



MCNEESE SOFTBALL

Southland Conference Champs (6) - 1983, 1994, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017
 Southland Conference Tournament Champs (7) - 1983, 2005, 2010, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2021
 NCAA Tournaments (7) - 1994, 2005, 2010, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2021
 NISC (1)- 2019

LAKE CHARLES

APRIL 6 (6:30 P.M.)



2022 Schedule

21-14 Overall, 6-0 SLC

16-7 Home, 5-4 Away, 0-3 Neutral

FEBRUARY (9-5)	
11 \$ Texas Southern	W 11-4
12 \$ TULSA	W 6-0
\$ UAB	W 4-3 (9)
13 \$ NORTH TEXAS	W 1-0
\$ TEXAS SOUTHERN	W 7-0
16 AT #11 TEXAS	L 4-8
18 + #1 OKLAHOMA	L 15-1 (5)
+AT HOUSTON	W 8-3
+ TEXAS STATE	L 3-5
+ #1 OKLAHOMA	L 11-0 (5)
24 ! SAM HOUSTON	L 1-0
25 ! UNLV	L 3-0
26 ! MANHATTAN COLLEGE	W 12-0 (5)
! MEMPHIS	W 3-1
27 ! UT-ARLINGTON	Postponed
March (8-8)	
1 LOUISIANA TECH	L 1-6
4 TARLETON STATE	L 5-4
5 TARLETON STATE	W 3-2
TARLETON STATE	W 8-1
9 AT UL-LAFAYETTE	L 3-5
11 BOISE STATE	L 1-4
12 BOISE STATE	L 4-7
BOISE STATE	L 1-4
16 SOUTHERN	W 14-1 (5)
18 BAYLOR	L 5-2
19 BAYLOR	W 5-4
BAYLOR	L 3-0
23 SOUTHERN MISS	W 8-5
25 AT TEXAS A&M-CC*	W 5-4 (10)
AT TEXAS A&M-CC*	W 9-0 (5)
26 AT TEXAS A&M-CC*	W 9-3
29 UL-MONROE	W 7-5
April (5-0)	
1 HOUSTON BAPTIST*	W BY FORFEIT
2 HOUSTON BAPTIST*	W 9-1 (6)
HOUSTON BAPTIST*	W 9-1 (5)
4 ARK.-PINE BLUFF	W 13-1 (5)
ARK.-PINE BLUFF	W 16-1 (5)
6 UL-LAFAYETTE	
8 SOUTHEASTERN*	
9 SOUTHEASTERN*	
SOUTHEASTERN*	
12 HOUSTON	
14 AT NORTHWESTERN*	
15 AT NORTHWESTERN*	
AT NORTHWESTERN*	
19 LSU	
22 AT LAMAR	
23 LAMAR	
LAMAR	
26 AT #20 LSU	
27 AT UL-MONROE	
29 INCARNATE WORD*	
30 INCARNATE WORD*	
INCARNATE WORD*	
May	
6 AT NICHOLLS*	
7 AT NICHOLLS*	
AT NICHOLLS*	

\$-The Evangeline Bank and Trust Invitational I (Lake Charles)
 !-The Evangeline Bank and Trust Invitational I (Lake Charles)
 + Houston Classic (Houston)
 #-Ranking at time played
 (-) - Innings Played
 *-SLC Game

NEWS & NOTES

•-McNeese is coming off two run-rule wins over Arkansas-Pine Bluff on Monday. McNeese scored a season high 16 runs, 14 RBI, and nine walks in the second game of the DH. The 11 runs scored in the first inning is a single season high as well. The Cowgirls matched their season highs set against Southern on March 16 with three home runs.

•-McNeese and UL-Lafayette's coaching staff's have connections to each other. Two McNeese assistant coaches(Shelly Landry, Alyssa Denham) and volunteer coach (Cori McCrary) played for the Cajuns at some point in their career. Landry graduated from UL-Lafayette in 2016 after collecting numerous accolades during her four-season career including NFCA All-American honors in 2016, two-time NFCA All-Region selection, four-time All-Sun Belt and three-time All-Louisiana pick. Following graduation, Landry served as a graduate assistant and an interim head coach at ULL before joining the McNeese staff for the 2020 season. Denham started her career as a Cajun during the 2017 season but completed her final four years in the circle at the University of Arizona. McCrary also started her career at ULL and spent the 2018 season as a redshirt on the Cajuns squad before transferring to McNeese in 2019. Ragin' Cajuns' assistant coach Justin Robichaux is the son of former McNeese baseball coach Tony Robichaux.

