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## **TEXAS-ARLINGTON WINS THIRD SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE COMMISSIONER'S CUP IN FIVE YEARS**

**PLANO, Texas** — The University of Texas at Arlington put together the most successful overall athletics program in the Southland Conference for the 2002-03 academic year to win its third Commissioner's Cup in the last five years, the conference office announced Tuesday. The award will be presented to Pete Carlon, director of athletics at UTA, during the Conference's Advisory Council meetings to be held May 27-30 in Galveston, Texas.

The Maverick men captured the men's all-sports trophy with 77 accumulated points while the women finished second among the 11 Southland universities with 93 points. The combined total of 170 points are just 2.5 more than Southwest Texas State University was able to collect.

SWT was the defending cup champion and had won two of the last three. The Bobcat athletics program won the 1999-2000 trophy with 153.5 points and last year's cup with 171. SWT's 19-point cushion over second-place Texas-San Antonio last year was the largest margin in the six-year history of the Commissioner Cup. SWT also finished second to UTA during the 2000-01 campaign, placing just 3.5 points behind the Mavs that time.

SWT placed first this year in the women's standings with 97 points while Stephen F. Austin was third behind UTA's 93 tallies with 89 points. The SWT men were second to UTA in the men's standings with 70.5 points.

The Men's All-Sports Trophy is awarded on a point system based on 22, 20, 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4 and 2 points for first through 11th place in the sports of basketball and baseball. In the sports of indoor track, outdoor track, I-AA football, cross country, golf and tennis, the point value is 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 point. Points are awarded regardless of the number of teams competing in the sport.

In women's competition, basketball, softball and volleyball count as double-point sports, 2-22. In indoor track, outdoor track, soccer, cross country, golf and tennis, points are awarded on the 1-11 basis.

Point totals from the men's and women's all-sports standings are combined to determine the Commissioner's Cup winner. The Commissioner's Cup was created for the 1997-98 season while the Men's All-Sports Trophy started with the inception of the conference for the 1963-64 academic year. The Women's All-Sports Trophy got its beginning in 1982-83.

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### 2002-03 Southland Conference Men's All-Sports Standings

	Cross Country	I-AA Football	Indoor Track	Basketball	Golf	Tennis	Baseball	Outdoor Track	Total
Texas-Arlington	9	—	8	18	5	11	18	8	77.0
Southwest Texas	4	5	11	16	3.5	—	20	11	70.5
Sam Houston State	10	6.5	9	22	3.5	—	8	10	69.0
Lamar	2	—	2	12	11	7	22	6	62.0
Stephen F. Austin	11	8.5	6	20	9	—	—	7	61.5
McNeese State	7	11	5	12	8	—	11	2	56.0
Texas-San Antonio	8	—	7	6	10	9	11	5	56.0
Northwestern State	6	10	10	4	—	—	16	9	55.0
Louisiana-Monroe	5	—	3	12	7	—	14	3	44.0
Southeastern La.	3	—	4	8	6	9	6	4	40.0
Nicholls State	1	8.5	1	2	2	—	4	1	19.5

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### 2002-03 Southland Conference Women's All-Sports Standings

	Cross Country	Soccer	Volleyball	Indoor Track	Basketball	Golf	Tennis	Softball	Outdoor Track	Total
Southwest Texas	4.5	10.5	7	11	17	10	7	20	10	97.0
Texas-Arlington	10	—	22	7	14	—	9	22	9	93.0
Stephen F. Austin	11	7	18	10	20	—	2	10	11	89.0
McNeese State	7	6	15	5	10	9	8	18	3.5	81.5
Northwestern State	3	9	4	8	17	—	6	16	7	70.0
Texas-San Antonio	9	—	7	9	22	—	11	4	3.5	65.5
Sam Houston State	8	—	10	6	4	8	3	12	8	59.0
Nicholls State	6	5	15	1	7	7	1	14	1	57.0
Louisiana-Monroe	4.5	8	2	4	12	—	10	8	6	54.5
Lamar	1	—	20	3	2	11	5	—	5	47.0
Southeastern La.	2	10.5	12	2	7	—	4	6	2	45.5

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### Commissioner's Cup

	Men	Women	Total
Texas-Arlington	77.0	93.0	170.0
Southwest Texas	70.5	97.0	167.5
Stephen F. Austin	61.5	89.0	150.5
McNeese State	56.0	81.5	137.5
Sam Houston State	69.0	59.0	128.0
Northwestern State	55.0	70.0	125.0
Texas-San Antonio	56.0	65.5	121.5
Lamar	62.0	47.0	109.0
Louisiana-Monroe	44.0	54.5	98.5
Southeastern Louisiana	40.0	45.5	85.5
Nicholls State	19.5	57.0	76.5



The Commissioner's Cup is awarded to the university compiling the highest combined total of men's and women's all-sports points.