

North Division

Cameron University
University of Central Oklahoma
East Central University
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
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Southeastern Oklahoma State leads way with five players selected to Lone Star Conference North softball team

RICHARDSON, Texas -- Southeastern Oklahoma State University, the back-to-back winner of the Lone Star Conference softball championship, had five first-team picks to lead voting on the North Division all-conference team. The Lady Savages, 45-9 overall and a perfect 20-0 in division play, had pitcher ***Starla Payne***, catcher ***Adrienne Stoops***, outfielder ***Kim Nichols*** and infielders ***Tonya Mills*** and ***Kelly Baker*** selected to the division's 12-member first team.

Votes were cast by the division's head softball coaches at the conclusion of the regular season.

Payne, a sophomore from Marlow, Okla., won her second straight Pitcher-of-the-Year Award. She finished the regular season with a 31-4 record and league-leading marks in ERA (0.75) and shutouts (13). She picked up for more wins in the league's championship tournament and also collected MVP honors as SOSU defeated Texas Woman's in the finals.

East Central's ***Leslie Phillips*** was voted as the Player-of-the-Year. Phillips, a junior from Seminole, Okla., finished the regular season as the top hitter in the LSC with a .441 average. She helped lead the Tigers to a second-place finish in the LSC North.

Other awards were given to Central Oklahoma's ***Julie Cyr*** as the top freshman and Northeastern State's ***Angie Ayres*** as the top rookie.

Southeastern's ***Ron Faubion*** was voted by his peers as the division's coach-of-the-year.

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North Division All-Conference Team

FIRST TEAM

POS	PLAYER	SCHOOL	YR	Hometown (High School)
P	Starla Payne	Southeastern Oklahoma	So.	Marlow, Okla.
P	Tina Blankenship	East Central	Jr.	Choctaw, Okla.
C	Adrienne Stoops	Southeastern Oklahoma	Jr.	Tulsa, Okla (Hale)
1B	Kelly Baker	Southeastern Oklahoma	Jr.	Oklahoma City (Westmoore)
2B	Tonya Mills	Southeastern Oklahoma	Jr.	Tuttle, Okla.
SS	Leslie Phillips	East Central	Jr.	Seminole, Okla.
Util	Meghan Riley	Northeastern State	So.	Bartlesville, Okla.
3B	Kim Willyard	Cameron	Sr.	Novato, Calif. (San Marin)
OF	Kim Nichols	Southeastern Oklahoma	So.	Jones, Okla.
OF	Julie Cyr	Central Oklahoma	Fr.	Stillwater, Okla.
OF	Shawna Melton	East Central	Sr.	Choctaw, Okla.
DP	Jennifer Williams	Central Oklahoma	So.	Claremore (Sequoyah)

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Player	School	Yr	Hometown (High School)
P	Megan Prince	Northeastern State	Jr.	Crosby, Texas
P	Jennifer Roan	East Central	So.	De Soto, Texas
C	Chrystal Lasell	Cameron	Jr.	Lawton, Okla. (Lawton)
1B	Erin Crank	Central Oklahoma	Jr.	Sperry, Okla.
2B	Jordan Wheeler	Central Oklahoma	Fr.	Oklahoma City (St. Mary's)
SS	Angie Ayers	Northeastern State	Jr.	Welch, Okla.
Util	Tanisha Byars	Cameron	Jr.	Oxnard, Clif.
3B	Charlotte Pfeil	Southwestern Oklahoma	Sr.	Moore, Okla (Moore)
OF	Kayla Webb	Northeastern State	Jr.	Jay, Okla.
OF	Alysa McCall	Southwestern Oklahoma	Jr.	Oklahoma City, Okla. (Westmoore)
OF	Jennifer Crase	Southeastern Oklahoma	Sr.	Cameron, Okla.
DP	Cody Cook	Southeastern Oklahoma	Sr.	Oologah, Okla.

Honorable Mention

Cameron: Dana Cano, Central Oklahoma: April Ferrall; Southeastern: Annette Ropp, Angel Winston; Jenny Langford.

Player-of-the-Year: Leslie Phillips, East Central
Pitcher-of-the-Year: Starla Payne, Southeastern Oklahoma
Freshman-of-the-Year: Julie Cyr, Central Oklahoma
Rookie-of-the-Year: Angie Ayers, Northeastern State
Coach-of-the-Year: Ron Faubion, Southeastern Oklahoma

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Tarleton State lands four on LSC South Division softball team, ENMU's Mohler and ACU's Villa share Player-of-Year Honor

RICHARDSON, Texas -- Tarleton State University landed four first-team selections to the Lone Star Conference's South Division softball team, leading all other schools. TSU, winners of the LSC South, had pitcher

Caryn Holbrook, designated player **Alicia Petersma** and infielders **Gracie Villa** and **Heather Browne** voted to the 12-member first team.

