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“If you don’t have confidence, you’ll always find a way not to win.” - Carl Lewis

Pilots extend streak with weekend sweep

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VIDEO EDITOR

The LSU Shreveport Pilots extended their win streak to five games this weekend with victories over Huston-Tillotson 84-82 and 11th ranked Our Lady of the Lake 86-78. The pair of wins pushed the Pilots record to 7-5 in the Red River Athletic Conference and 15-6 overall.

Friday nights double overtime win against Huston-Tillotson was possibly the Pilots most thrilling game of the season. The game was the third of the last five that LSUS has gone into overtime at The Dock.

After trailing by ten points midway through the second half, the Pilots battled back to force overtime behind the scoring punch of Joseph James and Lyndale James, who combined for 39 points in the contest.

“Lyndale was once again huge in the post for us. He has consistently given us a double-double over the last few weeks and hats off to him on another outstanding performance tonight,” Coach Blankenship said of James, a 6’6”



Photo by Corey Drummond



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The Men’s Basketball team possibly had it’s most thrilling game of the season, pulling out a win in double overtime

sophomore, who was named last week’s Red River Athletic Conference Player of the Week.

Once in overtime the Pilots took control. This has become a knack for the team as they now hold an impressive 3-1 overtime record on the season. Josh Walker and Rashard Owens put the game away late with clutch free-throws to secure the victory.

The Pilots would parlay Friday night’s momentum into a huge upset victory of Our Lady of the Lake.

LSUS shot the ball very effectively throughout Saturday’s game at 52-percent. Josh Walker led the team in scoring with 19 points including 9-12 from the free-throw line. Lyndale James chipped in another double-double with 14

points and 10 rebounds in the contest. The Pilot defense also managed to force Our Lady of the Lake into committing 24 turnovers.

The game set an LSUS record for the number of fouls called during a regulation time game with 66 total fouls. Five players were forced from the game with foul trouble. With that many fouls, free-throwing shooting was crucial to the eventual outcome of the game and LSUS shot 38-50 from the line.

The Pilots will now go on the road for their next five games before returning to The Dock on February 20. The next game for LSUS will be Jarvis Christian on February 5.

Lady Pilots dominate from start to finish

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The LSU Shreveport Lady Pilots got a pair of huge conference victories this weekend against Huston-Tillotson 90-74 and 13th ranked Our Lady of the Lake 80-68. The wins boosted the ladies back above the .500 mark, with their record now standing at 7-5 in Red River Athletic Conference play and 11-9 overall.

Friday night’s contest against Huston-Tillotson was never in question as the Lady Pilots led from start to finish. They shot an impressive 58-percent from the field while forcing 21 turnovers.

Coming off of her fourth RRAC Player of the Week award, sophomore Kourtney Pennywell continued to be a dominate force for the Lady Pilots. She posted 28 points and six rebounds to lead the way for LSUS. Ariel Harrell also contributed 21 points on nine of 15 shooting.

Performing against Huston-Tillotson’s zone defense was key in the Lady Pilots victory.

“I liked how we handled the zone defense with composure,” said head coach Valerie Huizar. “We’ve worked on it all week and the team we play tomorrow is a zone team as well, so I feel confident our team is ready.”

Ready they were. The Lady Pilots continued their assault against the zone defense on Saturday night, as they shocked Our Lady of the Lake.

Our Lady of the Lake was intent on bringing full-court



Photo by Corey Drummond

The Women’s Basketball team boosted back above the .500 mark after their win last week

pressure early in the game. The Lady Pilots showed they were up to the task and continually broke the press forcing OLLU to abandon their game plan.

Junior point guard Sierra Contreras was great throughout the game. She continually stayed calm under the pressure from OLLU and found her teammates for six assists in the contest. Contreras also had four steals asserting herself on the defensive end of the floor as well.

Kourtney Pennywell continued to bolster her claim as the Red River Athletic Conference Player of the Year with a huge 28 points, 14 rebounds, three steals, three blocks per-

formance.

