

# LSU LADY TIGERS (30-7)

## POSSIBLE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME OPPONENT

### LADY VOLTS VS. LADY TIGERS

#### THE RANKINGS:

UT is 3rd in the AP & 4th in the ESPN/USA Today poll

LSU is 12th in the AP and 11th in ESPN/USA Today

#### RECENT RESULTS:

No. 1 seed UT defeated seventh-seeded Mississippi, 98-62, to advance into its 17th Final Four

No. 3 LSU defeated top-seeded Connecticut, 73-50, to advance into its fourth consecutive Final Four

#### UPCOMING GAMES:

Dayton Regional victor Tennessee takes on Dallas Region winner North Carolina in one of the National Semifinals. The other pits Fresno Regional No. 3 seed LSU against Greensboro Regional No. 4 seed Rutgers.

#### COACHES RECORDS:

UT's Pat Summitt is 945-180 (.840) in 33 years

LSU's Bob Starkey is 4-0 (1.000) since moving into the head coaching role after Pokey Chatman's resignation.

#### SERIES RECORD:

Tennessee leads the series, 35-10

Home: Tennessee is 16-1

Away: Tennessee is 11-5

Neutral: Tennessee is 8-4

NCAA Tournament: 2-0

Overtime: 1-1

**LAST MEETING:** LSU beat the Lady Vols, 63-54, in the semifinals of the 2007 SEC Tournament at The Arena at Gwinnett Center in Duluth, Ga.

### 2006-07 STATISTICS

	UT	LSU
<b>Overall Record</b>	32-3	30-7
<b>Scoring</b>	74.5	66.8
<b>Scoring Defense</b>	56.0	48.8
<b>Point Margin</b>	+18.6	+18.0
<b>Rebounds</b>	38.2	40.2
<b>Opponent Rebounds</b>	33.7	34.2
<b>Rebound Margin</b>	+4.5	+6.0
<b>FG%</b>	.448	.433
<b>Opponent FG%</b>	.388	.326
<b>Three-point FG%</b>	.371	.335
<b>Opponent 3FG%</b>	.307	.271
<b>FT%</b>	.708	.669
<b>Opponent FT%</b>	.708	.690
<b>Blocks Average</b>	5.5	5.6
<b>Steals Average</b>	11.7	10.3
<b>Turnover Average</b>	15.4	13.5
<b>Assists Average</b>	15.8	15.6

### LAST TIME VS. LSU

Despite a career-high 29-point output by junior Alexis Hornbuckle, the top-seeded Lady Vols fell to fourth-seeded LSU, 63-54, in the SEC semifinals in Duluth, Ga. on March 3. The loss snapped an 11-game win streak by the Lady Vols, who fell to 28-3 on the season and suffered their first loss against a conference foe in the 2007 campaign. LSU's Sylvia Fowles scored 19 points and added 20 rebounds - the second most ever by a UT opponent and the most since 1978. Tennessee jumped out to a 7-0 lead, forcing Pokey Chatman to call a timeout with 17:31 showing on the clock. The Lady Tigers did not score until the 16:28 mark. Hornbuckle scored 10 points in the first half, including a basket that gave Tennessee a 15-4 lead about six minutes into the game, but LSU went on a 29-14 run to close the half. LSU took its first lead at 28-26 with just under five minutes left until halftime. Hornbuckle's three-pointer with 4:05 left in the half gave Tennessee a 29-28 lead, but UT was held scoreless the rest of the half and Fowles scored three straight baskets to give the Lady Tigers a 34-29 lead at the break. LSU took a 53-41 lead on a basket by Quianna Chaney with 5:55 left in the game, but UT did not give up. Hornbuckle sank a long three-pointer with 1:15 remaining to cut the margin to 55-50, but Erica White and RaShonta LeBlanc each made two free throws to give the Lady Tigers some breathing room. Tennessee beat LSU in the 2005 and 2006 SEC Tournament finals by a combined total of three points. With most seats taken in the 10,309-seat Gwinnett Arena, this semifinal had the feel of a championship game. Candace Parker was held to just four points (the fewest of her career) on 2-of-11 shooting from the field. Spencer was equally as poor of a shooter, as her lone three-pointer and two free throws helped her to just seven points. It was the first time since the Dec. 3 loss at UNC that only one Lady Vol reached double figures.

### THE SERIES

Tennessee leads the all-time series against the Lady Tigers, 35-10. Over the last five years, the series has taken on a new dimension, as LSU has six seasons of the last 11 encounters. The two programs have claimed each of the last 10 SEC regular-season titles (Georgia shared the 2000 crown with UT), while both have had streaks of four straight Final Four appearances in the past six years. Tennessee went in 2002-05, while LSU has gone each year since 2004.

