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The 2016 Live United Bowl Champions!



The Javelinas celebrate after winning the 2016 Live United Texarkana Bowl trophy with a 24-17 victory over Southern Arkansas last weekend in Texarkana, Ark.

Javelina Hash

By Fred Nuesch, Coordinator of Athletic External Affairs

A BIG WEEKEND for Javelina football.

The victory in the Live United Texarkana Bowl Saturday afternoon in Texarkana, Ark., did a lot to improve, even further, the Javelinas' reputation in the collegiate football circles.

Southern Arkansas had been ranked as high as No. 7 in NCAA Division II polls prior to the game and was a formidable foe for the Javelinas.

But things are getting back to normal in Javelinaland.

The season ended with a seven-game victory streak. There was a postseason victory. And the Javelinas have returned to their accustomed position as one of the best in college division circles.

Sounds like the old days and it's good to see the Javelinas back in the elite college football circle.

THE TEXARKANA BOWL people are to be commended for an outstanding event.

It has all of the qualities of a big-time bowl game.

The players and coaches received special treatment. And the events were all first class.

It's a shame that the weather had to play such a big role.

Without the cold, rain and wind, there's no doubt there would have been a packed stadium and unbelievable support from the fans on both sides of the field. Even with the adverse weather, there was plenty of spirit and enthusiasm.

All of the bowl officials are to be commended on an excellent event and hopefully it will continue for many years to come.

THE JAVELINAS ARE the only Lone Star Conference football team to end their season with a postseason championship.

The three other teams involved in postseason play lost.

Texas A&M-Commerce was beaten in the second round of the NCAA playoffs and Midwestern State lost out in the opening round.

Eastern New Mexico was beaten in the Heart of Texas Bowl last weekend in Copperas Cove.

That means the Javelinas are the last team standing.

THE JAVELINAS' SEVEN-GAME winning streak is one of the longest in NCAA Division II.

Northwest Missouri and Shepherd (W. Va.) have 13-game streaks underway.

North Alabama has a 10-game victory streak, Ferris (Mich.) State has won eight in a row and the Javelinas have their seven straight.

The Javelinas will have the second longest streak at the end of the season. Northwest Missouri, Shepherd, North Alabama and Ferris are all still in the NCAA playoffs and only one can emerge victorious.

It will have the longest victory streak in the division and Texas A&M-Kingsville will be second.

SPECIAL ACCOLADES GO to those hundreds of Javelina fans who, first of all, made the trip to the Texas-Arkansas border for last weekend's game.

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Women's Basketball to Host St. Mary's Tuesday in SPEC

The Texas A&M-Kingsville women's basketball team will host St. Mary's Tuesday after going to Texas A&M International Saturday.

Tuesday's game will have a 5:15 p.m. tipoff and the game in Laredo will start at 6 p.m.

Both are rematches and the Javelinas downed the Rattlers and Dustdevils in the earlier games.

Kaylin Roher, 5-3 senior guard from League City (Clear Springs), is the only Javelina scoring in double figures (11.7).

Kaylee Kana, 6-0 senior forward from Mont Belvieu (Barbers Hill), tops the rebounding with a 9.8 average. That's the best average in the Lone Star Conference by more than a rebound a game.

St. Mary's is 8-1 for the year and the only setback came in the game with the Javelinas.

Kiara Etheridge, 5-11 senior guard/forward from San Antonio (Brennan), leads the

Roher Named LSC Defensive Player of Week

Kaylin Roher, Texas A&M-Kingsville senior guard from League City (Clear Springs), was named the Lone Star Conference defensive player of the week for her performance last week.

She had six steals and seven rebounds in a Javelina victory over Texas A&M International.

Offensively, she had 12 points.

Roher becomes the first Javelina player to be recognized by the conference this season.

Rattlers in scoring (14.8) and rebounding (9.8).

LaBraille Fields, 5-9 senior guard from Augusta, Ga., averages 11.0 points a game and Arysia Porter, 5-6 sophomore guard from San Antonio (Roosevelt), averages 10.6.

International had a Monday night game with Central Oklahoma and entered the contest with a 0-7 record.

Hannah Beede, 5-10 senior guard/forward from Brisbane, Australia, averages 15 points a game and Rosebrooke Hunt, 6-0 senior forward from Bakersfield, Calif., hits 10.6 points a game.

Beede and Hunt each average 9.7 rebounds a game.

After the two non-conference games, the Javelinas will open LSC play Dec. 17 against Cameron in Lawton, Okla.



Cheerleaders Perform

The Javelina cheerleaders perform at the Live United Bowl pep rally Friday night before last Saturday's game.

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And then they sat out in terrible weather to cheer on their favorites.

Most of the Southern Arkansas fans had to travel less than an hour to the game but the Javelinas had as many in the stands as did the Muleriders, and they were really more vocal than the SAU supporters.

These Javelina boosters have certainly proven once again that they can never be called “fair weather fans”.

THE BANQUET THE night before the game was a first class, and fun, event.

It was more than a banquet.

There were talks from the presidents of the competing colleges, including TAMUK president Dr. Steven Tallant, as well as the president of Texas A&M-Texarkana.

