

# Athletics at Southeastern Louisiana University

## Notable Highlights 2004 - 2005

- ❑ Men's Basketball earned its first-ever NCAA Tournament berth with a 49-42 win over Northwestern State in the Southland Conference (SLC) Tournament Championship game. The Lions, who won the SLC regular-season crown for a second straight season, received national respect after putting a scare into second-seeded Oklahoma State in a 63-50 opening round setback.
- ❑ Women's Tennis upset top-seeded Texas-Arlington to win the SLC Tournament and make its first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance. Led by Louisiana Freshman of the Year Emilija Arnaudovska, Southeastern finished with a 19-7 record and finished the season ranked 75<sup>th</sup> in the nation.
- ❑ Football finished with a 7-4 record in its second year on the field after an 18-year hiatus. The Lions made their first-ever appearance in the Top 25 with a 51-17 rout of sixth-ranked McNeese State. Wide receiver Felton Huggins became the Lions' first All-American since Willie Shepherd in 1985.
- ❑ Soccer completed its sixth straight winning season, as Louisiana Player of the Year Kim McNally finished her career as the SLC's career leader with 55 goals and 127 points scored.
- ❑ Baseball advanced to the SLC Tournament for the first time since 1999. The Lions clinched the berth by erasing a 12-run deficit in a 18-14 win over Louisiana-Monroe.

- ❑ Behind All-SLC performers Karin Smith and Rachel Ray, softball posts a 20-win season despite the loss of injured staff ace Summer Delaneuville.
- ❑ Junior Chris Carter of the men's track and field team became the fifth Lion since 1980 to earn All-America honors with a sixth-place performance in the javelin at the NCAA Championships. Women's track and field matched its best-ever showing with a seventh-place finish at the SLC Indoor Championships.
- ❑ Volleyball finished with another 15-win season behind All-SLC performers Brittany Gaydos and Ashley Rougeou.
- ❑ Men's tennis finished with a 16-10 overall record and advanced to the SLC semifinals for the fourth time in the last five years.
- ❑ Women's basketball continued to make strides as first-team All-SLC and All-Louisiana forward Nakeya Downing finished the season as the nation's third-leading rebounder.
- ❑ Men's golf finished fifth at the SLC Championships behind top 10 individual performances by Peter O'Keefe and Hugo Leon.

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