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UNIVERSITY

Location:Baton Rouge, La.
Founded:1860
Enrollment:29,317
Nickname:Fighting Tigers, Lady Tigers
Colors:Purple (PMS 268), Gold (PMS 123)
Mascot:Mike VI (live Bengal tiger)
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College of Charleston Cougar Classic

Sept. 9-11, 2007, Harahan, S.C. || Yeaman's Hall Golf Club

NOTES: LSU, after a seventh place finish in 2005, was fourth in the 2006 edition of the tournament ... This will be the fourth-straight year LSU has opened its fall season at the Cougar Classic ... This tournament has become the showcase event for the Charleston women's program ... The event will be played on the 1925 Seth Raynor design, which in 2003 broke into the Golf World top 100 courses ... Teams in the field along with LSU and Charleston are Alabama, Florida State, Furman, Maryland, Miami, Mississippi State, Ole Miss, North Carolina-Greensboro, North Carolina, North Carolina State, Notre Dame, Penn State, Richmond, South Carolina, South Florida, Tennessee, Texas and Texas A&M.

Mason Rudolph Championship

Sept. 14-16, 2007, Franklin, Tenn. || Vanderbilt Legends Course

NOTES: LSU returns to the course it finished seventh on in the 2006 SEC Women's Championships and 11th in the 2006 Mason Rudolph ... Rudolph, a former star on the PGA tour, has served as Director of Golf for many years for Vanderbilt and the tournament is named in his honor ... Second-straight year for Tigers in this tournament ... LSU's best finishes were seventh place in 2001 and 2004 ... LSU and host Vanderbilt are joined by Arizona, Arizona State, Auburn, Duke, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Ohio State, Oklahoma State, Purdue, South Carolina, Southern Cal, Stanford, UCLA and Wake Forest.

Mercedes-Benz Championships

Oct. 12-14, 2007, Knoxville, Tenn. || Cherokee Country Club

NOTES: Played at several different venues in the Knoxville area, this tournament has been sponsored by Mercedes-Benz since its inception 11 years ago ... This is LSU's first appearance in the tournament since 2004 ... With Tennessee, LSU and the annual appearance of the Swedish Junior National Team, the field includes: Alabama, Arkansas, Auburn, Central Florida, Denver, Florida, Furman, Kent State, Michigan State, North Carolina, Ohio State, Purdue, SMU and Virginia.

UA/Ann Rhodes Invitational

Oct. 26-28, 2007, Tuscaloosa, Ala. || Northriver Yacht Club

NOTES: After a one-year absence, the Crimson Tide women's golf team will once again play host to its own tournament and Alabama will defend the title it won in 2005 ... LSU will make an appearance at this Alabama school's event after usually closing the fall season at Auburn ... With Alabama and LSU in the field at the Capstone will be: Arkansas, Auburn, Central Florida, Florida, Florida State, Furman, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisville, Ole Miss, Mississippi State, Northwestern, Notre Dame, Samford, USC and Texas.

Lady Puerto Rico Classic

Feb. 24-26, 2008, Rio Grande, PR || Coca Beach Golf Course

NOTES: The Tigers will make their second appearance in this tournament since finishing in 13th place in the 2003 event ... Purdue is the host of this tournament that will be the first tournament of the spring season ... Field was not available at press time.

UCF Challenge

March 9-11, 2008, Orlando, Fla. || Grand Cypress Resort Course

NOTES: Second year event hosted by the University of Central Florida ... The Grand Cypress Golf Club offers golfers the largest selection of golf in Orlando, all from one clubhouse, with 45 holes of Jack Nicklaus signature designed golf with four unique course combinations ... The nine-hole North and South courses will be used for the tournament.

LSU/Cleveland Golf Classic

March 14-16, 2008, Baton Rouge, La. || The University Club

NOTES: Ninth time the event will be held at LSU's home course, the University Club, and it is now firmly established back in the traditional mid-March dates that gave it so much success in its earlier days at Fairwood Country Club ... 27th spring LSU Tournament ... Two years ago, Auburn and LSU both shot one-under 287 on the final day as Auburn edged LSU by two shots ... Last year LSU finished eighth in the largest (21 teams) field assembled for the event, won by eventual national champ Duke ... LSU has three wins in the Classic since it moved to the U-Club, the last in 2005 ... The field with LSU includes: Alabama, Central Florida, Charleston, Florida State, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisville, Ole Miss, Mississippi State, North Carolina, NC State, NC-Wilmington, South Carolina, Virginia and Wake Forest.

Liz Murphey Intercollegiate

March 21-23, 2008, Athens, Ga. || University of Georgia Golf Course

NOTES: Long-time event that is named for the late former Georgia women's golf coach and later senior women's administrator at UGA ... LSU has played in the event several times, including last year when LSU finished 11th ... In 2005, the Lady Tigers posted a strong second place finish after rounds of 300-300-305 on the lengthy par 72 course ... This will be the 16th time the Lady Tigers have played in this event which was originally known as the Women's Southern Intercollegiate ... The field had not been set as of press time.

SEC Women's Championships

April 18-20, 2008, Knoxville, Tenn. || Tennessee National Golf Course

NOTES: The annual league championship makes its fourth trip to Tennessee and its second to the Knoxville area ... The tournament was last held in Knoxville in 1996 when LSU finished three shots behind Auburn in a rain-shortened 36-hole event ... The tournament will be held at the prestigious Tennessee National Golf Course in Loudon, Tenn... PGA legend Greg Norman designed the course, which opened on Sept. 8, 2006 ... The golf course covers 260 acres nestled between the Great Smoky Mountains and Tennessee River ... LSU finished seventh in the event the last two years ... LSU won its only SEC Women's Championship in 1992, the first time the event was held in Baton Rouge at the Santa Maria Golf Course ... Since 1995, in the last 13 tournaments, the Tigers finished fourth or better nine times, including runner-up six times ... All the league teams participate in the event with Georgia having won 11 times in the first 26 years of the tournament.

