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Overall Record: 36-13
SEC: 14-10

Last Week: 2-1
May 7 -- at Kentucky (L, 3-10)
May 8 -- at Kentucky (W, 11-8)
May 9 -- at Kentucky (W, 15-4)

NOMINEE FOR PLAYER OF THE WEEK
Nick Stavinoha, DH, Jr., Houston, Texas

Designated hitter Nick Stavinoha helped lead the Tigers to a series win at Kentucky, as he hit .583 (7-for-12) in three games with one double, one homer, four runs and four RBI. He recorded a .917 slugging percentage and a .643 on-base percentage in the series. Stavinoha's two-run homer Saturday highlighted a three-run eighth inning to break an 8-8 tie and propel the Tigers to an 11-8 win. Stavinoha has been LSU's hottest hitter in recent games, batting .526 (10-for-19) in his last five contests with two doubles, one homer, seven RBI and four runs. Stavinoha has raised his cumulative average to .337 (57-for-169) with 11 doubles, one triple, six homers, 33 runs and 38 RBI.

NOTES ON THE TIGERS

LSU won its seventh SEC series in eight weekends as the Tigers captured two of three games at Kentucky. LSU has won nine of its last 10 SEC series, dating back to last season. The conference series win at Kentucky was LSU's fifth this season after losing the opening game of the weekend. The Tigers pounded out a season-high 23 hits in Sunday's 15-4 Game 3 win at UK, as LSU launched three homers and collected two doubles. The 23 hits marked the highest single-game total for LSU since May 4, 2002, when the Tigers collected 24 hits in a win at Tennessee. LSU posted a team batting average of .412 (47-for-114) in the Kentucky series, scoring 29 runs while recording four doubles and four homers. LSU raised its SEC-leading cumulative batting average to .334 with the weekend offensive outburst. Right fielder Jon Zeringue enjoyed a superb weekend, hitting .600 (9-for-15) in the series with four runs scored and three RBI. Zeringue is now hitting .419 (78-for-186) on the year with 16 doubles, two triples, 11 homers and 45 RBI. Designated hitter Nick Stavinoha continued to swing a hot bat, as he hit .583 (7-for-12) in the series with one double, one homer, four runs and four RBI. After going hitless in his first nine at-bats, first baseman Will Harris finished the series with a flourish, as he was 4-for-5 on Sunday with one double, one homer, two runs and three RBI. Right-hander Nate Bumstead recorded his eighth victory on Sunday, working 6.1 innings with a season-high seven strikeouts to defeat Kentucky. Bumstead, who retired 14 straight UK batters at one point in his outing, allowed two runs on five hits with no walks. Right-hander Jordan Faircloth delivered another solid outing on Saturday, earning a relief victory with three shutout innings against the Wildcats. Faircloth limited UK to two hits while recording no walks and one strikeout.