

2024-25 MEN'S BASKETBALL GAME NOTES



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LOYOLA (N.O.)
October 29, 2024

7 p.m.
Pete Maravich Assembly Center
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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2024-25 LSU SCHEDULE

LSU (17-16, 9-9 IN 2023-24)

H - 12-6 (6-3); A - 3-7 (3-6); N - 2-3; OT - 0-0

November

Wed. 6	ULM (SECN+)	7 p.m.
Sun. 10	ALABAMA STATE (SECN+)	4 p.m.
Thurs. 14	at Kansas State (ESPN+)	8 p.m.
Tues. 19	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN (SECN+)	7 p.m.
Greenbrier Tipoff - White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.		
Fri. 22	vs. Pittsburgh (CBSSN)	1:30 p.m.
Sun. 24	UCF/Wisconsin (CBSSN)	2/4:30 p.m.
Fri. 29	NORTHWESTERN ST. (SECN+)	7 p.m.

December

SEC/ACC Challenge

Tues. 3	FLORIDA STATE (SEC Network)	8 p.m.
Sun. 8	FLORIDA GULF COAST (SECN+)	2 p.m.

Compete 4 Cause Classic -- Frisco, Texas

Sat. 14	vs. SMU (ESPN2)	3 p.m.
Tues. 17	STETSON (SEC Network)	8 p.m.
Sun. 22	UNO (SECN+)	2 p.m.
Sun. 29	MISSISSIPPI VALLEY ST. (SECN+)	6 p.m.

January

Sat. 4	*VANDERBILT (ESPN2)	3:30 p.m.
Tues. 7	*At Missouri (SEC Network)	8 p.m.
Sat. 11	*At Ole Miss (SEC Network)	5 p.m.
Tues. 14	*ARKANSAS (SEC Network)	8 p.m.
Sat. 18	*At Texas A&M (SEC Network)	7:30 p.m.
Sat. 25	*At Alabama (SEC Network)	7:30 p.m.
Wed. 29	*AUBURN (SEC Network)	6 p.m.

February

Sat. 1	*TEXAS (SEC Network)	5 p.m.
Wed. 5	*At Georgia (SEC Network)	8 p.m.
Sat. 8	*OLE MISS (SEC Network)	7:30 p.m.
Wed. 12	*At Arkansas (ESPN2/U)	8 p.m.
Sat. 15	*At Oklahoma (SEC Network)	5 p.m.
Tues. 18	*SOUTH CAROLINA (SEC Network)	8 p.m.
Sat. 22	*FLORIDA (SEC Network)	5 p.m.
Tues. 25	*TENNESSEE (SEC Network)	8 p.m.

March

Sat. 1	*at Miss. State (SEC Network)	2:30 p.m.
Tues. 4	*at Kentucky (ESPN2/U)	6/8 p.m.
Sat. 8	*TEXAS A&M (SEC Network)	3 p.m.
SEC TOURNAMENT -- Bridgestone Arena, Nashville, Tenn.		
Wed.-Sunday 12-16 (SEC Network, ESPN)		

* = SEC Games; All Times Central; Home Games in ALL CAPS.
SECN+ is streaming broadcast.

LSU LINEUP (A GUESS)

1

JORDAN SEARS

G • 5th Sr. • 5-11 • 185
Daytona Beach, Florida

23-24 Stats (UT Martin): 21.6 ppg, 4.5 apg, 1.3 spg

- Transfer from UT Martin; 1st Tiger from UT Martin since Mike Hansen (1988)
- Two-time OVC, Finalist for Lou Henson National POY (collegeinsider.com)
- Leading scorer in OVC, ninth best in Division I
- Broke 38-year school record on FT made (162); 5th all-time in FGs made (227).
- Only active D1 player in '24 to get 650 pts, 140 rebs, 140 assts, 75 3pt FGs
- Played two yrs at Gardner Webb, before transferring 2 yrs at UT Martin.

2

MIKE WILLIAMS III

G • So. • 6-3 • 180
Baltimore, Maryland

23-24 Stats: 7.2 ppg, 2.2 rpg, 1.2 apg, 1.2 spg

- Played in all 33 games a year ago as a freshman, starting 22
- Made 39 three points, shooting 37.1 percent
- 11 games in double figures
- Best of 20 vs. NW State (12/29), hitting six three-pointers.
- Scored 16 at Alabama (1/27)
- Four assists on three occasions

5

CAM CARTER

G • Senior • 6-3 • 190
Donaldsonville, La.

23-24 Stats (at K-State): 14.6 ppg, 5.0 rpg, 2.6 apg

- Started all 36 games in 2022-23 and all 34 games in 2023-24 for K-State
- Made 59 three-pointers and shot 84 percent from the FT line last year
- Improved scoring avg., '23-24, from 8.1 to 14.6 ppg
- 27 double figure scoring games, 5 20-point games.
- Played freshman season at Miss. St. (21-22) before going to K-State
- Played at East Ascension HS before finishing at Oak Hill Academy (Va.)

9

JALEN REED

F • Junior • 6-10 • 240
Jackson, Mississippi

23-24 Stats: 7.9 ppg, 4.1 rpg

- Entering his third year as a member of the LSU basketball team.
- Started 20 or 32 games a year ago, averaging 22.2 minutes per game.
- Made 13-of-33 three-pointers in 2023-24, 39.4 percent.
- 10 games in double figures, 11 over his first two years.
- Career high of 16 vs. Dayton (11/16), hitting 7-of-9 field goals
- High of 11 rebounds at Syracuse (11/28/23)

4

DJI BAILEY

G • Grad. • 6-5 • 195
Wilson, North Carolina

23-24 Stats (Richmond): 10.2 ppg, 4.4 rpg, 2.2 apg, 1.7 spg

- Co-Winner of Chris Daniels Award for A-10's most improved player.
- 1st in A-10 in FG percentage (200 atts), 59.4 percent (130-219).
- 24 starts, 31 minutes per game.
- Fourth on team in scoring, third in assists
- Fourth in A-10 in steals average.

