

Texas A&M International University

Dustdevils

Women's Soccer



Coaching Staff



Anna Girdwood
Head Coach

Anna Girdwood enters her fifth season as head coach at **Texas A&M International University**.

She believes the Dustdevils are in position for a breakthrough season in the Heartland Conference in

2009 in what will be the team's second season as an active NCAA Division II member.

Girdwood has compiled a 14-54-3 record in her first four seasons. The Dustdevils posted a 1-19 overall record last season, going 0-12 in conference play.

Girdwood directed the Dustdevils to a 7-7-2 record in her first season at the helm in 2005. That team posted its best conference record in four years as a Red River Athletic Conference (RRAC) member at 3-3. The squad entered the RRAC postseason tournament as the fourth seed before advancing to the championship game on the strength of a shoot-out advantage over College of the Southwest in the semifinal round.

Jazmin Velez and Maxine Caballero earned second-team All-RRAC honors after Girdwood's inaugural season as head coach.

A native of England, Girdwood arrived in the United States in 1998 to work at Ashley's Soccer Camp in New Jersey. She worked at that camp for seven years before resigning to take her first head coaching position.

Girdwood began her collegiate playing career at Montclair State University in 2001. Her playing career ended after one season due to injury but her affiliation with the program, would continue for three more years as a student assistant coach. Girdwood helped guide MSU to three straight winning seasons, with the Red Hawks reaching the NCAA Division III playoffs for the first time in 2004.

Girdwood graduated with a bachelor's in humanities from Montclair State in 2004. She holds the UEFA 'B' coaching license.



Victor Manrique
Asst. Coach

Victor Manrique enters his sixth season as an assistant coach with **TAMIU's** women's soccer team. Despite the demands of being a full-time restaurateur he has proven to be an invaluable asset for the Dustdevils..

Manrique is a graduate of Nixon High School, where he played soccer and baseball. He continues to play soccer while also gaining coaching experience at the adult and youth levels.

As a player, Manrique was the leading scorer in the Laredo International Soccer League one year. He currently plays for the Laredo Salsa's in the Laredo Soccer Association.

Manrique is married to Griselda Solis Manrique. The couple has a son, Aaron Alexander (12), and a daughter, Alyssa Victoria (8).



Karl McGettrick
Asst. Coach

TAMIU Women's Soccer Roster



#	Name	Pos.	Cl.	Ht.	Hometown (Previous School)
0	Sarah Salvidar	GK	So.	5'4"	Houston, Texas (C.E. King HS)
00	Mary Jo Hall	GK	Sr.	5'7"	Harlingen, Texas (Harlingen South HS)
1	Giselle Gaytan	MF	Fr	5'5"	Laredo, Texas (United HS)
2	Janie Rodríguez	MF	Fr	5'0"	Laredo, Texas (Cigarroa HS)
3	Tiffany Sublett	MF	Fr	5'6"	Victoria, Texas (Memorial HS)
4	Gloria Luna	MF	So.	5'2"	Laredo, Texas (United South HS)
5	Marlina Ponce de León	D	Sr.	5'2"	El Paso, Texas (Coronado HS)
6	Sandy Hernández	F	Sr.	5'3"	Harlingen, Texas (Harlingen South HS)
7	Diana Aguillon	MF	Fr	5'4"	Houston, Texas (Galena Park HS)
8	Jessica Vedia	D	Fr	5'6"	Laredo, Texas (Lyndon B. Johnson HS)
9	Laura Martínez	MF	Jr.	5'4"	Laredo, Texas (United HS)
10	Alejandra Avila	D	Jr.	5'5"	Laredo, Texas (Alexander HS)
11	Rebecca Swanson	MF	Fr.	5'5"	San Antonio, Texas (Lee HS)
12	Rachel Carranza	MF	Jr	5'3"	Laredo, Texas (United South HS)
13	Brittany Merritt	D	Jr.	5'6"	Laredo, Texas (United HS)
15	Crystal Bustamante	F	Fr	5'6"	San Antonio, Texas (Lee HS)
16	Whitney Fullmer	MF	Fr	5'7"	San Antonio, (Southwest HS)
17	Melissa Espino	F/MF	Sr.	5'5"	Laredo, Texas (Cigarroa HS)
18	Ashley García	MF	Jr.	5'5"	San Antonio, Texas (William H. Taft HS)
19	Annel González	MF	So	5'3"	Roma, Texas (Roma HS)
20	Rosa Hernández	F	Sr.	5'7"	San Benito, Texas (San Benito HS)
21	Selma Herrera	MF	Fr	5'4"	Laredo, Texas (Alexander HS)
22	Evelyn Gómez	MF	Fr.	5'2"	San Antonio, Texas (Fox Tech HS)
23	Robbie Marlett	MF	Jr	5'7"	Muncie, Ind. (Oakland City University)
28	Sasha Scott	MF	Jr	5'9"	Wantage, N.J. (Sussex Community College)

