



# MCNEESE SOFTBALL

Southland Conference Champs (9) - 1983, 1994, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2022, 2023, 2024  
Southland Conference Tournament Champs (9) - 1983, 2005, 2010, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2021, 2022, 2023  
NCAA Tournaments (9) - 1994, 2005, 2010, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2021, 2022, 2023

## 2025 Schedule

28-17 Overall, 14-4 SLC

18-3 Home, 5-11 Away, 5-3 Neutral

### FEBRUARY (10-7)

6	!at Tarleton St. (ESPN+)	L 5-4
7	!vs. Bucknell	W 13-4 (5)
	!Marist	W 9-1 (5)
8	!Marist	L 5-1
	!Bucknell	W 6-1
13	UT-Arlington	W 6-4
14	!\$#6 Tennessee (ESPN+)	L 12-0 (6)
	!\$#6 Tennessee (ESPN+)	L 10-2
15	!\$Missouri State (ESPN+)	W 17-9 (5)
	!\$Nicholls (ESPN+)	W 8-1
16	!\$Tulsa (ESPN+)	W 6-2
21	!%Houston (ESPN+)	W 6-2
	!%Kansas City (ESPN+)	W 10-1 (5)
23	!%Kansas City (ESPN+)	W 5-4
26	^at Ole Miss (SECN+)	L 4-0
28	^UL-Lafayette	L 4-1
	^at Auburn (SECN+)	L 10-6

### MARCH (13-8)

1	^ Rutgers	W 3-2
	^at Auburn (SECN+)	L 3-1
2	^Rutgers	L 7-0
4	at UL-Monroe (ESPN+)	L 5-1
5	!South Alabama (ESPN+)	W 8-2
7	*at Lamar (ESPN+)	W 6-5
	*at Lamar (ESPN+)	L 7-0
8	*at Lamar (ESPN+)	L 4-0
11	&Minnesota	W 2-0
12	at La. Tech (ESPN+)	L 10-5
14	*NW State (ESPN+)	W 6-4
15	*NW State (ESPN+)	W 4-1
	*NW State (ESPN+)	W 14-1 (5)
18	!UL-Lafayette (ESPN+)	W 5-4
21	*Nicholls (ESPN+)	W 8-5
22	*Nicholls (ESPN+)	W 7-3
	*Nicholls (ESPN+)	W 5-1
25	at Houston (ESPN+)	L 10-6
28	*at Incarnate Word	W 7-3
29	*at Incarnate Word (ESPN+)	L 1-0 (10)
	*at Incarnate Word (ESPN+)	W 6-3

### APRIL (5-2)

1	!#5 LSU (ESPN+)	L 12-2
4	*at Southeastern (ESPN+)	L 9-1 (5)
	*at Southeastern (ESPN+)	W 7-4
5	*at Southeastern (ESPN+)	W 5-4
8	*Texas A&M-CC (ESPN+)	W 11-3 (5)
	*Texas A&M-CC (ESPN+)	W 10-2 (5)
9	*Texas A&M-CC (ESPN+)	W 9-4
11	*at Houston Christian	4 p.m.
	*at Houston Christian	6 p.m.
12	*at Houston Christian (ESPN+)	12 p.m.
18	*East Texas A&M (ESPN+)	6 p.m.
19	*East Texas A&M (ESPN+)	1 p.m.
	*East Texas A&M (ESPN+)	3 p.m.
22	at LSU (SECN+)	6 p.m.
25	*at Stephen F. Austin	5:30 p.m.
26	*at Stephen F. Austin	12 p.m.
29	*at Stephen F. Austin	2:30 p.m.
	La. Tech (ESPN+)	6 p.m.

### MAY (0-0)

1-4 SLC Tourn. (Bracket Play/TBD)  
8-10 SLC Tourn. (Championship Series/TBD)

!- Tarleton St. Texan Classic (Stephenville, TX.)  
\$ - I-10 Border Classic (Lake Charles)  
% - Cowgirl Classic (Lake Charles)  
^ - Jane B. Moore Memorial (Auburn, Ala.)  
& - Played in Beaumont, TX.  
(-) - Innings Played  
\*- SLC Game  
\*\*- SLC Tournament (TBD)



# THIS WEEK

at Houston Christian  
Fri., April 11 - 4 p.m./DH  
Sat., April 12 - 1 p.m. (ESPN+)