ON THE AIR



Chris Blair, Play-by-Play
John Brady, Analyst
(Former LSU Head Coach)

Streaming: SECN+
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BREAKDOWN

LSU

RECORD ('23-24)

17-16, 9-9

RANKING

NA

LAST GAME

L, 84-77, vs. North Texas,
3/19/24 (first rd NIT)

HEAD COACH

Matt McMahon

CAREER RECORD

185-102 (10th season)

LSU RECORD

31-35 (3rd season)

LOYOLA (N.O.)

RECORD

1-0

RANKING

NA

LAST GAME

W, 8-71, vs. SUNO,
10/24/24

HEAD COACH

Donald Reyes

CAREER RECORD

39-25 (3rd season)

LOYOLA RECORD

39-25 (3rd season)

LSU UPCOMING MEN'S BASKETBALL MEDIA CALENDAR

28

MONDAY

1:30 p.m. -- Matt McMahon Media Session.

29

TUESDAY

Exhibition Game -- Loyola (NOLA) vs. LSU, Maravich Center, 7 p.m. (LSU Sports Radio Network, SECN+ streaming) Free Admission.

30

WEDNESDAY

31

THURSDAY

Happy Halloween

1

FRIDAY

2

SATURDAY

3

SUNDAY

LSU Media Services

MEDIA AVAILABILITY

Coach Matt McMahon is available for early morning appointments and phone interviews. Please contact Basketball SID Kent Lowe (225-578-1864, clowe@lsu.edu) at least 24 hours in advance.

MEDIA SESSIONS

Coach McMahon meets, when travel schedules permit, usually one or two days prior to games in non-conference play and usually on Mondays and Thursdays during the SEC season. The sessions take place in the Courtside Club of the Maravich Center in the NW Corridor. Times are announced based on practice plans with players usually one day a week. Some travel and scheduling issues may change the time and day so media should contact the Communications Office to confirm start time ... Player requests need to be in to Kent Lowe at clowe@lsu.edu no later than 24 hours in advance.

POST GAME

Coach McMahon will be in the Courtside Club after the game, the NCAA cooling off period and his courtside radio show ... Requested players will be brought to the media room as well. ... THE LSU DRESSING ROOM IS CLOSED ... The Courtside Club is at the top of the stairs in the Northwest Corridor ... Media may work there after the end of the game. The building will close two hours following the conclusion of the game.

THE MATT MCMAHON SHOW

Presented by Our Lady of the Lake Health

The weekly call-in show takes place primarily on Mondays or Wednesdays at 7 p.m. (except Jan. 20, when the show airs at 6 p.m. from T.J. Ribs on Acadian Thruway ... The show airs in Baton Rouge on local flagship Eagle 98.1 FM, on the Internet at www.LSUsports.net and on many LSU Sports Radio Network affiliates. The first show is Monday, Dec. 30.

Air Dates for the shows during 2024-25:

Show 1: Monday, Dec. 30, 2024
Show 2: Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2025 (due to game on Jan. 7)
Show 3: Monday, Jan. 13, 2025
Show 4: Monday, Jan. 20, 2025 (NEW TIME: 6-7 p.m. due to CFP National Championship)
Show 5: Monday, Jan. 27, 2025
Show 6: Monday, Feb. 3, 2025
Show 7: Monday, Feb. 10, 2025
Show 8: Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2025 (due to game on Feb. 18)
Show 9: Monday, Feb. 24, 2025
Show 10: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 (due to game March 4; in studio show this week only)
Show 11: Monday, March 10, 2025 (subject to SEC Tournament travel schedule)

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Matt McMahon

Head Coach

@CoachMcMahon

3rd Year at LSU · 10th Year as a Head Coach

Basketball Head Coach Matt McMahon has five simple core values that define him and his basketball program at LSU:

Hard work, unselfishness, toughness, accountability and joy.

Those were some of the first words he said when he stepped to the podium for the first time as the 25th LSU men's basketball head coach on March 22, 2022.

Now after two seasons as head coach at LSU and the improvement shown by the team from year one to year two, the foundation has been laid for further improvement by the Tigers and through the second season in 2023-24, all five of those core values were seen time and time again.

Through long hours of work in the classroom, in the video room, and practice, the hard work and unselfishness was seen. The toughness and accountability were there in when times got tough; and, yes, when LSU defeated back-to-back nationally-ranked teams in the final seconds, there was that joy that all LSU fans could enjoy.

The team learned and played under those five principles and laid a foundation for the LSU Basketball program to move forward on in 2024-25.

As the LSU Basketball program under Coach McMahon enters its third season, the team will mix three top 65 high school recruits, along with a handful of transfers into the mix with another step in the progress of the McMahon program – player development.

Player development is stressed a lot in the Matt McMahon LSU basketball program and that was never more evident than the development of Tyrell Ward and Jalen Reed from their freshman to sophomore years. Most importantly, after another summer and fall of player development, they will be back for their third season with the program.

That bodes well for players like sophomore Mike Williams and the return of Derek Fountain and Daimion Collins who both battled injuries during different points of the 2023-24 campaign.

This past season, as LSU continued to improve, including a seven-win rise in the Southeastern Conference, finishing with a 9-9 record and a post-season tournament appearance in the NIT, the culture of the LSU program and the success that it can have in the future were on full display.

The Tigers won 5-of-their-last-7 regular season conference games starting back-to-back wins over No. 11 South Carolina, 64-63, in Columbia and then a 75-74 win over No. 17 Kentucky in Baton Rouge.

