



# LONE STAR CONFERENCE SOCCER

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### LSC SOCCER

Lone Star Conference soccer teams have one more week of non-conference play with 14 games schedule this week. Angelo State remains unbeaten at 4-0.

The women's teams are 15-8-3 overall this season. The squads are currently 7-7-3 combined versus Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference teams, and 4-0 against the Heartland Conference, which are the other conferences in the NCAA South Central Region.

### PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

#### OFFENSIVE

**Haley Mendel, Angelo State University, SO, Midfielder, Bastrop, Texas, Bastrop HS,**

Mendel recorded the first hat trick of her career last Saturday against Colorado Mesa and comes into this week leading the Lone Star Conference with six goals through the first four games of the 2014 season. Mendel, who was scoreless as a freshman, has led an electric Rambelle offense which is outscoring its opponents 16-3 and is now ranked No. 14 in the nation. Mendel has scored her six goals on 10 shots, including goals coming on a free kick, penalty kick and four offensive attacks which found the back of the net. At her current pace, Mendel would score 27 goals in regular season games this year. She has also added an assist for good measure.

#### DEFENSIVE

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

Burnette stretched her scoreless streak to 410 minutes posting shutouts against Western State Colorado, Southwestern Oklahoma and Oklahoma Christian to help Northwestern State to a 2-0-1 week. The redshirt-freshman from Irving leads the Lone Star Conference in goals against average (0.35), saves (40) and shutouts (4). Burnette tallied six saves against WSC, seven versus SWOSU and five against OC to improve her season save percentage to .952.

### OTHER TOP PERFORMERS

Destinee Williamson, Northwestern State University, scored her first collegiate goal and dished out three assists to help Northwestern State to a 2-0-1 showing last week posting wins over Southwestern Oklahoma State and Oklahoma Christian after battling Western State Colorado to a scoreless draw. The true freshman from Bedford scored in the final minute of MSU's 3-0 win over SWOSU and dished out an assist earlier in the match. Williamson played an integral role in the Mustangs' 6-0 demolition of Oklahoma Christian delivering two assists.

Natalia Diaz, Texas Woman's University, scored two goals including the game-winner in the only game last week. She found the net twice on three shots in a 4-0 win at Harding. On the season Diaz has scored four of the seven TWU goals this season and leads the team in goals, points, shots, shots on goal and game-winning goals.

Emily Krennek, West Texas A&M University, propelled the Lady Buffs to their first victory of the season on Saturday in the team's home opener. She scored the first two goals of the game just 49 seconds apart, leading WT to a 4-0 rout of UT-Permian Basin. The junior from Belton, Texas tallied four shots in the contest, all of which were shots-on-goal.

Victoria Perez, Eastern New Mexico University, netted the game-winning goal in the Zias' victory over Adams State. She had three shots for the game and seven for the week.

Kayla Gorney, Texas Woman's University, was the leader on defense and helped the Pioneers to a 4-0 win at Harding in the only game last week. It's the second straight shutout for TWU. Gorney and the Pioneers' defense held the home team to just three shots on goal. Led by Gorney the TWU defense has not allowed a goal in the last 198 minutes.

Shantel Wittke, Angelo State University, has been a wall for the Rambelle defense this season and continued her strong play last week with a shutout against Fort Lewis before recording two saves in a 4-1 win over Colorado Mesa. Wittke, who is in her first year as ASU's starter, has two shutouts in goal this season and has 18 saves through the first four games of the season. The Rambelles have allowed only three goals this season.

McKynzie Zick, West Texas A&M University, earned her first shutout and win of the season and her career in the Lady Buffs' home opener, a 4-0 victory over UT-Permian Basin on Saturday. She started both contests for WT last week, tallying six total saves.

Courtne Northern, Texas A&M University - Commerce, has played every game this week, as she has for the entire season. Earned a shutout against the No. 2 ranked team in the nation at the time, the University of West Florida Argonauts. In week 2, made 29 of 32 saves against two nationally ranked teams (No. 20 Columbus State and No. 2 UWF) as well as one regionally ranked team (No.5 Dallas Baptist).

Alyxandra Ortiz, Eastern New Mexico University, posted a 2-1 record last week and became the third ENMU goalkeeper to reach double figures in wins. She also made four saves to notch the seventh shutout of her career, in a 1-0 win over Southern Nazarene.

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

#### Angelo State

The Rambelles are off to their best start in program history and are now the No. 14-ranked team in the nation. ASU has outscored its opponents 16-3 this season after taking a 4-0 win over Fort Lewis and a 4-1 victory

### FIRST KICK

- The LSC is represented by No. 14 Angelo State in the NSCAA/Continental Tire poll (Sept. 16).

### LSC STANDINGS

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

### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

#### Thursday, September 18, 2014

Texas-Permian Basin at Eastern New Mexico, 3 p.m.  
West Texas A&M at Wayland Baptist, 7 p.m.

#### Friday, September 19, 2014

Ouachita Baptist at Texas Woman's, 2 p.m.  
Oklahoma Christian at Angelo State, 5 p.m.  
Lubbock Christian at Midwestern State, 7 p.m.  
St. Edward's at Texas A&M-Commerce, 7 p.m.

#### Saturday, September 20, 2014

Dallas Baptist at West Texas A&M, 12 p.m.  
Texas A&M Int'l at Eastern New Mexico, 1 p.m.