## NEWS & NOTES

- McNeese will travel to Houston this weekend for an SLC series at Houston Christian for a 4 p.m. doubleheader Friday and a 12 p.m. single game Saturday.
- McNeese enters the series tied for first place with Southeastern following its midweek SLC home series sweep over Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.
- Coming off a series where they outscored the Islanders 30-9 andouthit the Islanders 34-21
- McNeese leads the series 31-8 since 2007 and have won the last 11 games against the Huskies. The last lost against HCU was a 5-4 loss in 2019 in Houston.
- Are 18-3 at home this season, the three losses are to teams ranked in the Top 6 (twice to Tennessee, once to LSU)
- Of the 17 losses this season, six are to SEC schools and five to ranked teams
- McNeese broke into the D1 Softball Mid Major Poll in Week 3 (Feb. 25) coming in at No. 24
- Head coach James Landreneau picked up his 300th career win on Feb. 7 in the 9-1 (5 inning) win over Marist at the Tarleton State Texan Classic.
- One week later, Landreneau became McNeese's winningest coach with a 17-9 (5 inning) win over Missouri State for his 303rd career win at the I-10 Border Classic surpassing Scott Eastman, who was the Cowgirls head coach for 12 years, who had a career record of 302-330
- McNeese won its third straight regular season conference championship and ninth overall regular season title in 2024
- - Have won seven of the last 11 regular season conference titles.

- McNeese is the third school to win three straight regular season championships and second among current schools. Northwestern State (2016-2018) and Texas State (2021-2023) are the other two schools to win three consecutive titles.
- Are picked to finish second in the 2025 preseason poll behind preseason favorite Southeastern
- Lost 10 letterwinners from 2024 including Shaelyn Sanders, the 2024 SLC "Pitcher of the Year"
- Return three pitchers (Ryann Schexnayder, Lindsay Davis and Alexis Dibley)
- Have 11 newcomers including nine freshmen and two transfers
- Dibley was named the 2024 Southland "Freshman of the Year"
- Head coach James Landreneau was named the 2024 SLC "Coach of the Year"

### MCNEESE PLAYER NOTES

- Samantha Mundine leads the team with a .388 batting average...tied for a team high 50 hits...tied for second with 12 stolen bases...third on the team with 16 walks... enters the seires with a hit in 17 of her last 18 games...had a 13 game hitting streak during the season
- Cassidy Chance is tied for a team high 50 hits...second on the team with a .382 batting average...tied for second on the team with 12 stolen bases...had a 15 game hitting streak during the season...has at least one hit in 25 of the last 27 games
- Jada Munoz leads the team with 10 homeruns, 15 doubles, 41 runs scored, 33 RBI, 18 walks fourth on the team with 46 hits
- Rylie Bouvier has 40 hits and is on a 10 game hitting streak
- Kadence Williams (8-7) has a staff low 3.42 ERA...has won 7 of her last 10 games
- Ryann Schexnayder (4-1) leads the team with six saves...has a 3.73 ERA with 36

## SLC Standings (as of April 9)

	<u>SLC</u>	<u>Overall</u>
Southeastern	14-4	34-11
McNeese	14-4	28-17
Stephen F. Austin	12-6	23-19
Nicholls	12-6	22-20
UIW	11-7	21-16
Lamar	10-8	22-19
Houston Christian	6-12	13-25
East Texas A&M	5-13	9-32
Texas A&M-CC	3-15	9-29
Northwestern St.	3-15	6-35

## 2025 SOUTHLAND PRESASON POLL (First Place Votes)

1. Southeastern (9) 152 pts.
2. **McNeese (9) 151 pts.**
3. Incarnate Word (2) 130 pts.
4. Nicholls 106 pts.
5. Lamar 95 pts.
6. Texas A&M-CC 70 pts.
7. Houston Christian 68 pts.
8. Stephen F. Austin 62 pts.
9. Northwestern State 48 pts.
10. East Texas A&M 20 pts.

## LONGEST GAMES

### 16 INNINGS

#### Austin Peay

(Feb. 23, 2019-Lake Charles/L 2-1)

#### UL-Lafayette

(April 1, 1984-Lake Charles/W 2-1)

### 14 INNINGS

#### #20 Arkansas

(Feb. 20, 2021-Lake Charles/L 6-4)

#### Arizona State

(May 21, 2016- NCAA Tourn.-Baton Rouge/L 3-2)

#### Houston

(Feb. 28, 2024- Houston, TX./W 6-5)

#### UL-Lafayette

(Apr. 6, 2022- Lake Charles/W 6-5)

strikeouts in 71.1 innings

• Maddie Taylor (12-6) leads the pitching staff in wins, 42 strikeouts and 95.2 innings pitched

### 2024 RECAP

• McNeese is the third school to win three straight SLC regular season championships and second among current schools. Northwestern State (2016-2018) and Texas State (2021-2023) are the other two schools to win three consecutive titles.

