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# LONE STAR CONFERENCE VOLLEYBALL

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#### **LSC STANDINGS**

| School               | Conf | CPct. | Overall | Pct.  | Streak | Home | Away | Neutral |
|----------------------|------|-------|---------|-------|--------|------|------|---------|
| West Texas A&M       | 6-0  | 1.000 | 16-3    | 0.842 | W10    | 10-0 | 4-1  | 2-2     |
| Texas Woman's        | 5-2  | 0.714 | 13-6    | 0.684 | L1     | 2-1  | 6-2  | 5-3     |
| Tarleton State       | 4-2  | 0.667 | 9-7     | 0.563 | L1     | 4-2  | 1-2  | 4-3     |
| Angelo State         | 5-3  | 0.625 | 12-5    | 0.706 | W1     | 8-1  | 2-2  | 2-2     |
| Texas A&M-Commerce   | 4-3  | 0.571 | 13-4    | 0.765 | W1     | 2-2  | 5-2  | 6-0     |
| Texas A&M-Kingsville | 4-4  | 0.500 | 11-10   | 0.524 | L1     | 3-4  | 4-2  | 4-4     |
| Eastern New Mexico   | 2-5  | 0.286 | 4-12    | 0.250 | L5     | 0-4  | 2-3  | 2-5     |
| Midwestern State     | 2-6  | 0.250 | 10-7    | 0.588 | W3     | 4-4  | 4-2  | 2-1     |
| Cameron              | 0-7  | 0.000 | 5-12    | 0.294 | L3     | 1-4  | 1-5  | 3-3     |

# LSC VOLLEYBALL

West Texas A&M is the lone undefeated team in Lone Star Conference play after wins over Texas A&M-Commerce and Texas Woman's last week.

League action continues this week with one match Tuesday, along with four games each on Friday and Saturday as the first half of LSC play wraps up.

LSC volleyball teams are 93-66 overall this season. The squads are currently 12-8 combined versus Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference teams, and 15-6 against the Heartland Conference, which are the other leagues in the NCAA South Central Region.

#### **PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

#### **OFFENSIVE**

#### Halie Harton, West Texas A&M University, SR, Roswell, New Mexico, Goddard HS

Harton continued to lead the powerful WT offensive this past weekend as the senior outside from Roswell, New Mexico tallied 26 kills on the weekend to average 4.33 per set to go along with 11 digs in a pair of home wins against Texas A&M-Commerce and Texas Woman's to move WT to 16-3 with a perfect 6-0 mark in the LSC. Harton tallied 15 kills on Friday night as the then #9 Lady Buffs swept Texas A&M-Commerce in Canyon. Harton followed that up with 11 kills and six digs on Saturday afternoon in another sweep, this time over Texas Woman's.

#### Amy Davault, Texas A&M University - Commerce, JR, Houston, Texas, Jersey Village HS

Davault set a career high with 22 kills in the win over #10 Angelo State and added 14 digs for her first of two double-doubles last week. She now has ten on the season. Her three total blocks versus Angelo State also ties a career and season high. At Eastern New Mexico, Davault registered 16 kills and 15 digs. Davault continues to lead the LSC in total kills (228) and kills per set (3.62).

#### **DEFENSIVE**

#### Laura Iwuchukwu, West Texas A&M University, SR, Edmond, Okla., Edmond North HS

Iwuchukcu continued to lead the dominating Lady Buff defense this past weekend as the then #9 Lady Buffs continued to roll through the LSC with sweeps of Texas A&M-Commerce and Texas Woman's in Canyon. The Edmond, Oklahoma native tallied 11 kills on the weekend to go along with three digs and 10 total blocks. Iwuchukwu continues to lead all of DII in blocks per set this season with a staggering average of 1.76.

