



2006 UTSA Roadrunners Softball

2006 SCHEDULE

2/10.....Portland St.#.....	W, 11-3
2/10.....Colorado St.#.....	W, 12-2
2/11.....Utah#.....	W, 8-0
2/11.....New Mexico St.#.....	L, 2-3
2/12.....Ohio St.#.....	W, 9-8 (8)
2/15.....#9 Texas A&M.....	L, 6-7
2/15.....#9 Texas A&M.....	L, 2-4
2/16.....Oklahoma St.....	L, 3-11
2/21.....#5 Texas.....	L, 1-5
2/21.....#5 Texas.....	L, 0-8
3/4.....SE Louisiana*.....	W, 8-0
3/4.....SE Louisiana*.....	W, 8-0
3/5.....SE Louisiana*.....	W, 17-4
3/9.....Texas A&M-CC.....	W, 9-1
3/9.....Texas A&M-CC.....	W, 7-3
3/11.....Northwestern St.*.....	W, 2-1
3/11.....Northwestern St.*.....	W, 5-1
3/12.....Northwestern St.*.....	W, 6-2
3/18.....McNeese St.*.....	L, 1-2
3/18.....McNeese St.*.....	0-2
3/19.....McNeese St.*.....	W, 8-0
3/25.....Stephen F. Austin*.....	W, 8-0
3/25.....Stephen F. Austin*.....	W, 8-3
3/26.....Stephen F. Austin*.....	W, 11-4
4/1.....Texas St.*.....	L, 6-7
4/1.....Texas St.*.....	L, 1-3 (8)
4/2.....Texas St.....	L, 5-7
4/4.....Houston.....	W, 3-2
4/4.....Houston.....	W, 6-3 (8)
4/8.....Sam Houston*.....	W, 4-2 (8)
4/8.....Sam Houston*.....	W, 3-1
4/9.....Sam Houston*.....	W, 2-1
4/14.....Nicholls St.*.....	1 pm
4/14.....Nicholls St.*.....	3 pm
4/15.....Nicholls St.....	12 pm
4/19.....Texas A&M-CC.....	1 pm
4/19.....Texas A&M-CC.....	3 pm
4/22.....Louisiana-Monroe*.....	1 pm
4/22.....Louisiana-Monroe*.....	3 pm
4/23.....Louisiana-Monroe*.....	12 pm
4/26.....Texas Tech.....	2 pm
4/26.....Texas Tech.....	4 pm
4/29.....Texas-Arlington*.....	1 pm
4/29.....Texas-Arlington*.....	3 pm
4/30.....Texas-Arlington*.....	12 pm
5/5-7 ...SLC Tournament	
..... (Natchitoches, La.)	

All times Central
Home games in bold
Las Cruces Hilton Inv.
* Southland Conference game

UTSA Roadrunners (21-11, 13-5 SLC)
at
Nicholls State Colonels (17-22, 9-9 SLC)
Friday, April 14 • 1 p.m. (DH)
Saturday, April 15 • 12 p.m.
Colonels Softball Diamond
Thibodaux, La.

Series Record: UTSA leads, 23-22



FIRST PITCH: Winners of five straight games, the UTSA softball hits the road for a three-game Southland Conference series at Nicholls State this Friday-Saturday, April 14-15. First pitch in game one of a Friday doubleheader is set for 1 p.m. at Colonels Softball Diamond, followed by a single game on Saturday at noon.

LAST TIME OUT: UTSA swept a key road series at SLC rival Sam Houston State over the weekend in Huntsville. Junior Stevi Simpson went 3-for-4 with two runs batted in, including the game-winning RBI-single in the top of the eighth inning, in a 4-2, extra-inning win for UTSA in game one. In the second game, junior Jessica Els broke up a no-hit bid by Brandi Crnkovic with a double in the top of the sixth and junior Aimee Murray followed with a two-run home run to right in a 3-1 decision. In the Sunday finale, Murray's RBI-double in the top of the third proved to be the difference in a 2-1 win. Junior right-hander Ursula Mares had two victories and a save in the series sweep.

SCOUTING NICHOLLS STATE: The Colonels improved to 17-22 overall with a 4-3 win over Southern on Wednesday night in Thobodaux. Sophomore shortstop Kathryn Harrell leads a potent offense with a .411 batting average, nine doubles, three triples, eight home runs and 22 RBI. Senior infielder Brandi Hahn (.363), junior infielder Leah Peterson (.342) and freshman outfielder Danielle Clayton (.320) also are batting above .300 for the year. Sophomore Ally May leads the pitching staff with a 4-3 record and 2.78 earned run average, while sophomore Krystalin Ensminger has a 3.74 ERA and 62 strikeouts.

AT THE PLATE

#	Player (Yr.)	Pos.	BA	Hits	Runs	RBI	Notes
3	Mel Torres (Sr.)	2B	.337	35	28	21	leads team with 28 runs, 14 walks
12	Jessica Els (Sr.)	C	.356	37	18	19	hitting .403 with 3 2Bs, 4 HRs in SLC play
11	Aimee Murray (Jr.)	SS	.400	36	25	24	.434 BA, 6 2Bs, 5 HRs in SLC play
4	Amanda Horton (Sr.)	RF	.277	28	21	31	team-best 31 RBI; 10 HRs
7	Brittany Cantu (Fr.)	3B	.279	24	19	29	leads SLC with 11 HRs
33	Stevi Simpson (Jr.)	1B	.245	13	6	8	.333 BA in SLC; 5-for-9 vs. Sam Houston
22	Catherine Garza (Jr.)	DP	.448	13	11	7	batting .438 with 2 HRs since 3/26
10	Stacey Gillespie (Sr.)	CF	.227	17	12	11	team-best 2 SAC flies
13	Leanne Risberg (Fr.)	LF	.253	19	11	6	2 multi-hit games; team-high 4 HBP

