

ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY



2005 WILDCAT VOLLEYBALL

NCAA Division II

Lone Star Conference South Division

Lone Star Conference Champions

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ACU VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Oct. 6, 2005
 ACU vs. Eastern New Mexico
 Moody Coliseum • Abilene • 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 8, 2005
 ACU vs. West Texas A&M
 Moody Coliseum • Abilene • 2 p.m.

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AVCA TOP 25

Here is the NCAA Division II national volleyball poll, released Oct. 3 by the American Volleyball Coaches' Association. The number in parentheses is the number of first-place votes received:

	Rcrd	Last Week
1. Truman State (31)	19-1	1
2. Nebraska-Kearney (3)	17-1	2
3. Minnesota-Duluth (1)	15-2	4
4. Tampa	16-2	6
5. Hawaii Pacific	12-1	7
6. Cal State-San Bernardino	12-3	2
7. Concordia-St. Paul	15-4	5
8. North Alabama	16-1	8
9. Cal Poly-Pomona	16-0	18
10. Washburn	18-1	9
11. Central Washington	12-3	11
12. Florida Southern	17-2	12
13. UC-San Diego	13-3	10
14. Abilene Christian	14-3	14
15. Grand Valley State	14-4	15
16. Cal State-Los Angeles	14-1	17
17. Central Missouri State	14-7	13
18. Seattle Pacific	11-5	16
19. Lock Haven	15-4	24
20. Ferris State	14-5	19
21. BYU-Hawaii	13-1	22
22. Rockhurst	15-3	21
23. Minnesota St.-Moorhead ...	14-3	25
24. SW Minnesota State	15-3	NR
25. Barry	10-7	20

Others Receiving Votes: Florida Gulf Coast 54; Cal State Bakersfield 41; Wayne State (Neb.) 41; Nebraska-Omaha 34; Seattle 27; Ashland 22; Harding 18; Southern Illinois-Edwardsville 15; Augustana (S.D.) 13; Emporia State 13; Northern Michigan 10.

Dropped Out of Poll: Augustana (23).

Wildcats host Zias, Lady Buffs in search of 5-0 LSC start

ABILENE – The ACU volleyball team returns to Lone Star Conference South Division action this weekend by hosting Eastern New Mexico and West Texas A&M to end the first half of division play.

The Wildcats will host Eastern New Mexico at 7 p.m. Thursday in Moody Coliseum, followed by a 2 p.m. match Saturday against West Texas A&M in Moody Coliseum. Both matches will be carried live on KYWV 1470 AM, as well as on the internet at www.teamline.cc.

ACU enters the weekend ranked No. 14 in the nation and riding a 14-match winning streak this season, the second-longest such streak in school history behind the 15-match winning streak by the 1993 team. The Wildcats have also won 29 straight matches at Moody Coliseum dating back to a four-game loss to West Texas A&M on Oct. 11, 2003.

ACU is 9-0 at home this season, including a pair of 3-0 sweeps last week against Angelo State and St. Mary's.

The Wildcats are 3-0 in the LSC South Division, one-half game ahead of West Texas A&M, which enters the weekend at 15-6 overall and 2-0 in the division. The Lady Buffs will play at Angelo State Thursday night before heading north to take on ACU on Saturday. ACU was a unanimous selection to win the LSC South Division in the pre-season with WTAM checking in at No. 2 in the pre-season conference poll.

But before ACU worries about a West Texas A&M team that it swept last year for the first time ever, the Wildcats' full attention is focused on Eastern New Mexico. The Zias dealt ACU its only LSC South Division loss last season, and then pushed ACU to four games in the LSC Post-Season Tournament before the Wildcats finally came out victorious. ENMU also reached the NCAA Division II Southwest Region Tournament semifinals, while ACU was knocked out in the first round of the tournament.

"Our full attention is on Eastern New Mexico, and it should be," ACU head coach Brek Horn said. "Our practices on Tuesday and Wednesday have been and will be fully devoted to Eastern New Mexico, and then we'll work on West Texas A&M on Friday. Eastern is a tough team to play against because they have an unorthodox style. The style that West Texas A&M plays is very similar to ours so we that every day in practice. But, no, our girls aren't looking past Eastern New Mexico at all."

As for West Texas A&M, the Wildcats last year swept the Lady Buffs in both meetings, including a home sweep on Sept. 30, 2004, that snapped a 22-match losing streak to the Lady Buffs. The Wildcats then swept West Texas A&M in Canyon on Oct. 23, 2004, for their first win on the Lady Buffs' home court.

The two losses to ACU helped keep the Lady Buffs out of the LSC Post-Season Tournament for the first time ever, and Horn hopes it might have given her team the mental edge in the match that WTAM has owned for years.

"My first several years here, West Texas could basically throw its uniform out on the floor and we would just fall apart," she said. "Or we would play them close for a game, and then collapse at the end of the game. But as far as that mental edge goes, I don't feel like that's a factor for us anymore. Hopefully our two wins last year and how we're playing right now has given us the mental edge over them."



