

# LONE STAR CONFERENCE INDOOR TRACK & FIELD WEEKLY RELEASE | FEBRUARY 12, 2015

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## **SCHEDULE**

## Friday, February 13, 2015

Harding, Tarleton State at Samford Invitational and Multi, Birmingham, Ala.

Texas A&M-Commerce, West Texas A&M, Midwestern State at Don Kirby Elite Invitational, Albuquerque, NM

West Texas A&M at GVSU Tune-Up, Allendale, Mich.

#### Saturday, February 14, 2015

Texas A&M-Commerce, West Texas A&M, Midwestern State at Don Kirby Elite Invitational, Albuquerque, NM

West Texas A&M at ASU NCAA Qualifier, Alamosa, Colo.

Midwestern State at OBU Indoor Invitaitonal, Norman, Okla.

# **WEEKLY AWARDS**

#### DATE MEN'S TRACK

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

J-28 ..... Corey Bassett, Harding

F-5...... Lorenzo Johnson, West Texas A&M

F-12..... Lorenzo Johnson, West Texas A&M (2)

#### DATE MEN'S FIELD

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

J-28 ..... De'Onte Garrett, Harding

F-5...... Lutalo Boyce, Texas A&M-Kingsville (2)

F-12..... Lutalo Boyce, Texas A&M-Kingsville (3)

...... Matt Rich, Texas A&M-Commerce

#### DATE WOMEN'S TRACK

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

J-28 ..... Ewa Zaborowska, Harding

F-5...... Amber Perry, Texas A&M-Kingsville

F-12..... Ewa Zaborowska, Harding (2)

## DATE WOMEN'S FIELD

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

J-28 ..... Jenae Wolfram, Eastern New Mexico

F-5...... Kearah Danville, Angelo State

F-12..... Kearah Danville, Angelo State (2)

## **PERFORMANCE LIST**

http://www.tfrrs.org/lists/1385.html



February 28-March 1, 2015 Lubbock, Texas

## LSC INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

Lone Star Conference Indoor Track & Field athletes have recorded 10 NCAA Division II Automatic qualifying marks (three men, seven women) and 61 provisional efforts (32 men, 29 women). See the LSC performance list here: http://www.tfrrs.org/lists/1385.html.

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

#### MEN'S TRACK

#### Lorenzo Johnson, West Texas A&M University, JR, Mineral Wells, Texas, Mineral Wells HS

Johnson continued his record-breaking tear this past weekend at the UNM Classic in Albuquerque. Johnson led the way for the Buffs, becoming the first automatic qualifier on the men's team in three years. He did so by breaking the school and Lone Star Conference record in the 60m hurdles, running a 7.80 time in the final heat on Saturday. That ranks him first in the LSC and second in the nation.

#### **CO-MEN'S FIELD**

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

For the third meet this season, Boyce broke the school and LSC record in the long jump. He uncorked a massive leap of 25-7.25 (7.80m) to take the title at the Ramapo College Indoor Select. Boyce's jump is currently first in Division II and the sixth best in all three divisions.

## Matt Rich, Texas A&M University - Commerce, SR, Terrell, Texas, Royse City HS

In an outstanding performance this weekend at the MSSU Lion Open, Rich set the LSC record with a personal best 5,284 points in the heptathlon. After being altered to 5,308 points following a flat track conversion, the senior became just the fourth heptathlon NCAA automatic qualifying mark in the country. To achieve such a feat, the native of Terrell, Texas had to set indoor personal bests in four different categories: the long jump with a distance of 22-8.02 (6.95m), the high jump with a height of 6-00 (1.83m), the 60 meter dash (7.37 seconds) and the 1000 meter run (2:52.17). Rich undoubtedly played a significant role in the Lions' first ever appearance on the USTFCCCA top-25 list, as they debuted at No. 21 this week.

## **WOMEN'S TRACK**

## Ewa Zaborowska, Harding University, SR, Wejherowo, Poland, King's Jan III Sobieski Secondary School

Won the 800 meters at the MSSU Lion Invitational with a flat track-adjusted and NCAA automatic qualifying time of 2:08.89, the fastest time in the LSC this season and second in NCAA Division II.

#### **WOMEN'S FIELD**

## Kearah Danville, Angelo State University, SR, Kingston, Jamaica

Danville made a big jump to improve her season best in the triple jump. The two-time defending national champion hit her second NCAA Division II automatic-qualifying mark of the season with a jump of 41'-5.75" (12.64-meters). The distance was sixth best and the top Division II mark of the meet. The jump also improves her rank to No. 3 in Division II.

## OTHER TOP PERFORMERS

Michael Idziak, Texas A&M University - Kingsville, broke his own school record in the 800m run at the Ramapo College Indoor Select. He finished in 1:51.09 to take second at the event. His time is the best in the Lone Star Conference and seventh in Division II.

Corey Bassett, Harding University, placed third in the 60-meter dash at the MSSU Lion Invitational with a school-record and NCAA provisional time of 6.87 in the finals.

Dexter Lee, Texas A&M University - Commerce, made a huge splash at this weekend's MSSU Lion Open, setting not just one, but three conference-best marks in the process. The native of Allen, Texas ran a personal best time of 22.52 seconds (22.13 after flat track conversion) in the 200 meter dash, followed by a 49.19 second (48.42 after FTC) in the 400 meter. The sophomore wrapped things up by running first leg for the 4x400 relay team, which took first place in a field of 29 teams that included LSC-rivals Harding with a time of 3:17.98 (3:14.88 after FTC). Lee earned NCAA provisional qualifiers for his efforts in the 400m and 4x400, and all told, played a vital role in the Lions cracking the USTFCCCA indoor top-25 this week for the first time in school history.