• won at least 40 games for the third straight year and fifth time under head coach James Landreneau

• ranked among the Top 30 in the NCAA in 6th-stolen bases (6th), stolen bases per game (8th), doubles (10th), double plays per game (15th), Earned Run Average (29th), Shutouts (30th)

• swept six of eight conference series. Only series didn't sweep was against Nicholls and Texas A&M-Corpus Christi

• won 10 games via the run-rule

• were 5-0 in extra inning games

• won 25 of last 32 games

• had a season long 10 game winning streak from April 5-20

• played 10 games against teams that were either ranked or received votes

• set a new Cowgirl Diamond attendance record of 1,542 in an 8-1 loss on Feb. 16, 2024 against No. 1 Oklahoma

• won its ninth overall regular season conference title and fourth under Landreneau.

• won the seventh of the last 11 regular season conference titles including the last three

• led the SLC with a 1.52 ERA in conference games

• tied for a season high with eight shutouts in conference games

• stole a total of 116 bases including 63 in conference games.

• second in the SLC with a .977 fielding percent

• third in the SLC with a .301 batting average in conference games.

• Alexis Dibley was named the SLC "Freshman of the Year", only the second Cowgirl to earn the honor

• Head coach James Landreneau was named the SLC "Coach of the Year" for the third time

## SLC TOURNAMENT NOTES (as of 2024)

• McNeese made a league high 34th Southland Conference Tournament appearances in 2024.

• McNeese has an overall 60-35 conference tournament record.

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

• McNeese has won a league high nine SLC tournament titles, five under head coach James Landreneau

• Made its eighth SLC tournament appearance under head coach James Landreneau.

• McNeese is the only team in conference history to not only three-peat (2016, 2017, 2018) but to three-peat twice (2021, 2022, 2023)

• McNeese has won six of the last eight Southland Conference Tournaments excluding the 2020 Covid year.

• The Cowgirls have a 21-4 overall conference tournament record and have won 12 of its last 14 conference tournament games under coach Landreneau.

• The Cowgirls have lost only two conference tournament games since 2019, both coming in the 2024 tournament.

• McNeese has hosted four SLC Tournaments (2009, 2016, 2018, 2023)

## NCAA TOURNAMENT NOTES

• have made a league high nine NCAA Tournaments, five under head coach James Landreneau

• advanced to the NCAA Regional Finals in 2022 and 2023)

• have a 7-16 record in regional tournament games.

• 2023 team was the first team to win three NCAA Tournament games

• 2023 team won the programs first NCAA Tournament "If necessary game"

• have been the No. 2 seed once, third and fourth seed three four times

• In 2023, McNeese was one of seven non-Power 5 teams to reach regional finals (San Diego, Liberty, Middle Tennessee, Charlotte, UL-Lafayette, and Miami-Ohio)

• was the first Southland Conference team to throw a shutout in the NCAA Tournament since 2009 with 1-0 win over Minnesota on May 20, 2023.

• the 1-0 shutout win over #7 Washington in the NCAA Tournament on May 21, 2023 was the first shutout Washington suffered in NCAA Tournament history since Alabama shut them out in 2015.

## 2025 McNEESE ROSTER

**Location:** Lake Charles, La.

**Founded:** 1939

**Enrollment:** 6,243 (Fall 2024)

**Nickname:** Cowgirls

**Home Field:** Cowgirl Diamond

**Dimensions:** Left Field- 205, Left Field-Power Alley- 211, Right Field Power Alley- 216, Right Field- 205

**Capacity:** 2,500

**Colors:** Royal Blue/ Yellow

**Conference:** Southland

**President:** Dr. Wade Rousse

**Vice President/AD:** Heath Schroyer

### SOFTBALL STAFF

**Head Coach:** James Landreneau

**Years at McNeese:** 13th overall/9th as HC

**Record at McNeese (Yr.):** 326-178 (9th)

**Career Record:** same

**Assistant Coach:** Alexis Otero

**Assistant Coach:** Alayis Seneca

**Assistant Coach:** Christina Mathews

### TEAM INFORMATION

**2025 Record:** 28-17

**SLC Record (finish):** 14-4

**Position Starters Returning/Lost:** 6/11

**Pitchers Ret./Lost:** 3/2

**Letterwinners Ret./Lost:** 10/5

**Redshirt Returning:** 2

**Newcomers:** 11 (9 Freshmen)

**First Year of Softball:** 1979

**SLC Regular Season Champions:** 9

(2024, 2023, 2022, 2017, 2016, 2014, 2013, 1994 (co-champions w/Nicholls State), 1983