•-The 2022 season will be McNeese's first year of in-house ESPN+ production. The broadcast games include, UL-Lafayette (April 6), Southeastern (April 8), Houston (April 12), UL Monroe (April 27), and the three game SLC series against Incarnate Word April 29 and 30.

SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE NOTES

•- have made a league high 31 tournament appearance

•- missed only two tournaments (1998, 2004) when the tournament was played.

•- have won two of the last five and four of the last eight Southland Conference regular season titles

•- McNeese has won four of the last five Southland Conference Tournament titles and a conference high seven tournament titles.

•- McNeese is the only team to three-peat as tournament champions

•-McNeese was picked to finish first in the preseason conference poll

POSTSEASON NOTES

•- have advanced to the postseason seven times (6 NCAA, 1 NISC)

•-have advanced to the NCAA Regional Tournament four of the last five years

•- Appeared in the NISC in 2019 where the Cowgirls loss 4-3 to UT-Arlington in 10 innings in the championship game of the Nacogdoches, Texas Region.

Cowgirls Scheduled To Play A Program Record 35 Home Games

McNeese softball will host a program high 36 home games during the 2022 season. The Cowgirls hosted two home tournaments (The Evangeline Bank and Trust Invitational I and The Evangeline Bank and Trust Invitational II), three of the six Southland Conference series, and will play four ranked teams (UL-Lafayette, Oklahoma, Texas, and LSU).

Cowgirls Open 2022 Season On Five Game Winning Streak For The First Time In Program History

McNeese softball had a strong opening to its 2022 season with a 5-0 record at its season and home opener. The Cowgirls were victorious over all attendees to the Evangeline Bank and Invitational Trust I February 11-13.

The Cowgirls opened tournament action on Friday February, 11 with an 11-4 win over the Texas Southern. Saturday, February 12 saw two wins over Tulsa (6-0) and University of Alabama at Birmingham (4-3 9 innings). The Cowgirls closed tournament play Sunday, February without allowing a single run, victorious over North Texas 1-0 and Texas Southern 7-0.

Sophomore Pitching Staff

The Cowgirls pitching staff: Whitney Tate, Ashley Vallejo, Shaelyn Sanders, and Olivia Johnson are all sophomores.

In 2021 as a freshman Tate was three outs away from a PERFECT game in its 3-0 win against NW State in the opening game of the SLC series on April 30. Tate retired the first 18 batters she faced before giving up two hits in the seventh inning.

Tate took off the fall of 2021 to recover from hip labrum surgery and is currently rebuilding her strength and complete game pitching tolerance. Vallejo saw the most action out of the Cowgirl staff and has struckout the most batters. During the opening weekend of conference play against Texas A&M-CC, Vallejo picked up the win in relief without allowing a run on four hits in 4.1 innings.

Sanders remains undefeated 6-0 on the season with a 1.59 ERA and 26 strikeouts in 15 appearances. During the second game against Houston Baptist Sanders earned a season high of 12 strikeouts and only gave up one run and two hits during the complete game.

Perrin Returns to Cowgirls

In May of 2021 Toni Perrin graduated from McNeese with her Bachelor's degree in Health and Human Performance. She worked a desk job following graduation and got a taste of the real life but decided she was not ready to give up softball. In January of 2022 Perrin reached out to head coach James Landreneau to see if

she could use her final year of Covid eligibility. She rejoined the Cowgirls in January and has returned to her starting outfield position.

Freshman Crislyne Moreno Nearly Hits For The Cycle

Against Southern on March 16, Freshmen Crislyne Moreno nearly hit for the cycle in the 14-1 (5 inn.) win. Moreno was 3 for 4 at the plate with four RBI, three runs and was a triple short of hitting for the cycle.