**TENNESSEE VS. LSU SERIES MEETINGS**

Dec. 17, 1977	Columbus, Miss.	W, 72-63
Jan. 9, 1978	Baton Rouge, La.	L, 62-72
Feb. 6, 1978	Knoxville, Tenn.	W, 86-68
Jan. 24, 1979	Baton Rouge, La.	L, 80-85 (OT)
Jan. 29, 1979	Knoxville, Tenn.	W, 92-48
Jan. 28, 1980	Knoxville, Tenn.	W, 96-73
Dec. 10, 1980	Baton Rouge, La.	W, 88-73
Dec. 17, 1982	Baton Rouge, La.	W, 83-73
Feb. 3, 1984	Knoxville, Tenn.	W, 82-80
Feb. 27, 1985	Knoxville, Tenn.	W, 85-78
Jan. 20, 1986	Knoxville, Tenn.	W, 60-50
March 22, 1986	Iowa City, Iowa	W, 67-65
Feb. 7, 1987	Baton Rouge, La.	W, 84-73
March 5, 1987	Albany, Ga.	W, 64-63
Feb. 13, 1988	Knoxville, Tenn.	W, 89-82
Feb. 10, 1989	Baton Rouge, La.	W, 89-65
Feb. 10, 1990	Knoxville, Tenn.	W, 86-60
Jan. 21, 1991	Baton Rouge, La.	W, 79-77
March 4, 1991	Albany, Ga.	L, 75-80
Jan. 8, 1992	Knoxville, Tenn.	W, 85-69
March 7, 1992	Albany, Ga.	W, 70-65
Jan. 7, 1993	Baton Rouge, La.	W, 95-61
Jan. 9, 1994	Knoxville, Tenn.	W, 91-69
Jan. 7, 1995	Baton Rouge, La.	W, 102-68
Feb. 22, 1996	Knoxville, Tenn.	W, 88-75
Feb. 22, 1997	Baton Rouge, La.	L, 78-83
March 1, 1997	Chattanooga, Tenn.	W, 100-99 (OT)
Feb. 22, 1998	Knoxville, Tenn.	W, 90-58
Feb. 21, 1999	Baton Rouge, La.	L, 69-72
Jan. 6, 2000	Baton Rouge, La.	W, 86-50
Feb. 20, 2000	Knoxville, Tenn.	W, 80-48
Jan. 4, 2001	Knoxville, Tenn.	W, 89-70
Feb. 18, 2001	Baton Rouge, La.	W, 75-73
Jan. 13, 2002	Knoxville, Tenn.	W, 79-67
March 2, 2002	Nashville, Tenn.	L, 80-81
Feb. 23, 2003	Baton Rouge, La.	W, 68-65
March 9, 2003	North Little Rock, Ark.	L, 62-78
Feb. 29, 2004	Knoxville, Tenn.	W, 85-62
April 4, 2004	New Orleans, La.	W, 52-50
Feb. 10, 2005	Baton Rouge, La.	L, 58-68
March 6, 2005	Greenville, S.C.	W, 67-65
Feb. 9, 2006	Knoxville, Tenn.	L, 69-72
March 5, 2006	North Little Rock, Ark.	W, 63-62
Feb. 19, 2007	Baton Rouge, La.	W, 56-51
March 3, 2007	Duluth, Ga.	L, 54-63

**UT VS. SEC**

Tennessee is 381-58 all-time against the other members of the Southeastern Conference. This year, UT compiled a perfect 14-0 league record to become the SEC Champions. The Lady Vols then won in the quarterfinals of the SEC Tournament before falling to LSU in the semifinals. Tennessee also defeated league foe Mississippi in the Dayton Regional Finals, 98-62, to advance into the Final Four. The Big Orange are 14-2 versus conference opponents in the NCAA Tournament and 5-0 against the league in the NCAA Final Four.

