



TEXAS TECH ATHLETICS DOUBLE T VARSITY CLUB

Official Newsletter of Texas Tech Athletics Letter Winner Association



MARCH = MADNESS

Spring = Success

Spring is in full swing and summer is quickly approaching. Baseball conference play starts on March 13th, the same day our Track & Field athletes will be competing at the NCAA Indoor Championships. Selection Sunday for March Madness is coming up on March 15th and Softball conference play will kick off on March 20th. Other important dates include the Spring Football Game on April 10th and the Wreck 'Em Tour that kicks off on April 29th in Dallas. Visit RedRaiderClub.com/Events for more information on the Wreck 'Em Tour.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 3/17 | NCAA Tournament |
| 3/21 | Softball Reunion |
| 4/10 | Spring Football Game |
| 4/22 | Letter Jacket
Presentation Ceremony |

DTVC X LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

It is not too late to get involved helping our current student athletes prepare for their futures! With participation from our Letterwinners, student-athletes will be able to learn from someone who was once in their place, that can help give them the tools and skills they need to be successful in the workforce.

Learn more on our website: <https://doubletvarsityclub.com/leadership-academy/>

MOMENT IN HISTORY

Women's Basketball didn't become part of the NCAA until 1981, and the "Lady Raider" name wasn't trademarked until 2003. Prior to the NCAA, women's sports were played under the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women. Pictured below is the 1975 Lady Raider Basketball Team. Pictured Top Row: Rhonda Askins, D'Ann Gallaway Pierce, Jill Owens, Libby Keller, & Carol Dudensing. Front Row: Kim Fields, JoAnn Stroebel, Susan Poe, & Terri Dixon.



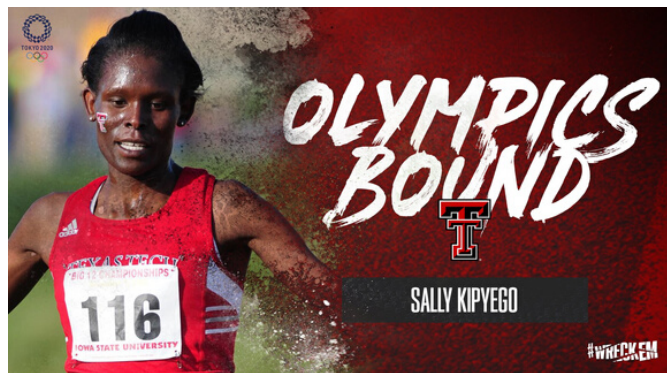
On Friday, February 14th, The Cash Family Sports Nutrition Center celebrated its grand opening and officially opened to student-athletes Monday, February 17th. Funding for this project was provided in full through philanthropic donations to The Campaign for Fearless Champions. This state-of-the-art facility serves as a day-to-day dining location that provides healthy food options to all Red Raider student-athletes. The new facility is complete with 220-person seating capacity, touch-screen ordering systems, various food stations, and the Dean & Christi Quinn Education Kitchen. The education kitchen will function as a resource for student-athletes to learn basic guidelines on cooking prep, food storage, and proper cooking techniques. The Cash Family Sports Nutrition Center is an amazing addition to Texas Tech Athletics!



LETTER WINNER SPOTLIGHT ECOMET BURLEY

TEXAS TECH FOOTBALL 1972-1975

Ecomet Burley is ranked as one of Texas Tech's most decorated defensive linemen in program history. Originally from Lufkin, Texas, Burley showed athletic talents early on. Prior to attending Texas Tech, he was considered a "blue-chip defensive lineman and champion shotputter." The 2004 Hall of Fame Inductee was a vital member of the Texas Tech Football program from 1972-1975. Burley, a three-time All-Southwest Conference Defensive lineman (1973-1975), and second-team All-American (1974), was one of the first Red Raiders to letter in football as a freshman. As a freshman, Burley was named Most Valuable Lineman in the 1972 Sun Bowl. Burley was a sophomore member of the 1973 team that went 11-1 in the Southwest Conference and played in the Japan Bowl in 1976 as a senior. During his time at Texas Tech, Burley earned a degree in political science and a minor in physical education before going on to play six seasons in the Canadian football league. Following football, Burley spent 30 years in education, including time as a teacher, a principal and a superintendent. This work took him through Lufkin, Crockett, Lubbock, LaMarque, Houston, and Champaign, IL. During his time as an educator he also completed a Master's Degree in Administration & Public Policy. He later was Director of the Harris County Department of Education's Center for Safe and Secure Schools. Burley retired in July 2019 and before being inducted into the SWC Hall of Fame in August of 2019. Ecomet Burley passed away peacefully at home on February 13, 2020. Ecomet will forever be known as an educator, an outspoken advocate, and true Red Raider. We will be forever grateful for the ways he made Red Raider Nation better on and off the field.