The mayors from the two Texarkanas spoke as did Javelina head coach Daren Wilkinson and the SAU head coach.

In attendance was Kingsville mayor Sam Fugate. And the banquet organizers missed an opportunity to add to the fun by not having Sam speak. He could definitely have brought some South Texas sense of humor to the program, which was certainly loose and enjoyable.

There was a singing contest between the two head football coaches and the song chosen was “You Get a Line and I’ll Get a Pole”, a Southern song from many decades ago.

It’s doubtful Wilkinson had ever heard of the song before Friday night. But he was able to pull off his turn at the microphone and get a huge ovation from the Javelina delegation, which made up half of the crowd.

THE FOOTBALL FIELD wasn’t the only place the Javelinas were winners in Texarkana.

The Javelina band and cheer squad were winners as well as some of the football individuals.

There were a half dozen competitions at the banquet between representatives from the two teams, and in each contest, the Javelinas were the winners.

Later at a pep rally, the Javelina band was the clear winner and was especially impressive with its version of “Deep in the Heart of Texas”, most appropriate at a game pitting a team from the Lone Star State against one from neighboring Arkansas.

THOSE WHO WOULD like to see the bowl trophy presented to the Javelinas at the end of the game can do so in McCulley Hall at Javelina Stadium.

It is on display in the trophy case facing the entrance to the building, to the right of the athletic ticket office.

PICKING THE MOST valuable player for the game was difficult.

Defensive back Devonte Williams was certainly deserving of

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MVP

Devonte Williams, 6-0, 177-pound sophomore defensive back from Houston (Travis), was named the most valuable player in last weekend’s Live United Bowl in Texarkana, Ark. He had a 58-yard interception return for a touchdown and also recovered a fumble.

ASU Wins Title

Top-seeded Angelo State won the NCAA Division II South Central Region volleyball championship with a 3-0 victory over Metro (Colo.) State Saturday night in San Angelo.

The Rambelles (34-3) will advance into the Elite Eight this weekend in Sioux Falls, S.D.

The Rambelles downed Texas A&M-Kingsville, 3-0, in the quarterfinals of the regional playoffs and beat Colorado Mines, 3-1, in the semifinals.

It is the first time ASU, the Lone Star Conference champion, has advanced into the Elite Eight in the sport.

Upcoming Javelina Events

Dec. 10 – Men’s Basketball: St. Edward’s in Kingsville, 7 p.m.

Women’s Basketball: Texas A&M International in Laredo, 6 p.m.

Dec. 13 – Women’s Basketball: St. Mary’s in Kingsville, 5:15 p.m.

Men’s Basketball: St. Mary’s in Kingsville, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 17 – Women’s and Men’s Basketball: *Cameron in Lawton, Okla., 2 and 4 p.m.

Dec. 19 – Women’s and Men’s Basketball: *Midwestern State in Wichita Falls, 5:15 and 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 28 – Women’s Basketball: Incarnate Word in San Antonio (exhibition game), 6 p.m.

Dec. 31 – Men’s Basketball: Texas-Rio Grande Valley in McAllen (exhibition game), 1 p.m.

Jan. 5 – Women’s & Men’s Basketball: *Texas A&M-Commerce in Kingsville, 5:15 and 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 7 – Men’s and Women’s Basketball: *Tarleton State in Kingsville, 2 and 4 p.m.

Jan. 12 – Women’s & Men’s Basketball: *Texas-Permian Basin in Odessa, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 13 – Indoor Track & Field: Texas A&M Invitational in College Station.
Women’s & Men’s Basketball: *West Texas A&M in Canyon, 2 and 4 p.m.

Jan. 19 – Women’s & Men’s Basketball: *Eastern New Mexico in Kingsville, 5:15 and 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 21 – Men’s & Women’s Basketball: *Western New Mexico in Kingsville, 2 and 4 p.m.

Jan. 24 – Women’s and Men’s Basketball: *Angelo State in Kingsville, 5:15 and 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 26 – Women’s Basketball: *Texas Woman’s in Denton, 7 p.m.

Jan. 28 – Men’s Basketball: *Angelo State in San Angelo, 4 p.m.

Feb. 2 – Women’s & Men’s Basketball: *Midwestern State in Kingsville, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 3 - Indoor Track & Field: Bayou Bengal Invitational in Baton Rouge, La.

Feb. 4 – Baseball: Wiley College in Kingsville (DH), 1 p.m

Women’s Tennis: Howard Payne in Brownwood, 1 p.m.

Men’s & Women’s Basketball: *Cameron in Kingsville, 2 and 4 p.m.

Feb. 9 – Women’s Tennis: Northeastern Oklahoma in San Antonio, 2 p.m.

Women’s & Men’s Basketball: *Tarleton State in Stephenville, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 10 - Indoor Track & Field: Fastrack National Invitational in Staten Island, N.Y.

Softball: Grand Prairie Tournament in Grand Prairie.

Women’s Tennis: Dallas Baptist in Kingsville, 2 p.m.

Feb. 11 – Baseball: Alumni Game in Kingsville, 2 p.m.

Women’s Tennis: *Texas-Permian Basin in Kingsville, 1 p.m.

Women’s & Men’s Basketball: *Texas A&M-Commerce in Commerce, 2 and 4 p.m..