Cowgirls Pick Up Forfeit Win Against HBU

McNeese picked up a SLC forfeit win in the opening game of the HBU series on April 1 due to the flu among the HBU team. The win gave the Cowgirls a conference win but does not count towards the Cowgirls' overall record due to the fact the NCAA recognized it as a "No Contest"

SLC Champions (6)

2017, 2016, 2014, 2013

1994 (co-champs), 1983

SLC Tournament

Titles (7)

2021, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2010, 2005,

1983

NCAA HISTORY

Years in NCAA Tourn. (7)

Record: 5-14

1994 (Lafayette, LA.)

lost to UL-Lafayette 3-0
lost to Princeton 2-0

2005 (College Station, TX.)

lost to No. 5 Texas A&M 6-3
def. Centenary 5-2
lost to Penn State 2-1

2010 (Baton Rouge, LA.)

lost to No. 17 LSU 6-0
lost to No. 20 Texas A&M 2-0

2016 (Baton Rouge, LA.)

def. Arizona State 5-2
lost to No. 10 LSU 4-1
lost to Arizona State 3-2 (14 inn.)

2017 (Baton Rouge, LA.)

lost to #14 UL-Lafayette 6-0
def. Fairfield 6-2
lost to #18 LSU 10-1 (5 inn.)

2018 (College Station, TX.)

def. #18 Baylor 11-10
lost 10-1 to #14 Texas A&M (6 inn.)
lost 6-0 to #18 Baylor

2021 (Baton Rouge, LA.)

lost 10-2 to #16 LSU (6 inn.)
def. George Washington (12-0 (5 inn.)
lost 4-0 to #15 UL-Lafayette

Record vs. NCAA Tourn. Teams

Arizona State (1-1)

Baylor (1-1)

Centenary (1-0)

Fairfield (1-0)

George Washington (1-0)

LSU (0-4)

Penn State (0-1)

Princeton (0-1)

Texas A&M (0-3)

UL-Lafayette (0-3)

NISC HISTORY

Years in NCAA Tourn. (1)

Record: 3-2

2019 (Nacogdoches, TX.)

def. Middle Tennessee 7-3
lost to UT-Arlington 5-3
def. Stephen F. Austin 3-1
def. UT-Arlington 6-1
lost to UT-Arlington 4-3 (10 inn.)

Record vs. NISC Teams

Middle Tennessee (1-0)

Stephen F. Austin (1-0)

UT-Arlington (1-2)

Landreneau Picks Up 100th Win

-Sixth year head coach James Landreneau, the 2017 SLC's Coach of the Year picked up his 100th career win in the second game of the SLC series at Houston Baptist on March 29, 2019. Landreneau has won 30 or more games in four of his five years as head coach and was on pace for another 30 year win season before the COVID-19 Pandemic ended the 2020 season. At the time, McNeese was 19-7 overall and 3-0 in the SLC. He has won 40 or more games twice including a program record 43 wins in 2017 along with 41 win in 2018. Landreneau entered the 2021 conference tournament with a 171-104 career record.

McNeese Has Won A League Best Six Regular Season Titles and Six SLC Regular Season Titles

McNeese has won a league best six regular season titles among active schools. McNeese has won two of the last four regular season titles and four of the last seven. The last regular season title was in 2017.

McNeese Is The Only Team To Three-Peat As SLC Tournament Champs

McNeese has won a league best six SLC tournament titles among active schools. McNeese has won three of the last four tournament titles and are the first school to three-peat as tournament champions (2016-2018).

McNeese Retires Erika Piancastelli's #16 Jersey

McNeese retired the #16 jersey of former Cowgirl All-American and a 2020 Italian Olympic team member Erika Piancastelli on May 11, 2019.

She completed her playing career in 2018 with a combined 19 records (both McNeese and SLC) including 12 career records and seven single season records.

In her senior season alone, she broke four Southland Conference records and tied the McNeese single season homerun record of 22.

If you were at Cowgirl Diamond on May 11th of 2018, you will remember her record tying 22nd bomb that came in the top of the 7th inning of the SLC Tournament Championship game to tie the game against Nicholls.

She ranks 7th in the NCAA in career slugging percent, 8th walks in walks, 14th in home runs, and 25th in total bases.

Former Cowgirl Alanna Divittorio Inducted Into McNeese Hall of Fame

2014 McNeese Graduate Alanna Divittorio was inducted into the McNeese Hall of Fame on February 5, 2022 in the newly reopened Legacy Center.

