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The LSU Fighting Tigers entered the 2003 football season with a potent offense, the potential for a dominant defense, and many unanswered questions.

The 2002 Tigers endured one of the biggest roller-coaster seasons in recent memory, winning six straight games after a season opening loss at Virginia Tech to move into the Top 10, but three losses in the final five regular season games, combined with the "Bluegrass Miracle"—Marcus Randall's 75-yard touchdown pass to Devery Henderson on the final play of the Tigers' 33-30 win at Kentucky—kept LSU out of the SEC Championship Game.

A 35-20 loss to Texas in the Cotton Bowl left the Tigers out of the final 2002 polls and heading into the 2003 season looking for redemption.

The Tigers earned the 15th spot in the pre-season polls by both the Associated Press and the board of coaches of ESPN and USA Today, but question marks were plenty surrounding Nick Saban's fourth LSU team.

Would quarterback Matt Mauck recover fully from the foot injury that ended his 2002 season prematurely? Would Marcus Spears and Marquise Hill develop into the dominant forces at defensive end that they were as Parade All-Americans in high school? Would Chad Lavalais continue to dominate at defensive tackle? Who would replace Bradie James and Jeremy Lawrence in the linebacking corps? And just who would run the football with LaBrandon Toefield and Domanick Davis now in the National Football League?

By time all was said and done with the 2003 season, all of these questions, and many others, would receive resounding answers from the Tigers.

LSU opened the 2003 slate with a 49-7 win over in-state foe Louisiana-Monroe, sending the Tigers with momentum into their first meeting with Arizona since 1984 and first visit ever to Tucson.

The purple and gold blew into the Old West with all of the force of a desert sandstorm, leaving the Wildcats as tumbleweed in a 59-13 rout in one of LSU's most complete games in many a year. The Tigers rolled up an incredible 38-0 halftime lead and finished with 481 total yards in scoring their most impressive non-conference victory away from Baton Rouge since 1986.

The Tigers returned home to face Western Illinois, the top-ranked team in Division I-AA. The Leathernecks put up a good fight, trailing just 6-0 until late in the first half, when LSU finally took control of the game and went on to a 35-7 win, moving the Tigers up to No. 10 for a key early-season showdown with defending SEC champion Georgia, ranked seventh.

The Bulldogs dominated the early going, moving consistently up and down the field on the LSU defense, but when the first 30 minutes ended, it was the Tigers who held a 7-3 edge, and would extend that edge to 10-3, a score that held until late in the fourth quarter.

That's when it appeared Georgia caught lightning in a bottle when David Greene, who had been harassed mercilessly by the Tiger pass rush, hit Tyson Browning with a screen pass that turned into a 93-yard touchdown that tied the game at 10-10. The record Tiger Stadium crowd of 92,251 had to be wondering if the rug would be pulled from under the purple and gold again.

LSU answered that question with an emphatic no. LSU needed only three minutes to take the lead back, with Skyler Green's over the shoulder catch of a Matt Mauck pass with 1:22 remaining pulling LSU into a 17-10 lead. Corey Webster's interception of Greene sealed the Tigers' first win over Georgia in 13 years and propelled LSU into the top 10.

The SEC's other Bulldogs, Mississippi State, provided no such challenge for the Bayou Bengals. LSU jumped out to a 24-0 halftime lead in Starkville and never looked back in a 41-6 rout that put the Tigers at 5-0 for the first time since 1973.

Now, the time seemed ripe for LSU to win back-to-back games over Florida for the first time since 1986-87.

Early on, the Gators were on the skinning block. Green returned a punt 80 yards for a touchdown, and a goal-line stand in which the Tigers recovered a Florida fumble at the 1-yard line seemed to have LSU on its way to 6-0.

But then, Chris Leak stopped playing like a freshman, and LSU's offense could not get untracked against a suddenly potent Gator defense. Florida would head back to Gainesville with a 19-7 victory, and now the Tigers stood at crossroads with roads games at South Carolina and a home date with Auburn on the horizon.

Led by a trio of freshman running backs in Justin Vincent, Alley Broussard and Barrington Edwards, the Tigers rushed for 263 yards on their way to a 482-yard effort by the offense against South Carolina.

Meanwhile, the defense held the Gamecocks to a net rushing total of zero yards and scored a touchdown themselves on a fumble return by Jason LeDoux as LSU rolled to a 33-7 victory.

Beating South Carolina was a solid accomplishment, but now, LSU faced the same team that one year earlier had sent the purple and gold into its season ending tailspin. Auburn

had struggled in early season losses to USC and Georgia Tech, but five consecutive wins had coach Tommy Tuberville's team looking ripe to take control of the SEC West.

The Tigers indeed had control of the SEC West when the game was over—the LSU Tigers. Mauck hit Henderson for a 64-yard touchdown pass on the sixth play of the game, and hit Clayton for an 18-yard score as part of a 21-point first quarter.

LSU's defense limited Auburn star runner Carnell Williams to just 61 yards on 20 carries, and Auburn was never in it as the Bayou Bengals rolled to a 31-7 victory and into the top 10 of the Bowl Championship Series standings at number 7.

## THE 2003 SEASON

Overall Record: 13-1 | SEC Record: 7-1

Aug. 30	Louisiana-Monroe	W, 49-7
Sept. 6	at Arizona	W, 59-13
Sept. 13	Western Illinois	W, 35-7
Sept. 20	#7 Georgia	W, 17-10
Sept. 27	at Mississippi State	W, 41-6
Oct. 11	Florida	L, 19-7
Oct. 18	at South Carolina	W, 33-7
Oct. 25	#17 Auburn	W, 31-7
Nov. 1	Louisiana Tech	W, 49-10
Nov. 15	at Alabama	W, 27-3
Nov. 22	#15 at Ole Miss	W, 17-14
Nov. 28	Arkansas	W, 55-24
<b>SEC Championship Game - Atlanta, Ga.</b>		
Dec. 6	#5 Georgia	W, 34-13
<b>BCS National Championship Game</b>		
<b>Nokia Sugar Bowl - New Orleans, La.</b>		
Jan. 4	#3 Oklahoma	W, 21-14

### Statistical Leaders

#### RUSHING

PLAYER	ATT.	YARDS	TDS
Justin Vincent	154	1,001	10
Joseph Addai	114	520	2

#### PASSING

PLAYER	ATT.	COMP.	YARDS	INT.	TDS
Matt Mauck	358	229	2,825	14	28
Marcus Randall	40	25	403	1	2

#### RECEIVING

PLAYER	REC.	YARDS	TDS
Michael Clayton	78	1,079	10
Devery Henderson	53	861	11

LSU didn't show any signs of a letdown in its homecoming game, crushing Louisiana Tech, 49-10, scoring all of its points in the first half.

The Tigers were on a roll, and after an open date, they were back into the nation's elite, at No. 3 in the polls. Now, the dreams of a national championship were alive and well.

LSU's trip to Tuscaloosa was an eerie role reversal for the nearly 84,000 fans jammed into Bryant-Denny Stadium. For decades, it was Alabama who bullied the purple and gold; now, it was Saban's crew doing the bullying, shutting off Alabama in every conceivable way in a 27-3 rout that set up a showdown for the SEC West title the next week at Ole Miss.

Early on, it appeared the Rebels would finally reach the SEC Championship game, as Ole Miss grabbed a 7-0 lead when a Mauck interception was returned for a touchdown on the Tigers' first play from scrimmage.

LSU had dominated the rest of the game, holding a 17-14 lead late in the contest when Ole Miss' Eli Manning got one more chance to lead his team to victory.

It never happened, as Manning tripped over his own lineman on a fourth down in the final minute, allowing the Tigers to escape with a win in the biggest LSU-Ole Miss game since 1970.

To win the West and clinch a berth in the SEC title game, LSU now had a score to settle with the Arkansas Razorbacks, who in 2002 marched 81 yards down the field with no timeouts to score the winning touchdown and claim a 21-20 victory to steal the title game berth from the Tigers.

The first quarter and a half of the game appeared as if neither team could stop the other. The Tigers and the Hogs were tied at 17-17, and Ole Miss was still holding out hope for an Arkansas victory and a trip to the title game.

LSU then showed how it has developed what Saban likes to call a killer instinct. The Tigers scored 17 points in a 5-minute stretch late in the second quarter to break the tie, and then scored three consecutive touchdowns in the second half to run away to a 55-24 blowout and punch their ticket to Atlanta.

The week leading up to the SEC Championship game against Georgia centered as much on LSU's status in the BCS as it did on the Bulldogs. Since their win over Alabama, the Tigers had been mired at No. 3 in the BCS standings behind Oklahoma and USC, and all across the country, analysts were frantically trying to figure out every possible scenario as to just what two teams would play in the Sugar Bowl on January 4 for the national championship.

On championship Saturday, LSU made a statement for itself by blasting the Bulldogs in front of a partisan Georgia crowd, 34-13. Game MVP Justin Vincent scored on an 87-yard run and finished with a championship game record 201 yards on the ground.

Earlier in the day, USC routed Oregon State, 52-28, but that night, Oklahoma was blasted by Kansas State in the Big XII title game in Kansas City, 35-7, leaving more speculation than ever as to who would be making the trip to the Big Easy.

At 2:30 p.m. the day after the SEC championship game, LSU Chancellor Dr. Mark Emmert got a phone call. It was from Paul Hoolahan, Executive Director of the Nokia Sugar Bowl. The call relayed to Emmert the news that the Tigers would indeed be making the short bus ride to New Orleans for the title game to play Oklahoma.

LSU had waited 45 years for a shot at a national championship, and the Tigers hit the field running, driving to the Sooner 1-yard line on their opening drive. Although LSU came away empty, the tone of this evening was set, and it would be the white-shirted team that would be the aggressor.

No one felt this more than Oklahoma quarterback Jason White, the 2003 Heisman Trophy winner. Time and time again, he was buried by the LSU pass rush, led by All-American Chad Lavalais and the best pair of defensive ends in America in Marcus Spears and Marquise Hill.

When White did have time to throw, he found his receivers blanketed by the Tigers' aggressive secondary, most notably cornerbacks Corey Webster and Travis Daniels.

Indeed, it was Webster, the savior of the first win over Georgia, who set up LSU for its first score of the Sugar Bowl, intercepting White at midfield and returning the pick to the Sooner 32. Four plays later, Green took a reverse around right end to a 24-yard touchdown, and the purple and gold partisans reveled in a 7-0 lead.

A blocked punt early midway through the second quarter set up OU for the tying touchdown, but instead of folding, the Tigers immediately responded with a 9-play, 80-yard drive that ended with Vincent's 18-yard touchdown run that would give the Tigers a 14-7 halftime lead.

Two plays into the second half, LSU took one giant leap toward that championship when Spears grabbed a deflected White pass out of the air and rumbled 20 yards into the end zone, sending most of the Superdome record crowd of 79,342 into sheer pandemonium.

Mauck was intercepted early in the fourth quarter, and the Sooners got a touchdown from Kejuan Jones to cut the LSU lead to 21-14 with 11:01 still to play.

Saban and Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops, the nation's two premier defensive masterminds, set in for the final chess match that would determine the BCS champion. Stoops gained the upper hand with 5:45 left, as White led his team to the Tiger 12 with a first down.

The nation's highest scoring offense had made teams pay time after time when reaching the red zone. But LSU was no ordinary defense. And in a test of wills, the Tigers held firm, as Oklahoma did not move an inch from that point, with White's fourth down pass getting knocked away by freshman Jessie Daniels.

Oklahoma would get one more chance from midfield in the final minutes, but again, the Sooners were stuck in cement, and on fourth and 10, Lionel Turner buried White to send the Heisman winner off the field for the last time in 2003.

The Sooners had one slim chance, and that was to block a Donnie Jones punt with nine seconds left. But Jones made his last kick one for the ages. As it rolled out of bounds at the Sooner 12 on the west sideline of the Superdome, the clock ticked down to three zeros. The game was over...LSU was national champion!



**OFFENSE**

WR . . . . .	<b>9</b>	Devery Henderson	6-0	190	Opelousas, La.
LT . . . . .	<b>76</b>	Andrew Whitworth	6-7	325	West Monroe, La.
LG . . . . .	<b>71</b>	Nate Livings	6-5	313	Lake Charles, La.
C . . . . .	<b>71</b>	Ben Wilkerson	6-4	296	Hemphill, Texas
RG . . . . .	<b>72</b>	Stephen Peterman	6-4	321	Waveland, Miss.
RT . . . . .	<b>60</b>	Rodney Reed	6-4	287	West Monroe, La.
TE . . . . .	<b>82</b>	David Jones	6-4	259	Silver Springs, Md.
. . . . .	<b>47</b>	Eric Edwards	6-5	244	Monroe, La.
WR . . . . .	<b>14</b>	Michael Clayton	6-4	200	Baton Rouge, La.
WR . . . . .	<b>5</b>	Skyler Green	5-9	190	Westwego, La.
QB . . . . .	<b>18</b>	Matt Mauck	6-2	213	Jasper, Ind.
RB . . . . .	<b>25</b>	Justin Vincent	5-10	208	Lake Charles, La.
FB . . . . .	<b>44</b>	Kevin Steltz	5-9	243	New Orleans, La.



