

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. LSU 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 27 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 "Cookiemann" 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 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 16, with a 58-57 win over the Aggies. The Tigers advanced to the Atlanta Regional semifinals where LSU downed the tournament top seed and the nation's No. 1-ranked team, Duke, and then went on to knock off No. 9 Texas in overtime, 70-60, to bring LSU back to the Final Four for the first time in 20 years.

1935 National Champions

MEN'S BASKETBALL

NATIONAL
CHAMPIONS

1935

Record 14-1, 11-0

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

Southeastern Conference Champions

Coach Harry Rabenhorst



(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 Bohannon, 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 LSU'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.

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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 team 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) were 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.
3rd team Look Magazine

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

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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 Basketball 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 Basketball 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

1990

Chris Jackson

Associated Press
United Press International
Coaches

1991

Shaquille O'Neal

Associated Press
United Press International
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1992

Shaquille O'Neal

Associated Press
United Press International
Coaches

2000

Stromile Swift

Associated Press

2005

Brandon Bass

Associated Press
Coaches

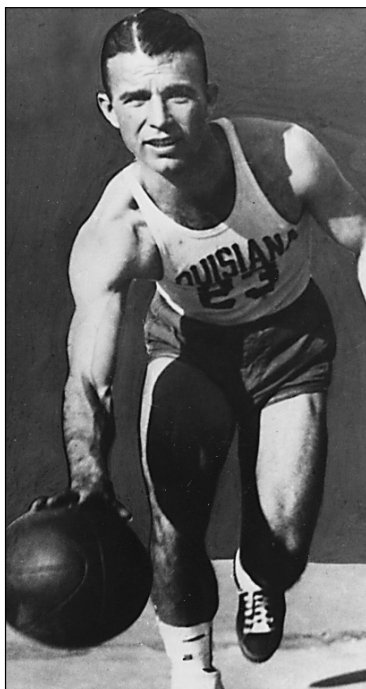
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Glen Davis

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.

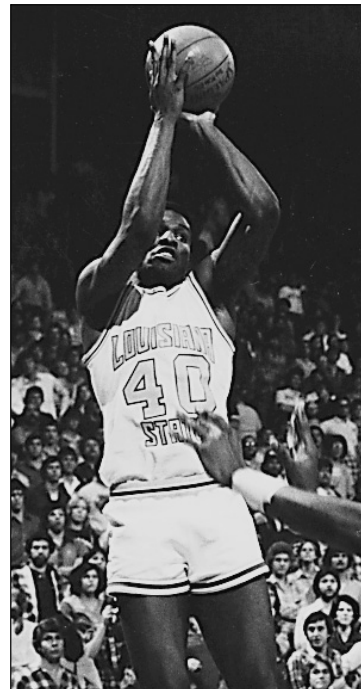
Lowther is the only two-sport All-America athlete in LSU's storied sports history. In 1946, he made the Helms Foundation basketball All-America squad and was a two-event All-American in track and field, finishing second at the NCAA Championships in the javelin and fourth in the pole vault.

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.



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 Dominique 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.

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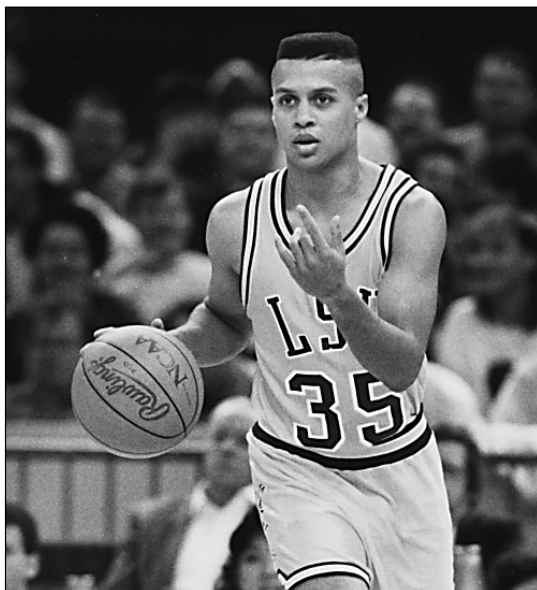
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Chris Jackson

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."



Glen Davis

Forward • 6-8 • Baton Rouge, La. 2006

Glen Davis was at his best during the Tigers' 2006 season when he was named Southeastern Conference Player of the Year and a first-team All-American for the Wooden Award.

Davis starred as the Tigers captured the SEC regular-season championship with a 14-2 record and then went on to defeat four teams en route to the NCAA Final Four. LSU beat Iona in the opening round, rallying from a halftime deficit, and then used a three-pointer in the final seconds to defeat Texas A&M to advance to the regional semifinals.

There the Tiger magic and Davis' personality was on display to the nation as he helped lead LSU to upsets over No. 1-ranked Duke and an overtime win over No. 9 Texas that got LSU to its first NCAA Final Four in 20 years. The Tigers jumped out on Texas early in overtime and when Davis came down on a break and shot a three-pointer that broke the Longhorns' back, CBS Sports announcer Dick Enberg said with a question in his voice, "Glen Davis for 3? Oh my!"

Davis would earn all-region honors for his play in the NCAA Tournament in a year in which he led the SEC in both scoring (18.6) and rebounding (9.7). He would return to LSU for his junior season and despite injuries and intense pressure to perform, he still again led the league in rebounding (10.2) and earned SEC First-Team honors. He was a second round pick of the NBA's Boston Celtics in the 2007 NBA Draft.

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.

