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Overall Record: 41-15  
SEC: 18-12

Last Week: 2-1

May 21 at #9 Ole Miss (L, 6-7)  
May 22 at #9 Ole Miss (W, 11-4)  
May 23 at #9 Ole Miss (W, 14-6)

NOMINEE FOR PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Ryan Patterson, LF, Jr., Rowlett, Texas

Left fielder Ryan Patterson hit .467 (7-for-15) with one double, three homers, six RBI and four runs to lead LSU to a series victory at ninth-ranked Ole Miss. Patterson, a 2003 first-team all-SEC selection, collected 17 total bases for a 1.133 slugging percentage, and he posted a .500 on-base percentage. Patterson, who has a team-high 13 homers on the year, led the Tigers to a 14-6 Game 3 victory, as he was 4-for-5 at the plate with two homers, two runs and a career-best five RBI. The effort marked the first two-homer game of Patterson's LSU career.

NOTES ON THE TIGERS

LSU concluded the regular season with a series victory at ninth-ranked Ole Miss, as the Tigers won their ninth SEC series in 10 weekends. LSU has also won 11 of its last 12 league series, dating back to last season. The Tigers completed the regular season in second place in the Western Division, just one game behind Arkansas (19-11) and Georgia (19-11) in the overall SEC race. The Tigers won all five of their SEC road series this season, including four against teams ranked at the time of the series -- South Carolina, Auburn, Tennessee and Ole Miss. The Tigers' 41-15 regular-season record is the best by an LSU team since the 1998 club also posted a 41-15 mark heading into the postseason. LSU reached the 40-win plateau for the 16th straight season, as the Tigers have recorded at least 40 wins each year since 1989. LSU batted a phenomenal .405 (49-for-121) in last weekend's series at Ole Miss with 12 doubles, six homers, a .450 on-base percentage and a .653 slugging percentage. LSU completed the regular season as the top offensive club in the SEC, batting .337 (694-for-2060) as a team with 130 doubles, 14 triples, 73 homers and 461 runs. Center fielder J.C. Holt hit .533 (8-for-15) in the Ole Miss series with one double, six RBI and two runs. Left fielder Ryan Patterson hit .467 (7-for-15) with one double, three homers, six RBI and four runs. Patterson, who has a team-high 13 homers on the year, led the Tigers to a 14-6 Game 3 victory, as he was 4-for-5 at the plate with two homers, two runs and a career-best five RBI. The effort marked the first two-homer game of Patterson's LSU career. Designated hitter Nick Stavino provided two doubles and two homers in the series, and third baseman Clay Harris drove in five runs with three doubles and a homer. Right-hander Nate Bumstead earned his team-best ninth win of the year in Game 2, limiting the Rebels to one earned run on six hits in 7.2 innings with three walks and six strikeouts. Though he was charged with the loss in Game 1, left-hander Lane Mestepey worked his first complete game in nearly two years. Mestepey, who missed last season due to shoulder surgery, pitched eight innings on Friday night, allowing six earned runs on 10 hits with one walk and five strikeouts. The outing was Mestepey's first complete game since June 1, 2002, when he went the distance versus UL-Lafayette in the NCAA Baton Rouge Regional.