

Texas A&M University-Commerce Lions Football

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TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE LIONS (0-2) VERSUS Midwestern State Indians (1-0)

A&M-Commerce Quick Facts

Location: Commerce, Texas
Enrollment: 8,546
President: Dr. Keith McFarland
Athletic Director: Jim Johnson
Nickname: Lions
Colors: Blue and Gold
National Affiliation: NCAA Division II
Conference: Lone Star Conference
Stadium: Memorial Stadium
Seating Capacity: 10,000
04 Record: 4-6, 4-5, North (9th),
2-4 South (15th)
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Texas A&M-Commerce 2005 Schedule & Results

Aug. 27	at Southern Arkansas	14-7
Sept. 3	+Tarleton State	17-7
Sept. 10	#Midwestern State	6p.m.
Sept. 17	*at Abilene Christian	6p.m.
Sept. 24	* Central Oklahoma (Family Day)	6p.m.
Oct. 1	* East Central	6p.m.
Oct. 8	Open	
Oct. 15	*at Southeastern Okla.	2p.m.
Oct. 22	*Northeastern St. (Homecoming)	2p.m.
Oct. 29	* West Texas A&M	2p.m.
Nov. 5	*at Southwestern Okla.	6p.m.

*Denotes Conference Games
+Denotes Crossover Game
#Denotes South Division Opponent
Home Games

Back at Home

A&M-Commerce will play on their home turf this week, hosting their second game of the season to conference rival Midwestern State. Last season the Lions went back to back road games after opening their first game at home. This season the tables have turned and they will host back to back contest, with their first being held last week against Tarleton State.

A Little History

This is the 14th time that A&M-Commerce will face Midwestern. Overall the Lions lead the Indians 10-4, with Midwestern taking the past four contests. The first game against the two institutions was in 1947 when A&M-Commerce won 20-7 in Weatherford, Texas. At home, the Lions have seven victories, while MSU has one solo game in Commerce. At Wichita, the series is tied with three games a piece.

At Memorial Stadium

The Lions hold a 176-84-8 record. Against the Indians, they lead the series 5-1. They have put together winning streaks of 14 and 12 straight games at Memorial Stadium. Greatest season highlights that have occurred during their 53 seasons on their field were a share of 1969 Lone Star Conference Champions and a 1972 NAIA National Championship. The biggest feat over a foe came in 1991, when the Lions broke Pittsburg State's 56-game winning streak - the longest in the nation.

In the North

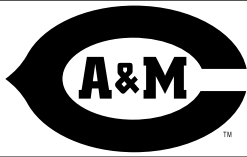
After competing in the Lone Star Conference south division, the Lions will now move up in divisions and go north. When Harding and Ouachita Baptist left the LSC, it left the divisions unbalanced. With that occurrence, the conference set up a two-year rotation in order for the schools to compete in the North Division. A&M-Commerce has permanently moved to the North, trading spots with Tarleton. This will give Tarleton a rotation of going back and forth from the south to the north every two years, while the Lions remain in the North.

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LONE STAR CONFERENCE STANDINGS

NORTH DIVISION

Team	Division		Overall	
	W-L	Pct	W-L	Pct
Southeastern Okla.	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000
Central Okla.	0-0	.000	1-1	.500
East Central	0-0	.000	1-1	.500
Southwestern Okla.	0-0	.000	1-1	.500
Northeastern State	0-0	.000	0-2	.000
Texas A&M-Commerce	0-0	.000	0-2	.000

SOUTH DIVISION

Team	W-L Pct		W-L Pct	
	W-L	Pct	W-L	Pct
Angelo State	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000
Texas A&M-Kingsville	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000
West Texas A&M	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000
Midwestern State	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000
Tarleton State	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000
Abilene Christian	0-0	.000	0-1	.000
Eastern New Mexico	0-0	.000	0-2	.000

LSC SCHEDULE

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 10

#ACU at NSU, 6 p.m.

ENMU at SWOSU, 6 p.m.

#MSU at A&M-Commerce, 6 p.m.

#TAMUK at ECU, 6 p.m.

#WTAMU at UCO, 6 p.m.

ASU at SOSU, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 1

Southern Nazarene 7, at ASU 42

Saturday, Sept. 3

^ UCO 49, at ACU 37

^ ECU 6, at WTAMU 27

TSU 17, at A&M-C 7

SOSU 28, at ENMU 12

NSU 14, at TAMUK 40

^ SWOSU 0, at MSU 49

Southern Nazarene 7, at ASU 42

^ Conference game for North team only

Conference game for both teams

All times Central

A New Chief Appointed

Jim Johnson has been chosen as the new Athletic Director for Texas A&M University-Commerce. The new director was selected to run the Lions show in July, replacing former A.D. Dr. Tom Tallach. Johnson comes from Central Missouri State University, where he served for two years as the Associate Athletic Director for development and the Director of Government Relations. He is no stranger to the Lone Star Conference. He spent seven years in the Texans athletic office as the Compliance Coordinator and Men's Athletic Coordinator.