**DEFENSE**

LE . . . . .	<b>84</b>	Marcus Spears	6-4	297	Baton Rouge, La.
LT . . . . .	<b>95</b>	Kyle Williams	6-3	288	Ruston, La.
RT . . . . .	<b>93</b>	Chad Lavalais	6-3	292	Marksville, La.
RE . . . . .	<b>94</b>	Marquise Hill	6-7	295	New Orleans, La.
LB . . . . .	<b>27</b>	Eric Alexander	6-3	223	Port Arthur, Texas
LB . . . . .	<b>95</b>	Lionel Turner	6-2	257	Walker, La.
LB . . . . .	<b>46</b>	Cameron Vaughn	6-4	220	Terrytown, La.
LCB . . . . .	<b>13</b>	Corey Webster	6-0	201	Vacherie, La.
SS . . . . .	<b>8</b>	Jack Hunt	6-1	197	Ruston, La.
FS . . . . .	<b>30</b>	LaRon Landry	6-2	180	Ama, La.
RCB . . . . .	<b>29</b>	Travis Daniels	6-1	187	Hollywood, Fla.



**SPECIAL TEAMS**

P . . . . .	<b>80</b>	Donnie Jones	6-3	217	Baton Rouge, La.
PK . . . . .	<b>41</b>	Chris Jackson	5-11	179	New Orleans, La.
PK . . . . .	<b>39</b>	Ryan Gaudet	5-6	155	New Orleans, La.
HOLD . . . . .	<b>87</b>	Blain Bech	6-1	179	Slidell, La.
SNAP . . . . .	<b>70</b>	Gant Petty	6-0	205	Baton Rouge, La.
PR/KR . . . . .	<b>5</b>	Skyler Green	5-9	190	Westwego, La.
KR . . . . .	<b>9</b>	Devery Henderson	6-0	190	Opelousas, La.



1958 National Championship

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The 1958 National Champions compiled LSU's first perfect season since 1908.

For years, LSU fans eagerly anticipated the coming of each new football season with talk of the two Tiger teams regarded as LSU's national champions—the great 10-0 team of 1908 and “next year.” After 50 years, next year finally came in 1958.

After seasons of 3-5-2, 3-7 and 5-5 under coach Paul Dietzel, and a team which included only three seniors among its 55-man roster, it didn't seem likely that 1958 would be “next year.” Indeed, with a squad dominated by juniors and sophomores, many pointed toward 1959 as the year LSU would make a run at the top.

The LSU Fighting Tigers opened the 1958 campaign Sept. 20 at Houston against the Rice Owls. Although early in the season, Dietzel's Tigers, divided into three units—the White team, the Gold team (later shortened to Go) and the Chinese Bandits—showed unusual poise and balance. LSU scored in each period en route to a 26-6 victory over a team it lost to the two previous seasons.

The following week, the Tigers traveled to Mobile to take on Alabama in its first game under Paul “Bear” Bryant. LSU came away with a hard-fought 13-3 win before returning to Baton Rouge for its home opener against Hardin-Simmons. Against the Cowboys, the Tigers built a 20-6 halftime lead and used it to coast to its victory before only 45,000 fans, indicating that few had any idea what kind of team this would become.

LSU, now ranked No. 11, hit the road again the following week and served notice to the college football

world. The Tigers routed the Miami Hurricanes 41-0 at the Orange Bowl to improve their record to 4-0, their best start since 1937.

No. 9 LSU completed the first half of its schedule with a 32-7 victory over Kentucky before a home crowd of 65,000, the largest yet to see the Tigers play. Sixty-three thousand turned out the following week anxious to see if the Bayou Bengals could snap a three-game losing streak to Florida in LSU's Homecoming game. The outcome was in doubt until the final three minutes, when placekicker/fullback Tommy Davis booted a 29-yard field goal, giving the Tigers a 10-7 victory.

Now 6-0, LSU earned the AP poll's No. 1 ranking. But the Tigers knew they had to overcome Johnny Vaught's deadly Ole Miss Rebels if they wished to remain on top, something they hadn't done since 1950.

The Rebels drove to second-and-one, just a foot from LSU's end zone, early in the second quarter before 67,500 fans, the first sellout in Tiger Stadium history. They were turned back by

a superb defensive effort by the White team defenders. After that, it was all LSU as White team quarterback Warren Rabb and Go team signal-caller Durel Matherne ran for scores in the 14-0 Tiger triumph over their archrivals.

Now 7-0 and ranked No. 1 by AP, the Tigers had yet to impress the UPI board of coaches enough to earn the top rating, staying in the No. 3 position going into a home game with Duke. Although the Blue Devils did some things no other team could do against LSU all

## THE 1958 SEASON

Overall Record: 11-0 | SEC Record: 6-0

Sept. 20	at Rice	W, 26-6
Sept. 27	at Alabama	W, 13-3
Oct. 4	Hardin-Simmons	W, 20-6
Oct. 10	at Miami (Fla.)	W, 41-0
Oct. 18	Kentucky	W, 32-7
Oct. 25	Florida	W, 10-7
Nov. 1	Ole Miss	W, 14-0
Nov. 8	Duke	W, 50-18
Nov. 15	at Mississippi State	W, 7-6
Nov. 22	at Tulane	W, 62-0
<b>Sugar Bowl - New Orleans, La.</b>		
Jan. 1	Clemson	W, 7-0

### Statistical Leaders

#### RUSHING

PLAYER	ATT.	YARDS	TDS
Billy Cannon	115	686	11
Johnny Robinson	86	480	7

#### PASSING

PLAYER	ATT.	COMP.	YARDS	INT.	TDS
Warren Rabb	90	45	591	5	8
Durel Matherne	38	9	160	4	3

#### RECEIVING

PLAYER	REC.	YARDS	TDS
Johnny Robinson	16	235	3
Billy Cannon	9	162	1

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season—take an early lead, outgain the Tigers 353-yards to 285 and put a total of 18 points on the board—it was simply not enough. LSU bombed Duke for 22 points in the second quarter to take a 28-6 halftime lead and went on to a 50-18 victory.

When the UPI poll came out the following week, LSU was a unanimous No. 1 selection, a position it would not relinquish until it sustained a bitter 14-13 defeat at the hands of Tennessee in week eight of the 1959 season.

One week later, LSU traveled to Jackson, Miss., for a game against Mississippi State. It was a game in which 8-0 LSU could lose everything and the 3-4 Bulldogs could lose nothing. On a muddy field and with the Tigers tense, Miss. State took a 6-0 halftime lead and made it hold up until LSU faced a fourth and goal situation at State's 5 in the third quarter. With a possible national championship on the line, Rabb rolled left and found Billy Hendrix in the end zone to tie the game. Davis' extra point put LSU ahead 7-6 and allowed the Tigers to escape Jackson 9-0.

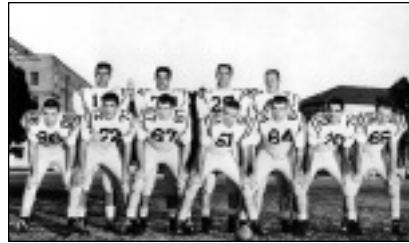
With one game against ancient rival Tulane separating LSU from its first recognized national championship (in those days, the wire services awarded their national championship trophies before the bowl games), some wondered how the Tigers would approach the 3-6 Green Wave, but a quote from Tulane halfback Claude "Boo" Mason took care of that. After losing to Vanderbilt, Mason told a reporter, "We'll beat LSU because they'll choke."

Whether the Tigers would choke was subject to debate at halftime, as LSU led only 6-0 before a then Southeastern Conference record crowd of 83,221 in Sugar Bowl Stadium. However, LSU took command in the second half, taking full advantage of Green Wave mistakes en route to a 35-point fourth quarter and a 62-0 thrashing of Tulane, the most lopsided score in the history of the series. Incredibly, LSU would defeat the Greenies by the same score in 1961 and 1965.

With a 10-0 record and national championship in hand, LSU accepted an invitation to take on the Tigers of Clemson, in the 25th annual Sugar Bowl Classic on New Year's Day, 1959. Once again, LSU found an opponent with little to lose but much recognition to gain in 8-2 Clemson, as Frank Howard's troops tried to deny LSU its first perfect season in 50 years.

After fighting off a series of bad breaks, including a fractured hand by Rabb in the first quarter, LSU got a break of its own when Chinese Bandit Duane Leopard recovered a fumbled punt attempt on the Clemson 11. On third and eight at the 9, Billy Cannon took a handoff from Matherne and hit Mickey Mangham with a touchdown pass on the halfback option for the game's only score.

The following season, a more experienced LSU team demonstrated how difficult it was to repeat as a national champion, going 9-1 during the regular season. Only the loss to Tennessee separated LSU from the school's second straight title.



**WHITE TEAM**

LE . . . . .	<b>85</b> Billy Hendrix	6-0	185	Rayville, La.
LT . . . . .	<b>70</b> Lynn LeBlanc	6-2	201	Crowley, La.
LG . . . . .	<b>64</b> Larry Kahlden	6-1	210	Weimar, Texas.
C . . . . .	<b>51</b> Max Fugler	6-1	203	Ferriday, La.
RG . . . . .	<b>67</b> Ed McCreedy	6-1	195	Biloxi, Miss.
RT . . . . .	<b>72</b> Charles "Bo" Strange	6-1	202	Baton Rouge, La.
RE . . . . .	<b>86</b> Mickey Mangham	6-1	192	Kensington, Md.
QB . . . . .	<b>12</b> Warren Rabb	6-0	190	Baton Rouge, La.
LH . . . . .	<b>20</b> Billy Cannon	6-1	204	Baton Rouge, La.
RH . . . . .	<b>34</b> Johnny Robinson	6-0	185	Baton Rouge, La.
FB . . . . .	<b>40</b> J.W. Brodnax	6-0	202	Bastrop, La.



**GO TEAM**

LE . . . . .	<b>83</b> Scott McClain	6-2	180	Smackover, Ark.
LT . . . . .	<b>74</b> Dave McCarty	6-2	200	Rayville, La.
LG . . . . .	<b>63</b> Al Dampier	6-1	201	Clayton, La.
C . . . . .	<b>50</b> Bobby Greenwood	5-10	195	Lake Charles, La.
RG . . . . .	<b>66</b> Mike Stupka	6-0	205	Bogalusa, La.
RT . . . . .	<b>73</b> Jack Frayer	6-2	210	Toledo, Ohio
RE . . . . .	<b>82</b> Don Norwood	6-3	202	Baton Rouge, La.
QB . . . . .	<b>16</b> Durel Matherne	5-11	188	Lutcher, La.
LH . . . . .	<b>23</b> Don Purvis	5-7	160	Crystal Springs, Miss.
RH . . . . .	<b>33</b> Donnie Daye	5-10	184	Ferriday, La.
FB . . . . .	<b>44</b> Tommy Davis	6-0	204	Shreveport, La.



**CHINESE BANDITS**

CB . . . . .	<b>80</b> Andy Bourgeois	5-10	174	New Orleans, La.
LE . . . . .	<b>75</b> Mel Branch	6-1	210	DeRidder, La.
LT . . . . .	<b>65</b> Emile Fournet	5-11	195	Bogalusa, La.
LB . . . . .	<b>53</b> John Langan	6-3	183	Carbondale, Ill.
RG . . . . .	<b>61</b> Tommy Lott	5-9	188	Texarkana, Ark.
RT . . . . .	<b>71</b> Duane Leopard	6-2	205	Baton Rouge, La.
RE . . . . .	<b>81</b> Gaynell Kinchen	6-3	196	Baton Rouge, La.
S . . . . .	<b>10</b> Darryl Jenkins	6-1	163	Franklinton, La.
S . . . . .	<b>32</b> Henry Lee Roberts	6-0	172	Little Rock, Ark.
CB . . . . .	<b>22</b> Hart Bourque	5-8	165	Gonzales, La.
LB . . . . .	<b>43</b> Merle Schexnaildre	5-9	182	Houma, La.

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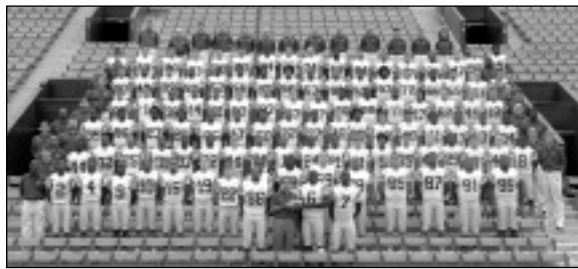
**Overall Record: 13-1 | SEC Record: 7-1 | Coach Nick Saban**

LSU stormed to its second Southeastern Conference title under Nick Saban in three years as the Tigers blew through the conference slate with a 7-1 record, which included five league wins of 21 points or better.

Behind a suffocating defense and a balanced offensive attack, the Tigers earned a spot in the league's championship game for the second time under Saban with a 55-24 win over Arkansas in the regular-season finale in Baton Rouge.

LSU then followed that with a 34-13 trouncing of Georgia in the SEC title game, a contest that saw the Tigers pile up 293 yards rushing against the fifth-ranked Bulldogs with freshman Justin Vincent accounting for an SEC Championship Game record 201 of those yards.

The victory over Georgia propelled the Tigers in the BCS National Championship contest against Oklahoma, a game that LSU won by a 21-14 count to claim the school's second national title in football.



## 2001

**Overall Record: 10-3 | SEC Record: 5-3 | Coach Nick Saban**

Following a strong 8-4 2000 season under first-year coach Nick Saban, the 2001 Fighting Tigers were widely expected to capture the SEC Western Division championship and play in the school's first SEC Championship Game.

The Tigers got off to a flying start with home victories over Tulane and Utah State before the terrorist attacks of September 11 postponed LSU's SEC opener against Auburn until December 1.

Instead, the Tigers opened SEC play at Tennessee's Neyland Stadium in front of more than 107,000, the largest crowd to ever see LSU play, where the Volunteers got revenge for 2000 with a 26-18 victory, before LSU returned home and fell to 0-2 in the SEC with a 44-15 loss to Florida.

