

# LONE STAR CONFERENCE OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

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# **WEEKLY AWARDS**

## DATE MEN'S TRACK

M-12.... Luis Romero, A&M-C M-19.... Andrew Evans, HU M-26.... Tim Price, TAMUK

# DATE MEN'S FIELD

M-12.... Asael Arad, ASU

M-19.... No nominees

M-26....Jeron Robinson, TAMUK

## DATE WOMEN'S TRACK

M-12....Jasmine Ambowode, ASU

M-19.... No nominees

M-26.... Kaina Martinez, TAMUK

## DATE WOMEN'S FIELD

M-12.... Chesney Neely, ASU

M-19.... No nominees

M-26.... Shykillia Sheppard, TAMUK

## **TOP TIMES**

LSC Performance list available here: http://www.tfrrs.org/lists/1270.html



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# LSC OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

Lone Star Conference Outdoor Track & Field athletes have recorded three NCAA Division II Automatic qualifying marks (1 men, 2 women) and 56 provisional efforts (32 men, 24 women). See the LSC performance list here: http://www.tfrrs.org/lists/1270.html.

The LSC has five men's and three women's teams in the top 25 in the national team computer rankings (March 25) conducted by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA). The men are represented by No. 3 Texas A&M-Kingsville, No. 4 Angelo State, No. 9 Texas A&M-Commerce, No. 17 Tarleton State, and No. 18 West Texas A&M. On the women's side, ASU is No. 1, followed by No. 4 TAMUK, and No. 21 WT.

# **ATHLETES OF THE WEEK**

## MEN'S TRACK

## Tim Price, Texas A&M University - Kingsville, SR, Corpus Christi, Texas, Carroll HS

Price took first place in the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.45. He also won first place in the men's 200-meter dash with a time of 21.15, breaking his own record time of 21.28 from the 2012 IBC Bank Cactus Cup.

#### MEN'S FIELD

## Jeron Robinson, Texas A&M University - Kingsville, SO, Houston, Texas, Travis HS

Robinson cleared 7-6 (2.29m) in the high jump at the Cactus Cup at Javelina Stadium on Saturday. His automatic qualifying mark was the best by a Division II high jumper since 2007 when Minnesota State's Jim Dilling jumped 7-6.5 (2.30m) at the prestigious Drake Relays. The mark was a meet, stadium, school, and Lone Star Conference record. Robinson was named the Division II Field Athlete of the Week.

# **WOMEN'S TRACK**

# Kaina Martinez, Texas A&M University - Kingsville, JR, Seine Bight, Belize

Martinez soared into first place with an automatic qualifying time of 11.52 in the women's 100-meter dash. She also placed first in the women's 200-meter dash with a time of 24.30. In the women's 4x100-meter relay, Kingsville (Sheppard, Treviño, Santia Deck, Kaina Martinez) came in first place with a time of 46.62.

# **WOMEN'S FIELD**

# Shykillia Sheppard, Texas A&M University - Kingsville, SR, Plainview, Texas, Reagan HS

In the women's long jump, Sheppard came in first with a provisional qualifying mark of 18-10 (5.74m). She was also part of first place 4x100 relay.

## OTHER TOP PERFORMERS

Cameron Krc, Tarleton State University, shined for the No. 9 Tarleton Texans last week as the sophomore sprinter earned a pair of wins, including an individual victory in the 400m and a team victory in the mile relay at the McMurry Warhawk Classic last weekend. Krc, a sophomore from Fort Worth, posted the best 400m time of the young season en route to a first-place finish in the event with a time of 48.24. He followed up his individual performance by lifting the Mile Relay team to a win in a time of 3:16.41. Krc's performance helped the Texans achieve a second-place overall team finish at the meet.

Mason Thomas, Eastern New Mexico University, was a member of the distance medley relay team that took first place in a time of 10:40.29 at the War Hawk Classic. He also finished fourth in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:01.27.

Kemarki Absalom, West Texas A&M University, led the 4x100m relay team to a provisional qualifying time of 41.15 and a third place finish at the War Hawk Classic hosted by McMurry on Saturday in Abilene. The junior then added another provisional qualifier on the field as he jumped a personal best of 7.22m in the men's long jump.

Wala Gime, Angelo State University, had a big meet for the Rams in the 110-meter hurdles and the 400-meter hurdles with provisional times in both. Gime ran a new seasonal-best in the 110-meter hurdles with a 14.37 to claim second place. In the 400-meter hurdles, Gime placed second also clocking in a new seasonal-best time of 53.20.

Landon Belcher, Harding University, ran the opening leg of Harding's 4x400-meter relay at the UCA Relay and Multi ... the team ran an NCAA provisional time of 3:12.36, the second-fastest time of the season in NCAA II according to tfrrs.org ... ran the anchor leg in Harding's 4x200-meter victory at UCA ... the team won in 1:27.67.

