

UTSA Baseball Diamond Notes

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200	7 SCHEDULE & KESU	LTS
Date	Opponent Ti	me/Result
Feb. 13	at #6 Rice	4 p.m.
Feb. 16	Louisiana-Lafayette	5 p.m.
Feb. 17	Louisiana-Lafayette	2 p.m.
Feb. 18	Louisiana-Lafayette	1 p.m.
Feb. 20	at Baylor [′]	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 22	vs. Houston *	11 a.m.
Feb. 23	vs. Gonzaga *	11 a.m.
Feb. 24	vs. Missouri State *	3 p.m.
Feb. 26	St. Mary's +	6 p.m.
Feb. 27	Houston +	6 p.m.
March 2	vs. Stephen F. Austin #	2 p.m.
March 3	vs. Sam Houston State #	
March 4	at Texas-Pan American	
March 9	College of Charleston +	1
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	
March 30	Southeastern Louisiana	
March 31	Southeastern Louisiana	1
April 1	Southeastern Louisiana	
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 ^	
April 29	at Sam Houston State ^	
May 4	A&M-Corpus Christi ^	
May 5	A&M-Corpus Christi ^	
May 6	A&M-Corpus Christi ^	
May 11	at Nicholls State ^	1 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
May 12	at Nicholls State ^	3 p.m.
May 13	at Nicholls State ^	
	at Texas State ^	1 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
May 17 May 18	Texas State ^	6 p.m.
<u>May 19</u>	Texas State ^	2 p.m.

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



Game 1 • Feb. 13 • at Rice (2-3) 4 p.m. • Reckling Park • Houston, Texas

Roadrunners to open 2007 season at preseason consensus No. 1 Rice on Tuesday

PLAY BALL: UTSA opens its 16th season of play on Tuesday, Feb. 13, when it travels to Houston to play consensus preseason No. 1 Rice at 4 p.m. The Roadrunners are coming of a 37-win campaign in 2006, the second-most victories in school history, and a second-place finish in the Southland Conference (20-10).

SCOUTING THE OWLS: Rice enters Tuesday's contest with a 2-3 record after dropping three of four games last week, including a 3-2 setback at SLC member Texas State on Tuesday, Feb. 6. The Owls, the preseason consensus No. 1 team in the country, currently stand sixth in the latest *Collegiate Baseball* Top 25 Poll.

UTSA/RICE ALL-TIME SERIES: Rice holds a commanding 8-1 edge in the all-time series against the Roadrunners. The Owls have won the last seven meetings and Tuesday marks the first matchup between the two programs in four years (Feb. 11, 2003). UTSA's lone victory in the series was a 21-1 decision on May 5, 1994.

PRESEASON SLC 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

SLC STA (overall records			11)	
East	W	L	Pct.	Stk
Southeastern Louisiana	2	1	.667	W2
Central Arkansas	1	2	.333	W1
Lamar	1	2	.333	W1
McNeese State	0	3	.000	L3
Northwestern State	0	3	.000	L3
Nicholls State	0	0	.000	_
West	W	L	Pct.	Stk
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi	6	0	1.000	W6
Texas State	5	1	.833	W4
Sam Houston State	1	2	.333	L1
Stephen F. Austin	2	4	.333	W1
Texas-Arlington	1	3	.250	L2
UTSA	0	0	.000	

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

	Roadrunners Probable Starters					
Pos.	No.	Player	2006 Statistics	Notes		
С	8	Zach Etheredge	.226 BA, 4 HR, 31 RBI	2007 tri-captain		
1B	26	Josh Wilson	.360 BA, 13 HR, 60 RBI	2nd-team all-conference at Temple JC		
2B	9	James Keithley	.259 BA, 1 HR, 26 RBI	2006 honorable mention All-SLC		
3B	2	Ryan Saltzgaber	.289 BA, 2 HR, 22 RBI	preseason 2nd-team All-SLC		
SS	10	Marshal Davis	.259 BA, 0 HR, 20 RBI	2007 tri-captain		
LF	7	Greg Sillivent	.413 BA, 3 HR, 25 RBI	1st-team All-Region 14 at Blinn JC		
CF	1	Michael Rockett	.352 BA, 5 HR, 32 RBI	'06 Fresh AA; preseason 1st-team All-SLC		
RF	24	Phillip Allen	.182 BA, 0 HR, 7 RBI	25 runs; 10-10 SBs in 2006		
DH	25	Trent Lockwood	.320 BA, 5 HR, 20 RBI	two-year starter at Hill JC		
SP	20	Josh Ruffin	8-3, 3.17 ERA, 116.1 IP	preseason 1st-team All-SLC/tri-captain		

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.

