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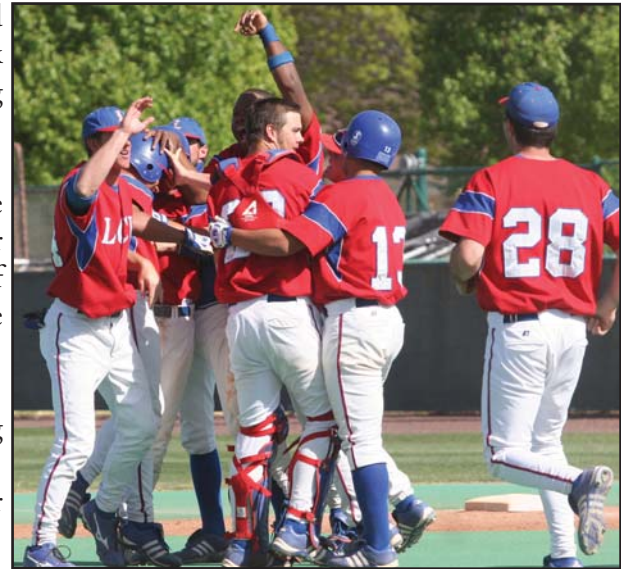
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LCU BASEBALL RANKED #1 FOR FIRST TIME IN 24 YEARS Chaps End LCSC's Streak Atop Rankings

For the first time since November 16, 2005, there is a new number-one ranked team atop the NAIA Baseball Top 25 Poll, as the NAIA announced Lubbock Christian University as the new No. 1 team in the NAIA, taking the ranking away from Lewis-Clark State College.

Lubbock Christian steps into the top spot in the rankings for the first time since the sixth rankings released during the 1984 season. The Chaps boosted their point totals in the poll from the No. 2 spot following a three-game sweep of No. 5 Oklahoma City University. The team broke the school record 28-game winning streak after a series sweep of College of the Southwest.

Lewis-Clark State College held the number-one spot for 25 consecutive ranking periods prior to today's announced rankings. The Chaps claimed 20 of the 21 possible first-place votes and earned 524 points, which is 35 points greater than LCSC.



LADY CHAPS CLAIM NAIA ALL-AMERICAN HONORS



The Lubbock Christian University Lady Chaparrals basketball team had a successful stay in Jackson, Tenn. at the NAIA National Tournament, making it to the elite-eight, and once the tournament was over successful news followed. The NAIA announced Carolyn Manning as an NAIA All-American Honorable Mention and a Second Team All-National Tournament member, Sierra Wilcox-Lovorn as a Third Team NAIA All-American, and that she joins Jordan Hampton and Jennifer Hughes as Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athletes for the 2007-2008 season.

Manning and Wilcox-Lovorn become the sixth and seventh individuals in LCU women's basketball history to receive All-American honors, and this season marks the second ever season two players from the same season have received the honor. Hampton and Ashley Hunter received the honor last season.

A senior from Salt Lake City, Manning closed out the season leading the Lady Chaps in points per game (14.9), rebounds per game (8.1) and blocks with 38. She set the program's single season record in rebounds this season with 282, surpassing 278 from Darla Lynch in 81-82, and free throws made with 172, topping the mark of 166 set by Beth Capps from the 96-97 season. Her 38 blocks ranked fifth among single-season records. She received Second Team All-National Tournament honors after averaging 20 points a game in three games, along with an average of 9.7 rebounds per game.

Wilcox-Lovorn ranked fifth in the NAIA this season with an average of 5.6 assists per game and a team leading 197 on the season for the second-best single-season mark in school history behind 221 by Krista Lent from the 90-91 season. She averaged 11.8 points per game and topped the 1,000 point mark in her LCU career on March 21st at the National Tournament. The junior from Canyon, Texas nailed 69 three-pointers (fifth highest single-season total in LCU history) in 188 attempts (second highest total attempts during a single season in school history).

Hampton receives the Scholar Athlete honor for the first time in her LCU career for her work in the classroom. On the hardwood, she became the program's all-time leader in three-point field goals with 192 after tying a school single-season record with 74 shared by Angie Taylor from the 97-98 season. The junior from Canyon, Texas shot 49.7% (74/149) from three-point range to shatter her own single-season school record and the Sooner Athletic Conference single-season mark, which was held by John Brown University's Marsha Hancock from the 00-01 season with a 47.6% shooting percentage. Hampton also snapped the LCU single-season mark for free throw percentage with a mark of 87.4% (97/111).

Hughes becomes the ninth two-time recipient of the Scholar Athlete honor in program history. The senior from Jacksboro, Texas appeared in 35 games this season and averaged 3.4 points per game. She will leave LCU with 118 games played and 340 points scored, including 67 three-point field goals.

The Lady Chaps finished their season with a record of 25-10 and an elite eight finish in the NAIA National Tournament. LCU was the only SAC school that advanced past the first round of the tournament and they departed the tournament with the second best field goal percentage of any team in the tournament (50.6%).

