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## **LSU Men's Basketball Coaching Staff**

| NAME           | POSITION               | ALMA MATER              | YEAR AT LSU |
|----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| John Brady     | Head Coach             | Belhaven, '76           | 10th        |
| Butch Pierre   | Associate Head Coach   | Mississippi State , '84 | 10th        |
| Nikita Johnson | Assistant Coach        | West Georgia, '89       | 3rd         |
| John Treloar   | Assistant Coach        | Belhaven, '79           | 3rd         |
| Scott Soprych  | Director of Operations | Indiana, '04            | 3rd         |

#### **BASKETBALL FACTS**

| Head Coach:             | John Brady                                 |
|-------------------------|--|
| Alma Mater/Year:        | Belhaven, '76                              |
| Career Record:          | 256-188                                    |
| Years as Head Coach:    | Entering 16th year                         |
| Record at LSU:          | 167-111                                    |
| Years at LSU:           | Entering 10th year                         |
| 2006 Record:            | 27-9; 14-2 in SEC; SEC Champions; SEC West |
|                         | Champions; NCAA Atlanta Region Champions,  |
|                         | NCAA Final Four                            |
| Associate Head Coach:   | Butch Pierre                               |
| Assistant Coach:        | Nikita Johnson, John Treloar               |
| Director of Operations: | Scott Soprych                              |

#### **UNIVERSITY FACTS**

| Location:                | Baton Rouge, La.              |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Founded:                 | 1860                          |
| Enrollment:              | 31,582                        |
| Nickname:                | Tigers or Fighting Tigers     |
| Colors:                  | Purple and Gold               |
| Print specifications:    | Purple-PMS 268, Gold-PMS 123  |
| Mascot:                  | Mike V (live Bengal tiger)    |
| Arena:                   | Pete Maravich Assembly Center |
| Capacity:                | 13,215                        |
| Year Opened:             | 1972                          |
| All-time Record in PMAC: | 400-135 (35 years)            |
| Playing Floor:           | Portable Wood                 |
| Conference:              | Southeastern (West Division)  |
| Band:                    | Bengal Brass Basketball Band  |

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|-------------------------|--|
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|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
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## 2006-2007 Schedule/2005-2006 Results

#### 2006-07 LSU Basketball Schedule

| DATE       | OPPONENT                        | SITE Danne La                  | TIME      |
|------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Nov. 9     | EA Sports (Exh.)                | Baton Rouge, La.               | 7 p.m.    |
| Nov. 15    | Louisiana College (Exh.)        | Baton Rouge, La.               | 7 p.m.    |
| Nov. 17    | Nicholls State                  | Baton Rouge, La.               | 7 p.m.    |
| Nov. 19    | Louisiana-Monroe (CST)          | Baton Rouge, La.               | 3 p.m.    |
| Nov. 25    | Wichita State (CST)             | Baton Rouge, La.               | 3 p.m.    |
| Nov. 29    | McNeese State (CST)             | Baton Rouge, La.               | 7 p.m.    |
| Dec. 2     | at Tulane                       | New Orleans, La. (N. O. Arena) | TBA       |
| Dec. 5     | Texas A&M (FSN)                 | Baton Rouge, La.               | 8 p.m.    |
| Dec. 10    | vs. Texas (ESPN)                | Houston, Texas (Toyota Center) | 7 p.m.    |
| Dec. 17    | at Oregon State (FSN)           | Corvallis, Ore.                | 7 p.m.    |
| Dec. 20    | at Washington (FSN)             | Seattle, Wash.                 | 9:30 p.m. |
| Dec. 23    | Louisiana Tech (FSN)            | Baton Rouge, La.               | 3 p.m.    |
| Dec. 27-29 | Hispanic College Fund Classic   | Baton Rouge, La.               |           |
| Dec. 27    | Wright State                    | Baton Rouge, La.               | 7:30 p.m. |
| Dec. 28    | Mississippi Valley State        | Baton Rouge, La.               | 7:30 p.m. |
| Dec. 29    | Samford                         | Baton Rouge, La.               | 7:30 p.m. |
| Jan. 6     | Connecticut (ESPN)              | Baton Rouge, La.               | 8 p.m.    |
| Jan. 9     | at Alabama <sup>⋆</sup> (ESPN2) | Tuscaloosa, Ala.               | 8 p.m.    |
| Jan. 13    | Auburn* (LFS)                   | Baton Rouge, La.               | 2 p.m.    |
| Jan. 17    | Ole Miss * (CST-TD)             | Baton Rouge, La.               | 7 p.m.    |
| Jan. 20    | at Arkansas* (CBS)              | Fayetteville, Ark.             | 2:45 p.m. |
| Jan. 24    | Vanderbilt* (CST-TD)            | Baton Rouge, La.               | 7 p.m.    |
| Jan. 28    | at Georgia <sup>⋆</sup> (LFS)   | Athens, Ga.                    | 2 p.m.    |
| Jan. 31    | Alabama* (LFS)                  | Baton Rouge, La.               | 8 p.m.    |
| Feb. 3     | at Mississippi State* (FSN)     | Starkville, Miss.              | 4 p.m.    |
| Feb. 6     | at Tennessee* (ESPN)            | Knoxville, Tenn.               | 8 p.m.    |
| Feb. 10    | Arkansas* (LFS)                 | Baton Rouge, La.               | Noon      |
| Feb. 14    | at Ole Miss <sup>⋆</sup> (LFS)  | Oxford, Miss.                  | 7 p.m.    |
| Feb. 17    | Mississippi State* (LFS)        | Baton Rouge, La.               | 2 p.m.    |
| Feb. 20    | at Kentucky * (ESPN)            | Lexington, Ky.                 | 8 p.m.    |
| Feb. 24    | Florida * (CBS)                 | Baton Rouge, La.               | 2:45 p.m. |
| Feb. 28    | at Auburn *                     | Auburn, Ala.                   | 7 p.m.    |
| March 3    | South Carolina * (Possible LFS) | Baton Rouge, La.               | TBA       |
| March 8-11 | SEC Tournament (LFS. CBS)       | Atlanta. Ga.                   |           |