Softball: Grand Prairie Tournament in Grand Prairie.

Feb. 12 – Softball: Grand Prairie Tournament in Grand Prairie.

Feb. 16 – Women’s Tennis: St. Mary’s in Kingsville, TBD.

Women’s & Men’s Basketball: *West Texas A&M in Kingsville, 5:15 and 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 17 – Baseball Minute Maid Classic in Houston (Minute Maid Park) vs. California State-Chico, 2 p.m.

Softball: *Angelo State in San Angelo, 5 p.m.

*Lone Star Conference games/matches

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the honor with his 58-yard interception return for a score that started the Javelina victory momentum. He also had a fumble recovery.

Linebacker Trevor Moses had 15 tackles. Forrest Jones had 10 tackles. Running back Luis Lopez had key runs in the second half to help the Javelina offense get untracked. Wideout Anthony Autry caught two touchdown passes. And there were others.

THE JAVELINAS' POSTSEASON record has to be one of the best, if not the best, among all colleges.

The team is 35-15 in postseason games. That's a .700 winning percentage.

THE JAVELINAS DIDN'T receive much attention at the start of this season. As a result, they were able to slip up on some people.

You can bet that won't happen next year.

They'll be ranked high in the Lone Star Conference and probably in the national preseason polls.

THE JAVELINAS WERE involved in more than merely the game while in Texarkana.

The team split for community projects Friday.

One group went to a horse riding ranch where young children are given an opportunity to ride horses as a part of therapy.

The players had six young girls from a school 20 miles north of Texarkana who were given the opportunity to ride horses.

The Javelinas guided the horses on the rides and stood on each side in support of the riders.

THE FOOTBALL TEAM wasn't the only Javelina team to have success last week.

The women's basketball team pulled off the first big upset in the Lone Star Conference race when it beat Texas Woman's Thursday night in Kingsville.

The Pioneers were picked third in the LSC preseason poll and the Javelinas were picked 11th.

The volleyball team made its first-ever appearance at the NCAA Division II South Central Region tournament in San Angelo.

The Javelinas had top-seeded Angelo State in the first round and ASU downed the Javelinas and went on to capture the regional title.

The men's basketball team went to St. Mary's and downed the Rattlers. It has proven difficult through the years to beat the Rattlers on their home court.

Heading into this week's action, the Javelina men were 5-2 and the women had a 4-2 record.

THE NCAA DIVISION II preseason indoor rankings were released and both of the Javelina teams were ranked.

The men were No. 18 and the women 22nd.

The men finished second in the national outdoor meet last year

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Band at Pep Rally

The Javelina Marching Band performs at the pregame pep rally last weekend in Texarkana, Ark.

One LSC Team in Women's National Poll

One Lone Star Conference team was listed in the NCAA Division II women's basketball poll compiled by Herosports.com last week.

West Texas A&M was No. 26.

NCAA Division II Women's Basketball Poll

Compiled by Herosports.com

Rank	Team
1.	Emporia (Kan.) State
2.	Pittsburg (Kan.) State
3.	Missouri Western
4.	Ashland (Ohio)
5.	Winona (Minn.) State
6.	Alaska-Anchorage
7.	Drury (Mo.)
8.	Fort Hays (Kan.) State
9.	Lubbock Christian
10.	Grand Valley (Mich.)
11.	Lewis (Ill.)
12.	Columbus (Ga.) State
13.	Virginia Union
14.	Bentley (Mass.)
15.	Michigan Tech
16.	American International (Mass.)
17.	Arkansas Tech
18.	Florida Southern
19.	Sioux Falls (S.D.)
20.	Azusa Pacific (Calif.)
21.	Lander (Fla.)
22.	California (Pa.)

23.	California Baptist
24.	Central Oklahoma
25.	Minnesota State-Moorhead
26.	<i>West Texas A&M</i>
27.	California-San Diego

28.	Tampa (Fla.)
29.	Bellarmine (Ky.)
30.	Francis Marion (S.C.)

(Bold-faced and italicized teams are in the Lone Star Conference)

Javelina Women Receive Votes

The Texas A&M-Kingsville women's basketball team received votes in the NCAA Division II South Central Region poll selected by D2SIDA.com last week.

The Javelinas were one position out of the No. 10 spot in the poll.

Other Lone Star Conference teams in the poll were Angelo State No. 1, West Texas A&M No. 3 and Texas Woman's No. 6.

NCAA Division II South Central Region Women's Basketball Poll
Compiled by D2SIDA.com

Rank	Team
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1.	<i>Angelo State</i>
2.	Colorado State-Pueblo
3.	<i>West Texas A&M</i>
4.	St. Mary's
5.	Regis (Colo.)
6.	<i>Texas Woman's</i>
7.	Newman (Kan.)
8.	Lubbock Christian
9.	Fort Lewis (Colo.)
10.	Colorado-Colorado Springs

Other teams receiving votes includes ***Texas A&M-Kingsville*** and ***Texas A&M-Commerce***. (Bold-faced and italicized teams are in the Lone Star Conference)

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and were ranked in the top six in the final indoor poll.

It figures the men would be ranked low with the loss of several national champions and consistent gold medalists at the end of the 2016 season.

