

## Mustangs route SWOSU

**IGGY CRUZ**  
STAFF REPORTER

The 24th-ranked Mustangs rolled Southwestern Oklahoma State 90-67 in front of 3,417 rowdy fans Tuesday night in Gerald Stockton Court, advancing to the Lone Star Conference Semifinals Friday night against Central Oklahoma.

Tipoff is set for 8 p.m. in D.L. Ligon Coliseum.

Four Mustangs scored in double-figures, led by the senior trio of All-LSC selections Drew Coffman, Chad Rickett, and Eric Dawson.

Coffman, the division's newcomer of the year, had a game-high 22 points, while LSC South Player of the Week Dawson muscled his way to 16 points, 12 boards and six swats.

Rickett added 17 points and five assists followed by 16 points from Chris Davis.

MSU (21-6) opened up the first half with runs of 7-2 and 7-0 before the Bulldogs (17-10) slashed the

Mustang lead to 22-18 at the 10:32 mark.

Three points would be the closest SWOSU would get to the Mustangs all-night long as MSU wore down the Bulldogs, pulling a late 19-5 run to take a 45-28 advantage at halftime.

"We knew they were an up and down tempo team, so we just stuck to them and came out with the win," Rickett said. "We stepped it up a notch when they ran out of energy."

MSU shot 53 percent for the game while having their way inside the paint against the Bulldogs, outscoring SWOSU 42-22.

The Mustangs tight defense also forced a total of 15 turnovers while racking up seven steals, two of which were picked off by Rickett.

"I had to step up my game to give us a chance to win," Rickett said. "Chris Davis challenged me to play defense."

Head Coach Jeff Ray said it was an overall team effort and credited

players like freshman forward Michael Godwin for giving the team momentum throughout the game with his gritty play.

"Michael Godwin came in and gave us a spark off the bench," Ray said. "He has a bright future."

Dawson opened the second half by scoring the first seven Mustang points, including a big two-handed jam that brought the crowd to its feet and a three-point play, opening a 52-33 lead.

The Bulldogs responded with a 20-9 run to cut the Mustang lead to 63-59 at the 10 minute mark but had no answer for the plethora of MSU's firepower.

The Mustangs rallied and never looked back, closing the game on a 20-4 run while holding SWOSU scoreless in five of the final six minutes of regulation.

The 67 points were the lowest season output for SWOSU as Clarke Hale led the Bulldogs with 17 points, while Michael Sampson added 13 and nine rebounds.

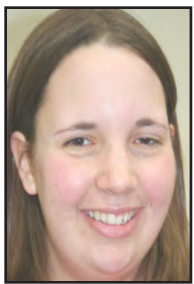


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MSU's Drew Coffman, 5, drives the ball up the court against SWOSU's Marcus Milleder last night in D.L. Ligon Coliseum. Coffman had 22 points. The Mustangs won 90-67.

## Fan wishes to become more hardcore

Anyone who knows me knows that I have no deep and passionate love for any specific sports team.



**CARLY BURRES**  
STAFF REPORTER

I love the Dallas Mavericks and the UT Longhorns.

But I don't like to watch the games all the time.

There are people who are hardcore fans.

They live to watch the games and wear their team's logos. The team is the essence of their being.

My roommate's boyfriend is one of those people.

If the Mavericks are losing by a lot then he can't watch the game because it hurts him too much to see his team lose.

I have heard endless amounts of stories from another friend of mine about his love for the New Orleans Saints.

When all the other children were outside playing, he was inside watching the Saints.

These are the people who own hats, bumper stickers, t-shirts and engraved logo traveling mugs with their initials and special quotes.

These are the people that I envy.

Year after year, I watch these people cheer on their teams and get all excited and pumped up because their team, the team that is the underdog, is finally getting justice and is making the playoffs.

Or they are once again dominating on the court.

My grandfather is such a die-hard Longhorns fan that if they lose, I don't call him because I don't want to be in his line of fire.

There are these people, and then there are the people who could care less about anything that have to do with physical activity.

Then there are people like me.

I am the person who claims to love the Mavericks and the Longhorns (which I really do) but I can't make myself sit down and watch the whole season.

I will watch bits and pieces of games here and there while I am flipping channels.

Or if the game happens to be on while I am enjoying a nice beverage at Buffalo Wild Wings or Texas Roadhouse, then I will become rather stuck on the game.

But just to sit down and watch the game for fun in my apartment? That doesn't happen.

I am the person who doesn't get into the spirit of things until the playoff games have rolled around, until it is down to the wire.

I will watch the last two or three games.

I won't even watch the whole game, though.

I just watch the last 20 or 30 minutes.

I've discovered that this is the time of the game when it's the most interesting.

Picture this: It's the last 10 minutes of the Mavericks vs. Spurs game.

The score is 81-83.

It's just a matter of who can stay ahead long enough to make it to the final buzzer.