Abbie Lowry



Brek Horn

SCOUTING THE WILDCATS

The Wildcats have won 14 straight matches after an 0-3 start and have climbed to No. 14 in the American Volleyball Coaches' Association top 25, the Wildcats' highest-ever ranking. ... ACU won 29 straight matches at home, and the Wildcats' group of seniors (**Michelle Bernhardt**, **Lindsey Martin**, **Ashlee Motola** and **Amanda Slate**) have won 43 of 47 home matches in their careers. ... The Wildcats lead the LSC in team hitting percentage (.274), team assists per game (14.83), and team kills per game (16.36). ... ACU is also second in the LSC in team service aces per game at 2.03, and the Wildcats' 120 total service aces are the seventh-best total in the LSC. ... The Wildcats, however, have 185 service errors on the season, by far the most of any team in the LSC. Angelo State has the second-most behind ACU with 163. Midwestern State and Texas A&M-Kingsville each have 140 service errors on the season. ... **Bernhardt** is closing in on an elite group in LSC history, and enters the weekend with 1,857 career kills. The LSC leader in kills per game (4.63; 19th in NCAA Division II this year), **Bernhardt** needs just 143 kills to become only the fourth player in conference history to record 2,000 career kills. ... **Bernhardt** – ACU's all-time leader in kills – enters the weekend No. 8 on the LSC's all-time list, and she should finish her career No. 2 on the all-time list behind former Central Oklahoma all-America outside hitter **Alma Brahimaj**, who put down 2,404 kills in her career. ... Like her teammate, **Martin** is also closing in an elite LSC group. Already the ACU career record-holder for assists (4,984 entering the weekend, good for fourth in LSC history), **Martin** needs just 16 assists to become only the fourth player in conference history to record 5,000 career assists. **Martin** has a legitimate shot at finishing her career No. 2 on the LSC's all-time assists list behind



LSC CAREER KILL LEADERS

1. Alma Brahimaj, UCO 2,404
2. Carol Pereira, WTAM 2,025
3. Sarah Butler, WTAM 2,000
4. Mandy Pinkerton, MSU 1,950
5. Shannon Stroud, WTAM 1,949
6. Gail Allison, ASU 1,934
7. Amy Parten, UCO 1,913
8. **Michelle Bernhardt, ACU** **1,857**
9. Kate O'Neil, UCO 1,701
10. Becky Martin, TWU 1,685

LSC CAREER ASSIST LEADERS

1. Kendra Morgan, WTAM 6,087
2. Sarah Steinmetz, TWU 5,790
3. Stacey Meek, UCO 5,604
4. **Lindsey Martin, ACU** **4,984**
5. Amber Nelson, ASU 4,786
6. Yami Garcia, ASU 4,752
7. Megan Smith, Cameron 4,507
8. **Brittney Binder, ACU** **4,296**
9. Arwin Ray, UCO 3,953
10. Deena Victor, WTAM 3,920

former West Texas A&M all-America setter **Kendra Morgan**, who had 6,087 assists from 2000-03. She is first in the LSC and fifth in NCAA Division II in assists per game at 13.25. ... **Motola** leads the Wildcats and the LSC and is 18th in the nation in hitting percentage at .389. **Motola** has 186 kills on the season to give ACU four players with at least 180 kills on the season (**Bernhardt** with 273, **Slate** with 230, **Motola** with 186 and sophomore outside hitter **Abbie Lowry** with 183).

SCOUTING EASTERN NEW MEXICO

ENMU started the season 0-6, but has rebounded to win four of its last seven matches. The Greyhounds are 1-1 in the LSC South Division after beating Tarleton State and then falling 3-2 to Texas A&M-Kingsville. ... The Zias are sixth in the league in hitting percentage at .180. ... Lindsay Schiely leads the team in kills with 169, and she has a .321 hitting percentage, while Grace George has 121 kills on the season. ... Rhea Wortman has 107 kills and a team-best 152 digs, while Kristi Britain has 101 kills to go along with 134 digs. ... ENMU has just 546 assists as a team, led by Kathryn McCannell, who has 300. Kara Killian has 183 assists on the season.



SCOUTING WEST TEXAS A&M

The Lady Buffs have apparently bounced back from a 2004 season that saw them finish 19-16 overall, but 3-7 in the LSC South Division and out of the LSC Post-Season Tournament for the first time in school history. ... The Lady Buffs have won six straight matches and 10 of their last 11 heading into Thursday's match at Angelo State. ... WTAM has won its last nine matches by 3-0 sweeps. ... Senior libero Brittany Bell recently became the program's all-time leader in career digs with 1,812, and she is closing in on the conference's all-time record of 1,833, which was set by Central Oklahoma all-America Alma Brahimaj from 1999-2002. ... Jessica Scherr leads the Lady Buffs with 265 kills, while Rachel Altman has 240 kills to go along with a .260 hitting percentage. ... Megan Spivey has 164 kills on the season and is fifth in the LSC in hitting percentage at .308. ... The Lady Buffs are fourth in the LSC in hitting percentage at .199, but are first in opponents' hitting percentage at .103.