But don't count out the Javelinas just yet. As they say, the Javelinas track and field teams don't rebuild, they reload.

AFTER MORE THAN a 30-year absence, a major indoor track and field event for collegiate and high school athletes is returning to North Texas.

The newly built Ford Center in Frisco, headquarters and practice facility for the Dallas Cowboys, is the site of a meet in February.

LONE STAR CONFERENCE notes:

... Two Lone Star Conference players are on the CoSIDA Academic All-America team.

The honorees are Cody Burtscher, linebacker at Tarleton State, and Dillon Vaughan, offensive lineman at West Texas A&M.

... Ryan Gibson has been named the assistant track and field coach at Tarleton State.

He was at West Texas A&M last season as an assistant.

Gibson has also been a volunteer assistant coach at Baylor.

He ran track at Oklahoma State and holds a bachelor's degree from the school. He has a master's degree from Baylor.

He is a native of Duncan, Okla.



Javelinas No. 23 In Football Poll

The Texas A&M-Kingsville football team was ranked No. 23 in the NCAA Division II poll released by Herosports.com last week.

The Javelinas were one of four Lone Star Conference teams in the poll.

Texas A&M-Commerce was No. 12, Eastern New Mexico No. 27 and Midwestern State No. 28.

NCAA Division II Football Poll Compiled by Herosports.com

- | Rank | Team |
|------------|--|
| 1. | Northwest Missouri |
| 2. | North Alabama |
| 3. | California (Pa.) |
| 4. | Ferris (Mich.) State |
| 5. | Grand Valley (Mich.) |
| 6. | Shepherd (W. Va.) |
| 7. | Harding (Ark.) |
| 8. | Sioux Falls (S.D.) |
| 9. | Indiana (Pa.) |
| 10. | Florida Tech |
| 11. | North Greenville (S.C.) |
| 12. | <i>Texas A&M-Commerce</i> |
| 13. | Ashland (Ohio) |
| 14. | Azusa Pacific (Calif.) |
| 15. | Valdosta (Ga.) State |
| 16. | Newberry (S.C.) |
| 17. | Colorado Mines |
| 18. | West Alabama |
| 19. | West Georgia |
| 20. | Colorado-Mesa |
| 21. | Colorado State-Pueblo |
| 22. | Assumption (Mass.) |
| 23. | <i>Texas A&M-Kingsville</i> |
| 24. | Augustana (S.D.) |
| 25. | Emporia (Kan.) State |
| 26. | Minnesota State |
| 27. | <i>Eastern New Mexico</i> |
| 28. | <i>Midwestern State</i> |
| 29. | Bemidji (Minn.) State |
| 30. | Wingate (N.C.) |

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ENMU Defeated In Bowl Game

Eastern New Mexico of the Lone Star Conference lost to Fort Hays (Kan.) State, 45-12, in the Heart of Texas Bowl last weekend in Copperas Cove.



Passing the Hoop

Javelina lineman Stuart Sanchez, left, 6-5, 315-pound junior from Corpus Christi (Carroll), and Bo Villarreal, 6-6, 300-pound senior from San Antonio (McCollum), pass a hoop during a competition between the Javelinas and Southern Arkansas players at the Live United Bowl banquet last weekend. The Javelinas won the game.

2016-17 Javelina Men's Remaining Basketball Schedule

Dec. 10 – St. Edward's in Kingsville, 7 p.m.

Dec. 13 – St. Mary's in Kingsville, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 17 - *Cameron in Lawton, Okla.

Dec. 19 - *Midwestern State in Wichita Falls.

Dec. 31 – Texas-Rio Grande Valley in McAllen, 1 p.m. (exhibition game).

*Jan. 5 - *Texas A&M-Commerce in Kingsville, 7:30 p.m.*

*Jan. 7 - *Tarleton State in Kingsville, 2 p.m.*

Jan. 12 - *Texas-Permian Basin in Odessa.

Jan. 14 - *West Texas A&M in Canyon.

*Jan. 19 - *Eastern New Mexico in Kingsville, 7:30 p.m.*

*Jan. 21 - *Western New Mexico in Kingsville, 2 p.m.*

*Jan. 24 - *Angelo State in Kingsville, 7:30 p.m.*

Jan. 28 - *Angelo State in San Angelo.

*Feb. 2 - *Midwestern State in Kingsville, 7:30 p.m.*

*Feb. 4 - *Cameron in Kingsville, 2 p.m.*

Feb. 9 - *Tarleton State in Stephenville.

Feb. 11 - *Texas A&M-Commerce in Commerce.

*Feb. 16 - *West Texas A&M in Kingsville, 7:30 p.m.*

*Feb. 18 - *Texas-Permian Basin in Kingsville, 2 p.m.*

Feb. 23 - *Western New Mexico in Silver City, N.M..

Feb. 25 - *Eastern New Mexico in Portales, N.M..

March 2-5 – Lone Star Conference Championships in Allen.

March 10-13 – NCAA Division II South Central Region

Championships, TBA.

March 22-25 – NCAA Division II Championships in Sioux Falls, S.D.

*Lone Star Conference games.