### 2005-06 LSU Basketball Results

| DATE     | OPPONENT                                    | SCORE         | PAID ATT. |
|----------|---|---------------|-----------|
| Nov. 18  | Southern                                    | W, 84-56      | 7,877     |
| Nov. 21  | Nicholls State                              | W, 104-57     | 7,427     |
| Nov. 26  | at West Virginia                            | W, 71-68 (ot) | 11,044    |
| Nov. 29  | Houston                                     | L, 83-84      | 8,790     |
| Dec. 10  | McNeese State                               | W, 90-70      | 8,196     |
| Dec. 13  | New Orleans                                 | W, 94-53      | 6,567     |
| Dec. 17  | Louisiana-Lafayette                         | W, 81-62      | 8,764     |
| Dec. 19  | Northern Iowa                               | L, 50-54      | 7,340     |
| Dec. 22  | vs. Arkansas-Monticello (at Las Vegas)      | W, 75-48      | 1,200     |
| Dec. 23  | vs. Cincinnati (at Las Vegas)               | L, 72-75      | 1,200     |
| Dec. 31  | at Ohio State                               | L, 76-78      | 16,136    |
| Jan. 3   | Tulane                                      | W, 75-58      | 7,365     |
| Jan. 7   | at Connecticut                              | L, 66-67      | 16,294    |
| Jan. 11  | at Arkansas*                                | W, 63-58      | 18,689    |
| Jan. 14  | Tennessee*                                  | W, 88-74      | 9,733     |
| Jan. 18  | at Mississippi State*                       | W, 71-57      | 10,150    |
| Jan. 21  | Alabama*                                    | W, 68-57      | 11,674    |
| Jan. 25  | Georgia*                                    | W, 81-52      | 13,468    |
| Jan. 28  | at Ole Miss*                                | W, 79-73      | 7,805     |
| Feb. 1   | Auburn*                                     | W, 84-69      | 11,131    |
| Feb. 4   | at Alabama*                                 | L, 62-67      | 12,584    |
| Feb. 8   | Arkansas*                                   | W, 78-77      | 9,820     |
| Feb. 11  | at Florida <sup>⋆</sup>                     | L, 62-71      | 12,004    |
| Feb. 15  | Mississippi State*                          | W, 72-59      | 9,264     |
| Feb. 18  | at Auburn*                                  | W, 65-61      | 6,711     |
| Feb. 22  | at Vanderbilt*                              | W, 77-66      | 13,122    |
| Feb. 25  | Kentucky*                                   | W, 71-67      | 11,576    |
| Feb. 28  | at South Carolina*                          | W, 64-61      | 12,248    |
| March 4  | Ole Miss*                                   | W, 55-52      | 12,507    |
| March 10 | vs. Vanderbilt (SEC Tournament)             | W, 92-73      | 17,777    |
| March 11 | vs. Florida (SEC Tournament)                | L, 65-81      | 19,206    |
| March 16 | vs. Iona (NCAA Tournament-1st round)        | W, 80-64      | 13,777    |
| March 18 | vs. Texas A&M (NCAA Tournament-2nd round)   | W, 58-57      | 13,777    |
| March 23 | vs. Duke (NCAA Tournament-Regional semis)   | W, 62-54      | 27,130    |
| March 25 | vs. Texas (NCAA Tournament-Regional finals) | W, 70-60 (ot) | 27,130    |
| April 1  | vs. UCLA (NCAA Final Four-National semis)   | L, 45-59      | 43,822    |

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| NO. | NAME            | POS. | HT.  | WT. | YR. | EXP. | HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOL)               |
| 0   | Glen Davis      | F    | 6-9  | 295 | Jr. | 2L   | Baton Rouge, La. (University HS)         |
| 30  | Alex Farrer     | G    | 6-5  | 198 | Fr. | RS   | Phoenix, Ariz. (St. Mary's HS)           |
| 21  | Chris Johnson   | F    | 6-11 | 183 | So. | 1L   | Washington, D.C. (Laurinburg (NC) Prep)  |
| 35  | Darnell Lazare  | F    | 6-8  | 228 | Sr. | 3L   | Baton Rouge, La. (Woodlawn HS)           |
| 13* | Terry Martin    | G    | 6-6  | 196 | So. | TR   | Monroe, La. (Richwood HS)                |
| 2   | Dameon Mason    | G/F  | 6-6  | 183 | Jr. | TR   | Kansas City, Mo. (Marquette Univ.)       |
| 3   | Tack Minor      | G    | 6-0  | 196 | Jr. | 2L   | Houston, Texas (Booker T. Washington HS) |
| 1   | Tasmin Mitchell | F    | 6-7  | 224 | So. | 1L   | Denham Springs, La. (Denham Springs HS)  |
| 15  | Magnum Rolle    | F    | 6-10 | 205 | So. | 1L   | Freeport, Bahamas (Laurinburg (NC) Prep) |
| 14  | Garrett Temple  | G    | 6-5  | 190 | So. | 1L   | Baton Rouge, La. (University HS)         |
| 10  | Greg Terrebonne | G    | 6-0  | 200 | Fr. | 2L   | Galliano, La. (South LaFourche HS)       |
| 4   | Ben Voogd       | G    | 6-1  | 165 | So. | 1L   | Florence, Ore. (Siuslaw HS)              |

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|     |                 |      |      |     |     |      |  |

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star}$  - Eligible at the end of the 2006 Fall Semester for NCAA transfer rules.

#### **COACHING STAFF**

| HEAD COACH:             | John Brady     | Belhaven, 1976          | 10th year at LSU |
|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH:   | Butch Pierre   | Mississippi State, 1984 | 10th year at LSU |
| ASSISTANT COACH:        | John Treloar   | Belhaven, 1979          | 3rd year at LSU  |
| ASSISTANT COACH:        | Nikita Johnson | West Georgia, 1989      | 3rd year at LSU  |
| DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: | Scott Soprych  | Indiana, 2004           | 3rd year at LSU  |

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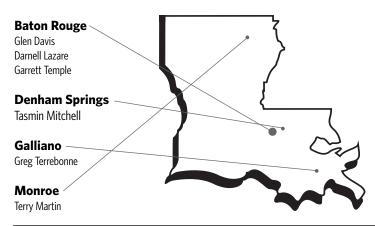
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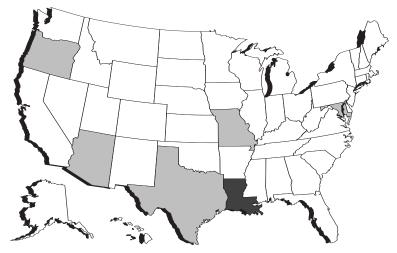


Darnell Lazare (35) and Tasmin Mitchell celebrate leaving the court after beating Texas A&M in the NCAA Second Round 58-57.



## Louisiana (6)





### Other States (5)

#### Kansas City, Missouri

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Tack Minor

#### Florence, Oregon

Ben Voogd

#### Washington, D.C.

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#### Phoenix, Arizona

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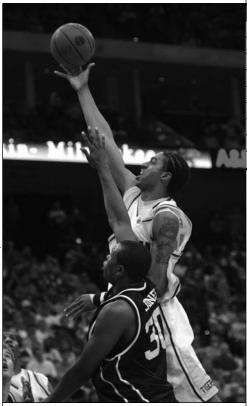
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Ben Voogd



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Garrett Temple Alex Farrer

#### 6-1

Ben Voogd

#### 6-0

Tack Minor Greg Terrebonne

## **By Class**

#### Seniors

Darnell Lazare

#### **Juniors**

Glen Davis Dameon Mason Tack Minor

#### Sophomore

Chris Johnson Terry Martin Tasmin Mitchell Magnum Rolle Garrett Temple Ben Voogd

#### Freshman

Alex Farrer Greg Terrebonne



# JOHN BRADY BASKETBALL











It was March 1997 when John Brady, in his opening press conference, said the three words that would become the cornerstone of his basketball program at LSU.