Against the Gamecocks, it was two Jordan Wright free throws with less than five seconds to play that were the game winners after the Tigers rallied from 10 down with eight minutes

to play.

At home against Kentucky, Wright's first shot attempt was blocked. He got the rebound and tossed it to Ward who beat the buzzer for the winning score.

The culture and success were on display during the seven years at Murray State University where Coach McMahon led the Racers to a record of 154-67. He led Murray State to 93 OVC regular-season wins, winning 75 percent of league games.

He has also coached multiple all-Americans and all-league players such as Ja Morant who was named NBA Rookie of the Year in 2020.

The Racers won regular season league titles in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2022 and advanced to the NCAA Tournament in 2018, 2019 and 2022.

Since the native of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, became the third-youngest rookie among D1 coaches in 2015, McMahon has continued a steady move forward with a reputation for developing talent both as an assistant and head coach. He has become known nationally as an excellent recruiter and he is among the best in the nation in the area of player development and game planning.

In his final season at Murray State in 2021-22, McMahon coached OVC Player of the Year KJ Williams and two other recipients of first-team honors (Tevin Brown, Justice Hill). In addition, McMahon was named the league's Coach of the Year.

McMahon's Racers, in 2021-22, were just the sixth team in league history to go undefeated and the first to do it in an 18-game conference schedule. Murray State then won the two league tournament games to advance to the NCAA Tournament where, as a No. 7 seed, the Racers defeated San Francisco to advance to the round of 32.

The 2021-22 team was one of seven teams to win 30 or more games that season and led the nation in win percentage at 91.2 percent (31-3).

McMahon was the first MSU coach to have three seasons of 25 or more wins and was one of just three Murray State coaches to have four 20-win seasons.

Coach McMahon led the Racers to three-straight OVC regular season titles (2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20) and two consecutive OVC Tournament titles (2017-18, 2018-19).

PRIOR TO MURRAY STATE

Coach McMahon has had success in college basketball since his days as a player at Appalachian State.

Known as an excellent shooter and tough competitor, he played on three Southern Conference regular season title teams in 1998, 1999 and 2000.

He played in 117 career games under coach Buzz Peterson and made 135 three-pointers, graduating in 2000.

His coaching career began immediately at Appalachian State as assistant under Houston Fancher in 2000-01. He would rejoin Peterson's staff as a graduate assistant coach at Tennessee before returning to ASU in 2002 as assistant and later associate head coach, where he stayed until the end of the 2009-10 season.

A year at UNC Wilmington (2010-11) as assistant coach set the stage for his journey to Murray State, starting first as an assistant in the 2011-12 season and then as head coach prior to the 2015-16 season.

Coach McMahon and his wife Mary, a former standout for the Furman women's basketball team, have three children – Maris, Mason and Mabry.

THE MCMAHON FILE

Men's

Birthdate: April 26, 1978

Age: 46

Hometown: Oak Ridge, Tennessee

College: Appalachian State, 2000

Wife: Mary

Child: Maris, Mason, Mabry

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2000-01 – Assistant Coach, Appalachian State

2001 – Graduate Assistant, Tennessee

2002-10 – Assistant/Associate Head Coach, Appalachian State

2010-11 – Assistant Coach, UNC Wilmington

2011-15 – Assistant Coach, Murray State

2015-22 – Head Coach, Murray State

March 22, 2022 – Head Coach, LSU

THE MCMAHON RECORD

YEAR	SCHOOL	/---OVERALL---/		/---CONF.---/		POST SEASON
		W-L	PCT.	W-L	PCT.	
2015-16	Murray State	17-14	.548	10-6	.625	
2016-17	Murray State	16-17	.485	8-8	.500	
2017-18	Murray State	26-6	.812	16-2	.889	NCAA Rd of 64
2018-19	Murray State	28-5	.848	16-2	.889	NCAA Rd of 32
2019-20	Murray State	23-9	.719	15-3	.833	Pandemic Year
2020-21	Murray State	13-13	.500	10-10	.500	
2021-22	Murray State	31-3	.912	18-0	1.000	NCAA rd of 32
2022-23	LSU	14-19	.424	2-16	.111	
2023-24	LSU	17-16	.515	9-9	.500	NIT First Rd.
2024-25	LSU					
Totals	9 years	185-102	.644	104-56	.650	4 Tournaments
	Murray St. 7 years	154-67	.697	93-31	.750	3 NCAA Tourneys
	LSU 2 years	31-35	.470	11-25	.305	1 NIT

