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LSC Basketball stars recognized as 75th anniversary celebration continues

RICHARDSON, Texas – The top 75 men's and women's basketball players and coaches from the Lone Star Conference's first 75 years have been recognized in a listing announced by league officials Thursday as the year-long anniversary celebration continues.

The LSC, known to be the oldest collegiate athletic conference in the southwestern United States, is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year with a tribute to its outstanding teams and great sports personalities. An NCAA Division II conference with 15 member institutions in Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas, the LSC was founded on April 25, 1931. The 1931-32 athletic seasons were the first for the league. In October, 75 football standouts were honored.

The Top 75 basketball listing includes 38 men's and 20 women's players along with 17 coaches. Some of the notable names include Eddie Robinson, Guy V. Lewis, Jim Seward, Nick Keith, Bob Schneider, Pete Harris and James Silas.

A number of players on the list still hold LSC records including Melanie Carter, Jennifer Clarkson, Nicole Collins, Fred Davis, Jack Fryman, Kay Goodwin, Nate Granger, Harris, Gary Hopkins, Teresa Jones-Benson, James Lister, Lorie Martinez, Robinson, Claudia Schleyer, Hoegie Simmons, Anita Vigil and Alex Wright.

Five members of the list are presently a part of the LSC: Rick Cooper, men's head coach at West Texas A&M; Larry Gipson, men's head coach at Northeastern State; Jared Mosley, Director of Athletics at Abilene Christian; Lonn Reisman, Athletic Director and men's head coach at Tarleton State; and Sally Walling Brooks, women's head coach at Angelo State.

Robinson currently plays for the Idaho Stampede, a member of the NBA Development League. The former Central Oklahoma standout was first-team All-LSC North, LSC North MVP, first team All-American and the Bronchos' first-ever national scoring champion (28.0 average) in 1999. He also poured in a school-record 52 points before playing five NBA seasons with the Charlotte Hornets and Chicago Bulls. He appeared in 278 NBA games, making 48 starts and averaging 7 points and 2.7 rebounds per game.

Lewis led Houston to back-to-back LSC titles in 1946 and 1947 as team captain before starting his coaching career. He became an assistant coach for the Cougars in 1953 and head coach in 1956. Lewis guided the program to 27 straight winning seasons and 14 seasons with 20 or more wins,

including 14 trips to the NCAA Tournament, five times making the Final Four and twice playing in the NCAA Championship game, in 1983 and 1984. Houston lost both championship games with the “Phi Slamma Jamma” teams featuring Clyde Drexler and Hakeem Olajuwon before Lewis retired in 1986.

Seward brought a tempo of play never seen before or since to the LSC. The Bronchos scored 100-plus points 104 times during his 15-year tenure, including an NCAA Division II record 23 times during the 1991-92 season when UCO averaged 113.6 points a game to lead all divisions and the NBA. Seward opened the door for LSC men’s basketball success in the NCAA tournament by winning the South Central Regional title and taking the first LSC team to the Elite Eight in 1992.

Keith directed Southeastern Oklahoma to national prominence in both NAIA and NCAA Division II competition. His 24-year career produced 402 victories, five straight trips to the NAIA National Tournament and one appearance in the NCAA Division II National Tournament. He was inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame in 2006 and will be inducted into the SOSU Athletics Hall of Fame in 2007.

Schneider coached for 43 years including 26 seasons at West Texas A&M and three years at Texas Woman’s. The Lady Buffs captured nine LSC championships while winning 585 games before he retired in 2006.

Harris and Silas were part of three consecutive LSC title teams for Stephen F. Austin from 1970-72. Harris was the league MVP in 1972 after averaging 19.3 rebounds a game.

Silas led SFA to a 29-1 record, averaging 30.7 points per game, his senior year. He went on to play in the ABA and NBA with the San Antonio Spurs for eight seasons. An exceptional free throw shooter throughout his entire career, Silas #13 was retired by the Spurs in 1984 and he is currently one of only four players to have received that honor.

Below is the list of all 75 players and coaches in alphabetical order by school followed by a listing with biographical information:

Abilene Christian: Melanie Carter; Jennifer Clarkson; Rodney Fedell; Suzanne Fox; Mike Martin; Burl McCoy; Jared Mosley; Caroline Omamo; Andrew Prince; Claudia Schleyer; Anita Vigil.

Angelo State: Kelly Clark; Nicole Collins; Ed Messbarger; Sally Walling Brooks.

Central Oklahoma: Tyrone Hopkins; Joe Newton; Eddie Robinson; Junie Sanders; Jim Seward; Alex Wright.

East Central: Teresa Jones-Benson; Roland Miller.

East Texas State (now Texas A&M-Commerce): Bob Carpenter; Nate Granger; Jim Gudger; Andrea Hines; Lee Johnson; Shelby Metcalf; Jim Miller; Bob Rogers; O’Neal Tarrant.

Eastern New Mexico: Jennifer Goble-Poyer.

Houston: Guy V. Lewis.

Howard Payne: Fred Davis; Gary Hopkins; Melanie Mayer; Peggy Taylor.

Lamar: Johnny Johnston.

