



2018 SEC BASEBALL TOURNAMENT MAY 22-27 | HOOVER METROPOLITAN STADIUM | HOOVER, ALA.

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POST-GAME NOTES

- In its 19th SEC Tournament championship appearance, LSU fell to 37-25 on the season, 176-153 against Ole Miss and 85-42 in SEC Tournament action. Paul Mainieri holds the record for most SEC Tournament finals appearances (7) in his tenure at LSU.
- Hoover, Ala. Native, Caleb Gilbert receives credit for the start (3.0 IP, 9 H, 3 R, 1 K, 0 BB).
- Antoine Duplantis began the first inning with his 12th double on the season. Duplantis led the SEC Tournament in total bases (14). In a one-hit outing, he now holds the longest-active hit streak (6) on the Tiger roster.
- Three of LSU's four hits were high-flying doubles by Antoine Duplantis, Daniel Cabrera and Nick Coomes.
- Austin Bain (6) and Antoine Duplantis (6) each extended their respective reached-base streaks. The tandem is tied for the top active-streak spot for the Tigers.
- Today's crowd of 14,126 is the second-largest championship crowd and the fourth-largest overall. This was the largest championship-day attendance since 1999.

LSU COACH PAUL MAINIERI

Opening Statement . . .

"First of all, my congratulations to Mike Bianco and the Ole Miss Rebels. They have a tremendous ball club, they have all year, and they were well deserving of this tournament championship. They certainly earned it. I know that they will do extremely well in the NCAA Tournament, and I wish them well. Mike is a great guy, and they have a very well coached team and a very talented team. They played great today. I am very proud of my group. Six games in six days is quite a grind. We came here not even knowing if we would make the NCAA tournament, one and done if we lose on Tuesday. We had a terrific win against Mississippi State. Things started off not so great, but we never gave up and we kept fighting. Todd Peterson closed it out at the end. It was an awesome win. That was just the beginning of a pretty exciting week. Lots of things happened this week. We had a lot of heroes, a lot of guys stepped up and did some tremendous things for our team. We took away any doubt about making the NCAA tournament. I just heard from Bill that we are the very first team in this format to have played on Tuesday and made it all the way to the finals so that is something to be proud of, winning four games here and getting all the way to Sunday. Right now we are hurting a little bit because we didn't get the job done today. It was a great game for a while there, early in the ball game. We took the lead, Daniel came through with a big base hit, actually Antoine and Daniel came through with some big hits in the first inning and we took the lead. We were probably pretty fortunate that the score was only 3-1. We still had a great game. Cam Sanders gave us a chance. He was phenomenal for the third time this week. We had opportunities in the first five innings or six innings. We had five runners in six innings in scoring position, and we just could not cash in. Twice we had a runner at third base with less than two outs and if we just put a ball in play then we get a run in. We just couldn't do that. Today just wasn't our day. Ole Miss played great, and we didn't play as well as we could play. Once the score extended to 5-1 I didn't want to leave Fontenot in there. He has pitched heroically for us all week. He went out there again today after pitching yesterday and once he gave up the two runs on Golsan's hit I just didn't want to leave him out there. The game got away from us after that. I am proud of all of our guys. We are going to take the long bus ride home tonight and get in late. We will celebrate tomorrow where we are going to be going for the NCAA Tournament and get a little rest. Then start on Tuesday with getting ourselves practice and getting physically ready to hopefully win a regional somewhere."

LSU RF ANTOINE DUPLANTIS

On positive things this week . . .

“Pitching did a phenomenal job this week. They really stepped up all week. Then just winning some games against some really good teams. Playing in this SEC Tournament, the teams are just as good as playing in Omaha or playing in a Super Regional. We are not going to play any team that’s better than a team we played this week. I think just getting those experiences and getting those wins, just coming together as a team, I think that’s just positive itself.”