**UT VS. SEC TEAMS ALL-TIME**

Team	Wins	Losses	Pct.
Alabama	39	2	.951
Arkansas	18	1	.947
Auburn	31	8	.795
Florida	35	2	.946
Georgia	38	14	.731
Kentucky	41	6	.872
LSU	35	10	.778
Mississippi	31	7	.816
Mississippi State	26	0	1.000
South Carolina	38	2	.950
Vanderbilt	49	6	.891
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>.868</b>

**LADY VOLS VS. SEC IN NCAA TOURNEY**

YEAR	OPPONENT	ROUND	RESULT
2006	Mississippi	Elite Eight	W, 98-62
2004	LSU	Final Four	W, 52-50
2002	Vanderbilt	Elite Eight	W, 68-63
1998	Arkansas	Final Four	W, 86-58
1996	Georgia	NCAA Final	W, 83-65
1995	Georgia	Final Four	W, 73-51
1991	Auburn	Elite Eight	W, 69-65
1989	Auburn	NCAA Final	W, 76-60
1987	Auburn	Elite Eight	W, 77-61
1986	LSU	Elite Eight	W, 67-65
1986	Georgia	Sweet 16	W, 85-82
1985	Mississippi	Sweet 16	L, 60-63
1984	Georgia	Elite Eight	W, 73-61
1984	Alabama	Sweet 16	W, 65-58
1983	Georgia	Elite Eight	L, 63-67
1983	Mississippi	Sweet 16	W, 90-83

**TOP 25 OPPONENTS**

Tennessee and LSU have both faced some of the best teams in the country. The Lady Vols are 11-3 against top-25 teams, while LSU stands at 5-6 against the same level of opposition. The Lady Tigers have avenged two of those losses to top-10 foes, beating UConn and UT in rematches, both in postseason tournaments.

**UT vs. Top 10**

#2 North Carolina (L)  
 #5 Connecticut (W)  
 #1 Duke (L)  
 #9/14 Georgia (W)  
 #7 LSU (W)  
 #11/10 LSU (L)

**LSU vs. Top 10**

#5/6 Ohio State (W)  
 #5/4 Connecticut (L)  
 #2 Tennessee (L)  
 #2 Tennessee (W)  
 #4/3 Connecticut (W)

**UT vs. rest of Top 25**

#20/21 UCLA (W)  
 #11 Arizona State (W)  
 #11 Stanford (W)  
 #21/19 G. Washington (W)  
 #23/24 Texas (W)  
 #15 Georgia (W)  
 #15/14 Vanderbilt (W)  
 #12 Vanderbilt (W)

**LSU vs. rest of Top 25**

#15 Baylor (L)  
 #18/17 Michigan State (W)  
 #15 Georgia (W)  
 #14 Georgia (L)  
 #12 Vanderbilt (L)  
 #13 Vanderbilt (L)

**COMMON OPPONENTS**

Tennessee and LSU have taken on 13 of the same opponents this season, 10 of the other SEC teams and non-conference foes Connecticut, Louisiana Tech and West Virginia. The Lady Vols hold a perfect 18-0 mark against that common opposition, while LSU has gone 15-5 against the same teams, 4-1 against the non-SEC teams and 11-4 against the league's members.

**TENNESSEE VS. COMMON LSU OPPONENTS**

Nov. 28	Louisiana Tech	A	W, 71-50
Dec. 20	West Virginia	H	W, 66-51
Jan. 3	Alabama	H	W, 72-36
Jan. 6	#5 Connecticut	A	W, 70-64
Jan. 11	Florida	A	W, 80-58
Jan. 14	#9/14 Georgia	A	W, 52-41
Jan. 18	Mississippi State	H	W, 73-44
Jan. 25	#15/14 Vanderbilt	A	W, 67-57
Jan. 28	Alabama	A	W, 80-51
Feb. 1	South Carolina	H	W, 72-36
Feb. 5	#15 Georgia	H	W, 73-57
Feb. 8	Auburn	A	W, 72-62
Feb. 11	Kentucky	H	W, 84-62
Feb. 15	Mississippi	H	W, 81-69
Feb. 22	Arkansas	A	W, 75-68 (OT)
Feb. 25	#12 Vanderbilt	H	W, 73-53
March 2	South Carolina	N	W, 81-63
March 27	Mississippi	N	W, 98-62

**LSU VS. COMMON TENNESSEE OPPONENTS**

Nov. 12	West Virginia	H	W, 64-25
Dec. 30	Louisiana Tech	N	W, 61-44
Jan. 7	#15 Georgia	H	W, 57-55
Jan. 11	Mississippi	A	L, 74-77
Jan. 14	Mississippi State	A	W, 77-50
Jan. 18	Kentucky	H	W, 76-58
Jan. 21	Alabama	A	W, 61-45
Jan. 25	Arkansas	H	W, 70-53
Jan. 28	Auburn	H	W, 65-45
Feb. 1	#14 Georgia	A	L, 51-53
Feb. 4	South Carolina	A	W, 49-46
Feb. 8	Florida	H	W, 79-66
Feb. 11	#5/4 Connecticut	H	L, 71-72
Feb. 15	Arkansas	A	W, 86-66
Feb. 22	#12 Vanderbilt	A	L, 58-68
Feb. 25	Alabama	H	W, 70-27
March 2	Mississippi	N	W, 52-46
March 4	#13 Vanderbilt	N	L, 45-51
March 19	West Virginia	N	W, 49-43
March 26	#2 Connecticut	N	W, 73-50