LSU then defeated Kentucky and Mississippi State on the road, but those wins were erased by a 35-24 home loss to Ole Miss that seemingly finished the Tigers' title hopes off, dropping LSU to 2-3 in the SEC.

But instead of folding, the Tigers fought back. First, Rohan Davey threw for 528 yards and Josh Reed caught 19 passes for 293 yards as the Tigers bombed Alabama in Tuscaloosa, 35-21. Home wins over Middle Tennessee and Arkansas closed November and set up the Western division title showdown with Auburn.

The showdown was no contest. LSU rolled to a 21-7 halftime lead and cruised home to a 27-14 victory, sending the Tigers to their first SEC Championship game against a Tennessee squad that would look to punch its ticket to the Rose Bowl and a national championship date with Miami with a second victory over LSU.

Most teams would have wilted under the pressure, especially after losing their starting running back (LaBrandon Toefield) and quarterback (Davey), but LSU didn't just survive, it thrived. Led by the steady play of backup Matt Mauck, the Tigers stunned the college football world by upending the Big Orange, 31-20, sending LSU to its first Sugar Bowl since 1986.

The Tigers capped off this glorious season with a 47-34 pasting of Illinois in the Sugar Bowl, as Davey earned MVP honors by throwing for a bowl

record 444 yards and three touchdowns, while Reed caught 14 passes for 239 yards in front of a partisan LSU crowd of more than 77,000, leaving LSU in the top 10 for the first time since 1987.



## 1988

**Overall Record: 8-4 | SEC Record: 6-1 | Coach Mike Archer**

LSU looked to win its second SEC title in three years in 1988, and after a 10-1-1 season in 1987 under first-year coach Mike Archer, the Tigers looked the part of champions in their first two games, thrashing Texas A&M 27-0 in Death Valley, then taking the school's first win ever in Knoxville with a 34-9 rout of Tennessee.

LSU would quickly find itself 2-2, though, as it squandered a 13-point lead in the final five minutes of a 36-33 loss at Ohio State, then dropped a 19-6 decision at Florida before heading into a critical showdown with fourth-ranked Auburn.

In a classic defensive battle, two Auburn field goals gave the Tigers of the Plains a 6-0 lead late in the fourth quarter before Tommy Hodson hit Eddie Fuller in the end zone with less than one minute to play, tying the game and causing such a tremor that it was felt on a seismograph in the LSU Geology Department. David Brownlyke then kicked the extra point to give the Bayou Bengals a 7-6 triumph in what will forever be known as the "Earthquake Game".

Tough home victories over Kentucky and Ole Miss followed, then came a trip to Alabama, where LSU fell behind 15-0 late in the first half before the Tigers rallied and took a 19-18 victory on Brownlyke's field goal in the waning seconds. The Tigers won the SEC title the following week with a 20-3 win over Mississippi State.

LSU split its final two regular season games, losing to Miami and defeating Tulane, before a loss to Syracuse in the Hall of Fame Bowl ended the Tigers' season at 8-4.



## 1986

**Overall Record: 9-3 | SEC Record: 5-1 | Coach Bill Arnsparger**

The Tommy Hodson era began at LSU in 1986 in Bill Arnsparger's third and final season in Tigertown, which got off to a flying start with a 35-17 upset of Texas A&M.

The Tigers then dropped a shocking 21-12 decision to Arnsparger's alma mater, Miami of Ohio the following week.

The loss to Miami was only a temporary setback. The Tigers began to roll behind their new leader, defeating Florida 28-17 in Gainesville, then coming home for a 23-14 win over Georgia. The Tigers rolled to victories over Kentucky and North Carolina before Ole Miss came to Death Valley and won for the first time in Baton Rouge since Archie Manning's sophomore season of 1968, knocking the Tigers out of first place in the SEC.

Now came a trip to league leader Alabama in Birmingham. In a white-knuckle struggle, the Tigers prevailed 14-10, leaving the Tigers needing only to defeat Mississippi State the next week to win the Tigers' first league crown



since 1970.

In front of a pro-LSU crowd in Jackson, the Tigers left little doubt as to who would be kings of the SEC, as the Tigers mauled the Bulldogs 47-0 to win at least a share of the league crown. LSU defeated Notre Dame and Tulane to close the season, then Auburn upended Alabama in the Iron Bowl to give the Tigers the title all to themselves and secure the school's second Sugar Bowl berth in three years.

Arnsparger, who accepted the position of athletic director prior to LSU's game with Tulane, coached LSU for the final time on New Year's Day in a 30-15 loss to Nebraska in the Sugar Bowl.



**1970**

**Overall Record: 9-3 | SEC Record: 5-0 | Coach Charles McClendon**

Archie Manning and Ole Miss left LSU three points shy of a perfect season and the chance to play Texas in the Cotton Bowl for the national championship in 1969. After refusing a bowl berth following a 9-1 season, LSU was determined to remedy this failure in 1970.

The Tigers' hopes took a serious hit on opening night, as Texas A&M came to town and pulled off a 20-18 upset. The loss left the Tigers bloodied but unbowed, as LSU then rattled off seven consecutive victories, including a 17-9 victory at Auburn over future Heisman Trophy winner Pat Sullivan, then a 14-9 triumph in Birmingham over Alabama squad, the Tigers' second straight over Bear Bryant's Crimson Tide.

LSU would have two big non-conference games before its December 5 showdown with Archie Manning's Ole Miss Rebels for the SEC championship. First was a visit to South Bend and second-ranked Notre Dame, where LSU limited Ara Parseghian's powerful offense led by Joe Theismann to under 250 yards, but the Tigers missed several chances to win the game and fell, 3-0. The Tigers now needed two wins to lock up an Orange Bowl berth opposite Big Eight champion Nebraska, and got the first at Tulane Stadium over a pesky Green Wave squad, 26-14, setting up the title match with the Rebels.

Manning would return to Death Valley with a cast on his left arm that severely limited his throwing motion. The way LSU played that warm December night, Manning could have been Superman himself and it probably wouldn't have mattered. Tommy Casanova and Craig Burns combined to return three punts for touchdowns, and Ronnie Estay nailed Manning for a safety as LSU brought Christmas to Tiger Stadium early with a 61-17 rout of the Rebels and send the Tigers to Miami.

In the Orange Bowl against a Nebraska team looking to win a share of the national championship, LSU held a 12-10 lead after three quarters before wilting under the charge of the powerful Cornhuskers, 17-12.



**1961**

**Overall Record: 10-1 | SEC Record: 5-0 | Coach Paul Dietzel**

Coming off of a 5-4-1 campaign in 1960, LSU wanted to get its 1961 campaign off to a flying start, but a 16-3 loss to Rice in the season opener signaled the beginning of what could have been a very difficult season, but as it turned out, the loss to the Owls meant little.

Over the final nine games of the season, LSU would allow a measly 30 points, with 14 of those scored by Kentucky in a 24-14 Tiger triumph in the fifth game of the year. The Tigers blanked Florida, 23-0, then took a 10-7 win over Ole Miss to leave them needing only a win over archrival Tulane to win a share of the league title.

For the second time in four years, Andy Pilney and his Green Wave suffered a 62-0 humiliation at the hands of the Bayou Bengals, and SEC

champion LSU was on to the Orange Bowl to face Big Eight champion Colorado.

In what was Paul Dietzel's final game at LSU, the Tigers had little trouble in silencing the Buffaloes, 25-7.

**1958 • National Champions**

**Overall Record: 11-0 | SEC Record: 6-0 | Coach Paul Dietzel**

In the modern era of college football, many coaches, especially in the hyper-competitive world of the SEC, would not survive seasons of 3-5-2, 3-7 and 5-5, but LSU athletic director Jim Corbett showed patience with the Tigers' young innovator, 35-year old Paul Dietzel, and for his fourth season in Baton Rouge, Dietzel would come up with the innovation that would revolutionize college football, and football on the bayou would never be the same.

Dietzel unveiled his three units—the White Team, the Go Team and the Chinese Bandits—in impressive road victories over Rice and Alabama (in its first game under Bear Bryant), before LSU returned home to defeat Hardin-Simmons.

After crushing Miami and Kentucky, LSU moved to third in the polls for a homecoming showdown against Florida in front of the first sellout crowd in Tiger Stadium history. The 67,500 in attendance weren't disappointed, as the Tigers won 10-7 to move to number one in the Associated Press poll, and LSU then backed up that ranking with a 14-0 shutout of sixth-ranked Ole Miss.

A 50-18 victory over Duke moved LSU up to the top spot in the UPI coaches' poll, but the Tigers nearly lost it all the next week against Mississippi State in Jackson, falling behind 6-0 at halftime before a touchdown in the third quarter, and Tommy Davis' extra point gave LSU a 7-6 triumph, leaving only nemesis Tulane standing between the Tigers and the brass ring.

The Green Wave held sway in the first half, limiting the Tigers to two field goals and a 6-0 lead at intermission, but in the second half, the Wave was swallowed up, as the Tigers scored an incredible 56 points, including 35 in the fourth quarter, to win 62-0 and leave no doubt as to who was number one.

LSU then took its victory lap in the Sugar Bowl against Clemson with a 7-0 victory and the perfect ending to the first perfect season at LSU in exactly 50 years.

**1936**

**Overall Record: 9-1-1 | SEC Record: 6-0 | Coach Bernie Moore**

LSU started off in fine fashion against a pair of SWC powers, defeating Rice 20-7 at home then tying Texas at Austin, 6-6, before destroying Georgia in the SEC opener, 47-7, and shutting out Ole Miss, 13-0.

The Tigers beat border rival Arkansas in Shreveport, 19-7, then blanked Vanderbilt in Music City and Mississippi State in Birmingham, then returned home to down Auburn 19-6 and Southwestern Louisiana 93-0.

LSU finished the regular season by whitewashing rival Tulane, 33-0, leaving the Tigers as the nation's highest scoring team with 281 points. The Tigers finished runner-up in the AP poll to Minnesota, but took national championship honors in the Williamson poll. The Tigers' season went sour again in the Sugar Bowl, though, as coach Buck Shaw's Santa Clara club shocked LSU 21-14.

**1935**

**Overall Record: 9-2 | SEC Record: 5-0 | Coach Bernie Moore**

The start of the season proved to be tough for LSU as Rice came to Baton Rouge and handed the Tigers a 10-7 defeat.

But led by the exploits of a freshman end named Gaynell Tinsley, the Tigers would not lose again in the regular season. It started with an 18-6 win over Texas in which the Tigers scored two fourth-quarter touchdowns for the victory, then continued all the way to New York City with a 32-0 rout of Manhattan, then to Shreveport for a win over Arkansas and on to Nashville with a 7-2 victory over Vanderbilt in the SEC opener.

Auburn would fall in a 6-0 tussle in Death Valley, but no opponent the rest of the way would be that close. The Tigers then disposed of Mississippi State and Georgia before crushing Southwestern Louisiana 56-0 and Tulane 41-0 to end the season 9-1 and send SEC champion LSU to its first bowl game ever, a Sugar Bowl date with Sammy Baugh's TCU Horned Frogs.

With heavy rains turning the Tulane Stadium field to slop, the expecting passing matchup between Baugh and LSU's Abe Mickal never developed. Baugh threw an incomplete pass in the end zone for a safety that gave LSU a 2-0 lead, but the Frogs drove for a game-winning field goal and 3-2 triumph in front of an overflow crowd of 35,000.





Heisman Trophy Winner

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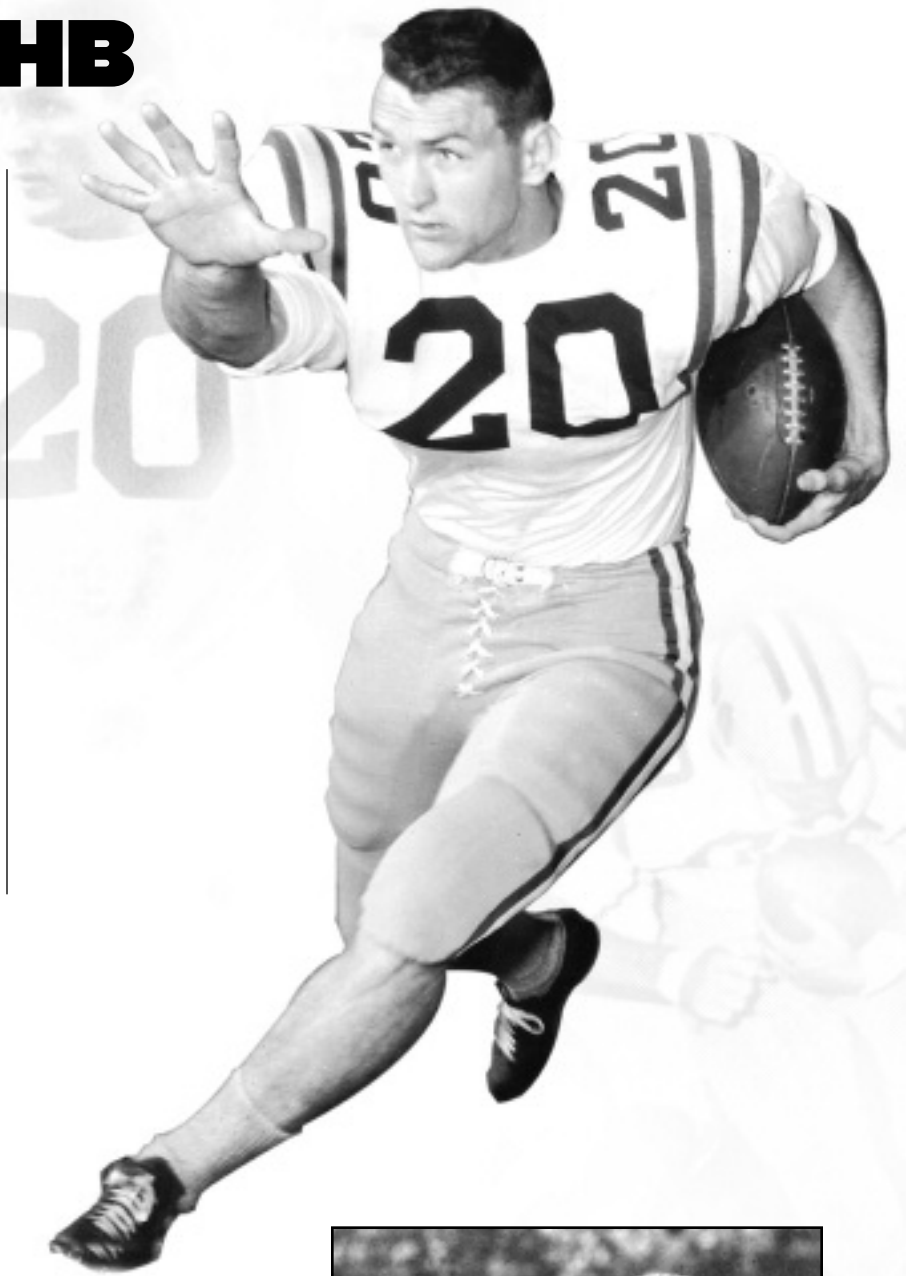
1959 Heisman Trophy Winner

Even by today's standards Billy Cannon was a rare athlete, combining sprinter speed with brute strength.

