

**North Division**  
Cameron University  
University of Central Oklahoma  
East Central  
Harding University  
Ouachita Baptist University  
Northeastern State University  
Southeastern Oklahoma State University  
Southwestern Oklahoma State University



**South Division**  
Abilene Christian University  
Angelo State University  
Eastern New Mexico University  
Midwestern State University  
Tarleton State University  
Texas A&M University-Commerce  
Texas A&M University-Kingsville  
Texas Woman's University  
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## Lone Star Conference Announces Inaugural All-Conference Softball Teams

RICHARDSON, TEXAS -- The inaugural Lone Star Conference softball season comes to a conclusion this weekend with the playing of the LSC Post-Season Championship Tournament in Kingsville, Texas. Today, the LSC announces the first ever LSC North and South Division All-Conference teams.

The North squad is led by four first team selections from the University of Central Oklahoma. Southeastern Oklahoma State University, who won the North Division top seed spot for this week's LSC Tournament, placed three players on the first squad as did North Division runner-up Northeastern State University.

East Central University's **Cherene Hiesl** has been voted North Division Most Valuable Player. Southeastern Oklahoma State University has swept the other three individual awards. Pitcher of the Year honors go to **Amanda Payne**, Rookie of the Year is **Kim Earickson**, and SEOSU's **Ron Faubion** has been named North Division Coach of the Year.

ECU's Hiesl leads the LSC in hitting with a .533 average through 32 games and is a first team selection in the outfield. She is joined on the All-Conference North squad by teammate **Erin Curry** at catcher who has helped ECU rank #1 in the LSC in catching statistics. Central Oklahoma just missed qualifying for the LSC Post-Season Tournament, and the Lady Bronchos are represented on the first team North Division squad by first baseman, **Lisa McCormick**, second baseman **Marina Cook**, utility player **Stacey Dannels**, and designated player **Staci Dickerson**. McCormick ranks 12th in the LSC in field percentage at .973 and has made just six errors with 214 putouts. Southeastern Oklahoma State sensational pitcher, Amanda Payne, leads the way on the All-Conference North team for the Lady Savages. Payne has a conference best 1.19 earned run average entering this week. Also on the first team from Southeastern Oklahoma State are outfielder Kim Earickson and shortstop **Jill Davis**. Earickson ranks fifth in the LSC in hitting at .433 and Davis is seventh (.423). Northeastern State's trio on the first team squad are third baseman **Stacie Hood**, outfielder **Dee Sherwood**, and pitcher **Jill Bowen**. Sherwood is third in the league in hitting at .462 and is tied for 12th in the LSC in stolen bases (11). Bowen is sixth in the LSC in earned run average at 2.04 and has posted a conference leading 5.08 strikeouts per seven innings.

The South Division first team All-Conference squad features four first team selections from LSC Tournament host Texas A&M-Kingsville and three each from Texas Woman's University and Tarleton State University. Abilene Christian placed two players on the South first squad and Eastern New Mexico had one first team selection. Abilene Christian University sweeps all the individual awards. Abilene Christian shortstop **Chantiel McDonnell** has been voted South Division Most Valuable Player. Her teammate, **Shelly Owen** is the South's Pitcher of the Year. ACU first baseman **Leanne Mahan** has been selected South Division Rookie of the Year, and Wildcats coach **Carol Tabor** is the choice for Coach of the Year in the South.

Texas A&M-Kingsville, who tied Abilene Christian for the South Division title but then one a single game playoff for the tournament's top seed spot, places first baseman **Sheila Dotson**, catcher **Erica Guajardo**, outfielder **Gloria Sandoval**, and pitcher **Melissa Shepherd** on the first team South squad. Dotson is one of the top defensive players in the LSC with a .970 fielding percentage. Sandoval ranks 20th in the LSC in hitting (.357), 8th in slugging percentage (.636), 10th in hits (51), second in home runs (7), and 6th in doubles (11). Shepherd has the fourth best ERA in the league at 1.84. Abilene Christian is the second seeded team from the South Division for this week's LSC Tournament and is represented on the first team All-Conference South squad by shortstop **Chantiel McDonnell** and pitcher **Shelly Owen**. McDonnell is fourth in the LSC in hitting at .451, and Owen has worked an LSC high 317 innings on the mound with a league best 34 wins (34-15). Texas Woman's University, who finished third in the South Division, has outfielders **Cathy Jacobson** and **Karen Butterworth** and third baseman **Kelly Cox**

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on the first team South squad. Jacobson is second in the LSC in stolen bases (27) and tops in the league with a 1.000 fielding percentage, not committing an error with 88 putouts and four assists. Butterworth, the pre-season South Division Player of the Year selection, had an outstanding year for the Pioneers. Cox is fourth in the LSC in triples (6). Tarleton State has second baseman **Jennifer Cervenka**, pitcher **Heather Johnson**, and designated player **Jennifer Maupin** on the first team. Cervenka had nine stolen bases this year. Johnson is second in the LSC with a 1.63 ERA and eighth in strikeouts (3.75/seven innings). Maupin is 14th in the league in slugging percentage (.500) and is eighth in triples (4). Eastern New Mexico's versatile **Jen Doolittle** is the first team utility player for the South squad. She ranks second in the LSC in home runs (7), third in triples (7), 18th in hits (44), third in slugging percentage (.874), 8th in stolen bases (13), and sixth in hitting (.427).

