

## Debate team wins Montgomery Cup

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The LSU Shreveport debate team won the Montgomery Cup earlier this week, securing victory with a close call match for the United States.

The debate team left for Europe on Thursday, March 5. Since they arrived, the team competed alongside fellow American teams against six different colleges: Edinburgh, Heriot-Watt, Durham, St. Andrews, Glasgow, and finished the competition against Imperial College.

The team beat Edinburgh, Heriot-Watt, and Durham but tied against St. Andrews and Glasgow. The American team only needed a single point to win the Montgomery Cup, and threw down with Imperial College for the overall win.

LSUS' Madelyn Snead teamed up with University of Central Mississippi's Matt Gilmore as Second Opposition and earned the last point for the Americans winning the Cup.

"Imperial was a gracious host and though we faced our first loss, it was a great debate to end the Cup on," said Colby Walker, team captain.

It all came down to a single point. In the final match of the tournament, the American team had their first loss, but won with a final, total score of 19 to 17.

"I am just happy we were able to get that last point," Snead said.

The U.S. debate team started strong with a 4 to 2 victory against Edinburgh. Snead, Walker, and Elizabeth Kemp led the first match.

In the British Parliamentary style, four sets of two-



person teams face off under one topic with both Edinburgh and the US having an affirmative (proposition) and negative (opposition). The debates began with the University of Edinburgh winning the toss and electing to have the first and last speeches.

Scoring the debaters were four judges who had to agree by consensus who the first, second, third and fourth teams were. Each team receives points for their finish in the round.

"I am very proud of all of the American team members and especially proud of how our LSUS students represented their country, state and school," said Trey Gibson, director of LSUS debate and assistant U.S. coach.

The debate team doesn't get much time to celebrate. Their next big competition comes soon when they leave next Thursday for the IPDA Tournament National Championships in Boise, Idaho.

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## LSUS Pilots ease past Alcorn State this week

The NAIAs 10th-ranked LSU Shreveport Pilots had not trouble taking down NCAA's Division I Alcorn State on Tuesday afternoon as the Pilots cruised to a 10-2 victory at Pilots Field. LSUS improves to 17-5 while the Braves fall to 5-10.

For the third straight game the Pilots collected double digit hits with 11 in today's game. Three players had two hits with Oliver Christensen going 2-for-4 while Jared Vial was 2-for-5 and James Jean a perfect 2-for-2 with two doubles. Grady Caldwell was the leading run producer with three RBIs, two on a two-run homer in the bottom of the second inning that extended the LSUS to 3-0.

Caldwell's other RBI came on a sac fly in the 5th inning scoring the third and final run of the inning as the Pilots led 7-0. Kade Billeaudeau ripped a RBI-double in the inning and later scored on a single from Vial through the left side of the infield.

The Pilots added two more runs in the 6th and one in the 8th before surrendering two to the visitors in their final at bat.

Brandon Russell (4-0) was the winning pitcher as his predetermined pitch count ran out after three innings of work but they were phenomenal; he allowed just one hit, one walk

and struck out four. He retired the first six batters of the game before surrendering a lead-off walk to start the 3rd. The lone hit off Russell was a bunt single off the bat of Robert Fletcher, also in the 3rd. Russell's four strikeouts come consecutively as he fanned the final two batters in the first and the first two to start the 2nd inning.

Jacob Rodrigue, Trent Cormier, Kevin Williams, and Michael Wilson combined to shutout the Braves over the next five innings as Rodrigue struck out two batters in two innings of work. Everyone else worked scoreless innings combining to face one batter over the minimum.

Jonathan Morales suffered the loss for Alcorn State as the Pilots got eight hits, six runs (three earned) in his four innings of work. His defense did not help him much as they committed three of their five total errors while he was in the game.

The next game for the Pilots will be in Hobbs, New Mexico, on Saturday at 1 p.m. CDT as they will play two double headers in the series. Sunday's twin bill will also begin at 1 p.m. CDT. All games will be broadcast live on the Pilots Stretch Internet Portal.

## Montero, Diaz claim weekly RRAC honors

Anthony DeJesus of Our Lady of the Lake University (Texas) and Alex Montero (JR/Canovanas, Puerto Rico) of LSU Shreveport (La.) were selected as the Red River Athletic Conference Baseball Co-Players of the Week for March 9-15, while Rolando Chavarria of University of the Southwest (N.M.) and David Diaz (SR/Fort Worth, Texas) of LSUS earned Co-Pitcher of the Week honors for the same dates. This is the seventh set of weekly awards for the 2015 baseball season. This is the second award for both Montero and Diaz.