Vaughn Taylor, 6-2, 230-pound freshman defensive end from Dallas, guides a horse as it gives a young girl a ride during a community service project last weekend in Texarkana. Justin Warren (65), 6-4, 300-pound junior offensive lineman from San Antonio, serves as an aid for the young rider.

Javelinas at the Live United Bowl Game Last Weekend In Texarkana, Ark.



The Javelinas were treated to a fish dinner at Pop's, a popular restaurant in Texarkana, Ark.



Javelina head football coach Daren Wilkinson sings in a competition with the Southern Arkansas head coach at the Friday night banquet.



The Javelina football team had ringside seats at the Live United Bowl pep rally the night before the game.



Tristan Hernandez, senior punter from San Antonio (Judson), tries to get an Oreo from his forehead to his mouth without touching it or dropping it. He was in competition with several teammates against players from Southern Arkansas. The Javelinas won.



Head football coach Daren Wilkinson and his wife, Ann, received gifts from the Lived United Bowl committee at a banquet.



Anthony Autry, 6-2, 190-pound senior wideout from Atlanta, Ga., with his mother, Thalia, at one of the bowl game events. He had two touch-down receptions in the game.



Javelina players, left to right, Jacob Armstrong, sophomore wideout from Victoria (West); Carlos Cuellar, 6-0, 290-pound junior defensive lineman from Weslaco, and Trevor Moses, 6-0, 200-pound junior linebacker from Corpus Christi (Calallen), at the Texarkana Convention Center for last week's Live United Bowl banquet.



Daren Wilkinson adds his signature to the ceiling at Pop's Restaurant in Texarkana, Ark. after a fish lunch.



Cade Dyal (13), 5-11, 195-pound freshman quarterback from Kerrville, guides a horse as it gives a young girl a ride during a community service project last week in Texarkana. Serving as a support for the rider is Jacob Armstrong, 6-0, 190-pound sophomore wideout from Victoria (West).

Javelinas Live United Bowl Champs



Pep Rally Speakers

Javelina seniors Chris Cooper, left, 6-3, 265-pound senior tight end from San Antonio, and Greg Pitre, 5-9, 190-pound senior running back from Hutto, spoke at the Live United Bowl pep rally last weekend.

The Texas A&M-Kingsville football team is the 2016 Live United Texarkana Bowl champion.

The Javelinas defeated Southern Arkansas, 24-17, last weekend in Texarkana, Ark., to gain their 35th post-season playoff victory. The team is 35-15 in postseason action.

It was the seventh consecutive victory for the Javelinas and gave them a 9-3 season's record.

The Javelinas dropped their three decisions by a total of five points.

With the victory, the Javelinas became the only Lone Star Conference team to win a postseason title this season.

Texas A&M-Commerce, the league champion, lost in the second round of the NCAA Division II playoffs and Midwestern State was beaten in the first round.

Eastern New Mexico was defeated by Fort Hays (Kan.) State last weekend in the Heart of Texas Bowl.

Saturday's Live United bowl was played in a steady rain, a 10-mile an hour wind that gushed much higher during the action and with the temperature at 46

degrees.

Anthony Autry, 6-2, 190-pound senior wideout from Atlanta, Ga., scored two of the Javelina touchdowns on 41 and 29-yard receptions from Myles Carr, 6-2, 210-pound senior quarterback from Arcadia, Calif.

Devonte Williams, 6-0, 177-pound sophomore defensive back from Houston (Travis), got the first Javelina score on a 58-yard interception in the second period. It gave the Javelinas a 7-3 lead and they never trailed again.

Julio De La Garza, 5-10, 20-pound sophomore kicker from Brownsville (Lopez), had a 32-yard field goal for the Javelinas and was successful on extra points after the three touchdowns.

Luis Lopez, 5-7, 215-pound

junior running back from San Diego, rushed for 60 yards and had three pass receptions for 22 yards.

Carr had eight pass completions for 96 yards and the two touchdowns.

Trevor Moses, 6-0, 200-pound junior linebacker from Corpus Christi (Calallen), had 15 tackles to lead the team in that statistic.

Forrest Jones, 6-0, 190-pound senior defensive back from Manvel, had 10 tackles and two forced fumbles.

Williams had the interception return for a touchdown and also had a fumble recovery and a pass broken up.

He was named the most valuable player in the game.



Community Service in Texarkana

Members of the Javelina football team with six young girls who were given rides at the Runnin WJ Ranch last weekend in Texarkana. The players served as guides for the horses and as support staff for the girls.

Men's Basketball Hosting St. Edward's, St. Mary's

The Texas A&M-Kingsville men's basketball team will return to the court Saturday when the Javelinas host St. Edward's at 7 pm. after a 12-day layoff for semester examinations

The two-game home stand continues Tuesday when St. Mary's visits the Steinke Center for a 7:30 p.m. contest.

The Javelinas had a 5-2 record going into the break.

Trey Sumpter, 6-5 junior guard/forward from Birmingham, Ala., is leading the Javelinas in scoring (15.1) and rebounding (5-3).

Duane Wright, 6-2 senior guard/forward from Alexandria, La., is averaging 11.7 points a game.

St. Edward's had a Monday

night game with Schreiner and will meet Tarleton State Thursday before coming to Kingsville Saturday.

