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"GREAT SPIRITS HAVE ALWAYS ENCOUNTERED VIOLENT OPPOSITION FROM MEDIOCRE MINDS." - Albert Einstein

Women's tennis defeats Centenary

Corey Drummond
PRINT EDITOR

The LSU Shreveport Lady Pilots tennis team opened their season with a 5-4 win over the Centenary Ladies on Tuesday afternoon at the Centenary Tennis Facility.

Picking up wins for the Lady Pilots in singles action was Heather McCutchen defeating Nicole Martinez, Hannah Hirsh defeating Celia Soberman, and Morgan Hendricks defeating Gemma Zuniga: all matches were a clean sweep, 6-0, 6-0!

In doubles action Allessa Ash and Hannah Hirsh teamed up to take down Martines and S. Ferguson 8-1 while Kelsey Ellender and Hendricks defeated the team of Zuniga and K. Evers 8-0.

The women's tennis team will travel to Alexandria to take on the tough LSUA Generals at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

Pilots prepare for next game after losses

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PRINT EDITOR

The Men's and Women's Basketball teams suffered losses last Saturday. The team's are learning from these losses and hope to improve for tomorrow's game.

According to a press release from Mark Cantrell, "missed opportunities at the charity stripe and a slow start held back the LSU Shreveport Pilots as they fell 79-75 on Saturday night in Red River Athletic Conference action to the Wiley College Wildcats."

The Pilots drop to 16-7 overall and 8-6 in conference play while the Wildcats improve to 15-7 and 11-3 in league play.

"I thought we came out flat and really struggled to take care of the basketball in the first half," said Kyle Blankenship, LSUS men's basketball head coach, as the Pilots trailed 39-31 at the break. "Our 16 turnovers in the first 20 minutes of the game really put us in a disadvantage for the rest of the game."

Joseph James led the scoring with nineteen points, while Rashard Owens joined him with twelve points as the only two Pilots to finish with double figures. Owens made 5-of-10 from the field including 2-of-5 from downtown.



Photo by Corey Drummond

The Lady Pilots, led by Coach Valerie Huizar, and the Pilots have suffered recent losses, but hope is not lost

"In the second half we played with much more energy and effort. I felt like we gave ourselves a chance to win the ballgame. However we left too many points on the free-throw line and those misses ultimately cost us

the game," Blankenship said.

Josh Walker added nine points and pulled down seven rebounds while Lyndale James added eight points with seven rebounds

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LSUS baseball secures three consecutive wins

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The LSU Shreveport Pilots baseball team secured three consecutive wins over the course of the last week. Despite opening with a loss, the team has quickly made up for setback.

The latest win came from Tuesday as they took down the NCAA DII's no. 6 Southern Arkansas Muleriders with a 9-0 whipping of the Muleriders at Pilots' Field.

The LSUS pitching staff did a fantastic job stranding fourteen Mulerider base runners as LSUS improves to 3-1 while SAU falls to 5-4. Southern Arkansas has yet to win a nine-inning game this season as all of their wins have either come in a seven-inning game or extra innings.

"Obviously tonight was big night in honoring Mr. Isaac Lafitte," said Al Cantwell, LSUS baseball head coach, as the Pilots honored one of their longtime fans/supporters.

Lafitte is the grandfather of former Pilots right-hand-



Photo courtesy of Al Cantwell

Coach Cantwell leads the no.10 Pilots in three straight victories

ed pitcher J.V. Lafitte and has served countless hours working for the baseball program in doing whatever needed to be done.

The LSUS Pilots baseball program will return in the favor on April 11th in naming him as a honorary member of the Inaugural Class of the LSUS Baseball Hall of Fame. Lafitte threw out today's ceremonial first pitch and handing him the game ball was the LSUS Chancellor Larry Clark.

David Diaz picked up the win working six solid innings scattering seven hits while walking only two and striking out three. He worked out of several jams including three two-men-on situations but never let any runs cross the plate. Diaz departed in the seventh after the first two hitters reached to start the inning.

"Diaz had an incredible night and after all he has been through it was special to see him get to where he is today and perform the way he did," Cantwell said.

Jonathan Lycan came in hit the first man to load the bases with no outs but his devastating change up sent three straight Muleriders back to the first base dugout on strikes as the Pilots escaped yet another jam sparking another rally that would put the game away as the Pilots scored three times in the seventh to extend their lead to 8-0.

"Lycan is one of our go-to arms out of pen and he came up big for us in not letting a run in with the bases loaded and no outs. That right there gave us the boost we needed," Cantwell said.

The first four batters of the inning reached and Connor McMullin collected an rbi-single in the frame as he finished 1-for-4 while the Pilots produced three hitters with at least two hits each.

Kade Billeaudeaux continues his hitting streak as he has had two-hits in every game so far this season. Tonight he finished with 2-for-4 with three runs scored and a run batted in as well as a stolen base.

Alex Montero had nothing but doubles coming into the contest but tonight he was a perfect 4-for-4 with four singles and two runs batted in and Jared Vial went 3-for-4 with a run scored and drove in a run.

The only inning that Southern Arkansas was sat down in order was the ninth inning worked by Trent Cormier as struck out the first batter, induced a pop up, and got the final

batter to ground out to second to end the game.

The Pilots scored three unearned runs in the bottom of the first inning as they took advantage of two SAU errors as Billeaudeaux reached on a walk and scored on a single from Lavallee and later Vial singled in Montero who also singled in the inning.