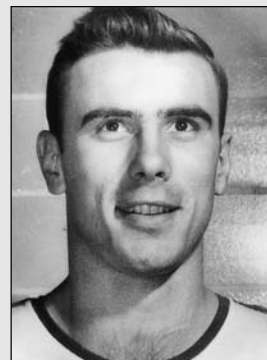
He led the league in scoring all three years, with the highest averages seen to date in the league: 25.5 points in 1952, 24.9 in 1953 and 31.4 points per game in 1954. At the same time he was averaging 13.1 (1952), 13.9 (1953) and an LSU best 17.3 (1954) rebounds per game. Only Pete Maravich and Chris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



LSU All-American
1953, 1954

**First LSU Player to
Have Number Retired**
1954

**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

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1968, 1969, 1970

National Player of the Year
1969, 1970

**Third LSU Player to
Have Number Retired**
1970

**Member of 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 Sport Magazine's
Top 10 Men's College
Players of the Century**
1999

**Member of National
Basketball Association
Hall of Fame**

**Honored as 2003
"Legend" at the SEC
Basketball Tournament**

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

YEAR	G	FG	FGA	PCT.	FT	FTA	PCT.	REB.	AVG.	PF-D	AST.	PTS-AVG.
1967-68	26	432	1022	.422	274	338	.810	195	7.5	85-5	105	1138-43.8
1968-69	26	433	976	.444	282	378	.746	169	6.5	77-2	128	1148-44.2
1969-70	31	522	1168	.447	337	436	.773	164	5.3	89-0	192	1381-44.5
TOTALS	83	1387	3166	.438	893	1152	.775	528	6.4	251-7	425	3667-44.2

Shaquille O'Neal

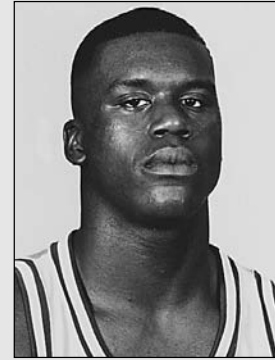


Shaquille O'Neal brought LSU to new heights during his three years with the Tigers and the 7-1 center became a national celebrity in the days of saturation coverage of basketball by the media. But he earned his celebrity status with great play and an intimidation factor that made him the envy of coaches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

O'Neal'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 all-time 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.



LSU All-American
1991, 1992

**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



Tigers IN THE NBA



The LSU basketball program has a lasting legacy in the history of the National Basketball Association.

Six times since 1990, the Tigers have had a former player taken in the first round of the NBA draft. In 2006 when LSU freshman Tyrus Thomas was taken with the fourth pick of the draft, it marked the fourth time in that time period that a Tiger was taken with one of the first four picks in the draft.

LSU's run of top picks started in 1990 when the Denver Nuggets with the third pick of the draft took Chris Jackson. Two years later, Shaquille O'Neal was the first overall pick in the draft by the Orlando Magic. He was the first Southeastern Conference player taken as the top overall pick in the NBA Draft.

Then in June 2000, Stromile Swift was taken as the second overall pick by the Vancouver (now Memphis Grizzlies). Finally in 2006, Thomas was taken with the fourth pick of Portland and later traded to Chicago in exchange for the Bulls' No. 2 pick in the draft.

Since 1952, teams in the NBA Draft have chosen 46 LSU players. Plus there are countless others who have and are presently playing for teams abroad. In all, a total of 30 players have logged regular season minutes in either the NBA or the old American Basketball Association.



LSU's NBA First Round Draft choices

1952	Joe Dean - Indianapolis Olympians
1954	Bob Pettit - Milwaukee Hawks (2nd pick)
1970	Pete Maravich - Atlanta Hawks (3rd pick)
1983	Howard Carter - Denver Nuggets
1985	Jerry Reynolds - Milwaukee Bucks
1986	John Williams - Washington Bullets
1990	Chris Jackson - Denver Nuggets (3rd pick)
1991	Stanley Roberts - Orlando Magic
1992	Shaquille O'Neal - Orlando Magic (1st pick)
1993	Geert Hammink - Orlando Magic
2000	Stromile Swift - Vancouver Grizzlies (2nd pick)
2006	Tyrus Thomas - Portland Trailblazers (4th pick, traded to Bulls)



NBA's 50th Anniversary Team



Pete Maravich



Bob Pettit



Shaquille O'Neal



Current LSU Players in the NBA



Brandon Bass

Dallas Mavericks

Bass, the 2005 SEC Player of the Year, was the 33rd player selected in the 2005 draft (early in the second round), by the New Orleans Hornets after working out for Coach Byron Scott on the morning of the draft in New Orleans ... In two years with the Hornets, played 50 games with four starts, averaging 2.2 points and 2.2 rebounds a game ... Averaging 8.6 minutes a game ... Played with the Mavericks summer league team and after several strong performances was signed by the Dallas Mavericks for the 2007-08 season.



Glen Davis

Boston Celtics

LSU's latest NBA draftee will go to training camp this season with the Boston Celtics in preparation for the 2007-08 season ... Davis was drafted in the second round by the Celtics after his junior season at LSU ... Davis was the 2005 SEC Freshman of the Year and the 2006 SEC Player of the Year leading the SEC in scoring and rebounds in 2006 and in rebounds in 2007.



Ronald Dupree

Detroit Pistons

Dupree, spent the 2006-07 season with the Detroit Pistons, his second stint with the team after playing in Minnesota during the 2005-06 campaign. Dupree was playing with Huntsville of the NBDL before being signed by Chicago on a 10-day contract during the 2003-04 season and scored 18 points and grabbed nine rebounds in his NBA debut ... Detroit had signed him as a free agent from Chicago prior to the 2004-05 season and traded him prior to the 2005-06 season to Minnesota ... He played in 14 playoff games for Detroit during the 2004-05 season ... In his four seasons, he has played 149 career games with eight starts, averaging 3.7 points per game, 2.2 rebounds while playing 11.6 minutes per contest.



