

# ASC REPORT

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



### AMERICAN SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE NCAA Division III

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### ASC 2004-05 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

#### ASC Championship Tournament

- ◆ February 25-26-27, 2005 (Fri-Sat-Sun)
- ◆ Hosted by ASC #1 West 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 2 (on-campus)
- ◆ Second Round: March 5 (on-campus)
- ◆ Sectionals: March 11-12 (on-campus)
- ◆ Semifinals/Finals: March 18-19 (Norfolk, Va.)

#### 2003-04 SEASON REVIEW

##### ASC Champion

Hardin-Simmons University

##### East Division Champion

Mississippi College

##### West Division Champion

Hardin-Simmons University

##### NCAA Championship Participant

Hardin-Simmons University

(Sectional Finalist)

#### WEB LINKS

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

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### CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Games through December 20 (Monday)

| EAST Division       | Conference |   |      |      |      | Overall |   |      |      |      |        |
|---------------------|------------|---|------|------|------|---------|---|------|------|------|--------|
|                     | W          | L | Pct. | PF   | PA   | W       | L | Pct. | PF   | PA   | Streak |
| Austin College      | 4          | 2 | .667 | 58.8 | 62.2 | 6       | 2 | .750 | 62.0 | 59.5 | W 3    |
| East Texas Baptist  | 3          | 3 | .500 | 58.3 | 64.7 | 3       | 5 | .375 | 56.0 | 64.0 | W 1    |
| Mississippi College | 3          | 4 | .429 | 59.4 | 59.9 | 5       | 4 | .556 | 57.3 | 55.6 | L 2    |
| Texas-Tyler         | 2          | 4 | .333 | 66.8 | 71.2 | 2       | 5 | .286 | 66.9 | 70.7 | L 2    |
| Louisiana College   | 2          | 5 | .286 | 59.6 | 71.6 | 3       | 7 | .300 | 59.1 | 67.7 | L 3    |
| Ozarks              | 1          | 3 | .250 | 63.2 | 78.8 | 1       | 6 | .143 | 57.7 | 80.6 | L 1    |
| Texas-Dallas        | 1          | 5 | .167 | 56.3 | 78.8 | 2       | 6 | .250 | 56.5 | 76.9 | W 1    |
| LeTourneau          | 1          | 5 | .167 | 60.5 | 81.3 | 1       | 8 | .111 | 59.4 | 83.2 | L 6    |

| WEST DIVISION      | W | L | Pct   | PF   | PA   | W | L | Pct   | PF   | PA   | Streak |
|--------------------|---|---|-------|------|------|---|---|-------|------|------|--------|
| Howard Payne       | 7 | 0 | 1.000 | 72.0 | 49.0 | 9 | 0 | 1.000 | 71.1 | 50.3 | W 9    |
| McMurry            | 6 | 0 | 1.000 | 77.7 | 56.7 | 7 | 1 | .875  | 71.6 | 55.5 | W 6    |
| Hardin-Simmons     | 5 | 1 | .833  | 73.5 | 59.2 | 6 | 1 | .857  | 72.3 | 59.6 | W 1    |
| Concordia-Austin + | 5 | 1 | .833  | 78.3 | 59.8 | 6 | 1 | .857  | 78.3 | 59.8 | W 3    |
| Texas Lutheran     | 4 | 3 | .571  | 64.4 | 60.7 | 4 | 5 | .444  | 62.0 | 62.8 | L 1    |
| Mary Hardin-Baylor | 3 | 3 | .500  | 73.3 | 62.0 | 5 | 4 | .556  | 71.7 | 60.6 | W 2    |
| Sul Ross State     | 2 | 5 | .286  | 59.9 | 65.9 | 2 | 6 | .250  | 61.2 | 68.6 | L 2    |
| Schreiner          | 0 | 7 | .000  | 58.4 | 73.3 | 0 | 9 | .000  | 55.9 | 74.9 | L 9    |

+ Does not include score from 12/20 vs. Bryan (only the win)

