


LT

73 Dalton COOPER
6-6 305 - RS Fr (Prague, OK)
21 straight starts at LT
2020 HM SBC

76 Kylar COOKS
6-5 300 - SOPH (Texarkana, TX)

LG

69 Liam DOBSON 
6-3 330 - Senior (Ottawa, Canada)
#3 overall pick of 2021 CFL Draft
1st Year TR Maine


79 Jaydan SMITH
6-4 305 - SOPH (Hays HS)

C

75 Silas ROBINSON
6-4 306 - SOPH (Yoakum, TX)
Started last 3 games
2nd Year TR Arkansas

68 Charles FLETCHER
6-2 295 - Senior (Greenville, NC)
OUT/SEASON (KNEE)
1st Year TR NC State

RG

60 Kyle HERGEL 
6-2 300 - SOPH (Toronto, Canada)
17 starts in 2 seasons at NDSU
1st Year TR ND State

71 Tate HEITMEIER
6-3 310 - Junior (Mansfield, TX)
27 career starts

RT

74 Russell BAKER
6-5 310 - Junior (Owasso, OK)
DNP first 4 games (Achilles injury)
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78 Nic FULWIDER
6-7 300 - SOPH (Tyrone, GA)
1st Year TR Arkansas

TE

83 Micah HILTS
6-5 255 - SOPH (Colorado Springs, CO)
Just 2 catches all season
DNP Last year (torn pectoral)

87 Jackson LANAM
6-4 255 - SOPH (CC Calallen HS)
Just 1 catch all season
1 career TD catch (at USA last yr)

WR

18 Marcell BARBEE All 4 TD this year: at home
Last TD: Oct 9 vs USA
6-2 195 - Junior (Pueblo, CO)
Thru 8 games this yr: 34 catches, 419 yds, 4 TD (+100 yds receiving last week for 1st time/season)
10 TD last year season: 7th most in FBS and the most at Texas State since 2008
Preseason 2nd Tm All-SBC

16 Ashtyn HAWKINS
5-10 160 - SOPH (Mansfield, TX)
Breakout game @ GA State: 6 catches for 108 yards (most yds receiving for TXST this season)
1st Year TR Cisco JC

 **HISTORY vs GASO**
Beat Eagles in 1st round of 2005 I-AA Playoffs (overcame 35-16 2nd half deficit to win 50-35)
TXST has yet to beat GA Southern since the two teams joined Sun Belt (Eagles won all 4 games)
3 of those 4 games have been decided by 3 points or less (including a 40-38 game last year)

 **LONG DRIVES**
16 scoring drives of 10+ plays
Most time-consuming drive: +7 min (UIW)
Furthest a drive has covered: 85 yds (South Al)

QB

11 Tyler VITT Last week ULM: 262 yds, TD, 0 INT
+16 yds per completion
6-0 200 - SOPH (Coppell, TX)
Started last year @ GA Southern:
TD & 2 INT before leaving w/dislocated wrist
28 TD passes: 7th most in program history (31 INT is tied for 5th most)
19 starts
Record: 3-16
28 TD
31 INT

2 Brady McBRIDE Last yr @ GASO: 7-13, 155 yds, 2 TD
+22 yds per completion
6-0 200 - SOPH (Coppell, TX)
+1,500 yds passing, 12 TD and 10 INT (T-2nd FBS)
9 of his 10 INT have come at home
With 10 INT this season, it's the 5th time in the last 7 seasons that a TXST QB has thrown 10+ INT
15 starts
Record: 3-12
29 TD
17 INT

HEAD COACH – Jake Spavital (3rd Season: 8-25)
Overall: 3-6 (Won 1)...Sun Belt: 2-3...Home: 2-3...Road: 1-3
Turned 35 years old on May 1st (3rd youngest head coach in FBS)
20th Head Coach in program history (3rd in TXST's time in the FBS)
Previously: Offensive Coordinator @ West Virginia, TX A&M and Cal

Offensive Coordinator: Jacob Peeler (2nd season)
Previously at Ole Miss, receivers he coached:
DK Metcalf (SEA), A.J. Brown (TEN), Elijah Moore (NYJ)

TEXAS STATE OFFENSE

RUSHING: +140 yds/gm (6th SBC)
+170 yds last week (+5 yds per carry)

TOTAL OFF: Nearly 350 yds/gm (9th SBC)
Last week: Just 105 yds/off in 2nd half

SCORING: 22.4 PPG (8th SBC)
Last year: Nearly 28 PPG

3RD DOWNS: 35% (9th SBC)
Last 3 games: 10 of 39 (26%)

4TH DOWNS: 12-for-17
At least 1 conversion every game

TURNOVERS: 18 (Most in SBC)
Wins: +3 in Margin (Losses: -10)

