



LONE STAR CONFERENCE SOFTBALL

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LSC SOFTBALL

Lone Star Conference action begins this week. LSC teams are playing a single round-robin schedule with a four games against each league opponent. The four-game series shall consist of a doubleheader Friday and a doubleheader Saturday.

Angelo State remains atop the Lone Star Conference standings at 11-1, with West Texas A&M (13-2) and Cameron (11-2) right behind them.

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 single-elimination championship will be played May 1-2, at the No. 1 seed.

LSC softball teams are 91-44 overall this season including a 24-15 mark last week. In the NCAA South Central Region, the group is currently 30-18 combined versus Heartland Conference teams and 36-11 against the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

HITTER

Katy Vandewater, Midwestern State University, SR, Shortstop, Arlington, Texas, O'Connor HS

Vandewater scorched the ball at a .471 clip with four homers and 13 RBIs to lead Midwestern State to a 5-0 showing last weekend at the Mansfield North Texas Softball Bash. The senior shortstop who slugged 1.235 over the weekend extended her hitting streak to seven games while upping her season numbers to a Lone Star Conference best seven homers and 30 RBIs. Vandewater crushed two home runs in an 8-2 win over Lubbock Christian on Thursday before going 2-for-4 with a homer and four RBIs in a 10-0 win over Baker (Kan.) on Friday. She closed the weekend by going 2-for-4 with a homer and three RBIs to spur the Mustangs to another 8-3 win over Lubbock Christian. Vandewater has struck for multiple hits in four of her last six games to improve her season batting average to .371.

PITCHER

Kelsey Watson, Cameron University, SR, Pitcher, Cache, Okla., Cache HS

Watson pitched near flawless last weekend after recording two wins and tossing 10 1/3 innings of scoreless softball. Against Oklahoma Panhandle she was three outs away from a perfect game before giving up two hits in the bottom of the fifth. In total, batters went .114 against her while recording 18 punch outs and no walks. So far this season Watson is 4-1 with 44 strikeouts in 33 2/3 innings of work.

OTHER TOP PERFORMERS

Loren Donaldson, Texas A&M University - Kingsville, went 5-for-6 at the plate in a doubleheader against Huston-Tillotson. Of her five hits, four went for extra bases with three doubles and a home run. She drove in a team-high four runs while scoring three times. Donaldson made eight putouts and one assist with no errors in the field.

Lacey Taylor, West Texas A&M University, had another strong weekend at the dish for the top ranked Lady Buffs this past weekend as WT went 3-1 to move to 13-2 overall on the season. The Byers, Texas native hit .600 with two doubles and two home runs to drive in seven RBI for an incredible slugging percentage of 1.400 while also drawing five walks for an on-base clip of .733. The junior catcher also stood-out on defense as Taylor tallied 19 putouts with three assists and no errors behind the plate. Taylor stretched her hitting streak to six games with one in all four games this past weekend, the junior has reached base in all 15 Lady Buff games this season. Taylor had a monster game against St. Edward's on Friday night as the junior went two-for-two at the plate with a single and a grand slam to drive in five RBI to go along with a walk as WT topped St. Edward's 11-3 in five innings.

Lauren Renneker, Cameron University, connected with three homers and batted .500 in Mansfield, Texas last weekend. In a tight 4-2 contest against Lubbock Christian, she knocked in the go-ahead runs off a homer to lead the Aggies to a win. Renneker had seven hits and six runs scored with five RBI, while putting together a 1.143 slugging percentage. The senior transfer from Southeastern Oklahoma has seen a resurgence this season with five homers and a .436 batting average. In her previous three seasons, she had total eight homers and batted .254.

Aurelia Sandoval, Eastern New Mexico University, paced the Zias offensively last week with a .500 batting average, with the Zias winning all five games she played in. Sandoval hit safely in four of her five games and had multiple RBIs twice. Her two-for-three performance with two runs scored, a double and two runs batted in, paced ENMU to a 5-4 win over St. Edwards. She also tossed out a potential base stealer against the Hilltoppers, to bring her career record in that category to 34.

Katelyn Conlee, Tarleton State University, led Tarleton State's offense last week at San Antonio with a .333 batting average over five games at the Rattler Invitational. She had one double and three RBIs to go along with a pair of walks and a stolen base.

Carlie Clark, Texas A&M University - Kingsville, was dominate in the circle. She allowed just one run on three hits while holding batters to a .167 average. Clark set a season-high with nine strikeouts. The first four batters went down on strikes while she only needed the minimum of nine pitches to get the first three Huston-Tillotson batters.

