

LONE STAR CONFERENCE SOCCER *WEEKLY RELEASE* | *NOVEMBER 5, 2014*

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LSC SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

Texas A&M-Commerce will host the Lone Star Conference Women's Soccer Championship Tournament after winning its third title. The championship will be November 7-9 at the Lion Soccer Field in Commerce, Texas. A&M-C, 13-5 overall and 7-3 in the LSC, is the top seed for the four-team, single-elimination conference championship. The Lions claimed their third LSC championship following titles in 1999 and 2004.

Angelo State is the No. 2 seed, Eastern New Mexico is third and Midwestern State fourth.

The championship starts on Friday, Nov. 7, with ENMU against ASU at 5 p.m., followed by A&M-C vs. MSU at 7:30 p.m.

The Friday winners get a day off before playing on Sunday at 1 p.m. for the LSC Tournament crown and automatic bid into the NCAA Division II championship field.

Here is a closer look at the match-ups and championship field:

3) Eastern New Mexico vs. 2) Angelo State, 5 p.m.

Rambelles and Zias split regular season meetings with home teams prevailing (Oct. 12: ENMU 2, ASU 0 at Portales, N.M.; Oct. 24: ASU 2, ENMU 1 at San Angelo, Texas).

4) Midwestern State vs. 1) A&M-Commerce, 7:30 p.m.

Lions and Mustangs split 2014 contests with identical 2-1 scores as the road teams won (Oct. 5: A&M-C 2, MSU 1 at Wichita Falls, Texas; Oct. 17: MSU 2, A&M-C 1 at Commerce, Texas).

No. 1 seed Texas A&M-Commerce has won five straight games, and is making its 16th tournament appearance with two tournament titles (2004, 1999).

No. 2 seed Angelo State enters the postseason on a four-game winning streak, and is making 12th tournament appearance.

No. 3 seed Eastern New Mexico is just one victory away from matching the team record for wins in a season, and this is third trip to tournament.

No. 4 seed Midwestern State, the defending tournament champions, qualified for 19th consecutive tournament and is the only program to compete in each of the 19 tourneys since the event started in 1995. The Mustangs have won four tournament titles (2013, 2011, 1998, 1996).

LSC SOCCER

Lone Star Conference teams are 60-39-7 overall this season. The squads are currently 7-7-3 combined versus Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference teams, and 13-3 against the Heartland Conference, which are the other conferences in the NCAA South Central Region.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSIVE

Jade Bell, Texas A&M University - Commerce, JR, Forward, Ramsey, England, Hunting Regional College

Bell's goal against Eastern New Mexico was not only the game-winner, but also the conference-clinching score, which gave the Lions their third championship in the 20-year history of the program. Bell also scored early against West Texas A&M, giving A&M-Commerce the luxury of playing ahead for the vast majority of the game. Accurate with her shots all week, all five of Bell's shots were on goal. Bell wrapped up her regular season in impressive fashion, closing things out on a four game goal-scoring streak, and finishing first overall in the LSC in assists with seven, third in points with 25, and fourth in goals with nine.

DEFENSIVE

Courtnie Northern, Texas A&M University - Commerce, JR, Fort Worth, Texas, All Saints Episcopal HS

Northern returned to the field after recovering from a minor injury, and was pressed into action in the conference-deciding game against the Eastern New Mexico Zias. Despite facing 11 shots on the afternoon, Northern stood tall, earning the shutout en route to the Lions' third LSC championship in the 20-year history of the program.

OTHER TOP PERFORMERS

Jessie Thomas, West Texas A&M University, capped off an outstanding career as a Lady Buff on Sunday with a game-winning goal on Senior Day at home in a 1-0 win over Texas Woman's. Thomas totaled six shots, placing five of them on target, in WT's two matches last weekend against TWU and Texas A&M-Commerce.

Sierra Anderson, Angelo State University, recorded her 11th goal of the season and the 20th of her career with the game-winner last Friday in a 1-0 win over Midwestern State. Anderson scored seven of her 11 goals in conference games this season and had five game-winning goals. She finished last week with six shots in the two wins over Midwestern State and Southwestern Oklahoma and finished the season with 34 shots on goal and 59 total shots.

Alyssa Prince, Eastern New Mexico University, netted the game-winning goal for the second time this season against Texas Woman's for a 2-1 victory. For the season, she has scored a team-high four game-winning goals, pulling into a tie with Samantha Lawrence on the ENMU single-season list.

FIRST KICK

• Angelo State is ranked 20th in the NSCAA/ Continental Tire poll (Nov. 4).