Between the seasons of 2011-2014 Divittorio broke nine McNeese and Southland Conference records including the school and league career and single-season records in runs scored and walks. At the end of her career she was the school career holder in runs scored and walks, school single-season record holder in runs scored, walks and stolen bases.

The Harahan, Louisiana native was a 4-time All-SLC selection, 2014 SLC Hitter of the Year, 2014 NFCA first team All-South Region, four-time All-Louisiana, 2011 Louisiana Co-Freshman of the Year, three-time Google Cloud Academic All-District, 2014 Google Cloud Academic All-America 2nd Team. Divittorio was the only the second softball player in school history to earn Academic All-America honors.

Location: Lake Charles, La.
Founded: 1939
Enrollment: 8,992 (est.)
Nickname: Cowgirls
Home Field: Cowgirl Diamond
Dimensions: Left Field- 205, Left Field-
 Power Alley- 211, Right Field Power
 Alley- 216, Right Field- 205
Capacity: 2,000
Colors: Royal Blue/ Yellow
Conference: Southland
President: Dr. Daryl Burckel
Athletics Director: Heath Schroyer

SOFTBALL STAFF

Head Coach: James Landreneau
Years at McNeese: 10th overall/6th as HC
Record at McNeese (Yr.): 171-104 (5th)
Career Record: same
Assistant Coaches: Shellie Landry,
 Alyssa Denham, Cori McCrary
Dir. of Game Ops: Dana Dunbar

TEAM INFORMATION

2021 Record: 35-26
SLC Record (finish): 18-9 (3rd)
Postseason: NCAA Regional Tourn.
Starters Returning/Lost: 13/4
Pitchers Ret./Lost: 2/2
Letterwinners Ret./Lost: 1\1
Redshirt Returning: 1
Newcomers: 12
First Year of Softball: 1979
SLC Regular Season Champions: 6
 (2017, 2016, 2014, 2013, 1994 (co-cham-
 pions w/Nicholls State), 1983)
SLC Tournament Champions: 7 (2021,
 2018, 2017, 2016, 2010, 2005, 1983)
Years In NCAA Regionals: 7 (2021,
 2018, 2017, 2016, 2010, 2005, 1994)
Years In NISC Regionals: 1 (2019)

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McNeese Record Watch

(as of April 5, 2022)

WINS

- 68- Jamie Allred, 2013-16
- 67- Meagan Bond, 2010-13
- 49- Aleksandra Flores, 2017-2020
- 46- Jessica Denham, 2003-06
- 45- Rachel Smith, 2014-17
- 36- Emily Vincent, 2013-16
- 30- Bethany Stefinsky, 2008-09
- 29- Kayla Shepherd, 2010-11
- 23- Caroline Settle, 2017-2020
- 22- Whitney Tate, 2020-present**
- 19- Michelle LaVoie, 2006-09
- 17- Saleen Flores, 2019-2021

SAVES

- 9- Emily Vincent, 2013-16
- 6- Saleen Flores- 2019-2021
- 6- Jamie Allred, 2013-16
- 5- Aleksandra Flores, 2017-2020
- 5- Jessica Denham, 2003-06
- 4- Whitney Tate, 2020-present**
- 4- Jenna Edwards, 2021
- 4- Meagan Bond, 2010-13
- 2- Ashley Koncir, 2018-2020
- 2- Rachel Smith, 2014-17
- 2- Bethany Stefinsky, 2008-09

APPEARANCES

- 134- Jessica Denham, 2003-06
- 132- Jamie Allred, 2013-16
- 128- Meagan Bond, 2010-13
- 112- Aleksandra Flores, 2017-2020
- 93- Rachel Smith, 2014-17
- 85- Emily Vincent, 2013-16
- 72- Michelle LaVoie, 2006-09
- 68- Kayla Shepherd, 2010-11
- 68- Bethany Stefinsky, 2008-09
- 67- Saleen Flores, 2019-2021
- 66- Caroline Settle, 2017-2020