### ON THE ASC AGENDA

Schedule Subject to Change; + ASC Game; D3hoops.com/WBCA Rankings

#### Tuesday, December 21

Concordia-Austin vs. Charleston (W.V.), 7:00

#### Tuesday, December 28

McMurry @ #9/11 Trinity (Texas), 2:00

#### Thursday, December 30

Howard Payne @ UC-Santa Cruz, 3:00  
Mississippi College @ Huntingdon, 1:00  
Southwestern (Texas) @ Schreiner, 5:30

#### Friday, December 31

Hardin-Simmons @ Texas Wesleyan, 2:00  
Wheaton (Ill.) @ Texas Lutheran, 2:00

#### Sunday, January 2

+ Ozarks @ Schreiner, 5:30

#### Monday, January 3

+ Ozarks @ Texas Lutheran, 5:30  
Hendrix @ Texas-Dallas, 5:30  
LSU-Shreveport @ Texas-Tyler, 5:30  
UT-Permian Basin @ Sul Ross State, 5:30  
Wheaton (Ill.) @ Concordia-Austin, 5:30

#### Tuesday, January 4

Wiley @ East Texas Baptist, 5:30

#### Thursday, January 6

+ Concordia-Austin @ East Texas Baptist, 5:30  
+ Hardin-Simmons @ Austin College, 7:30  
+ Howard Payne @ Texas-Tyler, 5:30  
+ Mary Hardin-Baylor @ LeTourneau, 5:30  
+ McMurry @ Ozarks, 5:30  
+ Schreiner @ Mississippi College, 5:30  
+ Sul Ross State @ Texas-Dallas, 5:30  
+ Texas Lutheran @ Louisiana College, 5:30

#### Saturday, January 8

+ Concordia-Austin @ LeTourneau, 1:00  
+ Hardin-Simmons @ Ozarks, 1:00  
+ Howard Payne @ Texas-Dallas, 1:00  
+ Mary Hardin-Baylor @ East Texas Baptist, 1:00  
+ McMurry @ Austin College, 3:00  
+ Schreiner @ Louisiana College, 1:00  
+ Sul Ross State @ Texas-Tyler, 1:00  
+ Texas Lutheran @ Mississippi College, 1:00

## ASC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

### East Division Player of the Week

Nov 22 Marissa Coop, PG, LeTourneau  
 Nov 29 Sade' Stewart, G, East Texas Baptist  
 Dec 6 Moe Winters, G, Mississippi College  
 Dec 13 No Nominees  
 Dec 20 Stephanie Knudson, G/F, Austin College  
 Jan 4  
 Jan 10  
 Jan 17  
 Jan 24  
 Jan 31  
 Feb 7  
 Feb 14  
 Feb 21

### West Division Player of the Week

Nov 22 Lisa Martinez, F, Mary Hardin-Baylor  
 Nov 29 Melissa Henley, C, Hardin-Simmons  
 Dec 6 Ashley Edwards, G, Concordia-Austin  
 Dec 13 Ashley Edwards, G, Concordia-Austin  
 Dec 20 Tracie Robbins, G, McMurry  
 Jan 4  
 Jan 10  
 Jan 17  
 Jan 24  
 Jan 31  
 Feb 7  
 Feb 14  
 Feb 21

## D3HOOPS.COM TEAM OF THE WEEK

N 29-D 5 Tarra Richardson, F, McMurry

## ASC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK Games of December 13 - 19

### EAST DIVISION PLAYER OF THE WEEK Stephanie Knudson, G/F, So., Austin College

Austin College sophomore guard/forward **Stephanie Knudson** (*North Richland Hills, Texas/Birdville HS*) exploded for a career-high 25 points and came up with four steals against Texas Lutheran (Dec. 16) to cap a week of back-to-back conference wins that put the 'Roos on top of the ASC East standings. Knudson finished the two-game pre-holiday stretch shooting 57 percent from the floor (12-of-21), including four three-pointers, and totaled eight steals, seven rebounds and three assists.

