



LOUISIANA TECH

2015-16 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

OPENING TIP

GAME: #21

Date: Feb. 6, 2016

Tipoff: 6 p.m. CT

Location: Ruston, La.

Arena: Thomas Assembly Center

Series: Tech leads 7-0

Radio: KNBB 99.3 FM,

Webstream: LATechSports.com



Head Coach: Tyler Summitt
Record at LA Tech: 27-24 (2nd)
Career Record: Same

LOUISIANA TECH
LADY TECHSTERS
(11-9, 6-3 C-USA)

VS.

NORTH TEXAS
MEAN GREEN
(8-11, 3-6 C-USA)



Head Coach: Jalie Mitchell

Stat Leaders (per game)

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Points: Wingate 17.4

Rebounds: Wingate 7.4

Assists: Anthony 3.6

Blocks: Santos 0.3

Steals: Anthony 1.8

Points: Criner 11.9

Rebounds: Tac 8.2

Assists: Criner 5.0

Blocks: Frierson 0.5

Steals: Criner 2.3

2015-16 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent [TV]	Time/Result
Nov. 14	at Wisconsin	L, 79-65
Nov. 18	Loyola-New Orleans	W, 76-40
Nov. 21	Stephen F. Austin	W, 76-44
JUNKANOO JAM (BAHAMAS)#		
Nov. 27	vs. (RV) UCLA#	L, 68-57
Nov. 28	vs. Denver#	W, 58-53
Dec. 2	Prairie View A&M	L, 77-68
Dec. 5	at Nicholls State	W, 58-55
Dec. 10	at Arizona	L, 77-67
Dec. 13	#9/10Mississippi State	L, 93-63
Dec. 19	UL-Lafayette	W, 79-62
Dec. 22	McNeese State	L, 74-71
Jan. 2	at Southern Miss*	L, 69-59
Jan. 7	at Old Dominion* (FOX Sports)	W, 69-51
Jan. 9	at Charlotte*	L, 63-58
Jan. 14	FIU*	W, 82-63
Jan. 16	Florida Atlantic*	W, 65-62
Jan. 24	Southern Miss* (ASN)	W, 72-37
Jan. 28	at UTSA*	W, 82-72 (OT)
Jan. 30	at UTEP*	L, 86-80
Feb. 4	Rice*	W, 63-61
Feb. 6	North Texas*	6 p.m.
Feb. 11	at Middle Tennessee*	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 13	at UAB*	2 p.m.
Feb. 18	UTSA*	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 20	UTEP*	6 p.m.
Feb. 25	at North Texas*	7 p.m.
Feb. 27	at Rice*	2 p.m.
Mar 3	Marshall*	6:30 p.m.
Mar 5	WKU*	7 p.m.
Mar8-12	at C-USA Tournament	TBA

All home games in bold | All times Central

* indicates C-USA contest

#, Jankanoo Jam (Freeport, Bahamas)

^ - C-USA Tournament (Birmingham, Ala.)

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PROBABLE STARTERS

Louisiana Tech	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown	PPG	RPG	Other
G 12 Brooke Pumroy	5-9	Sr.	Fairborn, Ohio	11.1	2.8	31-91 3FG
G 02 Rochelle Vasquez	5-8	Jr.	McKinney, Texas	3.8	2.4	
G 30 Ashley Santos	5-11	Jr.	Geneva, Ill.	10.4	5.4	
F 25 Brandi Wingate	6-1	Sr.	Columbia, Maryland	17.4	7.4	
F 24 Tiara Davenport	6-0	So.	Dallas, Texas	7.4	4.9	

Setting the Stage

Louisiana Tech (11-9, 6-3 C-USA) will look to keep its perfect C-USA record at home alive on Saturday when the Lady Techsters host North Texas (8-11, 3-6) at 6 p.m. at the Thomas Assembly Center. Tech is now 4-0 at home in league games after defeating Rice 63-61 on Thursday night. North Texas is coming off a 57-38 loss at Southern Miss.

Series History

Louisiana Tech and North Texas meet for the eighth time ever in women's basketball with the Lady Techsters leading the all-time series against the Mean Green 7-0, including a 2-0 mark in Ruston. Five of the seven meetings between the two programs came as conference foes. Tech defeated NT 92-57 in Ruston in the lone meeting last year. These two teams will meet again in Denton on Feb. 25.

Overall: Tech 7-0

in Ruston: Tech 2-0

in Denton: Tech 3-0

Neutral Site: Tech 2-0

1989-90 Tech 92-56 Denton

1991-92 Tech 81-53 Ruston

2000-01 Tech 75-63 Denton

2000-01 Tech 74-57 Mobile

2013-14 Tech 67-54 Denton

2013-14 Tech 77-59 El Paso

2014-15 Tech 92-57 Ruston

Overtime History

With its 82-72 win over UTSA on Jan. 28, 2016, Louisiana Tech played its 37th overtime game in its history. Tech is now 22-15 all-time in OT games, including a 13-7 mark in road games. Tech has won six straight overtime road games.

OT History	Overall	Home	Road	Neutral
Overall:	22-15	4-6	13-7	5-2
1 OT	17-14	3-6	11-7	3-2

WE ARE ... "LOUISIANA TECH"

WE ARE EXCITED YOU ARE COVERING LOUISIANA TECH WOMEN'S BASKETBALL THIS YEAR BUT WE ASK THAT YOU REFER TO US BY OUR CORRECT NAME AND ABBREVIATION. WHEN REFERRING TO US AS LA TECH, PLEASE KNOW ITS PRONOUNCED "LAH TECH". REFRAIN FROM SAYING "EL AYE TECH".

THANKS AND GO LADY TECHSTERS!

CORRECT -- Louisiana Tech, LA Tech, Lady Techsters

INCORRECT -- LT OR LTU, La Tech, La. Tech

2 OT	3-0	1-0	1-0	1-0
3 OT	2-0	0-0	1-0	1-0

1974-75	Northwestern State, L 86-77	Neutral
1974-75	Northwestern State, W 87-83	Neutral
1976-77	Southeastern LA, L 104-102	Ruston
1977-78	Kansas, W 90-82	Neutral
1979-80	Rutgers, W 89-83	Piscataway
1984-85	ULM, W 79-77	Ruston
1984-85	Southern Cal, W 83-79	Los Angeles
1986-87	Long Beach St, L 99-95	Long Beach
1987-88	Texas, W 83-80	Austin
1988-89	Tennessee, L 62-61	Neutral
1990-91	Texas Tech, L 79-67	Lubbock
1990-91	Stephen F. Austin, L 77-74	Ruston
1991-92	Western Kentucky, L 72-66	Bowling Green
1991-92	Northern Illinois, L 77-71	DeKalb
1992-93	Ole Miss, W 68-64	Oxford
1993-94	Western Kentucky, W 87-82	Bowling Green
1995-96	Connecticut, W 83-81	Neutral
2003-04	Rice, L 87-84	Houston
2004-05	Illinois, L 71-65	Ruston
2004-05	Hawaii, L 79-78	Honolulu
2004-05	Fresno State, W 92-87 2ot	Neutral
2005-06	Iowa, W 95-91 2ot	Ruston
2005-06	Hawaii, W 71-66	Honolulu
2008-09	Utah State, W 90-82	Logan
2008-09	Idaho, W 67-63	Moscow
2008-09	Nevada, L 91-88	Reno
2009-10	Idaho, W 74-71	Ruston
2009-10	Fresno State, L 81-78	Ruston
2010-11	Hawaii, W 74-69	Honolulu
2010-11	Fresno State, W 94-92 3ot	Fresno
2010-11	Fresno State, W 90-84	Ruston
2011-12	Prairie View, W 89-83 3ot	Neutral
2012-13	Denver, W 82-77 2ot	Denver
2012-13	Utah State, L 76-75	Ruston
2013-14	Tulsa, W 82-75	Tulsa
2014-15	Southern Miss, L 79-77	Ruston
2015-16	UTSA, W 82-72	San Antonio

Making History at the Charity Stripe

In its 82-72 overtime win over UTSA on Jan. 28 in San Antonio, Louisiana Tech set a program single game record with 51 free throw attempts. The broke the old mark set on Jan. 4, 1984 of 50 free throw attempts in a 94-58 win over UCLA in Ruston. Unfortunately, Tech hit only 28-of-51 free throws in the win for only 55 percent.

Getting to the Charity Stripe

Louisiana Tech shot a total of 89 free throws during its two-game Texas road trip in a win over UTSA (51 attempts) and a loss to UTEP (38 attempts).

Foul Fest

In its 10-point overtime win over UTSA on Jan. 28, the two teams were called for a combined 63 fouls (36 by UTSA and 27 by LA Tech). The two teams combined to shoot 80 free throws (51 by Tech, 29 by UTSA) but made only 41 (28 by Tech, 13 by UTSA). A total of four players fouled out (3 by UTSA, 1 by Tech) while five others ended the game with four personal fouls.

Double Trouble

Louisiana Tech senior forward Brandi Wingate recorded only three double doubles in her first 44 games in a LA Tech uniform. However, Wingate has doubled that total, recording

**HEAD COACH
TYLER SUMMITT**



During his first year at the helm of one of the most storied programs in women's basketball history, Tyler Summitt's main goal was to change the culture both on and off the floor.

On the heels of the first two losing seasons in program history, winning games in his first year was important to Summitt, but teaching his players to do things the right way on the court, in the classroom and in life was even more important. Summitt believes that if his players focus on the process, the positive results will follow.

Year No. 1 in Ruston was well documented by the local, regional and national media. In fact it was like a who's who as the Lady Techster program received national exposure from NBC Nightly News, 60 Minute Sports, ESPN.com, USA Today, CNN.com, SI.com, the New York Times and more.

And although most times the focus was on Summitt's first year as a head coach on the Division I level, the exposure that the Lady Techster program received was priceless for both recruiting and for reviving a fan base longing for the days of conference titles and NCAA Tournament appearances.

Summitt is a well-rounded, high-energy, basketball junky. He has all of the characteristics of a winner. And in his first year, the main ingredient he provided was that of consistency. Whether there was a national TV camera in his face or he was one-on-one in his office with a player, Summitt's message was always the same. He preached execution. He demanded effort. And he wouldn't accept anything less.

It showed in 2014-15. Time after time during the season, Louisiana Tech fell behind in games, many times way behind. Summitt's philosophy of playing hard regardless of the score or situation allowed his team to record some impressive comeback wins. Credit the players.

In fact, Louisiana Tech recorded two of the largest come-from-behind wins in program history this season. Tech trailed by 19 points late in the first half at Florida Atlantic in early February and won 73-68. Tech trailed by 18 points early in the second half at UAB in mid-January and won 61-56.

Even in losses, Tech showed signs of a never-say-die mentality.

Tech played toe-to-toe with Top 25 Mississippi State in Starkville in early December, leading with two minutes to play before falling 81-77. The 77 points were the most surrendered by State in a non-conference game while only Tennessee, Kentucky and Vanderbilt scored more in SEC play.

Tech overcame an abysmal first half in Baton Rouge in early December (trailing LSU 37-13 at half), scoring 48 points against the Tigers in the second half, the most points surrendered by LSU in a half all year (tied with SEC champion South Carolina).

These were small steps – and sometimes victories – for the program, a far cry from the days of winning three national championships and participating in 27 NCAA Tournaments. However, they were steps in the right direction.

The biggest victories of the season came off the court. Seniors Savanna Langston, Kelia Shelton and Christasia Walter all completed their course work and earned their degrees during winter commencement in early March. Seniors Whitney Frazier and Kanedria Andrews followed suit earning their degrees in the spring and summer.

When Summitt was introduced April 2, 2014 as the sixth head coach in Louisiana Tech women's basketball history, it wasn't the first time that the 24-year-old had been to Ruston.

The son of legendary Hall of Fame coach Pat Summitt followed the Tennessee Lady Vols and his mother to the Thomas Assembly Center numerous times during the course of one of the greatest rivalries in the history of the women's game.

"As I grew up as a part of the Tennessee Lady Vols program, everything on and off the floor was geared towards competing against Louisiana Tech," Tyler said. "The Lady Techsters were the standard in which excellence in women's basketball was measured for so long. I am proud to be a part of this storied program."

Louisiana Tech Athletics Director Tommy McClelland made a bold hire that is paying huge dividends for a Lady Techster program that ranks second all-time in wins (1,059), trailing only Tennessee.

Summitt's challenge is to rebuild the storied program back into a conference contender and annual NCAA Tournament participant. Tech's 27 NCAA Tournament appearances ranks fourth all-time although the Lady Techsters have not made an appearance since 2011.

"Tyler represents our philosophy of developing champions in the classroom, on the court and in life," McClelland said. "He grew up in that championship culture, and it is all he knows. His reputation as a great recruiter, a rising young star in the coaching business and a passionate leader is known throughout the nation. We are fortunate to have him lead our women's basketball program into the future."

Quick Facts

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Name: Louisiana Tech University
 Nickname: Lady Techsters
 Location: Ruston, La.
 Founded: 1894
 Enrollment: 12,414
 Colors: Red and Blue
 Conference: Conference USA
 Joined July 1, 2013
 President: Dr. Les Guice
 Athletics Director: Tommy McClelland
 SWA: Mary Kay Hungate
 Athletic Dept: 318-257-4111
 Ticket Office: 318-257-3631
 Website: LATechSports.com

Women's Basketball Staff

Head Coach: Tyler Summitt (Tennessee, 2012)
 Career Record: 27-24 (2nd season)
 Associate HC: Mickie DeMoss (LA Tech, 1977)
 Assistant: Bernitha Johnson (Tennessee, 2005)
 Assistant: Amber Smith (Kentucky, 2011)
 Director of Operations: Kourtney Brown

Team Information

2014-15 Record: 16-15 (10-8 C-USA/7th)
 Starters R/L: 0/5
 Letterwinners R/L: 4/6
 Postseason: None
 Last Postseason: L, 75-51 to Rutgers (2011 NCAAs)

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FACILITY INFORMATION

Arena: Thomas Assembly Center (8,000)
 Arena Record: 441-65
 First Year in the TAC: 1982-83 (31st season)

three double doubles in her last five games.

Impressive Win

Louisiana Tech's 72-37 win over Southern Miss on Jan. 24 was impressive in numerous ways.
 *The last time Tech won a conference game by more than 35 points was on Jan. 13, 2010 -- a 92-48 win over San Jose State
 * The 37 points were the fewest Tech has given up to a team since San Jose State scored only 34 on Jan. 6, 2011 (Tech won 69-34)
 * The 37 points were the fewest USM has scored in a game since Dec. 1, 2010 -- an 88-37 loss at Wisconsin

Defense Dominates in Win

Louisiana Tech dominated Southern Miss defensively in the 72-37 win on Jan. 24. Tech forced a season-high 30 turnovers and outscored USM 38-6 on points off of turnovers (Tech committed a season low 9 turnovers in the game). Tech outrebounded USM 43-33, outscoring USM 25-6 on second chance points. Tech also held USM to only 35 percent shooting in the game.

1,000-Win Club

Louisiana Tech is one of only four women's basketball programs that has won at least 1,000 games. Tech became only the second women's basketball program to ever reach 1,000 wins, joining Tennessee. LA Tech won its 1000th game defeating Nevada 66-59 on March 11, 2011 in the semifinals of the 2011 WAC Tournament in Las Vegas. Tech ranks No. 2 all-time in the history of women's basketball in victories.

Program (Entering 15-16)	Wins (as of Feb. 4, 2016)
1. Tennessee (1277)	1291
2. Louisiana Tech (1059)	1070
3. James Madison (1018)	1032
4. Old Dominion (997)	1006
5. Texas (981)	1001

Turnover Improvement

One area that Louisiana Tech has drastically improved in during Conference USA play is taking care of the basketball. In its 11 non-conference games, Louisiana Tech averaged 20.4 turnovers per contest. Tech's lowest turnover output in a non-conference game was 17 in a win over Loyola-New Orleans. However, in its C-USA games, the Lady Techsters are averaging just 14.9 turnovers per contest, including a season low nine vs. USM and a pair of games with only 12 and a fourth game with only 15. Tech ranks No. 1 in assist to turnover ratio (1:1) in CUSA-only games.

Making Living at Charity Stripe

Louisiana Tech has almost made as many free throws (304) as its opponents have attempted (343) this year. In Tech's first 20 games, the Lady Techsters have shot more free throws than its opponents in 16 of them.

Sharing the Basketball = Wins

One interesting trend this season has to do with assists. Louisiana Tech is 10-0 in games when it records more assists than its opponents and 1-9 when it has less assists than its opponents.

LA Tech in Conference Openers

2015-16 ROSTER

No.	Name	Ht.	Pos.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (Previous School)	Pronunciation Guide
1	Dawn Gipson	6-2	F	Fr.	HS	Jacksonville, Fla.(Ribault HS)	Jamine LeBlanc (leh-BLONK)
2	Rochelle Vasquez	5-10	G	Jr	JC	McKinney, Texas (Gulf Coast State College)	Reaunu (REE-on-uh) Cleaver
3	Ruby Richie	5-6	G	Sr.	2L	Arcadia, La. (Ouachita Baptist)	Tiara (TEE-air-uh) Davenport
4	Kierra Anthony	5-6	G	Fr.	HS	New Iberia, La (New Iberia HS)	Kevione (KEV-ee-on) Moten
10	Meran Kreid	5-7	G	Fr-RS	HS	Franklin, Tenn. (Brentwood Academy)	
12	Brooke Pumroy	5-9	G	Sr.-RS	TR	Fairborn, Ohio (Marquette)	
14	Anna McLeod	5-11	G	Fr.	HS	Houston, Texas (Homeschooled)	
22	Jasmine LeBlanc	5-10	G	Fr.	HS	Breaux Bridge, La. (Breaux Bridge HS)	Coaches
23	Reauna Cleaver	6-2	F	Fr.	HS	Elizabethtown, Ky. (Elizabethtown HS)	Head coach: Tyler Summitt
24	Tiara Davenport	6-0	F	So.	1L	Dallas, Texas (Duncanville HS)	Associate HC: Mickie DeMoss
25	Brandi Wingate	6-1	F	Sr.	1L	Columbia, Md. (Northwest Florida State)	Assistant Coach: Bernitha Johnson
30	Ashley Santos	5-11	G	Jr.-RS	TR	Geneva, Ill. (Marquette)	Assistant Coach: Amber Smith
32	Kevione Moten	6-4	F	Jr.	2L	Monroe, La. (Ouachita HS)	
34	Alexus Malone#	6-0	F	Jr.	TR	Oxford, Miss. (Buffalo)	

With its 69-59 loss to Southern Miss on Jan. 2, 2016, Louisiana Tech fell to 22-7 all-time in regular season conference openers.

**2015-16 Preseason
C-USA Polls and Team**

COACHES POLL

1. Middle Tenn (5)
2. Old Dominion (4)
3. WKU (4)
4. Southern Miss
5. UTEP
6. Charlotte
7. UTSA (1)
8. UAB
9. LA Tech
10. Marshall
11. Florida Atlantic
12. Rice
13. FIU
14. North Texas

ALL-CONFERENCE

Lefty Webster, Charlotte
 Brandi Wingate, LA Tech
 Olivia Jones, Middle Tenn (POW)
 Jevontay Clemons, Southern Miss
 Leah Scott, Marshall
 Jennie Simms, ODU
 Carmeasha Turner, UTEP
 Kendall Noble, WKU

- 1987-88 W 113-50 vs. Arkansas State
- 1988-89 W 66-44 at Arkansas State
- 1989-90 W 98-35 vs. Texas-Pan American
- 1990-91 L 76-75 at Arkansas State
- 1991-92 W 65-60 at New Orleans
- 1992-93 W 71-62 at New Orleans
- 1993-94 W 98-44 at UL-Lafayette
- 1994-95 W 92-33 at Texas-Pan American
- 1995-96 W 97-57 vs. Lamar
- 1996-97 W 87-30 at UL-Lafayette
- 1997-98 W 72-53 at South Alabama
- 1998-99 W 71-64 vs. FIU
- 1999-00 W 95-40 at UL-Lafayette
- 2000-01 W 62-59 at Arkansas State
- 2001-02 W 102-58 at Nevada
- 2002-03 W 74-64 at SMU
- 2003-04 W 63-60 at Tulsa
- 2004-05 W 63-47 vs. Tulsa
- 2005-06 W 75-61 vs. Boise State
- 2006-07 W 65-52 at San Jose State
- 2007-08 L 75-52 at Fresno State
- 2008-09 L 64-57 at Nevada
- 2009-10 L 69-66 vs. Utah State
- 2010-11 W 69-34 at San Jose State
- 2011-12 W 66-54 vs. Idaho
- 2012-13 W 82-77 at Denver (2OT)
- 2013-14 L 67-56 vs. USM
- 2014-15 L 79-77 vs. USM (OT)
- 2015-16 L 69-59 vs. USM



Paul Millsap Vision
 presented by
Community Trust Bank

In a continuing effort to elevate its athletic facilities and improve its game-day atmosphere, Louisiana Tech installed a \$1.2 million high definition video display board in the Thomas Assembly Center.

In addition to the board, the project also includes a customized sound system for the TAC and a video board control room which will be utilized for both football and basketball.

The board - which is known as Paul Millsap Vision presented by Community Trust Bank - was installed by Daktronics and includes four LED center hung video displays, two LED ribbon board displays and four new corner courtside displays.

Conference History

In their 29th year of conference affiliation, the Lady Techsters have recorded plenty of success. Tech has won 20 regular season titles, 16 conference tournament titles and 82 percent of their regular season conference games (including 88 percent of its home games).

29th season of conference affiliation

- American South 1987-91
- Sun Belt 1991-2001
- WAC 2001-13
- C-USA 2013-present

20 regular season conference titles

- American South 1988, 89, 90
- Sun Belt 1993*, 94, 95, 96, 97*, 98, 99, 2000, 01
- WAC 2002, 03, 04, 05*, 06, 07*, 09*, 11
- C-USA None
- * = shared regular season title

16 conference tournament titles

- American South 1988, 89, 90, 91
- Sun Belt 1994, 96, 97, 98, 99, 2000, 2001
- WAC 2002, 03, 04, 06, 2010
- C-USA None

351-77 all-time record in regular season conference games

- American South 38-3
- Sun Belt 135-9
- WAC 157-43
- C-USA 21-22

LA Tech vs. C-USA Schools

Louisiana Tech is 107-47 all-time against current members of Conference USA (this includes meetings that came when the programs were not members of the same conference).

LA TECH WHEN...

At Home.....	7-3	Outrebounds Opponent.....	9-2	Shoots more FT than opponents.....	8-7
On the Road.....	3-5	Opponent outrebounds Tech.....	2-6	Less than opponents.....	2-2
At Neutral Site.....	1-1	Rebounds are even.....	0-1	Same.....	1-0
Leading End of 1st Qtr.....	8-3	Commits 15 or more turnovers.....	10-6	More assists than opponents.....	10-0
Trailing End of 1st Qtr.....	2-6	Less than 15.....	1-3	Fewer.....	1-9
Tied End of 1st Qtr.....	1-0	Forces 15 or more turnovers.....	9-6	Same.....	0-0
Leading At Half.....	9-1	Less than 15.....	2-3	More Steals than opponents.....	4-1
Trailing At Half.....	2-8	Shoots .500 or better.....	1-1	Fewer.....	6-8
Tied At Half.....	0-0	.400-.499.....	10-4	Same.....	1-0
Leading End of 3rd Qtr.....	8-0	.300-.399.....	0-4	In White Uniforms.....	0-0
Trailing End of 3rd Qtr.....	2-9	Less than .300.....	0-0	Blue Uniforms.....	7-2
Tied end of 3rd Qtr.....	1-0	Opponents shoot .500 or better.....	0-2	Black Uniforms.....	4-7
In Overtime.....	1-0	.400-.499.....	1-5	Pink Uniforms.....	0-0
Tech Scores Less Than 60.....	2-3	.300-.399.....	8-2	Record on Monday.....	0-0
60-69.....	3-4	Less than .300.....	2-0	Tuesday.....	0-1
70-79.....	4-1	Attempts 20 or more 3-pt. FG.....	1-2	Wednesday.....	1-1
80-89.....	2-1	10-19.....	7-6	Thursday.....	4-1
90-99.....	0-0	Less than 10.....	3-1	Friday.....	0-1
100+.....	0-0	Opponent attempts 20 or more 3-pt. FG.....	5-2	Saturday.....	5-4
Opponent Scores Less Than 60.....	6-0	10-19.....	6-5	Sunday.....	1-1
60-69.....	4-3	Less than 10.....	0-2	Record in November.....	3-2
70-79.....	1-4			December.....	2-4
80-89.....	0-1			January.....	5-3
90-99.....	0-1			February.....	1-0
100+.....	0-0			March.....	0-0
Margin is 21 or more.....	3-1				
16-20.....	3-0				
10-15.....	0-3				
6-10.....	1-3				
3-5.....	2-2				
2.....	1-0				
1.....	0-0				

Western Kentucky	26-15
Old Dominion	16-7
Rice	11-6
UTEP	10-4
FIU	10-0
UTSA	8-2
North Texas	7-0
Southern Miss	6-4
Florida Atlantic	5-0
Middle Tennessee	4-4
Charlotte	2-2
Marshall	1-1
UAB	1-2

A New League Home

Louisiana Tech begins its third year competing as a member of Conference USA after the University made the all-sports move on July 1, 2013. This marks the fourth conference that the Lady Techster basketball program has been affiliated with during its history, including the American South (1987-1991), the Sun Belt (1991-2001) and the Western Athletic Conference (2001-2013).

League	Years	Overall	League
Independent	1974-87	364-63	NA
American South	1987-91	114-19	38-3
Sun Belt	1991-2001	290-46	135-9
Western Athletic	2001-2013	263-116	157-43
Conference USA	2013-	39-44	21-22
Totals		1070-288	351-77

Techsters Against Conference Foes



The Pat Summitt Foundation, a Fund of East Tennessee Foundation, was established by Pat Summitt and her son, Tyler Summitt, in November 2011.

Dedicated to winning the fight against Alzheimer's disease, its mission as a grantmaking foundation is to advance research for prevention and a cure; to provide hope, care, and critical support for patients, caregivers and families; and to educate the public on the impacts of Alzheimer's disease and the urgent need for a cure.

Pat Summitt, her family and friends have chosen East Tennessee Foundation to receive and manage contributions to Pat's Fund, and to facilitate their grantmaking in support of the mission.

To learn more visit www.patsummitt.org; like us on [Facebook.com/patsummittfoundation](https://www.facebook.com/patsummittfoundation); follow us on Twitter: @webackpat.



This year marks Louisiana Tech's second as a member of Conference USA and 28th as a member of a conference. During the course of Tech's conference affiliations, the Lady Techsters have had plenty of success against conference opponents.

American South:	38-3 regular season (20-1 home, 18-2 road) 8-0 conference tournaments (8-0 at home) 46-3 overall (28-1 home, 18-2 road)
Sun Belt	135-9 regular season (71-1 home, 64-8 road) 24-3 tournament (7-2 home, 4-1 Road, 13-0 neutral) 159-12 overall (78-3 home, 68-9 road, 13-0 neutral)
WAC	157-43 regular season (84-16 home, 73-27 road) 23-7 tournament (0-0 home, 3-2 road, 20-5 neutral) 180-50 overall (84-16 home, 76-29 road, 20-5 neutral)
C-USA	21-22 in regular season (12-9 home, 9-13 road) 3-2 tournament (0-0 home, 0-1 road, 3-1 neutral) 24-24 overall (12-9 home, 9-14 road, 3-1 neutral)
All-Time	351-77 regular season (187-27 home, 164-50 road) 58-12 tournament (14-2 home, 7-4 road, 37-6 neutral) 409-89 overall (201-29 home, 171-54 road, 37-6 neutral)

Conference Champs

Louisiana Tech has won 20 regular season conference titles in its 28 years of conference affiliation dating back to the 1987-88 season when it joined the American South Conference. Tech had a 15-year streak of regular season conference titles come to an end in 2007-08 when the Lady Techsters finished fifth. Tech won eight regular season conference title in 12 years of WAC affiliation. Last year marked only the sixth time in 28 years that Tech didn't finished first or second in the regular season standings. Prior to the 1987-88 season, LA Tech played as an independent in women's basketball.

Year	Conference	Regular Season	Tournament	Finish
1987-88	American South	LA Tech	LA Tech	9-0/1st
1988-89	American South	LA Tech	LA Tech	10-0/1st
1989-90	American South	LA Tech	LA Tech	10-0/1st
1990-91	American South	Lamar	LA Tech	9-3/2nd
1991-92	Sun Belt	Lamar/WKU	WKU	12-4/3rd
1992-93	Sun Belt	LA Tech	WKU	13-1/1st
1993-94	Sun Belt	LA Tech	LA Tech	14-0/1st
1994-95	Sun Belt	LA Tech	WKU	13-1/1st
1995-96	Sun Belt	LA Tech	LA Tech	14-0/1st
1996-97	Sun Belt	LA Tech/WKU	LA Tech	12-2/T1st
1997-98	Sun Belt	LA Tech	LA Tech	13-1/1st
1998-99	Sun Belt	LA Tech	LA Tech	12-0/1st
1999-00	Sun Belt	LA Tech	LA Tech	16-0/1st
2000-01	Sun Belt	LA Tech	LA Tech	16-0/1st
2001-02	WAC	LA Tech	LA Tech	17-1/1st
2002-03	WAC	LA Tech	LA Tech	18-0/1st

**Last Time Out for LA Tech
LA Tech 63, Rice 61
Feb. 4, 2016**

RUSTON – Tyler Summitt was not a happy camper. Despite Louisiana Tech finding a way to overcome a valiant effort by Rice in a 63-61 Lady Techster victory Thursday night at the Thomas Assembly Center, Summitt was red-faced and visibly frustrated with his team's performance.

Jasmine Goodwine scored a game-high 28 points for the Owls (4-16, 3-6 C-USA), who have now lost four games against the top four teams in Conference USA by a combined total of 12 points. However, Goodwine missed a free throw with 13 seconds remaining that would have given the Owls a lead.

Tech (11-9, 6-3 C-USA) capitalized. Following a timeout, the Lady Techsters got the ball inside to Brandi Wingate, who drew a foul with 2.1 seconds to play. Wingate, who finished with 20 points and nine rebounds, calmly sank both free throws to give the Lady Techsters a two-point advantage.

The game wasn't over. Following a Rice timeout, the Owls inbounded the basketball to Shani Rainey who drove down the middle of the lane and was fouled with 0.3 seconds to play. With a chance to tie, Rainey missed both free throws and the Lady Techsters won for the sixth time in the last eight games.

The 1,925 fans in attendance saw a game that included 19 ties and 20 lead changes. Tech's biggest lead of the night came at 36-29 early in the third quarter. Rice's biggest lead in the game was four points. How even was it? Rice led for 14:51 of the game. Tech led for 14:45 of the game. It was tied for 10:24.

Tech held a slim 30-29 halftime advantage after overcoming foul trouble in the post in the opening 20 minutes. Tiara Davenport had three fouls at halftime while Wingate, Reauna Cleaver and Kevione Moten each had two fouls. Tech was also playing without starting point guard Brooke Pomroy, who missed due to an injury.

The fourth quarter alone saw six ties and seven lead changes. Rice took a 58-55 lead on a three-pointer by Gabby Stanton with 5:32 to play in the final stanza, but it would be the last field goal that the Owls would make in the game. Rice missed its last seven field goals of the game and seven of its last 10 free throws.

In addition to Wingate scoring 20 or more points for the fifth straight game, Ashley Santos added 12 points and Jasmine LeBlanc added 10 points.

Official Basketball Box Score - Game Totals - Final Statistics
Rice vs Louisiana Tech
2/4/16 6:35 PM at Thomas Assembly Center (Ruston, La.)