STRIKEOUTS

- 687- Corrie Hale, 2001-04
- 677- Meagan Bond, 2010-13
- 530- Jessica Denham, 2003-06
- 529- Jamie Allred, 2013-16
- 434- Bethany Stefinsky, 2008-09
- 312- Emily Vincent, 2013-16
- 288- Rachel Smith, 2014-17
- 268- Kayla Shepherd, 2010-11
- 246- Aleksandra Flores, 2017-2020
- 194- Rachel Hodlik, 2006-07

2021 Southland Conference Standings

(as of April 5)

	SLC	Overall
McNeese	6-0	21-14
Southeastern	3-0	23-10
Northwestern St.	5-1	23-13
Incarnate Word	2-3	11-22
Nicholls	2-4	10-22
Texas A&M-CC	0-3	12-20
Houston Baptist	0-6	10-18

McNeese vs. Other Conferences

American**3-0**
 Houston 1-0 (W 8-3)
 Tulsa 1-0 (W 6-0)
 Memphis 1-0 (W 3-1)

Metro Atlantic.....**1-0**
 Manhattan College 1-0 (W 12-0/5 inn)

Big 12.....**1-5**
 Baylor 1-2 (L 2-5) (W 5-4) (L 0-3)
 Oklahoma State 0-2 (L 1-15/5 inn), (L 0-11/5 inn)
 Texas 0-1 (L 4-8)

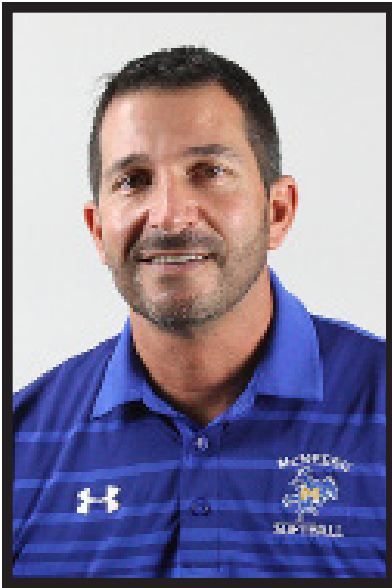
C-USA**3-1**
 UAB 1-0 (W 4-3)
 La. Tech 0-1 (L 0-6)
 North Texas 1-0 (W 1-0)
 Southern Miss 1-0 (W 8-5)

WAC**2-2**
 Sam Houston 0-1 (L 0-1)
 Tarleton 2-1 (L 4-5) (W 3-1) (W 8-1)

SUN BELT**1-3**
 UL-Lafayette 0-1 (L 3-5)
 Texas State 0-1 (L 3-5)
 UL-Monroe 1-0 (W 7-5)

SWAC**2-0**
 Texas Southern 2-0 (W 11-4), (W 7-0)
 Southern 1-0 (W 14-1/5 inn)
 Arkansas-Pine Bluff 2-0 (W 13-1/5 inn) (W 16-1/5 inn)

Mountain West**0-4**
 UNLV 0-1 (L 0-3)
 Boise 0-3 (L 1-4) (L 4-7) (L 1-4)



James LANDRENEAU

Head Coach
10th Year at McNeese
6th As Head Coach
2017 SLC Coach of the Year

James Landreneau has guided McNeese to four postseason appearances including three NCAA Tournament appearances and one NISC Tournament appearance in his five years as head coach. Landreneau has also guided the Cowgirls to three Southland Conference Tournament titles including three straight appearances (2017-2019) and back-to-back titles in 2017 and 2018. He has coached McNeese to one regular season title (2017), three NCAA Regionals (2017, 2018, 2021) along with one NISC (National Invitational Softball Championship) Regional Tournament appearance in 2019. The 2017 Southland Conference Coach of the Year is in his tenth overall season at McNeese.

In six years as head coach, Landreneau has had 26 players named to the All-Southland Conference team including the 2021 Newcomer of the Year (Jenna Edwards) and the 2021 SLC Tournament MVP in Whitney Tate. He has coached four All-Region picks, seven All-Louisiana selections, and two All-Americans (Erika Piancastelli, Justyce McClain). Piancastelli was named the SLC softball Student-Athlete of the Year (2017, 2018) and was named to the CoSIDA District 6 All-Academic Team twice (2017, 2018). In 2018, Piancastelli was named Louisiana's Hitter of the Year.

