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Overall Record: 14-4

Last Week: 3-1

March 8 – TULANE (L, 2-6)

March 11 – ARIZONA STATE (W, 6-5)

March 12 – WESTERN ILLINOIS (W, 10-8)

March 13 – ARIZONA STATE (W, 20-3)

Notes on the Tigers

LSU's 20-3 victory over Arizona State Sunday featured a 12-run fourth inning in which the Tigers launched four consecutive home runs . . . third baseman Blake Gill blasted a grand slam followed by solo homers from center fielder Ryan Patterson, second baseman Clay Harris and right fielder Nick Stavinoha, marking the first time in LSU history the Tigers hit four homers in four plate appearances . . . LSU last hit four homers in an inning on May 30, 1998, when the Tigers unloaded four dingers in a 12-10 College World Series victory over Southern California . . . the 12-run inning against Arizona State marked the Tigers' largest scoring output in a single frame since May 27, 2000, when LSU scored 14 runs in the third inning of an NCAA Regional game against Louisiana-Monroe in Alex Box Stadium . . . Gill's grand slam on Sunday versus ASU was LSU's first grand slam since March 12, 2004, when Will Harris unloaded one against Southeastern Louisiana . . . Patterson enjoyed an incredible weekend in the Tigers' victories over Arizona State and Western Illinois, batting .563 (7-for-12) in three games with four homers, eight runs and seven RBI . . . Patterson was 3-for-4 with two homers and two RBI in Saturday's win over WIU; on Sunday against ASU, he belted two more homers and drove in four runs . . . Patterson lifted his cumulative average to .403 (27-for-67) with seven doubles, six homers and 16 RBI . . . Clay Harris also was extremely productive at the plate last weekend, batting .667 (8-for-12) with two doubles, one triple, one homer and five RBI . . . as a team, the Tigers batted .380 (41-for-108) in three games with eight doubles, three triples, nine homers and 36 runs, raising their cumulative average from .293 to .308 . . . senior left-hander Lane Mestepey moved into a tie for second place on the all-time LSU wins list, as he earned his 33rd victory Friday over Arizona State . . . Mestepey is five wins shy of tying Scott Schultz (38 wins, 1992-95) as the Tigers' career victories leader . . . Mestepey is 4-1 this season with a team-best 1.89 ERA in 33.1 innings.

Nominee for Player of the Week

Ryan Patterson, OF, Sr., Rowlett, Texas

Patterson enjoyed an incredible weekend in the Tigers' victories over Arizona State and Western Illinois, batting .563 (7-for-12) in three games with four homers, eight runs, seven RBI, a 1.583 slugging percentage and a .643 on-base percentage . . . Patterson was 3-for-4 with two homers, four runs and two RBI in Saturday's win over WIU; on Sunday against ASU, he belted two more homers, scored three times and drove in four runs . . . for the entire four-game week, he hit .471 (8-for-17) with one double, four homers, seven RBI and nine runs, posting a 1.235 slugging percentage and a .526 on-base percentage . . . Patterson lifted his cumulative average to .403 (27-for-67) with seven doubles, six homers and 16 RBI.