



# LONE STAR CONFERENCE SOFTBALL

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### LSC SOFTBALL

West Texas A&M has clinched at least a share of the Lone Star Conference title at 21-3 in league play. The Lady Buffs have won 13 straight games.

This week's conference schedule includes Eastern New Mexico at Texas Woman's, Texas A&M-Commerce at Angelo State, Cameron at Midwestern State, and Texas A&M-Kingsville 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 209-148-4 overall this season. In the NCAA South Central Region, the group is currently 49-28 combined versus Heartland Conference teams and 37-12 against the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

### PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

#### HITTER

**Renee Erwin, West Texas A&M University, SR, Outfielder, Anna, Texas, Anna HS**

Erwin had one of the most memorable weekends in Lone Star Conference history as the senior from Anna, Texas hit .714 with two doubles, one triple and three home runs to drive in 12 RBI with an impressive slugging percentage of 1.643 to break three LSC career records in a four-game sweep of Eastern New Mexico as WT outscored the Zias 74-11 with 21 homers in 24 innings. Erwin broke the LSC's all-time home run record in Friday's nightcap with a two-run blast down the left field line (58) to pass former Lady Buff All-American and current volunteer assistant Kim LeComte and former Midwestern State standout Kim Jerrick. WT also tied an LSC single game record with nine home runs in that game. The Anna, Texas native wasn't done re-writing the league's record books as she set a new RBI record (236) with a three run blast to left center field in game three to pass LeComte while finishing the weekend with 12 runs scored to pass former All-American and teammate Alyssa Lemos for the league's record in runs scored with 252 and counting.

#### PITCHER

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

Watson gave the Aggies two wins over the weekend against Tarleton State. In the series opener, she punched out 10 TexAnn batters and tossed a four hitter, while only giving up only two earned runs. Watson followed up that performance with a second four hitter with six strikeouts and one run allowed, a solo homer, in the 6-1 victory. She came off the bench in the final game of the series, going 4 2/3 innings, while allowing one earned run. In three games, Watson went 18 2/3 innings with 18 strikeouts and a 1.50 ERA.

### OTHER TOP PERFORMERS

Kyra Sirag, Eastern New Mexico University, turned in a strong week and hit .389 with a .722 slugging percentage against two of the top teams in the region. She batted .571 against Lubbock Christian and posted a .429 on-base percentage against second-ranked West Texas A&M with a double and homer. Sirag batted safely in five of the week's six games and had a pair of two RBI games against the Lady Chaps.

Nyka Wood, Tarleton State University, was a run-producing machine last weekend as the freshman catcher helped Tarleton take two games from Cameron in Lawton. Wood hit .308 in four games while driving in a team-high five RBIs in addition to being 2-2 with runners on third base and less than two outs. She also had 11 defensive putouts and one assist behind the plate with a 1.000 fielding percentage for the weekend.

Courtney Moore, Texas A&M University - Commerce, was dominate over the weekend as A&M-Commerce won its Lone Star Conference four-game series against Midwestern State. Moore started game two, which lasted over three hours and went 10 innings. Moore tossed all 10 innings for the Lions allowing nine hits and striking out nine. She gave up only two extra base hits and one earned run in the Lions 7-6 victory. Moore made her second appearance of the series in game three on Saturday. She came into a one-run game with a runner on first, but shut down the Mustangs to pick up her second save of the season in the Lions 4-3 win. The final game of the series followed a similar script for Moore, this time she came into a two-run game 4-2, with one out and runners on first and second in the sixth inning and again performed admirably. Moore avoided damage and stranded both runners she inherited after a weak fly ball and a strikeout. In the seventh, Moore retired the side in the order to preserve the 4-2 Lion win to give A&M-Commerce its second LSC series win of the season.

Shelby Hedrick, Tarleton State University, made two relief appearances out of the TexAnn bullpen and was solid in eight innings of work, which included her first career save Saturday. Hedrick posted a 1.75 ERA for the weekend after throwing eight innings and allowing two runs on seven hits for a team-best .219 opponent batting average.

