

Overall Record: 6-1

Last Week: 4-0

Feb. 17 -- def. UL-Monroe, 7-1

Feb. 20 -- def. Jacksonville State, 6-1

Feb. 21 -- def. Jacksonville State, 14-2

Feb. 22 -- def. Jacksonville State, 19-1

NOTES

LSU swept preseason Ohio Valley Conference favorite Jacksonville State by a combined score of 39-4 in the three-game set. The Tigers out-hit the Gamecocks, 44-18, and batted .393 in the series. Meanwhile, the LSU pitching staff posted a 1.08 ERA for the weekend and limited JSU to a .196 batting average.

Sunday's 19-1 victory marked the most runs scored by the Tigers since June 6, 2003, when LSU scored 20 in the NCAA Super Regional final versus Baylor. The Tigers had 20 hits in Sunday's contest, marking the first time they reached the 20-hit mark since May 6, 2003, versus Loyola-New Orleans.

LSU has now won 14 straight non-conference regular-season games in Alex Box Stadium; the Tigers last lost a non-conference regular-season home game on February 22, 2003, to Houston.

For the entire week - including a Feb. 17 win over UL-Monroe - LSU hit .374 (55-for-147) and outscored the opposition, 46-5, while recording a 1.06 ERA on the mound.

Preseason all-America center fielder J.C. Holt led the Tigers with a .533 (8-for-15) average for the week, including one double, four RBI, six runs, two steals and a .611 on-base percentage. Holt hit .500 (6-for-12) in the JSU series, as did left fielder Ryan Patterson, who was 6-for-12 at the plate with three doubles, three RBI and six runs.

Junior left-hander Lane Mestepcy defeated JSU on Saturday (his 24th career win), limiting the Gamecocks to one run on six hits in six innings with two walks and four strikeouts.

Freshman left-hander Clay Dirks earned his first collegiate victory on Sunday, allowing just one unearned run on four hits in five innings with no walks and six Ks.

Sophomore right-hander Justin Meier fired a career-high eight strikeouts in defeating JSU on Friday; Meier allowed one run on four hits in 6.2 innings with one walk.

NOMINATION FOR PLAYER OF THE WEEK

J.C. Holt, CF, Jr., Sieper, La.

Holt, LSU's lead-off hitter, batted .533 (8-for-15) in the Tigers' four victories with one double, four RBI, six runs, two steals and a .611 on-base percentage. In LSU's three-sweep of Jacksonville State, Holt batted .500 (6-for-12) with two RBI, five runs, two steals and a .538 on-base percentage. On the year, Holt is the Tigers' top hitter, batting .433 (13-for-30) with one double, six RBI, 10 runs, two steals and a .485 on-base percentage.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Feb. 25 -- vs. Southeastern Louisiana, 6:30 p.m. (Metairie, La.)

Radio: WJNH-FM 107.3 in Baton Rouge only

TV: None

Feb. 27 -- TEXAS STATE, 6:30 p.m.

Radio: LSU Sports Network

TV: None

Feb. 28 -- TEXAS STATE, 2 p.m.

Radio: LSU Sports Network

TV: None

Feb. 29 -- TEXAS STATE, Noon

Radio: KLSU-FM 91.1 in Baton Rouge only

TV: None