McMurry: Randall Caussey.
Midwestern State: Jerome Jackson; Lindy Lombard; Terrence Thomas.
Northeastern State: Larry Gipson; Darnell Hinson; Wes Pitcock; John Shepherd.
Sam Houston State: James Lister.
Southeastern Oklahoma: Nick Keith; Brandi Robinson.
Southwestern Oklahoma: Milan Pepper.
Stephen F. Austin: Pete Harris; James Silas.
Sul Ross: Jack Fryman.
Tarleton State: Danny Jones; Lonnie Reisman; LaShon Sheffield.
Texas A&M-Kingsville: Bill Carter; Kay Goodwin; Lorie Martinez; Hoegie Simmons; Ed Turner.
Texas State: Rudy Davalos; Milton Jowers; J.C. Maze; Vernon McDonald; Charles Sharp.
Texas Woman's: Peggy Allen-McCoy; Tammi Julch-Williams.
West Texas A&M: Rick Cooper; Martin Lattibeaudiere; Pat McDonald; Bob Schneider; Celeste Stevenson; Vanessa Wells.

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<u>Player/Coach Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
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<u>Peggy Allen-McCoy</u>	<u>Texas Woman's</u>	<u>WBB</u>	<u>1987-91</u>	<u>Mart, Texas/Mart H.S.</u>
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A four-year letter winner (1987-1991) in women's basketball at TWU, Allen-McCoy is the Pioneers all-time scoring leader with 1,783 points. She was a two-time All LSC first-team selection (in 1990 and 1991) and was elected as the 1991 LSC Defensive Player of the Year.

<u>Bob Carpenter</u>	<u>East Texas State</u>	<u>MBB</u>	<u>1938-40</u>	
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First-team All-LSC '39-40...Led LSC in scoring '39-40 with 129 points...First Lions player to play professionally, '40-41 and '48-49 played for Oshkosh All Stars (National Basketball League), '45-48 played for Hammond Buccaneers (NBL), '49-50 played for Ft. Wayne Pistons (NBA) and '50-51 played for Tri-Cities Hawks (NBA) ...First-team member of World Professional Basketball Tournament team in '41 and second-team member in '46 with Oshkosh...Member of Oshkosh team that lost in championship game of World Professional Basketball Tournament in '41...Member of Lions Athletic Hall of Fame.

<u>Melanie Carter</u>	<u>Abilene Christian</u>	<u>WBB</u>	<u>2000-04</u>	<u>Lubbock, TX (Monterey HS)</u>
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Third-leading scorer in LSC history (1,962 points) ...2001-02 LSC South Division MVP...Posted the best field goal percentage by a sophomore (67.9 percent in 2001-02) in NCAA Division II history...Has the 13th and 14th-best seasons in terms of field goal percentage in NCAA II history, posting a 68.0 percentage as a freshman in 2000-01 and a 67.9 percentage as a sophomore in 2001-02.

<u>Randall Caussey</u>	<u>McMurry</u>	<u>MBB</u>	<u>1967-70</u>	
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Scored 588 points in the 1969-70 season and is 13th all-time on McMurry's scoring list with 1,450 points. In the 69-70 season he averaged 23.5 points per game. The previous year (68-69) he averaged 19 points a game and totaled 512 points. The team went 18-9 in the 68-69 season and followed with an 11-14 mark the following year.

<u>Kelly Clark</u>	<u>Angelo State</u>	<u>WBB</u>	<u>1982-86</u>	
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Clark remains to this day the 'Belles all-time leading scorer with 1,863 points and rebounder with 1,077 boards during her four years with the team. She averaged 17.9 points and 10.4 rebounds per game during her tenure at ASU, ranking second on the school's all-time list in both categories.

Jennifer Clarkson Abilene Christian WBB 1992-96 Plano (East Senior HS)

Seventh-leading scorer in NCAA Division II history (2,463 points)...Second-leading scorer in LSC history...9th in NCAA Division II history and second in LSC history in career field goal percentage (62.7 percent) ...24th in NCAA Division and No. 3 in LSC history in scoring average at 20.9 points per game...Two-time NCAA Division II Player of the Year...Two-time first team all-America...Two-time LSC MVP...Four-time first team all-LSC...Led ACU to two LSC Post-Season Tournament titles, and in 1995-96, led ACU to a third-place finish at the NCAA Division II Elite Eight.

Nicole Collins Angelo State WBB 1993-95 Round Rock, Texas

Collins became ASU's first women's basketball All-American with her selections to the 1994 and 1995 teams. She was a first team pick in 1994 by the WBCA and a first team pick in 1995 by the SID's. Collins led ASU to its first-ever regular season and postseason tournament championship, both coming in the 1993-94 season. She retired with 15 school and/or LSC records to her credit and was named the LSC Player of the Year and tournament MVP in 1994. Her 25.5 point per game career scoring average still sits as the 'Belle and LSC record.

Fred Davis Howard Payne MBB 1967-70

Fred Davis of Howard Payne was the MVP in the LSC in 1968-69 and 1969-70. He averaged 31.5 points a game in 1969-70 and 27.2 points a game in 1968-69. He averaged 25.1 points a game in 1968. In three seasons at HPU, he had 2,026 points. Davis had a career scoring average of 28.5. A multiple NAIA All-American, Davis is the LSC record holder in points in a season (883), points per game in season (31.5), points in three season career (2,026), points average in career (28.5) and field goals made in three seasons (797).

