

Southland Conference Tournament Notebook

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The Southland Conference held its 32nd annual men's and 26th annual women's conference tournament this past weekend at the Merrell Center in Katy, Texas.

*UT-Arlington made a record 26th appearance in the Southland Conference Tournament after missing the event last year.

*SFA played in the tournament for the 16th time overall and for the seventh consecutive season. The Lumberjacks, who won the tournament in 2009, were the No. 2 seed in this year's tournament.

*2012 SLC Champions, the Lamar Cardinals tied UT-Arlington with three players being named to the All-Southland Conference team. Lamar senior point guard Mike James was named to the 1st team while teammates and fellow seniors Devon Lamb and Anthony Miles were named to the 2nd team.

UT-Arlington were honored the most with head coach Scott Cross being named SLC Coach of the Year and junior Kevin Butler-being selected as the Newcomer of the Year. Teammates LaMarcus Reed was named to the 1st team, Bo Ingram-2nd team and Kevin Butler-3rd team.

*On the women's side, Central Arkansas junior forward Megan Herbert was named the Southland Conference Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year. This was Herbert's

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second-consecutive honor. A three-time, 1st team all-conference selection, Herbert led the conference in double-doubles(18) and ranked second in the conference in scoring (17.6), rebounding (11.1), and field goal percentage (52.9). She also ranked fourth in the nation in double-doubles and ninth in rebounds.

*Women's Newcomer of the Year was Ashlee Mells-Stephen F. Austin, Freshman of the Year-Porsha Roberts-Stephen F. Austin, and Coach of the Year was Matt Daniel-Central Arkansas.

*Texas State, who made their first appearance in the SLC Tournament since 2008, had two players named to the All-Conference team. Houston natives Diamond Ford and Ashley Ezeh were named to the 1st and 3rd team respectively.

*The Bobcats finished the regular season with a record of 16-13, their first winning season since going 20-9 in the 2008 regular season, before finishing with a record of 21-11, by virtue of winning a game in the WNIT.

*Lamar's Kalis Loyd is the 7th player in Lady Cards history with at least 1,000 points and 500 rebounds. She is the 11th Lady Card to reach 1,000 points for her career, entering the tournament with 1,404 points. Loyd is also 8th on Lamar's all-time rebounding chart with 615 boards.

*Northwestern State's William Mosley ranks between Alonzo Mourning and Tim Duncan, in 5th place on the NCAA career blocks list. Mosley has already passed Mourning's (453) for 5th and he is 23 shy of Duncan, who's in 4th place.