RICE 61 - 4-16, 3-6 C-USA												
	Total	3-PT		Rebounds								
Player	FG-FTA	FG-FTA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Total	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl
22 LANG, Alyssa	1 2-4	0-0	2-4	3	1	4	5	6	1	2	0	0
30 GOODWINE, Jasmine	1 0-7	1-3	0-11	1	4	5	4	20	1	3	0	0
5 HAWKINS, Maya	9 0-8	0-3	0-0	0	2	2	1	0	9	3	0	1
10 KNIGHT, Wendy	9 2-6	1-3	0-0	2	2	4	0	5	1	4	1	2
20 RAINEY, Shani	9 4-8	0-1	0-4	0	3	3	4	8	1	0	0	1
06 GRIGSBY, Lauren	1-2	1-2	2-2	1	3	4	0	5	4	3	0	3
11 DUCAT, Leslie	2-2	0-0	0-2	0	1	1	2	4	0	0	0	0
21 STANTON, Gabrielle	2-4	1-2	0-0	0	1	1	1	5	0	1	0	0
40 PALMER, Megan	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
44 OBINNAH, Adaeze	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team				4	2	6			2			
Totals	22-51	4-14	13-23	11	19	30	17	61	17	18	1	7
Inf. FG%: 6-14	42.9%	2nd 5-10	50.0%	3rd 5-12	41.7%	4th 6-15	40.0%	Game 22-51	43.1%	Double		
3PT%: 0-1	0.0%	1-4	25.0%	2-6	33.3%	1-3	33.3%	4-8	50.0%	Rebounds		
FT%: 0-0	0.0%	6-6	100.0%	4-5	80.0%	3-8	37.5%	13-21	61.9%	5		

Louisiana Tech 63 - 11-9, 6-3 C-USA												
	Total	3-PT		Rebounds								
Player	FG-FTA	FG-FTA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Total	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl
23 CLEAVER, Reauna	1 1-4	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	5	2	2	3	0	2
24 DAVENPORT, Tiara	1 3-7	0-1	1-1	1	1	2	4	7	0	4	0	1
5 WINGATE, Brandi	1 7-15	0-0	6-6	1	8	9	3	20	1	1	0	0
02 VASQUEZ, Rochelle	9 1-4	0-1	2-2	1	2	3	2	4	0	2	0	1
20 SANTOS, Ashley	9 5-10	0-3	2-2	2	3	5	2	12	4	2	0	1
01 GIPSON, Dawn	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
05 RICHIE, Ruby	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
04 ANTHONY, Kierra	0-4	0-0	2-2	0	3	3	1	2	3	0	0	0
22 LEBLANC, Jasmine	5-9	0-0	0-2	1	3	4	4	10	2	2	1	1
32 MOTEN, Kevione	3-3	0-0	0-2	4	0	4	3	6	0	0	0	1
Team				2	2	4			1			
Totals	25-57	0-6	13-17	14	23	37	26	63	13	19	2	7
Inf. FG%: 6-16	37.5%	2nd 6-16	37.5%	3rd 7-15	46.7%	4th 6-10	60.0%	Game 25-57	43.9%	Double		
3PT%: 0-1	0.0%	0-3	0.0%	0-2	0.0%	0-0	0.0%	0-6	0.0%	Rebounds		
FT%: 0-0	0.0%	6-6	100.0%	0-2	0.0%	0-0	0.0%	13-17	76.5%	3		

Officials: Kim Thelen, Marc Merritt, Travis Jones
Technical fouls: Rice-None, Louisiana Tech-None
Attendance: 1925

Score by periods	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
RICE	12	17	16	16	61
Louisiana Tech	12	18	14	19	63

Points	In	Out	2nd	Final	Break
RICE	24	15	0	5	14
LATech	20	16	11	2	16

Last FG - RICE 4th QTR 3:22, LATech 4th QTR 0:13
Largest lead - RICE by 4 1st QTR, LATech by 7 2nd QTR
RICE led by 14:51, LATech led by 14:45, Game was tied for 10:24
Score tied - 19 times
Lead changes - 20 times

2003-04	WAC	LA Tech	LA Tech	17-1/1st
2004-05	WAC	LA Tech/Rice	Rice	14-4/T1st
2005-06	WAC	LA Tech	LA Tech	15-1/1st
2006-07	WAC	LA Tech/Boise	Boise St	12-4/T1st
2007-08	WAC	Boise/Fresno	Fresno St	9-7/5th
2008-09	WAC	LA Tech/Fresno	Fresno St	12-4/T1st
2009-10	WAC	Fresno St.	LA Tech	11-5/2nd
2010-11	WAC	LA Tech	Fresno St.	15-1/1st
2011-12	WAC	Fresno St.	Fresno St.	8-6/3rd
2012-13	WAC	Seattle	Idaho	9-9/5th
2013-14	C-USA	MT	MT	5-11/14th
2014-15	C-USA	WKU	WKU	10-8/7th

Down But Not Out

During Tyler Summitt's first year at the helm in Ruston, Louisiana Tech recorded two of the top five largest come-from-behind wins in program history. Louisiana Tech overcame an 18-point deficit to defeat UAB on Jan. 15, 2015 -- the fifth largest come-from-behind win in program history. Tech trailed 42-24 with 17:11 to play in the game before outscoring the Blazers 37-13 the rest of the way. Louisiana Tech then overcame a 19-point deficit to defeat Florida Atlantic on Feb. 12, 2015 -- the third largest come-from-behind win. Tech trailed 33-14 with 8:12 to play in the first half. The Lady Techsters also overcame a 12-point deficit to FAU in the first round of the 2015 C-USA Tournament to win.

- 1. Old Dominion (89-90) -21 W, 72-71
- 2. Idaho (12-13) -20 W, 67-58
- 3. Iowa (05-06) -19 W, 95-91 (2OT)
- 3. Florida Atlantic (14-15) -19 W, 73-68
- 5. UAB (14-15) -18 W, 61-55
- 6. Prairie View (11-12) -16 W, 89-83 (3OT)
- 6. Rice (04-05) -16 W, 76-66
- 8. Fresno State (04-05) -15 W, 92-87 (2OT)
- 8. Lamar (90-91) -15 W, 77-76
- 10. WKU (09-10) -14 W, 63-52
- 10. Fresno State (10-11) -14 W, 90-84 (OT)

Almost Made History

Tyler Summitt will be the first to tell you he doesn't like for his teams to try to make a living playing from behind. However, on Dec. 22, 2015, Tech found itself trailing McNeese State by 21 points (44-23) at the half and by 18 points (59-41) entering the fourth quarter. Tech then fought all the way back and tied the game at 71-71 on a three-pointer by Kierra Anthony with 15 seconds to play before McNeese State hit three free throws down the stretch to win. It would have matched the largest come-from-behind win in LA Tech history.

Wingate Earns C-USA POW Honor for Third Time

Louisiana Tech senior Brandi Wingate was named the Conference USA Player of the Week Monday (Jan. 18) after her impressive performances in the Lady Techsters wins over FIU and Florida Atlantic. It marks the third time this season that Wingate has earned the award, the most by any player in the league (MT's Brea Edwards has won it twice and is only other player with more than one). Wingate also captured the award for the weeks ending Nov. 30 and Dec. 14.

Anthony Named C-USA Frosh of Week

Louisiana Tech guard Kierra Anthony was named the Conference USA Freshman of the Week Monday (Dec. 21) following her performance in the Lady Techsters 79-62 win over UL-Lafayette. The New Iberia, Louisiana native scored 13 points and recorded career-highs in rebounds (8), assists (7) and steals (6) in leading LA Tech to the victory. She hit 4-of-10 field goals and 5-of-6 free throws.

Wingate Earns All-Tournament Team Honors

Louisiana Tech senior Brandi Wingate earned all-tournament team honors and Conference USA Player of the Week honors following her

Last Time vs. Today's Opponent

LA Tech 92, North Texas 57

Jan. 22, 2015

RUSTON – North Texas entered the Thomas Assembly Center Thursday night boasting the top scoring defense in Conference USA, surrendering only 57 points per game.

However, after the offensive onslaught that Louisiana Tech brought to the court, the Mean Green didn't leave Ruston with the same distinction.

Whitney Frazier scored 19 points and the Lady Techsters (9-8, 4-2 C-USA) scored a season-high in points in defeating North Texas (2-15, 1-5 C-USA) 92-57 before 1,260 fans Thursday night.

The 92 points were by far the most North Texas surrendered this year, easily surpassing the 75 points that Top 25 Texas A&M scored against the Mean Green back in December. North Texas had only allowed one of its previous 16 opponents to score 70 points or more entering the game.

Tech hit 12-of-23 three-pointers and shot 49 percent for the game, improving to 7-0 all-time against North Texas. The 92 points eclipsed the previous season-high of 90 recorded in a win over UTEP two weeks ago.

North Texas took an early lead but the Lady Techsters gave a glimpse of the night to come for the Mean Green. The first three field goals LA Tech made were from behind the arc as Tech 22-5 run to take a 22-9 lead with 9:18 to play in the opening half. The lead remained in double figures for the final nine minutes of the half as Brandi Wingate scored nine first half points and the Lady Techsters shot 55 percent (16-29) from the field in the first half.

The second half saw North Texas hit its first three field goals as Tech kept a 47-34 lead. However, the Lady Techsters then used a 20-6 run over the next five minutes to push the advantage out to 67-40 with 12:08 to play in the game. Once again, Summitt received plenty of production from his bench as the LA Tech reserves accounted for 41 points on the night. All 10 Tech players scored at least four points in the game.

Following a small run that saw North Texas cut the lead to 69-49 with 8:46 to play, Tech caught fire offensively again, outscoring NT 23-4 over the next six minutes to build its biggest advantage of the game at 92-53.

Chrisstasia Walter barely missed out on only the fourth triple double in Lady Techster history. Walter finished with eight points, a career-high tying 13 assists and nine rebounds.

Keivone Moten recorded her second career double double with 10 points and a career-high 14 rebounds in just 17 minutes.

BreAnna Dawkins led NT with 18 points while Briesha Wynn added 12 points.



Official Basketball Box Score – Game Totals – Final Statistics
North Texas vs Louisiana Tech
01/22/15 6:30 PM at Thomas Assembly Center (Ruston, La.)



North Texas 57 • 2-15, 1-5 C-USA

#	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds		PF	TP	A	T	Blk	Stl	Min			
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA	Off	Def								Tot		
03	WYNN, Briesha	1	6-15	0-2	0-1	1	4	5	2	12	2	2	0	2	32		
05	JETER, Ebony	1	3-3	0-0	0-0	1	1	1	4	6	0	0	1	0	14		
14	ADAMS, Candice	g	1-5	0-3	0-0	1	3	4	0	2	3	1	0	4	27		
20	ELLISON, Terra	g	0-5	0-0	2-3	2	2	4	0	2	0	2	0	0	18		
22	DAWKINS, BreAnna	g	6-11	2-2	4-6	1	1	2	2	18	2	6	1	0	22		
02	JONES, Teadra	g	1-3	0-0	2-6	1	3	4	1	4	0	1	0	0	14		
10	WILLIAMS, Kasiney	g	3-7	1-2	2-2	0	1	1	3	9	2	2	0	0	23		
21	DARRINGTON, JohVonna	g	0-4	0-0	2-4	4	1	5	2	2	0	3	1	1	16		
24	FRIERSON, Bria	g	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	2	0	1	1	1	2	18		
32	WOMACK, Megan	g	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	4	0	0	1	0	0	8		
34	DAVIS, Kiara	g	1-5	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	8		
	Team					2	2	4									
	Totals		21-62		3-10		12-22		14	21	35	21	57	10	19	4	200
	FG % 1st Half:	9-31	29.0%	2nd half:	12-31	38.7%	Game:	21-62	33.9%								Deadball
	3FG % 1st Half:	1-4	25.0%	2nd half:	2-6	33.3%	Game:	3-10	30.0%								Rebounds
	FT % 1st Half:	7-12	58.3%	2nd half:	5-10	50.0%	Game:	12-22	54.5%								4

Louisiana Tech 92 • 9-8, 4-2 C-USA

#	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds		PF	TP	A	T	Blk	Stl	Min				
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA	Off	Def								Tot			
02	FRAZIER, Whitney	1	8-11	1-1	2-4	4	5	9	2	19	3	2	0	1	25			
33	LANGSTON, Savannah	1	2-7	1-2	0-1	1	1	2	2	5	0	2	0	1	11			
01	SHELTON, Kelia	g	3-6	3-4	2-2	1	3	4	2	11	1	2	0	0	21			
10	WALTER, Chrisstasia	g	3-6	0-2	2-2	4	5	9	1	8	13	6	0	3	33			
21	ANDREWS, Kanedria	g	3-5	2-3	0-2	0	2	2	2	8	5	1	1	4	33			
00	JACKSON, JaQuan	g	4-8	3-6	1-2	1	1	2	2	12	4	0	0	1	23			
03	RICHIE, Ruby	g	2-5	2-4	0-0	0	0	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	6			
24	DAVENPORT, Tiara	g	0-5	0-0	4-4	1	2	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	10			
25	WINGATE, Brandi	g	3-6	0-1	3-3	1	2	3	4	9	1	5	0	0	21			
32	MOTEN, Keivone	g	4-6	0-0	2-3	4	10	14	4	10	1	0	2	0	17			
	Team					0	2	2										
	Totals		32-65		12-23		16-23		17	33	50	21	92	28	18	3	10	200
	FG % 1st Half:	16-29	55.2%	2nd half:	16-36	44.4%	Game:	32-65	49.2%								Deadball	
	3FG % 1st Half:	5-9	55.6%	2nd half:	7-14	50.0%	Game:	12-23	52.2%								Rebounds	
	FT % 1st Half:	5-7	71.4%	2nd half:	11-16	68.8%	Game:	16-23	69.6%								2	

Officials: Mary Day, Chaney Muench, Travis Jones
Technical fouls: North Texas-None, Louisiana Tech-None.
Attendance: 1260

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
North Texas	26	31	57
Louisiana Tech	42	50	92

performance in the Lady Techsters two games at the 2015 Junkano Jam in Freeport, Bahamas (Nov. 27-28). Wingate recorded a double double with 17 points and a career-high 12 rebounds in a 68-57 loss to Top 25 UCLA. She then scored a career-high 22 points and added 6 rebounds in a 58-53 win over Denver. For the tournament, Wingate shot 71 percent (17-24) from the field.

Notes from Wisconsin Game (L, 79-65)

- * 62 of the 65 points came from the Louisiana Tech starters
- * 6 players saw their first action as a Lady Techster
- * Tech pulled down 20 rebounds which led to 14 second chance points
- * Tech scored 22 points off of 18 Wisconsin turnovers
- * Kierra Anthony, Brooke Pumroy and Ashley Santos made their first start in Tech uniform
- * Tech fell to 40-12 all-time against Big Ten teams

Notes from Loyola Game (W, 76-40)

- * Bench was 14-of-29 from the field for 32 points
- * 4 players in double figures for second straight game
- * Reauna Cleaver recorded first collegiate double double with 10 points and 10 rebounds
- * Tech outscored Loyola 22-1 on points off turnovers
- * Jasmine LeBlanc, Reauna Cleaver and Rochelle Vasquez scored their first points in Tech uniform

Notes from Stephen F. Austin Game (W, 76-44)

- * LA Tech led 29-28 at half before outscoring SFA 32-4 in 3rd quarter
- * LA Tech outrebounded SFA 49-23
- * LA Tech bench scored 39 of the 76 points
- * Kevione Moten led team with 10 rebounds in 18 minutes
- * Brooke Pumroy led team in scoring for third straight game with 18 points

Notes from UCLA game (L, 68-57)

- * LA Tech fell for the first time in 12 meetings against the Bruins
- * Tech was outscored 17-6 in the second quarter (committing 11 turnovers) ... tied the Bruins 51-51 in the other three quarters
- * Brandi Wingate pulled down a career-high 12 rebounds and added 17 points for her first double double of the season
- * Kierra Anthony totaled a career-high five steals in the game in only 22 minutes
- * Freshman Reauna Cleaver made her first career start

Notes from Denver Game (W, 58-53)

- * Tech led by 14 points in first half before finding itself trailing by 4 with 5 minutes to play
- * Tech led at the end of the first quarter for the 5th straight time this season
- * Brandi Wingate scored a career-high 22 points, hitting 9 of 11 field goals (she made her first eight shots of the game)
- * Rochelle Vasquez recorded a career-high six assists in the win
- * Tech hit 9-of-10 free throws in the final two minutes of the game
- * Tech pulled down a season low 26 rebounds (a season low 7 offensive rebounds)

Notes from Prairie View Game (L, 77-68)

- * LA Tech saw its 29-game winning streak against SWAC teams snapped
- * Freshman Kierra Anthony scored a career-high 17 points
- * Senior Brandi Wingate recorded her second double double of the season (3rd of her career) with 21 points and career-high tying 12 rebounds
- * Tech never led at any point in the game

Notes from Nicholls State Game (W, 58-55)

- * LA Tech trailed 30-18 with two minutes to play in first half
- * LA Tech used a 28-6 run to take a 46-36 lead late in third quarter
- * LA Tech trailed 55-51 with three minutes to play before scoring the final seven points of the game
- * Tiara Davenport recorded a double double (1st season, 2nd career) with 14 points and a career-high 12 rebounds

What They Are Saying About Tyler Summitt

Tommy McClelland (Athletics Director at Louisiana Tech)

"Tyler represents our philosophy of developing champions in the classroom, on the court and in life. He grew up in that championship culture and it is all he knows. His reputation as a great recruiter, a rising young star in the coaching business and a passionate leader is known throughout the nation. We are fortunate to have him lead our women's basketball program into the future."

Dr. Les Guice (Louisiana Tech President)

"Tyler Summitt is an amazingly talented individual with tremendous character and leadership skills that will unquestionably propel him to success in life. I am absolutely thrilled to have him leading our Lady Techsters basketball program and am confident that he can return our program to national prominence."

Leon Barmore (Louisiana Tech Lady Techster Head Coach Emeritus)

"I really respect and appreciate the commitment that President (Les) Guice and (Athletics Director) Tommy McClelland have shown to this program with this hire. They have put the Lady Techster program in the forefront. I met with Tyler (Monday). What I found out in the 45 minutes we spent together was that he truly respects this program. We certainly respect him and his family. In time he will prove to be an outstanding head coach. I know he is 23 years old, but he has been coaching since he was one. I really like the direction we have gone. I think this is a really good hire. I am fired up about it."

Bruce Pearl (Head Coach for Auburn Men's Basketball)

"Tyler is one of the brightest young minds in college basketball. Tyler is so wise beyond his years, understands the game and has a proven system. I would hire him at Auburn if it weren't for this head coaching opportunity at LA Tech."

Billie Moore

(Former Head Coach for US Olympic Team, UCLA, Cal. State-Fullerton)

"Tyler has a special gift. He has a talent for teaching, a unique perspective of seeing and understanding the concepts and strategies of the game. Tyler is great with people; he is a tremendous communicator and a natural leader - things that have nothing to do with age. Quite simply, he has 'it' and there is absolutely no question in my mind that he will be a successful head coach."

Cuonzo Marton (Head Coach for Tennessee Men's Basketball)

"Tyler has a tremendous work ethic and has the basketball knowledge. All his life he's been around the best that ever coached the game so he understands what it takes."

Terri Mitchell (Head Coach for Marquette Women's Basketball)

"Tyler told me, 'There's only one environment I know. That is a championship environment, and I will bring that to practice, to work and to games every single day.' He absolutely delivered on that promise. He's going to be a star in our profession."

Danielle Donehew

(Associate Commissioner for WBB at The American Athletic Conference)

"Tyler Summitt has a talent that is rare to find at any age. His basketball IQ includes lessons from many of our game's legends. He is committed to the student-athlete, excellence, discipline and his family. Tyler is a born leader and will be a successful head coach. I am certain Tyler will leave his fingerprints on our game in his own special way."

Dave Hart (Athletic Director for University of Tennessee)

"Tyler Summitt is a rising star in the coaching profession. He is mature well beyond his years as a young professional. He has superb knowledge of the game of basketball, is a tireless recruiter who connects with prospects and players alike and his passion will galvanize every key University constituent."

Joan Cronan

(Women's Athletic Director Emeritus for the University of Tennessee)

"When combining the tradition of LA Tech with the potential of Tyler Summitt, I think you have a winning combination. I have literally known Tyler since birth, and I have been impressed with his maturity and work ethic from an early age. Tyler possesses many wonderful qualities, but the three I most admire are his character, communication skills and Christian values. This hire reflects the tradition of excellence of women's basketball at LA Tech."

- * LA Tech won despite being outscored 37-2 in bench points
- * Brandi Wingate led LA Tech in scoring for fourth straight game

Notes from Arizona Game (L, 77-67)

- * Brandi Wingate scored a career-high 26 points in the game
- * LA Tech shot 30 free throws compared to only 9 for Arizona
- * LA Tech's 67 points were the most surrendered by Arizona this season

Notes from the Mississippi State Game (L, 93-63)

- * It was the 500th game ever played at the Thomas Assembly Center
- * LA Tech scored 9 straight points to start the game before Miss State finished the first quarter on a 24-2 run
- * Tech tied MSU in rebounding (37-37) -- MSU entered the game +16 in rebounding margin
- * the 63 points were the most surrendered by MSU this season
- * Brandi Wingate scored 25 points -- 17 in the fourth quarter -- her 4th 20-plus point game in last six games

Notes from the UL-Lafayette Game (W, 79-62)

- * LA Tech snapped the Ragin Cajuns 5-game winning streak and improved to 40-1 all-time in the series
- * Freshman Jasmine LeBlanc scored a career-high 12 points
- * Junior Ashley Santos recorded her first collegiate double double with 16 points and 10 rebounds (both career-highs)
- * Freshman Kierra Anthony recorded career-highs in assists (7) and steals (6)
- * The 79 points were the most allowed by ULL this year (entered game allowing only 50.1 ppg)

Notes from the McNeese State Game (L, 74-71)

- * LA Tech trailed by 21 at halftime (44-23) and 18 at start of fourth quarter (59-41) before rallying to tie the game at 71-71 with 15 seconds to play.
- * For the second straight game, Ashley Santos set a career-high in points with 19.
- * Freshman Reauna Cleaver scored 11 points for her third double digit scoring game
- * Brandi Wingate scored 16 points, marking the seventh time in the last eight games she has scored at least 16 points

Notes from the Southern Miss Game (L, 69-59)

- * LA Tech losts its C-USA opener for third straight year (all to USM)
- * LA Tech was outrebounded 50-29, including 23-6 on offensive glass
- * LA Tech committed a season-low 12 turnovers (previous low was 18 twice)
- * Ashley Santos recorded a career-high six assists
- * LA Tech shot more free throws than its opponent for the 10th time in 12 games

Notes from the Old Dominion Game (W, 69-51)

- * LA Tech led from start to finish
- * LA Tech held ODU to only 29 percent shooting for the game
- * Brandi Wingate recorded her fifth 20-plus point performance with 23 points
- * Brooke Pumroy tied her career-high with 18 points
- * Jasmine LeBlanc scored 11 points and grabbed a career-high 8 rebounds
- * Rochelle Vasquez pulled down a career-high 6 rebounds

Notes from the Charlotte Game (L, 63-58)

- * LA Tech tied its season low with 12 turnovers
- * LA Tech pulled down 19 offensive rebounds after pulling down just 12 combined in the previous two games
- * Freshman Jasmine LeBlanc pulled down a career-high tying eight rebounds
- * Brandi Wingate and Ashley Santos combined to hit 10-of-16 FG in first half (rest of team was 1-of-22)
- * It was LA Tech's first ever game in Charlotte

Notes from the FIU game (W, 82-63)

- * LA Tech recorded season highs in points, FG percentage (50) and assists (21) in the win
- * LA Tech used its seventh different starting lineup of the season
- * LA Tech shot 16-26 from the field in the second half
- * LA Tech outrebounded FIU 48-29
- * Tiara Davenport recorded a season-high of 16 points

2015 Singing Class

Jaiden McCoy
6-3, Forward
Emporia, Kansas (Farragut HS)

High School: Lettered on the varsity for three years at Farragut High School for coach Jason Mayfield ... Helped lead the Admirals to the district championship ... Named second team all-PrepXtra by the Knoxville News as a junior ... Averaged 12.1 points, 8.2 rebounds and 3.4 blocks as a junior, helping Farragut reach the Tennessee Class 3A state sectional Plays AAU basketball for Tom Insell and the Nike Flight ... Personal: Full name is Jaiden Blossom McCoy ... Daughter of Maxteen McCoy and Kristen Blossom ... Has one sister, Ashton, and one brother, Madison ... Born Oct. 12, 1997 in Emporia, Kansas ... Chose LA Tech over Michigan State, West Virginia, Middle Tennessee and Ole Miss.

Anna McLeod
6-0, Guard,
Houston, Texas (SATC Mavericks)

High School: Was homeschooled ... Played basketball for the SATC Mavericks and coach Mark McLeod for three years ... Led team to the Texas Home School State Basketball Championship title in 2015 and state runner-up in 2014 ... Also made the Final Four in 2013 ... As a junior averaged 19.7 points, 8.2 rebounds, 4.3 assists and 1.4 blocks ... Named to the THSSBC all-state team all three years and was the MVP in 2015 ... Played AAU basketball for the Houston Insiders (coach James Daniels) and Texas United (coach Justin Higginbotham) ... Personal: Full name is Anna Faith McLeod ... Daughter of Mark and Janet McLeod ... Has one brother, Josiah, and six sisters, Jessica, Rebekah, Rachel, Sarah, Grace and Ellie ... Grandfather George McLeod played in the NBA for the Baltimore Bullets ... Sister Rachel played for Liberty University ... Born April 25, 1997 in Houston, Texas ... Chose LA Tech over Gonzaga and Texas.

Jaida Roper
5-7, Guard
Memphis, Tenn. (Houston High School)

High School: Lettered four years for coach Chad Becker at Houston High School in Tennessee ... Helped lead the Mustangs to the 2014 district and regional championships ... Averaged 17.8 points, 3.6 rebounds, 5.7 assists and 3.9 steals per game as a junior ... Shot 40 percent from the three-point line ... Was named the district MVP as a sophomore ... Named to the all-regional tournament team as a sophomore and junior ... Named all-state as a sophomore ... Named to the Best of the Preps team three straight years ... Played AAU basketball for Tom Insell and the Tennessee Flight Silver ... Personal: Full name is Jaida Karen Roper ... Daughter of John and Kina Roper ... Has one brother, John ... Born March 14, 1998 in Chicago, Illinois ... Chose LA Tech over Wisconsin, Wake Forest, Cincinnati and Middle Tennessee.

- * Jasmine LeBlanc recorded her third straight game with 8 rebounds (career high)
- * LA Tech improved to 10-0 all-time against FIU

Notes from the Florida Atlantic game (W, 65-62)

- * LA Tech improved to 5-0 against FAU
- * LA Tech held FAU to its third lowest output of the season
- * LA Tech won back-to-back games for only second time this year
- * Brandi Wingate recorded her third double double with 21 points and 10 rebounds
- * LA Tech hit 3-of-17 FG in first quarter (22-of-44 rest of game)

Notes from the USM game (W, 72-37)

- * LA Tech improved to 6-4 all-time against USM
- * LA Tech recorded its largest margin of victory in a league game since a 44-point win over SJSU on Jan. 13, 2010
- * LA Tech held USM to 37 points, the fewest by an opponent since San Jose State scored just 34 on Jan. 6, 2011
- * Forced a season-high 30 turnovers and outscored USM 38-6 on points off turnovers
- * Committed a season-low 9 turnovers

Notes from the UTSA game (W, 82-72 OT)

- * LA Tech improved to 22-15 all-time in overtime games, including winning six straight OT games on the road
- * LA Tech outscored UTSA 10-0 in OT
- * LA Tech shot a program single game record 51 free throws
- * Senior Brooke Pumroy recorded LA Tech career highs in points (19) and rebounds (7)
- * Freshman Reauna Cleaver scored a career-high 14 points
- * Freshman Jasmine LeBlanc recorded a career-high 11 rebounds and 4 assists

Notes from the UTEP game (L, 86-80)

- * The 80 points scored were the most surrendered by UTEP this season
- * LA Tech shot 50 percent (25-50) from the field, just the second time this season the Lady Techsters have eclipsed that mark
- * LA Tech forced only 5 turnovers by UTEP in the game, including zero in the second half (Tech committed 13)
- * UTEP outscored LA Tech 19-1 in points off of turnovers

Notes from the Rice Game (W, 63-61)

- * Tech was 0-6 from three-point line, snapping a streak of 112 straight games with at least one three-pointer
- * Brandi Wingate scored 20 points, marking the 5th straight game of 20 or more points
- * The game saw 19 ties and 20 lead changes
- * Rice was 0-7 from the field and 3-of-10 from the free throw line in final 5:32 of the game

A Look Back at Last Season

During Tyler Summitt's first year in Ruston, Louisiana Tech recorded a 16-15 record, including a 9-7 mark in Conference USA games. The winning record snapped a two year stretch where the Lady Techsters won less than 50 percent of their games -- the ONLY two losing seasons in the program's 41-year history. With five senior starters on last year's team, Tech showed signs of promise during its non-conference schedule taking Top 25 Mississippi State down to the wire before falling 81-77 in Starkville. Tech finished seventh in the C-USA standings and defeated Florida Atlantic 84-74 in the C-USA Tournament before falling to Middle Tennessee to end the season.

Team 42

Louisiana Tech begins year No. 42 in the program history and year No. 2 of the Tyler Summitt era when the Lady Techsters open at Wisconsin. Summitt and his coaching staff will have one of the youngest teams in the country this season after graduating all five starters from a year ago and

Game by Game Starting Lineup

Wisc Anthony, Pumroy, Santos, Davenport, Wingate
 Loyola Anthony, Pumroy, Vasquez, Davenport, Wingate
 SFA Anthony, Pumroy, Santos, Davenport, Wingate
 UCLA Anthony, Pumroy, Santos, Davenport, Cleaver
 Den Anthony, Pumroy, Santos, Davenport, Wingate
 PVAM Anthony, Pumroy, Santos, Davenport, Wingate
 NSU Anthony, Pumroy, Santos, Davenport, Wingate
 Ariz Anthony, Pumroy, Santos, Davenport, Wingate
 Miss StAnthony, Vasquez, Santos, Davenport, Wingate
 ULL Anthony, Vasquez, Santos, Davenport, Wingate
 McN Anthony, Vasquez, Santos, Davenport, Wingate
 USM Pumroy, Vasquez, Santos, Davenport, Wingate
 ODU Pumroy, Vasquez, Santos, Davenport, Moten
 Char Pumroy, Vasquez, Santos, Davenport, Moten
 FIU Pumroy, Vasquez, Santos, Wingate, Moten
 FAU Pumroy, Vasquez, Santos, Wingate, Moten
 USM Pumroy, Vasquez, Santos, Wingate, Moten
 UTSA Pumroy, Vasquez, Santos, Wingate, Moten
 UTEP Pumroy, Vasquez, Santos, Wingate, Moten
 Rice Vasquez, Santos, Davenport, Wingate, Cleaver
 NT
 MT
 UAB
 UTSA
 UTEP
 NT
 Rice
 Mar
 WKU

Record by Lineups

Anthony, Pumroy, Santos, Davenport, Wingate	3-3
Anthony, Pumroy, Vasquez, Davenport, Wingate	1-0
Anthony, Pumroy, Santos, Davenport, Cleaver	0-1
Anthony, Vasquez, Santos, Davenport, Wingate	1-2
Pumroy, Vasquez, Santos, Davenport, Wingate	0-1
Pumroy, Vasquez, Santos, Davenport, Moten	1-1
Pumroy, Vasquez, Santos, Wingate, Moten	4-1
Vasquez, Santos, Davenport, Wingate, Cleaver	1-0

Active Player Starts Chart

Name	Season	Career	Career GP
Wingate	17	20	49
Davenport	15	16	51
Pumroy	16	16	18
Santos	19	19	19
Vasquez	13	13	20
Anthony	11	11	18
Moten	7	12	69
Cleaver	2	2	20
Richie	0	5	45
LeBlanc	0	0	19
Gipson	0	0	3
Kreid	0	0	4
Totals	100	114	352

losing six letterwinners. Tech returns only four letterwinners from last year in seniors Brandi Wingate and Ruby Richie, junior Kevione Moten and sophomore Tiara Davenport. Tech's roster boasts seven players who have never worn a LA Tech uniform, including two Division I transfers in Brooke Pumroy and Ashley Santos -- both from Marquette -- , junior college transfer Rochelle Vasquez and freshmen Kierra Anthony, Reauna Cleaver, Dawn Gipson and Jasmine LeBlanc.

Youngest Teams in Country ... Part I

Louisiana Tech boasts one of the most inexperienced teams in the country based off of returning career starts at that school. Louisiana Tech's 11-member roster enters the season with only 14 career starts in a LA Tech uniform, the third fewest of any team in the country.

Youngest Teams in the Country
(by fewest career starts on roster at current school)

School	Combined Career Starts (entering season)
Marquette	9
Indiana State	11
Louisiana Tech	14
Portland State	15
Quinnipiac	22
Cal-State Northridge	26

Youngest Teams in Country ... Part II

Only 25 percent of Louisiana Tech's roster consists of returning scholarship players from a year ago, the second lowest percentage in the country.

School	Scholarships (Returning/Total)	Pct. of Ret Scholarship
Marquette	2/11	18%
Louisiana Tech	3/12	25%
UT Martin	4/14	27%
Arkansas	4/13	31%
Portland State	4/13	31%
Stetson	4/12	33%
West Virginia	5/15	33%
Cal St Northridge	5/13	38%

Talk about Losing Experience

Tyler Summitt lost ALOT of experience in the off-season with the graduation of all five starters and the transfer of one of his top reserves to Seton Hall. Here is a look at what the Lady Techsters lost from last year (note: the returning totals only include stats in a LA Tech uniform; doesn't include stats from DI transfers from previous schools).

	Lost	Returning
Career Starts	338	14
Career Games Played	521	139
Career Points	4,113	702
Career Rebounds	2,176	396
Career Assists	852	52
Career Steals	544	49

Freshmen Opening Eyes

Louisiana Tech boasts three true freshman that have played significant roles this year, and all three are opening some eyes.

