

# Lady Buff Softball News

## Buck's Sporting Goods Player of the Week



**Jessica Ruzicki**

Jessica Ruzicki, a junior outfielder from Calgary, Alberta, Canada has been named the Buck's Sporting Goods Player of the Week.

Ruzicki went 7-10 at the plate for a .700 batting average. She hammered her fifth home run of the season.

Ruzicki added a double and three RBI. She also scored a run during the Lady Buffs four games last week.

### Lone Star Conference South Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.
ASU	15	3	0.833
TSU	12	3	0.800
ACU	10	5	0.667
TAMU-K	7	8	0.467
<b>WTAMU</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0.333</b>
ENMU	3	12	0.200
TWU	2	13	0.133

## Lady Buffs Host Abilene Christian in Key LSC Series

The Lady Buffs will host Abilene Christian this weekend in their final LSC South series of the season. On Saturday, the two teams will play a doubleheader starting at 1p, while Sunday's single game is slated for 1:30p.

The Lady Buffs (22-31, 5-10) could be playing for a spot in the LSC post-season tournament for the first time in their first three years. To qualify, the Lady Buffs will need to sweep their series and Tarleton State will need to sweep their series with Texas A&M-Kingsville.

Abilene Christian (25-21, 10-5) has already clinched a post-season berth.

The Wildcats enter the weekend with a team batting average of .303. They are averaging five runs per game. They are led by catcher Jessica Sheiry who leads the LSC with a .473 average. Shiery has eight home runs and 33 RBI on the season.

In the circle, Kim MacDonald paces the Wildcats with a 14-12 mark and a 3.64 ERA. As a staff, the Wildcats have a 4.46 ERA and they are allowing 4.3 runs per game.

"ACU is a very talented team. They have the top hitter in the league, but she is not their only offensive weapon," stated Lady Buff head coach Kevin Blaskowski. He added, "They have won three of their five previous series and have played one of the toughest schedules in the region. We will have to play a lot better than we have if we want

to win the series and make it to the post-season."

The Lady Buffs continue to be led by Amber Farr, who is batting .347. She is second in the LSC South with six triples. She is also one of only two players in the LSC South with at least 20 runs scored, 20 RBI and 20 stolen bases.

Kaitlyn Witte leads the Lady Buffs with nine home runs and 33 RBI. She is batting .336 on the season.

Jessica Ruzicki is batting .308 and has a team-high seven doubles.

Andrea Renteria has a team best 3.78 ERA, while Shannon O'Dea leads the pitching staff with nine wins.

The Lady Buffs are averaging 4.4 runs per game and they are allowing five runs per game.

The Lady Buffs lead the LSC South with 35 home runs.

## Lady Buffs Go 2-2 At Home Last Week

The Lady Buffs' stepped out of Lone Star Conference action last week as they hosted a pair of Heartland Conference opponents at Lady Buff Yard.

On Wednesday, The Lady Buffs topped Oklahoma Panhandle State 9-1 in a pair of mercy-rule shortened games.

St. Edwards came to the Yard on Friday afternoon and took a pair of games from the Lady Buffs, 10-5 and 7-5.

The Lady Buffs used the long ball in Wednesday's opener as Kaitlyn Witte (9), Audrey Wallace (5) and Erin Hartigan (5) all hit balls out of the Yard.

Breanna Adams added a double and a triple, while Dani Cougar and Jessica Ruzicki each doubled.

Andrea Renteria scattered four hits to collect the win.

Adams doubled and tripled in the second game, while Witte, Cougar and Wallace all doubled.

Chantel Pearson went the distance to collect her second win of the season.

In Friday's opener, Ruzicki hit her fifth home run of the year in the bottom of the sixth inning to give WTAMU a 5-4 lead, but St. Edward's scored six runs in the seventh to claim the 10-5 victory.

The Lady Buffs used a five run second inning to take a 5-2 lead in the second game. Wallace had the big blow with a two-run home run.

The Hilltoppers answered with five runs in the fourth through seventh innings to claim the 10-5 victory.

### Next Home Games

**Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>** – University of Texas-Permian Basin (DH) 1p & 3p  
"Staff Appreciation Day" sponsored by Education Credit Union

**Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>** – Abilene Christian (DH) 1p & 3p  
"High Plains Fastpitch Day" sponsored by The Buffalo Club

**Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>** – Abilene Christian 1:30p  
"Senior Day and Girl Scout Recognition Day" sponsored by Feldman's



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## LeComte and Jacobs Sign National Letters of Intent

West Texas A&M University softball coach [Kevin Blaskowski](#) has announced the signing of Kimberly LeComte from Boerne High School in Boerne, Texas, and Emily Jacobs of Cypress Creek High School in Houston, TX to national letter-of-intents to play for the Lady Buffs in the 2008-09 academic year.



**Kimberly LeComte**

LeComte, a first-team All-Area and All-District selection in 2007, helped lead Boerne HS to the 4A State Championship. She was named to the All-Tournament team at the state tournament and she received the honor of being named to the San Antonio Super team.

This season, LeComte is hitting .436 with five home runs, 23 runs scored and 22 RBI. She has hit six doubles and two triples and has stolen seven bases. As a junior, she hit .355 with eight home runs, seven doubles and four triples. She scored 43 runs and collected 33 RBI. She also stole 17 bases.

"Kimberly is a very talented softball player and she is a great athlete. She knows the game and is a proven clutch performer at the plate," commented Blaskowski. "She has all the skills to make an immediate impact as a freshman and I look for her to have a great career as a member of our program."

LeComte plays travel softball for San Antonio HITT and is coached by Charles Dismuke. She is the daughter of Danny and Terrie LeComte. She plans on majoring in education.

Jacobs, who ranks in the top five in numerous offensive categories in District 17-5A, has helped lead Cypress Creek to a 21-7 overall record and an 11-3 district mark this season.

This season, Jacobs is hitting .442 which ranks her fifth in the district. She leads the district with 38 hits and 10 doubles. She is second with 29 RBI's and two home runs.

"Emily is a very talented softball

player," said Blaskowski. "She possesses very good offensive skills and she has the ability to play numerous defensive positions. I look for her to step in and contribute as a freshman and I look for a lot of great things from her during her career."



**Emily Jacobs**

Jacobs plays travel softball for the Cy-Fair Intruders Gold and is the daughter of David and Lori Jacobs. She plans on majoring in education.

LeComte and Jacobs join Courtney Ford (Bryan), Kristina Myles (Southlake Carroll) and Marci Womack (Sulphur Springs) who signed letters of intent during the fall signing period. The Lady Buffs expect to add possibly two more signees during the spring period.

## Lady Buffs Host University of Texas-Permian Basin Friday

The Lady Buffs will play host to the University of Texas-Permian Basin in a non-conference doubleheader on Friday afternoon starting at 1p.

The Lady Buffs topped the Falcons (9-23 overall) 14-0 and 11-3 earlier this season in Odessa.

UTPB enters the game

currently in last place in the Heartland Conference. They have a team batting average of .249 and they are averaging 2.8 runs per game.

In the circle, the Falcons have a 6.55 team ERA and they are allowing 6.9 runs per game.

"We cannot overlook UTPB as we prepare for our

weekend series with Abilene Christian. If we do, they can come in and take two games from us," commented WTAMU coach Kevin Blaskowski.

Friday will be "Staff Appreciation Day" sponsored by Education Credit Union. The first fifty people at the Yard will receive a WT Softball mouse pad.

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