Head Coach:

Anna Girdwood (Montclair State, 2004)

Assistant Coache:

Victor Manrique, Karl McGettrick

Player Profiles

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Diana Aguillon

Houston, Texas (Galena Park HS)

Lettered in soccer at Galena Park High School ... Houston Chronicle Athlete of the Week ... three-time first-team All-District ... Member of the National Honor Society and the National Spanish Society. **Personal:** Daughter of Emiliano and Reyna Aguillon ... majoring in fitness and sports with a minor in Spanish... favorite book is "All About My Life"... favorite athlete is Ramón Morales ... favorite vacation spot is México.

Fr. MF



Alejandra Avila

Laredo, Texas (Alexander HS)

Played in 18 games last season with 16 starts ... lettered in soccer, volleyball and track and field at Alexander High School ... team captain and first-team All-District in soccer ... regional track qualifier in 100 meters and two sprint relay events ... graduated in top five percent of senior class.

Personal: Daughter of Jorge and Silvia Avila ... majoring in business administration with a minor in marketing ... favorite book is "The Scarlet Letter" ... favorite athlete is Andrés Guardado ... most admires Jesus Christ... favorite vacation spot is Cancun, México

Jr. D

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Crystal Bustamante

San Antonio, Texas (Lee HS)

Lettered in soccer and basketball at San Antonio's Robert E. Lee High School.

Personal: Daughter of Lauro and Mary Bustamante... majoring in business management... favorite book is "The Four Agreements"... favorite athlete is Cristiano Ronaldo... favorite vacation spot is Manhattan Beach, Calif.

Fr. F

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Melissa Espino

Laredo, Texas (Cigarroa HS)

Played in 12 games last season ... scored goal against Dallas Baptist ... lettered in track and field and soccer at Dr. Leo Cigarroa High School ... National Honor Society. **Personal:** Daughter of Teresa Rapone ... majoring in biology with a minor in secondary certification ... favorite book is "The Color Purple"... favorite athlete is Mia Hamm... most admired historical figure is Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sr. F/MF

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Player Profiles

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Whitney Fullmer

San Antonio, Texas (Southwest HS)

Fr. MF

Transfer from Northwest Vista College...lettered in volleyball and soccer at Southwest High School ... soccer MVP... first-team All-District as a junior and senior... Honor Roll as a junior and senior. **Personal:** Daughter of James and Barbara Fullmer ... majoring in sports and fitness... favorite book is "Twilight"... favorite athlete is Cristiano Ronaldo ... admires Jesus Christ ... favorite vacation spot is México.



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Ashley García

San Antonio, Texas (William H. Taft HS)

Jr. MF

Played in 17 games last season with nine starts ... lettered in soccer and cross country at William H. Taft High School in San Antonio. **Personal:** Daughter of Jackie and Abraham García ... majoring in early childhood education with a minor in special education ... favorite book is the Bible ... favorite athlete is Landon Donovan ... favorite vacation spot is Cozumel México.