**SLC Tournament Champions:** 9 (2023, 2022, 2021, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2010, 2005, 1983)

**Years In NCAA Regionals:** 9 (2023, 2022, 2021, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2010, 2005, 1994)

### SPORTS INFORMATION

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<u>NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS.</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>CL.</u>	<u>B/T</u>	<u>HOMETOWN/SCHOOL</u>
1	Jada Muñoz	IF	5-5	Jr.	R/R	San Antonio, Texas/Sandra Day O'Connor HS
2	Sarah Allen	C/IF	5-11	Fr.	R/R	Montgomery, Texas/Magnolia West HS
3	Emma Banks	P	5-11	Fr.	R/R	Stuttgart, Ark./Stuttgart HS
5	Allie Bishoff	C	5-4	So.	R/R	Roco, Neb./Drake
6	Adriana Mireles	IF/OF	5-1	Fr.	L/R	Kingsville, Texas/Santa Gertrudis Academy
7	Rylee Eyster	OF	5-3	Jr.	L/R	Southaven, Miss./Hernando Hs
9	Lindsay Davis	P	5-9	Jr.	R/R	Troup, Texas/Troup HS
10	Kassidy Chance	IF/OF	5-6	Fr.	L/R	Mansfield, Texas/Mansfield HS
11	Ryann Schexnayder	P	5-4	Jr.	L/L	Walker, La./Walker HS
12	Kadence Williams	P	5-10	Fr.	R/R	Dickinson, Texas/Dickinson HS
14	Gwinn Hall	P/UT	5-9	Fr.	L/L	Roland, Ark./Little Rock Christian Academy
15	Alexis Dibbley	P/OF	5-9	So.	R/R	Moss Bluff, La./Sam Houston HS
17	Delaney Dunham	OF	5-6	Jr.	L/L	Mount Belvieu, Texas/Barbers Hill HS
18	Bailey Davis	P/1B	5-9	Fr.	L/L	Anacoco, La./Anacoco HS
21	Brylie Fontenot	IF	5-3	Fr.	R/R	Moss Bluff, La./Sam Houston HS
22	Reese Reyna	IF	5-3	Sr.	R/R	Santa Fe, Texas/Santa Fe HS
23	Onna McElroy	C/OF	5-7	Fr.	R/R	Mustang, Okla./Mustang HS
24	Nyjah Fontenot	OF	5-6	So.	L/R	Lake Charles, La./Arkansas
25	Mya Boos	SS/UT	5-9	Fr.	R/R	Billings, Mont./Billings West HS
26	Kelsey Gaspard	C	5-4	Jr.	R/R	Roanoke, La./Northside Christian HS
27	Samantha Mundine	UT	5-4	So.	L/R	Luling, Texas/Navarro HS
28	Maddie Taylor	P/1B	5-9	Fr.	R/R	Sterlington, La./Sterlington HS
32	Rylie Bouvier	IF	5-7	Sr.	L/R	Santa Fe, Texas/Baylor

**HEAD COACH:** James Landreneau (13th overall at McNeese, 9th as Head Coach)

**ASSISTANT COACH:** Alexis Otero (2nd yr.)

**ASSISTANT COACH:** Alayis Seneca (2nd yr.)

**ASSISTANT COACH:** Christina Mathews (1st yr.)

### PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

#1 Jada MUÑOZ (moon-yo's)

#5 Allie BISHOFF (bish-off)

#6 ADRIANA (a-dre-aun-uh) MIRELES (me-rel-us)

#7 Rylee EYSTER (eye-stir)

#11 Ryann SCHEXNAYDER (shakes-nigh-der)

#12 KADENCE (kay-dun-see) Williams

#17 DELANEY (duh-lane-e) DUNHAM (dun-um)

