

ASC REPORT

MEN'S BASKETBALL 2006-07



**AMERICAN SOUTHWEST
CONFERENCE
NCAA Division III**

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**ASC 2006-07
MEN'S BASKETBALL**

ASC Championship Tournament

- ◆ February 23-24-25, 2006 (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 Division III Championship

- ◆ First Round: March 1
(on-campus)
- ◆ Second Round: March 3
(on-campus)
- ◆ Sectionals: March 9-10
(on-campus)
- ◆ Semifinals/Finals: March 16-17
(Salem Civic Center and ODAC, Salem, Va.)



2005-06 SEASON REVIEW

ASC Champion
MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE
East Division Champion
Mississippi College
West Division Champion
Howard Payne

NCAA Championship Participants

Mississippi College
(Sectional Semifinals/Sweet 16)

WEB LINKS

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

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CONFERENCE STANDINGS

| | East Division | | | | | Overall | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|---|-------|------|------|---------|---|-------|------|------|
| | Conference | | | | | | | | | |
| | W | L | Pct | PF | PA | W | L | Pct | PF | PA |
| Texas-Dallas | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | 92.5 | 80.5 | 5 | 0 | 1.000 | 87.8 | 70.2 |
| #20 Mississippi College | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | 83.0 | 58.5 | 2 | 1 | .667 | 82.7 | 67.0 |
| Ozarks | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | 80.5 | 72.0 | 3 | 2 | .600 | 79.6 | 77.0 |
| LeTourneau | 1 | 1 | .500 | 61.0 | 66.5 | 3 | 1 | .750 | 71.0 | 69.5 |
| Texas-Tyler& | 1 | 1 | .500 | 67.0 | 65.0 | 1 | 2 | .333 | 70.0 | 71.0 |
| East Texas Baptist | 0 | 1 | .000 | 63.0 | 86.0 | 0 | 5 | .000 | 66.8 | 81.8 |
| Louisiana College | 0 | 2 | .000 | 68.0 | 76.0 | 0 | 4 | .000 | 56.8 | 84.0 |

| | West Division | | | | | Overall | | | | |
|--------------------|---------------|---|-------|------|------|---------|---|------|------|------|
| | Conference | | | | | | | | | |
| | W | L | Pct | PF | PA | W | L | Pct | PF | PA |
| McMurry | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 73.0 | 61.0 | 2 | 1 | .667 | 70.3 | 63.3 |
| Mary Hardin-Baylor | 1 | 1 | .500 | 59.0 | 66.0 | 2 | 1 | .667 | 60.3 | 60.3 |
| Hardin-Simmons | 1 | 1 | .500 | 73.0 | 62.0 | 1 | 2 | .333 | 67.3 | 60.7 |
| Texas Lutheran | 1 | 1 | .500 | 60.5 | 65.0 | 1 | 3 | .250 | 62.5 | 67.5 |
| Concordia-Austin | 1 | 1 | .500 | 75.5 | 85.0 | 1 | 4 | .200 | 87.6 | 97.6 |
| Howard Payne | 0 | 1 | .000 | 74.0 | 86.0 | 0 | 3 | .000 | 73.0 | 85.3 |
| Sul Ross State | 0 | 1 | .000 | 70.0 | 75.0 | 0 | 3 | .000 | 63.0 | 77.0 |
| Schreiner | 0 | 2 | .000 | 85.0 | 94.5 | 0 | 5 | .000 | 73.4 | 88.2 |

& Ineligible for ASC Championship Tournament as NCAA-Div. III provisional member

READY FOR TIP-OFF

Schedule Subject to Change; + ASC game;
D3Hoops.com ranking listed

Wednesday, November 29

Texas Lutheran @ Texas A&M-International, 7:00

Thursday, November 30

+ #20 Mississippi College @ McMurry, 7:30
+ East Texas Baptist @ Howard Payne, 7:30
+ Ozarks @ Schreiner, 7:30
+ Texas-Tyler @ Mary Hardin-Baylor, 7:30
+ Louisiana College @ Hardin-Simmons, 7:30
+ LeTourneau @ Sul Ross State, 7:30