Ilia Eligulachvili, Eastern New Mexico University, placed 18th in the men's 600m run with a time of 1.22.63. The sophomore also helped his team place 12th in the men's 4x400 relay with a time of 3:25.63.

Josh Syrotchen, Harding University, broke his own school record in the weight throw in placing 10th at the MSSU Lion Invitational ... throw of 52-8.75 (16.07m).

Benoit Nadin, West Texas A&M University, hit a strong provisional mark on Saturday at the New Mexico Collegiate Classic in Albuquerque. He nailed a season-best 48-5.25 (14.76m) triple jump to finish fifth overall. That mark is just .01 of from the school record, one Nadin holds himself from 2014.

Jaylen Rodgers, Angelo State University, ran an NCAA Division II provisional-qualifying altitude adjusted time of 2:13.32 and was the top Division II runner of the race. She was fifth overall and the third collegian in any division. The time is currently No. 11 among Division II ranks.

Amber Perry, Texas A&M University - Kingsville, took gold in two event as the Ramapo College Indoor Select.



She came in first in the 400m dash, crossing the line in 56.68. Perry was also a part of the 4x400m relay team that won the event by nearly three seconds in 3:50.33, the second best time in the conference.

Sharon Kwarula, West Texas A&M University, had a strong weekend for the Lady Buffs on the track at the UNM Collegiate Classic in Albuquerque. She picked up a provisional time with a 8.69 in the women's 60mH, finishing fourth overall in the finals. She currently ranks first in the conference and tied for sixth in the nation in the event. She then led the 4x400m relay team to a provisional qualifying time of 3:49.51, also ranking first in the LSC and 14th in the country.

Sabrina Huelga, Eastern New Mexico University, continued her success from her previous meet, earning a seventh place finish in the women's 800m run at the New Mexico Classic with a 2:15.56 effort. The senior also helped her team place first in the women's distance medley with a time of 12:18.98, a full 23.69 seconds ahead of the second place team.

Braeghtyn McAleese, Harding University, broke Harding's school record in the weight throw with a mark of 42-10.75 (13.07m) at the MSSU Lion Invitational.

Malika Ouedraogo, West Texas A&M University, became the first WT athlete to earn an automatic qualifying mark for the second-straight season. She did so Saturday at the UNM Classic in Albuquerque with a 41-1.75 (12.54m) triple jump. That mark ranks her fourth in the nation currently.

## NOTES (Submitted by LSC SID's)

**Angelo State** 

#### Eastern New Mexico

Eastern New Mexico University continued to turn in top performances this weekend, placing well at the University of New Mexico Collegiate Classic. The women took first place in the distance medley relay behind runners Ashlee Pierson, Klaudia Syzch, Sabrina Huelga and Amber Saiz. They set a 12:18.98 time, a full 23.69 seconds ahead of the second place team West Texas A&M. Beth Blind placed 19th in the 3000m run with a time of 10:29.50. Dominique Zamora also placed in the 200 meter dash, posting a time of 28.29. On the men's side of the meet, Ilia Eligulachvili carried his record breaking success from the Masked Raider Open with a time of 1.22.63 in the 600 meter run, good enough for 18th. Nick Waterhouse and Andrew Anaya both placed in the 200 meter dash with times of 23.17 and 23.24 respectively. Eastern continued to place well in the final day of the Collegiate Classic, with Huelga highlighting the team with yet another top 10 finish on the season. Huelga earned seventh place in the women's 800 meter run with a time of 2:16.32. Syzch also placed in the event with a time of 2:20.29, placing 20th. The men placed just outside of the top 10 in the men's 4x400 meter relay. Nick, Anaya, Benjamin Lantz and Eligulachvili recorded a time of 3:25.63 in the event. Lantz also finished the men's one mile run with a time of 4:46.66. Saiz ran the women's one mile run in 5:12.40.

#### **Harding**

## **Midwestern State**

**Tarleton State** 

#### Texas A&M-Commerce

#### Texas A&M-Kingsville

Texas A&M-Kingsville sent a small contingent to New York City to compete in the Ramapo College Indoor Select. Both the men's and women's teams came in first, beating 17 and 18 teams, respectively. The Javelinas came away with nine event gold medals that was featured with Lutalo Boyce breaking the school and LSC long jump record in the third meet this season. Men also winning their events were Derek Tesch (weight throw), Jordan Yamoah (pole vault) and Courtney Macon (60m hurdles). For the women, Kaina Martinez (200m), Amber Perry (400m), Aricela Alvarez (triple jump) and Valerie Vrana (shot put) won individual meets while the team of Jasmine Miller, Kathy Trevino, Martinez and Perry finished first in the 4x400m relay. The Blue and Gold won't compete again until the LSC Championships on February 28 and March 1 in Lubbock, Texas.

#### West Texas A&M

The West Texas A&M men's and No. 24 women's track & field teams capped off a successful weekend on Saturday in the final day of the New Mexico Collegiate Classic in Albuquerque. Lorenzo Johnson and Malika Ouedraogo earned WT's first automatic qualifiers in the men's 60mH and women's triple jump events, respectively. Johnson would set the school and LSC record in the 60mH with a 7.80 time. Ouedraogo would qualify with a 41'-1.75" (12.54m) jump. WT would also grab five additional or improved provisional marks on the weekend while junior Damien Bourguin would break a new school record in the men's 600m event. The Buffs and Lady Buffs will return to action next weekend, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 13-14, as they split up between the Don Kirby Invite in Albuquerque and the GVSU Big Meet in Allendale, Mich.