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Giselle Gaytan

Laredo, Texas (United HS)

Fr. MF

Lettered in soccer at United High School ... four-year varsity player ... first team All-District 29-5A honors three straight years ... named Miss Laredo Lulac. **Personal:** Daughter of Nelly Berrones and Edgar Gaytan ... favorite book is "A Separate Peace" ... favorite athletic is Cesar "Chelito" Delgado ... favorite vacation spot is Cancun.



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Mary Jo Hall

Harlingen, Texas (Harlingen South HS)

Sr. GK

Has contributed as starting goalkeeper the last three seasons ... recorded 117 saves as a freshman, 111 stops as a sophomore and 173 saves as a junior ... lettered in soccer and swimming at Harlingen South High School ... All-District goalkeeper all four years ... freshman MVP. **Personal:** Daughter of J.R. and Margaret Hall ... majoring in nursing ... favorite book is "Twilight" ... favorite vacation spot is "anywhere tropical and with a beach."



Player Profiles

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Rosa Hernández

San Benito, Texas (San Benito HS)

Sr. F

Three-year letterwinner has played in 55 career games ... played and started in all 20 games last season ... lettered in soccer and track and field at San Benito High School ... regional qualifier in track. **Personal:** Daughter of Alfonso and María Hernández ... majoring in criminal justice with a minor in biology ... favorite athlete is Cuauhtemoc Blanco ... most admired historical figure is John F. Kennedy ... aspires to play soccer after college and to help her parents.

Career Stats

	GP	G	A	Pts
2006	17	1	1	3
2007	18	0	0	0
2008	20	0	0	0
Total	55	1	1	3

Sandy Hernández

Harlingen, Texas (Harlingen South HS)

Sr. F

Three year letterwinner has played in 42 career games ... scored two goals in 5-1 win over Schreiner last season ... scored game-winning goal in 2-1 win over Dallas Baptist as a sophomore ... ranks eighth on the TAMU career list with eight goals ... lettered in soccer at Harlingen South High School ... first-team All-District ... honor roll. **Personal:** Daughter of José and Cristina Hernández ... majoring in sociology with a minor in anthropology ... favorite book is "The Dharma Burns" ... favorite athlete is Lionel Messi ... most admired historical figure is Evita Peron.

Career Stats

	GP	G	A	Pts
2006	17	3	5	11
2007	17	3	1	7
2008	8	2	0	4
Total	42	8	6	22

Selma Herrera

Laredo, Texas (Alexander HS)

Fr. MF

Lettered in soccer at Alexander High School ... All-District as a senior ... National Honor Society. **Personal:** Daughter of Sergio Herrera and Carmen Cervantes ... major is undecided ... favorite book is "A Million Little Pieces" ... favorite athlete is Lionel Messi ... most admired historical figure is Barack Obama ... favorite vacation spot is Cancun, México.

Gloria Luna

Laredo, Texas (United South HS)

So. MF

Played in 18 games as a freshman last season with 15 starts ... lettered in soccer and cross country at United South High School ... first-team and honorable mention All-District in soccer. **Personal:** Daughter of José and Julieta Luna ... majoring in nursing ... favorite book is "Twilight" ... favorite athlete is Cristiano Ronald ... most admired historical figure is Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Player Profiles

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Robbie Marlett

Muncie, Ind. (Oakland City Univ.)

Jr. MF

Transfer from Oakland City University ... lettered in cross country and soccer for the Lady Oaks ... two-year national qualifier for cross country ... two-year Mental Attitude Award in soccer... four-year letterwinner in track and field, basketball, and soccer at Muncie Central High School. **Personal:** Daughter of Steve Marlett (deceased) and Jan Marlett ... majoring in business administration ... favorite book is "Quiet Strength" ... favorite athlete is Carlos Tevez ... most admired historical person is Bob Marley ... favorite vacation spot is Florida.