LSC STANDINGS

	LSC		Overall
Team	W-L	Pts	W-L
Texas A&M-Commerce	7-3	21	13-5
Angelo State	6-3-1	19	14-3-1
Eastern New Mexico	6-4	18	9-7
Midwestern State	3-5-2	11	8-5-5
Texas Woman's	3-6-1	10	9-8-1
West Texas A&M	3-7	9	7-11

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

LSC Championship, Commerce, Texas Friday, November 7, 2014

- 3) Eastern New Mexico vs. 2) Angelo State, 5 p.m.
- 4) Midwestern State vs. 1) A&M-Commerce, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 9, 2014

Championship game, 1 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)
- O-8 Sierra Anderson, Angelo State
- O-15 Alyssa Prince, Eastern New Mexico
- O-22 Natalia Diaz, Texas Woman's (2) Callie Briseno, Midwestern State
- O-29 Sierra Anderson, Angelo State (2)
- N-5 Jade Bell, Texas A&M-Commerce

Women's Defensive

- S-10 Courtnie 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)
- O-8 Shantel Wittke, Angelo State
- O-15 Courtnie Northern, Texas A&M-Commerce (2)
- O-22 Ariana Morrison, Texas Woman's (2)
- O-29 Ashley Exford, Angelo State
- N-5 Courtnie Northern, Texas A&M-Commerce (3)



Caitlyn Conaway, Angelo State University, helped the Rambelle defense to two shutouts last weekend in a 1-0 win over Midwestern State and then a 2-0 non-conference win over Southwestern Oklahoma last Sunday. The shutouts were the 12th of the season for Conaway and the Rambelles who limited their opponents to only 10 goals in the 18 regular season games. A senior captain, Conaway has been a key contributor throughout the season for the defense which has allowed only 75 shots on goal. Last weekend the opposition was managed only four total shots on goal in the two games in large measure to the work of Conaway and the defense.

Nicole Kemper, West Texas A&M University, finished off her first season as the Lady Buff goalkeeper with a 1-0 shutout win between the pipes on Sunday against Texas Woman's. Between both games this past weekend, she tallied nine saves and allowed two goals in 180 minutes.

Fabienne Wilson, Eastern New Mexico University, made a pair of saves to lift Eastern to a season sweep of Texas Woman's and earn her seventh win of the season. Only three times in program history has a goalkeeper won more games in a season.

LSC NOTES (Submitted by LSC SID's)

Angelo State

The No. 20-ranked Rambelles enter the postseason on a four-game winning streak after going on the road to pick up a 1-0 win over Midwestern State last Friday with Sierra Anderson scoring the game-winning goal and then picked up a 2-0 non-conference win at Southwestern Oklahoma with goals from Kathleen Keoughan and Selena Alvarez. ASU finished the regular season with 12 shutouts in 18 games and outscored its opponents 43-10 throughout the regular season. ASU opens the LSC Soccer Championship at 5 p.m. on Friday with a semifinal game against ENMU in Commerce.

Eastern New Mexico

The Eastern New Mexico University women's soccer team split the final two games of the season to clinch their third trip to the Lone Star Conference tournament. On Friday, the Zias completed a season sweep of Texas Woman's University and matched the team record, with six LSC wins in a season. Despite being picked last in the preseason poll, Eastern entered the second half of the final game of the regular season, with a tie score and the chance to win the conference title with a win. ENMU is just one victory away from tying the team-record for wins in a season. The Zias will open play in the conference tournament on Friday against Angelo State.

Midwestern State

Midwestern State dropped its regular season finale 1-0 to Angelo State... The Mustangs qualified for its 19th consecutive Lone Star Conference Postseason Tournament by edging out Texas Woman's 11 points to 10 for the fourth and final berth in the tournament... Midwestern is the only program to compete in each of the 19 LSC Postseason Women's Soccer Tournament since the event started in 1995... MSU takes on Texas A&M-Commerce Friday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Lion Soccer Field in Commerce... The Mustangs are 16-14-3 (.530) all time in the Lone Star Conference Tournament... MSU is 7-9-1 in the semifinals and 3-4-1 in the finals... The Mustangs rolled to championships in 1996, 1998, 2011 and 2013 while also advancing to the finals in 1997, 1999, 2005 and 2010... The Mustangs are the defending tournament champions earning the 2013 by virtue of penalty kicks against Texas A&M-Commerce and West Texas A&M last season in San Angelo... Freshman forward Destinee Williamson ranks fifth in the LSC with eight goals, while senior midfielder Katy Catney rates fourth in the league with five assists... Redshirt-freshman goalkeeper Courtney Burnette ranks third in the LSC in goals against average (0.78), is second in saves per game (5.6) and third in shutouts per game (.333)...

Texas A&M-Commerce

2-0 last week.

Texas Woman's

0-2 last week.

West Texas A&M

The West Texas A&M women's soccer team finished the 2014 fall season with a 1-0 shutout victory over Texas Woman's on Senior Day at The Pitch in Canyon, Texas on Sunday. The Lady Buffs end the year with a 7-11 record and a 3-7 mark in LSC play.



Women's Soccer Championship November 7-9, 2014, Commerce, Texas

