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Overall Record: 24-5
SEC: 6-3

Last Week: 3-1

March 30 -- at New Orleans (W, 12-5)
April 2 -- at #11 Auburn (L, 6-7 in 10 innings)
April 3 -- at #11 Auburn (W, 5-3)
April 4 -- at #11 Auburn (W, 3-2)

NOMINEE FOR PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Clay Harris, 1B, Jr., Slidell, La.

Harris enjoyed a superb week, batting .467 (7-for-15) with three homers, one double, eight RBI, six runs, a 1.133 slugging percentage and a .500 on-base percentage. Harris led LSU to the series victory at Auburn, hitting .455 (5-for-11) with two homers, one double, seven RBI, three runs, a 1.091 slugging percentage and a .462 on-base percentage. Harris, who led LSU in home runs last season with 16, entered the week with just one HR this season; however, he homered in three straight games to raise his season total to four. His solo shot at New Orleans on Tuesday broke a 23-game drought without a homer. Harris hit a two-out, two-run blast in the top of the ninth inning Friday at Auburn to send the game to extra innings, and his eighth-inning solo homer Saturday at Auburn tied the contest at 3-3 as LSU went on to a 5-3 win. Harris broke a scoreless tie on Sunday at Auburn with a seventh-inning RBI single, sparking the Tigers to a 3-2 victory.

NOMINEE FOR PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Clay Dirks, LHP, Fr., Hernando, Miss.

Dirks turned in another stellar performance, posting a complete-game victory Saturday at Auburn. Dirks, making his first career SEC road start, limited Auburn to three runs on five hits in nine innings with no walks and seven strikeouts. He fired 120 pitches in recording his second complete-game victory this season; he also shut out Tulane on March 2. Dirks is now 6-0 this season with a 1.90 ERA in 47.1 innings pitched. He has allowed 30 hits and 10 earned runs while recording eight walks and 44 strikeouts.

NOTES ON THE TIGERS

LSU won two of three games at #11 Auburn last weekend to win its third consecutive SEC series this year and its fifth in a row over the past two seasons. Two of the three series victories this year have come on the road against Top 15 teams (Auburn and South Carolina).

The Tigers are 10-3 in games away from Alex Box Stadium this season, 4-2 in SEC road games. The Auburn series completed a stretch in which LSU played eight of 11 games on the road; the Tigers will play eight of their next nine games in Alex Box Stadium.

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LSU's 5-3 win over Auburn on Saturday marked the first time in five games this season that the Tigers recorded a victory after trailing through seven innings. Auburn led 3-2 after seven innings Saturday, but Clay Harris hit a game-tying homer in the eighth and Ivan Naccarata's two-run, pinch-hit HR in the ninth lifted LSU to the win.

Senior right-hander Nate Bumstead enjoyed his best performance of the season, blanking Auburn for eight innings in a 3-2 LSU victory. Bumstead limited AU to just two hits in eight scoreless innings before allowing two runs on three hits in the ninth. Reliever Greg Smith earned a save to preserve the victory for Bumstead, who worked 8.1 innings and recorded two walks and three strikeouts to improve his record to 5-0.