- Kierra Anthony (6.9 ppg, 3.6 apg, 2.7 rpg, 1.8 spg)
 * 13 points, 8 rebounds, 7 assists, 6 steals vs. UL-Lafayette
 * 17 points vs. Prairie View A&M
 * 11 points vs. Arizona
 * 12 points, 3 assists, 2 steals vs. Wisconsin
 * 12 points vs. UTEP

- Jasmine LeBlanc (5.7 ppg, 4.4 rpg)
 * 11 points, 8 rebounds vs. Old Dominion
 * 7 points, 11 rebounds, 4 assists vs. UTSA

Double-Digit Scoring Games

- Name — 2015-16 (Career)
 Brandi Wingate -- 18 (31)
 Brooke Pumroy -- 11 (39)
 Ashley Santos -- 10 (11)
 Tiara Davenport -- 5 (13)
 Kierra Anthony -- 5 (5)
 Reauna Cleaver -- 4 (4)
 Jasmine LeBlanc -- 3 (3)
 Rochelle Vasquez -- 2 (2)
 Kevione Moten -- 1 (7)
 Ruby Richie -- 0 (1)

Double-Digit Rebounding Games

- Name — 2015-16 (Career)
 Brandi Wingate -- 5 (6)
 Reauna Cleaver -- 1 (1)
 Kevione Moten -- 1 (6)
 Tiara Davenport -- 1 (2)
 Ashley Santos -- 1 (1)
 Jasmine LeBlanc -- 1 (1)

5+ Assists Games

- Name — 2015-16 (Career)
 Kierra Anthony -- 6 (6)
 Brooke Pumroy -- 3 (23)
 Rochelle Vasquez -- 2 (2)
 Ashley Santos -- 1 (1)
 Brandi Wingate -- 0 (1)

Led Team in Scoring

- Name — 2015-16 (Career)
 Brandi Wingate -- 13 (17)
 Brooke Pumroy -- 4 (4)
 Ashley Santos -- 2 (2)
 Tiara Davenport -- 1 (3)
 Ruby Richie -- 0 (1)

Led Team In Rebounding

- Name — 2015-16 (Career)
 Brandi Wingate -- 11 (17)
 Tiara Davenport -- 4 (6)
 Jasmine LeBlanc -- 3 (3)
 Ashley Santos -- 2 (2)
 Reauna Cleaver -- 1 (1)
 Kevione Moten -- 1 (8)

20-point Performances

- Name — 2015-16 (Career)
 Brandi Wingate -- 10 (11)
 Brooke Pumroy -- 0 (1)

Double Doubles

- Name — 2015-16 (Career)
 Brandi Wingate -- 5 (6)
 Reauna Cleaver -- 1 (1)
 Tiara Davenport -- 1 (2)
 Ashley Santos -- 1 (1)
 Kevione Moten -- 0 (3)

- * 12 points vs. UL-Lafayette
- * 8 points, 6 rebounds vs. Southern Miss
- * 10 points, 4 rebounds vs. Rice

Reauna Cleaver (4.6 ppg, 4.1 rpg)

- * 14 points, 6 rebounds vs. UTSA
- * 13 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists vs. Stephen F. Austin
- * 10 points, 10 rebounds vs. Loyola
- * 11 points, 5 rebounds vs. McNeese State

Vasquez Impressive in C-USA Play

Junior college transfer Rochelle Vasquez has seen a marked improvement in her play since LA Tech started C-USA play. Vasquez leads Tech in assist to turnover ratio at 2:1 (16 assists, 10 turnovers) while shooting 43 percent (6-14) from the three-point line and 92 percent (11-12) from the free throw line.

Wingate Named Preseason All-CUSA

Louisiana Tech senior Brandi Wingate was one of eight players voted to the Conference USA Preseason Team by the league coaches. Wingate was named the C-USA Sixth Player of the Year last season after averaging 9.0 points and 4.9 rebounds per game coming off the bench. Wingate recorded 12 double digit scoring games as a junior with 10 of those coming in C-USA play.

Cleaver Records Double Double

In only her second collegiate game, Louisiana Tech freshman Reauna Cleaver recorded a double double with 10 points and 10 rebounds in 20 minutes in the win over Loyola. Cleaver also added an assist and a block in the performance. She followed that up with a 13 points, 4 rebound, 3 assists performance in Tech's win over SFA.

Newcomer Nuggets

Louisiana Tech has eight newcomers on this year's roster, including four freshmen, one junior college transfer and three Division I transfers. Here are a few off-the-court nuggets on these young ladies (you can turn to the back of this notes package for full feature stories on all eight of these young ladies).

Kierra Anthony (#5) -- earned district most valuable player accolades as a junior and senior and was named the Best of the Teche Player of the Year by the Daily Iberian three straight years.

Brooke Pumroy (#12) -- transfer from Marquette who enjoys golf, FCA, family, self-help books and personal development videos

Ashley Santos (#30) -- transfer from Marquette who comes from a basketball family. Jose (Dad) played college basketball at Bethany Nazarene College (now Southern Nazarene University) in Oklahoma and internationally in Puerto Rico before also playing for the Puerto Rican national team. Her mother, Lori (Findahl), lettered at Wichita State from 1986 through 1989, where she still ranks sixth all-time in career rebounds. Younger sister, Sidney, age 19, is currently a sophomore at Oakland University, where like Ashley, she redshirted this past season. Eighteen-year-old brother K.J. is one of the top recruits in the country. Currently at Vermont Academy, the 6-foot-9-inch, 200-pound shooting guard has offers from the likes of Oklahoma, Iowa, DePaul, Wichita State and Xavier to just name a few. Youngest brother Nate is playing AAU basketball for her dad in Chicago.

Alexis Malone (#34) -- transfer from Buffalo whose mother Stacy Johnson Malone was a two-time Kodak All-American at Delta State in the mid-1990s. She was recently inducted into the Delta State Athletic Hall of Fame.

Jasmine LeBlanc (#22) -- Has six siblings, including four sisters, Nickea, Shaina, Kadija and Aliyah, and two brothers, Deshannon and Jabari.

Reauna Cleaver (#23) -- coming off a knee injury her senior year of high school. Nick-name is Sweets, given to her by her father when she was born.

Rochelle Vasquez (#2) -- Played at Texas State as a freshman before transferring to Gulf Coast State College for her sophomore season. At 10-years-old, suffered from alopecia areata, an autoimmune disease that causes a person's hair to fall out.

**Active
Statistical Leaders**

Scoring		Blocks	
Pumroy	742	Moten	39
Wingate	609	Wingate	21
Davenport	329	Pumroy	13
Santos	305	Santos	9
Moten	260	LeBlanc	6
Anthony	125	Cleaver	5
LeBlanc	108	Davenport	5
Cleaver	92	Anthony	1
Richie	74	Gipson	1
Vasquez	76	Richie	2
Gipson	0	Vasquez	0
Kreid	0		

Rebounding	
Wingate	290
Pumroy	258
Moten	209
Davenport	182
Santos	167
Cleaver	81
LeBlanc	83
Anthony	49
Vasquez	47
Richie	23
Gipson	3
Kreid	0

Assists	
Pumroy	297
Santos	70
Anthony	65
Wingate	52
Vasquez	35
Davenport	22
Richie	18
LeBlanc	18
Cleaver	15
Moten	5
Kreid	1
Gipson	0

Steals	
Pumroy	111
Wingate	35
Davenport	35
Anthony	33
Santos	22
LeBlanc	14
Moten	11
Vasquez	11
Cleaver	10
Richie	2
Gipson	0
Kreid	0

Dawn Gipson (#1) -- played AAU basketball for Lady Techster assistant coach Amber Smith (Essence -- Florida).

Richie Earns Scholarship

After starting her college career in Ruston as a walk-on, Louisiana Tech senior Ruby Richie earned a scholarship this summer as she enters her final college season.

Summitt Era Heads Into Year No. 2

Louisiana Tech University announced the hiring of Tyler Summitt in a press conference held on April 2, 2014. Summitt, the 25-year-old son of legendary Tennessee Hall of Fame coach Pat Summitt, came to Ruston after serving as an assistant coach at Marquette for the past two seasons. He is the sixth head coach in LA Tech women's basketball history, following in the footsteps of Sonja Hogg, Leon Barmore, Kurt Budke, Chris Long and Weatherspoon. During his first year in Ruston, Summitt led the Lady Techsters to a 16-15 record, including a 10-8 record in C-USA games.

Youngest Division I Head Coach

Tyler Summitt is the youngest Division I head coach in the country ... and its not even close. Summitt turned 25 on Sept. 21. The next youngest head coach in Division I women's basketball is Omaha's Brittany Lange who almost four years older than Summitt.

Name	School	Age	Birthday
Tyler Summitt	LA Tech	25 y, 0 mo	9/21/90
Brittany Lange	Omaha	28 y, 10 mo	12/31/86
DeUnna Hendrix	High Point	31 y, 0 mo	10/27/84
Matt Insell	Ole Miss	33 y, 1 mo	9/22/82
Jennie Baranczyk	Drake	33 y, 8 mo	2/22/82

Welcome Back Mickie

The first coaching staff move that Tyler Summitt made was to lure Mickie DeMoss away from the WNBA and back to her alma mater. DeMoss, who serves as the associate head coach for the Lady Techsters, was the starting point guard on the first three Lady Techster teams ever (1974-1977). DeMoss brings a treasure chest full of basketball coaching experience to Ruston as she boasts 36-years of the collegiate coaching experience, including 20 years as an assistant and associate head coach at the University of Tennessee. DeMoss spent the past two years as an assistant coach with the WNBA's Indiana Fever, helping guide the franchise to the 2012 WNBA championship. She was a part of six national championships and 12 Final Four teams at Tennessee before reviving the Kentucky Wildcats program where she was named the 2006 SEC Coach of the Year during her four years as the head coach.

1977-1979	Memphis	Asst Coach
1979-1983	University of Florida	Head Coach
1983-1985	Auburn University	Asst Coach
1985-2003	University of Tennessee	Assoc. HC
2003-2007	University of Kentucky	Head Coach
2007-2010	University of Texas	Assoc HC
2010-2012	University of Tennessee	Assoc HC
2012-2014	Indiana Fever (WNBA)	Asst. Coach
2014-present	Louisiana Tech	Assoc HC

It All Started With a Meeting

Mickie DeMoss is more than just the first point guard in the history of the Louisiana Tech Lady Techster program. She was instrumental in the women's basketball program starting back in 1974. As an undergraduate student in Ruston, DeMoss joined a physical education teacher by the name of Sonja Hogg in then President F. Jay Taylor's office. Hogg, who became the first coach in the history of the program and who is enshrined in the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in Knoxville, and DeMoss convinced Dr. Taylor to start and fund the Lady Techster program. The rest is history.

2015-16 Tech Players of the Game

Wisc	Brooke Pumroy (16 pts, 6 reb)
Loyola	Reauna Cleaver (10 pts, 10 reb)
SFA	Rochelle Vasquez (13 points, 3 assists)
UCLA	Brandi Wingate (17 points, 12 rebounds)
Den	Brandi Wingate (22 points, 6 rebounds)
PVAM	Brandi Wingate (21 points, 12 rebounds)
NSU	Tiara Davenport (14 points, 12 rebounds)
Ariz	Brandi Wingate (26 points, 4 rebounds)
Miss St	Brandi Wingate (25 points, 6 rebounds)
ULL	Ashley Santos (16 points, 10 rebounds)
McN	Ashley Santos (19 points, 7 rebounds)
USM	Ashley Santos (13 points, 6 assists)
ODU	Wingate (23 pts, 7 reb), Pumroy (18 pts, 4 asts)
Char	Brandi Wingate (17 points, 7 reb)
FIU	Tiara Davenport (16 points, 7 reb)
FAU	Brandi Wingate (21 points, 10 reb)
USM	Brandi Wingate (20 points, 10 reb)
UTSA	Brooke Pumroy (19 points, 7 reb)
UTEP	Brandi Wingate (22 pts, 6 reb)
Rice	Brandi Wingate (20 pts, 9 reb)
NT	
MT	
UAB	
UTSA	
UTEP	
NT	
Rice	
Mar	
WKU	

**Bank of Ruston
Inside Tech Basketball**

Bank of Ruston Inside Tech Basketball begins its seventh year as part of the LA Tech Sports Network as the one-hour radio show features Lady Techster head coach Tyler Summitt and Bulldog head coach Eric Konkol.

Each of the 12 shows will air at 6 p.m. from Scott's Catfish on Farmerville Highway in Ruston as each coach will discuss all the latest developments regarding their respective programs.

The show will feature a half hour segment with Summitt and the Voice of the Lady Techsters Malcolm Butler and a half hour segment with Konkol and the Voice of the Bulldogs Dave Nitz as they review and preview the latest with the two teams.

The one-hour radio show can be heard live on KNBB 97.7 FM (Ruston/Monroe).

It can also be heard via the internet by purchasing a subscription for LA Tech All-Access at LATechSports.com.

Monday, Dec. 7	Monday, Feb. 1
Monday, Dec. 14	Monday, Feb. 8
Monday, Jan. 4	Monday, Feb. 15
Monday, Jan. 11	Monday, Feb. 29
Monday, Jan. 18	Monday, March 7
Monday, Jan. 25	

Summitt and DeMoss

As a child growing up with the Tennessee Lady Vols basketball program, Tyler Summitt developed a close relationship with Mickie DeMoss, who served as an assistant for Pat Summitt for two decades in Knoxville. However, the relationship began when Tyler was born ... as DeMoss was present in the room when Pat Summitt gave birth to Tyler.

Tennessee Ties

Tyler Summitt and Mickie DeMoss aren't the only two coaches on the Lady Techsters with Tennessee ties. Assistant coaches Bernitha Johnson and Amber Smith also have a Lady Vols background. Johnson was a manager for Pat Summitt and the Lady Vols during her college days while Smith served as a graduate assistant at Tennessee last year.

Lady Techster Standards

Family. Belief. Toughness. Competition. Character. These are the five standards the Lady Techster basketball program will lean on. Below are direct excerpts out of Tyler Summitt's coaching materials that he shares with the team.

Belief -- We must believe in ourselves and believe in those around us before any success can happen. Everyone in our program will continually gain confidence and walk like a champion in every area of their lives.

Family -- We will truly learn to sacrifice for one another and hold each other accountable. The family mindset goes beyond our team and to the University. We will commit each day to having a "family first" and "University first" mindset.

Character -- Character is doing things the right way. Long-term success can not happen without character. As a whole, our program will show honesty and class in all that we do.

Competition -- A competitor is someone who strives for an objective. Our objective is simple: Be the best we can be. We will place a higher importance on competing against ourselves than on competing against others.

Toughness -- Toughness is more about mentally focusing on what we can control and not worrying about outside circumstances. The people in our program will develop poise and discipline (mental toughness) that will help in every area of life.

All in the Family

Tyler Summitt preaches family to his players, coaches and support staff. It's one of the big selling points to the program. It's not just talk. Below are quotes from some of the players that Summitt has signed since taking over last year. There is one common theme in them ... family.

"The family atmosphere sold me. That is what I was looking for. I have to be comfortable off the court, as well as on the court. When I came here, they made me feel at home. Everything they did was together." -- **Freshman Kierra Anthony**

"When I got here, the team felt like a family. The coaches were really cool. It was not super serious. Everyone had their fun moments. I realized that if I came here I knew there was never going to be a time where I said, 'They are so hard on me and so mean.' I am able to talk to them and everybody. Coach Summitt is young, and he understands us. He is more patient with everything. He is not going to be unforgiving because he is growing at the same time and understands mistakes happen."

-- **Freshman Dawn Gipson**

"I was not left out one bit. I got a conversation with everyone; every player and every coach (on that visit). I was not off to the side having to make my own conversation. **They treated me as family.**" -- **Freshman Reauna Cleaver**

"The players were really helpful when I came. I loved my visit. **I liked the**

**Louisiana Tech All-Time Record
Year by Year (Home, Road and Neutral Sites)**

Year	Overall	Home	Road	Neutral
74-75	13-9	2-1*	2-3	9-5
75-76	19-10	8-2*	6-4	5-4
76-77	22-9	10-2*	6-4	6-3
77-78	20-8	8-1*	7-5	5-2
78-79	34-4	10-0*	11-2	13-2
79-80	40-5	18-0*	13-2	9-3
80-81	34-0	12-0*	10-0	12-0
81-82	35-1	16-0*	11-1	8-0
82-83	31-2	18-1	9-0	4-1
83-84	30-3	15-0	13-2	2-1
84-85	29-4	16-0	7-4	6-0
85-86	27-5	15-1	11-3	1-1
86-87	30-3	14-0	11-2	5-1
87-88	32-2	16-0	10-2	6-0
88-89	32-4	19-1	12-1	1-2
89-90	32-1	15-0	15-0	2-1
90-91	18-12	12-4	5-7	1-1
91-92	20-10	11-3	6-6	3-1
92-93	26-6	14-2	10-3	2-1
93-94	31-4	15-0	9-3	7-1
94-95	28-5	15-2	11-1	2-2
95-96	31-2	15-0	10-1	6-1
96-97	31-4	17-0	8-3	6-1
97-98	31-4	18-0	7-2	6-2
98-99	30-3	12-1	14-0	4-2
99-00	31-3	15-0	10-2	6-1
00-01	31-5	16-2	9-2	6-1
01-02	25-5	13-0	10-3	2-2
02-03	31-3	15-1	12-1	4-1
03-04	29-3	13-0	12-2	4-1
04-05	20-10	11-2	7-5	2-3
05-06	26-5	13-0	10-4	3-1
06-07	17-13	7-6	9-4	1-3
07-08	16-15	8-6	6-8	2-1
08-09	21-13	13-3	6-10	2-0
09-10	23-9	9-4	11-5	3-0
10-11	24-8	13-1	9-4	2-3
11-12	17-15	7-6	6-5	4-4
12-13	14-17	9-5	4-10	1-2
13-14	12-20	8-7	2-12	2-1
14-15	16-15	7-4	7-10	2-1
15-16	11-9	7-3	3-5	1-1
Totals	1070-288	525-71	367-153	178-64

family environment and just fell in love with Tech. The coaches were another part of it. They were great and showed me around. I just liked them and there was something about the entire experience.” -- **Freshman Jasmine LeBlanc**

“And I want to be part of a great program. **I came on my visit and I really, really enjoyed the family atmosphere.** I loved their outlook on how I could help this program and what their program meant and its legacy. I want to help contribute to that. It’s closer to home so my family will get to watch me play.” -- **Junior Alexis Malone**

“I loved the girls here, but it was about the coaches. That is what I learned in previous experiences. **It was a family feeling.** He really wanted me to be a part of something great. He made me feel like we could do something here. I just knew this is where I was supposed to be.” -- **Junior Rochelle Vasquez**

“I chose Louisiana Tech because of the great coaching staff. **They have already made me feel like a part of the Lady Techster family.** When visiting Ruston and the campus I was able to experience and hear about some of the traditions that have made the history of LA Tech great. There’s something awesome happening at LA Tech, and I cannot wait to become a Lady Techster and be a part of the story.” – **2015 Signee Anna McLeod**

“I chose Louisiana Tech because it felt like home. I loved how everyone seemed so genuine. **It truly seemed like a family and that means everything.**” – **2015 Signee Jaida Roper**

Mentors

Since Tyler was hired at Louisiana Tech in April, he has been asked more than one time about who his mentors are. Here are

- Pat Summitt (mother) -- legendary Hall of Fame coach at Tennessee
- Billie Moore -- former UCLA and Cal State Fullerton and Pat Summitt’s 1976 Olympic coach
- Cuonza Martin -- current Cal men’s head coach and former Tennessee men’s head coach
- Bruce Pearl -- current Auburn head men’s coach and former Tennessee men’s head coach

Social Media Emphasis

The Lady Techsters social media presence has grown tremendously since Tyler Summitt’s arrival on campus back in the spring. Ashley Thompson is LA Tech’s multimedia and creative services associate and with the assistance of Associate AD/Communications Malcolm Butler (WBB contact) has increased the amount of information that is pushed through Twitter (@LATechWBB), Instagram (LATechWBB) and Facebook (Facebook.com/LATechWBB).

Coaches/Support Personnel

- Head Coach Tyler Summitt @TylerSummitt
- Associate HC Mickie DeMoss @DeMossMickie
- Assistant Coach Bernitha Johnson @LATechB
- Assistant Coach Amber Smith @CoachA_Smith
- Associate AD/Radio Malcolm Butler @LATechMButler

Making the Move from Marquette

Louisiana Tech’s roster boasts a pair of Marquette transfers as guards Brooke Pumroy and Ashley Santos transferred last summer (both players sat out last year due to NCAA transfer rules). Pumroy is a 5-8 point guard from Fairborn, Ohio who started 63 of 64 career games at Marquette. She averaged 9.1 points, 5.2 assists and 3.2 rebounds as a sophomore and 7.5 points, 2.3 assists and 3.1 rebounds as a freshman. She will have two years of eligibility remaining. Santos is a 5-10 shooting guard from Geneva, Illinois who saw action in 33 games last year, making two starts and averaging 3.2 points, 2.0 rebounds and 1.2 assists per game.

LA Tech Sports Network Radio Schedule

LA Tech Sports Properties begins its seventh year as part of the University’s athletic family and is in charge of the LA Tech Sports Network which will cover every Lady Techster and Bulldog basketball game this season. Every regular season, conference tournament and postseason contest will air live with a 30-minute pregame show and a 30-minute postgame wrap-up.

During the 2015-16 basketball season, the the Lady Techsters will air live on ESPN 97.7 FM (Ruston) and KRMD 1340 AM and KRMD 100.7 FM 92.9 with just a few exceptions. A select number of women’s games will air on KJVC 92.7 FM (Mansfield) and KTKC 92.9 FM (Springhill).

Louisiana Tech Associate Athletics Director Malcolm Butler enters his 16th season providing the live play-by-play action of Lady Techster basketball while also serving as the program’s media relations director. Butler began his broadcasting during the 1999-2000 season serving as the color analyst before taking over the following year as the play-by-play voice.

All Lady Techster games can be accessed via the internet by logging onto LATechSports.com and subscribing to LA Tech All-Access, a subscription-based web service that will provide the audio feed of every game (home and away) and the video feed of the home games.

Nov. 14	at Wisconsin	2 p.m.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Nov. 18	Loyola-New Orleans	6:30 p.m.	1, 2, 3,
Nov. 21	Stephen F. Austin	7 p.m.	1,
JUNKANOO JAM (BAHAMAS)#			
Nov. 27	vs. UCLA#	1 p.m.	1, 2, 3
Nov. 28	vs. Notre Dame/Denver#	TBA	1, 2, 3
Dec. 2	Prairie View A&M	6:30 p.m.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Dec. 5	at Nicholls State	1 p.m.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Dec. 10	at Arizona	8 p.m.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Dec. 13	Mississippi State	3 p.m.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Dec. 19	UL-Lafayette	6 p.m.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Dec. 22	McNeese State	6 p.m.	1, 4
Jan. 2	at Southern Miss*	4 p.m.	1, 4
Jan. 7	at Old Dominion*	6 p.m.	1, 4
Jan. 9	at Charlotte*	6 p.m.	1, 4
Jan. 14	FIU*	6:30 p.m.	1, 4
Jan. 16	Florida Atlantic*	6 p.m.	1, 4
Jan. 23	Southern Miss*	12 p.m.	1, 2, 3, 4
Jan. 28	at UTSA*	7 p.m.	1, 4
Jan. 30	at UTEP*	3 p.m.	1, 2, 3, 4
Feb. 4	Rice*	6:30 p.m.	1
Feb. 6	North Texas*	6 p.m.	1, 2, 3, 4
Feb. 11	at Middle Tennessee*	6:30 p.m.	1
Feb. 13	at UAB*	2 p.m.	1, 4
Feb. 18	UTSA*	6:30 p.m.	1
Feb. 20	UTEP*	6 p.m.	1, 4
Feb. 25	at North Texas*	7 p.m.	1
Feb. 27	at Rice*	2 p.m.	1, 2, 3, 4
Mar 3	Marshall*	6:30 p.m.	1
Mar 5	WKU*	7 p.m.	1, 4
M11-14	at C-USA Championships	TBA	TBA

- 1= KNBB = 97.7 FM (Ruston/West Monroe)
- 2= KRMD = 1340 AM (Shreveport/Bossier)
- 3= KRMD = 100.7 FM (Shreveport/Bossier)
- 4= KTKC = 92.9 FM (Springhill)
- 5= KJVC = 92.7 FM (Mansfield)

Welcome Wingate

Senior forward Brandi Wingate finally made her Division I college debut last year. Wingate was a highly-recruited prep star at Howard High School in Columbia, Maryland before knee injuries ultimately sidelined her college career. She lettered one year at Northwest Florida State (2010-11) before then missing the next two years with additional knee injuries. She signed with LA Tech in November of 2012 but was unable to play last season due to academic issues stemming from completing a course at her JC. Wingate was ranked as the No. 2 strong forward (12th overall) by Dan Olson's Collegiate Girls Basketball Report.

NBA Dad

Brandi Wingate comes from a basketball family. Her father, David Wingate, was an All-American for the Georgetown Hoyas helping lead the program to the 1984 NCAA National Title. He finished his career at Georgetown as the program's third all-time leading scorer. He spent 15 years (1986-2001) in the NBA playing for six different teams (Sixers, Spurs, Bullets, Hornets, SuperSonics and Knicks).

Academic Excellence

In what is becoming an annual event, Louisiana Tech's student-athletes recorded all-time highs for the eighth straight year in the most recent Federal Graduation Rate Report released by the NCAA in early November. Louisiana Tech's student-athletes recorded a Graduation Success Rate (GSR) of 83 percent and a Federal Graduation Rate (FGR) of 62 percent, with both being record highs. Louisiana Tech's 83 percent graduation success rate ranks as the second highest in the state among Division I football-playing public institutions, trailing only LSU by one point (84). LA Tech's graduation success rate is two percentage points higher than last year's (81) and easily outdistances the state average of 70 percent among the other nine Division I football-playing public institutions in the state of Louisiana. Tech also recorded the second highest federal graduation rate of any Division I football-playing public institution in the state at 62 percent, which also bests last year's mark of 60 percent. The success of Louisiana Tech's student-athletes in the classroom was across the board as 15 of the 16 Division I sanctioned athletic programs recorded at least a 71 percent GSR. Women's basketball recorded a 100 percent GSR and ranked first in the state and C-USA. Women's basketball also posted its program best federal graduation rate.

Conference Tournament History

This marks the 29th appearance in a conference tournament for the Louisiana Tech Lady Techsters, their second as a member of Conference USA. Tech has competed in the American South, Sun Belt and Western Athletic Conferences and their respective postseason tournaments. Tech is 58-12 overall all-time in conference tournament games, and it has captured 16 conference tournament championships in its history.

No. of Tournaments:	28
No. of Titles:	16
Overall:	58-12
In American South:	8-0
In Sun Belt:	24-3
In WAC:	23-7
In C-USA:	3-2
First Round	2-0
Second Round	1-0
Quarterfinals:	18-3
Semifinal Games:	21-4
Finals:	16-5
In Ruston:	14-2
On Road:	7-4
Neutral Site:	37-5
Seeded No. 1:	44-4
Seeded No. 2:	6-2
Seeded No. 3:	3-3
Seeded No. 5	2-1
Seeded No. 7	1-1

Quotable

"I think that we lose sight of it. I think we know, but I think we lose sight of it. This was a (dominating) program back before any of us were around. Louisiana Tech is still No. 2 all-time in wins. I think we know, but I think we lose sight of it. This year what made us really understand what it was when they didn't put our names on the back of the jerseys. We are simply playing for what is on the front. At first we weren't happy about it. But I think (Malcolm Butler) has explained it, and coach (Tyler) has explained it. It's not about us. It's not about what is on the back, it's about what is on the front. We are representing something that is way more than us. This program has so much freaking history. We can revive it, and we want to get it back to where it was. If we focus on trying to get it back to where it was and doing the right things and what is on the front (of the jersey), I think we will be fine." -- **Senior Forward Brandi Wingate** on whether the current players understand the history

"It takes time. I think coaches are impatient, and I think fans are impatient. That's just the nature of the sport and of today's society. To do it the right way, it just takes time. The program didn't fall overnight, so it is not going to be rebuilt overnight. You just have to put one block on top of the other and build a strong foundation. I know that we are doing it the right way. I know we have a great vision and game plan moving forward. I feel very good about our recruiting, what we are doing on the floor and in practice, how we handle our players, the academic side and the community service. It's about putting that whole package together. I believe in what we are doing. It's a process. It does take time, particularly when you are doing it the right way and you aren't trying to take short cuts. That's exactly what we are doing." -- **Associate HC Mickie DeMoss** on rebuilding the program

Season Honors

Brandi Wingate

- Preseason All-Conference USA
- Junkanoo Jam All-Tournament Team (Nov. 28)
- C-USA Player of the Week (Nov. 30)
- C-USA Player of the Week (Dec. 14)
- LSWA Player of the Week (Dec. 14)
- C-USA Player of the Week (Jan. 18)

Reauna Cleaver

- C-USA Freshman of the Week (Nov. 23)

Kierra Anthony

- C-USA Freshman of the Week (Dec. 21)

Seeded No. 14 2-1

Techsters vs. Ranked Opponents

Since the inception of the Associated Press Top 25 poll in 1976, Louisiana Tech is 168-97 all-time against teams that were ranked in the Top 25 when they played. Louisiana Tech has lost 13 straight games against Top 25 teams dating back to a 84-71 victory over No. 24 ranked Ole Miss during the 2005-06 season.

Milestones In Ruston

Since the program's inception in 1974, Louisiana Tech has won 500 games in the city of Ruston between old Memorial Gym and the Thomas Assembly Center. Below is a list of Tech's milestone wins in Ruston.

- No. 1 Tech 97, LSU 83
Jan. 24, 1975 Memorial Gym
- No. 50 Tech 93, LSU 61
Feb. 2, 1980 Memorial Gym
- No. 84 Tech 82, Kentucky 60
March 20, 1982 Memorial Gym (Last in arena)
- No. 85 Tech 83, Alabama 56
Dec. 9, 1982 Thomas Assembly Center (1st in arena)
- No. 100 Tech 91, M. Tennessee 59
March 17, 1983 Thomas Assembly Center
- No. 200 Tech 87, UL-Monroe 49
Dec. 5, 1989 TAC
- No. 250 Tech 99, Texas Southern 57
Dec. 3, 1993 TAC
- No. 300 Tech 66, Southern Cal 47
Dec. 7, 1996 TAC
- No. 400 Tech 74, Ohio State 61
March 25, 2003 TAC
- No. 500 Tech 71, Texas State 58
Jan. 10, 2013 TAC

Milestone Wins

Below is a list of milestone wins for Louisiana Tech in the program's history. LA Tech is one of only two programs to have won at least 1,000 games, joining only Tennessee.

No. 1	LSU 97-83	1974-75
No. 100	Southern 105-83	1978-79
No. 200	Oral Roberts 94-53	1981-82
No. 300	Oral Roberts 78-59	1984-85
No. 400	Holy Cross 79-51	1988-89
No. 500	Alabama 93-72	1992-93
No. 600	Western Kentucky 89-49	1995-96
No. 700	New Orleans 97-57	1998-99
No. 800	New Mexico 67-54	2002-03
No. 900	Iowa 77-59	2006-07
No. 1000	Nevada 66-59	2010-11

Techsters vs. BCS

Louisiana Tech has had plenty of success against current members of the SEC, ACC, Big 12, Big East, Big Ten, AAC and PAC-12 Conferences during its history. LA Tech is 295-121 all-time against the current members of those conferences for a winning percentage of 70 percent.

SEC	83-62
AAC	59-17
Big 12	54-9
Big Ten	40-12
PAC-12	36-7
ACC	15-11
Big East	8-3
Totals	295-121

Toughest Places to Play

Louisiana Tech is one of the hardest places in the country to play in women's basketball as the Lady Techsters have won 88.40 percent of their games in Ruston since the program's inception in 1974, second only to Knoxville, Tenn. The current home of Louisiana Tech -- the Thomas Assembly Center -- ranks as the seventh toughest active arena in the country to play.

These listings are heading into the 2015-16 season.

Cities (Program)	Conference	Record	Pct.
1. Knoxville, Tenn. (Tennessee)	SEC	555-52	91.43
2. Ruston, La. (Louisiana Tech)	C-USA	518-68	88.40
3. Missoula, Mont. (Montana)	Big Sky	514-73	87.56
4. Palo Alto, Calif. (Stanford)	PAC-12	501-87	85.20
5. Salt Lake City, Utah (Utah)	PAC-12	468-89	84.02
6. Austin, Texas (Texas)	Big 12	521-107	82.96
7. Grand Forks, N.D. (N Dakota)	Big Sky	470-97	82.89
8. South Bend, Ind. (Notre Dame)	ACC	420-91	82.19
9. Chapel Hill, N.C. (UNC)	ACC	511-113	81.89
10. State College, Pa. (Penn State)	Big 10	423-98	81.19

Arenas (Active)

(Must have played at least 100 games as an NCAA Division I school in the arena)

Arena (Program: Arena Opened)	Record	Percentage
1. Gampel Pavilion (Connecticut: 1989)	304-19	94.11
2. Alico Arena (Florida Gulf Coast: 2007)	127-8	94.07
3. Thompson-Boling Arena (Tennessee: 1987)	402-28	93.49
4. XL Center (Connecticut: 1990)	149-14	91.41
5. Kress Events Center (Green Bay: 2007)	120-13	90.22
6. Dahlberg Arena (Montana: 1978)	505-67	88.28
7. Thomas Assembly Center (LA Tech: 1982)	434-62	87.50
8. McGrath-Phillips Arena (DePaul: 2000)	191-32	85.65
9. Maples Pavilion (Stanford: 1974)	501-87	85.20
10. Jon M. Huntsman Center (Utah: 1975)	468-89	84.02

Magic #20

Louisiana Tech has won 20 games in 32 out of 41 years. Louisiana Tech has won 30 or more games in 18 of 41 seasons.

Victorious Despite Lack of Offense

Below is a list of the wins where LA Tech scored the fewest amount of points and still found a way to win.

- 1. 48-36 vs. Oklahoma (March 18, 1995)
- 2. 50-42 vs. UNO (March 11, 1994)
- 2. 50-42 vs. ULL (March 5, 1986)
- 2. 50-39 vs. UALR (Dec. 20, 2013)
- 5. 51-44 vs. ULL (Dec. 7, 2013)

TAC Domination

Over the past 32 seasons, Louisiana Tech has dominated opponents in the Thomas Assembly Center. Below are some impressive home numbers.

* Home winning streaks of 52 and 62 games, which both rank in the Top

- 10 in NCAA history
- * Record of 188-26 in regular season conference games
- * Record of 15-2 in conference tournament games
- * 53-19 vs. ranked opponents
- * 388-45 vs. unranked opponents
- * 33-0 in NCAA Tournament games

Winning at a High Percentage

Louisiana Tech ranks No. 3 all-time in the history of women's basketball in winning percentage. The Lady Techsters have won .792 percent of its games (through the start of this season). Tech trails only UConn and Tennessee.

Program	Pct (Entering 2015-16 season)
1. UConn	.832 (943-190)
2. Tennessee	.817 (1277-285)
3. LA Tech	.791 (1059-279)
4. Stanford	.751 (976-323)
5. Montana	.731 (876-322)

39 of 41

Since the program's inception in 1974, Louisiana Tech has recorded 39 winning seasons (out of 41). The only losing seasons in the history of the program came in 2012-13 (14-17) and 2013-14 (12-20). With a win over Florida Atlantic in the first round of the C-USA Tournament, Tech clinched its 39th winning season in 41 years.