Katlyn Holmes, Midwestern State University, posted a 2-0 mark and recorded a save to lead Midwestern

STANDINGS

School	LSC	Overall	Streak
Angelo State	0-0	11-1	L1
West Texas A&M	0-0	13-2	W3
Cameron	0-0	11-2	W4
Midwestern State	0-0	13-4	W10
Eastern New Mexico	0-0	10-4	L1
Texas A&M-Kingsville	0-0	11-7	L1
Texas A&M-Commerce	0-0	6-5	W3
Tarleton State	0-0	9-9	L6
Texas Woman's	0-0	7-10	L1

SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 25, 2015

Southwest at Eastern New Mexico, 1 p.m.

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Friday, February 27, 2015

St. Edward's at Texas Woman's, 2 p.m.

*Cameron at Texas A&M-Commerce, 4 p.m.

Emporia State at Texas Woman's, 4:30 p.m.

*West Texas A&M at Tarleton State, 5 p.m.

*Eastern New Mexico at Midwestern State, 5 p.m.

*Cameron at Texas A&M-Commerce, 6 p.m.

*West Texas A&M at Tarleton State, 7 p.m.

*Eastern New Mexico at Midwestern State, 7 p.m.

Saturday, February 28, 2015

*Eastern New Mexico at Midwestern State, 10:30 a.m.

*Eastern New Mexico at Midwestern State, 12:30 p.m.

*West Texas A&M at Tarleton State, 1 p.m.

*Cameron at Texas A&M-Commerce, 1 p.m.

Emporia State at Texas Woman's, 2 p.m.

*Texas A&M-Kingsville at Angelo State, 3 p.m.

*Cameron at Texas A&M-Commerce, 3 p.m.

*West Texas A&M at Tarleton State, 3 p.m.

St. Edward's at Texas Woman's, 4:30 p.m.

*Texas A&M-Kingsville at Angelo State, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 1, 2015

*Texas A&M-Kingsville at Angelo State, 12 p.m.

*Texas A&M-Kingsville at Angelo State, 2:30 p.m.

All times are CST; *denotes LSC game

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Complete results at lonestarconference.org.

WEEKLY AWARDS

Date Hitter

F-10 Katelyn Conlee, Tarleton State

F-17 Renee Erwin, West Texas A&M

F-24 Katy Vandewater, Midwestern State

Date Pitcher

F-10 Brandy Marlett, Angelo State

F-17 Rita Hokianga, West Texas A&M

F-24 Kelsey Watson, Cameron

State to a perfect 5-0 showing last weekend at the Mansfield North Texas Softball Bash. The sophomore from Gunter notched her first shutout of the season weaving a one-hitter with eight strikeouts in a 10-0 win over Texas-Permian Basin in six innings on Thursday. Holmes came on for 1 1/3 innings of scoreless relief in a 7-4 victory over Oklahoma Panhandle State on Friday before limiting Lubbock Christian to three runs on six hits in a seven innings on Saturday. She limited the opposition to a .167 batting average permitting three runs on nine hits with 12 strikeouts and three walks in 14 1/3 innings during weekend play.

Kiana Zerr, Eastern New Mexico University, posted a 2-0 record last week, with victories over Newman and St. Edwards University. She tossed a complete game against the Hilltoppers and scattered eight hits. Zerr escaped a bases-loaded jam at the end of the SEU contest to preserve the win. She also limited Newman to five hits and fanned three batters in a 6-1 win.

Haley Freyman, Tarleton State University, posted a team-best ERA of 2.66 last weekend after appearing in four of Tarleton's five games at the Rattler Invitational. She allowed nine earned runs in 23.2 innings with a team-best five strikeouts for the weekend.

NOTES (Submitted by LSC SID's)

Angelo State

Did not play last week.

Cameron

Cameron went 4-1 last weekend in Mansfield, Texas to move to 11-2 overall in non-conference play. The Aggies crushed 13 homers and hit .367 with Paige Daino batting .571 with two homers, and seven RBI. Lauren Renneker has seen a surge in power since joining the Aggie squad for her senior season with three homers and five RBI this weekend; she also had a team high 1.143 slugging percentage. Additionally, Tara Martini blasted four homers and knocked in six RBI. Kelsey Watson provided CU stability inside the circle with 10 1/3 flawless innings with no walks or runs given up, she would also strike out 18 batters. The Aggies will open Lone Star Conference play at Texas A&M-Commerce for a four game series this weekend.

Eastern New Mexico

The Zias won five of six games last week to improve their record to 10-4 for the first time since the 2008 season. In last Wednesday's doubleheader against cross-state rival, New Mexico Highlands, ENMU won both games in its final at bat. On Friday, the Zias cruised to a pair of 6-1 victories in their first-ever meetings with Newman University. During that doubleheader, Aja Secheslingloff improved her record in the circle to 7-1. Eastern concluded the week end with a doubleheader split with St. Edwards. Amanda Martinez went four-for-four on the basepaths for the week and moved into a tie for fourth on the ENMU career stolen base list, with 32. She is tied with Nikki Gay, from the 2003 season. On Tuesday, the Zias will host University of the Southwest, before opening Lone Star Conference play at Midwestern State.

