



2018 LSU BASEBALL

vs. Texas - Feb. 23 (7 p.m.); Feb. 24 (6:30 p.m.); Feb. 25 (2 p.m.)

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

Schedule/Results (2-2)

February			
16 (Fri.)	NOTRE DAME	W, 7-6	SECN+
17 (Sat.)	NOTRE DAME	L, 5-10	SECN+
18 (Sun.)	NOTRE DAME	L, 3-11	SECN+
21 (Wed.)	NEW ORLEANS	W, 14-6	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.)

#14 Texas Longhorns (3-1) at #15 LSU Fighting Tigers (2-2)

RANKINGS

LSU – No. 15 by Collegiate Baseball; No. 22 by Baseball America

UT – No. 14 by Baseball America; No. 19 by Collegiate Baseball

RADIO

LSU Sports Network; Baton Rouge affiliate is WDGL 98.1 FM

Live audio and live stats at www.LSUsports.net

ONLINE

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

SERIES RECORD VS. TEXAS

Texas leads the all-time series with LSU, 21-10-1, and this weekend's matchup marks the Longhorns' first visit to Baton Rouge since 1999, when UT opened the year by winning two of three games over the Tigers. This weekend's series is the first meeting between the schools since the 2009 College World Series Finals in Omaha, Neb., where LSU won two of three games over the Longhorns to claim the '09 National Championship. LSU is scheduled to make a return trip in 2019 to Austin for a three-game series. LSU and Texas each have won six College World Series titles, which is the second-highest total in NCAA Division I history and trails only Southern California, which has 12 baseball national championships.

PITCHING MATCHUPS

Game 1

LSU – So. RHP Zack Hess (0-1, 30.86 ERA, 2.1 IP, 6 BB, 2 SO)

UT – Jr. RHP Nolan Kingham (1-0, 0.00 ERA, 8.0 IP, 1 BB, 10 SO)

Game 2

LSU – Jr. RHP Caleb Gilbert (0-0, 10.38 ERA, 4.1 IP, 0 BB, 2 SO)

UT – Jr. RHP Chase Shugart (0-0, 0.00 ERA, 6.2 IP, 0 BB, 3 SO)

Game 3

LSU – So. RHP Todd Peterson (0-1, 6.75 ERA, 4.0 IP, 4 BB, 2 SO)

UT – So. RHP Blair Henley (0-0, 1.80 ERA, 5.0 IP, 1 BB, 5 SO)

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 1,378-696-7 and he is 514-204-3 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 ... 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 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 evened its record at 2-2 on Wednesday night with a 14-6 win over New Orleans in Alex Box Stadium, Skip Bertman Field. The Tigers' offense erupted for 14 runs on 12 hits, including four doubles and one triple. LSU trailed 5-4 entering the bottom of the sixth inning, but the Tigers exploded for four runs in both the sixth and seventh innings to earn the victory. Eight of the nine players in the LSU starting lineup produced at least one RBI.

• Senior outfielder/DH Beau Jordan is LSU's leading hitter this season, batting .417 (5-for-12) with three doubles, two homers, six runs and three RBI. In last weekend's Notre Dame series, he batted .500 (4-for-8) with two doubles, two homers, two RBI and four runs scored.

• Junior second baseman Brandt Broussard, a JUCO transfer from LSU-Eunice is off to a strong start, batting .400 (4-for-10) with four RBI, two runs and a team-best two stolen bases.

• Freshman right-hander Trent Vietmeier has turned in two straight solid relief outings, allowing one run on five hits in 6.2 innings with one walk and a team-high eight strikeouts. Sophomore right-hander Matthew Beck has also been effective out of the bullpen, firing 3.2 shutout innings in two appearances with one hit, no walks and six strikeouts.

• Senior right-hander Austin Bain was the winning pitcher on Friday versus Notre Dame, as he blanked the Irish over the final two innings, allowing no hits, one walk and four strikeouts ... Bain also collected his first career collegiate hit in his first career plate appearance, as he singled sharply as a pinch hitter in Sunday's contest against Notre Dame ... Bain started at DH Wednesday in the Tigers' win over New Orleans, collecting one double and two RBI.

• LSU defeated Notre Dame, 7-6, in the 2018 season opener on Friday, overcoming a 6-0 deficit entering the sixth inning ... the Tigers erased their largest deficit to win a game since April 8, 2017, when they overcame a seven-run deficit to win at Arkansas ... the paid attendance figure of 12,844 for Friday night's LSU-Notre Dame contest was the largest in LSU Baseball history.

• Coach Paul Mainieri announced Monday that sophomore shortstop Josh Smith will miss the next 4-6 weeks of the 2018 season due to a stress reaction in his vertebrae. Smith, a 2017 Freshman All-American and a member of the 2017 SEC All-Defensive Team at third base, provided the game-winning hit in the Tigers' win Friday over Notre Dame with a three-run, eighth-inning home run, the sixth dinger of his career.