#21 Brylie FONTENOT (font-no)

#22 Reese REYNA (ray-nuh)

#23 ONNA (awn-uh) McElroy (mick-el-roy)

#24 NYJAH (nigh-juh) FONTENOT (font-no)

#25 Mya BOOS (Boze)

#26 Kelsey GASPARD (gas-pard)

#27 Samantha MUNDINE (mun-dine)

#32 Rylie BOUVIER (boo-v-a)

James LANDRENEAU (lan-druh-no)

Alexis OTERO (oh-tear-oh)

ALAYIS (uh-lay-us) SENECA (sin-uh-cuh)

CHLOE (klo-e) Gomez



## JAMES LANDRENEAU- HEAD COACH

13th Year at McNeese- 9th as Head Coach  
Record: 326-178 (154-41 SLC)  
Three-time SLC Coach of the Year  
(2024, 2022, 2017)

Five 40-win seasons  
Three 30-win seasons  
Four SLC Regular Season Titles  
(2024, 2023, 2022, 2017)  
Five SLC Tourn. Titles (2023, 2022, 2021, 2018,  
2017)  
Six postseason appearances (5 NCAA, 1 NISC)

James Landreneau is in his 13th overall season and ninth as head coach with a 298-161 overall career record and 140-37 conference record. He picked up his 250th career win on May 5, 2023 at Houston Christian, becoming the second McNeese head softball coach to reach this milestone. He is the only coach in McNeese and Southland Conference history to guide a team to Southland Conference regular season (2022, 2023, 2024) and Southland Conference Tournament title (2021, 2022, 2023) three-peat's.

Landreneau has the best overall winning percent (.649) among active coaches and the fourth best overall winning percent in conference history. He also has the best conference games winning percent at .790 and ranks ninth in both career wins (298) and conference (140) wins.

In 2024, Landreneau guided the Cowgirls to its fifth 40-win season with a 40-20 record, fourth regular season Southland Conference title with 22-2 record, a regular season title three-peat (2022, 2023, 2024), and its seventh Southland Conference Tournament appearance.

For leading the Cowgirls to its third consecutive regular season title in 2024, Landreneau was named SLC "coach of the Year" for the third time.

For the second straight year in 2023, Landreneau guided the Cowgirls to the NCAA Regional championship game (Seattle, Washington) and ended the season ranked No. 22 by D1 Softball. Landreneau's staff was named the NFCA South Region "Coaching Staff of the Year". Landreneau also guided McNeese to the Southland Conference regular season title and a 3-Peat Repeat as Southland Conference Tournament Champs.

The Cowgirls ended the 2023 season with a school record 47 wins (47-16) and a 21-3 conference record. The 40 wins marks the fourth 40-win season under Landreneau. Included in the 47 victories was a 3-2 home wins over Washington who was ranked #12 at the time and a 4-3 over #15 LSU.

Also in 2023, Landreneau guided a team that led the nation in double plays per game with 0.59 per contest.

In 2022, Landreneau guided McNeese to a 40-21 overall record and its deepest run in the NCAA Tournament in 2022, advancing to the regional championship game (Evanston, Illinois) for the first time in school history. On its way to the regional championship game against Northwestern, a team that advanced to the Women's College World Series, the Cowgirls picked up two win over Notre Dame.

Landreneau guided McNeese to the regular season and SLC tournament title for the fourth time under his direction in 2022, earning his second Southland Conference "Coach of the Year" honor after posting a 15-3 conference record. Landreneau was also named Louisiana "Coach of the Year" for his accomplishments.

In 2021, Landreneau's team led the nation with 48 double plays turned, has guided McNeese to four straight Southland Conference Tournaments and four postseason tournaments including back-to-back Southland Conference Tournament Titles (2017, 2018), one regular season title (2017), three NCAA Regionals (2017, 2018, 2020) along with a NISC (National Invitational Softball Championship) Regional Tournament appearance in 2019, is in his 10th overall season at McNeese and sixth season as head coach of the Cowgirls.

Following a year that saw the Covid pandemic cancel the 2020 season followed by Hurricanes Laura and Delta that hit Lake Charles six weeks apart in August and September of 2020 along with a rare freeze in February of 2021 that crippled not only the softball facility but the entire city of Lake Charles, the Cowgirls gave McNeese and Lake Charles something to cheer about.