**CURRENT LADY VOL CAREER STATS VERSUS LSU**

Player	Games	Pts (Avg.)	Rebs (Avg.)	Best Mark Pts/Rebs
Nicky Anosike	6	22 (3.7)	42 (7.0)	9/11
Alberta Auguste	2	4 (2.0)	1 (0.5)	2/1
Shannon Bobbitt	2	13 (6.5)	4 (2.0)	13/2
Alex Fuller	4	0 (0.0)	9 (2.3)	0/4
Alexis Hornbuckle	5	55 (11.0)	32 (6.4)	29/9
Cait McMahan	2	3 (1.5)	1 (0.5)	3/1
Candace Parker	4	74 (18.5)	34 (8.5)	27/13
Dominique Redding	8	24 (3.0)	5 (0.6)	8/2
Sidney Spencer	7	48 (6.9)	33 (4.7)	21/9

**CURRENT LADY VOL GAME-BY-GAME STATS VERSUS LSU**

	GP/GS	Min	FG	FGA	3FG	3FGA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TR	PF	A	BLK	S	P
<b>NICKY ANOSIKE</b>																
Feb. 10, 2005	1/1	31	0	5	0	0	2	4	4	6	10	2	0	0	3	2
March 6, 2005	1/1	18	1	2	0	0	3	4	3	2	5	4	0	2	0	5
Feb. 9, 2006	1/1	23	1	3	0	0	2	3	2	6	8	3	4	1	0	4
March 3, 2006	1/1	34	0	5	0	0	2	2	6	5	11	1	2	1	0	2
Feb. 19, 2007	1/1	27	0	5	0	0	0	0	3	1	4	4	0	0	0	0
March 3, 2007	1/1	33	4	9	0	0	1	1	1	3	4	3	0	2	1	9
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6/6</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>42/7.0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>22/3.7</b>
<b>ALBERTA AUGUSTE</b>																
Feb. 19, 2007	1/0	5	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	2
March 3, 2007	1/0	3	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2/0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1/0.5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4/2.0</b>
<b>SHANNON BOBBITT</b>																
Feb. 19, 2007	1/1	26	4	11	3	7	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	0	1	13
March 3, 2007	1/1	28	0	4	0	2	0	0	1	1	2	3	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2/2</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4/2.0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13/6.5</b>

	GP/GS	Min	FG	FGA	3FG	3FGA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TR	PF	A	BLK	S	P
<b>ALEX FULLER</b>																
Feb. 9, 2006	1/0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
March 3, 2006	1/0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Feb. 19, 2007	1/0	19	0	3	0	1	0	0	2	2	4	2	0	0	0	0
March 3, 2007	1/0	8	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4/0</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9/2.3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0/0.0</b>

**ALEXIS HORNBUCKLE**

Feb. 10, 2005	1/0	17	1	5	0	2	0	0	3	2	5	0	3	1	0	2
March 6, 2005	1/1	36	4	8	0	0	1	2	2	6	8	2	1	1	1	9
Feb. 9, 2006	1/1	31	5	12	0	2	1	1	2	4	6	4	6	0	5	11
Feb. 19, 2007	1/1	37	2	10	0	3	0	0	1	3	4	1	4	1	5	4
March 3, 2007	1/1	40	12	18	4	5	1	2	3	6	9	5	2	1	3	29
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5/4</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>32/6.4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>55/11.0</b>

**CAIT MCMAHAN**

Feb. 19, 2007	1/0	11	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	0	0
March 3, 2007	1/0	9	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2/0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1/0.5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3/1.5</b>

**CANDACE PARKER**

Feb. 9, 2006	1/1	38	9	17	0	0	5	9	4	5	9	2	2	4	1	23
March 3, 2006	1/1	40	7	17	1	2	5	6	2	4	6	1	3	1	1	20
Feb. 19, 2007	1/1	37	11	20	0	1	5	12	2	11	13	3	2	2	2	27
March 3, 2007	1/1	38	2	11	0	1	0	0	0	6	6	3	4	2	0	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4/4</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>34/8.5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>74/18.5</b>

**DOMINIQUE REDDING**

Feb. 29, 2004	1/0	6	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3
April 4, 2004	1/0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feb. 10, 2005	1/0	6	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March 6, 2005	1/0	8	3	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	7
Feb. 9, 2006	1/0	13	2	5	2	4	0	0	0	2	2	3	1	1	0	6
March 3, 2006	1/0	9	0	3	0	3	0	0	2	0	2	2	1	0	0	0
Feb. 19, 2007	1/0	8	3	5	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
March 3, 2007	1/0	5	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8/0</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5/0.6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>24/3.0</b>

