	6-0	192	Jr.	JC	Luling, La. (Hahnville HS/Meridian CC)
14	Sean Ochinko	C	R-R	5-11	205	So.	IL	Parkland, Fla. (Douglas HS)
16	Ryan Schimpf	OF	L-R	5-8	180	So.	IL	Covington, La. (St. Paul's HS)
17	DJ LeMahieu	INF	R-R	6-4	196	Fr.	HS	Bloomfield Hills, Mich. (Brother Rice HS)
18	Nicholas Pontiff	OF	R-R	5-9	176	Jr.	2L	Metairie, La. (Jesuit HS)
20	Jason Lewis	C	R-R	5-10	210	Sr.	IL	Crawfordville, Fla. (N. Fla. Christian HS/Chipola JC)
21	Johnny Dishon	OF	R-R	5-11	181	Fr.	HS	Beaumont, Texas (Bridge City HS)
24	Daniel Bradshaw	P	R-R	6-1	201	Fr.	HS	West Monroe, La. (Ouachita Christian HS)
25	Kyle Beerbohm	P	L-L	6-3	203	Sr.	IL	Terrytown, La. (Shaw HS/Delgado CC)
27	Jared Bradford	P	R-R	6-1	177	Sr.	IL	Hueytown, Ala. (Hueytown HS/Shelton State CC)
28	Taylor Davis	INF	R-R	6-3	245	Jr.	JC	Conroe, Texas (The Woodlands HS/Panola College)
29	Louis Coleman	P	S-R	6-3	190	Jr.	2L	Schlater, Miss. (Pillow Academy)
30	Anthony Ranaudo	P	R-R	6-7	227	Fr.	HS	Jackson, N.J. (St. Rose HS)
32	Chris McGhee	INF	R-R	5-8	163	Jr.	2L	Alexandria, La. (Alexandria HS)
33	Micah Gibbs	C	S-R	5-11	223	Fr.	HS	Pflugerville, Texas (Pflugerville HS)
34	Blake Dean	OF	L-L	6-0	193	So.	IL	Crestview, Fla. (Crestview HS)
35	Matt Gaudet	INF	R-R	6-2	210	Jr.	JC	Metairie, La. (Rummel HS/Delgado CC)
37	Blake Martin	P	L-L	6-2	193	Jr.	RS	Boaz, Ala. (Boaz HS/Birmingham-Southern)
38	Jordan Nicholson	P	R-R	6-1	167	Fr.	HS	Ruston, La. (Ruston HS)
39	Nolan Cain	P	R-R	6-2	248	Jr.	2L	Cantonment, Fla. (Tate HS)
41	Shane Ardoin	P	L-L	6-0	165	So.	IL	Ville Platte, La. (Sacred Heart HS)
44	Paul Bertuccini	P	R-R	5-11	185	So.	IL	Metairie, La. (Rummel HS)
45	Taylor Martin	P	R-R	6-4	219	Fr.	HS	Baton Rouge, La. (St. Michael HS)
46	Cody Reine	OF	L-R	5-11	217	Fr.	HS	Walker, La. (Walker HS)
47	Ben Alsup	P	R-R	6-3	163	Fr.	HS	Ruston, La. (Ruston HS)
49	Stuart Peterson	C	R-R	5-11	165	Fr.	HS	DeRidder, La. (DeRidder HS)
53	Kevin Farnsworth	C	R-R	6-1	192	So.	IL	Baton Rouge, La. (Woodlawn HS)

Coaching Staff

- 1 Paul Mainieri, Head Coach (Florida International, 1980 -- second season at LSU)
- 26 Terry Rooney, Associate Head Coach (Radford, 1996 - second season at LSU)
- 23 Cliff Godwin, Asst. Coach (East Carolina, 2000 -- second season at LSU)
- 43 Javi Sanchez, Asst. Coach (Notre Dame, 2004 - first season at LSU)

Pronunciation Guide

Shane Ardoin	AR-dwan
Kyle Beerbohm	BEER-bom
Paul Bertuccini	BERT-uh-SEE-nee
Johnny Dishon	duh-SHAWN
Matt Gaudet	GO-day
Buzzy Haydel	HIGH-dell
Derek Helenihi	HELL-uh-NEE-hee
DJ LeMahieu	Luh-MAY-hugh
Paul Mainieri	muh-NAIR-ee
Sean Ochinko	OH-chink-oh
Anthony Ranaudo	ruh-NAH-doh
Cody Reine	WREN



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University Facts

Location:	Baton Rouge, La. (State Capital)
Founded:	1860
Enrollment:	29,317
Nickname:	Fighting Tigers
Colors:	Purple (PMS 267) and Gold (PMS 123)
Mascot:	Mike VI (Live Bengal Tiger)
Stadium:	Alex Box Stadium
Year Opened:	1938
Capacity:	7,760
Dimensions:	LF—330; LC—365; CF—405; RC—365; RF—330
Playing Surface:	Natural Grass
Conference:	Southeastern (Western Division)
LSU System President:	Dr. John LombardiColumbia, 1964
Chancellor:	Sean O'KeefeLoyola, 1977
Faculty Athletics Representative:	Dydia DeLyserSyracuse, 1998

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LSUsports.net Interactive Mgr.:	Todd PolitzLSU, 1999

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Baseball Office:	225.578.4148	225.578.4066 (Fax)
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E-Mail:	vrobert@lsu.edu	
Head Coach:	Paul Mainieri	
Alma Mater:	Florida International, 1980	
LSU Record:	29-26-1 (.527, one season)	
Career Record:	893-518-5 (.632, 25 seasons)	

LSU All-Time W-L-T Record: 2057-1379-22 (.598 - since 1893)

NCAA Championships:	5 (1991, 1993, 1996, 1997, 2000)
College World Series Appearances:	13 (1986, '87, '89, '90, '91, '93, '94, '96, '97, '98, 2000, '03, '04)
College World Series Record:	29-17 (.630)
NCAA Tournament Record:	106-41 (.721)
NCAA Regional Titles:	16 (1986, '87, '89, '90, '91, '93, '94, '96, '97, '98, '99, 2000, '01, '02, '03, '04)
NCAA Regional Appearances:	21 (1975, '85, '86, '87, '89, '90, '91, '92, '93, '94, '95, '96, '97, '98, '99, 2000, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05)
NCAA Regional Record:	70-17 (.805)
NCAA Super Regional Titles:	3 (2000, '03, '04)
NCAA Super Regional Appearances:	6 (1999, 2000, '01, '02, '03, '04)
NCAA Super Regional Record:	7-7 (.500)
SEC Championships:	13 (1939, '43, '46, '61, '75, '86, '90, '91, '92, '93, '96, '97, 2003)
SEC Western Division Championships:	13 (1961, '75, '85, '92, '93, '94, '96, '97, '98, 2000, '01, '03, '05)
SEC Record:	779-654-4 (.543)
SEC Tournament Championships:	6 (1986, '90, '92, '93, '94, 2000)
SEC Tournament Record:	50-34 (.595)
2007 Record/SEC Record (finish)	29-26-1/12-17-1 (fifth in West, 10th overall)
2007 Post-Season:	none
Final Ranking:	unranked
Lettermen Returning/Lost:	17/16
Position Starters Returning/Lost:	10/7
Pitchers Returning/Lost:	7/8