Cannon could consistently run a 9.5 in the 100-yard dash and, at 6-1, 210 pounds, he had the size to overpower his opponents as well as outrun them. In 1957, he was an immediate standout as a sophomore, offensively and defensively.

As a junior, Cannon was the driving force behind the Fighting Tigers as they carved out a perfect season and captured the 1958 national championship. He passed for a touchdown and kicked the extra point in LSU's 7-0 win over Clemson in the Sugar Bowl, and earned MVP honors.

Cannon's most memorable performance came in 1959 against Ole Miss. Top-ranked LSU trailed the third-ranked Rebels 3-0 early in the fourth quarter, when Cannon fielded a punt at the LSU 11 and broke seven tackles on his way to paydirt. LSU won the contest 7-3. Considered one of the best collegiate backs of his era, Cannon was awarded the Heisman Trophy at the conclusion of the 1959 season.



Billy Cannon was presented with the 1959 Heisman Trophy by then Vice President Richard Nixon.



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## 1957

- Second-Team All-SEC (UPI)
- All-SEC Sophomore Team

## 1958

- UPI Player of the Year
- The Sporting News Player of the Year
- Outstanding College Player (Columbus, Ohio Touchdown Club)
- AP Back of the Year
- UPI Back of the Year
- All-America (consensus)
- SEC Player of the Year (Nashville Banner)
- SEC Back of the Year (Atlanta Touchdown Club)
- SEC Back of the Year (Birmingham Touchdown Club)
- All-SEC (AP and UPI)
- Louisiana VFW Award (Louisiana outstanding athlete)

## 1959

- Heisman Trophy Winner (Downtown Athletic Club of New York)
- AP Player of the Year
- UPI Player of the Year
- The Sporting News Player of the Year
- All-America (consensus)
- Outstanding College Player (Columbus, Ohio Touchdown Club)
- Walter Camp Memorial Trophy (Washington, D.C. TD Club)
- College Back of the Year (Los Angeles Times)
- AP Back of the Year
- UPI Back of the Year
- SEC Player of the Year (Nashville Banner)
- SEC Player of the Year (Atlanta Touchdown Club)
- SEC Player of the Year (Birmingham Touchdown Club)
- All-SEC (AP and UPI)

## CANNON GAME-BY-GAME

### 1957

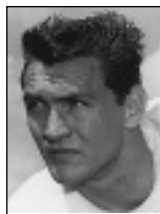
	NO.	YDS.	AVG.
Rice	6	71	11.8
Alabama	8	140	17.5
Texas Tech	13	36	2.8
Georgia Tech	17	98	5.8
Kentucky	11	70	6.4
Florida	11	22	2.0
Vanderbilt	11	46	4.2
Ole Miss	3	5	1.7
Mississippi State	11	27	2.5
Tulane	14	68	4.8
<b>Totals</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>5.5</b>

### 1958

	NO.	YDS.	AVG.
Rice	9	53	5.9
Alabama	12	86	7.2
Hardin-Simmons	11	83	7.5
Miami	9	34	3.8
Kentucky	12	108	9.0
Florida	15	61	4.1
Ole Miss	11	34	3.1
Duke	8	53	6.6
Mississippi State	13	57	4.4
Tulane	15	117	7.8
<b>Totals</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>5.9</b>
<i>Clemson (Sugar Bowl)</i>	13	51	3.9

### 1959

	NO.	YDS.	AVG.
Rice	15	66	4.4
TCU	9	35	3.9
Baylor	8	73	9.1
Miami	17	90	5.3
Kentucky	11	11	1.0
Florida	15	55	3.7
Ole Miss	12	48	4.0
Tennessee	22	122	5.5
Mississippi State	16	32	2.0
Tulane	14	66	4.7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>4.3</b>
<i>Ole Miss (Sugar Bowl)</i>	6	8	1.3



## Cannon's Career Statistics

	RUSHING				RECEIVING			PASSING				PUNT RETURNS			KICKOFF RETURNS			
	ATT	YDS.	AVG.	TD	REC.	YDS.	TD	ATT.	CMP.	HI	YDS.	TD	NO.	YDS.	TD	NO.	YDS.	TD
1957	105	583	5.5	4	11	199	1	16	7	1	84	0	7	39	0	11	343	1
1958	115	686	5.9	10	9	162	1	4	3	0	14	0	9	89	0	3	82	0
1959	139	598	4.3	5	11	161	0	6	2	2	20	0	15	221	1	8	191	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>1867</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>1</b>

**Punting: 111 for 37.8 average**

**Pass Interceptions: 7 for 165 return yards, one TD**

**Scoring: 24 TDs, four one-point conversions, three two-point conversions, 154 total points**



Biletnikoff Award Winner

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## JOSH REED WR

2001 Biletnikoff Award Winner

When one thinks of some of the finest players in the history of the Southeastern Conference, Josh Reed's name will now be included on that list. Reed, who will go down as one of the most decorated players in school history, virtually re-wrote both the LSU and SEC receiving record books despite playing only 28 games at wide receiver.

Originally signed out of Rayne (La.) High School as a tailback, Reed moved to wide receiver in week 9 of the 1999 season out of a necessity. The results were immediate as he caught five passes for 100 yards against Houston in just his second game at the position.

A year later, in 2000, Reed earned First-Team All-SEC honors after catching 65 passes for 1,127 yards and 10 touchdowns for the 8-4 Tigers. His 102.5 yards receiving a contest led the SEC and he ranked second in the league with just under six catches a game.

Reed put together the finest year for a receiver in SEC history in 2001 as he shattered the league's single-season yardage mark with 1,740 yards on a school-record 94 catches. Reed set a pair of league marks in a 35-21 road victory over Alabama as he hauled in 19 passes for 293 yards and a touchdown. He capped his record-setting career in grand fashion, setting a pair of Sugar Bowl record with 14 receptions for 239 yards and two touchdowns in leading the Tigers to a 47-34 victory over Illinois.

At the conclusion of his junior season, Reed was named the winner of the Biletnikoff Award, which is presented annually to the nation's top collegiate receiver. Reed was drafted with the fourth pick of the second round of the 2002 NFL Draft by the Buffalo Bills.



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## 2000

- First-Team All-SEC  
(AP, SEC Coaches, The Sporting News, Football News, Birmingham News, College Sports-Southeast, Rivals.com)
- Louisiana Offensive Player of the Year  
(Louisiana Sports Writer's Association)

## 2001

- Biletnikoff Award Winner
- First-Team All-America (Walter Camp)
- First-Team All-America (Associated Press)
- First-Team All-America (Football Writers Association)
- First-Team All-America (CNNSI.com)
- First-Team All-America (ABC Sports online)
- First-Team All-America (Collegefootballnews.com)
- First-Team All-America (The Sporting News)
- Second-Team All-America (Football News)
- First-Team All-SEC (Associated Press)
- First-Team All-SEC (SEC Coaches)
- Louisiana Offensive Player of the Year  
(Louisiana Sports Writer's Association)
- SEC Offensive Player of the Week  
(Nov. 4, vs. Alabama)
- National Player of the Week  
(Nov. 4, The Sporting News)
- All-Bowl Team  
(Sports Illustrated)



### Reed's Career Receiving and Rushing Totals - Regular Season

YEAR	G-GS	RECEIVING			ATT.	RUSHING	
		REC.	YDS.	TD		YDS.	TD
1999 Fr.	8-0	8	134	0	6	58	1
2000 So.	11-3	65	1,127	10	1	-2	0
2001 Jr.	12-12	94	1,740	7	2	7	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>31-15</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>3,001</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>1</b>

### Reed's Career Receiving Totals - Bowl Games

YEAR (GAME)	REC.	YDS.	TD	LG
2000 (Peach)	9	96	1	17
2002 (Sugar)	14	239	2	42
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>42</b>

## REED GAME-BY-GAME

### 1999

	REC	YDS	TD	LG
San Jose State	0	0	0	0
North Texas	0	0	0	0
Auburn	Did not play			
at Georgia	Did not play			
Florida	Did not play			
at Kentucky	Did not play			
at Miss. State	Did not play			
Ole Miss	Did not play			
at Alabama	2	33	0	22
Houston	5	100	0	33
Arkansas	1	1	0	1

### 2000

	REC	YDS	TD	LG
W. Carolina	5	137	1	47
Houston	3	76	0	30
at Auburn	8	167	2	75
UAB	4	53	0	17
Tennessee	7	146	3	53
at Florida	4	50	0	26
Kentucky	7	67	1	16
Miss. State	10	113	1	20
Alabama	8	129	2	36
at Ole Miss	8	173	0	38
at Arkansas	1	16	0	16
Georgia Tech (Peach)	9	96	1	17

### 2001

	REC	YDS	TD	LG
Tulane	6	135	0	42
Utah State	5	124	0	45
at Tennessee	7	125	1	30
Florida	6	123	0	39
at Kentucky	8	160	0	49
at Miss. State	10	146	2	42
Ole Miss	3	85	0	34
at Alabama	19*	293*	1	47
Middle Tennessee	9	120	0	21
Arkansas	7	183	2	38
Auburn	10	186	1	33
vs. Tennessee	4	60	0	24
Illinois (Sugar)	14^	239^	2	42

\*SEC Record | ^Sugar Bowl Record



## LSU BOWL LOG

**BOWL RECORD: 17-17-1 | 35 BOWL APPEARANCES**

### SUGAR (5-7-0)

vs. TCU	2-3	L	Jan. 1, 1936
vs. Santa Clara	14-21	L	Jan. 1, 1937
vs. Santa Clara	0-6	L	Jan. 1, 1938
vs. Oklahoma	0-35	L	Jan. 1, 1950
vs. Clemson	7-0	W	Jan. 1, 1959
vs. Ole Miss	0-21	L	Jan. 1, 1960
vs. Syracuse	13-10	W	Jan. 1, 1965
vs. Wyoming	20-13	W	Jan. 1, 1968
vs. Nebraska	10-28	L	Jan. 1, 1985
vs. Nebraska	15-30	L	Jan. 1, 1987
vs. Illinois	47-34	W	Jan. 1, 2002
vs. Oklahoma	21-14	W	Jan. 4, 2004

### PEACH (3-0-0)

vs. Florida State	31-27	W	Dec. 30, 1968
vs. Clemson	10-7	W	Dec. 28, 1996
vs. Georgia Tech	28-14	W	Dec. 29, 2000

### INDEPENDENCE (2-0-0)

vs. Michigan State	45-26	W	Dec. 29, 1995
vs. Notre Dame	27-9	W	Dec. 28, 1997

### COTTON (2-1-1)

vs. Arkansas	0-0	T	Jan. 1, 1947
vs. Texas	13-0	W	Jan. 1, 1963
vs. Arkansas	14-7	W	Jan. 1, 1966
vs. Texas	20-35	L	Jan. 1, 2003

### ORANGE (2-3-0)

vs. Texas A&M	19-14	W	Jan. 1, 1944
vs. Colorado	25-7	W	Jan. 1, 1962
vs. Nebraska	12-17	L	Jan. 1, 1971
vs. Penn State	9-16	L	Jan. 1, 1974
vs. Nebraska	20-21	L	Jan. 1, 1983

### SUN (1-1-0)

vs. Iowa State	33-15	W	Dec. 18, 1971
vs. Stanford	14-24	L	Dec. 31, 1977

### GATOR (1-0-0)

vs. South Carolina	30-13	W	Dec. 31, 1987
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### FLORIDA CITRUS (1-0-0) (formerly Tangerine)

vs. Wake Forest	34-10	W	Dec. 22, 1979
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### HALL OF FAME (0-1-0)

vs. Syracuse	10-23	L	Jan. 2, 1989
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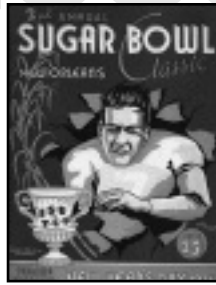
### LIBERTY (0-2-0)

vs. Missouri	15-20	L	Dec. 23, 1978
vs. Baylor	7-21	L	Dec. 27, 1985

### BLUEBONNET (0-2-0) (Formerly Astro Bluebonnet)

vs. Baylor	7-14	L	Dec. 21, 1963
vs. Tennessee	17-24	L	Dec. 30, 1972

# 1936



## 1936 Sugar Bowl

Tulane Stadium • New Orleans, La.  
January 1, 1936 (35,000)

### TCU 3, LSU 2

Four days of rain turned an expected passing battle into a punting duel between quarterbacks Sammy Baugh of TCU and LSU's Abe Mickal. The Tigers threatened often, once getting to the six-inch line, but TCU's Taldon Manton kicked a winning 36-yard field goal. LSU scored when All-America end Gaynell Tinsley harassed Baugh into throwing an incompletion in the TCU end zone for an automatic safety.

