



LONE STAR CONFERENCE SOFTBALL

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LSC SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The six-team field is set for this week's Lone Star Conference Softball Championship, which will be played over two days at Schaeffer Park on the campus of West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas, starting on Friday, May 1.

West Texas A&M, Texas Woman's, Tarleton State, Cameron, Angelo State, and Texas A&M-Commerce qualified for the single-elimination event.

WT is the top seed and host after winning the LSC Championship for the third time with a 22-6 league record. TWU is No. 2 followed by TSU, CU, ASU and A&M-C.

Tournament play will begin on Friday, May 1, with four games scheduled to be played at 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., and 6:30 p.m.

The tournament championship will be decided on Saturday, May 2, at 2 p.m.

Tickets for the event will go on sale Wednesday morning starting at 9:00 a.m. Reserved chairback seats (\$10) and general admission (\$5) tickets can be purchased by calling the WTAMU Ticket Office at 806-651-1414 or online after 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday morning. Friday's games will be split up into Session I (Quarterfinals) and Session II (Semifinals) with the stands being cleared between the sessions, fans wanting to attend all four games will purchase a Session I ticket and then be asked to leave the park then re-enter with the Session II ticket.

The WT Media Relations Department will provide live stats and a free web stream for all championship games. Each of the games will be aired live via video streaming to the WT Athletics Website (GoBuffsGo.com) powered by Stretch Internet. The web stream is free of charge and can be viewed on mobile devices (iPad, iPhone, Android, etc.).

LSC SOFTBALL

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 255-184-4 overall this season. In the NCAA South Central Region, the group is currently 53-28 combined versus Heartland Conference teams and 37-12 against the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

HITTER

Alyssa Galaz, Texas Woman's University, SO, OF, Mineola, Texas, Mineola HS

Galaz helped the Pioneers to a 3-1 series win at No. 2 West Texas A&M over the weekend and secure the second seed in the LSC Championship Tournament. She led the team with three home runs, eight RBI, six runs and a 1.143 slugging percentage. Galaz hit two home runs and drove in five runs in game-one of the series. She scored the game-winning run in a 13-10 win to lock up the second seed. Galaz also hit a three-run home run in a 4-2 game-three win. In the month of April, she helped the Pioneers to a 13-2-1 record with a team-best .479 average, 23 hits, six home runs, 20 RBI, 19 runs and a .938 slugging percentage.

PITCHER

Sonora Zukerman, Cameron University, JR, P/1B, Honolulu, Hawaii, Lawton-MacArthur HS

Zukerman tossed two complete games for the Aggies and won three contests. The junior only allowed four earned runs in 16 innings of work while striking out six; two of those outings were against No. 13 Angelo State. Zukerman also assisted Cameron at the plate with three homers, seven RBI, seven hits, and a .412 batting average. In 17 at-bats she only struck out once, while holding a .941 slugging percentage.

OTHER TOP PERFORMERS

Nyka Wood, Tarleton State University, continued her offensive domination as the best series of her young career led the TexAnns to a season-ending sweep of Eastern New Mexico in Portales. The freshman catcher hit .667 in four games last weekend, going 10-15 at the dish with four runs scored and a team-best eight RBIs. Wood boasted an .867 slugging percentage and an on base percentage of .688. The biggest blast of the weekend came in the fourth inning of Saturday's regular season finale when Tarleton State was rallying from an early 7-0 deficit. After Wood started the inning with a single, she stepped to the plate for a second time in the inning with the bases loaded and four runs already in. She crushed a grand slam to cap off the rally and give Tarleton an 8-7 lead, which they turned into a 17-7 win and a series sweep.

Kelley Schaefer, Midwestern State University, polished off her collegiate career in grand fashion hitting .526 (10-for-19) with a double and three home runs with 11 RBIs over the final week of the season. The senior from Waco accounted for a hit and drove in at least one run over her final 10 games hitting .485 (16-of-33) with two doubles, six homers and 17 RBIs during the season ending hitting streak. Schaefer finishes as the Mustangs' all-time RBI leader with 199 and is third with 41 career home runs.

