

Guiding the Lopes is Head Coach Chris Tifft. Tifft has compiled a career record of 96-62 over the past five seasons at LCC. Prior to accepting the position at Lamar, Tifft had coached or played at the collegiate level for over thirteen years.

Tifft began his coaching career at the University of Nevada and moved to Dodge City Community College for three years before being tabbed for the head coaching position at LCC in 2004. He began his collegiate playing career at Columbia University in New York City before transferring to Three Rivers Community College in Missouri. The 1993-1994 Three Rivers team finished with a 33-5 record and a second place showing in the 1994 NJCAA Tournament. Tifft then moved on to the University of Nevada where he completed his collegiate playing career. He holds a Master's Degree in Secondary Education and a Bachelor's Degree in Geography, both from the University of Nevada.

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LOPES HEAD FOR NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

(Lamar, Colorado; March 12, 2009) After securing the 2009 Region IX championship on Tuesday night in Sterling, Colorado, the Lamar Community College Runnin' Lopes Men's Basketball Team is making preparations for its first appearance at the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) National Tournament beginning Tuesday, March 17, 2009. LCC plays in game #1 at 10:00 a.m. CST versus Cape Fear Community College (Wilmington, North Carolina; 20-12). This is the first appearance at the national tournament for both teams. Lamar Community College has held a block of tickets for fans. For information on reserving a ticket within the LCC block, contact Anne-Marie Crampton at 336.1520.

The Runnin' Lopes are led by

- #23: PJ Reyes (Sophomore; 6'4"; Taylor Truman HS (Taylor, MI)
20.3 pts; 4.3 rbs; 1.9 asst; 1.6 stls
- #2: Ogo Adegboye (Sophomore; 6'0"; Findlay Prep (London, England)
10.7 pts; 2.3 rbs; 3.2 asst; 1.3 stls
- #32: Antwone Snead (Sophomore; 6'5"; Atlantic City HS (Atlantic City, NJ)
9.7 pts; 8.3 rbs; 2.1 asst; 1.2 stls

The Lopes will travel to Hutchinson at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 15. Fans are encouraged to come and wish them well. Prior to their departure, Valley National Bank, Thriftway, and the LCC Booster Club will host a hamburger feed for players, boosters, staff, and community members at 12:00 p.m. in the LCC Wellness Center. A donation of \$5 per person is requested. Players will sign autographs for fans during the hamburger feed.