DeJesus drove in five runs in a 3-2 week for the Saints. The junior catcher was 3-for-3 with a triple and three runs scored to spur a 7-4 victory over NCAA Division III Trinity

University (Texas). DeJesus also helped OLLU gain a split in a four-game conference series against University of the Southwest (N.M.). The Houston native was 3-for-5 in the second game including a walk-off double to drive in Chance Evans for the game-winning run as the Saints won, 6-5, in the 11th inning. For the week, DeJesus was 8-of-16 at the plate with four runs scored. He is tied for 17th in the conference with a .327 batting average, and he is 16th in RBIs with 10. OLLU advanced to 6-3 in conference play and 11-11 overall in the first season for their baseball program.

Montero collected seven hits last week and tied a single-game LSUS record with three doubles in a single game on Sunday. In the second-game of a three-game series with

Huston-Tillotson University (Texas), the junior third baseman was 4-for-4 with three RBIs, contributing three of the nine doubles the Pilots had as a team. LSUS won that game, 12-0, then closed out with a 10-0 victory as Montero tacked on two more hits and a solo home run. The native of Canovanas, P.R., was 7-for-15 overall with four runs scored and four RBIs last week. Montero leads the RRAC in RBIs with 21 this season, and he is now second in doubles with seven. The 10th-ranked Pilots climbed to 9-3 and first place in the RRAC with a mark of 16-5 on the season.

Chavarria tossed a complete-game, five-hit shutout to

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earn a 3-0 win for the Mustangs at OLLU. The senior from Artesia, N.M., allowed only one walk and struck out three hitters in seven innings of work. USW moved to 6-6 in the conference standings with a record of 8-16 overall. Chavarria is 14th in the conference with an ERA of 3.69.

Diaz retired 12 of the first 13 batters he faced in the third game of the series with HT and posted a two-hitter for the 12-0 shutout victory. The senior from Fort Worth, Texas, struck out five and walked none over five innings. Diaz is third among all RRAC pitchers with a 1.93 ERA on the season, and he is tied for third in wins with three.

Chase Smith of OLLU was an additional pitcher of the week nominee.

Previous Winners:

Player of the Week

Feb. 2

Mike Fredeboelling, LSU Alexandria (La.)

Feb. 9

Cade Thomason, Texas College

Feb. 16

Carlos Andrade, Jarvis Christian College (Texas)

Bond Babin, LSU Alexandria (La.)

Feb. 23

Adam Michel, LSU Alexandria (La.)

Alex Montero, LSU Shreveport (La.)

March 2

Oliver Christensen (JR/Coral Springs, Florida), LSU Shreveport (La.)

March 9

Javion Randle, Jarvis Christian College (Texas)

Pitcher of the Week

Feb. 2

Marcus Jones, Jarvis Christian College (Texas)

Feb. 9

Emmanuel Pantaleon, Wiley College (Texas)

Feb. 16

Adam Hines, LSU Alexandria (La.)

Emmanuel Pantaleon, Wiley College (Texas)

Feb. 23

David Diaz, LSU Shreveport (La.)

Rynn Touchet, LSU Alexandria (La.)

March 2

Jared West (JR/Shreveport, Louisiana), LSU Shreveport (La.)

March 9

Javion Randle, Jarvis Christian College (Texas)

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## March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 <b>8-Ball Doubles Pool Tournament</b> 11 a.m. UC Game Room	3	4 <b>ThinkFirst Presentation</b> 11 a.m. UC Theater  <b>Intramural Softball and Soccer Captain's Meeting</b> 5 p.m.-Softball 5:30 p.m.-Soccer UC Pilot's Room <i>Entries and team/free agent fees due</i>	5	6 <b>Pilot Preview Day</b> LSUS Campus	7
8	9-10 <b>Student Appreciation Days</b>		11 <b>Goodie Bags and Sand Art</b> 11 a.m. UC Lobby	12	13 <b>Student Organization Council Meeting</b> 11 a.m. UC Ballroom	14
15	16 <b>Rockwall on the Mall</b> 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. UC Steps	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18 <b>Karaoke Common Hour</b> 11 a.m. UC Port	19	20 <b>Paintball Excursion</b> 1 p.m. O.F.F. Limits Paintball (\$20/LSUS students) <i>Sign-up by 4 p.m. on 3/19.</i>	21
22 <b>Easter Egg Hunt Week</b> March 23 - 27 LSUS Campus <i>More details at facebook.com/sabatlsus.</i>	23 <b>National Chip and Dip Day</b> 11 a.m. UC Lobby	24 <b>Frisbee Golf Tournament</b> 2 p.m. Bickham Dickson Park <i>Sign-up by noon on 3/24.</i>	25 <b>Evening Students' Event</b> 7 p.m. UC Port	26	27 <b>Video Game Friday</b> 11 a.m. UC Art Gallery	28

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