Three words. Three simple words.

Separately, they all are important.

#### **RESPONSIBILITY + ACCOUNTABILITY =**

# **SUCCESS**

But put them together in a nice equation and you have the very fundamentals that LSU men's basketball coach John Brady stressed from the first day he arrived on the campus as the head coach. Three words. All are important. Together, they form the foundation on which the LSU program proudly stands and the nation saw that foundation as it was displayed in LSU's 2006 run to the NCAA Final Four.

Now at first glance, you may wonder what those three words have to do with college basketball. But again, don't look at them as just single words. Put the first two together to come up with a solution and you see that there is a big picture that involves college basketball and so much for those who choose to come and play for John Brady at LSU.

As has been proven time and time again, coaches are often judged strictly on how many games they win. Many times, that's all some people care about. While winning games is very important, the job of a head coach is so much more.

In coach Brady's first nine years at LSU, he has instilled in his student-athletes a philosophy that carries well in their time as both students and athletes. It is a philosophy that the

LSU basketball fans also now understand more fully as winning takes place again at LSU on a consistent basis, bringing six postseason tournament appearances in the past seven years, including averaging 20 wins a year over the last seven seasons.

Conference titles and postseason appearances are all well and good. But John Brady's philosophy doesn't stop when the players walk off the court at the

or practice. It can't. The reason it is so much more is because the players aren't just athletes, they aren't just students, they are student-athletes with a big responsibility.

end of a game

on their shoulders. This coaching staff agrees that the team members must not only meet the demands of the athletic program, but they must meet the demands of the classroom.

They must also meet the always-tough demands of life, where every eye is on them

constantly because they are athletes. They must operate in a society where one little mistake in a game or away from the campus puts them on the front page of a newspaper. It's not an easy thing to handle. It's even tougher when your team is in the national spotlight as the Tigers usually are.

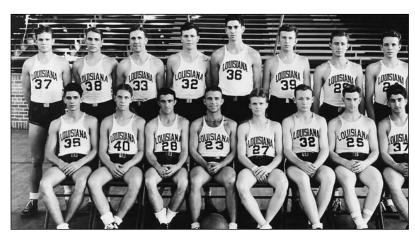
John Brady has shown that he is very comfortable handling all these roles at LSU. In fact, he sincerely believes in the basketball player as a student-athlete who must be given the opportunity to succeed on the court, in the classroom and in life. His philosophy of coaching hasn't changed since the day he took the job at LSU.

Again, it all comes down to three words. Three simple words. Three words that mean a lot separately, but mean oh so much more when part of a collective equation that sums up the reason for the success of the LSU basketball program.



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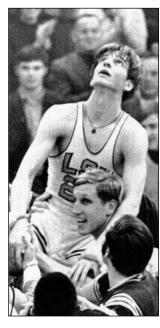
**1991 Shaquille O'Neal**National Player of the Year



1981

Dale Brown

National Coach of the Year



1969 • 1970
Pete Maravich
National Player of the Year

55

First-Team All-SEC Selections

52

Academic All-SEC Honors

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SEC Player of the Year Honors

8

First-Team All-Americans

23

Postseason Appearances

4

NCAA Final Four Appearances

1

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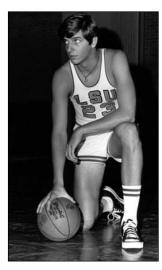
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College National Players of the Year

## **Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame**



1951-54
Bob Pettit
Inducted 1971



1967-70 Pete Maravich Inducted 1987

# 2006 FINAL FOUR SEASON



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# MOMENTS

The events late in the 2005-06 men's basketball season may have been purely coincidental, but they would turn out to be so symbolic for a basketball team moving its way through one of the toughest schedules in the country.

No one realized when the 1986 NCAA Final Four team returned to Baton Rouge in February 2006 for a 20-year reunion, the stories and memories they shared would show a group of present-day players and coaches how they would have to bond together to have a special season, much the same way the players and coaches bonded together in 1986.

The 2006 Tiger team was watching and learning all the way to an SEC championship and an NCAA Final Four to call their own.

Along the way, the LSU basketball family appeared on a worldwide stage and everyone learned the story of this group of local players binding together for a tournament run after years of playing basketball together. The Tigers became a symbol of pride and a point of reference for a state still trying to overcome two devastating hurricanes.

When one looks back at the tournament



It was a celebration as wild and as careening as any in the history of March Madness. The 310-pound center wore a vellow feather boa and hugged his mother and issued a shout-out to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. The burgeoning freshman forward ran to the corner of the stands and authored a Georgia Dome equivalent of a Lambeau Leap. It was a Bourbon Street funeral without an actual body.

- MARK BRADLEY, ATLANTA JOURNAL CONSTITUTION

trail the 2006 LSU team traversed, there are eerie similarities to 1986 that may not have been readily apparent as the journey took place.

Against Texas A&M in the second round. it took a last second shot by Darrel Mitchell to get LSU to the Sweet 16, the same as in 1986 when Anthony Wilson made a last-second shot to keep LSU alive in the tournament in the second round against Memphis State.

The win in 2006 advanced LSU to Atlanta, Ga., for the Sweet 16 round of games. Amazingly, the win in 1986 also advanced LSU to Atlanta, Ga., for their Sweet 16 contest.

To get to a Final Four in 1986, LSU beat a No. 1 and No. 2 seed. To get to the Final Four in 2006, LSU beat not only the top two seeds in the regional, but also the No. 1 team in the country.

Although LSU's goal of a national championship wasn't reached, the Tigers accomplished so much and touched so many with their warmth, team chemistry and their love of the sport. Together, the Tigers painted a nearperfect picture in adding their own chapter to the history of LSU basketball.

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#### The Road to the Final Four



MARCH 16, 2006 Glenn Davis and the Tigers open up round one with a victory over lona, 80-64. Davis leads the way scoring 22 points with 13 rebounds.



**MARCH 18, 2006** 

Darrel Mitchell three-pointer hits the tree-pointer with 3.9 seconds left to defeat Texas A&M, 58-57. "When he let it go, I just felt confident it was going in," LSU coach John Brady said. "I call him the silent assassin because he doesn't say much, but when it's time to deliver he can do that. He's hit seven or eight of those in his career."



