



LONE STAR CONFERENCE BASEBALL

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LSC BASEBALL

Texas A&M-Kingsville and West Texas A&M are tied atop the Lone Star Conference standings with one week of league play left.

This week's league contests with Tarleton State at TAMUK, Cameron at WT, and Eastern New Mexico at Angelo State will determine the four-team LSC Championship field.

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 top four teams will play a double-elimination tournament May 7-8-9, at the No. 1 seed to determine the tournament champion.

LSC baseball teams are 143-123 overall this season. In the NCAA South Central Region, the teams are currently 24-10 combined versus Heartland Conference teams and 7-6 against the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

HITTER

Paxton DeLaGarza, Angelo State University, JR, Shortstop, Lubbock, Texas, Coronado HS

DeLaGarza, who leads the conference in batting average, total hits, RBI and total bases, was a nightmare for Texas A&M-Kingsville last weekend as he went 4-for-8 with four walks and five RBI to help lead the Rams to a series sweep of the Javelinas. DeLaGarza hit his seventh home run of the season in the series opener and finished the series with a .667 on-base percentage. The league-leader in hits now has 65 hits on the season and has a .385 average coming into the final weekend of the regular season. He has 13 doubles, one triple, seven home runs and leads the conference with 35 RBI. He is currently second in the LSC with his seven home runs which is two behind teammate Nehwon Norkeh who has nine.

PITCHER

Steve Naemark, Angelo State University, JR, LHP, Tucson, Arizona, Mountain View HS

Naemark now has 101 strikeouts on the season after dominating Texas A&M-Kingsville last Friday by striking out nine and limiting the Javelinas to six hits in eight innings of work. Naemark, who was already ASU's single-season strikeout leader, enters the final weekend of the regular season leading the conference in strikeouts (101) and with his 0.73 ERA. A junior left-hander, Naemark is tied for the LSC lead with teammate Blake Bass with both pitchers having eight wins this season. Naemark has his 101 strikeouts this season in 86.0 innings of work and has only allowed seven earned runs and has only walked 16 all season. He will make his 14th start of the season at 6:30 p.m. on Friday against Eastern New Mexico at Foster Field.

OTHER TOP PERFORMERS

Cline Andrews, Texas A&M University - Kingsville, continues his strong senior campaign, going 7-of-14 in four games last week... the senior is now hitting .355 with 11 doubles, five triples, 32 RBI and five stolen bases.

Josh Day, West Texas A&M University, hit .467 for the week as the Buffs went 3-1 with a non-conference win at Wayland Baptist and went 2-1 at Tarleton State to pull into a tie for first in the LSC with TAMUK. Day led the team with seven hits, one double and belted two home runs. He drove in three runs and scored four. Day slugged .933 and reached base at a .529 clip. Day now is tied for the team lead in home runs this season with four and has scored a team-high 37 runs. He has reached base safely in the last 16 games for the longest current streak on the team this season.

Alec Humphreys, Tarleton State University, led the Texan attack at the plate last week, leading the Purple and White to a two wins in four games against No. 13 St. Mary's and West Texas A&M. Humphreys hit .417 for the week with five hits and three runs scored. The junior third baseman also drew a team-high three walks for a team-leading .563 on base percentage. In Tarleton's two wins for the week, Humphreys hit .400, drew all three of his walks and scored all three of his runs. He also posted a flawless fielding percentage in his 12 chances at the hot corner for Tarleton.

Russ Colgan, Cameron University, batted .364 and put up six RBI in a three game series against Eastern New Mexico. In game two against the Greyhounds, Colgan was a double short of a cycle and hit a grand slam to help the Aggies win 9-7. Colgan in the series opener had two RBI which was enough to get the Aggies a 4-2 win. The junior had a .818 slugging percentage and he scored three runs.

Kiegan Basso, Eastern New Mexico University, came in as relief to start the seventh inning in the final game of the series against Cameron University with the game tied at 1-1. Basso proceeded to throw four near-perfect innings, with the only batter to reach base on a walk. The reliever was unhittable, not just with good defense behind him, striking out seven of the 12 batters faced.

Paul Lujan, West Texas A&M University, broke his own school record with his 10th save of the season in a 6-5 win at Wayland Baptist on Tuesday and then pitched the final 2.2 innings allowing two hits in a 2-1 win at Tarleton State Sunday as the Buffs pulled into a tie for first in the LSC with TAMUK. Lujan ranks sixth nationally in saves with 10 and is 4-1 on the year with a 0.33 ERA in 20 appearances and 27 innings pitched.