Shaquille O'Neal

Miami Heat

Olympic medalist, one of the game's 50 greatest players, three-time MVP of the NBA Finals, 11-time all-star and part of four NBA championship teams ... Now he is 19 games shy of playing his 1,000th career game in the league ... O'Neal was drafted as the NO. 1 pick of the draft by the Orlando Magic following the 1992 LSU season ... He played four years in Orlando, leading them to the NBA Finals once, before moving to the Los Angeles Lakers ... In eight years in LA, O'Neal won three titles ... Moved to the Miami Heat prior to the 2004-05 season ... Entering his 16th season in the league, O'Neal has played in 981 games, averaging 25.9 points per game and 11.6 rebounds.



Stromile Swift

Memphis Grizzlies

Begins his second season back with the Grizzlies after being traded from Houston in July 2006 ... Swift, the 2000 SEC Player of the Year, was the second overall pick in the 2000 draft by Vancouver (now Memphis) Grizzlies ... Played the 2005-06 season with the Rockets after signing as a free agent ... Been seen several times on ESPN's top plays for his dunks ... Played 54 games with 18 starts last season for Memphis, his most starts in a season since 2003 ... Has played 472 games with 93 career starts and 20.7 minutes a game ... Career average of 8.8 points per game and 4.9 rebounds.



Tyrus Thomas

Chicago Bulls

Thomas was the 2006 SEC Freshman of the Year and co-Defensive Player of the Year ... He was the fourth pick in the 2006 NBA Draft by Portland and his rights were later traded to Chicago for the Bulls' second pick in the draft ... In his opening year, he played in 72 games with four starts ... He averaged 13.4 minutes a game, 5.2 points per game and 3.7 rebounds a game with 1.1 blocks per game ... Also played in 10 playoff games in his rookie seasons.

* LSU players presently on NBA rosters as teams go to training camp for the 2007-08 season.

LSU NBA-ABA All-Time Draft Picks

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YEAR	PLAYER	TEAM	ROUND
1947	Jack Coleman	Indianapolis	
	Bobby Lowther	Indianapolis	
1952	Joe Dean	Indianapolis	1st
1954	Bob Pettit	Milwaukee	1st (2nd pick)
1955	Don Belcher	Fort Wayne	N/A
1960	Dick Davies	St. Louis	8th
1961	Bill Engressor	New York	14th
1965	Dick Maile	Cincinnati	11th
1966	John Jones	Baltimore	5th
1970	Pete Maravich	Atlanta	1st (3rd pick)
	Dan Hester	Atlanta	2nd
1971	Nelson Isley	Buffalo	17th
1972	Al Sanders	Baltimore	4th
1974	Ed Palubinskas	Atlanta	4th
		Utah (ABA)	8th
	Collis Temple, Jr.	Phoenix	6th
		S. Antonio (ABA)	3rd
1975	Glen Hansen	Kentucky	9th
		KC-Omaha	2nd
1978	Kenny Higgs	Memphis (ABA)	
		Cleveland	3rd
1979	Al Green	Phoenix	3rd
	Lionel Green	Houston	4th
1980	DeWayne Scales	New York	2nd
	Rick Mattick	New Jersey	6th
1981	Greg Cook	New York	2nd
	Durand Macklin	Atlanta	3rd
	Ethan Martin	Cleveland	4th
	Willie Sims	Denver	5th
1983	Howard Carter	Denver	1st
1984	Leonard Mitchell	Cleveland	3rd
	John Tudor	Dallas	9th
1985	Jerry Reynolds	Milwaukee	1st
	Don Redden	Denver	3rd
	Derrick Taylor	Indiana	4th
	Steffond Johnson	L. A. Clippers	5th
1987	Nikita Wilson	Portland	2nd
	Anthony Wilson	Chicago	5th
1988	Jose Vargas	Dallas	2nd
	Hernan Montenegro	Philadelphia	3rd
1989	Ricky Blanton	Phoenix	2nd
1990	Chris Jackson	Denver	1st (3rd pick)
1991	Stanley Roberts	Orlando	1st
1992	Shaquille O'Neal	Orlando	1st (1st pick)
1993	Geert Hammink	Orlando	1st
	Randy Livingston	Houston	2nd
1996	Ronnie Henderson	Washington	2nd
2000	Stromile Swift	Vancouver	1st (2nd pick)
	Jabari Smith	Sacramento	1st
2005	Brandon Bass	New Orleans	2nd
2006	Tyrus Thomas	Portland	1st (4th pick)
2007	Glen Davis	Boston	2nd

Several former Tigers have had outstanding careers in the NBA ... Here are a few notes on some of those players:

Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf

Denver 1991-96; Sacramento 1997-98; Vancouver 2001 ... Played at LSU under the name of Chris Jackson ... NBA's Most Improved Player in 1993 ... Led Denver in scoring, 1993-96 ... Career scoring average of 14.6 ppg ... 90 percent career free throw percentage.

Frank Brian

Anderson (NBL-NBA), 1948-50; Tri-Cities, 1951; Fort Wayne 1952-56 ... Nine years, seven in NBA ... Two-time NBA all-star ... Career scoring average of 12.3 ppg.

Howard Carter

Denver, 1984; Dallas, 1985 ... Career scoring average of 5.3 ppg

John Louie Chaney

Syracuse (NBL), 1947-49; Tri-Cities, 1950 ... Career scoring average of 6.0.