NCAA Success

Louisiana Tech ranks fifth all-time in NCAA Tournament appearances with 27. LA Tech made the first 25 NCAA Tournaments before seeing its streak snapped in 2007.

1. Tennessee	34
2. Georgia	32
3. Stanford	29
4. Texas	28
5. Louisiana Tech	27
5. Vanderbilt	27

Final Four Frenzy

Louisiana Tech ranks No. 3 all-time in the history of women's basketball in total Final Four appearances (including NCAA and AIAW). Tech has a total of 13 Final Four appearances when including the AIAW Tournament (The AIAW ruled women's basketball until 1981-82 when the NCAA took over as the primary governing body of the sport).

1. Tennessee	22
2. Connecticut	15
3. Louisiana Tech	13
4. Stanford	12
5. Four teams tied	6

NCAA Tournament Final Four Appearances

Louisiana Tech ranks No. 4 all-time in NCAA Tournament Final Four appearances with 10.

1. Tennessee	18
2. Connecticut	16
3. Stanford	12
4. LA Tech	10
5. Notre Dame	7

Post-season Play

With Louisiana Tech's bid to the 2010 NCAA Tournament, the Lady Techsters have now competed in 31 national postseason tournaments, including three AIAW Tournaments and 27 NCAA Tournaments. Below is a chart that shows Louisiana Tech's national postseason history (Tech

participated as a member of the AIAW until 1981-82 when the NCAA took over women's basketball).

	NCAA	AIAW	WNIT
Appearances	27	3	1 (2009)
Final 4s	10	3	0
Title Games	6	2	0
Titles	2 (1981, 1988)	1 (1980)	0

Basketball Hall of Famers

A total of eight former Louisiana Tech coaches and/or players have been or will be enshrined into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame. The list is a who's who of Louisiana Tech's women's basketball lore.

Kim Mulkey	Class of 2000
Leon Barmore	Class of 2003
Janice Lawrence	Class of 2006
Pam Kelly	Class of 2007
Sonja Hogg	Class of 2009
Teresa Weatherspoon	Class of 2010
Gary Blair	Class of 2013
Kurt Budke	Class of 2014

Kodak/State Farm Factory

Louisiana Tech boasts 16 Kodak/State Farm All-Americans in its history.

LA Tech Kodak All-Americans

- 2000, Tamicha Jackson
- 1999, Amanda Wilson
- 1996, Debra Williams
- 1996, Vickie Johnson
- 1995, Vickie Johnson
- 1990, Venus Lacy
- 1989, Nora Lewis
- 1988, Teresa Weatherspoon
- 1987, Teresa Weatherspoon
- 1985, Pam Gant
- 1984, Janice Lawrence
- 1983, Janice Lawrence
- 1982, Angela Turner
- 1982, Pam Kelly
- 1981, Pam Kelly
- 1980, Pam Kelly

Wade Trophy Winners

Louisiana Tech also boasts three Wade Trophy recipients. The Wade Trophy is named after 3-time national champion Delta State coach Margaret Wade and is annually presented to the best player in the country (it debut in 1978). Today, State Farm sponsors the award. LA Tech's three recipients of the award are Pam Kelly (1981-82), Janice Lawrence (1983-84) and Teresa Weatherspoon (1987-88).

1. UConn	8
2. LA Tech	3
2. Old Dominion	3
2. Texas	3
2. Baylor	3

WNBA Factory

Adrienne Johnson became the 16th Louisiana Tech player selected in the WNBA Draft in 2011 as she was taken with the 28th overall selection (4th in the third round) by the Connecticut Sun. Tech has had a total of 21 former players that have played in the WNBA (includes free agent signings).

Year	Player	Team (Round)
2011	Adrienne Johnson	Connecticut Sun (3rd)

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2010	Shanavia Dowdell	Washington Mystics (2nd)
2005	Erica Smith-Taylor	Washington Mystics (2nd)
2004	Amisha Carter	New York Liberty (2nd)
2004	Trina Frierson	Seattle Storm (2nd)
2003	Cheryl Ford	Detroit Shock (1st)
2002	Ayana Walker	Detroit Shock (2nd)
2002	Takeisha Lewis	Seattle Storm (3rd)
2000	Betty Lennox	Minnesota Lynx (1st)
2000	Tamicha Jackson	Detroit Shock (1st)
2000	Shaka Massey	Charlotte Sting (4th)
1999	Amanda Wilson	Phoenix Mercury (4th)
1999	Alisa Burras*	Portland Fire (1st)*
1997	Vickie Johnson	New York Liberty (2nd)
1997	Racquel Spurlock	Houston Comets (3rd)
1997	Debra Williams	Charlotte Sting (3rd)

*, Expansion Draft

Additional Techsters in WNBA (free agent, supplemental drafts)

Teresa Weatherspoon, New York Liberty
 Monica Maxwell, Washington Mystics
 Venus Lacy, New York Liberty
 Janice Lawrence, Cleveland Rockers
 LaShawn Brown, Washington Mystics

Largest Margins of Victory

Louisiana Tech's largest margin of victory in program history came on Feb. 18, 1989 when the Lady Techsters defeated UT-Pan American by a score of 126-25 at the Thomas Assembly Center in Ruston.

1. 101 vs. UT-Pan American (126-25) on Feb. 18, 1989
2. 88 vs. Morgan State (109-21) on Dec. 17, 1993
3. 83 vs. UT-Pan American (111-28) on Jan. 28, 1989
4. 79 vs. Arkansas State (108-29) on March 10, 1989
5. 77 vs. UT-Pan American (115-38) on Feb. 14, 1998
6. 75 vs. Cleveland State (130-55) on Dec. 28, 1998
6. 75 vs. UL-Lafayette (111-36) on Jan. 10, 1996
8. 73 vs. UL-Lafayette (124-51) on March 9, 1990
9. 72 vs. UL-Lafayette (106-34) on Jan. 14, 1976
10. 71 on three separate occasions

Largest Margins of Defeat

Louisiana Tech's largest margin in defeat came on Dec. 4, 2012 when the Lady Techsters fell 77-26 at Texas A&M in College Station.

1. 51 vs. Texas A&M (77-26) on Dec. 4, 2012
2. 37 vs. Southeastern Louisiana (81-44) on Feb. 8, 1975
3. 35 vs. Tennessee (94-59) on Nov. 23, 2009
4. 34 vs. Tennessee (94-60) on Dec. 22, 1993
5. 31 vs. LSU (76-45) on Dec. 16, 2008
5. 31 vs. East Carolina (86-55) on Jan. 18, 2013
7. 30 vs. Mississippi State (72-42) on Dec. 3, 2009
7. 30 vs. Mississippi State (93-63) on Dec. 13, 2015
9. 28 vs. Fresno State (89-61) on March 10, 2012
9. 28 vs. Texas A&M (80-52) on Dec. 28, 2013

Most Points Scored

The most points Louisiana Tech has ever scored in a game came when the Lady Techsters defeated Cleveland State 130-55 on Dec. 28, 1998.

1. 130 vs. Cleveland State (130-55) on Dec. 28, 1998
2. 126 vs. Texas-Pan American (126-25) on Feb. 18, 1989
3. 124 vs. UL-Lafayette (124-51) on March 9, 1990
4. 121 vs. UCF (121-57) on Feb. 26, 1990
5. 121 vs. New Orleans (121-59) on Feb. 26, 1981
6. 119 vs. Lamar (119-51) on Jan. 17, 1998
7. 118 vs. New Orleans (118-50) on Feb. 11, 1998
8. 116 vs. UL-Monroe (116-66) on Feb. 17, 1975

9. 115 on four separate occasions

Fewest Points Scored

The fewest points Louisiana Tech has ever scored in a game came in a 77-26 loss to Texas A&M on Dec. 4, 2012 in College Station, Texas. Incidentally, it came exactly 10 years to the day of the previous program low of 35 points in a 60-35 loss to Tennessee on Dec. 4, 2002.

1. 26 vs. Texas A&M (77-26) on Dec. 4, 2012
2. 35 vs. Tennessee (60-35) on Dec. 4, 2002
3. 41 vs. LSU (51-41) on Dec. 15, 2008
4. 42 vs. Boise State (52-42) on Jan. 25, 2009
4. 42 vs. Mississippi State (72-42) on Dec. 3, 2008
6. 44 vs. Southeastern Louisiana (81-44) on Feb. 8, 1975
6. 44 vs. Tennessee (67-44) on March 29, 1987
6. 44 vs. LSU (61-44) on Dec. 30, 2006
9. 45 vs. LSU (76-45) on Dec. 16, 2007
9. 45 vs. South Carolina (68-45) on Nov. 10, 2013

Most Points Allowed

The most points ever allowed by a Louisiana Tech team came in a 117-108 loss to Mississippi College on Feb. 14, 1977.

1. 117 by Mississippi College (117-108) on Feb. 14, 1977
2. 104 by Southeastern Louisiana (104-102) on Jan. 13, 1977
3. 99 by Alabama (99-77) on Dec. 11, 1993
3. 99 by Long Beach State (99-95) on Jan. 14, 1987
5. 95 by Delta State (95-78) on Jan. 19, 1977
5. 95 by Virginia (95-82) on Nov. 16, 2013
7. 94 by Texas (94-85) on March 12, 1977
7. 94 by Tennessee (94-60) on Dec. 22, 1993
7. 94 by Western Kentucky (97-94) on March 11, 2000
7. 94 by Tennessee (94-59) on Nov. 23, 2008

Fewest Points Allowed

The fewest points Louisiana Tech has held an opponent to in a game was 21 in the Lady Techsters 109-21 win over Morgan State on Dec. 17, 1993. Incidentally, it came one game after the Lady Techsters surrendered 99 points in a loss to Alabama (the 99 points was the third most Tech has ever surrendered in a game).

1. 21 by Morgan State (109-21) on Dec. 17, 1993
1. 21 by UT-Pan American (98-21) on Feb. 22, 1988
3. 24 by Prairie View (87-24) on Nov. 24, 1989
4. 25 by UT-Pan American (126-25) on Feb. 18, 1989
5. 28 by UT-Pan American (111-28) on Jan. 28, 1989
5. 28 by Arkansas (82-28) on Nov. 30, 1978
7. 29 by Arkansas State (108-29) on March 10, 1989
7. 29 by South Alabama (86-29) on Feb. 17, 1996
7. 29 by Southern (78-29) on Dec. 11, 2003
10. 30 by UL-Lafayette (87-30) on Jan. 4, 1997



LOUISIANA TECH LADY TECHSTERS

OVERALL: 11-9

C-USA: 6-3

HOME: 7-3

AWAY: 3-5

NEUTRAL: 1-1

1		DAWN GIPSON • Fr. • F • 6-1 • Jacksonville, Fla. <u>PTS</u> 0.0 <u>RBS</u> 1.0 <u>ASTS</u> 0.0 <u>FG%</u> 00 <u>3FG</u> 0-0 <u>FT%</u> 00 • Lettered at Ribault High School in Jacksonville, Fla. • Led HS team to a pair of District 4-3A titles and the Florida state title in 2013 and 2014 • Lettered on the bowling team as a junior • Played AAU ball for current LA Tech assistant Amber Smith
2		ROCHELLE VASQUEZ • Jr. • G • 5-10 • McKinney, Texas <u>PTS</u> 3.8 <u>RBS</u> 2.4 <u>ASTS</u> 1.8 <u>FG%</u> 30 <u>3FG</u> 8-28 <u>FT%</u> 81 • Played sophomore year for coach Ronnie Scovel at Gulf Coast State College in Panama City • Played freshman season at Texas State • Was homeschooled her final two years of high school • Named to the 2013 HomeSchool Girls All-American Team, after playing for the THESA Riders
3		RUBY RICHIE • Sr. • G • 5-6 • Arcadia, La. <u>PTS</u> 0.8 <u>RBS</u> 0.3 <u>AST</u> 0.4 <u>FG%</u> 30 <u>3FG</u> 2-9 <u>FT%</u> 67 • Scored career-high 16 points in win over Nicholls State (Dec. 15, 2014) • Transfer from Ouachita Baptist (sat out last year due to NCAA Transfer rule) • Prepped at Cedar Creek High School in Ruston • Earned scholarship this season after being a walk-on last year
4		KIERRA ANTHONY • Fr. • G • 5-8 • New Iberia, La. <u>PTS</u> 6.9 <u>RBS</u> 2.7 <u>AST</u> 3.6 <u>FG%</u> 36 <u>3FG</u> 10-25 <u>FT%</u> 72 • Named C-USA Frosh of Week (Dec. 21) • Lettered at New Iberia High School • Named the Best of the Teche Player of the Year three straight years by the Daily Iberian • Finished her career as all-time leading scorer in school history (more than 2,000 pts) • Competed in the 100-meters, the 4 x 100, 4 x 200 and 4 x 400
12		BROOKE PUMROY • Sr. • G • 5-8 • Fairborn, Ohio <u>PTS</u> 11.1 <u>RBS</u> 2.8 <u>AST</u> 2.7 <u>FG%</u> 37 <u>3FG</u> 31-91 <u>FT%</u> 87 • One of three team captains this year • Transfer from Marquette • Sat out last season due to NCAA Transfer rule • Started 63 of 64 games at Marquette as freshman and sophomore
22		JASMINE LEBLANC • Fr. • G • 5-10 • Breaux Bridge, La. <u>PTS</u> 5.7 <u>RBS</u> 4.4 <u>AST</u> 0.9 <u>FG%</u> 36 <u>3FG</u> 3-13 <u>FT%</u> 50 • Scored career-high 12 points in win over ULL (Dec. 19) • Lettered at Breaux Bridge High School • Helped lead the program to three straight state playoff appearances • Has four sisters and two brothers
23		REAUNA CLEAVER • Fr. • F • 6-2 • Elizabethtown, Kent. <u>PTS</u> 4.6 <u>RBS</u> 4.1 <u>ASTS</u> 0.6 <u>FG%</u> 46 <u>3FG</u> 3-7 <u>FT%</u> 57 • Named C-USA Frosh of Week (Nov. 24) • Lettered at Elizabethtown High School in Kentucky • Led Elizabethtown to the state championship game as a junior • Co-Region 5 Player of the Year by the Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches • Ranked 19th among power forwards by ESPNHoopgurlz
24		TIARA DAVENPORT • So. • G/F • 6-0 • Duncanville, Texas <u>PTS</u> 7.4 <u>RBS</u> 4.9 <u>AST</u> 0.7 <u>FG%</u> 37 <u>3FG</u> 10-41 <u>FT%</u> 58 • Named to the C-USA All-Freshman Team (14-15) • Lone freshman on LA Tech roster last year • One of three Division I signees off Duncanville HS team • Prepped at Triple A Academy (sophomore) and Johnson High School (junior)
25		BRANDI WINGATE • Sr. • F • 6-2 • Columbia, Maryland <u>PTS</u> 17.4 <u>RBS</u> 7.4 <u>AST</u> 1.1 <u>FG%</u> 55 <u>3FG</u> 6-14 <u>FT%</u> 73 • 3-time C-USA Player of the Week (Nov. 31, Dec. 14, Jan. 18) • One of three captains on this year's team • Named C-USA Sixth Man of the Year as junior • 10 of 12 double digit scoring games came in C-USA play • Daughter of former NBA veteran David Wingate
30		ASHLEY SANTOS • Jr. • G • 5-11 • Geneva, Ill. <u>PTS</u> 10.4 <u>RBS</u> 5.4 <u>AST</u> 1.5 <u>FG%</u> 39 <u>3FG</u> 9-46 <u>FT%</u> 70 • One of three captains on this year's team • Transfer from Marquette who sat out last season due to NCAA Transfer rule • Saw action in 33 games last year at Marquette • Ranked 89th in nation by ESPN Hoopgurlz out of Geneva (Ill) HS
32		KEVIONE MOTEN • So. • F • 6-4 • Monroe, La. <u>PTS</u> 3.1 <u>RBS</u> 3.0 <u>BLKS</u> 0.3 <u>FG%</u> 50 <u>3FG</u> 0-0 <u>FT%</u> 48 • Double double with 11 points, 10 reb vs. UTEP (Jan. 8, 2015) • 10 rebounds vs. Nicholls State in 10 minutes (Dec. 15, 2014) • Tallest Lady Techster since Margaret DeCiman (2004-06) • Grew up in New Orleans (was Hurricane Katrina refugee)



LOUISIANA TECH LADY TECHSTERS

SEASON-CAREER HIGHS

1		DAWN GIPSON • Fr. • F • 6-1 • Jacksonville, Fla.	Points	Reb	Assists	Steals	Blocks	Mins
			Season	2 vs. Loyola			1 vs. Loyola	9 vs. Loyola
			Career	Same			Same	Same
2		ROCHELLE VASQUEZ • Jr. • G • 5-8 • McKinney, Texas	Points	Reb	Assists	Steals	Blocks	Mins
			Season	6 vs. ODU	6 vs. Denver	2 vs. Wisconsin		38 vs. ODU
			Career	Same	Same	Same		Same
3		RUBY RICHIE • Sr. • G • 5-6 • Arcadia, La.	Points	Reb	Assists	Steals	Blocks	Mins
			Season	2 vs. Loyola	2 vs. Loyola		1 vs. Charlotte	18 vs. Loyola
			Career	5 vs. FIU	1, numerous times	1 vs. Nicholls State	Same	25 vs. Alabama A&M
4		KIERRA ANTHONY • Fr. • G • 5-7 • New Iberia, La.	Points	Reb	Assists	Steals	Blocks	Mins
			Season	9 vs. Loyola	7, twice	6 vs. ULL	1 vs. Loyola	32 vs. Miss State
			Career	Same	Same	Same	Same	Same
12		BROOKE PUMROY • Sr. • G • 5-8 • Fairborn, Ohio	Points	Reb	Assists	Steals	Blocks	Mins
			Season	7 vs. UTSA	5, numerous times	3 vs. Prairie View	1, numerous times	38 vs. Prairie View
			Career	8 vs. Wisconsin (13-14)	12 vs. Creighton (13-14)	4, numerous times	1, numerous times	41, twice
22		JASMINE LEBLANC • Fr. • G • 5-10 • Breaux Bridge, La.	Points	Reb	Assists	Steals	Blocks	Mins
			Season	11 vs. UTSA	4 vs. UTSA	2, twice	2 vs. SFA	23, twice
			Career	Same	Same	Same	Same	Same
23		REAUNA CLEAVER • Fr. • F • 6-2 • Elizabethtown, Kentucky	Points	Reb	Assists	Steals	Blocks	Mins
			Season	10 vs. Loyola	3 vs. SFA	2, twice	1, numerous times	33 vs. UTSA
			Career	Same	Same	Same	Same	Same
24		TIARA DAVENPORT • So. • G/F • 6-0 • Duncanville, Texas	Points	Reb	Assists	Steals	Blocks	Mins
			Season	12 vs. Nicholls	2, numerous times	3 vs. SFA	1, twice	34 vs. Miss State
			Career	Same	2, numerous times	4 vs. LSU (14-15)	3 vs. FIU (14-15)	30, twice
25		BRANDI WINGATE • Sr. • F • 6-2 • Columbia, Maryland	Points	Reb	Assists	Steals	Blocks	Mins
			Season	12, numerous times	5 vs. So. Miss	4 vs. So. Miss	2 vs. UTSA	39 vs. UTSA
			Career	Same	5, twice	Same	2, numerous times	Same
30		ASHLEY SANTOS • Jr. • G • 5-10 • Geneva, Ill.	Points	Reb	Assists	Steals	Blocks	Mins
			Season	10 vs. ULL	6 vs. USM	2, twice	1, numerous times	35, twice
			Career	Same	4, twice	2, numerous times	1, numerous times	Same
32		KEVIONE MOTEN • Jr. • F • 6-4 • Monroe, La.	Points	Reb	Assists	Steals	Blocks	Mins
			Season	10 vs. SFA	1, twice	2 vs. ODU	1, three times	25 vs. ODU
			Career	14 vs. North Texas	1, numerous times	Same	5 vs. Miss State	32 vs. MTSU
14		MAREN KREID • Fr. • G • 5-7 • Tennessee	Points	Reb	Assists	Steals	Blocks	Mins
			Season		1 vs. SFA			3 vs. FIU
			Career		Same			Same

TV/Radio Roster



#1 Dawn Gipson
6-1 * FR * Forward
Jacksonville, Fla.



#2 Rochelle Vasquez
5-10 * JR * Guard
Dallas, Texas



#3 Ruby Richie
5-8 * SR * Guard
Arcadia, La.



#4 Kierra Anthony
5-7 * FR * Guard
New Iberia, La.



#12 Brooke Pumroy
5-8 * JR * Guard
Fairborn, Ohio



#22 Jasmine LeBlanc
5-10 * FR * Guard
Breaux Bridge, La.



#23 Reauna Cleaver
6-2 * FR * Forward
Elizabethtown, Kent.



#24 Tiara Davenport
6-0 * SO * Forward
Duncanville, Texas



#25 Brandi Wingate
6-2 * SR * Forward
Columbia, Maryland



#30 Ashley Santos
5-10 * JR * Guard
Geneva, Ill.



#32 Kevione Moten
6-4 * JR * Center
Monroe, La.



#34 Alexis Malone
6-0 * JR * Forward
Oxford, Miss



Tyler Summitt
Head Coach
2nd Year



Mickie DeMoss
Associate Head Coach
2nd Year



Bernitha Johnson
Assistant Coach
2nd Year



Amber Smith
Assistant Coach
2nd Year



Kourtney Brown
Basketball Ops
2nd Year



Ashley Thompson
Multimedia Associate
2nd Year



Malcolm Butler
Associate AD/Comm
17th Year



Mandy Miller
Sports Medicine
3rd Year



Casey Cathrall
Strength and Conditioning
1st Year



Kenny Thomas
Academic Advisor
1st Year

2015-16 LOUISIANA TECH WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
Loyola vs Louisiana Tech
 11/18/15 6:30 PM at Thomas Assembly Center (Ruston, La.)

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
Louisiana Tech vs Wisconsin
 11/14/15 2 p.m. at Kohl Center, Madison, Wis.

Louisiana Tech 65 • 0-1

#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	Off	Def	Tot							
25	WINGATE, Brandi	f	6-18	0-0	2-3	5	3	8	2	14	2	3	0	1	0	31	
04	ANTHONY, Kierra	g	3-5	2-4	4-5	0	1	1	4	12	3	6	0	2	22		
12	PUMROY, Brooke	g	6-16	4-8	0-0	1	5	6	2	16	3	3	0	0	33		
24	DAVENPORT, Tiara	g	5-10	3-5	1-2	3	4	7	3	14	2	0	1	1	28		
30	SANTOS, Ashley	g	2-13	0-5	2-2	1	3	4	3	6	0	2	0	1	25		
02	VASQUEZ, Rochelle	g	0-3	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	2	29		
22	LEBLANC, Jasmine	g	0-3	0-2	0-2	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	12		
23	CLEAVER, Reauna	g	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	4		
32	MOTEN, Kevione	g	0-3	0-0	3-6	5	2	7	3	3	0	1	1	0	16		
Team						3	3	6									
Totals			22-73	9-26	12-20	20	22	42	23	65	10	18	2	9	200		

FG % 1st Half: 13-39 33.3% 2nd half: 9-34 26.5% Game: 22-73 30.1% Deadball Rebounds 4
 3FG % 1st Half: 5-13 38.5% 2nd half: 4-13 30.8% Game: 9-26 34.6%
 FT % 1st Half: 5-8 62.5% 2nd half: 7-12 58.3% Game: 12-20 60.0%

Wisconsin 79 • 1-0

#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	Off	Def	Tot							
25	Johnson, Michala	f	6-10	0-0	1-3	1	4	5	1	13	1	1	1	0	20		
40	Young, Avyanna	f	5-8	0-0	2-3	2	6	8	3	12	3	0	0	1	33		
01	Whyte, Dakota	g	5-10	0-1	6-6	0	2	2	3	16	4	4	0	0	30		
04	Bauman, Nicole	g	4-11	1-6	5-5	0	4	4	3	14	4	2	3	4	37		
22	Cichy, Tessa	g	4-10	1-2	0-2	4	12	16	2	9	2	5	0	2	37		
05	Marble, Roichelle	g	3-4	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	4	6	2	2	0	0	13		
11	Howard, Marsha	g	0-2	0-2	0-0	0	3	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	13		
23	McMorris, Cayla	g	2-3	1-1	0-0	0	1	1	1	5	1	1	0	2	10		
41	Gambino, Rosanna	g	2-3	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	1	7		
Team						1	1	2									
Totals			31-61	3-12	14-19	10	33	43	20	79	17	18	4	10	200		

FG % 1st Half: 13-27 48.1% 2nd half: 18-34 52.9% Game: 31-61 50.8% Deadball Rebounds 3.2
 3FG % 1st Half: 1-7 14.3% 2nd half: 2-5 40.0% Game: 3-12 25.0%
 FT % 1st Half: 8-11 72.7% 2nd half: 6-8 75.0% Game: 14-19 73.7%

Officials: Dee Kantner, Tina Napier, Denise Brooks
 Technical fouls: Louisiana Tech-None. Wisconsin-None.
 Attendance: 3517

Score by periods	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Louisiana Tech	18	18	15	14	65
Wisconsin	16	19	27	17	79

Last FG - LATECH 4th-03:18. WIS 4th-01:18.
 Largest lead - LATECH by 7 2nd-01:34. WIS by 17 4th-06:23.
 LATECH led for 17:29. WIS led for 21:25. Game was tied for 00:29.

Score tied - 2 times.
 Lead changed - 5 times.

Loyola 40 • 2-3

#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	Off	Def	Tot							
13	Briana Oglesby	*	4-14	3-7	1-2	3	1	4	2	12	0	3	1	0	31		
20	Kylah Jones	*	3-11	0-1	1-4	1	7	8	0	7	6	4	0	1	31		
31	Jackie Anderson	*	1-4	0-1	0-0	1	4	5	3	2	0	3	0	1	27		
32	Meghan Temple	*	0-7	0-0	2-4	2	3	5	2	2	0	4	0	1	28		
34	Caroline Gonzalez	*	5-12	3-9	1-1	1	3	4	3	14	0	1	0	2	23		
03	Di'Mond Jackson	*	1-3	0-0	1-2	0	1	1	2	3	0	2	0	1	11		
04	Jasmine Billips	*	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7		
11	Adrienne Slobob	*	0-4	0-0	0-0	1	3	4	1	0	1	0	0	1	14		
14	Menly Long	*	0-3	0-2	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	7		
23	Megan Worry	*	0-5	0-3	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	21		
Team						2	2	2									
Totals			14-64	6-23	6-13	12	24	36	14	40	8	18	1	8	200		

FG % 1st Half: 6-28 21.4% 2nd half: 8-36 22.2% Game: 14-64 21.9% Deadball Rebounds 5
 3FG % 1st Half: 3-11 27.3% 2nd half: 3-12 25.0% Game: 6-23 26.1%
 FT % 1st Half: 2-6 33.3% 2nd half: 4-7 57.1% Game: 6-13 46.2%

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#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	Off	Def	Tot							
02	VASQUEZ, Rochelle	*	2-9	0-5	1-2	0	5	5	0	5	1	1	0	2	25		
04	ANTHONY, Kierra	*	3-5	1-3	2-2	1	8	9	1	9	7	0	1	3	29		
12	PUMROY, Brooke	*	5-8	3-5	0-0	0	2	2	2	13	5	1	0	1	24		
24	DAVENPORT, Tiara	*	3-9	1-2	0-0	4	2	6	2	7	1	2	0	0	15		
25	WINGATE, Brandi	*	4-6	0-0	2-5	1	4	5	0	10	0	1	1	0	17		
01	GIPSON, Dawn	*	0-3	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	2	0	0	3	1	0	9		
03	RICHE, Ruby	*	1-3	1-3	0-0	0	2	2	1	3	2	0	0	0	18		
22	LEBLANC, Jasmine	*	4-9	1-2	0-0	0	4	4	0	9	3	2	1	0	23		
23	CLEAVER, Reauna	*	5-7	0-0	0-2	2	8	10	4	10	1	3	1	0	20		
32	MOTEN, Kevione	*	4-7	0-0	2-2	4	3	7	5	10	1	4	1	0	20		
Team						1	2	3									
Totals			31-66	7-20	7-13	15	40	55	17	76	21	17	6	6	200		

FG % 1st Half: 18-38 47.4% 2nd half: 13-28 46.4% Game: 31-66 47.0% Deadball Rebounds 2
 3FG % 1st Half: 3-11 27.3% 2nd half: 4-9 44.4% Game: 7-20 35.0%
 FT % 1st Half: 4-7 57.1% 2nd half: 3-6 50.0% Game: 7-13 53.8%

Officials: Brian Garland, Marlin Ramsey, LaShonda Kidd
 Technical fouls: Loyola-None. Louisiana Tech-None.
 Attendance: 1821

Score by periods	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Loyola	6	11	7	16	40
Louisiana Tech	23	20	16	17	76

Last FG - LU2015W 4th-00:37. LATECH 4th-01:59.
 Largest lead - LU2015W None. LATECH by 41 4th-05:43.
 LU2015W led for 00:00. LATECH led for 39:40. Game was tied for 00:20.

Score tied - 0 times.
 Lead changed - 0 times.

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
Stephen F. Austin vs Louisiana Tech
 11/21/15 7:00 PM at Thomas Assembly Center (Ruston, La.)

Stephen F. Austin 44 • 1-1

#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	Off	Def	Tot							
21	Parker, Stevi	f	2-7	0-2	4-4	0	3	3	3	8	1	0	0	0	24		
25	Rogers, Danielle	f	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	8		
01	Shippers, Taylor	g	3-7	2-4	0-0	0	4	4	3	8	2	3	0	1	24		
10	Branch, Brentney	g	3-13	1-4	0-0	0	2	2	0	7	2	4	0	2	24		
24	Alexander, Charisma	g	1-1	0-0	1-2	0	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	28		
03	Hayes, Chanell	g	5-11	1-3	1-2	0	2	2	3	12	1	5	0	0	24		
04	Harris, Kennedy	g	2-7	0-2	0-0	2	1	3	2	4	0	2	0	1	15		
05	Stastny, KJ	g	0-1	0-1	2-4	0	1	1	4	2	0	1	1	1	16		
20	Pena, Victoria	g	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	14		
34	Middleton, LaNesha	g	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	16		
55	Lewis, Adrienne	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	4	0	0	3	1	0	7		
Team						2	1	3									
Totals			16-52	4-17	8-12	4	19	23	26	44	9	24	3	7	200		

FG % 1st Half: 10-24 41.7% 2nd half: 6-28 21.4% Game: 16-52 30.8% Deadball Rebounds 3
 3FG % 1st Half: 3-5 60.0% 2nd half: 1-12 8.3% Game: 4-17 23.5%
 FT % 1st Half: 5-8 62.5% 2nd half: 3-4 75.0% Game: 8-12 66.7%

Louisiana Tech 76 • 2-1

#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	Off	Def	Tot							
24	DAVENPORT, Tiara	f	2-9	0-1	0-0	2	5	7	4	4	1	1	0	0	20		
25	WINGATE, Brandi	f	2-3	0-0	1-2	2	4	6	3	5	2	1	0	0	10		
04	ANTHONY, Kierra	g	0-4	0-1	2-2	1	3	4	3	2	6	6	0	1	22		
12	PUMROY, Brooke	g	5-11	2-6	6-6	0	2	2	1	18	0	4	0	2	31		
30	SANTOS, Ashley	g	2-4	0-0	4-4	2	3	5	3	8	0	2	1	1	17		
01	GIPSON, Dawn	g	0-0	0-0													

2015-16 LOUISIANA TECH WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics Louisiana Tech vs Denver 11-28-15 1:00 pm at Freeport, Bahamas

Louisiana Tech 58 • 3-2

#	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
04	ANTHONY, Kierra	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	5	2	0	1	15	
12	PUMROY, Brooke	1-9	1-5	4-6	0	1	1	2	7	0	4	0	1	37	
24	DAVENPORT, Tiara	4-5	0-0	0-0	1	3	4	3	8	0	0	0	0	18	
25	WINGATE, Brandi	9-11	0-0	4-4	2	4	6	3	22	1	2	0	1	38	
30	SANTOS, Ashley	4-9	0-3	2-2	0	3	3	3	10	1	3	1	0	25	
02	VASQUEZ, Rochelle	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	6	4	0	0	19	
03	RICHIE, Ruby	0-1	0-1	3-4	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	11	
22	LEBLANC, Jasmine	1-3	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	3	2	2	0	0	0	14	
23	CLEAVER, Reauna	1-1	0-0	0-0	2	1	3	3	2	0	3	0	1	17	
32	MOTEN, Kevione	2-3	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	6	
Team					2	2	4								
Totals		22-45	1-11	13-16	7	19	26	20	58	18	1	4		200	

FG % 1st Half: 12-24 50.0% 2nd half: 10-21 47.6% Game: 22-45 48.9%
 3FG % 1st Half: 1-8 12.5% 2nd half: 0-3 0.0% Game: 1-11 9.1%
 FT % 1st Half: 3-3 100.0 2nd half: 10-13 76.9% Game: 13-16 81.3%

Denver 53 • 1-4

#	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
02	Romanowski, Samantha	6-17	3-11	2-5	1	0	1	5	17	3	3	0	2	35	
20	Morgan, Ciera	2-7	0-0	2-2	1	3	4	3	6	2	1	0	1	33	
22	Bradley, Paige	1-9	1-5	3-4	2	2	4	4	6	3	4	1	0	36	
31	Spittel, Jesse	5-9	0-0	0-0	6	3	9	3	10	2	3	0	4	31	
45	Alt, Jordyn	4-6	0-0	0-0	3	6	9	3	8	2	2	0	0	30	
12	Poss, Jacqlyn	2-8	0-3	0-0	0	2	2	2	4	1	3	0	1	30	
21	Rodgers, Maya	0-1	0-1	2-2	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	
32	Bryant, Tori	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
40	Queen, Avery	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	
Team					3	1	4								
Totals		20-57	4-20	9-13	17	17	34	21	53	13	17	1	8	200	

FG % 1st Half: 9-28 32.1% 2nd half: 11-29 37.9% Game: 20-57 35.1%
 3FG % 1st Half: 1-9 11.1% 2nd half: 3-11 27.3% Game: 4-20 20.0%
 FT % 1st Half: 1-2 50.0% 2nd half: 8-11 72.7% Game: 9-13 69.2%

Officials: Joe Vaszily, Kathy Lynch, Joanne Aldrich
 Technical fouls: Louisiana Tech-None. Denver-None.
 Attendance: 348

Score by periods	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Louisiana Tech	17	11	10	20	58
Denver	6	14	19	14	53

Points	In	Off	2nd	Fast	Bench
LATECH	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	
LATECH	20	14	10	0	11
DU	20	16	9	4	6

Last FG - LATECH 4th-02:43, DU 4th-05:54.
 Largest lead - LATECH by 14 2nd-07:31, DU by 4 4th-05:54.
 LATECH led for 33:06, DU led for 04:47. Game was tied for 02:07.

