



LONE STAR CONFERENCE BASEBALL WEEKLY RELEASE | MAY 4, 2015

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LSC BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The top four Lone Star Conference baseball teams will meet in Kingsville, Texas, May 7-9, for the annual LSC Baseball Championship.

Texas A&M-Kingsville and West Texas A&M finished with identical 23-12 league records and are co-champions. TAMUK, who earned its sixth league title, is the top seed and host by virtue of head-to-head record versus WT (4-3).

The Buffs are the No. 2 seed and claimed its first LSC championship. Angelo State is the third seed, and Tarleton State fourth.

The double-elimination event begins on Thursday and concludes on Saturday. All games will take place at Nolan Ryan Field on the campus of TAMUK.

LSC BASEBALL

LSC baseball teams are 152-134 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

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

Cole hit .643 in three wins over Cameron this week as the Buffs claimed their first LSC regular season championship in school history earning a share of the title with Texas A&M-Kingsville. Cole went 9 for 14 from the plate with a team-high six runs scored, five doubles and eight RBI. He slugged 1.000 and reached base at a .688 clip with two walks and no strikeouts.

PITCHER

Blake Bass, Angelo State University, SR, RHP, Lubbock, Texas, Coronado HS

Bass established a new career-high with 12 strikeouts and earned his conference-leading ninth win of the season with a dominant performance in a 3-2 victory over Eastern New Mexico last Saturday at Foster Field. Bass struck out 12 of the 19 batters he faced in the game and left after the fifth inning with a lead and because of a predetermined pitch-count limit as the team prepared for the postseason. It was the second time this season Bass has had double-digit strikeouts after he also struck out 10 in a win at Tarleton State and he enters the postseason with 91 strikeouts this season which ranks second in the conference. A senior who is in his second season with ASU after transferring from Texas Tech, Bass has 130 career strikeouts and a 13-6 career record with the Rams. He enters the postseason with a 2.40 ERA through 15 starts this year and has only walked 17 in 82 2/3 innings. Bass was named the LSC Preseason Pitcher of the Year this season after earning LSC first-team honors last year. He has also been identified as the No. 3-ranked Division II professional prospect by Baseball America.

OTHER TOP PERFORMERS

Clint Wallace, Texas A&M University - Kingsville, hit .467 in four games as the Javelinas went 3-1 en route to their second consecutive LSC crown... the catcher continues to pile up great numbers, finishing the season with a .323 batting average, 29 RBI, 14 doubles, six stolen bases and defensively, he has thrown out nine base runners and picked off three.

Ryan Scott, Texas A&M University - Kingsville, the Texans could only tally one extra-base hit off the senior right-hander, who in just his fourth start of his career, struck out a career-high 12 batters in 8.0 innings to lead the Javelinas to a 7-2 win over TSU... Scott was masterful in the game, allowing just four hits... he finished his senior regular season 4-3 with a 2.29 ERA, seven saves, 51.0 innings, 54 strikeouts and limited opponents to a .165 batting average.

Tyler Gibson, West Texas A&M University, went 1-0 this week in the series opener against Cameron on Friday. He pitched 6.1 innings, allowing nine hits, four runs - one earned, two walks and he fanned nine with a 1.42 ERA. Gibson helped lead the Buffs to a sweep of Cameron and a share of the program's first Lone Star Conference regular season title with TAMUK.

Clyde Kendrick, Eastern New Mexico University, carried his dominating performance over from the previous series to stun Angelo State, fanning a season high 10 batters in only six innings of work. The powerful lefty only allowed five total bases in his six innings on the mound, and helped ENMU get a win against a fiery hot Rams team that had won seven in a row.

NOTES (Submitted by LSC SID's)

Angelo State

The Rams enter the postseason having won seven of their last eight games after taking two of three from Eastern New Mexico last weekend at Foster Field. ASU is the third seed in this week's Lone Star Conference Championship and will open against West Texas A&M at 11 a.m. on Thursday in Kingsville. ASU finished the regular season with a 24-5 record at home and leads the LSC in multiple stat categories. The Rams have a 35-5 home run advantage this season and their pitching staff has struck out 444 in 398 innings. ASU is 3-4 against WT this season going into Thursday's game.

STANDINGS

School	LSC	LSC %	Overall	Strk
Texas A&M-Kingsville	23-12	0.657	29-21	W3
West Texas A&M	23-12	0.657	34-16	W4
Angelo State	21-14	0.600	34-15	L1
Tarleton State	13-19	0.406	20-23	L4
Eastern New Mexico	11-21	0.344	16-30	W1
Cameron	11-24	0.314	19-29	L4

SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 7, 2015

G1: #2 West Texas A&M vs. #3 Angelo State, 11 a.m.
G2: #1 Texas A&M-Kingsville vs. #4 Tarleton State, 3 p.m.
G3: Loser of Game 1 vs. Loser of Game 2, 7 p.m.

Friday, May 8, 2015

Game 4: Winner of Game 1 vs. Winner of Game 2, 3 p.m.
Game 5: Loser of Game 4 vs. Winner of Game 3, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 9, 2015

Game 6: Winner of Game 4 vs. Winner of Game 5, 12 p.m.
Game 7 (If Necessary): 4 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
M-4	Matt Cole, West Texas A&M (2)

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)
M-4	Blake Bass, Angelo State

Cameron

0-3 last week.

Eastern New Mexico

ENMU started off the week with a nonconference matchup against in-state rival University of the Southwest in the final game of their three-game series of the season. In the rubber match, both teams started the game off with home runs, with the Greyhounds getting two in the first three innings. After jumping out to an early lead, the Mustangs came back and scored four runs in the bottom of the eighth inning, taking a 10-8 lead. ENMU only managed to score one in the ninth, losing 10-9. Over the weekend ENMU traveled to San Angelo, Texas, to take on the red hot ASU Rams. The Greyhounds needed to sweep the series to have a shot at the postseason and with Tarleton State getting swept, everything was in place for the Greyhounds to make the playoffs. It wasn't meant to be though, as ENMU lost two close ones to the Rams. The Greyhounds managed to take the final game of the regular season 8-3 to end on a high note."

Tarleton State

0-3 last week.

Texas A&M-Kingsville

The Javelinas went 3-1 last week to earn back-to-back LSC crowns, holding the tiebreaker over West Texas A&M to be the top seed in the upcoming LSC Championship at Nolan Ryan Field... the Javelinas' pitching rotation dominated in a three-game sweep over Tarleton State

West Texas A&M

The Buffs are 34-16 and finished 23-12 in Lone Star Conference play as they earned a share of the program's first LSC regular season title with TAMUK...WT now has won 30 or more games in back-to-back seasons and head coach Matt Vanderburg won his 300th career game against Cameron after notching his 200th career victory at WT against Tarleton State last Sunday...WT will be the No. 2-seed in the upcoming LSC Championship for the second year in a row and will play No. 3-seed Angelo State Thursday at 11 a.m. in Kingsville, Texas...The Buffs went 2-2 last year in the LSC Championship and was the tournament runner-up to Tarleton State.



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