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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	9-0	1.000	19-3	0.864	W13	12-0	5-1	2-2
Angelo State	7-3	0.700	15-6	0.714	W3	10-1	3-2	2-3
Texas Woman's	6-3	0.667	14-7	0.667	L1	2-1	7-3	5-3
Tarleton State	5-3	0.625	11-8	0.579	W1	5-3	2-2	4-3
Texas A&M-Kingsville	4-4	0.500	12-11	0.522	W1	4-4	4-3	4-4
Texas A&M-Commerce	4-5	0.444	14-6	0.700	L2	3-2	5-4	6-0
Midwestern State	3-7	0.300	11-8	0.579	W1	4-4	5-3	2-1
Eastern New Mexico	3-7	0.300	5-14	0.263	L1	1-6	2-3	2-5
Cameron	0-9	0.000	5-15	0.250	L6	1-4	1-8	3-3

# LSC VOLLEYBALL

West Texas A&M remains unbeaten in Lone Star Conference action at 9-0. League action continues this week with one match Wednesday, along with three games each on Friday and Saturday.

The top eight teams advance to the LSC Championship to be hosted by the No. 1 seed November 21-23. LSC volleyball teams are 106-78 overall this season. The squads are currently 12-8 combined versus Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference teams, and 18-8 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, NM, Goddard HS

Harton continued to lead the strong WT offense as she tallied 36 kills in the Lady Buffs three matches last week to average 3.36 kills per set to go along with 36 digs for an average of 3.27 per set. The Roswell native tallied a season high 20 kills to fall just one shy of her career high in a four set win over Highway 287 Challenge Cup rival Midwestern State on Friday night in Canyon. Harton followed that performance up with 11 kills on Saturday afternoon against Cameron.

#### Lauren Frye, Eastern New Mexico University, FR, Amissville, Va., Highland School

Frye led Eastern New Mexico with 48 kills over three matches. She averaged 4.00 kills per set with a .278 attack percentage and totaled 14 blocks. She had a team-best 17 kills and .275 attack percentage with seven blocks against rival West Texas A&M. She followed by setting a new career-high of 20 kills in a four-set victory over Cameron as the Zias swept the season-series from the Aggies for the first time since 1994. Frye's .389 attack percentage versus CU was her highest in LSC matches this season and she added five blocks as well. Ending the weekend against Midwestern State, she posted 11 kills and two blocks.

## **DEFENSIVE**

#### Hayley Couch, Eastern New Mexico University, SR, Santa Fe, Texas, Santa Fe HS/San Jacinto College

Couch continues to lead the Lone Star Conference in digs and digs per set in overall and conference matches while ranking 9th in the nation in digs/set. This week she had 75 total digs over three matches for an average of 6.25 d/s. Couch increased her season average to 5.91 d/s and now has 402 digs on the season. In the match against then 9th-ranked West Texas A&M, Couch had 26 digs as ENMU held the Lady Buffs to a .103 attack percentage, WT's lowest of the season, and took a set from them for the first time since 2007. The Zias also forced the Lady Buffs into 30 attack errors which is the second most for them this year. She followed up with 24 digs and two service aces in a four-set victory over Cameron and 25 digs with four assists and a service ace versus Midwestern State.

# Shelby Wilt, Angelo State University, JR, Dalhart, Texas, Dalhart HS

Wilt enters this week needing only four digs to become the all-time digs leader in Angelo State volleyball program history. The junior finished last week with 95 digs (5.28 per set) in four matches. Wilt had 32 digs in a five-set win over Texas A&M-Commerce and then 23 against Texas Woman's last Saturday in the Belles' conference matches. She also had 27 digs in a non-conference win over UTPB and 13 against Wayland Baptist. Wilt leads the Belles this season with 366 digs and has 6,000 for her career.

#### **SETTER**

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

Hayes continued to lead the Lady Buff offense this past weekend as the junior setter/right side dished out 119 assists to average an impressive 10.82 per set to go along with 14 kills and 23 digs on the week. The Cypress native dished out 47 assists on Friday night while tallying 10 digs for a double-double against rival Midwestern State in Canyon.