Tori Bice, Texas Woman's University, helped the Pioneers to a 3-0-1 record on the road at Texas A&M-Kingsville with two complete-game wins. She started both games of the doubleheader on Friday, Apr. 10 and pitched all 13 innings. Bice tossed a complete-game in game-one and struck out four batters in a 7-4 win. She then started the second game and tossed her first career complete-game shutout in an 8-0 (6) win. Bice also started the third game of the series and pitched two innings. On the season she leads the team with 12 wins and 80 strikeouts.

### STANDINGS

School	LSC	Pct.	Overall	Strk
West Texas A&M	21-3	0.875	37-6	W13
Texas Woman's	12-6-2	0.650	20-18-2	T1
Cameron	11-9	0.550	29-12	L1
Texas A&M-Commerce	12-10	0.545	23-19	W3
Angelo State	10-9-1	0.525	28-11-1	L1
Tarleton State	9-9	0.500	22-18	W1
Midwestern State	7-13	0.350	20-18	L3
Texas A&M-Kingsville	5-14-1	0.275	14-22-1	T1
Eastern New Mexico	3-17	0.150	16-24	L6

### SCHEDULE

#### Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Texas A&M-Kingsville at Texas A&M Int'l, 1 p.m.  
Oklahoma Christian at West Texas A&M, 1 p.m.  
Texas A&M-Kingsville at Texas A&M Int'l, 3 p.m.  
Oklahoma Christian at West Texas A&M, 3 p.m.

#### Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Oklahoma Panhandle at Cameron, 1 p.m.  
Oklahoma Panhandle at Cameron, 3 p.m.

#### Thursday, April 16, 2015

Lubbock Christian at Eastern New Mexico, 1 p.m.  
Lubbock Christian at Eastern New Mexico, 3 p.m.  
St. Mary's at Midwestern State, 7 p.m.

#### Friday, April 17, 2015

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

#### Saturday, April 18, 2015

\*Cameron at Midwestern State, 12 p.m.  
\*Eastern New Mexico at Texas Woman's, 1 p.m.  
\*Texas A&M-Commerce at Angelo State, 1 p.m.  
\*Texas A&M-Kingsville at Tarleton State, 1 p.m.  
\*Cameron at Midwestern State, 2 p.m.  
\*Eastern New Mexico at Texas Woman's, 3 p.m.  
\*Texas A&M-Kingsville at Tarleton State, 3 p.m.  
\*Texas A&M-Commerce at Angelo 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
M-24	Katelyn Conlee, Tarleton State (2)
M-30	Tyler Oppenheim, Texas A&M - Commerce
A-6	Erika Menchaca, Tarleton State
A-13	Renee Erwin, West Texas A&M (2)

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

The Rambelles moved to 28-10-1 overall after a doubleheader split with Texas A&M International ... ASU holds a .246 earned run average to lead the conference and has shutout nine opponents ... Brandy Marlett's 1.46 ERA is tops in the LSC along with her league low .200 opponent batting average ... The freshman has struck out 129 batters this season and is a top 25 finalist for the NFCA Freshman of the Year ... The back-to-back home runs by Kenedy Urbany and Tina Cisneros are the first time ASU has hit two home runs in a game since March 6 ... The Rambelles will honor four seniors, Megan Granado, Rachel Moore, Micherie Koria and Tina Cisneros, this weekend against Texas A&M-Commerce.

**Cameron**

2-2 last week.

**Eastern New Mexico**

The Eastern New Mexico University softball team played six games last week against two of the top teams in the region. In last Tuesday's opener against Lubbock Christian, the Zias held a 2-1 lead in the sixth inning, before Lubbock Christian exploded offensively and went on to an 8-4 win. LCU also claimed the nightcap by a 13-5 score. Eastern also dropped a four-game series to West Texas A&M, but received a number of superlative performances. Susannah Chandler just missed hitting for the cycle in the finale and batted .455 for the series. Morgan Green also hit .455 against the Lady Buffs. In the second game of the series, Amanda Martinez saw her 29-game reached-base streak snapped. The streak was the second longest in team history. This week, Eastern will play at Lubbock Christian and Texas Woman's.