Valerie Ramirez, Texas A&M University - Kingsville, closed out her collegiate career by going 7-for-15 at the plate against perennial LSC power Midwestern State... Recorded a team-high five RBI, four runs and three

STANDINGS

School	LSC	Pct.	Overall	Strk
West Texas A&M	22-6	0.786	42-9	L2
Texas Woman's	19-7-2	0.714	27-19-2	W2
Tarleton State	16-10	0.615	29-19	W6
Cameron	16-12	0.571	38-15	W3
Angelo State	15-12-10	0.554	33-14-1	L3
Texas A&M-Commerce	12-14	0.462	29-23	W6
Midwestern State	11-17	0.393	24-24	W1
Texas A&M-Kingsville	8-19-1	0.304	17-27-1	L1
Eastern New Mexico	3-25	0.107	16-34	L16

SCHEDULE

Friday, May 1, 2015

No. 3 Tarleton State vs. No. 6 A&M-Commerce, 11 a.m.

No. 4 Cameron vs. No. 5 Angelo State, 1:30 p.m.

No. 2 Texas Woman's vs. 3-6 winner, 4 p.m.

No. 1 West Texas A&M vs. 4-5 winner, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 2, 2015

Championship, 2 p.m.

All times are CST; *denotes LSC game

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Complete results at 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)
A-21	Lauren Renneker, Cameron
A-27	Alyssa Galaz, Texas Woman's

Date Pitcher

F-10	Brandy Marlett, Angelo State
F-17	Rita Hokianga, West Texas A&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 (2)
	Rita Hokianga, West Texas A&M (3)
M-24	Kelsey Watson, Cameron (2)
M-30	Carlie Clark, Texas A&M - Kingsville
A-6	Taylor Jerrick, Midwestern State
A-13	Kelsey Watson, Cameron (3)
A-21	Tori Bice, Texas Woman's
A-27	Sonora Zukerman, Cameron



stolen bases... Was 3-for-4 with two RBI and two steals in series opener... Followed with 2-of-4 performance with three RBI, a triple and run scored... Had a hit in last two games of the series... Scored twice, drew a walk and swiped a base in season finale... Led team with 10 assists in the field from the hot corner.

Paige Daino, Cameron University, smashed four homers against No. 13 Angelo State and helped the Aggies go 5-1 in the final week of the regular season. The sophomore had two homers in Friday's night cap with four RBI as CU run ruled the Rambelles 10-2 in five innings. In the final game of the series on Saturday she had her 18th homer of the year and broke the program mark for homers in a season with 88. Daino hit .400 with eight RBI and six runs scored; she also had a 1.267 slugging percentage in 15 at bats.

Ashley Hardin, West Texas A&M University, had another big week for the No. 2 Lady Buffs as the freshman outfielder from Flower Mound, Texas hit .368 with a double and five homeruns to drive in 10 RBI for a slugging percentage of 1.211 as WT went 3-3 this past week to clinch their second straight Lone Star Conference Championship. The freshman had a huge weekend series against Texas Woman's where she blasted five home runs including four during Sunday's doubleheader to lead the offensive attack for the Lady Buffs.

Morgan Green, Eastern New Mexico University, turned in a strong performance in the Zias final series of the season, against Tarleton State. Entering the weekend, she had hit two homeruns for the season, but matched that total in the first two games against the TexAnns. With a slugging percentage of .923, all four of Green's base hits went for extra bases. She registered at least one hit and RBI in three of the four games, with three RBIs in the opener.

Hailey Freyman, Tarleton State University, was absolutely dominant from the circle for Tarleton State as the freshman right-hander led the TexAnns to a season-ending sweep of Eastern New Mexico in Portales last weekend. Freyman had a hand in the decision of three of the four games in the series, earning a win in both of her starts and a save in the series finale. She boasted an ERA of 1.75 for the weekend in 16.0 innings of work, over which she allowed just six runs – only four earned – while holding the Zias to a .250 batting average. In the offensive-laden series finale, Freyman entered the game with Tarleton up 8-7 – looking to calm the hot bats of the Zias who had already scored a series-high seven runs. The freshman was superb, keeping Eastern New Mexico off the board over the final three innings to earn her second career save.

