



TXST BOBCATS Overall: 8-4 (Won 1)...Road: 2-2 (Last year: 14-8)...Sun Belt: Picked 3rd (West)
Head Coach: #30 Steve Trout (1st season...last 4 years as top assistant)

- Pitching Coach: #22 Chad Massengale (3rd season)...SWT '00 – '01, T-7th in all-time saves
- Associate Head Coach: #5 Josh Blakely (1st season)...Last year at UTRGV, volunteer asst @ TXST (2018)
- Volunteer Assistant: #33 Jerry Cervantez (1st Season)...54 starts in two seasons at TXST



STORYLINES

Coming off a series win over Houston this past weekend, winning the rubber game on Sunday 12-4
 Bobcats had their best offensive weekend of the season: .306, scored 24 runs, 4 HR, team OPS of .844
 Won 5 of the last 6 and now 8-4 through its first 12 games (same record as they had through 12 gms last yr)
 That's now three series victories to start the season, one more non-conf weekend left (Bethune Cookman)
 Today, the Bobcats are looking for their 2nd straight midweek victory (last week defeated Rice)



PITCHING STATS

FIELDING STATS

ERA	3.48	4 th SBC	FIELDING	.978	5 th SBC
STRIKEOUTS	109	5 th SBC	ERRORS	9	5 th Fewest SBC
WALKS	43	T-5 th Most (Fewest)	UNEARNED RUNS	9	T-4 th Fewest SBC
WILD PITCHES	7	T-3 rd Fewest SBC	DP TURNED	2	T-Fewest SBC
HR ALLOWED	8	T-4 th Most SBC	SB ALLOWED	15-17	T-2 nd Fewest CS
OPP BA	.223	3 rd SBC			



ROSTER BY THE NUMBERS

- 18 newcomers (11 true freshmen, 7 transfers)...6 sophomores...12 juniors...11 seniors
- 34 of the team's 35 players from TX (Brent Hebert from LA but played at Cy Ranch HS)

MIDWEEK GAMES

- 1-1 so far this season (loss at HBU, win over Rice), 9-3 last season, 4-8 the year before
- Today is the 2nd of 6 midweek road games this season (still to come: @ UTSA, @ Rice, @ TX A&M, @ Texas)
- Next week, the Bobcats play two midweek games at home (UTSA on Tuesday, PV A&M on Wed)



BAYLOR BEARS Overall: 8-3 (Won 4)...Home: 5-3 (Last year: 25-7)...Big XII: 14-8 last year (Picked 6th)

HEAD COACH: #5 Steve Rodriguez (5th Season: 138 wins...424 wins overall)

Previously 12 seasons at Pepperdine, 8 trips to NCAA Tournament, Supers in 2014
 Also played at Pepperdine, was a 2x All-American, 5th rd pick: BOS

- Assistant Coach: #4 Jon Strauss (5th Season)
- Assistant Coach: #6 Mike Taylor (5th Season)
- Assistant Coach: #14 Mitch Karraker (1st Season)



STORYLINES

Just won the Shriners College Classic in Houston, going 3-0 @ MMP (wins: Mizzou, #11 LSU & #6 Arkansas)
 Pitching was great all weekend, just 7 ER, piled up 35 K & closer Luke Boyd had a save all three games
 Since losing a weekend series at home to ORU, Baylor has now won 4 straight (all 4 by 2 runs or less)
 This is a Bears team coming off a 35 win season from last year, making 3rd straight appearance in NCAAAs
 22 players back from that team, today that group is looking to go 3-0 in midweek games this season



PITCHING STATS

FIELDING STATS

ERA	3.86	7 th Big XII	FIELDING	.966	Worst Big XII
STRIKEOUTS	103	8 th Big XII	ERRORS	14	Most Big XII
WALKS	42	2 nd Most Big XII	UNEARNED RUNS	9	Most Big XII
WILD PITCHES	13	T-2 nd Most Big XII	DP TURNED	12	10 th NCAA
HR ALLOWED	9	2 nd Most Big XII	SB ALLOWED	1-7	Fewest Big XII
OPP BA	.233	3 rd Highest Big XII			



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

- Coach Rodriguez' first season (after taking over for Steve Smith): Baylor went 24-29...
- ...Baylor's 4th straight losing season, 1st time Bears went 4 years or more w/o winning season: 1906-1910
- Since then, 3 straight seasons of 34 wins or more, 3 straight postseason appearances, Big XII title in 2018
- This is a program that's been to the CWS 3x (Last: 2005)...22 NCAA Tournament app's, 6 conf. titles
- 143 draft picks, 54 under Coach Rodriguez including six last year (Shea Langilliers: 9th overall to ATL)



ALL TIME SERIES: (TODAY IS 79TH Meeting...BAYLOR leads 53-25)

- Two teams only met once last year: Baylor defeated TXST 5-4 on final day of Shriners College Classic
- The Bears scored twice with two outs in the top of the 9th inning to win that game
- Overall, Baylor has won 2 straight and 5 of the last 6 against TXST (last Bobcat win: April 2, 2018 in Waco)
- First ever meeting: more than 100 years ago (March 26th of 1919...year of Black Sox scandal)