

LSU Baseball Report -- March 28, 2005

Overall Record: 19-6

SEC: 4-2 (tied for 1st place in league standings)

Last Week: 2-2

March 23 -- Southeastern Louisiana (at Metairie, La.): W, 4-2

March 25 -- AUBURN: L, 4-6

March 26 -- AUBURN: W, 6-3

March 27 -- AUBURN: L, 5-7

Nominee for Pitcher of the Week

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

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Notes on the Tigers

LSU's string of 12 consecutive regular-season series victories -- including seven straight SEC series wins -- ended last weekend as the Tigers dropped two of three games to Auburn ... prior to the Auburn series, LSU's last series lost came on April 9-11, 2004, when the Tigers were defeated by Arkansas ... outfielder Ryan Patterson enjoyed another excellent week, batting .471 (8-for-17) in four games with two doubles, two homers, three RBI and three runs ... Patterson, who has homered nine times in LSU's last nine games, is hitting .432 (41-for-95) on the year with nine doubles, 11 homers, 23 RBI and 36 runs ... Patterson is currently riding a 14-game hitting streak -- he is batting .500 (28-for-56) during the streak with five doubles, nine homers, 15 RBI and 23 runs ... second baseman Clay Harris has also extended his hitting streak to 14 games -- Harris is batting .404 (23-for-57) during his streak with four doubles, one triple, two homers, 14 RBI and 13 runs ... sophomore left-hander Clay Dirks fired his third career complete game in posting a 6-3 win over Auburn on Saturday ... he limited the Plainsmen to three runs on seven hits while recording no walks and five strikeouts ... Dirks improved his record to 6-0 this season and 14-2 in his two-year LSU career ... he has pitched 39.2 innings this season, recording a 2.95 ERA while registering 11 walks and 28 strikeouts.