**Midwestern State**

Midwestern State dropped three out of four games to Texas A&M-Commerce last weekend to fall to 7-13 in Lone Star Conference play... The Mustangs trail Tarleton State by three games with eight games to play for the sixth and final spot in the LSC Postseason Tournament... MSU's 5-4 win over Texas A&M-Commerce in the series opener was just the second road win of the season for the Mustangs, who are 2-11 in true road games this season... Midwestern opens a seven-game home stand with a single game against St. Mary's (Texas) on Thursday before taking on Cameron in four-game set next weekend... Junior outfielder Paige Stevens had her first collegiate home run nullified Tuesday at Oklahoma Christian after the field was ruled unplayable in the third inning of the second game of the doubleheader... Junior Katelyn Vinson connected on her 48th and 49th career homers over the weekend at Texas A&M-Commerce... Vinson's next homer will make her just the second player in MSU's history with 50 career long balls. She needs eight more to pass former teammate Kim Jerrick, who had 56 from 2011-14... Of Vinson's team leading 14 homers this season, nine have come in Lone Star Conference play... Senior third baseman Kelley Schaefer connected on her 35th career homer Tuesday at Oklahoma Christian to rank third on MSU's all-time homer list behind Kim Jerrick and Katelyn Vinson... Sophomore Erin Knox launched a three-run homer in the top of eighth inning of Game 2 Friday night at Texas A&M-Commerce. It was her fifth homer of the season...

**Tarleton State**

Tarleton State Softball split a road series with Cameron last weekend. The TexAnns will return to Stephenville this weekend for a four-game series with Texas A&M-Kingsville.

**Texas A&M-Commerce**

3-1 last week.

**Texas A&M-Kingsville**

Texas A&M-Kingsville went 1-4-1 last week at home. They split with St. Edward's and dropped the series to Texas Woman's. The 1-1 tie in the series finale versus the Pioneers was the second ever tie game for the Javelinas. The first came on Mar. 17, 2006 in Denton, Texas also against TWU. This week the Blue and Gold travel to Texas A&M International on Tuesday and then play a key four-game series at Tarleton State.

**Texas Woman's**

The TWU softball team posted a 3-0-1 record on the road at Texas A&M-Kingsville to improve its record to 20-18-2 on the season and 12-6-2 in the Lone Star Conference. Sophomore pitcher Tori Bice tossed two complete games to help the Pioneers to a doubleheader sweep on Friday evening. TWU won the first game 7-4 before capturing an 8-0 run-rule win in six innings in game two. On Saturday TWU won the first game of the doubleheader, 10-2, in six innings to capture the series against the Javelinas. Game two was halted in the sixth inning due to lightning and will result in a 1-1 tie. Senior Kendra Sancet and freshman Tylia Sylestine each drove in five runs in the series while junior Laura Mabary led the team with five runs. Bice went 2-0 with five strikeouts in 15.0 innings while junior Bailee Wortham pitched nine innings and allowed one unearned run to pick up the Pioneers' third win. The Pioneers will host their final regular season home series against Eastern New Mexico on Apr. 17-18. TWU will take on the Zias in a doubleheader on Friday, Apr. 17, at 5 and 7 p.m. before closing out the four-game series on Saturday, Apr. 18, at 1 and 3 p.m.

**West Texas A&M**

The No. 2 Lady Buffs had a monster weekend as they stretched their lead in the Lone Star Conference to four games to clinch at least a share of the league title as they hit 21 homeruns in 24 innings and outscored the Zias of Eastern New Mexico, 74-11 to move to 37-6 with a 21-3 mark in league play. The Lady Buffs had seven players go yard in Portales as they hit .504 on the weekend with 11 doubles, two triples and 21 homeruns to drive in 74 RBI for an incredible slugging percentage of 1.065 as a team to go along with 22 walks and eight hit-by-pitches for an on-base clip of .585 in four games. WT senior outfielder Renee Erwin broke LSC career records in homeruns (58), RBI (236) and runs scored (252) during the weekend hitting .714 with two doubles, one triple and three home runs to drive in 12 RBI while freshman Ashley Hardin hit .692 with one double, one triple and five homers to drive in 14 RBI on the weekend for a slugging percentage of 2.077 as the Lady Buffs rolled ENMU four times in Portales. The Lady Buffs return to Canyon on Tuesday afternoon as they host a non-conference doubleheader against the Eagles of Oklahoma Christian with first pitch set for 1:00 p.m. at Schaeffer Park in WT's only two games of the week before an off-weekend.

**Date Pitcher**

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F-17	Rita Hokianga, West Texas A&M
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**LSC SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**MAY 1-2 | NO. 1 SEED**