NCAA Regional Tournaments

May 8-10, 2008 || Site for LSU: TBA

NOTES: There are three regional tournaments with 22 teams in each regional and the top eight will advance to the NCAA Division I Women's Championships in Albuquerque, N.M., later in the month ... The regionals, one of which was hosted by LSU in 2007, will be held at the following locations: East -- University of Georgia Golf Course in Athens, Ga; West -- Lincoln Hills Golf Club in Sacramento, Calif.; and, Central -- the University of Texas ... LSU has appeared in the last four regionals and 13 overall since the regional format began in 1993.

NCAA Division I Women's Championships

May 20-23, 2008, Albuquerque, N.M. || University of New Mexico GC

NOTES: LSU will be trying to advance back to the Championships for the first time since 2006 and for the ninth time since the team championships came under the NCAA auspices in 1982 ... This will mark the fifth time that the course will have hosted an NCAA Championship, the second women's championship event conducted there.



As the 2007-08 LSU women's golf team began preparation for its fall campaign, one only had to take a quick look at the roster to understand that for this year's team to be successful, a combination of experience and youth would have to mesh.

In some respect, it is the end of one era and the start of a potential new day for the LSU women's golf team as it approaches its 30th season.

Coach **Karen Bahnsen's** 24th year as head coach at LSU features three seniors who have been a major part of the program, a junior with plenty of playing experience and six freshmen, some of whom may see significant time on the course as the season goes on.

The seniors -- **Rebecca Kuhn**, **Kim Meck** and **Alexis Rather** -- have combined for 283 rounds for LSU in their first three years and all three were a part of the 2006 team that went to the NCAA Division I Women's Golf Championships.

Kuhn in three years has had five top 10 finishes and a 75.89 career average, fifth best in program history. Last year, Kuhn earned first-team All-Louisiana honors by averaging 75.80 strokes a round with top six finishes at Auburn and at the Central District Invitational.

Meck also earned All-Louisiana honors and was third in stroke average a year ago at 76.50. The senior will be looking to show the consistency in counting scores that she showed as a freshman and sophomore and showed her abilities this summer by making it to the semifinals of the Women's Southern Amateur tournament.

Rather also qualified for the match play championship bracket at the Southern Amateur and had her best finish of 14th place at the SEC Women's Championship when she posted a six-over 222. A two-time All-Louisiana selection, Rather has weathered a lot of her career on a bad ankle that hasn't slowed her ability to answer the call with some important rounds when she is on the course.

The other veteran of the team is junior Caroline Martens from Norway. Martens has recovered from back injuries and will be looking to regain her mid-season form when she helped LSU to the championships in 2006.

Leading the six freshmen is redshirt freshman **Nicole Crochet**. Crochet had a good summer on the Collegiate Players Tour with a win and

a second place on the tour this season and a year of work with the program will help her chances to be ready for tournament qualifying.

The freshman class all have credentials that will make them potential players as the 2007-08 season goes along.

Mary-Michael Burns attended University High on the LSU campus and was a member of four Division II state game championships. Burns was the two-time state player of the year.

Lindy LaBauve is the daughter of former LSU men's golfer Mike LaBauve and Mike and his wife Sandy (also a former golfer at Georgia) operate the LaBauve golf Academy in Arizona and are listed two of the top 100 golf instructors in America. LaBauve's high school team won the 2005 and 2006 regional and state titles and had several top finishes in the AJGA.

Megan McChrystal finished third in the Florida Junior Tour this past summer at Disney World and has had national experience in match play in the U.S. Girls Junior Championship and two appearances in the U.S. Women's Amateur.

Abby Oberthier was a two-sport star in high school playing setter in volleyball as well as her golf team. In golf, she was a four-team all-district selection, twice second-team all-region and twice first-team all-region.

LSU also adds another Norwegian to its roster in freshman **Amalie Valle**. Valle has a second place finish in the Norwegian Championships in 2007 after finishing third in the championships in 2006.

The Tigers will be tested all season against some of the best in the country as they will face formidable challenges at many of the tournaments they have taken part in over the years including the Mason Rudolph Championships, the Mercedes Benz in Knoxville and the Liz Murphy Collegiate Classic in Athens. Also, LSU will again host the LSU/Cleveland Golf Classic that has continued to bring some of the nation's top collegiate golf teams to Baton Rouge and the University Club.

Karen Bahnsen knows her young golfers must learn quickly, be ready to go and blend with the veterans for her team to have success in 2007-08. She's confident they are all ready to go on a journey that she hopes will take them deep into May and post-season play.

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Karen BAHNSEN

HEAD COACH - 24TH SEASON

The Bahnsen File

Name: Karen Mayson Bahnsen

Date of Birth: Oct. 11, 1960

Husband: David "Bo" Bahnsen, LSU Associate AD

Children: Darren 18, Devin 16

High School: McGill Toolen, Mobile, Ala.

College: BA, LSU, 1984

Bahnsen's Golf Achievements

1979	High School All-American National High School Champion
1980-83	Four-year letter winner at LSU, first golf signee AIAW Tournament participant, 1980-81 NCAA Tournament participant, 1982
1986	SEC Coach of the Year NGCA South Region Coach of the Year Team finished ninth at the NCAA Division Championships
1992	Team won Southeastern Conference Championships
1994	Member, La. Team, SE Women's Amateur Championships
1995	Member, La. Team, SE Women's Amateur Championships SEC Coach of the Year Winning Co-Coach, East-West All-Star NCAA Match
1996	Team finished eighth at the NCAA Division I Championships
1997	NGCA South Region Coach of the Year
1998	Team finished fifth at the NCAA Division I Championships
1999	Team finished 10th at the NCAA Division I Championships
2000	Team finished 10th at the NCAA Division I Championships
2001	Team finished 12th at the NCAA Division I Championships
2006	Team finished 23rd at the NCAA Division I Championships LSWA Louisiana Women's Golf Coach of the Year



If you look at Karen Bahnsen, the coach, entering her 24th season as the head women's golf coach at LSU, one can still see traces of Karen (Mayson) Bahnsen, the LSU player.

The drive, the determination, the willingness to do whatever is necessary to succeed, it's all still there. The traits that she practiced and believed in during her successful career at LSU are now

the traits that she preaches to her teams, and those that have believed and understood those traits, have usually found success.