#### Danielle Barker, Tarleton State University, SR, Amarillo, Texas, Amarillo HS

Barker played every point of Tarleton's 14 sets last week, guiding the TexAnns to two wins in three games. The senior setter recorded three straight 40-assist performances, including back-to-back 50-assist efforts against

#### FIRST SERVE

• Two LSC teams are ranked in AVCA poll (Oct. 21): No. 7 West Texas A&M and No. 19 Angelo State.

# THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

#### Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Cameron at Missouri Southern, 7 p.m.
Dallas Baptist at Midwestern State, 7 p.m.
Tarleton State at St. Edward's University, 7 p.m.

#### Wednesday, October 23, 2013

\*Texas Woman's at Texas A&M-Commerce, 7 p.m.

#### Friday, October 25, 2013

- \*Tarleton State at Midwestern State, 5:30 p.m.
- \*West Texas A&M at Texas A&M-Kingsville, 7 p.m.
- \*Angelo State at Cameron, 7 p.m.

#### Saturday, October 26, 2013

- \*Eastern New Mexico at Texas A&M-Kingsville, 1 p.m.
- \*Angelo State at Midwestern State, 2 p.m.
- \*Tarleton State at Cameron, 2 p.m.

Texas Woman's at Dallas Baptist, 4 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
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- 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
- O-15 Halie Harton, WTAMU
  - Amy Davault, A&M-C
- O-22 Halie Harton, WTAMU
- Lauren Frye, ENMU

#### **Defensive**

- S-10 Shelby Wilt, ASU
- Kaitlyn Molloy, MSU S-17 Emily Klein, TSU
- Laura Iwuchukwu, WTAMU
- S-24 Morgan Wilson, TWU
- Laura Iwuchukwu, WTAMU
- O-1 Marcela Alves, TWU
  - Emily Klein, TSU
- O-8 Laura Iwuchukwu, WTAMU Stephanie Johns, TAMUK
- O-15 Laura Iwuchukwu, WTAMU
- O-15 Laura Iwuchukwu, WTAMI Casey Fletcher, MSU
- O-22 Hayley Couch, ENMU Shelby Wilt, ASU

#### Setter

S-10 Jordan Neal, A&M-C Kayla Rivero, TWU Texas Woman's and Texas A&M-Commerce, and has now had at least 40 assists in seven of Tarleton's last eight matches. For the week, she added 10 kills, one service ace and five assisted blocks.

#### OTHER TOP PERFORMERS

Kelle Carver, Cameron University, continued to standout for the Cameron volleyball team collecting double-figure kills in her last seven matches. Last week she recorded 47 kills with a .286 hitting percentage on the road for the Aggies. On Oct. 15 at Newman, Carver had 19 kills and a career high seven total blocks. Carver kept the Aggies in the match by collecting several kills in pivotal moments to keep CU going. So far this season in 20 matches Carver has logged over 250 kills and has a hitting percentage over .200.

Ciara Holmes, Texas A&M University - Commerce, Holmes hit a career high .647 in a three set win for the Lions over Ouachita Baptist. Holmes set a new season high with 17 kills in a five set loss to Tarleton State on Saturday (10/19). The 47.5 points in a week are also a season high for the Terrell native. Versus Angelo State, Holmes posted four solo blocks which is a new career mark.

Josie Santos, Texas Woman's University, recorded two double-doubles and helped the Pioneers to 1-1 record on the road last week. She led the team with 28 kills and 35 digs. Santos posted 17 kills and a career-high 22 digs in a five-set win over Tarleton State and then added 11 kills and 13 digs at #16 Angelo State. On the season she is second in kills with 166 and has a team-best 2.44 kills per set.