Score tied - 2 times.
 Lead changed - 6 times.

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics Prairie View A&M vs Louisiana Tech 12/2/15 6:30 PM at Thomas Assembly Center (Ruston, La.)

Prairie View A&M 77 • 3-1

#	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
04	Jeronia Allen	2-6	0-1	1-2	1	4	5	3	5	1	1	0	0	25	
22	Larissa Scott	3-9	0-1	0-2	7	6	13	4	6	3	2	1	1	31	
03	Alexus Parker	12-19	2-3	0-0	0	5	3	26	0	1	0	3	36		
11	Lamarisa Cole	10-19	1-3	3-5	2	2	4	2	24	4	4	1	4	36	
24	Tori Carter	2-5	0-0	1-2	0	2	2	2	5	4	3	0	4	33	
00	Chelsey Rosier	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	5	
10	Monique Abbs	4-7	2-4	1-4	0	3	3	0	11	2	3	0	1	19	
13	Lanikki McMillian	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	15	
Team					1	1	2								
Totals		33-67	5-12	6-15	12	25	37	15	77	14	17	2	15	200	

FG % 1st Half: 16-36 44.4% 2nd half: 17-31 54.8% Game: 33-67 49.3%
 3FG % 1st Half: 3-6 50.0% 2nd half: 2-6 33.3% Game: 5-12 41.7%
 FT % 1st Half: 4-8 50.0% 2nd half: 2-7 28.6% Game: 6-15 40.0%

Louisiana Tech 68 • 3-3

#	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
25	WINGATE, Brandi	9-14	0-0	3-4	5	7	12	3	21	1	1	1	1	35	
04	ANTHONY, Kierra	4-9	2-3	7-8	0	4	4	3	17	1	7	0	0	29	
12	PUMROY, Brooke	5-12	3-8	0-0	0	4	4	2	13	5	4	0	3	38	
24	DAVENPORT, Tiara	3-12	0-2	2-4	1	3	4	3	8	1	1	0	1	32	
30	SANTOS, Ashley	2-5	1-2	0-0	2	3	5	5	0	3	0	2	23		
02	VASQUEZ, Rochelle	0-4	0-3	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	3	4	0	0	20	
03	RICHIE, Ruby	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	7	
22	LEBLANC, Jasmine	1-2	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	
23	CLEAVER, Reauna	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	2	4	1	2	0	2	0	0	12	
34	MOTEN, Kevione	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Team					1	3	4								
Totals		25-61	6-20	12-16	13	27	40	18	68	12	22	1	7	200	

FG % 1st Half: 11-30 36.7% 2nd half: 14-31 45.2% Game: 25-61 41.0%
 3FG % 1st Half: 1-12 8.3% 2nd half: 5-8 62.5% Game: 6-20 30.0%
 FT % 1st Half: 3-4 75.0% 2nd half: 9-12 75.0% Game: 12-16 75.0%

Officials: Mary Day, Eric Koch, Marc Merritt
 Technical fouls: Prairie View A&M-None. Louisiana Tech-None.
 Attendance: 1502

Score by periods	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Prairie View A&M	19	20	22	16	77
Louisiana Tech	12	14	21	21	68

Points	In	Off	2nd	Fast	Bench
PVAM	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	
PVAM	36	27	4	22	11
LATECH	26	13	15	9	4

Last FG - PVAM 4th-00:26, LATECH 4th-00:09.
 Largest lead - PVAM by 15 2nd-06:54, LATECH None.
 PVAM led for 39:13, LATECH led for 00:00. Game was tied for 00:47.

Score tied - 0 times.
 Lead changed - 0 times.

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics Louisiana Tech vs Nicholls 12/5/15 1 PM at Thibodaux, La. (Stoper Gym)

Louisiana Tech 58 • 4-3

#	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
24	DAVENPORT, Tiara	6-11	0-1	2-2	5	7	12	4	14	0	0	0	0	30	
25	WINGATE, Brandi	6-12	0-0	4-5	2	5	7	4	16	0	1	0	1	28	
04	ANTHONY, Kierra	3-7	1-1	2-4	0	3	3	1	9	4	7	0	2	30	
12	PUMROY, Brooke	2-8	2-5	2-2	0	4	4	1	8	1	6	0	1	34	
30	SANTOS, Ashley	4-9	0-1	1-6	3	3	6	3	9	2	2	0	2	32	
02	VASQUEZ, Rochelle	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	7	
03	RICHIE, Ruby	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	10	
22	LEBLANC, Jasmine	1-5	0-0	0-2	1	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	1	9	
23	CLEAVER, Reauna	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	13	
32	MOTEN, Kevione	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	
Team					1	4	5								
Totals		22-54	3-8	11-21	13	32	45	17	58	8	22	0	7	200	

FG % 1st Half: 9-24 37.5% 2nd half: 13-30 43.3% Game: 22-54 40.7%
 3FG % 1st Half: 1-5 20.0% 2nd half: 2-3 66.7% Game: 3-8 37.5%
 FT % 1st Half: 5-10 50.0% 2nd half: 6-11 54.5% Game: 11-21 52.4%

Nicholls 55 • 2-5

#	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
40	Lilly, Marina	0-6	0-0	0-0	4	2	6	5	0	0	1	0	1	11	
20	Barrios, Cassidy	2-6	1-2	1-2	1	3	4	1	6	1	1	0	3	35	
22	Coleman, Brenisha	1-5	0-0	0-2	4	3	7	3	2	0	4	0	2	24	
30	Brown, Karrington	0-3	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	7	
32	McCarthy, LiAnn	5-16	0-8	0-0	2	3	5	2	10	1	3	0	1	32	
01	Mandic, Jovana	1-1	0-0	0-1	1	3	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	11	
03	Charles, Tia	6-18	5-12	3-3	0	2	2	3	20	2	2	0	4	23	
05	Pawlovski, Hope	5-10	1-1	1-2	1	1	2	4	12	3	0	0	5	33	
14	Deakin-Sharpe, Sammi	1-2	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	5	
15	Hamilton, Airi	0-1	0-0	1-2	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	19	
Team					3	6	9								
Totals		21-68	7-26	6-12	17	24	41	22	55	7	16	0	17	200	

FG % 1st Half: 12-35 34.3% 2nd half: 9-33 27.3% Game: 21-68 30.9%
 3FG % 1st Half: 1-5 20.0% 2nd half: 4-14 28.6% Game: 7-26 26.9%
 FT % 1st Half: 4-8 50.0% 2nd half: 2-4 50.0% Game: 6-12 50.0%

Officials: Barry Roberts, Melanie Davis, Eric Koch
 Technical fouls: Louisiana Tech-None. Nicholls-None.
 Attendance: 827

Score by periods	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Louisiana Tech	10	14	22	12	58
Nicholls	14	17	11	13	55

Points	In	Off	2nd	Fast	Bench
LATECH	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	
LATECH	32	15	12	6	

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Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
#9 Mississippi State vs Louisiana Tech
 12/13/15 3:00 PM at Thomas Assembly Center (Ruston, La.)

#9 Mississippi State 93 • 7-1

#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
13	Ketara Chapel	f	2-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	4	1	1	0	0	0	9	
45	Chinwe Okorie	c	3-4	0-0	0-0	2	2	4	2	6	3	1	0	0	0	16	
00	Dominique Dillingham	g	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	1	2	1	0	1	2	22		
02	Morgan William	g	3-6	1-2	5-6	0	2	2	0	12	8	5	0	1	25		
35	Victoria Vivians	g	13-23	7-15	3-3	0	7	7	1	36	0	1	1	2	29		
01	Blair Schaefer	g	1-5	1-4	0-0	1	0	1	2	3	1	1	0	0	17		
03	Breanna Richardson	g	5-9	1-3	1-2	1	3	4	2	12	2	2	1	2	28		
10	Sherise Williams	g	4-4	0-0	0-1	2	4	6	2	8	1	1	4	1	16		
05	Jazzmun Holmes	g	2-5	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	4	7	2	1	0	15		
12	Jasmine Spears	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
15	Teaira McCowan	g	2-4	0-0	0-0	1	3	4	5	4	0	0	2	0	7		
23	Kayla Nevitt	g	1-6	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	12		
44	LaKaris Salter	g	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	3		
Team						1			2								
Totals			37-70	10-26	9-12	10	27	37	20	93	24	16	10	8	200		

FG % 1st Half: 22-35 62.9% 2nd half: 15-35 42.9% Game: 37-70 52.9% Deadball Rebounds: 1
 3FG % 1st Half: 8-15 53.3% 2nd half: 2-11 18.2% Game: 10-26 38.5%
 FT % 1st Half: 1-2 50.0% 2nd half: 8-10 80.0% Game: 9-12 75.0%

Louisiana Tech 63 • 4-5

#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
24	DAVENPORT, Tiara	f	3-9	2-3	0-1	0	6	6	3	8	1	5	0	2	34		
25	WINGATE, Brandi	f	7-12	1-1	10-10	1	5	6	1	25	1	2	0	1	31		
02	VASQUEZ, Rochelle	g	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	14		
04	ANTHONY, Kierra	g	1-10	0-0	3-4	0	1	1	3	5	4	5	0	1	32		
30	SANTOS, Ashley	g	3-10	1-1	2-2	1	1	2	0	9	2	2	1	0	33		
03	RICHIE, Ruby	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2		
12	PUMROY, Brooke	g	2-7	0-2	0-0	1	1	2	2	4	0	3	0	0	17		
22	LEBLANC, Jasmine	g	3-4	0-0	1-1	0	3	3	4	7	0	4	0	0	14		
23	CLEAVER, Reauna	g	1-3	0-0	1-1	1	3	4	3	3	0	1	0	0	11		
32	MOTEN, Kevione	g	1-3	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	12		
Team						6			4								
Totals			21-59	4-7	17-19	12	25	37	18	63	8	24	1	4	200		

FG % 1st Half: 9-27 33.3% 2nd half: 12-32 37.5% Game: 21-59 35.6% Deadball Rebounds: 1
 3FG % 1st Half: 1-2 50.0% 2nd half: 3-5 60.0% Game: 4-7 57.1%
 FT % 1st Half: 6-7 85.7% 2nd half: 11-12 91.7% Game: 17-19 89.5%

Officials: Eric Koch, Troy Winders, Kylie Galloway
 Technical fouls: #9 Mississippi State-None. Louisiana Tech-None.
 Attendance: 1818

Score by periods	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
#9 Mississippi State	24	29	29	11	93
Louisiana Tech	11	14	11	27	63

Last FG - MS 4th-03:48, LATECH 4th-01:22.
 Largest lead - MS by 48 3rd-01:27, LATECH by 9 1st-07:20.
 MS led for 34:40, LATECH led for 04:10. Game was tied for 01:10.

Score tied - 0 times.
 Lead changed - 1 time.

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
ULL vs Louisiana Tech
 12/19/15 6:00 at Thomas Assembly Center (Ruston, La.)

ULL 62 • 7-2 1-0

#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
03	Cooper, Breionne	f	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	11	
05	Alexander, Jordan	f	2-3	2-2	0-0	0	2	2	2	6	1	2	0	0	20		
14	Prejean, Adrienne	f	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	15		
10	Wilridge, Kia	g	3-8	0-0	2-5	2	4	6	4	8	3	2	0	3	20		
11	Gordon, Jaylyn	g	5-18	1-6	6-8	0	3	3	5	17	5	5	0	3	33		
01	Arceneaux, Brooklyn	g	2-7	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	3	4	1	2	0	2	27		
15	Quinn, Jodi	g	1-4	0-1	0-0	3	1	4	3	2	0	0	0	3	15		
22	Alexander, Gabby	g	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3		
23	Washington, Taylor	g	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	8		
24	Veal, Keke	g	9-18	2-6	3-4	0	0	0	3	23	0	3	1	1	28		
25	Okde, Sylvana	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1		
32	Fields, Simone	g	1-3	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	5	2	0	2	0	0	19		
Team						3			0								
Totals			23-64	5-15	11-17	11	15	26	29	62	12	19	1	14	200		

FG % 1st Half: 10-29 34.5% 2nd half: 13-35 37.1% Game: 23-64 35.9% Deadball Rebounds: 4
 3FG % 1st Half: 3-6 50.0% 2nd half: 2-9 22.2% Game: 5-15 33.3%
 FT % 1st Half: 5-6 83.3% 2nd half: 6-11 54.5% Game: 11-17 64.7%

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#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
24	DAVENPORT, Tiara	f	4-8	1-3	1-2	4	2	6	5	10	1	3	0	0	26		
25	WINGATE, Brandi	f	2-6	0-0	2-4	1	1	2	1	6	1	1	0	0	21		
02	VASQUEZ, Rochelle	g	0-2	0-1	0-0	2	0	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	18		
04	ANTHONY, Kierra	g	4-10	0-1	5-6	2	6	8	3	13	7	6	0	6	29		
30	SANTOS, Ashley	g	5-9	0-2	6-9	2	8	10	3	16	2	5	0	0	30		
03	RICHIE, Ruby	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+		
10	KREID, Maren	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+		
12	PUMROY, Brooke	g	2-7	2-5	1-2	0	3	3	0	7	4	5	1	1	23		
22	LEBLANC, Jasmine	g	5-7	1-1	1-1	1	1	2	1	12	1	2	0	2	18		
23	CLEAVER, Reauna	g	1-3	0-0	4-4	1	8	9	4	6	1	2	0	0	21		
32	MOTEN, Kevione	g	3-4	0-0	3-6	4	2	6	0	9	0	0	0	0	14		
Team						3			1								
Totals			26-56	4-13	23-34	20	32	52	18	79	17	27	1	9	200		

FG % 1st Half: 11-25 44.0% 2nd half: 15-31 48.4% Game: 26-56 46.4% Deadball Rebounds: 6
 3FG % 1st Half: 3-7 42.9% 2nd half: 1-6 16.7% Game: 4-13 30.8%
 FT % 1st Half: 7-9 77.8% 2nd half: 16-25 64.0% Game: 23-34 67.6%

Officials: Meadow Overstreet, Randy Robertson, Bryan Morrow
 Technical fouls: ULL-Gordon, Jaylyn; Wilridge, Kia; Arceneaux, Brooklyn.
 Louisiana Tech-None.
 Attendance: 1918

Score by periods	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
ULL	11	17	26	8	62
Louisiana Tech	14	18	25	22	79

Last FG - ULL 4th-00:31, LATECH 4th-02:15.
 Largest lead - ULL by 3 1st-06:32, LATECH by 17 4th-01:15.
 ULL led for 01:38, LATECH led for 34:25. Game was tied for 03:57.

Score tied - 4 times.
 Lead changed - 1 time.

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
McNeese State vs Louisiana Tech
 12/22/15 6:00 PM at Thomas Assembly Center (Ruston, La.)

McNeese State 74 • 8-4

#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
05	Carswell, Jasmyn	f	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	4	4	4	2	0	3	0	0	30		
25	Haywood, Frederica	f	5-6	0-0	1-2	1	4	5	4	11	0	1	0	1	19		
01	Baggett, Allison	g	5-14	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	0	10	3	3	0	1	21		
02	Johnson, Jaylin	g	4-11	1-2	4-4	1	3	4	2	13	6	2	0	1	33		
23	Donnes, Amber	g	3-5	1-3	3-4	0	0	0	2	10	2	0	0	0	19		
00	Hudnall, Keara	g	2-5	1-1	0-0	1	2	3	0	5	1	0	0	1	7		
13	Rivas, Cynthia	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	9		
21	Rogers, Mercedes	g	1-1	0-0	2-2	1	5	6	2	4	0	0	0	2	21		
22	Cupit, Hannah	g	4-11	2-6	0-0	2	1	3	3	10	0	2	0	2	26		
33	Rachal, Victoria	g	2-8	1-4	4-4	0	0	0	1	9	1	1	0	0	15		
Team						2			4								
Totals			27-64	6-16	14-16	9	23	32	19	74	13	12	0	8	200		

FG % 1st Half: 19-40 47.5% 2nd half: 8-24 33.3% Game: 27-64 42.2% Deadball Rebounds: 1
 3FG % 1st Half: 4-9 44.4% 2nd half: 2-7 28.6% Game: 6-16 37.5%
 FT % 1st Half: 2-2 100.0% 2nd half: 12-14 85.7% Game: 14-16 87.5%

Louisiana Tech 71 • 5-6

#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA										

2015-16 LOUISIANA TECH WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics Louisiana Tech vs Old Dominion 1/17/16 7:02 PM at Norfolk, Va.

Louisiana Tech 69 • 6-7, 1-1

#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Bk	Stl	Min
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	Off	Def	Tot							
24	DAVENPORT, Tiara	1	0-4	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	10	
32	MOTEN, Keivone	1	2-4	0-0	1-2	1	3	4	3	5	0	1	1	2	25		
02	VASQUEZ, Rochelle	g	2-4	1-2	2-2	1	5	6	2	7	2	3	0	1	38		
12	PUMROY, Brooke	g	5-8	2-3	6-6	0	2	2	3	18	4	2	0	1	35		
30	SANTOS, Ashley	g	1-6	0-1	3-4	2	4	6	4	5	1	3	0	1	26		
22	LEBLANC, Jasmine	g	3-7	0-0	5-6	1	7	8	3	11	1	2	1	2	21		
23	CLEAVER, Reauna	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	12		
25	WINGATE, Brandi	g	9-13	0-0	5-7	0	7	7	4	23	1	4	0	0	34		
Team						1	5	6									
Totals			22-46	3-7	22-27	6	35	41	22	69	9	17	3	7	201		

FG % 1st Half: 11-23 47.8% 2nd half: 11-23 47.8% Game: 22-46 47.8% Deadball Rebounds 4
 3FG % 1st Half: 3-5 60.0% 2nd half: 0-2 0.0% Game: 3-7 42.9%
 FT % 1st Half: 11-12 91.7% 2nd half: 11-15 73.3% Game: 22-27 81.5%

Old Dominion 51 • 5-9, 1-1

#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Bk	Stl	Min
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	Off	Def	Tot							
14	HOLOPAINEN, Annika	f	1-5	1-3	0-0	3	1	4	2	3	0	1	1	0	22		
40	YOUNG, Destinee	f	2-15	0-0	1-8	5	3	8	3	5	0	1	0	1	36		
03	BERNARDECO, Carolina	g	0-2	0-2	0-0	1	0	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	12		
20	BROWN, Keyana	g	2-10	2-10	0-0	2	3	5	3	6	1	1	0	2	28		
25	SIMMS, Jennie	g	10-23	0-6	4-9	3	5	8	3	24	1	5	0	0	38		
00	KEMP, Rhaven	g	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	7		
02	TIMMONS, Makayla	g	1-4	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	2	3	2	2	0	0	16		
05	SMITH, Gianna	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3		
23	AJEMBA, Ije	g	1-4	0-0	3-4	5	1	6	2	5	0	2	0	1	23		
30	JACKSON, Ashley	g	3-4	0-1	0-0	1	1	2	2	6	1	0	0	1	15		
Team						0	4	4									
Totals			20-69	3-24	8-21	21	19	40	22	51	7	13	1	6	200		

FG % 1st Half: 10-31 32.3% 2nd half: 10-38 26.3% Game: 20-69 29.0% Deadball Rebounds 6
 3FG % 1st Half: 2-8 25.0% 2nd half: 1-16 6.3% Game: 3-24 12.5%
 FT % 1st Half: 4-6 66.7% 2nd half: 4-15 26.7% Game: 8-21 38.1%

Officials: Timothy Bryant, Talisa Green, An-Jamilah Gregory
 Technical fouls: Louisiana Tech-None, Old Dominion-None.
 Attendance: 1718

Score by periods	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Louisiana Tech	12	24	10	23	69
Old Dominion	9	17	12	13	51

Last FG - LATECH 4th-00:52, ODU 4th-01:46.
 Largest lead - LATECH by 19 4th-00:52, ODU None.
 LATECH led for 37:35, ODU led for 00:00. Game was tied for 02:25.

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics Louisiana Tech vs Charlotte 01/09/16 7:00 PM at Haddon Arena

Louisiana Tech 58 • 6-7, 1-1 C-USA

#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Bk	Stl	Min
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	Off	Def	Tot							
24	DAVENPORT, Tiara	f	1-7	0-2	3-5	4	0	4	1	5	0	0	0	0	10		
32	MOTEN, Keivone	c	0-2	0-0	1-2	1	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	10		
02	VASQUEZ, Rochelle	g	0-5	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	19		
12	PUMROY, Brooke	g	4-12	2-8	0-0	0	0	0	1	10	1	0	0	1	28		
30	SANTOS, Ashley	g	6-12	1-5	0-0	2	4	6	3	13	1	3	0	1	31		
03	RICHIE, Ruby	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
14	ANTHONY, Kierra	g	2-7	0-2	0-0	0	2	2	5	4	3	4	0	2	25		
22	LEBLANC, Jasmine	g	3-11	0-1	0-0	3	5	8	2	6	0	1	0	0	19		
23	CLEAVER, Reauna	g	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	1	2	0	1	0	1	12		
25	WINGATE, Brandi	g	7-16	1-1	2-3	3	2	5	2	17	1	1	0	1	34		
Team						4	2	6									
Totals			24-74	4-19	8-10	19	20	39	19	58	7	12	1	7	200		

FG % 1st Half: 11-38 28.9% 2nd half: 13-36 36.1% Game: 24-74 32.4% Deadball Rebounds 2
 3FG % 1st Half: 2-11 18.2% 2nd half: 2-8 25.0% Game: 4-19 21.1%
 FT % 1st Half: 1-2 50.0% 2nd half: 5-8 62.5% Game: 6-10 60.0%

Charlotte 63 • 0-5, 1-1 C-USA

#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Bk	Stl	Min
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	Off	Def	Tot							
20	GORDON, Kira	f	4-7	0-2	6-8	0	4	4	2	14	2	4	0	1	40		
32	ALEXANDER, Alexis	f	8-15	0-0	0-0	0	8	8	3	16	0	1	0	1	37		
01	GREGORY, Ciara	g	1-3	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	7		
04	RAVENTOS, Laia	g	1-4	0-0	2-2	0	4	4	2	4	3	2	0	0	22		
21	WEBSTER, Leffy	g	4-9	1-3	4-4	0	4	4	2	13	3	4	1	2	40		
00	RANSOM, Amaya	g	0-1	0-1	2-2	1	3	4	2	2	1	3	0	0	20		
02	MCKOY, Mintrell	g	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	3		
24	HUNTER, Grace	g	3-8	0-0	4-7	6	8	14	1	10	1	4	2	0	31		
Team						2	0	2									
Totals			22-48	1-8	18-23	10	33	43	13	63	10	19	3	3	200		

FG % 1st Half: 14-31 45.2% 2nd half: 8-17 47.1% Game: 22-48 45.0% Deadball Rebounds 1
 3FG % 1st Half: 1-7 14.3% 2nd half: 0-1 0.0% Game: 1-8 12.5%
 FT % 1st Half: 4-6 66.7% 2nd half: 14-18 77.8% Game: 18-23 78.3%

Officials: Sue Blusch, Paulani Sparlock, Kevin Pethel
 Technical fouls: Louisiana Tech-None, Charlotte-None.
 Attendance: 821

Score by periods	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Louisiana Tech	13	12	14	19	58
Charlotte	16	17	12	18	63

Last FG - LATECH 4th-00:30, CHA 4th-04:38.
 Largest lead - LATECH by 4 2nd-07:32, CHA by 10 4th-05:04.
 LATECH led for 02:44, CHA led for 35:35. Game was tied for 01:11.

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics FIU vs Louisiana Tech 1/14/16 6:30 PM at Thomas Assembly Center (Ruston, La.)

FIU 63 • 2-13, 0-4 C-USA

#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Bk	Stl	Min
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	Off	Def	Tot							
33	HAGEDUS, Janka	f	0-6	0-0	0-0	0	3	3	5	0	0	1	1	2	20		
03	ALVARADO, Tianah	g	6-15	0-3	2-5	3	2	5	5	14	0	2	0	3	25		
05	SHADE, Taylor	g	5-13	2-4	6-7	0	5	5	4	18	2	3	0	2	40		
15	HUDSON, Kristian	g	7-17	1-5	3-5	2	1	3	2	18	4	4	0	3	40		
23	TODOROVIC, Nikolina	g	1-2	1-2	0-0	1	2	3	5	3	0	0	1	1	30		
02	CHEEK, Jade	g	1-3	1-2	0-0	0	2	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	7		
21	FEAGIN, Destini	g	1-5	0-2	2-2	1	3	4	2	4	3	2	0	1	30		
32	PAGE, Soraya	g	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	2	3	1	0	0	0	8		
Team						2	2	4									
Totals			22-62	6-19	13-19	9	20	29	25	63	10	12	2	12	200		

1st - FG %: 4-17 23.5% 2nd: 4-13 30.8% 3rd: 6-19 31.6% 4th: 6-13 46.2% Game: 22-62 35.5% Deadball Rebounds 1
 3FG %: 2-4 50.0% 0-4 0.0% 1-6 16.7% 3-5 60.0% 6-19 31.6%
 FT %: 0-0 0.0% 4-4 100.0% 2-6 33.3% 7-9 77.8% 13-19 68.4%

Louisiana Tech 82 • 7-8, 2-2 C-USA

#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Bk	Stl	Min
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	Off	Def	Tot							
25	WINGATE, Brandi	f	4-5	1-2	4-4	0	6	6	1	13	1	2	0	0	23		
32	MOTEN, Keivone	c	4-4	0-0	0-1	1	2	3	1	8	1	2	0	0	17		
02	VASQUEZ, Rochelle	g	5-6	2-3	0-0	1	2	3	12	5	0	0	1	28			
12	PUMROY, Brooke	g	4-6	3-4	2-2	0	1	1	13	5	5	1	0	22			
30	SANTOS, Ashley	g	3-9	0-1	2-2	1	8	9	2	8	3	2	0	0	18		
03	RICHIE, Ruby	g	0-2	0-2	1-2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	7		
04	ANTHONY, Kierra	g	1-4	0-0	0-0	2	3	5	3	2	4	3	0	0	22		
10	KREID, Maren	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3		
22	LEBLANC, Jasmine	g	0-10	0-0	3-4	2	6	8	2	3	1	0	0	0	20		
23	CLEAVER, Reauna	g	2-3	1-1	1-2	1	3	4	4	6	1	5	0	0	17		
24	DAVENPORT, Tiara	g	5-7	1-1	5-6												

2015-16 LOUISIANA TECH WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Official Basketball Box Score - Game Totals - Final Statistics Southern Miss vs Louisiana Tech 1/24/16 12:05 PM at Thomas Assembly Center (Ruston, La)

Southern Miss 37 - 10-7, 3-3 C-USA

#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Bk	Stl	Min
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Total							
02	COTTON, Lashya	f	4-9	0-0	1-1	1	5	6	2	9	1	3	0	1	30		
03	JEWETT-GILES, Keri	g	0-0	0-0	2-4	0	2	2	2	2	0	5	0	0	14		
12	DINKINS, Britanny	g	3-11	0-2	0-0	1	2	3	4	6	3	4	0	3	32		
21	KING, Jayla	g	1-3	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	1	2	0	4	0	1	25		
24	NORRIS, Britny	g	2-7	1-5	2-2	0	1	1	2	7	4	6	0	2	32		
04	VEIGA, Tajanay	g	0-2	0-1	1-2	2	2	4	3	1	0	5	0	0	31		
14	DOZIER, Katie	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2		
15	JENKINS, Caitlin	g	4-8	0-1	2-4	4	6	10	1	10	1	2	2	0	27		
44	WILSON, Shayla	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	7		
Team						2	3	5									
Totals			14-40	1-10	8-13	10	23	33	17	37	9	30	3	7	200		
1st FG%: 4-9 44.4%		2nd 4-12 33.3%		3rd 2-9 22.2%		4th 4-10 40.0%		Game: 14-40 35.0%		Deadball		Rebounds					
3FG%: 0-2 0.0%		0-4 0.0%		0-1 0.0%		1-5 20.0%		1-8 12.5%		0-2 0.0%		1-2 50.0%		2			
FT%: 1-1 100%		3-4 75.0%		2-4 50.0%		2-4 50.0%		8-10 80.0%									

Louisiana Tech 72 - 9-8, 4-2 C-USA

#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Bk	Stl	Min
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Total							
25	WINGATE, Brandi	f	9-15	0-1	2-4	4	6	10	2	20	5	1	1	4	35		
32	MOTEN, Keivone	c	1-3	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	7		
02	VASQUEZ, Rochelle	g	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	15		
12	PUMROY, Brooke	g	3-9	2-5	2-2	0	3	3	1	10	3	2	0	1	28		
30	SANTOS, Ashley	g	6-14	2-4	0-0	3	2	5	1	14	1	2	0	0	26		
03	RICHIE, Ruby	g	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	3		
04	ANTHONY, Kierra	g	1-8	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	2	2	6	1	0	4	22		
10	KREID, Maren	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2		
22	LEBLANC, Jasmine	g	4-12	0-0	0-0	3	3	6	1	8	1	1	1	1	23		
23	CLEAVER, Reauna	g	3-4	1-1	0-0	1	0	1	2	7	1	1	0	1	23		
24	DAVENPORT, Tiana	g	2-7	0-1	2-2	2	1	3	0	6	0	1	1	1	16		
Team						8	1	9									
Totals			30-75	6-16	6-8	24	19	43	13	72	18	9	2	13	200		
1st FG%: 6-16 37.5%		2nd 7-18 38.9%		3rd 9-23 39.1%		4th 8-18 44.4%		Game: 30-75 40.0%		Deadball		Rebounds					
3FG%: 1-4 25.0%		0-4 0.0%		0-1 0.0%		1-5 20.0%		1-8 12.5%		0-2 0.0%		1-2 50.0%		2			
FT%: 1-2 50.0%		0-0 0.0%		0-0 0.0%		5-6 83.3%		6-8 75.0%									

Officials: Kelly Johnson, Ron Harris, Marj Day
Technical fouls: Southern Miss-None, Louisiana Tech-None.
Attendance: 1724

Score by periods	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Southern Miss	9	11	6	11	37
Louisiana Tech	14	16	20	22	72

Points	In	Off	2nd	Fast	Bench
USM	16	6	5	4	11
LATECH	32	36	26	4	26

Last FG - USM 4th-03:15, LATECH 4th-02:26.
Largest lead - USM by 2 1st-05:34, LATECH by 36 4th-01:55.
USM led for 00:42, LATECH led for 34:11, Game was tied for 04:45.

Score tied - 2 times.
Lead changed - 4 times.

Official Basketball Box Score - Game Totals - Final Statistics Louisiana Tech vs UTSA

Louisiana Tech 82 - 10-8, 5-2 C-USA

#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Bk	Stl	Min
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Total							
25	WINGATE, Brandi	f	5-13	0-1	11-17	1	11	12	2	21	0	4	2	1	39		
32	MOTEN, Keivone	c	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	6		
02	VASQUEZ, Rochelle	g	1-4	1-2	2-2	1	4	5	3	5	3	2	0	2	32		
12	PUMROY, Brooke	g	5-12	1-5	8-10	0	7	7	2	19	2	0	1	1	36		
30	SANTOS, Ashley	g	1-6	0-1	1-2	1	1	2	4	3	0	0	1	0	29		
14	ANTHONY, Kierra	g	3-6	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	2	6	1	5	0	3	19		
22	LEBLANC, Jasmine	g	3-5	0-1	1-8	3	8	11	2	7	4	1	0	1	17		
23	CLEAVER, Reauna	g	5-12	0-1	4-10	2	4	6	5	14	1	1	1	1	33		
24	DAVENPORT, Tiana	g	3-7	0-2	0-0	1	1	2	4	6	1	2	0	0	14		
Team						1	2	3									
Totals			26-65	2-13	28-51	11	38	49	27	82	12	16	5	9	225		
1st FG%: 4-16 25.0%		2nd 6-17 35.3%		3rd 9-16 56.3%		4th 6-9 66.7%		Game: 26-65 40.0%		Deadball		Rebounds					
3FG%: 0-3 0.0%		0-2 0.0%		1-2 50.0%		1-2 50.0%		8-16 50.0%		2-5 40.0%		3-7 42.9%		13			
FT%: 4-12 33.3%		2-4 50.0%		8-11 72.7%		8-9 88.9%		28-51 54.9%									

UTSA 72 - 6-12, 2-6 C-USA

#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Bk	Stl	Min
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Total							
02	HERGOTT, Mathilde	f	7-20	3-12	0-0	0	1	1	5	17	1	4	2	0	37		
21	ELONU, Akunna	f	2-6	0-0	6-14	3	5	8	3	10	0	0	0	1	33		
30	SMITH, Tesha	c	5-8	0-0	0-0	5	12	17	5	10	0	5	2	0	33		
04	CHIDOMERE, Crystal	g	7-12	0-0	3-5	1	1	2	5	17	2	2	0	4	16		
05	HEARD, Alana	g	4-9	0-0	3-4	0	3	3	3	11	1	4	0	1	28		
01	KIEJDROWSKA, Kasia	g	0-3	0-3	1-2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	8		
03	DUKES, Alexus	g	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	4	2	2	0	0	0	12		
11	ANASTASIESKA, Sara	g	1-8	0-2	0-2	0	3	3	2	2	3	0	0	0	28		
12	MITCHELL-COLE, Niaga	g	0-7	0-0	2-2	3	7	10	4	0	0	1	0	0	18		
23	THORNTON, Dempsey	g	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	4	2	0	1	0	0	8		
31	HEINEMAN, Carlie	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4		
Team						2	4	6									
Totals			28-77	3-17	13-29	16	36	52	36	72	8	20	4	6	225		
1st FG%: 2-15 13.3%		2nd 9-16 56.3%		3rd 10-17 58.8%		4th 7-9 77.8%		Game: 28-77 36.0%		Deadball		Rebounds					
3FG%: 0-3 0.0%		1-3 33.3%		2-5 40.0%		3-7 42.9%		13-29 44.8%		2-5 40.0%		3-7 42.9%		11			
FT%: 5-8 62.5%		2-6 33.3%		3-4 75.0%		3-7 42.9%		39-77 50.6%									

Officials: Chaney Murch, Doug Williams, D'Wayne Schertz
Technical fouls: Louisiana Tech-None, UTSA-None.
Attendance: 530

Score by periods	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Louisiana Tech	12	15	26	19	10	82
UTSA	9	20	24	19	0	72

Last FG - LATECH OT-02:17, UTSA 4th-00:07.
Largest lead - LATECH by 10 OT-00:16, UTSA by 7 3rd-05:21.
LATECH led for 22:12, UTSA led for 15:15, Game was tied for 07:33.