Rudy Davalos Texas State MBB 1958-60 San Antonio/Edison HS

An All-Lone Star Conference performer who helped lead Texas State to the 1960 NAIA National Championship as well as back-to-back LSC titles. He was named an NAIA All-American in 1960. Scored 496 points his senior year and holds the school records for free throws attempted and made in a game (22-of-25 vs. SFA in 1959).

Rodney Fedell Abilene Christian MBB 1976-80 Austin (Lanier HS)

Second-leading scorer in ACU history with 1,810 points (15.7 ppg). Two-time first team all-LSC selection, two-time first team NAIA all-district selection, and 1979-80 NAIA first team all-America pick.

Jack Fryman Sul Ross MBB 1962-66

Was the MVP in 1963-64 and 1965-66. He averaged 25.5 points a game in 1964-65 and averaged 24.4 points a game in 1965-66.

Jennifer Goble-Poyer Eastern New Mexico WBB 1990-1994

Goble is the career leader in scoring for the Zias with 1,852 points, and holds the records for highest scoring average for a career and season.

Kay Goodwin Texas A&M-Kingsville WBB 1980-84

Center who had 1,678 points in 1980-84...Lone Star Conference most valuable player in 1982-83... NCAA Division II All-North Central Region...Helped team to second place in the NCAA Division II regional tournament in the first season LSC teams were eligible for NCAA competition...All-Lone Star Conference first team...Kodak all-district team...Had single-game highs of 34 and 33 points...Member of Javelina Hall of Fame.

Nate Granger East Texas State MBB 1973-77

First team All-Lone Star Conference '73-74, '74-75, and '76-77...Second-team All-Lone Star Conference '75-76...LSC Freshman of the Year '73-74...LSC All-Tournament team '76-77...LSC Most Valuable Player '74-75...LSC record for points in a game (55 in '77) and field goals made in a game (26 in '77) ...LSC four-year career record for points (2,380) and field goals made (988)...Second-team All-America '76-77...Honorable Mention All-America '74-75...Member of NAIA All-Tournament team '76-77...Member of Lions Athletic Hall of Fame.

Pete Harris Stephen F. Austin MBB 1970-73

Was the MVP in 1971-72. He averaged 19.3 rebounds a game in 1971-72 with a career average of 17.0.

Andrea Hines East Texas State WBB 1993-94

First-team All-LSC '92-93 and '93-94...LSC All-Tournament team '92-93...Led LSC in points scored '92-93 (492 points) ... First-team COSIDA All-District '93-94...Second-team COSIDA Academic All-America '93-94...Holds school records for best season scoring average (23.6 in '93-94), most points in a season (636 points in '93-94), highest scoring average for 2-year career (20.5), most field goals made in a game (19), most field goals made in a season (241), most field goals made in a 2-year career (443), best field goal average for 2-year career (.519), most free throws made in a season (154), most free throws attempted in a season (216), and most points in a 2-year career (1,128).

Darnell Hinson Northeastern State MBB 2000-04 Muskogee, Okla. (Muskogee HS)

Hinson became Northeastern State's all-time leading scorer with 1,498 points during his career with the Redmen. Hinson, who came to NSU as a walk-on, was the 2003 NCAA-II Elite Eight Tournament's Most Outstanding Player where he made 16-of-25 field goals (.640), 8-of-12 treys (.667), had 15 rebounds, 12 assists, two blocks and a steals during the tourney. As a senior, Hinson averaged 23.6 points per game by hitting 52.8 percent of his field goals (186-of-352), .457 from behind the arc (69-of-151), 112 rebounds, 75 assists, 11 blocks and 50 steals from the guard position. He earned NABC All-America honors in 2004. He had six games where he scored 30 or more points, including a 46 point effort against SW Oklahoma State. Hinson was a two-time All-LSC North selection and was the 2004 LSC North Player of the Year. Following graduation from NSU, Hinson went on to play professional basketball in Europe.

Gary Hopkins Howard Payne MBB 1977-81

NAIA All-American...1573 points in career...LSC record holder in free-throws made in game (23)...free-throw attempts in game (26).

Tyrone Hopkins Central Oklahoma MBB 1995-97 Atlanta, Ga.

Two-time first-team All-LSC, league co-MVP in '96 and MVP in '97 ...Second-team All-American in '96 and first-team All-American in '97 ...Averaged 23.7 points and 9.6 rebounds a game for his career...Team went 43-15 his two years.

Jerome Jackson Midwestern State MBB 1996-2000 Mineral Wells, Texas

LSC South MVP in 2000 ... led MSU to two LSC championships in 1999 and 2000 and to regional championship game in 2000

Lee Johnson East Texas State MBB 1978-79

First-team All-LSC '78-79 (unanimous) ...First-team All-America '78-79...First-round draft pick (#17 overall) in '79 NBA draft...Played one season in NBA with Houston and Detroit.