A big win like this one is about much more than just a player or two. Coach Huizar made that clear after the game.

“It was an all-around team effort tonight,” stated Huizar. “The coaching staff and players were all on the same page. We stuck together and weathered their runs and just kept fighting. This was a great win against a good and well coached program.”

The Lady Pilots next game will be on the road against Jarvis Christian February 5.

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Bronson Hall elevator repair update

Corey Drummond
PRINT EDITOR

Last Friday, a late, temporary power failure shut down the service elevator in the Noel Memorial Library. The elevator was brought back up to service after the American Elevator Service reset the elevator's system.

A previous power outage shut the library elevator down while also wiping it's system parameters. Fortunately, this time a backup battery was in place to protect those parameters, only requiring a reset to start the elevator up again.

AES' Matt Thompson gives an update to the incoming pump needed to repair the Bronson Hall elevator in an email from Tuesday, February 3.

"The owner of our company informed me that the pump was not ready to go out on Friday, but did go out yesterday. We are expecting it in house by Thursday. As soon as the pump arrives, our team will go install it," Thompson said.

The elevator is expected to be in service next week.

Volunteers of America LEAP tutoring program 2015

Corey Drummond
PRINT EDITOR

The Volunteers of America need LEAP tutors for the upcoming tests for 4th and 8th graders. They've reached out to LSUS for volunteers, which will serve as community service hours for interested students.

Tutoring would begin on Tuesday, February 17, and continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays until April 30.

There would not be tutoring during the first LEAP testing week, which is March 16-20, and the week of Spring Break, from April 6-10.

Students that volunteer can choose their tutoring location. They can volunteer

at Lakeshore Middle School tutoring the 8th grade students from 3-4 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Volunteers can also tutor at Forest Hill Elementary teaching 4th grade students from 3:30-4:30 pm on the same days.

The testing format for the LEAP is different this year, so all volunteers would be required to attend a one hour LEAP training course on Thursday, February 12.

The course is held at the Highland Center, Large Conference Room at 12 or from 5:15-6:15 pm.

Please RSVP to Tricia Jowell at Tricia.Jowell@voanorthla.org or call 318-221-2669 to attend or if you have any questions about the volunteer service.

LSUS | Student Activities & Recreational Sports

February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Black History Month Art Show and Competition UC Art Gallery Submissions Accepted in UC Office 2/2-2/13	3	4 8-Ball Singles Pool Tournament 11 a.m. UC Game Room	5	6 National Go Red for Women Day 11 a.m. UC Lobby Student Organization Council Meeting 11 a.m. UC Ballroom	7
8	9 Ping Pong Tournament 11 a.m. UC Game Room LifeShare Blood Drive 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. UC Caddo/Bossier Room	10	11 Black History Month Speaker: Dr. Michael Hicks, Jr. 11 a.m. UC Theater	12	13 Make your own Valentine 11 a.m. UC Lobby	14 St. Valentine's Day
15	16 <i>President's Day</i> Mardi Gras Break	17	18 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> Karaoke Common Hour 11 a.m. UC Port	19	20 Video Game Friday 11 a.m. UC Art Gallery CPR/AED and First Aid Training 1 - 5 p.m. UC Red River Room (\$25/LSUS students)	21
22	23 CoffeeHouse Debate ft. the LSUS Debate team 11 a.m. UC Port	24 Couch to 5K Training begins 12:30 - 1 p.m. UC Mall Flagpole Evening Students' Event 7 p.m. UC Port	25 CoffeeHouse Artist 11 a.m. UC Port	26 Painting with LSUS 6 p.m. UC Art Gallery	27 Black History Month Art Show and Competition Winners Announced UC Art Gallery 11 a.m.	28

Calendar is subject to change. Unless otherwise noted, all events are FREE to LSUS students with valid ID. Questions? Email studentact@lsus.edu or call 797-5393. *Register online at www.lsus.edu/recsports for Rec Sports events or sign-up in the UC Office.



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