

LSU NOTES

Overall Record: 9-1

Last Week: 3-0

def. Texas State, 10-1

def. Texas State, 2-1

def. Texas State, 13-2

LSU extended its win streak to seven games with a three-game sweep last weekend of Texas State in Alex Box Stadium. The win streak represents the Tigers' longest since LSU also won seven games from April 7-19, 2002.

The LSU pitching staff has allowed just two runs or less in each of the seven victories, as the Tigers have outcored their opponents by a total of 71-9 during win streak. LSU posted a team ERA of 1.33 in the Texas State series, as the staff surrendered four earned runs on 21 hits in 27 innings. The Tigers limited the Bobcats to a .206 batting average and just two extra-base hits (one double, one homer) in the series. On the year, LSU's cumulative ERA is now 2.01; the Tigers have allowed just 20 earned runs in 89.1 innings.

Senior right-hander Nate Bumstead, a 2003 second-team all-SEC selection, made his first start of the season Sunday in the win over Texas State. Bumstead, who suffered a shoulder injury in an intrasquad game on Feb. 3, worked six innings against the Bobcats to earn the victory, allowing two run on four hits with one walk and three strikeouts.

The Tigers batted .352 in the Texas State series, scoring 25 runs on 37 hits, including nine doubles and five homers. LSU raised its cumulative batting average to .339. Right fielder Jon Zeringue enjoyed a superb weekend, batting .778 (7-for-9) with three doubles, one homer and five RBI. Zeringue, who is riding a seven-game hitting streak, is batting a team-best .444 (16-for-36) this season with seven doubles, two homers and eight RBI.

Catcher Matt Liuzza, who is currently riding a nine-game hitting streak, batted .556 (5-for-9) in the Texas State series with two doubles, one homer and three RBI. Left fielder Ryan Patterson drove in six runs in the series, including a career-best five RBI on four hits in Sunday's 13-2 win. Shortstop Derek Hebert, starting for the first time in his career in place of the injured Matt Horwath (shoulder), was 4-for-10 at the plate with one double, two RBI and three runs, and he posted a 1.000 fielding percentage in 14 chances.

LSU's Saturday victory over Texas State was played before a paid crowd of 8,360, the seventh-largest attendance figure in Alex Box Stadium history.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK NOMINATION

RF Jon Zeringue Jr. Thibodaux, La.

Zeringue, a 2004 preseason all-America selection, enjoyed a remarkable weekend at the plate, batting .778 (7-for-9) in the Texas State series with three doubles, one homer, five RBI, three runs and a .727 on-base percentage. Zeringue, who is presently riding a seven-game hitting streak, is batting a team-high .444 (16-for-36) on the year with seven doubles, two homers, eight RBI, eight runs and a .476 on-base percentage.