The first win of the streak came when the 10th ranked Pilots ripped the no. 16 Oklahoma City Stars 9-3 on Saturday morning at Jim Wade Stadium in non-conference action. The Pilots improve to 1-1 on the season while the Stars fall to 2-1.

"When you lose the opener like we did, the best thing you can ask for is to get back out on the field as soon as you can," Cantwell said. "In a less than ideal situation, our guys kept the day in perspective and played good baseball."

Jared West had a quality outing in his debut as a Pilot as the lefty tossed six innings allowing just three hits, three runs with three walks and seven strikeouts.

West had just one rocky-inning once the Pilots gained the lead in the third when he walked one and hit one and allowed a pair of hits, one of which was a double, that brought in a run, to the Stars leading hitter Jared Baker that cut the Pilots lead to 5-3.

West retired eight of the next ten batters and then struck out the side in the sixth inning following a leadoff walk. Jacob Rodrigue slammed the door in a non-save situation working a quick 1-2-3 seventh inning on just six pitches.

Alex Montero gave the Pilots the lead for good with a two-run double in the 2nd but he finished 1-for-4 on the day.

"Montero really sparked our offense with a big double," Cantwell said. "This was a big win against a championship program. Coach Crabaugh and his staff are as good as it gets."

The Pilots were able to get to the OCU, wild but sometimes effective, starter Skyler Janisse after three and 1/3 innings by collecting six hits, seven runs (all earned) with six walks and eight strikeouts as he needed 100 pitches as he faced sixteen batters. He departed in the fourth inning with one out and the Pilots had 5-3 lead.

The second win came later that afternoon when the

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BASKETBALL cont.

and Breion Beaver tossed in eight points. LSUS shot forty-two percent from the field but was just 6-of-25 from beyond the arc and 11-of-23 from the charity stripe.

The game was evenly matched in the final box as each team shot forty-two percent, made twenty-nine field goals, and committed twenty turnovers. The Pilots had one more make from downtown with six while the Wildcats held the edge with five more makes from the charity stripe in twenty-three attempts.

The Wildcats was led by Phillip Miller with twenty-three points on 8-of-18 shooting and was perfect from the free-throw line on six attempts. Dajuan Cooper recorded a double-double with fifteen points and ten rebounds while George Page also collected double digit rebounds with ten aiding the home squad in the rebounding category 50-41 over the Pilots.

The LSUS Lady Pilots competed with the Lady Wildcats of Wiley College, but fell short in the end by a final score of 76-66. The Lady Pilots fall to 12-10 overall and 8-6 in league play while the Lady Wildcats improve to 17-2 and 12-2 in the RRAC games.

"We dug ourselves a hole in the first half," said Valerie Huizar, LSUS women's basketball head coach. "We're not happy with moral victories. We need to get better and bring the effort from the jump all the

way to the finish."

Erica Noel improved in the second half helping the Lady Pilots close the gap on the Lady Wildcats. Noel finished as the leading scorer with nineteen points and was 7-of-16 shooting.

Kourtney Pennywell recorded another double-double with thirteen points and eleven rebounds but had an off night going just 3-of-20 from the field while her teammate Ariel Harrell was the only other double figure rebounder that pulled down the game high of fourteen rebounds.

Joining Noel in scoring double figures for the Lady Pilots were Myeisha Williams with ten points and Jalissa Lafitte gave the Lady Pilots a boost off the bench with a dozen points on a night where she was 4-of-6 shooting including 2-of-2 from downtown and was a perfect 2-of-2 from the charity stripe. Jamelliah Price led the Lady Wildcats with the game high of twenty points off the bench on 9-of-15 shooting.

The LSUS Basketball teams will make the trip to Hobbs, New Mexico to take on the Southwest Mustangs on Saturday, February 14. The women play at 5:30 p.m. MST while the men follow at 7:30 p.m. MST. The Lady Pilots are 9-0 against Southwest all-time while the men are 8-1 all-time versus the Mustangs.

BASEBALL cont.

Pilots trailed 11-6 after six innings on but rallied to win the game 13-12 versus the Hastings College Broncos at Jim Wade Stadium. The Pilots improve to 2-1 on the season and weekend while the Broncos dropped their season opener.

"In less than a perfect game on both sides, we had some competitive individual and team moments in some big plays of the game," Cantwell said. "When all seemed to be slipping away, we just kept competing and capitalized on some opportunities. Finding a way to win when you don't play your best is something you can't teach and the Pilots showed a lot of toughness to pull away with a victory."

The inning before the Pilots plated four runs to bring the game within a run, 11-10, as Blair Landry led off the inning with a double and later scored on a single from Kade Billeaudeaux. Later in the inning Billeaudeaux scored on Montero's fourth double of the weekend.

The bottom half of the order produced four runs in the bottom half of the fourth inning that started on a Brandon Bufton walk and then Lavallee connected for a double and his first hit of the season.

Oliver Christensen singled in Bufton and James Sloan followed with single plating Martin-who was running for Lavallee as the Pilots took a 5-2 lead.

Micah Lockerby was a thorn in the Pilot's side as he was 3-for-6 with two runs batted in for the Broncos. William Reynolds suffered the loss allowing the go-ahead run across in the 7th. He worked one inning and 2/3 allowing three hits, three runs with three walks and two strikeouts.

The Pilots are on a win streak so far. Only time will tell if it continues.

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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 <small>President's Day</small> Mardi Gras Break	17	18 <small>Ash Wednesday</small> 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

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