Veteran members of this team know the way to the NCAA Division I Women's Championship and Bahnsen knows what it will take to get back there. She will ask her team to work hard and respond to the challenge, but it will be nothing less than she ever asked of herself as a player.

If the players accept and understand, success usually follows.

Bahnsen has a simple philosophy. She wants her team to play each shot as a separate event. If something bad happens, forget it and move on. Don't let it carry on for four or five holes. Most of all, she wants her players to have fun.

Sounds simple. Bahnsen believes in it.

When her players do, they usually a) play strong team rounds or b) grind out a potentially disastrous round and turn it into a score the team can use. Both are important ingredients in a successful golf season.

Bahnsen's love and desire for a program she has devoted over half her life to is what also gives her the smiling satisfaction about a program she has virtually helped design from scratch.

Just think about it for a minute. How many programs are there in

any sport in NCAA Division I intercollegiate athletics where the program's first recruit goes on to become the head coach of the program and stays long enough to not only be the dean of league coaches in the sport, but also one of the longest tenured coaches in school history?

Seems like an impossibility, but when it comes to LSU women's golf, there is one special lady who can recite the history of the program from day one. Her name in 1979 when she was the first recruit and one of LSU's early stars was Karen Mayson.

As the 2007-08 season begins and her 24th year as head coach, she's known as Karen Bahnsen. Suffice it to say, in college golf circles, she is one of the most respected individuals in the game today.

Only gymnastics coach D-D Breaux (entering her 31st year) has served longer in a woman's sport head coaching position at LSU.

From first recruit, to four-year player, to student assistant to head coach it was a rapid transition from signing in 1979 to taking over as head coach prior to the 1984-85 season.

Since her arrival in 1979, the sport of women's golf has risen in talent and stature to the point that SEC championships and national championships are decided by mere strokes instead of one of two teams dominating a field. The list of stars from the SEC who have gone on to success in the sport continues to grow each and every year.

Bahnsen has contributed her share of names to that list over her years as head coach. There was the nation's No. 1 player, Jenny Lidback, in the mid-1980s, who led LSU to the NCAA

Championship tournament and then went on to become a major tournament winner on the LPGA tour. Also from the 1980s, came Jackie Gallagher, a steady player who had had a long career on the women's tour.

The "Three Amigas" signaled a new era in LSU women's golf in the mid-1990s when the highly recruited trio of Ashley Winn, Michelle Louviere and Laura Moore led LSU to a succession of NCAA appearances (including a program best fifth place finish in 1998), a No. 1 ranking and nine tournament titles. Katy Wilkinson Harris ended the 1990s with bookend All-American performances in her freshman and senior year. The 2000s opened with

Shreveport's Meredith Duncan bringing LSU more national recognition by winning the United States Women's Amateur title and helping her country keep the Curtis Cup in matches with Britain and Ireland.

In 2005, senior Brooke Shelton became the fourth LSU golfer to finish in the top 10 at the NCAA Championships, finishing a strong eighth in the individual competition.

Now the Lady Tigers are beginning to roar again as a team. A team that was struggling to hang in the top 50 is suddenly back in the mix after its latest appearance in the NCAA Championships in 2006.

So Bahnsen takes the LSU program into its 29th season with the same dogged determination she has shown throughout her days as a player and through her years as head coach. The numbers show her success: 15 All-Americans, 32 All-SEC, 28

Twice (1986 and 1997) Bahnsen was named the National Golf Coaches Association South Region Coach of the Year, while also being named the Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year in 1986 and 1995.

Bahnsen's Year-by-Year Coaching Record

Year	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.	Team Titles
1984-85	60	80	1	.441	1
1985-86	131	15	0	.897	5 (9th in NCAA Championships)
1986-87	67	45	0	.598	1
1987-88	94	49	1	.653	1
1988-89	55	60	3	.479	0
1989-90	86	39	4	.682	1
1990-91	98	28	1	.772	2
1991-92	73	50	0	.593	2 (SEC Champions)
1992-93	55	80	0	.407	0 (NCAA Regional Participant)
1993-94	61	65	1	.480	1
1994-95	89	59	2	.593	2 (NCAA Regional Participant)
1995-96	138	33	1	.805	3 (8th in NCAA Championships)
1996-97	120	31	0	.795	3 (NCAA Regional Participant)
1997-98	137	34	3	.796	1 (5th in NCAA Championships)
1998-99	110	62	0	.639	0 (10th in NCAA Championships)
1999-2000	129	38	0	.772	1 (10th in NCAA Championships)
2000-01	110	50	4	.683	1 (12th in NCAA Championships)
2001-02	89	67	1	.587	0 (NCAA Regional Participant)
2002-03	24	95	3	.209	0
2003-04	98	37	2	.715	1 (NCAA Regional Participant)
2004-05	118	32	2	.776	2 (NCAA Regional Participant)
2005-06	91	77	0	.542	0 (23rd in NCAA Championships).
2006-07	87	83	3	.511	0 (NCAA Regional Participant)
Totals	2,120	1,237	32	.634	28 (1 SEC title; 7 NCAA appearances)



Head Coach Karen Bahnsen

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tournament titles, 28 individual titles, 10 top three finishes in the SEC championships, 13 appearances in the NCAA regionals, seven appearances in the NCAA Division I championships and five top-10 finishes in those seven events.

She has coached two winners of the prestigious LPGA Diana Shore Award (Lisette Lee in 2000 and Meredith Duncan in 2002) and the 1986 College Player of the Year (Jenny Lidback). But let's talk off the course as well. There have been 60 Academic All-SEC honorees, 18 National Golf Coaches Association Academic Scholars, and last year again, the women's golf team had one of the highest GPAs for an athletic team at the school.

Throughout her years as coach and player, Bahnsen has looked at the big picture of her involvement in women's collegiate golf and life as well.

She knows nothing on the LPGA or Futures tour is guaranteed for any golfer. She knows what it is like to have a husband, a family and the need to divide time between the coaching job and the family job. Her values on balancing both are what make her a special person and a coach players want to play for.

