



LONE STAR CONFERENCE BASEBALL

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LSC BASEBALL

Texas A&M-Kingsville claimed its fourth league series to stay atop the Lone Star Conference standings and improved to 12-3 in league play.

This week's league contests include TAMUK at Tarleton State, West Texas A&M at Cameron, and Angelo State at Eastern New Mexico.

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 7-9, at the No. 1 seed.

LSC baseball teams are 82-68 overall this season. 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

Jonathan Reyes, Cameron University, JR, INF, Juncos, Puerto Rico, South Grand Prairie HS

Reyes batted .533 in four games at Eastern New Mexico and his bat carried Cameron to a 7-6 win in the series opener with the Greyhounds. Reyes provided three hits and four RBI in the victory, with a three run homer which provided CU insurance runs in the eighth inning. In the four game series, he scored eight of CU's 24 runs, had a .579 on-base percentage, eight hits, with a .800 slugging percentage.

PITCHER

Ryan Benitez, Texas A&M University - Kingsville, SR, RHP, New Braunfels, Texas, New Braunfels HS

Benitez went 7.0 innings in the game one victory over No. 13/6 Angelo State, 2-0... the senior right-hander struck out seven and allowed just three hits in his first shutout performance as a Javelina... anchoring the pitching rotation for the Hogs, Benitez is 4-1 with a 2.64 ERA... The New Braunfels native has punched out 49 hitters in 44.1 innings.

OTHER TOP PERFORMERS

Paxton DeLaGarza, Angelo State University, hit two home runs and had eight hits in Angelo State's four-game series at Texas A&M-Kingsville on Sunday and Monday. DeLaGarza finished the series hitting .533 with four RBI and one double. A junior shortstop, he is leading the Rams with a .410 average through 100 at-bats this season with seven doubles, one triple and two home runs after his power surge in Kingsville. He also has 16 RBI for the Rams and has only struck out nine times all season.

Aaron Blair, West Texas A&M University, had a big week as the Buffs swept a four game series against Tarleton State. He went 6 of 13 from the plate with a team-high two doubles, one triple and three RBI, while recording a team-high 10 total bases. Blair slugged a team-best .769 and reached base at a .500 clip with one walk and no strikeouts to lead the team. Blair had 29 put outs with one assist in 32 chances.

Dalton Weeks, Tarleton State University, had a strong showing at the dish in Canyon last weekend as the sophomore outfielder led the Texans with a .444 batting average in nine at bats against the Buffs last weekend. Weeks also scored twice and stole two bases.

Clint Wallace, Texas A&M University - Kingsville, was behind the plate in all four games this week, hitting .417 with two RBI and two walks in a series victory over No. 13/6 Angelo State... the senior catcher reached base safely seven times and continued to be a pivotal role in the outstanding pitching performances of the Hogs.

Hunter Houston, Tarleton State University, made two appearances out of the bullpen last weekend for Tarleton State and kept the Buffs off the board in both outings. The sophomore right-hander tossed 1.2 innings of three-hit relief en route to posting a 0.00 ERA for the weekend. He continues to lead the Texans in ERA for the year.

Dirk Masters, Cameron University, tossed a complete game three hit shutout for the Aggies in an 8-0 win this last weekend. Masters punched out seven ENMU hitters and allowed only one walk in the outing. This season he has had two starts where he allowed teams to two hits and brought his season ERA to a 2.84 in 38 innings of work.

Tyler Gibson, West Texas A&M University, began the Tarleton State series with a complete game, five-hitter allowing one earned run with no walks and a season-high 10 strikeouts Friday evening in a 6-1 win. It was his first complete game of the season and second game of pitching nine innings this season.

Cody Pope, Eastern New Mexico University, earned the lone win of the series for the Greyhounds, pitching a complete seven inning game while recording a series-high eight strikeouts, a 1.29 ERA and giving up only four hits and one earned run. The Eastern ace is now 4-1 on the season and tied for third place in the Lone Star conference for most wins. His eight strikeouts put him at No. 7 in the conference in total strikeouts.

STANDINGS

School	LSC	Overall	Streak
Texas A&M-Kingsville	12-3	18-8	L1
West Texas A&M	10-6	18-10	W5
Angelo State	9-6	19-7	W1
Cameron	6-9	12-14	W2
Tarleton State	3-8	9-12	L5
Eastern New Mexico	2-10	6-17	L2

SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

Texas A&M-Kingsville at St. Edward's, 2 p.m.

Friday, March 27, 2015

*West Texas A&M at Cameron, 2 p.m.

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

*Angelo State at Eastern New Mexico, 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 28, 2015

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

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

*Angelo State at Eastern New Mexico, 2 p.m.