Saturday, December 2

+ #20 Mississippi College @ Hardin-Simmons, 3:00
+ East Texas Baptist @ Sul Ross State, 3:00
+ Ozarks @ Texas Lutheran, 3:00
+ Texas-Tyler @ Concordia-Austin, 3:00
+ Louisiana College @ McMurry, 3:00
+ LeTourneau @ Howard Payne, 3:00

IN THE PAINT

The 2006-07 season is in full swing as conference games got underway last week. Texas-Dallas is the league's only remaining undefeated team at 5-0. In the East Division, three teams sport a 2-0 league mark: UTD, Mississippi College and Ozarks. In the West, McMurry (1-0) is the only squad to have not lost an ASC game. In the national rankings, Mississippi College comes in at No. 20. As far as statistics go, senior guard Martin Salinas of Texas-Dallas leads the league in scoring at 25.8 points per game, while senior forward Chris Isom of East Texas Baptist tops the charts in rebounds per game (12.0) despite the Tigers being off to an 0-5 start. Texas Lutheran travels to Texas A&M-International on Wednesday night for a non-conference game, but Thursday and Saturday's slates are full of nothing but ASC matchups.



Texas-Dallas senior guard Martin Salinas is scoring a league-leading 25.8 points per game for the 5-0 Comets.

A LOOK BACK...

EAST DIVISION

N 20 Martin Salinas, G, Sr., Texas-Dallas
 N 27 Habeeb Kareem, F/C, Sr., Ozarks
 D 4
 D 11
 D 18
 J 1
 J 8
 J 15
 J 22
 J 29
 F 5
 F 12
 F 19

WEST DIVISION

N 20 Alvin Stevens, F, Jr., McMurry
 N 27 Zach Pickelman, F, Sr., Hardin-Simmons
 D 4
 D 11
 D 18
 J 1
 J 8
 J 15
 J 22
 J 29
 F 5
 F 12
 F 19

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Games of November 20-26

EAST DIVISION

HABEEB KAREEM, F/C, Sr., Ozarks

Ozarks senior **Habeeb Kareem** (*Houston, Texas / Bush HS*) averaged 22 points and seven rebounds to guide the Eagles' 2-0 week. The 6-5, 240-pound forward/center scored 17 second-half points to help Ozarks overcome an eight-point, first-half deficit to Howard Payne. He finished with a game-high 25 points. In an overtime victory against Rust, Kareem tallied 19 points – including completing a three-point play late in the bonus period that gave the Eagles' a one-point advantage – and three blocks.

WEST DIVISION

ZACH PICKELMAN, F, Sr., Hardin-Simmons

Hardin-Simmons senior forward **Zach Pickelman** (*New Braunfels, Texas / Canyon HS*) averaged 23 points and five rebounds over two games. He had 22 points, six rebounds and four assists to go along with no turnovers in the Cowboys' conference-opening win over East Texas Baptist. Earlier in the week, Pickelman scored a game-high 24 points in a two-point loss to Southwestern. Overall, he was 6 of 12 on 3-pointers and 8 of 9 from the free throw line.

OTHER TOP PERFORMANCES

EAST: East Texas Baptist G **Chris Isom** averaged 24 points and 13.5 rebounds over two losses. . . . Texas-Dallas G **Travis Carruthers** averaged 15.7 points over the Comets' 3-0 week. He hit 23 of 27 free throws to help preserve two conference wins. . . . Mississippi College's **Timothy Broomfield** averaged 15.5 points as the nationally-ranked Choctaws went 1-1. The 6-8 G had nine rebounds, four blocks and three steals in a conference-opening win over Mary Hardin-Baylor.

WEST: McMurry F **Alvin Stevens** scored a career-high 23 points and grabbed six rebounds in a conference-opening win over LeTourneau. . . . Concordia-Austin F **Valentino Maxwell** averaged 20.5 points and five rebounds as the Tornados went 1-1. . . . Texas Lutheran G **Nate Walton** scored 20 points in a loss to Texas-Dallas and tallied nine in a win over Texas-Tyler. . . . C **Ryan Burgart** led Mary Hardin-Baylor is scoring (13.5 average) and rebounding (seven avg.) over both its games last week. He did not miss a shot in the first half against Trinity in his first action after a near-fatal illness this summer. . . . Howard Payne G **Josh Weatherred** averaged 17.5 points and shot 57.9 percent from 3-point range as the Yellow Jackets went 0-2.