2024-25 LSU MEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CLASS	EXP.	DOB	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL	PREVIOUS SCHOOL
0	Vyctorius Miller	G	6-5	185	Freshman	HS	September 14, 2004	Los Angeles, Calif.	Compass Prep (AZ)	
1	Jordan Sears	G	5-11	185	5th Yr Sr.	TR	September 5, 2001	Daytona Beach, Fla.	Mainland HS	UT Martin
2	Mike Williams III	G	6-3	180	Sophomore	1L	February 17, 2004	Baltimore, Md.	Bishop Walsh HS	
3	Curtis Givens III	G	6-3	185	Freshman	HS	February 14, 2005	Memphis, Tenn.	Montverde Academy (FL)	
4	Dji Bailey	G	6-5	195	Graduate	TR	May 19, 2002	Wilson, N. C.	Greenfield School	Richmond
5	Cam Carter	G	6-3	190	Senior	TR	March 17, 2003	Donaldsonville, La.	Oak Hill Academy	Kansas State
6	Robert Miller III	F	6-10	220	Freshman	HS	June 8, 2006	Houston, Texas	Pasadena Memorial HS	
7	Noah Boyde	F	7-0	245	Junior	JC	February 3, 2001	Monchy, St. Lucia	Patrick D. James HS	McCook CC (Neb.)
8	Trey'Dez Green	F	6-7	245	Freshman	HS	February 16, 2006	Jackson, La.	Zachary HS	
9	Jalen Reed	F	6-10	240	Junior	2L	February 24, 2003	Jackson, Miss.	Southern California Academy	
10	Daimion Collins	F	6-9	200	RS Junior	1L	October 28, 2002	Atlanta, Texas	Atlanta HS	Kentucky
11	Corey Chest	F	6-8	220	RS Freshman	RS	October 5, 2004	New Orleans, La.	Link Academy (Mo.)	
14	Trace Young	G	6-3	185	5th Yr. Sr.	1L	July 9, 2001	Austin, Texas	Dripping Springs HS	Colorado State
15	Tyrell Ward	G	6-6	195	Junior	2L	July 27, 2003	Washington, D.C.	Dematha Catholic HS	
20	Derek Fountain	F	6-10	220	5th Yr. Sr.	2L	July 12, 2002	Holly Springs, Miss.	Holly SPrings HS	Mississippi State
25	Adam Benhayoune	G	6-4	235	Senior	3L	April 21, 2003	Helotes, Texas	Sandra Day O'Connor HS	

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Matt McMahon	YEAR AT LSU
Associate Head Coach: David Patrick	3rd year at LSU (10th season as head coach)
Assistant Coach: Casey Long	1st year at LSU (2nd stint, 5th year overall)
Assistant Coach: Jalen Courtney-Williams	3rd year at LSU
Assistant Coach: Tim Kaine	1st year at LSU
Assistant Coach: Ronrico White	3rd year at LSU
Special Assistant to the Head Coach: Tasmin Mitchell	3rd year at LSU
Director of Recruiting: Jeff Moore	8th year at LSU
Strength and Conditioning: Mike Chatman	3rd year at LSU
Video Coordinator: Mike Chapman	1st year at LSU
Athletic Trainer: Shawn Eddy	3rd year at LSU
Coordinator: Tam Davis	29 (20 with Men's Basketball)
	17 (2nd with Men's Basketball)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Vyctorius -- vick-TORE-ee-us; Dji Bailey -- Jai (rhymes with fly); Noah Boyde -- boyd; Daimion Collins -- DAY-me-un; Benhayoune -- Ben-uh-yoon; McMahon -- mick-man; Kaine -- Kane

HOW THE TIGERS WERE BUILT

Via TRANSFER PORTAL	Via RETENTION	Via SIGNING
Derek Fountain -- from Miss. State (prior 2022-23)	Adam Benayoune -- walkon Senior	Curtis Glvens III (HS Signee)
Daimion Collins -- from Kentucky (prior 2023-24)	Jalen Reed -- Junior	Robert Miller III (HS Signee)
Trace Young -- from Colordado St. (prior 2023-24)	Tyrell Ward -- Junior	Vyctorius Miller (HS Signee)
Dji Bailey -- from Richmond (prior 2024-25)	Mike Williams III -- Sophomore	Noah Boyde (JC Signee)
Cam Carter -- from Kansas St. (prior 2024-25)	Corey Chest -- RS Freshman	Trey'Dez Green (FB Signee)
Jordan Sears -- from UT Martin (Prior 2024-25)		

TRANSACTIONS

Noah Boyde, junior college transfer, awaiting full clearance to begin full-court practice action, status for exhibition game is questionable.

WON-LOST MARGIN IN GAMES THIS SEASON

MARGIN	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31-plus
Won by																															
Lost by																															

SECOND STRAIGHT YEAR WITH HOME EXHIBITION CONTEST

This will be the second straight year that LSU has played an exhibition game prior to the season opener that is open to fans of the program. LSU faced Louisiana Christian on this same week a year ago and came away with a 132-44 decision.

LSU's last exhibition loss came in the August 2019 tour of Spain when the Tigers fell to the National Team of the Dominican Republic, 92-85.

The Tigers' last loss in the PMAC in an exhibition game came in November 2003 when LSU fell to the Global Sports team, 68-64. Since then LSU has won the last 15 exhibitions on the Maravich Center floor.

HISTORY WITH LOYOLA

There is a long history with Loyola-NO and their basketball program and the two teams have played 52 times in regular season contests dating from 1921 when they first met (a 74-12 LSU win) and the final meeting in 1972 (Jan. 8, 103-88 LSU win).

That was the last year of the Loyola athletics program until the 1991-92 season and some 30 years later in 2022 the Wolf Pack captured the NAIA National Championship. The team also won the 1945 NAIA Championship and three times in the 1950s was in the NCAA Division I basketball tournament.

While an exhibition, in the regular season games, LSU was 21-7 in Baton Rouge against the Wolf Pack.

ON THE VISITING BENCH

The head coach of the Wolf Pack is Donald Reyes, who became the head coach prior to the 2022-23 season.

A native of the New Orleans area, Reyes graduated from John Ehret High School in Marrero before earning a Bachelor's of Arts degree with a minor in sports communication and business from LSU in 2009 and a master's in sports administration from Arkansas State University in 2011.

While at LSU, he served as a student manager and film exchange coordinator for the men's basketball program that had two NCAA Tournament appearances, including a Final Four run in 2006, then worked as an assistant coach in Borger, Texas, for a season before

joining Arkansas State as a graduate assistant.

The head coach at both LSU and Arkansas State during that time period was now the current analyst on the LSU Sports Radio Network, John Brady.

LOYOLA'S OPENING GAME

Loyola opened its season this past Thursday with an 89-71 win over Southern-New Orleans. Alex Hammond led the Wolf Pack with 17 points and seven assists, while Zachary Lee (9 rebounds) and Leonard Jackson had 13 points each, Milan Mejia 12 and Kosta Bjelicic 11 points. Loyola had 20 second chance point against SUNO and 25 points off turnovers.