IN THE CIRCLE

#	Player (Yr.)	R/L	W-L	ERA	SO	Notes
17	Ursula Mares (Jr.)	R	7-6	2.39	85	1.48 ERA, 52 SO in SLC play
15	Amanda Nikolenko (So.)	R	12-5	2.95	87	7-2, 2.20 ERA, 59 SO in SLC play
31	Hope Ortiz (Sr.)	R	2-0	1.65	12	only 1 BB in 17.0 IP

Head Coach: Lori Cook | **Assistant Coaches:** Stephanie Hughes, Michelle Cheatham

Roadrunner Roundup

Record Breakdown

Overall	21-11
Conference	13-5
Non-Conference	8-6
Home	10-3
Away	7-8
Neutral	4-0
Day	21-7
Night	0-4
February	4-6
March	12-2
April	5-3
vs. Left-handed Pitcher	4-1
vs. Right-handed Pitcher	17-10
1-Run Games	4-4
2-Run Games	2-4
5+Run Games	11-2
Extra Innings	3-1
Shutouts	5-2
Current Winning Streak	5
Longest Winning Streak	8
Longest Losing Streak	5

Inning-by-Inning Summary

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
UTSA	30	29	43	16	18	25	13	8	182
Opp.	10	15	22	16	15	8	10	4	100

Attendance

Home:	1,977 (197 avg)
Away:	3,467 (203 avg)
Total:	5,444 (201 avg)

Streaks And Such

Hitting Streaks

Player	Current	Long
Murray	12	12
Simpson	3	3
Torres	1	9
Els	—	8
Garza	—	8

Multiple Hit Games

Player	2	3	4	5+	Tot
Els	7	4	—	—	11
Murray	7	3	—	—	10
Torres	5	2	2	—	9
Chavez	7	1	—	—	8
Horton	4	4	—	—	8

Multiple RBI Games

Player	2	3	4	5+	Tot
Horton	5	1	1	2	9
Murray	7	1	—	—	8
Torres	4	1	1	—	6
Cantu	2	1	—	2	5

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GOING, GOING, GONE: UTSA has led the NCAA in home runs per game in each of the last three seasons. The Roadrunners in the mix again with 63 in their first 32 contests (1.97 per game). Dating back to the beginning of the 2003 season, UTSA has slugged an amazing 347 home runs in 196 games (1.77 average).

NO PLACE LIKE HOME: UTSA has made Roadrunner Field a tough place to play for opponents. The Roadrunners are 42-7 (.857) at the facility since the beginning of the 2004 season and have won 37 of their last 41 home games.

SLC ACCOLADES: UTSA has earned eight Aeropostale/SLC Player of the Week accolades this season. Amanda Nikolenko has been named Pitcher of the Week three times. Senior Mel Torres and freshman Brittany Cantu earned Hitter of the Week honors on Feb. 14 and March 7, respectively, while Catherine Garza garnered hitting honors on March 27. Juniors Aimee Murray and Ursula Mares swept hitter and pitcher awards on April 10.

SECRET WEAPON: The Roadrunners have made a name nationally for their ability to hit the home run. Over the past three seasons, a vastly improved pitching staff may be the biggest key to being in the mix for a third straight conference title. This year, senior Hope Ortiz, junior Ursula Mares, sophomore Amanda Nikolenko have combined to produce a 2.65 ERA, while striking out 186 batters compared to only 61 walks. Nikolenko leads the staff in victories (12) and strikeouts (87), while Mares owns a team-best 2.39 ERA and a .258 opposing batting average. Ortiz began the season with 13 and one-third scoreless innings and has compiled a 1.65 ERA, 12 Ks and only one walk.

STARTING EARLY: UTSA has outscored its opponents 30-10 in the first inning this season and 102-47 in the first three frames combined. On the season, the Roadrunners have crossed the plate 182 times and have limited foes to just 100 runs.

CONFERENCE SUPREMACY: Over the past three seasons of SLC play, UTSA has recorded a 54-16 record (.771). In 2004, the Roadrunners posted a 20-6 mark en route to the program's first-ever conference championship. Last year, UTSA went 21-5 to capture its second straight regular season crown. Off to a 13-5 start this season, the Roadrunners sit in third place in the league standings entering the Nicholls State series. UTSA is the winningest program in the SLC in conference games only with an all-time record of 223-145-0 (.606).

SLC LEADERS: UTSA ranks high in the SLC in several major team and individual statistical categories. Here's a list of those in the top three:

Team

Category	Number	Rank
Batting Average	.306	1st
Slugging Percentage	.574	1st
On-Base Percentage	.372	1st
Runs Scored	182	3rd
Runs Batted In	172	2nd
Home Runs	63	1st
Total Bases	497	1st
Earned Run Average	2.65	3rd
Wins	21	3rd
Fielding Percentage	.959	3rd

Individual

Player	Category	Number	Rank
Murray	Batting Average	.400	T-2nd
Murray	Slugging Percentage	.822	1st
Horton	Runs Batted In	31	2nd
Cantu	Home Runs	11	1st
Horton	Home Runs	10	2nd
Murray	Home Runs	9	T-3rd
Torres	Home Runs	9	T-3rd
Murray	Total Bases	74	3rd
Nikolenko	Wins	12	T-3rd

ON DECK: UTSA travels down I-37 for a doubleheader at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi next Wednesday, April 19.