



Dustdevils

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Record Setters

For the TAMIU Women's Basketball team, the list of accomplishments continues to grow! On January 14 the ladies set a school record scoring 126 points in a 126-114 win over Oklahoma Panhandle State. "It must have been an impressive game to watch," said Head

Coach David Beaver. "We weren't very pleased with our defense giving up 114 points, but conference wins on the road are tough to come by." Junior forward Amanda Mangan had the hot hand for TAMIU scoring a season high 21 points on 5-12 shooting from three-point range. The win over the Aggies was part of a 2-2 road trip to open conference play, putting the Dustdevils in a tie for fourth place in the Heartland Conference standings. "A split is not what we had hoped for but we will take it. The positive we can take from our road trip is that we competed in all four games. We are in a position to make a run, as we sit two games out of first and both teams ahead of us still have to come to Laredo.



Road Warriors

The Texas A&M International University Men's Basketball team returns to Laredo this week, after a stellar 3-1 conference road trip. The Dustdevils opened things up with a 65-59 win over U.T. Permian Basin, followed by an 80-73 win over St. Edward's.

The team faltered versus Newman losing 66-70, but rebounded with a 68-57 win over Oklahoma Panhandle State. Despite the impressive road trip, Coach Shane Rinner and his staff feel like they let one slip away, "Against Newman we didn't start with great energy. We found a way to get back in the game, but turnovers late in the game cost us. It's never easy to get a win on the road, especially against strong opponents, but we are happy with the outcome of the road trip and our guys are in a great place mentally as we prepare for our next game." The Dustdevils are currently tied with Arkansas Fort-Smith for third place in the Heartland Conference standings. The Lions will visit Laredo Saturday, January 21 for a showdown at 12 p.m. at the TAMIU KCB.



Calling All Dustdevils

It's time for Laredo to paint the stands maroon! With both the men's and women's basketball teams off to their best starts in program history, the Texas A&M International University Athletics department is looking to

build on the early season momentum by offering free all-sports passes to all local fans! To receive your season pass, simply register with your name and email address at the TAMIU Athletics office or at the gate of any TAMIU athletics event. Each pass will admit two adults and four children and is valid for every TAMIU sporting event for the remainder of the spring season.

Student Athlete's Spotlight



Name: Ryan McLucas
Senior - Guard

McLucas, a senior from Oxnard, CA, leads the Dustdevils in scoring averaging 12.7 points per game.



Name: Re'Nikia Meshack
Freshman Guard

Meshack scored 17 points in the Dustdevils record setting win over Oklahoma Panhandle State.



Athletic Director's Corner

Maintaining Perspective

So many times those of us who work in athletics drift away from what sports are supposed to be all about. It's difficult to maintain one's perspective when the pressure in college athletics places so much emphasis on winning. Not long ago I heard an inspiring message from an NCAA, Division I athletic administrator talking to young student-athletes. The essence of the message was "be the very best you can be at whatever you do." While the presentation didn't undervalue the importance of winning, it emphasized more the concept of doing your best to achieve success. When we really think about it, isn't winning just a product of doing all the right things, such as enjoying the experience of competition, being in top physical condition, developing skills, and working harmoniously together in a coordinated effort to achieve a common goal. That's what athletics is really all about. I'm proud that the coaching staff at TAMIU maintains a balanced perspective on what athletics teaches young people and that they understand the value and life lessons being taught through athletic participation. Happy New Year to all and of course... **Go Dustdevils!**

Home Event Schedule

- 1/21 Men's Basketball vs. Arkansas Fort-Smith, 12 p.m.
- 1/21 Women's Basketball vs. Arkansas Fort-smith, 2 p.m.
- 1/30 Men's Basketball vs. Dallas Baptist, 7 p.m.
- 2/2 Women's Basketball vs. St. Edward's, 5:30 p.m.
- 2/2 Men's Basketball vs. St. Edwards, 7:30 p.m.
- 2/3 Baseball vs. Texas Permian Basin, 12 & 3 p.m.
- 2/4 Women's Basketball vs. Texas Permian Basin, 12 p.m.
- 2/4 Men's Basketball vs. Texas Permian Basin, 2 p.m.
- 2/4 Baseball vs. Texas Permian Basin, 12 p.m.
- 2/7 Softball vs. Texas A&M Kingsville, 1 & 3:30 p.m.
- 2/9 Women's Basketball vs. Ok. Panhandle St., 5:30 p.m.
- 2/9 Men's Basketball vs. Ok. Panhandle St., 7:30 p.m.
- 2/10 Baseball vs. Ok. Panhandle St., 12 & 3 p.m.
- 2/11 Baseball vs. Ok. Panhandle St., 12 p.m.
- 2/11 Women's Basketball vs. Newman, 12 p.m.
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Dusty Notes

- Men's basketball is 8-2 over their last ten games.
- Men's basketball has the top defense in the conference holding their opponents to 61.5 points per game and only 39 percent shooting from the field.
- Women's basketball is ranked second in the conference in scoring offense, averaging 81.4 points per game.
- TAMIU Athletics will hold a baseball/softball media breakfast Friday, January 27.

In Motion

Evan Matteson throws one down in an 84-76 win over Notre Dame College



Samantha Chacon drives to the basket in an 80-83 loss to Grace College



Meet The Coach

Name: Bryan Weakley
Assistant Head Coach
Men's Basketball

Bryan Weakley is entering his third season as associate head coach for the men's basketball team at Texas A&M International University. Before arriving at TAMIU he spent five years as an assistant at the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA), where he coached alongside Shane Rinner. Weakley played a key role in building UAA into one of the top NCAA Division II programs in the country.

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