

ASC REPORT

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 2006-07



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

ASC Championship Tournament

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

- ◆ First Round: Feb. 28
(on-campus)
- ◆ Second Round: March 2-3
(on-campus)
- ◆ Sectionals: March 9-10
(on-campus)
- ◆ Semifinals/Finals: March 16-17
(Blake Arena, Springfield, Mass.)



2005-06 SEASON REVIEW

ASC Champion
MCMURRY

East Division Co-Champions
Mississippi College; Texas-Tyler

West Division Champion
McMurry

NCAA Championship Participants

McMurry (First Round)
Howard Payne (Second Round)
Hardin-Simmons (Final Four / Semifinals)

WEB LINKS

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

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CONFERENCE STANDINGS

EAST DIVISION

	Conference					Overall				
	W	L	Pct	PF	PA	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
East Texas Baptist	10	3	.769	73.2	60.6	14	4	.778	73.8	63.7
Texas-Tyler	8	5	.615	76.6	69.6	11	7	.611	76.1	68.2
Mississippi College	6	6	.500	65.5	66.8	11	6	.647	68.5	61.7
Ozarks	6	6	.500	72.3	76.2	8	9	.471	72.9	76.2
Texas-Dallas	4	9	.308	59.9	65.4	6	11	.353	59.9	64.6
Louisiana College	3	9	.250	57.0	68.3	5	11	.313	58.8	67.1
LeTourneau	1	12	.077	59.4	77.2	4	14	.222	59.0	72.9

WEST DIVISION

	Conference					Overall				
	W	L	Pct	PF	PA	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
#6 Howard Payne	13	0	1.000	76.5	44.4	17	0	1.000	77.5	41.9
#13 McMurry	12	1	.923	78.9	62.6	15	2	.882	77.6	61.3
#14 Hardin-Simmons	12	1	.923	79.5	59.2	14	2	.875	77.4	59.4
Mary Hardin-Baylor	7	4	.636	65.9	65.5	9	6	.600	66.0	65.9
Schreiner	5	8	.385	67.8	75.4	5	12	.294	64.1	78.5
Concordia-Austin	4	7	.364	63.2	65.5	4	10	.286	63.1	67.7
Sul Ross State	3	10	.231	57.1	69.2	5	11	.313	57.9	66.1
Texas Lutheran	0	13	.000	56.1	84.5	0	17	.000	53.1	84.2

& 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

Thursday, January 25

- + LeTourneau @ Mississippi College, 5:30
- + East Texas Baptist @ Louisiana College, 5:30
- + Texas-Dallas @ Ozarks, 5:30
- + #6 Howard Payne @ #14 Hardin-Simmons, 5:30
- + Sul Ross State @ #13 McMurry, 5:30
- + Mary Hardin-Baylor @ Texas Lutheran, 5:30
- + Concordia-Austin @ Schreiner, 5:30

Saturday, January 27

- + East Texas Baptist @ Mississippi College, 1:00
- + Texas-Tyler @ Ozarks, 1:00
- + LeTourneau @ Louisiana College, 1:00
- + #6 Howard Payne @ #13 McMurry, 1:00
- + Schreiner @ Mary Hardin-Baylor, 1:00
- + Sul Ross State @ #14 Hardin-Simmons, 1:00
- + Concordia-Austin @ Texas Lutheran, 1:00
- + Texas-Dallas @ University of Dallas, 3:00

IN THE PAINT



Senior guard Lyssa Dennard and No. 14-ranked Hardin-Simmons defeated No. 13 McMurry on Monday and will have to turn around and face No. 6 and unbeaten Howard Payne on Thursday. The Cowgirls have won nine straight.

A LOOK BACK...