On Saturday, Feb. 29th, former Track & Field athlete & Texas Tech Hall of Fame member, Sally Kipyego, completed in the US Olympic Marathon Trials in Atlanta. Sally finished third in the women's trials, securing her place on the team with a time of 2:28:52. This will be her second time to compete in the Olympic Games, but her first time running for Team USA. The 2020 Summer Olympics will run from July 24th through August 9th in Tokyo. Sally will compete on August 8th.

REUNION RECAP



2020 MEN'S BASKETBALL REUNION

On, February 28th & 29th, we hosted the 2020 MBB Reunion. Fifty former letter winners gathered together at Little Woodrow's to reunite. Coach Beard made an appearance at the event to talk with and meet the former players. Thanks to all who came out to the events! Pictured above, top row: Jesus Arenas Jr., Lance Hughes, Will Flemons, Phil Wallace. Second row: Glenn Hallum, Norman Reuther, Gerald Meyers, Gib Wearver, Ronald Ross, & Tanner Ogden. Third row: James Rike, Tony Battie, Normal Reuther, Ben Frenzel, Keith Kitchens, George Davidson, & Grant Dukes. Below: Tanner Ogden, Jesus Arenas Jr, Mikey Marshall, Darra Oliver, Regina Oliver, & Curtis Marshall.

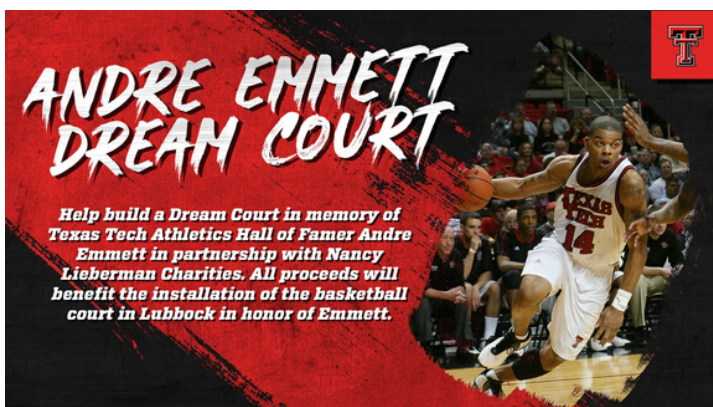


HONORING ANDRE EMMETT: PLAY FOR DRE

On Saturday, February 29th at halftime of the men's basketball game, we honored the legacy of Red Raider legend Andre Emmett. Andre passed away on September 23, 2019, in Dallas. Emmett came to Tech from Carter High School in Dallas, left as the program's all-time leading scorer and served as an incredible ambassador for our university throughout his life. During the game, we invited fans to join the Red Raider family in honoring Emmett. A fund has been created with a goal of \$25,000 to provide to the Nancy Lieberman Charities for the installation of a Lubbock Dream Court in Emmett's name. You're invited to join this effort to create a permanent honor of Andre's legacy in Lubbock. You can donate directly to the Lubbock Dream Court or purchase a replica warm-up shirt to honor Emmett, with the design derived from uniforms worn during Emmett's playing days. The purchase of this replica shirt provides a \$10 donation to the Dream Court Fund.

Donation Link: <https://www.caringcent.com/andredreamcourt>

Shirt Link: <https://www.fanatics.com/college/texas-tech-red-raiders>



NCAA Compliance 101

RECRUITING RULES TO REMEMBER FOR FORMER TEXAS TECH STUDENT-ATHLETES

Recruiting Basics

- A Prospective Student-Athlete (PSA) is a student who has started ninth grade and remains such until they attend classes or participate in official team practice at Texas Tech.
- All recruiting is done by designated Texas Tech head and assistant coaches.
- NCAA Rules preclude social media interactions, telephone and electronic communication and any interaction off TTU's campus.

Exception: A PSA's On-Campus Visit

- A former student-athlete MAY have on-campus contact with a PSA during the prospect's visit to campus.

After the Visit

- Additional contact with the PSA is not permitted.
- Once TexasTech.com officially announces the PSA's signing, you are permitted to have contact with the PSA. PSA's may not be provided with benefits at any time.

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