



# LONE STAR CONFERENCE BASEBALL

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### LSC BASEBALL

Lone Star Conference baseball is underway with all six teams in action. This week's schedule is full of non-conference contests.

LSC teams are playing a 10-week schedule with a four-game series and three-game series against every other team. Each four-game series shall consist of a 9-inning game Friday, a 7x7 doubleheader Saturday and 9-inning contest Sunday, and each three-game series shall consist of a 9-inning game Friday and a 7x9 doubleheader Saturday.

The overall LSC Champion will be the team(s) with the best winning percentage in regular-season conference games, while the winner of the postseason championship will be recognized as LSC Tournament Champion and receive the league's automatic qualification into NCAA postseason. The championship will be played May 7-8-9, at the No. 1 seed.

LSC baseball teams are 13-11 overall this season. In the NCAA South Central Region, the teams are currently 4-0 combined versus Heartland Conference teams and 2-1 against the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

### PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

#### HITTER

**Jonathan Schmitz, Tarleton State University, JR, C, College Station, Texas, A&M Consolidated HS**

Schmitz got off to a stellar offensive start last weekend, leading Tarleton State to a pair of wins at Minute Maid Park in the Houston Winter Invitational. He had multi-hit game in all four contests at Minute Maid, including a 3-3 effort in the season opener against Winona State. For the week, Schmitz scored six runs and is hitting an LSC-leading .667. He also has 10 hits, three RBIs and two doubles.

#### PITCHER

**Eythan Lenz, Tarleton State University, SR, RHP, Hutto, Texas, Hutto HS**

Lenz had a phenomenal opening weekend out of the bullpen for Tarleton State, pitching in three of the four games at the Houston Winter Invitational at Minute Maid Park. The senior from Hutto tossed four scoreless innings of relief, allowing just one hit and striking out five. He also earned the win for Tarleton in Friday's victory over No. 38 St. Mary's with 2.2 innings of work with four strikeouts against the Rattlers. His four innings was one inning short of the team leader for last weekend (5.0).

### OTHER TOP PERFORMERS

Mason Shiflett, West Texas A&M University, had an impressive first week for the 3-2 Buffs. He hit .412 in five starts at shortstop with five runs scored, a team-high seven hits, one triple and the lone home run for the team this season. Shiflett is slugging .706 to lead the team and reaching base at a .474 clip. He has a current three-game hitting streak to lead the team and tallied three hits in 9-8 win at Southwestern Oklahoma State Tuesday (10 innings). In the field he has 13 put outs with 12 assists.

Brett David, Angelo State University, leads the conference with two home runs and eight RBI after the first two weeks of play and is hitting .412 through the first 17 at-bats of his senior season. David hit both of his home runs last weekend in a three-game sweep of Texas A&M International. His highlight came with a grand slam in the series finale, a shot which drilled the left-field foul pole to plate four runs. David now has six home runs in his career and also has a double and triple this season. He has not struck out and has reached four times after being hit by a pitch.

Blake Cooper, Eastern New Mexico University, led his team to a 2-1 series from the plate with two homeruns and four RBIs in the season opener against Adams State. The first basemen also had an amazing weekend fielding, recording 18 putouts and one assist with a .950 fielding percentage. The highlight of the series came when Cooper hit a homer over the right field wall into the face of 35mph winds, clearing the wall with ease.

Graylon Brown, Angelo State University, showcased why he's going to be a vital piece to the Angelo State pitching staff over the past two weeks where he earned a win and two saves for the Rams in three relief appearances. Brown recorded the win over McMurry in the season-opener where he went 1 2/3 innings without allowing a run. He then went 1 2/3 innings for a save in the series opener against TAMIU before closing out the final inning of the series finale with two strikeouts and once again did not allow a run.

Cody Pope, Eastern New Mexico University, led the Greyhounds to a 17-5 win in their season opener against Adams State University. The senior pitcher recorded no hits and two strikeouts in his first inning. Giving up no earned runs, Pope gave up only one extra base hit, which was a double. His 10 strikeouts is a career high and a season-high for the Greyhounds.

Tyler Gibson, West Texas A&M University, earned a save against Southwestern Oklahoma State in his first game as a Buff on Feb. 1 and then pitched nine solid innings against No. 6 Southern Arkansas earning a no decision as the game went to extras. In that game, he fanned nine with just one walk, while allowing six hits, three runs with two earned. For the season, he has allowed seven hits, three runs, two earned, one walk and 11 strikeouts as the opposition hit just .200 against him.

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

#### Angelo State

The Rams opened the season with a 4-1 record after splitting a season-opening doubleheader against McMurry on the road and then sweeping a three-game set against Texas A&M International at Foster Field last weekend.

### STANDINGS

School	LSC	Overall	Streak
Angelo State	0-0	4-1	W3
Eastern New Mexico	0-0	2-1	L1
West Texas A&M	0-0	3-2	W1
Tarleton State	0-0	2-2	L2
Texas A&M-Kingsville	0-0	1-2	W1
Cameron	0-0	1-3	L2

### SCHEDULE

#### Friday, February 13, 2015

Eastern New Mexico at NM Highlands, 2 p.m.  
Northwest Missouri State at Cameron, 2 p.m.  
West Texas A&M at Oklahoma Christian, 2 p.m.  
Newman at Texas A&M-Kingsville, 3 p.m.  
Lubbock Christian at Angelo State, 3 p.m.  
Tarleton State at St. Mary's, 3 p.m.  
West Texas A&M at Oklahoma Christian, 4 p.m.