Every year has brought new challenges and each time Bahnsen has answered the call. Every year the desire to succeed is that much greater and that is what seems to continue to light the fire of the lady who knows LSU golf inside and outside, backwards and forwards.

Bahnsen's teams learn a lot about golf during their LSU days, but they also learn a lot about the ups and downs of sports. She doesn't just go through the motions of being a coach. Bahnsen knows what the girls are going through with each shot they take and she feels their excitement and disappointments. She is there to congratulate, offer a tip when necessary and provide the consoling hand of sympathy when things don't go the right way.

It's that style which has earned her the respect of her peers throughout the league and country.

Bahnsen came to LSU with credentials that were excellent, lettering in golf at McGill Toolen High school in Mobile, Ala. She led McGill Toolen High School to two state titles and in 1979 won the state individual championship and the National High School Tournament.

It seems obvious this lady was meant to be a top golfer and later a great golf coach. Bahnsen's mother was an LPGA teaching

professional, a four-time Alabama state women's champion, and a Mobile Sports Hall of Fame inductee.

Bahnsen graduated from LSU in 1984 and was named the head women's golf coach at LSU prior to the 1984-85 season.

These days Bahnsen is doing what needs to be done to keep her program in the forefront of women's college golf. She has firmly established in Baton Rouge one of the few women's golf tournaments sponsored by a major club manufacturer in the country and while the program has a very recognized and successful past, she is working hard to add new memories to the history of the program.

Bahnsen is married to LSU Associate Athletic Director David "Bo" Bahnsen. They have two children, son, Darren 18 (a freshman at LSU and a former member of the state championship basketball and golf teams at University High School in Baton Rouge), and daughter, Devin, 16, a member of the volleyball team at U-High.



The Lady Tigers set to take off on an LSU charter for another tournament.



Former star Tennessee Lady Vol golfer Golda Johansson Borst joined the LSU women's golf program this past summer to assist Coach Karen Bahnsen.

Johansson Borst replaced Allison Akin who left LSU to take a position on the LPGA tour.

Johansson Borst came to LSU from the Ritz-Carlton Golf Club in Sarasota, Fla., where she served as

outside service professional.

Johansson Borst graduated from Tennessee in December 2006 with a Bachelor of Arts in communication and a Bachelor of Science in Political Science. She was a four-year letter winner at UT, earning second-team All-SEC honors in 2006 and she was a three-time member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

Johansson Borst has also participated on the Swedish National Golf Team and won first place in the 2002 Girls Team European Championship in Stockholm, Sweden.

"We are very excited about Golda joining our women's golf program," said Bahnsen. "She will be a big help to us in all aspects of the program and has the skills and the recent success in the sport to relate to our players what must be done to be successful."

LSU's newest assistant coach is also a newlywed, marrying Steve Borst in the summer of 2007.

GOLDA

JOHANSSON BORST

ASSISTANT COACH

The Johansson Borst File

Name: Golda Johansson Borst

Hometown: Lund, Sweden

Date of Birth: March 7, 1983

College: Tennessee, 2006, BA, Communications; BS, Political Science

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Rebecca Kuhn



2007 First-Team All-Louisiana
2007 SEC Academic Honor Roll
2006 SEC Academic Honor Roll
2005 Freshman SEC Academic Honor Roll

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Miami Palmetto Senior HS

JUNIOR SEASON (2006-07)

- Second on the team in stroke average at 75.80.
- Finished the year with two top 10 finishes, giving her five career top-10 finishes in her first three years ... Kuhn finished in a tie for fourth at the Auburn "Derby" Invitational at three-over par 147 in the rain-shortened event (76-71) and tied for sixth at six-over 222 in the Central District Invitational with rounds of 76-75-71.
- Four rounds of par or under.
- Just three of 32 rounds out of the 70s.
- Posted an 11th place finish in the SEC Women's Championship at five-over 221 (72-74-75).
- Enters her senior year with a career stroke average of 75.89, the fifth-best career average in the history of the women's program.

SOPHOMORE SEASON (2005-06)

- Finished the year with a 76.20 stroke average, co-third best on the team.
- Best finish was a tie for eighth at the LSU/Cleveland Golf Classic, finishing at two-over 218 (72-75-71).
- Was 7-over (72-75-76 -- 223) at the Lady Buckeye Invitational (tied for 21st) and tied for 20th at NCAA East Regional with 4-over 220 (71-71-78). Also tied for 21st at the Chrysler Challenge (74-77-81 -- 232) and Auburn "The Derby" (75-78-73 -- 226).
- 29 rounds of 34 in the 70s this season, 28 rounds counting for team score.
- 34 rounds played equals 10th most by a player for LSU in a single season.

FRESHMAN SEASON (2004-05)

- Third best average of the season at 75.70, appearing in all 10 tournaments (30 rounds).
- Finished as the runner up in the LSU/Cleveland Golf Classic at the University Club, shooting rounds of 72-70-72 for a two-under 214 ... Other top 10 finish came in the Lady Gamecock Classic, in poor weather conditions, shooting 76-80-77 -- 233, to tie for fifth ... Four other top 20 finishes.
- 26 of 30 rounds in the 70s ... 81 percent of rounds (24.5) counted for team score.



COLLEGIATE FINISHES

2006-07

Cougar Classic	73-71-77 -- 221 19
Mason Rudolph Championship	78-75-76 -- 229 t50
Lady Tar Heel	79-80-73 -- 232 t37
Auburn "Derby" Invitational	76-71 -- 147 t4
Central District Invitational	76-75-71 -- 222 t6
UCF Challenge	79-79-76 -- 234 t39
LSU/Cleveland Classic	77-75-73 -- 225 t28
Liz Murphey Intercollegiate	79-79-79 -- 237 t67
Bryan National Collegiate	81-81-74 -- 236 t57
SEC Women's Championships	72-74-75 -- 221 t11
NCAA East Regional	73-71-77 -- 221 t54