Maddie Huth, Angelo State University, surpassed 1,000 kills in her career with 55 kills (3.06 per set) last week in four matches played. Huth had 18 kills last Friday in a five-set win over Texas A&M-Commerce before supplying 13 kills in a four-set win over TWU to complete the week. The reigning all-American also led the Belles with 17 blocks and had three aces. She now has 1,002 kills in her career at Angelo State and is only the 12th player in program history to reach the milestone

Katie Covell, Tarleton State University, careerhigh 19 kills Saturday against Texas A&M-Commerce capped off Covell's strong offensive week as well as an epic comeback from down 0-2 in the match against the Lions. Covell amassed 38 kills in three games this week to lift Tarleton to two wins in three games with the lone loss a five-set heartbreaker Friday night. The junior also hit .200, added three service aces, six blocks and 34 digs. Covell also had two double-doubles on back-to-back nights in the five-set efforts against Texas Woman's and the Lions.

Kayla McGlathery, Texas A&M University - Kingsville, had a standout week along the front row. At St. Mary's, the freshman recorded a career-high 15 kills. She followed that up with nine kills in Saturday's win. Versus St. Edward's she added six total blocks as the Javelinas played without starting middle blocker Stephanie Johns. The six blocks were a career high.

Emily Klein, Tarleton State University, continued her defensive dominance for the TexAnns last week, leading the TexAnns in digs in all three games including the third 30-dig performance of her career Saturday against Texas A&M-Commerce. Klein, who was ranked No. 19 in the nation in digs per set before last weekend, maintained her stronghold as one of the country's best with 5.14 digs per set. She also added five service aces and 12 assists for the week.

Brittany Gutierrez, Texas A&M University - Kingsville, led the team with 40 digs in two matches over nine sets. She averaged 4.44 digs a set on the week. She opened with 17 against St. Mary's and

then had 23 versus St. Edward's in a 4-set win.

Michaela Spicer, Texas A&M University - Commerce, recorded a season high and tied a career high 29 digs versus Angelo State in a five set loss. Spicer's ace versus Angelo was her second in three games. The 4.31 average she posted is full dig more per set than her season average (3.3).

Laura Iwuchukwu, West Texas A&M University, led a strong attack by the Lady Buff defense this past week as #9 WT went 3-0 to run their season win streak to 13 matches. The senior from Edmond, Oklahoma tallied 25 kills on the week to average 2.27 per set to go along with 14.0 total blocks (2 solo, 12 assisted). Iwuchukwu continues to lead all of Division II in blocks per set with an impressive average of 1.69. The Edmond native tallied 10 kills and 8.0 total blocks on the road against rival Eastern New Mexico last Tuesday night at Greyhound Arena.

Marcela Alves, Texas Woman's University, helped the Pioneers to 1-1 road record last week. She led the defense with 14 total blocks including five solo blocks and nine block assists. Alves also added 20 kills on offense. She recorded 11 kills and eight total blocks in a five-set win at Tarleton State and then added nine kills and six total blocks at #16 Angelo State. On the season Alves is the team leaders with 88 total blocks and 14 solo blocks.

Jordan Neal, Texas A&M University - Commerce, became the Lions all-time leader in assists with her 27 assist in the match at Angelo State. Neal broke the record of 3,843 held by Melissa Staiger since 2000. So far this season Neal has recorded at least 45 assists in 12 of the 20 matches for Lions. Neal recorded a season high 21 digs versus Angelo State and 17 versus Tarleton State. Those two double-doubles now give Neal 10 on the season.

Maggi Jo Keffury, Angelo State University, helped lead the Belles to a 3-1 record last week with 191 assists (10.61 per set) and also added seven aces. ASU's setter established a new career-high with 57 assists in the Belles' five-set win over Texas A&M-Commerce last Friday and then provided 54 assists in a four-set win over TWU last Saturday. She also had 43 digs in the four matches played and now has 829 assists this season for the Belles.

Sarah Fountain, Texas A&M University - Kingsville, was the beneficiary of the Javelina setters as they shifted back to a 5-1 offense. She had 94 assists in two matches with 55 in a 5-set loss and 39 in four sets against St. Edward's in Saturday's win. She also had nine kills on the week with a .292 hitting percentage.

