



TEXAS STATE BOBCATS Overall: 13-16 (Won 1)...Home: 4-8 (SBC: 2-5)...SBC: 6-10 (11th)

Head Coach: Terrence Johnson (3rd Season: 52-31)

2x SBC Coach of the Year – only TXST coach EVER to win multiple Conference Coach of the Year honors

Assistants: Benny Seltzer, Robert Guster, Donte Mathis, Dylan Johnson

STORYLINES

Earned a split of their final road trip of the season, getting a win to close things out at Coastal Carolina Bobcats finish the season 7-7 on the road (4 of those 7 wins coming in conference play)

22 points from Mason Harrell in the win over the Chanticleers (his first 20 point game in Sun Belt play)

Entering tonight: 1 game back of 11th place (goal this week: is to finish Top 10 and avoid the 1st round)



KEY STATS

SCORING: 65.4 PPG (13th SBC – A-State)	Cracked 70 points just 10x this season
DEFENSE 66.7 PPG (6th SBC)	Gave up 82 points to App State last Thursday
3-POINTERS: Just 4 ½ 3-pt FG per game	Only 2 teams/less: Monmouth, CS-Bakersfield
REBOUNDING BATTLE	Outrebounded opponent 9x last 11 games

SHOOTING NUMBERS

FGs: 43% (10th SBC)	Shot 54% from the floor in the win at Coastal
FTs: 72% (2nd SBC - CCU)	14-of-16 from the line in Saturday's win at Coastal
3PT: 31% (12th SBC)	Better recently: made 28 over last 5 games (35%)



RECORD WHEN...

Leading at the half	10-3	1-12 when trailing (win: GASO)
Win the rebound battle	7-11	Prev 3 seasons: 30-4
Decided 5 pts/less	7-6	6-1 in close games last year

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES

If the tournament started today, Texas State would be playing GA State in the 11-14 match-up

Last year: the Bobcats won the Sun Belt's Regular Season title, the Panthers were Tournament Champions

Good battle for first place right now between So Miss & Marshall (Eagles 1 game lead, Herd: tiebreaker)



SOUTH ALABAMA JAGUARS Overall: 15-14 (Won 4)...Road: 3-9 (Conf: 2-5)...SBC: 8-8 (T-7th)

Head Coach: Richie Riley (5th Season: 90 wins | 125 wins overall)

12th Head Coach in program history (before he got to South Alabama: head coach at Nicholls State for 2 seasons)

Was the Southland Conference's Coach of the Year the season before he arrived in Mobile

7 seasons as a head coach, has only finished with a losing record once (was his first season at Nicholls)

STORYLINES

Starting to pick up steam at the right time: Jaguars have won 4 straight

That winning streak is tied for Marshall for the longest active win streak in the Sun Belt

All 4 wins have been blowouts: average margin of victory during win streak is 27 PPG

Most impressive win: last Thursday: an 85-54 rout of So Miss (ended Golden Eagles' 9-game win streak)



KEY STATS

SCORING: 70.9 PPG (7th SBC)	Win streak: nearly 80 PPG
DEFENSE: 64.9 PPG (3rd SBC)	Win streak: held opponents to 52.3 PPG
TAKING CARE OF BALL: Just 10 TOs/gm	Fewest in Sun Belt (14 th fewest nation)
TAKING AWAY THE 3-POINTER	Opponents; 30% (17 th lowest in nation)

SHOOTING NUMBERS

FGs: 47% (3rd SBC)	Shooting 56% during the 4-game win streak
FTs: 69% (8th SBC)	Just 12 att/gm...only team in nation w/fewer: Penn State
3PT: 34% (6th SBC)	2 games last week: made 26 3-pointers



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Done well under Richie Riley: finished with 20 wins or more twice (including 21 wins last year)

Program has rich history: 14 combined conference titles and 8 all-time trips to NCAA Tournament

Last trip to the Field of 64 was 15 years ago in 2008 (was also the last time the Jaguars won a conf title)



ALL TIME SERIES: (TONIGHT IS 15TH Meeting...TXST leads 10-4)

Bobcats have won 2 straight over the Jaguars, including a 64-58 win at the Mitchell Center back on Jan 7

Tonight is South Alabama's first visit to San Marcos since Jan 2018 (before the arena renovation)

Some close games over the years: 6 of their first 14 games decided by 6 points or less