LSU Baseball Report - May 9, 2005

Overall Record: 33-16

SEC: 14-10 (tied for first place in Western Division)

Last Week: 2-2

May 3 – SOUTHERN (L, 5-9) May 6 – KENTUCKY (W, 6-5) May 7– KENTUCKY (L, 1-7) May 8 – KENTUCKY (W, 8-3)

Nominee for Pitcher of the Week

Jason Determann, LHP, Jr., Baton Rouge, La.

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Notes on the Tigers

LSU won its fourth straight SEC series last weekend, capturing two of three games versus Kentucky . . . the Tigers have won nine of their last 11 conference games and are tied with Alabama for first place in the SEC Western Division race . . . LSU is only 1.5 games behind SEC East leader Tennessee in the overall conference standings . . . the Tigers and the Volunteers meet this weekend in Alex Box Stadium . . . junior left-hander Jason Determann earned two saves in the Kentucky series, as he worked a total of 4.1 innings and allowed just one hit . . . Determann recorded no walks and seven strikeouts in the two outings, increasing his saves total on the year to six . . . Determann, a biological sciences major who will enter medical school next fall, is 3-0 this season with a 1.93 ERA - he has allowed just 34 hits in 42 innings while recording five walks, 49 strikeouts and a .215 opponent batting average . . . junior left-hander Greg Smith earned his fourth straight win with a victory over Kentucky on Sunday . . . Smith's consecutive scoreless innings streak ended at 28.2 innings when he allowed two runs to the Wildcats in the top of the fourth inning . . . Smith's streak was the longest by an LSU pitcher since Ben McDonald fired 44.2 straight scoreless innings in 1989 . . . Smith worked 6.2 innings against UK, allowing two earned runs on six hits with two walks and seven strikeouts . . . Smith is 8-2 on the season with a team-best 2.31ERA . . . in 85.2 innings this year, he has recorded 21 walks and 69 strikeouts, and opponents are batting .244 against him . . . senior right fielder Nick Stavinoha paced the Tigers at the plate in the Kentucky series, batting .385 (5-for-13) with two doubles, one homer, three RBI and one run . . . freshman designated hitter Jordan Mayer has made a big impact since becoming the Tigers' starting designated hitter last weekend at Vanderbilt . . . in his last five games, Mayer is hitting .462 (6-for-13) with three doubles, two RBI and one run . . . senior Lane Mestepey earned his 35th career victory Friday in the Tigers' win over Kentucky . . . Mestepey, LSU's all-time leader in innings pitched (462.1) and starts (64) worked seven innings and limited UK to three earned runs on seven hits with four walks and two strikeouts.