Johnny Johnston Lamar MBB 1958-61 Jacksonville, Texas

Johnston was named All-Lone Star Conference in 1961 and was also named LSC Player of the Year in 1961. He led the team in scoring three straight years from 1958-61. In 1961, he averaged 20.7 ppg and 15.6 rpg, which still ranks as the best single-season rebound average in school history. He still ranks 9th on the school's all-time scoring list with 1,327 points.

Danny Jones Tarleton State MBB 2001-03

Jones earned two consecutive LSC Player of the Year awards at Tarleton. He is the first-ever player to earn the honor in both divisions of the conference.

Teresa Jones-Benson East Central WBB 1997-99 Irving, Texas

East Central's Teresa Jones-Benson, a native of Irving, Texas, holds Lone Star Conference records for points in a season (836) and field goals made in a season (310) in 1997-98. Jones-Benson played only two seasons at East Central and in the LSC after transferring from Trinity Valley Junior College. Despite that, she is ECU's third all-time leading scorer with 1,469 points after just a two-year stay. She not only holds school records for most field goals in a season (310) and game (18), Jones-Benson also holds the Lady Tiger mark for field-goal attempts (526). As a junior in 1997-98, she averaged 27.0 points to lead the nation (NAIA) and was chosen Lone Star North Division Player of the Year while winning the conference's weekly award three times. Jones-Benson also shot 52.6 percent from the floor that year, including 44.2 percent from 3-point range. She also led ECU in rebounding that season at 10.3. She led the Lady Tigers in scoring 29 times out of 31 games in a 20-11 season and posted 17 double-doubles with a 29-point, 20-rebound performance in one game. As a senior in 1998-99, Jones-Benson averaged 22.6 points and 11.3 rebounds to lead the Lone Star Conference and was ranked sixth nationally in scoring and 11th nationally in rebounding. She led the 20-8 Lady Tigers in scoring 21 times. Benson-Jones was named an NAIA First Team All-American in 1997-98 and was a Daktronics NCAA Division II Second Team All-American in 1998-99. She was also selected to the NCAA Division II South Central All-Region Team and LSC North First team in 1998-99.

Tammi Julch-Williams Texas Woman's WBB 1990-94 Arlington, Texas/Sam Houston H.S.

A four-year letter winner (1990-1994) in women's basketball at TWU, Julch-Williams scored 1,644 points (the second most in TWU school history) during her stint with the Pioneers. She was also chosen as the 1994 NCAA Division II Woman of the Year and named to the 2004 GTE Academic All-American first team.

Martin Lattibeaudiere West Texas A&M MBB 1993-97

WTAMU's leading scorer in men's basketball with 1,566 points in 112 games, Lattibeaudiere, a Midland, Texas, native played all four years of his collegiate career in a Buffs uniform between 1993-97. He earned was named LSC Freshman of the Year after the 1993-94 season, posting 11.9 points and 2.5 rebounds per contest before moving up to honorable mention honors as a sophomore averaging 14.0 points and 4.0 boards per game. As a junior, Lattibeaudiere was a second team All-LSC selection putting up 14.8 points and pulling down 3.5 rebounds an outing and was ranked among the league leaders in points scored, three pointers per games, three point percentage and free throw percentage. Battling knee injuries his senior season, he posted a career best 15.3 points per game, while also averaging 3.7 boards per contest and broke WTAMU's career scoring record, set by former standout and All-American Reggie Ramey in the 1975-76 season.

Guy V. Lewis Houston MBB 1946-47 Arp, Texas (Arp HS)

Guy Lewis was a team captain on Houston's first two teams in 1946 and 1946-47. He earned First-Team All-Lone Star Conference honors after averaging 21.0 points in 10 games with highs of 34 and 33 points. He scored 34 points against Texas State on Feb. 2, 1946. He also scored 33 points against Stephen F. Austin on Feb. 22, and 30 points to lead Houston to a 63-34 victory over High Point in the first round of the 1946 NAIB Tournament. In his second season, he led Houston to a second LSC title and NAIB Tournament berth. He also set a new school record with 38 points on Feb. 15, 1947.

James Lister Sam Houston State MBB 1970-1973 Dallas Madison

MVP in 1970-71 and 1972-73...He averaged 24.9 points a game in 1970-71...NAIA All-American 1971-72-73, All-LSC 1st team 1970-71-72-73, 2,304 career pts. (21.9) 1,682 career reb. (16.0)...Led SHSU to LSC titles in 1971 & 1973 and NAIA national tournament in 1973.

Lindy Lombard Midwestern State WBB 1998-2002 Canyon, Texas

Two-time first-team All-LSC North...2001 LSC North Player of the Year...led MSU to 2001 LSC Championship and 2002 LSC runner-up.

Lorie Martinez Texas A&M-Kingsville WBB 1997-2001

Guard who holds NCAA Division II national record for most three-point goals in a career with 385...Holds LSC records for most three-points made in a season (104), most three-point goals made per game (4.0), most three-point goals made in a career (385), most three-points averaged per game in a career (3.3) ...An All-America her freshman year...Leads Javelinas in career points with 1,781 in 1997-2001...NCAA Division II All-South Central Region in 1998-99...Played on team that won LSC title and also regional championship...Had single-game high of 36 points...Member of Javelina Hall of Fame and Hispanic National Hall of Fame.