NATIONAL AWARDS

D3Hoops.com Team of the Week

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D3Hoops.com Preseason All-America Team

Third Team

Forward: Tyler Winford, Jr., Mississippi College

Honorable Mention

Forward: Chris Isom, Sr., East Texas Baptist



LEADERBOARD

The top performances by individuals and teams this season

-INDIVIDUAL- POINTS

34 – Martin Salinas, Texas-Dallas (at Austin College, 11/18/2006)

3-POINTERS

7 – Jayme Bradley, LeTourneau (vs. Jarvis Christian, 11/17/2006)

7 – Josh Weatherred, Howard Payne (at Abilene Christian, 11/21/06)

REBOUNDS

17 – Chris Isom, East Texas Baptist (vs. Jarvis Christian, 11/18/06)

ASSISTS

10 – Bud Willis, McMurry (vs. Rowan, 11/17/06)

STEALS

8 – Martin Salinas, Texas-Dallas (at Austin College, 11/18/06)

BLOCKED SHOTS

5 – Josey Kyle, East Texas Baptist (at Wiley College, 11/17/06)

-TEAM-

POINTS SCORED

114 – Concordia-Austin (at Abilene Christian, 11/18/06)

FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED

47 – Mississippi College (vs. Mary Hardin-Baylor, 11/25/06)

WINNING STREAK

5 – Texas-Dallas (11/17/06 – current)

LEAGUE'S LEADING...

SCORER

Martin Salinas, Texas-Dallas (25.8)

REBOUNDER

Chris Isom, East Texas Baptist (12.0)



**D3HOOPS.COM
TOP 25**

Week 1: Nov. 26

| No. | School | Points |
|-----|------------------------|--------|
| 1. | Virginia Wesleyan (23) | 623 |
| 2. | Wooster (1) | 594 |
| 3. | Amherst (1) | 553 |
| 4. | Ohio Northern | 510 |
| 5. | Hope | 484 |
| 6. | Wittenberg | 461 |
| 7. | St. Thomas | 457 |
| 8. | UW-Whitewater | 325 |
| 9. | UW-Stevens Point | 320 |
| 10. | Calvin | 311 |
| 11. | Lincoln | 308 |
| 12. | Randolph-Macon | 291 |
| 13. | Baldwin-Wallace | 282 |
| 14. | North Central | 273 |
| 15. | Augustana | 256 |
| 16. | William Paterson | 239 |
| 17. | Lawrence | 200 |
| 18. | Whitworth | 168 |
| 19. | UW-Oshkosh | 160 |
| 20. | MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE | 143 |
| 21. | Bates | 110 |
| 22. | Puget Sound | 97 |
| 23. | Johns Hopkins | 93 |
| 24. | Illinois Wesleyan | 69 |
| 25. | Occidental | 68 |

**Next Poll: TBA
www.D3hoops.com**

Tracking the ASC:

| Date | Poll | ASC Team | Rank |
|------|------|---------------------|----------|
| Nov. | Pre | Mississippi College | 11 (289) |
| | | Mary Hardin-Baylor | RV (15) |
| | | Hardin-Simmons | RV (5) |
| N26 | W1 | Mississippi College | 20 (143) |

WHO'S THE BEST?

The All-Time ASC Men's Basketball Records – updated after the 2005-06 season – can be found on the conference's website, www.americansouthwestconf.org.

2006 Preseason

ASC PRESEASON PLAYER AWARDS

East Division Player of the Year

Chris Isom, F, Sr., East Texas Baptist

West Division Player of the Year

Valentino Maxwell, F, Jr., Concordia-Austin

WHO THE COACH/SIDES/MEDIA PICKED:

East Division

Mississippi College (15 first-place votes)

West Division

Hardin-Simmons (9 first-place votes)

AROUND THE ASC

Compiled from information submitted by ASC Sports Information Directors

**~ FROM THE WEST ~
MCMURRY**

Alvin Stevens' career-high 23 points helped McMurry head coach **Ron Holmes** reach his 450th career win Saturday at Solheim Arena in Longview. McMurry University defeated LeTourneau 73-61 and held off a late rally to win its ASC opener. Stevens scored 19 of his 23 points in the second half. His previous career-high was 20 points, which he did twice last year. The junior from San Antonio was 10 of 17 from the floor and had six rebounds. Holmes is in his 17th season as McMurry's head coach. After Saturday's win, he has compiled a 281-148 record since his arrival. Before he coached at McMurry, his high school coaching record was an impressive 169-67 mark. Holmes needs 19 more wins for 300 at McMurry and 50 to reach the 500-win plateau.

