

ASC REPORT

MEN'S BASKETBALL



AMERICAN SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE NCAA Division III

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ASC 2004-05 MEN'S BASKETBALL

ASC Championship Tournament

- ◆ February 25-26-27, 2005 (Fri-Sat-Sun)
- ◆ Hosted by ASC #1 East Division Seed
- ◆ Eight Team Field, Single-elimination
- ◆ Qualify: Top four East Division seeds and top four West Division seeds
- ◆ Champion: ASC automatic qualifier to NCAA Division III Championship

NCAA Championship Tournament

- ◆ First Round: March 3 (on-campus)
- ◆ Second Round: March 5 (on-campus)
- ◆ Sectionals: March 11-12 (on-campus)
- ◆ Semifinals/Finals: March 18-19 (Salem, Va.)

2003-04 SEASON REVIEW

ASC Champion

Sul Ross State University

East Division Co-Champion

Mississippi College,

University of Texas at Dallas

West Division Champion

Sul Ross State University

NCAA Championship Participant

Sul Ross State University

(Sectional Semifinalist)

WEB LINKS

www.ncaa.org
www.ncaasports.com
www.americansouthwestconf.org
www.D3hoops.com

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CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Games through November 27 (Saturday)

EAST Division	Conference					Overall					
	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	Streak
LeTourneau	1	0	1.000	91.0	90.0	2	1	.667	89.7	83.0	W1
Louisiana College	1	0	1.000	89.0	80.0	2	1	.667	80.7	80.3	W1
Ozarks	0	1	.000	91.0	100.0	2	1	.667	90.3	86.7	L1
Mississippi College	0	1	.000	59.0	64.0	1	1	.500	65.0	57.5	L1
Texas-Dallas	0	1	.000	59.0	65.0	1	2	.333	63.0	63.7	L1
Austin College	0	1	.000	53.0	57.0	1	2	.333	59.7	60.7	L1
East Texas Baptist	0	1	.000	72.0	89.0	0	2	.000	93.5	103.5	L1
Texas-Tyler	0	1	.000	90.0	99.0	0	3	.000	69.0	86.3	L1

WEST DIVISION	W	L	Pct	PF	PA	W	L	Pct	PF	PA	Streak
Mary Hardin-Baylor	1	0	1.000	57.0	53.0	3	0	1.000	66.0	55.0	W3
Sul Ross State	1	0	1.000	64.0	59.0	2	0	1.000	75.0	66.0	W2
Hardin-Simmons	1	0	1.000	65.0	59.0	3	1	.750	74.0	75.2	W2
McMurry	1	0	1.000	99.0	90.0	2	1	.667	80.7	75.0	W1
Texas Lutheran	1	0	1.000	89.0	72.0	2	2	.500	67.0	66.2	W1
Concordia-Austin	1	0	1.000	100.0	91.0	1	1	.500	79.5	98.5	W1
Schreiner	0	1	.000	90.0	91.0	0	2	.000	74.0	82.0	L1
Howard Payne	0	1	.000	80.0	89.0	0	2	.000	71.5	89.0	L1

ON THE ASC AGENDA

Schedule Subject to Change; + ASC Game; D3hoops.com Ranking

Monday, November 29

- + Austin College @ Concordia-Austin, 7:30
- + East Texas Baptist @ Schreiner, 7:30
- + LeTourneau @ Texas Lutheran, 7:30
- + Louisiana College @ Sul Ross State, 7:30
- + Mississippi College @ Howard Payne, 7:30
- + Ozarks @ Mary Hardin-Baylor, 7:30
- + Texas-Dallas @ McMurry, 7:30
- + Texas-Tyler @ Hardin-Simmons, 7:30

Thursday, December 2

- + Concordia-Austin @ Louisiana College, 7:30
- + Hardin-Simmons @ LeTourneau, 7:30
- + Howard Payne @ Ozarks, 7:30
- + Mary Hardin-Baylor @ Miss. College, 7:30
- + McMurry @ East Texas Baptist, 7:30
- + Sul Ross State @ Austin College, 7:30
- + Texas Lutheran @ Texas-Tyler, 7:30