Randy Livingston

Houston, 1996-97; Atlanta 1997-98; Phoenix 1998-00; Golden State, 2000-01; Seattle 2001-02; New Orleans 2002-03; Los Angeles Clipper 2003-04; Utah 2004-05; Chicago 2005-06; Seattle 2006-07 ... Played 11 seasons and 203 career games ... Averaged 3.8 ppg, 1.4 rpg, 2.0 apg.

Durand "Rudy" Macklin

Atlanta, 1982-83; New York, 1984 ... Career scoring average of 6.4 ppg.

Peter Press Maravich (Pistol Pete)

Atlanta 1971-74; New Orleans, 1975-79; Utah-Boston, 1980-81 ... Four time NBA All-Star ... Career scoring average of 24.2 ppg, totaling almost 16,000 points ... Member of the NBA's 50-year anniversary all-star team.

Robert E. Pettit, Jr.

Milwaukee 1955; St. Louis, 1956-65 ... 11-time NBA All-Star ... Member of the NBA's 50-year anniversary all-star team ... Career scoring average of 26.4 ppg, scoring over 20,800 points.

Jerry Reynolds

Milwaukee 1985-88; Seattle 1988-89; Orlando 1989-92; Milwaukee, 1995-96 ... 443 games played ... Career scoring average of 9.1 ppg and 3.0 rpg.

Stanley Roberts

Orlando, 1992; L. A. Clippers 1993-97 ... 9.6 ppg career scoring average.

DeWayne Scales

New York, 1981-82; Washington 1984 ... 4.6 ppg career scoring average.

John Sam Williams

Washington, 1987-91; LA Clippers 1993-94; Indiana 1995 ... Career scoring average of 10.1 ppg.

Mike THE TIGER

Trainer and namesake
Mike Chambers
with Mike I housed in
City Park Zoo.



Mike VI



History of Mike

A live Bengal Tiger serves as the graphic image of all LSU athletic teams.

LSU fans are now enjoying watching its newest Bengal Tiger, Mike VI, roam the grounds of his new Habitat after arriving on campus in late August. During the 2007, Mike IV's cage was driven down Victory Hill in front of the Golden Band From Tigerland for the first time in school history. Mike VI has had fans flocking to his home with cameras documenting his power and grace as he playfully roamed his habitat.

Mike's ride through Tiger Stadium before home games in a cage also remains one of college football's great traditions. Before entering the stadium, his cage on wheels is parked next to the opponent's locker room in the southeast end of the stadium. Opposing players must make their way past Mike's cage to reach their locker room.

Tradition dictates that the Tigers will score a touchdown from every growl issued by Mike before a football game. For many years, Mike was prompted to roar by pounding on the cage. Objections of cruel punishment brought about the use of recorded growls to play to the crowd before the game. That practice was discontinued shortly afterward and today, Mike participates in the pregame tradition without provocation.

Mike has also been seen in his cage in the Maravich Center, parked in the Northeast Corridor forcing opponent basketball teams to make that same walk past the cage onto the floor.

In the mid-1980s, pranksters cut the lock on Mike IV's cage and freed him in the early morning hours just days before the annual LSU-Tulane clash. Mike roamed free, playfully knocking down several small pine trees in the area, before being trapped in the Bernie Moore Track Stadium where police used tranquilizer guns to capture and return the Bengal Tiger to his home.

Mike VI

The two-year-old Bengal/Siberian mix, formerly known as Roscoe, was donated to LSU by Great Cats of Idaville, Ind., a nonprofit sanctuary and rescue facility for big cats and other large carnivores. Roscoe arrived on Aug. 25 and after a week of quarantine was quickly allowed to enter the outside portion of his habitat on Sept. 1. He was officially designated as the successor to Mike V on Sept. 8 and six days later an official ceremony was held to honor Mike V and dedicate the habitat to Mike VI.

FOR EVEN MORE ON THE HISTORY OF MIKE, GO ONLINE: mikethetiger.com

Mike V passed away May 18, 2007, after serving as LSU's live mascot for 17 years. Following his death, many people honored his memory by placing everything from flowers to signs and hats around his habitat.



1936-1956

Mike I

The original Mike was purchased from the Little Rock Zoo in 1936 for \$750, with money contributed by the student body. Originally known as "Sheik" at the time of his purchase, his name was changed to Mike to honor Mike Chambers who served as LSU's athletic trainer when the first mascot was purchased. The first Mike was housed in the Baton Rouge Zoo for one year before a permanent home was constructed near Tiger Stadium. Mike I reigned for 20 years before dying of pneumonia.



1956-1958

Mike II

The second Mike served a brief reign, lasting only through the 1957 season before dying of pneumonia in the spring of 1958. He was born at the Audubon Zoo in New Orleans and came to LSU on Sept. 28, 1956. The young tiger was held overnight in Tiger Stadium and unveiled Sept. 29, the opening day of the football season.



1958-1976

Mike III

Just in time for the 1958 national championship season, Mike III was purchased from the Woodland Park Zoo in Seattle, Wash., following a "national search" by then-athletic director Jim Corbett. The student body contributed \$1,500 for the purchase of the tiger. Mike III served as mascot for 18 seasons, dying after the only losing season of his reign, as LSU posted a 5-6 record in 1975.



1976-1990

Mike IV

Mike IV reigned over Tiger athletics for 14 years after being donated to the school by August A. Busch III from the Dark Continent Amusement Park in Tampa, Fla., on Aug. 29, 1976. Born on May 15, 1974, Mike's age and health were determining factors in his retirement to the Baton Rouge Zoo in 1990. Mike IV died of old age in March of 1995 at the age of 21.



