



# UTSA BASEBALL DIAMOND NOTES

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## 2007 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Feb. 13	at #6 Rice	L, 3-4
Feb. 16	Louisiana-Lafayette	L, 2-10
Feb. 17	Louisiana-Lafayette	L, 2-5
Feb. 18	Louisiana-Lafayette	L, 2-14
Feb. 20	at Baylor	L, 1-9
Feb. 22	vs. Houston *	L, 10-12
Feb. 23	vs. Gonzaga *	W, 4-3
Feb. 24	vs. Missouri State *	L, 10-11 (10)
Feb. 26	St. Mary's +	W, 8-5
Feb. 27	Houston +	W, 4-3
March 2	vs. Stephen F. Austin #	2 p.m.
March 3	vs. Sam Houston State #	3 p.m.
March 4	at Texas-Pan American #	5 p.m.
March 9	College of Charleston +	6 p.m.
March 10	College of Charleston +	2 p.m.
March 11	College of Charleston +	1 p.m.
March 13	Dallas Baptist	6 p.m.
March 16	at McNeese State ^	7 p.m.
March 17	at McNeese State ^	3 p.m.
March 18	at McNeese State ^	1 p.m.
March 20	Lamar	6 p.m.
March 21	Lamar	3 p.m.
March 23	Central Arkansas ^	6 p.m.
March 24	Central Arkansas ^	2 p.m.
March 25	Central Arkansas ^	1 p.m.
March 27	at Texas-Pan American	5 p.m.
March 30	Southeastern Louisiana ^	6 p.m.
March 31	Southeastern Louisiana ^	2 p.m.
April 1	Southeastern Louisiana ^	1 p.m.
April 3	at Texas	6:05 p.m.
April 5	at Texas-Arlington ^	6:30 p.m.
April 6	at Texas-Arlington ^	6:30 p.m.
April 7	at Texas-Arlington ^	1 p.m.
April 10	at Texas A&M	6:30 p.m.
April 13	Northwestern State ^	6 p.m.
April 14	Northwestern State ^	2 p.m.
April 15	Northwestern State ^	1 p.m.
April 17	Texas-Pan American	6 p.m.
April 18	Texas-Pan American	3 p.m.
April 20	at Stephen F. Austin ^	3 p.m.
April 21	at Stephen F. Austin ^	1 p.m.
April 22	at Stephen F. Austin ^	1 p.m.
April 24	vs. Houston %	7 p.m.
April 27	at Sam Houston State ^	6:30 p.m.
April 28	at Sam Houston State ^	2 p.m.
April 29	at Sam Houston State ^	1 p.m.
May 4	A&M-Corpus Christi ^	6 p.m.
May 5	A&M-Corpus Christi ^	2 p.m.
May 6	A&M-Corpus Christi ^	1 p.m.
May 11	at Nicholls State ^	6:30 p.m.
May 12	at Nicholls State ^	3 p.m.
May 13	at Nicholls State ^	1 p.m.
May 17	at Texas State ^	6:30 p.m.
May 18	Texas State ^	6 p.m.
May 19	Texas State ^	2 p.m.

\* Southwest Diamond Classic (Frisco, Texas)  
 # Al Ogletree Classic (Edinburg, Texas)  
 + played at Wolff Stadium  
 % Riverside Stadium (Victoria, Texas)  
 ^ Southland Conference game

## Games 11-13 • March 2-4 • Al Ogletree Classic 2 p.m./3 p.m./5 p.m. • Edinburg Stadium • Edinburg, Texas

**UTSA to travel to the Valley to face Stephen F. Austin (6-8),  
 Sam Houston State (8-5) and Texas-Pan American (5-11)**

**ROADRUNNERS HIT THE ROAD AGAIN THIS WEEKEND:** UTSA (3-7), winners of three of its last four games, is back on the road again this weekend when it travels south to Edinburg for the fifth annual Al Ogletree Classic. Fresh off victories against St. Mary's and Houston to start the week, the Roadrunners open play against a pair of Southland Conference opponents in non-league matchups. UTSA plays Stephen F. Austin (6-8) at 2 p.m. on Friday, followed by a meeting with Sam Houston State (8-5) at 3 p.m. on Saturday. The Roadrunners wrap up the three-day event at 5 p.m. on Sunday against tournament host Texas-Pan American (5-11).

