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Overall Record: 34-12
SEC: 12-9

Last Week: 3-1

April 27 -- vs. #13 Tulane (W, 9-5)

May 1 -- ALABAMA (L, 2-8)

May 2 -- ALABAMA (W, 2-1)

May 2 -- ALABAMA (W, 9-2)

NOTES ON THE TIGERS

LSU won two of three games from Alabama last weekend, as the Tigers defeated the Crimson Tide for the fifth consecutive season in an SEC regular-season series. The series victory allowed LSU to move into a second-place tie with Ole Miss in the SEC Western Division. For the second straight week, LSU posted a series win over the team with the league's best ERA. The Tigers won two of three at Tennessee (April 23-25) when the Volunteers had the SEC's top ERA, and LSU defeated Alabama, which was No. 1 in the league in ERA entering last weekend's play. The Tigers began the week with a 9-5 victory over No. 13 Tulane in the Louisiana Superdome, a game which drew a paid crowd of 21,343, the fourth-largest regular-season attendance figure in NCAA baseball history. LSU has now posted two of three wins against five Top 25 teams -- Central Florida, South Carolina, Auburn, Tennessee and Tulane.

Sophomore right-hander Justin Meier returned to the LSU weekend rotation for the first time in three weeks, and he responded with a strong outing against Alabama in the Game 2 victory. Meier worked 7.2 innings, allowing just one run on eight hits with one walk and three strikeouts. Junior right-hander Jordan Faircloth pitched effectively in relief in two outings -- he worked a total of 7.1 innings, allowing one run on four hits with no walks and seven strikeouts. Faircloth earned the save against Tulane, firing 1.2 shutout innings with no hits, no walks and three strikeouts. Designated hitter Nick Stavinoha helped lead LSU to wins in Games 2 and 3 against Alabama, batting .429 (3-for-7) with one double, one sacrifice fly and three RBI. Stavinoha's two-out RBI single in the bottom of the eighth inning lifted the Tigers to a 2-1 victory in Game 2 of the series. Blake Gill, starting at shortstop for LSU for the first time in two weeks, sparked the Tigers to the Game 3 win over Bama, as he went 2-for-3 with a home run, his second this season. Gill, who has been bothered recently by a fractured finger on his glove hand, was perfect in the field over the weekend, posting seven assists and two put-outs without an error.