WILL REGULAR SEASON OPENER MARK EIGHTH STRAIGHT YEAR A FRESHMAN STARTS FOR LSU

LSU has started a freshman in the regular season opener for each of the last seven years. Will that happen on Nov. 6 when LSU opens against ULM? Too early to exactly tell. But here is the list of freshmen who have started in the opening game since the 2017-18 opener:

2024-25 – Mike Williams III

2022-23 – Jalen Reed

2021-22 – Brandon Murray, Efton Reid

2020-21 – Cam Thomas

2019-20 – Trendon Watford

2018-19 – Naz Reid, Javonte Smart, Emmitt Williams

2017-18 – Tremont Waters

THE SCHEDULE

LSU will play all its non-conference games before league play starts on Jan. 4 and there are some dates to keep an eye upon as the season moves forward.

Some of the highlights include a third straight contest with Kansas State on Nov. 14 in Manhattan, Kansas. This will be the third year of what has turned into a neutral-home-away series for LSU. The teams met in the finals of the Cayman Islands Classic before a contract was signed for a home-and-home series.

LSU's MTE this year is part of the first Greenbrier Tipoff at the famed resort in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. LSU will play Pittsburgh in Colonial Hall at the resort on Nov. 22 and then will face either UCF or Wisconsin in the second game on Nov. 24. LSU's home game as part of the event is against Charleston Southern on Nov. 19.

The Tigers will host the SEC/ACC Challenge game this season against the Seminoles of Florida State on Dec. 3. Florida State and LSU last met in a neutral site game in 2018 in Orlando Florida, with Florida State winning, 79-76, in overtime. The teams have not met on a home court since 1959.

LSU will start a neutral-neutral series with SMU on Dec. 14 at the Comerica Center in Frisco, Texas in the Compete 4 Cause Classic. The 3 p.m. game will be followed in the evening with a Texas Legends G-League contest. In the 2025-26 season, the teams will compete again, this time at the Smoothie King Center in New Orleans.

TIGERS WANT BETTER NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

LSU finished strong last season to get to 9-9 in the SEC games, but it was in the first 13 games of the season where LSU stumbled some, losing five times in the month of November and December. So one of the goals of this team this year is to not only get ready for league play, but to play better basketball in the first two months of the season.

LSU had two losses in the Maravich Center a year ago in the first two months, to Nicholls (68-66) and to Kansas State (75-60).

A NOVEMBER 6 OPENER AGAIN

When the Tigers open the season on Nov. 6, it will mark the second straight year, but only the third year in LSU history that they have opened the season as early as Nov. 6.

LSU is 2-0 on Nov. 6, having defeated Mississippi Valley State on this date last year and Southeastern in the 2018 opener.

In regard to Wednesday, the Tigers are 266-192 on Wednesdays in their history in college basketball and 145-51 in the month of November. Coach Matt McMahon is 36-16 in his career in November with 10 wins in 14 November games in his two years at LSU.

RETURNING NUMBERS

LSU returns an average of 35.3 points from a year ago (46.2 percent) of the team's 76.4 points per game average, while the returning rebound average is 42.8 percent (15.3 of 35.7).

FAMILIAR FACES JOIN LSU COACHING STAFF

The LSU coaching staff is back at full strength for 2024-25 after Cody Toppert left before the start of the season to take on the Washington Wizards G-League team head coaching job and Ronnie Hamilton left after the season to join the staff at Louisville.

Joining the Tigers for his second time on the LSU coaching staff as associate head coach is David Patrick, who has served twice as a head coach in his tenure, including the last two seasons as the head coach at Sacramento State.

Known as a top-flight recruiter, Patrick was on the coaching staff of Johnny Jones at LSU from 2012-16.

Also returning as assistant coach is former Tiger player Jalen Courtney-Williams. Courtney-Williams joins the Tigers after three years as a member of the coaching staff at Creighton.

Courtney-Williams played in 61 games at LSU in three seasons (2010-11, '11-12, '12-13) before transferring to Morehead State, where after sitting out a transfer season, played for MSU in 2014-15.

That pair joins returning assistants Casey Long, Tim Kaine and Ronrico White. Jeff Moore remains the director of recruiting and fan

favorite Tasmin Mitchell is in his eighth season on the coaching staff as Special Assistant to Head Coach Tasmin Mitchell.

SEVEN FORMER TIGERS STARTED ON NBA ROSTERS

Seven former Tiger basketball players were on opening week rosters as the National Basketball Association began its 2024-25 season last week:

Brooklyn Nets – Ben Simmons, Cam Thomas, Trendon Watford

Houston Rockets – Tari Eason

Minnesota Timberwolves – Naz Reid

Portland Trail Blazers – Duop Reath

Toronto Raptors – Garrett Temple

Reid is one of the most popular players in Minnesota is coming off a season in which he was named the NBA Sixth Man of the Year. Reid was part of the Tigers 2019 Sweet 16 NCAA Tournament team at LSU.

Temple is the veteran of the group and has been a mentor to many of the young Raptors. He is in his 15th season in the league after playing in the Final Four as a freshman in 2006 and winning an SEC regular season title for LSU in his final year of 2009. As of Saturday, he had appeared in 745 NBA games and needs only 14 appearances to pass Brandon Bass for third place in total appearances among LSU NBA stars (748).

Thomas had a breakout season a year ago for the Nets, averaging 22.5 points and 2.9 assists in 66 games. Last year he became the youngest player in NBA history to score 40 points in three straight games. He opened with 36 points on Wednesday night.