Saturday, December 4

- + Concordia-Austin @ Mississippi College, 3:00
- + Hardin-Simmons @ East Texas Baptist, 3:00
- + Howard Payne @ Austin College, 3:00
- + Mary Hardin-Baylor @ Louisiana College, 3:00
- + McMurry @ LeTourneau, 3:00
- + Schreiner @ Texas-Tyler, 3:00
- + Sul Ross State @ Ozarks, 3:00
- + Texas Lutheran @ Texas-Dallas

Monday, December 6

- + Schreiner @ Texas Lutheran, 7:30

Tuesday, December 7

- + Louisiana College @ Mississippi College, 7:30
- East Texas Baptist @ Wiley, 7:30

Wednesday, December 8

- Univ. Dallas @ Texas-Dallas, 7:30

**ASC
PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

East Division Player of the Week

Nov 22 Habeeb Kareem, C, Univ. Ozarks
 Nov 29 Casey Meador, G, Louisiana College
 Dec 6
 Dec 13
 Dec 20
 Jan 4
 Jan 10
 Jan 17
 Jan 24
 Jan 31
 Feb 7
 Feb 14
 Feb 21

West Division Player of the Week

Nov 22 Tommy Stolhandske, F, Texas Lutheran
 Nov 29 Terence Mirabel, W, McMurry
 Dec 6
 Dec 13
 Dec 20
 Jan 4
 Jan 10
 Jan 17
 Jan 24
 Jan 31
 Feb 7
 Feb 14
 Feb 21

**ASC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
Games of November 22-28**

EAST DIVISION PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Casey Meador, G, Jr., Louisiana College

Junior guard **Casey Meador** (*Abbeville, La./North Vermillion HS*) scored 46 points and tallied seven steals to lead Louisiana College to a 1-1 week, including a conference season-opening 89-80 win at Howard Payne on Saturday (Nov. 27). Meador opened the week with 27 points against NCAA Div. I McNeese State (Nov. 23), then posted a game-high 19 points with six rebounds and four steals vs. HPU.

WEST DIVISION PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Terence Mirabel, W, Jr., McMurry University

McMurry wing **Terence Mirabel** (*Sante Fe, N.M./Capital HS*) poured-in a season-high 26 points to lead the Indians to a 99-90 home and conference-opening win vs. UT-Tyler on Saturday (Nov. 27). The junior was a perfect 10-of-10 from the line and nailed 6-of-9 field goals, including four three-pointers, to pace the hot-shooting McMurry offense. Mirabel added five rebounds and two steals.

**ASC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
Games of November 19-21**

EAST DIVISION PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Habeeb Kareem, C, Fr., University of the Ozarks

Freshman center **Habeeb Kareem** (*Richmond, Texas/George W. Bush HS*) averaged 20.5 points and 8.0 rebounds to lead University of the Ozarks to a pair of wins over the first weekend of the 2004-05 season. Kareem scored 21 points and grabbed 13 rebounds in the season-opening win at Hendrix College (Nov. 19) and followed that performance with a 20-point effort in the win against Rhodes College (Nov. 20). Kareem was 18-of-24 (.750) from the floor for the two-game stretch.

WEST DIVISION PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Tommy Stolhandske, F, Sr., Texas Lutheran University

Texas Lutheran senior forward **Tommy Stolhandske** (*San Antonio, Texas/Churchill HS*) scored 38 points and hauled down 18 rebounds, including a double-double performance against No. 17-ranked Wheaton College, for all-tournament honors at the Lee Pfund Classic in Wheaton, Ill. (Nov. 19-20). Stolhandske opened the year with 22 points in the Bulldogs' win against Kalamazoo College and finished with 16 points and 11 rebounds vs. WC, shooting .700 from the field (14-of-20) and committing one personal foul in tournament play.