EAST DIVISION

N 20 Katrina Visina, G, Sr., LeTourneau
 N 27 Sarah Stanley, G, Sr., Texas-Tyler
 D 4 Lindsey Nietert, G, Sr., Ozarks
 D 11 Carol Elder, P, Sr., Louisiana College
 D 19 Lacey Kennedy, G, Sr., Mississippi College
 J 2 Kristen Baskin, PG, Fr., LeTourneau
 J 8 Kelli Brasher, C, So., Louisiana College
 J 15 RaTonya Hunter, PG, Sr., Texas-Tyler
 J 22 (co) Jeanne Randall, F, Sr., Ozarks
 (co) Marzetta Shepard, G, Jr., East Texas Baptist

 J 29
 F 5
 F 12
 F 19

WEST DIVISION

N 20 Tarra Richardson, C, Jr., McMurry
 N 27 Symbri Tuttle, PG, Sr., McMurry
 D 4 Stacey Blalock, C, Jr., Howard Payne
 D 11 Allison Nelson, F/C, So., McMurry
 D 19 Kim Hoffman, F, Jr., Howard Payne
 J 2 Stacey Blalock, C, Jr., Howard Payne
 J 8 (co) Meia Daniels, G, Jr., Howard Payne
 (co) Maigen Sawyer, W, Jr., McMurry
 J 15 Laci Walker, G, Sr., Hardin-Simmons
 J 22 Meia Daniels, G, Jr., Howard Payne
 J 29
 F 5
 F 12
 F 19

NATIONAL AWARDS

D3Hoops.com Team of the Week

Dec. 11-17

Forward: Carol Elder, Sr., Louisiana College

Jan. 1-7

Forward/Center: Kelli Brasher, So., Louisiana College

Jan. 8-14

Guard: Meia Daniels, Jr., Howard Payne

Forward: Lacey Kennedy, Sr., Mississippi College

D3Hoops.com Preseason All-America Team

Second Team

Center: Tarra Richardson, Jr., McMurry

Third Team

Guard: Meia Daniels, Jr., Howard Payne

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Games of January 15-20

CO-EAST DIVISION

JEANNE RANDALL, F, Sr., Ozarks

Ozarks senior forward **Jeanne Randall** (*Bryant, Arkansas / BHS*) averaged 24.5 points and 7.5 rebounds en route to leading the Lady Eagles to a pair of ASC East Division wins. Randall scored a season-high 25 points against Louisiana College and then turned around and nearly matched that total against Mississippi College. On the week, she hit four 3-pointers, was 6 of 7 on free throws and shot 50 percent from the field. Randall also dished out five assists.

MARZETTA SHEPARD, G, Jr., East Texas Baptist

East Texas Baptist junior guard **Marzetta Shepard** (*Atlanta, Texas / AHS*) averaged 16.5 points, four assists, 3.5 steals and three rebounds to help the Lady Tigers maintain their ASC East Division lead with two road wins. She poured in a game-high 24 points and five assists in a 90-82 victory against Texas-Tyler – 16 points came in the second half to fuel ETBU's sixth straight win and 11th in its last 13 games.

WEST DIVISION

MEIA DANIELS, G, Jr., Howard Payne

Howard Payne junior guard **Meia Daniels** (*Fort Worth, Texas / Fossil Ridge HS*) averaged 23.5 points and 7.5 rebounds over two wins that moved the nationally-ranked Lady Jackets' overall record to 16-0. Daniels, who shared the top weekly division honor earlier in the season, scored a game-high 28 points to fuel a 77-62 home victory over Mary Hardin-Baylor. She hit 17 of 19 free throws, grabbed four steals and dished out two assists against the Lady Crusaders and Sul Ross State combined.