On the Air

Saturday night's game will be broadcasted on the Lion Sports Network, KETR 88.9 FM, for its 30th season. KETR Sports Director Sean McEnany returns for his second season as the play-by-play voice of Lion Football. Joining him as the color analyst is former linebacker of the Lions and 1989 J.V. Sikes Award winner Dr. J.P. Slovak. Slovak is in his fourth season as the color commentator.

Live On the Web

You can now follow the Lion football games via the internet. Simply log on to www.lionathletics.com and click on the watch Lion football live button and listen to all of the action live on the world wide web.

Catch Scotty Conley At the Lair

Every Tuesday night you can come and watch head football coach Scotty Conley talk about the upcoming games his squad will be facing as well as a recap of the game the week before. KETR 88.9 will broadcast it live from the Lions Lair on the Texas A&M University-Commerce campus. The show is from 7:00-7:30 p.m.

Around the Lone Star

Six of the 13 Lone Star conference football teams remain unbeaten after two weeks of the 2005 season, including three-teams Angelo State, Texas A&M-Kingsville and West Texas A&M -- that improved to 2-0 on the year. Angelo, A&M-Kingsville and WTAMU all have enjoyed large margins of victory in rolling to their 2-0 records. ASU has outscored its opponents by a count of 68-14 in two games, while TAMUK has a 100-20 advantage and WTAMU 127-27. Each of those 2-0 teams should get a stern test this week as LSC crossover play continues with South Division squads visiting their North Division counterparts. ASU travels to Southeastern Oklahoma, while TAMUK pays a visit to East Central and WTAMU goes to Central Oklahoma. Also trying to keep their records unblemished will be Midwestern State, Southeastern Oklahoma and Tarleton State as that threesome opened its season last weekend with wins. Three LSC squads are off to 1-1 starts, while four more are still searching for their first win of the season.





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TAMU-Commerce vs. Midwestern State

This is the 14th time that A&M-Commerce will face Midwestern overall. The Lions lead the series 10-4, with the most of their wins taking place on their home turf. In the 2004 season, the Lions played in Wichita Falls, and lost by just three points for a score of 23-26. In that game, QB Buster Faulkner connected with RB Tony Frazier for a 59 yard run Touchdown to tie up the game in at 17 in the third quarter. In the final quarter, A&M-Commerce took the lead on a quarterback keeper. Faulkner ran for 30 yards and scored six to put the Lions up front by six. A bad snap broke their chance to score the extra two, when the ball went over Faulkner's head and he booted the ball out of the end zone for a safety. MSU took the free kick and in seven plays Ross Harrison drove in for one yard and scored to give the Indians the lead and the win.

About Midwestern

In their season opener, the Indians blanked north division school Southwestern Oklahoma 49-0. The defense held the Bulldogs to just five first downs overall, while they ended with 27. RB Ross Harrison led the way in rushing with 141 yards and Ulysses Odoms finished with 100. The Indians have 33 returning letterman and 12 starters (7 offense, 4 defense, 1 specialist) coming back under Bill Maskill. Last year they ended the season with a 8-3 overall record and a 7-2 conference record.

About Head Coach Maskill

This is Maskill's third year at Midwestern State. He holds a 22-10 overall record at MSU and a 3-0 stint against A&M-Commerce. In his five years as a coach, he contains a 35-18 record. His biggest win against the Lions came in his first season with a 56-20 score in Wichita Falls. This will be the second time in his career that he has faced head coach Scotty Conley.

Old Rivals Are Gone

There has been a change to the Lions' schedule this year. After two decades of being part of the South Division of the Lone Star Conference, the Lions are going North. Gone are decades-old rivalries with Texas A&M-Kingsville and Angelo State and enter in opponents like North Division co-champion Central Oklahoma and NCAA playoff participant Southeastern Oklahoma St.

Lions Against The North	
Central Oklahoma	13-8-0
East Central	10-4-1
Northeastern St.	3-1-0
Southeastern Okla.	4-5-1
Southwestern Okla.	6-2-0

The North division is no stranger to Texas A&M University-Commerce. The Lions have faced Northern foes dating back to 1919, when they faced Southeastern Oklahoma and tied 0-0. Overall, the Lions hold outstanding records against the Northern teams, with a combined 36-20-2 standing.

