



# LONE STAR CONFERENCE INDOOR TRACK & FIELD WEEKLY RELEASE | JANUARY 21, 2015

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## SCHEDULE

**Saturday, January 24, 2015**

Eastern New Mexico at Lobo Collegiate Invitational,  
Albuquerque, N.M.

West Texas A&M at Lobo Collegiate Invitational,  
Albuquerque, N.M.

**Sunday, January 25, 2015**

Harding at Emory University Crossplex Invitational,  
Birmingham, Ala.

## WEEKLY AWARDS

**DATE MEN'S TRACK**

J-21 ..... Chase Rathke, Tarleton State

**DATE MEN'S FIELD**

J-21 ..... Lutalo Boyce, Texas A&M-Kingsville

**DATE WOMEN'S TRACK**

J-21 ..... Sharon Kwarula, West Texas A&M

**DATE WOMEN'S FIELD**

J-21 ..... Euphemia Edem, Tarleton State

## PERFORMANCE LIST

<http://www.tfrs.org/lists/1385.html>



**February 28-March 1, 2015**

**Lubbock, Texas**



**INDOOR  
TRACK & FIELD**

## LSC INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

Lone Star Conference Indoor Track & Field athletes have recorded three NCAA Division II Automatic qualifying marks (3 women) and 23 provisional efforts (11 men, 12 women). See the LSC performance list here: <http://www.tfrs.org/lists/1385.html>.

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

### MEN'S TRACK

**Chase Rathke, Tarleton State University, JR, Crawford, Texas, Crawford HS**

Rathke the defending 1500m outdoor champion started his junior campaign with a statement in the mile at the Texas Tech Open this past weekend. Rathke ran 4:08.27 to win the event with ease finishing a full 12 seconds in front of the next competitor. His performance broke the school record by 10.70 seconds and is currently No. 2 in the nation behind MSU-Billings Robert Peterson, who completed the race .77 seconds faster than Rathke at the Montana State Open.

### MEN'S FIELD

**Lutalo Boyce, Texas A&M University - Kingsville, SO, Westbury, N.Y., Westbury HS/Nassau CC**

Boyce set a school record in the long jump with a distance of 24-5.75 (7.46m) at the Aggie 13-Team Invitational on the way to a second place finish. He bested the previous Javelina mark by 2.75 inches. Boyce also placed seventh in the triple jump with a leap of 46-1.5 (14.06m). Both of his distances in the long and triple jumps are the longest in the LSC this season, and he has the third best long jump in the Division II.

### WOMEN'S TRACK

**Sharon Kwarula, West Texas A&M University, SR, Boroko, Papua New Guinea, Goroka Grammar School**

Kwarula ran a strong provisional time in the prelims of the 55m hurdles on Friday at the Texas Tech Open in Lubbock. She ran a 8.02 just .01 of a second away from her school record time a year ago that got her into indoor nationals. She ended up placing sixth in the finals of the event. Her time converts to 8.65 in the 60m hurdles, ranking her first in the LSC currently and fourth in the nation.

### WOMEN'S FIELD

**Euphemia Edem, Tarleton State University, SR, Calabar, Nigeria, University of Calabar**

Edem made history in the first jump of the season by shattering the Tarleton State indoor record in the long jump by over three feet finishing with a best jump of 19-8. She also set the school triple jump indoor record finishing the Texas Tech Open with a first-place 41-06.50 (12.66m) performance. The senior transfer from Stillman College hit the automatic qualifying mark in both events and is currently ranked No. 1 in the nation in the triple jump and No. 5 in the long jump.

## OTHER TOP PERFORMERS

Francisco Javier Lopez, Texas A&M University - Kingsville, placed second in the 60m hurdles, recording a time of 7.99 in his first meet with the Javelinas. He currently has the best mark in the event in the Lone Star Conference this season. In the preliminary heats, Lopez posted the best time in winning his heat in 8.17.

Lorenzo Johnson, West Texas A&M University, had an outstanding debut for WT on Friday evening at the Texas Tech Open in Lubbock. Johnson set a new school record and grabbed a provisional qualifier in the 55m hurdles with a time of 7.41, a time he ran not once, but twice in both the semifinals and finals, helping him win the competition. His 60m hurdles converted time comes out to 8.00, placing him sixth in the nation.

Zach Weatherly, West Texas A&M University, won the shot put competition on Friday at the Texas Tech Open in Lubbock with a provisional qualifying mark of 51-11 (15.82m), a distance that ranks him first in the LSC and 24th in the nation. He followed up Saturday with a second-place showing in the weight throw, going for 51-9.25 (15.78m).

Kenny Odunaiya, Tarleton State University, started off the 2015 indoor season with strong performances in the shot put and weight throw last weekend at Texas Tech. Odunaiya finished second in the shot put with a toss of 49-2.25 (14.99m) and first in the weight throw with a best of 53-9 (16.38m).

Tylo Farrar, Tarleton State University, held off LSC rival Midwestern State to win the 5000m this past weekend at the Texas Tech Open. Farrar won the event in 19:12.97 in the fourth fastest time in school history.

Brittany Holcombe, Texas A&M University - Kingsville, claimed the 60m dash title at the Aggie 13-Team Invitational with a time of 7.71 as she beat seven Division I athletes in the finals. Also at the meet, she was a part of the 4x400m relay team that placed ninth in 3:59.51.

Holly Cunigan, West Texas A&M University, set a new school record and grabbed a provisional mark in the shot put competition with a 44-8.25 (13.62m) throw. That ranks her first in the LSC currently and 15th in the nation. She followed up Saturday with a ninth place finish in the weight throw, setting a mark of 46-3.25 (14.10m), ranking her third in the LSC in the event.

## NOTES (Submitted by LSC SID's)

[Angelo State](#)

Eastern New Mexico

Harding

Midwestern State

Tarleton State

Texas A&M-Commerce

Texas A&M-Kingsville

Texas A&M-Kingsville competed at the Aggie 13-Team Invitational on the campus of Texas A&M. They were the lone Division II team in the meet. The men placed fourth while the women recorded a 12th place finish. Brittany Holcombe won the only event for the Javelinas as she bested seven Division I athletes in the 60m dash with a time of 7.71. Four men recorded runner-up finishes: Lutalo Boyce (long jumper), Michael Idziak (800m), Francisco Javier Lopez (60m hurdles) and Jordan Yamoah (pole vault). Boyce set a new Javelina record with a distance of 24-5.75 (7.46m) in the long jump, surpassing the previous mark by just over two inches. Courtney Macon, a transfer from West Texas A&M, finished fourth in the 60m hurdles while Colt Labay was third in the pole vault. Derek Tesch registered third and ninth place finishes in the weight throw (53-6.5, 16.32m) and shot put (45-9, 13.94m). In his first collegiate meet, freshman Deon Hope was seventh in the 60m dash as he crossed the line in 7.03 seconds. For the women, Amber Perry came in third in the 400m run (56.94) behind two runners from Sam Houston State. The Blue and Gold return to the track on January 30 at the two-day Texas Tech Masked Rider Open.

West Texas A&M

The No. 12 Lady Buffs and No. 22 Buffs had a strong showing in their season opening meet at the Texas Tech Open in Lubbock on Friday and Saturday as they began their quest to defend their sweep of LSC indoor titles from a year ago. Between the two teams, WT broke three school records, set 10 provisional marks, and had four individual winners in their respective events. WT will return to action this Saturday, Jan. 24, to compete in the Lobo Collegiate Open in Albuquerque, N.M.