Score tied - 11 times.
Lead changed - 12 times.

Official Basketball Box Score - Game Totals - Final Statistics Louisiana Tech vs UTEP

Louisiana Tech 88 - 10-9, 5-3 C-USA

#	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Bk	Stl	Min
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Total							
25	WINGATE, Brandi	f	7-14	2-3	6-7	1	5	6	2	22	2	1	0	0	31		
32	MOTEN, Keivone	c	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5		
02	VASQUEZ, Rochelle	g	1-4	1-1	2-2	0	3	3	1	5	2	1	0	0	31		
12	PUMROY, Brooke	g	3-6	0-3	4-4	0	2	2	2	10	3	4	0	0	28		
30	SANTOS, Ashley	g	4-7	0-1	6-7	0	4	4	2	14	0	2	0	0	30		
03	RICHIE, Ruby	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1		
04	ANTHONY, Kierra	g	5-6	1-2	1-2	0	0	0	4	12	1	2	0	0	10		
22	LEBLANC, Jasmine	g	1-3	0-0	3-4	1	5	6	4	5	0	1	0	0	18		
23	CLEAVER, Reauna	g	3-4	0-1	0-3	2	1	3	4	6	0	1	0	1	22		
24	DAVENPORT, Tiana	g	1-6	0-1	4-9	2											

Meet Kierra Anthony

RUSTON – When Louisiana Tech fans meet freshman Kierra Anthony for the first time, they might have to acclimate to the New Iberia native's thick south Louisiana accent.

It rivals the density of some of the best gumbos produced in Kierra's portion of the state.

Tech fans will get a chance over the next four years to see the 5-foot-6-inch point guard's basketball abilities do most of the talking; no Cajun accent can camouflage this skillset.

"Kierra has a high basketball IQ, which is exactly what we need from a freshman point guard," said Tech head coach Tyler Summitt. "She can create in a variety of ways, for herself and for her teammates. I look forward to watching Kierra develop as a floor general." That development started in high school but is being fine-tuned this summer.

Like the rest of the LA Tech roster, Kierra attended the second session of summer school in July and August, providing the opportunity to bond with fellow teammates and begin her college career.

The somewhat reserved Kierra said that her initial workouts, both individual and team, have been nothing but positive. "We work (on fundamentals) now instead of waiting for the season to come," Kierra said. "We have been doing basketball drills that will help our game. We have worked on ball handling, shooting, defense and conditioning. Coach (Summitt) never takes it easy on you, no matter what. I like everything about it."

Kierra was raised by her maternal grandmother, Vera Gardner. Grandma has already seen just how much her granddaughter has embraced her new school and coaching staff.

"She is very happy at LA Tech," Ms. Vera said. "She loves everything. She loves the coaching staff. Kierra doesn't fit just everywhere. She is more reserved, and she is quiet. When we went on the official visit, Kierra was free and open. It was amazing. All I could do was thank God. I knew she was going to pick LA Tech although I wasn't going to influence her decision. Of all the places we went, I never saw her free spirited the way she was that weekend."

Kierra signed with LA Tech back in November. She chose the Lady Techsters over Conference USA rival Southern Miss and a handful of in-state schools. And she is quick to tell you why.

"The family (atmosphere) sold me," she said. "That is what I was looking for. I have to be comfortable off the court, as well as on the court. When I came here, they made me feel at home. Everything they did was together."

Ms. Vera came on the official visit. Having raised Kierra since birth, she was heavily involved in the recruiting process.

"I really was impressed with a lot of things," said Ms. Vera. "The biggest thing was the family atmosphere. Coach Summitt is such a mellow person. I heard him say in every conversation to treat people right. That's one of my big deals. In order for us to make it we have to treat people right. I love coach Mickie because she reminds me of one of my aunts. I just love her.

"We visited other schools before LA Tech. And at LA Tech the coaches were all like family. They were all on one accord and got along so well. Everything was like family. Kierra was very family oriented and never left home. I really felt good about leaving her in their hands. It was genuine. You can feel they are really looking out for those girls. It's like a family."

Family; a word that is mentioned by every one of the Lady Techsters eight newcomers this year when talking about what led them to Ruston. It's no coincidence. It's one of the program's five pillars.

And Kierra is definitely a family girl.

New Iberia is about three-and-a-half hours from Ruston. That's where Kierra's family resides, close enough to come watch her play during the next four years.

"That was definitely important to me," Kierra said. "I have a big support system."

Kierra's mother Kirston "was young" when she was born. Thus, Vera was the guiding force in Kierra's life from the start.

And according to Kierra, her grandmother definitely ruled the roost.

"My grandmother was a disciplinarian," Kierra said. "She stayed on me about everything, no matter what it was. If I did something wrong, she would take the basketball away from me."

Maybe that is where Kierra learned to protect the basketball.

"Amen," Ms. Vera said. "That worked like a charm. When Kierra was in sixth grade, she was on the elementary school basketball team. She came home with a report card that had two C's and two D's. I almost had heart failure.

"So I took her basketball, and I told her she couldn't even look at another basketball until she got her next report card. Everyone seemed to be against that decision. But I put the basketball away, and I didn't let her play with it. When she got her next report card six weeks later, her D's were B's and her C's were A's. It worked like a charm."

At least until the ninth grade when another teachable moment arose within Kierra's up-bringing that turned into the game-winner when it came to her outlook on life and her behavior.

"When she was 12, 13, 14, Kierra was really, really a handful," Vera said. "She got into some trouble in 9th grade, and we had to meet at the school board office. They literally prohibited her from going into the gym for 45 days. That turned Kierra around completely. She has been a role model ever since."

Kierra developed a reputation during her high school career of never taking it easy on her opponents. She earned district most valuable player accolades as a junior and senior and was named the Best of the Teche Player of the Year by the Daily Iberian three straight years.

During her senior year, she averaged 23.5 points, 5.3 assists, 4.2 rebounds and 2.1 steals while earning all-state honors for the fourth straight year.

"I pick up things very easily," she said. "As a point guard, I have to know what is going on."

The good news for Kierra is that she won't be expected to start right away, although like most college players, that is her ultimate goal every day that she laces the high tops up and steps onto Karl Malone Court for practice.

However, Kierra has the luxury of learning from redshirt junior Brooke Pumroy, who has two years of Big East battles under her belt from her days at Marquette.

Pumroy said she has been nothing but impressed by Kierra.

"She is a great player," Pumroy said. "She really has her head on straight. She works hard. She can handle the ball. She is smart. I try to give her as much info as I've been given. As I have heard since I have been here, 'My ceiling is her floor.'

"When I leave here I want to be able to give her everything I have so she can build on that. I don't want to throw too much at her because I remember what that was like (as a freshman). She does anything she can to get better each day."

Sounds like a prototypical Tyler Summitt recruit; a coach's dream.

Although the daily battles during the summer were intense between Pumroy and Kierra – who missed a portion of the workouts due to an injury – there is already a mutual respect between the two that will only lead to better team chemistry.

"It has been good and our relationship is important because we are the only two point guards," Kierra said. "We have to connect with one another. If we are on the floor, it does not matter who is running it. I will definitely be able to learn a lot from her."

Anthony is learning to use that accent more and more, something every point guard must do. According to Pumroy, she is coming out of her shell.

"She works hard in the classroom and contributes to the team activities," Pumroy said. "She is becoming more and more vocal with that very, very strong accent. I love that girl."

And over the next four years, Louisiana Tech fans will too.

Meet Reauna Cleaver

RUSTON – It was a nickname given to her at birth by her father.

When LaSteven Cleaver saw his baby girl for the first time, he knew she was something special, probably the same sentiment of every father.

He simply called her “Sweets.”

“He said I was the sweetest thing he had gotten in his life,” said Louisiana Tech freshman forward Reauna “Sweets” Cleaver. “It became big when I got to high school. My teachers called me Sweets. My friends called me Sweets. We had a neighbor who my dad grew up with. She did not even know my name was Reauna. Everyone called me Sweets.”

LaSteven was 100 percent right though. That baby girl now turned college woman was special. And sweet.

Just ask Elizabethtown (Ky.) High School coach Tim Mudd, who had the privilege of coaching the 6-foot-2 all-state honoree the past four years. He knows Cleaver.

“When I think about Sweets as a player and as a person, the unselfishness is what stands out,” Mudd said. “She is a great teammate; not a good one, but a great one. We give out an award every year that the team votes on. She won the Teammate of the Year award the last two years.

“She is a very caring individual. She loves young kids. We run a little league program that our players work. Every year she was the most popular player with the kids just because of her genuine love for them.”

Isn't that Sweet?

“I love little kids,” said Sweets. “I helped with little league, and I did little league when I was young. I would love to babysit. It hit me when I started helping little league. I want to teach K-5.”

First things first, though.

Sweets has four years of lacing up the basketball shoes in Ruston and helping lead Louisiana Tech back to the postseason ahead of her.

“Sweets was very highly recruited out of high school and I'm excited to have her join our family,” said LA Tech head coach Tyler Summitt. “She brings a lot of elements to our team, especially a scoring post presence and a great rebounding force. She has an attitude that the ball belongs to her, and it is contagious.”

Out of a very impressive incoming class featuring four talented freshmen, Sweets is the centerpiece. When Summitt said she was highly recruited, he wasn't lying.

“(All of the Kentucky schools were) interested, but Sweets had told me early on that she did not want to stay in the state of Kentucky,” Mudd said. “We didn't see the full magnitude of Sweets recruitment because of that. Matthew Mitchell from Kentucky, Jeff Walz from Louisville and Michelle Clark-Heard from Western Kentucky all contacted me, but I wasn't going to waste their time. So I let them know of her desire to leave the state.”

However, big-time schools from out-of-state followed, including Michigan State and Ole Miss. According to Mudd, it didn't matter.

“She absolutely fell in love with Tyler,” Mudd said. “It was evident once Tyler came into the picture that Louisiana Tech is where she was going.”

Her relationship with Summitt began when he was an assistant at Marquette, recruiting her for the Golden Eagles. After getting the LA Tech job in April of 2014, Summitt continued the recruitment of her – only this time for his newest employer.

“He came (to Louisiana Tech) at the (end of my junior) year, and I had been recruited since my freshman year,” Sweets said. “I had never thought about Louisiana Tech until he got the job.”

Following a visit to Louisiana Tech in August of last year, Sweets didn't immediately commit to the Lady Techsters.

Sweets remembers her official visit vividly.

“I was not left out one bit,” said Sweets, who loves to paint quotes on canvas and fish with her father back home during her off time. “I got a conversation with everyone; every player and every coach (on that visit). I was not off to the side having to make my own conversation. They treated me as family.”

She instantly felt at home. Yet, because this young lady is good to her word, she still had one official visit left that she had to make – to Conference USA foe Florida Atlantic.

“I had a close relationship and felt obligated to go down there (before committing anywhere),” Sweets said. “The assistant coach down there is close to Coach Mudd.”

However, Summitt and the LA Tech staff did get a little inside information from their prized recruit that she was leaning toward signing with the Lady Techsters.

“They came on a home visit and stayed at my house,” Sweets said. “Coach Tyler came into my room, and we talked a little bit. I told him I was going to verbally commit. He was so surprised and excited.

“I had already been to Ole Miss. I told him he had to wait until my Florida Atlantic visit. I told him my parents knew. Nobody else knew. He called the other coaches into the room. He ended up telling them and they were freaking out.

“I told Coach Tyler that my mind could change depending on how my visit to Florida Atlantic went. He understood that part.”

It didn't.

“I came back (from my visit to FAU) and a week later I posted a picture on social media and told the world,” Sweets said. “It just clicked. Tech gave me the most attention, but they spent the least amount of time recruiting me. I have a good relationship with all

the coaches. That is what brought me here.

“Coach Summitt expressed what he wanted out of me and I really felt like he was going to push me. I am being pushed now to achieve my goals. That is what I liked about it.”

Sweets still had one year of high school basketball remaining at E-Town. And nothing short of a state title would suffice for a team that boasted a deep, talented roster, including two-time Gatorade Player of the Year and Notre Dame commitment Erin Boley.

Expectations and hopes were high. Unfortunately, they wouldn't quite play out as Sweets had hoped.

First came the injury in September.

“I had a partially torn meniscus,” Sweets said. “I really did not pay that much attention to it. I did it in September, but I never went to get it checked out. I did not want to sit out. We were playing pickup, and I knew I hurt it but I thought it would be fine. After a while my coach told me to go to the doctor.”

So around Christmas time, Sweets saw the doctors who diagnosed the tear. She had two choices.

“He told me that I could get the surgery now and be back by tournament time (in late February),” she said. “I said I was going to play through it. I did not play in certain games. I warmed up every game, but I didn't always play.”

Mudd had the luxury of being very careful with his senior forward, knowing that he would need her during tournament time.

“After consulting with her doctor and surgeon and parents, we really limited her minutes,” Mudd said. “We were fortunate to have a really deep, talented team. In fact we had talent that you don't get to coach very often on the high school level. It was a special group.”

“There were quite a few games that we knew we were going to most likely win before we stepped on the court. Those games she did not play. It was hard on her as a senior, but I can't say enough nice things about her, not only as a player but as a person. She handled the situation very well.”

Despite limited minutes, Sweets averaged 10.1 points and 7.9 rebounds and shot 61 percent from the field. She still earned all-state honors, played in the Kentucky-Indiana all-star game and was named the Co-Region 5 Player of the Year by the Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches.

The honors were nice.

The way the season ended was not.

Playing Covington Holy Cross in the Houchens Industries/KHSAA Sweet 16 State Tournament in March at E.A. Diddle Arena, Sweets grabbed an offensive rebound and converted a conventional three-point play with 22 seconds to play to give E-Town a 39-38 lead.

However, the bid for a state title ended just seconds later when Holy Cross hit a jumper with only three ticks remaining to pull off a huge upset over the top-ranked Lady Panthers.

“It was a tough game for all of us,” Sweets said. “I made the free throw to go up one. With seconds left she made a floater. It was devastating.”

Sweets' high school career was over. And as difficult as it was, her attention then turned to her health in preparation for the next phase of her basketball career.

“I had surgery in March,” she said. “I started rehab the next day. It was not too bad, but no surgery on the knees is good. I was in therapy until the end of the school year. The recovery process was good. I am still having some trouble, but it is just scar tissue.”

Sweets joined the rest of her teammates during the second session of summer school at Louisiana Tech, taking a business class – “I got an A in that” – and a psychology class. She says the transition, neither in the classroom nor on the court, has been overly difficult.

“In the classroom, it is a lot faster,” she said. “We were kind of prepared for that. E-Town prepared us for college. When I got here it was really fast. I was getting frustrated. Finally, I settled down and realized I did the same thing in high school.”

“On the court Coach Mudd tried to prepare us for college. When I got here, the workouts were different. The urgency and intensity were not much different. The workouts were way different, but I think I was prepared. In high school we got treated like we were in college.”

Early indications are the sky is the limit for the young lady who says she has aspirations of playing professionally in Spain one day.

“I want to play overseas,” Sweets said. “I want to go to Spain. I may come back and play in the WNBA, but I want to go to Spain. It has caught my eye since I was little. I have always wanted to go there.”

One thing is for sure; her high school coach thinks Louisiana Tech landed a huge piece of the puzzle for the next four years.

“Sweets has always been a team first player, always,” Mudd said. “It's hard to teach that. That is just who she is. I believe Tyler and Louisiana Tech are going to see her best years of basketball.”

That sounds pretty sweet to Louisiana Tech fans.

Meet Dawn Gipson

RUSTON – Relationships are important to Dawn Gipson.

So much that it was an already-established relationship with Louisiana Tech assistant coach Amber Smith that helped land the 6-foot-1-inch freshman in Ruston when she signed a national letter of intent last November.

Gipson said that although she liked a lot of things about the program when she came on her official visit, it was Smith's inclusion on the Lady Techster staff that sealed the deal.

"The main thing that caught my attention was that coach Smith was part of the staff," Gipson said. "She was always understanding of us as players. She made sure we were okay and confident in our own game."

The pair met on the AAU circuit two summers ago.

"I developed a relationship with Dawn through coaching her in AAU ball," Smith said. "I was able to coach during the summer of 2013. There was an AAU program, Essence, located in Florida that I played for when I was in high school. I was then able to come back and coach them. Dawn was one of my players."

Thus, the coach-player bond was formed. Gipson developed a trust in Smith and Smith developed an appreciation of Gipson – both on and off the court.

"She is a very versatile player," Smith said. "I think her size, especially her length, is what makes her special. Once we develop her guard skills she will be tough to defend. She isn't there yet. It will take some time, but she is a kid who wants to get better.

"She will have the versatility to go inside or outside. She will be able to score from anywhere on the court. She reminds me of a Brandi Wingate; that type of versatility. We have her for four years so we will be able to work with her during her entire college career and really develop her skills."

Anyone who has followed Tyler Summitt through his first year at LA Tech knows that the Lady Techster head coach is as interested in what type of person you are as he is what type of player. And according to Smith, Gipson fits the mold.

"Dawn is a great kid," Smith said. "She is very quiet until she gets to know you. She needs to see that you have her best interest at heart. Once she does that, she is very loyal and can really get along with anyone. She just has to get to know you first."

Gipson played high school basketball at Ribault High School in Jacksonville where she was just one of a number of talented Division I players that led the program to back-to-back 3A state titles. Her senior year stats won't wow anyone – 4.2 points and 3.1 rebounds per game.

"I feel like everyone should be able to contribute in their own way," Gipson said when asked about her role at Ribault. "I am more of a defensive player. That was my contribution to the team."

However, stats don't always tell the entire story. Although the Florida native might not have been the most highly-recruited player out of Summitt's first official recruiting class, she might possess as much upside as any of the bunch.

"Our staff is excited about Dawn's potential," Summitt said. "She could be very good if she puts her mind to consistently improving. Amber's connection with Dawn was a big part of her coming to LA Tech. Their relationship is something special."

Louisiana Tech wasn't the only Division I program that saw past Gipson's lack of stats on the prep side, as she chose the Lady Techsters over Southern Miss and East Carolina.

"When I got here, the team felt like a family," Gipson said. "The coaches were really cool. It was not super serious. Everyone had their fun moments. I realized that if I came here I knew there was never going to be a time where I said, 'They are so hard on me and so mean.' I am able to talk to them and everybody."

"Coach Summitt is young, and he understands us. He is more patient with everything. He is not going to be unforgiving because he is growing at the same time and understands mistakes happen."

Gipson already knows from experience. Along with the rest of her Techster teammates, she attended the second session of summer school – taking history and dance appreciation – and participated in individual and team workouts. They were a little different than high school.

"High school workouts weren't as tense," Gipson said. "Right now they are trying to make sure we have everything right. In high school you use some of those bad habits, but in college they tweak everything."

Gipson has the luxury of working with 35-year coaching legend Mickie DeMoss, who works with the Louisiana Tech posts.

"Coach Mickie does not talk down on us," Gipson said. "She will tell you what part you got right before telling you what you need to work on. If I have my footwork right she will tell me to work on my follow through. She just works with you step by step to make sure you have everything down."

Academically, Gipson is majoring in biology with the goal of becoming a veterinarian one day.

"I just love animals," said Gipson, who likes to draw cartoon characters as a hobby. "I love to pet them. They are just fun. I want to be a veterinarian. I have had mostly cats growing up. Cats are calmer. I love kittens. Cats know when to play versus when to calm down."

Her affection for her furry friends is evident.

"All I know is she loves animals," Smith said. "Whenever she is around animals, whether it is Mickie's cat or Tyler's dog or any animal, she has a smile on her face. It's definitely a passion of hers. I know she wants to be a veterinarian, and we are going to do everything we can to help her become one."

As with all of the Louisiana Tech players, Summitt, Smith and the entire Lady Techster staff is going to help them become the best they can be on and off the court.

Meet Jasmine LeBlanc

RUSTON – Breaux Bridge is located in St. Martin Parish and the city of just under 8,000 according to the 2011 census sits on I-10 between Lafayette and Baton Rouge.

It's known as the Crawfish Capital of the World.

It is also home to Jasmine LeBlanc, a freshman guard on the Louisiana Tech Lady Techster basketball team.

LeBlanc wasn't born with a silver spoon in her mouth. Although her journey to Louisiana Tech isn't an overly-complicated one, her life has seen its share of struggles.

She was recruited by a number of schools and chose Tyler Summitt and the Lady Techsters over Southern Miss, Stephen F. Austin, UL-Lafayette and a host of others.

Although not exactly a who's who of power programs in women's basketball, LeBlanc has the potential to turn into a steal; maybe sooner than later.

Through a few weeks of summer workouts, LeBlanc has already caught the eye of the Louisiana Tech coaching staff. She is 5-foot-10 and strong. She is physical. She is competitive.

"Jasmine could be an impact on the court in almost every way, rebounding, defensively and scoring," Summitt said. "She is an athletic young lady and uses that to help her on the court. She can post up, shoot the mid-range jumper and the three-pointer. I think she could be a great defender and rebounder for us."

Basically, Summitt thinks LeBlanc has the potential to be one of the building blocks and staples of the Lady Techster program for the next four years.

Jasmine LeBlanc's story is more than just basketball despite the fact her life has revolved around the game as long as she can remember.

Her story is about growing up with six other siblings in a one parent household. It required her mother Janet to work multiple jobs in order to keep food on the table and the bills paid.

"I have two brothers, four sisters and I am the baby," Jasmine said. "My mom was a single parent. She was by herself. It was hard for her. She worked at the hospital and nursing home. She worked at a restaurant downtown. She would leave one job and go to another. I barely saw her until the next morning."

Janet LeBlanc is the proud mother of seven. She has five daughters in Nickea, Shaina, Kadija, Aliyah and Jasmine. She has two sons, Deshannon and Jabari.

"It was hard, very hard," said Janet, recalling all the long hours in multiple jobs while taking care of her family. "What kept me going were my kids. I kept faith in myself. I am their backbone, their mother and their father. I have to do what I have to do. I knew that one day it would not be that way but to make sure they got what they needed, I had to do what I had to do. I have to work and keep things going in the house. There were times when I wanted to go places but couldn't. I just kept pushing.

"The hard part was when they would leave for school in the morning. They would be asleep that night when I got home. I depended on the older ones to make sure they got baths and ready for bed. When I was off, I would iron their clothes for the week.

Their clothes would be ready and all they had to do was brush their teeth and get ready for school. I just hope Jasmine does not have to go through what I went through growing up in life."

Jasmine and all of her siblings saw how hard their mother worked. That sacrifice was definitely not lost on the baby of the family.

"My mom makes me push harder and keep going," Jasmine said. "I am doing it for her, to make her happy."

That's music to Janet's ears.

"It makes me feel good," Janet said. "It lets me know that she understood where I was coming from. That was something she had to see for herself. I keep pushing her. I said the main thing I want to see is her finish high school, graduate and go to college to better herself."

Earning a college scholarship is quite the accomplishment for the young lady who led Breaux Bridge High School to one of its best years in recent memory.

In fact, it is a first.

"I was the first one (of my siblings) to get a scholarship and go to college," Jasmine said. "I am trying to make the best of it and make her happy. I am going to major in kinesiology. I want to coach."

Her newest coach knows what it has taken in both the classroom and on the court for one of his newest players to make it to this point in her life.

"Jasmine takes pride in the hard work that it has taken for her to achieve her goals," Summitt said. "She constantly worked herself out and did whatever it took academically to get a college scholarship."

That hard work led the quiet, soft-spoken, yet fiercely competitive ball player to Ruston last fall on her official visit. The visit went well. Jasmine was sold that Louisiana Tech was where she wanted to continue her basketball career while pursuing a degree.

"The players were really helpful when I came," she said. "I loved my visit. I liked the environment and just fell in love with Tech. The coaches were another part of it. They were great and showed me around. I just liked them and there was something about the entire experience."

Janet, who came on the visit with her daughter, also knew it was a good fit.

"She told me she liked it and would feel more comfortable because Tech was more like a family," Janet said. "She said she

liked it, and that everyone got along. She called me just recently and told me how much she likes it already.”

LeBlanc is one of four true freshmen on the roster. All four are getting to experience what college basketball workouts are all about.

“It is different,” Jasmine said. “This is bringing the best out in me. I feel like I have to keep working harder. It is competitive but I am going to get through. We work harder (than in high school). The players actually push you to help you get through it. Everything is just completely different and more competitive.”

Competition is not something that scares Jasmine LeBlanc. Even in her free time, she can be usually found working to get better.

“When I am not playing basketball, I am usually working out,” she said. “A lot of times I will just go lift or put up some shots. I just want to be the best and keep working. There is always something to do so I get up and do it.”

That sounds a lot like Janet’s mentality. Like mother, like daughter.

Meet Ashley Santos

RUSTON – There are basketball families and then there is Ashley Santos' basketball family.

Ashley, a red-shirt junior guard who will suit up this year for Louisiana Tech, comes from an authentic basketball family. James Naismith couldn't be prouder of a clan.

"Both of my parents played," Ashley said. "My dad played professionally with my uncle. My uncle played at Wichita State and introduced my mom, who played on the women's team there, to my dad who was working as a graduate assistant. All of my siblings play."

When the Santos' get together for family outings, it must be one competitive game of horse.

"It was definitely the first sport introduced to me, or at least that we talked about," Ashley said. "I did get to participate in other sports, to try them and get the feel of it. Eventually, (basketball) is what I picked anyways."

That should come as no surprise.

If you start with her parents, Ashley comes from great basketball stock. Her father, Jose, played college basketball at Bethany Nazarene College (now Southern Nazarene University) in Oklahoma. He then played internationally in Puerto Rico before also playing for the Puerto Rican national team.

"They got to travel to different countries; he has played in China, Russia and places like that," Ashley said.

Her mother, Lori (Findahl), lettered at Wichita State from 1986 through 1989, where she still ranks sixth all-time in career rebounds per game with 8.4. She pulled down 10.3 rebounds per game during the 1986-87 campaign.

Ashley was born with a basketball gene. As were her siblings.

Her younger sister, Sidney, age 19, is currently a sophomore at Oakland University, where like Ashley, she redshirted this past season.

Eighteen-year-old brother K.J. is one of the top recruits in the country. Currently at Vermont Academy, the 6-foot-9-inch, 200-pound shooting guard has offers from the likes of Oklahoma, Iowa, DePaul, Wichita State and Xavier to just name a few.

And then there is the youngest of the Santos'. According to Ashley, 13-year-old Nate is playing AAU basketball for her dad in Chicago.

"Basketball runs in my blood," Ashley said.

Ashley had a stellar prep career herself at Geneva High School in Illinois where she was a four-time all-area selection by both the Daily Herald and the Kane County Chronicle.

She was named to the Upstate Eight River Division All-Conference team in 2010 and 2011 and despite missing the majority of the 2012 season with the first of two knee injuries, she was named second team all-state by the Illinois Coaches Association.

She was also a McDonald's All-American nominee as a senior while being ranked as the 89th overall prospect in the country (34th at her position) by ESPN.com HoopGurlz.

All of the honors and success on the hardwood brought Division I coaches from across the country to Geneva, trying to convince Ashley that their program was the one for her.

"My recruiting process was overwhelming," said Ashley, who is a big fan of Jane Austen novels. "By the time I was a junior, I was already ranked in the ESPN top 100. I had been recruited by schools in the south, on the east coast, on the west coast, and I really struggled to narrow down what I wanted in a school.

"At first I thought I wanted to go far away so I was looking at California schools. I made sure to look at all my options in the midwest. I was trying to make a decision on staying home or going away. Marquette came up, and I wanted to play in the Big East. At the time they had some of the best competition. That was an attraction right off the bat."

So the 5-foot-11-inch shooting guard signed with Marquette over the likes of Southern Cal, Notre Dame and Purdue.

"It was only an hour and a half drive from my house," Ashley said. "It was close to home with good competition. School is very important to me. My high school was very competitive academically. I liked being in that environment. The fact Marquette was a private school helped. They just had a lot to offer in those three categories."

Towards the end of her senior season at Geneva, Ashley suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament at the McDonalds Showcase, a tournament for the top teams in Illinois.

"Not eight minutes in, I was just running down the court and tore my ACL," she said. "I had the surgery immediately. I went into Marquette that summer and continued to rehab. By the time the season hit, I had another surgery to clean some things up."

After a lot of hard work in the training room and on the court preparing for her college debut, Ashley had another setback. Just days before she was supposed to return to the court in a Thanksgiving tournament at Texas A&M, she tore the ACL again.

"It was the same knee," she said. "The rest of the year was rehab."

The one positive was the fact it allowed her to work closely with a young Marquette assistant coach named Tyler Summitt.

"Ashley and I developed a close relationship four years ago because of her injury," Summitt said. "When the team would practice, she would watch and then afterwards, we would do a workout together. A lot of times it was basic fundamental work that she was able to do. I think it meant a lot to her that I was willing to help her when she knew she wasn't going to be able to play for a long time."

In addition to developing a close relationship with Summitt through work on the court, Ashley also received plenty of encouragement and help from her roommate, Brooke Pumroy.

"That's my sister," said Brooke, who made the move to Louisiana Tech with Ashley. "That's who I've been within 10 feet

of for the past three years, 24 hours a day for 7 days a week. We'd walk to class together. If I had to go to the bathroom she did too because we ate and drank at the same time. She's shy until you get to know her and then she opens up."

Ashley finally got an opportunity to don a Marquette uniform in 2013-14 as the knee appeared strong enough to hold up. However, after having missed more than an entire year of actual action on the floor, the playing time didn't come easily.

"I worked hard to earn those minutes," Ashley said. "I really did not have a good idea on how many minutes a night I would get. I got minutes every now and then."

Following her sophomore season, turmoil began to hit the Marquette program. Just a few weeks after Summit announced his departure to accept the head coaching position at Louisiana Tech, Marquette head coach Terri Mitchell was let go. The future of the program was unstable.

As far as Ashley was concerned, she needed a fresh start ... as did her best friend Brooke.

"The first goal was to just try and get the transfer paper," Ashley said. "The process was long. At first they did not want to let us go. I talked to the head coach, the athletic director, and I almost had to talk to the president. It was quite a process."

However, once Mitchell was no longer the head coach, the Marquette administration granted full releases to both players, allowing them to sign with any Division I program outside of the Big East.

"That is when we were able to talk to coach Tyler, and he opened the door for us," Ashley said. "We started talking to the rest of the staff to see what Louisiana Tech had to offer. I just remember being with Brooke and looking at the buildings and University information on the Tech website."

Although they had never stepped a foot on the LA Tech campus and weren't 100 percent sure of everything surrounding the institution, both Ashley and Brooke were confident in one element – Tyler Summitt.

So after signing financial aid agreements to play at Tech, Ashley, Brooke and their families packed up and ventured to the southern states, stepping foot on the soil of Louisiana Tech's campus for the first time ever to tour the facilities and institution. It was a leap of faith that is now paying off for both players.

"Coach Tyler preaches blind trust when he talks about defensive strategy, but this is actually the perfect scenario where I applied that to my life," Ashley said. "I trusted that Louisiana Tech was where I needed to be and my faith in Coach Tyler encouraged that decision."

Having to sit out year No. 1 in Ruston was something that, in all honesty, Ashley needed. Between two separate ACL injuries to the same knee, the mental aspect of coming back from those injuries and the emotional toll that the transition to college basketball can take on some players, it was what the proverbial doctor ordered.

"Ashley has had a lot of hard circumstances to overcome," Summitt said. "She sat out as a freshman due to injury. When she returned, she wanted it all back at once. She wanted to immediately be back to the player she was, but that was unrealistic.

"I think this past season was beneficial for her to sit out because it allowed her to be patient with herself. Ashley was able to ease back into playing basketball and I think we will see the benefits."

The self-proclaimed introvert agrees with her head coaches assessment.

"There were a lot of positives," said Ashley, who is majoring in psychology with the desire to one day be a sports psychologist. "For me it was a really big jump for my academics. I took advantage of that. I took a lot of my harder classes to get them out of the way so by this season, I did not have to worry as much about taking those courses.