Courtney Moore, Texas A&M University - Commerce, anchored the Lions in the circle as A&M-Commerce ended the season on a six-game winning streak. Moore 5.1 innings against Southern Arkansas in a no decision, before entering game two of the DH to work one inning for her fourth save of the season in the Lions 9-7 win. She tossed 5.1 innings in another no decision at Harding striking out five Bisons in a Lions 4-3 win. She ended the week with a six-inning win against Harding in a start and a two-inning save for her fifth of the season tying her for first in the LSC. She was perfect in the save situation after not allowing a base runner to preserve the Lions 4-2 win.

Karri Smith, Texas A&M University - Kingsville, started and completed the first three games of the series against Midwestern State... Went 2-1 with 4.67 ERA in 21.0 innings and 10 strikeouts... Went the distance for the 21st time this season, tied for the ninth most in a season in Texas A&M-Kingsville history... Recorded five strikeouts in game two victory to eliminate Mustangs from qualifying for the conference tournament... Held MSU to eight hits and struck out three in third game of the weekend... Helped her cause at the plate with a 3-for-8 performance with two RBI and a run in the series.

Tori Bice, Texas Woman's University, appeared in all four games at No. 2 West Texas A&M and posted a 2-1 record with a save. She pitched 4.1 innings in a 13-10 game-one win to help the Pioneers secure the second seed in the LSC Championship Tournament. Bice pitched one inning in a 4-2 game-three win for the save and then tossed 3.1 innings in game-four for the series win. In the month of April she has a 9-1 record with a 2.56 ERA, 3 saves, 5 complete games, three shutouts and 33 strikeouts in 57.1 innings.

NOTES (Submitted by LSC SID's)

Angelo State

The Rambelles finished the regular season at 33-14-1 and 15-12-1 in the LSC ... ASU is tied for the league lead in ERA at 2.79 and Brandy Marlett leads the league with a 2.01 ERA and Kenedy Urbany is No. 5 with a 2.89 ERA ... Marlett leads the league in opposing batting average (.209), batter struck out (149) and is second in wins (18) ... ASU will face Cameron at 1:30 p.m. on Friday in Canyon in the quarterfinals of the LSC Tournament Championship.

Cameron

The Cameron softball team went 5-1 last week to move to 38-15 overall which is the most games an Aggie program has won in program history. Additionally, with 13 homers in the last six games the Aggies broke a program mark with 88 homers, surpassing the previous mark by one set by the 2008 team. Tara Martini had her 39th career homer and tied a program mark with 19 this season. However the season home run title race is heated with Lauren Renneker and Paige Daino with 18 each. Kelsey Watson tossed her ninth shutout of the season which was her ninth and is one short of a program mark. The Aggies are slated to face Angelo State in the LSC Tournament this Friday.

Eastern New Mexico

The Eastern New Mexico University softball team concluded the season last weekend, with a four-game series against Tarleton State. With 16 victories, the Zias saw their win total increase for the third straight year. Although the TexAnns won the series, Eastern had five players bat .300 or better in the series. Morgan Green had hit two homeruns entering the games, but matched that total with a pair of homers in the first two games. She finished the series with a .923 slugging percentage with all four of her hits going for extra bases.

Midwestern State

Midwestern State split its final Lone Star Conference series at Texas A&M-Kingsville after suffering a mid-week doubleheader sweep to Central Oklahoma... The Mustangs averted their first losing season in program history with an 8-4 win in the finale over Texas A&M-Kingsville to finish 24-24... Midwestern failed to qualify