The Hilltoppers entered the week with a 6-4 record.

This will be the first meeting of the Javelinas and Toppers this season.

Four of the SEU players are averaging in double figures, led by Ramir Burton, 6-2 senior guard from Niagara Falls, N.Y., who hits 14.7 an outing.

Ethan Gilbert, 6-5 senior forward from Leander (Johnson), averages 12.9; James Taylor, 6-5 sophomore forward from Houston (Langham Creek), hits 12.9 points a game, and John Gramlich, 6-1 senior guard from Austin

(Anderson), averages 12.5.

Cory McKendree, 6-7 sophomore forward from League City (Clear Springs), leads the rebounding with a 5.5 average.

St. Mary's has a Friday night game with Texas A&M-Corpus Christi and will take a 2-6 record into that matchup.

The Javelinas downed the Rattlers earlier in San Antonio.

Yanni Wetzell, 6-10 sophomore forward from Auckland, New Zealand, leads the Rattlers in scoring (14.5) and rebounding (7.4).

Freddie Williams, 6-5 junior guard from Memphis, Tenn., averages 11.9 points a game; Will Ferguson, 6-2 junior guard from Herndon, Va., averages 11.8, and

Skyler Brooks, 6-4 sophomore guard from Seguin, hits 11.3 a game.

After the games with St.

Five LSC Team in Massey's Poll

Five Lone Star Conference teams were ranked in the NCAA Division II men's basketball poll compiled by Massey's Ratings last week.

Midwestern State was No. 14, Angelo State No. 15, West Texas A&M No. 16, Tarleton State No. 20 and Texas A&M-Commerce No. 27.

NCAA Division II Men's

Basketball Poll

Compiled by Massey's Ratings

Rank Team

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|-----------------------------|--|
| 1. Northwest Missouri | 10. Southern New Hampshire |
| 2. West Liberty (W. Va.) | 11. Saginaw Valley (Mich.) |
| 3. Augustana (S.D.) | 12. Lincoln Memorial (Tenn.) |
| 4. Wheeling Jesuit (W. Va.) | 13. Thomas Aquinas (N.Y.) |
| 5. California Baptist | 14. <i>Midwestern State</i> |
| 6. Ferris (Mich.) State | 15. <i>Angelo State</i> |
| 7. Fairmont (W. Va.) State | 16. <i>West Texas A&M</i> |
| 8. California-San Diego | 17. Southern Indiana |
| 9. Bellarmine (Ky.) | 18. Barry (Fla.) |
| | 19. Minnesota State-Moorhead |
| | 20. <i>Tarleton State</i> |
| | 21. San Francisco (Calif.) State |
| | 22. Lake Superior (Minn.) |
| | 23. Indiana (Pa.) |
| | 24. California State-Chico |
| | 25. Bentley (Mass.) |
| | 26. Alabama-Huntsville |
| | 27. <i>Texas A&M-Commerce</i> |
| | 28. St. Rose (N.Y.) |
| | 29. Cal State-San Marcos |
| | 30. Southwest Minnesota |
| | (Bold-faced and italicized teams are in the Lone Star Conference). |



Banquet Presentation

Javelina vice president for intercollegiate athletics and campus recreation Scott Gines, center, and his wife, Ginger, receive gifts from Jerry Huckabee, bowl committee member, at the Live United Bowl banquet last weekend in Texarkana, Ark.

2016-17 Javelina Women's Remaining Basketball Schedule

Dec. 10 – Texas A&M International in Laredo, 6 p.m.

Dec. 13 – St. Mary's in Kingsville, 5:15 p.m..

Dec. 17 - *Cameron in Lawton, Okla., 2 p.m.

Dec. 19 - *Midwestern State in Wichita Falls, 5:30 p.m.

Dec. 28 – Incarnate Word in San Antonio (exhibition game), 6 p.m.

Jan. 5 - *Texas A&M-Commerce in Kingsville, 5:15 p.m.

Jan. 7 - *Tarleton State in Kingsville, 4 p.m.

Jan. 12 – *Texas-Permian Basin in Odessa, 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 14 - *West Texas A&M in Canyon, 2 p.m.

Jan. 19 - *Eastern New Mexico in Kingsville, 5:15 p.m.

Jan. 21 - *Western New Mexico in Kingsville, 4 p.m.

Jan. 24 - *Angelo State in Kingsville, 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 26 – Texas Woman's in Denton, 7 p.m.

Feb. 2 - *Midwestern State in Kingsville, 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 4 - *Cameron in Kingsville, 4 p.m.

Feb. 9 - *Tarleton State in Stephenville, 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 11 - *Texas A&M-Commerce in Commerce, 2 p.m.

Feb. 16 - *West Texas A&M in Kingsville, 5:15 p.m.

Feb. 18 - *Texas-Permian Basin in Kingsville, 4 p.m.

Feb. 23 - *Western New Mexico in Silver City, N.M., 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 25 - *Eastern New Mexico in Portales, N.M., 3 p.m.

March 2-5 – Lone Star Conference Championships in Allen.

March 10-13 – NCAA Division II South Central Region

Championships, TBA.