TOTALS 34 ROUNDS -- AVERAGE: 75.80

2005-06

Cougar Classic	77-77-75 -- 229 t48
Lady Tar Heel	78-72-78 -- 228 t28
Chrysler Challenge	74-77-81 -- 232 t21
Auburn "The Derby"	75-78-73 -- 226 t21
LSU/Cleveland Classic	72-75-71 -- 218 8th
Dr. Donnis Thompson Invitational	74-79-73 -- 226 t15th
Bryan National Collegiate	78-86-82 -- 246 t86th
SEC Women's Golf Championships	83-72-80 -- 235 t47th
Lady Buckeye Spring Invite	72-75-76 -- 223 t21st
NCAA East Regional	71-71-78 -- 220 t20th
NCAA Division I Championships	73-76-81-77 -- 307 t66

TOTALS 34 ROUNDS -- AVERAGE: 76.20

2004-05

Cougar Classic	73-74-73 -- 220 13
Mason Rudolph Championships	75-75-76 -- 226 t38
Mercedes-Benz Championships	78-78-75 -- 231 t43
SEC/ACC Challenge	74-76-74 -- 224 t28
Central District Tournament	76-75-74 -- 225 t19
Lady Gamecock Classic	76-80-77 -- 233 t5
LSU/Cleveland Golf Classic	72-70-72 -- 214 2
Liz Murphey Collegiate	74-72-82 -- 228 t20
SEC Women's Championships	78-71-80 -- 229 t19
NCAA Central Regional	77-86-78 -- 241 t91

TOTALS 30 ROUNDS -- AVERAGE: 75.70

PRIOR TO LSU

- Lettered for four years for coach Dan Pabalate at Miami Palmetto
- Team won three District championships, three regionals
- MVP of the team, 2000-04
- Ranked 33rd nationally in GolfWeek in 2003
- All Dade Girl Player of the Year, 2002-03-04. 2002 All-American
- Advanced to match play in the 2003 USGA Girls Juniors
- Third in the 2002 FCWT National Championship, shooting 68 on the Doral Red Course.

PERSONAL

- Full name is Rebecca Sara Kuhn
- Born on Dec. 31, 1985
- Right-handed
- Parents are James and Rhonda Kuhn, one sister, Jamie.
- Chose LSU because it "has everything I have ever looked for in a college."
- Favorite golfer is Annika Sorenstam.

CAREER RECORDS

Rounds: 96
Strokes: 7,286
Average: 75.89
Rounds of Par or Under: 16
Low Round: 70, 2005 LSU/Cleveland Golf Challenge, 2nd round
Low Tournament: 214, 2005 LSU/Cleveland Golf Challenge
Top 10 Finishes: 5
Best Finish: 2nd, 2005 LSU/Cleveland Golf Classic



Caroline Martens



2007 SEC Academic Honor Roll

5-10 • Junior • 2L
Oslo, Norway
Norges Toppidrettsgymnas

SOPHOMORE SEASON (2006-07)

- Played seven tournaments, 21 rounds, averaging 78.2 strokes per round.
- Looking to return to form of freshman year when stroke average was down by some two strokes.
- Best round was middle round 73 in the Central District Invitational ... That was also her best tournament finish of a tie for 36th
- Best 54-hole aggregate total was 11-over 227 (75-75-77) at the low-scoring NCAA East Regional in Baton Rouge.

FRESHMAN SEASON (2005-06)

- Played in 28 rounds, averaging 76.10 strokes per round, second on the team in stroke average.
- Moved into the lineup after just one appearance in the fall and stepped up with some impressive first-year performances ... Finished eighth with a 2-over 218 (75-71-72) performance in the LSU/Cleveland Golf Classic and one week later was ninth in Honolulu at the Dr. Thompson Invitational with a 10-over 223 (73-78-72).
- Was instrumental in LSU's second place finish in the NCAA East Regional, finishing in solo fifth at 2-under 214 (73-68-73).
- Only five rounds in the 80s and only two in the last 22 rounds of the season.
- 22 of 28 rounds counted for team score.

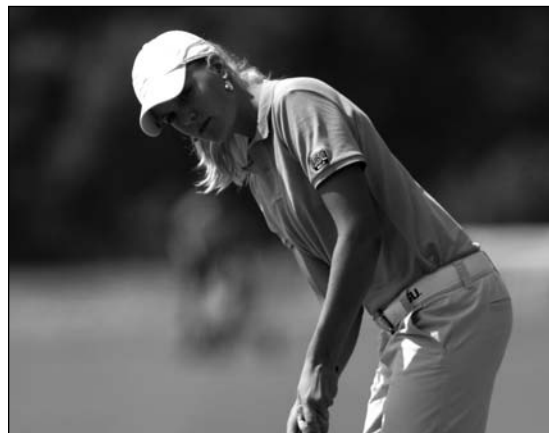
PRIOR TO LSU

- Golfer of the Year in Norway, 2003.
- Won Norway's Junior Championship at the age of 12.
- At school, also was involved in ballet, snowboarding and swimming.

PERSONAL

- Born on Dec. 27, 1986.
- Right-handed.
- Parents are Vidar and Ingrid Martens Larsen.
- One younger brother: Casper.
- Chose LSU "because of the great facilities, teams and coaches.
- Favorite professional golfers are Ernie Els and Tiger Woods.





COLLEGIATE FINISHES

2006-07

Central District Invitational	81-73-77 -- 231 t36
UCF Challenge	80-81-75 -- 236 t46
LSU/Cleveland Classic	75-76-85 -- 236 t66
Liz Murphey Intercollegiate	84-79-76 -- 239 t70
Bryan National Intercollegiate	76-84-77 -- 237 t62
SEC Women's Championship	82-78-77 -- 237 46
NCAA East Regional	75-75-77 -- 227 t74
TOTALS 21 ROUNDS -- AVERAGE: 78.2	

2005-06

Lady Tar Heel	82-76-81 -- 239 t74
Central District Invitational	77-76-80 -- 233 t33
LSU/Cleveland Golf Classic	75-71-72 -- 218 8
Dr. Donnis Thompson Invitational	73-78-72 -- 223 9
Bryan National Collegiate	78-83-76 -- 237 t65
SEC Women's Championships	73-77-79 -- 228 t30
Lady Buckeye Spring Invite	75-77-73 -- 225 t29
NCAA East Regional	73-68-73 -- 214 5
NCAA Division I Championships	75-78-84-78 -- 315 t98
TOTALS 28 ROUNDS -- AVERAGE: 76.10	