Laura Martínez

Laredo, Texas (United HS)

Jr. MF

Played in 16 games last season ... lettered in cross country, track and field, and soccer at United High School. **Personal:** Daughter of Fidencio and Laura Martínez ... majoring in 4th - 8th grade generalist ... favorite book is "The Scarlet Letter" ... favorite athlete is Favio Cannavaro ... most admired historical figure is Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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Brittany Merritt

Laredo, Texas (United HS)

Jr. D

Two-year letterwinner has played in 32 career games with 27 career starts ... scored two goals, including game-winner, in 3-2 upset win over Angelo State as a freshman... lettered in soccer and basketball at United High School ... first-team All-City in soccer ... graduated from Engineering Magnet School. **Personal:** Daughter of David and Deborah Merritt ... majoring in engineering with a minor in business ... favorite athlete is John Stockton ... most admired historical figure is Genghis Kahn ... favorite vacation spot is Ohio.

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Marlina Ponce de León

El Paso, Texas (Coronado HS)

Sr. D

Three-year letterwinner has played in 41 career games ... started all 20 games last season ... scored two goals in win over Schreiner as a freshman ... lettered in soccer and cross country at Coronado High School in El Paso ... team captain as junior and senior ... American Who's Who selection. **Personal:** Daughter of Anthony and Dolores Ponce de León ... favorite athlete is Michelle Akers ... favorite book is "The Giver" ... favorite vacation spots are California and Colorado.

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Career Stats

	GP	G	A	Pts
2005	11	2	2	6
2006	10	2	0	4
2008	20	0	0	0
Total	41	4	2	10

Player Profiles

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Janie Rodríguez

Laredo, Texas (Cigarroa HS)

Lettered cross country, track and field, and soccer at Dr. Leo Cigarroa High School ... first-team All-Region. **Personal:** Daughter of David and Elvia Rodríguez... majoring in biology with a minor in chemistry... favorite book is "Cure to the Common Life"... favorite vacation spot is Florida.

Fr. MF

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Sarah Salvidar

Houston, Texas (C.E. King HS)

Played in nine games in goal as a freshman ... finished with a 3.4 goals against average in 423 minutes played ... also played in the field ... lettered in soccer at Houston's C.E. King High School ... four-year starter ... All-District 19-4A goalkeeper two straight years ... first Lady Panther to play college soccer. **Personal:** Daughter of María Kelly ... favorite book is "Captivating" ... most admired historical figure is Hillary Rodham Clinton ... favorite vacation spot is Lakeside, Texas.

So. GK

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Sasha Scott

Wantage, N.J. (Sussex Community College)

Transfer from Sussex County Community College ... letterwinner in basketball and soccer ... lettered in basketball, track and field, and soccer at High Point High School. **Personal:** Daughter of Glen and Tina Talmadge ... majoring in special education ... favorite book is "Tears on a Tiger"... favorite athlete is Mia Hamm ... most admired historical figure is Abraham Lincoln.

Jr. MF

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Rebecca Swanson

San Antonio, Texas (Lee HS)

Four-year letterwinner in soccer at Robert E. Lee High School ... first-team All-District as a senior ... All-Tournament as a junior and senior. **Personal:** Daughter of Mark and Maria Swanson ... majoring in studio art ... favorite book is "To Kill a Mockingbird" ... favorite athlete is Thierry Henry ... most admired historical figure is Ghandi.

Fr. MF

Player Profiles

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Tiffany Sublett

Victoria, Texas (Memorial HS)

Lettered four years in soccer at Victoria's Memorial High School.

Personal: Daughter of Marc and Susan Vendl and Jeffery Sublett ... majoring in secondary education ... favorite athlete is Cristiano Ronaldo ... most admired historical figure is Abraham Lincoln.

Fr. MF



Jessica Vedia

Laredo, Texas (Lyndon B. Johnson HS)

Lettered in soccer and volleyball at Lyndon B. Johnson High School ... soccer Co-Offensive Player of the Year as a senior ... honor roll. **Personal:** Daughter of Jose Luis and Sara Evla Vedia ... favorite book is "A Child Called It" ... favorite athlete is Cristiano Ronaldo ... favorite vacation spot is San Antonio, Texas.

