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## 27-TIME NJCAA CHAMPS

**Ameriprise Financial Catering Fajita Dinner for SPC Employees during Monday games**  
Employee fajita dinner served from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

February 17, 2012



Ameriprise's Mike Mamantov, pictured with cheerleaders Brittney Ford and Victoria VanZandt, is sponsoring Monday's meals and prizes

LEVELLAND – For the Texan and Lady Texan basketball teams the 2011-12 season is entering the final two weeks of regular season play and each have only two home games remaining. South Plains will return to the Texan Dome when they play host to New Mexico Junior College on Ameriprise Financial VIP Night Monday, February 20. Sponsored by Ameriprise Financial and Mike Mamantov, a fajita dinner will be available prior to the games for all South Plains College employees to enjoy.

Tip-off is scheduled for 5:45 p.m. for the ladies and 7:45 p.m. for the men. Employees of South Plains College are invited to eat in the West side of the Texan Dome from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and are also encouraged to enter to win \$250 cash at halftime of both Texan and Lady Texan games.

The NJCAA No. 1 ranked Texans enter their rematch with the T-Birds coming off a 106-62 throttling of Frank Phillips College Thursday night to improve their record to 25-0 overall and 10-0 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC).

New Mexico (19-7, 7-3) defeated Odessa 72-71 in overtime, thanks to a last second 3-point basket that sent the game to extra time as Odessa led 69-66 in the final seconds of regulation and are one game behind Howard College for second place in the WJCAC.

South Plains barely escaped Hobbs with a victory on January 26 as they trailed by four points with 20-seconds remaining in regulation. Marshall Henderson hit a 3-pointer and two free throws before time expired to force the game into overtime and then nailed a 3 in the corner with just over a second remaining to lift the then newly No. 1 ranked Texans to victory and keep their undefeated record intact. The T-Birds have lost only once since then and enter the contest on a four game winning streak.

New Mexico is in the position they are in due to a stout defense that ranks second in the WJCAC, allowing only 64 points per game through nine conference contests. The Texans, however, have the top offense in the conference with 86 points per game and their defensive numbers also rank third, allowing only 67 points per game.

A victory over the T-Birds would help South Plains at least maintain a two game edge over Howard College in the standings before they head to Big Spring Thursday, February 23.

With only three games remaining on their regular season schedule the Lady Texans find themselves with a 1 1/2 game lead over Western Texas for fourth place in the WJCAC and only trail Odessa by one game for the third spot.

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The Lady Texans (8-17, 5-4) fell to New Mexico 63-41 on January 26 in Hobbs, N.M., but have caught fire and have won five-of-their-last-seven games. A win over the current conference leader would give the Lady Texans even more confidence heading into their final two games versus Howard and Western Texas.

South Plains ranks fourth in scoring offense and defense, while the Lady T-Birds are at the top of both categories.

New Mexico (23-3, 7-1) defeated Odessa 73-61 Thursday night in Hobbs, N.M., but suffered their first conference loss Monday, February 13, a 10 point defeat to Midland College.

Fans who cannot attend Monday's contest can visit [www.spctexans.com](http://www.spctexans.com) for a live video stream of the action with the crew from SPC TV calling the action. Live audio will be available on KLVT 1230 AM and [www.klvtradio.com](http://www.klvtradio.com) with KLVT's Michael Wiist on the call.

### Game Notes

South Plains College Texans and Lady Texans vs New Mexico

5:45 p.m. Lady Texans (8-17, 5-4) vs Lady T-Birds (23-3, 7-1)

7:45 p.m. Texans (25-0, 10-0) vs T-Birds (19-7, 7-3)

Live video streaming available at [www.spctexans.com](http://www.spctexans.com)

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### South Plains College Texans

Head Coach: Steve Green • 12th Season

Overall Record: 437-126

SPC Record: 290-83

South Plains' 25-0 start is the best for Coach Steve Green as a head coach. After beginning the 2002-03 season 2-2, Coach Green and the Texans reeled off 29 straight wins en route to winning WJCAC and Region 5 championships to qualify for the NJCAA tournament for the second consecutive season.

Green has a record of 22-1 against New Mexico as SPC's head coach.

### Players to watch

No.	Name	Ht.	Pos.	Year	Stats
2	Yanick Moreira	6-10	Forward	Soph	12.3 ppg, 7.3 rpg, 2.25 bpg
10	Devonte Smith	5-10	Point Guard	Fresh	9.1 ppg (WJCAC), 5 apg
11	Stanton Kidd	6-7	Forward	Soph	13.1 ppg (WJCAC), 6.3 rpg
12	Marshall Henderson	6-2	Guard	Soph	20.5 ppg (WJCAC)

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South Plains College Lady Texans

Head Coach: Michelle Wyatt • 7th season

Overall Record: 153-55

After getting off to a rocky start, South Plains has righted the ship by winning five-of-their-last-seven games and trail third place Odessa by only a single game. They are in position to qualify for the Region 5 tournament. The Lady Texans have qualified for the Region 5 tournament every year since last missing it following the 2003-04 season.

Head Coach Michelle Wyatt has had enormous success against New Mexico, posting a 13-2 record against the Lady T-Birds as SPC's head coach.

### Players to watch

No.	Name	Ht.	Pos.	Year	Stats
11	Ashley Roberts	5-7	Guard	Soph	17 ppg
13	Avril Matthews	5-1	Guard	Soph	3.2 apg
51	Sydney Hearn	5-10	Post	Fresh	6.1 rpg (WJCAC)
55	Stephanie Moore	6-1	Post	Soph	11.2 ppg (WJCAC), 7.7 rpg (WJCAC)

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