

## Athletics at Southeastern Louisiana University Notable Highlights 2013 - 2014



- » In 2013-14, the Lions and Lady Lions combined to win five Southland Conference Championships - the most by any league institution. Prior to this season, Southeastern had never won more than three league titles in the same athletic year.
- » The Lion football team, which finished ranked sixth in the final national polls, ripped off 10 wins in a row on the way to an 11-3 record and their first-ever Southland Conference championship - the program's first league title of any kind since 1961. Southeastern's historic season netted it the No. 4 national seed and in its first-ever trip to the NCAA FCS Playoffs, SLU advanced to the quarter finals.
- » While the football team earned its first taste of championship success in 2014, the Lady Lion soccer team continued to build on its winning tradition. Facing off with three-time defending Southland Conference champion Stephen F. Austin in the championship match, Southeastern won penalty kicks to earn their second berth in the NCAA Championships and the program's seventh league championship under head coach Blake Hornbuckle.
- » In his first season at the helm, Lion head baseball coach Matt Riser led Southeastern to the Southland Conference Tournament championship and the first NCAA Regional berth since 1994. While at the regional in Baton Rouge, Southeastern defeated Bryant, 2-1, in a 10-inning elimination game, giving the program its first regional victory since 1992.
- » Another program consistently in conference championship contention has been the men's track and field programs under head coach Sean Brady. The Lions had their best year of Brady's tenure in 2014, starting with taking home the indoor league title in February. Southeastern pulled off the first sweep in school history in May, when it rallied to take the outdoor championship, edging Stephen F. Austin by one point in a thrilling finish.
- » While football, soccer, track and baseball brought home conference hardware, several other programs can boast outstanding seasons or individual accomplishments. Men's gold shot the low round of the tournament on the final day of the Southland Conference Championships, ultimately finishing second under head coach Tim Baldwin. Junior Grade Brame represented Southeastern in the NCAA Regionals and won the Louisiana Amateur, while earning first team All-Southland Conference, All-Louisiana and CoSIDA Academic All-District VI honors.
- » Like Brame, Renee Villarreal of the Southeastern tennis team also was a first team selection by the Southland, LSWA and CoSIDA. Volleyball's Megan McMillin earned the Southland Conference's F. L. McDonald Postgraduate Scholarship and also was bestowed the President's Medal for Academic Excellence - the highest honor a Southeastern graduate can receive - at spring commencement exercises.

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