MARY HARDIN-BAYLOR

Mary Hardin-Baylor will play nine of its next 11 games at home.

HARDIN-SIMMONS

Freshman **Mike Dinkins** became the first Hardin-Simmons freshman since **Zach Pickelman** and **Tanner Kudrna** in 2003-04 to record a 20 point game for the Cowboys with his 21 points against ETBU.

TEXAS LUTHERAN

Texas Lutheran started ASC play with a 55-48 road win Saturday over Texas-Tyler. TLU then dropped to 1-1 in the league with a 82-66 loss at Texas-Dallas. Against Texas-Tyler, TLU received balanced scoring from its starting frontcourt of **Tyler Wanek**, **Josh Scott** and **J.C. Herebia**. Wanek, a freshman power forward, and Scott, a sophomore small forward, each scored a team-high 11 points. Wanek also grabbed a team-best nine boards. The TLU was 22-of-30 from the free throw line. TLU received 20 points from sophomore guard **Nate Walton**, who was 7-for-14 from the floor, in the road loss at UTD. Walton hit three three-pointers. **Michael Hill** added 16 at UTD.

CONCORDIA-AUSTIN

Concordia-Austin won its American Southwest Conference opener against Louisiana College in a nailbiter, 81-79.

HOWARD PAYNE

Howard Payne started its defense of the 2005-06 ASC West Division title with a loss to Ozarks on the road. Senior **Kendrick Johnson** is leading the Jackets in scoring so far on the season averaging 17.3 ppg. Senior guard **Josh Weatherred** is playing his best ball as a Jacket averaging 13.3 ppg and shooting 54.5 percent from the 3-point range.

**~ FROM THE EAST ~
TEXAS-DALLAS**

Texas-Dallas' 5-0 start is the best in the program's nine-year history after UTD posted convincing wins over Southwest Assemblies of God, Schreiner and Texas Lutheran. Guard **Martin Salinas** topped his Player of the Week performance last week with 71 points in three games this week and is averaging 25.8 points per game. Salinas has added strong defense to his repertoire and already has 20 steals on the season. The Comets have also picked up an inside presence in freshman **Jordan Eppink**, who had a 60-point week after putting up 30 against Schreiner. He had double-doubles in both ASC games. UTD will have to let its starting momentum stew for a week while the Comets are off to take final exams.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

Mississippi College saw its 16-game home winning streak ended last week with an 84-82 overtime loss to Wesley College. The Choctaws rebounded with a great performance against Mary Hardin-Baylor beating the Crusaders 75-47 in a game they led 50-15 at one point.

OZARKS

Ted Beard's steal and layup with less than :07 seconds left in overtime secured a 83-81 win for Ozarks against Rust College. **Jeremy Clark** came off the bench to hit 4-of-4 from beyond the arc, helping the Eagles shoot 45 percent from three-point range in the game. The Eagles overcame a 45-37 halftime deficit and rallied to a 86-74 victory over Howard Payne University on Saturday. **Habeeb Kareem** also got hot in the second half, scoring 17 points, including a stretch where he hit four straight inside shots. The inside duo of Kareem and **David Green** combined for 39 points on 15-of-21 shooting (71 percent) from the field.

LETOURNEAU

LeTourneau defeated Austin College on Tuesday behind 24 points off the bench from **Dewones Smith**. In the conference opener against McMurry, the Jackets were limited to 37.5 percent shooting and only **Dusty Evers** reached double figures with 12 points. The team has their longest road trip of the season when they travel to Sul Ross and Howard Payne this weekend.

TEXAS-TYLER

Texas-Tyler began their season with a loss in overtime, 83-76 to Jarvis Christian. **Anthony Reese** led the Patriots with 12 points. Texas-Tyler opened up ASC play with a 55-48 loss to Texas Lutheran. The Patriots got nine points and five rebounds from **Mirada Reed** and **Marlon Hill** in the loss.

LOUISIANA COLLEGE

Louisiana College continued its brutal non-conference schedule, playing their second official non-conference game – the Wildcats played an exhibition game against LSU – against Sam Houston, losing 95-31, Tuesday night. **Josh Johnson** continues to pace the Wildcats with a 20.0 points-per-game average.