Bowl Gifts

TAMUK president Dr. Steven Tallant and his wife, Karen, are presented gifts at the Live United Bowl banquet last weekend in Texarkana, Ark. Left is bowl committee member Jerry Huckabee.

Kana, Williams IBC Bank Honorees

Texas A&M-Kingsville basketball player Kaylee Kana and Javelina football player Devonte Williams were named the IBC Bank athletes of the week for their performances last week.

Kana, 6-0 senior forward from Mont Belvieu (Barbers Hill), had 16 points, five rebounds, four assists and three steals in the Javelinas' upset victory over Lone Star Conference opponent Texas Woman's.

She had 16 rebounds in an earlier game in the week against Angelo State.

Williams, 6-0, 177-pound sophomore defensive back from Houston (Travis), gave the Javelinas an unrelinquished lead in the Live United Texarkana Bowl last week when a 58-yard interception return. It was the first touchdown of the game.

He also had a fumble recovery and a pass broken up.

Both were recognized for the first time this season.

IBC Bank Athletes of the Week

- Sept. 1-3
Lexi Wick, volleyball
Myles Carr, football
- Sept. 5-10
Krystal Faison, volleyball
Anthony Autry, football
- Sept. 12-17
Casey Klobedans, volleyball
Jose Ventura IV, cross country
- Sept. 19-24
Lexi Wick, volleyball
Jordan Thomas, football
- Sept. 26-Oct. 1
Valerie Ruiz, tennis
Anthony Autry, football
- Oct. 3-8
Lexi Wick, volleyball
Brandon Jones, football
- Oct. 10-15
Lexi Wick, volleyball
Myles Carr, football
- Oct. 17-22
Lexi Wick, volleyball

- Alex Kuyinu, football
Oct. 24-29
Krystal Faison, volleyball
Luis Lopez, football
- Oct. 31-Nov. 5
Madison Brabham, volleyball
Luis Lopez, football
- Nov. 7-12
Krystal Faison, volleyball
Nick Pelrean, football
- Nov. 14-19
Lexi Wick, volleyball
Marcus Frazier, basketball
- Nov. 21-26
Kaylin Roher, basketball
Caelan Neal, basketball
- Nov. 28-Dec. 3
Kaylee Kana, basketball
Devonte Williams, football



Members of the Javelina football team go through the serving line at the Live United Bowl banquet Friday night in Texarkana.



Tight End and Wife

Stehly Reden, 6-5, 250-pound junior from Valley Center, Calif., with his wife, Andrea, at the Live United Bowl banquet last weekend.

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Arkansas Clan Gaithers For The Texarkana Bowl Game

By Fred Nuesch, Editor

Javelina Highlights

As editor of a publication, you normally don't use pictures or stories about you or your family in the publication.

But I'm making an exception this week.

At last weekend's Live United Texarkana Bowl game in Texarkana, Ark., all of my immediate family members, all living in Arkansas, came to the event.

These included my sister, two nieces and their husbands, a nephew and his wife, three great-nephews, a great-niece and a first cousin.

Eight asked for, and received Javelina shirts.

One of the nieces, her husband, a great-nephew and a great-niece live in Magnolia, Ark., home of Javelina opponent Southern Arkansas.

The niece holds a degree from Southern Arkansas and the great-nephew has just received a golf scholarship to the school. They were excused from wearing Javelina shirts to the events.

I was very impressed that they would take a day off from work or get an excused absence from school to come to Texarkana for a reunion with the only immediate member of the family who left the home state to become a Texan and a Javelina. And they, with the possible exception of the four from Magnolia, were truly happy to see the Javelinas take the victory Saturday afternoon.

Pictured, at the left, are those in attendance with the exception of first-cousin Helen Eason of Texarkana. Left to right are, seated, my wife Joan, yours truly and my sister, Ruby Smith of Leola, Ark.; second row, great-nephew Drue Davis of Leola; nephew Todd Riggan of Sheridan, Ark.; niece Terri Davis of Leola; nephew Ray Lindsey of Magnolia, and niece Traci Lindsey of Magnolia, and back row, great-nephew Evan Lindsey of Magnolia; niece Angie Riggan of Sheridan; nephew Steve Davis of Leola; great-nephew Justin Davis of Leola and great-niece Meghan Lindsey of Magnolia.

Indoor Track & Field Teams Ranked

The Texas A&M-Kingsville men's and women's indoor track and field teams are ranked in the NCAA Division II preseason poll released by the U.S. Track & Field Coaches Association last week.

The Javelina men are No. 16 and the women are ranked No. 22.

The men were No. 6 in last year's final rankings and the women weren't ranked.

The Javelinas have had one of the top track and field programs indoors and outdoors for the past several years.

The men finished second nationally in last spring's outdoor event in Florida.

The only other Lone Star Conference team ranked in the men's poll is Texas A&M-Commerce at No. 12.

In the women's division, West Texas A&M is No. 12 and Angelo State is No. 23.

