



LONE STAR CONFERENCE SOCCER

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LSC SOCCER

After one week of Lone Star Conference play, four teams are tied for the league lead. Texas Woman's, Texas A&M-Commerce, Eastern New Mexico and West Texas A&M each have three points with matching 1-1 LSC records.

Angelo State kept its undefeated season in order last week by battling to a scoreless draw against Midwestern State before taking a 3-0 non-conference win over UTPB. MSU posted its fifth and sixth shutouts to extend its season opening unbeaten streak to nine games taking a scoreless tie at ASU before claiming a 1-0 result over St. Edward's.

Conference play continues with three games Friday and two on Sunday. Each of the six LSC teams will play the other twice during the regular season, with the results of those contests to be used in determining the seeds for a four-team postseason conference tournament. This year's tournament will be hosted by the No. 1 seed November 7-9, 2014.

The women's teams are 26-10-3 overall this season. The squads are currently 7-7-3 combined versus Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference teams, and 13-2 against the Heartland Conference, which are the other conferences in the NCAA South Central Region.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSIVE

Savannah Henderson, Texas A&M University - Commerce, SO, Forward, Mabank, Texas, Mabank HS

Henderson scored her seventh and eighth goals of the season against Eastern New Mexico, the second of which was the game-winner. Over two games, she was the focal point of the Lions offense firing 14 shots.

DEFENSIVE

Courtney Burnette, Midwestern State University, R-FR, Irving, Texas, MacArthur HS

Burnette made six clutch saves to close out two shutouts as Midwestern State earned crucial results against Angelo State and St. Edward's. The redshirt freshman from Irving made three saves to preserve her fifth clean sheet of the season in a scoreless draw at Angelo State, which brought NCAA Division II second-rated attack into the match. The streaking Rambelles accounted for at least four goals in each of their previous six contests. Burnette closed out the weekend making three more saves including a sprawling, athletic save in the 74th minute to secure a 1-0 win over defending South Central Region champ St. Edward's. Burnette leads the LSC in shutouts (6), goals against average (0.40) and save percentage (.932).

OTHER TOP PERFORMERS

Gabrielle Larson, Texas Woman's University, scored two goals including a game-winner in a 4-0 win against Oklahoma Christian. She scored five goals in the last four games and has 10 points on the season with two game-winning goals. Larson is currently third in points and second in goals for the Pioneers.

Jenny Kotowych, Angelo State University, helped lead the Angelo State soccer team to a 3-0 win last Sunday over UTPB with a goal in the 52nd minute of play to give ASU a 1-0 lead. Kotowych now has three goals and three assists through the first eight games of the season for the Rambelles and is second on the team with 15 shots. Kotowych has eight career goals after recording five goals last season as a freshman.

Rhea Belgrave, West Texas A&M University, led the Lady Buffs to a thrilling 1-0 win on Sunday at Texas A&M-Commerce. She scored the game-winning PK in the 78th minute. Belgrave tallied three shots between the two games last weekend, starting in both contests and playing all 180 minutes.

Destinee Williamson, Midwestern State University, notched her first collegiate game winner to help Midwestern State to a 1-0 win over St. Edward's Sunday in Austin. The true frosh from Bedford took a through ball from Katy Catney and chipped the keeper for her fifth goal of the season. The tally was Williamson's fifth in the last six matches.

Alyssa Prince, Eastern New Mexico University, had the Zias only shot on goal in overtime against Texas Woman's and she made it count, connecting on her second game-winning goal of the season. Her shot on goal was one of the Zias only two, after the first period ended. Prince's goal gave Eastern its third road victory in the series against Texas Woman's University.

Shantel Wittke, Angelo State University, continued her strong play in goal for the Rambelles with four saves and not allowing a goal in 110 minutes of play last Friday in a 0-0 draw against Midwestern State. Wittke has now recorded four shutouts through the first eight games of the season and has made 27 saves for ASU. She currently has a 0.50 goals against average and a personal record of 5-0-1.

Nicole Kemper, West Texas A&M University, made her first start and first appearance in goal for the Lady Buffs on Sunday at Texas A&M-Commerce. She was tested early and often, facing nine shots-on-goal (30 total) and picking up nine saves to give WT the 1-0 shutout victory.

Madison Purdy, Texas Woman's University, was the leader on defense for TWU in the two games last week. With the Pioneers trailing 1-0 against West Texas A&M, she scored a goal from 60 yards out on a free-kick to tie the game. TWU picked up 2-1 win against the Lady Buffs on a late goal. Purdy matched up against the leading scorers from WT and ENMU and limited them to just two shots. On the season she started all eight games and helped the Pioneers' defense post a 0.79 GAA and three shutouts.

Fabienne Wilson, Eastern New Mexico University, posted a 1.89 goals against average on a road trip against Texas A&M-Commerce and Texas Woman's. She made seven saves in the Zias' win over TWU and allowed just one goal on a penalty kick.

FIRST KICK

- The LSC is represented by No. 10 Angelo State in the NSCAA/Continental Tire poll (Sept. 30). Midwestern State is also receiving votes.

LSC STANDINGS

Team	LSC		Overall
	W-L	Pts	W-L
Texas Woman's	1-1	3	7-2
Texas A&M-Commerce	1-1	3	6-3
Eastern New Mexico	1-1	3	4-4
West Texas A&M	1-1	3	4-5
Angelo State	0-0-1	1	7-0-1
Midwestern State	0-0-1	1	5-0-4

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Friday, October 03, 2014

*Texas A&M-Commerce at Angelo State, 7 p.m.

