



LONE STAR CONFERENCE BASEBALL

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LSC BASEBALL

The race for the top spot in the Lone Star Conference is heating up. Texas A&M-Kingsville is currently first at 14-8 in league action with West Texas A&M (14-9) and Angelo State (13-9) right behind them.

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.

This week's league contests include Cameron at TAMUK, WT at Eastern New Mexico, and Tarleton State at ASU. The Javelinas and Aggies will play a four-game set due inclement weather cancelling a game from their previous series.

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 105-92 overall this season. In the NCAA South Central Region, the teams are currently 20-8 combined versus Heartland Conference teams and 7-6 against the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

HITTER

Matt Cole, West Texas A&M University, JR, INF, Grants Pass, Ore., Grants Pass HS

Cole led the way for the Buffs as they defeated league-leading Texas A&M-Kingsville two out of three games this weekend. Cole went 5 for 10 with three runs scored, one double and three RBI. He had two walks and one put out with no errors. Cole now has hit safely in 14-straight games and reached base in 14-straight games which is a season-high for the Buffs in both categories.

PITCHER

Tyler Gibson, West Texas A&M University, SR, RHP, Albuquerque, N.M., La Cueva HS

Gibson got the Buffs off to a great start with a complete game, two-hit, run-rule shortened game in the series opener against league-leading Texas A&M-Kingsville Friday night. Gibson went all seven innings before the game was stopped as the Buffs led 10-0. He allowed just two hits, with one walk and fanned seven over seven innings holding TAMUK to a .091 batting average. It was his second complete game of the season and first shutout of the year as he dropped his ERA to 2.30, which is the best among starters on the team. His 62.2 innings leads the LSC.

OTHER TOP PERFORMERS

Zach Fleet, Tarleton State University, came in clutch for the Texans last weekend by driving a two-out, game-tying RBI single into the right center gap to cap off a rally from seven runs down Saturday night and tie the game at 8-8 in the bottom of the ninth. For the weekend, Fleet saw action in three games and led the team with a .667 average with a double and three RBIs while slugging .833 and posting an on-base percentage of .750.

Brayton Carlson, Texas A&M University - Kingsville, went 4-for-9 in three games last week as the Javelinas took the regular season series over the Buffs, 4-3... the center fielder drove in two and defensively, added an assist... for the year, he is hitting a team-high .338 with two home runs and 11 RBI and is a perfect 6-for-6 on the bags... the Javelinas host Cameron in a four-game set this week after taking on nationally-ranked St. Mary's in a midweek tilt.

Justin Paul, Eastern New Mexico University, helped the ENMU Greyhounds split a four game series with TSU over the weekend, going 6-for-14 from the plate with a .429 average and five RBIs. Paul current holds the longest active hitting streak on the team, with six straight games recording at least one hit. He also leads the team in multiple RBI games with eight on the season. The junior slugger now sits at 10th overall in the LSC with a .337 batting average and second in RBIs with 24. In conference only, Paul is fourth in batting average with a .343.

Graylon Brown, Angelo State University, earned three saves last week with one against St. Mary's and two against Cameron to continue his dominant season out of the bullpen for the Rams. Brown leads the conference with eight saves and has a 0.31 ERA after not allowing a run in his last 12 appearances. He has allowed only one run all season in 18 appearances and has 28 strikeouts in 29 innings. He is coming off a week where he limited the opposition to a .158 average and had seven strikeouts, no walks and allowed only three hits in 5 2/3.

John Kresta, Tarleton State University, was solid out of the Tarleton bullpen, throwing three scoreless innings of relief while allowing just one hit and striking out a pair. The Greyhounds hit just .100 off the Tarleton right-hander in his three innings of work.

James Gray, Eastern New Mexico University, ended the game giving up five earned runs, but his 11 strikeouts against TSU followed his prior week's performance of throwing 13 strikeouts in seven innings against ASU. Gray is now fifth in the LSC in strikeouts, pitching slightly more than half the innings of the four pitchers in front of him. Ranked 11th nationally in strikeouts per nine, look for the senior from Eastern to move up in the rankings with his 11 k's in six and a half innings of work over the weekend. Helping his team get the win moves Gray to

STANDINGS

School	LSC	Overall	Streak
Texas A&M-Kingsville	14-8	20-14	L1
West Texas A&M	14-9	22-13	W1
Angelo State	13-9	24-10	W4
Tarleton State	8-11	14-15	L2
Cameron	8-14	14-19	L5
Eastern New Mexico	7-13	11-21	W2

SCHEDULE

Tuesday, April 7, 2015

Southwestern Oklahoma at Cameron, 2 p.m.
West Texas A&M at Lubbock Christian, 6 p.m.
Texas A&M-Kingsville at St. Mary's, 6 p.m.

