



# LONE STAR CONFERENCE SOFTBALL

## WEEKLY RELEASE | MARCH 16, 2015

Contact: Melanie Robotham | Assistant Commissioner | Office: 972-234-0033 x. 103 |  
E-mail: [melanie@lonestarconference.org](mailto:melanie@lonestarconference.org) | [www.lonestarconference.org](http://www.lonestarconference.org) | Twitter: @LoneStarConf

### LSC SOFTBALL

Cameron leads the standings with a perfect 4-0 Lone Star Conference record along with a program best 19-2 overall mark and 12-game winning streak. West Texas A&M is just behind them at 7-1.

This week's conference match-ups include CU at Eastern New Mexico, Texas A&M-Commerce at WT, Angelo State at Texas Woman's, and Midwestern State at Tarleton State.

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.

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 126-76 overall this season. In the NCAA South Central Region, the group is currently 40-18 combined versus Heartland Conference teams and 36-11 against the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

### PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

#### HITTER

**Allie Smith, West Texas A&M University, FR, Utility, Flower Mound, Texas, Flower Mound HS**

Smith had a huge weekend for the top ranked Lady Buffs as the freshman started off the road series at No. 6 Angelo State in style with her first collegiate home run in the top of the first, a three-run shot to left field as WT cruised to a 21-0 win in the opener. The Flower Mound, Texas native wasn't done yet as she gave the Lady Buffs a pair of much needed insurance runs in the top of the fifth in Game 3 with a two-run bomb to left center to stretch the WT lead to 4-1 in an eventual 4-2 win. Smith hit .667 on the weekend with two home runs to drive in 5 RBI for a slugging percentage of 1.333 while also walking three times with just one strikeout on the weekend to register a .750 on-base clip. The Lady Buffs took three-of-four games from the rival Belles at Mayer Field in San Angelo.

#### CO-PITCHER

**Brandy Marlett, Angelo State University, FR, P, Henderson, Nev., Rancho HS**

Marlett threw Angelo State softball's eighth no-hitter in school history in a 4-0 win over No. 5 St. Mary's. She combined to allow eight hits and two runs against nationally ranked opponents St. Mary's and West Texas A&M. She threw three complete games going 2-1 with two shutouts. The Henderson, Nev., native limited No. 1 WT to two hits and held the Lady Buffs scoreless for the first time since 2013. She became the second pitcher in ASU history to throw double-digit strikeouts in back-to-back outing with 10 and 11 on consecutive days against WT. She finished the week with a 0.33 earned run average and 28 strikeouts. Marlett held opponents to a .114 batting average last week.

**Rita Hokianga, West Texas A&M University, SR, Pitcher, Hawke's Bay, New Zealand, Hukarere Girls College**

Hokianga, the Lone Star Conference Preseason Pitcher of the Year, continued to dominate in the circle this past weekend as the senior went 2-0 with a 1.20 ERA as the top ranked Lady Buffs took 3-of-4 games from No. 6 Angelo State on the road in LSC play. She tossed 11.2 innings on the weekend, giving up two runs on seven hits four walks and 12 strikeouts as she also picked up a save in Game 2. Hokianga tossed her second career no-hitter on Friday night in the opener dominating the powerful ASU offense, striking out six Belles while handing out just one walk as the top ranked Lady Buffs rolled to a 21-0 run-rule victory. The no-no was the seventh in program history while Hokianga joined Lindsay Wright and Shelby Cockrell as the only Lady Buffs to toss multiple no-hitters in their WT careers.

### OTHER TOP PERFORMERS

Laura Mabary, Texas Woman's University, helped the Pioneers to a 2-2 record at Midwestern State with a team-best .563 batting average and 8 RBI. She batted .700 with 7 RBI and 4 runs in the doubleheader sweep on Saturday. Mabary drove in the eventual game-winning runs in both games and went 5-for-5 in game-one on Saturday. On the season she is currently ranked second on the team in batting average (.447), runs (25) and tied for second in RBI (22). Mabary has a team-best 3 triples and has a .520 batting average with 10 RBI against conference foes.

Breezy McComas, Cameron University, batted .500 for the Aggies and had three homers last week. In six games she had two doubles, five runs, and eight RBIs, while slugging for 1.111. On Wednesday she was involved in both of CU's wins against the Lions by scoring the games only run in the opener and adding two homers and go-ahead run in a eight inning 7-6 win. On Saturday against Texas A&M-Kingsville she scored two of the Aggies three runs for the win, and on Sunday she added her third homer of the week in a 4-1 win.

