

LSU Baseball Report
March 21, 2005

Overall Record: 17-4
SEC Record: 3-0
Current Win Streak: 6 games

Last Week: 3-0
March 18 -- at Georgia (W, 8-2)
March 19 -- at Georgia (W, 5-3)
March 20 -- at Georgia (W, 6-4)

Nominee for Player of the Week
Ryan Patterson, Sr., OF, Rowlett, Texas

Patterson enjoyed another superb week, leading LSU to a three-game SEC sweep at No. 17 Georgia. Patterson batted .545 (6-for-11) in the series with three homers, four RBI and four runs scored. He also walked three times, recording an on-base percentage of .643, and his slugging percentage was 1.364. Patterson, who is riding a 10-game hitting streak, has homered seven times in LSU's last five games. He has three two-homer games in that span, including a pair of blasts in Saturday's 5-3 victory over Georgia. In his last five games, Patterson is hitting .600 (12-for-20) with seven homers, 10 RBI and 11 runs. On the year, he is batting a team-high .423 (33-for-78) with seven doubles, nine homers, 20 RBI and 33 runs.

Nominee for Pitcher of the Week
Lane Mestepey, Sr., LHP, Zachary, La.

Mestepey moved into second place on the all-time LSU wins list Friday with a complete-game effort at Georgia. He earned his 34th career victory by limiting the Bulldogs to two runs on seven hits with two walks and three strikeouts. The complete game was the 16th of Mestepey's career, and he is now four wins shy of the LSU all-time wins record (38) held by Scott Schultz (1992-95).

Notes on the Tigers

LSU increased its win streak to six games with a three-game sweep at No. 17 Georgia ... the Tigers have won 22 of their last 23 regular-season series (dating back to the 2003 season), including the last 12 in a row ... LSU's sweep at UGA was its first SEC sweep since April of 2003, when the Tigers won three straight over Tennessee in Baton Rouge ... last weekend marked the Tigers' first SEC road sweep since March, 2003, when LSU also won three straight at Georgia ... senior outfielder Ryan Patterson batted .545 (6-for-11) in the UGA series with three homers, four RBI and four runs scored ... he also walked three times, recording an on-base percentage of .643, and his slugging percentage was 1.364 ... Patterson, who is riding a 10-game hitting streak, has homered seven times in LSU's last five games, and he has three two-homer games in that span, including a pair of blasts in Saturday's 5-3 victory over Georgia ... in his last five games, Patterson is hitting .600 (12-for-20) with seven homers, 10 RBI and 11 runs ... on the year, he is batting a team-high .423 (33-for-78) with seven doubles, nine homers, 20 RBI and 33 runs ... senior left-hander Lane Mestepey moved into second place on the all-time LSU wins list Friday with a complete-game effort at Georgia ... Mestepey earned his 34th career victory by limiting the Bulldogs to two runs on seven hits with two walks and three strikeouts ... the complete game was the 16th of Mestepey's career, and he is now four wins shy of the LSU all-time wins record (38) held by Scott Schultz (1992-95) ... a pair of freshmen sparked the Tigers' to a three-run eighth inning Sunday as LSU erased a 4-2 deficit against all-America reliever Will Startup to defeat Georgia ... redshirt freshman Jordan Mayer's pinch-hit double scored two runs and tied the game at 4-4 ... true freshman shortstop Michael Hollander later capped the inning with a two-out RBI single to give LSU a 5-4 lead en route to a 6-4 victory.