



2018 LSU BASEBALL

vs. Notre Dame - Feb. 16 (7 p.m.); Feb. 17 (4 p.m.); Feb. 18 (11 a.m.)

Alex Box Stadium, Skip Bertman Field (10,326)

Schedule/Results (0-0)

February			
16 (Fri.)	NOTRE DAME	7 p.m.	SECN+
17 (Sat.)	NOTRE DAME	4 p.m.	SECN+
18 (Sun.)	NOTRE DAME	11 a.m.	SECN+
21 (Wed.)	NEW ORLEANS	6:30 p.m.	SECN+
23 (Fri.)	TEXAS	7 p.m.	SECN+
24 (Sat.)	TEXAS	6:30 p.m.	SECN+
25 (Sun.)	TEXAS	2 p.m.	SECN+
27 (Tue.)	GRAMBLING	6:30 p.m.	SECN+
28 (Wed.)	at Southeastern Louisiana	6 p.m.	CST

March			
2 (Fri.)	TOLEDO	7 p.m.	SECN+
3 (Sat.)	SACRED HEART	6 p.m.	SECN+
4 (Sun.)	SOUTHEASTERN LA.	3 p.m.	SECN+
6 (Tue.)	SOUTHERN	6:30 p.m.	SECN+
7 (Wed.)	at Louisiana-Lafayette	6 p.m.	CST
9 (Fri.)	HAWAII	7 p.m.	SECN+
10 (Sat.)	HAWAII	6:30 p.m.	SECN+
11 (Sun.)	HAWAII	2 p.m.	SECN+
14 (Wed.)	SOUTH ALABAMA	6:30 p.m.	SECN+
16 (Fri.)	MISSOURI	6:30 p.m.	SECN+
17 (Sat.)	MISSOURI	6 p.m.	SECN
18 (Sun.)	MISSOURI	2 p.m.	SECN+
21 (Wed.)	TULANE	6:30 p.m.	SECN+
23 (Fri.)	at Vanderbilt	8 p.m.	ESPNU
24 (Sat.)	at Vanderbilt	7:30 p.m.	ESPNU
25 (Sun.)	at Vanderbilt	12 p.m.	ESPN2
27 (Tue.)	Louisiana-Lafayette *	7 p.m.	CST
29 (Thu.)	MISSISSIPPI STATE	7 p.m.	SECN
30 (Fri.)	MISSISSIPPI STATE	7 p.m.	SECN+
31 (Sat.)	MISSISSIPPI STATE	2 p.m.	SECN+

April			
3 (Tue.)	NICHOLLS	6:30 p.m.	SECN+
5 (Thu.)	at Texas A&M	7 p.m.	SECN
6 (Fri.)	at Texas A&M	6 p.m.	SECN
7 (Sat.)	at Texas A&M	2 p.m.	SECN+
10 (Tue.)	LOUISIANA TECH	6:30 p.m.	SECN+
13 (Fri.)	TENNESSEE	7 p.m.	SECN+
14 (Sat.)	TENNESSEE	6:30 p.m.	SECN+
15 (Sun.)	TENNESSEE	4 p.m.	SECN
18 (Wed.)	at Tulane	6:30 p.m.	TBA
20 (Fri.)	at South Carolina	6 p.m.	SECN+
21 (Sat.)	at South Carolina	3 p.m.	SECN+
22 (Sun.)	at South Carolina	12:30 p.m.	SECN+
24 (Tue.)	LAMAR	6:30 p.m.	SECN+
26 (Thu.)	at Ole Miss	7 p.m.	SECN
27 (Fri.)	at Ole Miss	6:30 p.m.	SECN+
28 (Sat.)	at Ole Miss	3 p.m.	ESPNU

May			
4 (Fri.)	ARKANSAS	7 p.m.	SECN+
5 (Sat.)	ARKANSAS	7 p.m.	SECN
6 (Sun.)	ARKANSAS	2 p.m.	SECN+
9 (Wed.)	McNEESE STATE	6:30 p.m.	SECN+
11 (Fri.)	ALABAMA	7 p.m.	SECN+
12 (Sat.)	ALABAMA	7 p.m.	SECN
13 (Sun.)	ALABAMA	2 p.m.	SECN+
15 (Tue.)	NORTHWESTERN STATE	6:30 p.m.	SECN+
17 (Thu.)	at Auburn	6 p.m.	SECN+
18 (Fri.)	at Auburn	6 p.m.	SECN+
19 (Sat.)	at Auburn	1 p.m.	SECN+
22-27	SEC Tournament	Hoover, Ala.	

June			
1-4	NCAA Regional	Sites TBA	
8-11	NCAA Super Regional	Sites TBA	
16-27	College World Series	Omaha, Neb.	

* - Wally Pontiff Jr. Classic at Shrine on Airline (Metairie, La.)