#### Casey Fletcher, Midwestern State University, JR, Eddy, Texas, Moody HS

Fletcher's strong play on the back line helped Midwestern State to a pair of road wins last week. The junior libero recorded a campaign-best 29 digs to help the Mustangs to a 3-2 win over Great American Conference leading Southern Nazarene Tuesday before notching 17 digs in a four-set win Saturday at Texas A&M-Kingsville. Fletcher averaged 6.57 digs per set while helping the Mustangs limit the opposition to a .182 team attack percentage. She ranks third in the LSC with 4.70 digs per set for the season.

#### **SETTER**

#### Kameryn Hayes, West Texas A&M University, JR, Cypress, Texas, Cy-Fair HS

Hayes continued to guide the powerful WT offense this past weekend as the then #9 Lady Buffs registered home sweeps over Texas A&M-Commerce and Texas Woman's to remain unbeaten in LSC play with an overall record of 16-3 and a 6-0 record in league play. The Cypress, Texas native registered 76 assists on the weekend to average 12.76 per set to go along with four kills and 15 digs in the pair of matches. Hayes dished out 35 assists on Friday night against A&M-Commerce followed by a 41 assist performance on Saturday against TWU.

#### Kayla Rivero, Texas Woman's University, JR, McKinney, Texas, McKinney HS

Rivero helped the Pioneers to 2-1 record last week including an upset win over #10 Angelo State. She ran a 6-2 offense and led the team with 55 assists. Rivero had 19 assists against ASU and then added 17 assists and 14 digs at Eastern New Mexico. She also posted 19 assists against #9 West Texas A&M. On the season Rivero is the team leader with 365 assists.

#### FIRST SERVE

• Two LSC teams are ranked in AVCA poll (Oct. 14): No. 9 West Texas A&M and No. 16 Angelo State.

# THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

#### Tuesday, October 15, 2013

Wayland Baptist vs Angelo State, 5 p.m.
Texas A&M-Kingsville at St. Mary's, 7 p.m.
Angelo State at Texas-Permian Basin, 7 p.m.
Tarleton State at Dallas Baptist, 7 p.m.
\*West Texas A&M at Eastern New Mexico, 8 p.m.

#### Wednesday, October 16, 2013

Ouachita Baptist at Texas A&M-Commerce, 6 p.m.

#### Friday, October 18, 2013

- \*Texas Woman's at Tarleton State, 6 p.m.
- \*Midwestern State at West Texas A&M, 7 p.m.
- \*Texas A&M-Commerce at Angelo State, 7 p.m.
- \*Cameron at Eastern New Mexico, 8 p.m.

#### Saturday, October 19, 2013

- St. Edward's at Texas A&M-Kingsville, 1 p.m.
- \*Cameron at West Texas A&M, 2 p.m.
- \*Texas Woman's at Angelo State, 2 p.m.
- \*Texas A&M-Commerce at Tarleton State, 2 p.m.
- \*Midwestern State at Eastern New Mexico, 3 p.m.

All times are CST; \* denotes LSC game

# LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Complete results at lonestarconference.org.

# **WEEKLY AWARDS**

# **Offensive**

S-10 Laura Iwuchukwu, WTAMU
Maddie Huth, ASU
S-17 Stacie Murrah, TSU
Maddie Huth, ASU
S-24 Arielle Bond, ASU
Josie Santos, TWU
O-1 Amy Davault, A&M-C
Maddie Huth, ASU
O-8 Lauren Bevan, WTAMU
Kelsey Washington, TAMUK

Halie Harton, WTAMU

Amy Davault, A&M-C

# <u>Defensive</u>

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S-10 Shelby Wilt, ASU
Kaitlyn Molloy, MSU
S-17 Emily Klein, TSU
Laura lwuchukwu, WTAMU
S-24 Morgan Wilson, TWU
Laura lwuchukwu, WTAMU
O-1 Marcela Alves, TWU
Emily Klein, TSU
O-8 Laura lwuchukwu, WTAMU
Stephanie Johns, TAMUK
O-15 Laura lwuchukwu, WTAMU

Casey Fletcher, MSU

# <u>Setter</u>

S-10 Jordan Neal, A&M-C Kayla Rivero, TWU

# **OTHER TOP PERFORMERS**

Josie Santos, Texas Woman's University, led the Pioneers to 2-1 record last week including an upset win against #10 Angelo State. She the team on offense with 31 kills and a .281 hitting percentage. Santos posted eight kills and a .500 hitting percentage in a three-set win against ASU and then recorded 13 kills and a .400 hitting percentage in a 3-0 win at Eastern New Mexico. On the season she leads the team with 2.34 kills per set.