OTHER TOP PERFORMANCES

WEST: Hardin-Simmons G **Lyssa Dennard** scored her 1,000th career point against Texas Lutheran, just the 11th Cowgirl to achieve the feat. She averaged 12.5 points over two wins on the week. . . . Mary Hardin-Baylor G **Blair Heitmiller** scored 16 points on 6 of 8 shooting from the field – 3 of 5 from 3-point range – in a loss to Howard Payne.
EAST: Mississippi College F **Lacey Kennedy** averaged 21.5 points and 5.5 rebounds as the Lady Choctaws went 1-1. She also had six assists and six steals. . . . Texas-Tyler PG **Sha Shead** had 22 points and 10 rebounds – her 10th career double double – in a win over LeTourneau. She scored 17 in a loss to ETBU.



LEADERBOARD

The top performances by individuals and teams this season

-INDIVIDUAL-

POINTS

43 – Lacey Kennedy, Mississippi College
 (vs. Rhodes, 11/21/06)

3-POINTERS

6 – Katrina Visina, LeTourneau
 (at Southwestern Assemblies of God, 11/18/06)
 6 – Memrie Ferguson, LeTourneau
 (at East Texas Baptist, 12/07/06)
 6 – Shiloh Shugart, Sul Ross State
 (at Texas Lutheran, 01/11/07)

REBOUNDS

19 – Kelli Brasher, Louisiana College
 (at Sul Ross State, 01/06/07)

ASSISTS

13 – Symbri Tuttle, McMurry
 (vs. Schreiner, 01/20/07)

STEALS

9 – Tarra Richardson, McMurry
 (at Mary Hardin-Baylor, 01/11/07)

BLOCKED SHOTS

7 – Kelli Brasher, La. College; Tarra Richardson, McMurry; Sunnie Davis, East Texas Baptist

-TEAM-

POINTS SCORED

108 – McMurry (vs. Schreiner, 01/20/07)

FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED

23 – Howard Payne (vs. Fisk, 12/08/06)

WINNING STREAK

17 – Howard Payne (11/17/06 – current)

LEAGUE'S LEADING...

SCORER

Lacey Kennedy, Mississippi College (22.2)

REBOUNDER

Lacey Kennedy, Mississippi College (9.8)



**D3HOOPS.COM
TOP 25**

Week 8: January 23

No.	School	Points
1.	Scranton (7)	567
2.	Bowdoin (5)	565
3.	Messiah (7)	556
4.	Chicago (4)	531
5.	Southern Maine (1)	517
6.	HOWARD PAYNE	514
7.	Calvin (1)	504
8.	Rochester	423
9.	Wilmington	407
10.	DePauw	384
11.	Hope	369
12.	UW-Stout	326
13.	MCMURRY	292
14.	HARDIN-SIMMONS	269
15.	New York Univ.	268
16.	Illinois Wesleyan	247
17.	Brandeis	235
18.	Baldwin Wallace	202
19.	Maine Maritime	195
20.	Mary Washington	145
21.	Kean	143
22.	Puget Sound	100
23.	Emmanuel	48
24.	Simpson	44
25.	Lake Forest	42

Next Poll: Jan. 30
www.D3Hoops.com

Tracking the ASC:

Date	Poll	ASC Team	Rank
Nov.	Pre	Hardin-Simmons	7 (405)
		Howard Payne	18 (186)
		McMurry	20 (157)
N26	W1	Hardin-Simmons	11 (315)
		Howard Payne	14 (284)
		McMurry	15 (251)
D3	W2	Hardin-Simmons	9 (378)
		Howard Payne	12 (321)
		McMurry	14 (311)
D12	W3	McMurry	9 (385)
		Howard Payne	12 (364)
		Hardin-Simmons	14 (272)
D19	W4	McMurry	9 (407)
		Howard Payne	11 (377)
		Hardin-Simmons	13 (280)
J 3	W5	Howard Payne	10 (398)
		McMurry	14 (286)
		Hardin-Simmons	16 (255)
J 9	W6	Howard Payne	8 (426)
		McMurry	14 (299)
		Hardin-Simmons	16 (275)
J 16	W7	Howard Payne	7 (448)
		McMurry	13 (309)
		Hardin-Simmons	15 (263)
J 23	W8	Howard Payne	6 (514)
		McMurry	13 (292)
		Hardin-Simmons	14 (269)

AROUND THE ASC

Compiled from information submitted by ASC Sports Information Directors

~ FROM THE WEST ~

HOWARD PAYNE

Last Monday, **Meia Daniels** had 19 points in 15 minutes of action in the win versus Sul Ross State. Despite being down early in the game on Saturday, Howard Payne defeated visiting Mary Hardin-Baylor 77-62 to pick-up their 16th win and remain perfect on the season. Daniels led all scorers with 28 points.