NCAA Division II Preseason Indoor Track & Field Polls
Compiled by the U.S. Track & Field Coaches Association

Men's Division

Rank	Team
1.	Adams (Colo.) State
2.	Tiffin (Ohio)
3.	Lincoln (Mo.)
4.	Grand Valley (Mich.)
5.	St. Augustine's (N.C.)
6.	Ashland (Ohio)
7.	Colorado Mines
8.	Azusa Pacific (Calif.)
9.	Minnesota State
10.	Pittsburg (Kan.) State
11.	Findlay (Ohio)
12.	Western (Colo.) State
13.	Academy of Art (Calif.)
14.	Texas A&M-Commerce
15.	Shorter (Ga.)
16.	West Texas A&M
17.	Limestone (S.C.)
18.	Texas A&M-Kingsville
19.	Alaska-Anchorage
20.	Shippensburg (Pa.)

Women's Division

Rank	Team
1.	Pittsburg (Kan.) State
2.	Grand Valley (Mich.)
3.	Hillsdale (Mich.)
4.	Lincoln (Mo.)
5.	Johnson C. Smith (N.C.)
6.	Ashland (Ohio)
7.	Minnesota-Duluth
8.	St. Augustine's (N.C.)
9.	Lewis (Ill.)
10.	Mary (N.D.)
11.	Western (Colo.) State
12.	West Texas A&M
13.	Findlay (Ohio)
14.	New Mexico Highlands
15.	Southern Connecticut
16.	Merrimack (Mass.)
17.	Adams (Colo.) State
18.	Winona (Minn.) State
19.	Cedarville (Ohio)

20. Saginaw Valley (Mich.)

21. Minnesota State

22. **Texas A&M-Kingsville**

23. **Angelo State**

24. Queens (N.C.)

25. Southwest Baptist (Mo.)

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Powerlifting Team

Members of the Javelina Powerlifting Team participated in the 2016 USAPL Longhorn Open in Austin recently. Left to right are handler Enrique Lugo; Mark Bocanegra, third in 231s class; Mark Cerda, first in 265+s class; Mark Cerda, first in 265+s class; Rubelin Torres, fourth in 231s class; Chris Henderson, second in 231s class; Nico Recio, first in 231s class, and Jared Garcia, first in 205s class. The Javelinas competed in the collegiate division.



Rotary Club Speakers
Javelina coaches Tanya Allen, Daren Wilkinson and Johnny Estelle were guest speakers at the Noon Rotary Club last week. Left to right are Estelle, head men's basketball coach; Wilkinson, head football coach; Rotarian Debbie Branstetter; Allen, head volleyball coach, and assistant men's basketball coach Omar Gonzalez.

DII Football Semis Saturday

The NCAA Division II football semifinal playoff games are set for Saturday and only two top seeds remain in the among the four top.

Northwest Missouri downed Harding (Ark.), 35-0, last weekend in the quarterfinals and the Bearcats are a top seed.

They will host Ferris (Mich.) State, a No. 2 seed and winner over top-seed Grand Valley (Mich.), 47-32, last weekend.

The other semifinal pairing will have No. 3 seed North Alabama going to second-seed Shepherd (W.Va.).

North Alabama beat North Greenville (S.C.), 38-0, last weekend and Shepherd downed No. 1 seed California (Pa.), 41-30.

The championship game is at 3 p.m. Dec. 17 in Kansas City, Kan. The game will be televised live onESPN2.

Wick Named All-Region First Team



Alexis Wick

Texas A&M-Kingsville middle blocker Alexis Wick was named to the NCAA Division II Volleyball All-South Central Region first team last week.

The squad was compiled by the NCAA Division II Conference Commissioner's Association.

Wick was earlier All-Lone Star Conference first team and was named the newcomer of the year.

She ended the regulation season with 139 blocks and had a .398 attack percentage.

Wick had 365 kills and 46 service aces.

She led the LSC in blocks and attack percentage.

2016 NCAA Division II Conference Commissioner's Association All-South Central Region Volleyball Team First Team

Mallory Blausler, Angelo State, outside hitter, Round Rock.

Lauren Frye, Eastern New Mexico, outside hitter, Amissville, Va.

Ellie Monarch, Colorado Mines, middle blocker, Brush, Colo.

Hailey Roberts, Tarleton State, outside hitter, Cedar Park.

Emily Tripp, Arkansas-Fort Smith, libero, Bonner Springs, Kan.

Alexis Wick, Texas A&M-Kingsville, middle blocker, Leander (Rouse).

Player of the Year: Roberts.

Setter of the Year: Brandi Torr, Metro (Colo.) State, Albuquerque, N.M.

Second Team

Morgan Beckham, St. Edward's, libero, Flower Mound.

Kennedi Coleman, Arkansas-Fort Smith, outside hitter, Dallas.

Jordyn Keamo, Tarleton State, setter, Miliani, Hawaii.

Meghan Parker, Angelo State, setter, San Antonio.

Shannon Rich, Western New Mexico, middle blocker, Folsom, Calif.

Morgan Seaton, Angelo State, middle blocker, Big Spring.

Michaela Smith, Metro (Colo.) State, outside hitter, Littleton, Colo.

Brianna Sotello, Angelo State, outside hitter, San Antonio.



Texarkana Fried Chicken

TAMUK president Dr. Steven Tallant receives an order of fried chicken, one of his favorite foods, from Texas A&M-Texarkana president, Dr. Emily Cutrer, at the Live United Bowl banquet last weekend.