1990-2007

Mike V

Donated by Dr. Thomas and Caroline Atchison of the Animal House Zoological Park in Moulton, Ala., Mike V served as LSU's mascot for 17 years. As a baby tiger, Mike V was brought to Baton Rouge from Alabama by Dr. Sheldon Bivin of the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine. Born Oct. 18, 1989, the new tiger was introduced to LSU fans at a basketball game against Alabama in February 1990. He officially began his reign on April 30, 1990, when he was moved into the tiger cage across from Tiger Stadium.

LSU GREATS

The five individuals on this page are the only men to have their jerseys retired by LSU. Basketball has retired the No. 23 for Pete Maravich, No. 50 for Bob Pettit, Jr., and No. 33 for Shaquille O'Neal. Football's only retired jersey is the No. 20 worn by Billy Cannon, while baseball retired the No. 15 in honor of longtime coach and current athletics director Skip Bertman.



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Bob Pettit

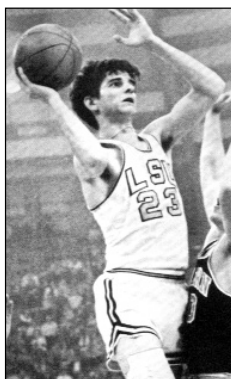
Led LSU to its first NCAA Final Four in 1953 and he later became the first player in NBA history to exceed the 20,000-plus point barrier. Pettit is a member of the NBA Hall of Fame and in 1997 he was named as one of the top 50 players in NBA history.



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Billy Cannon

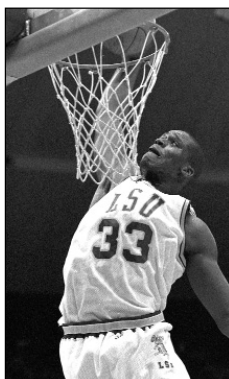
One of the true legends of college football in the South, Cannon was the 1959 Heisman Trophy winner and helped the Tigers to the 1958 national title. Cannon's most memorable performance came in 1959 against Ole Miss when No. 1 LSU trailed No. 3 Ole Miss 3-0 in the fourth quarter. He fielded a punt, broke seven tackles and returned it 89 yards for the 7-3 victory. He went on to a successful 11-year professional career.



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Pete Maravich

"Pistol Pete," Maravich still holds the NCAA record for career points with 3,667 and for career scoring average with 44.2 points a game. He was selected the National Player of the Year in 1970 after leading the Tigers to the NIT Final Four. He scored 50+ points an amazing 28 times. He went on to a 10-year professional career and was selected as one of the NBA's 50 greatest players in 1997.



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Shaquille O'Neal

Was the first pick in the 1992 NBA Draft. He was named MVP of the league in 2000 and was a three-time NBA Finals MVP after leading the Los Angeles Lakers to three World Championships. At LSU, O'Neal averaged 21.6 points and 13.6 rebounds for his career, and in 1991, he was named the World's Amateur Athlete of the Year as well as SEC Athlete of the Year and National Player of the Year. In 1997, he was named as one of the top 50 players in NBA history.



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Skip Bertman

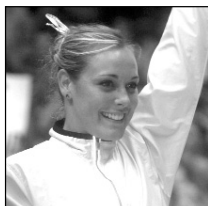
A legend in the college baseball ranks, Bertman created a dynasty at LSU, guiding the Tigers to five national titles in a 10-year stretch from 1991-2000. He also skipped the United States to a bronze medal at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta and was an assistant on the gold medal-winning U.S. squad in Seoul, Korea in 1988. Bertman retired from coaching following the 2001 season and is currently the LSU athletics director. Bertman was inducted into the College Baseball Hall of Fame in 2006.

LSU's Success in each of its 20 sports is evident with this outstanding list of former Tigers.



Seimone Augustus

Augustus was the two-time NCAA National Player of the Year, receiving the Wade Trophy, the Naismith and the Wooden Awards as a junior and a senior. Augustus helped lead the Lady Tigers to three straight Final Fours and was the NCAA Regional MOP three times. She was the No. 1 draft pick in the 2006 WNBA draft.



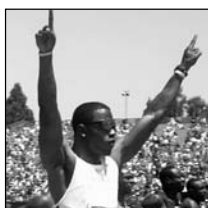
Nicki Arnstad

The 2002 NCAA floor exercise co-champion, Arnstad became the first LSU gymnast to win a national title. She was a two-time All-American and won the NCAA Central Regional Floor and All-Around Championships.



April Burkholder

The 2006 NCAA beam co-national champion. Finished career with 14 All-America honors and four All-SEC selections. In addition, was named the NCAA Central Region Gymnast of the year twice (2004, 2005), the SEC Gymnast of the Year on two occasions (2004 and 2005) and was also the conference's Freshman of the Year in 2003.



Xavier Carter

Carter won a school record-tying seven NCAA titles on the track and earned a total of 10 All-America honors. He became just the second athlete to win four titles at one national meet, joining Jesse Owens. Holds four individual school records and anchored LSU's 4x400-meter relay teams to two school records.



Walter Davis

A two-time Olympian and World Champion, Davis helped LSU to national titles in 2001 and 2002. The SEC Male Athlete of the Year in 2002, he won six NCAA titles and earned a school-record nine All-America honors.



Meredith Duncan

The nation's top collegiate golfer in 2002, Duncan left LSU as the school's best female golfer. She earned first-team All-America honors as a senior in 2002 and won the United States Women's Amateur Championship in 2001.