CAREER RECORDS

Rounds: 49
Strokes: 3,775
Average: 77.04
Rounds of Par or Under: 4
Low Round: 71, 2006 LSU/Cleveland Golf Classic, 2nd round
Low Tournament: 214, 2006 NCAA East Regional
Top 10 Finishes: 3
Best Finish: 5th, 2006 NCAA East Regional



Kim Meck



2007 First-Team All-Louisiana
2007 NGCA Academic
2007 SEC Academic Honor Roll
2006 NGCA Academic
2006 SEC Academic Honor Roll
2005 Freshman SEC Academic Honor Roll

5-3 • Senior • 3L
Austin, Texas
Westwood HS

JUNIOR SEASON (2006-07)

- Third on the team in stroke average at 76.50, same as previous year.
- Had three top 30 finishes at the Cougar Classic (29th-78-74-72 -- 224), the Lady Tar Heel (26th-76-76-76 -- 228) and the SEC Women's Championship (25th-76-77-74 -- 227).
- Had two even par rounds of 72 with 29 of 32 rounds in the 70s.
- Averaging 76.58 for 93 career rounds after three years.
- In the summer, advanced to the semifinals of the prestigious Women's Southern Amateur event.

SOPHOMORE SEASON (2005-06)

- Participated in 34 rounds, averaging 76.50 strokes per round.
- Best finish was as runnerup in the Chrysler Challenge at Sandestin, posting 8-over 221 (74-74-73, par 71 course), second top-10 finish of her career.
- 15th in the opening Cougar Classic with 5-over 221 (73-73-75).
- Came up big in the NCAA East Regional final round with team-best even-par 72; Finished T26 with a 5-over 221 (74-75-72).
- 27 of 34 rounds in the 70s.
- 25 rounds counted for the team score.
- Low round of 71 on final day of LSU/Cleveland Golf Classic.
- During the summer won a Collegiate Players Tour event in Austin, Texas, and was fourth in the Texas Women's Open.

FRESHMAN SEASON (2004-05)

- Participated in nine tournaments in her first year at LSU, including all six events in the spring portion of the year.
- Averaged 76.78 for the 27 rounds.
- Had best tournament in first appearance in the SEC Championships, finishing in a tie for seventh at 10-over 226 (73-75-78).
- Next best finish was a tie for 13th at the LSU/Cleveland Golf Classic at the University Club (73-74-76).
- Had four best rounds of 73 and 22 of 27 rounds in the 70s.
- 18.2 of 27 rounds counted for team score of 67.41 percent.
- Averaged a team best 75.11 in the first round of tournaments.



COLLEGIATE FINISHES

2006-07

Cougar Classic	78-74-72 -- 224 t29
Mason Rudolph Championship	77-72-75 -- 224 t36
Lady Tar Heel	76-76-76 -- 228 t26
Auburn "Derby" Invitational	77-78 -- 155 t34
Central District Invitational	77-77-77 -- 231 t36
UCF Challenge	75-77-79 -- 231 t33
LSU/Cleveland Classic	82-78-73 -- 233 t54
Liz Murphey Intercollegiate	76-82-77 -- 235 t56
Bryan National Collegiate	77-76-81 -- 234 t47
SEC Women's Championships	76-77-74 -- 227 t25
NCAA East Regional	78-75-74 -- 227 t74
TOTALS 32 ROUNDS -- AVERAGE: 76.5	

2005-06

Cougar Classic	73-73-75 -- 221 t15
Lady Tar Heel	82-77-77 -- 236 t59
Chrysler Challenge	74-74-73 -- 221 2
Auburn "The Derby"	75-79-77 -- 231 t44
Central District Invitational	78-81-77 -- 236 t49
LSU/Cleveland Golf Classic	80-76-71 -- 227 t30
Bryan National Collegiate	79-84-76 -- 239 t73
SEC Women's Championships	82-79-73 -- 234 46
Lady Buckeye Spring Invite	75-73-80 -- 228 t43
NCAA East Regional	74-75-72 -- 221 t26
NCAA Division I Championships	75-75-78-78 -- 306 t64
TOTALS 34 ROUNDS -- AVERAGE: 76.5	

2004-05

Cougar Classic	73-79-80 -- 232 t48
Mason Rudolph Championships	76-83-80 -- 239 t83
SEC/ACC Challenge	74-75-74 -- 223 t23
Central District Invitational	76-73-76 -- 228 t19
Lady Gamecock Classic	76-80-87 -- 243 t27
LSU/Cleveland Golf Classic	73-74-76 -- 223 t13
Liz Murphey Collegiate	76-77-77 -- 230 t31
SEC Women's Championships	73-75-78 -- 226 t7
NCAA Central Regional	79-77-76 -- 232 - t49
TOTALS 27 ROUNDS -- AVERAGE: 76.78	

PRIOR TO LSU

- Lettered for four years for Coach Brent Pool at Westwood High School.
- Four-year honor roll student at Westwood, 4.0 GPA for four years straight.
- Member of the school all-district team, the Texas Junior Golf Tour all-star team, the Regional and All-State high school golf teams and a Callaway Junior All-Star team member.
- Won every regular season tournament as a senior, never posting a round over par.
- Won District with 71-67; lost in playoff for top class Texas state high school championship.
- Started college career at No. 29 in the GolfWeek Performance Rankings.
- Won a Collegiate Players Tour event in Austin with rounds of 72-74-70.
- Also played soccer, volleyball, basketball.

PERSONAL

- Full name is Kimberly Danielle Meck.
- Born on July 10, 1986.
- Right-handed.
- Parents are Larry and Sheila Meck.
- Chose LSU because of "the coach and the location of the school".
- Favorite professional golfer is Annika Sorenstam.

