



**TEXAS STATE BOBCATS** Overall: 17-6 (Won 5)...Home: 10-1 (Won 15 of last 16)...SBC: 8-3 (1<sup>st</sup>)

**Head Coach: Terrence Johnson (2<sup>nd</sup> Season: 35-13)**

2020-21 SBC Coach of the Year (last coach to win a Coach/Year award: Mike Miller 1997)

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

**STORYLINES**

Enter tonight's game on a 5-game winning streak, and now sit alone in 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Sun Belt  
 Last week, Texas State swept it's 2-game Louisiana road trip with wins over Louisiana and ULM  
 Solid play from Isiah Small in both games: 15 points in each (challenged recently by Terrence Johnson)  
 Tonight, looking to make it 6 straight wins and to even the season series against Arkansas State



**KEY STATS**

SCORING: 71.1 PPG (5 <sup>th</sup> SBC)	1-3 when being held to under 60 points
DEFENSE: 63.4 PPG (3 <sup>rd</sup> SBC)	Led SBC in 4 straight seasons
SCORING INSIDE: Wins – avg of 33 pts/paint	Held to 22 pts in paint @ A-State
REBOUND MARGIN: 3 <sup>rd</sup> best in Sun Belt	Lost rebound battle last time @ A-State

**SHOOTING NUMBERS**

FGs: 47% (1 <sup>st</sup> SBC)	Shot just 39% from the floor in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> half @ A-State
FTs: 75% (1 <sup>st</sup> SBC)	55 FT attempts in the two games last week
3PT: 37% (1 <sup>st</sup> SBC)	Shooting 43% from 3pt range during win streak



**RECORD WHEN...**

Leading at the half	12-1	Trailing at the half: 3-3
Win the rebound battle	11-1	Prev 2 seasons: 28-4
Decided 5 pts/less	4-0	Last Year: 6-4

**STILL ROLLING IN FEBRUARY**

The Bobcats are undefeated so far this month: 4-0, and have now won 16 straight in the month of Feb  
 Haven't lost a game since February of 2020 (at App State, game that Nijal Pearson didn't play in)  
 Their record in the month of February since the 2018-19 season is 24-3



**ARKANSAS STATE RED WOLVES** Overall: 15-8 (Lost 2)...Road: 5-6...SBC: 6-5 (5<sup>th</sup>)

**Head Coach: Mike Balado (5<sup>th</sup> Season: 66-77)**

Assistant for 4 seasons at Louisville prior to becoming A-State's head coach (1<sup>st</sup> head coaching job)

Increased A-State's win total each of his first three seasons (11 wins in Year 1, 14 wins in Year 2, 16 wins in Year 3)

**STORYLINES**

After a 5-2 start to conference play, the Red Wolves have stumbled a bit (dropped 3 of last 4)  
 Two of those losses came by a combined 3 points, and the other came with key players out  
 That loss came this past Saturday at USA (Desi Sills & Keyon Wesley DNP, Caleb Field hurt early)  
 Tonight, looking to bounce back and sweep the season series from TXST for the first time since 2014



**KEY STATS**

SCORING: 72.0 PPG (4 <sup>th</sup> SBC)	51 points @ USA tied a season low
DEFENSE: 68.0 PPG (8 <sup>th</sup> SBC)	Held TXST to 60 points in Jonesboro
BALL MOVEMENT: +16 assists/game (1 <sup>st</sup> SBC)	19 assists on 28 FG against TXST
SCORING INSIDE: 46% of points come in paint	34 points in paint against TXST

**SHOOTING NUMBERS**

FGs: 46% (6 <sup>th</sup> SBC)	Shot 33% from floor on Saturday (lowest % since Nov 12)
FTs: 74% (2 <sup>nd</sup> SBC)	Attempted just 7 free throws in first game vs TXST
3PT: 32% (8 <sup>th</sup> SBC)	Don't take many: 11 <sup>th</sup> in SBC in 3pt FG this season



**RECORD WHEN...**

Leading at the half	9-2	1 of those losses: last Thu @ Troy
Win the rebound battle	13-4	Actually lost 3 straight
Decided 5 pts/less	2-3	0-1 in OT (lost @ Louisiana)

**ABOUT THE PROGRAM:**

Coming off a 10-12 finish last year (4<sup>th</sup> place finish in the West, reached 2<sup>nd</sup> round of SBC Tournament)  
 This year: A-State in position for its 1<sup>st</sup> winning season since the 2016-17 season (would be first for Balado)  
 Another 1<sup>st</sup> Balado looking to achieve: getting A-State to first NCAA since 1999 (only one team history)



**ALL TIME SERIES: (TODAY IS 15<sup>TH</sup> Meeting...TXST leads 10-4)**

Before A-State's win last month, TXST had won 10 straight over the Red Wolves  
 Arkansas State hasn't swept season series since TXST's first year in the Sun Belt in 2014  
 That was also the last time that Arkansas State won IN San Marcos