NO. 5 LSU HOSTS NO. 1 ALABAMA SATURDAY NIGHT

Any national championship hopes the LSU Tigers have will hinge upon an upset of the Alabama Crimson Tide Saturday night in Tiger Stadium. Kickoff is 7 o'clock and the game will be broadcast by CBS.

Alabama (8-0) is the unanimous No. 1 team in the country in the AP Top 25 poll and the USA Today coaches' poll. The Tide is also No. 1 in the BCS standings. LSU is No. 5 in all three.

LSU defeated Alabama 9-6 in overtime in the regular season last year and went on to win the SEC title. The teams then met in the BCS national championship game with Alabama coming out on top 21-0.

BOSSIER DOWNS BENTON IN HALL OF FAME HOOPS GAME

Abreana Williams scored 15 points to lead the Bossier Lady Kats to a 46-33 victory over the Benton Lady Tigers in a preseason Hall of Fame girls basketball game Thursday night at Benton.

Tiffany Lynn added 11 points for Bossier. Megan Fream led Benton with eight.

Benton led 16-14 at the half and 26-25 at the end of three quarters, but the Lady Kats went on a 21-7 run in the fourth. The game does not count on either team's record.

PLAIN DEALING YOUTH TEAMS ADVANCE IN PLAYOFFS

The Plain Dealing flag and 7-8 year-old teams won Northwest Louisiana Youth Football League playoff games Saturday in Vivian.

The flag team defeated Haynesville 27-19. Tyrese Kimble scored two touchdowns for Plain Dealing. Mason Judah and Christian Moore scored one apiece. Greg Chambers pulled seven flags.

The 7-8 team defeated Springhill 7-6. CeDarious Johnson scored Plain Dealing's touchdown. Durancyzk Newton and Johnson led a strong defensive effort.

LOUISIANA TECH PLAYS HOMECOMING GAME SATURDAY

The Louisiana Tech Bulldogs play Texas-San Antonio in their homecoming game Saturday at 3 p.m. at Joe Aillet Stadium.

Tech (7-1, 2-0 WAC) is ranked No. 22 in the AP Top 25 poll and No. 24 in the USA Today coaches' poll. UTSA is 5-3 overall and 1-2 in the WAC.

NSU HITS ROAD TO FACE SLC LEADER CENTRAL ARKANSAS

The Northwestern State Demons face Southland Conference leader Central Arkansas Saturday at 7 p.m. in Conway, Ark. Central Arkansas is 7-2 overall and 5-1 in the SLC. NSU is 4-4 and 2-2, tied for fourth.

THORNTON BOWLS 300 IN HOLIDAY LANES PELICAN LEAGUE

Addison Thornton bowled a 300 in Pelican League play Tuesday at Holiday Lanes.

Here are the other results:
Pelican League — High series: A.J. White 752, Ronnie Griggs 720, Carry Amos 708, Allamont Bates 710, Jarrell Cook 713, Johnny Frost 720, L.D. Dawn 736, Andrew Vascocu 729, Addison Thornton 795. Holiday Ladies Hcp — Brenda McComic 226, Tina Hixon 247 (626 series), Melissa Guin 201-246, JoAnn Barnes 268-200 (628 series), Daneita Adams 201-200.