"I had an entire year to train and work on my game. Just because I did not play in the games, does not mean I did not have the extra benefits of working out and practicing. I got acclimated to coach Tyler's system. That was a big advantage."

As July rolls into August and the start of the season is just a few months away, Ashley is honest about what it will be like when the ball is tossed into the air on Nov. 14 at Wisconsin.

"I think I will have some nerves," she said. "It will be a mix of excitement and nerves that just means it is game time. I have not felt that in such a long time. I know right at tip off will be special for me because I have been waiting forever."

And what awaits Lady Techster fans from the oldest child of the Santos basketball family?

"I hope they see a spark," she said. "I am constantly working hard. I just want to get things done on both the defensive and offensive end. Whatever I can do to help my teammates get the win is what you can expect from me."

Maybe the bigger question is what expectations Ashley Santos will have for herself after so much time off. Hopefully a hobby of hers will help with mentally keeping things in perspective.

"I journal because I am pursuing a sports dream," she said. "I started (journaling) because I was talking to a sports psychologist for a while. He is a friend from back home. He recommended I get a journal to keep track of my thoughts. It's helped a lot."

After more than a year off from competitive basketball, the road to that sports dream will resume this fall. And the basketball skills inherited from the genes of Jose and Lori and refined through years of hard work by Ashley will once again be on display ... but this time in the friendly confines of the Thomas Assembly Center.

Meet Brooke Pumroy

RUSTON – Brooke Pumroy was born to be a baller.

Although she hasn't always been the hard-nosed, gritty, dive-on-the-floor-at-all-costs basketball player that she is today.

"I started playing YMCA ball when I was five years old," Pumroy said. "I was just like any other girl. My mom made sure I had a bow in my hair. I ran away from the ball. I didn't want to play. I'd rather just wave at my mom.

"I think my dad wanted a son for a while," she laughed.

She simply wasn't very interested in playing basketball – or any sport – at a young age. It was an auspicious start on the hardwood, to say the least, for the Louisiana Tech red-shirt junior.

However, once she quit running away from it, Pumroy grew up with a basketball in her hands.

Now the Fairborn, Ohio native sports pre-wrap around her head to keep her flowing blonde locks out of her face and a compression sleeve on her right knee to support a once-torn anterior cruciate ligament.

Fairborn is a diverse area where "one bridge connects two towns." The town is home to the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Pumroy's father Rick works as a home inspector. Her mother Michelle is a dental hygienist. She has one brother, Jordan.

And at age 21, this bowhead-turned-baller is set to lead the Lady Techsters at the point guard position during her final two years of college basketball.

Pumroy is battle-tested. She has the scars to prove it, literally and figuratively.

And she won't face anything over the next two years in Ruston that she hasn't already experienced in college basketball. She is prepared, mostly due to the Big East battles with the Skylar Diggins of the world during her two years at Marquette.

The road from Fairborn, Ohio to Marquette was an interesting one. The road from Milwaukee to Ruston, even more convoluted.

During a nice prep career at Fairborn High School, Pumroy was heavily recruited by some of the major players in the north and even some down south.

"I went to visit Michigan and Michigan State," said Pumroy, who has spent this summer working at Squire Creek Country Club. "Miami of Florida came to watch my practices. The summer before my senior year I was at Vanderbilt's camp. That's where I wanted to go to school. I was set (to go to Vanderbilt). But I tore my ACL at their elite camp."

Vanderbilt instantly backed off of the injured guard. Their scholarship offer was off the table. Instead of being devastated, Pumroy looked at the situation "as a blessing in disguise."

"On my way home from that camp, Marquette coach Terri Mitchell called me and said 'We want to offer you. We usually don't offer over the phone, but we want to offer you.' And I said, Marquette? Where is that? So that next weekend I went up there on my crutches, and I loved it. So I committed there."

Anyone who knows Pumroy understands that attitude fits her to a T. When life rolls out a deflated basketball, she finds a way to inflate it and starts bouncing it again.

Pumroy admits despite a decorated high school career and plenty of time in AAU basketball, she enrolled in the Milwaukee-based college possessing plenty of skill but lacking the knowledge and lingo of the game.

"When I got to the collegiate level it was like a big slap in the face," Pumroy said. "I was like I don't know what any of these terms are. What is a down screen? So it took a lot of time."

Enter Marquette assistant coach Tyler Summitt.

"I spent so much time with Coach Tyler, like two hours a day watching and learning the vocabulary and watching other players," Pumroy said. "There was so much extra time I had to spend doing that stuff. I was literally the only point guard we had when I got there so I had to learn."

A young point guard learning from a young assistant coach, countless hours mentoring through film study and more.

"Brooke and I have been developing a relationship for almost four years now," Summitt said. "The fact she had to be our starting point guard at Marquette as freshman and sophomore against top talent forced us to have a lot of 1-on-1 time learning how to handle the role."

Pumroy started 63 of 64 games during her two years with Marquette, averaging 9.1 points, 5.2 assists and 3.2 rebounds as a sophomore. She will be the first to admit her career highlight at Marquette came against none other than, Vanderbilt.

Pumroy scored 13 points and registered eight assists to lead the Golden Eagles to a win over the Commodores, this time leaving Vanderbilt with a sick feeling in its stomach.

"It was the best time of my life," she recalls.

In addition to developing a relationship with Summitt during her days in Milwaukee, Pumroy also met teammate Ashley Santos and the two quickly became inseparable. Although different in a lot of ways, Pumroy and Santos became roommates at Marquette.

"Brooke beats her own drum; she is very different," said the quieter Santos. "That is a great characteristic to have because she stands out. She is a different kind of goofy. She can relate to anybody and that is great. She can make almost anybody laugh. She is entertaining. You cannot predict what is going to come out of that girl's mouth."

However, it was Santos who surprised Pumroy one day with what came out of her mouth.

As news that Summitt was interviewing for head coaching jobs began to spread, it led to an interesting conversation between the two friends.

"I was talking to Ashley in class one day and she was saying '(Coach Tyler) is going to be really successful,'" said Pumroy.

“He’s going to win. What if we went with him?”

“I was comfortable (at Marquette). I had already made my home and got my starting spot. But I got to thinking more about it. I knew God was telling me to do it. I still had no idea where we were going. Coach Tyler wouldn’t talk to us because he is so big about following the rules. We just knew he wasn’t at Marquette, and we wanted to go with him. We asked for a release before we knew where we were going or if (Coach Tyler) would even offer us a spot.”

Pumroy and Santos stepped out on faith, and nothing more.

“We dressed up for the day we were going to ask for our release,” Pumroy said. “It was the scariest thing I had ever done. I just really thought this is what I needed to do. I wanted to win. I wanted to go somewhere where I’m going to win.”

According to Pumroy, the news didn’t sit well with Terri Mitchell or the administration. It made for some difficult times. At first both players were denied a release.

However, a few weeks later, Mitchell was relieved of her coaching duties, giving the girls another reason for wanting to leave Marquette.

Eventually, the sun broke through the clouds and unconditional releases were granted, allowing both girls to transfer to any school of their choice. Pumroy said that’s when the next phone call was placed. This one would determine both girls future.

“We called Coach Tyler and told him that we don’t have a team to play for anymore,” Pumroy said.

Summitt discussed the situation with his staff and then provided a remedy. In late May of 2014, both Pumroy and Santos signed financial aid agreements with Louisiana Tech, making it official.

Next came the difficult dilemma of sitting out an entire year of basketball. But like a champ, Pumroy found the positives to an unpleasant situation for a competitor of her nature.

“At the end of the day I knew that when I came down here there was something greater for me, like a greater purpose for me,” Pumroy said. “I was prepared for it, and I wanted to help in any way I could. I always told them I’m here to serve you. Whatever you want I will help you. I think that helped me grow as a person a lot.

“It took a lot of my focus off of not playing. It helped me focus on school and getting my priorities right. At Marquette it was always basketball, basketball, basketball. I got more focused in on my schoolwork. It was definitely a good thing that that happened.”

Although Summitt missed Pumroy on the court last year, he knew she was still growing in other areas of her life.

“We have spent years discussing leadership, how to be a point guard, how to succeed academically,” Summitt said. “I’m proud of her development. She has come a long way since her freshman year at Marquette.”

Away from the court, Pumroy has plenty of interests, including golf, FCA, family, self-help books and personal development videos.

“During the summer I would go to work out then go to the driving range,” Pumroy said. “I love to golf. I don’t think I’m that good. I’ll go to the Tech course and play sometimes by myself.”

“I’m a part of FCA. I go to church every Sunday at the Bridge. I love being a part of FCA. I really spend my free time talking to my family; I’ve got a lot of family members back home.

“Once or twice a week I try to learn something new like fixing something. I always helped my dad fix things.

“I love to watch TED Talks (on-line). They have the best speakers and clinics about everything. Like motivational speakers, or the one word that best describes you.”

Or in Brooke Pumroy’s case, the five words that best describe her ... born to be a baller.

Meet Rochelle Vasquez

RUSTON – Trixie Dunning owns her own hair stylist shop in McKinney, Texas. It is called Hair Trix.

It's a great play on words.

Her daughter, Rochelle Vasquez, recently signed a scholarship to play at Louisiana Tech for the next two years.

Ro is a self-described diva.

"I am kind of a diva," said Rochelle. "I always have to have my nails done. I always have to have jewelry on and my toes have to be painted. In games I have to wear makeup. If you look good you play good.

"I am also a social network junkie with Pinterest and other things. I know all of the famous makeup artists and everything. I know different hair stylists in the celebrity world, like who does Kim Kardashian's hair."

So both mother and daughter are big on hair.

Ironically, enough, Ro – as her teammates call her – lost all of hers as a child. And according to her mother, it helped mold her into the person she is today.

"Ro is wise beyond her years," Trixie said of her 20-year-old sharp-shooting daughter.

Head coach Tyler Summitt didn't recruit Rochelle because of her hair, or make-up or painted fingernails and toes. Or even because of her wisdom that exceeds that of most college women.

However, the adversity Rochelle overcame as an elementary school girl in Texas probably played a big role in what Summitt saw and admired about her.

Even if Summitt had no idea of it himself.

It wasn't cancer. And it wasn't even life-threatening.

But for a 10-year-old, suffering from alopecia areata can feel like the end of the world. Alopecia areata is a condition that causes a person's hair to fall out, an autoimmune disease where a person's immune system attacks their own body.

From all indications, she handled it like a champ.

"All my hair fell out," Rochelle said. "I am a really happy person so when I was younger I did not think much of it. I was in fourth grade when it happened, and it grew back in sixth grade."

Battling something like this for two years at that age can take its toll emotionally and mentally.

However, it was Trixie, who had just started attending hair school, who admits she wasn't quite as strong as her daughter.

"To be completely honest, I think I took it harder than she did," said Trixie. "She would take a shower and come down, and I would comb her hair for her. And her hair was constantly falling out. Little by little it kept coming out and coming out.

"I can only remember Rochelle crying about it once. The only reason I knew was her brother had walked in and checked on her and he came downstairs ... this is making me a little emotional ... he came downstairs and said 'Rochelle is crying.' I asked her to come down. We told her that everything was going to be fine and to have faith and that it was going to grow back and she was going to be fine."

It was almost as if Trixie was trying to convince herself, more so than her daughter.

The lack of follicles on Ro's head during those two years didn't prevent her from doing what she loved the most ... playing basketball. She would not be denied.

"I wore caps and stuff," Rochelle said. "My friends did not really understand. I kept playing basketball with caps. I just think it was God's timing."

"She was playing basketball, and she never wanted to quit," Trixie said. "We would get Under Armour caps and she would wear those. And she still had long hair in the back and she would put a cap on and do two little braids. Then it got to a point where she didn't have much hair for braids. I would go buy hair and braid it into her hair so it always looked like she had braids. Then it looked like she didn't even have that anymore. I sewed hair into the caps so it looked like she had braids. To the other players, she was always the girl who had the sports cap on her head."

Real hair. Fake hair. No hair. Rochelle didn't allow it to slow her down on the hardwood or in the rest of her daily life.

"I heard a quote from somebody when I was younger and it was 'Everything happens for a reason,'" Rochelle said. "I think I might have cried about it once or twice, but I really believed everything happens for a reason. I saw my mom crying one day and I told her that (my situation) was for a reason."

In fact it was that message that finally hit home with Trixie one day.

"I remember (during this) time I was in hair school and my instructor didn't come to work one day," Trixie said. "It turned out that her daughter had passed away in a car accident. I remember we were going to lunch, and it was just me, Rochelle and my husband. I explained to them what happened. Rochelle – at age 10 – told me 'Mom, that lady lost her daughter, I only lost my hair. So you don't need to cry anymore.' And after that I never did."

Wow. Wise beyond her years might be an understatement. How many 10-year-olds have that type of outlook on the bigger picture in life?

Summitt plans on using her wisdom immediately in Ruston.

"Rochelle brings much needed maturity to our team," Summitt said. "She's been to three different schools, so she's gone through college workouts and classes. We expect her to help with our freshmen with their transition to college."

These days, Vasquez has a full, beautiful head of hair. Diva-esque. By the time Christmas break ended during her sixth grade year, she had seen the alopecia areata disappear and the hair reappear.

"If I am ever having a hard time, I tell myself that it is happening for a reason," Vasquez said. "It allows me not to stress myself out. That is what I have learned from it."

Vasquez has experienced plenty of life lessons. Besides the hair disorder, she has recently watched her step-father DeWayne Dunning endure diabetes which led to dialysis and ultimately a life-saving kidney transplant.

"He had diabetes when he was 23," Rochelle said. "Recently, within the past three or four years, he would have different things happen, like his ankle swelling up. They would give him medicine to make that go down and then something else would happen. There was a point where he was taking 15 plus pills a day."

"That was a roller coaster," said Trixie. "My husband has been a diabetic for 25 plus years and ended up going into kidney failure. He was on dialysis for about a year. We had people who tried to get tested to be a match. Nobody was a match, I wasn't a match."

Early in 2014, things looked bleak for DeWayne. Doctors diagnosed him with stage three Liver Cirrhosis. He needed a transplant and he needed it sooner than later.

Rochelle's relationship with the game of basketball – in a weird about way – saved DeWayne's life.

Rochelle and Melissa Robinson's daughter, Majestie, played AAU basketball in the same organization. Melissa and Trixie were best friends as the two families socialized and attended New Covenant Fellowship Church in McKinney.

With DeWayne's health deteriorating, Trixie sent out texts to members of the church asking for people to get tested for a match.

Melissa Robinson proved to be DeWayne's kidney savior.

And finally, after numerous cancellations of the surgery, Melissa and DeWayne underwent the operation on October 20 at UT-Southwestern Medical Center. It was a success.

"He is so different now," Rochelle said.

Life has new meaning now for DeWayne and Trixie, as well as all four children, Ro, Kestahn, Christian and David.

And although basketball has in some ways taken a backseat – or maybe been prioritized properly – for Rochelle, she is all smiles as she prepares for her first year in Ruston.

This will be her third college. She signed with Texas State out of high school and saw action in only seven games. It was another life lesson on the hardwood.

"The location was fantastic," said Rochelle, whose stepbrother Kestahn won a pair of national championships in football with the Florida Gators. "It was close to home. There were three players from the Dallas area so we were pretty close. I loved my team. When I got older I realized it was more about the coach. That was why I made the decision to leave."

Next came school No. 2, Gulf Coast State College in Panama City, Florida.

Rochelle averaged 6.6 points and 1.9 rebounds per game while shooting 34 percent from the three-point line and 76 percent from the free throw line during her one year at Gulf Coast State College.

Once again, she had Division I schools wanting to sign her for her final two years. And if you ask her and Trixie, all indications were she was headed to the University of Houston.

"My plan was to sign with Houston," Rochelle said. "Coach (Bernitha Johnson) calls me and encouraged me to take a visit to Louisiana Tech. I called my mom and told her that we had to take a visit. We decided to take a visit. They called me late (in the process)."

However, it was more than just the call from Johnson that spurred Rochelle's interest in the Lady Techsters. She was already familiar with both the Summitt name and the Louisiana Tech program.

"I was in an airport right about the time coach Tyler got the job (at LA Tech)," she said. "I was looking at a magazine and it was talking about how he was the youngest coach. I was talking to my mom saying how cool it was. I knew he was here. I knew who coach Mickie was. I watched all of Pat Summitt's documentaries. I really keep up with basketball.

"I was really sold on the University of Houston though. It was late in recruiting. (But) in my heart, I knew this was a Summitt. I always wanted to play for Pat Summitt. I loved the girls here, but it was about the coaches. That is what I learned in previous experiences. It was a family feeling. He really wanted me to be a part of something great. He made me feel like we could do something here. I just knew this is where I was supposed to be."

Trixie came with Ro to Ruston for her visit in May. She wasn't convinced that the Tech staff could change her daughter's mind until they actually arrived and experienced first-hand what it was like.

"At first she was dead set on Houston," Trixie said. "After meeting with the Tech coaches, she just knew this was the place for her. She loved everything, the way the coaches interacted and it seemed very sincere. The way coach Summitt interacted with the other coaches, you could tell he loved his staff so much. He is so kind, sweet and loving. That and you are playing for Tyler Summitt."

Very respectful words about the 25-year-old Tech coach from the mother of one of his most recent signees.

"Rochelle fits in well with our team," Summitt said. "She's quickly building relationships with everyone in our family. Her relationship skills are a strength."

No surprise. After overcoming some of life's obstacles on and off the court, Rochelle Vasquez is a pretty strong young lady.

Meet Alexis Malone

RUSTON – Anyone wondering if Louisiana Tech assistant coach Bernitha Johnson is a good recruiter should just ask Alexis Malone.

Two years ago Johnson was able to convince Malone – a member of the Clarion Ledger's 2013 Dandy Dozen – to leave the warm southern climate of Oxford, Mississippi and sign with Buffalo.

Malone traded flip flops for snow boots, literally.

"It was a tough decision of course because I am very family-oriented, and I've never been that far away from my family," Malone said. "I think Coach B helped me a lot. She recruited me from Mississippi and was telling me of her experiences with (leaving) her family. I thought maybe I could do this."

Like Malone, Johnson is a Mississippi native; Waynesboro.

And after spending nine years in New York – seven at Binghamton and two at Buffalo – Johnson knew the challenges that would face a small-town southern girl like Malone in one of the largest cities in New York.

"It was very cold," Malone remembered about her first winter in Buffalo. "I remember the first time it snowed. I was very excited, but then it kept coming and kept coming. By the end of the first snow I was like 'I'm over this, when is this going to leave.' It was freezing."

And that was just the weather. Malone also had to acclimate to cultural differences in her new home.

"New York was very different; the people. New York City is different than Buffalo. New York City is really, really fast. Buffalo is not as fast as New York City and not as slow as Oxford. It's in between. The people taught me a lot by observing them. You have to adjust to the way people act. They aren't the same as the south.

"But I learned some things. I really enjoyed making new friends and getting opportunities I never thought I would get. I got to meet some people that I will have in my life forever."

Playing basketball for the Bulls was the easy part. After all, basketball comes naturally to the 6-foot forward who led Oxford High School to a 33-0 record and the Mississippi State title as a junior.

"That was the best year of basketball," Malone said. "My sophomore year (in high school) I had to sit out because I tore my anterior cruciate ligament (ACL). Just watching how far we came; we fell just short. We knew the summer going into my junior year that if we just gave a little bit more and were serious, well we just put our minds to it. We had the right mind set, and we took it there."

Malone grew up in an athletic family. She is the oldest of three girls – Kyla and Katelyn – and has an older brother, Dominique. Her father Scottie played football at Northwest Community College as did Dominique, who is now a student at Jackson State. Her mother, however, might have paved the way to the hardwood.

"My mom played basketball at Delta State," Malone said. "She was a two-time Kodak All-American (1996, 1997)."

Mom was a pretty good player. Stacey (Johnson) Malone lettered at Delta State from 1993 through 1997, leading the Lady Statesmen to a 93-27 record and two NCAA Elite Eight appearances. She still ranks fifth all-time in career points (1,886) and 12th in rebounds (846) and was recently inducted into the Delta State Athletic Hall of Fame.

As a freshman in 1993, Stacey Johnson earned the Gulf South Conference Freshman of the Year award.

Like mother, like daughter.

During her rookie campaign at Buffalo, Alexis was named to the Mid-American Conference All-Freshman team after averaging 7.6 points and 5.7 rebounds. This past season she upped those numbers to 10.5 points and 7.7 rebounds.

However, despite her success on the court, Malone felt a strong pull back home.

"Alexis is a very simple young lady, it doesn't take much to make her happy," Johnson said. "She is highly-intelligent. She is well-mannered and respectful. And at the end of the day, family is so important to her."

The decision wasn't an easy one.

"Of course it was a hard decision," Malone said. "You spend two years in a program, and then you leave that program and try to find another program. I had questions. Where will I go and will I fit in? Do I want to be further away from home or closer to home? I eventually said I want to be closer to my family.

"And I want to be part of a great program. When I finally made the decision I called my parents and told them first. Once I got my release papers from Buffalo, I called Coach B and told her I was interested in Louisiana Tech. She said 'Great, we are interested in you.' I came on my visit and I really, really enjoyed the family atmosphere. I loved their outlook on how I could help this program and what their program meant and its legacy. I want to help contribute to that. It's closer to home so my family will get to watch me play."

It's a win-win for both Malone and the Lady Techsters. Although she will sit out the 2015-16 season due to the NCAA transfer rules, Malone said she still feels she will learn plenty from the opportunity to practice in head coach Tyler Summitt's system.

"I think sitting out this year will be beneficial, especially coming to a new program," Malone said. "I can sit back and watch and see how it is run and work on my game, both in the post and on (the perimeter). I think it will work out for me."

Summitt agrees.

"Lex is a person who keeps her head down and works hard every day," Summitt said. "She is also very focused on academics. She will fit our culture perfectly. I watched a lot of film of her games at Buffalo, and she is a worker. She will compete with herself to be the best she can be."

Even in the first week of workouts which began during the second session of summer school, Malone said she has learned

quite a bit despite not being able to fully participate while still recovering from an off-season procedure.

“(I’ve learned) a lot,” she said. “I think from watching the pace of things, this is a much faster pace than Buffalo. Just watching and seeing how Coach Summitt wants things done is a huge benefit. I think once I come back I won’t be as blind-sided.

“I feel like Coach is really knowledgeable about the things he wants done and how he wants them done. He has really taught me a lot in (a short time) just from observing and watching. I think this is the right place for me.”

In this case the right place means a familiar climate, dialect and culture, and at a storied basketball program led by one of the rising young coaches in the country who stresses something near and dear to Malone’s heart, family.

Malone is home, in more ways than one.

Meet Brandi Wingate

RUSTON – One of Brandi Wingate's biggest fans has never seen her play.

Brittney Holland, the 28-year-old sister of Brandi, was born with cerebral palsy and is blind.

According to Brandi, the senior forward for Louisiana Tech, Brittney doesn't like loud noises or big crowds so she has never attended one of her "little" sister's games.

It doesn't matter.

The two have a remarkable bond despite Brittney lacking the ability to communicate like most people. They have a connection that goes beyond words. Or sports.

"Brittney is my best friend," said Brandi. "When I look at her, she's a normal person to me. Growing up, she was my best friend. I would literally go into her room and talk to her even though she couldn't say anything back."

Brittney has also been a consistent source of strength during the tumultuous times in Brandi's life

"She is my best friend," Brandi said. "She is my heart."

Words that will tug on the strings of anyone's ticker.

According to their mother, the feeling is mutual.

"Because she is blind she knows us by our voices," said Tyra Holland in reference to Brittney. "She realizes Brandi is not here every day, so when Brandi does come home, she says 'Hi Brandi!' She is always excited when Brandi comes home."

When she was born, Brittney wasn't expected to live past the age of five. Twenty-eight years later, she continues to have a major impact on the people in her life, especially Brandi.

"She is a real blessing," said Brandi. "She is full of joy. She brings so much happiness into the house. There were some days in high school when I would be upset over a loss. I would walk into her room, and she was always happy. She is just a joy; she is just a ball of joy."

Brandi and Brittney grew up in Columbia, Maryland with their mother. While Brittney was confined due to her physical conditions, Brandi was blessed with impressive athletic ability on the hardwood.

It's not something that Brandi takes for granted.

"Brandi learned compassion with having a severely disabled sister," Tyra said. "She learned to care. She learned that everyone is not perfect, but you love them for who they are."

And even on her worst days – and there were plenty of them during high school – Brandi used Brittney as a reminder to be thankful.

"She was like 'Gosh I am complaining about things yet I can get up and walk around and change them while my sister is a paraplegic with severe brain damage and is wheelchair confined,'" Tyra said. "It gave Brandi gratitude."

Brandi's basketball talent came naturally. Her father David Wingate played with Patrick Ewing in the early 1980s, helping the Hoyas to the 1984 NCAA national title. He played 15 years in the NBA for six different franchises.

"Basketball comes strictly from my dad," Brandi said. "He wasn't involved as much when I was young. With his (NBA) life, he was always on the road. When he did get a chance, he was around. He was a part of (my life) when he could be."

"My dad playing was a huge influence on me. I wanted to be just like him. I knew I was good. I knew I could be like him. He was a huge influence."

Six years old is when Brandi picked up a basketball. It was love at first shot.

"Brandi started bouncing a ball between the ages of 6 and 7," Tyra recalls. "She was very excited to learn the game of basketball. Between the ages of 8 and 9, I decided that we had tried Taekwondo and we had tried gymnastics. When she started basketball she said 'Okay, forget my red belt. I am going to go on and do this.'"

"From that point, I started putting her in local leagues and basketball camps. Dave Dupree and Phil Chenier had one of the first Howard County basketball camps for kids. They just fell in love with her. They were like 'Tyra, oh my God you have a star on your hands.'"

Maybe not a star just yet, but the tall, lanky youngster was definitely a basketball fanatic.

"Playing basketball is all I wanted to do," Brandi said. "I had a little basketball hoop, and I used to play with it every day, all day. I fell in love with it when I was a young, young child."

Although Brandi was blessed with talent and a love for the game, the road to her senior year at Tech was anything but smooth. She will be the first to admit her mistakes.

Following her junior year at Howard High School in Maryland, she was expelled and sent to Homewood High, an alternative school.

"It was little stuff like skipping class, not listening ... basically discipline issues that added up," she said. "It was nothing major but it was enough."

"I was a damn fool. I was foolish. If I could redo it, I would've of course made sure my grades were straight and played all four years. I'm not saying I regret the route I took because some good things came out of it; in a way it was a blessing. I just would have made better decisions."

Tyra remembers those days vividly.

"I think it was a turning point for her; what was she going to do with her life," Tyra said. "I think because of the inability to have everything that she needed as far as both parents being involved and being encouraged to stay on the right track, she realized how small decisions have major effects, how they can really, really impact your life."

"I continued to push her no matter what, fight with her no matter what. Tell her 'Hey, I am not giving up on you. I know you are angry and upset about things. The things we can't control, we have to let God do. All you can do is do the best you can do today. You have made these decision and you have to learn from them.'"

Following the tumultuous high school days, she signed to play at Northwest Florida State. It was a second chance.

As a college freshman, Brandi led the program to a 24-7 record and a No. 8 ranking in the National Junior College Athletic Association Coaches Poll in 2010-11. She earned all-conference honors and was selected to play in the NJCAA Women's Basketball Coaches Association All-Star game.

She was using her God-given abilities to her advantage. Coaches around the country were taking notice.

Then it all came to a sudden halt during an ordinary pickup game the summer between her freshman and sophomore seasons. Brandi heard it pop.

"I tore my right ACL, pretty much blew my entire knee," Brandi said. "I went for a layup and as soon as I jumped it immediately popped. I came down on it, and it was already torn."

She returned to Columbia to have surgery and missed the entire 2011-12 season due to rehabilitation. It was just another bump in the road, another opportunity to seek strength from her relationship with her sister.

"I spent a lot of time with Brittney after the first knee injury," Brandi said. "It was hard for me, but it was just another reminder how blessed I am to have her in my life."

Following the rehabilitation, Brandi returned to Northwest Florida State ready to prove she was back and even better.

Then lightning struck twice. Almost exactly one year after suffering the first knee injury, it happened again.

"I blew it again the following July; same knee, same injury," she said. "This time I stayed in Florida to have surgery and recovered there."

The injuries might have been a blessing in disguise for Tech.

Then LA Tech head coach Teresa Weatherspoon learned of Wingate through assistant coach David Caputo, who had coached against Brandi during his time at Indian River State College in Florida. With many of the bigger name schools shying away due to the back-to-back injuries, the Lady Techsters rolled the dice.

Brandi was signed, sealed and delivered. Or so she and the coaching staff thought.

As fall classes were about to begin in Ruston, Brandi discovered she wasn't eligible to play for LA Tech.

"I found out I was a credit short of graduating from junior college," Brandi remembered.

So while Weatherspoon and the Lady Techsters opened fall workouts and preparation for the upcoming season, Brandi enrolled in an online class at Adam State University in order to complete her requirements.

Yet another pothole on her road to wearing the Columbia blue and red.

She finished the course, enrolled at Tech and joined the Lady Techsters on the practice floor in January of 2014. It would mark the third straight season she would miss on the hardwood.

Following the completion of the 2013-14 season – a 12-20 campaign that marked the worst in the program's history – the University administration made a coaching change. Weatherspoon was out. It wasn't a popular choice with a team full of emotional 18-, 19- and 20-year old women.

"I was sad simply because I came to play for Spoon and I didn't get a chance to, but I think God has a plan for everything," Brandi said. "I know it sounds cliché, but that's how I think about things in life. So if this happened there has to be something better in store for her and for me."

It was a very different approach than most of her Tech teammates

"Sometimes people are moved out of our lives and out of our paths because something better is coming," Tyra said. "That is how God always works. Sometimes he has to remove junk out of our closet so new stuff can come and fill your closet."

However, after everything she had already experienced, Brandi was probably better prepared to handle the adversity.

"It was a little easier for me than the other players because I didn't grow with (Coach Spoon)," she said. "It's not like I had a strong relationship with her. Those other girls were with her for years. It was sad for me, because I wanted to play for her. But in that moment, I felt for Coach Spoon and the other players, not for me."

Enter 23-year-old Tyler Summitt, Louisiana Tech's new head coach and a man who was only six months older than Brandi.

"I was like wow, he looks very young," she remembers of the first team meeting with Summitt. "He definitely looks like a little kid. I had no idea who he was. My attitude toward Tyler was different than the other (players'). I wasn't angry because Spoon was gone and Tyler was here; I was angry because I was still immature. The others were acting out because they were mad about Spoon.

"When I saw Tyler, I was like he's young but let's give him a chance. He was all about his business. He said 'You might not like me, and I'm not here to be your friend. I am going to love you guys, and I am going to coach you guys to be the best you can be. If you don't like it, there is the door.' He knew what he was getting into. I just remember him saying that over and over."

It was an adjustment period for everyone. Summitt was learning the role of head coach on the collegiate level. The returning players were testing the waters to see how serious their new boss was. Some didn't survive the swim, and Brandi was almost one of the unfortunate ones.

"When I first got to Louisiana Tech, I had meetings with every staff member, extended staff member, player and every former assistant coach," said Summitt. "I had a list of names of players that I needed to watch out for. I had a list of potential problem players. Brandi Wingate was on everybody's list.

"It didn't matter whether it was academics, weights, basketball, on the court, off the court, Brandi Wingate was said to be a problem player. She proved to be a problem player when she missed 23 hours of study hall in the first three weeks after I was hired."

The issues between Brandi and her new coach didn't stop there.

"I remember yelling at her more than any other player in practice," Summitt said. "I really think her suspension is where she turned the corner. Before that point it was rough.

"I think players like Brandi who have always gotten away with everything based on their talent will test you. But I also think they like to have discipline. In our first few team workouts, Brandi was definitely seeing how far she could go without getting called out with both her work ethic and bad attitude."

The rift finally came to a do-or-die point in the second game of the season. With Tech trailing late at Northwestern State, Summitt walked to the end of the bench and told Wingate to check in to the game. Her reaction didn't please her coach.

"She just looked at me," Summitt said. "I said sit down. I suspended her. I said there is no way you are going to hesitate to go into a basketball game, I don't care how many points we are down or up."

Brandi knew she didn't have a choice. She had used all of her rope, was suspended indefinitely, and missed the next two games.

"This was my last time; I didn't have any more strikes," Brandi said. "I really had to change who I was as a person and as a player. I had to buckle down and take advantage of what was in front of me. I was going down the wrong road. One mistake would have taken everything away from me, and I couldn't let that happen."

As much as Brandi knew she had to change, it seldom comes easy. It didn't in her case.

"She asked to meet," Summitt said. "We came into the arena and it was like 8 p.m. and no one was around. She sat down and she said 'This is it, this is my last chance. I know this is my last chance. I want a relationship with you. I want to do what you want me to do. I know I have to change.'

"She was saying it and in the back of my mind I was thinking, I am kicking this kid off the team. I really was. I told my staff, 'She isn't making it, she isn't making it, she isn't making it.' She proved us wrong."

Despite the hole she had dug for herself, Brandi was determined to make the most of the last chance to play a game she loved.

"I grew," she said. "When I met Tyler Summitt, I met my match. It was either you change or you're gone. Coach Tyler opened my eyes to another view. He helped me grow as a person and as a player. The stuff he did to me – suspending me for those games – really helped me. I grew as a person. Playing for Tyler Summitt is a big deal. He is a huge blessing in my life. I am really happy that he came here, and I am able to be coached by him."

Her mother saw a gradual change in her daughter as Tyler began having an impact on Brandi's life.

"As she started getting to know coach Tyler, she saw that he was different and he was someone who cared and someone who really wanted to help her grow academically and as an athlete," Tyra said. "She said 'Mom, he is a good guy. He is a Christian, and I love that. And he takes care of his mom. And it makes me think about you because you take care of my sister Brittney. You have for 28 years.'