In 2021, Landreneau guided McNeese to a 35-26 overall record despite playing one of the toughest schedules a McNeese team has ever played. The Cowgirls played 10 ranked teams during the season including a stretch of 11 straight games against seven ranked opponents and ended the regular season winning 20 of its last 26 games. The Cowgirls captured their third SLC Tournament title under Landreneau's guidance. As the No. 3 seed, McNeese posted a 4-0 record in tournament play to advance to the NCAA Regional Tournament for the third time under Landreneau. His team led the nation with 48 double plays turned including five in the NCAA Tournament alone.

With the 2020 season cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Cowgirls were off to a 19-7 overall record and 3-0 Southland Conference record. The Cowgirls opened their season by winning 14 of their first 16 games including a win at Texas A&M and wins over North Texas, Ball State, UAB, Middle Tennessee, Southern Miss., and UT-Arlington. Of the 14 wins, six were run-rule victories. McNeese was looking to win a conference best, seven regular season titles and started the season with a conference opening home series sweep over Abilene Christian. After a 6-3 road win at UL-Monroe on March 11, the season was canceled.

In 2019, Landreneau guided McNeese to its first NISC South Regional Tournament appearance where the Cowgirls fell 4-3 in 10 innings to Texas-Arlington in the championship game. Earlier in the day, the Cowgirls defeated UTA 6-1 to force the "If Necessary" game. McNeese picked up its first NISC Tournament win with a 7-3 victory over Middle Tennessee State University. The Cowgirls then fell 5-3 to UTA before bouncing back with a 3-1 win over Stephen F. Austin to advance to the championship games against UTA. The Cowgirls ended the regular season (33-32) and finished in third place in the Southland Conference race with a 19-8 record. McNeese advanced to its 24th overall SLC Tournament, and fourth straight postseason tournament. After dropping its first game of the tournament, McNeese fought their way back but fell one game short of reaching the tournament championship game.

The 30-win season is the third straight under Landreneau who reached a coaching milestone during the 2019 season when he picked up his 100th career victory with a 1-0 win at Houston Baptist in the second game of the SLC series on March 29, 2019.

Landreneau continued the winning tradition in 2018 and posted his second consecutive 40-win season with a 41-21 overall record along with winning the Southland Conference Tournament and earned the NCAA automatic bid for the second straight year under his leadership. The Cowgirls finished the regular season in a three-way tie for second place with an 18-9 conference record.

In 2018, McNeese broke into a major poll (USA Today/NFCA Top 25) for the first time in school history following the first week of the season that saw the Cowgirls go 4-0 with wins over Virginia and preseason No. 20 Tulsa. The Cowgirls ranked 24th in the USA Today/NFCA poll and 23rd in the FPN (Fastpitch News) Poll.

McNeese also picked up a 6-1 win at Florida State, the 2018 National Champions who was ranked 9th at the time and opened the NCAA Regional Tournament at Texas A&M with an 11-10 win over No. 18 Baylor.

As a team, the Cowgirls broke five school records and Erika Piancastelli completed her stellar career by breaking a combined 20 records (McNeese and SLC) including 13 career records.

The Cowgirls offense continued to produce in 2018, leading the Southland Conference in 13 offensive categories (wins-41, slugging percent-.463, on base percent-.407, runs scored-361, RBI-319, home runs-59, total bases-734, total plate appearances-1,967, at bats-1,585, walks-283, sacrifice flies-27, innings pitched-413.1, and putouts-1,237). McNeese was second in the league with a .291 batting average, 461 hits, and 283 stolen bases while ranking third in doubles with 76.

In 2017, Landreneau guided McNeese to a school record 24 conference wins, tied the school record with 43 (43-18) wins, the 2017 Southland Conference regular season title, the SLC Tournament title and an NCAA Regional appearance as well as being named the league's Coach of the Year in his first season as head coach.

Landreneau, a key component on the McNeese Cowgirls' softball coaching staff the previous four years, continued the Cowgirl success in 2017.

The Cowgirls broke a combined nine records (8 McNeese, 1 SLC) and tied six school records and led the SLC in 15 statistical categories including 11 offensive categories in 2017. The Cowgirls broke the McNeese single season RBI (320), runs scored (361) and walks (216)

records while leading the SLC with a .296 batting average, .460 slugging percent, .399 on base percent, 368 runs scored, 471 hits, 325 RBI, 85 doubles, 52 homeruns and 229 walks. His pitching staff ranked third in the league with a 2.58 ERA and fourth in strikeouts with 229.