**SIDNEY SPENCER**

Feb. 29, 2004	1/0	16	2	7	0	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	6
April 4, 2004	1/0	20	2	6	1	1	2	2	2	4	6	4	0	0	0	7
Feb. 10, 2005	1/0	13	0	4	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0
Feb. 9, 2006	1/1	26	2	6	1	4	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	5
March 3, 2006	1/1	37	8	16	5	7	0	0	4	4	8	4	0	1	2	21
Feb. 19, 2007	1/1	30	1	12	0	4	0	0	7	2	9	0	1	0	1	2
March 3, 2007	1/1	36	2	11	1	6	2	2	0	4	4	3	3	0	0	7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7/4</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>33/4.7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>48/6.9</b>

## LSU NOTES

**SEED AND BID:** Third seed, at-large bid

**NCAA APPEARANCES:** 17th, ninth straight

**LAST APPEARANCE:** 2006

**OVERALL NCAA TOURNAMENT RECORD:** 32-16

**BEST FINISH:** Final Four, three times (2004-06)

**NEARING HISTORY:** LSU is one away from tying an amazing run of success. Appearing in their fourth straight Final Four this season, the Lady Tigers need to advance into next year's national semifinals to tie Connecticut's record skein of five from 2000-04. LSU's current streak of four ties two other programs that made the same run. Tennessee has performed the feat on three occasions (1986-89, 1995-98, 2002-05), while Louisiana Tech has made that run once (1987-90).

**SEC UNMATCHED AT FINAL FOUR:** In the 26 year history of the NCAA Tournament, no conference has appeared as often at the Final Four as the SEC. Out of a possible 104 bids into the national semifinals, the league has claimed 32 of those spots. On eight occasions now, the SEC has seen two of its programs advance to the Final Four. Each of those eight years, Tennessee has been part of the field. Only twice has the league (1992 & 2001) not been represented in the Final Four. Five different years have other conferences advanced more than one team to the national semifinals. The Atlantic Coast Conference can claim the only time a league has posted three teams to the semis, as Duke, North Carolina and Maryland all made the trip to Boston, Mass., last year. The BIG EAST did it twice (2000-01), while the Big Ten (1993) and Sun Belt (1985) have done it once each.

### **UT'S DOMINANCE OF THE SEC AT THE FINAL FOUR:**

It's not unusual to see two SEC squads duking it out in the Final Four. In fact, Tennessee has faced five SEC rivals at women's basketball's premier event -- and it is undefeated in those meetings. Twice, the Lady Vols have faced a conference foe for the national title. In 1989, Tennessee took down Auburn for the second time in three years in the NCAA Tournament to claim its second national title with a 76-60 win. Seven years later, the Lady Vols defeated longtime rival Georgia, 83-65, to win their first of three consecutive crowns. Tennessee has also faced Georgia (1995), Arkansas (1998) and LSU (2004) in the national semifinal. A potential showdown with the Lady Tigers would mark the third NCAA meeting between the two squads.

**ELITE COMPANY:** With its advancement to the 2007 Final Four, LSU becomes one of only three schools to make it this far under the direction of three different head coaches. While Pokey Chatman was serving as acting head coach in 2004, the wins were still technically credited to Sue Gunter. Chatman then took the Lady Tigers to the Final Four in 2005 and 2006, and following Chatman's resignation after the SEC Tournament, Bob Starkey leads LSU to the main event this season. Purdue and Stanford are the other two schools to make it this far under three different coaches. Purdue made it in 1994 under Lin Dunn, 1999 under former Lady Vol graduate

assistant Carolyn Peck (where the Boilermakers won the national title), and in 2001 under Kristy Curry. Stanford has made five Final Four appearances under longtime coach Tara VanDerveer and advanced to the national semifinals in 1996 under co-head coaches Marianne Stanley and Amy Tucker when VanDerveer took the season off to coach the U.S. Olympic Team in the 1996 Atlanta Games.

**ALWAYS IN THE RANKINGS:** Tennessee and LSU are two programs that are no strangers to appearing in the nation's Top 25. The Lady Vols remain the all-time leader, appearing in the Associated Press poll 521 times since November of 1976. LSU finds itself among elite company as well with 298 weeks ranked in the Top 25 in the same time span.