Joining him on the NETS are Watford and 2016 National Freshman of the Year Ben Simmons

Watford is in his fourth season in the NBA, joining the Nets last year. Simmons, who has struggled with injuries but seems to be fully recovered from back surgery. This is his seventh year to play in the league.

Eason looks to return from an injury that shortened his season in 2023-24. The 17th pick in the 2022 NBA Draft played a full 82 games in the 2022-23 seasons.

Reath had a different path to the NBA after completing his playing time at LSU in 2018. Reath played overseas before joining the Trail Blazers 2023 Summer League team. He eventually signed a two-way deal with Portland and debuted on Nov. 12, 2023. In February 2024, Portland converted his two-way deal to a standard contract.

The G-League Draft was held over the weekend and guard Trae Hannibal, who finished his college career with the Tigers in 2024, was picked with the 22nd selection by the Cleveland Charge.

A TYPE OF HAPPY HOUR PRIOR TO TUESDAY BASKETBALL GAME

It starts with the exhibition game on Tuesday, but LSU fans can arrive early and enjoy discount food and beverage prizes from the time the doors open until 10 minutes to tipoff.

The specials will feature Tiger Dogs for \$2.50, Nachos \$2.75, Tiger Burgers (no Burger Kitchen Burgers) \$4, an 85oz bag of popcorn for \$2.50 and a 32oz souvenir soda for \$3.50.

The happy hour also includes all premium canned beers (Michelob Ultra, Stella, Blue Moon and other craft beers) for just \$5.25.

The promotion excludes: Papa John's, Chick-Fil-A, Cajun Classic, Louisiana Creole Creations, Leroy's Lemonade, Dippin Dots and Posh Pop.

The Tuesday men's basketball home games, the "Beat The Buzzer" happy hour promotion is good for are the following dates:

Tuesday, Oct. 29 – Loyola (N.O.) – Tipoff 7 p.m.; Doors open at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 19 – Charleston Southern – Tipoff 7 p.m.; Doors open at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 3 – Florida State – Tipoff 8 p.m.; Doors open at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 17 – Stetson – Tipoff 8 p.m.; Doors open at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 14 – Arkansas – Tipoff 8 p.m.; Doors open at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 18 – South Carolina – Tipoff 8 p.m.; Doors open at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 25 – Tennessee – Tipoff 8 p.m.; Doors open at 7 p.m.

THE REGULAR SEASON GETS GOING ON NOV. 6

It all starts for keeps on Wednesday, Nov. 6 when ULM comes to town. The game is 7 p.m., streaming on the SEC Network Plus and live on the LSU Sports Radio Network. Tickets are available at LSU. It will be the first meeting between the two teams since November of the 2021-22 season.

LSU will also play on Sunday, Nov. 10, against Alabama State. That game will be at 4 p.m.

Ticket information is available at [LSUtix.net](https://lsutix.net).

The Last Time LSU ...

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Scoring

Less Than 50 points	40 -- at Arkansas (40-60), 1/24/23
80 or more points	84 -- vs. Missouri (84-80), 3/9/24
90 or more points	92 -- vs. Alabama (92-109), 2/10/24
100 or more points	106 -- vs. Miss. Valley (106-60), 11/6/23

Opponents Scoring

Less than 50 points	49 -- by NW St. (49-89), 12/14/21
80 or more points	84 -- by UNT (84-77), NIT, 3/19/24
90 or more points	94 -- by Arkansas (94-83), 3/6/24
100 or more points	109 -- by Alabama (109-92), 2/10/24

Field Goal Percentage

Shot less than 30 %	25.9 -- at Arkansas (14-54), 1/24/23
Shot 50 % or more	50.9 -- at Florida (33-68), 2/13/24
Shot 60 % or more	61.0 -- vs. NW St. (36-59), 12/29/93
Shot 70 % or more	70.3 -- vs. Centenary (45-64), 1/15/03

Opponents Field Goal Percentage

Shot less than 30 %	25.4 -- by Texas A&M (15-59), 1/6/24
Shot 50 % or more	60.8 -- by Arkansas (31-51), 3/6/24
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Three-Point FG Percentage

Shot less than 10 %	9.1 -- at Syracuse (2-22), 11/28/23
Shot 40 % or more	47.8 -- vs. UNT (11-23), 3/19/24
Shot 50 % or more	50.0 -- vs. Georgia (9-18), 2/27/24
Shot 60 % or more	66.7 -- vs. Alabama (10-15), 1/8/19

Opponents Three-Point FG Percentage

Shot less than 10 %	6.3 -- by UAB (1-16), 12/21/13
Shot 40 % or more	42.3 -- by UNT (11-26), 3/19/24
Shot 50 % or more	50.0 -- by Texas (10-20), 12/16/23
Shot 60 % or more	61.6 -- by Texas Tech (11-81), 1/28/23
Shot 70% or more	71.4 - by Grambling (5-7), 12/01/18

Free Throw Percentage

Shot less than 50 %	40.0 -- vs. WF (6-15), 12/10/22
Shot 80 % or more	100.0 -- vs. UNT (12-12), 3/19/24
Shot 90 % or more	100.0 -- vs. UNT (12-12), 3/19/24
Shot 100 percent	100.0 -- vs. UNT (12-12), 2/4/17

Rebounds

Had less than 20 rebs	19 -- vs. Ole Miss, 1/22/11
Had 40 or more rebs	41 -- at Vanderbilt, 3/2/24
Had 50 or more rebs	50 -- vs. McNeese, 11/18/21
Had 60 or more rebs	64 -- vs. N'western St, 11/16/13

Opponent Rebounds

Less than 20 rebs18 -- by UNCG, 11/9/18
Had 40 or more rebs43 -- by Florida, 2/13/24
Had 50 or more rebs52 -- by Alabama, 1/14/23