Under Landreneau's leadership, he coached the 2017 & 2018 SLC Player and Hitter of the Year (Erika Piancastelli) along with the 2017 Southland Conference Pitcher of the Year (Rachel Smith).

After starting the 2017 season with a 5-9 record, Landreneau guided the Cowgirls to a 38-9 record the rest of the way including a 12-game winning streak and won 13 of their last 15 games.

In his previous four years at McNeese, the Cowgirls compiled a 157-66 overall record and an 83-20 mark in Southland Conference play as part of three conference championships (2013, 2014, 2016) while coaching three league player of the year recipients.

In 2016, Landreneau coached an offense that was led by two-time NFCA All-American catcher and Southland Conference Player and Hitter of the Year Erika Piancastelli as the Cowgirls won the league regular season and tournament championships while playing in the NCAA Baton Rouge Regionals where they beat former national champion Arizona State in the opening round.

The Cowgirls, who won a school record 43 games, led the league in hitting (.305), slugging (.460), on-base percentage (.409), runs scored (350), hits (466), runs batted in (292), doubles (88), total bases (702) and hit by pitches (81).

In addition to the record number of victories, the Cowgirls also set school records in runs scored, RBI, batters hit, walks (201) and on-base percentage.

In 2015, Landreneau's offense broke or tied four single season records while Piancastelli became the first player in Southland Conference history to be voted as the league's Player, Hitter and Freshman of the Year in the same season.

McNeese posted a .968 fielding percentage that season to rank 36th in the nation. The Cowgirls finished the season ranked fourth in the league with 61 doubles that year as they finished with a 38-15 overall record and a conference championship mark of 19-5.

In 2014, the Cowgirls repeated as conference champions with a 20-6 league record and 40-17 mark overall.

McNeese led the league in stolen bases three consecutive years and ranked in the top 10 in the nation for two seasons while he was an assistant.

In 2014, the Cowgirls topped the conference and ranked 19th in the nation with 86 doubles and led the league with a .435 slugging percentage while setting single-season school records in runs scored and on-base percentage while tying records in triples and hit-by-pitches.

Landreneau coached and developed Alanna DiVittorio who broke a combined nine McNeese and Southland Conference records her senior season and was named the league's player and hitter of the year for 2014.

DiVittorio also earned CoSIDA Academic All-America honors that season to become just the second softball player in school history to earn the prestigious award.

The native of Mamou, La. resides in Lake Charles with his two children, Aubrey and Jaxon.

LANDRENEAU AT McNEESE (as of 2021)

CAREER RECORD: 171-104; SLC CAREER RECORD: 82-29

YEAR	OVERALL		SLC		CONF. FINISH	POSTSEASON
	W	L	W	L		
2017	43	18	24	3	1st/SLC Champs/SLC Tourn. Champs	NCAA Regional
2018	41	21	18	9	T-2nd/SLC Tourn. Champs	NCAA Regional
2019	33	32	19	8	3rd/SLC Tourn.	NISC (National Inv. SB Championship)
*2020	19	7	3	0	SLC Tourn. Canceled Due To COVID	
2021	35	26	18	9	3rd/SLC Tourn. Champs	NCAA Regional

*-Season was canceled due to COVID

LANDRENEAU'S FILE

Overall Record: 171-104

SLC Record: 82-29

10 yrs. at McNeese (6th as head coach)

Two 40 win seasons, two 30 win season

Three postseason appearances

COACHING CAREER

Head Coach, McNeese, 2017-present

Assistant Coach, McNeese, 2014-16

COACHING HIGHLIGHTS

TEAM

- One SLC regular season title (2017)
- Three SLC Tournament title (2017, 18, 21)
- Three NCAA Regional Tourn. (2017, 18, 21)
- One NISC Regional Tourn. (2019)
- One SLC Coach of the Year (2017)