### WEST DIVISION PLAYER OF THE WEEK Tracie Robbins, G, Sr., McMurry University

Senior guard **Tracie Robbins** (*Plainview, Texas/PHS*) was red-hot in McMurry's two wins, burning nationally-ranked Hardin-Simmons for a career-tying 27 points on 8-of-10 field goals and 9-of-10 free throws in the Lady Indians' 77-60 ASC West win (Dec. 14). Robbins finished the week with 37 points (18.5 ppg), adding eight rebounds, seven assists and five steals to help McMurry stay undefeated in conference play (6-0) and stretch the season win streak to six games.

## AROUND THE ASC

The next *ASC Women's Basketball Report* will be distributed on Wednesday, January 5. . . . Conference standings, scores and statistics will be updated periodically during the holiday break. Check the ASC website at [www.americansouthwestconf.org](http://www.americansouthwestconf.org). . . . The ASC Office will be closed December 24 and 31, with limited hours observed December 23, 27-30.

**Hardin-Simmons** and **Texas Lutheran** close out the 2004 portion of the ASC women's basketball schedule with New Year's Eve 2:00 matinee games. The Cowgirls are at Texas Wesleyan while TLU hosts Wheaton College (Ill.). . . . **Ozarks** and **Schreiner** play the first conference game of 2005 when they meet in Kerrville on January 2 for a 5:30 start.

**McMurry** snapped #3/3 Hardin-Simmons' 53-game ASC home winning streak Dec. 14 in convincing fashion, 77-60. The Lady Indians led by as many as 20 points in the second half and trailed only twice early. . . . Freshman P Darshunda Osioh came off the bench against Louisiana College to record career highs of 12 points and six rebounds in only 11 minutes. Other career bests in the LC win included Kaylann Titus with seven rebounds and Symbri Tuttle with five steals. . . . The Indians' six-game winning streak is the longest since the 1999-2000 squad reeled off two streaks of seven games, which was the last time the program won a division title and advanced to the NCAA Championship playoffs. . . . McMurry is 2-0 in its last two games vs. Top 10 teams.

**Schreiner** put up a fight against ASC East-leading Austin College (Dec. 15), coming back from a 17-0 start to close within 34-21 at the half and within one-point, 60-59, with 2:28 left in the game. . . . Near-perfect free throw shooting helped the Mountaineers who were 10-of-10 in the first half and 22-of-25 for the game. . . . F/C Vanessa Lopez is the top-scoring freshman in the ASC, averaging 14.0 points behind a .521 field goal percentage. She is tied at ninth among all conference scorers. . . . Rachel Estrada scored a season-high 18 points and grabbed 11 rebounds while Vanessa Lopez added 12 points and 10 rebounds for double-double performances vs. Austin College. . . . The Schreiner losing skid has stretched to 68 games, two games shy of tying the NCAA all-division record of 70 games held by Div. III Rockford (Ill.) College and Div. II Notre Dame (Calif.).

## NATIONAL, REGIONAL POLLS

### D3HOOPS.COM TOP 25

www.D3hoops.com

| Poll | Date | Team                 | Rank (Pts.) |
|------|------|----------------------|-------------|
| Pre  | O 28 | Hardin-Simmons ..... | 6 (376)     |
| 1    | N 23 | Hardin-Simmons ..... | 4 (494)     |
| 2    | N 30 | Hardin-Simmons ..... | 3 (553)     |
|      |      | Howard Payne .....   | RV (4)      |
| 3    | D 07 | Hardin-Simmons ..... | 3 (556)     |
|      |      | Howard Payne .....   | RV (8)      |
| 4    | D 14 | Hardin-Simmons ..... | 3 (585)     |
|      |      | Howard Payne .....   | RV (26)     |

### USA TODAY/ESPN/WBCA TOP 25

www.wbca.org

| Poll | Date | Team                 | Rank (pts.) |
|------|------|----------------------|-------------|
| Pre  | N 10 | Hardin-Simmons ..... | 9 (122)     |
| 1    | D 07 | Hardin-Simmons ..... | 4 (169)     |
| 2    | D 14 | Hardin-Simmons ..... | 3 (177)     |

