



# LONE STAR CONFERENCE FOOTBALL

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### LSC FOOTBALL

Six games are on the schedule for this week including a Lone Star Conference contest between Tarleton State and West Texas A&M. The Texans and Buffs play Saturday at 6 p.m. in Canyon, Texas. Non-conference action includes Western State at Angelo State, Texas A&M-Commerce at Stephen F. Austin, Adams State at Eastern New Mexico, Colorado Mesa at Texas A&M-Kingsville, and Missouri S&T at Midwestern State.

A&M-C, ENMU and McMurry began the season with wins in non-conference action last week.

LSC football teams are 3-2 overall this season. The squads are 1-1 combined versus the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Great Lakes Valley Conference and Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference teams, which are also in NCAA Super Regional Four.

### LONE STAR FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

The Lone Star Football Festival returns to AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas for the fourth straight year in 2014, and will feature four games in a single day on Saturday, September 20.

The lineup includes two Lone Star Conference tilts and a pair of non-conference games featuring opponents from the Gulf South Conference. Texas A&M-Commerce faces Texas A&M-Kingsville, and Midwestern State goes against Eastern New Mexico in league action. West Texas A&M plays Shorter (Georgia), and Tarleton State meets Florida Tech in non-conference play.

The action starts at 10 a.m. with A&M-C vs. TAMUK, followed by WT-Shorter at 1 p.m., TSU-FIT at 5 p.m., and MSU-ENMU at 8 p.m. to conclude the football-filled day.

A single ticket will be good for admission to all four games at the festival. Advance purchases will be rewarded with rates of \$25 for adults and \$10 for students, whereas game-day pricing at the AT&T Stadium ticket windows will be \$30 for adults and \$12 for students.

The festival has attracted more than 86,000 fans for 16 games in its first three years, making it one of the best-attended football events in all of Division II. Fourteen of those 16 games have been televised, bringing extensive exposure to LSC member institutions and their football teams. The festival also has featured five NFL Draft picks and eight NCAA playoff teams, including the 2012 Division II National Champion Valdosta State.

### PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

#### OFFENSIVE

**Tyrik Rollison, Texas A&M University - Commerce, SR, QB, Sulphur Springs, Texas, Sulphur Springs HS**

Rollison and his arm sparked the Lion offensive output that broke the NCAA DII record for total yards as A&M-Commerce accounted for 986 yards. To go along with the NCAA record for total offense, the Lions set LSC record for points scored with 98, tied the touchdown record with 13, and matched the record for the most point after attempts with 12. The A&M-Commerce record book was rewritten for most points in a half with 57 in the first half. Rollison broke the school record for passing yards (562) and total offensive yards (564), tied the record for TD passes (6) and broke the record for yards per attempt (17).

#### DEFENSIVE

**Decorian Johnson, McMurry University, SO, CB, Houston, Texas, Oak Ridge**

Johnson recorded eight tackles with six solo and two for a loss along with a third quarter interception at the McMurry two-yard line to stop a Houston Baptist threat. The War Hawks allowed just 324 total offense yards in the upset, 26-17, of the NCAA Division I Huskies.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

**Anthony Washington, Texas A&M University - Kingsville, SR, PR/KR, Cypress, Texas, Cypress Springs HS**

Washington began the second half with a 96-yard kickoff return for a touchdown to give the Javelinas a 14-3 edge over Humboldt State on Saturday. The redshirt senior also added two tackles in the season opener. It marks the second consecutive season that the Cypress, Texas native returns a kickoff for a touchdown.

### OTHER TOP PERFORMERS

Jeret Smith, McMurry University, scored the War Hawks final three TDs of the evening as McM overcame an 8-7 deficit to defeat NCAA I Houston Baptist University, 26-17. He scored on a 5-yard run to give McM a 13-8 halftime lead, then caught TD passes of 22 and 55 yards from QB Matt McHugh (one each in the third and fourth quarters). Smith averaged 20.5 yards per catch.

Jacob Johnson, Eastern New Mexico University, turned in a dominant performance against New Mexico Highlands to lead the Greyhounds to their first season-opening win since the 2010 season. He finished the game with touchdown receptions of 22, 36 and 49 yards, for his first three-touchdown game. Johnson finished the contest with a career-high 178 yards and a 44.5 yards per catch average on four receptions. The yardage was the most for any ENMU receiver since Jessie Poku posted a 180-yard game against Northeastern State on November 6, 2010.

Carter James, West Texas A&M University, led the team with 16 total tackles and 10 solo stops at No. 4 Colorado State-Pueblo. He had a team-high two tackles for loss (of 10 for the team) for three yards in his first collegiate game. The starting four linebackers combined for 38 of the 79 total tackles and 4.5 of 10 tackles for loss.