What's more exciting than that? Who cares how they get to that point as long as they are at that point and are going to win.

I wish I could have the dedication and passion that so many other people have when it comes to picking a team and watching them and cheering them on all season, but I just don't.

I love my teams ... but it is just impossible for me to stay focused long enough to watch them all season.

I have sports ADD.

And for this there is no cure. Go, Mavs, go!

### Recreational Sports

#### Women's Volleyball

Team Lanier def. Reagan Foster  
Gamma Phi Beta def. Chi-Omega

#### Men's Basketball

The Aces def. Photos By Deb 82-43  
The Future def. The Hackers 102-51  
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Mad Dog def. Kobe  
Texas Top Prospects def. CSO 74-61  
Dem Boys def. Photos By Deb 90-54

## Groundhogs overshadow MSU

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The MSU rugby team played a hard physical game against the University of Dallas Groundhogs on Saturday but were undone by a serious breakdown of discipline resulting in a 37-0 loss.

MSU was hurt by many penalties and UD went up 17-0 at halftime.

MSU had the wind to its back in the second half but were unable to secure the ball in the lineouts.

UD took advantage and seized

the ball and put it along their backline, scoring numerous tries. Unable to get any continuity in their game, MSU gifted valuable possession and territory to UD.

By contrast UD had a running game that sliced apart the MSU's defense.

UD eventually extended their lead beyond the reach of MSU.

MSU will continue their season with a friendly on Saturday against the Dallas Reds Old Boys. Kickoff will be 2 p.m. in Dallas.

## MSU tennis teams dominate courts

**MELISSA DOS PRAZERES-SILVA**  
STAFF REPORTER

Midwestern State tennis sent Colin County Community College packing yesterday afternoon, securing another victory for the men's and women's teams.

The men dominated the Cougars from Plano with a 5-3 win.

They started slowly, falling behind 2-1 with junior Zachary Dillard and senior Brett Emerson winning at number one doubles.

Fortunately, it was all uphill from there on as the men dropped only one more point in the singles rounds.

Both Emerson, at number one singles, and senior Charles van Swelm, at number three singles, came back to win their third set super tie-break after dropping their

first set.

Sophomore Stefan McKinney and freshman Fernando Villarreal's straight set singles victories secured the team's overall win.

"I am very pleased with our win today and I hope we continue in this spirit throughout the season," van Swelm said.

On the women's side, sophomore Brynne Chappell and freshman Ann-Sophie Indehberge delivered a devastating 8-0 win at number one doubles.

Seniors Cilia Muller and Michelle Watson followed suit with an 8-1 blowout at number three, leaving the Lady Mustangs up 2-1 after the doubles round.

"The girls were pretty rude, which made the win especially sweet. It's funny when they scream that you suck, but the scoreboard says you're up 6-0," noted Chappell.

In singles, the ladies grabbed four of their six matches, securing a 6-3 win over the Lady Cougars.

Sophomore Faye d'Hamecourt played number three, junior Melissa dos Prazeres-Silva played number four, freshman Collean Kinser played number five and senior Watson played number six.

The girls were optimistic about such a decisive win at their first home match.

"This was the first home game of my college career, and it felt good! I think we have a shot at going all the way [to nationals] this year," Kinser enthused.

Both teams will be in competition on Friday and Saturday.

The men's tennis team will now travel to Lawton to compete in the Cameron Quadrangular.

The women will road trip to Portales, N.M., to partake in the Eastern New Mexico Quadrangular.

## Lady Buffs out-hustle Mustangs

**IGGY CRUZ**  
STAFF REPORTER

The No. 7 West Texas A&M Lady Buffaloes opened the game on an 11-0 run Saturday night and never looked back, rolling the Lady Mustangs 73-55 at the First United Bank Center in Canyon.

Sophomore Courtney Lee collected her first double-double of the season for the Lady Buffs (24-3, 14-0), finishing the night with 15 points and 11 rebounds, while leading scorer Emily Brister added 15 points.

WTAMU will ride a 12-game

winning-streak to the Lone Star Conference Tournament next week as top seed in the south division.

Kaylon Hodge led MSU (12-14, 5-9) with 17 points and three assists, while senior Sonya Calhoun-Courtney ended her Mustang career with 16 points and five rebounds.

Stacy Staten also chipped in 16 points.

MSU missed their first eight attempts from the floor, before getting back into the game with a 22-11 run to tie the contest up at 22.

But WTAMU responded with a 21-7 run to close the half and take a commanding 43-29 lead at inter-

mission.

The Lady Mustangs shot 33 percent in the first and went 0-for-7 from beyond the arc, while the Lady Buffs connected on 46 percent of their baskets.

The second half did not fare much better for MSU as the Lady Buffs jumped out to 10-1 run in the opening minutes and lead by as many as 26 points.

The Lady Mustangs were never able to recover.

WTAMU outrebounded MSU 54-23 as the Lady Mustangs finished the night shooting a low 32 percent from the field.



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