Fr. D

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Honors

First Team All-RRAC

Heather Pace 2004

Second-Team All-RRAC

Erika Alcaráz 2002, 03, 04

Maxine Caballero 2005

Angela Houston 2003

Iliana Rodela 2003

Mary Smith 2003

Jazmin Veléz 2005

Year-by-Year Record

	Conf. (Place)	Overall	Coach
2002	RRAC/0-5 (6th)	3-16	S. Forestier
2003	RRAC/1-4 (5th)	9-9-2	S. Forestier
2004	RRAC/2-3 (4th)	4-15	S. Forestier
2005	RRAC/3-3 (4th)	7-7-2	A. Girdwood
2006	HC/na	4-13	A. Girdwood
2007	HC/1-10-1 (7th)	2-15-1	A. Girdwood
2008	HC/0-12 (7th)	1-19	A. Girdwood
Overall	30-94-5		

* Indicates RRAC Tournament championship title.

2009 Quick Facts

Location: Laredo, Texas

Founded: 1969

Enrollment: 6,419

Nickname: Dustdevils

Color: Maroon & Metallic Silver

Facility: Dustdevil Soccer Field (2,000)

Affiliation: NCAA Division II

Conference: Heartland

President: Dr. Ray Keck

Head Coach: Anna Girdwood

Alma Mater: Montclair State (2004)

Record at TAMIU: 14-54-3 (four seasons)

Overall Record: 14-54-3 (four seasons)

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Letterwinners/Career Records

Letterwinners

Albrecht, Alejandra	2002	Luna, Gloria	2008
Albrecht, Karla	2002, 03	Magana, María	2005, 06
Alcaráz, Erika	2002, 03, 04, 05	Martínez, Ana Lisa	2003
Alcorta, Sandra	2002	Martínez, Érika	2003, 04, 05, 06
Avila, Alejandra	2008	Martínez, Laura	2008
Benavides, Leslie	2002, 03	Medina, Mónica	2002, 03
Broadfoot, Danielle	2006	Medrano, Melissa	2007, 08
Caballero, Maxine	2005, 06, 07, 08	Merritt, Brittany	2007, 08
Cadena, Bethany	2003	Miranda, Nathalie	2003, 04, 05, 06
Cantú, Rosie	2003	Mooren, Kim	2004, 05
Carranza, Rachel	2006, 07	Pace, Heather	2003, 04, 05, 06
Castro, Elizabeth	2002	Pérez, Anna	2004, 05, 06, 07
Cedillo, Lesly	2002	Pérez, Karina	2007
Chávez, Alexia	2006, 07	Ponce de León, Marlina	2005, 06, 08
Chávez, Valeria	2005, 06, 07, 08	Ramírez, Mónica	2002
Delgadillo, Erin	2004	Rendleman, Amber	2004
Delgado, Cassie	2007, 08	Renteria, Karina	2003, 05
Elizondo, Patty	2002	Rodela, Iliana	2003, 04
Enriquez, Hilda	2002	Rodríguez, Adriana	2002, 03, 04, 05
Ernst, Marissa	2003	Rodríguez, Ashley	2004
Espino, Melissa	2008	Rodríguez, Erendira	2002
Galindo, Nichole	2004	Rodríguez, Judith	2007
Gálvez, Mónica	2002	Romero, Lupita	2002
García, Ashley	2008	Salinas, Olga	2002
Garza, Alejandra	2004	Salvidar, Sarah	2008
Garza, Candice	2002	Santos, Olinda	2008
Gómez, Jessica	2004	Seca, Valeria	2005
González, Angie	2007	Serna, April	2004, 05, 06, 07
González, Annel	2008	Skloss, Emily	2004
González, Christie	2004	Smith, Mary	2003, 04
Gusman, Selina	2006, 07	Solís, Lisa	2002
Guzmán, Mónica	2002	Solís, Yolanda	2004, 05, 06, 07
Hall, Mary Jo	2006, 07, 08	Soto, Gaby	2007
Hall, Monica	2002	Torres, Allison	2003
Hernández, Dalia	2005, 06, 07, 08	Valdéz, Sofia	2003
Hernández, Rosa	2006, 07, 08	Veléz, Jazmin	2003, 04, 05, 06
Hernández, Sandy	2006, 07, 08	Webb, Stephanie	2005, 06
Houston, Angela	2003	Zúñiga, Susie	2003