#### 1936 SUGAR BOWL

TCU	0	3	0	0	--3
LSU	0	2	0	0	--2

#### SCORING SUMMARY

LSU	2Q	Safety
TCU	2Q	Manton 26 FG

# 1937



## 1937 Sugar Bowl

Tulane Stadium • New Orleans, La.  
January 1, 1937 (38,483)

### Santa Clara 21, LSU 14

Mike the Tiger's first year at LSU ended in an upset by the little-known Broncos. Coach Bernie Moore's previously undefeated Bengals were never in the ball game, trailing 14-0 after the first period. The Tigers scored their last touchdown late in the game, long after Santa Clara coach Buck Shaw had cleared his bench.

#### 1937 SUGAR BOWL

Santa Clara	14	0	7	0	--21
LSU	0	7	0	7	--14

#### SCORING SUMMARY

SC	1Q	Falaschi 27 pass to Gomez (Pellegrini kick)
SC	1Q	Pellegrini 28 pass to Finney (Pellegrini kick)
LSU	2Q	Crass 50 pass to Linsley (Crass kick)
SC	3Q	Falaschi 5 run (Falaschi kick)
LSU	4Q	Crass 17 pass to Reed (Milner kick)

# 1938



## 1938 Sugar Bowl

Tulane Stadium • New Orleans, La.  
January 1, 1938 (40,000)

### Santa Clara 6, LSU 0

A rematch of the 1937 Sugar classic saw the unbeaten Broncos score early and then hold off the Tigers with two goal line stands. It marked the first time in 50 games that an LSU team had been held scoreless. Pinky Rohm was the sparkplug for the Tigers, but LSU could not move on the west coast club.

#### 1938 SUGAR BOWL

Santa Clara	0	6	0	0	--6
LSU	0	0	0	0	--0

#### SCORING SUMMARY

SC 2Q Pellegini 9 pass to Coughlan (kick failed)

#### LSU LEADERS

Rushing	Att.	Yards	TD
Cotta Milner	13	34	0

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD
Pinky Rohm	15	5	1	63	0

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD
Ken Havonuagh	4	46	0

# 1944



## 1944 Orange Bowl

Orange Bowl Stadium • Miami, Fla.  
January 1, 1944 (32,191)

### LSU 19, Texas A&M 14

The war-time Tigers went to Miami despite a 5-3 season, thanks largely to the presence of Steve Van Buren. The red-haired sensation ran and passed for two first quarter touchdowns and sewed up the victory with a 63-yard scoring run in the third period. It was Van Buren's 16th touchdown of the season, a mark that stood until Charles Alexander ran for 17 in 1977.

#### 1944 ORANGE BOWL

Texas A&M	7	0	7	0	--14
LSU	12	0	7	0	--19

#### SCORING SUMMARY

LSU 1Q Van Buren 12 run (kick failed)  
 LSU 1Q Van Buren 22 run (kick failed)  
 A&M 2Q Hallmark 21 pass to Biuditt (Luiner kick)  
 LSU 3Q Van Buren 62 run (Van Buren kick)  
 A&M 3Q Hallmark 17 pass to Settegast (Luiner kick)

#### LSU LEADERS

Rushing	Att.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Steve Van Buren	24	160	2	62
Joe Nogata	8	25	0	

# 1947



## 1947 Cotton Bowl

Cotton Bowl Stadium • Dallas, Texas  
January 1, 1947 (38,000)

### LSU 0, Arkansas 0

Shunned by the Sugar Bowl, the 9-1 Tigers marched into the Cotton Bowl behind quarterback Y.A. Tittle. But Dallas was pelted with rain, sleet and snow and the scoreless standoff became known as the Ice Bowl. LSU held a 15-1 edge over the Razorbacks in first downs and a 271-54 advantage in total yardage. But the afternoon belonged to the weatherman.

#### 1947 COTTON BOWL

LSU	0	0	0	0	-0
Arkansas	0	0	0	0	-0



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# 1950



## 1950 Sugar Bowl

Tulane Stadium • New Orleans, La.  
January 1, 1950 (82,000)

### Oklahoma 35, LSU 0

The Cinderella Tigers brought an 8-1 record to New Orleans only to see the clock strike midnight at the hands of a powerful Bud Wilkinson-coached Sooner team. Darrell Royal quarterbacked unbeaten Oklahoma to two second period touchdowns, and the Tigers could never recover. Charley Pevey quarterbacked LSU, but the Bengals could manage only 38 rushing yards to OU's 286.

#### 1950 SUGAR BOWL

LSU	0	0	0	0	-0
Oklahoma	0	14	7	14	-35

#### SCORING SUMMARY

OU	2Q	Heath 86 run (Tipps Kick)
OU	2Q	Heath 34 run (Tipps Kick)
OU	3Q	Thomas 34 pass from Pearson (Tipps Kick)
OU	4Q	Thomas 5 run (Tipps Kick)
OU	4Q	Royal 5 run (Tipps Kick)

#### LSU LEADERS

Rushing	Att.	Yards	TD
West	5	26	0

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD
Pevey	11	5	0	82	0

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD
Baggett	4	50	0

# 1959



## 1959 Sugar Bowl

Tulane Stadium • New Orleans, La.  
January 1, 1959 (80,331)

### LSU 7, Clemson 0

Paul Dietzel's great national champions closed LSU's first undefeated, untied season in 50 years with a thrilling victory over Clemson. It was the Bayou Bengals' first Sugar Bowl victory and couldn't have come in a sweeter year. Billy Cannon threw a nine-yard scoring pass to Mickey Mangham in the third quarter, and the Chinese Bandits held Clemson in check for the victory.

#### 1959 SUGAR BOWL

LSU	0	0	7	0	-7
Clemson	0	0	0	0	-0

#### SCORING SUMMARY

LSU	3Q	Mickey 9 pass from Cannon (Cannon Kick)
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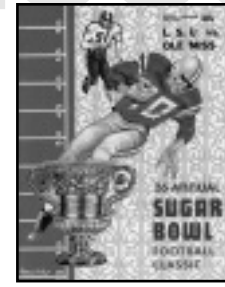
#### LSU LEADERS

Rushing	Att.	Yards	TD
Cannon	13	51	0
Davis	2	17	0

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD
Rabb	7	2	0	33	0
Cannon	1	1	0	9	1

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD
Mangham	2	33	1

# 1960



## 1960 Sugar Bowl

Tulane Stadium • New Orleans, La.  
January 1, 1960 (81,141)

### Ole Miss 21, LSU 7

The regular season thriller won by Billy Cannon's 89-yard punt return proved to be a nightmarish rematch for LSU. Jake Gibbs hit Cowboy Woodruff with a 43-yard touchdown pass just before halftime and the Rebels coasted after that. The Tigers and Heisman Trophy winner Cannon never got inside the Ole Miss 38 the entire game.

#### 1960 SUGAR BOWL

LSU	0	0	0	0	-7
Ole Miss	0	7	7	7	-21

#### SCORING SUMMARY

Ole Miss	2Q	Woodruff 43 pass from Gibbs (Franklin Kick)
Ole Miss	3Q	Grantham 18 pass from Franklin (Khayat Kick)
Ole Miss	4Q	Blair 9 yd from Franklin (Khayat Kick)

#### LSU LEADERS

Rushing	Att.	Yards	TD
Cannon	6	8	0

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD
Rabb	15	4	0	36	0

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD
Cannon	3	39	0
McClain	3	31	0



# 1962



## 1962 Orange Bowl

Orange Bowl Stadium • Miami, Fla.  
January 1, 1963 (68,150)

**LSU 25, Colorado 7**

Amidst rumors that Paul Dietzel was leaving LSU, the Tigers romped behind Earl Gros, Wendell Harris and Jerry Stovall. All-American guard Roy Winston was outstanding as the Go Team, White Team and Chinese Bandits dominated the Buffalos. Charley White Cranford, Jimmy Field and Gene Sykes scored touchdowns for the Tigers as Harris kicked a 30-yard field goal.

### 1962 ORANGE BOWL

LSU	5	6	14	0	-25
Colorado	0	7	0	0	-7

### SCORING SUMMARY

LSU	1Q	Harris 30 FG
LSU	1Q	Team Safety
CU	2Q	Schweninger 59 interception return
LSU	2Q	Crawford 6 run (Failed Conversion)
LSU	3Q	Field 9 run (Harris Kick)
LSU	3Q	Sykes recovered blocked punt (Harris Kick)

### LSU LEADERS

Rushing	Att.	Yards	TD
Gros	10	55	0

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD
Amedee	12	6	0	88	1

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD
Wilkins	3	58	1

# 1963



## 1963 Cotton Bowl

Cotton Bowl Stadium • Dallas, Texas  
January 1, 1963 (32,191)

**LSU 13, Texas 0**

The defensive-minded Tigers gave Charlie McClendon a victory over the previously undefeated Longhorns in Mac's first bowl appearance as head coach. Lynn Amedee kicked field goals of 23 and 37 yards, and Jimmy Field ran 22 yards for the game's only touchdown. All-Americans Fred Miller and Jerry Stovall joined Amedee as the stars of the game.

### 1963 COTTON BOWL

LSU	0	3	7	3	-13
Texas	0	0	0	0	-0

### SCORING SUMMARY

LSU	2Q	Amedee 23 FG
LSU	3Q	Field 22 run (Amedee Kick)
LSU	4Q	Amedee 37 FG

### LSU LEADERS

Rushing	Att.	Yards	TD
Stovall	12	36	0
LeBlanc	6	23	0

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD
Amedee	13	9	0	94	0

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD
Traux	3	49	0
Cranford	2	16	0

# 1963



## 1963 Bluebonnet Bowl

Rice Stadium • Houston, Texas  
December 21, 1963 (50,000)

**Baylor 14, LSU 7**

Don Trull passed the injury-ridden Tigers dizzy, hitting on 26-of-37 passes and rolling up 430 yards in total offense. Still, it took two fourth period touchdowns for the Bears to pull the victory out before 50,000 frozen fans in Houston. Joe Labruzzo ran a kickoff back for 72 yards late in the game, but Baylor held and Trull ended the game still firing away at the Tiger secondary.

### 1963 BLUEBONNET BOWL

LSU	7	0	0	0	-7
Baylor	0	0	0	14	-14

### SCORING SUMMARY

LSU	1Q	Soefker 8 run (Moreau Kick)
BU	4Q	Ingram 7 pass from Trull (Davies Kick)
BU	4Q	Ingram 13 pass from Trull (Davies Kick)

### LSU LEADERS

Rushing	Att.	Yards	TD
Ezell	9	30	0

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD
Ezell	5	1	0	13	0

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD
Traux	1	13	0





# 1965



## 1965 Sugar Bowl

Tulane Stadium • New Orleans, La.  
January 1, 1965 (60,322)

### LSU 13, Syracuse 10

Billy Ezell and Pat Screen quarterbacked the Tigers to a come from behind victory over the Orangemen. Ezell threw a 57-yard touchdown pass to Doug Moreau and then hit Joe Labruzzo on a two-point conversion. Moreau, the game's MVP, kicked a 28-yard field goal for the deciding points. The Tiger defense held the Syracuse running duo of Floyd Little and Jim Nance in check, as LSU defensive tackle George Rice dumped Little for a first half safety.

#### 1965 SUGAR BOWL

LSU	2	0	8	3	--13
Syracuse	10	0	0	0	--10

#### SCORING SUMMARY

LSU	1Q	Safety
SU	1Q	Smith 23 FG
SU	1Q	Brown 32 return of blocked punt
		(Smith kick)
LSU	3Q	Moreau 57 pass from Ezell (Labruzzo pass from Ezell)
LSU	4Q	Moreau 28 FG

#### LSU LEADERS

Rushing	Att.	Yards	TD
Don Schwab	17	81	0
Joe Labruzzo	10	25	0

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD
Pat Screen	10	4	1	47	0
Billy Ezell	5	2	0	67	1

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Doug Moreau	2	54	1	57
Joe Labruzzo	2	45	0	

# 1966



## 1966 Cotton Bowl

Cotton Bowl Stadium • New Orleans, La.  
January 1, 1966 (76,200)

### LSU 14, Arkansas 7

Pat Screen took over for injured Nelson Stokley and directed the Tigers to a great upset over second-ranked and unbeaten Arkansas. Joe Labruzzo ran three yards for one score and went over from a yard out for the other. The Razorbacks scored on Jon Brittenum's 16-yard pass to Bobby Crockett, but a Jerry Joseph interception stopped the Hogs' last chance in the game and ended a 22-game Arkansas win streak.