Melanie Mayer Howard Payne WBB 1983-87

NAIA All-American...2173 career points...736 points in a season in 1984-85...851 field goals in her career...980 rebounds in her career.

J.C. Maze Texas State MBB 1948-52 Livingston, Texas

Three-time All-Lone Star Conference selection (1950-52) who helped lead Texas State to a third-place finish at the NAIA National Tournament his senior year in '52. Was named to the NAIA All-Tournament Team in '52 and was the team's leading scorer that season with 431 points.

Pat McDonald **West Texas A&M** **WBB** **1990-92** **Kingston, Jamaica**

McDonald earned back-to-back All-American honors after the 1990-91 and 1991-92 seasons ... McDonald averaged 17.8 points and 8.4 rebounds a game as a junior, she also earned first team All-LSC, All-LSC Tournament Team and NCAA South Central All-Tournament Team.

Shelby Metcalf **East Texas State** **MBB** **1952-55**

Two-time All-American, played 52-55 on NAIA National Championship Team. A 1982 inductee into the school Hall of Fame.

Jim Miller **East Texas State** **MBB** **1952-55**

First-team All-Lone Star Conference '52-53, '53-54, '54-55...First-team All-America '54-55...NAIA Tournament Most Valuable Player '54-55...NAIA All-Tournament second team '52-53...Member of Lions Athletic Hall of Fame.

Roland Miller **East Central** **MBB** **1996-99** **Guthrie, Okla.**

Though East Central's Roland Miller played only two years in the Lone Star Conference, he certainly made an impact, setting one league record and establishing numerous school records along the way in playing for legendary head coach Wayne Cobb. Miller, a native of Guthrie, Okla., is the Tigers' all-time leading scorer with 2,491 points. Amazingly, Miller scored in double figures in 109 of the 111 games in his collegiate career, including the final 79 straight. The two-time NAIA All-American and NCAA Division II honorable mention All-American holds the LSC record for field goals made in a season with 328 during his junior campaign of 1997-98. He also holds school records for points in a career (2,491), season (849) and game (44). Miller also owns a laundry list of awards, including all-conference recognition each season from 1996-99. He was named Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference Freshman of the Year in 1996. As a junior during the 1997-98 season, Miller not only led the LSC in scoring, but also topped the NAIA national scoring chart with a 29.3 average in compiling the 849 points that year. That effort led ECU to the NAIA National Tournament where the 20-9 Tigers posted two straight victories before losing in the quarterfinals. During his senior year of 1998-99, Miller averaged 22.8 points. Miller was the only non-Division I player invited to USA Basketball's 1999 Goodwill Games tryouts in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Jared Mosley **Abilene Christian** **MBB** **1995-99** **Lockney, TX (Lockney HS)**

Two-time first team all-LSC South Division performer and 1998-99 LSC South Division MVP...First team NCAA II all-South Central Region in 1998-99 when he led the Wildcats to the NCAA Division II South Central Region Tournament championship game...First team academic all-America in 1998-99 and three-time academic all-LSC...12th-leading scorer in ACU history with 1,457 points...Current ACU director of athletics.

Joe Newton **Central Oklahoma** **MBB** **1996-98** **Philadelphia, Pa.**

First-team All-LSC North, LSC North MVP, first-team All-American, national Player of the Year in '98 with 27.0 scoring average...Averaged 23.1 points, 4.4 rebounds, 4.4 assists a game for his career...Team went 49-12 his two years.

**Caroline Omamo Abilene Christian WBB 1994-98 Nairobi, Kenya
(Menengai HS)**

Three-time NCAA II honorable mention all-America...Two-time LSC Post-Season Tournament MVP...LSC South Division MVP in 1997-98...Three-time first team all-LSC South Division...Led LSC in total rebounds (337) and rebounding average (10.2 rpg) in 1995-96...Her 337 rebounds in 1995-96 is the third-best single-season total in LSC history...Played on two LSC Post-Season Tournament title teams, and was a key figure on ACU's 1995-96 team that finished third at the NCAA Division II Elite Eight.

**Milan Pepper Southwestern Oklahoma MBB 2000-02 St. Louis, Mo.
(Forrest Park CC)**

Pepper, a 6-3 guard, was named the LSC North Division Player of the Year in 2002 when he led the 18-10 Bulldogs with an average of 18.5 points per game. In 28 games, he reached double figures 26 times while notching a career-high of 35 points against Arkansas Tech. Pepper shot 48% from the field and was 114 of 155 from the free throw line (74.5%). In his final season at SWOSU, Pepper racked up several post season accolades including a spot on the NABC/Pontiac Division II All-District First Team. Pepper finished his two-year SWOSU career with 957 points.

**Wes Pitcock Northeastern State MBB 1997-2001 Tulsa, Okla.
(Memorial HS)**

Pitcock is Northeastern State's third all-time leading scorer with 1,428 points during his four seasons with the Redmen. Pitcock played in 113 games with 103 starts, averaged 12.6 points for his career, had a career .477 field goal percentage, .468 three-point field goal percentage and hit .803 of his free throws. Pitcock was a three-time All-LSC North selection, and earned NABC All-America honors as a senior. He graduated from NSU in 2001 with a degree in finance. He was the 2001 LSC North Offensive Player of the Year.

