

LSU Baseball Report – May 2, 2005

Overall Record: 31-14

SEC: 12-9 (second place in Western Division)

Last Week: 2-1

April 30 (Game 1) – at #25 Vanderbilt (L, 4-9)

April 30 (Game 2) – at #25 Vanderbilt (W, 9-3)

May 1 – at #25 Vanderbilt (W, 3-0)

Nominee for Pitcher of the Week

Greg Smith, LHP, Jr., Alexandria, La.

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Notes on the Tigers

LSU won its third straight SEC series last weekend, capturing two of three games at #25 Vanderbilt . . . the Tigers have won seven of their last eight conference games and trail Alabama by one game in the SEC Western Division race . . . LSU is 9-3 in SEC road games this season . . . the Vanderbilt series completed a seven-game road stretch for LSU in which the Tigers posted a 5-2 mark against three ranked teams – Tulane, Arkansas and Vanderbilt . . . LSU also has played 14 of its last 15 games against ranked teams – the Tigers registered a 9-6 mark during the 15-game period . . . junior left-hander Greg Smith pitched a magnificent seven-hit shutout on Sunday as the Tigers posted a 3-0 win to clinch a series victory at #25 Vanderbilt . . . Smith, who threw 96 pitches, limited the Commodores to only seven hits while recording no walks and four strikeouts . . . Smith, who has fired 25.2 consecutive scoreless innings, also blanked Arkansas on April 24 by scattering eight hits . . . Smith has recorded three straight complete games in wins over Vanderbilt, Arkansas and Ole Miss . . . his current 25.2 scoreless innings streak began in the second inning of the Ole Miss game on April 17 . . . the scoreless innings streak is the longest by an LSU pitcher since Ben McDonald fired an SEC-record 44.2 straight scoreless innings in 1989 . . . Smith is 7-2 on the season with a team-best 2.28 ERA . . . in 79 innings this year, he has recorded 19 walks and 62 strikeouts, and opponents are batting .244 against him . . . senior right fielder Nick Stavinoha paced the Tigers at the plate in the Vanderbilt series, batting .500 (7-for-14) with two doubles, two homers, four RBI and three runs. . . he drove in all three runs in the Tigers' 3-0 win at Vanderbilt Sunday with a two-run homer and a fielder's choice grounder . . . Stavinoha, who has raised his cumulative average to .370, is second on the squad with 13 homers, and he is tied for the team lead in RBI (46) and doubles (18).