Audrey Velasquez, Eastern New Mexico University, turned in a strong weekend for the ENMU softball team with a .429 batting average with a double and three runs batted in. She hit safely in three of the four games and went two-for-five with two RBIs and one runs scored in Eastern's win over Texas A&M-Commerce.

Kelsey Watson, Cameron University, tossed three complete games which were all shutout wins for the Aggies last week, and has pitched 22 scoreless innings in a row; she has also gone 25.2 innings without giving up an earned run. In her three starts, Watson punched out 15 batters while allowing only a .192 average at the plate. On Wednesday at Texas A&M-Commerce, she allowed only six hits and had a slim margin of error in a

### STANDINGS

School	LSC	Overall	Streak
Cameron	4-0	19-2	W12
West Texas A&M	7-1	20-3	L1
Texas A&M-Commerce	4-2	15-11	W1
Texas Woman's	4-2	12-12	W2
Angelo State	6-4	21-5	W1
Midwestern State	2-6	15-10	L2
Eastern New Mexico	2-6	14-10	L1
Texas A&M-Kingsville	1-7	7-12	L4
Tarleton State	0-2	13-11	W4

### SCHEDULE

#### Tuesday, March 17, 2015

Cameron at Oklahoma Christian, 1 p.m.  
Southwestern Okla. at Eastern New Mexico, 2 p.m.  
Cameron at Oklahoma Christian, 3 p.m.  
Southwestern Okla. at Eastern New Mexico, 4 p.m.  
Texas A&M-Kingsville at St. Mary's, 5 p.m.  
Texas A&M-Kingsville at St. Mary's, 7 p.m.

#### Wednesday, March 18, 2015

Texas A&M-Kingsville at Huston-Tillotson, 2 p.m.  
Texas A&M-Kingsville at Huston-Tillotson, 4 p.m.  
Newman at Texas A&M-Commerce, 4 p.m.  
Newman at Texas A&M-Commerce, 6 p.m.

#### Thursday, March 19, 2015

\*Angelo State at Texas Woman's, 5 p.m.  
\*Angelo State at Texas Woman's, 7 p.m.

#### Friday, March 20, 2015

\*Angelo State at Texas Woman's, 1 p.m.  
\*Cameron at Eastern New Mexico, 2 p.m.  
\*Angelo State at Texas Woman's, 3 p.m.  
\*Cameron at Eastern New Mexico, 4 p.m.  
\*Texas A&M-Commerce at West Texas A&M, 5 p.m.  
\*Midwestern State at Tarleton State, 5 p.m.  
\*Texas A&M-Commerce at West Texas A&M, 7 p.m.  
\*Midwestern State at Tarleton State, 7 p.m.

#### Saturday, March 21, 2015

\*Cameron at Eastern New Mexico, 1 p.m.  
\*Texas A&M-Commerce at West Texas A&M, 1 p.m.  
\*Midwestern State at Tarleton State, 1 p.m.  
\*Texas A&M-Commerce at West Texas A&M, 3 p.m.  
\*Cameron at Eastern New Mexico, 3 p.m.  
\*Midwestern State at Tarleton State, 3 p.m.

All times are CST; \*denotes LSC game

### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Complete results at [lonestarconference.org](http://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
M-3	Kyra Sirag, Eastern New Mexico
M-10	Nicole Nordie, Texas Woman's
M-16	Allie Smith, West Texas A&M

Date	Pitcher
F-10	Brandy Marlett, Angelo State
F-17	Rita Hokianga, West Texas A&M

1-0 win to hand the Lions their first ever home loss. Again on Saturday, Watson wasn't given much run support and managed to allow only three hits in a 3-0 win against Texas A&M-Kingsville. Watson has won her last seven starts and has seen her earned run average fall to 1.64, nearly one run lower since the streak started. In nine starts this season she has also tossed five shutouts, with seven complete games.

Tori Bice, Texas Woman's University, has contributed both in the circle and at the plate in the four games at Midwestern State. After the Pioneers dropped the first two games of the series, Bice started both games on Saturday and tossed 267 pitches to win both games and even the series at 2-2. She started three of the four games and posted a 2-1 record while pitching in 19.0 of the weekend's 25 innings. Bice also batted .545 with three RBI including a .750 average (6-for-8) in the doubleheader sweep on Saturday. On the season she has an 8-7 record with 45 strikeouts including 3-1 with 15 strikeouts against conference foes.