RECENT RESULTS / UPCOMING SCHEDULE

+ Indicates ASC game

Friday, November 17

Lubbock Christian 97, Concordia-Austin 84
 Wiley College 73, East Texas Baptist 58
 Trinity 65, Texas Lutheran 57
 Southwestern 76, Schreiner 75
 LeTourneau 84, Jarvis Christian 81
 Dallas Baptist 83, Howard Payne 64
Austin College Tournament (Sherman, Texas)
 Texas-Dallas 90, University of Dallas 56
 Austin College 74, Ozarks 69
Johns Hopkins Tournament (Baltimore, Md.)
 Rowan 68, McMurry 63

Saturday, November 18

McNeese State 89, Louisiana College 60
 St. Mary's 79, Sul Ross State 52
 Abilene Christian 116, Concordia-Austin 114
 Southwestern 75, Texas Lutheran 72 (3 OT)
 Jarvis Christian 83, East Texas Baptist 78
 Trinity 76, Schreiner 75 (OT)
Austin College Tournament (Sherman, Texas)
 University of Dallas 86, Ozarks 85
 Texas-Dallas 83, Austin College 64
Johns Hopkins Tournament (Baltimore, Md.)
 McMurry 75, Immaculata 61

Monday, November 20

Wesley College 84, Mississippi College 82 (OT)
 Jarvis Christian 83, Texas-Tyler 76 (OT)

Tuesday, November 21

Stephen F. Austin 99, Schreiner 54
 Sam Houston State 95, Louisiana College 31
 LeTourneau 78, Austin College 64
 LSU-Shreveport 89, East Texas Baptist 85
 Ozarks 83, Rust 81 (OT)
 Texas-Dallas 81, Southwestern Assemblies of God 70
 Mary Hardin-Baylor 63, Trinity 49
 Southwestern 58, Hardin-Simmons 56
 Abilene Christian 87, Howard Payne 81
 Concordia-Austin 105, St. Edwards 89

Saturday, November 25

+ Mississippi College 75, Mary Hardin-Baylor 47
 + Hardin-Simmons 86, East Texas Baptist 63
 + Ozarks 86, Howard Payne 63
 + Texas-Dallas 103, Schreiner 95
 + Concordia-Austin 81, Louisiana College 78
 + McMurry 73, LeTourneau 61
 + Texas Lutheran 55, Texas-Tyler 48
 Texas-Permian Basin 77, Sul Ross State 67

Sunday, November 26

+ Texas-Dallas 82, Texas Lutheran 66

Monday, November 27

+ Mississippi College 91, Concordia-Austin 70

+ Ozarks 75, Sul Ross State 70
 + Texas-Tyler 86, Schreiner 75
 + Mary Hardin-Baylor 71, Louisiana College 57
 + LeTourneau 61, Hardin-Simmons 60
 Jarvis Christian 78, East Texas Baptist 50

Wednesday, November 29

Texas Lutheran @ Texas A&M-International, 7:00

Thursday, November 30

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

Saturday, December 2

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

Monday, December 4

+ Howard Payne @ Sul Ross State, 5:00
 + McMurry @ Hardin-Simmons, 7:30

Tuesday, December 5

Louisiana College @ Jarvis Christian, 7:00
 + Schreiner @ Texas Lutheran, 7:00
 + Texas-Dallas @ Mary Hardin-Baylor, 7:30

Thursday, December 7

+ LeTourneau @ East Texas Baptist, 7:30
 + Hardin-Simmons @ Ozarks, 7:30

Saturday, December 9

+ Texas-Dallas @ Concordia-Austin, 3:00
 + McMurry @ Ozarks, 3:00
 Schreiner @ St. Edwards, 3:00
 East Texas Baptist @ Belhaven, 4:00
 Wayland Baptist @ Howard Payne, 5:00
 Texas-Tyler @ New Orleans, 7:00

Tuesday, December 12

Fisk @ Mississippi College, 7:00

Wednesday, December 13

Austin College @ Texas-Dallas, 7:30

Thursday, December 14

Trinity @ McMurry, 7:00
 + Concordia-Austin @ East Texas Baptist, 7:30
 + Schreiner @ Louisiana College, 7:30