

Overall Record: 15-2
Last Week: 3-0

March 9 -- at Louisiana-Monroe (W, 6-1)
March 12 -- SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA (W, 7-1)
March 13 -- SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA (W, 5-1)
March 14 -- SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA (ppd., rain)

NOMINEE FOR PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Will Harris, 1B, So., Slidell, La.

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(12-for-21) with one double, two homers and eight RBI. He has also worked three innings this season as a relief pitcher.

NOTES ON THE TIGERS

LSU has won four straight games and 13 of its last 14 contests after defeating in-state rivals UL-Monroe and Southeastern Louisiana last week. The Tigers' 15-2 record is LSU's best through 17 games since the 1997 club was 17-0 en route to a 19-0 start.

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Clay Harris collected his third triple of the season Tuesday at UL-Monroe; he entered the year with no triples in his first two seasons as a Tiger.

Catcher Matt Liuzza's 14-game hitting streak ended on Friday versus Southeastern Louisiana as he was 0-for-4 with a sacrifice fly. Liuzza doubled and drove in a run against SLU the day after the streak was broken.

Freshman left-hander Clay Dirks followed his shutout of Tulane (March 2) with another strong effort Tuesday at UL-Monroe, limiting the Indians to one run on three hits in 5.2 innings with no walks and six strikeouts. Dirks improved to 3-0 on the year with a 1.42 ERA.

Junior left-hander Lane Mestepey earned his 25th career victory Saturday against Southeastern Louisiana, as he pitched 6.2 innings, allowing just one run on eight hits with four walks and four strikeouts. Mestepey, a two-time all-SEC selection, needs one more victory to move into the LSU Top 10 list for pitching wins.

The LSU pitching staff limited its opponents last week to just three runs in 27 innings (1.00 ERA); the Tigers have held the opposition to four runs or less in 15 of their 17 contests. LSU has a 1.95 cumulative ERA entering this week's games against New Orleans and South Carolina.