**SCOUTING THE LUMBERJACKS:** Stephen F. Austin, in its second season after suspending its program in 1995, enters Friday's contest with a 6-8 record. The Lumberjacks swept Youngstown State at home last weekend and have won four of their past five contests overall. The Roadrunners lead the all-time series that dates back to 1992, 11-4. UTSA swept last year's three-game set at Roadrunner Field and has won the last six meetings between the two programs dating back to Feb. 18, 1995.

SLC STANDINGS (overall records as of Feb. 28)				
East	W	L	Pct.	Stk
Southeastern Louisiana	9	3	.750	L1
Lamar	8	3	.727	W7
Central Arkansas	5	3	.625	W4
Northwestern State	4	8	.333	L1
Nicholls State	3	7	.300	L1
McNeese State	2	10	.167	L1
West	W	L	Pct.	Stk
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi	9	5	.643	L5
Texas State	9	5	.643	W1
Sam Houston State	8	5	.615	L1
Stephen F. Austin	6	8	.429	W3
Texas-Arlington	4	8	.333	L2
<b>UTSA</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>.300</b>	<b>W2</b>

**SCOUTING THE BEARKATS:** Sam Houston State comes into the tournament with an 8-5 record. Before losing to #6 Rice, 6-3, on Tuesday night, the Bearkats had reeled off seven consecutive victories after starting the season 1-4. The Roadrunners hold a narrow 26-25 advantage in the all-time series that dates back to 1993. UTSA swept last year's three-game set at Roadrunner Field and has won seven of the past nine matchups.

**SCOUTING THE BRONCS:** Texas-Pan American stands at 5-11 this season and

## ROADRUNNERS PROBABLE STARTERS

Pos.	No.	Player	2007 Statistics	Notes
C	8	Zach Etheredge	.294 BA, 5 RBI, .368 OBP	.370 BA (10-27) last eight games
1B	25	Trent Lockwood	.306 BA, 3 HR, 9 RBI, 2 SB	team-high 3 HR, 9 RBI, .583 SLG
2B	9	James Keithley	.205 BA, 2B, 6 RBI, SB	.417 (5-12), 5 RBI last three games
3B	2	Ryan Saltzgaber	.308 BA, 4 2B, 4 RBI, 3 SB	team-high .308 BA, 12 H, 4 2B, 3 SB
SS	10	Marshal Davis	.286 BA, 8 R, 2 2B, 3 RBI	team-best 8 R, .458 OBP, 12 walks
LF	7	Greg Sillivent	.214 BA, 5 R, 2B, RBI, SB	has started seven games
CF	1	Michael Rockett	.300 BA, 3 2B, 8 RBI, SB	career-high 4 RBI vs. Houston (2/22)
RF	24	Phillip Allen	.333 BA, 3 R, SB, .391 OBP	starter in six of last seven games
DH	13	Tim Palincsar	.267 BA, 2B, 5 RBI, 3 BB	5-16 (.313), 5 R, 4 RBI in last four games
SP	16	Josh Ruffin	1-2, 7.79 ERA, 17.1 IP	career-high 9 Ks vs. Gonzaga (2/23)
SP	23	Bradley Chovanec	0-1, 6.43 ERA, 14.0 IP	second on squad with 14 Ks
SP	16	Blake Brannon	0-2, 19.00 ERA, 9.0 IP	tossed three shutouts in 2006

has lost eight of its last nine games. Last weekend, the Broncs dropped four games at Sam Houston State by a combined score of 54-11. UTSA leads the all-time series, 42-28, and the 70 meetings are the most against a single opponent in school history. The Roadrunners have won six of the past seven matchups.

**CLOSE GAMES:** Just 10 games into the 2007 season, the Roadrunners have shown the knack of playing close games. Seven of the club's 10 contests have been decided by three runs or less. UTSA has a

2-2 record in one-run tilts, an 0-1 mark in two-run games and 1-1 record in contests decided by three runs.

**CHASING 400:** UTSA won its 400th game in school history when it defeated St. Mary's, 8-5, on Monday night. In 15-plus years of action, the Roadrunners have compiled 401 all-time wins, an average of nearly 27 per season.

**2007 CAPTAINS:** Senior starting pitcher Josh Ruffin, junior catcher Zach Etheredge and junior shortstop Marshal Davis will serve as the Roadrunners' team captains this season.