MARCH 23, 2006

Garrett Temple's defense on J.J. Redick was the key as LSU beat the nation's No. 1 Ranked Duke, 63-54. "We could have had a better offensive game, there's no question about it," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "But LSU had a lot to do with that."



"By now, with a replay that's been shown dozens of time on highlight shows, Tyrus Thomas' emotion-charged shimmy is the stuff of "One Shining Moment."

- RANDY ROSETTA, BATON ROUGE ADVOCATE



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#### MARCH 25, 2006

The Tigers made the jouney to the NCAA Final Four complete by winning the Atlanta region with an overtime victory over Texas, 70-60. "And the resiliency, you know, Coach (Brady) showed us a video of Buster Douglas and Mike Tyson the other day," Tyrus Thomas said. "And Texas gave us some hard punches and we had to be Buster Douglas and swing back and we swung back at them. We knocked out Mike Tyson."

#### LATER THAT NIGHT

Darrel Mitchell led the crowd in cheers back in Baton Rouge at an impromptu peprally outside the Maravich Center.



#### MARCH 29, 2006

The Tigers leave for Indianapolis but not before another adoring crowd gives the Tigers a rousing sendoff. Coach Brady wrapped up his speech by stealing a line from his All-American forward and SEC Player of the Year, Glen Davis. "I must have tapeworms in belly because I am still hungry!," alluding to Tigers' team feeling that there is still more to be accomplished this season. He brought the crowd to their feet with the line.



#### MARCH 31/APRIL 1

John Brady watches his team practice before the moment all teams hope for - an appearance in the final Four. (far right). The RCA Dome filled with 43,822 fans prior to tipoff against UCLA in the National Semifinals.





## **NCAA Final Four Legacy**

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Four NCAA Final Fours for LSU: 1953, 1981, 1986, 2006. All with different heroes and much different circumstances. LSU's first Final Four appearance came at the time when it wasn't a media event in the days before television. The second came at a time when the LSU program was at a zenith, winning 17 straight conference games. LSU's 1986 Final Four trip came when LSU fans least expected it, or even imagined it. Now, LSU has returned to the Final Four again in 2006, taking a conference championship season and moving through the tournament, upsetting the No. 1 team in the tournament and the country in the process. Here's a brief look at LSU's four NCAA Final Four appearances:



1953 -- Record: 22-3, 13-0 in the SEC Coach: Harry Rabenhorst

The NCAA Tournament was enlarged to a whopping 22 teams in 1953, adding four new conference winners and two more at-large entries. LSU, led by junior Bob Pettit, went through the conference undefeated in a year when Kentucky was barred from fielding a team, and advanced to the Final Four in Kansas City by downing Lebanon Valley (89-76) and Holy Cross (81-73). The Tigers were unable to sustain the momentum in the national semifinals, losing to Indiana, 80-67.



**1981 -- Record: 31-5, 17-1 in the SEC Coach:** Dale Brown

It was 26 years ago that LSU fans were "Silly in Philly" over LSU's trip to the Final Four. It was a year in which an LSU team, which featured Durand "Rudy" Macklin, Greg "Cookieman" Cook, Ethan Martin, Howard Carter, Leonard Mitchell and Willie Sims among others, would win 26 straight games, including the first 17 in the league to advance as high as No.2 in the nation. Coach Dale Brown got the draw he wanted in the tournament, a route that would take him to the Final Four through the Louisiana Superdome. With the majority of 30,000-plus fans on hand, the Tigers beat Arkansas (72-56) and Wichita State (96-85) in the regional rounds to advance to the Final Four. But Macklin was hurt in the Wichita game and was less than 100 percent. Again Indiana would be the team to beat LSU in the national semifinals, 69-47.



**1986 -- Record: 26-12, 9-9 in the SEC Coach:** Dale Brown

A season that started 14-0, had a chickenpox scare in the middle, and finished the regular season with eight losses in the last 13 games, still had much promise to it at the end. The Tigers, coming off an SEC Championship the year before, still showed enough to earn a spot in the NCAA Tournament field of 64. LSU was seeded 11th, but would get to play its first two games in the then LSU Assembly Center. The Tigers first beat Purdue in double-overtime, then used an Anthony Wilson buzzer beater to down Memphis. From there, it was a win over Georgia Tech and then Ricky Blanton, Don Redden, Wilson and Derrick Taylor pulled off the impossible, beating Kentucky in the regional finals after the Wildcats had won three previous meetings earlier in the year. LSU was at that time the lowest seed ever to make the NCAA Final Four, a mark that stood until 2006.



2006 -- Record: 27-9, 14-2 in the SEC Coach: John Brady

The Tigers won the Southeastern Conference with a 14-2 record, extending an unbeaten string of SEC wins in the Maravich Assembly Center to 17 games dating back to March of 2004. LSU was the fourth seed in the NCAA Tournament's Atlanta Regional and was sent to Jacksonville, Fla., to begin tournament play. After dispatching of Iona in the first round, LSU's battle with Texas A&M would be the first of three straight epic battles that LSU would face on the road to the Final Four. It would take a Darrel Mitchell three-pointer with less than five seconds to play to get LSU the round of Sweet 16, in a 58-57 win over the Aggies. The Tigers advanced to the Atlanta Regional semifinals where LSU downed the nation's top team, Duke, and then went on to knock off Texas in overtime, 70-60, to bring LSU back to the Final Four for the first time in 20 years.



## **1935 National Champions**



#### Record 14-1, 11-0

Winner American Legion Bowl - Atlantic City, N. J.

Southeastern Conference Champions

Coach Harry Rabenhorst

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(Front Row) Blackie Banker, Wally Wells, Henry Young, Sparky Wade, Nolan Miller, Guy Ottwell, Milford McDonald, Mac Michael.

(Back Row) Judge Bryan, Bill Leathers, Shongaloo Lindsey, Sid Adger, Texas Bo Bohannan, Red Beeson, Jack Harris, Ben Journeay, Buddy Blair.

It was a different time and a different era. But in 1935, in the days before the NCAA Tournament and the National Invitation Tournament sprung to life and created true March Madness, there was a national championship being claimed on the hardwood at LSU.

Led by the school's first All-American, Sparky Wade, and Buddy Blair, the Tigers of 10th year head coach Harry Rabenhorst pulled off a feat that many people feel is the first magical moment of LSU basketball. The Tigers, after a 13-1 regular season and a co-championship in the Southeastern Conference, went to Atlantic City and played the best team in the East, the Pittsburgh Panthers, and won.

They called Wade the "Little Giant from Jena," and he could make a basketball do almost anything. He was 5-6 and a smaller preview of what would come in the late 1960s with Pete Maravich.

In 1935, the Tigers had a very favorable schedule that saw them play only three of 14 games away from the comfort of the Gym-Armory. The road games weren't bad trips at all, even in those days. One was to Houston to face Rice and the other two were to New Orleans to face Tulane.

