



LONE STAR CONFERENCE BASEBALL

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LSC BASEBALL

Lone Star Conference play is underway with Angelo State and Texas A&M-Kingsville leading the standings at 6-1 and 5-2, respectively.

Incident weather has cancelled five games but two of those will be made up during the teams three-game series later this season, thereby becoming a four-game series.

This week's action includes Cameron at Tarleton State, Eastern New Mexico at Texas A&M-Kingsville, and West Texas A&M at Angelo State.

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 58-24 overall this season including a 12-7 mark last week. In the NCAA South Central Region, the teams are currently 19-6 combined versus Heartland Conference teams and 7-6 against the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

HITTER

J.C. Snyder, Angelo State University, SR, RF, Salem, Utah, Salem Hills HS

Snyder continued his strong start to the season by hitting .636 with seven total hits and three doubles in Angelo State's 2-1 series win at Tarleton State last weekend. Snyder hit his fourth home run of the season in the series opener and now has a conference-leading 12 doubles through 18 games. A transfer from BYU, Snyder is hitting .453 on the season and has scored 17 runs after scoring five over the weekend in Stephenville. At TSU, he had a .667 on-base percentage and a 1.182 slugging percentage.

PITCHER

Hayden James, Texas A&M University - Kingsville, SR, RHP, Corpus Christi, Texas, Richard King HS

James dominated in a 1-0 shutout win over Cameron Sunday as the senior allowed just one hit and one walk and struck out seven for his third win of the season... the big right-hander threw the second consecutive complete game for TAMUK and held the Aggies to just two baserunners all afternoon and a .045 batting average... on the year, he is 3-2 after following his career-high of 11 strikeouts vs. WT with seven in his first shutout in a Javelina uniform.

OTHER TOP PERFORMERS

Brayton Carlson, Texas A&M University - Kingsville, hit .417 in four games this week as the center field led the Hogs to a 2-2 record against Houston-Victoria and Cameron University... Carlson went 3-for-4 at UHV and scored two runs in a 8-0 win over the Aggies on Sunday.

Chris Sanders, Eastern New Mexico University, recorded a team-high five hits over the course of the four game series with West Texas A&M and was the only Greyhound to record multiple hits (2) in the Greyhounds lone win of the series, 9-2. Sanders' three doubles were the most by an Eastern player in a series this season and now place him fifth overall in the LSC for doubles. His overall .375 average also placed him sixth overall in the conference. Sanders earned a team-high eight total bases during the series and had a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage with three putouts and no errors in the outfield.

Jacob Caples, West Texas A&M University, hit a two-run bomb in the bottom of the eighth inning on Friday night at Wilder Park to lift the Buffs to an 8-6 come-from-behind win over Eastern New Mexico in the series opener. WT was down 6-5 in the bottom of the eighth before the blast which was his second of the year to tie for the team lead. For the week, Caples hit .308 with four hits, while scoring a team-high five runs. He had two doubles to tie for the team-lead and the one home run, while driving in four. Caples slugged .692 and reached base at a .471 clip and reached based in all four games. In the opener, he went 2 for 5 with a run scored and three RBI for his third multi-hit game of the season helping the Buffs to a 3-1 series win over Eastern New Mexico.

Paul Lujan, West Texas A&M University, had two saves and earned the win in the Buffs 3-1 series victory over Eastern New Mexico this weekend. Lujan had the save in the opener Friday pitching the ninth inning and had the save in 1.2 innings in a wild 9-8 win on Saturday. He then earned the win in the ninth pitching the final two outs prior to a walk-off grand slam in the bottom of the frame for a 7-4 win to take the series. He pitched 3.1 innings for the week, allowing two hits, one unearned run, with one walk and four strikeouts. Lujan has a 0.00 ERA in six appearances this season with three saves in 6.1 innings. Lujan set the school single-season record for saves last year with nine and now has 12 for his career.

Blake Bass, Angelo State University, dominated Tarleton State last Saturday with 10 strikeouts and no walks to move his record to 5-0 on the season. Bass allowed only five hits and one run in six innings of work in his sixth start of the season and now has a 1.54 ERA with 38 strikeouts through 35 innings this season. An LSC first-team selection last season and this year's LSC Preseason Pitcher of the Year, Bass has won his last five starts after receiving a no-decision in the season opener. Bass established a new career-high with his 10 strikeouts on

STANDINGS

School	LSC	Overall	Streak
Angelo State	6-1	16-2	L1
Texas A&M-Kingsville	5-2	11-7	W2
West Texas A&M	4-4	12-8	W2
Tarleton State	1-2	7-6	W1
Eastern New Mexico	1-3	5-10	L1
Cameron	1-6	7-11	L2

SCHEDULE

Friday, March 13, 2015

- *Cameron at Tarleton State, 3 p.m.
- *Eastern New Mexico at Texas A&M-Kingsville, 6 p.m.
- *West Texas A&M at Angelo State, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 14, 2015

- *Eastern New Mexico at Texas A&M-Kingsville, 1 p.m.
- *Cameron at Tarleton State, 1 p.m.
- *Eastern New Mexico at Texas A&M-Kingsville, 3:30 p.m.
- *Cameron at Tarleton State, 4 p.m.
- *West Texas A&M at Angelo State, 4 p.m.
- *West Texas A&M at Angelo State, 6 p.m.