**PRESEASON POLLS:** UTSA was picked to finish second in the West Division by the sports information directors and third by the league's coaches in the Preseason SLC Polls. The Roadrunners received five first-place votes in the SID rankings and three

in the coaches poll. They were six points (51) behind co-favorites Texas-Arlington and Texas State in the coaches poll and only three (58) behind UTA in the SID poll. Defending regular season champion McNeese State was the consensus choice to defend its regular season title in the East.

**TRIO NAMED TO PRESEASON ALL-SLC TEAMS:** Three Roadrunners were named to the preseason All-SLC teams, as senior pitcher Josh Ruffin and sophomore outfielder Michael Rockett were first-team selections and senior third baseman Ryan Saltzgaber was named to the second team. Ruffin earned first-team accolades a year ago, while Rockett was a second-team honoree and Saltzgaber was an honorable mention selection.

**WHAT'S BACK IN 2007:** UTSA is coming off a season that saw it finish with a 37-22

<b>BY THE NUMBERS</b>	
<b>Records</b>	
Overall	3-7
Non-conference	3-7
Southland Conference	0-0
Home	2-3
Road	0-2
Neutral	1-2
Last five games	3-2
Last 10 games	3-7
Extra innings	0-1
Day games	1-4
Night games	2-3
Against ranked opponents	0-1
Against left-handed starters	0-4
Against right-handed starters	3-3
When scoring first	2-2
When leading after five innings	2-1
When leading after six innings	2-0
When leading after seven innings	3-0
When leading after eight innings	3-0
When trailing after five innings	1-6
When trailing after six innings	1-6
When trailing after seven innings	0-6
When trailing after eight innings	0-6
Longest winning streak	2 (Feb. 26-27)
Longest losing streak	6 (Feb. 13-22)
<b>Current hitting streaks</b>	
Tim Palincsar	4 (began Feb. 23)
<b>Longest hitting streaks this season</b>	
Trent Lockwood	8 (Feb. 13-26)
Ryan Saltzgaber	5 (Feb. 20-26)
Zach Etheredge	4 (Feb. 17-22)
Tim Palincsar	4 (Feb. 23-current)
Michael Rockett	4 (Feb. 13-18)
<b>Multi-hit games</b>	
Marshal Davis	4
Zach Etheredge	4
Michael Rockett	4
Ryan Saltzgaber	4
Trent Lockwood	3
<b>Multi-RBI games</b>	
Zach Etheredge	2
James Keithley	2
Trent Lockwood	2
<b>Quality starts (6+ IP, &lt; 3 ER)</b>	
Josh Ruffin	1

<b>2007 UTSA ROADRUNNERS BASEBALL ROSTER</b>							
No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.-Exp.	Hometown
1	Michael Rockett	OF	R/R	6-1	160	So.-1L	Sugar Land, Texas
2	Ryan Saltzgaber	INF	R/R	5-11	175	Sr.-2L	Abilene, Texas
4	Danny Cornejo	INF	R/R	6-0	205	So.-1L	San Antonio, Texas
5	Brandon Koger	INF	R/R	5-11	165	Sr.-2L	Houston, Texas
6	Cole Gleason	P	R/L	5-10	160	Fr.-RS	New Braunfels, Texas
7	Greg Sillivent	OF	L/L	6-2	210	Jr.-TR	Granbury, Texas
8	Zach Etheredge	C	R/R	6-1	195	Jr.-2L	Boerne, Texas
9	James Keithley	INF	R/R	6-1	185	So.-1L	San Antonio, Texas
10	Marshal Davis	INF	S/R	5-10	165	Jr.-2L	Conroe, Texas
11	Ryan Rummel	C/INF	R/R	5-11	180	Fr.-HS	Uvalde, Texas
12	Noah Miles	P	R/R	6-2	200	Sr.-1L	Monahans, Texas
13	Tim Palincsar	OF	L/R	6-3	190	Fr.-RS	College Station, Texas
14	Zach Calhoon	P	R/R	6-2	190	Fr.-HS	Spring, Texas
15	Mark Ruffin	P	R/R	6-0	180	Jr.-2L	Humble, Texas
16	Blake Brannon	P	R/R	6-2	225	Sr.-3L	Brenham, Texas
17	Steven Vasquez	P	R/R	6-3	185	Sr.-3L	Beeville, Texas
18	J.T. Mackey	P	L/R	6-1	170	Jr.-TR	Austin, Texas
19	Eric Johnston	OF	L/L	5-10	175	So.-1L	Lufkin, Texas
20	Josh Ruffin	P	R/R	6-2	210	Sr.-3L	Humble, Texas
21	Josh Blakley	P	R/R	6-1	195	Sr.-1L	Lorena, Texas
22	Jose Hernandez	OF	R/L	5-11	180	Jr.-TR	Anaheim Hills, Calif.
23	Ryan Proudfoot	P	R/R	6-3	195	Fr.-HS	Lindale, Texas
24	Phillip Allen	OF	S/R	5-11	185	Jr.-2L	Sugar Land, Texas
25	Trent Lockwood	INF	L/L	6-4	225	Jr.-TR	Groesbeck, Texas
26	Josh Wilson	INF	R/R	6-4	235	Jr.-TR	Midland, Texas
27	J.P. Holton	P	R/R	5-11	190	Jr.-TR	Lufkin, Texas
28	Mitch Ponza	OF	R/R	6-2	190	Sr.-1L	Soquel, Calif.
29	Jake Sillavan	P	R/R	6-1	165	Fr.-HS	Cypress, Texas
30	Kevin Clarke	P	R/R	6-2	185	Fr.-HS	Huntsville, Texas
31	Ray Redding	P	R/R	6-7	205	Fr.-HS	Houston, Texas
33	Michael Susaneck	P	L/L	5-11	195	Fr.-RS	Missouri City, Texas
34	Andy Benedict	P	L/L	6-4	190	So.-1L	Lewisville, Texas
37	Tyler Klein	C/INF	S/R	6-1	210	Fr.-HS	Conroe, Texas
38	Bradley Chovanec	P	R/R	6-4	200	Jr.-TR	Burton, Texas
39	Thomas Diamond	C	R/R	5-10	195	Fr.-HS	San Antonio, Texas
40	Zach Smith	C	R/R	6-2	200	Fr.-HS	Vancouver, Wash.