Courtney Lawson, Eastern New Mexico University, averaged 2.50 kills per set on a total of 20 kills with a .153 attack percentage in matches against Texas Woman's and Texas A&M-Commerce. She had a team-best 11 kills and .235 attack percentage versus the Pioneers with an assist. She came back the next day and had nine kills and a block assist against the Lions. Lawson set a career-high with four service aces and matched her career-best with 23 digs versus A&M-C.

Marija Jovanovic, Midwestern State University, delivered her top two offensive performances of the season in helping Midwestern State to a pair of road wins. The 6-foot right-side hitter pounded down 11 kills with two errors to hit .375 and added a pair of blocks against Great American Conference leading Southern Nazarene Tuesday night in Bethany. The transfer from Florida A&M followed with a 10-kill effort with a single miscue (.429) and added two more blocks in a four-set win Saturday at Texas A&M-Kingsville. Jovanovic averaged 2.33 kills per set with a .400 attack percentage for the week.

Courtney Bartusiak, Angelo State University, continued her impressive freshman season with a .227 hitting percentage in three LSC matches last week. Bartusiak finished the week with six kills in a sweep of Tarleton State.

Emily Klein, Tarleton State University,continued to be a strong defensive presence for Tarleton in the TexAnns' only game of the week. The senior libero led Tarleton with 20 digs and a service in Saturday's road game at Angelo State. This is Klein's eighth 20-dig game of the season and her fourth in the last five games.

Shelby Wilt, Angelo State University, turned up the defensive intensity last week with 26 digs in two out of three matches. Wilt had 26 digs in a loss to Texas A&M-Commerce and then recorded another 26-dig performance in a sweep of Tarleton State last Saturday. Wilt finished the three-match week with 6.20 digs per set and now has 1,505 digs in her career at ASU.

Michaela Spicer, Texas A&M University - Commerce, averaged .80 digs per set over her season average with 3.92 digs per set average this past week. The 18 digs versus ENMU is her second highest total of the year behind a 24 dig outing versus UTPB. Spicer has posted 10-plus digs in seven of her last 10 matches. With her ace against ENMU, Spicer becomes the fifth Lion with at least 15 aces on the season.

Chloe' Tate, Texas Woman's University, helped the Pioneers to 2-1 record last week with her strong defense at the net. She recorded 14 total blocks and 22 kills on offense. Tate posted five blocks and five kills in an upset win over #10 Angelo State and then added five more blocks and 10 kills at Eastern New Mexico. She also posted four blocks and seven kills at #9 West Texas A&M. On the season she leads the team with 160 kills and second in blocks with 72.

Jordan Neal, Texas A&M University - Commerce, recorded two more 50-plus assist performances last week versus #10 Angelo State and Eastern New Mexico. Neal now has 729 assists on the season and is the only setter in the LSC over 700 on the season

so far. Neal's 11.57 average is still tops in the LSC and Top 10 nationally. Neal's two double-doubles (51K, 11D; 52A, 14D) last week versus Angelo State and Eastern New Mexico give her eight on the season and three in her last four matches. Neal has more assists than Tarleton State, Midwestern State, Cameron and ENMU do as teams.

Maggi Jo Keffury, Angelo State University, turned in another solid week at the setter position for the Belles, providing 95 assists in a three-match week. Keffury had 33 assists in a three-set win over Tarleton State and completed the week with 9.50 assists per set. She also had two aces.