### FIRST DOWN

- Tarleton State is ranked 16th in the AFCA poll (Sept. 8), while West Texas A&M is 22nd. Midwestern State and Texas A&M-Commerce are receiving votes.

### STANDINGS

School	LSC	Overall	Streak
Eastern New Mexico	0-0	1-0	W1
McMurry	0-0	1-0	W1
Texas A&M-Commerce	0-0	1-0	W1
Angelo State	0-0	0-0	---
Midwestern State	0-0	0-0	---
Tarleton State	0-0	0-0	---
Texas A&M-Kingsville	0-0	0-1	L1
West Texas A&M	0-0	0-1	L1

### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

**Saturday, September 13, 2014**

\*Tarleton State at West Texas A&M, 6 p.m.  
Western State at Angelo State, 6 p.m.  
Texas A&M-Commerce at Stephen F. Austin, 6 p.m.  
Adams State at Eastern New Mexico, 7 p.m.  
Colorado Mesa at Texas A&M-Kingsville, 7 p.m.  
Missouri S&T at Midwestern State, 7 p.m.

All times are CST; \* LSC game; ^ at AT&T Stadium

### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

A&M-Commerce 98, East Texas Baptist 20  
CSU-Pueblo 35, West Texas A&M 6  
Eastern New Mexico 44, New Mexico Highlands 21  
McMurry 26, Houston Baptist 17  
Humboldt State 27, Texas A&M-Kingsville 14

### WEEKLY AWARDS

#### Offensive

S-8 Tyrik Rollison, Texas A&M-Commerce

#### Defensive

S-8 Decorian Johnson, McMurry

#### Special Teams

S-8 Anthony Washington, Texas A&M-Kingsville



Seth Bailey, Eastern New Mexico University, paced Eastern against New Mexico Highlands with 13 tackles, seven solo stops and an interception. His third-quarter interception of NMHU's Lance Orender led to a touchdown and helped the Hounds to pull away for the win. The performance marked the eighth time Bailey has registered double-digit tackles in his career.

Charles Woods, Texas A&M University - Commerce, had 10 total tackles including eight solo tackles and two tackles for a loss, one of which was a sack to led the A&M-Commerce defense against ETBU.

Elliot Moore, West Texas A&M University, had a strong first game as a Buffalo as he punted 11 times for 447 yards and a 40.6 average, including three punts inside the 20 and one touch back.

Mitchell Cox, Eastern New Mexico University, helped the Greyhound control field position against New Mexico Highlands with five touchbacks on eight kickoffs and three of his seven punts being downed inside the 20-yard line with no touchbacks. In the second quarter, he boomed a punt of 54 yards, which allowed no return. Cox followed with a career-best 64-yard punt in the third quarter. For the game, he finished with eight points on five point-after-touchdown kicks and a 22-yard field goal.

Saul Martinez, Texas A&M University - Commerce, connected on field goals from 41 yards, 34 yards and 30 yards in the Lions 98-20 win over ETBU. He also converted on 11 of his 12 PAT attempts. The 12 PAT attempts tied the LSC record for PAT attempts in a game. His only miss came on a center-hold exchange.

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

### Angelo State

Did not play last week.

### Eastern New Mexico

The Eastern New Mexico University football team extended the longest running win streak in the Lone Star Conference to seven games, with a 44-21 win at New Mexico Highlands. The victory made ENMU 38-37 in season-openers. Jacob Johnson led the offensive fireworks with a career-best three touchdowns and 187 receiving yards, while Mitchell Cox had a strong day with five touchbacks on kickoffs and three punts downed inside the 20-yard line and a career-best 64-yard punt. Seth Bailey had 13 tackles and a key interceptions. Eastern outrushed Highlands by a 201-24 yard margin and held the ball for almost 39 minutes. The Greyhounds will host Adams State on Saturday.

### McMurry

McMurry 26, Houston Baptist 17

### Midwestern State

Did not play last week.

### Tarleton State

Did not play last week.

### Texas A&M-Commerce

With 986 yards of total offense, A&M-Commerce set a NCAA Division II record in a 98-20 rout of East Texas Baptist. To go along with the NCAA record for total offense, the Lions set LSC record for points scored with 98, tied the touchdown record with 13, and matched the record for the most point after attempts with 12. The A&M-Commerce record book was rewritten for most points in a half with 57 in the first half. The Lions had three players rush for 100 yards and three players have 100 yards receiving, that is the

first time in NCAA history. Tyrik Rollison completed 26-of-33 of his passes for 562 and six touchdowns. Rollison broke the school record for passing yards and total offensive yards, tied the record for TD passes and broke the record for yards per attempt with 17 yards per pass attempt. As a team, the Lions snapped the net passing yards record with 590 yards through the air. Bergeron and Wofford each broke the record for yards per carry in single-game, but Wofford out ran the veteran back averaging 11.4 yards per game. The Lions also snapped the school record for yards per play with 12.7 yards per play. As a unit, the offense ran 81 plays snapping the total plays in game record.