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

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

*Angelo State at Eastern New Mexico, 4 p.m.

Sunday, March 29, 2015

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

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

*Angelo State at Eastern New Mexico, 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
M-16	Justin Winters, Cameron
M-24	Jonathan Reyes, Cameron

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
M-16	Brooks Trujillo, West Texas A&M
M-24	Ryan Benitez, Texas A&M-Kingsville



NOTES (Submitted by LSC SID's)**Angelo State**

The Rams lost their first series of the season after dropping three of four in a two-day, four-game series on Sunday and Monday at Texas A&M-Kingsville. ASU avoided a sweep by earning an 11-3 win in the series finale after being limited to one run in the previous three games. Paxton DeLaGarza led the Rams at the plate by going 8-for-15 (.533) with two home runs, while Derek Tyner, Nehwon Norkeh and J.C. Snyder each had four hits. Norkeh blasted a grand slam in the fourth game of the series and now leads the LSC with five home runs this season. Steve Naemark (5-1) and Blake Bass (5-1) both took their first loss of the season against the Javelinas, while Dillon Becker recorded his second win of the year after a 2 1/3 inning relief appearance where he had three strikeouts and did not allow a run. Naemark took the loss in the opener despite allowing no earned runs and having five strikeouts. He now leads the LSC with a 0.55 ERA and 63 strikeouts through eight starts and 49.0 innings pitched. The Rams will look to get back in the conference standings this weekend when they travel to Portales to play a four-game series against Eastern New Mexico this weekend.

Cameron

The Aggie men went 3-1 against Eastern New Mexico in their weekend series, winning game one 7-6, losing game two 2-1, and taking games three and four by a score of 8-0 in both games. Cameron tallied 10 or more hits in all three of their wins, and had a season high 15 in game one. The pitching staff combined for just five earned runs and struck out a total of 23 Greyhound batters while walking just four in the four game series. Jonathan Reyes led the Ags over the weekend racking up a .533 batting average (8-15), while scoring eight runs and driving in five in the series. Codey Upton pitched 7.1 innings in game one and got the win, while Dirk Masters pitched a gem in game three, going seven shutout innings while giving up just three hits, striking out seven, and walking only one ENMU batter. Four CU pitchers combined for a seven hit shutout in game four, with Zach Cordell getting the win. The Aggies will face WT for their next taste of home action, Mar. 27-29.

Eastern New Mexico

The Greyhounds took one game of a four game series against Cameron over the weekend, moving to 6-17 overall and 2-10 in the Lone Star conference. Cody Pope earned the lone win of the series, pitching a complete seven inning game recording a series-high eight strikeouts, a 1.29 ERA and giving up only four hits and one earned run. The Eastern ace is now 4-1 on the season and tied for third place in the conference for most wins. The team had some quality innings out of several pitchers over the series, with both James Gray and Daniel Schiller putting up good numbers. Gray threw four shutout innings in the loss to the Aggies on Friday and Schiller had three shutout innings in the series Finale Sunday. Justin Paul led the Greyhounds from the plate over the weekend, going 5-for-14 and finishing with a .357 average. Paul also led the team in runs batted in with three and had a slugging percentage of .571. Seven Greyhounds had multiple hits in the series, with Paul leading the way, Chris Sanders and Matthew Burks were tied for second on the team with four hits apiece.

Tarleton State

0-4 last week.

Texas A&M-Kingsville

Texas A&M-Kingsville improved to 5-0 in 2015 series after taking three out of four from No. 13/6 Angelo State... the Hogs threw two shutouts with Matt Terrones and Ryan Benitez going 7.0 innings apiece as the Javelinas continue to stay atop the LSC standings.

West Texas A&M

The West Texas A&M baseball team swept a four-game series from Tarleton State winning its fifth straight game this weekend...The Buffs hit .322 for the series on 38 of 118 and held TSU to a .205 average...The Buffs outscored TSU 20-7 and belted five doubles and six triples for the series...On the bump, WT tallied a 1.69 ERA with two saves and two complete games...WT fanned TSU 30 times and walked just four, while allowing seven runs with six earned on 23 hits...Senior Tyler Gibson had his second game of pitching nine innings with his first complete game and fanning 10, while senior Justin Disbro tallied nine strikeouts to one walk in a doubleheader win Saturday...Senior Paul Lujan tallied two saves in 2.1 innings with two strikeouts...For the week, WT had eight of 11 players hit .300 or better...The staff surrendered just five extra-base hits, while WT tallied 11 extra-base hits and slugged .466, while reaching base at a .373 clip...WT improved to 18-10 on the year and 10-6 in league play.



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