

LSU Record: 2-1

Last week: at Central Florida (W, 4-3 in 10 innings)
 at Central Florida (W, 17-4)
 at Central Florida (L, 5-6 in 10 innings)

LSU opened its 2004 season by claiming two of three games at UCF in Orlando; the series marked the first time the Tigers opened the season on an opponent's home field since LSU played at UCF in 1985. The series also marked the first time LSU played two extra-inning games in the same weekend since 2001 at Georgia, where the Tigers and the Bulldogs battled in three 11-inning games.

The Game 2 win over UCF marked the return of all-SEC pitcher Lane Mestepey, who earned the win in his first appearance since June, 2002. Mestepey, who sat out last season after undergoing shoulder surgery, worked five innings against UCF, limiting the Knights to one run on five hits with two walks and one strikeout.

Mestepey got plenty of run support in the 17-4 victory, as the Tigers blasted five home runs in the contest. It marked the first time LSU belted five homers in a game since May 26, 2000, when the Tigers hit five HRs in an NCAA Regional victory over Jackson State in Alex Box Stadium. LSU hit a total of seven homers in the UCF series, each by a different player. First baseman Clay Harris was the most productive LSU hitter over the weekend, as he batted .400 with one double, one homer and five RBI.

This Week's Schedule:

Tue., Feb. 17 @ 6:30 p.m. -- LOUISIANA-MONROE (Alex Box Stadium)
(Radio: LSU Sports Network TV: None)

Fri., Feb. 20 @ 6:30 p.m. -- JACKSONVILLE STATE (Alex Box Stadium)
Radio: LSU Sports Network TV: None

Sat., Feb. 21 @ 2:00 p.m. -- JACKSONVILLE STATE (Alex Box Stadium)
Radio: WJNH 107.3 FM in Baton Rouge only TV: None

Sun., Feb. 22 @ Noon -- JACKSONVILLE STATE (Alex Box Stadium)
Radio: LSU Sports Network TV: None