



LONE STAR CONFERENCE SOFTBALL

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LSC SOFTBALL

West Texas A&M remains in first place in the Lone Star Conference with a 17-3 league record.

This week's conference schedule includes WT at Eastern New Mexico, Texas Woman's at Texas A&M-Kingsville, Tarleton State at Cameron, and Midwestern State at Texas A&M-Commerce.

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 190-128-2 overall this season. In the NCAA South Central Region, the group is currently 45-23 combined versus Heartland Conference teams and 37-12 against the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

HITTER

Erika Menchaca, Tarleton State University, SO, IF, Burleson, Texas, Burleson HS

Menchaca posted arguably the best offensive week of her career in helping Tarleton State take two from Texas A&M-Commerce last weekend. The sophomore slugger from Burleson drove in the game-winning RBIs in each of the wins Friday night to give the TexAnns a doubleheader sweep in the first-ever meeting against the Lions. Her first walk-off was an opposite-field, two-out single to win game one before driving a double into deep right field for the game winner in the nightcap Friday. For the weekend, Menchaca led the Tarleton offensive unit with a .692 batting average after going 9-13 at the dish. She also scored two runs – both on towering home runs to the right field parking lot – hit two doubles and drove in a team-high eight RBIs while collecting 17 total bases and leading the TexAnns with a 1.308 slugging percentage. She also stole a base and posted a perfect fielding percentage as the starting first baseman in all four games.

PITCHER

Taylor Jerrick, Midwestern State University, SO, Pitcher, Anaheim, Calif., Kennedy HS (Tennessee-Martin)

Jerrick led Midwestern State to a series win by claiming two victories in the circle over No. 12-ranked Angelo State last weekend at Mustangs Park. The sophomore from Anaheim, Calif., allowed one earned run on nine hits in 14 innings of work while logging 12 strikeouts to just two walks. She allowed one earned run on five hits while fanning seven in an 8-3 win on Friday before taking a shutout into the sixth inning before allowing an unearned run in a 7-1 victory on Saturday.

OTHER TOP PERFORMERS

Alyssa Galaz, Texas Woman's University, helped the Pioneers jump two spots to second place in the LSC standings with a 3-1 series win against No. 25 Cameron last week. She led the Pioneers with a .583 batting average, 1.167 slugging percentage, .615 on base percentage, 7 hits, two home runs, and six RBI in the four games against the Aggies. Galaz drove in the eventual game winner (6th run) in a 10-5 win in game one and then scored the eventual game winning run (6th run) in an 8-5 win in game two on Thursday. She also went 3-for-4 with two RBI in the series clincher in a 7-3 game-three win and then broke up the shutout with a home run in 11-1 loss in game-four on Friday. On the season Galaz is second on the team in home runs (6) and tied for second in RBI (28).

Renee Erwin, West Texas A&M University, continued to make her case for the LSC Player of the Year as the senior had a monster week for the Lady Buffs, hitting .533 with a double and three home runs to drive in nine RBI for a slugging percentage of 1.200 with six walks, two hit-by-pitches and no strikeouts while scoring 11 runs in 15 at-bats. The Anna, Texas native hit three home runs on the week to move her career total to 55 to sit just one behind former Lady Buff All-American and current volunteer assistant Kim LeComte for the Lone Star Conference career record. Erwin drove in nine runs this past week to move just four RBI behind LeComte for the WT career record.

Morgan Green, Eastern New Mexico University, keyed a doubleheader split with New Mexico Highlands last week with her bat and glove. She fell a single short of the cycle over the two games and played stellar defense at third base for Eastern. With ENMU trailing by three runs in the opener, she started a crucial inning-ending double play in the fifth inning. The defensive play fueled the Zia offense, as Green belted a two-run homer in the next inning. She also doubled in the nightcap and started another inning ending double play in the sixth inning, when the Cowgirls brought the game-tying run to the plate.

Aundria Zunigia-Romero, Texas A&M University - Commerce, knocked three homers including two in one game. Zunigia-Romero drove home five RBI in the four-game set. The Lions split the four-game series with Tarleton State. Zunigia-Romero accounted for 17 total bases and slugged 1.062 for the week.

Rachael Longoria, Texas A&M University - Kingsville, powered the Texas A&M-Kingsville offense at No. 2 West Texas A&M over the weekend. She hit a team-high .417 with two home runs, four RBI and three runs scored. On Friday, Longoria had two base knocks in both games. She followed by going 1-for-3 with a double, walk and run in the third game of the series.