**BENCH SIMILARITIES:** These two SEC programs have quite the similarities between the leadership on the bench. LSU acting head coach Bob Starkey, before becoming one of the women's assistant coaches, served as an assistant on the men's side under former LSU boss Dale Brown from 1990-96. Tennessee's Dean Lockwood also has experience coaching the other gender at his current employer, after spending five years as an assistant for the Volunteers from 1987-91. Both have now advanced into at least one NCAA Tournament on both sides. Starkey helped the Tigers to four straight appearances from 1990-93, while Lockwood was a part of UT's 1989 NCAA Tournament squad. Both benches also include alumni of the program. Carla Berry is a four-year letter-winner and 1993 LSU grad, while both UT associate head coach Holly Warlick and assistant coach Nikki Caldwell played and graduated from Tennessee.

**MIGHT AS WELL FORGO THE INTRODUCTIONS:** LSU and Tennessee have played each other twice a year for each of the last eight years, but never more than twice in a season. Five of those years, the second meeting came in the SEC Tournament, while in the first two, the two games were part of the SEC's regular-season schedule of 14 games. The 2004 season saw the programs square off in the NCAA Final Four, where the Lady Vols defeated the Lady Tigers, 52-50, to advance into UT's second straight championship game.

**DEEP BENCH:** Very few on the Lady Tigers' bench can complain about a lack of playing time this season. All 12 players on LSU's roster average at least 6.9 minutes per contest. The Lady Tigers are led in minutes by junior Sylvia Fowles, who averages 30.5 minutes per game. Five other players – Quianna Chaney, Erica White, RaShonta LeBlanc, Allison Hightower and Ashley Thomas – average at least 20 minutes per contest.

**DEFENSE FIRST:** The Purple and Gold are the best defensive team making the trip to Cleveland. LSU gives up just 48.8 points per game, tops among the four teams left. When ranked by field goal percentage defense, the Lady Tigers stand first as well at 32.6 percent. In four of LSU's losses, it gave up over 60 points. In the Lady Tigers' wins, only two teams broke the 60 mark (Florida &

Arkansas). Tennessee scored 56 points in its win in Baton Rouge, La., and 54 in the loss in Duluth, Ga.

**FOWLES A BOARD FORCE:** Junior center Sylvia Fowles has been nearly unstoppable in her pursuit of rebounds this season. The SEC's leader averages 12.7 boards a contest, far and away the leader on her team. LSU's next highest carom-gatherer is junior forward Ashley Thomas at 3.9 rebounds per game. In the six games Fowles has played against UT, she has been the leading rebounder all but once. That one occurrence was one of LSU's three losses to the Orange and White, the 2005 SEC Tournament championship game. Her seven boards in that contest were topped by Alexis Hornbuckle's eight.

**FOWLES CLOGS UP THE MIDDLE:** One way LSU keeps its opposition off the scoreboard is the blocking ability of center Sylvia Fowles. She has blocked more than two shots a game, helping the Lady Tigers to 5.6 blocks per outing. That puts LSU into the top three in the league in blocks per game.

**OH YEAH, AND SHE CAN SCORE, TOO:** While her defense is nice, Fowles is also a force on the offensive end. Her 17.2 points per game led the Lady Tigers on the season. Fowles has also sunk 58 percent (251-of-433) of her tries from the field. And her offensive ability really can take a bite out of even the deepest teams. The Miami, Fla., product has made 222 trips to the charity stripe, eight more than SEC Player of the Year and UT sophomore Candace Parker.

**TAKING CARE OF THE BALL:** The Lady Tigers lead the Southeastern Conference in assist-to-turnover ratio at 1.2. That margin topped the conference by a 10th of a point over Vanderbilt. Tennessee is the only other school on the positive side of that stat, but just barely at 1.03.

**TURNOVER MARGIN PROVED WHO LASTED:** If one stat could predict who would advance the farthest in the NCAA Tournament, turnover margin would not automatically jump off as the one. But a look at the last SEC stat rankings shows that it would have been correct. The top three were Mississippi, Tennessee and LSU, the three SEC teams that advanced into the Elite Eight. Of course, if the stat was 100% correct, then Mississippi and Tennessee would have moved on. UT's turnover margin stands at +6.5 before the start of the Final Four, +1.8 better than the Lady Tigers.

**TOUGH TO BRING DOWN BOARDS WITH THOSE CLAWS FLYING:** LSU is hard to beat to a rebound. The squad ranks second in the SEC in rebounding margin, taking down six more boards a game than its foes. Tennessee has improved steadily in this stat all year, but it still stands just fourth in the league with a +4.5 margin.