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## ALL-LONE STAR CONFERENCE SOFTBALL - *NORTH DIVISION*

### FIRST TEAM

First Base	Lisa McCormick	Central Oklahoma
Second Base	Marina Cook	Central Oklahoma
Shortstop	Jill Davis	Southeastern Oklahoma State
Third Base	Stacie Hood	Northeastern State
Catcher	Erin Curry	East Central
Outfield	Cherene Hiesl	East Central
	Dee Sherwood	Northeastern State
	Kim Earickson	Southeastern Oklahoma State
Utility Player	Stacey Dannels	Central Oklahoma
Designated Player	Staci Dickerson	Central Oklahoma
Pitcher	Amanda Payne	Southeastern Oklahoma State
	Jill Bowen	Northeastern State

### SECOND TEAM

First Base	Lori Alexander	Southeastern Oklahoma State
Second Base	Tracy Williams	Southeastern Oklahoma State
Shortstop	Chasidy Horton	Central Oklahoma
Third Base	Summer Smith	Southeastern Oklahoma State
Catcher	Jenny Hall	Cameron
Outfield	Jamie King	Southwestern Oklahoma State
	Julie Williams	Southeastern Oklahoma State
Utility Player	Meredith Prather	Northeastern State
Pitcher	Jennifer Landrith	East Central
	Shannon Sovo	Cameron

**HONORABLE MENTION:** Charlotte Pfeil (Southwestern Oklahoma State), Shawna Armstrong (Central Oklahoma), MaryAnn Thomason (Southeastern Oklahoma State), Michel Taylor (Southwestern Oklahoma State), Tammy Daniels (East Central).

<b>Most Valuable Player:</b>	Cherene Hiesl (East Central)
<b>Pitcher of the Year:</b>	Amanda Payne (Southeastern Oklahoma State)
<b>Rookie of the Year:</b>	Kim Earickson (Southeastern Oklahoma State)
<b>Coach of the Year:</b>	Ron Faubion (Southeastern Oklahoma State)

# ALL-LONE STAR CONFERENCE SOFTBALL - *SOUTH DIVISION*

## FIRST TEAM

First Base	Sheila Dotson	Texas A&M-Kingsville
Second Base	Jennifer Cervenka	Tarleton State
Shortstop	Chantiel McDonnell	Abilene Christian
Third Base	Kelly Cox	Texas Woman's
Catcher	Erica Guajardo	Texas A&M-Kingsville
Outfield	Cathy Jacobson	Texas Woman's
	Karen Butterworth	Texas Woman's
	Gloria Sandoval	Texas A&M-Kingsville
Utility Player	Jen Doolittle	Eastern New Mexico
Designated Player	Jennifer Maupin	Tarleton State
Pitcher	Shelly Owen	Abilene Christian
	Melissa Shepherd	Texas A&M-Kingsville
	Heather Johnson	Tarleton State

## SECOND TEAM

First Base	Leanne Mahan	Abilene Christian
Second Base	Julie Smith	Eastern New Mexico
Shortstop	Felicia Blackburn	Texas Woman's
Third Base	Teela Clark	Abilene Christian
Catcher	Brandi Chane	Texas Woman's
Outfield	Jamie Olsen	Abilene Christian
	Lora Watson	Tarleton State
Utility	Theressa Johnson	Abilene Christian
Pitcher	Blaire Beaty	Texas Woman's
	Heather Southard	Tarleton State

*HONORABLE MENTION:* Jalayne Johnson (Tarleton State), Tiffany Johnson (Tarleton State), Amy Trolinger (Tarleton State), Claudia Becho (Texas A&M-Kingsville), Marina Gallegos (Texas A&M-Kingsville).

<b>Most Valuable Player:</b>	Chantiel McDonnell	Abilene Christian
<b>Pitcher of the Year:</b>	Shelly Owen	Abilene Christian
<b>Rookie of the Year:</b>	Leanne Mahan	Abilene Christian
<b>Coach of the Year:</b>	Carol Tabor	Abilene Christian