**Andrew Prince Abilene Christian MBB 1972-75 Victoria, TX
(Stroman HS)**

All-LSC performer in 1974-75 when he averaged 21.1 points and 11.5 rebounds per game...Fourth-leading scorer and second-leading rebounder in ACU men's basketball history...Two-time NAIA honorable mention all-America...Recorded an ACU single-season record 445 rebounds (15.3 rpg) as a junior in 1973-74, ACU's first year in the LSC...His 445 rebounds in 1973-74 led the league that year and is the fourth-highest single-season total in LSC history.

**Brandi Robinson Southeastern Oklahoma WBB 2000-02 Atoka,
Okla./Atoka HS**

A two-time LSC North Division first-team selection, Brandi Robinson earned LSC North Division Player of the Year honors, second-team Women's Division II Bulletin All America and second-team Daktronics All America accolades after leading Southeastern Oklahoma State to its only Elite Eight appearance in 2002 as the Lady Savages finished as national runner up. Robinson holds the NCAA Division II national tournament scoring record as she scored 141 points (23.5 points per game) during SOSU's magical five-game winning streak to land SOSU in the national championship game against Cal Poly Pomona. Robinson is currently fourth on SOSU's all-time scoring list with 1,178 points despite playing just two seasons in Durant. She also pulled down 265 rebounds, dished out 121

assists and shot 60.2 percent (452-of-751) in those two seasons. Robinson was named Most Outstanding Player at the 2002 South Central Regional and was named to the NCAA Division II national tournament team. She was also named 2002 Lone Star Conference Athlete of the Year.

Eddie Robinson Central Oklahoma MBB 1997-99 Flint, Mich.

First-team All-LSC North, LSC North MVP, first-team All-American and became UCO's first-ever national scoring champion with 28.0 average in '99 ...Scored school-record 52 points in game vs. Southwestern...Averaged 21.3 points and 9.4 rebounds a game for his career...Played five years in the NBA with the Hornets and Bulls.

Junie Sanders Central Oklahoma MBB 1993-95 Brooklyn, N.Y.

Two-time first-team All-LSC, league MVP in '95. Averaged 21.4 points, 9.4 rebounds a game for his career. Team went 40-17 his two years.

Claudia Schleyer Abilene Christian WBB 1982-86 Albuquerque, N.M. (Eldorado HS)

Second-leading scorer in NCAA Division II history (2,770 points) and leading scorer in LSC history...7th in NCAA Division II history and No. 2 in LSC history in scoring average at 24.3 points per game...Three-time first team NCAA Division II all-America, and three-time LSC MVP...Led ACU to four LSC regular-season titles, and three post-season tournament championships.

Charles Sharp Texas State MBB 1956-60 Corizo Springs, Texas

Two-time All-Lone Star Conference selection who remains Texas State's all-time leading scorer (1,984 points) and ranks fifth in rebounds (799) ...Led Texas State to the NAIA national title in 1960 as well as back-to-back LSC titles...Named NAIA's Most Valuable Player in 1960...Scored 53 points in one game during senior season...Was a two-time NAIA All-American...Named to the NAIA All-Tournament Team as a junior in 1959.

LaShon Sheffield Tarleton State MBB 2004-06

Sheffield was named National Basketball Coaches of America second team All-South Central Region, LSC South Division Preseason Player of the Year and was on the South Central Region All-Tournament Team in 2006. He was also an All-LSC South Division first team honoree. In 2005, he was tabbed the South Central Region Tournament Most Outstanding Player and to the All-Tournament Team in addition to second team All-Lone Star Conference North Division recognition.

John Shepherd Northeastern State MBB 1999-2003 Tulsa, Okla. (Union HS)

Shepherd is Northeastern State's 2nd all-time leading scorer with 1,453 points during his four seasons with the Redmen. He appeared in 107 total games with 94 consecutive starts and helped NSU win an unprecedented five straight Lone Star North Division titles. In his career, Shepherd was a two-time NABC All-American (2002 & 2003), connected on .626 of his field goals (593-of-947), collected 580 rebounds, blocked 13 shots and had 49 steals. Shepherd earned All-LSC North honors three times. He earned his degree from NSU in accounting.

James Silas Stephen F. Austin MBB 1969-70

Silas was drafted by the San Antonio Spurs of the ABA.

Hoegie Simmons Texas A&M-Kingsville MBB 1972-74

A guard who scored 1,389 points in two seasons with the Javelinas... Scored 762 points in 1973-74 and had 627 in 1972-73...Holds school record for most points in a game with 51...Also had 51 in a game and hit 40 twice...Ranks third on season scoring average list with 29.3 in 1974.

Celeste Stevenson West Texas A&M WBB 2001-05 Abilene, Texas/Cooper HS

Stevenson was named All-American as a senior, receiving the programs seventh such award ... Stevenson is also the schools leading scorer with 1,988 points, and owns the school record for free throws made (667) and attempted (906).