LCU WOMEN'S GOLF CLAIMS SCHOOL'S FIRST TITLE

The Lubbock Christian University women's golf program claimed the first golf tournament victory in school history back in early March with three of the top six individual scores to garner a 13-stroke margin of victory in the Red River Intercollegiate Women's Golf Tournament hosted by East Central University at the 72-par WinStar Golf Club in Thackerville, Okla.

The Lady Chaps recorded a two-round total of 638 (323-315) to garner the title 13 strokes ahead of West Texas A&M and Lon Morris Community College. Kelly Rainbolt led the Lady Chaps and finished with a second round leading 72 for a two-round total of 152 and a second place overall finish. She finished a stroke behind LMCC's Aymara Villarroel. Brittany Mercer co-led the tournament after round one with a 76 and concluded the tournament with a 157 to rank tied for third. Darcey McRae fired an 80 in each round to finish tied for sixth with a 160. Also assisting in the team victory was Leah Dansby, who finished 22nd (91-82), and Bailey Marquez, who finished a stroke back in 23rd place after a pair of rounds of 87.

VOLLEYBALL SPLITS WITH TEXAS TECH IN SPRING TOURNAMENT

Lubbock Christian University Volleyball team competed in the Texas Tech Spring Tournament and went 3-0-2 in the tournament, including a split between Texas Tech University.

The exhibition tournament involved a pair of matches against Abilene Christian University, Cisco Junior College, Tarleton State University, Texas Tech and Western Texas College. The Lady Chaps swept Cisco JC, Tarleton and Western Texas, while splitting with Abilene Christian and Texas Tech. No statistics for the games were kept since they were exhibition games.

The Lady Chaps volleyball program went 30-8 last season and swept the Sooner Athletic Conference with a 12-0 record.

CROSS COUNTRY SIGNS TRIO FROM EL PASO

LCU Cross Country Head Coach Clyde Neff is pleased to announce the signings of Ramon Acosta, Eduardo Caballero and Melissa Zepeda to the Lubbock Christian University cross country team.

All three individuals will transfer to Lubbock Christian from El Paso Community College. Acosta is a sophomore from El Paso, Texas and was a product of Socorro High School. He participated in the 2005 State Championship 5A Cross Country Meet, finishing in the Top 80. He finished tenth against NCAA Div. I competition to help the EPCC Tejanos clinch a Kachina Classic title. Caballero is a sophomore from El Paso High School. With EPCC, he finished fifth in the half-marathon at Nationals and finished second in Regionals in Cross Country. At EPHS, Caballero claimed All-District honors and qualified for Regionals as a junior and senior. He was also the 800m District Champion as a senior in high school. Zepeda will transfer in as a junior from El Paso. She competed in high school at Del Valle High School before heading to EPCC. At Del Valle, she finished 33rd at the 2004 State Championship 4 A Cross Country Meet. Zepeda was part of EPCC squad that won the Regional title.

LADY CHAPS INK AJ ALL-CITY PLAYER OF THE YEAR



Cooper High School's April Ehlers celebrated her 18th birthday by signing to play with the Lubbock Christian University's Lady Chaparrals basketball team. The ceremony was conducted at Cooper High School with a large gathering of family, friends, future teammates and Lady Chaps Head Coach Steve Gomez on hand.

Ehlers (ay-lers) is a 5'9" senior that was part of a 24-4 team that advanced all the way to the Regional Finals. The four-year letter-winner was named Texas Girls Coaches Association (TGCA) and Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) All-State and honored as an All-Star by both organizations. She was selected as the 4-3A District Co-MVP, and also received All-Tournament last season in the Caprock Tournament and Regional Tournament. The Lubbock AJ recently selected her as the 2008 All-City Player of The Year.

Along with basketball, Ehlers has lettered three seasons in volleyball and four in softball. She also excels in the classroom. Ehlers is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, and has served as a Class Officer over the last four years. She is a two-time "Class Favorite" selection and sits in the top ten percentile academically at Cooper.

Upcoming Baseball Schedule

4/18	* Univ. of Science & Arts of Oklahoma (7)	3:00 PM
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4/19	* Univ. of Science & Arts of Oklahoma (9)	1:00 PM
4/24	* Wayland Baptist Univ. (9)	7:00 PM
4/25	@* Wayland Baptist Univ. (9)	7:00 PM
4/26	* Wayland Baptist Univ. (9)	7:00 PM

Upcoming Softball Schedule

4/19	* Mid-American Christian Univ.	12:00 PM
4/19	* Mid-American Christian Univ.	2:00 PM
4/22	West Texas A&M	1:00 PM
4/22	West Texas A&M	3:00 PM
4/24	* Univ. of Science & Arts of Oklahoma	1:00 PM
4/24	* Univ. of Science & Arts of Oklahoma	3:00 PM

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