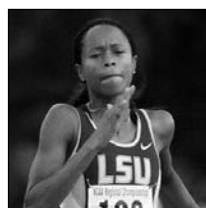
Temeka Johnson

The 2004-05 Lieberman Award winner as the nation's top point guard, Johnson led the Lady Tigers to back-to-back NCAA Final Fours, the 2004-05 SEC regular season title and the 2003 tournament title, and was the SEC's all-time assist leader, finishing her career fifth in NCAA history with 945.



Esther Jones

A 21-time All-American while a LSU, Jones won a gold medal as a member of the United States' 4x100-meter relay team at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona.



Muna Lee

The most decorated track and field athlete in school history, Lee won 20 All-America awards and a school record seven national titles while helping the Lady Tigers to five NCAA team championships during her time at LSU. A 2004 Olympian, she finished seventh in the 200 meters at the Summer Games in Athens, Greece.



Ben McDonald

Named the Golden Spikes National Player of the Year in 1989 and he was later the first player chosen in the Major League Baseball Draft by the Baltimore Orioles.



David Toms

The two-time SEC Player of the Year, Toms has gone on to a successful career on the PGA Tour. Among his PGA Tour victories was a thrilling win at the PGA Championship in August of 2001.



Todd Walker

Capped his LSU career as the SEC's all-time leader in hits, runs, RBIs, and total bases. Walker, who is a member of the All-Time College World Series Team, led LSU to the national title in 1993.

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Shaquille O'Neal

Four-time NBA champion, including the 2006 title with Miami, Shaquille O'Neal, the 2000 NBA MVP, joined the long list of prominent LSU alumni when he earned his degree in general studies in December 2000.



Seimone Augustus

Received her degree in 2005 after just three years at LSU and while earning NCAA Women's Basketball National Player of the Year honors twice. The first pick of the 2006 WNBA draft by the Minnesota Lynx.



Prominent LSU ALUMNI



Eduardo Aguirre, Jr.

Named the first Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) for the Department of Homeland Security in 2003, Aguirre, Jr., was appointed the U.S. Ambassador to Spain in 2005.



Kevin Faulk

Excelled in both the classroom and on the playing field as he graduated in just three years. Faulk is currently a member of the three-time Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots.



Dr. James Andrews

A world-renowned orthopedic surgeon. Andrews is a 1963 graduate of LSU and a 1967 graduate of LSU Medical School. While at LSU, Andrews won the SEC indoor and outdoor titles in the pole vault.



Carlos Roberto Flores

The president of Honduras from 1997-2001, Flores helped the nation recover after Hurricane Mitch devastated the country in 1998. Flores is married to the former Mary Carol Flake, also an alumnus of LSU.



Lod Cook

Graduated from LSU with a bachelor's degree in Mathematics in 1955 and then earned his Master's degree in Petro Engineering in 1955. Cook served as CEO of ARCO for nine years.



Jim Flores

Graduated with two LSU bachelors of science degrees; one in Corporate Finance in 1981 and the second in Petroleum Land Management in 1982. Flores is currently Chairman, President and CEO of Plains Exploration & Production Company

LSU's enrollment is more than 30,000 students, including more than 1,600 international students and nearly 5,000 graduate students.

Dr. Larry O. Arthur - AIDS researcher.

John Ed Bradley - Sports Illustrated writer and novelist.

John Breaux - U.S. Senator (1987-2005) and U.S. Congressman (1972-86) from Louisiana.

Wil Calhoun - Executive Producer of television sitcom "Friends".

Cassandra Chandler - One of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's highest ranking African-American women as special agent in charge of the Norfolk Field office.

"Lightning Joe" Lawton Collins - Chief of Staff for President Harry Truman.

Bill Conti - Oscar-winning composer who has written theme music for several well-known movies, including "Rocky" and its sequels.

Eric Arturo Delvalle - President of Panama (1985-1988).

A. Wright Elliott - Retired executive vice president, Chase Manhattan Bank.

Graves Erskine - U.S. Marine Corps General in WWII.

Maxime A. Faget - Designed Mercury and Gemini spacecrafts.

Mary Carol Flake Flores - Former first lady of Honduras.

Murphy "Mike" Foster, Jr. - Former governor of Louisiana (1996-2004).

Kevin Griffin - Lead singer of the platinum-selling rock band "Better than Ezra".

Paul Groves - Award-winning tenor with the Metropolitan Opera.

Rufus William (Bill) Harp - Television set decorator for series including "L.A. Law" and "Moonlighting".

Pat Hewlett - CIO of Exxon Mobil.

Walter Hitesman - Former president, Reader's Digest.

Hubert Humphrey - U.S. vice president (1965-69).

W. Vernon Jones - Senior Scientist for Suborbital Research, NASA headquarters.

Delos "Kip" Knight - Vice president of marketing and brand management for eBay international.

Russell Long - U.S. Senator from Louisiana (1948-87).

Ray Marshall - Secretary of Labor under President Jimmy Carter.

James E. Maurin - Founding partner and CEO of Stirling Properties, a national real estate services firm.

Grover Murray - Former president of Texas Tech University.

Jake Lee Netterville - Chairman of the board of Postlethwaite and Netterville, the largest Louisiana-based public accounting firm.

Edwin Newman - Longtime NBC News journalist and author.

Carolyn Bennett Patterson - Former senior editor, National Geographic.

J. Howard Rambin - Former CEO and Chairman of the Board, Texaco.

Rex Reed - Drama critic, syndicated columnist.



Kenneth Brown

A 1995 graduate of LSU and the host of Home and Garden Television's (HGTV) show "redesign", Brown credits much of his success to LSU's interior design program, which is ranked among the top 10 nationally. Brown's show completed its first season in 2005, and HGTV plans to air 65 more episodes.