O'Neal Tarrant East Texas State MBB 1972-75

First-team All-LSC '73-74 and '74-75...Second-team All-LSC '72-73...Honorable Mention All-LSC '75-76...LSC Most Valuable Player '73-74...LSC Freshman of the Year '72-73...Second-team All-America '73-74...Third-team All-America '74-75...Honorable Mention All-America '72-73...Member of Lions Athletic Hall of Fame.

Terrence Thomas Midwestern State MBB 1998-2000 Dallas, Texas/Skyline

Helped lead MSU to a pair of LSC championships ... named All-LSC and All-LSC Tournament ... member of MSU Hall of Honor ... averaged 13.1 points and shot 37.2 percent from 3-point (89-239) for career

Ed Turner Texas A&M-Kingsville MBB 1979-81

Forward who had 1,668 points in 1979-81 with the Javelinas...NAIA All-America...LSC's most valuable player in 1978-79 and 1979-80...Had single-game high of 40 points...Had 683 points in 1979-80...Ranks seventh in LSC scoring averages for a season with 27.4 in 1980.

Anita Vigil Abilene Christian WBB 1987-89, 90-92 Mora, N.M. (Mora HS)

Fourth-leading scorer in ACU history with 1,795 points...1990-91 NCAA II all-America selection...Three-time first team all-LSC selection...One of top 3-point shooters in LSC history...Led LSC in points scored (601) and scoring average (19.4 ppg) in 1988-89.

Vanessa Wells West Texas A&M WBB 1984-88 Amarillo, Texas/Palo Duro HS

Wells was the first All-America recipient from the women's basketball team, taking home the honor after the 1986-87 and 1987-88 seasons ... Wells scored 1,906 points and still holds the record for made field goals with 823.

Alex Wright Central Oklahoma MBB 1991-93 Bridgeport, Conn.

Two-time first-team All-LSC, league MVP in '93, first-team All-American and national Player of the Year in '93 with 30.3 scoring average...Holds LSC record for points in two years (1,637) and averaged 26.8 points a game for his career...Team went 48-13 his two years.

Coaches

Sally Walling Brooks Angelo State Coach 2000-present

Brooks is the winningest coach in 'Belle history as she currently sits 144-45 (76.2%) in her six-plus seasons at the helm of ASU. She is a two-time LSC South Coach of the Year (2002, 2005) and has led the 'Belles to three LSC tournament crowns (2002, 2004, and 2005), four LSC South titles (2001, 2002, 2003, and 2005) and five-straight NCAA Division II National Tournament appearances. She as posted a winning season in each of her previous six years with the program, including five campaigns of 20 or more victories. In her 15-plus years of collegiate coaching she is currently 299-151 (66.4%).

Bill Carter Texas A&M-Kingsville Coach 1991-97

Coached Javelinas to their two Lone Star Conference championships in 1991-92 and 1995-96...The team reached the NCAA Division II national playoffs both teams...LSC coach of the year in 1991-92...Javelina Hall of Fame.

Rick Cooper West Texas A&M Coach 1993-present

The winningest coach in WT history, Cooper is currently in his 14th season at the helm of the Buff Basketball program, taking the Buffs to six NCAA Regional Tournaments. He became the first WTAMU coach to lead the team to the NCAA Division II Elite Eight with an appearance in 1997-98. Cooper has led the team to five LSC titles and been named LSC Coach of the Year four times, as well as the South Central Regional Coach of the Year in 1997-98. In his 13 years as head coach, Cooper has amassed a 266-122 (.685) record with the Buffs, averaging nearly 20 wins a season, and never turning in a losing campaign.

Suzanne Fox Abilene Christian Coach 1992-97 Fort Worth (FW Christian HS)

Compiled a .780 winning percentage in five seasons with the Wildcats, winning 117 games against just 33 losses...Led ACU to three LSC championships (1992-93, 1995-96 and 1996-97) before leaving to become the head coach at Southwest Texas State...Her best team was the 1995-96 team that was ranked No. 1 in the nation for most of the season before finishing 31-2 and third in the nation at the NCAA II Elite Eight...As a player for the Wildcat (playing as Suzanne Johnson), she was the LSC MVP in 1989-90, and she was also an NCAA II honorable mention all-America selection...She is the only person in LSC history to be named LSC MVP (1989-90) and LSC Coach of the Year (1995-96).

Larry Gipson Northeastern State Coach 1997-present

Larry Gipson led Northeastern State University to the 2003 NCAA Division II national championship, the first-ever basketball title for the Lone Star Conference in this division. He is a five-time LSC North Coach of the Year selection, won an unprecedented five consecutive LSC North titles, and has led NSU to four NCAA Tournament appearances and one appearance in the Elite Eight. In his career at Northeastern, Gipson has a record of 178-93 (.657). His 178 wins are third all-time at NSU and he reached the 100-victory plateau quicker than any NSU coach in history. He was the 2003 NABC Coach of the Year, won the Molten/Division II Bulletin Coach of the Year award that season and was a coach at the USA Basketball Trials in the summer of that year. He is a member of the NSU Athletic Hall of Fame and has won two national championship, one at NSU and the NJCAA title while coaching at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M.