Assists

Less than 5 assists	4 -- vs. Mississippi State, 2/24/24
15 assists or more	15 -- vs. UNT, 3/19/24
20 assists or more	22 -- vs. NW State, 12/29/23
25 assists or more	26 -- vs. UNF, 12/22/17
30 or more assists	33 -- vs. Georgia State, 12/28/94

Opponent Assists

Less than 5 assists	3 -- by Kentucky, 2/23/22
15 assists or more	18 -- by Arkansas, 3/6/24
20 assists or more	25 -- by Alabama, 2/10/24
25 assists or more	25 -- by Alabama, 2/10/24
30 assists or more	33 -- by Kentucky, 1/16/96

Blocks

0 blocks	0 -- at Arkansas, 3/6/24
5 or more blocks	6 -- vs. UGA, 2/27/24
10 or more blocks	10 -- vs. Grambling, 12/1/18
15 or more blocks	16 -- vs. Alcorn State, 11/20/08

Opponent Blocks

0 blocks	0 -- by Alabama, 3/5/22
5 or more blocks	10 -- by Arkansas, 3/6/24
10 or more blocks	10 -- by Arkansas, 3/6/24

Steals

0 steals	0 -- vs. Georgia Tech, 3/17/90
10 or more steals	10 -- vs. Ole Miss, 1/17/24
15 or more steals	17 -- vs. UNO, 11/17/22

Opponent Steals

0 steals	0 -- by Washington State, 12/27/08
10 or more steals	10 -- by UNT, 3/19/24
15 or more steals	16 -- by Auburn, 1/13/24

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Scored 20 or more points.....	25	Jordan Wright, vs. UNT, 3/19/24
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Scored 30 or more points.....	33	Jordan Wright, vs. Texas, 12/16/23
Scored 35 or more points.....	35	KJ Williams, vs. Vanderbilt, 2/22/23
Scored 40 or more points.....	43	Ben Simmons, vs. North Florida, 12/2/15
Scored 45 or more points.....	53	Shaquille O'Neal, vs. Arkansas State, 12/18/90
Scored 50 or more points.....	53	Shaquille O'Neal, vs. Arkansas State, 12/18/90
Scored 55 or more points.....	55	Chris Jackson, vs. Ole Miss, 3/4/89
Scored 60 or more.....	64	Pete Maravich, vs. Kentucky, 2/21/70
Scored double figures in 5 straight games.....	7	Jalen Cook, 1/17/24 to 2/3/24; 2/10/24 to 2/13/24
Scored double figures in 10 straight games.....	8	Jordan Wright, 2/13/24 to 3/9/24
Scored double figures in 15 straight games.....	18	Jordan Wright, 11/17/23 to 2/3/24
Scored double figures in 20 straight games.....	18	Jordan Wright, 11/17/23 to 2/3/24
Scored double figures in 25 straight games.....	28	Ben Simmons, 11/30/15 to 3/5/16
Scored double figures in 30 straight games.....	28	Ben Simmons, 11/30/15 to 3/5/16
Scored double figures in 35 straight games.....	48	Glen Davis, 3/5/05 to 12/17/06
Scored double figures in 40 straight games.....	48	Glen Davis, 3/5/05 to 12/17/06
Scored double figures in 45 or more straight game.....	48	Glen Davis, 3/5/05 to 12/17/06
Scored 20 points or more in 2 straight games.....	3	KJ Williams, 35 vs. Vandy (2/22/23); 29 at Ole Miss (2/25/23); 24 vs. Missouri (3/1/23)
Scored 20 points or more in 3 straight games.....	3	KJ Williams, 35 vs. Vandy (2/22/23); 29 at Ole Miss (2/25/23); 24 vs. Missouri (3/1/23)
Scored 20 points or more in 4 straight games.....	4	Tari Eason, 25 at Texas A&M (2/8/22); 23 vs. Miss. State (2/12/22); 21 vs. UGA (2/16/22); 21 at South Carolina (2/19/22)
Scored 20 points or more in 5 straight games.....	5	Cam Thomas, 27 vs. Auburn (2/20/21); 21 at UGA (2/23/21); 25 at Arkansas (2/27/21); 23 vs. Vanderbilt (3/2/21); 29 at Missouri (3/6/21)
Scored 20 points or more in 6 straight games.....	10	Cam Thomas, 26 at Texas A&M (1/26/21); 25 vs. Texas Tech (1/30/21); 22 at Alabama (2/3/21); 25 at Miss. State (2/10/21); 25 vs. Tennessee (2/13/21); 27 vs. Auburn (2/20/21); 21 at UGA (2/23/21); 25 at Arkansas (2/27/21); 23 vs. Vanderbilt (3/2/21); 29 at Missouri, (3/6/21)
Scored 30 points or more in consecutive games.....	2	Marcus Thornton, 31 vs. Miss. State (1/21/09); 30 vs. Xavier (1/24/09)
Made 10-14 field goals in a game.....	10	Jalen Cook, vs. Vandy, 1/9/24
Made 15 or more field goals in a game.....	15	Ben Simmons, vs. N. Florida, 12/2/15
Attempted 15-19 field goals in a game.....	15	Jordan Wright, vs. UNT, 3/19/24
Attempted 20-24 field goals in a game.....	20	KJ Williams, vs. Vanderbilt, 2/22/23
Attempted 25-29 field goals in a game.....	25	KJ Williams, vs. Vanderbilt, 2/22/23
Attempted 30 or more field goals in a game.....	34	Ronnie Henderson, vs. Oklahoma State, 12-20-94
Made 5 three pointers in a game.....	6	Michael Williams III, vs. NW State, 12/29/23
Made 6-9 three pointers in a game.....	6	Michael Williams III, vs. NW State, 12/29/23
Made 10 or more three pointers in a game.....	10	Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf, vs. Tennessee, 2-10-90
Attempted 8-10 three pointers in a game.....	10	Tyrell Ward, at Vanderbilt, 3/2/24
Attempted 11 or more three pointers in a game.....	11	Adam Miller, at Missouri, 2/1/23
	11	Justice Hill, at Missouri, 2/1/23
Had 15 or more rebounds.....	18	Darius Days, vs. LA Tech, 12/18/21
Had 20 or more rebounds.....	20	Ben Simmons vs. Marquette, 11/23/15
Had 10 or more rebounds in 2 straight games.....	2	KJ Williams, 10 vs. Wake Forest, 12/10/22; 12 vs. NCCU, 12/13/22