Coaching Staff

POSITION	NAME	ALMA MATER	YEAR AT LSU
Head Coach	Paul Mainieri	Florida International, 1980	2nd
Associate Head Coach	Terry Rooney	Radford, 1996	2nd
Assistant Coach	Cliff Godwin	East Carolina, 2000	2nd
Volunteer Coach	Javi Sanchez	Notre Dame, 2004	1st

Support Staff

Academic Counselor	Becca Hubbard
Trainer	Beau Lowery
Student Trainer	Jeremy Angle
Strength Coach	Jeremy Phillips
Secretary	Virginia Robertson
Student Secretaries	Allison Norris, Bethany Hawkins
Equipment Managers	Matthew Montgomery, Jonathon Moore, Ryan Latuso



Warren Morris' 9th-inning homer defeated Miami to win the 1996 College World Series. LSU has made 13 CWS appearances in the past 22 years, winning NCAA titles in 1991, 1993, 1996, 1997 and 2000.



The 2008 LSU Baseball Media Guide is a source of information for the news media. Additional information is available upon request from the LSU Sports Information Office. News releases, photographs and video footage will be made available to accredited members of the news media.

The LSU Sports Information Office is located on the fifth floor of the LSU Athletic Administration Building.

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Credentials

All media attending LSU baseball home games must present a media pass for admission to Alex Box Stadium. Credentials for home games are issued for working media only and should be requested as early as possible.

- Requests for credentials should be made in advance by e-mail and directed to Associate SID Bill Franques.
- Requests will be screened to insure a working press box.
- Requests are honored from sports editors of daily and weekly newspapers, editors of sports periodicals, and sports directors of radio and television stations who broadcast regularly-scheduled daily sports reports and talk shows.
- Credentials not mailed may be picked up beginning 90 minutes prior to game time at the Will Call window in front of Alex Box Stadium.
- LSU reserves the right to refuse any credential request deemed not to be in the best interest of the university. Any requests placed less than 24 hours prior to the game may not be honored.

Press Box Services

A complete NCAA box score and pertinent game facts will be

distributed to members of the working media.

- Press packets are provided 60 minutes prior to the first pitch, or earlier upon request. Press packets include a scorecard and team rosters, updated statistics for each team, conference statistics and game notes.
- A meal ticket, redeemable for refreshments from the concessions stand, will be issued to each media member during the game.

Wireless Internet

Please contact Associate SID Bill Franques in order to obtain login information for LSU's wireless internet services.

Parking

Reserved media parking is located in Lot K on Skip Bertman Drive adjacent to the third base side of Alex Box Stadium. There is also ample unreserved parking within easy walking distance of the stadium. Because of limited space, requests for parking passes should be made with credential requests. It should not be assumed that parking passes will be provided with all media credentials.

Phones/Fax Machine

There are three phones available in the press box on a first-come, first-served basis. Fax service is also available upon request.

Radio/Television

Radio and television space for broadcasting baseball games is located in the press box. LSU provides courtesy lines for radio stations wishing to broadcast a game from Alex Box Stadium.

www.LSUsports.net/media <http://media.lsusports.net>

Since 1997, the LSU Athletics Department has offered the most up-to-date and accurate information to its media outlets through the Internet. As online technology has become the one of the most widely accepted and utilized media by those who cover LSU Athletics for various outlets, the goal of LSUsports.net's Media Center is to give these outlets more efficient means of communicating with the department. Media can now access images for all LSU athletic teams, including action shots, heads shots, logos, etc. To gain access to the high-resolution pictures, e-mail LSU Baseball SID Bill Franques (wfranqu@lsu.edu). You will be assigned a login ID and password that will enable you to retrieve pictures. This service is for the media use only. Resale of these pictures is strictly prohibited.

Head Coach Paul Mainieri

Coach Mainieri is usually available for interviews on weekdays prior to practice sessions. Please coordinate all requests for interviews with Coach Mainieri through the Sports Information Office. Appointments and interviews may be arranged through Bill Franques at wfranqu@lsu.edu or (225) 578-2527. Coach Mainieri will meet with reporters approximately 10 minutes after games in the LSU dugout.

Practice/Interviews

Media members are invited to attend LSU baseball practice sessions. Players and coaches are usually available for interviews before each practice in Alex Box Stadium. Contact Bill Franques at wfranqu@lsu.edu or 225.578.2527 for practice times. Post-game player interviews are conducted in front of the LSU dugout at the conclusion of a brief team meeting on the field. The LSU locker room is closed to the media.

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Paul Mainieri addresses the media at his introductory press conference on June 28, 2006.



A PROGRAM OF **EXCELLENCE**

Paul Mainieri begins his second season in 2008 as the head coach of the LSU Fighting Tigers. Mainieri, who directed Notre Dame to 533 wins and nine NCAA Tournament appearances in 12 seasons (1995-2006), was introduced on June 28, 2006 as LSU's 25th baseball coach by athletics director Skip Bertman. Mainieri -- a 1976 LSU baseball letterman -- established an unparalleled standard of excellence during his tenure at Notre Dame, leading his teams to 11 40-win seasons, nine conference titles and a berth in the 2002 College World Series, marking the school's first CWS trip since 1957. His Irish teams combined for the nation's fourth-best winning percentage from 2000-06 (.728; 324-120-3), trailing only Rice (.752), Oral Roberts (.737) and Florida State (.734). Mainieri has accepted the challenge of returning LSU to the pinnacle position in college baseball. He and his staff have taken an important first step toward that goal by signing the nation's No. 1 recruiting class for the 2008 season.