#### Sunday, September 21, 2014

Texas A&M-Commerce at Ouachita Baptist, 12 p.m.  
St. Mary's at Angelo State, 1 p.m.  
St. Edward's at Texas Woman's, 2 p.m.

#### Tuesday, September 23, 2014

Texas Woman's at Rogers State, 12 p.m.  
West Texas A&M at Southwestern Oklahoma, 3 p.m.  
Southern Nazarene at Midwestern State, 7 p.m.

All times are CST; \* denotes LSC game

### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Complete results at [lonestarconference.org](http://lonestarconference.org).

### WEEKLY AWARDS

#### Women's Offensive

- S-10 Savannah Henderson, Texas A&M-Commerce
- S-17 Haley Mendel, Angelo State

#### Women's Defensive

- S-10 Courtne Northern, Texas A&M-Commerce
- S-17 Courtney Burnette, Midwestern State



over Colorado Mesa last week. Haley Mendel and Shantel Wittke are leading the Rambelles through the first four games, with Mendel topping the team with six goals and Wittke throwing two shutouts in goal behind a talented defensive unit. While Mendel has scored six goals, including a hat trick against Colorado Mesa last Sunday, the Rambelles have also had 10 other players score a goal this season. The goal scorer list includes Kathleen Keoughan, Ashley Exford, Cynthia Andrews, Brianne Brown, Sierra Anderson, Tiffany Dang, Caitlyn Conaway, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Loni Byers and Callie Smith. Jenny Kotowych leads the team with three assists, while Keoughan and Brown have two assists each. In goal, Wittke has made 18 saves and has a 0.78 goals against average. ASU returns to action this week with home games against Oklahoma Christian and St. Mary's.

### **Eastern New Mexico**

The Eastern New Mexico University women's soccer team earned wins over Adams State and Southern Nazarene last week, but dropped a road match to New Mexico Highlands. The Zias have won their first two home matches, for the first time since the 2009 season. Later this week, Eastern will host Texas-Permian Basin and Texas A&M-International.

### **Midwestern State**

Midwestern State extended its home unbeaten streak to 10 matches dating back to last season battling Western State Colorado to a scoreless draw Friday, then pounded Oklahoma Christian 6-0 Tuesday night at the MSU Soccer... The Mustangs suffered their last loss at the MSU Soccer Field to Angelo State on Sept. 26, 2013... MSU is unbeaten through the first five matches of the regular season for the fourth time in school history (2004/4-0-1, 2007/3-0-2, 2009/4-0-1)... The 2009 MSU squad is the only team to carry an unbeaten streak into the sixth match of the season stretching the best start to 9-0-2... Midwestern State has strung four consecutive shutout together for the fifth time in school history. MSU boasted four-game shutout streaks in 1996, 1997 and 2004 then posted a program-best six consecutive clean sheets from Sept. 17-Oct. 4, 2009... Redshirt-freshman goalkeeper Courtney Burnette posted her fourth straight shutout against Oklahoma Christian and has not permitted a goal in her last 411 minutes between the posts... Burnette ranks third in NCAA Division II in total saves (35), 19th in save percentage (.946) and 36th in goals against average (.0429)... Six different players scored goals in MSU's 6-0 rout of Oklahoma Christian and four -- Katy Catney, Payton Fookes, Ashley Cottrell and Stephanie Bonilla -- scored their first goals of the season... Cottrell needs one goal to become the eighth player in program history to net 20 career goals... Freshman forward Destinee Williamson erupted for one goal and three assists in MSU's wins over WSC, SWOSU and OC last week... Williamson's first collegiate goal came in the final minute of MSU's 3-0 win at Southwestern Oklahoma on Sunday...

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

2-1 last week.

### **Texas Woman's**

In the only game last week TWU scored two goals in the first 23 minutes and never looked back, taking a 4-0 road win at Harding on Sunday afternoon. With the win, the Pioneers improved to 2-1 on the season. Sophomore Natalia Diaz scored two goals for TWU while seniors Erin Bolinger and Candice Davies recorded a goal and an assist each. Senior Emily Davila and sophomore Nancy Chavez picked up the other two assists. The Pioneers outshot Harding 23-10 including 11-3 in shots on goal. TWU also had a 7-2 advantage in corner kicks. On the season Diaz leads the team in goals (4), points (8), shots (9), shots on goal (7) and game-winning goals (2). Junior Ariana Morrison started all three games in the net and has a 0.71 GAA and .889 save percentage.

### **West Texas A&M**

The West Texas A&M women's soccer team split both contests last week to improve its record to 1-3 on the season. On Thursday, the Lady Buffs traveled to New Mexico Highlands where they dropped a tough 2-0 contest to the Cowgirls. They rebounded strong on Saturday in their home opener, defeating UT-Permian Basin 4-0 for their first win of the season. Junior Emily Krenek tallied the first two goals just 49 seconds apart, both assisted by transfer sophomore Karyn Forbes, leading WT to victory. Senior Rhea Belgrave, the LSC Preseason Defensive Player of the Year also tallied a goal while sophomore Brady Prescott set up the final score, an own goal by UTPB. Freshman goalie McKynzie Zick earned her first career win and shutout on Saturday as well. The Lady Buffs will travel to Wayland Baptist on Thursday before returning home Saturday to host Dallas Baptist in Canyon.



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November 7-9, 2014 at No. 1 seed**