**FOWLES AND CHANEY AND PRAY FOR RAIN:** The Lady Tigers rely on just two scorers primarily. Juniors Sylvia Fowles and Quianna Chaney are the only two players that average more than 10 points per game,

putting up 17.2 and 12.0, respectively. Point guard Erica White ranks next with 8.1, while no one else averages over 6.3 points a game. Against the Lady Vols, Chaney did not even break into the second column for scoring. However, in the SEC Tournament win over UT, freshman Allison Hightower and White both scored in double figures.

**WHITE THE NEXT TOP-FLIGHT POINT GUARD IN PURPLE:** Junior Erica White has taken the reigns at point guard this season, and she has put up some impressive numbers in her second year as a starter. The Jacksonville, Fla., native brings a 2.09 assist-to-turnover ratio into the Final Four, while she also leads her squad with 71 steals on the year.

LSU SCHEDULE/RESULTS			
Nov. 12	WEST VIRGINIA%	W	64-25
Nov. 13	HOWARD%	W	88-44
Nov. 14	VIRGINIA TECH%	W	70-40
Nov. 16	UL-LAFAYETTE	W	65-31
Nov. 19	Tulane	W	59-39
Nov. 21	#15 Baylor	L	60-64
Nov. 24	Tulsa\$	W	61-37
Nov. 25	Eastern Washington\$	W	105-52
Nov. 27	New Orleans	W	65-45
Dec. 2	DETROIT	W	80-44
Dec. 10	#5/6 OHIO STATE	W	75-51
Dec. 17	#18/17 Michigan State	W	65-50
Dec. 20	MCNEESE STATE	W	83-28
Dec. 30	Louisiana Tech@	W	61-44
Jan. 3	at USF	W	60-48
Jan. 7	#15 GEORGIA*	W	57-55
Jan. 11	Mississippi*	L	74-77
Jan. 14	Mississippi State*	W	77-50
Jan. 18	KENTUCKY*	W	76-58
Jan. 21	Alabama*	W	61-45
Jan. 25	ARKANSAS*	W	70-53
Jan. 28	AUBURN*	W	65-45
Feb. 1	#14 Georgia*	L	51-53
Feb. 4	South Carolina*	W	49-46
Feb. 8	FLORIDA*	W	79-66
Feb. 11	#5/4 CONNECTICUT	L	71-72
Feb. 15	Arkansas*	W	86-65
Feb. 19	#2 TENNESSEE*	L	51-56
Feb. 22	#12 Vanderbilt*	L	58-68
Feb. 25	ALABAMA*	W	70-27
March 2	Mississippi&	W	52-46
March 3	#2 Tennessee&	W	63-54
March 4	#13 Vanderbilt&	L	45-51
March 17	UNC Asheville!	W	77-39
March 19	West Virginia!	W	49-43
March 24	Florida State!	W	55-43
March 26	#2 Connecticut!	W	73-50
April 1	#19 Rutgers!		TBA

Home games in ALL CAPS

% = Basketball Travelers Classic

\$ = UTSA Roadrunner Thanksgiving Classic (San Antonio, Texas)

@ = Katrina Relief Basketball Classic presented by 84 Lumber (New Orleans, La.)

\* = Southeastern Conference Game  
 & = SEC Tournament (Duluth, Ga.)  
 ! = NCAA Tournament

LSU ROSTER						
NO.	PLAYER	POS	HT	CL	PTS	REB
4	Katie Antony	G	5-10	Jr.	3.0	1.6
<b>5</b>	<b>Erica White</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>5-3</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>3.5</b>
10	Khalilah Mitchell	G	5-11	Jr.	2.2	1.5
<b>12</b>	<b>RaShonta LeBlanc</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>5-7</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>2.9</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Quianna Chaney</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>5-11</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>2.6</b>
22	Porsha Phillips	F	6-2	Fr.	3.8	2.9
23	Allison Hightower	G	5-10	Fr.	6.1	2.4
<b>24</b>	<b>Marian Whitfield</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>5-9</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>
25	Mesha Williams	C	6-3	Jr.	2.9	2.4
<b>34</b>	<b>Sylvia Fowles</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>6-6</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>12.7</b>
44	Kristen Morris	F	6-2	So.	2.6	2.0
<b>54</b>	<b>Ashley Thomas</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>6-0</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>3.9</b>

