

LONE STAR CONFERENCE SOCCER WEEKLY RELEASE | SEPTEMBER 24, 2014

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LSC SOCCER

Lone Star Conference action starts this week with three contests 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.

Angelo State is a perfect 6-0 to lead the standings followed by Texas Woman's (5-1), Midwestern State (4-0-3), and Texas A&M-Commerce (5-2).

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 10-2 against the Heartland Conference, which are the other conferences in the NCAA South Central Region.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSIVE

Natalia Diaz, Texas Woman's University, SO, F, Bucaramanga, Colombia, Centro Johann Kepler

Diaz scored four goals and assisted on three more to help the Pioneers to a 3-0 record including an upset win against #18 St. Edward's. She scored the game-winning goal against SEU and assisted on the game winners in the other two wins. On the season, Diaz has a conference best eight goals and 19 points. Led by Diaz the Pioneers are off to a best start in program history at 5-1.

DEFENSIVE

Ariana Morrison, Texas Woman's University, JR, Trophy Club, Texas, Byron Nelson HS

Morrison posted a 3-0-0 record in the net and helped the Pioneers to their best start in program history at 5-1 record. She allowed just one goal and has a 0.38 GAA and .889 save percentage for the week. Morrison made five saves in an upset win against #18 St. Edward's and helped the Pioneers pick up their first win against SEU in school history. On the season, she has a 0.55 GAA, .889 save percentage, 24 saves, 5-1-0 record and part of three shutouts.

OTHER TOP PERFORMERS

Destinee Williamson, Midwestern State University, continued to breakout for Midwestern State accounting for three goals in wins over Lubbock Christian and Southern Nazarene to help the Mustangs extend their current winning streak to four games. The true freshman from Bedford used her speed to score the equalizer in the 50th minute Friday night against Lubbock Christian, and then accounted for her first multiple goal performance with two tallies in a 6-1 victory over Southern Nazarene on Tuesday. Over her last four games, Williamson has accounted for four goals and three assists.

Emily Krenek, West Texas A&M University, had a big week for the Lady Buff women's soccer team as she scored her team-leading third and fourth goals of the season helping the team to two wins during the week. She scored the second goal in a 4-0 win over Wayland Baptist on Thursday before tallying another one Tuesday in a 3-0 win at Southwestern Oklahoma State. She started all three games for WT this week and totaled five shots.

Loni Byers, Angelo State University, helped lead the Angelo State soccer team to a pair of lopsided wins last week with two goals and two assists for the 6-0 Rambelles. Byers started the weekend with a two-goal game against Oklahoma Christian and also provided an assist on a Jenny Kotowych goal. Two days later, Byers assisted on a Brianne Brown goal in ASU's 4-0 win over St. Mary's. Byers now has three goals and two assists in her freshman season.

Victoria Perez, Eastern New Mexico University, tallied the game-tying and game-winning goal for the Zias, in their first-ever meeting with Texas A&M-International. She leads Eastern with three goals this season and has netted the game winner in each of the last two matches.

Jade Bell, Texas A&M University - Commerce, tallied two assists on the week, including helper on gamewinning goal against Ouachita Baptist. She added a goal versus OBU with a chip from 25 yards out that sailed over the keeper's reach in the OBU game.

Ashley Exford's, Angelo State University, move to central defender for the Angelo State soccer team proved to be pivotal last weekend as the Rambelles threw two shutouts and improved to 6-0 on the season. Exford helped lead ASU to an 8-0 win over Oklahoma Christian last Friday and then a 4-0 win over St. Mary's on Sunday. Against the Rattlers, Exford played in all 90 minutes and was a defensive star who was constantly clearing balls out for ASU to maintain the team's fourth shutout of the season. Exford and the Rambelles limited OC to only one shot the entire game and held St Mary's to seven shots. As a team, ASU is outscoring its opponents 28-3 this season with Exford being one of the key defensive contributors.

McKynzie Zick, West Texas A&M University, continues to improve this season as the Lady Buffs' starting keeper. She started all three contests this week and allowed only one goal against Dallas Baptist on Saturday. She earned two shutouts with a 4-0 win over Wayland Baptist and a 3-0 victory over Southwestern Oklahoma State. Zick totaled eight saves in those contests.

Fabienne Wilson, Eastern New Mexico University, earned a win over Texas A&M-International in the first-ever meeting between the programs.

Courtnie Northern, Texas A&M University - Commerce, earned a shutout against Ouachita Baptist with five saves. She allowed one goal with two saves in 1-0 loss to St. Edward's.

FIRST KICK

• The LSC is represented by No. 11 Angelo State in the NSCAA/Continental Tire poll (Sept. 23).

LSC STANDINGS

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

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Friday, September 26, 2014

- *Midwestern State at Angelo State, 5 p.m.
- *Eastern New Mexico at A&M-Commerce, 7 p.m.
- *West Texas A&M at Texas Woman's, 7 p.m.