Katelyn Vinson, Midwestern State University, hit .385 (5-for-13) and slugged .923 with a double and a pair of homers while driving in eight runs while helping Midwestern State claim a series win over Angelo State last

STANDINGS

School	LSC	Overall	Streak
West Texas A&M	17-3	33-6	W9
Texas Woman's	9-6-1	17-18-1	L1
Cameron	9-7	27-10	W1
Angelo State	10-9-1	25-10-1	L3
Texas A&M-Commerce	9-9	20-18	W2
Tarleton State	7-7	20-16	L2
Midwestern State	6-10	19-14	W3
Texas A&M-Kingsville	5-11	13-18	L4
Eastern New Mexico	3-13	16-18	W1

SCHEDULE

Tuesday, April 7, 2015

Eastern New Mexico at Lubbock Christian, 2 p.m.
Eastern New Mexico at Lubbock Christian, 4 p.m.
Midwestern State at Oklahoma Christian, 5 p.m.
Midwestern State at Oklahoma Christian, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 8, 2015

Angelo State at Texas-Permian Basin, 2 p.m.
Texas A&M International at Tarleton State, 3 p.m.
St. Edwards at Texas A&M-Kingsville, 3 p.m.
Angelo State at Texas-Permian Basin, 4:30 p.m.
St. Edward's at Texas A&M-Kingsville, 5 p.m.
Texas A&M International at Tarleton State, 5 p.m.

Friday, April 10, 2015

*Tarleton State at Cameron, 1 p.m.
*West Texas A&M at Eastern New Mexico, 2 p.m.
*Tarleton State at Cameron, 3 p.m.
*West Texas A&M at Eastern New Mexico, 4 p.m.
*Midwestern State at Texas A&M-Commerce, 4 p.m.
*Texas Woman's at Texas A&M-Kingsville, 5 p.m.
*Midwestern State at Texas A&M-Commerce, 6 p.m.
*Texas Woman's at Texas A&M-Kingsville, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 11, 2015

Angelo State at Texas A&M International, 12 p.m.
*Tarleton State at Cameron, 12 p.m.
*West Texas A&M at Eastern New Mexico, 1 p.m.
*Midwestern State at Texas A&M-Commerce, 1 p.m.
*Texas Woman's at Texas A&M-Kingsville, 1 p.m.
*Tarleton State at Cameron, 2 p.m.
Angelo State at Texas A&M International, 2:30 p.m.
*West Texas A&M at Eastern New Mexico, 3 p.m.
*Texas Woman's at Texas A&M-Kingsville, 3 p.m.
*Midwestern State at Texas A&M-Commerce, 3 p.m.

Sunday, April 12, 2015

Angelo State at St. Edward's, 1 p.m.
Angelo State at St. Edward's, 3:30 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

weekend at Mustangs Park. The junior designated player drove in runs in three of the four games including her 11th homer in an 8-3 victory on Friday before launching her 12th long ball while driving in four runs in a 7-1 win on Saturday.

Vanessa Ramirez, Eastern New Mexico University, made two appearances against New Mexico Highlands and earned a complete-game win. After holding the Cowgirls to a single hit over two innings in a relief appearance, she scattered six hits and fanned three batters to pick up a win. Over the two games, she limited Highlands to a .219 batting average.

Tori Bice, Texas Woman's University, picked up a win and recorded two saves while striking out 14 batters in 11 innings to help the Pioneers jump two spots to second place in the LSC standings with a 3-1 series win against No. 25 Cameron. She picked up the win in game one on Thursday after pitching 4.2 innings. Bice then tossed two innings in the second game and two innings in the third game to record two saves. She struck the side in the seventh to end both game two and three and helped the Pioneers clinch the series. On the season she leads the team with 10 wins, four saves and 108 strikeouts.

NOTES (Submitted by LSC SID's)

Angelo State

The Rambelles moved to 25-10-1 and 10-9-1 in the LSC after losing three of four to Midwestern State at Wichita Falls ... It is just the second series loss of the season for ASU ... Angelo State leads the LSC with a 2.52 earned run average and is tied for the top spot with nine shutouts ... Brandy Marlett is No. 1 in ERA in the conference with a 1.57 ... She also leads in opponents batting average (.202) and strikeouts (114) ... ASU will host UTPB on Wednesday at Mayer Field at 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Cameron

2-4 last week.

Eastern New Mexico

The Eastern New Mexico University softball team earned a split at New Mexico Highlands University, to win the season series from the Cowgirls 3-1. Morgan Green registered a stellar performance for the Zias with a .500 batting average and two inning-ending double plays. In the circle, Vanessa Ramirez appeared in both games and limited NMHU to a .219 batting average and just two runs over nine innings. Eastern dropped the opener by a 4-3 score but came back for a 5-2 victory. This week, Eastern will host Lubbock Christian and West Texas A&M.