The only loss of the season was that game against Rice, 56-47. Wade jokingly said in later years of that game, "The Rice Gym was an old auditorium with one chandelier with twenty-five watt bulbs. You could not see your feet or the color of uniforms. Even the floor was unwaxed."

But that was the only time the Tigers

stumbled. Ironically, there was no SEC Tournament that particular year so LSU and Kentucky would not meet in basketball that season. Kentucky, undefeated in the conference, had not lost to LSU in a hoops contest and wouldn't until 26 years later.

So LSU and Pittsburgh were invited to the battle for the American Legion Bowl before some 5,000 at the Atlantic City Auditorium. LSU won by four, 41-37, but that tells so little of the story.

It was April 13, 1935. Doc Carlson's Panthers were 18-5 on the season. The Tigers started out very, very slow at a time when scoring points could be easily at a premium. The Tigers trailed 18-4 and still were down by nine, 26-17, at the half.

Gradually LSU rallied back. Buddy Blair made a long shot to give LSU a 35-33 lead. He then followed it with the next six points for the Tigers. Pittsburgh outscored LSU 17-16 in field goals, but LSU had a 9-3 advantage from the free throw line.

Blair led all scorers with 20 points, Shongaloo Lindsey added eight, Sparky Wade five, Jack Harris four and Arnold Bryan and Ben Journeay two apiece. While Wade's point total was down, his ball handling and court presence meant much to I SIJ's win

The Advocate trumpeted the news the next day: "Louisiana State University, power in the Southeastern Conference, came from far behind tonight to defeat the University of Pittsburgh, Eastern Conference champion, 41-37, in their intersectional basketball game.

"The Bayou Tigers from Baton Rouge, trailing 26-17 at the half, smothered Pittsburgh in the second half with their flashy passing and scored goal after goal from the field."

"Pittsburgh used a figure-eight offense," Buddy Blair once said. "We had not seen this before and it hindered us in the first half. In the second half, we got our fast break going and just about ran them crazy."

In the days before Bob Pettit arrived on campus, Harry Rabenhorst said in 1951 that Wade was head and shoulders the best player on campus. "We've had some great boys here at LSU. We've had some great ones, but Sparky Wade was the most spectacular and most colorful. He was a showman and probably the greatest dribbler in basketball. Sparky came to delight the fans. He never came up short on that count."

"I'm not as great as they say I am," Sparky once said. "I'm just a little fellow — five-eight if I stretch — but you know, basketball is the silliest game in the world. You have 10 guys and only one basketball, and if I have the ball, who can beat me?"

In 1935, only one team could beat the Tigers and powerful Pittsburgh couldn't stop a second half onslaught that led to a special moment in LSU basketball: a chance to claim a national championship.

In 1994, the remaining living members of the team were honored and a banner lowered from the Maravich Center to forever honor the accomplishments of this great team in Tiger basketball history.





## All-Americans/SEC Players of the Year

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#### **All-Americans**

The following LSU players were named to a first, second or third All-America teams at some point in their college careers. Eight LSU players (Sparky Wade, Bobby Lowther, Bob Pettit, Pete Maravich, Durand "Rudy" Macklin, Chris Jackson, Shaquille O'Neal, Glen Davis) have been designated first-team All-Americans at some point in their career. Gary K. Johnson of NCAA bases the following list on A-A research. Players are listed with the year and the organization that named them an All-American.

#### 1935

#### Malcolm "Sparky" Wade

1st team Converse Yearbook

#### 1946

#### **Bobby Lowther**

1st team Helms Foundation

#### 1952

#### **Bob Pettit**

| 2nd team | Associated Press           |  |
|----------|----------------------------|--|
| 2nd team | United Press International |  |
| 2nd team | Helms Foundation           |  |
| 4th team | Converse Yearbook          |  |

#### 1953

#### Bob Pettit

| 1st team | Helms Foundation              |
|----------|-------------------------------|
| 2nd team | Associated Press              |
| 2nd team | United Press International    |
| 2nd team | Look Magazine                 |
| 2nd team | International News Service    |
| 2nd team | Newspaper Enterprises Assoc.  |
| 2nd team | Colliers (Basketball Coaches) |
| 3rd team | Converse Yearbook             |

#### 1954

#### **Bob Pettit**

| 1st team | Associated Press              |  |
|----------|-------------------------------|--|
| 1st team | United Press International    |  |
| 1st team | International News Service    |  |
| 1st team | Colliers (Basketball Coaches) |  |
| 1st team | Converse Yearbook             |  |
| 1st team | Helms Foundation              |  |
| 1st team | Tempo Magazine                |  |
| 1st team | NABC                          |  |
| 2nd team | Newspaper Enterprises Assoc.  |  |
| 2rd toam | Look Magazino                 |  |

#### 1956

#### Roger Sigler

2nd team Helms Foundation

#### 1968

#### Pete Maravich

| 1st team | Associated Press           |  |
|----------|----------------------------|--|
| 1st team | NABC                       |  |
| 1st team | USBWA                      |  |
| 1st team | United Press International |  |
| 1st team | Sporting News              |  |
| 1st team | Converse Yearbook          |  |

#### 1969

#### Pete Maravich

| 1st team | Associated Press           |  |
|----------|----------------------------|--|
| 1st team | NABC                       |  |
| 1st team | USBWA                      |  |
| 1st team | United Press International |  |
| 1st team | Sporting News              |  |
| 1st team | Converse Yearbook          |  |

#### 1970

#### Pete Maravich

| 1st team | Associated Press           |
|----------|----------------------------|
| 1st team | NABC                       |
| 1st team | USBWA                      |
| 1st team | United Press International |
| 1st team | Sporting News              |
| 1st team | Converse Yearbook          |

#### 1979

#### Al Green 2nd team

Converse Yearbook

#### 1980

#### Durand "Rudy" Macklin

| 1st team | Converse Yearbook |
|----------|-------------------|
| 2nd team | Sporting News     |

#### 1981

#### Durand "Rudy" Macklin

| 1st team | USBWA                      |  |
|----------|----------------------------|--|
| 1st team | Converse Yearbook          |  |
| 1st team | John Wooden Award          |  |
| 2nd team | United Press International |  |
| 3rd team | Raskethall Times           |  |

#### Ethan Martin

3rd team Basketball Times

#### 1982

#### **Howard Carter**

2nd team Converse Yearbook

#### 1983

#### **Howard Carter**

2nd team Converse Yearbook

#### 1989

#### **Chris Jackson**

| 1st team | Associated Press           |
|----------|----------------------------|
| 1st team | United Press International |
| 1st team | USBWA                      |
| 1st team | Sporting News              |
| 2nd team | NABC                       |
| 2nd team | Basketball Times           |