### NCAA DIV. III SOUTH REGION POLL

www.ncaasports.com

| Poll                           | Date | Team | Rank |
|--------------------------------|------|------|------|
| Rankings begin in January 2005 |      |      |      |

## AROUND THE ASC

**Howard Payne** carries a conference season-best nine-game winning streak into the holiday break. The Lady Jackets posted a 71-54 win against Sul Ross State last Tuesday (Dec. 14) to remain in a first-place tie in the ASC West. . . . Freshman Meia Daniels is averaging 13.0 points, ranking No. 10 in the ASC. . . . The Lady Jackets continue to receive votes in the *D3hoops.com* Top 25 poll.

**UT-Dallas** broke a five-game losing streak Sunday with an 82-58 win over Schreiner. Going with a smaller, quicker, guard-based lineup, the Comets were able to jump out to a 43-27 halftime leading, hitting 45.3 percent in the opening half, including six three-point shots. . . . UTD knocked its turnovers down to just 16 vs. Schreiner after averaging around 28 per game earlier in the season. . . . Junior Kia Jones, who had lost her starting job and been averaging just 2.8 points per game, lit up Schreiner for 22 points and had six rebounds. . . . G Jennifer Longoria has a string of double figure games, putting up 44 points in three games last week (14.6 ppg) including eight three-pointers. Her 19 points against Texas Lutheran on Saturday (Dec. 18), including 6-of-6 effort at the line, kept UTD close throughout the game.

**Mississippi College** dropped its third game of the season with a 79-67 loss at #3 Hardin-Simmons (Dec. 18). All three of the season losses have been on the road against ASC West Division teams. . . . MC is 4-0 at home. . . . G Moe Winters led the Lady Choctaws with 17 points against HSU. Winters dropped-in 6-of-9 field goals with two of those from long-range. . . . Lauren Williams lists second in the ASC averaging 8.5 rebounds.

Since losing top post reserve Magna Green to a knee injury, sophomore post Melissa Henley has come up huge for **Hardin-Simmons**. Green scored 20 points in the win over Mississippi College on Saturday (Dec. 18) and came back with a career-best 28 in 28 minutes against Louisiana College (Dec. 20). HSU is down to two healthy true post players. . . . When McMurry shot 55 percent against the Cowgirls (Dec. 14), it was the first time this season that HSU had allowed someone to shoot over 38 percent in a game. The 77-60 loss to McMurry snapped a 53-game home winning streak against ASC opponents. McMurry was the last team to win at the Mabee Complex in the 2000 season. In that season the two teams squared off four times, and HSU won the last three, including the ASC Tournament and NCAA Tournament. . . . Diana Martinez needs four assists to become the school's all-time assists leader. She currently has 349 in her career.

**Louisiana College** sophomore Carol Elder had her best game of the year against LSU-Shreveport as she scored 18 points and had nine rebounds and seven assists in the 71-56 victory (Dec. 14). . . . The Lady Wildcats shot a season-best .545 against LSU-S, limiting the Pilots to 38 percent from the floor. . . . True freshman G Edie Leonards continues to lead LC as she scored 14 against LSU-S and 10 against McMurry. Leonards connected on a combined 75 percent of her field goals over the two games (12-of-16) and added eight rebounds.

**Texas Lutheran** snapped a two-game skid with a 66-51 win at UT-Dallas on Saturday (Dec. 18). The Bulldogs had four players in double figures in the road victory. . . . TLU has put together a 4-5 record and a 4-3 mark in the ASC without the services of two-year starting post Sara Kainer, a 5-foot-11 junior. Kainer, a two-year starter, is expected back for the second semester of games. . . . The Bulldogs are also without starting point guard Mari Matott. The senior was injured in the third game of the season and is also expected back in the second semester. . . . F Courtney Ard has provided the Bulldogs with everything from scoring and rebounding to blocking shots and assisting on baskets. Against Austin College (Dec. 16), she dished out three assists and grabbed five rebounds while scoring six points. At UT-Dallas, she delivered 12 points, six rebounds and four blocked shots. In Sunday's home loss to Lawrence, Ard scored a season-high 18 points and grabbed nine rebounds. Ard ranks 10th among ASC rebounders (6.8 ave.).