Maj. Gen. Thomas Rhame - Led 1st Infantry Division against Iraq during Persian Gulf War.

Thomas O. Ryder - Chairman of the Board, The Reader's Digest Association.

Frances Seghers - Senior VP of Sony Entertainment European Community Affairs, which includes Sony Music, Sony Pictures and Sony Playstation.

Dolores Spikes - Former President of the Southern University System and the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore.

Ray Strother - Author, political consultant.

David Suarez - Co-owner of Atlantic Company of America, Inc., which performed the historic restoration of the Washington Monument, the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum and the main U.S. Treasury Building.

Rebecca Wells - Author of the novel and film "Devine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood."

Joanne Woodward - Academy Award-winning actress and wife of Paul Newman.



Reinosuke Hara

Researched at LSU in the 1950s and then later received an honorary Doctorate of Science degree from LSU in 1992. Former President and CEO of Seiko Instruments.



Mary L. Landrieu

Became the first woman from Louisiana elected to a full term in the United States Senate in 1997.



Harry J. Longwell

Graduated from LSU in 1963 with a Bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering and retired in 2004 as the Executive Vice President and Director of ExxonMobil.



Eddie J. Jones

Former President of the NFL's Miami Dolphins franchise, the 37-year veteran of the NFL is currently a Trustee of the Bert Bell/Pete Rozelle Retirement and Disability Plan.



Marty Sixkiller

Senior Technical Director for PDI/DreamWorks' movies "Antz," "Shrek," "Shrek 2," "Shrek the Third," "Madagascar" and "Over the Hedge".



James Carville

Received both a Bachelor's degree and Law degree from LSU. Carville gained fame in the 1990s as the chief campaign strategist for Bill Clinton and Al Gore. Carville also penned a best-selling memoir titled "All's Fair: Love, War and Running for President".

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Sports Museum

JACK & PRISCILLA ANDONIE

The Jack and Priscilla Andonie Museum is home to LSU's athletics history. The museum, located at the Lod Cook Alumni Center on LSU's campus, is full of artifacts and memorabilia from the Andonie's personal collection gathered by the couple over the past three decades. The museum features more than 115 precious pieces of LSU memorabilia. Among these are the 1926 program of the dedication of the campus; the 1936 Sugar Bowl program signed by Governor Oscar K. Allen; Chinese Bandits' hats, jerseys and game ball of the 1958 National Champions; Shaquille O'Neal's and Pete Maravich's jerseys and game shoes; coach Skip Bertman's championship game uniform; the Tiger Band's national championship trophy; coach Dale Brown's favorite game tie; coach Nick Saban's Sugar Bowl headphones; and the 2003 national championship signed game ball.

Twenty-four wall mounted TVs simultaneously broadcast music videos of the Tiger Band, Cheerleaders, Golden Girls, significant LSU Sports moments, and campus scenes from the 1930s, 40s and 50s. These videos are synched to the wonderful music of the LSU Band and were created exclusively for the Andonie Museum. A movie screen is installed across the corridor entrance displaying the 2004 Nokia Sugar Bowl and highlights of the 2003 championship football season.

Twenty-two huge purple and gold banners add bursts of color to the museum's wall displays. These banners provide information about legendary coaches Paul Dietzel and Charles McClendon. The banners also pay tribute to LSU's SEC and national championship teams.



Amenities

- ▶ 54 Sports Displays
- ▶ 24 large wall-mounted television screens
- ▶ 13,000 LSU artifacts and memorabilia
- ▶ Numerous kiosk displays

Museum Hours

FREE ADMISSION
Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sat. & Sun. 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Home Football Game Days:
9:00 a.m. - 2 hours prior to game time

Athletic Facilities

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Tiger Stadium

Football

Built - 1924 • Capacity - 92,400

Largest Crowd - 92,664 vs. Auburn on October 22, 2005



Pete Maravich Assembly Center

Men's and Women's Basketball, Volleyball and Gymnastics

Built - 1971 • Capacity - 13,472

Largest Crowd - 15,694 (MBKB vs. Ole Miss on Feb. 25, 1981)



Alex Box Stadium

Baseball

Built - 1938 • Capacity - 7,760

Largest Crowd - 8,683 vs. Houston on March 6, 2004



Bernie Moore Track Stadium

Men's and Women's Outdoor Track & Field

Built - 1969 • Capacity - 5,680

Largest Crowd - 3,947 on June 1, 2001 (NCAA Championships)



Tiger Park

Softball

Built - 1996 • Capacity - 1,000

Largest Crowd - 2,326 vs. Tennessee on April 28, 2007



Soccer Complex

Women's Soccer

Built - 1996 • Capacity - 1,500

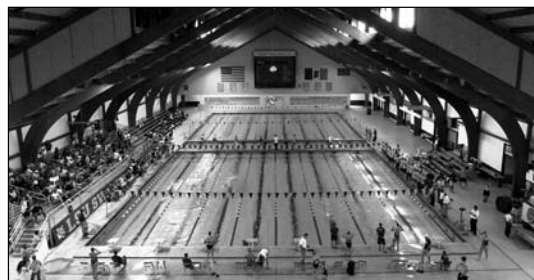
Largest Crowd - 2,160 vs. McNeese State on Sept. 14, 2007



W.T. "Dub" Robinson Stadium

Men's and Women's Tennis

Built - 1970 • Capacity - 550



Natatorium

Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving

Built - 1985 • Capacity - 2,200

Southeastern Conference

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Dual Titles

In 2005-2006 the LSU Men's and Women's Basketball teams became the first ever Southeastern Conference program to both win SEC Championships in the same season. The SEC title last season was the ninth men's title in school history.