### Texas A&M-Kingsville

Anthony Washington began the second half with a 96-yard kickoff return for a touchdown to give the Javelinas a 14-3 edge over Humboldt State. However, Texas A&M-Kingsville fell to the ground and pound attack of the Jacks, 27-14, on Saturday evening at Javelina Stadium. Joe Crowe and Lamont Hills combined for 18 tackles. Henry Greathouse and Braedon Robinson each registered a sack. Trey Mitchell finished 11-of-27 with one touchdown and rushed for 47 yards. Junior transfer Shawn Vasquez added 42 yards on the ground and Greg Pitre gained 35 yards on 10 carries.

### West Texas A&M

The Buffs dropped a 35-6 decision at No. 4 Colorado State-Pueblo last Thursday...It was the first time since a 41-3 loss in the NCAA Tournament in 2005 versus Pittsburg State that the Buffs didn't score a touchdown...Despite the loss, redshirt freshman Carter James tallied a team-high 16 total tackles with 10 solo stops to lead the team...WT tallied 10 tackles for loss for 22 yards... The starting four linebackers combined for 38 of 79 total tackles and 4.5 of the 10 tackles for loss...Northwestern transfer running back Venric Mark had 58 yards rushing on 12 carries in his first game as a Buff and two kickoff returns for 54 yards, including one of 39 yards... WT broke in numerous new faces in the opener as junior quarterback Preston Rabb made his first start going 25 of 49 for 208 yards...Senior defensive back Torian Oakley tallied an interception and his sixth career pick...Sophomore Patric Youngman had 10 total tackles for his second career game of double-digit total tackles and tied his career-high with six solo stops...Sophomore kicker Connor Hollabaugh went 2 for 2 in field goals from 25 and 29 yards.



## AMERICAN FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION DIVISION II COACHES' POLL

September 8, 2014

#	Team (1st votes)	Rec.	Pts	Prev.
1.	Northwest Missouri St. (32)	1-0	800	1
2.	Colorado St.-Pueblo	1-0	749	4
3.	Minnesota-Duluth	1-0	710	3
4.	Minnesota St.-Mankato	1-0	672	7
5.	North Alabama	0-0	626	5
6.	Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.)	1-0	617	6
7.	Henderson St. (Ark.)	1-0	600	8
8.	Pittsburg St. (Kan.)	1-0	596	9
9.	West Chester (Pa.)	1-0	499	10
10.	Ohio Dominican	1-0	466	13
11.	Shepherd (W.Va.)	1-0	465	12
12.	Winston-Salem St. (N.C.)	1-0	462	14
13.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	1-0	399	16
14.	Azusa Pacific (Calif.)	1-0	336	22t
15.	Indianapolis (Ind.)	1-0	322	18
16.	<b>Tarleton St. (Texas)</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>17</b>
17.	Delta St. (Miss.)	1-0	282	19
18.	Grand Valley St. (Mich.)	0-1	278	2
19.	Emporia St. (Kan.)	1-0	239	22t
20.	Indiana (Pa.)	1-0	218	20
21.	Bloomsburg (Pa.)	1-0	158	24
22.	<b>West Texas A&amp;M</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>11</b>
23.	Valdosta St. (Ga.)	1-0	71	NR
24.	Ferris St. (Mich.)	1-0	70	NR
25t.	St. Cloud State (Minn.)	0-1	56	15
25t.	West Alabama	1-0	56	NR
Dropped Out: North Carolina-Pembroke (21), Tuskegee (Ala.) (25)				

Others Receiving Votes: Missouri Western St., 54; Colorado School of Mines, 22; Harding (Ark.), 20; Winona St. (Minn.), 20; **Midwestern St. (Texas), 18**; California (Pa.), 17; East Stroudsburg (Pa.), 10; American International (Mass.), 9; Findlay (Ohio), 8; North Carolina-Pembroke, 8; Slippery Rock (Pa.), 8; Tuskegee (Ala.), 8; Concord (W.Va.), 7; Michigan Tech, 6; Saginaw Valley St. (Mich.), 6; Chadron St. (Neb.), 5; Charleston (W.Va.), 4; Florida Tech, 4; Sioux Falls (S.D.), 4; West Georgia, 4; Miles (Ala.), 2; Newberry (S.C.), 2; Ashland (Ohio), 1; Ouachita Baptist (Ark.), 1; **Texas A&M-Commerce, 1.**

## LSC IN 2014 AFCA RANKINGS

WEEK	ASU	ENMU	McM	MSU
AUG. 18	NR	RV	NR	RV
SEPT. 8	NR	NR	NR	RV

WEEK	TSU	A&M-C	TAMUK	WTAMU
AUG. 18	17	NR	NR	11
SEPT. 8	16	RV	NR	22

## 2014 Composite Schedule

### Thursday, September 04, 2014

East Texas Baptist at Texas A&M-Commerce, 7 p.m.  
West Texas A&M at Colorado State - Pueblo, 7 p.m.