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Albert Belle
Major League All-Star



Ben McDonald
1989 National Player of the Year



Lloyd Peever
1992 National Player of the Year



Todd Walker
1993 & 1994 First Team
All-American



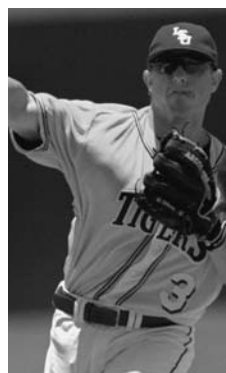
Russ Johnson
1994 SEC Player of the Year



Brett Laxton
1993 National Freshman of the Year



Eddy Furniss
1998 National Player of the Year



Mike Fontenot
2000 National Freshman
of the Year



Aaron Hill
2003 SEC Player of the Year



Jon Zeringue
2004 SEC Player of the Year

LSU Year-by-Year Team Statistics (since 1984)

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
2002	(44-22)	66	2333	441	705	123	20	65	410	71-90	.456	.378	.302
2003	(45-22-1)	68	2461	524	777	147	19	85	477	59-78	.495	.386	.316
2004	(46-19)	65	2376	515	791	144	15	79	472	44-57	.506	.400	.333
2005	(40-22)	62	2223	437	660	133	14	80	397	37-49	.477	.379	.297
2006	(35-24)	59	1966	342	564	107	18	61	307	40-55	.453	.368	.287
2007	(29-26-1)	56	1844	278	472	81	13	40	250	63-93	.379	.331	.256

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United States Olympic Head Coach
Skip Bertman - 1996 Bronze Medal Team

United States Olympic Medalists
RHP Kurt Ainsworth - 2000 Gold Medal
2B Warren Morris - 1996 Bronze Medal
SS Jason Williams - 1996 Bronze Medal
RHP Ben McDonald - 1988 Gold Medal

National Coach of the Year
Skip Bertman - 1986, 1991, 1993, 1996, 1997, 2000
Bertman was inducted into the College Baseball Hall of Fame in 2006.

National Player of the Year
RHP Ben McDonald - 1989; RHP Lloyd Peever - 1992;
IB Eddy Furniss - 1998

National Freshman of the Year
2B Todd Walker - 1992; RHP Brett Laxton - 1993
2B Mike Fontenot - 2000; LHP Lane Mestepey - 2001

Southeastern Conference Player of the Year
2B Todd Walker - 1993; SS Russ Johnson - 1994
IB Eddy Furniss - 1996; SS Aaron Hill - 2003
OF Jon Zeringue - 2004

16 First-Team All-Americans in the Past 20 Seasons
Outfielder Ryan Patterson received 2005 First-Team All-America recognition from *USA Today/Sports Weekly*.

55 Major League Players
LSU has produced 41 big-leaguers since 1985, including MLB All-Stars Albert Belle and Paul Byrd.



LSU celebrates its 1996 CWS title.

LSU Year-by-Year Team Statistics (since 1984)

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
2002	(44-22)	66	589.2	14	5	7	621	309	224	179	472	.271	3.42
2003	(45-22-1)	68	602.2	7	3	12	614	330	283	194	515	.264	4.23
2004	(46-19)	65	581.1	8	4	7	624	293	237	163	401	.274	3.67
2005	(40-22)	62	557.0	8	3	14	566	296	239	176	428	.264	3.86
2006	(35-24)	59	521.2	2	4	13	581	334	292	208	426	.282	5.04
2007	(29-26-1)	56	492.2	2	0	15	583	330	279	169	421	.294	5.10

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Paul Mainieri was introduced by Athletics Director Skip Bertman as LSU's baseball coach on June 28, 2006.

FIVE

NCAA Championships won by the LSU Tigers

1991, 1993, 1996, 1997, 2000

LSU is one of only four schools to win five national titles in the 61-year history of the CWS.

The other schools are Southern California (12 titles), Texas (6) and Arizona State (5).

LSU has claimed its five CWS titles in the past 17 years. Southern Cal has one national title in the past 29 years; Texas has won three CWS titles in the past 25 seasons; and Arizona State's last national championship came in 1981.

13

Southeastern Conference championships claimed by LSU, including an unprecedented four in a row from 1990-93



LSU Coach Paul Mainieri

LSU second-year coach Paul Mainieri, a Miami, Fla. native, has 893 career victories, as he directed the baseball programs at St. Thomas University (1983-88), Air Force (1989-94) and Notre Dame (1995-2006) prior to arriving at LSU in June 2006. Mainieri's overall head coaching record is 893-518-5 (.632) in 25 collegiate seasons.

Mainieri led Notre Dame to the College World Series in 2002, and he guided the Irish to an NCAA Regional in eight straight seasons (1999-2006), making the Irish one of only 10 teams to appear in every NCAA Tournament during that time span.

Notre Dame also joined six other schools (LSU, Miami, Rice, South Carolina, Stanford and Texas) as the only programs to reach an NCAA Regional final every season from 2000-05.

Fifty of Mainieri's Notre Dame players were drafted or signed free-agent contracts, and 18 were selected in the first 10 rounds of the Major League draft. His Irish players also combined for 14 All-America and 10 Academic All-America seasons.

Mainieri's Notre Dame teams combined for a 100 percent graduation rate (71 of 71) among players who completed their eligibility. Twelve players who signed professionally after their junior year returned to Notre Dame to complete their degree requirements.

Notre Dame was the only Division I baseball program to produce Academic All-Americans each year from 2000-04, with two honored every season from 2000-03.

The Skip Bertman Era (1984-2001)

Skip Bertman is LSU's all-time winningest coach, as he compiled an 870-330-3 (.724) record in 18 seasons (1984-2001). Bertman, the National Coach of the Year in 1986, 1991, 1993, 1996, 1997 and 2000, and the 1996 United States Olympic head coach, guided the Tigers to five national championships (1991, 1993, 1996, 1997, 2000) and 11 College World Series appearances (1986, '87, '89, '90, '91, '93, '94, '96, '97, '98, '00). In a poll released by *Baseball America* in January, 1999, Bertman was voted the second-greatest college baseball coach of the 20th century, trailing only Rod Dedeaux of Southern California. Under Bertman, LSU finished no worse than seventh in the national polls in 12 of his final 16 seasons.

Bertman was a member of the inaugural class of the College Baseball Hall of Fame that was inducted in July 2006. He is one of only three coaches to have won five College World Series titles in the 60-year history of the event. Southern Cal's Dedeaux won 10 CWS crowns from 1958-78, and Augie Garrido has captured five championships with two schools (Cal State Fullerton, 1979, '84, '95; Texas, 2002, '05). Bertman has the fourth-highest CWS winning percentage (29-13, .690), and the sixth-highest total of CWS victories (29).

National Championship History

Skip Bertman directed LSU to its fifth national title in 2000, as the Tigers recorded a 52-17 mark, including a perfect 13-0 post-season record. LSU won the SEC Tournament with four straight wins, and the Tigers raced to a 9-0 mark in the NCAA Tournament. The Tigers captured the national title with a thrilling 6-5 win over Stanford in the CWS championship game, as LSU scored four runs in the last two innings to overcome a 5-2 deficit. Catcher Brad Cresse's RBI single in the bottom of the ninth inning drove home shortstop Ryan Theriot with the winning run.