Sunday, March 15, 2015

- *Cameron at Tarleton State, 1 p.m.
- *Eastern New Mexico at Texas A&M-Kingsville, 1 p.m.
- *West Texas A&M at Angelo State, 1 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
F-17	Dylan Dyson, West Texas A&M
F-24	Cline Andrews, Texas A&M-Kingsville
M-3	Nehwon Norkeh, Angelo State
M-10	J.C. Snyder, Angelo State

Date Pitcher

F-11	Eythan Lenz, Tarleton State
F-17	Steve Naemark, Angelo State
F-24	Steve Naemark, Angelo State (2)
M-3	Tyler Gibson, West Texas A&M
M-10	Hayden James, Texas A&M-Kingsville



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Saturday with his commanding performance against the Texans. He had previously had three seven-strikeout games on his resume.

Zach Shank, Eastern New Mexico University, pitched relief in the ENMU vs. West Texas A&M series. The R-Fr. threw only one walk and recorded a game-high three strikeouts. Shank finished the weekend with a team leading 2.25 ERA. His four innings pitched was the second most innings pitched this season for the reliever.

NOTES (Submitted by LSC SID's)

Angelo State

The Rams won their fifth straight series by taking two of three at Tarleton State last weekend in a dominant three-game set where they outscored the Texans by a combined score of 29-5, hit .371 as a team and the pitching staff owned a 2.05 ERA with 29 strikeouts in 22 innings of work. ASU opened the series with an 18-0 win for the program's most lopsided shutout. The Rams dropped the series finale 3-1 in a loss which snapped a 15-game winning streak before rain canceled the series finale which was scheduled for Monday. ASU will host West Texas A&M this weekend in a four-game series at Foster Field and comes into the series with a 16-2 record.

Cameron

Cameron went 1-2 last week in LSC play against Texas A&M-Kingsville. The Aggies put up three runs in the bottom of the ninth of Saturday to rally to a 6-5 win before being shut down for four hits in a 7/7 inning doubleheader on Sunday. Javaraias Banks on Sunday pitched a complete game and allowed an unearned run in a complete game but was charged for the loss with seven strikeouts. Cameron will make up their loss game with TAMUK on April 12 in Kingsville. A four game series at Tarleton State is on deck for the Aggies starting this Friday.

Eastern New Mexico

The Eastern New Mexico University baseball team took 1-of-4 games in a weekend series against in-conference rivals West Texas A&M University. With every game except the one greyhound win going down to the wire, the two teams showed that their rivalry is alive and well. Eastern's lone victory came by a score of 9-2, with the three losses all within three runs (8-6, 9-8, and 7-4). There were a total of 14 lead changes between the three games, with two of the contest being decided in the last inning. The first game of the series on March 6, ended in a three run inning by the Buffaloes to take the final lead 8-6. The second game of the following doubleheader ended when the Buffaloes scored four runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to take a 9-7 lead and the final game ended in heartbreaking fashion for the Greyhounds as West Texas hit a two out, 0-2 count grand slam to end in a walk off, 7-4. Cody Pope earned Eastern's only win of the series, pitching a complete game in seven innings, recording two strikeouts while giving up two runs and six hits. Pope had a 2.57 ERA in the start, giving him a team-leading 2.39 ERA overall and a 3-1 record on the season. Zach Shank and Clyde Kendrick also played major roles from the mound for the Greyhounds, throwing a combined 10 innings. Kendrick recorded seven strikeouts while allowing two hits and two earned runs. Shank threw three strikeouts in his four innings pitched, allowing three hits and one earned run for a series-high 2.25 ERA. From the Plate, Chris Sanders continued his dominant performance, recording a team-high five hits in 13 at bats, scoring three runs and three RBIs. His three doubles led the team. With his three run homerun in the win over West Texas, Blake Cooper now sits at four homeruns on the season and is on pace to break his career-high record of eight from last year. Cooper recorded three hits in the series with a team-high six RBIs.

Tarleton State

1-2 last week.

Texas A&M-Kingsville

Texas A&M-Kingsville went 2-2 this week and shutout Cameron in both games on Sunday, taking game one, 8-0, and game one, 1-0... Matt Terrones (3-0) and Hayden James (3-2) dominated and combined to allow just four hits in 14.0 innings for shutouts... on the year, the Javelinas are 11-7 and 5-2 in LSC play.

West Texas A&M

The Buffs got back on the winning track this week with a thrilling four game series versus Eastern New Mexico... WT won three of the four games, but were out hit (33-28) and outscored (27-26)...The Buffs offensive woes continued as they hit just .239 for the series, but the defense turned two double plays and stranded 22 Greyhounds, while the staff held ENMU to a .266 average and found a way to get the job done...Junior Brooks Trujillo took a two-hit shutout into the ninth inning on Sunday and senior Paul Lujan earned two saves for the weekend with an 8-6 win and 9-8 victory...WT senior Jacob Caples had a go ahead two run home run in the 8-6 victory in the opener Friday...On Sunday, senior Aaron Blair hit a walk-off grand slam in the bottom of the ninth in Sunday's game for the series victory...WT won Saturday's nightcap, splitting a doubleheader with a 9-8 victory...WT now is 4-5 this season in one-run games...WT returns to the road this weekend at nationally ranked Angelo State for a four game series this weekend.