HARDIN-SIMMONS

Hardin-Simmons has won nine straight game. Before Monday's 77-67 road win over fellow nationally-ranked McMurry, the Cowgirls were winning by 22 points per game, shooting 49 percent from the field and 78 percent from the free throw line. HSU averaged 97.5 points, while giving up only 51.5 points in the two wins this week. Nine players averaged 6.5 points or more and every player on the team played at least 20 minutes. HSU had 47 assists and just 26 turnovers for the week, while recording 30 steals.

MARY HARDIN-BAYLOR

Mary Hardin-Baylor defeated Sul Ross State on the road Monday to snap a three-game losing streak – all of them were to top 20 teams. UMHB hit 7-13 from three-point range against Howard Payne last week and shot 44 per cent from the field in that game. **Julie Amabile** had 10 assists for the second time in the last three games. She now has 288 career assists and needs just 19 more helpers to move into a tie with **Tiffany Friesenhahn** for fifth-place on the UMHB career list.

~ FROM THE EAST ~

EAST TEXAS BAPTIST

Saturday's win at Texas-Tyler made East Texas Baptist 6-0 since the start of 2007. The Lady Tigers' last loss was at Texas A&M-Commerce on New Year's Eve. Junior wing **Candy Vallo**, who was injured the majority of the pre-Christmas schedule, pumped in a season-high 22 points and hit a big 3-pointer late in the game to hold off UT Tyler in Saturday's 90-82 win. Saturday's win was ETBU's first at UT-Tyler's Herrington Patriot Center since the facility opened in 2003-04. The Lady Tigers had been 3-0 there prior to Saturday's win. ETBU held Texas-Dallas to just 37 points and a .200 shooting percentage Thursday, which marked season-bests for the Lady Tiger defense.

TEXAS-TYLER

Texas-Tyler broke a long-standing school record with seventy rebounds in its game against LeTourneau on Thursday in a 94-63 win. The Patriots had ten rebounds each for **Sha Shead** and **Kasey Buggs**. Shead also added 22 points for her tenth career double-double. Shead was one rebound short of another double dip against East Texas Baptist on Saturday, but the Patriots fell 90-82.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

Mississippi College went 1-1 in ASC play last week with a win over Louisiana College and a 78-68 loss to Ozarks on Saturday. MC overcame a 22 percent shooting first half to beat the Lady Wildcats on Tuesday. The win earned head coach **Paul Allen Duke** his 214th career win at MC. He passed **Ed Nixon** as the winningest coach in MC history. In Saturday's game, **Lacey Kennedy** scored 32 points for the second straight Saturday.

OZARKS

Ozarks has won three straight ASC games, putting them in place to grab a playoff spot for the second consecutive season. **Jeanne Randall** has scored in double digits in all but one game this season. Randall has scored 20-plus points in three consecutive contests. **Mandi Carter** has scored in double figures in 16 games thus far, and is the

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RECENT RESULTS

+ Indicates ASC game

Saturday, January 6

- + #10 Howard Payne 80, Mississippi College 60
- + East Texas Baptist 105, Texas Lutheran 41
- + Mary Hardin-Baylor 67, Ozarks 64
- + #14 McMurry 75, Texas-Dallas 53
- + #16 Hardin-Simmons 74, Texas-Tyler 72
- + Louisiana College 70, Sul Ross State 51
- + Schreiner 74, LeTourneau 52