The Southeastern Conference celebrates its 75th anniversary this season and when it comes to league history, men's basketball certainly needs to take a back seat when it comes to its place in the SEC. The SEC has captured 10 NCAA Championships and four NIT titles putting the SEC as one of the nation's top basketball conferences.

SECOnd to None

The SEC is the first conference win the Division I National Championship in Football (Florida), Men's Basketball (Florida) and Women's Basketball (Tennessee) in the same school year. The Southeastern Conference won all three during the 2006-07 academic year.

Only the SEC and the Big East have ever won both the men's and women's basketball titles in one season. SEC won both three times in 1996, 1998 and 2007.

The SEC swept both the NIT and NCAA Tournaments in 2006 with Florida knocking off UCLA, 73-57, to earn its first NCAA championship and South Carolina defeated Michigan, 76-64, to earn their second straight NIT title.

The Southeastern Conference became the first conference since the Big East in 2003 to win both titles in a season. Only four conference have both the NIT and NCAA title, including the ACC (1992) and Big Ten (1979).

Record Attendance

The SEC posted a record attendance last season totaling 2,467,939 fans for games featuring SEC teams. Home attendance numbers showed an increase at 10 of 12 SEC arenas, including at LSU for the sixth straight season. The SEC bested its previous high in 2003-04 by 237,393 fans.

SEC First in NCAA Tourney Record and Wins

With an 11-4 record in the 2007 NCAA Tournament, the SEC ranks first among all conferences in record and wins in the "Big Dance" over the last two seasons. The SEC has amassed 24 victories during the last two NCAA Tournaments.

Conference NCAA Record (2006-present)

SEC	24-9 (.727)
Pac-10	18-10 (.643)
Big East	18-14 (.563)
ACC	13-11 (.542)
Big Ten	12-12 (.500)
Big 12	10-8 (.556)

Five Teams Dancing

The SEC was fifth in number of bids for the 2007 NCAA Tournament, receiving at least five bids for the 11th straight season.

SEC Champion Florida made its ninth straight NCAA Tournament appearance this year. Kentucky made its 16th straight NCAA tourney. Arkansas and Tennessee both made their second straight appearances and Vanderbilt rejoined the field for the first time since 2004.

Here is a breakdown of conferences with more than one bid and their records, ranked by winning pct:

	'07 RECORD	NO. OF BIDS
SEC	11-4 (.733)	5
Pac 10	10-6 (.625)	6
Big Ten	9-6 (.600)	6
Big 12	6-4 (.600)	4
Big East	7-6 (.538)	6
ACC	7-7 (.500)	7
Horizon	2-2 (.500)	2
Missouri Valley	2-2 (.500)	2
Mountain West	2-2 (.500)	2

SEC Among Final Four Leaders

In the last 15 NCAA Tournaments (1993-2007), the SEC's 12 Final Four appearances are the second most by any conference.

With Florida and LSU returning to the Final Four in the 2006 season, the SEC has had a total of five different teams to make the national semifinals, behind only the Big Ten's seven over the 15-year span.

This year's Final Four showing gives the SEC its 22nd all-time appearance (27th including five appearances by Arkansas prior to joining the SEC).

ACC - 13 - Duke, Georgia Tech, North Carolina, Maryland
SEC - 12 - Arkansas, Florida, Kentucky, LSU, Mississippi State
Big Ten - 11 - Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota, Ohio State, Wisconsin
Big 12 - 7 - Kansas, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Texas
Big East - 7 - Connecticut, Georgetown, Louisville, Marquette, Syracuse
Pac 10 - 7 - Arizona, Stanford, UCLA

SEC in Strength of Schedules

All 12 SEC teams posted schedules among the Top 60 in the country, according to CollegeRPI.com, entering the postseason.

Home Sweet Home

Southeastern Conference teams had a 174-34 (.837) record at home this past season.

Tiger Girls/Cheerleaders

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2007-08 Tiger Girls

The popular men's basketball dance group is in its tenth year of performing at the Assembly Center. The Tiger Girls won the 2000 National Dance Team Championship and finished second in 2004.

FRONT ROW (KNEELING L TO R):

Alisha Andrepont, Kristen Hebert, Ashley Gieg, Andrea Sonnier, Christina Caporella, Angele Louviere, Natalie Viator

BACK ROW (L TO R):

ATaylor Haydell, Heidi Hankin, Lauren Hammond, Casey Dauzat, Maurie Hooton, Kristen Davis, Erin Keller, Sarah Broussard, Brittany Keahey, Kelsey Walden Hebert



2007-08 Tiger Cheerleaders

The Tiger Cheerleaders are routinely among the tops in the country in annual competitions, having placed in the top five several times.



Front Row (l-r): Katie Prechter, Braley Raborn, Liza Boyer, Scott Watkins, Kate Stone, Mitchel Hollier, Mike the Tiger, Scott Dufour, Monica Polemeni, Evan Payne, Meghan Scully, Kenny Daenen, Jessica Spitale.

Middle Row (l-r): Kevin Daigle, Andrew Murphy, Austin Langley, Tres Cossaboom, Ricky McDonald, Jamie Mascari, Lizzie Montero, Christopher Bogantes, Chico Garcia (coach), Amanda Ott (coach), Pauline Zernott (coordinator).

Back Row (l-r): BreAnna Kucera, Caleb Jordan, Taylor Trahan, Trever Thibodeaux, Kaylee Elder, Kimberly Chicola, Justin Hua, Ben Brickner, Jill Honeycutt, Blake Jenevein, Keli Richardson, Eddie Lane, Katherine Whitty, Derek Medicut, Codi Cox, Matthew Thompson, Daisy Brame.