Friday, April 10, 2015

*Cameron at Texas A&M-Kingsville, 6 p.m.
*Tarleton State at Angelo State, 6:30 p.m.
*West Texas A&M at Eastern New Mexico, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 11, 2015

*Cameron at Texas A&M-Kingsville, 1 p.m.
*Tarleton State at Angelo State, 4 p.m.
*West Texas A&M at Eastern New Mexico, 2 p.m.
*Cameron at Texas A&M-Kingsville, 3 p.m.
*Tarleton State at Angelo State, 7 p.m.
*West Texas A&M at Eastern New Mexico, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 12, 2015

*Cameron at Texas A&M-Kingsville, 1 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

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)



2-3 on the season. His WHIP is 1.44 and his five walks allowed on the season puts him at 18th in the LSC.

NOTES (Submitted by LSC SID's)

Angelo State

The Rams improved to 24-10 on the season and to 13-9 in conference play with a three-game sweep of Cameron last weekend following a 4-3 win over No. 13 St. Mary's last Tuesday at Foster Field. The Rams swept the season series against the Aggies 7-0 and will now host Tarleton State in a four-game series at Foster Field this weekend. ASU is 2-1 against the Texans this season after a rain-shortened series in Stephenville earlier this season. Steve Naemark continues to lead the LSC with a 0.72 ERA and 80 strikeouts through 62.1 innings, while Blake Bass picked up his conference-leading seventh win of the season last Saturday in Lawton. Paxton DeLaGarza leads the Rams with a .386 average, while J.C. Snyder is hitting .367 and leads the conference with 16 doubles coming into this weekend. The Rams are 16-2 at Foster Field this season.

Cameron

0-3 last week.

Eastern New Mexico

ENMU split a four game series with Tarleton State this weekend, with every game but one being decided by one run. Dropping the first two games on Friday 3-2 and 4-3, the Greyhounds rallied on Saturday, putting TSU away 9-5 and 9-8. The last game of the series went extra innings, with the duration extended even further with a several hour rain delay. In a game that took a total of almost six hours to finish, the Texans tied the game at eight all after nine innings, but were held off by the Greyhounds who pulled out the victory in the top of the 12th inning, scoring on a wild pitch. Justin Paul led the team from the plate with six hits and five RBIs, recording a .429 batting average and a .529 on base percentage. James Gray got another win on the season following his outstanding performance from the Angelo State series, throwing 11 strikeouts in the 9-5 win on Saturday. Gray is now 2-3 overall on the season.

Tarleton State

Tarleton State split a four-game series with Eastern New Mexico in Stephenville last weekend. The Texans swept the first day doubleheader before being swept in Saturday's final two games. The last game of the series saw a significant rain delay before finishing off a 12-inning game. Tarleton will travel to San Angelo next weekend for a three-game set with the Rams.

Texas A&M-Kingsville

TAMUK sits in first place after taking the regular season series over WT (4-3) with a record of 13-7 in LSC play and 20-13 overall... the Javelinas head to St. Mary's on Tuesday before hosting Cameron in a four-game series this weekend.

West Texas A&M

The Buffs got a huge 2-1 series win over Texas A&M-Kingsville to stay half a game behind the Javelinas in the league standings...The Buffs outscored TAMUK 21-11, and split a pair of one runs games, while winning the first game 10-0 in a run-rule affair...WT hit .375 for the series and held TAMUK to just .220. WT had nine of 13 players hit over .300 for the series, while recording 36 hits, 11 doubles and two home runs...WT slugged .552 and reached base at a .439 clip with 10 walks and one hit batter...The staff held a 3.75 ERA in 24.0 innings as it walked just seven and fanned 18, surrendering 11 runs - 10 earned on 20 hits...Senior Tyler Gibson pitched a complete game, two-hit shutout as he walked one and fanned seven in the 10-0 win in the opener which went seven innings due to the run-rule instead of the scheduled nine...Sean Michel picked up the second win in relief, while senior Paul Lujan had a save and a loss...The doubleheader Saturday featured two, one run games as TAMUK battled back to take the first 5-4 and WT won the nightcap 7-6...The Buffs have played in 16 games decided by one run this season and are 7-9 in one run games.



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