#9 LSU Tigers (0-0) vs. Notre Dame Fighting Irish (0-0)

RANKINGS

LSU – No. 9 by USA Today; No. 10 by Collegiate Baseball

Notre Dame – unranked

RADIO

Friday and Sunday – Baton Rouge affiliate is WDGL 98.1 FM

Saturday – Baton Rouge affiliate is WTGE 100.7 FM

Live audio and live stats at www.LSUsports.net

ONLINE

SEC Network + - all three games may be viewed at WatchESPN.com and the Watch ESPN app

SERIES RECORD VS. NOTRE DAME

LSU leads the overall series with Notre Dame, 4-3, and the teams last met on May 11, 2016, in South Bend, Ind., where the Tigers posted a doubleheader sweep over the Irish (1-0 in 11 innings and 3-2 in 7 innings). Notre Dame, however, has a 3-2 advantage in the five meetings in Baton Rouge, including a 7-1 victory on March 11, 2012, which was the Irish's most recent visit to Alex Box Stadium, Skip Bertman Field.

PITCHING MATCHUPS

Game 1

LSU – Jr. RHP Caleb Gilbert (7-1, 2.16 ERA, 58.1 IP, 12 BB, 67 SO in 2017)

Notre Dame – Gr. LHP Scott Tully (2-0, 3.71 ERA, 17.0 IP, 10 BB, 12 SO in 2017)

Game 2

LSU – So. RHP Zack Hess (7-1, 3.12 ERA, 60.2 IP, 30 BB, 83 SO in 2017)

Notre Dame – Fr. LHP Tommy Sheehan (making collegiate debut)

Game 3

LSU – So. RHP Todd Peterson (3-1, 4.19 ERA, 34.1 IP, 16 BB, 21 SO in 2017)

Notre Dame – So. RHP Cameron Junker (0-0, 0.00 ERA, 0.2 IP, 0 BB 2 SO in 2017)

LSU COACH PAUL MAINIERI

• LSU coach **Paul Mainieri** is in his 36th season as a college coach with six seasons at St. Thomas University (1983-88), six seasons at Air Force (1989-94), 12 seasons at Notre Dame (1995-2006) and he is in his 12th season at LSU (2007-present) ... his overall record is 1,376-694-7 and he is 512-202-3 at LSU ... he was inducted in January 2014 into the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame, and he will serve as the head coach of the USA Collegiate National Team this summer ... Mainieri is No. 4 on the NCAA Division I active coaches win list, and he is one of only seven coaches in NCAA Division I history to win over 1,300 games and a national championship ... he earned National Coach of the Year recognition in 2008, 2009 and 2015 ... **Mainieri directed LSU to the 2009 College World Series title, and he also has led the Tigers to CWS appearances in 2008, 2013, 2015 and 2017** ... Mainieri is 11-10 in CWS games at LSU and 12-12 in CWS games overall, as he also led Notre Dame to the 2002 CWS ... he has directed LSU to eight NCAA Tournament National Seeds in the past 10 seasons and six in a row (2008-09, 2012-17) ... **Mainieri has a 46-20 (.697) NCAA Tournament record at LSU, and he has guided the Tigers to seven NCAA Regional titles and five Super Regional championships** ...under Mainieri, the Tigers have won six SEC Tournament titles (2008, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2017), six SEC Western Division titles (2008, 2009, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017) and four SEC regular-season championships (2009, 2012, 2015, 2017).

QUICK HITS

- LSU is the nation's leader in wins (301) over the past six years, and the Tigers are the only team in the country to have earned an NCAA Tournament National Seed in each of the last six seasons (2012-17).
- LSU won five championships in 2017 - the Tigers were SEC regular-season champions, SEC Western Division champions, SEC Tournament champions, NCAA Regional champions and NCAA Super Regional champions. LSU posted a 52-20 record and finished as the College World Series runners-up.
- LSU coach Paul Mainieri was the head coach at Notre Dame from 1995-2006, posting a 533-213-3 (.714) record in 12 seasons with a College World Series appearance in 2002. Now in his 36th season overall as a college head coach, Mainieri has a 2-5 mark in games against Notre Dame, including a 2-1 record against the Irish since he's been at LSU (2007-present).
- LSU has won 16 straight season openers; the Tigers' last loss in a season opener came on February 10, 2001, vs. Kansas State by a 9-8 score in Baton Rouge.
- LSU returns six players who filled everyday starting roles on last season's College World Series runners-up team, including junior outfielder Antoine Duplantis, sophomore outfielder Zach Watson, sophomore shortstop Josh Smith, senior outfielder/DH Beau Jordan, sophomore third baseman Jake Slaughter and senior catcher/first baseman Nick Coomes.
- LSU will have to replace its entire 2017 weekend starting pitching rotation as Alex Lange and Jared Poche' have moved on to professional baseball, and right-hander Eric Walker, a 2017 Freshman All-American, will be sidelined in 2018 after undergoing Tommy John surgery. Junior right-hander Caleb Gilbert (7-1, 2.16 ERA in 2017) and sophomore right-hander Zack Hess (7-1, 3.12 ERA, four saves in 2017) are the top returning members of the LSU staff
- Notre Dame posted a 26-32 mark in 2017, and the Irish finished with a 10-20 record in Atlantic Coast Conference games. Notre Dame hit .250 as a team last season with 32 home runs, while its pitching staff compiled a 4.45 ERA with 452 strikeouts in 518 innings.