

TEXAS STATE BOBCATS Overall: 20-12 (47-14)...Home: 15-5 (26-6)...Road: 5-7 (19-7)...Sun Belt: 6-6 (T-6th)

Head Coach: #30 Steve Trout (4th season: 102-66 | 2022 SBC Coach of the Year)

Pitching Coach: #22 Chad Massengale (6th season)...SWT '00 - '01, T-7th in all-time saves

Associate Head Coach (Dugout): #5 Josh Blakely (4th season)...3 years ago at UTRGV, volunteer asst @ TXST (2018)

Volunteer Assistant (1st Base): #33 Jerry Cervantez (4th Season)...54 starts in two seasons at TXST



#### **STORYLINES**

Coming off a tough week (lost midweek game at Texas A&M, dropped 2 out of 3 at South Alabama)

Biggest issue in the 3 losses: errors (9 in those losses, didn't commit any in their lone win)

Bussed all the way to Mobile (won the opener on Thursday), lost final 2 games (dropped finale in extra inn)

One of 4 Sun Belt teams with a .500 record in conference play (this weekend: host Marshall)

Tonight looking to avoid 3-gm losing streak (have not dropped 3 straight games at any point this season)



## PITCHING STATS

# FIELDING STATS

ERA	6.06	8 <sup>th</sup> SBC (2022: 2 <sup>nd</sup> )	FIELDING	.963	13 <sup>th</sup> SBC – Troy
STRIKEOUTS	300	5 <sup>th</sup> SBC (2022: 1 <sup>st</sup> )	ERRORS	42	T-2 <sup>nd</sup> Most SBC
WALKS	149	3 <sup>rd</sup> Most SBC	UNEARNED RUNS	23	
WILD PITCHES	24	3 <sup>rd</sup> Fewest SBC	DOUBLE PLAYS	21	9 <sup>th</sup> SBC
HR ALLOWED	46	2 <sup>nd</sup> Most SBC	SB ALLOWED	31-40	7 <sup>th</sup> Fewest allowed
OPP BA	.279	4 <sup>th</sup> Highest SBC			



#### **ROSTER BY THE NUMBERS**

8 true freshmen (2 RS Fr)...8 sophomores...15 juniors...9 seniors

2 years ago: had 8th largest roster in the nation (during COVID season)

39 of 42 players from TX...Peyton Zabel (S. Dakota) | Damien Whitfield (GA) | Nathan Medrano (CA)

## MIDWEEK GAMES/POWER 5

After tomorrow's game in Austin, 4 midweek games left (road games: UTSA/TCU...home: PVAMU & UIW)

6-2 so far this season (losses: UTSA at Texas A&M)...7-5 in midweek games last season

4-1 vs the Power 5 this season (season opening sweep of Northwestern, midweek win over #11 TCU)



#19 TEXAS LONGHORNS Overall: 23-10 (Last Year: 47-22)...Home: 20-3...Road: 3-4...Big XII: 6-3 (1st)

HEAD COACH: #22 David Pierce (7th Season: 242 wins @ UT...439 career wins in 12 seasons as a HC)

2018 National Coach of the Year after guiding Texas to the CWS in his  $2^{nd}$  season at the 40 acres Previously at Tulane (2 seasons, 2 Regionals)...Prior: Sam Houston State (3 yrs, 3 regionals)

Assistant Coach: #7 Steve Rodriguez (1st Season – Former Head Coach at Baylor)

Assistant Coach: #54 Woody Williams (1st Season – 15-season in MLB)

Volunteer Assistant: #33 Caleb Longley (2nd season with program)



#### **STORYLINES**

Coming off series win over Kansas State (tense series: first 2 games decided by 1 run, ejections yesterday)

Good bounce back series win after losing the series the weekend before at Oklahoma State Really impressive come-from-behind win on Friday: trailed 5-1 in 8th inning, scored 5x to win 6-5

After a 4-7 start to the season, Longhorns have since won 19 of last 22 games (had a 16-gm win streak)

Tonight looking to improve to 9-1 in midweek games (lone loss: LSU on Feb 28th, since won 7 straight)



#### PITCHING STATS

## FIELDING STATS

ERA	3.32	Best Big XII, 9th D1	FIELDING	.977	3 <sup>rd</sup> Big XII
STRIKEOUTS	311	2 <sup>nd</sup> Big XII (Ok St)	ERRORS	28	3 <sup>rd</sup> Fewest Big XII
WALKS	135	4 <sup>th</sup> Most Big XII	UNEARNED RUNS	21	
WILD PITCHES	30	4th Most Big XII	DP TURNED	25	2 <sup>nd</sup> Most Big XII
HR ALLOWED	17	Fewest Big XII	SB ALLOWED	33-42	3 <sup>rd</sup> most SB allowed
OPP BA	.228	Lowest Bia XII			



#### **ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

97 wins the last 2 seasons...reached the College World Series each of last 2 years (3x under David Pierce) Won 50 games in 2021, 25<sup>th</sup> 50-win season team history...Augie Garrido had 6...Cliff Gustafson had 18) Trip to Omaha last year: 60<sup>th</sup> all-time appearance in the College World Series (that leads the nation)

Their 6th National Championships are tied for 2nd most in NCAA history (behind USC)...last came in 2005



# ALL TIME SERIES: Tonight is 68<sup>TH</sup> MEETING (Texas leads 54-13)

Two teams split the season series last year (road team won both games, both in dramatic fashion)
TXST's win at Texas came when Longhorns were ranked #1 in country (Bobcats also won at #2 Stanford)
Very competitive series over the past decade: since 2010, 15 of the 27 games decided by 2 runs/less