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for LSC postseason play for the first time in program history finishing seventh with an 11-17 league mark... The Mustangs managed to score at least a run in each of their 48 games this season. It's the first time in program history that MSU was not shutout... Senior third baseman Kelley Schaefer closed the season on a 10-game hitting streak hitting .485 (16-of-33) with two doubles, six homers and 17 RBIs during the stretch... Schaefer drove in runs in each of her last 10 games to finish as MSU's all-time RBI leader with 199... Junior outfielder Haley Howerton had multiple hits in 11 of her last 14 games to finish seventh during Lone Star Conference play with a .416 average... Junior Katelyn Vinson launched two home runs in a single game for the seventh time of her career with a pair of long balls in the regular season finale at Texas A&M-Kingsville... Vinson finished the season with 53 career homers and needs four to pass former teammate Kim Jerrick for the program's all-time lead and is currently seven behind current LSC record holder Renee Ervin of West Texas A&M... Vinson needs to hit 26 during her final season to match NCAA Division II record holder Steph Denlinger (Kutztown (Pa.)), who hit 79 from 2006-09... Vinson and Ervin tied for the lead for homers during LSC play with 13 each...

Tarleton State

Tarleton State secured the No. 3 seed in the LSC Championship Tournament with a series sweep of Eastern New Mexico in Portales last weekend. The battery of Haley Freyman and Nyka Wood led the TexAnns to victory in all four games. Tarleton will return to action at 11 a.m. Friday in Canyon in the quarterfinals of the LSC Championship Tournament.

Texas A&M-Commerce

6-0 last week.

Texas A&M-Kingsville

Texas A&M-Kingsville split the final Lone Star Conference series of the season against Midwestern State... Finished the season 17-27-1 overall, the most wins since 2012... Were 8-19-1 in conference play... Most LSC victories since 2010... Both Loren Donaldson and Valarie Ramirez hit .467... Donaldson finished with a home run, four RBI, three runs and a stolen base... Ramirez recorded five RBI, four runs, three stolen bases, a double and a triple... Haley Boyett also scored four times in the series... Rachael Longoria plated five runs with three coming via sacrifice flies... Tied school's single game record with two sac flies in series opener... Seniors Jaeleen Castro and Ariel Kellog both closed out their careers by going 4-for-12 at the plate... Karri Smith started first three games of the series... Went 2-1 with 4.67 ERA... Went the distance in all three contests... Finished with 21 complete games on the season.

Texas Woman's

The TWU softball team wrapped-up the regular season with a 3-1 series win at No. 2 West Texas A&M over the weekend. The Pioneers are 27-19-2 overall and 19-7-2 in the Lone Star Conference. TWU finished second in the LSC Standings and will receive a bye in the opening round of the LSC Championship Tournament. Sophomore Alyssa Galaz led the team with three home runs, eight RBI, six runs and a 1.143 slugging percentage. Junior Laura Mabary was the team leader with a .467 batting average. She also drove in five runs along with freshman Tylia Sylestine. The Pioneers were also aggressive on the bases paths stealing nine bases on 11 attempts. In the month of April, TWU posted a 13-2-1 record led by Galaz on offense with a .479 average, 23 hits, six home runs, 20 RBI, 19 runs and a .938 slugging percentage. Sophomore pitcher Tori Bice went 9-1 record with a 2.56 ERA, 3 saves, 5 complete games, three shutouts and 33 strikeouts in 57.1 innings during the month of April. On the season senior Kendra Sancet and sophomore Nicole Nordie are tied for first with a .418 batting average. Mabary has a .411 average and a team-best 46 runs. Sancet is the team leader with 13 home runs, 20 doubles and 54 RBI while Galaz is second with 10 home runs and 42 RBI. Bice leads the pitching staff with an 18-10 record, 4.30 ERA, 5 saves, 13 complete games and 94 strikeouts.

West Texas A&M

The No. 2 Lady Buffs of West Texas A&M clinched their second straight Lone Star Conference Championship this past weekend as they moved to 42-9 overall with a 22-6 mark in league play. WT earned the right to host the 2015 LSC Championships this weekend at Schaeffer Park in Canyon. Friday night's finale against Texas Woman's saw the Lady Buffs clinch the outright league title in style as senior first baseman Allie Cranfill became Division II's all-time career leader in grand slams with 7 as the Frisco, Texas native launched a walkoff blast to left field to give the Lady Buffs the 9-5 win.