LSU's road to the 2000 NCAA crown was arguably the most difficult in CWS history, as the Tigers had to defeat perennial powers Texas (28 CWS appearances), Southern California (20), Florida State (18) and Stanford (12) in order to claim the national championship.

The 2000 squad was Bertman's most productive offensive team, setting a school record for team batting average with a .340 mark. The Tigers also established Southeastern Conference records for hits (864) and doubles (194). For the fifth time, Bertman was voted National Coach of the Year by *Collegiate Baseball* magazine.

LSU claimed its fourth NCAA title in June, 1997, as the Tigers overwhelmed Alabama, 13-6, in the College World Series final. LSU became the first school to win back-to-back national championships since Stanford in 1987-88. The Tigers completed the year with a 57-13 mark, setting the Southeastern Conference record for most single-season victories. The Tigers also established the NCAA record for single-season home runs, as LSU unloaded a remarkable 188 round-trippers en route to the national championship. LSU joined Southern California (six titles in the 1970s) as the only schools to win four CWS crowns in one decade.

LSU claimed its third national championship of the 1990s in 1996 when second baseman Warren Morris belted a two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning to lift the Tigers to a thrilling 9-8 College World Series title game win over Miami (Fla.). The '96 Tigers were one of the most prolific offensive teams in Southeastern Conference history, establishing league records for home runs (131), runs scored (648), RBI (549) and total bases (1,331).

In 1993, LSU won its second NCAA title in three years with an 8-0 victory over Wichita State in the CWS final. The 1993 Tigers also captured the Southeastern Conference title, as LSU became the first SEC school to win the league championship in four consecutive seasons (1990-93).

In 1991, LSU captured its first national championship with a record-setting performance at the CWS. The Tigers defeated Wichita State, 6-3, in the title game and established Series marks for home runs, runs per game, slugging percentage and fielding percentage.

College World Series Teams

The Tigers' 13 CWS appearances have come since 1986 -- LSU is one of only 10 schools to have made at least 13 CWS trips since the Series began in 1947. The Tigers have the fourth-highest all-time CWS winning percentage (minimum 20 games) -- LSU has a 29-17 (.630) CWS mark, trailing Southern California (74-26, .740), Minnesota (17-7, .708) and Arizona State (59-34, .634).

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LSU has the highest all-time NCAA Tournament winning percentage (.721) with a 106-41 record. Remarkably, LSU has a 28-6 record in championship rounds of NCAA post-season play. The Tigers are 5-0 in CWS finals, 19-2 in NCAA Regional final rounds and 4-4 in NCAA Super Regional final rounds.

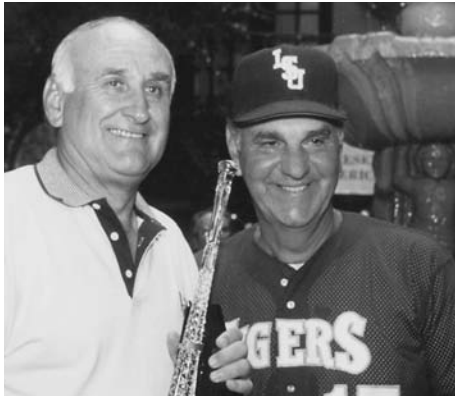
LSU made its first-ever CWS appearance in 1986, when the Tigers finished fifth with a 1-2 record. LSU lost its CWS debut, 4-3, to Loyola-Marymount before rebounding with its first Series win, an 8-4 triumph over Maine. The Tigers were then eliminated by defending CWS champion Miami (Fla.), 4-3.

LSU returned to Omaha in 1987, marking the first time a Southeastern Conference team made back-to-back CWS appearances. The Tigers placed fourth in '87 with a 2-2 mark, as LSU was eliminated when Stanford's Paul Carey sent a Ben McDonald pitch over the left-field wall with the bases loaded in the 10th inning to give the Cardinal a 6-5 win.

In 1989, after an incredible two-game sweep of top-ranked Texas A&M -- the Aggies entered the regional final round with a 58-5 record -- in the NCAA Central Regional at College Station, Texas, LSU joined the CWS field, placing in a tie for third with a 2-2 record.

In 1990, the Tigers again emerged from an NCAA regional tournament losers' bracket to earn a CWS berth, as LSU captured the South I Regional at Baton Rouge with two scintillating one-run wins over Southern California. LSU finished in a tie for third at the '90 CWS, recording a 2-2 mark in the summer classic.

LSU claimed its first NCAA championship in 1991 as the Tigers decimated the CWS field, outscoring their opponents 48-15 in four



Skip Bertman (right) accepts the 1997 Louisville Slugger national championship trophy with LSU President Dr. William Jenkins.

games. LSU, which won the SEC regular-season title for the second straight year, became the first team since 1982 to win the national championship without a loss in the NCAA Tournament -- the Tigers won four consecutive games in both the NCAA South Regional and the College World Series. LSU's domination in Omaha was evidenced by the fact that the Tigers set CWS team records for most runs per game (12), highest fielding percentage (.993), highest slugging percentage (.603) and most home runs (nine).

LSU returned to Omaha in 1993 for another national championship crusade as the Tigers posted a 4-1 CWS mark, including an 8-0 victory over Wichita State in the final. Perhaps more memorable than the championship contest was LSU's 6-5 victory over Long Beach State in the CWS semi-finals, as the Tigers scored three runs in the bottom of the ninth inning for the win. LSU, which won the SEC for an unprecedented fourth straight year, advanced to the CWS by capturing the NCAA South Regional championship at Alex Box Stadium, which played host to a regional tournament for the fourth consecutive year.

In 1994, LSU became the first defending national champion to return to the CWS since Stanford accomplished the feat in 1988. The Tigers earned the CWS berth with four straight wins in the NCAA South Regional at Baton Rouge, including a thrilling 12-10 triumph over Southern California in the regional final. However, for the first time in its CWS history, LSU went "two-and-out" in Omaha, as the Tigers dropped consecutive decisions to Florida State and Cal State-Fullerton.

In 1996, the Tigers posted an 8-0 NCAA Tournament record to win the school's third national championship. LSU won four straight in Omaha, defeating Wichita State, Florida (twice), and Miami (Fla.). The championship game versus Miami provided the greatest finish in the history of the CWS as LSU second baseman Warren



Morris launched a two-out, two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning to give the Tigers an electrifying 9-8 triumph.