Kennedi Catano, Eastern New Mexico University, took over the setter duties for Eastern New Mexico and immediately improved the team as they hit .131 in the two matches over the weekend, 25 points higher than their attack percentage entering the weekend. She had 24 assists and a kill against Texas Woman's. She recorded a season-high 41 assists, four kills with a .400 attack percentage and a service ace as the Zias pushed Texas A&M-Commerce to five sets. Catano recorded a double-double in both matches with 14 digs versus the Pioneers and 10 digs against the Lions. ENMU hit .198 versus A&M-C, the highest for the Zias in conference matches and second highest overall in a match this season.

# LSC NOTES (Submitted by LSC SID's)

#### **Angelo State**

The Belles dropped road matches at Texas Woman's and Texas A&M-Commerce in midweek contests before bouncing back with a sweep of Tarleton State at home last Saturday. ASU is now 8-1 at home and ranked No. 16 in the nation. The Belles were limited to a .116 hitting percentage as a team last week and committed 17 more errors than their opponents. Maddie Huth led ASU with 32 kills in the three matches, while Arielle Bond had 23 kills and Leah McWilliams added 22. Shelby Wilt had two 26-dig performances and setter Maggi Jo Keffury had 95 assists. ASU hosts Texas A&M-Commerce and Texas Woman's at the Junell Center this weekend after traveling to Odessa on Tuesday to play Wayland Baptist and Texas-Permian Basin in non-conference matches.

#### Cameron

Cameron played a tough pair of road matches last week at Southwestern Oklahoma and Texas A&M Kingsville. At Southwestern, the Aggies battled back from a 0-2 hole to nearly take the match before falling late in the fifth set. On Friday night at Kingsville, CU wasn't able to hold onto an early first set lead and needed to rally from behind once again. The Aggies would get set two but once again they would fall in four sets. This week the Aggies will be making their first trip to Newman University on Tuesday before returning to LSC action to face Eastern New Mexico and West Texas A&M on Friday and Saturday.

# **Eastern New Mexico**

While Eastern New Mexico went dropped both matches over the weekend, they show improvement offensively with a change at setter. Kennedi Catano averaged 8.12 assists/set in the two matches. She recorded a season-high 41 assists in a five-set loss to Texas A&M-Commerce that saw the Zias attack percentage at .198. That percentage is the highest in a conference match this season for ENMU and the second highest on the year. Lauren Frye led the team with 26 kills and 3.25 k/s while Courtney Lawson had 20 kills. Lawson posted a career-high four service aces and tied a career-best with 23 digs versus the Lions.

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Hayley Couch remains 9th in the nation in digs/set after a 5.25 d/s mark in two matches. Agatha Gibbons had a team-high five blocks and Eastern's lone solo block over the weekend. Frye was second with four blocks, all assisted. This week the Zias host rival and #9 West Texas A&M on Tuesday for their annual Dig Pink Match. ENMU then finishes their five-match home stand with Cameron and Midwestern State on Friday and Saturday, respectively.

#### **Midwestern State**

Midwestern State extended its winning streak to three matches claiming road wins over Southern Nazarene (3-2) and Texas A&M-Kingsville (3-1) last week to improve to 10-7 on the season... The Mustangs improved to 5-1 in matches extended beyond three sets this season including a 3-0 mark in 4-set encounters and a 2-1 record in five-setters... Senior middle blocker Caitlin Wallace moved into fourth place on the school's all-time block assists chart and now has 215 career block assists. She needs 14 block assists to pace Shayna Buxton (1996-99) and Ashley Hester (1997-00) into second place behind Sesley Graves, who had 344 from 2006-09... Wallace ranks seventh on the program's all-time total blocks list with 252. She needs to 20 more to move past Lauren Bayer (268, 2009-10), Shayna Buxton (269, 1996-99) and Ashley Hester (271, 1997-00) and into fourth place... Wallace continues to lead the Lone Star Conference with a .350 hitting percentage. The hitting percentage would fourth on MSU's alltime single-season list topped by TiAda Hill's .411 kill rate in 1993... Senior Marija Jovanovic produced her first two double-figure kill performances of the season putting down 11 kills with two errors at Southern Nazarene before notching 10 kills with a single error against Texas A&M-Kingsville... Freshman setter Sarah Rosinke notched her third doubledouble of the season with 28 set assists and 13 digs at Southern Nazarene... Freshman Alyssa Fulgium, who has played herself into a setter in MSU's 6-2 system, notched her second double-double with 24 set assists and 10 digs at Southern Nazarene... Junior libero Casey Fletcher has posted 10-or-more digs in each of her last eight matches including a seasonhigh 29 at Southern Nazarene last week... Freshman Sarah Garfield had seven kills in each of MSU's win last week and had a season-high five blocks Tuesday at Southern Nazarene...Sophomore Nicole Marzik posted a season high 14 kills and completed her second double-double of the season with 18 digs Tuesday at Southern Nazarene... Freshman Cody Moore had a season-high nine kills Tuesday at Southern Nazarene then followed it up with six kills and two blocks in her first collegiate start Saturday at Texas A&M-Kingsville...