About Midwestern State

Location: Wichita Falls
 Enrollment: 6,348
 Founded: 1922
 President: Dr. Jesse Rogers
 Athletic Director: Kurt Portmann
 Nickname: Indians
 Colors: Maroon and Gold
 Stadium: Memorial Stadium
 Seating Capacity: 14,362
 Affiliation: NCAA Division II
 Conference: Lone Star (South Div.)

Team Information

2004 Record: 8-3
 2004 LSC Record: 7-2 (Tie 2nd)
 Star Returners: QB Rahsaan Bell, RB Ross Harrison, OT Immanuel Sennet, LB Jerome Jefferson, DT Justin Williams

Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Bill Maskill
 Alma Mater: Western Kentucky (71)
 Record at MSU: 22-10, 3 years
 Career Record: 35-18, 5 years
 vs. A&M-Commerce: 3-0
 vs. Scotty Conley: 1-0
 Starters Returning: 7 offense, 4 defense, 1 specialist

2005 Schedule

September
 3 SAT SOUTHWESTERN OKLA. 7:00
 10 Sat @ Texas A&M-Commerce^ 6:00
 17 Sat SOUTHEASTERN OKLA.^ 7:00
 24 Sat @ Angelo State * 7:00
 October
 1 SAT WEST TEXAS A&M * 7:00
 8 Sat @ Tarleton State * 7:00
 15 Sat TAMUK * 7:00
 22 SAT EAST CENTRAL ^ 7:30
 29 Sat @ Eastern New Mexico* 7:00
 November
 5 Sat ABILENE CHRISTIAN * 1:00



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AFCADivision II Coaches Poll Sept. 6, 2005

Rank	School	(1st votes)	Rec.	Pts.
1.	Valdosta St. (Ga.)	(25)	1-0	625
2.	Grand Valley St. (Mich.)		1-0	593
3.	Texas A&M-Kingsville		1-0	555
4.	North Dakota		1-0	530
5.	Northwest Missouri St.		1-0	524
6.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)		1-0	488
7.	Nebraska-Omaha		1-0	454
8.	East Stroudsburg (Pa.)		1-0	435
9.	Delta St. (Miss.)		1-0	419
10.	Albany St. (Ga.)		1-0	345
11.	Pittsburg St. (Kan.)		0-1	336
12.	Edinboro (Pa.)		1-0	323
13.	Tuskegee (Ala.)		1-0	305
14.	Saginaw Valley St. (Mich.)		1-0	299
15t.	Arkansas Tech		1-0	260
15t.	West Chester (Pa.)		1-0	260
17.	Catawba (N.C.)		1-0	217
18.	St. Cloud State (Minn.)		1-0	169
19.	Michigan Tech		1-0	151
20.	South Dakota		1-0	141
21.	Northwood (Mich.)		0-1	140
22.	Tarleton St. (Texas)		0-0	103
23.	C.W. Post (N.Y.)		0-0	54
24.	Central Arkansas		1-0	45
25.	Central Oklahoma		0-1	44

Others Receiving Votes: Fayetteville St. (N.C.), 34; Colorado School of Mines, 29; Missouri Western, 27; Southeastern Oklahoma St., 26; Bloomsburg (Pa.), 24; California (Pa.), 21; Shippensburg (Pa.), 20; Central Missouri St., 19; Winona St. (Minn.), 18; Shepherd (W.V.), 16; Harding (Ark.), 15; Washburn (Kan.), 13; North Alabama, 10; Presbyterian (S.C.), 9; Truman St. (Mo.), 8; Wingate (N.C.), 6; Minnesota St.-Mankato, 5; Shaw (N.C.), 4; Western Washington, 4; Bemidji St. (Minn.), 1; Miles (Ala.), 1.

as recruiting coordinator and tight ends coach for Sam Houston State. Gaskamp who was named second-team All-Big 12 as a player for Texas, is known for being the big blocker for former Longhorn running back Ricky Williams. Roberts comes from Oklahoma State, where he assisted and coordinated a summer workout program and worked in the strength and conditioning program from 2004-2005. he led the Cowboys to first in the Big 12 for forcing turnovers with 26 recoveries for a plus-17 in turnover margin.

A Familiar Face To the Staff

Defensive coordinator Joe Cauthen returns for his sixth season of A&M-Commerce football. In his five years here, the Lions defense had never ranked below seventh in the Lone Star Conference. In 2003, Cauthen led his defensive unit to a fourth ranking in the LSC and 41st in NCAA Division II in total defense.

