

LSU Baseball Report  
March 7, 2005

Overall Record: 11-3

Last Week: 2-2

March 2 – at Centenary (L, 1-6)

March 4 – UAB (W, 12-6)

March 5 – UAB (W, 7-3)

March 6 – UAB (L, 3-4)

#### Notes on the Tigers

LSU's series victory last weekend over UAB marked the Tigers' 10th straight regular-season series win; LSU has won 20 of its last 21 regular-season series dating back to the final two weekends of the 2003 regular season ... the Tigers' only series loss in that span was a sweep to Arkansas on April 9-11, 2004 in Baton Rouge ... LSU's 4-3 loss to UAB on Sunday snapped the Tigers' 15-game home winning streak which dated back to last season ... sophomore left-hander Clay Dirks turned in a brilliant performance in Saturday's win over UAB, allowing just one hit in seven scoreless innings with a career-high seven strikeouts ... Dirks held the Blazers hitless until the seventh inning, when he surrendered a lead-off single ... Dirks improved to 4-0 on the season with a 2.66 ERA; in 23.2 innings, he has recorded seven walks and 21 strikeouts while limiting opponents to a .198 batting average ... senior left fielder Ryan Patterson enjoyed a productive week at the plate, batting .400 (6-for-15) with two doubles, seven runs and one RBI ... right fielder Nick Stavinoha was 5-for-17 (.294) at the plate last week with two doubles, one homer and six RBI ... senior left-hander Lane Mestepey picked up his 32nd career victory in Friday's win over UAB; Mestepey worked 5.2 innings, allowing three runs on seven hits with one walk and a career-high eight strikeouts ... Mestepey is now just six wins shy of tying Scott Schultz (38 wins, 1992-95) for the LSU career victories record ... senior right-hander Jordan Faircloth allowed just one hit in four innings of scoreless relief (two appearances); he gave up just one hit while recording two Ks ... freshman right-hander Eric English enjoyed the most impressive relief outing of his young career, firing three scoreless innings (one hit, 2 BB 1 K) against UAB ... as a staff, the LSU pitchers allowed just a .222 opponent batting average in four games last week; the Tigers surrendered 28 hits in 35 innings with 14 walks and 33 strikeouts.

#### Nominee for Pitcher of the Week

Clay Dirks, LHP, So., Hernando, Miss.

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