#### 1966 COTTON BOWL

LSU	0	14	0	0	--14
Arkansas	7	0	0	0	--7

#### SCORING SUMMARY

Ark	3:35	1Q	Crockett 16 pass (South kick)
LSU	4:25	2Q	Labruzzo 3 run (Moreau kick)
LSU	0:18	2Q	Labruzzo 1 run (Moreau kick)

#### LSU LEADERS

Rushing	Att.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Joe Labruzzo	21	69	2	11
Jim Dousay	14	38	0	7

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Pat Screen	10	7	0	82	0	19
Nelson Stokley	1	1	0	18	0	18

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Billy Masters	4	45	0	14
Joe Labruzzo	1	19	0	19

# 1968



## 1968 Sugar Bowl

Tulane Stadium • New Orleans, La.  
January 1, 1968 (72,858)

### LSU 20, Wyoming 13

A topsy-turvy year for the Tigers ended in a come-back win over the previously unbeaten Cowboys. Glenn Smith came off the bench to spark the victory and became the first sophomore in Sugar Bowl history to win the MVP award. Nelson Stokley threw touchdown passes of 35 and 14 yards to Tommy Morel, and Smith ran one yard for the other score on a chilly and rainy New Orleans afternoon.

#### 1968 SUGAR BOWL

LSU	0	0	7	13	--20
Wyoming	0	13	0	0	--13

#### SCORING SUMMARY

Wy	2Q	Kick 1 run (DePoyster kick)
Wy	2Q	DePoyster 24 FG
Wy	2Q	DePoyster 49 FG
LSU	3Q	Smith 1 run (Hurd kick)
LSU	4Q	Morel 8 pass (kick failed)
LSU	4Q	Morel 14 pass (Hurd kick)

#### LSU LEADERS

Rushing	Att.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Tommy Allen	16	41	0	11
Nelson Stokley	11	32	0	20

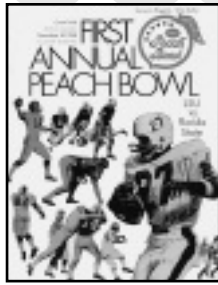
  

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Nelson Stokley	20	6	0	91	2	39

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Tommy Morel	4	38	2	14
Glenn Smith	1	39	0	39

# 1968



## 1968 Peach Bowl

Grant Field • Atlanta, Ga.  
December 30, 1968 (35,545)

### LSU 31, Florida St. 27

The see-saw contest left the Atlanta crowd limp with enthusiasm as the Tigers moved 61 yards in nine plays behind Mike Hillman for the winning touchdown. Florida State's Bill Cappelman, who threw for three touchdowns, put the ball in the air 41 times. Super pass catcher Ron Sellers caught two scoring passes for FSU, but LSU's Tommy Morel made a great clutch reception on the Bengals' winning drive to set up Maurice LeBlanc's two-yard TD run.

#### 1968 PEACH BOWL

LSU	0	10	14	7	--31
Florida State	0	6	0	14	--27

#### SCORING SUMMARY

FSU	1Q	Bailey 36 run (Guthrie kick)
FSU	2Q	Gunter 21 pass (kick failed)
LSU	2Q	Burns 39 punt return (Lumpkin kick)
LSU	2Q	Lumpkin 32 FG
LSU	3Q	Hamlett 11 pass (Lumpkin kick)
LSU	3Q	Stober 11 pass (Lumpkin kick)
FSU	4Q	Sellers 2 pass (pass failed)
FSU	4Q	Sellers 4 pass (2-point conversion good)
LSU	4Q	LeBlanc 2 run (Lumpkin kick)

#### LSU LEADERS

Rushing	Att.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Maurice LeBlanc	14	97	1	20
Frank Matte	5	20	0	12

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Mike Hillman	29	16	1	229	2	28

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Tommy Morel	6	103	0	28
Bill Stober	4	62	1	20

# 1971



## 1971 Orange Bowl

Orange Bowl Stadium • Miami, Fla.  
January 1, 1971 (80,699)

### Nebraska 17, LSU 12

With the national title at stake, the Cornhuskers' Jerry Tagge leaped over from one yard out for the winning touchdown. Buddy Lee's 31-yard pass to Al Coffee had given the Tigers a 12-10 lead going into the final period. Mark Lumpkin kicked field goals of 36 and 25 yards for the Bengals, who could not stop Nebraska's winning 67-yard touchdown drive.

#### 1971 ORANGE BOWL

LSU	0	3	9	0	--12
Nebraska	10	0	0	7	--17

#### SCORING SUMMARY

Neb	2:40	1Q	Rogers 26 FG
Neb	2:06	1Q	Orduna 3 run (Rogers kick)
LSU	0:49	2Q	Lumpkin 36 FG
LSU	11:49	3Q	Lumpkin 25 FG
LSU	0:00	3Q	Coffee 31 pass (kick failed)
Neb	8:50	4Q	Tagge 1 run (Rogers kick)

#### LSU LEADERS

Rushing	Att.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Chris Dantin	20	79	0	25
Del Walker	5	30	0	14

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Buddy Lee	23	12	0	182	1	31
Bert Jones	9	5	1	45	0	31

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Andy Hamilton	9	146	0	31
Lance Chaffee	2	39	1	31

# 1971



## 1971 Sun Bowl

Sun Bowl Stadium • El Paso, Texas  
December 18, 1971 (35,530)

### LSU 33, Iowa St. 15

Bert Jones completed 12 of 18 passes for 227 yards and three touchdowns as the Tigers routed the Big Eight Cyclones. Jones hit cousin Andy Hamilton six times with passes, once for a touchdown, and scored the clincher himself on a run from six yards out. Jay Michaelson kicked two field goals and caught a touchdown pass for the Bengals.

#### 1971 SUN BOWL

LSU	6	0	13	14	--33
Iowa State	0	3	6	6	--15

#### SCORING SUMMARY

LSU	9:25	1Q	Michaelson 39 FG
LSU	6:01	1Q	Michaelson 39 FG
ISU	14:56	2Q	Shoemaker 32 FG
LSU	12:27	3Q	Hamilton 37 pass (Michaelson kick)
LSU	3:20	3Q	Keigley 21 pass (kick failed)
ISU	1:49	3Q	Marquardt 30 pass (pass failed)
ISU	14:08	4Q	Krepfle 1 pass (pass failed)
LSU	8:58	4Q	Michaelson 6 pass (Michaelson kick)
LSU	3:05	4Q	Jones 6 run (Michaelson kick)

#### LSU LEADERS

Rushing	Att.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Allen Shorey	12	68	0	17
Del Walker	9	37	0	9
Bert Jones	6	18	1	6

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Bert Jones	18	12	0	227	3	77

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Andy Hamilton	6	165	1	77
Gerald Keigley	1	21	1	21
Jay Michaelson	1	6	1	6

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## 1972



### 1972 Bluebonnet Bowl

Astrodome • Houston, Texas  
 December 30, 1972 (52,961)

#### Tennessee 24, LSU 17

Tennessee struck for three first half touchdowns and then held off an LSU comeback in the second half, ending when a Bert Jones pass was deflected at the Volunteer 10 with less than two minutes left. UT quarterback Condredge Holloway ran for two scores and passed for another, while Jones and Brad Davis ran for the two Bengal touchdowns. The Vols led 24-3 at the half before the Tigers clawed their way back in the Astrodome.

#### 1972 BLUEBONNET BOWL

LSU	3	0	7	7	--17
Tennessee	14	10	0	0	--24

#### SCORING SUMMARY

LSU	9:56	1Q	Jackson 29 FG
Tenn	5:03	1Q	Young 6 pass (Townsend kick)
Tenn	2:51	1Q	Holloway 15 run (Townsend kick)
Tenn	13:47	2Q	Townsend 33 FG
Tenn	6:10	2Q	Holloway 10 run (Townsend kick)
LSU	7:12	3Q	B. Jones 2 run (Jackson kick)
LSU	7:26	4Q	Davis 1 run (Jackson kick)

#### LSU LEADERS

Rushing	Att.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Brad Davis	16	88	1	29
Chris Dantin	9	41	0	16

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Bert Jones	20	7	0	90	0	22

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Brad Boyd	2	33	0	20
Chris Dantin	2	11	0	7

## 1974



### 1974 Orange Bowl

Orange Bowl Stadium • Miami, Fla.  
 January 1, 1974 (60,477)

#### Penn St. 16, LSU 9

The Tigers, in spite of scoring on the first series of the game, were never able to get possession on the Penn State end of the field. Brad Davis was the leading rusher with 70 yards while the vaunted LSU defense held Heisman Trophy winner John Cappelletti to only 50 yards during the encounter.

#### 1974 ORANGE BOWL

LSU	7	0	2	0	--9
Penn State	3	13	0	0	--16

#### SCORING SUMMARY

LSU	11:13	1Q	Rogers 3 run (Jackson kick)
PSU	1:25	1Q	Bahr 44 FG
PSU	8:19	2Q	Herd 72 pass (Bahr kick)
PSU	2:19	2Q	Cappelletti 1 run (kick failed)
LSU	13:07	3Q	Safety, bad snap from center from punt formation

#### LSU LEADERS

Rushing	Att.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Brad Davis	19	70	0	16
Mike Miley	13	44	0	18
Terry Robiskie	10	58	0	17

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Mike Miley	18	8	1	73	0	21

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Brad Davis	6	20	0	8
Brad Boyd	1	21	0	21

## 1977



### 1977 Sun Bowl

Sun Bowl Stadium • El Paso, Texas  
 December 31, 1977 (31,318)

#### Stanford 24, LSU 14

Charles Alexander won Offensive Player of the Game honors as he set a pair of Sun Bowl rushing records, carrying 31 times for 197 yards, but LSU mistakes and a superb passing attack by the Pac-8 team enabled the westerners to take the victory. LSU scored the second time it had the ball, but Stanford racked up a touchdown and a field goal for a brief lead which LSU topped with a final minute, first half six-pointer to take a 14-10 lead into intermission. The second half was all Stanford as quarterback Guy Benjamin added two more TD passes to his second period strike for the triumph.

#### 1977 SUN BOWL

LSU	7	7	0	0	--14
Stanford	0	10	7	7	--24

#### SCORING SUMMARY

LSU	11:13	1Q	Rogers 3 run (Jackson kick)
LSU	3:56	1Q	Quintela 3 pass (Conway kick)
Stan	14:03	2Q	Lofton 49 pass (Naber kick)
Stan	8:18	2Q	Naber 36 FG
LSU	0:56	2Q	Alexander 7 run (Conway kick)
Stan	10:19	3Q	Lofton 2 pass (Naber kick)
Stan	1:27	4Q	Nelson 36 pass (Naber kick)

#### LSU LEADERS

Rushing	Att.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Charles Alexander	31	197	1	53

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Steve Ensminger	23	7	3	55	1	16
David Woodley	2	1	0	13	0	13

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Kelly Simmons	2	26	0	16
Mike Quintela	2	11	1	8

# 1978



## 1978 Liberty Bowl

Liberty Bowl Stadium • Memphis, Tenn.  
December 23, 1978 (53,064)

### Missouri 20, LSU 15

It was a case of two separate games: the first half was all Missouri and the second half all LSU. The only trouble was that the Big 8 team put more points on the board in its half than the SEC entry did in its. Missouri piled up a seemingly commanding 20-3 halftime advantage, but Coach Charles McClendon's charges came out firing. Although they were not able to overcome the score, they did pile up 247 yards to 84, and 15 first downs to four for Missouri. All-America tailback Charles Alexander played his last game as a Tiger and made it memorable as he gained 133 yards on 24 carries.

**1978 LIBERTY BOWL**

LSU	3	0	6	6	--15
Missouri	7	13	0	0	--20

**SCORING SUMMARY**

Miss	8:43	1Q	Gant 13 run (Brockhaus kick)
LSU	4:41	1Q	Conway 37 FG
Miss	11:13	2Q	Winslow 16 pass (Brockhaus kick)
Miss	1:21	2Q	Wilder 3 run (kick failed)
LSU	9:37	3Q	Alexander 1 run (kick blocked)
LSU	1:33	4Q	Woodley 1 run (pass failed)

**LSU LEADERS**

Rushing	Att.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Charles Alexander	24	133	1	23
David Woodley	11	27	1	15

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Lg.
David Woodley	22	9	2	123	0	26
Steve Ensminger	9	5	2	47	0	18

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Mike Quintela	6	81	0	26
Carlos Carson	6	77	0	18

# 1979



## 1979 Tangerine Bowl

Tangerine Bowl Stadium • Orlando, Fla.  
December 22, 1979 (38,666)

### LSU 34, Wake Forest 10

It was the end of the Cholly Mac era and it was a glorious end! The Tigers were 10 feet off the ground as they dashed out of their dressing room and immediately gave notice it was going to be their night. The first three times they had the ball they drove downfield, scoring two touchdowns and missing the third when they lost a fumble at the goal line. From then on, it was just a matter of what the final score would be.

**1979 TANGERINE BOWL**

LSU	14	10	0	10	--34
Wake Forest	0	3	7	0	--10

**SCORING SUMMARY**

Miss	8:43	1Q	Gant 13 run (Brockhaus kick)
LSU	9:08	1Q	Woodley 13 run (Barthel kick)
LSU	4:14	1Q	Woodley 3 run (Barthel kick)
LSU	3:28	2Q	Murphree 19 pass (Barthel kick)
LSU	2:53	2Q	Barthel 31 FG
WF	0:00	2Q	Denfeld 43 FG
WF	11:45	3Q	Baumgardner 34 pass (Harnisch kick)
LSU	12:17	4Q	Barthel 41 FG
LSU	8:32	4Q	Ensminger 4 run (Barthel kick)

**LSU LEADERS**

Rushing	Att.	Yards	TD	Lg.
David Woodley	10	68	2	21
Jude Hernandez	14	58	0	9
Steve Ensminger	10	43	1	12

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Lg.
David Woodley	19	11	1	199	1	50
Steve Ensminger	7	5	0	74	0	23

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Jerry Murphree	5	60	1	19
Carlos Carson	3	76	0	50
Tracy Porter	3	73	0	48

# 1983



## 1983 Orange Bowl

Orange Bowl Stadium • Miami, Fla.  
January 1, 1983 (54,407)

### Nebraska 21, LSU 20

In one of the most exciting games in LSU history, the Tigers came within an eyelash of upsetting powerful Nebraska. Leading 17-7 late in the third period by virtue of two Dalton Hilliard touchdown runs and a 28-yard Juan Carlos Betanzos field goal, it appeared the Bayou Bengals were on the verge of the upset of the year. But two late touchdowns by the Cornhuskers offset a 49-yard Betanzos field goal, and the Tigers' noble efforts resulted in a one-point heartbreaker.