The 1997 Tigers unloaded an NCAA-record 188 homers en route to the national title. The '97 club played host to the NCAA South I Regional, defeating North Carolina-Greensboro and Oklahoma in their first two games before suffering a third-round loss to South Alabama. The Tigers rebounded for a thrilling 14-7, 11-inning triumph over Long Beach State before posting a doubleheader sweep over South Alabama (14-4 and 15-4) to claim the regional crown. For the second straight year, the Tigers went 4-0 in the College World Series, defeating Rice (5-4), Stanford (10-5 and 13-9) and Alabama (13-6). LSU became the first team to win back-to-back national titles without losing a CWS game. The only other teams to win consecutive national championships are Stanford (1987-88), Southern California (1970-71-72-73-74) and Texas (1949-50).

The 1998 LSU squad earned the Tigers' seventh CWS berth of the '90s by capturing the NCAA South II Regional title in Baton Rouge with victories over Nicholls State (18-4), Southwestern Louisiana (15-6) and Cal State-Fullerton (13-11 and 14-3). LSU defeated Southern California (12-10) and Mississippi State (10-8) in its first two CWS games, increasing the Tigers' Series winning streak to 10 games over three years. However, LSU suffered back-to-back losses to Southern Cal (5-4 and 7-3), and the Trojans advanced to the national championship game, where they defeated Arizona State.

LSU earned its 11th CWS trip in 15 seasons in 2000, as the Tigers played host to and won both an NCAA Regional and NCAA Super Regional. The Tigers defeated Jackson State and Louisiana-Monroe (twice) in the regional before sweeping two super regional games from UCLA to claim the ticket to Omaha. LSU then posted four straight victories in the CWS, securing the national title with wins over Texas (13-5), Southern California (10-4), Florida State (6-3) and Stanford (6-5). The Tigers completed the year with a perfect 13-0 post-season mark, as LSU also won four straight games in capturing the SEC Tournament crown.

LSU's 2003 SEC Championship club earned the school's first CWS trip since 2000. The Tigers played host to an NCAA Regional for the 14th straight year, as the Tigers won the tournament with a thrilling 9-8, 11-inning victory over North Carolina-Wilmington in the final game. LSU then entertained Baylor in NCAA Super Regional play, defeating the Bears in two of three games to advance to the CWS.

For just the second time in 12 CWS appearances, LSU failed to win a game in Omaha as the Tigers were defeated by Cal State Fullerton (8-2) and South Carolina (11-10).

The 2004 Tigers advanced to the College World Series, marking LSU's first back-to-back trips since 1996, '97 and '98. The '04 squad posted a 46-19 overall record, LSU's best mark since the 2000 team finished 52-17.

LSU played host in 2004 to an NCAA Regional for the 15th straight season, winning the tournament with consecutive victories over Army, Southern Mississippi and College of Charleston. The Tigers then played host to an NCAA Super Regional for the third time in five years, defeating Texas A&M in a best two-of-three series to earn a berth in the CWS. LSU was eliminated from the CWS in two games, as the Tigers dropped decisions to Miami (Fla.) and South Carolina.

NCAA Regional History

LSU has a 77-24 (.762) mark in NCAA Regional and Super Regional contests. The Tigers have advanced to the NCAA

The 1997 Tigers produced an SEC-record 57 wins en route to the CWS title.

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Number of fans who attended LSU baseball games in Alex Box Stadium during the 2007 season. LSU ranked first in the nation in attendance for the 12th straight year.

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The 1975 Tigers earned LSU's first NCAA Tournament berth.

.721

LSU has the nation's highest all-time NCAA Tournament winning percentage (106-41, .721) and the fourth-highest all-time College World Series winning percentage (29-17, .630).

NINE

LSU has nine 50-win seasons since 1986, including six in the 1990s. No other Southeastern Conference team has more than four 50-win seasons in its history. LSU won an SEC-record 57 games in 1997.

Tournament in 16 of the past 17 seasons and in 20 of the past 22 years. LSU first qualified for NCAA regional play in 1975, when the Tigers posted a 1-2 mark at the South Regional in Starkville, Miss.

SEC History

LSU captured its 13th Southeastern Conference title when the 2003 Tigers claimed the league crown. LSU's 13 SEC titles ranks second in the league, trailing only Alabama, which has 14 conference crowns. LSU won six SEC championships in the 1990s, (1990-91-92-93-96-97) including an unprecedented four in a row from 1990-93. The Tigers' other SEC titles came in 1939, '43, '46, '61, '75 and '86.

LSU has finished either first or second in the overall conference standings in 12 of the past 19 years. LSU has also won six SEC Tournament crowns (1986, '90, '92, '93, '94, 2000).

In 1993, LSU became the first team in Southeastern Conference history to win four straight league titles. The '93 Tigers, who registered an 18-8-1 SEC mark, clinched the overall championship by winning the SEC Western Division Tournament title in Alex Box Stadium. LSU defeated Mississippi State, 7-3, in the final game after battling out of the tournament losers' bracket. In 1992, LSU became the first league team to win three straight championships since Alabama in 1940, '41 and '42. Alabama also won three straight from 1934-36 and is the only other school with three consecutive titles since the SEC began recognizing a champion in 1933.

The Tigers have won more College World Series games (29) than any other SEC school. South Carolina is second among league schools with 17 CWS triumphs. LSU (13 CWS berths) is the only SEC squad with more than 10 CWS trips; Mississippi State is second with eight all-time CWS berths.

Individual Honors

Former LSU pitcher Ben McDonald, a right-hander from Denham Springs, La., capped a magnificent 1989 season by receiving the Golden Spikes Award, given by the United States Baseball Federation to the nation's most outstanding amateur player. McDonald, the consensus College Player of the Year, was the first player chosen in the free-agent amateur draft and made his major league debut with the Baltimore Orioles in September, 1989.

McDonald, who set an LSU career mark with 373 Ks, established Southeastern Conference standards for single-season strikeouts (202), innings pitched (152.1) and consecutive scoreless innings (44.2). A two-time All-American and a 1988 Olympic gold medalist, he finished his LSU career with a 29-14 record and a 3.24 ERA.

Lloyd Peever, a right-handed pitcher from Stonewall, Okla., was named the 1992 National Player of the Year by *Collegiate Baseball* magazine. Peever, one of nine finalists for the 1992 Golden Spikes Award, was named first-team All-America by Collegiate Baseball, Baseball America and the American Baseball Coaches Association. He finished the season with a 14-0 record and a 1.98 ERA in 104.2 innings, and he became the first SEC pitcher to post 14 straight wins in one year. Peever signed with the expansion Colorado Rockies in 1992 after being selected in the fourth round of the major league draft.