Midwestern State

Midwestern State rolled to a 5-0 record at the Mansfield North Texas Softball Bash last weekend at McKnight Park to improve to 13-4 on the season... The Mustangs' current 10-game winning streak is the longest since MSU won 10 consecutive games from Feb. 17-March 15, 2013... Seven different players launched home runs for Midwestern State last weekend as the Mustangs hit 10 in five games in Mansfield... Senior shortstop Katy Vandewater extended her hitting streak to seven games after going 8-for-17 at the plate (.471) with a double and four homers to drive in 13 runs over the weekend... Vandewater leads the Lone Star Conference with 30 RBIs this season and is tied for the home run lead at seven with Cameron's Tara Martini and Paige Daino... Junior Katelyn Vinson hit her 40th career home run Thursday against Lubbock Christian... Junior outfielder Haley Howerton belted her second home run of the season Saturday against Lubbock Christian -- a three-run shot over the center field fence.. Sophomore outfielder Taylor Bermudes hit .444 (8-of-18) with three doubles and four RBIs over the weekend to bring her season average to .485 with five doubles and three triples... Junior leadoff hitter Paige Stevens has reached base in 13 straight games after hitting .417 (5-of-12) with two doubles and a stolen base at the North Texas Softball Bash.. Sophomore pitcher Katlyn Holmes went 2-0 in the circle with a save while allowing three runs on nine hits in 14 1/3 innings with 12 strikeouts and three walks for a 1.47 ERA... Holmes weaved her first shutout of the season Thursday against Texas-Permian Basin... Sophomore Tayler Jerrick notched a season-high nine strikeouts in a two-hit shutout of Baker (Kan.) on Friday... Sophomore Erin Knox posted two wins in the circle allowing three earned runs on 11 hits in 12 2/3 innings with nine strikeouts and four walks for a 1.66 ERA... Knox launched her fourth homer of the season Thursday against Lubbock Christian...

Tarleton State

Tarleton State dropped five games at St. Mary's Rattler Invitational and brought its record to 9-9. They will return home this weekend to host No. 1 West Texas A&M, beginning Friday at 5 p.m.

Texas A&M-Commerce

3-4 last week.

Texas A&M-Kingsville

Texas A&M-Kingsville swept a doubleheader from Huston-Tillotson in their lone games last week. The two victories extended their winning streak to three. Leading the Javelinas at the plate was Loren Donaldson with an .833 batting average. Of her five hits, four went for extra bases with three doubles and a home run. She also drove in a team-high four runs. Rachael Longoria also hit .800 while Ariana Munoz recorded three RBI. In the circle, both Carlie Clark and Bella Rosas tossed complete games. Clark struck out a season-high nine and Rosas recorded seven. Both struck out the first four batters they faced with Clark needing the minimum nine pitches to strikeout the side in the first. This week TAMUK plays at Angelo State in the opening weekend of conference



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play. The Friday/Saturday series was moved to Saturday/Sunday because of the predicted inclement weather to hit the area.

Texas Woman's

The TWU softball team is 7-10 on the season after posting a 2-3 record at the Rattler Invitational. Senior Kendra Sancet was selected to the all-tournament team after leading the team on offense with a .385 batting average, .769 slugging percentage and a .471 on base percentage. She also recorded five hits, two doubles, one home run and two RBI. Junior Bailee Wortham led the pitching staff with a 2.84 ERA and 1-1 record. On the season Sancet has a team-best .453 average, .906 slugging percentage, .531 on base percentage, nine doubles, five home runs and 18 RBI. Sophomore Nicole Nordie is second in batting average with .426 while junior Laura Mabary has scored a team-best 16 runs. Sophomore Alyssa Galaz and freshman Tylia Sylestine each hit three home runs on the season. Wortham leads the team with a .355 ERA and has three wins on the season while sophomore Tori Bice leads the Pioneers with four wins and 28 strike outs.

West Texas A&M

The Lady Buffs of West Texas A&M dropped their opener but responded and never looked back this past weekend as they finished the Lady Buff Invite with a 3-1 record to move to 13-2 overall this season. Top ranked WT fell to St. Edward's 7-5 in the weekend's opener but answered with a 11-3 run-rule victory in the nightcap before taking two games from the Newman Jets on Saturday afternoon. The Lady Buffs begin the defense of their Lone Star Conference Championship this weekend as they travel to Stephenville, Texas for a four-game league series with the TexAnns of Tarleton State starting on Friday night with first pitch scheduled for 5 p.m. followed by doubleheader action on Saturday at 1 p.m.