**1983 ORANGE BOWL**

LSU	7	7	3	3	--20
Nebraska	7	0	7	7	--21

**SCORING SUMMARY**

Neb	10:57	1Q	Schellen 5 run (Seibel kick)
LSU	4:24	1Q	Hilliard 1 run (Betanzos kick)
LSU	9:32	2Q	Hilliard 1 run (Betanzos kick)
LSU	6:40	3Q	Betanzos 28 FG
Neb	1:25	3Q	Rozier 11 run (Seibel kick)
Neb	11:14	4Q	Gill 1 run (Seibel kick)
LSU	5:05	4Q	Betanzos 49 FG

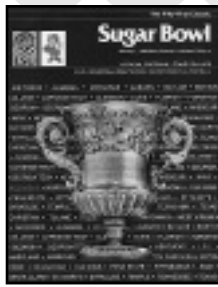
**LSU LEADERS**

Rushing	Att.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Dalton Hilliard	18	29	2	8
Mike Montz	4	9	0	3
Alan Risher	8	-12	0	7

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Alan Risher	30	14	2	173	0	25

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards
Dalton Hilliard	8	82	0	24
Malcolm Scott	4	67	0	25

# 1985



## 1985 Sugar Bowl

Superdome • New Orleans, La.  
January 1, 1985 (75,608)

### Nebraska 28, LSU 10

The 1985 Sugar Bowl featured LSU against Big 8 Conference champion Nebraska. It had been a remarkable turnaround season for LSU. The Tigers finished 8-2-1 after going 4-7 (0-6 in SEC play) the year before in 1983. Bill Arnsparger, in his first year as the LSU head coach, made believers out of everyone in the state of Louisiana with the Tigers surprising ascension in 1984.

A heavy underdog, LSU jumped out to a quick 10-0 lead over the Tom Osborne's Cornhuskers. Freshmen kicker Ronnie Lewis put LSU on the board with 4:40 left in the first period drilling a 37-yard field goal.

Dalton Hilliard, LSU's outstanding running back, who saw limited playing time due to a case of the flu, scored with 13:11 left in the second period on a 2-yard run putting the Tigers ahead 10-0.

Nebraska woke up after that and scored on its next possession. Quarterback Craig Sunberg hit receiver Doug Dubose on a 31-yard TD pass with 10:31 left in the second quarter, cutting the lead to 10-7.

The second half was all Nebraska. The Huskers scored one touchdown in the third quarter when Sunberg scored from nine-yards out to take the lead 14-10. Two fourth quarter touchdown passes by Sunberg to Todd Frain sealed the deal and Nebraska pulled away for a 28-10 win.

#### 1985 Sugar Bowl

LSU	3	7	0	0	10
Nebraska	0	7	7	14	28

#### SCORING SUMMARY

LSU	1Q	4:40	Lewis 37 FG
LSU	2Q	13:11	Hilliard 2 run (Lewis kick)
NEB	2Q	10:31	Dubose 31 pass from Sundberg (Klein kick)
NEB	3Q	8:14	Sundberg 9 run (Klein kick)
NEB	4Q	10:54	Frain 24 pass from Sundberg (Klein kick)
NEB	4Q	8:40	Frain 17 pass from Sundberg (Klein kick)

#### LSU LEADERS

Rushing	Att.	Yards	TD	Lg.
D. Hilliard	16	86	1	44
S. Martin	5	50	0	35

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD
Wickersham	37	221	4	0	23

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Fontenot	4	56	0	23

# 1985



## 1985 Liberty Bowl

Liberty Bowl Stadium • Memphis, Tenn.  
December 27, 1985 (40,186)

### Baylor 21, LSU 7

The Tigers got on the scoreboard first, but that would be all the scoring LSU could muster, as the Baylor defense stopped the Tigers, 21-7, before 40,186 at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium in Memphis. Norman Jefferson provided the LSU heroics with a 79-yard punt return with 5:17 left in the first quarter that would give the Tigers a 7-0 lead. The return would be a Liberty Bowl record and Jefferson's second scoring return in an LSU uniform. Baylor's high-powered offense was able to gain 489 yards against LSU's defense while the Tigers settled for 192 yards. Jeff Wickersham completed 11-of-24 passes for 95 yards while Dalton Hilliard carried 20 times for 66 yards.

#### 1985 LIBERTY BOWL

LSU	7	0	0	0	7
Baylor	7	3	3	8	21

#### SCORING SUMMARY

LSU	5:17	1Q	Jefferson 79 punt return (Lewis kick)
BU	2:30	1Q	Clark 5 pass from Carlson (Syler kick)
BU	5:36	2Q	Syler 23 FG
BU	4:29	3Q	Syler 35 FG
BU	10:42	4Q	Simpson 15 pass from Carlson (Clark pass from Carlson)

#### LSU LEADERS

Rushing	Att.	Yards	TD	Lg.
D. Hilliard	20	66	0	7

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD
Wickersham	24	95	1	0	18

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Lg.
James	4	25	0	8

# 1987



## 1987 Sugar Bowl

Superdome • New Orleans, La.  
January 1, 1987 (76,234)

### Nebraska 30, LSU 15

In Bill Arnsparger's final game as LSU head coach, No. 6 Nebraska ripped off 30 unanswered points to beat the Tigers 30-15.

The Cornhuskers swarmed all over standout LSU freshmen quarterback Tommy Hodson giving him little time to throw the football. Meanwhile, the Nebraska offense flourished en route to defeating No. 5 LSU.

The loss was LSU's fourth straight in a bowl and dropped LSU's Sugar Bowl mark to 3-7, in what would be the Tigers' final appearance in the New Orleans classic until 2002. LSU scored first on a one-yard run by Harvey Williams, capping a 66-yard drive on the first series of the game.

Nebraska's scoring started with a field goal by Dale Klein. Quarterback Steve Taylor polished off a 72-yard drive with a 2-yard touchdown run with 39 seconds before halftime to give the Cornhuskers a 10-7 lead. Nebraska came out in the second half and marched 78 yards for another score on a 1-yard run by running back Tyreese Knox, building its lead to 17-7. Completing a run of 30 unanswered points, Nebraska added two fourth quarter touchdowns on a three-yard pass from Taylor to tight end Todd Millikan and another 1-yard plunge by Knox. With 2:01 left in the game, Hodson completed a 24-yard touchdown pass to receiver Tony Moss. A successful two-point conversion pass to Alvin Lee made the score 30-15.

#### 1987 SUGAR BOWL

LSU	7	0	0	8	15
Nebraska	0	10	7	13	30

#### SCORING SUMMARY

LSU	12:06	1Q	Williams 1 run (Brownkyke kick)
NEB	10:01	2Q	Klein 42 FG
NEB	0:39	2Q	Taylor 2 run (Klein kick)
NEB	10:35	3Q	Knox 1 run (Klein kick)
NEB	6:02	4Q	Millikan 3 pass from Taylor (Klein kick)
NEB	3:26	4Q	Knox 1 run (Klein kick failed)
LSU	2:01	4Q	Moss 24 pass from Hodson (Lee pass from Hodson)

#### LSU LEADERS

Rushing	Att.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Williams	12	48	1	19
Martin	7	4	0	7

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD
T. Hodson	30	159	2	1	43

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Davis	3	63	0	43
Moss	1	24	1	24

# 1987



## 1987 Gator Bowl

Gator Bowl Stadium • Jacksonville, Fla.  
December 31, 1987 (82,119)

### LSU 30, South Carolina 13

The Tigers closed out Mike Archer's first year as head coach in grand fashion with a resounding 30-13 win over South Carolina. The LSU defense ran the South Carolina offense into confusion, but it was the offense that owned the show as the pitch-and-catch combination of Tommy Hodson and Wendell Davis thrilled the crowd of 82,119. LSU jumped out to a 14-0 lead before the Gamecocks could put a field goal on the board. The Tigers led 20-6 at the half and rolled from there in the second half. Davis--the game's MVP--caught nine passes for 132 yards and three touchdowns.

#### 1987 GATOR BOWL

So. Carolina	3	3	0	7	13
LSU	14	6	7	3	30

#### SCORING SUMMARY

LSU	5:17	1Q	Jefferson 79 punt return
LSU	13:31	1Q	Davis 39 pass from Hodson (Brown dyke kick)
LSU	9:59	1Q	Davis 12 pass from Hodson (Brown dyke kick)
USC	3:04	1Q	Mackie 44 FG
LSU	14:13	2Q	Brown dyke 27 FG
USC	7:59	2Q	Mackie 39 FG
LSU	0:01	2Q	Mackie 18 FG
LSU	12:34	3Q	Davis 25 pass from Hodson (Brown dyke kick)
USC	14:47	4Q	Green 10 run (Mackie kick)
LSU	8:17	4Q	Brown dyke 23 FG

#### LSU LEADERS

Rushing	Att.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Fuller	14	48	0	13
Martins	8	38	0	20

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD
T. Hodson	21	146	0	2	39

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Davis	9	132	3	39
Martin	3	43	0	16

# 1989



## 1989 Hall of Fame Bowl

Tampa Stadium • Tampa, Fla.  
January 2, 1989 (51,112)

### Syracuse 23, LSU 10

The Tigers went to Tampa, Fla., as co-champions of the Southeastern Conference, but came up short in this game as a solid Syracuse offense was spurred by the running halfback Robert Drummond. A stingy Orangeman defense held the Tigers at bay. Drummond was the offensive star of the game, running for 122 yards on 23 carries while Tiger quarterback Tommy Hodson was picked off three times by the aggressive Syracuse defenders. A crowd of 51,112 was on hand in Tampa Stadium for this January 2 game that saw Syracuse jump out to a 10-0 lead before the Tigers got a touchdown on the board to make it 10-7 at the half. But the last two quarters belonged to Syracuse as LSU finished its season at 8-4.

#### 1989 HALL OF FAME BOWL

LSU	0	7	3	0	10
Syracuse	7	3	7	6	23

#### SCORING SUMMARY

SU	8:22	2Q	K. J. Greene 38 FG
LSU	1:52	2Q	C. Windom 19 run (Brown dyke kick)
LSU	8:22	3Q	D. Brown dyke 35 FG
SU	5:53	3Q	Drummond 1 run (Greene kick)
SU	14:13	4Q	Glover 4 pass from Philcox (Greene kick failed)

#### LSU LEADERS

Rushing	Att.	Yards	TD	Lg.
C. Windom	7	32	1	19
V. Jones	4	25	0	10

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD
T. Hodson	33	16	3	0	43

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Lg.
T. Moss	5	96	0	43
E. Fuller	5	53	0	26

# 1995



## 1995 Independence Bowl

Independence Bowl Stadium • Shreveport, La.  
December 29, 1995 (48,835)

### LSU 45, Michigan St. 26

The Tigers wrapped up the first year of the Gerry DiNardo era with a 45-26 win over Michigan State before a sellout crowd of 48,835. The teams battled evenly in a first half of big plays that included a 78-yard TD pass by Michigan State on the second play of the game, an Eddie Kennison kickoff return for a touchdown for LSU, a Michigan State kickoff return for a touchdown and a 51-yard TD run by Kevin Faulk that contributed to a 24-21 MSU halftime lead. But the Tigers broke it open in the second half with 24 unanswered points, including a fumble return for a touchdown by defensive end Gabe Northern. In all, LSU set or tied 11 Independence Bowl records in the romp.

#### 1995 INDEPENDENCE BOWL

LSU	7	14	21	3	45
Michigan St.	7	17	0	2	26

#### SCORING SUMMARY

MSU	14:13	1Q	Muhammed 78 pass from Banks (Gardner kick)
LSU	12:07	1Q	Cleveland 6 run (Lafleur kick)
MSU	14:44	2Q	Greene 3 run (Gardner kick blocked)
LSU	14:30	2Q	Kennison 92 kickoff return (Lafleur kick)
MSU	14:17	2Q	Mason 100 kickoff return (Greene run)
LSU	13:11	2Q	Faulk 51 run (Lafleur kick)
MSU	0:01	2Q	Gardner 37 FG
LSU	14:29	3Q	Faulk 5 run (Lafleur kick)
LSU	9:20	3Q	Northern 37 fumble return (Lafleur kick)
LSU	7:13	3Q	Kennison 27 pass from Tyler (Lafleur kick)
LSU	8:45	4Q	Richey 48 yd FG
MSU	5:57	4Q	Safety

#### LSU LEADERS

Rushing	Att.	Yards	TD	Lg.
K. Faulk	25	234	2	68
K. Cleveland	13	23	1	8

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD
H. Tyler	20	10	1	1	49

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Lg.
E. Kennison	5	124	1	49
D. Lafleur	2	31	0	24





# 1996



## 1996 Peach Bowl

Georgia Dome • Atlanta, Ga.  
January 1, 1983 (63,622)

### LSU 10, Clemson 7

Quarterback Herb Tyler led a balanced LSU attack against a stubborn Clemson squad to send the LSU Tigers to a 10-7 win in the Peach Bowl at the Georgia Dome. The win gave the Tigers their second straight bowl win and their first 10-win season in nine years. Clemson struck first, taking a 7-0 lead when quarterback Nealon Greene took the ball in from five yards out after LSU had turned the ball over deep in Clemson territory. But it would be Clemson's only points of the night. In the second quarter, Kevin Faulk capped a seven-play, 80-yard LSU drive with a three-yard touchdown run and Wade Richey added a 22-yard field goal before intermission for a 10-7 LSU lead at the half that would stand the test of the second half. The game was sealed when LSU's Aaron Adams batted away a 52-yard Clemson field goal try with less than two minutes to play.