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10 or more rebounds in 3 straight games.....	3	Darius Day 12 at TCU, 1/29/22; 13 vs. Ole Miss, 2/1/22; 11 at Vanderbilt, 2/5/22
Had 10 or more rebounds in 4 straight games.....	4	Ben Simmons, 12 at Arkansas, 2/23/16; 11 vs. Florida, 2/27/16 ; 14 vs. Missouri, 3/1/16; 11 at Kentucky, 3/5/16
Had 10 or more rebounds in 5 straight games	7	Ben Simmons, 16, vs. South Alabama, 11/19/15; 20 vs. Marquette, 11/23/15; 14 vs. NC State, 11/24/15; 18 at Charleston, 11/30/15; 14 vs. North Florida, 12/2/15, 14 at Houston, 12/13/15; vs. Gardner-Webb, 12/16/15
Had 10 or more rebounds in 6 straight games	7	Ben Simmons, 16, vs. South Alabama, 11/19/15; 20 vs. Marquette, 11/23/15; 14 vs. NC State, 11/24/15; 18 at Charleston, 11/30/15; 14 vs. North Florida, 12/2/15, 14 at Houston, 12/13/15; vs. Gardner-Webb, 12/16/15
Had 10 or more rebounds in 7 straight games.....	7	Ben Simmons, 16, vs. South Alabama, 11/19/15; 20 vs. Marquette, 11/23/15; 14 vs. NC State, 11/24/15; 18 at Charleston, 11/30/15; 14 vs. North Florida, 12/2/15, 14 at Houston, 12/13/15; vs. Gardner-Webb, 12/16/15
Had 10 or more rebounds in 8 or more games.....	8	Glen Davis, 11 at Alabama, 2/4/06; 16 vs. Arkansas, 2/8/06; 15 at Florida, 2/11/06; 13 vs. Miss. State, 2/15/06; 11 at Auburn, 2/18/06; 11 at Vandy, 2/22/06; 15 vs. Kentucky, 2/25/06; 10 at S. Carolina, 2/28/06
Had 9 offensive rebounds in a game.....	9	Darius Days vs. Arkansas, 1/8/20
Had 10-13 defensive rebounds in a game	10	KJ Williams, vs. Missouri, 3/1/23
Had 14 or more defensive rebounds in a game.....	15	Ben Simmons, vs. Arkansas, 1/16/16
Had 8 or more assists.....	8	Trae Hannibal, vs. Georgia, 2/27/24
Had 10 or more assists.....	10	Xavier Pinson, vs. Georgia, 2/16/22
Had 15 or more assists.....	18	Randy Livingston, vs. George Mason, 12-3-94
Had 5 or more blocks in a game	5	Kavell Bigby-Williams, at Ole Miss, 1/15/19
Had 8 or more blocks in a game	9	Kavell Bigby-Williams, vs. Grambling, 12/1/18
Had 10 or more blocks in a game	11	Stromile Swift, vs. Alabama, 2-10-99
Had 5 or more steals in a game.....	7	Jordan Wright, vs. Ole Miss, 1/17/24
Had 8 or more steals in a game.....	8	Tremont Waters, vs. ULM, 12/28/18
Had 10 or more steals in a game	10	Shawn Griggs, vs. Tennessee, 2-23-91
Had a double-double.....		Trae Hannibal, 10 pts-10 rebs, at Arkansas, 3/6/24
Had a double-double in 2 or more straight games.....	2	KJ Williams, 35 pts-10 rebs, vs. Wake Forest, 12/10/22; 18 pts-12 rebs. vs. NCCU, 12/13/22
Had a double-double in 4 or more straight games.....	4	Ben Simmons at Arkansas, 23 pts.-12 reb., 2/23/16; vs. Florida, 22 pts.-11 reb. , 2/27/16; vs. Missouri, 22 pts.-14 reb., 3/1/16; at Kentucky, 17 pts.-11 reb., 3/5/16
Had a double-double in 5 or more straight games.....	7	Ben Simmons, vs. South Alabama, 23 pts-16 rebs, 11/19/15; vs. Marquette, 21 pts-20 rebs, 11/23/15; vs. NC State, 14 rebs-10 assts, 11/24/15; at Charleston, 15 pts-18 rebs, 11/30/15; vs. North Florida, 43; pts-11 rebs., 12/2/15; at Houston, 13 pts-14 rebs, 12/13/15; vs. Gardner-Webb, 11 pts-12 rebs, 12/16/15
Had a triple-double		Tim Quarterman, vs. Ole Miss, 18 pts-10 reb-10 asst, 2/28/15
Played 40 minutes in a game.....	41	Brandon Murray, vs. Alabama, 3/5/22
Played 41 or more in a game	41	Brandon Murray, vs. Alabama, 3/5/22
Played 50 or more minutes in a game.....	54	Charles Carmouche, vs. Alabama, 2/23/13
	51	Johnny O'Bryant III, vs. Alabama, 2/23/13