



# LONE STAR CONFERENCE BASEBALL

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### LSC BASEBALL

Texas A&M-Kingsville tops the Lone Star Conference standings with three weeks of league play remaining.

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

Teams are now playing the three-game series portion of the conference schedule unless a game or games was cancelled during the four-game series, then teams are required to make up one of the games.

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 118-104 overall this season. In the NCAA South Central Region, the teams are currently 21-9 combined versus Heartland Conference teams and 7-6 against the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

### PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

#### HITTER

**Josh Day, West Texas A&M University, JR, OF, Albuquerque, N.M., El Dorado HS**

Day had a career week helping the Buffs to a 3-1 record as he went 11 of 20 from the plate with a team-high eight runs scored, two home runs and drove in 10 runs. He hit .550, slugged .850 and reached base at a .571 clip. Day tied the school-record for RBIs in a game with eight in a 21-17 victory at Lubbock Christian on Tuesday. He had two home runs in the contest as well, while going 4 of 7 from the plate with four runs scored.

#### PITCHER

**Ryan Scott, Texas A&M University - Kingsville, SR, RHP, Sanger, Texas, Sanger**

Scott continues to be lights out in his senior campaign... entering the season as the closer, he was moved to the rotation due to injuries and threw 8.0 shutout innings and punched out six in a 1-0 victory over Cameron Saturday to extend his scoreless innings streak to 24 consecutive innings... earlier in the week, the right-hander threw 4.0 shutout innings and struck out six at No. 20/27 St. Mary's... he limited opponents to a .086 batting average... on the year, Scott is 3-2 with a 1.67 ERA, six saves and 36 strikeouts in 32.1 innings.

### OTHER TOP PERFORMERS

Justin Paul, Eastern New Mexico University, went 6-for-11 from the plate and recorded three RBIs and a team high seven total bases. His .545 batting average over the weekend series gives Paul the highest batting average of any Greyhound during any single series on the year and puts his team leading batting average to .357. He also leads the team with the longest active hitting streak of nine and is tied for the longest streak of the season. Paul leads the LSC in conference batting average, sitting at No. 1 in the conference with a .372 average. He is second in the conference in RBIs with 16 and third in on base percentage with a .449 percentage.

Jonathan Schmitz, Tarleton State University, was the offensive leader at the plate for the Texans as the catcher hit .429 in four games and scored a pair of runs to lead Tarleton to a road split with No. 23 Angelo State. Schmitz recorded six hits, including one double, for a .500 slugging percentage and a .467 on base percentage. He also had 12 putouts behind the plate.

Ryan Fickel, Texas A&M University - Kingsville, continues to set the standard at the top of the Javelina batting order, going 7-of-17 in five games this week... Fickel scored five runs as the Javelinas went 4-1... continuing to be a tough out at the plate, the second baseman did not punch out in 17 at bats.

Nehwon Norkeh, Angelo State University, hit his sixth home run of the season and went 6-for-15 (.400) during last weekend's four-game series against Tarleton State at Foster Field. Norkeh also had a double and three RBI for the Rams from the leadoff spot of the lineup and also stole a base. He now has 42 hits this season and continues to lead the conference with 37 runs scored and leads the Rams with his six home runs.

Steve Naemark, Angelo State University, continued his dominant season by striking out six and throwing seven scoreless innings in a win over Tarleton State last Friday where he held the Texans to a .083 batting average. Naemark now leads the LSC with 86 strikeouts and has a 0.65 ERA through 11 starts and 69 1/3 innings this season for the Rams. He improved to 7-1 on the year with the win and is now tied for the conference lead with teammate Blake Bass (7-2). His 86 strikeouts are only three behind the ASU all-time single-season record of 89 which was established in 2007 by Michael Gunter. Naemark has allowed only five earned runs throughout the season and has now held Tarleton scoreless in 12 innings and two wins over the Texans.

Paul Lujan, West Texas A&M University, tied his own school-record with two saves this week as the Buffs went 3-1 with a wins at Lubbock Christian and two wins at Eastern New Mexico. Lujan also earned a win against ENMU for the week in 3.2 innings of work, allowing one hit, one walk and he fanned three holding teams to a .091 average. Lujan dropped his ERA to a team-best 0.43 for the year in 17 appearances in 21 innings of work. His nine saves ties his school-record mark set last season.

Trevor Renfro, Tarleton State University, was sensational for the Texans in his game three start in San Angelo last weekend. The right-hander tossed seven innings of two-hit baseball against No. 23 Angelo State at Foster

### STANDINGS

School	LSC	Pct.	Overall	Strk
Texas A&M-Kingsville	18-8	0.692	24-15	W4
West Texas A&M	16-10	0.615	25-14	L1
Angelo State	15-11	0.577	26-12	W1
Tarleton State	10-13	0.435	16-17	L1
Eastern New Mexico	8-15	0.348	12-23	W1
Cameron	8-18	0.308	15-23	L4

### SCHEDULE

#### Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Angelo State at St. Mary's, 6 p.m.