Jim Gudger East Texas State Coach 1969-83

Coached the Lions 14 seasons ('69-83) and had an overall record of 203-193, the winningest coach in Lions basketball history...LSC Coach of the Year '73-74, '76-77, and '77-78 seasons...LSC record was 115-118...Teams won three LSC championships and tied for another...Teams finished second in LSC two different times...In a six-season stretch ('73-79), never finished worse than second in LSC, winning or tying for four LSC

Championships in that period... '76-77 team was a National Quarterfinals team... '77-78 team was a National Semi-Finalist... Member of Lions Athletic Hall of Fame.

Milton Jowers Texas State Coach 1946-61 McMahn, Texas

Coached Texas State to a 287-106 record in 15 seasons as the team's head coach... Holds school record for coaching victories and winning percentage (.730) ... Team captured six Lone Star Conference championships... His teams advanced to the NAIA National Playoffs five times, capturing the 1960 championship and placing third in 1952.

Nick Keith Southeastern Oklahoma Coach 1981-2005 Preston, Okla./Preston HS

Nick Keith coached Southeastern Oklahoma to four-straight Lone Star Conference North Division championships from 1997-2001 before leading the Lady Savages to an NCAA Division II national runner-up finish in 2002. Keith led Southeastern to a 111-37 record (.750) in its first five seasons in the NCAA, including a 50-16 mark against the North Division. Keith was 133-94 (.586) in his eight NCAA seasons, but finished his 24-year coaching career with 402 victories.

Mike Martin Abilene Christian Coach 1980-88

Only person to win LSC men's Coach of the Year three straight times before North/South

Burl McCoy Abilene Christian Coach 1976-92 Merkel (Merkel HS)

McCoy compiled 299 wins against 174 losses in 16 seasons as the Wildcats' head coach... In the 10 seasons the Wildcats were part of the Lone Star Conference with McCoy as the head coach, he led them to a 192-100 record and five LSC championships (1982-83, 1983-84, 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1991-92) ... Three-time LSC Coach of the Year (1982-83, 1984-85 and 1985-86... Grandfather of current University of Texas starting quarterback Colt McCoy.

Vernon McDonald Texas State MBB/Coach 1950-52/1961-77 Dale, Texas/Taylor HS

As a player, was twice named to the All-Lone Star Conference Team two straight years, helping lead Texas State to three straight LSC championships... Served as an assistant coach at Texas State, including on the 1960 NAIA National Championship staff, before being named head coach in 1961... Posted a 226-191 record (.543).

Ed Messbarger Angelo State Coach 1978-98

A legend in the coaching profession, Messbarger guided the Angelo State Rams for 20 seasons. At his retirement, Messbarger ranked third in NCAA Division II in career wins with a 665-515 mark and second in all-time coaching appearances among coaches at any level of play. He guided ASU to two Lone Star Conference titles and was named the LSC Coach of the Year in 1984 and 1988. He is a member of the Hall of Fame of the NAIA, St. Mary's University, Northwest Missouri State University and the LSC.

Lonn Reisman Tarleton State Coach 1988-present

Reisman is in his 18th season as the men's basketball coach and 14th year as athletics director at Tarleton State. Reisman has led the Texans to a 347-162 record. Since 1994, Reisman has paced the Texans to six winning seasons – including a 25-9 record in 2005-06 when the Texans advanced to the NCAA Division II national tournament for the third time, won the South Central Region title game and made a trip to the Elite Eight and the national

semifinal game. He's also led Tarleton to six LSC tournament berths, including three appearances in the championship game.

Bob Rogers **East Texas State** **Coach** **1952-57**

Compiled a record of 111-38 in five seasons ('52-57) as head basketball coach...Lone Star Conference record was 48-10...Worst conference finish was a tie for second...Won three LSC Championships outright and tied for another championship in five seasons...'54-55 team won National Championship, the only National Basketball Championship in university history...In addition to the National Championship, one Rogers coached team finished 4th at the National Tournament and another team was a National Quarterfinals team...Member of Lions Athletic Hall of Fame.

Bob Schneider **West Texas A&M** **Coach** **1981-06** **Darrouzett, Texas**

Schneider, who coached at WTAMU for 26 seasons won 585 games roaming the Lady Buff sidelines and won 634 games as a collegiate coach ... Schneider never had a losing season at WTAMU and never won fewer than 15 games in a season.

Jim Seward **Central Oklahoma** **Coach** **1987-02** **Nebraska**

Changed the face of LSC basketball with his run-and-gun style...Went 261-165 in 15 years, winning five regular-season league titles and three LSC tournament titles ('95, '97 and '98) ...Made five playoff appearances, becoming first LSC team to win South Central Regional title and make Elite Eight in 1992...Won 20-plus games six times in an eight-year span.

Peggy Taylor **Howard Payne** **WBB/Coach** **1982-86/1988-90**

won MVP as player and Coach of Year...NAIA All-American...2173 career points...738 points in 1982-83..300 field goals in a season 1982-83...381 rebounds in a season in 1982-83...hold LSC record for rebounds per game(13.1) in career Peggy Taylor of Howard Payne averaged 26.9 points a game in 1982-83 and 22.7 in 1983-84. She averaged 25.1 points a game in her career 1982-84.

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