*Texas Woman's at Midwestern State, 7 p.m.

*Eastern New Mexico at West Texas A&M, 7 p.m.

Sunday, October 05, 2014

*Texas A&M-Commerce at Midwestern State, 1 p.m.

*Texas Woman's at Angelo State, 2 p.m.

Monday, October 06, 2014

Southern Nazarene at West Texas A&M, 7 p.m.

All times are CST; * denotes LSC game

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Complete results at lonestarconference.org.

WEEKLY AWARDS

Women's Offensive

- S-10 Savannah Henderson, Texas A&M-Commerce
- S-17 Haley Mendel, Angelo State
- S-24 Natalia Diaz, Texas Woman's
- O-1 Savannah Henderson, Texas A&M-Commerce (2)

Women's Defensive

- S-10 Courtnee Northern, Texas A&M-Commerce
- S-17 Courtney Burnette, Midwestern State
- S-24 Ariana Morrison, Texas Woman's
- O-1 Courtney Burnette, Midwestern State (2)



Women's Soccer Championship
November 7-9, 2014 at No. 1 seed

LSC NOTES (Submitted by LSC SID's)**Angelo State**

The No. 10-ranked Rambelles kept their undefeated season in order last week by battling to a scoreless draw against Midwestern State before taking a 3-0 non-conference win over UTPB on Sunday. ASU, which has now outscored its opponents 31-3 this season, has not allowed a goal in the past four games and the past 466 minutes of play. The Rambelles moved up a spot in the national rankings following the 1-0-1 week of play which saw shutouts in goal from goalkeepers Shantel Wittke and Natalie Nielsen. The Rambelles got their scoring against UTPB from Jenny Kotowych (3), Loni Byers (4) and Sierra Anderson (4). ASU returns to action this weekend where it will complete its six-game home stand with games against Texas A&M-Commerce and Texas Woman's at the ASU Soccer Complex.

Eastern New Mexico

The Eastern New Mexico University women's soccer team split a pair of matches as Lone Star Conference competition opened. The Zias dropped a 3-1 decision at Texas A&M-Commerce, but earned an overtime decision against Texas Woman's. The victory snapped a 10-match winless streak in overtime games. After the first half, ENMU had only two shots on goal against the Pioneers, but made them count, as Maurisa Jones tied the game and Alyssa Prince netted the overtime game winner. This week, the Zias will visit West Texas A&M.

Midwestern State

Midwestern State posted its fifth and sixth shutouts to extend its season opening unbeaten streak to nine games taking a scoreless draw at Angelo State before claiming a 1-0 result over St. Edward's... The Mustangs (5-0-4) are unbeaten through nine matches for the second time in program history and for the first time since MSU started 9-0-2 in 2009... Midwestern shutout the nation's No. 2-ranked scoring attack Friday night at Angelo State as the Rambelles had scored at least four goals of their previous six matches... The Mustangs played to their fourth draw this season Friday at Angelo State and have been involved in every tie in the LSC this season... MSU's four draws are the second most in school history just one shy of the program record set in 2003 at 12-4-5... Redshirt-freshman goalkeeper Courtney Burnette has sixth shutout in her first nine collegiate matches... Burnette tops the LSC in every goalkeeping category and ranks second in NCAA Division II in goalie minutes played (890:00), seventh in save percentage (.932), 15th in goals against average (0.404) and 17th in total saves (55.0)... Burnette needs three clean sheets to match Kallie Essary's single season mark of nine set last season... Freshman Destinee Williamson tallied her first collegiate game winning goal in the 10th minute Sunday at St. Edward's... Williamson has scored each of her five goals in her last six matches... Senior midfielder Katy Catney dished out her third assist of the season Sunday at St. Edward's. It was the 10th of her career...

Texas A&M-Commerce

1-1 last week.

Texas Woman's

The TWU soccer team posted a 2-1 record for the week to improve to 7-2-0 on the season. The Pioneers defeated West Texas A&M, 2-1, in the LSC opener on two second half goals in front of a school record crowd of 523 at the TWU Soccer Field. The dramatic victory against the Lady Buffs was also the TWU's sixth straight win, a new school record for consecutive wins. The Pioneers then suffered an overtime loss to Eastern New Mexico on Sunday before cruising to a 4-0 win over Oklahoma Christian on Tuesday. Six different players scored at least a goal in the three games for TWU led by sophomore Gabrielle Larson with two. On the season the Pioneers are led by sophomore forward Natalia Diaz who has nine goals and four assists for 22 points. Sophomore forward Nancy Chavez is second with four goals, four assists and 12 points while Larson has five goals and 10 points. Junior goalkeeper Ariana Morrison has a 0.70 GAA and .833 save percentage.

West Texas A&M

The West Texas A&M women's soccer team began LSC play last weekend with a 1-1 record. First, it dropped a late contest at Texas Woman's 2-1 but rebounded to defeat Texas A&M-Commerce on the road 1-0 off a late PK by senior defender Rhea Belgrave. WT will return to action this weekend as it takes on Eastern New Mexico at home at The Pitch on Friday night at 7 p.m. Then, the Lady Buffs will play their final non-conference match as they host Southern Nazarene on Monday, also at 7 p.m.