"Now Brandi is starting to put things together; that life throws us some balls we aren't prepared for. My job as her parent is to let her know that tough things are going to come, and we aren't promised roses and cherries along the way. But in tough times that is when you get your most strength to make it through. Just trust God."

Her return to the hardwood on a competitive level wasn't easy. After three years away from the game, it took her almost half of the season to start to feel comfortable again. Fortunately, the team was loaded with experienced seniors and Brandi was just a part of the equation.

"It was extremely difficult because basketball is definitely a mental thing," she said. "I have it physically. I know that I am talented. I am blessed. I am gifted. College is a different level so you have to have talent and the mental aspect of it. For me to be sitting out and not being mentally engaged in a setting where it is organized, that's why it was so hard for me to adjust to Tyler.

"He is big-time. It was hard. I had so much rust to get off me. I was struggling for a while. Eventually when I warmed up to it and was in the gym practicing every day, I eventually broke out of my shell. I said enough is enough. It was my junior year. And no one had seen the real Brandi Wingate. I had to make a name for myself. I knew Brandi Wingate could play, but no one had seen it."

By the end of last season, Conference USA opponents knew who Brandi Wingate was and what she could do. After averaging almost 10 points a game coming off the bench, she was voted the Conference USA Sixth Player of the Year by the league coaches.

Both Wingate and Summitt point to a change in mind-set and attitude to her development on and off the court.

"You have to give her credit," Summitt said. "When I asked her why she did something, she said because she had always gotten away with it. When she tells you about her life and high school and junior college stuff, it's something. Her life before our staff got here was very challenging. You have to give her credit for making the change. She made a drastic change. It was more a mental change than anything. She was going to do things the right way and quit cutting corners."

"Mentally it was overwhelming," Wingate said. "It was hard for me. But it wasn't to the point that I couldn't accomplish it. I used to say all the time 'It is hard. It is hard.' When I stopped letting myself get in my head, it just came. I was like 'You know what. I am going to do what I have to do.' It became easy because it became a habit. You go in there and you do what you have to do and you do it every day. It becomes your life."

With the graduation of all five starters off of last year's team, a much bigger role and higher expectations lay clearly on the shoulders of Brandi this season. It was a subject Summitt discussed with her numerous times following the conclusion of last season.

"Going into the summer, that's all Tyler preached to me," Brandi said. "Be consistent, be consistent. I'm still working on that to this day, and I know there are still some games where people are like 'Where the hell is Brandi?'"

Even despite a few off games from her this year, Wingate is one of the top players in Conference USA. She leads the Lady Techsters in scoring (16.5 ppg) and rebounding (6.7 ppg) and is shooting 56 percent from the field. Some of her biggest games have come against No. 6 Mississippi State (25 points), No. 23 UCLA (17 points, 12 rebounds) and Arizona (26 points).

"This is my year to step up," Brandi said. "That's all I keep thinking about. I like being that go-to person. It's definitely a chal-

allenge. You have to be 'on' every day, every night, bringing it every practice, every possession. Consistency is really, really hard because you can't have off days. Some days you aren't going to feel like it; you might be going through something.

"That's the tough part about it, being consistent even when you are going through something. That's what Tyler has really taught me. He talks to me about it all the time. We all go through stuff, but in that moment, when you are between those lines, each and every possession, you go out there and be the best that you can be."

Summitt knows that regardless of what the statistics say at the end of March, Brandi Wingate is a success story.

"Players like Brandi Wingate remind you why you are in coaching," Summitt said. "You realize the unique position that a coach is in to influence a young lady for four years of her life at a crucial time. I really do feel like God had a plan to have our staff here and Brandi here at the same time."

Back in Columbia, Maryland, Brandi's mother knows better than anyone how far her daughter has come – both in actual mileage and in growth.

"It has definitely been a journey for her," Tyra said. "I think a lot of that has played into her disappointment with things, but it has made her grow in so many ways. It is forming her. It is perfecting who she is as a person. It has built character in her. It has made her realize just how wonderful life can be. If all you can do is be the best you can be that day, you still have a brighter day tomorrow."

At her current pace, Brandi has a very realistic chance of an even brighter future, possibly playing professional basketball overseas once her college career is over. She wants to play for as long as she can.

However, once the game that she loves turns into a pastime instead of a profession, Brandi already has her sights set on the next turn in the road of life.

"I want to open up a clinic or be a therapist for troubled kids because I've been through that," she said. "It is always good to have someone to mentor you. For me it happened really late, and it ended up being Tyler. If I had had that growing up, I would have been better off. That's why I really want to do it for others."

Brandi Wingate's journey has not been an easy one. However, regardless of wins or losses, good games or bad, right decisions or wrong, she knows she always has the love and support of her No. 1 fan.

"I try to keep things in perspective," Brandi said. "I don't know tough times compared to Brittney. She is always happy. She is my heart."

And Brandi's biggest fan.

Meet Tiara Davenport

Louisiana Tech senior guard Brooke Pumroy's house is cluttered with beauty products. And they don't even belong to her, or her roommate.

Nope. The owner of this beauty buffet is Tiara Davenport, LA Tech's 6-foot sophomore forward/guard combo. When Tiara isn't battling it out on the court in her Columbia blue and red Lady Techster uniform, she loves to play real-life Barbie.

"I feel like I have the soul of a little girl," said Tiara, who is affectionately known as "T" by her teammates, coaches and friends. "I like to play dress up. It just hasn't gone away."

Brooke laughs at her friend. She also describes her to a T.

"Tiara is a diva," Pumroy said. "Her makeup is everywhere in my house. Her hair dye is all over the shower. She is just all over the house. She is like, 'Hey. I am T. I love my nails done. I love my makeup and my hair.' That's her for sure. She is the complete opposite of me. I could not care less."

Opposites attract. And these two have definitely done that over the past 18 months.

"I like to dress up, and I like to get cute," said Tiara. "I like makeup and high heels. I'd rather dress up with my hair and nails done and heels rather than just chill clothes. I like getting cute and taking pictures. I always wanted to be a model but with this basketball thing..."

This "basketball thing" happens to be what brought Tiara and Brooke together in the summer of 2014. The friendship began soon after they both enrolled at Louisiana Tech as scholarship student-athletes.

But that's about where the similarities end.

Brooke was an experienced college player, transferring from Marquette where the Ohio native had started for two years under head coach Terri Mitchell and Tyler Summitt, who was an assistant coach for the Golden Eagles.

Tiara was the complete opposite. She was a young, inexperienced true freshman from Texas, recruited by, signed and prepared to play for Teresa Weatherspoon. Or so she thought.

Two months before graduating from Duncanville High School and embarking on her college career, Davenport got the news.

"Candace Williams, who was supposed to be my roommate (at LA Tech), texted me and said, 'Did you hear about Coach Spoon,'" Tiara said. "She had just gotten off the phone with her. 'T, Coach Spoon got fired. What are we going to do?' I was like, 'Wait, what?'"

"Then coach Spoon called me and said, 'I no longer have my job (at Louisiana Tech). You can pick what you want to do. I am not sure where I am going, but wherever I go I would want you guys to come with me if that is okay.'"

While Williams decided to ask for a release and eventually ended up at James Madison, Tiara wasn't nearly as quick to want out of her National Letter of Intent. She was patient, knowing that she still wanted to go to Louisiana Tech.

"I chose LA Tech because it is closer to home, and I love the fans," said Tiara, also offered scholarships by Wisconsin, Clemson and Memphis. "I just like being here. Don't get me wrong, Coach Spoon was so nice to me. But I didn't (sign at Tech) for her. I signed with LA Tech because I wanted to be a part of this legacy."

"This is like Duncanville High School. They are known for women's basketball and winning championships. I just felt like it could happen again, and that's why I really wanted to be here."

Davenport had already experienced way too much change during her high school days. She signed with Tech after a "cluttered" high school life that saw her play for three different programs as she followed her mother, Nikki Alexander, from job to job. Tiara started at Duncanville High School as a freshman, playing a handful of JV games before transferring to Triple A Academy in Dallas in the middle of the year.

Her sophomore year saw her play varsity basketball at Triple A Academy; however, after the conclusion of the season, she transferred back to Duncanville, which had just won the state title. Her sights were set on helping the program duplicate that feat her junior season.

It wouldn't happen as fate – and Nikki's employment status – sent her another direction. This time the job led Tiara to Johnson High School in San Antonio.

"Knowing I'm my mom's only child and she isn't married, I wasn't about to send her there alone," Tiara said. "It took a lot out of me because all I wanted was to win a championship. I left and went with her and played for Johnson."

While Tiara was averaging over 17 points and 12 rebounds a game for Johnson, Duncanville was successfully repeating as the state champions.

The fruit-basket-turnover of a high school career wasn't over. Tiara moved back to Duncanville prior to her senior year – with her mother – and prepared for what she hoped would be a three-peat of the state title. Colleges across the country were in hot pursuit, regardless of what uniform she wore, and in November of her senior year, she signed on the dotted line to play for Louisiana Tech.

"It was close to home and I knew I had a lot of family that wanted to see me play," she said.

As her final year of high school basketball came to a close, it did so without the state title she coveted. Duncanville fell in the state title game. It was devastating for Tiara, but she knew the next phase of her life and "this basketball thing" was right around the corner.

"By this time everything was falling into place for me with my grades, getting ready for graduation; everything just started to fall in place," she said.

Or so she thought. In mid-March, Tiara got the text message and subsequent phone call that slightly muddied the waters. However, her first conversation two weeks later with her new coach, 23-year-old Tyler Summitt, cleared things up.

"I do remember my first conversation with him," Tiara said. "He texted me and said, 'Hi, this is Tyler Summitt, and I will give you a call. Is 30 minutes okay?' He called and said, 'Hey T.' That's the first thing that caught my attention. He didn't call me Tiara, he called me T."

"He was like, 'Hey T. I know you are probably confused because of the (coaching change) but if you want to stay we would love to have you here.' He started going on about how he wanted to do things such as family and starting over and starting it back up. After talking to him, I decided that when God closes a door, He opens another one. Everything happens for a reason. So I was like maybe this was meant to happen. I am glad it did."

Summitt had just successfully signed his first recruit, so-to-speak.

"Before I called any of our incoming freshmen, I did a lot of research on them through scouting services, through their high school and AAU coaches and through (Tech's) former assistants," Summitt said. "I knew a lot about T before I called her. I remember having to re-recruit her, but I don't think T was sold just on Coach Weatherspoon. I think she was sold on the entire university. It wasn't hard to convince her to stay."

Following the phone call, Tiara immediately went online to research her new coach.

"Even when he said this is Tyler Summitt, it didn't register," Tiara said. "So I got on Twitter and the Internet. This was legit. I was so excited."

So Tiara and all of her beauty products packed up following high school graduation and headed to Ruston for summer school. She was the lone survivor of what was a four-person signing class as Williams transferred while Summitt released Tiffany Murdock and Daja Chase from their NLI's.

The transition from high school to college is difficult for most, but even more so for student-athletes, forced to learn time management, responsibility and other adult behaviors more rapidly. Tiara felt very alone in this transition, but reached out to her coach.

"It was hard because I was by myself," Tiara said. "When I went to coach Tyler and told him how hard it was and how lonely it could be, he and (his wife) AnDe were always there."

Although it didn't prevent him being demanding on his rookie, Summitt did understand what she was experiencing in year No. 1 away from home.

"I think T's freshman year was very unique and difficult because not only did she have a new coaching staff but we had a veteran team of five seniors," Summitt said. "It was even more difficult than most freshmen have to experience. T had to adjust to a new coaching staff, going away from home to college, living in a new place, and being the only (freshman). That's hard."

"I think T and I had a lot of discussions that were mainly about growing up and being independent. She had to learn to take care of herself and have a mindset that she is trying to accomplish something. I think at times T's priorities were not in line with what she said her goals were."

Enter Brooke Pumroy. One of two Marquette transfers on the team, Brooke was forced to red-shirt due to the NCAA Transfer rule. She used it as an opportunity to help others with the transition to a coach and a style in which she was already familiar.

"When I came down here, I told Tyler and my parents that I wanted to help the program," Brooke said. "I wanted to help the girls. I tried to help any way I could. I think Tiara being the only freshman was more open to it. I took that and ran with it. I saw a lot of potential with her. She is a great person and an awesome player. I remember what it was like to be a freshman. It's tough. Everyone else is already experienced and knows what they are doing. I felt like I could help her." She did.

"Brooke was a big help to me," Tiara said. "That girl is a true best friend to everybody. Even if you're not her best friend, she will treat you like one. She is a really genuine person."

So the wind-blown, blonde-haired veteran from Ohio made it a priority to help the wide-eyed, stylish rookie from Texas in the winding road through her freshman season. There were plenty of pot holes along the way.

"I would come home some days, and I would know if T had a bad day because she would be a lying in my bed, passed out," Brooke said. "She would be lying in my bed sleeping. I would be like, 'Well, T had a tough day today. It's okay. We will fix it.'"

"It was more the mental part of it that she needed help with. Coach Tyler is going to test you. It's hard. College basketball is hard to grasp mentally anyway. I really think it was more like, 'Hey, he is going to get on you. You are a freshman. That's the way it works.' I think hearing someone say that helped her."

"My freshman year I had to get used to morning practices," Tiara said. "I had to get use going longer in practices. I would get really tired. I would walk in the gym thinking I'm awake, but I was looking dead."

Not a good look for any player in the eyes of Summitt, especially in practice. Tiara and the rest of her teammates quickly learned that their coach didn't mess around when it came to being focused every day in every drill.

Any sign of a lack of focus had consequences as Tiara learned the hard way.

"T did not realize that for me you have to look very engaged, or I am going to be all over you," Summitt said. "She probably did about 500 pushups in the summer just for yawning."

Drill sergeant Summitt didn't play games when it came to basic training.

"Coach Tyler would be like, 'T, you are asleep, 10 pushups.'" Tiara said. "After a while it started clicking. I had to wake up. I just started taking it more seriously."

"As a freshman, it was just practice. Now it's not just practice. The older I get, the more I take it seriously. Plus, I just got tired

of doing those darn pushups. It seemed like I could just breathe, and it was, 'T, 10 pushups. T, 10 pushups.' Now when I feel a yawn coming on, I breathe in deeply and look at him and smile. It goes away."

These days Summitt knows what the smile means.

"Now, I can see it in practice," he said. "I can see her wanting to yawn, and she will hold it in. I can look at her, and she will just smile. She knows that I am going to make her be mentally engaged. Every time I see her in the hallway now, she will open up her eyes a little bit more, she will stand a little taller and say, 'I'm awake, Coach.' It shows she is aware of why I am on her, and she is aware of what is important to be successful."

Despite the difficult transition to college, Tiara still had an impressive freshman season, averaging 6.0 points and 3.0 rebounds a game while earning a spot on the Conference USA all-Freshman Team.

She scored in double figures eight times, including a career-high 19 in a win over Harvard, but it was her collegiate debut that is best remembered. With Tech trailing late on the road against defending Southland Conference champion Stephen F. Austin, Tiara hit back-to-back three-pointers in the final two minutes to lead the Lady Techsters to a win.

The game was not only Tiara's debut in a Lady Techster uniform, but it was Summitt's debut as the head coach. And although the win meant a lot to both of them, the relationship they have formed means more, much more.

"He's my coach, but I consider him family," Tiara said. "He's more than a coach. You don't usually get to know your coach the way I know coach Tyler. Some coaches only care about what you can do for the team. He cares about what he can do for you, what the school can do for you, what you can do for yourself and being the best you can be. It's genuine, and you can tell."

"I think the one-on-one meetings that T and I had are the reason why she doesn't get as upset when I get on her," Summitt said. "I have told T as well as the rest of the team that I will be their worst enemy in practice if they don't come ready to be the best that they can be every day. T recognizes that she is having a bad day sometimes before anyone else."

Although the amount of pushups she does these days has decreased drastically – according to Tiara she hasn't had to do any this year – there are still instances where lack of effort or execution leads to other accountability punishment such as running stadiums.

However, the sound of that authoritative voice booming out, "T, stairs," simply motivates No. 24.

"You know it is coming because he wants you to be the best you can be," Tiara said. "If he didn't care about you, you wouldn't have to run stairs. But the fact that he tells me, 'T, you could be so good if you just do this. T hit the stairs you don't know how good you could be.' That's cool for a coach to make their players feel like that. That's great."

And just how good can Tiara Davenport be? Summitt thinks that Lady Techster fans are in for a treat.

"I think if T continues to improve like she is improving, I think the sky is the limit," he said. "I think she can be as good or better than Whitney Frazier because of how dynamic she can be. That's quite the compliment. She can shoot the three, she can shoot the mid-range jumper, she can post up, she can finish, she can rebound, she is a hustle player, she can defend a post and she can defend a guard. She can impact the game in so many ways.

"She was the most improved player from this summer, and if she does that again this coming summer, man she is going to be a scary player."

Off the court, Tiara is anything but scary. Her coaches and her teammates refer to her as genuine and caring.

"She is awesome," Brooke said. "She is one of most loyal people that I have met. When you show her that you care, she will have your back 100 percent. If she is your friend, she is your friend. She is a very loyal person, and she has a big heart."

Whether in high tops or high heels, Tiara Davenport has the make-up for success.

Meet Ruby Richie

RUSTON – Tyler Summitt has a first-hand appreciation for walk-ons.

He lived that life for two years during his days in Knoxville, playing for coaches Cuonzo Martin and Bruce Pearl and the Tennessee Volunteers.

Summitt, the second-year Louisiana Tech Lady Techster sideline stroller, lived the less-than-glamorous life of a walk-on; the same rigors of practices and workouts and long days, minus the spotlight and publicity of the more high-profile players.

LA Tech senior guard Ruby Richie knows too. The local Cedar Creek High School product began her college basketball career on the Division II level before transferring back home, where she became a walk-on with a Lady Techster program she grew up admiring.

Ruby would eventually earn a scholarship down the road.

“Ruby and I had a conversation a few weeks ago about how the paths we took were very similar,” Summitt said. “I grew up watching the Tennessee Vols, and she grew up watching the Louisiana Tech Lady Techsters. I got to play at Tennessee as a walk-on and got to be a part of the program that I grew up watching. It’s very similar to what she has experienced at Louisiana Tech. We have a lot in common.”

Coach and player both understand the road of the undersized and often overlooked.

“They (LA Tech) were looking, but Ouachita Baptist University offered me a scholarship so I went there for a year,” Richie said. “I played my freshman year. They recruited me at point guard and moved me to shooting guard. I just didn’t feel like it was where I belonged.”

So following her freshman season, Richie contacted then-LA Tech head coach Teresa Weatherspoon about the possibility of joining the Lady Techster program. Spoon welcomed her with open arms.

“I was talking to my mom about moving back home and I started talking to coach Spoon,” Ruby said. “She told me if that’s what I want to do they would have a spot for me. She gave me the option to walk-on. I got my release and I came here. My journey to Tech became a reality.”

The journey had only just begun.

Ruby red-shirted during the 2013-14 season due to the NCAA Transfer Rule. She used the year to make the transition from the Division II level to a higher level of competition, something she didn’t take for granted.

“Here it was a lot faster,” Ruby said. “Ouachita Baptist is the next level, but it’s not Division I basketball. I often talk about how different Division I is from Division II. It really is night and day. It was a nice year to get a feel for this level.”

So with a year of acclimating to the Division I game, the 5-foot-6-inch shooting guard was set to suit up for Teresa Weather- spoon. It didn’t happen.

Instead, she became a part of history. Ruby, along with the rest of the members of the 2014-15 LA Tech squad, will forever be remembered as Tyler Summitt’s first team.

“It was very difficult,” Ruby said, remembering the time between Weatherspoon’s dismissal and Summitt’s hiring. “We felt empty for a while. I felt like we didn’t have a team. Everyone was doing whatever; we didn’t have any structure.”

Little did Ruby and Co. know, but structure was well on its way. Its name was Tyler Summitt.

“You could tell he was serious about holding us accountable for what we were doing,” Ruby said. “He had a lot of the same rules, but he enforced them. We knew that if we weren’t in the first three rows of class or we were late we were going to have punishment for it. The previous year it was hit or miss. He came in and put his foot down, and we forgot that he was 23.”

The transition from one coaching staff to another one – with totally different philosophies – was not an easy one for the remaining players. Some fought it and didn’t survive. Some initially resisted, testing the waters and then succumbed. And then a few, like Ruby, bought in immediately.

Her attitude, work ethic and perseverance are what caught the new coaching staff’s attention from day No. 1. And it eventually turned into significant playing time on the court, something that came as a surprise to her.

“As a walk on I was very surprised I got to play,” Ruby said. “I just came in and worked hard and did what they asked me to do. We would get to game time, and he would call my name and shock would go through me.

“It was a dream come true. I wasn’t expecting it at all. For me to get that amount of playing time was an experience of a lifetime and something I will never forget.”

As a junior, Ruby saw action in 30 games, making five starts. She averaged just over two points per game with a career-high 16 points in the Lady Techsters home win over Nicholls State in December.

The contribution on and off the court paid off for her heading into this season.

“She was big for us last year, coming into games and playing a role,” Summitt said. “We met this summer, and I told Ruby that I thought she had earned a scholarship based on what she had done for us. I really felt like she earned it and was really glad she was finishing out with us.”

The walk-on tag was gone. Another hurdle cleared in Ruby’s journey, although it wouldn’t be the last one.

Enter eight newcomers to the Louisiana Tech roster in 2015-16. Basically, a brand new team as Summitt’s first recruiting class joined the Columbia blue club. The positive is the significant culture change. The negative; more competition for playing time.

Although Ruby has seen her playing time cut in this her senior season, she says the good definitely outweighs the bad.

“We’re definitely more of a family,” Ruby said. “It’s easy for any of us to be together and have a good time. Last year you couldn’t have two people in the same room without an argument breaking out. I think we’ve meshed really well to be so new with each

other. It's really awesome to be a part of."

The difficult part is that of the competitor in Ruby Richie. Like most college athletes, she wants to be on the floor each and every game helping her team. However, she has accepted her role and put team before self.

"It was a real struggle at the beginning," Ruby said. "Coach Tyler and I met and Coach DeMoss and I met, and they told me my role was to be an encourager, a leader. It's been an emotional roller coaster this year, but I've accepted it and tried to do my best."

"It's a hard role to play but you have to be ready when your number is called, no matter when that may be," Summitt said.

The biology major tries to do her best in everything. She is a very strong student academically, with a desire to become a physician's assistant one day. She will be a success.

And while not as much energy has been spent on the court this year due to the decrease in playing time, it's allowed her to focus even more with another area of her life that she loves – fitness and nutrition.

"I've had this new found interest," Ruby said. "It's a recent thing, maybe in the last two years. I've always been in the weight room when I had to be, but now it's become more of an interest. I think I've had this obsession with trying to have my picture perfect body."

Casey Cathrall, who serves as the strength and conditioning coach for the Lady Techster and Bulldog basketball teams as well as a handful of the other sports, said Ruby is a beast in the weight room.

"Pound for pound she is the strongest athlete I have for all the teams I train," Cathrall said. "Strength to body weight, she would crush everyone."

"She is in the weight room all the time," Summitt said. "Her academics are so high that she doesn't have to go to study hall. When we are on the road and the team has study hall, we let the ones who don't have it do something else. You can always find Ruby in the weight room working out. Our strength coach Casey would be very proud."

He is.

"Discipline, consistency and humility; that's what makes her so good in the weight room," Cathrall said. "She was already a gifted athlete as far as her capability. She really didn't know how to lift properly when I arrived, but she was strong anyway. She had some injuries that limited her and affected her technique. The humility part is she could lift more but didn't do it well. So she backed down off the weight, worked on her form, stretched and foam rolled. She did all of the little things and then crushed through the plateau that she had hit for a period of time."

As with most athletes, Ruby has goals in the weight room just like on the basketball court. And she is getting close to reaching them.

"I want to bench 200 pounds by the end of the year," she said. "I reached my max of 185 and Casey asked me 'Are you satisfied with that?' I'm not. I just want to be able to say, I can bench 200."

Between eating right most of the time – "I still like to eat Mexican and pizza" – and spending most of her free time on the court and in the weight room, Ruby has also lost 16 pounds since the fall quarter began. She has increased her bench press by 20 pounds while also seeing increases in verticals, chin ups and back squats.

It has become a way of life.

"It's been tough and it's been weird, but I'm learning," Ruby said.

Being a local product, when Ruby steps on the court every home game she does so with plenty of fan support. However, she has no bigger fan than her mother, Vicki Caskey.

"My mom is very supportive and very active around Ruston and the community," Ruby said. "However, she always makes time for my games."

Vicki has even been known to surprise her daughter on road trips. When the Lady Techsters opened this season in Madison, Wisconsin against the Badgers, Vicki made the long trek cross country to support her daughter.

"I just looked up there and there she was," Ruby said. "It brought tears to my eyes."

It's obvious that Ruby has a special relationship with her mother, something else her and Tyler Summitt have in common.

2015-16 Louisiana Tech
Louisiana Tech Combined Team Statistics (as of Feb 04, 2016)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	11-9	7-3	3-5	1-1
CONFERENCE	6-3	4-0	2-3	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	5-6	3-3	1-2	1-1

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fta	ft%	off	def	tot	avg								
25	WINGATE, Brandi	20-17	592	29.6	131-237	.553	6-14	.429	80-109	.734	37	110	147	7.4	45	0	23	42	6	17	348	17.4
12	PUMROY, Brooke	18-16	541	30.1	64-172	.372	31-91	.341	40-46	.870	2	49	51	2.8	24	0	49	55	4	16	199	11.1
30	SANTOS, Ashley	19-19	539	28.4	74-189	.392	9-46	.196	41-59	.695	35	67	102	5.4	49	1	28	46	6	13	198	10.4
24	DAVENPORT, Tiara	20-15	452	22.6	56-153	.366	10-41	.244	26-45	.578	42	55	97	4.9	58	3	14	30	2	13	148	7.4
04	ANTHONY, Kierra	18-11	422	23.4	42-118	.356	10-25	.400	31-43	.721	10	39	49	2.7	46	1	65	67	1	33	125	6.9
22	LEBLANC, Jasmine	19-0	315	16.6	42-116	.362	3-13	.231	21-42	.500	23	60	83	4.4	39	0	18	23	6	14	108	5.7
23	CLEAVER, Reauna	20-2	361	18.1	34-74	.459	3-7	.429	21-37	.568	28	53	81	4.1	50	2	15	32	5	10	92	4.6
02	VASQUEZ, Rochelle	20-13	465	23.3	21-70	.300	8-28	.286	26-32	.813	15	32	47	2.4	32	0	35	34	0	11	76	3.8
32	MOTEN, Kevione	20-7	215	10.8	24-48	.500	0-0	.000	14-29	.483	30	30	60	3.0	33	1	2	18	4	4	62	3.1
03	RICHIE, Ruby	15-0	100	6.7	3-10	.300	2-9	.222	4-6	.667	2	2	4	0.3	11	0	6	3	2	0	12	0.8
10	KREID, Maren	4-0	7	1.8	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
01	GIPSON, Dawn	3-0	17	5.7	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	1	3	1.0	4	0	0	4	1	0	0	0.0
Team											46	56	102				4					
Total.....		20	4026		491-1191	.412	82-274	.299	304-448	.679	272	554	826	41.3	391	8	256	358	37	131	1368	68.4
Opponents.....		20	4025		488-1246	.392	93-342	.272	217-343	.633	261	491	752	37.6	432	14	266	340	51	170	1286	64.3

TEAM STATISTICS	LATECH	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	1368	1286	11/14/15	at Wisconsin	L 65-79	3517
Points per game	68.4	64.3	11/18/15	LOYOLA	w 76-40	1821
Scoring margin	+4.1	-	11/21/15	STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	w 76-44	1732
FIELD GOALS-ATT	491-1191	488-1246	11-27-15	vs UCLA	L 57-68	763
Field goal pct	.412	.392	11-28-15	vs Denver	w 58-53	348
3 POINT FG-ATT	82-274	93-342	12/2/15	PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	L 68-77	1502
3-point FG pct	.299	.272	12/5/15	at Nicholls	w 58-55	690
3-pt FG made per game	4.1	4.7	12/10/15	at Arizona	L 67-77	827
FREE THROWS-ATT	304-448	217-343	12/13/15	#9 MISSISSIPPI STATE	L 63-93	3519
Free throw pct	.679	.633	12/19/15	ULL	w 79-62	1818
F-Throws made per game	15.2	10.9	12/22/15	MCNEESE STATE	L 71-74	1849
REBOUNDS	826	752	* 1-2-16	at Southern Miss	L 59-69	1525
Rebounds per game	41.3	37.6	* 1/7/16	at Old Dominion	w 69-51	1718
Rebounding margin	+3.7	-	* 01/09/16	at Charlotte	L 58-63	821
ASSISTS	256	266	* 1/14/16	FIU	w 82-63	2014
Assists per game	12.8	13.3	* 1/16/16	FAU	w 65-62	2116
TURNOVERS	358	340	* 1/24/16	SOUTHERN MISS	w 72-37	1724
Turnovers per game	17.9	17.0	* 1/28/16	at UTSA	Wot 82-72	539
Turnover margin	-0.9	-	* 01/30/15	at UTEP	L 80-86	3157
Assist/turnover ratio	0.7	0.8	* 2/4/16	RICE	w 63-61	1925
STEALS	131	170				
Steals per game	6.6	8.5				
BLOCKS	37	51				
Blocks per game	1.9	2.6				
ATTENDANCE	20020	13905				
Home games-Avg/Game	10-2002	8-1599				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	2-556				

* - Conference game

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Totals
Louisiana Tech	296	301	367	394	10	1368
Opponents	284	339	344	319	0	1286

2015-16 LOUISIANA TECH WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

2015-16 Louisiana Tech
Louisiana Tech Combined Team Statistics (as of Feb 04, 2016)
Conference games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	6-3	4-0	2-3	0-0
CONFERENCE	6-3	4-0	2-3	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total			3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds					pts	avg						
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq			a	to	blk	stl		
25	WINGATE, Brandi	9-7	289	32.1	62-115	.539	5-12	.417	41-56	.732	13	58	71	7.9	19	0	13	20	4	7	170	18.9		
12	PUMROY, Brooke	8-8	239	29.9	32-77	.416	13-40	.325	24-26	.923	0	22	22	2.8	10	0	27	15	3	6	101	12.6		
30	SANTOS, Ashley	9-9	258	28.7	37-87	.425	4-21	.190	16-23	.696	18	32	50	5.6	22	0	18	21	1	4	94	10.4		
24	DAVENPORT, Tiara	9-4	178	19.8	21-59	.356	2-13	.154	19-30	.633	15	12	27	3.0	23	1	4	13	1	5	63	7.0		
22	LEBLANC, Jasmine	9-0	171	19.0	21-64	.328	0-3	.000	15-30	.500	14	43	57	6.3	18	0	10	9	3	6	57	6.3		
14	ANTHONY, Kierra	7-0	136	19.4	14-40	.350	2-8	.250	4-7	.571	4	10	14	2.0	18	1	20	20	0	10	34	4.9		
23	CLEAVER, Reauna	9-1	180	20.0	15-32	.469	2-6	.333	9-21	.429	13	19	32	3.6	26	2	9	15	4	7	41	4.6		
02	VASQUEZ, Rochelle	9-9	241	26.8	12-39	.308	6-14	.429	11-12	.917	7	20	27	3.0	19	0	16	10	0	6	41	4.6		
32	MOTEN, Kevione	9-7	95	10.6	11-18	.611	0-0	.000	3-9	.333	9	10	19	2.1	20	0	1	7	1	3	25	2.8		
03	RICHIE, Ruby	6-0	30	5.0	1-4	.250	1-4	.250	1-2	.500	0	0	0	0.0	6	0	1	0	2	0	4	0.7		
10	KREID, Maren	2-0	5	2.5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0		
01	GIPSON, Dawn	1-0	4	4.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0		
Team											21	23	44						3					
Total.....		9	1826		226-535	.422	35-121	.289	143-216	.662	114	250	364	40.4	182	4	119	134	19	54	630	70.0		
Opponents.....		9	1825		206-550	.375	37-152	.243	115-181	.635	129	227	356	39.6	202	8	112	147	25	58	564	62.7		

TEAM STATISTICS	LATECH	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	630	564	* 1-2-16	at Southern Miss	L 59-69	1525
Points per game	70.0	62.7	* 1/7/16	at Old Dominion	w 69-51	1718
Scoring margin	+7.3	-	* 01/09/16	at Charlotte	L 58-63	821
FIELD GOALS-ATT	226-535	206-550	* 1/14/16	FIU	w 82-63	2014
Field goal pct	.422	.375	* 1/16/16	FAU	w 65-62	2116
3 POINT FG-ATT	35-121	37-152	* 1/24/16	SOUTHERN MISS	w 72-37	1724
3-point FG pct	.289	.243	* 1/28/16	at UTSA	Wot 82-72	539
3-pt FG made per game	3.9	4.1	* 01/30/15	at UTEP	L 80-86	3157
FREE THROWS-ATT	143-216	115-181	* 2/4/16	RICE	w 63-61	1925
Free throw pct	.662	.635	* - Conference game			
F-Throws made per game	15.9	12.8				
REBOUNDS	364	356				
Rebounds per game	40.4	39.6				
Rebounding margin	+0.9	-				
ASSISTS	119	112				
Assists per game	13.2	12.4				
TURNOVERS	134	147				
Turnovers per game	14.9	16.3				
Turnover margin	+1.4	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	0.9	0.8				
STEALS	54	58				
Steals per game	6.0	6.4				
BLOCKS	19	25				
Blocks per game	2.1	2.8				
ATTENDANCE	7779	7760				
Home games-Avg/Game	4-1945	5-1552				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Totals
Louisiana Tech	128	150	160	182	10	630
Opponents	119	141	142	162	0	564