Midwestern State

Midwestern State won three of four games against No. 12-ranked Angelo State last weekend at Mustangs Park... The Mustangs improved to 4-8 against nationally ranked opposition this season... Midwestern pulled to within 2 1/2 games of Tarleton State for the sixth and final berth in the Lone Star Conference Postseason Tournament... Junior outfielder Paige Stevens collected a hit each game against Angelo State to extend her current team-best hitting streak to six games... Stevens is hitting .474 (9-for-19) with four runs and three stolen bases during the streak... Senior third baseman Kelley Schaefer hit .444 and connected on her third homer of the season against Angelo State... Junior Katelyn Vinson connected on two homers and drove in eight runs to up her career totals to 47 homers and 154 RBIs... Vinson needs 10 homers to pass former teammate Kim Jerrick for the school's all time home run lead... Sophomore outfielder Taylor Bermudes recorded two doubles to up her season total to a team-high eight... Sophomore starter Tayler Jerrick claimed two wins in the circle allowing one earned run on nine hits in 14 innings of work. She struck out 12 and walked two...

Tarleton State

Tarleton State softball hosted Texas A&M-Commerce for the first time last weekend and split with the Lions, taking the first two games Friday night and dropping the series finale twin bill Saturday. Erika Menchaca walked off both of the wins Friday night and led the way offensively with a .692 batting average and eight RBIs. Tarleton heads north of the border this weekend for a four-game series at Cameron.

Texas A&M-Commerce

2-2 last week.

Texas A&M-Kingsville

Texas A&M-Kingsville dropped all four games at No. 2 West Texas A&M this past weekend. The Javelinas had a chance to take the first games on Friday and Saturday. Rachael Longoria led the team at the plate by going 5-for-12 (.417) with three runs scored, two home runs and four RBI. Loren Donaldson also hit two bombs and plated five runs, all coming on Saturday. Hitting a homer as well as Valerie Ramirez. In the circle, Charlie Clark shut down the Lady Buffs through four innings, finishing with five strikeouts and giving up a run on two hits and walks. This week the Blue and Gold return home for six games. They host St. Edward's on Wednesday and return to LSC play Friday and Saturday against Texas Woman's.

Texas Woman's

The TWU softball team is 17-18-1 on the season and 9-6-1 in the Lone Star Conference after winning the four-game series 3-1 against No. 25 Cameron last week. The Pioneers jumped two spots in the LSC standings to second place with a .594 winning percentage. TWU defeated the Aggies 10-5, 8-5 and 7-3 before dropping a 11-1 decision. Sophomore Alyssa Galaz led the Pioneers with a .583 batting average, 1.167 slugging percentage, .615 on base percentage, seven hits, two home runs, and six RBI in the four games. Freshman Tylia Sylestine also hit two home runs and drove in five RBI while senior Kendra Sancet hit her 53rd career long ball to set a new TWU career home run record. She broke Katie Hines' record (52) set last year. Sancet also drove in

M-24	Katelyn Conlee, Tarleton State (2)
M-30	Tyler Oppenheim, Texas A&M - Commerce
A-6	Erika Menchaca, Tarleton State

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	Charlie Clark, Texas A&M - Kingsville
A-6	Tayler Jerrick, Midwestern State



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six runs. Junior Bailee Wortham pitched in all four game while making three starts and posted a 2-0 record. Sophomore Tori Bice also appeared in four games in the circle and recorded two saves and a win. She struck out 14 batters in 11.0 innings. On the season sophomore Nicole Nordie leads the team with a .449 batting average while Sancet leads the Pioneers with 11 home runs, 15 doubles and 43 RBI. Junior Laura Mabary has a team-best 35 run. Bice leads the pitching staff with 10 wins, four saves and 75 strike outs.

West Texas A&M

The No. 2 Lady Buffs continued to roll this past week as they extended their lead in the Lone Star Conference to three games with a perfect 6-0 week highlighted by a four-game series sweep of Texas A&M-Kingsville in Canyon to move to 33-6 overall with a 17-3 mark in league play. WT hit .409 as a team this past week with 10 doubles, one triple and 15 home runs to drive in 64 RBI for a team slugging percentage of .767. Saturday's doubleheader sweep of the Javelinas saw six Lady Buffs go yard to hit 10 total home runs on the day as WT outscored TAMUK 31-8. The Lady Buffs make their final road trip of the regular season this weekend as they head down Highway 60 for an LSC series against the Zias of Eastern New Mexico in Portales.