Xavier Townsend, Texas A&M University - Commerce, won the Men's Triple Jump at the Cactus Cup this past weekend ... His mark of 14.37m was 0.2m ahead of the second place finisher ... He is now fourth in the LSC in the Triple Jump ... The senior also finished sixth in the Javelin and ninth in the Long Jump .

Nic Perez, Tarleton State University, stood out above the rest for the No. 9 Tarleton Texans' field competitors last weekend at the McMurry Warhawk Classic. The junior dual-sport athlete recorded a pair of top-10 finishes in his two events, including a second-place finish in the shot put and a season-best throw in the discus. His launch of 15.33m (50-3.5) was good enough for second place, which led all Texan throwers while his throw of 45.93m (150-8) in discus was the top mark among all Texan discus throwers this season en route to a seventh place finish.

Michael Moore, Eastern New Mexico University, placed second at the War Hawk Classic in the high jump with a height of 6' 8". His jump is tied for the second best in the Lone Star Conference this year.

Zach Weatherly, West Texas A&M University, had top-three finishes in all three of his events last Friday at the War Hawk Classic in Abilene. He started off the day by winning the shot put competition with a provisional qualifying mark of 16.56m. He followed up with a second-place finish in discus (48.98m) and a third-place showing in the hammer throw (49.37m).

Cody Schulz, Angelo State University, hit a provisional mark in the long jump while winning the event. Sschulz's jump of 7.31 meters (23' 11.75") will be the first national mark of his collegiate career. The freshman also placed second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.68.

Trey Adkison, Harding University, won the pole vault at the UCA Relay and Multi in Conway, Ark. ... it was his first career event victory ... won the event by clearing 15 feet, 1 inch, the best pole vault by an LSC freshman this season.

Lindsey Hinton, Tarleton State University, won her second straight 1500m run of the season, setting a season-best time of 4:40.02 en route to the win. Hinton, a senior from Denton, remains the only TexAnn distance runner to win an event this season and her victory in the Warhawk Classic is her second win in as many weeks after winning the Tarleton Invitational last week.

Brittany Buchanan, Eastern New Mexico University, set a new school record in the 3,000 meter steeplechase at the War Hawk Classic as she won the event in a time of 11:21.44. Her time was nearly 58 seconds better than the second place finisher. Her time is also the fastest this year in the Lone Star Conference. Buchanan was also a member of the distance medley relay team that took first as they crossed the line in 12:43.82.

Rachel King, West Texas A&M University, started off her 2014 outdoor season by provisionally qualifying in the women's 100m hurdles. She ran a 14.35 and placed third in the event at the War Hawk Classic in Abilene.

Jaylen Rodgers, Angelo State University, won the 1,500-meter run at the Cactus Cup Saturday in Kingsville. The All-American in the 800-meters indoor won the 1,500-meters by almost 20 seconds. This is the junior's first time running that event this year.

Kelsey Taylor, Harding University, ran the second leg of Harding's 4x1600 meter relay that broke the school record with a time of 21:31.34 at the UCA Relay and Multi ... ran the anchor leg of Harding's event winning distance medley relay team at UCA ... the team won in 12:12.62.

Nikki McNorton, Tarleton State University, the two-time All-American wasted no time in starting her season off right in her first outdoor action of the season. The junior from Houston won the high jump at the Warhawk Classic with a leap of 1.60m (5-3) en route to the win.

Kris-Ann Walters, Eastern New Mexico University, won the long jump title at the War Hawk Classic with a distance of 18' 3". She followed up with a third place finish in the triple jump with a mark of 34' 7.5".

Casey Nelson, West Texas A&M University, won two of her three throwing events last Friday at McMurry's War Hawk Classic. She started off with a victory in the women's shot put, throwing 12.74m. Nelson then hit a provisional mark of 44.34m for firstplace in the discus. She also added a top-eight finish in the hammer throw with a toss of 41.32m.

Chesney Neely, Angelo State University, who is ranked No. 1 in division II in the discus coming into the weekend won her second-consecutive meet in the event. The sophomore won the event with a toss of 44.67 meters (146' 6").