INDIVIDUALS

- Two SLC Players of the Year
Erika Piancastelli (2017, 2018)
- Two SLC Hitters of the Year
Erika Piancastelli (2017, 2018)
- One SLC Pitcher of the Year
Rachel Smith (2017)
- One SLC Newcomer of the Year
Jenna Edwards (2021)
- One SLC Tournament MVP
Whitney Tate (2021)
- Two SLC Student Athletes of the Year
Erika Piancastelli (2017, 2018)
 - 26 All-SLC selections
 - 10 All-Louisiana Selections
- One Louisiana Hitter of the Year
Erika Piancastelli (2018)
 - Five All-Region Selections
- several SLC All-Academic honorees



2022 McNEESE ROSTER



NO.	NAME	POS.	HT	CL.-EXP	B/T	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL
1	Josie Willingham	IF	5-6	So.-TRF.	R/R	Medon, TN./Tennessee
2	Kennedy Reynolds	IF	5-6	Fr.-1VL	R/R	Spring, TX./Oak Ridge High
3	Ashley Vallejo	P	5-7	So.-1VL	R/R	New Waverly, TX./Willis High
4	Kaylee Lopez	UT	5-5	Jr.- 2VL	L/L	Indian Bayou, LA./North Vermillion High
5	Whitney Tate	P	5-7	So.- 1VL	L/R	Columbia, LA./Caldwell Parish High
6	Erin Ardoin	OF	5-6	Fr.- HS	L/R	Moss Bluff, LA./Sam Houston High
7	Adriana Ramirez	C	5-7	Sr.- 1VL	R/R	Alhambra, CA./Mt. San Antonio College
8	Katie VanDermark	IF	5-7	Fr.- HS	R/R	Watson, LA./Live Oak High School
9	Caleigh Cross	SS	5-9	So.- 1VL	L/R	Forney, TX./Forney High
10	Padyn Williams	UT	5-8	Sr.- 2VL	R/R	Moss Bluff, LA./Sam Houston High
11	Tiffany Steczo	IF	5-9	Sr.- 1VL	R/R	Fleming Island, FL./College of Central Florida
12	Gracie Devall	C	6-0	Sr.- 2VL	R/R	Sulphur, LA./Sulphur High
14	Crislyne Moreno	IF	5-9	Fr.- HS	R/R	Converse, TX./Samuel Clemens High School
15	Kendall Talley	OF	5-7	Jr.- TRF.	L/R	San Antonio, TX./UL-Lafayette
17	Brianna Santos	UT	5-6	So.- TRF.	L/R	San Mateo, CA./Univ. Colorado Colorado Springs
18	Grace Cantu	OF	5-5	Fr.-HS	L/L	Celina, TX./Celina High School
20	Olivia Johnson	P	5-7	So.-TRF.	R/R	Bentley, LA./Memphis
21	Jil Poullard	UT	5-5	So.- 1VL	L/R	Moss Bluff, LA./Sam Houston High
22	Reese Reyna	IF	5-3	Fr.- HS	R/R	Santa Fe, TX./Santa Fe High School
23	Toni Perrin	OF	5-7	Sr.- 3VL	R/R	Reserve, LA./Riverside Academy
24	Shaelyn Sanders	P/UT	5-5	So.- TRF.	L/R	Splendora, TX./Blinn JC
25	Chloe Gomez	C	5-3	So.- 1VL	R/R	Spring, TX./Spring High
26	Kelsey Gaspard	C	5-4	Fr.- HS	R/R	Roanoke, LA./Northside Christian High
27	Amanda Allen	P	5-9	Fr.- HS	R/L	Richmond, TX./Foster High
28	Alayis Seneca	OF	5-8	Jr.- 2VL	L/R	The Woodlands, TX./The Woodlands High

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Ashley VALLEJO (vuh-lay-ho)
 Erin ARDION (are-dwan)
 CALIEGH (cal-e) Cross
 PADYN (pay-dun) Williams
 Tiffany STECZO (stet-so)
 Gracie DEVALL (duh-vaul)
 CRISLYNE (chris-lynn) Moreno (muh-re-no)
 Jill POUILLARD (pooh-lord)
 Reese REYNA (ray-nuh)
 Toni PERRIN (pear-un)
 SHAELYN (shay-lynn) Sanders
 CHLOE (klo-e) Gomez
 Kelsey GASPARD (gas-pard)
 ALAYIS (uh-lay-us) SENECA (sin-uh-cuh)
 James LANDRENEAU (lan-druh-no)