Aja Secheslingloff, Eastern New Mexico University, split a pair of games at Texas A&M-Commerce and became the Zias first pitcher to win 10 games in a season since the 2009 season. On Sunday, she scattered six hits and allowed just three runs to pick up the 8-3 win.

## NOTES (Submitted by LSC SID's)

### Angelo State

3-3 last week.

### Cameron

The Cameron softball team went 6-0 last week with wins against Texas A&M-Commerce and Texas A&M-Kingsville. Overall, the Aggies have a league best 19-2 record which is a program best and won they have won 12 straight contests. Cameron has a team hit .327 and knocked out seven homers, with 32 RBI in the six games. In the circle, CU pitching had a 1.37 ERA and allowed opposing teams to a .208 batting average. Kelsey Watson tossed three complete game shutouts and has a 22 inning scoreless streak. Breezy McComas paced the Aggie bats with a .500 average in 18 at bats with a pair of double and three homers. The Aggies will play a on contest at Oklahoma Christian on Tuesday before traveling to Eastern New Mexico for a four game LSC series on Friday.

### Eastern New Mexico

Last weekend, the Zias picked up an 8-3 win over Texas A&M-Commerce, in the first-ever Lone Star Conference series between the teams. Despite dropping the series, Eastern saw Aja Secheslingloff become the first Zia pitcher to reach the 10-win mark in a season since 2009. Audrey Velasquez wielded the big bat, with a .429 average. This week, ENMU will host Southwestern Oklahoma State and Cameron.

### Midwestern State

2-2 last week.

### Tarleton State

4-0 last week.

### Texas A&M-Commerce

3-3 last week.

### Texas A&M-Kingsville

0-4 last week.

### Texas Woman's

The TWU softball team is 12-12 on the season and 4-2 in the Lone Star Conference after posting a 2-2 record at Midwestern State this past weekend. The Pioneers dropped the first two games on Friday before sweeping the doubleheader on Saturday to even the series. Junior Laura Mabary led team with a .563 batting average and 8 RBI including a .700 batting average with 7 RBI and 4 runs in the doubleheader sweep on Saturday. Sophomore Tori Bice has contributed both in the circle and at the plate in the four games. After the Pioneers dropped the first two games of the series, Bice started both games on Saturday and tossed 267 pitches to win both games and even the series at 2-2. She started three of the four games and posted a 2-1 record while pitching in 19.0 of the weekend's 25 innings. Bice also batted .545 with three RBI including a .750 average (6-for-8) in the doubleheader sweep on Saturday. On the season sophomore Nicole Nordie leads the Pioneers with a .500 batting average and 26 runs. She is second in home runs (5) and tied for second in RBI (22). Mabary is second with .447 batting average and runs (25) and tied with Nordie in RBI. Senior Kendra Sancet leads the team in home runs (7) and RBI (27). Bice leads the pitching staff with an 8-7 record and 45 strikeouts in 81.1 innings.

### West Texas A&M

The top ranked Lady Buffs of West Texas A&M continued to play well this past weekend as they took 3-of-4 games from the rival No. 6 Belles of Angelo State at Mayer Field in San Angelo, Texas in Lone Star Conference action. With the wins, the Lady Buffs move to 20-3 overall with a 7-1 record in league play to sit in second place.

WT was led by Allie Smith at the dish as the freshman hit .667 with a pair of home runs to drive in 5 RBI on the weekend while Stacey Ramirez continued to improve, hitting .308 with four hits in 13 at-bats while stealing two bases. Rita Hokianga was dominant in the circle as the senior lefty tossed the program's 7th no-hitter on Friday night in a 21-0 rout of the Belles as Hokianga went 2-0 on the weekend with a 1.20 ERA with 12 strikeouts, while also picking up a save.

The Lady Buffs return to the friendly confines of Schaeffer Park in Lone Star Conference action this weekend as the Lions of Texas A&M-Commerce come to Canyon for the first time as a program for a four-game series starting on Friday night with doubleheader action set for 5 p.m. followed by the final two games of the series on Saturday afternoon with first pitch scheduled for 1 p.m.

F-24	Kelsey Watson, Cameron
M-3	Kenedy Urbany, Angelo State
M-10	Rita Hokianga, West Texas A&M (2)
M-16	Brandy Marlett, Angelo State
	Rita Hokianga, West Texas A&M (3)



**LSC SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**MAY 1-2 | NO. 1 SEED**