Career Records

Goals

1. Erika Alcaráz	29	2002-05
2. Stephanie Webb	16	2005-06
3. Jazmin Veléz	14	2003-06
Dalia Hernández	14	2005-08
5. Iliana Rodela	10	2003-04

Assists

1. Karina Renteria	12	2003, 05
2. Heather Pace	7	2003-06
3. Erika Alcaráz	6	2002-05
Sandy Hernández	6	2006-07
Maxine Caballero	6	2005-08
Melissa Medrano	6	2007-08

Total Points

1. Erika Alcaráz	64	2002-05
2. Stephanie Webb	36	2005-06
3. Dalia Hernández	32	2005-08
4. Jazimin Veléz	30	2003-06
5. Heather Pace	27	2003-05



TAMIU

Athletics Maroon Club

The Maroon Club is a reasonably priced marketing package that offers local business partners a chance to affiliate with Texas A&M International University Athletics.

Maroon Club partners play an integral role in supporting TAMIU Athletics. Together, we are building a program that will compete at the highest level of NCAA Division II and the Heartland Conference. Everyone involved will be proud of the quality student-athletes representing Laredo and the University.

The standard \$2,500 Maroon Club marketing package includes the following benefits:

- Company recognition on Maroon Club page and in all media brochures produced by TAMIU Athletics
- Company recognition on TAMIU Athletics Web site - www.GoDustdevils.com
- Banners hung at all on-campus athletics facilities
- Company recognition on Stretch internet webcasts of selected events
- Company night at one fall (soccer or volleyball), winter (basketball) and spring (baseball or softball) event for the 2009-10 academic year. Sponsors will receive 100 tickets for each selected contest.

Latest Headlines

- Men's Soccer achieves breakthrough 2008 season, finishing with a 12-5-1 overall record.
- Women's basketball and softball qualify for Heartland Conference Tournament in 2008-09.
- 17 Student-Athletes earn All-Heartland Conference honors in 2008-09.



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Texas A&M International University 2009 Women's Soccer Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sept. 1	Tue. at Incarnate Word*	San Antonio	6 p.m.
Sept. 4	Fri. at Texas A&M-Commerce	Commerce	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 6	Sun. vs. West Texas A&M	Commerce	11 a.m.
Sept. 11	Fri. Angelo State	Laredo	5 p.m.
Sept. 13	Sun. UT-Brownsville	Laredo	3 p.m.
Sept. 18	Fri. vs. East Central	San Antonio	1 p.m.
Sept. 20	Sun. vs. Central Oklahoma	San Antonio	10 a.m.
Sept. 25	Fri. Midwestern State	Laredo	3 p.m.
Sept. 27	Sun. Newman*	Laredo	1 p.m.
Oct. 1	Thur. UT-Permian Basin*	Laredo	5 p.m.
Oct. 3	Sat. Dallas Baptist*	Laredo	1 p.m.
Oct. 9	Fri. at St. Edward's*	Austin	4 p.m.
Oct. 11	Sun. at St. Mary's*	San Antonio	1 p.m.
Oct. 16	Fri. at Newman*	Wichita, Kan.	7 p.m.
Oct. 18	Sun. at Northeastern State	Tahlequah, Okla.	1 p.m.
Oct. 22	Thur. at Dallas Baptist*	Dallas	4 p.m.
Oct. 24	Sat. at UT-Permian Basin*	Odessa	2 p.m.
Oct. 30	Fri. St. Mary's*	Laredo	5 p.m.
Nov. 1	Sun. St. Edward's*	Laredo	1 p.m.
Nov. 6	Fri. Incarnate Word*	Laredo	6 p.m.

* Indicates Heartland Conference games.