Sunday, September 28, 2014

*West Texas A&M at A&M-Commerce, 12 p.m. Midwestern State at St. Edward's, 1 p.m. Texas – Permian Basin at Angelo State, 1 p.m. *Eastern New Mexico at Texas Woman's, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, September 30, 2014

Oklahoma Christian at Texas Woman's, 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

Women's Defensive

- S-10 Courtnie Northern, Texas A&M-Commerce
- S-17 Courtney Burnette, Midwestern State
- S-24 Ariana Morrison, Texas Woman's



November 7-9, 2014 at No. 1 seed

LSC NOTES (Submitted by LSC SID's)

Angelo State

The No. 11-ranked Rambelles continued their impressive start to the season with a pair of shutout wins last weekend against Oklahoma Christian and St. Mary's. ASU opened the weekend with an 8-0 victory over OC and followed with a 4-0 shutout of the Rattlers at the ASU Soccer Field. The Rambelles are off to a program's best 6-0 start to the season and are outscoring their opponents 28-3 coming into this weekend's play where they'll host Midwestern State on Friday and Texas-Permian Basin on Sunday. The Rambelles are scoring at a frenzied pace and have already seen 14 different players score this season. Haley Mendel is eighth in the nation and first in the LSC with seven goals, while Loni Byers and Sierra Anderson have three goals each. Byers had a two-goal game against OC and Anderson scored the final two goals in the win over St. Mary's. Shantel Wittke has earned three shutouts in goal and has recorded 23 saves, while Natalie Nielsen shut out OC for the first shutout of her career.

Eastern New Mexico

As September is winding down, the ENMU women's soccer team is heating up. The Zias have won three of their last four matches and with 10 goals, are already two-thirds of the way to last season's total. Victoria Perez has three goals in the last two games, which includes the game-winning goals for both. This weekend, Eastern will open Lone Star Conference play at Texas A&M-Commerce

Midwestern State

Midwestern State extended its winning streak to four matches claiming victories over Lubbock Christian and Southern Nazarene to move to 4-0-3 on the season... The Mustangs are unbeaten through seven matches for just the second time in program history and for the first time since the 2009 squad ran out to a 9-0-2 start... MSU is unbeaten in its last 12 regular season matches dating back to a 1-0 loss to Texas A&M-Commerce on Oct. 18, 2013... Freshman striker Destinee Williamson has accounted for points in four consecutive matches including her first multiple-goal performance scoring two goals against Southern Nazarene Tuesday night... Williamson worked for 11 shots Friday against Lubbock Christian which ranks as the second most in a single match in program history and the most since Lindsay Pritchard had 12 shots against Southwest Baptist (Mo.) on Sept. 8, 2011... Junior forward Ashley Cottrell has found the back of the net in each of her last three games accounting for tallies against Oklahoma Christian and Lubbock Christian then went for a goal and an assist against Southern Nazarene... Cottrell's 21 career goals ranks eighth on MSU's all-time goal scoring list as she needs five more to match Dayna Sanders (2000-03)... Sophomore forward/midfielder Nicole Coetzer matched Williamson for team-high season honors with her fourth goal which came in the final minute of play Tuesday against Southern Nazarene... Junior defender Alex Edwards headed in her second goal of the season off of a corner kick in the 90th minute Tuesday against Southern Nazarene... Junior midfielder Morgan Hannon knocked in her first goal of the season Tuesday night against Southern Nazarene. It was her first goal since tallying the game winner in a 2-0 win over Southwestern Oklahoma on Nov. 3, 2013... All three of Hannon's collegiate goals have come against sides based in Oklahoma -- Rogers State, Southwestern Oklahoma and Southern Nazarene... Redshirt freshman goalkeeper Courtney Burnette continues to lead the LSC in goals against average (0.52), shutouts (4), save percentage (.925) and saves per game (7.00)...

Texas A&M-Commerce

1-1 last week.

Texas Woman's

The Pioneers posted a 3-0-0 record and are off to a best start in the program history with 5-1-0 record. TWU defeated #18 St. Edward's on Sunday to pick it first win against the Hilltoppers in the school history. Sophomore Natalia Diaz scored four goals and assisted on three more for 11 points in the three games while sophomore Nancy Chaves has three goals and two assists. Sophomore Gabrielle Larson recorded a hat trick at Rogers State on Tuesday in a 5-0 win. Diaz has scored the game-winner against SEU and assisted on the game winners in the other two wins during the week. On the season she leads the conference in goals (8) and points (19). Junior Ariana Morrison allowed just one goal and has a 0.38 GAA and .889 save percentage for the week. On the season she has a 0.55 GAA, .889 save percentage, 24 saves, 5-1-0 record and part of three shutouts.

West Texas A&M

The West Texas A&M women's soccer team had a solid week on the pitch, earning two shutout victories in three contests while improving its record to 3-4 on the season. The Lady Buffs started off with a home match against Wayland Baptist on Thursday, originally scheduled to be played in Plainview but moved due to weather, and won by a score of 4-0. After dropping a 1-0 decision at home on Saturday to Dallas Baptist, WT rebounded with a 3-0 shutout victory at Southwestern Oklahoma State on Tuesday. Junior Emily Krenek led the way offensively with two goals while redshirt freshman Katelyn Taschler grabbed a goal and an assist. Freshman keeper McKynzie Zick started all three matches and earned her second and third shutouts of the season while tallying eight saves and allowing one goal. The Lady Buffs will begin conference play this weekend with road matches against Texas Woman's and Texas A&M-Commerce on Friday and Sunday, respectively.