2005 WILDCAT VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Class	Hometown
1	Erin Curry	OH	5-9	fr	Arlington
2	Abbie Lowry	OH	5-10	soph	Flower Mound
3	Krystine Cethoute	MB	5-11	fr	Lewisville
4	Allie Watts	OH	5-8	soph	Austin
5	Erin Black	DS	5-5	fr	Amarillo
6	Michelle Bernhardt	OH	5-8	sr	Hereford
7	Ashlee Motola	RSH	6-0	sr	Austin
8	Liz Snoddy	Libero	5-7	soph	Arlington
9	Lauren Leone	MB	5-10	fr	Arlington
10	Amanda Slate	MB	6-0	sr	Hallsville
11	Nicole Killebrew	MB	5-9	jr	League City
12	Lindsey Martin	Setter	5-8	sr	Sugar Land
13	Jessica Reyna	OH/DS	5-8	fr	San Antonio
14	Malia Plumlee	Setter	5-4	jr	Edmond, Okla.
15	Alex Houston	Setter	5-9	fr	Amarillo

Head coach: Brek Horn

Assistant coaches: Sarah Carthel, Brian Bartczak



Abilene Christian University 2005 Volleyball Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>TIME / RECORD</u>
Fri., Aug 26-Sat., Aug. 27	<u>TAMPA CLASSIC</u> <i>Aug. 26 – lost to No. 9 Tampa, 3-0</i> <i>Aug. 27 – lost to No. 7 Central Missouri State, 3-0</i> <i>Aug. 27 – lost to Metropolitan State, 3-2</i>	Tampa, Fla.	0-1 0-2 0-3
Fri., Sept. 2-Sat., Sept. 3	<u>THE PREMIER CHALLENGE</u> <i>Sept. 2 – def. Concordia-St. Paul, 3-2</i> <i>Sept. 2 – def. Regis, 3-0</i> <i>Sept. 3 – def. Findlay, 3-1</i> <i>Sept. 3 – def. Central Missouri State, 3-2</i>	Denver, Colo.	1-3 2-3 3-3 4-3
Saturday, Sept. 10	def. Wayland Baptist, 30-20, 30-11, 30-27	Abilene	5-3
	def. Southwest Baptist, 30-23, 30-23, 30-17	Abilene	6-3
Tuesday, Sept. 13	def. St. Edward's, 30-17, 30-12, 30-28	Abilene	7-3
Fri., Sept. 16-Sat., Sept. 17	<u>LSC CROSSOVER TOURNAMENT</u> <i>Sept. 16 – def. Central Oklahoma, 3-1</i> <i>Sept. 17 – def. SE Oklahoma State, 3-0</i> <i>Sept. 17 – def. Midwestern State, 3-0</i>	Abilene	8-3 9-3 10-3
Thursday, Sept. 22	* def. Texas A&M-Kingsville, 30-22, 30-10, 30-17	Abilene	11-3, 1-0
Saturday, Sept. 24	* def. Tarleton State, 35-33, 30-21, 30-20	Stephenville	12-3, 2-0
Tuesday, Sept. 27	* def. Angelo State, 30-18, 30-23, 30-14	San Angelo	13-3, 3-0
Friday, Sept. 30	def. St. Mary's, 30-20, 30-18, 30-21	Abilene	14-3
Thursday, Oct. 6	* ^ Eastern New Mexico	Abilene	7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 8	* ^ West Texas A&M	Abilene	2 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 11	St. Edward's	Austin	7 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 14-Sat., Oct. 15	<u>LSC CROSSOVER TOURNAMENT</u> <i>Oct. 14 – Cameron, 1 p.m.</i> <i>Oct. 14 – SW Oklahoma State, 7 p.m.</i> <i>Oct. 15 – Texas Woman's, 3 p.m.</i>	Denton	
Thursday, Oct. 20	* Tarleton State	Abilene	7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 22	* Texas A&M-Kingsville	Kingsville	2 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 25	* ^ Angelo State	San Angelo	7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 28	Incarnate Word	San Antonio	7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 29	St. Mary's	San Antonio	2 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 3	* West Texas A&M	Canyon	7 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 5	* Eastern New Mexico	Portales, N.M.	2 p.m.
Thurs., Nov. 10-Sat., Nov. 12	^ LSC Post-Season Tournament	#1 South seed	
Thurs., Nov. 17-Sat., Nov. 19	^ NCAA Division II Southwest Regional	TBA	
Thurs., Dec. 1-Sat., Dec. 3	^ NCAA Division II National Tournament	TBA	

Home matches in bold

* Lone Star Conference South Division match

^ Match will be carried live on KYYW 1470 AM