Kennedi Catano, Eastern New Mexico University, was credited with 122 in three matches for Eastern New Mexico. She had 38 assists, tied a season-high with four kills and had three blocks in a four-set contest versus West Texas A&M. Catano followed with a season-high 50 assists with two kills and a block against Cameron as the Zias hit a season-high .245 in the four-set victory. Versus Midwestern State, she produced 34 assists and tied her career-high of four service aces.

# LSC NOTES (Submitted by LSC SID's)

## **Angelo State**

The Belles went 3-1 last week with conference wins over Texas A&M-Commerce and Texas Woman's at the Junell Center following splitting non-conference matches in Odessa with a win over UTPB after following a five-set loss to Wayland Baptist. The Belles are now 10-1 at home this season after their wins over the Lions and Pioneers and entering this week having won their last three LSC matches. Maddie Huth and Arielle Bond each had 55 kills last week to lead the Belles, while Maggi Jo Keffury had 191

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assists and Shelby Wilt supplied 95 digs. Haley Bianco had 75 digs, Kaelen Valdez added another 72 and Katie MacLeay contributed 66 digs to highlight the defensive effort last week. ASU returns to action this week with road matches at Cameron and Midwestern State before returning home to host St. Edward's on Wednesday, Ooct. 30 in its Dig Pink match.

#### Cameron

0-3 last week.

#### **Eastern New Mexico**

Eastern New Mexico played three Lone Star Conference matches this past week. They went 1-2 as all three contests went to four sets. In their first match of the week against then 9th-ranked West Texas A&M, the Zias took a set from the Lady Buffs for the first time since 2007. ENMU held them to their lowest attack percentage (.103) of the season. The Zias forced 30 attack errors by WT, their second most on the year, and had 13 total blocks, the only team this year to have a double-digit block total against the Lady Buffs. Eastern defeated Cameron Friday night to complete a season-swept of the Aggies for the first time since 1994. The Zias then fell to Midwestern State to end the week on Saturday. Lauren Frye and Courtney Lawson led the team with 48 and 42 kills, respectively, while Frye posted a team-best .278 attack percentage. Kennedi Catano averaged 10.17 assists/set as she totaled 122 assists in over the three matches. She had a season-high 50 in the win over CU and tied a career-high with four service aces versus the Mustangs. Hayley Couch increased her season digs/set average to 5.91 with 75 digs for 6.25 d/s during the week. She is ranked ninth nationally in digs/set and is first in the LSC in digs and d/s for overall and conference matches. Agatha Gibbons had a team-best 16 blocks, including three solo blocks, for the week. Frye also posted double-digit block totals with 14 while Bree Anna Lucero added 13 blocks. The Zias played just one match this week as they travel to face Texas A&M-Kingsville on Saturday.

## Midwestern State

Midwestern State split a pair of Lone Star Conference matches falling to West Texas A&M on Friday before defeating Eastern New Mexico on Saturday -- both were decided in four sets... Senior right-side hitter Marija Jovanovic paced the Mustangs with 2.75 kills per set over the two matches which included a season 14-kill effort Saturday against ENMU... Jovanovic has posted double-figure kills in three of her last four matches while hitting .398 during the stretch... Senior middle blocker Caitlin Wallace ranks fourth in career block assists with 223 and needs six more to move past Shavna Buxton (1996-99) and Ashley Hester (1997-00) and into second place -- both had 228 career block assists... Wallace rates seventh on MSU's all-time total blocks list with 261 and is within 11 of moving past Lauren Bayer (268/2009-10), Shayna Buxton (269/1996-99) and Ashley Hester (271/1997-00) to take over the No. 4 position... Wallace leds the LSC and ranks 40th in NCAA Division II with a .343 hitting percentage... Wallace ranks eighth in the LSC and 115th in NCAA II with 0.93 blocks per set... Wallace has posted at least three blocks in each of her last six matches... Freshman setter Sarah Rosinke ranks second in the LSC and 167th nationally with 0.37 service aces per set while rating 194th in NCAA II with 6.14 set assists per set... Rosinke host notched eight service aces over her last three matches while matching a season high of four last week at Texas A&M-Kingsville... Junior libero Casey Fletcher rates third in the LSC and 65th nationally with 4.72 digs per set... Fletcher has 10-or-more digs in each of her last 10 matches while topping 20 digs on four occasions including a 21-dig effort Saturday at ENMU... Freshman setter Alyssa Fulgium notched her three double-double of the season with 22 set assists and 12 digs Saturday at Eastern New Mexico... Senior outside hitter Beatriz Villalba hit .207 with 2.00 kills per set last week with seven kills and two errors against West Texas A&M and nine kills with a pair of miscues at Eastern New Mexico... Redshirt-freshman Marissa Olivares needed just two sets to post eight kills with a single error in a 3-1 win at ENMU... Sophomore outside hitter Nicole Marzik narrowly missed a double-double with nine kills and 10 digs Friday at West Texas A&M... Junior Kaitlyn Molloy had six kills without an error Saturday at ENMU... Freshman Cody Moore has nine blocks over her last three outings...