Following the destruction, the Cowgirls rebuilt the best they could in order to have a playing field and a season, and it was a season that won't be forgotten. McNeese, who entered the Southland Conference Tournament as the No. 3 seed, went on to defeat Sam Houston, second seeded Central Arkansas in the second round, the regular season champion and the tournament's top seed Stephen F. Austini in the semifinals before defeating Central Arkansas 1-0 in the championship game and the NCAA automatic bid.

Freshman pitcher Whitney Tate was named the tournament's MVP, who was joined on the all-tournament team by Cori McCrary, Kaylee Lopez, Toni Perrin, Jenna Edwards, and Haylee Brinlee.

The Cowgirls ended the 2021 season with a 35-26 overall record and an 18-9 conference record. Edwards was named the SLC Newcomer of the Year while McCrary and Brinlee were named to the All-SLC first team. Tate, Lopez and Jil Poullard were named to the second team while Chloe Gomez was a third team selection.

In five years as head coach, Landreneau has coached two All-Americans (Erika Piancastelli, Justyce McClain), 21 All-Southland Conference selections, Four SLC Hitters and Players of the Year, one SLC Newcomer of the Year (Jenna Edwards/2021), four All-Region picks, and 12 All-Louisiana selections.

Former Olympian and All-American Erika Piancastelli was a four time SLC Player and Hitter of the Year, the SLC softball Student-Athlete of the Year (2017, 2018) and to the CoSIDA District 6 All-Academic Team twice (2017, 2018). In 2018, Piancastelli was named Louisiana's Hitter of the Year.

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 was apart 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 April 9, 2025)

CAREER RECORD: 326-178; SLC CAREER RECORD: 154-41

YEAR	OVERALL		SLC		SLC Tourn.		CONF. FINISH	POSTSEASON
	W	L	W	L	W	L		
2017	43	18	24	3	3	0	1st/SLC Champs/SLC Tourn. Champs	NCAA Regional
2018	41	21	18	9	4	0	T-2nd/SLC Tourn. Champs	NCAA Regional
2019	33	32	19	8	2	2	3rd/SLC Tourn.	NISC (National Inv. SB Championship)
*2020	19	7	3	0	-	-	SLC Tourn. Canceled Due To COVID	
2021	35	26	18	9	4	0	3rd/SLC Tourn. Champs	NCAA Regional
2022	40	21	15	3	3	0	1st/SLC Champs/SLC Tourn. Champs	NCAA Regional Finals
2023	47	16	21	3	3	0	1st/SLC Champs/SLC Tourn. Champs	NCAA Regional Finals
2024	40	20	22	2	0	0	1st/SLC Champs	
2025	28	17	14	4	-	-		

\*-Season was canceled due to COVID

## LANDRENEAU'S FILE

### SLC Tournament Results Under Landreneau

**Record: 21-4**

#### 2017 (Conway, AR.) / Record: 3-0

First Round: def. Sam Houston St. 9-1 (5 inn.)

Second Round: def. Nicholls 11-2 (6 inn.)

Championship: def. Nicholls 8-0 (5 inn.)

#### 2018 (Lake Charles, LA.) / Record: 4-0

First Round: def. NW St. 12-5

Second Round: def. Stephen F. Austin 8-2

Semifinal Round: def. Nicholls 3-2 (8 inn.)

Championship: def. Nicholls 4-2

#### 2019 (Natchitoches, LA.) / Record: 2-2

First Round: lost to NW St. 4-3

Loser's Bracket: def. Southeastern La. 1-0  
def. SFA 3-0

Semifinal Round: lost to Nicholls 10-4

#### 2021 (Hammond, LA.) / Record: 4-0

First Round: def. Sam Houston 3-1

Second Round: def. Central Arkansas 6-5

Semifinal Round: def. Stephen F. Austin 4-1

Championship: def. Central Arkansas 1-0

#### 2022 (Hammond, LA.) / Record: 3-0

Second Round: def. NW State 6-5 (8)

Semifinal Round: def. Southeastern 7-6 (8 inn.)

Championship: def. Southeastern 10-4

#### 2023 (Lake Charles, LA.) / Record: 3-0

Second Round: def. Texas A&M-CC 2-1

Semifinal Round: def. Southeastern 6-2

Championship: def. Southeastern 1-4 (8 inn.)

#### 2024 (Hammond, LA.) / Record: 2-2

Second Round: lost 3-2 to No. 4 UIW

Loser's Bracket: def. No. 7 HCU 8-6

def. No. 3 Nicholls 4-3 (8 inn.)

