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LSU point guard Jada Williams tries to take the ball from McNeese guard Carley Hamilton on Tuesday night.

LSU women score 100 again, breeze past McNeese State

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The LSU women's basketball team may not have broken any records it set in its first two games of the 2026-27 season, but the No. 9 Tigers (3-0) still coasted to a 100-43 win over McNeese State on Tuesday in the Pete Maravich Assembly Center.

The Tigers won by 57 points on the strength of their perimeter defense and transition offense.

The Cowgirls converted only four buckets inside the 3-point arc. LSU, on the other hand, finished with 42 points in the paint and 24 on the fastbreak, which was more than enough to pick up another comfortable nonconference win.

LSU set program records for margin of victory in its first two games of the year, wins over Southeastern Louisiana and Texas Southern. It beat the Lions by 94 points on Nov. 2, then turned around last Thursday and walloped the visiting Tigers by an NCAA-record 109 points.

On Tuesday, LSU had six players score in double figures. MiLaysia Fulwiley stuffed the stat sheet once again, tallying 13 points, seven assists, four rebounds, four blocks and three steals. Mikaylah Williams picked her spots to notch 17 points and eight assists, while sophomore forward ZaKiyah Johnson found enough space in the lane to finish with 14 points and eight rebounds.

Point guard Jada Williams, an Iowa State transfer, scored nine points, grabbed 12 rebounds and assisted on six shots.

Forward Noa Morro, a senior from Spain, made her LSU debut after missing the first two games with a shin injury and showed off the shooting touch that made her one of the Tigers' most intriguing newcomers. In 13 minutes, she scored 12 points after shooting 3 of 5 from beyond the arc.

The only LSU player who did not see the floor Tuesday was Chloe Larry, a transfer point guard from Tennessee Tech.

Coach Kim Mulkey played 10 contributors, and they teamed up to hold McNeese to a 20% shooting night. The Cowgirls (2-2) made only 13 field goals and scored just four points in the paint, but they did knock down nine 3-pointers (on 44 attempts) and limited themselves to 15 turnovers — two reasons why the final score wasn't as lopsided as it was in LSU's first two wins of the year.

The Tigers now have won their first three games by an average margin of 86.7 points. They're scoring 120 points per game and shooting 58% from the field while limiting their opponents to 33.3 points per game on 20% shooting.

More lopsided wins are likely on the way. LSU returns to the PMAC to play Denver at 6 p.m. Friday, and then it's set to host Troy at 7 p.m. Monday.

The Tigers won't hit their tougher nonconference battles until the week of Thanksgiving, when they're scheduled to battle with Villanova and North Carolina State in the Fort Myers Tip-Off.

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World Series champion catcher Boone, 78, dies

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Former Philadelphia Phillies catcher Bob Boone waves to the crowd before a game against the New York Mets on Aug. 12, 2017, in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA — Bob Boone, the catcher on the Philadelphia Phillies' first World Series championship team in 1980 who won seven Gold Gloves and was part of baseball's first three-generation family, has died. He was 78.

Boone's son, Bret, announced his father's death Tuesday on social media. The Phillies said in a statement Boone died Monday. No cause of death was announced.

"He was a man of great integrity. He was a great dad, husband, and patriarch. It was a privilege to call him my father. Baseball lost a great one today," Bret Boone wrote.

Boone spent his first 10 seasons with the Phillies, played seven with the California Angels and two with the Kansas City Royals. He also managed the Royals and Cincinnati Reds.

"Bob was an incredible player, teammate and family man. He embodied everything we believe exemplary athletes should represent, both on and off the field," the Phillies said in a statement. "We were proud to have him as part of the Phillies family during one of the most historic runs in team history. His impact on our organization, his teammates, and everyone who had the privilege of knowing him will never be forgotten."

Boone's father, Ray, played 13 seasons in the majors and was a two-time All-Star with the Detroit Tigers. Bob Boone's two sons both enjoyed long baseball careers. Aaron Boone played 13 seasons in the majors and played for the Reds when Bob managed the team. Aaron now manages the New York Yankees. Bret Boone was a three-time All-Star over a 14-year career spent largely with the Seattle Mariners. A third son played in the minor leagues. Bret's son, Jake Boone, works in the New York Mets' front office after playing at Princeton and briefly in the minors.

"His legacy is profound, and we can see the values he embodied carried forward by his son, Aaron, in his leadership of the Yankees," the Yankees wrote in a statement.

Bob Boone was a sixth-round draft pick as a third baseman out of Stanford in 1969. He was converted to catcher in the minor leagues and caught 1,095 games with Philadelphia, second on the Phillies' all-time list to Red Dooin (1,124). Boone caught 2,225 games overall in 19 big league seasons.

He was the first Phillies catcher to win a Gold Glove (1978, 1979) and led the Phillies with a .412 batting average in their 1980 World Series win over the Kansas City Royals.

A native of San Diego, Boone made NL All-Star teams in 1976, 1978 and 1979. He set the record for career games caught by a catcher with 1,919 while in Kansas City. He was 41 years old when he won his final Gold Glove with the Royals in 1989.

Ivan Rodriguez (2,427) and Carlton Fisk (2,226) have since passed Boone on the career games caught list.

"I grew up watching Bob with the great Phillies teams of the 70's. His play and mastery of catching inspired me to want to play the position," Hall of Fame catcher Mike Piazza posted on social media.

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