RED ZONE: 23-for-28 w/17 TD
Just 7 TD in last 15 trips inside the RZ


SACKS: 24 (T-3rd most SBC)
None allowed the last 2 games

WR

1 Javen BANKS 17 career TD catches (T-3rd program)
6 career TD plays of +50 yds
6-2 175 - Junior (Wichita Falls, TX)
Leads team w/over 500 yds receiving, also leads team w/5 TDs (average on those TDs: 43 yds)
4 TD catches last season, on average each TD covered 47 yds

14 Trevis GRAHAM Big 30 yard catch last week
6-1 190 - Junior (Mansfield, TX)
12 catches for close to 200 yds this season, 2 TD (8 TD catches in career)

 **STORYLINES**
Coming off 27-19 win over ULM last week, team's first win since Oct 9 against South Al
Defense: just 3 points in the 2nd half, got 4th down stops on each of ULM's last 3 possessions
Today, TXST looking to establish first win streak of season, first set of b2b wins in SBC play/2014

 **NOVEMBER**
In TXST's last winning season, in 2014, Bobcats won their last two games in month of November
That season: last time TXST won more than 1 game in Nov (record in month since then: 5-22)

WR

0 Rontavious "TOE" GROVES Season: 9 rec, 62 yds, 0 TD
DNP first 4 games (foot inj)
5-11 185 - Junior (Nashville, TN)
3 seasons at North Carolina, over 40 catches as a Tar Heel (but only 4 all of last season)
Fresh season at UNC: season-ending knee inj
1st Year TR No Carolina

80 Chandler SPITES Nickname: "Tweeder" – Varsity Blues
5-9 185 - Junior (Richmond, TX)
Has just 1 catch over the last 4 games (only 9 catches all season, has not scored)

RB

28 Jahmyl JETER Season high 92 yds last week, TD
6-0 215 - SOPH (SA Brennan)
Team high 5 rushing TD on the season (All 5 TD have come at home)
Dad: La'Troy "Hoppy" Jeter (59 yrs old)
2nd Year TR Oklahoma St

5 Brock STURGES Hon Men All-SBC in 2020
5-11 200 - SOPH (Allen HS)
DNP last week vs ULM...led tm in rushing last season, 9 rushing TD in his 2 seasons
2nd Year TR Butler CC

RB

22 Calvin HILL Team best 4.8 yds/carry
5-7 188 - RS Fr (Baytown, TX)
Team's leading rusher (+440 yds on the season), has yet to find the end zone
5 rushing TD last year

24 Caleb TWYFORD Rush TD last week vs ULM
5-11 180 - Senior (Farmersville, TX)
2 years ago, was the team's leading rusher, started 7 games at RB
In his career: +800 yds rushing, 4 TD

WR

9 Druce JACKSON Long jumper on TXST's T&F team
6-1 200 - SOPH (Socksee, TX)
9 catches for 114 yds, still w/o TD (career)
4 star prospect out of HS, originally signed with Washington St but wanted to stay/TX

19 Dennis ROBINSON
6-5 220 - Junior (Hollywood, FL)
+30 catches across 3 seasons at No Illinois, 2 TD catches in shortened season last year
1st Year TR No Illinois

DE

91 **Jordan REVELS** Last year: broken foot
 6-1 260 - SOPH (Houston, TX)
 5th on the team in tackles (46), leads team in QB hurries (7), has 2 sacks MVP of the 2018 6A State Title Game against Duncanville (caught TD pass)

94 **Jacquel PIERCE**
 6-2 285 - Senior (Duncanville, TX)
 Started career on the OL

TEXAS STATE SCHEDULE

Sep 4	Vs Baylor (L 29-20)
Sep 11	@ FIU (W 23-17 - OT)
Sep 18	Vs UIW (L 42-34)
Sep 25	@ E Michigan (L 59-21)
Oct 2	BYE WEEK
Oct 9	Vs USA* (W 33-31 4 OT)
Oct 16	Vs Troy (L 31-28)
Oct 23	@ GA State* (L 28-16)
Oct 30	@ Louisiana* (L 45-0)
Nov 6	Vs ULM* (W 27-19)
Nov 13	Vs GA Southern*
Nov 20	@ Coastal Carolina*
Nov 27	@ Arkansas State*

Defensive Coordinator:
Zac Spavital (3rd Season)

NT

18 **Nicholas McCANN** Sack last week vs ULM
 6-2 310 - Senior (Texarkana, AR)
 Key fumble recovery inside the 10 yard line in the win @ FIU
 Played in 38 games across his four seasons at Texas Tech

98 **Gjemar DANIELS**
 5-11 315 - Junior (Kennedale, TX)
 Moved up depth chart following season ending inj to Samuel Obiang

TEXAS STATE DEFENSE

RUSHING: +185 yds per game
2nd worst rush defense in SBC

TOTAL DEF: +420 yds per game

SCORING: +33 PPG (3rd Most SBC)