Semifinal Round: lost to No. 4 UIW 8-7

### Landreneau's SLC Tournament Record

Houston Christian	1-0
Incarinate Word	0-2
Nicholls	5-1
NW State	2-1
Southeastern	5-0
Texas A&M-CC	1-0
Central Arkansas	2-0
Sam Houston	2-0
Stephen F. Austin	3-0

**TOTAL 21-4**

### Overall Record: 326-178

#### SLC Record: 154-41

13th overall (9th as head coach)

Five 40 win seasons, three 30 win season

Five NCAA Tourn. Appearances

Two Regional Finals

One NISC Appearance

### COACHING CAREER

Head Coach, McNeese, 2017-present

Assistant Coach, McNeese, 2014-16

### COACHING HIGHLIGHTS

#### TEAM

- Four SLC regular season titles (2017, 22, 23, 24)
- Five SLC Tournament titles (2017, 18, 21, 22, 23)
- Five NCAA Tourn. App. (2017, 18, 21, 22, 23)
  - One NISC Regional Tourn. (2019)
- Three SLC Coach of the Year (2017, 22, 24)
- One Louisiana Coach of the Year (2022)

#### INDIVIDUALS

- **Four SLC Players of the Year** - Erika Piancastelli (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)
- **Four SLC Hitters of the Year** - Erika Piancastelli (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)
- **Three SLC Pitcher of the Year** - Shaelyn Sanders (2024)  
Ashley Vallejo (2022)  
Rachel Smith (2017)
- **Two SLC Newcomer of the Year** - Kendall Talley (2022)  
Jenna Edwards (2021)
- **One SLC Freshman of the Year** - Alexis Dibbley (2024)
- **Three SLC Tournament MVP's** - Reese Reyna (2023)  
Crislyne Moreno (2022)  
Whitney Tate (2021)
- **Two SLC Student Athletes of the Year** - Erika Piancastelli (2017, 2018)
  - **49 All-SLC selections** -
  - **12 All-Louisiana Selections** -
  - **One Louisiana Hitter of the Year** - Erika Piancastelli (2018)
  - **Seven All-Region Selections** -
  - **several SLC All-Academic honorees** -

# NCAA Tournament History

## Years In NCAA Tourn.: 9

### NCAA Tournament Record 10-18

#### Record vs. Opp. In NCAA's

Arizona State	1-1
Baylor	1-1
Centenary	1-0
Fairfield	1-0
George Washington	1-0
LSU	0-4
Minnesota	2-0
Northwestern	0-2
Notre Dame	2-0
Penn State	0-1
Princeton	0-1
Texas A&M	0-3
UL-Lafayette	0-3
Washington	1-2

### REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

Lafayette, LA. (1): 1994

College Station, TX. (2): 2005, 2018

Baton Rouge, LA. (4): 2010, 2016,  
2017, 2021

Evanston, IL. (1): 2022

Seattle, WA. (1): 2023

### REGIONAL FINALS

2022, 2023

### McNEESE

#### NCAA REGIONAL SEEDING

No. 1 seed (0)

No. 2 seed (1): (2016)

No. 3 seed (4): 2017, 2018, 2022, 2023

No. 4 seed (4): 1994, 2005, 2010, 2021

### SLC Champions (9)

2024, 2023, 2022, 2017, 2016, 2014, 2013

1994 (co-champs), 1983

### SLC Tournament Titles (9)

2023, 2022, 2021, 2018, 2017, 2016,

2010, 2005, 1983

### NCAA HISTORY

#### Years in NCAA Tourn. (9th)

#### Record: 10-18

##### 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

##### 2022 (Evanston, IL.)

def. #21 Notre Dame 11-1 (5 inn.)  
lost 17-3 (5 inn.) to #10 Northwestern  
def. #21 Notre Dame 3-1  
lost 10-2 (5 inn.) to Northwestern

##### 2023 (Seattle, WA.)

def. Minnesota (5-4/13 inn.)  
lost 3-1 to #7 Washington  
def. Minnesota 1-0  
def. #7 Washington 1-0  
lost 7-6 to #7 Washington

#### 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)  
Minnesota (2-0)  
Northwestern (0-2)  
Notre Dame (2-0)  
Penn State (0-1)  
Princeton (0-1)  
Texas A&M (0-3)  
UL-Lafayette (0-3)  
Washington (1-2)