Under Scotty Conley

This is the second season for the Lions under the helm of Scotty Conley. Conley came to A&M-Commerce last season posting a 4-6 record after the Lions ended the 2002 season with a 1-10 record under former head coach Eddie Brister. In the three of the six losses, Conley's squad lost by just three points or less, giving their foes a tough game to win.

Against Midwestern

Conley is 0-1. Last season was the first time the head coach faced Midwestern in his coaching career. After two years of big wins for the Indians, Conley's team last year was able to stay with Haskill's squad and lost by just three points.

As A Coach

Conley led the Trinity Valley Community College Cardinals to the 1997 National Junior college Athletic Association National Championship. He was named the NJCAA National Coach of the Year and American Football Quarterly Junior College Coach of the Year after directing TVCC to a perfect 12-0 record to compete with a Red River Bowl victory over Garden City (Kan.).

A New Staff

Three new full-time assistants have been added to the Lions coaching staff. Offensive coordinator Kevin Goodwin, offensive line coach Russell Gaskamp and defensive line coach Justin Roberts were appointed by Conley this year. Goodwin is no stranger to A&M-Commerce. He is returning for his second stint of service and first as offensive coordinator. He was the Lions graduate assistant in 1999, coaching receivers. Gaskamp served for two-years

2005 Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Scotty Conley
Alma Mater: A&M-Commerce (1970)
Overall Record: 4-6, 1 year
(32-12, 4 years JC)
Record at A&M-Commerce: 4-6

Assistant Coaches:
Defensive Coordinator: Joe Cauthen
Offensive Coordinator: Kevin Goodwin
Offensive Line: Russell Gaskamp
Defensive Line: Justin Roberts



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Lions Offense

Against the Texans last weekend, RB Cliff Edwards tallied up 129 rushing yards to lead the team overall. For the season he has a total of 182 yards in just two games. QB Jonny Louvier saw action for the first time this season. Louvier who was out last season due to shoulder surgery came in the third quarter to replace junior transfer Kyle Westerberg. Louvier finished the night 10-for-20 for 77 yards. On the receiving end, Victor Bennett leads the way with a total of 87 yards, followed by D2football.com s first-team All-America Toussaint Henderson who has caught for 60 yards.

Hold 'Em Defense

For the past two weeks the Lions defense has done its job holding the oppositon. They kept the Tarleton State offense on their toes, holding star RB Derrick Ross to just 106 total rushing yards. Ross last season averaged 210 yards per game and 7.8 per carry. His yardage was split in half last week caused by the Lions defense who held him to just 3.9 yards per carry. DB Jack Criss comes in the number two spot in tackles for the defense. He has posted 11 total tackles for this year.

Forcing Turnovers

In the two games played this season, the Lions have caused one force fumble and caught one interception. Terrance Smith forced the high scoring Texans offense to tumble the ball. The three-year letterman caused the fumble in the start of the second quarter, which made Tarleton State punt two plays later in the series. In the first game of the season against Southern Arkansas, two-year letterman Danny Cobbin caught his first interception and ran it back for 25 yards. He is the only defensive player that has caught an interception this season.

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense

- WR Victor Bennett
- Tackle Nick Benton
- Tackle Duane Davis
- OL Ryan Graves
- TE Toussaint Henderson
- C Neil McElaney
- WR Cedric Patt

Defense

- LB Mycal Anders
- DE Chip Brown
- CB Danny Cobbin
- LB Dennis Connor
- DE Marcus Dizer
- CB L.J. Searcy
- DT Terrance Smith
- S Dwayne Wallace

Specialists

- PK Ha a Bento

HOW YOU SAY IT

- HA A Bento HAH
- Danny COBBIN KAH-bihn
- Marcus DIZER DEYE-zur
- ORLANDO Hernandez ohr-LOHN-doh
- Jonny LOUVIER luh-VEER
- Jose MACHUCA muh-CHOO-kuh
- NISSI OMOIKHUDU NEE-see oh-
..... mo-YEE-koodoo
- DeMARQUIS Price duh-MAHR-kihs
- Jeff RAYOME ray-OHM
- JAMIN SAVELL JAM-ihn suh-VELL
- Coach Russell GASKAMP GAS-kamp

Leading the LSC

Senior LB J.D. Hearn leads the Lone Star in tackles....In the two games he has played in, he has tallied 10 or more tackles per contest. Last weekend he put up a total of 17 (10 solo,7 assists), the highest number of tackles this season. Against Southern Arkansas, the first game of the year, Hearn made 13 tackles (8 solo, 5 assists). Currently he has a sum total of 28 tackles this year.

Pre-Season Honors

WR Toussaint Henderson was named first team All-American in the d2 football.com pre-season team. The team was selected by the d2football.com staff in early August. Henderson was the only Lion to be named to the pre-season squad.