Updated ASC Statistics / Standings Available at
www.americansouthwestconf.org

**NATIONAL, REGIONAL
POLLS**

D3HOOPS.COM TOP 25

www.D3hoops.com

Poll	Date	Team	Rank
Pre	O 28	Texas Lutheran	RV
		Sul Ross State	RV
1	N 23	Sul Ross State	RV
		Texas Lutheran	RV

NCAA DIV. III SOUTH REGION POLL

www.ncaasports.com

Poll	Date	Team	Rank
Rankings begin in January			

AROUND THE ASC

Ozarks' Freshman C Habeeb Kareem continues his impressive shooting from the floor after posting a perfect 11-of-11 performance against Concordia-Austin (Nov. 27). Through three games, Kareem is shooting 28-of-33 (.848) from the field and is the Eagles' leading scorer with a 20.7 average. . . . David Hamilton leads Ozarks in rebounding (9.3).

Mary Hardin-Baylor beat Austin College 57-53 in the home opener on Saturday (Nov. 27) to remain unbeaten on the season (3-0). . . . F Jimmy Carter scored a season-high 15 points in the AC win and his late three-pointer provided some insurance in a one-point game. . . . PG Brandon Gatlin led the Crusaders with a game-high 17 points, six rebounds and four assists. His hot shooting — Gatlin connected on 7-of-8 field goals and three free throws — made the difference as the Crusaders took control of the game late. His only miss from the field came from beyond the three-point line. He added six rebounds and four assists.

With its 99-90 win at home vs. UT-Tyler on Saturday (Nov. 27), **McMurry** moved to 6-3 all-time in ASC openers and 7-2 in conference home openers. . . . W Terence Mirabal ranked second in NCAA Division II free throw percentage at .903 (56-of-62) last season while playing for New Mexico Highlands. In his first year with the Indians, he is already 20-of-23 from the stripe. . . . C Cole Riggan already has 12 blocks in three games — a block every four minutes — and is on pace to record 100 for the season, which would shatter both the school and ASC records. . . . C Travis Tennison is averaging a double-double with 17.7 points and 11.0 rebounds. . . . McMurry is 10-1 in its last 11 games when reaching 90-point plateau.

Louisiana College was one of two ASC East teams to begin conference play with a win, taking an 89-80 win at Howard Payne (Nov. 27). . . . G Casey Meador has been LC's leading scorer in each of the three season-opening games. . . . Against Div. I McNeese State, senior F Chris Campbell didn't miss a shot, going 3-of-3 from the floor and 4-of-4 at the line.

Hardin-Simmons is off to its best start since the 1999 season at 3-1. . . . Calvin Nite hit a shot at the buzzer to beat Southwestern on Tuesday (Nov. 23). The ACU transfer had seven points in the final two minutes as the Cowboys overcame a 15-point deficit in the final 6:30. . . . F Zach Pickelman has scored in double figures each game and had his first double-double of the season in Saturday's win over UT-Dallas. Pickelman is averaging 14 points and 8.5 rebounds with a 13-of-14 showing at the free throw line.

Mississippi College opened ASC play with a 64-59 loss at Sul Ross State (Nov. 27). It is the Choctaws' second consecutive loss in Alpine, Texas, following a 72-69 loss to SRSU in last season's ASC Championship game. . . . Through two games this year, only three lettermen from last year's ASC East co-champion squad have played for the revamped Choctaws. Jason Walker and Jazmine Eugene each start with Lance Newlon coming off the bench. . . . G Jazmine Eugene scored a team high 13 points on 5-of-9 shooting vs. Sul Ross State.

UT-Dallas looked to be getting its ASC schedule off to a good start Saturday on the road against Hardin-Simmons (Nov. 27), building a couple of 10-point leads in the game. But UTD went through an eight-minute stretch late in the second half without scoring a basket from the floor and let HSU catch up, eventually falling 65-59. . . . The Comets have been inconsistent from the field, hitting just .386, but have not been shy about putting up the three-pointers, launching 61 in the first three games. . . . UTD has outrebounded its first three opponents, 34.0-29.7.

