



#3 TEXAS STATE BOBCATS Overall: 20-11 (Won 5 of 6)...Home: 14-3 (Most wins @ home in 26 years)
Head Coach: Danny Kaspar (7th Season)...583 career wins, (22nd among active coaches)
 - 118 wins at TXST (3rd most program history), trails Vernon McDonald (226) & Milton Jowers (287)

STORYLINES

- Finished regular season w/20 wins, 3rd 20 win season the last 4 yrs (had just 1 the preceding 37 years)
- Had a 5-game win streak going into last week's finale at South Alabama chance to clinch 2nd place...
- ...6-point lead w/under 4 min to go but Jaguars ended game on 10-0 run (forcing TXST in qtr final rd)
- Tonight, looking to earn their way into the semifinals & a rematch against South Al on Sat (in NOLA)



KEY STATS

SCORING: 72.7 PPG (6th SBC)	Kaspar career: Score 70+ 176-27 (.867)
DEFENSE: 64.2 PPG (Best SBC)	4th straight season TXST has led SBC
TURNOVERS: Best TO margin SBC (16th NCAA)	Bobcats giving up just 11 TOs/game
3PT ATTEMPTS: Just 16 per game (Last SBC)	TXST: 333rd out of 350 teams NCAA in 3pt att

SHOOTING NUMBERS

FGs: 45% (3rd SBC)	Shot 54% from the floor in the win over App St (Jan 11)
FTs: 76% (1st SBC)	2 free throw att in Boone (fewest on record last 14 years)
3PT: 33% (8th SBC)	Last 6 games/season: 25% (would rank dead last NCAA)



RECORD WHEN...

Leading at the half	15-4	When trailing: 4-6
Win the rebound battle	15-1	Lone loss: Troy
Playing in close games*	5-5	*Games decided by 5 pts/less

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- 6-5 all-time record in the SBC Tournament, won tournament opener each of last 5 seasons
- Last year, Bobcats lost in the semifinal round to GA State...furthest they've been: Finals in 2017
- Last Conference Tournament Championship: 1997 (Southland)



#6 APPALACHIAN STATE MOUNTAINEERS Overall: 18-14 (Won 3 of 4)...Road: 7-8 (2-13 last year)

HEAD COACH: Dustin Kerns (1st Season)

- Previously the head coach at Presbyterian for 2 seasons (6 win improvement his 1st year, won 20 games last year)
- Started his coaching career 17 years ago as Director of Basketball Operations @ Tennessee Tech

STORYLINES

18-14 this season, a 7 win improvement from last year, App State's first winning season in 8 years
 Coming off a come-from-behind 2nd round win over Coastal Carolina on Monday: 70-65
 App State trailed by 15 points at the half, but sprung to life in the 2nd half, outscoring CCU 48-28
 5th time this season App State has overcome a double-figure deficit (came back from down 18 vs TXST)



KEY STATS

SCORING: 68.4 PPG (11th SBC)	3rd best scoring offense each/past 2 seasons
DEFENSE: 66.8 PPG (2nd SBC)	Ranked 11th in SBC each/past 3 seasons
POINTS OFF TOs: Averaging 15 PPG	16 pts off TO against TXST in Boone last month
POINTS IN THE PAINT: 30 PPG	34 points in the paint against CCU on Monday

SHOOTING NUMBERS

FGs: 43% (8th SBC)	Shot just 38% from the floor in this building in January
FTs: 66% (Worst SBC)	27th nationally in FT attempts (Monday: 38 FT att, CCU just 7)
3PT: 31% (Worst SBC)	Just 4-of-20 from 3pt range on Monday against CCU



RECORD WHEN

Leading at the half	11-2	When trailing: 7-12
Outrebound the opp	11-3	Outrebounded TXST by 9 in Boone
Playing in close games	7-1	*Games decided by 5 pts/less

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- App State is 2-3 all-time in the Sun Belt Tournament (win on Monday just their 2nd ever)
- The furthest that App State has reached has been the Qtr Final round (lost to UTA in the Qtrs in 2018)
- Last Tournament title was 20 years ago in 2000: the SoCon, only other was 21 years before that (1979)



All TIME SERIES: (Today is 15th meeting...TXST leads 7-6)

- Two teams split the season series this year (home team won both games)
- Five out of the past six meetings in the series have been decided by 4 points or less