#### Saturday, February 14, 2015

Eastern New Mexico at NM Highlands, 12 p.m.  
Northwest Missouri State at Cameron, 12 p.m.  
Tarleton State at St. Mary's, 1 p.m.  
West Texas A&M at Oklahoma Christian, 1 p.m.  
Newman at Texas A&M-Kingsville, 1 p.m.  
Lubbock Christian at Angelo State, 2 p.m.  
Eastern New Mexico at NM Highlands, 2:30 p.m.  
Northwest Missouri State at Cameron, 3 p.m.  
Dakota State at West Texas A&M, 3 p.m.  
Tarleton State at St. Mary's, 3 p.m.

#### Sunday, February 15, 2015

Northwest Missouri State at Cameron, 1 p.m.  
Lubbock Christian at Angelo State, 1 p.m.  
Eastern New Mexico at NM Highlands, 1 p.m.

#### Tuesday, February 17, 2015

Southwest at Eastern New Mexico, 6 p.m.

All times are CST; \*denotes LSC game

### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Complete results at lonestarconference.org.

### WEEKLY AWARDS

#### Date Hitter

F-11 Jonathan Schmitz, Tarleton State

#### Date Pitcher

F-11 Eythan Lenz, Tarleton State



**LSC BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**MAY 7-8-9 | NO. 1 SEED**

ASU is hitting .423 through the first five games of the season with 71 total hits, including 17 doubles, two triples and six home runs. Brett David leads the team with a pair of homers and eight RBI, while Paxton DeLaGarza has 12 hits (.632 average) and six RBI and Derek Tyner and Hunter Spear are each hitting .500 with eight and seven hits. Nehwon Norkeh has added 10 hits, with five doubles and a home run and J.C. Snyder has seven RBI on eight hits. The Rams host Lubbock Christian this weekend in a three-game set at Foster Field.

### Cameron

1-3 last week.

### Eastern New Mexico

Eastern New Mexico University (2-0) won 2-of-3 games in their season opener series against Adams State University (1-5), with a combined run total of 29-to-14. Cody Pope and Russell Edwards each earned wins over the weekend, while James Gray and Jarron Hill were credited with saves. Pope went five innings, throwing 10 strikeouts and giving up no earned runs, for a season ERA of 0.00. Gray also turned in a top shelf performance with eight strikeouts of his own. Blake Cooper was the Greyhounds top performer of the week from the plate, recording four hits, four RBIs and two homeruns. With a 1.200 slugging percentage and a .571 on base percentage, Cooper's bat helped cement the Greyhounds power hitting lineup.

### Tarleton State

Tarleton State split the opening weekend at the Winter Invitational at Minute Maid Park in Houston, defeating Winona State and No. 38 St. Mary's before falling to Henderson State and No. 17 Arkansas Tech. The Texans will return to action this weekend in San Antonio against St. Mary's for a three-game series.

### Texas A&M-Kingsville

No. 21/19 Texas A&M-Kingsville went 1-2 at the QuikTrip Division II Classic in Grand Prairie... the Javelinas fell 4-2 to Ouachita Baptist and 9-1 to Southwestern Oklahoma State before upsetting No. 10/9 Southern Arkansas, 6-4 on a two-run sacrifice in the ninth. The Javelinas host Newman University on Friday, Feb. 13-14 at Nolan Ryan Field.

### West Texas A&M

The West Texas A&M baseball team has seen five, tightly contested games this season as it is 3-2 on the year and 1-1 in extra-inning games...The Buffs have played five games which all have been decided by one run...WT won a doubleheader against Southwestern Oklahoma State on Feb. 1 by the scores of 6-5 and 4-3, then lost a pair of 4-3 decisions in Grand Prairie, Texas, in the QuikTrip Division II Classic to Arkansas-Monticello and No. 6 Southern Arkansas in 10 innings with a walk-off home run...WT senior Tyler Gibson pitched nine strong innings against SAU allowing six hits, three runs - two earned, one walk and nine strikeouts earning the no decision... The Buffs' bats have come around in the last two games, including a season-high 14 hits in a 9-8 victory at Southwestern Oklahoma State Tuesday in 10 innings...WT now is 24-28 all-time in extra-inning games and head coach Matt Vanderburg is 1-1 in extra-inning games this season and 13-15 overall...Through the first four games of the season, WT hit just .214, but the 14 hits Tuesday upped its average to .253...The Buffs have 40 hits with seven doubles, two triples and a home run...The staff carries a 4.61 ERA in 41 innings...WT has 44 strikeouts to just 18 walks and has fanned offensively just 17 times, while walking 16...The Buffs have eight errors on the year leading to just three unearned runs...WT has scored seven runs off eight opponent miscues... The Buffs were picked second in the preseason LSC Poll and were receiving votes in some of the preseason national polls...WT was picked fourth in the preseason South Central Region Poll and had senior Nick Chapman and senior Aaron Blair named to the preseason NCBWA All-Region Team...Head coach Matt Vanderburg is in his seventh season at the helm of the Buffs...He is 172-133 at WT and 271-200 in his 10th season overall...WT continues on the road at Oklahoma Christian for three games this weekend and a neutral site game against Dakota State...WT, including Tuesday's game at SWOSU, is on the road for 12-straight games...The Buffs return home March 6 versus Eastern New Mexico at Wilder Park.