The vote was taken by the division's five head softball coaches at the conclusion of the regular season.

Eastern New Mexico's **Rachel Mohler** and Abilene Christian's **Veronica Villa** shared player-of-the-year honors while Texas A&M-Kingsville's **Maria Gutierrez** was the choice for the division's top pitcher.

Mohler, a sophomore third baseman from Las Vegas, Nev., led the conference in home runs (11) and RBI's (41). She finished the season with a .396 batting average and a league-best .738 slugging percentage.

Villa, a junior shortstop from Carlsbad, N.M., finished the regular-season as the top hitter in the LSC South with a .414 average. She also led the LSC in total hits (72) and hits per game (1.50).

Gutierrez, a sophomore from Pearland, Texas, finished the season with a 22-9 record and a 1.19 ERA for TAMUK. She led the division in innings pitched (218.0) and total strikeouts (208).

The division's other top awards went to Abilene Christian's **Maurine McWilliams** as the Freshman-of-the-Year and Texas Woman's **Sarah Dokie** as the Newcomer-of-the-Year.

The Coach-of-the-Year vote was shared by ACU's **Carol Tabor** and Texas A&M-Kingsville's **Brady Tigert**.

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POS	PLAYER	SCHOOL	YR	Hometown (High School)
P	Maria Gutierrez	Texas A&M-Kingsville	So.	Pearland, Texas
P	Caryn Holbrook	Tarleton State	Sr.	N. Richland Hills, Texas
C	Monica Romero	Texas Woman's	So.	Arlington, Texas (Martin)
1B	Gracie Villa	Tarleton State	Jr.	Midland, Texas (Lee)
2B	Heather Browne	Tarleton State	Jr.	Arlington, Texas
SS	Veronica Villa	Abilene Christian	Jr.	Carlsbad, N.M.
Util	Sarah Dokie	Texas Woman's	Jr.	El Paso, Texas
3B	Rachel Mohler	Eastern New Mexico	So.	Las Vegas, Nev. (Green Valley)
OF	Cathy Jacobson	Texas Woman's	Sr.	Fridley, Minn.
OF	Kim Paschall	Eastern New Mexico	Jr.	Midland, Texas (Midland)
OF	Theresa Johnson	Abilene Christian	Sr.	Willcox, Ariz.
DP	Alicia Petersma	Tarleton State	So.	Irving, Texas (MacArthur)

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Player	School	Yr	Hometown (High School)
P	Blaire Beaty	Texas Woman's	Sr.	Carrollton, Texas (Newman Smith)
P	Jill Ratliff	Tarleton State	So.	De Soto, Texas
C	Lynee Velasco	Abilene Christian	Jr.	Campbell, Calif.
1B	Sheila Sterling	Texas Woman's	Sr.	Crosby, Texas
2B	Tiffany Gates	Texas A&M-Kingsville	Sr.	Baytown, Texas
SS	Nickie Engelbrecht	Texas Woman's	Sr.	Alberton, South Africa
Util	Rebecca Elderidge	Abilene Christian	So.	Escondido, Calif.
3B	Leslie Roddy	Texas Woman's	Sr.	Allen, Texas
OF	Lora Sykora	Tarleton State	Jr.	Lorena, Texas
OF	Marcie Villa	Tarleton State	Jr.	Midland, Texas (Lee)
OF	Alicia Ortiz	Abilene Christian	Jr.	Houston, Texas
DP	Amanda Cobb	Abilene Christian	Jr.	Hawley, Texas

Honorable Mention

Abilene Christian: Maurine McWilliams, Betsy Paxton, Jamie Olsen; Eastern New Mexico: Jennifer Harrer, Rachel Valenzuela, Enida Rosales, Sarah Remp, Dawn Hunt; Tarleton State: Kristal Cannon; Texas A&M-Kingsville: Sarah Norman, Amanda Reed; Texas Woman's: Angela Burns.

Co-Player-of-the-Year: Veronica Villa, Abilene Christian and Rachel Mohler, Eastern New Mexico

Pitcher-of-the-Year: Maria Gutierrez, Texas A&M-Kingsville

Freshman-of-the-Year: Maurine McWilliams, Abilene Christian

Rookie-of-the-Year: Sarah Dokie, Texas Woman's

Co-Coaches-of-the-Year: Carol Tabor, Abilene Christian and Brady Tigert, Texas A&M-Kingsville

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