CAREER RECORDS

Rounds: 93
Strokes: 7,122
Average: 76.58
Rounds of Par or Under: 4
Low Round: 71, 2006 LSU/Cleveland Golf Classic, 3rd round
Low Tournament (54 holes): 221, 2005 Cougar Classic; 221, 2005 Chrysler Challenge; 221, 2006 NCAA East Regional
Top 10 Finishes: 2
Best Finish: 2nd, 2005 Chrysler Challenge



Alexis Rather



2007 First-Team All-Louisiana
2007 SEC Academic Honor Roll
2007 NGCA Academic
2006 NGCA Academic
2006 LSWA First Team All-Louisiana
2006 SEC Academic Honor Roll
2005 SEC Academic Honor Roll
2004 NGCA Academic
2004 Freshman SEC Academic Honor Roll

5-2 • Senior • 3L
Tupelo, Miss.
Tupelo High School

JUNIOR SEASON (2006-07)

- Played all 32 rounds and finished fourth on the team in stroke average 76.70 strokes per round.
- Posted two top 20 finishes, a tie for 20th in the season opening Cougar Classic at six-over par 222 (75-70-77) and a tie for 14th with the same six-over score (72-74-76) in the SEC Women's Championship at Old Waverly.
- Best aggregate score came in the NCAA East Regional as she shot four-over 220 (71-76-73) at the University Club.
- Three rounds of par or better.
- Qualified for the championship bracket in the Southern Amateur.
- Graduated with honors in journalism in July 2007; working on Masters degree.

REDSHIRT SOPHOMORE SEASON (2005-06)

- After sitting out a season, returned to play in all but one tournament, 33 rounds and averaged 76.20 strokes per round.
- Despite battling the effects of a sprained ankle during the latter part of the season, came up with some nice counting rounds for LSU, including an even-par 72 in the first round of the SEC's and rounds of 75-75-74 (seven-over) in the NCAA East Regional that got LSU to the Division I Championships.
- Had another consistent tournament in the LSU/Cleveland Golf Classic, with a five-over (74-73-74) 221, good enough for 13th place.
- Was 10th at the Chrysler Challenge in the fall at 14-over 227 (77-73-77), her third top-10 of her career.

- 29 rounds in the 70s including a streak of 11 straight late in the season and in the 70s in every first and final rounds of the tournament. Streak was stopped as she played sick in the second round of the NCAAs that forced her to withdraw in the third round because of dehydration.
- Again did well in the Southern Amateur, winning the first flight championship bracket.

SOPHOMORE SEASON (2004-05)

- Did not play any events during the season, but was redshirted leaving her with three years of eligibility.
- Did play in several of the summer tournaments, most notably making the semifinals of the Southern Amateur.



COLLEGIATE FINISHES

2006-07

Cougar Classic	75-70-77 -- 222 t20
Mason Rudolph Championships	77-76-77 -- 230 t55
Lady Tar Heel	84-78-80 -- 242 t72
Auburn "Derby"	75-82 -- 157 t47
Central District Invitational	80-80-76 -- 236 t53
UCF Challenge	81-79-79 -- 235 t41
LSU/Cleveland Classic	76-77-73 -- 226 t31
Liz Murphey Intercollegiate	76-75-757 -- 226 t24
Bryan National Collegiate	81-80-76 -- 237 t62
SEC Women's Championships	72-74-76 -- 222 t14
NCAA East Regional	71-76-73 -- 220 t48

TOTALS 32 ROUNDS -- AVERAGE: 76.70

2005-06

Cougar Classic	79-73-76 -- 228 t42
Chrysler Challenge	77-73-77 -- 227 t10
Auburn "The Derby"	79-74-72 -- 225 t16
Central District Invitational	75-81-78 -- 234 t36
LSU/Cleveland Golf Classic	74-73-74 -- 221 t13
Dr. Donnis Thompson Invitational	73-80-75 -- 228 20
Bryan National Collegiate	79-82-75 -- 236 t61
SEC Women's Championships	72-75-78 -- 225 t21
Lady Buckeye Spring Invite	75-78-76 -- 229 t47
NCAA East Regional	74-74-75 -- 223 t35
NCAA Division I Championships	78-81-wd-78

TOTALS 33 ROUNDS -- AVERAGE: 76.20

2003-04

UA-Ann Rhoads Intercollegiate	77-77 - 154 t8
Price's Give Em 5 Intercollegiate	75-78-79 - 232 t37
Mercedes-Benz Championships	75-78-79 - 232 t50
Furman Lady Paladin	75-75-74 - 224 t12
Nokia Sugar Bowl Classic	76-78-79 - 233 8th
Central District Tournament	73-75-82 - 230 t21
LSU/Cleveland Golf Classic	76-80-76 - 232 t23
Lady Gamecock Classic	86-82-80 - 248 t50
SEC Women's Championships	75-75-74 - 224 t20
NCAA East Women's Regional	79-89-83 - 251 t91

TOTALS 29 ROUNDS -- AVERAGE: 77.93

FRESHMAN SEASON (2003-04)

- Played in all 10 events in her LSU debut season, 29 rounds, finishing with a stroke average of 77.93.
- Averaged 76.54 in the four fall tournaments, second best on the team behind Brooke Shelton.
- Had two eighth place finishes during the year - a tie for eighth at the opening UA-Ann Rhoads Intercollegiate (77-77 - 154); and, a solo eighth at the Nokia Sugar Bowl Classic (76-78-79 -- 233).
- First round of 73 at Central District Tournament was her low for the season.
- 24.5 of 29 rounds counted for the LSU team score (84.48%).

PRIOR TO LSU

- Also played one year of point guard for the high school basketball team.
- Four-year letter winner in golf for coach Bruce Pugh.
- All-District in 2001, All-Region 2002, 2003.
- Five Southeastern Junior Tour victories.
- Qualified for the 2003 U. S. Team for the Aaron Baddeley Junior World Championships in Fiji.
- Sixth in the Mississippi State Women's Amateur.
- Twice runner-up in the Mississippi State Tournament (boys and girls combined)
- Winner of the Southeastern Junior Golf Tour Sportsmanship Award.
- National Honor Society member, Rotary Leader, Rotary Scholarship winner.

