

LONE STAR CONFERENCE SOCCER WEEKLY RELEASE | SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

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LSC SOCCER

All Lone Star Conference soccer teams began their season this past week with non-conference action. Angelo State and Texas A&M-Commerce are both off to perfect starts at 2-0.

Non-conference play continues this week.

The women's teams are 5-5-2 overall this season. The squads are currently 4-5-2 combined versus Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference teams, and 1-0 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 led the Lions in 2013 as a freshman with 21 points (7G, 7A), and is already on pace to smash those numbers four goals and one assist for nine points in wins over UC-Colorado Springs and St. Mary's. The forward scored two goals in each of the games she's played, which puts her on an absurd pace for a 30-plus goal season.

DEFENSIVE

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

A transfer from UAB, Northern's played every minute of the Lions 2014 season. Her most notable accomplishment thus far was a shutout against St. Mary's, a team that went into the match averaging four goals per game. She recorded eight saves with one goal allowed in a pair of Lion victories.

OTHER TOP PERFORMERS

Haley Mendel, Angelo State University, spearheaded an offensive attack for the ASU soccer team which opened the season with a 4-2 win over Adams State and then followed it up with a 4-0 victory over New Mexico Highlands on Sunday. Mendel scored two goals in the opener on Friday against Adams State and gave ASU a 2-0 early advantage. Her first goal came just 1:28 into the season off an assist from Brianne Brown and then she followed it with another goal 33 minutes later off an assist from Jenny Kotowych. Mendel also assisted on the final goal of the game against the Grizzlies by setting up Cynthia Andrews for the fourth goal. She would strike quickly again on Sunday with a goal in the 10th minute of play to spark a 4-0 win over the Cowgirls.

Natalia Diaz, Texas Woman's University, helped the Pioneers to 1-1 record in the season opener tournament at 2014 Fort Lewis Women's Soccer Classic. She scored both TWU goals in a 2-0 win over Colorado Mesa on Saturday. In a 2-1 loss to Fort Lewis, Diaz put pressure on FLC defense in the box causing the home team to score an own goal. She led the team in shots (6) and shots on goal (5) over the weekend in her debut with the Pioneers.

Jessie Thomas, West Texas A&M University, had a good weekend on the pitch for the Lady Buffs as she was constantly one of the most aggressive players on the field. In two road losses against ranked teams, Thomas led the team in shots (5) and shots-on-goal (2).

Ariana Morrison, Texas Woman's University, helped the Pioneers to 1-1 record in the season opener tournament at 2014 Fort Lewis Women's Soccer Classic. She played all 180 minutes in the net and made 15 saves for a .882 save percentage. Morrison made a career-high 10 saves in a 2-0 win over Colorado Mesa for her second career shutout. She also stopped five shots against the home team #24 Fort Lewis.

Courtney Burnette, Midwestern State University, made 22 stops while helping Midwestern State post results with a pair of draws against Colorado Mesa and Fort Lewis last weekend in Durango, Colo. The redshirt freshman from Irving scrambled for 12 saves posting her first collegiate shutout in a scoreless draw against 24th-ranked Fort Lewis after posting 10 saves in a 2-2 tie against Colorado Mesa. In her first two collegiate starts, Burnette notched a 0.82 goals against average with a .917 save percentage in 220 minutes in goal.

Caitlyn Conaway, Angelo State University, helped lead an Angelo State defense which pitched a shutout against New Mexico Highlands after earning a 4-2 win over Adams State in the season opener. A senior captain for the Rambelles, Conaway led a group of young players to a 2-0 record over the first weekend of play and limited the opposition to 15 shots in the two games.

LSC NOTES (Submitted by LSC SID's)

Angelo State

The Rambelles opened the 2014 season with wins over Adams State and New Mexico Highlands by a combined score of 8-2. ASU opened with a 4-2 win over Adams State with Haley Mendel scoring two goals and assisting on another, while the Rambelles toppled NMHU 4-0 on Sunday with Mendel, Callie Smith, Loni Byers and Caitlyn Conaway scoring goals. Shantel Wittke threw the shutout for ASU in 90 minutes of work in goal. The Rambelles will travel to Dallas this weekend where they'll play neutral field games against Fort Lewis and Colorado Mesa on the Dallas Baptist campus.

Eastern New Mexico

The Eastern New Mexico University women's soccer team opened the 2014 season with matches against tough competition from the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, in Western State and Regis University. Although Eastern dropped two matches, they managed to snap the scoring slump from the 2013 season and score three goals over the two games. This week, Eastern will host Adams State and visit New Mexico Highlands.

LSC STANDINGS

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

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Adams State at Eastern New Mexico, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 11, 2014

Fort Lewis vs. Angelo State, 4:30 p.m. West Texas A&M at New Mexico Highlands, 8 p.m.

Friday, September 12, 2014

Columbus State vs. A&M-Commerce, 2:30 p.m. Western State at Midwestern State, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 13, 2014

Colorado Mesa vs. Angelo State, 12 p.m. Texas-Permian Basin at West Texas A&M, 2 p.m.

Sunday, September 14, 2014

Texas Woman's at Harding, 12 p.m.
Texas A&M-Commerce at West Florida, 12:30 p.m.
Midwestern State at Southwestern Okla., 1 p.m.
Eastern New Mexico at NM Highlands, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Southern Nazarene at Eastern New Mexico, 3 p.m. Oklahoma Christian at Midwestern State, 6 p.m. Texas A&M-Commerce at Dallas Baptist, 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

Women's Defensive

S-10 Courtnie Northern, Texas A&M-Commerce



Midwestern State

Midwestern State opened the season with consecutive draws for the first time in program history... The Mustangs battled Colorado Mesa to a 2-2 tie on Thursday before playing No. 24-ranked Fort Lewis (Colo.) to a scoreless draw on Saturday... Redshirt-freshman Courtney Burnette notched her first collegiate clean sheet making 12 saves in 110 minutes in goal against Fort Lewis after posting 10 saves against Colorado Mesa... Sophomore forward Nicole Coetzer put Midwestern on the board for the first time in the 2014 season with a goal in the 13th minute Thursday afternoon against Colorado Mesa. It was her second career tally... Sophomore midfielder Alyssa Parkhill netted her first collegiate goal in the 36th minute against Colorado Mesa tapping in a rebound off of junior Stephanie Bonilla's shot to give MSU a 2-1 lead...

Texas A&M-Commerce

2-0 last week.

Texas Woman's

The TWU soccer team opened the 2014 season with a 1-1 record at Fort Lewis Women's Soccer Classic in Durango, CO, on Sept. 4 and Sept. 6. The Pioneers fell to the host #24 Fort Lewis, 2-1, before shutting out Colorado Mesa, 2-0. TWU hung tough against FLC for 71 minutes before allowing the game winner. Against Colorado Mesa, two first half goals by sophomore Natalia Diaz helped the Pioneers to a 2-0 win. Junior Ariana Morrison made a career-high 10 saves for her second career shutout. She finished the weekend with 15 saves while Diaz led the team with six shots and five shots on goal.

West Texas A&M

The West Texas A&M women's soccer team had a tough start to the 2014 season with two losses on the road to ranked regional teams. The Lady Buffs opened up the season on Thursday with a match at No. 16 Metro State and fell 2-0. The team then played at No. 9 Colorado Mines on Sunday. After a rough start in the first half against the Orediggers, WT showed some strong glimpses of offensive play as it dominated the shot chart. However, the Lady Buffs surrendered two late goals to fall to 0-2 on the season. They will return to action on Thursday for a game at New Mexico Highlands before their home opener on Saturday at 2 p.m. against UT-Permian Basin.



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