#### 1996 PEACH BOWL

Clemson	7	0	0	0	7
LSU	0	10	0	0	10

#### SCORING SUMMARY

CU	1Q	0:04	Greene 5 run (Padgett kick)
LSU	2Q	12:43	Faulk 3 run (Richey kick)
LSU	2Q	4:34	Richey 22 FG

#### LSU LEADERS

Rushing	Att.	Yards	TD	Lg.
H. Tyler	12	38	0	22
K. Faulk	23	64	1	14

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD
H. Tyler	21	14	0	0	31

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Lg.
D. Laffleur	4	63	0	19
N. Savioe	2	40	0	31

# 1997



## 1997 Independence Bowl

Independence Bowl Stadium • Shreveport, La.  
December 28, 1997 (50,459)

### LSU 27, Notre Dame 9

Rondell Mealey electrified a frigid Independence Bowl crowd with a 222-yard rushing performance to pace LSU to a convincing 27-9 win over Notre Dame, avenging a loss to the Irish during the regular season. Mealey subbed for starter Kevin Faulk who was injured early in the game, and didn't miss a beat. The teams exchanged field goals early before the LSU touchdown surge began. Scott Cengia hit field goals of 33 and 21 yards for the Irish in the first half while Wade Richey booted a 37-yarder for a 6-3 Notre Dame lead at the half. Richey added a 42-yarder early in the second half before LSU's Herb Tyler hit Abram Booty with a 12-yard scoring strike for a 13-6 Tiger lead. Cengia hit one more field goal, a 33-yarder early in the fourth quarter, but the Irish would score no more. Mealey scored twice in the final period on runs of two and one yard to send LSU to victory.

#### 1997 INDEPENDENCE BOWL

Notre Dame	3	3	0	3	9
LSU	0	3	10	14	27

#### SCORING SUMMARY

ND	1Q	7:13	Cengia 33 FG
LSU	2Q	7:12	Richey 37 FG
ND	2Q	0:20	Cengia 21 FG
LSU	3Q	9:17	Richey 42 FG
LSU	3Q	4:05	Booty 12 pass from Tyler (Richey kick)
ND	4Q	13:10	Cengia 33 yd FG I
LSU	4Q	12:47	Mealey 2 run (Richey kick)
LSU	4Q	2:22	Mealey 1 run (Richey kick)

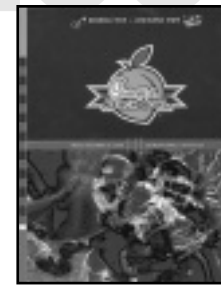
#### LSU LEADERS

Rushing	Att.	Yards	TD	Lg.
R. Mealey	34	222	2	78
T. Banks	6	23	0	9

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Lg.
H. Tyler	12	5	0	1	14	

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Lg.
A. Booty	5	61	1	14

# 2000



## 2000 Peach Bowl

Georgia Dome • Atlanta, Ga.  
December 29, 1983 (73,614)

### LSU 28, Georgia Tech 14

Rohan Davey came off the bench in the second half to lead the Tigers to a 28-14 come-from-behind win over Georgia Tech in the Peach Bowl. Trailing 14-3 at halftime, Davey started the second half and led the Tigers to a TD on the first possession. In all, Davey threw three second half TD passes, tying an LSU bowl record, and he finished the contest with 17 completions in 25 attempts for 174 yards. Davey hit wideout Josh Reed on a 9-yard scoring pass early in the fourth quarter to give the Tigers the lead for good at 17-14. Reed finished the game with nine receptions for 96 yards, while fullback Tommy Banks capped his senior season with two TD receptions and a career-best seven catches for 71 yards.

#### 2000 CHICK-FIL-A PEACH BOWL

LSU	3	0	6	19	28
Georgia Tech	7	7	0	0	14

#### SCORING SUMMARY

LSU	1Q	8:26	Corbello 32 FG
GT	1Q	5:32	Burns 32 run (Manget kick)
GT	2Q	8:17	Hatch 9 run (Manget kick)
LSU	3Q	10:59	Banks 3 pass from R. Davey (Corbello kick failed)
LSU	4Q	14:47	Reed 9 pass from Davey (Reed pass from Davey)
LSU	4Q	13:30	Corbello 49 FG
LSU	4Q	3:12	Banks 3 pass from Davey (Robinson pass from Davey)

#### LSU LEADERS

Rushing	Att.	Yards	TD	Lg.
L. Toefield	22	78	0	17
D. Davis	25	0	10	

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Lg.
R. Davey	25	17	0	174	3	25
J. Booty	19	8	0	110	0	24

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Lg.
J. Reed	9	96	1	17
T. Banks	7	71	2	25

# 2002 2003



## 2002 Sugar Bowl

Superdome • New Orleans, La.  
January 1, 2002 (77,688)

**LSU 47, Illinois 34**

LSU's high-powered offense led by quarterback Rohan Davey and Josh Reed proved to be too much for seventh-ranked Illinois as the Tigers rolled to a 47-34 win over the Fighting Illini. The win marked LSU's first New Year's Day bowl victory since a win over Wyoming in the 1968 Sugar Bowl. LSU, behind the arm of Davey and the running of tailback Domanick Davis, jumped on the Illini early as the Tigers hit paydirt on a 4-yard Davis run at the 7:22 mark of the first quarter. Davis followed with second-quarter touchdown runs of 25 and 16 yards to give the Tigers a 20-0 lead just 20 minutes into the contest. Davey hit Reed with a 5-yard TD pass with 4:42 left in the first half and then found Robert Royal for a 7-yard scoring strike just before halftime to give the Tigers a 34-7 cushion at the break. Illinois pulled to within 41-28 midway through the fourth quarter, but Davis' fourth touchdown run, a Sugar Bowl record, put the game away for the Tigers at 47-28.

### 2002 SUGAR BOWL

Illinois	0	7	14	13	34
LSU	7	27	7	6	47

### SCORING SUMMARY

LSU	1Q	7:22	Davis 4 run (Corbello kick)
LSU	13:29	2Q	Davis 25 run (Corbello kick blocked)
LSU	10:23	2Q	Davis 16 run (Corbello kick)
LSU	4:42	2Q	Reed 5 pass from R. Davey (Corbello)
ILL	3:47	2Q	Hodges 2 pass from K. Kittner (Christofilakos kick)
LSU	00:18	2Q	Robert Royal 7 yd pass from R. Davey (Corbello kick)
ILL	10:35	3Q	B. Lloyd 17 yd pass from K. Kittner (Christofilakos kick)
LSU	09:29	3Q	Reed 32 pass from Davey (Corbello kick)
ILL	07:20	3Q	Lloyd 10 pass from Kittner (Christofilakos kick)
ILL	11:33	4Q	Young 17 pass from Kittner (Christofilakos kick)
LSU	08:39	4Q	Davis 4 run (Davey pass failed)
ILL	05:41	4Q	Young 40 pass from B. Lloyd (Kittner pass failed)

### LSU LEADERS

Rushing	Att.	Yards	TD	Lg.
D. Davis	28	122	4	25
D. Henderson	13	54	0	17

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Lg.
R. Davey	53	31	0	444	3	42

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Lg.
J. Reed	14	239	2	42
M. Clayton	8	120	0	26



## 2003 Cotton Bowl

Cotton Bowl Stadium • Dallas, Texas  
January 1, 2002 (50,459)

**Texas 35, LSU 20**

LSU and Texas met on the gridiron for the first time since the 1963 Cotton Bowl and the two teams put on quite a show before a sellout crowd of over 70,000 fans in Dallas. Despite holding only a 10-7 lead after the first quarter, the Tigers dominated the first 15 minutes of the contest. In the first quarter alone, LSU racked up 187 yards of offense compared to zero for the Longhorns. In that first quarter, LSU ran 30 plays for 187 yards, compared to only three plays for zero net yards for the Longhorns. In all, LSU held the ball for just over 13 minutes in the first quarter, while Texas had it for less than two minutes. After a dominating first quarter, the Tigers stretched their lead to 17-7 early in the second quarter on a 10-yard run by Domanick Davis. Texas responded with a pair of TDs to take a 21-17 lead at halftime. LSU's offense never got back on track in the second half as the Tigers managed just a fourth quarter field goal in falling to the Longhorns, 35-20.

### 2003 COTTON BOWL

LSU	10	7	0	3	--20
Texas	7	14	7	7	--35

### SCORING SUMMARY

LSU	1Q	10:44	Corbello 26 FG
UT	1Q	3:49	Jackson 46 fumble recovery (Magnum kick)
LSU	1Q	00:04	Toeftield 20 pass from Randall (Corbello kick)
LSU	2Q	12:04	Davis 10 run (Corbello kick)
UT	2Q	11:24	Williams 51 pass from Simms (Magnum kick)
UT	2Q	3:11	Benson 1 run (Magnum kick)
UT	3Q	4:08	Williams 39 run (Magnum kick)
UT	4Q	9:58	Williams 8 pass from Simms (Magnum kick)
LSU	4Q	7:41	Corbello 39 FG I

### LSU LEADERS

Rushing	Att.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Domanick Davis	13	85	1	44
Marcus Randall	11	78	0	76

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Marcus Randall	45	19	1	193	1	27

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Michael Clayton	6	88	0	24
Jerel Myers	4	16	0	8



Jack Hunt's assist to Corry Webster gave the Tiger the momentum early in the game.



Skyler Green ran 24 yards for touchdown to give the Tigers the early lead.



After an Oklahoma TD, the Tigers rallied back when Justin Vincent ran 18 yards for a touchdown just before halftime to give the LSU a 14-7 lead.

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# 2004



## 2004 Sugar Bowl

Superdome • New Orleans, La.  
January 4, 2004 (79,342)

### LSU 21, Oklahoma 14

Behind a suffocating defense that limited the nation's top scoring offense to only 154 yards, the Tigers claimed their second national title in football with a 21-14 win over Oklahoma in the Sugar Bowl. The victory in the BCS National Championship contest marked LSU's first national title since 1958 and also sent the Tigers, champions of the Southeastern Conference, to a final overall record of 13-1. Running back Justin Vincent earned MVP honors for the game, rushing for 117 yards and one touchdown in leading the Tigers to the victory. Vincent opened the contest with a 64-yard run on the game's first play, opening the door for what appeared to be an early LSU TD. However, quarterback Matt Mauck fumbled the snap on first-and-goal at the 1-yard line to halt the Tiger drive. The Tigers did score on their next possession, which was setup by a Corey Webster interception that gave LSU the ball at the OU 32-yard line. Three plays later, Skyler Green went 24-yards on an end-around, giving the Tigers a 7-0 advantage. The Sooners tied the game at 7-7 midway through the second quarter on a 1-yard plunge by Kejuan Jones, which was setup by a blocked punt. The Tigers led 14-7 at halftime following an 18-yard run by Vincent. LSU struck again early in the

second half as Marcus Spears returned an interception 20 yards for a TD just 47 seconds into the third quarter, giving the Tigers a 21-7 advantage. A defensive struggle continued for most of the second half before the Sooners pulled to within 21-14 on another 1-yard run by Jones with just over 11 minutes left in the contest. The teams traded possessions for the next five minutes before the Sooners mounted a drive deep inside LSU territory. OU had first-and-10 at the LSU 12-yard line before the Tigers turned the Sooners away on four straight plays, including a fourth-and-10 situation with 2:52 to play. After another three and out for the Tigers on offense, the Sooners had one final chance. However, the Tigers held the Sooners at bay, sacking quarterback Jason White on fourth-and-10 to secure the victory and the school's first national title in football in 45 years. Defensively, linebacker Lionel Turner led LSU with nine tackles, including a pair of sacks, one of which came on the last offensive play of the game for the Sooners. In all, LSU recorded five sacks in the contest and held the Sooners to only 54 yards rushing.

#### 2004 SUGAR BOWL

LSU	7	7	7	0	--21
Oklahoma	0	7	0	7	--14

#### SCORING SUMMARY

LSU	11:38	1Q	Green 24 run (Gaudet kick)
OU	7:31	2Q	K. Jones 1 run (Dicarlo kick)
LSU	4:21	2Q	Vincent 18 run (Gaudet kick)
LSU	14:13	3Q	Spears 20 interception return

(Gaudet kick)

OU	11:01	4Q	K. Jones 1 run (Dicarlo kick)
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#### LSU LEADERS

Rushing	Att.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Justin Vincent	16	117	1	64
Matt Mauck	14	27	0	11

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Matt Mauck	22	13	2	124	0	23

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Lg.
Michael Clayton	4	38	0	18
David Jones	3	54	0	29



Marcus Spears interception return for a touchdown in the third quarter gave the Tigers a 21-7 lead.



The Sooners trailed 21-14 in the waning minutes when Lionel Turner sacked Jason White on fourth down to secure the victory for LSU.



The Tigers celebrate after the game. LSU defeated Oklahoma 21-14 to win the schools second National Championship.



Chris Fowler, host of ESPN's Gameday, interviews Matt Mauck and Justin Vincent after the game.