Rachael Domeyer, Harding University, set a Harding school record with a throw of 120 feet, 2 inches in the javelin at the UCA Relay and Muli in Conway, Ark. ... broke the record of 116-0 set by Katelyn Kirby in 2006 ... it was the second-best javelin throw in the LSC this

# **NOTES** (Submitted by LSC SID's)

## Angelo State

## **Eastern New Mexico**

Eastern New Mexico competed at the War Hawk Classic in Abilene, Texas this past weekend where both the men and women placed sixth. Brittany Buchanan set a school record and posted the LSC's best time so far this season in the 3,000 meter steeplechase at 11:21.44. The women's medley relay team of Beth Blind, Sabrina Huelga, Amber Saiz and Buchanan won the event in 12:43.82. Kris-Ann Walters also won the long jump with a distance of 18' 3" while her jump of 34' 7.5" in the triple jump placed her third. Blind also set a Zia record in the 1,500 meters with a time of 4:41.05 to finish second. In the 800m run, Huelga and Saiz placed second and third, respectively, with times of 2:20.13 and 2:20.73. Laura Grube was third in the discus (136' 10") and fifth in the hammer (138' 5"). On the men's side, the distance medley relay team of Matthew Dominguez, Jacob Lozano, Mason Thomas and Scott Wesselink won in a time of 10:49.29. Thomas took fourth in 800m with a time of 2:01.27 while Zach Walling was ninth as he crossed the line in 2:05.13. In the high jump, Michael Moore finished second with a height of 6' 8". Lozano finished eighth with a time of 4:14.26 in the 1,500m. ENMU's track & field team will next be in action at the Texas Relays taking place March 26-28 in Austin, Texas.

## Harding

## McMurry |

## Midwestern State

## **Tarleton State**

Tarleton State competed primarily at the McMurry Warhawk Classic last weekend, with three athletes making a side trip to Angelo State for the Decathlon and Heptathlon events. Peyton Best and Shelby Terry each hit NCAA provisional marks at Angelo State while Randall Kadlacek hit a mark in Abilene with a time of 14.66 in the 110m Hurdles.

## Texas A&M-Commerce

The Lions competed at the Cactus Cup and the men were third while the women were fifth ... Xavier Townsend won the men's Triple Jump, Elias Garza won the 5000m ... Ashley Ross recorded three Top Six finishes to lead the women's team. Lions head to Austin for the Texas Relays this week.

# Texas A&M-Kingsville

The Texas A&M-Kingsville men's and women's track teams dominated the IBC Bank Cactus Cup on Saturday at Javelina Stadium. The Javelina men amassed 161 points while the women accumulated 137 points and are now ranked third and fourth nationally, respectively...Jordan Yamoah won first place the men's pole vault with a mark of 4.87m (15'7.25") and breaking the 2011 record of 15'5.75", set by Tyler Orlando of Angelo State at the IBC Bank Cactus Cup... Jeron Robinson, who tied for first at the national meet losing because of the number of misses, cleared 2.29m (7'6"") in the Cactus Cup at Javelina Stadium on Saturday. Robinson's mark was the best by a Division II high jumper since 2007 when Minnesota State's Jim Dilling cleared the bar at 2.30m (7'6-1/2"") at the prestigious Drake Relays. The mark was a meet, stadium and Kingsville record... Tim Price took first place in the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.45. He also won first place in the men's 200-meter dash with a time of 21.15, breaking his own record time of 21.28 from the 2012 IBC Bank Cactus Cup... Sergio Rios took first place in the men's 400-meter hurdles with a time of 52.08 and broke his own record of 52.85, set in 2012...In the men's javelin, Javan Gray came in first place with a mark of 62.92m (206'5") in his first outdoor meet...Amber Perry and Kathy Treviño came in first and second place in the women's 400-meter dash. Perry had a time of 55.65 and Treviño had a time of 55.71...In the women's 100-meter hurdles, Britney Biles came in first with a time of 14.47. Brianna Bartosch came in second with a time of 14.83...Alexis Williams took first place in the women's pole vault with a mark of 3.35m (11'). In the women's long jump, Shykilia Sheppard came in first place with a mark of 5.74m (18'10"). In the discus throw, Valerie Vrana came in first place in the women's shot put with a mark of 13.16m (43'2.25"). Vrana also came in eighth in the women's discus throw with a mark of 37.70m (123'8")...In the women's 4x100-meter relay, Kingsville (Sheppard, Treviño, Santia Deck, Kaina Martinez) came in first place with a time of 46.62. Martinez soared into first place with a time of 11.52 in the women's 100-meter dash. She also placed first in the women's 200-meter dash with a time of 24.30...In the women's long jump, Shykilia Sheppard came in first place with a mark of 5.74m (18'10"). In the discus throw, Valerie Vrana came in first place in the women's shot put with a mark of 13.16m (43'2.25"). Vrana also came in eighth in the women's discus throw with a mark of 37.70m (123'8").

# West Texas A&M

The Buffs and Lady Buffs began their outdoor seasons last weekend as they competed in the War Hawk Classic hosted by fellow LSC member McMurry. The women won the event while men came in third in the overall point total. The teams combined to win six events while also setting six NCAA provisional qualifying marks. WT will have a quick turnaround as it is set to run in the 87th Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays beginning Wednesday. The teams will also be sending athletes to compete in the Bobcat Invitational hosted by Texas State starting Thursday.