Kyle Gottardy, Tarleton State University, continued his dominance on the mound this week with a masterful

STANDINGS

School	LSC	Pct.	Overall	Strk
West Texas A&M	20-12	0.625	31-16	W1
Texas A&M-Kingsville	20-12	0.625	26-20	L4
Angelo State	19-13	0.594	32-14	W5
Tarleton State	13-16	0.448	20-20	L1
Eastern New Mexico	10-19	0.345	15-27	W1
Cameron	11-21	0.344	19-26	L1

SCHEDULE

Tuesday, April 28, 2015

Eastern New Mexico at Southwest, 4 p.m.

St. Mary's at Texas A&M-Kingsville, 6 p.m.

Friday, May 1, 2015

*Tarleton State at Texas A&M-Kingsville, 6 p.m.

*Eastern New Mexico at Angelo State, 6:30 p.m.

*Cameron at West Texas A&M, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 2, 2015

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

*Eastern New Mexico at Angelo State, 1 p.m.

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

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

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

*Eastern New Mexico at Angelo State, 3 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
A-21	Cline Andrews, Texas A&M-Kingsville (2)
A-28	Paxton DeLaGarza, Angelo State

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
A-21	Kyle Gottardy, Tarleton State
A-28	Steve Naemark, Angelo State (3)



pitching performance against West Texas A&M to deliver a win for the Texans Saturday afternoon. Gottardy tossed seven innings, allowing two runs – neither of which were earned – on five hits. The senior right-hander kept the Buffs, who entered the series hitting .322 at a team, to just a .192 average for the game.

Dirk Masters, Cameron University, used 98 pitches and earned his fifth victory of the season after going six innings against Eastern New Mexico. The junior scattered six hits and punched out five batters while only giving up one earned run. In eleven starts this season, Masters has a 3.02 ERA with 73 strikeouts.

NOTES (Submitted by LSC SID's)

Angelo State

The Rams earned a three-game sweep of Texas A&M-Kingsville last weekend to make the conference race interesting coming into the final weekend of the regular season. ASU won the regular-season series over the Javelinas 4-3 and is now 22-4 at home this season coming into this weekend's series against ENMU at Foster Field. ASU hit four home runs last weekend with Paxton DeLaGarza, Nehwon Norkeh, David Goggin and Derek Tyner each hitting homers. For the season, the Rams lead the conference with 35 home runs while their opponents have hit only five.

Cameron

3-1 last week.

Eastern New Mexico

The ENMU baseball team took one of three games against Cameron over the weekend, keeping their playoff hopes alive for now. The Greyhounds lost both games of the Saturday doubleheader 4-2 and 9-7, but took the final game on Sunday 3-1. After going into extra innings tied 1-1, the 10th inning started off with Chris Sanders reaching first base on an error, followed by a Daniel Ward single too put men on first and second. A sacrifice bunt moved the runners ahead and then after an intentional walk to the dangerous Charles Sandberg Jr., Mark Foley stepped up to the plate and ended the game with one swing, driving the ball down the right field line to score two runs and take the final 3-1 lead. Ward led the team in hits over the weekend, going 5-of-12 from the plate and extending his consecutive games with a hit streak to nine, one shy of the season high. Sanders led the team in RBIs with three while going 3-of-12 from the plate. Clyde Kendrick put in an amazing performance from the mound, pitching six innings while allowing only one run and striking out a series-high eight strikeouts. His performance was followed up by reliever Kiegan Basso who pitched the four remaining innings, allowing no hits, no runs and striking out seven Aggie batters. Besides one walk, Basso pitched four perfect innings, earning a 0.00 ERA and his first win on the season.

Tarleton State

Tarleton State went 2-2 last week with a Tuesday afternoon victory over No. 13 St. Mary's and a Saturday afternoon win over West Texas A&M. The Texans enter the final weekend of the season holding a three-game lead over Eastern New Mexico for the final spot in the Lone Star Conference Championship Tournament.

Texas A&M-Kingsville

The Javelinas went 0-4 last week but are still atop the LSC standings, heading into the final weekend of play tied with West Texas A&M... Cline Andrews hit .500 in the four games... the Hogs host St. Mary's Tuesday and Tarleton State for a three-game set on Friday and Saturday.

West Texas A&M

The West Texas A&M baseball team went 3-1 win this week with a pair of one run wins as it improved to 31-16 on the year and 20-12 in Lone Star Conference play moving into a tie for first in the league standings with TAMUK...WT now is 13-9 in one run games this season...The Buffs won 6-5 at Wayland Baptist as senior Paul Lujan broke his own school-record for saves with his 10th of the season in the contest...He had nine last season and owns the school-record for career saves with 19...The Buffs then went 2-1 at Tarleton State as WT won the finale 2-1 in 10 innings, improving to 4-4 in extra-inning games this season...WT hosts Cameron in the regular season finale series this weekend at Wilder Park...The Buffs and Javelinas each are 20-12, while Angelo State is one game back at 19-13.



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