LSU first baseman Eddy Furniss culminated a sterling four-year career by receiving the 1998 Dick Howser Trophy as college baseball's most outstanding player. Furniss, a 2007 inductee into the LSU Athletics Hall of Fame, finished his career as the SEC's all-time leader in hits (352), home runs (80), RBI (308), doubles, (87) and total bases (689). He is also No. 1 on the LSU career list for slugging percentage (.727) and walks (191). In NCAA annals, Furniss finished his career No. 3 all-time in total bases, No. 4 in home runs and doubles, and No. 5 in RBI. The Nacogdoches, Texas, native -- who posted a .371 lifetime batting average -- hit .403 in 1998 with 27 doubles, three triples, 28 homers, 85 runs and 76 RBI, earning First-

Team All-America and all-SEC honors. He was also voted a second-team Academic all-American with a 3.5 gpa in zoology.

In 1997, Furniss helped lead LSU to its second straight NCAA title, earning second-team All-America and all-SEC recognition and first-team Academic all-America honors. He batted .377 with 25 doubles, 17 homers and 77 RBI.

Furniss, a 1996 consensus first-team all-American, was voted the '96 Southeastern Conference Player of the Year after batting .374 (89-for-238) with a school-record 26 homers and an SEC-record 103 RBI. Furniss, whose home run and RBI totals were the best in the nation, also was named a second-team Academic all-American with a 3.7 gpa in zoology. Furniss became the third LSU player in four years to be named SEC Player of the Year (Todd Walker was the '93 recipient and Russ Johnson was the '94 honoree).

Todd Walker was voted in 1996 as the second baseman on the College World Series All-Time Team by the readers of the *Omaha World-Herald*. Walker, a 2006 inductee into the LSU Athletics Hall of Fame, completed a brilliant three-year LSU career in 1994 as he became the SEC's all-time leader in hits (310), runs (234), RBI (246) and total bases (557). Walker, a native of Bossier City, La., was a 1994 finalist for the Golden Spikes Award and the Smith Award, as he batted .393 with 18 homers and 68 RBI. A consensus '94 All-American, he was also named the Most Outstanding Player of the NCAA South Regional, and he was selected to the College World Series All-Tournament team. Walker finished his career as LSU's all-time leader in hits, runs, RBI, total bases, home runs (52), doubles (61), triples (15) and batting average (.396).

In 1993, Walker led LSU to the national championship as he was named the Most Outstanding Player of the College World Series and the SEC Player of the Year. Walker batted .350 in the CWS with three homers and 12 RBI. On the year, he hit .395 with 22 homers while establishing single-season SEC records for RBI (102), total bases (214) and hitting streak (33 games). Walker, a 1993 consensus first-team All-American and a finalist for the Golden Spikes Award, also set the LSU career RBI mark with 178 in only two seasons.

Walker was named the 1992 National Freshman of the Year by *Collegiate Baseball* and by *Baseball America*. He enjoyed a phenomenal rookie season, batting .400 with 12 homers and an SEC-high 76 RBI. Walker also led the conference in runs (72) and total bases (163), and he became the first player in LSU annals to hit .400 in a single season. Along with being a first-team Freshman All-American, Walker was named second-team All-America by *Collegiate Baseball* and *Baseball America*.

Shortstop Russ Johnson was named the 1994 Southeastern Conference Player of the Year after enjoying one of the best seasons in LSU annals. Johnson, a native of Denham Springs, La., batted .410 -- the highest single-season average in school history -- with 17 homers and 74 RBI. He led the SEC in doubles (26 - an LSU record), walks (67) and on-base percentage (.532), and he completed his three-year career with a .367 lifetime batting average.

Johnson was named a 1994 first-team All-American by the



Eddy Furniss claimed the 1998 Dick Howser Award as college baseball's most outstanding player.

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National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association, and he was voted Louisiana Collegiate Player of the Year by the La. Sportswriters Association. He was also selected as the Most Outstanding Player of the SEC Western Division Tournament, and he was named to the NCAA South Regional All-Tournament team. A Freshman All-America selection in 1992, Johnson finished his career in second place on the all-time LSU lists for runs (216), RBI (181), batting average (.367), doubles (60) and total bases (445).

Pitcher Brett Laxton was named the **1993 National Freshman of the Year** by *Baseball America* and the National Co-Freshman of the Year by *Collegiate Baseball*, marking the second straight season an LSU player received such an honor (Todd Walker was the 1992 recipient). Laxton posted a 12-1 record and an SEC-best 1.98 ERA with five complete games, 98 strikeouts and 47 walks in 109 innings. He pitched a three-hit shutout in the CWS title contest against Wichita State, establishing a World Series championship game record by fanning 16 Shockers. A native of Audubon, N.J., Laxton earned first-team All-America and first-team All-Southeastern Conference recognition.

Shortstop Brandon Larson in **1997** became only the fourth player in NCAA history to hit **40 home runs**. The consensus all-American from San Antonio, Texas, enjoyed a phenomenal season, batting .381 with SEC-record totals of 40 homers, 118 RBI and 250 total bases. Larson was named the Most Outstanding Player of the '97 CWS, leading LSU to the national title by hitting .368 (7-for-19) with three homers, eight RBI and six runs. Larson, a first-round draft choice of the Cincinnati Reds, established the LSU mark for most hits in a season (110), and he was named the Louisiana Collegiate Player of the Year.

Catcher Brad Cresse was a **2000 first-team all-America selection**, as he led the nation in home runs (**30**) and RBI (**106**). Cresse, a native of Seal Beach, Calif., was named the 2000 recipient of the Johnny Bench National Collegiate Catcher of the Year award, and he was a finalist for the 2000 Golden Spikes Award.

Cresse, the fifth-round selection by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the 2000 major league draft, helped lead LSU to the 2000 national title by hitting .388 (106-for-273) with 21 doubles, 30 homers, 106 RBI, 73 runs, 217 total bases and a .790 slugging percentage. He provided the game-winning RBI in the 2000 national championship game versus Stanford, as his single in the bottom of the ninth inning scored shortstop Ryan Theriot from second base to give LSU a 6-5 win.

Cresse completed his career in second place on the SEC all-time HR list with 78 round-trippers, trailing Eddy Furniss, who hit 80 homers for LSU from 1995-98. Cresse ranked No. 2 in LSU career RBI with 257; Furniss was No. 1 with 308 RBI.

Second baseman Mike Fontenot was named **2000 National Freshman of the Year** by *The Sporting News* and by *Collegiate Baseball*. Fontenot, a Slidell, La., native, became the third LSU player to earn freshman of the year accolades, following second baseman Todd Walker (1992) and pitcher Brett Laxton (1993). Fontenot, who was also voted the Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Year



by the league's coaches, helped lead LSU to the 2000 national championship, as he batted .353 (103-for-292) with 13 doubles, three triples, 17 homers, 93 runs (SEC leader) and 64 RBI. He posted a .452 on-base percentage and stole eight bases in nine attempts. His 17 homers set the LSU freshman HR record formerly held by Blair Barbier (15 HR in 1997).