#### **Tarleton State**

Tarleton went 2-1 last week, beginning with a win at Dallas Baptist and ending with an epic, five-set comeback victory against Texas A&M-Commerce in Wisdom Gym Saturday. The one loss came in five sets against Texas Woman's Friday night. Katie Covell's 19 kills highlighted Saturday's action while Emily Klein recorded the third 30-dig game of her career Saturday. Danielle Barker topped 40-assists in all three games, including back-to-back 50-assist performances. She now has at least 40 assists in seven of her last eight matches.

#### **Texas A&M-Commerce**

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#### **Texas A&M-Kingsville**

The Javelinas went 1-1 last week in a pair of nonconference matches against Heartland Conference schools St. Mary's and St. Edward's. Kingsville lost its first 5-set match of the season despite winning the first two sets. At home on Saturday, Kingsville rebounded against St. Mary's. The Javelinas lost the opening set but won the last three...The Javelinas posted 100 digs as team in the loss to St. Mary's. Four Javelinas had at least 17 digs in the match. Brittany Gutierrez and Kelsey Washington led the way with 23 and 20 digs respectively. Mariah Carlin had 18 and setter Sarah Fountain dug up 17...The freshmen duo of Brittany Gutierrez and Mariah Carlin continue to come to age on the back row for the Javelinas in the two matches last week the tandem had over four digs a set apiece. Gutierrez had 40 kills in nine sets to average 4.44 a set. Carlin had 37 digs for 4.11 a set. Junior Kelsey Washington wasn't far behind as she averaged 3.67 digs...Kayla McGlathery had a standout week along the front row. At St. Mary's, the freshman recorded a career-high 15 kills. She followed that up with nine kills in Saturday's win. Versus St. Edward's she added six total blocks as the Javelinas played without starting middle blocker Stephanie Johns. The six blocks were a career high.

# **Texas Woman's**

The Pioneers split the two games on the road last week and are now 14-7 overall and 6-3 in the conference. TWU used a balanced attack in a five-set win at Tarleton State on Friday. The Pioneers had five players record double-digit kills led by senior Josie Santos with 17 kills. Junior Jaqueline Santos added 14 kills while senior Chloe' Tate, Marcela Alves and Courtnee Davis all chipped in 11 kills each. TWU was unable to hold off the host #16 Angelo State as they dropped a 3-1 decision Saturday afternoon. Josie

Santos recorded two double-doubles with 17 kills and a career-high 22 digs against Tarleton and then added 11 kills and 13 digs against Angelo State.

#### West Texas A&M

The #9 Lady Buffs continued to roll through Lone Star Conference play this past week as the topped Eastern New Mexico, Midwestern State and Cameron to move to 19-3 with a perfect 9-0 mark in league play. WT was led on the week by Halie Harton (37 kills), Laura Iwuchukwu (25 kills, 14 blocks) and Kameryn Hayes (119 assists) as the Lady Buffs stretched their season win streak to 13 matches while also extending their home win streak to 20 matches dating back to last season. The Lady Buffs return to action this weekend as they head South to face-off with the Javelinas of Texas A&M-Kingsville on Friday night with first serve set for 7 p.m. at the Steinke Center.