#### 1990

#### Chris Jackson

| 1st team | Associated Press           |  |
|----------|----------------------------|--|
| 1st team | NABC                       |  |
| 1st team | USBWA                      |  |
| 1st team | John Wooden Award          |  |
| 2nd team | United Press International |  |
| 2nd team | Sporting News              |  |
| 2nd team | Raskethall Times           |  |

#### 1991

#### Shaquille O'Neal

| 1st team | Associated Press           |  |
|----------|----------------------------|--|
| 1st team | United Press International |  |
| 1st team | NABC                       |  |
| 1st team | USBWA                      |  |
| 1st team | Sporting News              |  |
| 1st team | Basketball Times           |  |
| 1st team | John Wooden Award          |  |

#### 1992

#### Shaquille O'Neal

| 1st team | Associated Press           |  |
|----------|----------------------------|--|
| 1st team | United Press International |  |
| 1st team | NABC                       |  |
| 1st team | USBWA                      |  |
| 1st team | Sporting News              |  |
| 1st team | Basketball Times           |  |
| 1st team | John Wooden Award          |  |

#### 2000

#### Stromile Swift

| 2nd team | USBWA            |
|----------|------------------|
| 2nd team | Basketball Times |
| 3rd team | Associated Press |
| 3rd team | NABC             |

#### 2006

#### Glen Davis

| 1st team | John Wooden Award  |
|----------|--------------------|
| 1st team | CollegeInsider.com |
| 2nd team | Associated Press   |

## **SEC Players of the Year**

#### 1968

#### Pete Maravich

Associated Press United Press International

#### 1969

#### **Pete Maravich**

Associated Press United Press International

#### 1970

#### Pete Maravich

Associated Press United Press International

#### 1989

#### Chris Jackson

Associated Press United Press International Coaches

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#### 2000

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Associated Press

#### 2005

#### Brandon Bass

Associated Press Coaches

#### 2006

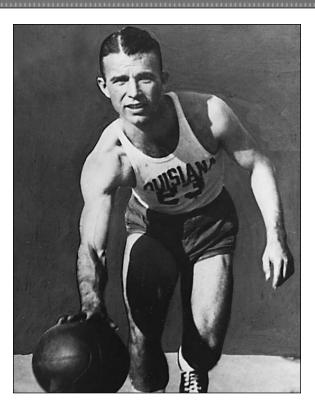
#### **Glen Davis**

Associated Press Coaches





## **First-Team All-Americans**



## Malcolm "Sparky" Wade

Guard • 5-9 • Jena, La.

1935

LSU's first basketball All-American averaged 9.7 points per game in 1933 and 12.4 points per game in 1934 to lead the scoring category for the first two years of the Southeastern Conference.

He was named a All-American in 1935 while leading LSU to the mythical national championship, averaging 12.7 points per game.

A native of Jena, Wade is considered the greatest dribbler and backcourt star in LSU basketball history.

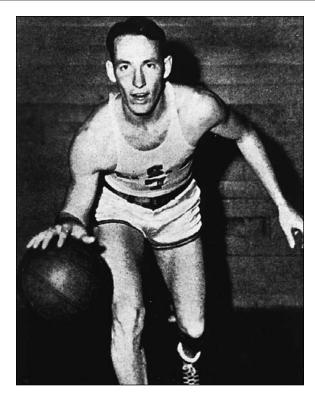
Before moving to LSU, he was named to the high school All-State team three times from 1928 to 1930. He was elected MVP of the national high school championship playoffs as a senior.

Former Baton Rouge Morning Advocate sports editor Bud Montet, remembers Wade in these words:

"He could do everything with a basketball but dunk it, and make it sing. If there was an extraordinary floor-leader in the South at that time, it had to be Wade."

The three-time All-SEC selection is also a member of the Louisiana Sports Writers and Louisiana Association of Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame.

He was the "Little Giant from Jena." You can't talk LSU basketball without mention of the school's first All-American and first showman who could pass, score and dribble with the best of his and many others era.



## **Bobby Lowther**

Forward • 6-5 • Alexandria, La.

1946

Bobby Lowther officially was recognized as a first-team All-American in 1995 after a historian of the Helms Foundation confirmed that all members of the 1946 team had been upgraded to first-team status.

Lowther is the only two-sport All-America athlete in LSU's storied sports history. In 1946, he made the Helms Foundation basketball All-America squad and was a two-event All-American in track and field, finishing second at the NCAA Championships in the javelin and fourth in the pole vault.

The 6-5, 185-pound Alexandria native was also the triple jump champion at the 1946 National AAU Championships.

In basketball, he averaged 14.7 points per game as he also earned first-team All-SEC honors.

He was voted LSU's "Best All-Around Athlete" in 1947 in a field that also included such future professional stars as Y. A. Tittle, Alvin Dark and Joe Adcock.

Lowther is a member of the Louisiana Sports Writers Association Hall of Fame and was chosen to be the "Living Legend" honoree representing LSU at the 2005 Southeastern Conference basketball tournament in Atlanta.

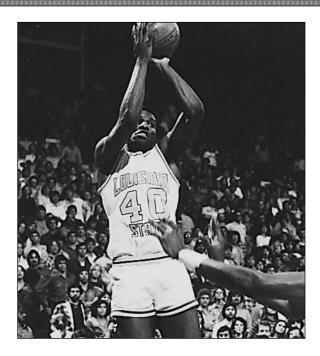
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## **Durand "Rudy" Macklin**

Forward • 6-7 • Louisville, Ky.

1980, 1981

The recruitment of Durand "Rudy" Macklin marked the beginning of LSU's rise to the top of college basketball under Dale Brown.

In his first college game, he set a school rebounding record that no one has come close to, pulling down 32 boards in a win against Tulane.

After his magnificent LSU career, he became the school's all-time leading rebounder with 1,276 rebounds (a 10.4 rebounds per game average). That figure remains on top of the school chart. He also became the second leading scorer all-time at LSU behind Pete Maravich (2,080 points, 16.9 points per game average).

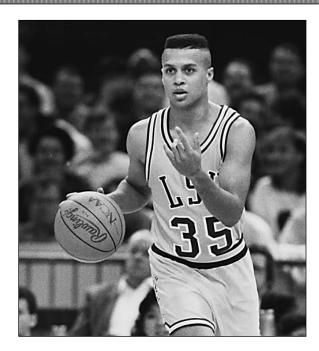
Much of his success and his All-America season in 1981 was after returning from a serious knee injury that forced him to miss all but two games of the 1978-79 season.

In 1981, he was also named Southeastern Conference Player of the Year and led the Tigers to their first NCAA Final Four since 1953. He beat out a star-studded cast of players including Georgia's Dominque Wilkins, Kentucky's Sam Bowie, and other future NBA players such as Jeff Malone of Mississippi State, Dale Ellis of Tennessee, Eddie Phillips of Alabama and teammate Howard Carter.