RESULTS

+ ASC Game; D3hoops.com Ranking

Friday, November 19

Austin College 72, Dallas 56
 Hardin-Simmons 106, Wiley 91
 Dallas Christian 81, LeTourneau 78
 McMurry 82, Rhodes 66
 Ozarks 87, Hendrix 79
 Texas Lutheran 75, Kalamazoo 60
 Mary Hardin-Baylor 72, Texas-Dallas 58
 Southern Methodist 76, Texas-Tyler 61
 Wayland Baptist 89, Howard Payne 63

Saturday, November 20

Louisiana College 86, Millsaps 77
 Cameron 81, Hardin-Simmons 54
 LeTourneau 100, Rhema Bible 78
 Mary Hardin-Baylor 69, Austin College 54
 Hendrix 69, McMurry 61
 Mississippi College 71, Millsaps 51
 Ozarks 93, Rhodes 81
 #17 Wheaton 64, Texas Lutheran 59
 Texas-Dallas 72, Dallas 54

Sunday, November 21

Texas-San Antonio 84, Texas-Tyler 56

Monday, November 22

LSU-Shrev. 118, East Tex. Baptist 115 (2-OT)

Tuesday, November 23

Stephen F. Austin 106, Concordia-Austin 59
 Hardin-Simmons 71, Southwestern (Texas) 70
 McNeese State 84, Louisiana College 67
 Incarnate Word 73, Schreiner 58
 Sul Ross State 86, UT-Permian Basin 73

Wednesday, November 24

Texas-San Antonio 69, Texas Lutheran 45

Saturday, November 27

+ Mary Hardin-Baylor 57, Austin College 53
 + Texas Lutheran 89, East Texas Baptist 72
 + LeTourneau 91, Schreiner 90
 + Louisiana College 89, Howard Payne 80
 + Sul Ross State 64, Mississippi College 59
 + Concordia-Austin 100, Ozarks 91
 + Hardin-Simmons 65, Texas-Dallas 59
 + McMurry 99, Texas-Tyler 90

AROUND THE ASC

Sul Ross State opened season play with a pair of wins against non-conference foe UT-Permian Basin (86-73, Nov. 23) and last year's ASC East co-champion Mississippi College (64-59). . . . G Sidney Hooper had a combined 40 points in the Lobos' opening week, scoring 31 against UTPB and nine against MC. Hooper was perfect from the free throw line against UTPB (6-of-6) while nailing 7-of-16 shots from three-point range.

East Texas Baptist F Chris Isom averaged 26.0 points and 11.0 rebounds in the season's first two games, including a career-high 35 points and 15 boards in a 118-115 double-overtime loss to NAIA LSU-Shreveport Monday (Nov. 22). Isom scored 17 points with seven rebounds in Saturday's ASC-opening loss at Texas Lutheran. . . . Junior G Cedric Isom averaged 25.0 points, 7.0 rebounds and 2.5 assists in the first two games of the season, scoring 24 points in at Texas Lutheran and 26 at LSU-Shreveport. . . . Through the first two games, ETBU's opponents have nearly doubled the Tigers in free throw attempts, with LSU-Shreveport and Texas Lutheran combining to shoot 78 charity shots compared to only 41 for ETBU. . . . The Tigers are on a four-game losing streak dating back to the last home game of the 2003-04 season (Feb. 14 against Austin College).

Texas Lutheran opened ASC play with a 17-point win over East Texas Baptist (Nov. 27). ASC West Preseason Player of the Year P Tommy Stolhandske scored career-best tying 34 points and grabbed seven rebounds, going 12-for-15 from the field and 10-of-14 from the foul line. . . . TLU opened the week with a 69-45 loss at NCAA Div. I UT-San Antonio (Nov. 24) in the first-ever meeting between the schools. Former Bulldog standout Dionne Phelps is the first assistant with UTSA. . . . TLU has won five consecutive home games dating back to last season...TLU coach Tom Oswald is 52-52 at TLU heading into Monday's game with LeTourneau.

Concordia-Austin won its home opener in an action-packed thriller against Ozarks and gave first year head coach Stan Bonewitz his first collegiate victory. . . . G Keith Darden had a stellar home opening performance on Saturday (Nov. 27) as CUA defeated Ozarks, 100-91, in an action-packed game that saw seven ties and eight lead changes. Darden scored 32 points, grabbed eight rebounds and handed-out four assists over 31 minutes.