PERSONAL

- Full name is Alexis Jane Rather.
- Born on March 2, 1985.
- Right-handed.
- Parents are David and Jane Rather. One sister: Kate.
- Home course, Pontotoc Country Club and Golf Club of Big Oaks.
- Major at LSU: Communications

CAREER RECORDS

Rounds: 94

Strokes: 7,226

Average: 76.87

Rounds of Par or Under: 5

Low Round: 70, 2006 Cougar Classic, 2nd rd.

Low Tournament (54 holes): 220, 2007 NCAA East Regional

Top 10 Finishes: 3

Best Finish: t8, 2003 UA-Ann Rhoads; 2004 Nokia Sugar Bowl Classic



Nicole Crochet

Freshman • 5-2
Harahan, La.
Mount Carmel High School



FRESHMAN SEASON (2006-07)

- Did not participate in any events.
- Received redshirt.
- During the summer of 2007, Crochet had a first and two seconds in the Collegiate Players Tour series of events ... Was first in the Cypress, Texas event with a score of five-over 221 (78-70-73) ... Finished second in the event at Pelican Point in Gonzales, at one-over 217 (76-69-72) ... Also second in Austin at nine-over 225 (72-74-79).

PRIOR TO LSU

- Mount Carmel with Crochet on it has had great success in Louisiana High School Athletic Association competition.
- Mt. Carmel won the state girls top division golf championship all four years (2003, 2004, 2005, 2006).
- In those four years, Crochet was the individual champion in 2003, 2004, and 2005 before finishing second in 2006.
- Second in the 2006 Arrowhead Junior Golf Tour championship event, after winning in 2005.
- Tour point leader.
- Golf Team MVP three times.
- Outstanding spring athlete in 2004 and 2005.

PERSONAL

- Born on Jan. 11, 1988 in Metairie.
- Full name is Nicole Marie Crochet.
- Parents are Lloyd and Marie Crochet.
- Three older sisters -- Raquel, Michelle, Jeanne.
- Father and two of her sisters have already graduated from LSU.





Mary Michael Burns

Freshman • 5-2
Baton Rouge, La.
University HS

PRIOR TO LSU

- Member of four Division II Louisiana state golf championships in 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007 at U-High, the LSU Lab school.
- Two-time state player of the year.
- Division II 2005 and 2006 girls state champion; second place in 2007.
- AJGT Player of the Year.
- Finished fourth in a Collegiate Players Tour event at Pelican Point in nearby Gonzales with a five-over score of 221.
- Awarded high grade point average at school her senior year.

PERSONAL

- Born on July 2, 1989, in Seoul, South Korea.
- Right handed.
- Parents are Lori and Tom Burns. Two brothers -- Peter, 28; Paul, 23.
- Father previously attended LSU.
- Anticipated major is mass communications.
- Hobbies include needle-point.
- Favorite professional golfer is Phil Mickleson.



Lindy LaBauve

Freshman • 5-5
Scottsdale, Ariz.
Desert Mountain HS

PRIOR TO LSU

- Team won the 2005 and 2006 regional and state titles.
- Won the coaches award in both 2006 and 2007.
- Won the regional championship in 2007 with rounds of 70 and 67.
- Several top finishes in AJGA, including second in the Las Vegas AJGA event and second in the Big I Classic.
- Member of the National Honor Society.

PERSONAL

- Born on Jan. 12, 1989
- Right handed.
- Parents are Sandy and Mike LaBauve...one younger sister, also a golfer, Kristi (15).
- Dad played on the golf team.
- Parents operate the LaBauve Golf Academy and are listed as two of the top 100 golf instructors in America. Sandy is the founder of the LPGA-USGA Girls Golf Program and serves as its national consultant.
- Anticipated major at LSU is kinesiology.
- Hobbies include snow boarding and skiing.
- Favorite golfer is Lorena Ochoa.



Megan McChrystal

Freshman • 5-6
Stuart, Fla.
Jensen Beach HS



PRIOR TO LSU

- Finished third in the Florida Junior Tour this past summer at Disney World.
- Had two wins and a second on the FJT in 2006.
- Lost out in match play in the U.S. Girls Junior Championship in 2004.
- Had two appearances in the U.S. Women's Amateur and also in the Public Links Championship.
- In 2007 was second at the Florida High School State Championships, shooting a 65 in regionals.

- Team won 2003 Florida High School Class 2A State championship.
- Principal's Honor Roll.

PERSONAL

- Born on May 6, 1988.
- Right handed.
- Parents are Frank and Karyn McChrystal ... One brother, Frank (16).
- Relaxes by reading, watching TV or going to the beach.
- Favorite food is Italian.
- On coming to LSU, said "Coach Karen Bahnsen influenced me the most, along with the golfing facilities of LSU."

Abby Oberthier

Freshman • 5-5
Montgomery, Texas
Montgomery HS



PRIOR TO LSU

- Earned National Honor Society and Who's Who among high school students.
- Played setter in volleyball for her high school team for one year, besides her high school golf career.
- Four-time first-team all-district, twice second team all-region, twice first team all-region.
- Earned honorable mention all-state one year and twice was second team all-state
- Shot a second day round of 68 in the state tournament this past year.
- Finished eighth in the Collegiate Players Tour event at Pelican Point in nearby Gonzales, shooting 227 (79-70-78).

PERSONAL

- Born on May 8, 1989, in Conroe, Texas
- Right handed.
- Parents are Cindy and Ed Oberthier ... Only child.
- Anticipated majoring in marketing.
- To relax enjoys listening to music or running.
- Hobbies include making blankets, photography.
- Favorite professional golfer is Vijay Singh.



Amelie Valle

Freshman • 5-7
Gressile, Norway
Norges Toppidrettsgymnas

Second Norwegian to join the LSU team, joining Caroline Martens.

PRIOR TO LSU

- Finished second in the Norwegian Championships in 2007.
- Finished third in the Norwegian Championships in 2006.
- First in the Order of Merit P4-tour in 2004-05.

PERSONAL

- Born on April 24, 1988.
- Right handed.
- Parents are Anld and Yvonne Valle ... One sister Line Valle (21) and one brother Oshar Valle (16).
- Favorite foods are pasta and ribs.
- Said things that influenced her to come to LSU were the "practice facilities, the girls on the team and the coaches."