In Macklin's four years, LSU had records of 18-9, 23-6, 26-6 and 31-5. The Tigers won one SEC title, one SEC Tournament championship, advanced to the Elite 8 and the Final Four during the Macklin days.

One writer wrote of Macklin, "Macklin's aggressiveness has never been questioned in the Southeastern Conference. If they gave an award for the hardest worker, Macklin would have been the consensus choice of his peers, who marvel at how much effort he puts into the game."

In 2000, he was honored as the school's "Living Legend" at the SEC basketball tournament and in 2005 he was elected to the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.



## **Chris Jackson**

Guard • 6-1 • Gulfport, Miss.

1989, 1990

In just his freshman and sophomore years, Jackson was a two-time consensus SEC Player of the Year lighting up scoreboards across America. After scoring 48 and 53 points in the first month of his college career, he went on to become the most celebrated freshman of all time, setting an NCAA freshman scoring record, averaging 30.2 points per game.

He became just the second freshman ever to make the Associated Press first-team All-America squad and the first ever to make the U.S. Basketball Writers Association's All-America team.

He finished his short career as the seventh leading scorer in school history with 1,854 points (29.0 ppg). His records for freshman include most points in a game (55), most points in a season (965) and season average (30.2).

He won accolades throughout the country as he starred on the court while fighting an ongoing battle with Tourette's Syndrome.

Jackson was chosen to the second team on the Louisiana Association of Basketball Coaches All-Louisiana Team of the Century.

Of Chris Jackson, Baton Rouge State Times sports editor Sam King wrote:

"Athletes come and go.

"Many are so quickly forgotten.

"Only the great ones are remembered forever. To have seen Bob Pettit, Billy Cannon and Pete Maravich perform at their best was to commit them to memory.

"Chris Jackson now joins some very select company."



## **Bob Pettit Jr.**



Bob Pettit once said of himself as a youngster who would grow up to be a collegiate All-American and a force in the National Basketball Association:

"The greatest thing that ever happened to me is that when I first picked up a basketball I was terrible. If things come naturally, you might not bother to work at improving them and you can fall short of your potential."

Being terrible meant being gangly and not very good. He was tall, but he wasn't able to yet make the moves that made him a future star. He was the last man on the junior varsity his freshman year at Baton Rouge High. As a sophomore he was cut from the varsity. But because of that, he took his interest in basketball to heart and began to work hour after hour in back of his house in Baton Rouge.

As a 6-4 junior, he began to be noticed. His skills were still raw and undeveloped, but his size made him worth a second glance. He grew to 6-7 as a junior and BRHS won the state championship.

Pettit once wrote: "Teammates. . .were miles ahead of me in all-around ability, but college scouts gave me the big rush act because I was six-seven by then. Fifteen schools offered me the standard scholarship.

"I chose LSU because I doubted I could measure up to expectations on a fancier scholarship. My fears were confirmed when I reported to John Chaney, LSU's freshman team coach, who had been a pro in the NBA. My reflexes were slow. I was lost on defense. I didn't know how to drive in for a shot, or fake and pass off the pivot. Much as I dislike the expression, I've got to admit I was a goon."

LSU and NBA fans certainly don't look at Bob Pettit's career as that of a goon. Here was a three-time first-team All-SEC member who led his Tigers to a second place finish in 1952, conference titles in 1953 and 1954 and the NCAA Final Four in 1953.

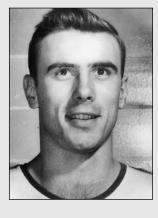
He led the league in scoring all three years, with the highest averages seen to date in the league: 25.5 points in 1952, 24.9 in 1953 and 31.4 points per game in 1954. At the same time he was averaging 13.1 (1952), 13.9 (1953) and an LSU best 17.3 (1954) rebounds per game. Only Pete Maravich and Chris Jackson would also break the 30-point average barrier at LSU.

Coach Cliff Wells of Tulane summed up Bob Pettit's days at LSU, "He's the best big man in college basketball today and I've seen them all." LSU Coach Harry Rabenhorst called him, "the greatest LSU player since Sparky Wade."

He was a first round draft choice in 1954 of the then Milwaukee Hawks. Pettit played his entire 11-year career with the Hawks, moving with the club to St. Louis in 1955. He wrote nearly every record in the Hawks' record book and was a four-time MVP of the annual NBA All-Star game. He led the Hawks to the 1958 NBA Championship and five NBA Finals.

In 1954, his number 50 was retired at LSU, the first number in any sport retired in Tiger Town. In 1964, he became the first NBA player to exceed the 20,000-points scored barrier. In 1970, he was elected to the Basketball Hall of Fame.

"Those were great years at LSU," Pettit once said. "They were such great years. I couldn't have asked for anything better than my four years at LSU. I received my degree in Business, played the sport I loved and made so many friends."



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**LSU All-American** 1953, 1954

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Member of Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame 1971

> Member of NBA 50-Year Top 50 1997

Member of LSWA Top 25 Louisiana Athletes of the Century 1999

Member First-Team LABC All-Louisiana Team of the Century 1999

1999 Living Legend for LSU at SEC Basketball Tournament



#### **PETTIT'S CAREER STATISTICS**

| YEAR    | GMS | FGM | FGA | PCT. | FTM | FTA | PCT. | REB. | PTS. | AVG. |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|
| 1951-52 | 24  | 247 | 563 | .439 | 118 | 199 | .593 | 315  | 612  | 25.5 |
| 1952-53 | 21  | 193 |     |      | 133 | 217 | .613 | 292  | 519  | 24.7 |
| 1953-54 | 25  | 281 | 573 | .489 | 223 | 308 | .740 | 432  | 785  | 31.4 |
| TOTALS  | 70  | 721 |     |      | 474 | 724 | .655 | 1039 | 1916 | 27.4 |



## **First-Team All-Americans**

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**LSU All-American** 1968, 1969, 1970

National Player of the Year 1969, 1970

> Third LSU Player to Have Number Retired 1970

Member Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame 1987

> Member of NBA 50-Year Top 50 1997

Member of LSWA Top 25 Louisiana Athletes of the Century

1999

Member First-Team LABC All Louisiana Team of the Century 1999

Member Sports Magazine's Top 10 Men's College Players of the Century

Member of National Basketball
Association
Hall of Fame

Honored as 2003
"Legend"at the SEC Basketball
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## **Pete Maravich**

Pete Maravich was billed as the one who would put Louisiana basketball on the map from the first day he joined his father Press at LSU. People weren't disappointed. His freshman year they packed the old John M. Parker Agricultural Center (known as the "Cow Palace") to watch the freshman team and then left quickly as the varsity Tigers won just three games in 1967.

By Pete's senior year, the Tigers would improve to 20-8 and wind up in New York City at the National Invitation Tournament, a fitting place for the big-city Maravich Show to close its LSU run.