## RESULTS

+ ASC Game; D3hoops.com/WBCA Rankings

### Sunday, December 12

Austin College 71, Southwestern 59

### Tuesday, December 14

+ Howard Payne 71, Sul Ross State 54

+ McMurry 77, #3/3 Hardin-Simmons 60

Louisiana College 71, LSU-Shreveport 56

### Wednesday, December 15

+ Austin College 67, Schreiner 59

### Thursday, December 16

+ Austin College 67, Texas Lutheran 56

+ Mary Hardin-Baylor 82, Texas-Dallas 58

### Saturday, December 18

+ McMurry 73, Louisiana College 53

+ #3/3 Hardin-Simmons 79, Mississippi College 67

+ Mary Hardin-Baylor 89, Texas-Tyler 67

+ Texas Lutheran 66, Texas-Dallas 51

### Sunday, December 19

+ Texas-Dallas 80, Schreiner 58

Lawrence (Wis.) 69, Texas Lutheran 61

### Monday, December 20

+ #3/3 Hardin-Simmons 109, Louisiana College 58

+ McMurry 70, Mississippi College 60

Concordia-Austin d. Bryan, no score reported

## AROUND THE ASC

**Mary Hardin-Baylor** won back-to-back games for just the second time this season, closing out the first semester with home victories against UT-Dallas (82-58) and UT Tyler (89-67) last weekend. . . . UMHB will now take almost three weeks off before returning to action on January 6 at LeTourneau. . . . Lisa Martinez posted a double-double with 17 points and 12 rebounds against UT Tyler. Martinez is the top rebounder in the conference (9.7 ave.) and third-leading scorer (17.7 ppg). . . . G LaTrice Hutchins shot 67 percent from the field (14-of-21) vs. the U.T. twins in helping lead the Crusaders to a pair of 20-point plus victories. Hutchins was 5-of-8 from three-point range and averaged 19 points in the wins.

Back in conference action after finals and a game against Southwestern, **Austin College** heads into the break on a three-game win-streak, defeating Schreiner and Texas Lutheran during last week's games. . . . The 'Roos fought-off a Schreiner comeback effort on Wednesday (Dec. 15) for the 67-59 win. . . . Austin College's 2-0 week put it atop the ASC East standings and extended the win streak to three games.

**LeTourneau** did not play last week and are off until January 6 when it faces Mary Hardin-Baylor at home. . . . Junior PG Marissa Coop is on pace to break the school's season assists record. She currently has 56 helpers and is on pace for 156 which would shatter the record of 142. Coop needs only 53 assists to set the LU career record as well. Julie Lawrence holds both records for LeTourneau. . . . Sophomore Katrina Visina tops LadyJacket scoring at 15.8 points a game.

**Concordia-Austin** is in the Bahamas for the pre-Christmas Nassau Sunshine Shootout. The Tornados opened play Monday with a win vs. Bryan College and face Charleston (W.V.) in Tuesday's championship game. . . . Ashley Edwards leads the conference in scoring (20.7 ppg), assists (6.83 ave.) and steals (3.83 ave.). She also carries a conference-best 2.05 assist-to-turnover ratio.

Sophomores Katelynn Denney (14.0 ppg) and RaTonya Hunter (12.9 ppg) lead **UT Tyler** scoring. The duo also rank among the Top 15 scorers in the conference. . . . Hunter is the iron-woman on the Patriots' roster, averaging 33.86 minutes a game.

**East Texas Baptist** is idle until a January 4 game against city rival Wiley College on January 4. . . . Junior Tiffany Jefferson ranks third in conference rebounding (8.1 rpg).

**Sul Ross State** opens 2005 with a non-conference home game vs. UT-Permian Basin on January 3. . . . Danielle Furr is averaging 3.63 assists and 2.75 steals.