**bold** indicates probable starters

CURRENT LADY TIGER CAREER STATS VERSUS TENNESSEE					
Player	Games	Pts (Avg.)	Rebs (Avg.)	Best Mark	Pts/Rebs
Katie Antony	5	17 (3.4)	5 (1.0)		8/2
Quianna Chaney	4	17 (4.3)	5 (1.3)		9/5
Sylvia Fowles	6	80 (13.7)	87 (14.5)		19/20
Allison Hightower	2	20 (10.0)	5 (2.5)		12/3
RaShonta LeBlanc	2	14 (7.0)	7 (3.5)		7/5
Khalilah Mitchell	2	0 (0.0)	1 (0.5)		0/1
Kristen Morris	1	0 (0.0)	3 (3.0)		0/3
Porsha Phillips	2	0 (0.0)	4 (2.0)		0/3
Ashley Thomas	3	5 (1.7)	9 (3.0)		3/5
Erica White	4	35 (8.8)	9 (2.3)		17/3
Mesha Williams	2	4 (2.0)	1 (0.5)		4/1

CURRENT LADY TIGER GAME-BY-GAME STATS VERSUS TENNESSEE																
	GP/GS	Min	FG	FGA	3FG	3FGA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TR	PF	A	BLK	S	P
<b>KATIE ANTONY</b>																
Jan. 22, 2004	1/0	15	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	2
Feb. 15, 2004	1/0	25	1	3	0	1	5	6	0	1	1	2	2	0	2	7
Jan. 16, 2005	1/1	38	4	8	0	3	0	0	0	2	2	5	3	0	3	8
Feb. 13, 2005	1/0	17	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	1	0
March 5, 2005	1/0	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5/1</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5/1.0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>17/3.4</b>
<b>QUIANNA CHANEY</b>																
Feb. 10, 2005	1/0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March 6, 2005	1/0	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Feb. 19, 2007	1/1	40	4	13	1	5	0	0	1	4	5	1	4	1	0	9
March 3, 2007	1/1	23	3	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4/2</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5/1.3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17/4.3</b>
<b>SYLVIA FOWLES</b>																
Feb. 10, 2005	1/0	31	2	4	0	0	3	5	4	13	17	1	1	5	2	7
March 6, 2005	1/0	25	3	7	0	0	4	5	3	4	7	3	0	4	0	10
Feb. 9, 2006	1/1	27	4	12	0	0	2	3	5	10	15	3	1	1	2	10
March 5, 2006	1/1	40	6	11	0	0	4	7	3	9	12	2	0	7	1	16
Feb. 19, 2007	1/1	40	7	17	0	0	4	6	3	13	16	3	2	3	2	18
March 3, 2007	1/1	40	8	18	0	0	3	4	3	17	20	2	0	3	0	19
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6/4</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>87/14.5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>80/13.7</b>
<b>ALLISON HIGHTOWER</b>																
Feb. 19, 2007	1/0	28	3	6	1	2	1	2	1	2	3	1	2	0	0	8
March 3, 2007	1/0	33	5	11	2	3	0	0	1	1	2	2	1	2	0	12
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2/0</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5/2.5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20/10.0</b>
<b>RASHONTA LEBLANC</b>																
Feb. 19, 2007	1/1	25	3	7	1	2	0	0	0	2	2	3	1	0	2	7
March 3, 2007	1/1	28	2	4	0	0	3	4	0	5	5	2	2	0	1	7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2/2</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7/3.5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14/7.0</b>

**KHALILAH MITCHELL**

Feb. 19, 2007	1/0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
March 3, 2007	1/0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2/0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1/0.5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0/0.0</b>

**KRISTEN MORRIS**

Feb. 9, 2006	1/0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	2	0	0	0	0
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**PORSHA PHILLIPS**

Feb. 19, 2007	1/1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	1	0	0	0
March 3, 2007	1/1	12	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	2	0	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2/2</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4/2.0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0/0.0</b>

**ASHLEY THOMAS**

Feb. 9, 2006	1/1	26	1	5	0	0	1	2	1	4	5	3	1	1	1	3
March 5, 2006	1/1	20	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	1	1	0	1	0
March 3, 2007	1/0	19	0	1	0	1	2	2	0	1	1	2	2	1	0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3/2</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9/3.0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5/1.7</b>

**ERICA WHITE**

Feb. 9, 2006	1/1	40	3	7	0	2	0	0	1	1	2	2	6	0	2	6
March 5, 2006	1/1	40	3	6	0	0	1	4	1	1	2	2	8	0	3	7
Feb. 19, 2007	1/1	40	2	6	0	0	1	1	1	2	3	2	6	0	3	5
March 3, 2007	1/1	35	4	6	0	1	9	12	2	0	2	2	3	0	2	17
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4/4</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9/2.3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>35/8.8</b>

**MESHA WILLIAMS**

Feb. 19, 2007	1/0	12	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	3	0	4
March 3, 2007	1/0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2/0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1/0.5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4/2.0</b>