### **Tarleton State**

Tarleton State had just one match last week as they traveled to San Angelo for the second time this season - after opening the season at the Angelo State Invitational. Tarleton was swept by the Rambelles despite a 20-dig defensive effort from Emily Klein.

#### Texas A&M-Commerce

A&M-C went 2-1 last week with wins over #10 Angelo State at home and on the road at Eastern New Mexico with a loss to West Texas A&M in between. The win over Angelo State was the first win over a ranked opponent since beating then #11 West Texas A&M back on Oct. 12, 1996. The win over Eastern New Mexico was the Lions fifth straight in the series. The Lions step out of LSC action to play Ouachita Baptist on Wednesday before traveling to Angelo State and

Tarleton State this weekend.

# **Texas A&M-Kingsville**

The Javelinas went 1-2 last week including 1-1 in LSC play. The Javelinas play two non-Lone Star Conference matches this weekend...They fell 3-0 to Incarnate Word in non-conference action before splitting a pair of Lone Star games over the weekend. The Hoggies knocked off Cameron 3-1 on Friday night before dropping a 4-set match to Midwestern State....The Javelinas are unbeaten in 5-set matches this season going 3-0 when going the distance. They have gone 5-6 in three sets and 3-4 in four sets...Junior Stephanie Johns had a tremendous week at middle blocker. The Lubbock native finished third on the team in kills with 26, added 11 blocks to average 1.0 blocks a set. She added four aces which was second on the team and was second with 35.5 points...Kelsey Washington continues to lead the way for Kingsville. The junior had a team-high 34 kills and shared the team lead with 33 digs. She added three aces. Washington has nine double-doubles on the season and has doubledoubles in four straight LSC matches....Senior Dedra Brown was second on the team with 32 kills and 2.91 a set. She has posted 10-or-more kills in eight of the team's last nine matches.

### **Texas Woman's**

TWU posted a 2-1 record last week and improved to 13-6 on the season and 5-2 in the Lone Star Conference. The Pioneers swept #10 Angelo State and Eastern New Mexico in straight sets before falling at #9 West Texas A&M. The Pioneers recorded 30.5 total team blocks (3.39 per set). Senior Chloe' Tate continues to lead the team on offense with 160 kills. She is second in total blocks with 72. Senior Marcela Alves is the leader at the net with 74 total blocks and second in kills with 143. Junior Morgan Wilson has a team best 333 digs while junior Kayla Rivero and freshman Kimberly Bell has 365 and 350 assists respectively.

# West Texas A&M

The then #9 Lady Buffs remained perfect in Lone Star Conference action this past weekend as they tallied sweeps of Texas A&M-Commerce and Texas Woman's at the WTAMU Fieldhouse "The Box" in Canyon. The wins extended WT's current win streak to 10 matches as well as stretches the Lady Buffs' home win streak to 18 matches dating back to last season. WT heads to Eastern New Mexico on Tuesday night before wrapping up the first half of LSC play as they host Midwestern State and Cameron in Canyon.