### Saturday, September 06, 2014

Humboldt State at Texas A&M-Kingsville, 7 p.m.  
McMurry at Houston Baptist, 7 p.m.  
Eastern New Mexico at New Mexico Highlands, TBD

### Saturday, September 13, 2014

\*Tarleton State at West Texas A&M, 6 p.m.  
Western State at Angelo State, 6 p.m.  
Texas A&M-Commerce at Stephen F. Austin, 6 p.m.  
Adams State at Eastern New Mexico, 7 p.m.  
Colorado Mesa at Texas A&M-Kingsville, 7 p.m.  
Missouri S&T at Midwestern State, 7 p.m.

### Saturday, September 20, 2014

\*^Texas A&M-Kingsville vs. Texas A&M-Commerce, 10 a.m.  
^Shorter vs. West Texas A&M, 1 p.m.  
^Florida Tech vs. Tarleton State, 5 p.m.  
\*McMurry at Angelo State, 7 p.m.  
\*^Eastern New Mexico vs. Midwestern State, 8 p.m.

### Saturday, September 27, 2014

\*Texas A&M-Commerce at Eastern New Mexico, 3 p.m.  
\*Texas A&M-Kingsville at McMurry, 6 p.m.  
\*Midwestern State at Tarleton State, 7 p.m.  
\*West Texas A&M at Angelo State, 7 p.m.

### Saturday, October 04, 2014

\*McMurry at West Texas A&M, 3 p.m.  
\*Angelo State at Midwestern State, 7 p.m.  
\*Eastern New Mexico at Texas A&M-Kingsville, 7 p.m.  
\*Tarleton State at Texas A&M-Commerce, 7 p.m.

### Saturday, October 11, 2014

\*Eastern New Mexico at McMurry, 2 p.m.  
\*Midwestern State at West Texas A&M, 6 p.m.  
\*Texas A&M-Kingsville at Tarleton State, 7 p.m.  
\*Texas A&M-Commerce at Angelo State, 7 p.m.

### Saturday, October 18, 2014

\*Tarleton State at Eastern New Mexico, 6 p.m.  
\*West Texas A&M at Texas A&M-Commerce, 7 p.m.  
\*Angelo State at Texas A&M-Kingsville, 7 p.m.  
\*McMurry at Midwestern State, 8 p.m.

### Saturday, October 25, 2014

\*Tarleton State at McMurry, 2 p.m.  
\*Texas A&M-Kingsville at West Texas A&M, 6 p.m.  
\*Eastern New Mexico at Angelo State, 7 p.m.  
\*Texas A&M-Commerce at Midwestern State, 7 p.m.

### Saturday, November 01, 2014

\*McMurry at Texas A&M-Commerce, 2 p.m.  
\*West Texas A&M at Eastern New Mexico, 6 p.m.  
\*Midwestern State at Texas A&M-Kingsville, 7 p.m.  
\*Angelo State at Tarleton State, 7 p.m.

### Conference Playoffs

(NOTE: Seeds 1-8 determined on regular season results)

### Saturday, November 08, 2014

Game #1: 4@1  
Game #2: 3@2  
Game #3: 8@5  
Game #4: 7@6

### Conference Playoffs

### Saturday, November 15, 2014

Game #5 - Championship Game: Winner G1 vs. Winner G2 (hosted by higher seed)  
Game #6 - Third-Place Game: Loser G1 vs. Loser G2 (hosted by higher seed)  
Game #7 - Fifth-Place Game: Winner G3 vs. Winner G4 (hosted by higher seed)  
Game #8 - Seventh-Place Game: Loser G3 vs. Loser G4 (hosted by higher seed)

### Saturday, November 22, 2014

NCAA Division II First Round

### Saturday, November 29, 2014

NCAA Division II Second Round

### Saturday, December 6, 2014

NCAA Division II Quarterfinals  
Heart of Texas Bowl (Copperas Cove, Texas), 7 p.m.

### Saturday, December 13, 2014

NCAA Division II Semifinals

### Saturday, December 20, 2013

NCAA Division II Championship (Kansas City, Kan.)

\* denotes conference game; ^ at AT&T Stadium