Fontenot was LSU's leading hitter in the 2000 College World Series, as he batted .462 (6-for-13) with two doubles, one homer, two RBI, six runs and five walks, earning CWS all-tournament honors.

He was also the Tigers' top hitter in nine NCAA Tournament games, batting .432 (16-for-37) with four doubles, two homers, nine RBI, eight walks and 13 runs.

Pitcher Lane Mestepey was voted the **2001 National Co-Freshman of the Year** by *Collegiate Baseball*. Mestepey, a left-hander from Zachary, La., shared the honor with Wake Forest first baseman Jamie D'Antona. Mestepey emerged as the Tigers' No. 1 pitcher during the 2001 season, posting an 11-3 record and a 3.75 ERA with 79 strikeouts and 37 walks in 139.1 innings. He was voted first-team all-SEC and SEC Freshman of the Year by the league's coaches.

Mestepey also earned third-team all-America honors from *Collegiate Baseball*, and he was voted to the NCAA Baton Rouge Regional all-tournament team.

Mestepey became the fourth LSU player to earn National Freshman of the Year recognition. The others are second baseman Todd Walker (1992), pitcher Brett Laxton (1993) and second baseman Mike Fontenot (2000).

Shortstop Aaron Hill was named **2003 SEC Player of the Year**, and he earned first-team all-America recognition from *Baseball America*. Hill, a native of Visalia, Calif., was also named a second team All-American by *Collegiate Baseball* newspaper, the American Baseball Coaches Association and *USA Today Sports Weekly*.

Hill, who signed a contract with the Toronto Blue Jays as the club's first round selection (13th overall) in the '03 Major League Baseball draft, batted .358 on the year with nine home runs, 68 runs scored, 67 RBI and 27 doubles, the second-highest single-season total in LSU history.

Hill was also voted to the SEC all-Tournament team and to the NCAA Baton Rouge Regional all-Tournament squad.

Hill batted .335 for his three-year career with 23 home runs, 150 RBI, 141 runs scored and 208 hits. His 50 doubles ranked him seventh on the LSU career list.

Outfielder Jon Zeringue earned **2004 first-team all-America honors**, and he was named the **'04 SEC Co-Player of the Year** (with Ole Miss 1B Stephen Head). Zeringue, a Thibodaux, La., native, was voted to *USA Today Sports Weekly's* first-team all-America squad, as he hit .384 (98-for-255) with 19 doubles, 12 homers, 57 RBI and 56 runs. Zeringue hit a remarkable .432 in SEC regular-season games.

Ray Wright's brilliant catch prevented a Stanford home run in the 2000 College World Series championship game.

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Home runs by the Tigers in their 1997 National Championship season

The total is an NCAA record, shattering the previous mark of 161 set in 1988 by Brigham Young. LSU hit at least one home run in all 70 of its 1997 games.



Ben McDonald received the **1989 Golden Spikes Award** as the nation's best amateur baseball player.

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Lyle Mouton (21), catcher Gary Hymel and the Tigers won LSU's first NCAA championship in 1991 with a victory over Wichita State in the CWS.

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LSU has produced 41 major leaguers over the past 23 years, including former All-Star outfielder Albert Belle. Among the Tigers' current big leaguers are Paul Byrd of the Cleveland Indians, Aaron Hill of the Toronto Blue Jays, Ryan Theriot and Mike Fontenot of the Chicago Cubs, and Brad Hawpe of the Colorado Rockies.

Warren Morris' two-out 9th-inning home run to defeat Miami in the 1996 College World Series title game was named the "Showstopper of the Year" at the ESPY Awards.



A second-round draft choice of the Arizona Diamondbacks, Zeringue was also named a second-team all-America by *Collegiate Baseball*. He was voted to the 2004 NCAA Regional all-Tournament team, and he was named Player of the Year in Louisiana by the state's sportswriters association.

Major Leaguers

Fifty-five former LSU players have played major league baseball, including 41 big-leaguers (22 pitchers, 19 position players) since 1985.

Fourteen LSU products appeared on major league rosters in 2007, including Russ Springer (Cardinals), Todd Walker (Athletics), Paul Byrd (Indians), Aaron Hill (Blue Jays), Ryan Theriot (Cubs), Randy Keisler (Cardinals), Brian Tallet (Blue Jays), Todd Linden (Marlins), Brad Hawpe (Rockies), Brian Wilson (Giants), Shane Youman (Pirates), Mike Fontenot (Cubs), Ryan Jorgensen (Reds) and Sean Barker (Rockies).

A total of 119 LSU players -- 60 pitchers and 59 position players -- have been selected in the Major League draft since 1984, an average of five players per season. LSU has produced nine first-round draft picks in the past 23 seasons.

International Baseball

LSU has established an outstanding international reputation with representatives on U.S. Olympic squads in 1988, 1992, 1996 and 2000. Skip Bertman served as the head coach of the United States Olympic team in 1996, directing the Americans to the bronze medal in Atlanta. As the USA Baseball head coach for two summers (1995 and '96), Bertman guided the U.S. to an incredible 71-11 record

(.866 winning percentage), culminating his tenure with a victory over Nicaragua for the 1996 Olympic bronze medal.

In 1995, Bertman led the United States to an unprecedented four-game sweep of Cuba, the reigning World and Olympic champion, and the squad ended its summer tour on a 21-game win streak, the longest in the history of USA Baseball. The '96 U.S. team added to the streak by winning its first 18 games before dropping a 5-1 decision to Cuba on June 29.

In the fall of '96, USA Baseball presented Bertman with its annual Achievement Award, which is given to an individual who has participated in amateur baseball and has gone on to excel in his professional endeavors.

LSU second baseman Warren Morris and shortstop Jason Williams

were two of the '96 Olympic team's brightest stars as the starting middle infielders. Morris was the Americans' leading hitter in the Olympics, batting .409 in nine games with five homers, one double, 11 RBI and 10 runs. Williams batted .367 in the Olympics with three homers, nine RBI and 10 runs.