**Head coach:** 36 Sherman Corbett (seventh season)

**Associate head coach:** 3 Jason Marshall (seventh season)

**Assistant coach:** 35 Mike Clement (second season)



.458 on-base percentage and 12 walks ... also has stroked a pair of doubles and driven in three base runners ... has four two-hit games.

**CF • Michael Rockett, So.** - 2007 preseason first-team All-SLC ... hitting .300 with three doubles and eight RBIs ... tied for team lead with 12 hits ... has hit safely in 8-of-10 games this season and has four two-hit games to his credit ... has handled last 122 chances without an error dating back to March 25, 2006 ... tied his career high with four RBIs against Houston (Feb. 22) ... '06 Freshman All-American and second-team All-SLC.

**1B/DH • Trent Lockwood, Jr.** - Has started nine games this year, six at first base and three at DH ... hit safely in his first eight contests ... has the squad's only three home runs and leads the club in RBIs (nine), total bases (21) and slugging percentage (.583) ... also ranks second with a .306 batting average and a pair of stolen bases ... has three two-hit games ... named to Southwest Diamond Classic

All-Tournament Team (5-14, 3 R, 2B, 2 HR, 6 RBIs, SB).

**SP • Josh Ruffin, Sr.** - 2007 tri-captain and preseason first-team All-SLC ... struck out career-high nine and picked up first victory of year last Friday vs. Gonzaga (Feb. 23) ... allowed just three runs on six hits in eight-plus innings for first quality start of season ... '06 first-team All-SLC ... tossed a SLC-best five complete games and UTSA-record four shutouts last season ... led the team with an 8-3 record and 3.17 ERA in 116.1 innings of work.

**SP • Bradley Chovanec, Jr.** - Second on the squad with 14 strikeouts ... tossed three scoreless innings in relief and struck out three in the season opener at Rice (Feb. 13) ... made first career UTSA start on Feb. 17 against Louisiana-Lafayette (5 IP, 5 H, 3 ER, 4 K) ... tossed a scoreless inning of relief at Baylor on Feb. 20-and struck out two.

**SP • Blake Brannon, Sr.** - Entered senior season riding UTSA-record 29 scoreless

innings streak and extended that stretch to 30 before giving up run against Louisiana-Lafayette on Feb. 16 ... tossed three shutouts a year ago, the second-most in school annals, and went 8-6 with 3.77 ERA in 100.1 innings of work.