Southwest at Eastern New Mexico, 6 p.m.

Lubbock Christian at West Texas A&M, 6 p.m.

#### Friday, April 17, 2015

\*Tarleton State at Cameron, 2 p.m.

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

\*Texas A&M-Kingsville at Eastern New Mexico, 7 p.m.

#### Saturday, April 18, 2015

\*Tarleton State at Cameron, 1 p.m.

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

\*Texas A&M-Kingsville at Eastern New Mexico, 2 p.m.

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

\*Tarleton State at Cameron, 3 p.m.

\*Texas A&M-Kingsville at Eastern New Mexico, 4 p.m.

#### Monday, April 20, 2015

McMurry at Angelo State, 6 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
M-31	Landon Merka, Tarleton State
A-7	Matt Cole, West Texas A&M
A-14	Josh Day, West Texas A&M

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
M-31	James Gray, Eastern New Mexico
A-7	Tyler Gibson, West Texas A&M (2)
A-14	Ryan Scott, Texas A&M-Kingsville



Field Saturday afternoon to lead the Texans to a doubleheader sweep. Renfro held the Rams hitless over the first four innings and kept them off the board over the first six innings. He struck out eight batters and kept the Angelo State lineup to an .083 batting average while boasting a 1.29 ERA for the week.

## NOTES (Submitted by LSC SID's)

### Angelo State

The Rams moved to 18-4 at home this season after a four-game split against Tarleton State last weekend and are now 26-12 overall and 15-11 in conference play coming into this week where they'll play St. Mary's on Tuesday before a three-game set this weekend at West Texas A&M. ASU is 1-0 against the Rattlers this season and 2-2 against the Buffs after splitting a four-game series in San Angelo earlier this season. The Rams will be playing their final road games of the season this week before hosting Texas A&M-Kingsville and Eastern New Mexico during the final two weeks of the regular season.

### Cameron

0-4 last week.

### Eastern New Mexico

The ENMU baseball team took one game from West Texas A&M during the weekend's three game series. The Greyhounds moved ahead in the Lone Star Conference standings, moving from sixth place to fifth place, overtaking Cameron and keeping their post season hopes alive. ENMU is still two games back from fourth place, trailing the Tarleton State University Texans who hold a 10-13 conference record. Against the Buffs, Justin Paul had a standout weekend, who now holds the longest active hitting streak on the team and is tied for the season high. His nine straight games with at least one hit was helped along with a six hit weekend against West Texas, where Paul went 6-for-11 for a series high .545 average, the highest of any player over a series on the season. The best single game performance of the weekend came from Chris Sanders, who went a perfect 4-for-4 against the Buffs in Saturday's loss in the first game of the double header, also recording a team high four RBIs over the weekend. Zach Shank continued his streak of shutout innings, throwing three innings allowing no scores over the weekend and pushing his shutout streak to over a dozen innings. Shank earned his first save over the weekend in ENMU's lone win of the series and Clyde Kendrick earned his second win, pitching six innings while only giving up two runs and pushing his record to 2-0.

### Tarleton State

Tarleton State took a road split with No. 23 Angelo State at Foster Field last weekend with win No. 2 coming on the strength of a dominant pitching performance by Trevor Renfro. The right-hander threw seven innings while striking out eight and allowing just two hits. Tarleton will stay on the road for a three-game series next weekend in Lawton against Cameron.

### Texas A&M-Kingsville

Texas A&M-Kingsville received votes in both the NCBWA and CBN Polls... after a 13-inning heartbreaker at No. 20/27 St. Mary's, the Javelinas swept Cameron in four games. The pitching staff compiled a 1.83 ERA as a unit... the Javelinas are first in the tough LSC and resume conference action on the road.

### West Texas A&M

The West Texas A&M baseball team went 3-1 this week with wins at Lubbock Christian (21-17) and a pair of wins at Eastern New Mexico (2-1 and 10-8)...For the week, WT hit .329 with 48 hits, six doubles, two triples, three home runs, while scoring 35 runs and driving in 33...Junior Josh Day went 10 of 20 from the plate with two home runs as he tied the school-record for RBIs in a game with eight at Lubbock Christian...Day finished the week driving in 10...WT had a pair of last at bat wins at Eastern New Mexico in a 2-1 win Friday and a 10-8 victory in the first game of a doubleheader Saturday...The 21 runs scored at Lubbock Christian was a season-high...WT slugged .459 and reached base at a .434 clip for the week...On the bump, senior Paul Lujan went 1-0 and earned two saves tying his own school-record for saves in a season with nine set last season... The opposition hit .361 against WT...Seniors Max Brennen and Johnny Gaines each had 3-2 count RBI hits in the top of the seventh Saturday as the Buffs battled back for their second-straight last at bat win against the Greyhounds...WT took the lead in the top of the ninth on Friday night and won 2-1.



**LSC BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**MAY 7-8-9 | NO. 1 SEED**