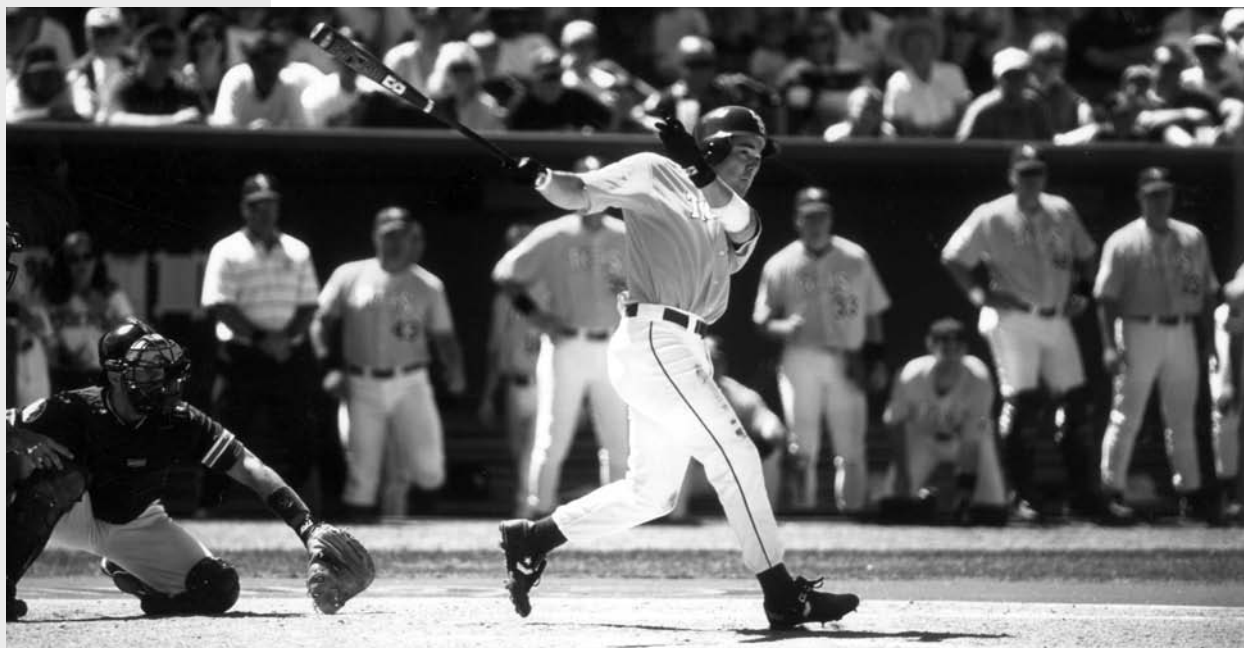
Bertman served as the pitching coach of the 1988 U.S. Olympic team which captured a gold medal in Seoul. The '88 squad featured LSU pitcher Ben McDonald, who posted two Olympic victories. LSU pitcher Rick Greene was a member of the '92 Olympic team which competed in Barcelona, but fell short of earning a medal. LSU pitcher Kurt Ainsworth helped lead the U.S. to the gold medal at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney. Ainsworth pitched the Americans to wins over Holland and Australia en route to the Olympic title.

Attendance

LSU led the nation in attendance for the 12th straight season in 2007, as the Tigers drew 256,537 fans to Alex Box Stadium. LSU set an NCAA average attendance record in 2004 with 7,898 tickets sold per contest, and LSU established the NCAA total attendance mark in 2003, attracting 291,676 fans to Alex Box Stadium.

Over four million fans have seen LSU baseball over the past 24 seasons. A total of 4,231,810 patrons have experienced "Baseball at the Box" during that period.

LSU also helped to establish an NCAA single-game attendance mark, as the Tigers and Tulane played before an actual crowd of 25,101 (27,673 paid) on April 10, 2002, in the Louisiana Superdome. LSU won that contest, 9-5. The LSU-Tulane mark was surpassed in 2004, when San Diego State and Houston played before over 40,000 fans to christen Petco Park in San Diego.





LSU's Kurt Ainsworth pitched the United States to wins over Holland and Australia en route to the 2000 gold medal in Sydney.



Blair Barbier, captain of LSU's 2000 National Champions, received his degree in 2002.

LSU's single-game attendance mark at home was established in 2004 when 8,683 tickets were sold for a March 6 game versus the University of Houston.

Innovative promotional schemes, record-breaking crowds and increasing revenues characterize LSU's baseball program. In 1983, the year before Skip Bertman's arrival as head coach, LSU drew only 10,002 fans for 22 dates at Alex Box Stadium, an average of 454 per game.

Academic Excellence

The coaching staff's influence on LSU Baseball goes beyond the Tigers' achievements on the playing field. The primary ingredient in the Tigers' winning formula is a commitment to the education and emotional development of the players. The scholastic progress of the players is closely monitored by both the coaching staff and by the counselors in LSU's Academic Center for Athletes.

LSU's steadfast emphasis on academics has produced exceptional results. Student-athletes who leave the university early to play professional baseball often return at a later time to earn their degrees. For example, pitcher Clay Parker, who completed his athletic eligibility in 1984, received his LSU degree in 1995 after enjoying a lengthy major league career. Former MLB second baseman Todd Walker, who signed a pro contract in 1994, received a business degree from LSU in the fall of 1998.

Left-handed pitcher Jason Determann was named the 2005 SEC Baseball Scholar-Athlete of the Year with a 3.781 GPA in biology. He was also voted to the *ESPN The Magazine* second-team Academic All-America squad. Determann received his undergraduate degree in May, and he was accepted to the LSU Medical School.

Right-handed pitcher Jordan Faircloth received the 2005 SEC Community Service Post-Graduate Scholarship, and he was named to the SEC Good Works Team. Faircloth, who received his LSU degree in political science with a 3.383 GPA, was a volunteer speaker to children at local schools, served food at homeless shelters and was active in Habitat for Humanity, building homes for needy families. He was a member of the 2005 SEC Academic Honor Roll and a five-time member of the LSU Dean's List.

Former LSU first baseman Eddy Furniss was named a 1997 first-team Academic all-American by GTE-CoSIDA, and he received second-team Academic all-America recognition in 1996 and 1998. LSU's other Academic all-America selections include pitcher Chris Demouy (third-team, 1996), second baseman Warren Morris (first-team, 1995) and catcher Tim Lanier (third-team, 1994). Third baseman Wally Pontiff was a member of the 2002 GTE/CoSIDA District VI Academic all-America team.



Former LSU star Brad Hawpe helped lead the Colorado Rockies to the 2007 National League Pennant.

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LSU has a 28-6 record on championship day in NCAA post-season play (regional, super regional and CWS combined), including a 5-0 mark in CWS final games.

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LSU has established an outstanding international reputation with representatives on U.S. Olympic squads:

- Ben McDonald - 1988
- Rick Greene - 1992
- Skip Bertman - 1988, 1996
- Warren Morris - 1996
- Jason Williams - 1996
- Kurt Ainsworth - 2000