Monday, January 8

- + Schreiner 78, Texas Lutheran 60

Tuesday, January 9

- + East Texas Baptist 78, LeTourneau 57

Thursday, January 11

- + Mississippi College 61, Texas-Dallas 58
- + East Texas Baptist 83, Ozarks 63
- + Texas-Tyler 69, Louisiana College 50
- + #8 Howard Payne 74, Schreiner 40
- + #14 McMurry 66, Mary Hardin-Baylor 62
- + #16 Hardin-Simmons 72, Concordia-Austin 59
- + Sul Ross State 82, Texas-Lutheran 61

Saturday, January 13

- + Texas-Tyler 79, Mississippi College 72
- + Ozarks 69, LeTourneau 64
- + Texas-Dallas 52, Louisiana College 46
- + # 8 Howard Payne 88, Texas Lutheran 40
- + # 14 McMurry 68, Concordia-Austin 55
- + # 16 Hardin-Simmons 79, Mary Hardin-Baylor 59
- + Schreiner 67, Sul Ross State 50

Monday, January 15

- University of Dallas 72, Schreiner 60
- + #8 Howard Payne 81, Sul Ross State 31

Tuesday, January 16

- + Mississippi College 56, Louisiana College 41
- Colorado College @ Concordia-Austin (cancelled, weather)

Thursday, January 18

- + East Texas Baptist 61, Texas-Dallas 37
- + Ozarks 79, Louisiana College 57
- + Texas-Tyler 94, LeTourneau 63

Friday, January 19

- + #15 Hardin-Simmons 90, Schreiner 61
- + #13 McMurry 82, Texas Lutheran 65

Saturday, January 20

- + Ozarks 78, Mississippi College 68
- + East Texas Baptist 90, Texas-Tyler 82
- + Texas-Dallas 78, LeTourneau 60
- + #7 Howard Payne 77, Mary Hardin-Baylor 62
- + Sul Ross State 57, Concordia-Austin 55
- + #15 Hardin-Simmons 105, Texas Lutheran 42
- + #13 McMurry 108, Schreiner 65

Monday, January 22

- + Mary Hardin-Baylor 73, Sul Ross State 60
- + Texas-Tyler 78, Texas-Dallas 68
- + #15 Hardin-Simmons 77, #13 McMurry 67
- + #7 Howard Payne 55, Concordia-Austin 48

AROUND THE ASC (continued from Page 3)

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team's leading scorer with a 17.4 points per game average. She has four double-doubles this season.

TEXAS-DALLAS

Texas-Dallas has won two of its last four games, but has experienced first-hand the difference between the top and bottom teams in the ASC East Division. Division-leading East Texas Baptist held UTD to just a 20 percent shooting night (13-65) in a 61-37 rout Thursday, before UTD bounced back to run away from last-place LeTourneau in a 78-60 win Saturday. Freshman center **Rachel Addison** scored nine points in each game and combined for 16 rebounds while freshman **Katie Metzler** broke loose against LETU with 18 points. The 78 points against LETU was the first time UTD had scored more than 65 points in a game since November. UTD dropped a 78-68 decision to Texas-Tyler on Monday despite holding a six-point advantage at halftime.

LETOURNEAU

LeTourneau struggled on the road at Texas-Tyler and Texas-Dallas. **Kristen Baskin** put together another solid week for the club averaging 19.5 points, 5.5 rebounds and four assists per game. **Laurie Spier** had her best game of the season at UTD with 11 points, seven rebounds and two blocks. **Katrina Visina** needs to score 82 points over the team's final seven games to reach 1,000 career points.

FOR THE RECORD...

McMurry and Schreiner combined for 26 three-point field goals, which tied a record set on Feb. 15, 1994. Cabrini had 20 and Rosemond six. Saturday, McMurry had 16 and Schreiner had 10.