SACKS: 12 (Fewest in SBC)
5 sacks last week (most in game/Sep 2017)

TURNOVERS: 11
Just 1 TO forced over last 4 games

3rd DOWNS: 48% (7th worst FBS)
ULM last week: 11 of 22 on 3rd down

DT

88 **Caeveon PATTON** Recovered 2 fumbles this season
 Including the fumble in OT @ FIU
 6-2 300 - Senior (Cuero HS)
 6th leading tackler on the defense (39)
 Missed all of last season due to a lower back injury (year prior: Hon Men All-SBC)

95 **Nico EZA-DOOR** Big game last week:
 8 tackles, 1st sack of season
 6-2 285 - Junior (Garland, TX)
 3rd Team All-SBC last season
 Coming off a career year w/13 TFL (5th in SBC) and team high 3.5 sacks

OLB

10 **Issiah NIXON** Last week: 9 tack, 2 TFL, sack
 6-0 230 - Freshman (Ft. Bend TX)
 Big plays this season:
 Team high 4 sacks, 4 forced fumbles
 Made first career start @ FIU, had 6 tackles that game & strip sack fumble in OT

27 **London HARRIS**
 6-2 225 - Junior (Manvel HS)
 Missed the games against FIU and UIW (staph infection, dropped 35 pounds)
 Career high 41 tackles last yr at backup LB

WEAK LB

55 **See-oh-nay TU-POE** Team's 3rd leading tackler (56)
 5-11 240 - Junior (Allen HS)
 SBC Defensive Player/Week after win over USA: 14 tackles, FR in 2nd OT, PBU in 3rd OT
 Team's 4th leading tackler last year (64)

33 **Brayden STRINGER**
 6-2 220 - Senior (Cypress, TX)
 Started first 4 games this season
 Played in 34 games across 3 ½ seasons at TX Tech, primarily spec teams/backup LB

MIKE LB

7 **Markeveon COLEMAN** Last wk: Career high 14 tack
 also TFL and 2 QB hurries
 6-2 230 - Senior (Dallas Skyline HS)
 65 tackles this season: leads the team, most in his career, T-5th most in SBC
 Been with the program since 2016

34 **Kenny HAYNES**
 6-2 215 - Freshman (Edna, TX)
 Honorable Mention All-State player in HS (played both offense & defense)

NICKEL

13 **DeJordan MASK** 30 career games, still looking
 for first career INT
 6-1 190 - SOPH (Texarkana, TX)
 11 tackles last week, dropped what would've been first career INT
 At one point last year, Jake Spavital said he believed Mask was best CB in the program

8 **Eric SUTTON** DNP in games vs Baylor & UIW
 5-9 175 - Senior (Cedar Hill HS)
 Played in 37 games w/SMU, but missed final 8 games of 2019 (inj) and DNP last year

CB

5 **D.C. WILLIAMS** Team high 6 PBU (T-4th SBC)
 Still looking for first INT
 5-11 193 - Senior (Miami, FL)
 5 starts in 2 seasons at Vanderbilt, actually started career at Wisconsin in 2017
 Won a pair of 7A State Titles in Florida

22 **Chris MILLS** Fumble recovery in EZ vs UIW
 6-0 160 -SOPH (Judson HS)
 Played in 6 games w/Missouri last year
 Freshman season: played just 2 games before suffering a season-ending injury

STRONG SAFETY

4 **Troy LEFF-RIDGE JR** First FBS INT vs USA
 5-10 195 - Senior (Montgomery Village, MD)
 58 tackles (2nd on team, T-9th most in the Sun Belt)
 2 years ago, +100 tackles at Utah State

2 **Kevin ANDERSON**
 6-1 195 - SOPH (Lewisville, TX)
 Started all 12 games last year, finished 5th on the team in tackles

FREE SAFETY

11 **Zion CHILDRESS** INT vs UIW, also has 2 FF
 6-0 195 - Freshman (New Caney, TX)
 4th on team in tackles, had 11 last week

12 **Tory SPEARS**
 6-3 205 - SOPH (Houston, TX)
 Team's leading tackler 3 weeks ago against GA State
 Dad is former NFL vet Marcus Spears

CB

3 **Kordell ROGERS** 21 career starts, 3 career INTs
 Sack and key PBU last week
 5-11 190 - Junior (Lufkin, TX)
 DNP first 4 games of season due to injury
 First game as a Bobcat: 2 INTs including a Pick-6 against Rutgers in 2018

21 **Michael LUH-VETT III** Big fumble recovery at FIU
 6-0 188 - Senior (Fort Wayne, IN)
 17 games in two seasons w/New Mexico, started career in Junior College

PUNT RETURN

0 Rontavious GROVES
Just 2 returns for total of 5 yards

KICK RETURN

24 Caleb TWYFORD
Avg'g just over 14 yards per return

KICK RETURN

13 DeJordan MASK
Just 1 return this season (22 yards)