To those who never saw him play live, but only watched what few games were on television or listened on radio, the Maravich story at LSU may seem larger than life. But his skills were perfected through hours and hours of repetitious drills at all hours of the day and night and in all kinds of settings.

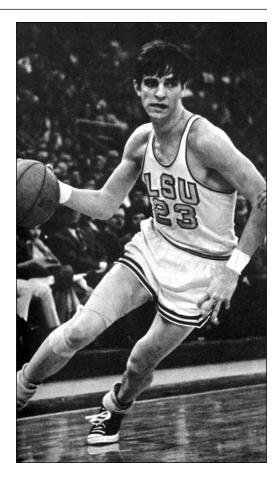
Maravich ended up receiving the richest contract ever offered a college player at the time to sign with the Atlanta Hawks (\$1.9 million), but during his 10-year career with the Hawks, the New Orleans and Utah Jazz and the Boston Celtics, his dream of a championship wasn't fulfilled. Pete was finding that

life wasn't very fulfilling either.

There were hard times when he went in search of something to make his life complete. He had money, he had fame. He didn't have real happiness. But in 1982, Pistol Pete accepted Jesus Christ.

He began enjoying life, enjoying times with his wife and children. Television executives were discovering his knowledge of the game again as a color commentator and best of all for LSU fans, a rift that grew between star and college had diminished and was forgotten.

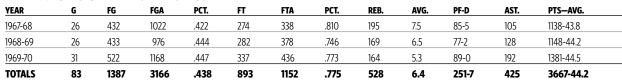
But the Pistol's life suddenly ended on Jan. 5, 1988, just over a month after appearing at the Assembly Center for an emotional ceremony to formally present a portrait of Pete and his father to him



#### Maravich's Records and Highlights

- All-Time NCAA Career Scoring Leader with 3,667 points, an average of 44.2 points for 83 games.
- Ranks first, fourth and fifth for most points in a single season in NCAA history. Averaged 44.5 points in 1970, 44.2 points in 1969 and 43.8 points in 1968.
- Scored 69 points vs. Alabama, Feb. 7, 1970.
- Led LSU to the NIT Final Four in 1970, its first postseason appearance in 16 years.
- Unanimous first-team All-American in 1968, 1969, 1970.
- Naismith Award winner in 1970.
- Member of the National Basketball Association Hall of Fame after 10-year career with Atlanta Hawks, New Orleans and Utah Jazz and Boston Celtics.

#### MARAVICH'S CAREER STATISTICS





# Shaquille O'Neal

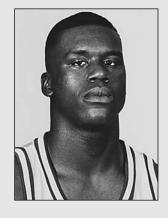


Shaquille O'Neal brought LSU to new heights during his three years with the Tigers and the 7-1 center became a national celebrity in the days of saturation coverage of basketball by the media. But he earned his celebrity status with great play and an intimidation factor that made him the envy of coaches throughout the country.

After leaving LSU in April 1992, he was the number one pick of the National Basketball Association by the Orlando Magic and signed a multi-year contract estimated at over \$40 million. In 1996, as a free agent, he signed with the Los Angeles Lakers.and following the 2004 season was traded to the Miami Heat.

#### **Oneal's Records and Highlights**

- Two-time consensus Southeastern Conference Player of the Year and first-team All-American, 1991-1992. Most Valuable Player on SEC Coaches Defensive Team, 1991-1992.
- National Player of the Year as chosen by the Associated Press (Rupp Award), United Press International, L. A. Gear and Sports Illustrated, 1991. Winner of the Tanqueray World Amateur Athlete of the Year Award, 1991. Southeastern Conference Athlete of the Year, 1991-1992. National Player of the Year as chosen by L. A. Gear, 1992 and runner-up for the Naismith Award and the John Wooden Award, 1992.
- Set SEC record for most blocks in a season three consecutive years (115-1990, 140-1991, 157-1992). Set SEC record for career blocks with 412. Blocked five or more shots in a game 45 times in 90 career games.
- Set SEC single game record with 12 blocks against Loyola Marymount in Feb. 1990. Blocked 11 shots against Brigham Young in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, setting a then-tournament standard for a single game, 1992.
- Averaged a national sophomore record 5.0 blocked shots a game, 1991. National leader in blocked shots (5.2 average), 1992.
- National leader in rebounding (14.7 average), 1991.
   Second nationally in rebounding (14.0 average), 1992.
- First player to lead the Southeastern Conference in scoring, rebounding, field goal percentage and blocked shots in the same season, 1991. Led SEC in rebounding, field goal percentage, blocked shots and second in scoring, 1992. First player to lead the SEC in rebounding three straight seasons since Charles Barkley of Auburn, 1982-84
- Finished with 1,217 rebounds, seventh all-time in the Southeastern Conference, second all-time at LSU.
- Finished with 1,941 points, fourth all-time at LSU behind only Pete Maravich (3,667-1967-70), Durand Macklin (2,080-1976-78; 79-81) and Howard Carter (1,942-1979-83)
- Career field goal percentage of 61.0 percent is second alltime at LSU and in the SEC (minimum 1,000 attempts).
- Had six career triple-doubles (points, rebounds and blocks in same game).
- Was the third LSU player (Pete Maravich and Chris Jackson) to have at least two 700-plus point seasons at LSU.
- Was the first LSU player to record back-to-back 400-plus rebound seasons.



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National Player of the Year 1991

World Amateur Athlete of the Year 1991

SEC Athlete of the Year 1991, 1992

**Olympic Gold Medalist** 1996

Member of NBA 50-Year Top 50 1997

Member Second-Team LABC All-Louisiana Team of the Century 1999

Fourth LSU Player to Have Number Retired 2000

Graduated from LSU
December 2000

#### O'NEAL'S CAREER STATISTICS

| YEAR    | G/GS  | FG/FGA   | PCT  | FT/FTA  | PCT  | PTS  | AVG  | REB  | AVG  | PF/D   | AST | TO  | BLK | STL |  |
|---------|-------|----------|------|---------|------|------|------|------|------|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|
| 1989-90 | 32/28 | 180/314  | .573 | 85/153  | .556 | 445  | 13.9 | 385  | 12.0 | 122/9  | 61  | 93  | 115 | 38  |  |
| 1990-91 | 28/28 | 312/497  | .628 | 150/235 | .638 | 774  | 27.6 | 411  | 14.7 | 79/1   | 45  | 99  | 140 | 41  |  |
| 1991-92 | 30/30 | 294/478  | .615 | 134/254 | .528 | 722  | 24.1 | 421  | 14.0 | 86/5   | 46  | 103 | 157 | 29  |  |
| TOTALS  | 90/86 | 786/1289 | .610 | 369/642 | .575 | 1941 | 21.6 | 1217 | 13.5 | 287/15 | 152 | 295 | 412 | 108 |  |