**HEAD COACH SHERMAN CORBETT:** With more than 20 years of playing and coaching experience, Sherman Corbett is in his seventh season at the helm of UTSA's baseball program. The winningest coach in school history (176 victories), Corbett led the Roadrunners to 37 victories a year ago, the second-most in school history. In his first six seasons, he has coached a pair of 30-win squads and 24 All-SLC players, including seven first-teamers. Corbett also has mentored the 2001 SLC Pitcher of the Year (Jared Howton), 2002 SLC Player and Hitter of the Year (Mark Schramek), 2003 SLC Freshman of the Year (Ryan Crew) and two Freshman All-Americans — Crew (2003) and Michael Rockett (2006). Twelve of his Roadrunners have gone on to professional careers, including eight being selected in the MLB Draft.

### 2007 ROADRUNNERS STARTING LINEUPS

Date	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Feb. 13	Davis, SS	Sillivent, LF	Rockett, CF	Wilson, 1B	Keithley, 2B	Saltzgaber, 3B	Lockwood, DH	Etheredge, C	Ponza, RF
Feb. 16	Davis, SS	Keithley, 2B	Rockett, CF	Wilson, 1B	Saltzgaber, 3B	Palincsar, DH	Etheredge, C	Sillivent, LF	Ponza, RF
Feb. 17	Davis, SS	Keithley, 2B	Rockett, CF	Wilson, 1B	Saltzgaber, 3B	Lockwood, DH	Ponza, RF	Sillivent, LF	Etheredge, C
Feb. 18	Davis, SS	Keithley, 2B	Rockett, CF	Wilson, 1B	Saltzgaber, 3B	Lockwood, DH	Ponza, RF	Allen, LF	Etheredge, C
Feb. 20	Davis, SS	Sillivent, LF	Rockett, CF	Lockwood, 1B	Saltzgaber, 3B	Palincsar, DH	Keithley, 2B	Allen, RF	Etheredge, C
Feb. 22	Davis, SS	Palincsar, LF	Rockett, CF	Lockwood, 1B	Saltzgaber, 3B	Wilson, DH	Keithley, 2B	Ponza, RF	Etheredge, C
Feb. 23	Davis, SS	Sillivent, LF	Rockett, CF	Lockwood, 1B	Saltzgaber, 3B	Palincsar, DH	Keithley, 2B	Etheredge, C	Allen, RF
Feb. 24	Davis, SS	Sillivent, LF	Rockett, CF	Lockwood, 1B	Saltzgaber, 3B	Palincsar, DH	Keithley, 2B	Etheredge, C	Allen, RF
Feb. 26	Allen, RF	Davis, SS	Rockett, CF	Lockwood, 1B	Saltzgaber, 3B	Palincsar, DH	Keithley, 2B	Sillivent, LF	Etheredge, C
Feb. 27	Davis, SS	Keithley, 2B	Rockett, CF	Lockwood, 1B	Saltzgaber, 3B	Palincsar, LF	Wilson, DH	Etheredge, C	Allen, RF

### 2007 ROADRUNNERS STARTERS BY POSITION

Date	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DH
Feb. 13	Etheredge	Wilson	Keithley	Saltzgaber	Davis	Sillivent	Rockett	Ponza	Lockwood
Feb. 16	Etheredge	Wilson	Keithley	Saltzgaber	Davis	Sillivent	Rockett	Ponza	Palincsar
Feb. 17	Etheredge	Wilson	Keithley	Saltzgaber	Davis	Sillivent	Rockett	Ponza	Lockwood
Feb. 18	Etheredge	Wilson	Keithley	Saltzgaber	Davis	Allen	Rockett	Ponza	Lockwood
Feb. 20	Etheredge	Lockwood	Keithley	Saltzgaber	Davis	Sillivent	Rockett	Allen	Palincsar
Feb. 22	Etheredge	Lockwood	Keithley	Saltzgaber	Davis	Palincsar	Rockett	Ponza	Wilson
Feb. 23	Etheredge	Lockwood	Keithley	Saltzgaber	Davis	Sillivent	Rockett	Allen	Palincsar
Feb. 24	Etheredge	Lockwood	Keithley	Saltzgaber	Davis	Sillivent	Rockett	Allen	Palincsar
Feb. 26	Etheredge	Lockwood	Keithley	Saltzgaber	Davis	Sillivent	Rockett	Allen	Palincsar
Feb. 27	Etheredge	Lockwood	Keithley	Saltzgaber	Davis	Palincsar	Rockett	Allen	Wilson