AGENT ZERO: Senior starting pitcher Blake Brannon, who won his last five decisions in 2006, enters this year on a school-record streak of 29 scoreless innings. Brannon has not allowed a run since the fourth inning on May 7, 2006 (at Louisiana-Monroe). In first full season of starting, the Brenham native went 8-6 with a 3.77 ERA and 67 strikeouts in 100.1 innings of work. He also tossed four complete games and three shutouts (No. 2 in UTSA history).

WHAT'S BACK IN 2007: UTSA is coming off a season that saw it finish with a 37-22 record and 20-10 mark in conference

games (t-2nd). The team welcomes back 17 letterwinners — including five position starters and six pitchers — in addition to 19 newcomers this season. Topping the list of returnees are 2006 first-team All-SLC starting pitcher Josh Ruffin, a senior, and Freshman All-America center fielder Michael Rockett. Also back are sophomore second baseman James Keithley and senior third baseman Ryan Saltzgaber, both of whom earned honorable mention accolades a year ago.

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.

RUFFIN ON THE CAREER CHARTS: Senior Josh Ruffin's name can be found all over the Roadrunners' career record

book. The Humble native is UTSA all-time record holder with four career shutouts and Ruffin also ranks fourth in ERA (4.51), sixth in innings pitched (235.2), seventh in victories (14) and complete games (six), eighth in appearances (65) and 11th in strikeouts (139).

TOUGH SCHEDULE: The Roadrunners' 55-game schedule is highlighted by six opponents that qualified for the 2006 NCAA Tournament — Baylor, The College of Charleston, Houston, Rice, Texas and Texas-Arlington.

HIT THE LIGHTS: For the first time in school history, UTSA will play night games at Roadrunner Field this season. Nine of the team's 22 contests at the facility will be played under the lights. The 2007 home opener against Louisiana-Lafayette, scheduled for 5 p.m. on Friday,

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	2007	UTSA R	COADRI	UNNER	s Bas	EBALL R	OSTER
No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	YrExp.	Hometown
1	Michael Rockett	OF	R/R	6-1	160	So1L	Sugar Land, Texas
2	Ryan Saltzgaber	INF	R/R	5-11	175	Sr2L	Abilene, Texas
4	Danny Cornejo	INF	R/R	6-0	205	So1L	San Antonio, Texas
5	Brandon Koger	INF	R/R	5-11	165	Sr2L	Houston, Texas
6	Cole Gleason	P	R/L	5-10	160	FrRS	New Braunfels, Texas
7	Greg Sillivent	OF	L/L	6-2	210	JrTR	Granbury, Texas
8	Zach Etheredge	С	R/R	6-1	195	Jr2L	Boerne, Texas
9	James Keithley	INF	R/R	6-1	185	So1L	San Antonio, Texas
10	Marshal Davis	INF	S/R	5-10	165	Jr2L	Conroe, Texas
11	Ryan Rummel	C/INF	R/R	5-11	180	FrHS	Uvalde, Texas
12	Noah Miles	P	R/R	6-2	200	Sr1L	Monahans, Texas
13	Tim Palincsar	OF	L/R	6-3	190	FrRS	College Station, Texas
14	Zach Calhoon	P	R/R	6-2	190	FrHS	Spring, Texas
15	Mark Ruffin	P	R/R	6-0	180	Jr2L	Humble, Texas
16	Blake Brannon	P	R/R	6-2	225	Sr3L	Brenham, Texas
17	Steven Vasquez	P	R/R	6-3	185	Sr3L	Beeville, Texas
18	J.T. Mackey	P	L/R	6-1	170	JrTR	Austin, Texas
19	Eric Johnston	OF	L/L	5-10	175	So1L	Lufkin, Texas
20	Josh Ruffin	P	R/R	6-2	210	Sr3L	Humble, Texas
21	Josh Blakley	P	R/R	6-1	195	Sr1L	Lorena, Texas
22	Jose Hernandez	OF	R/L	5-11	180	JrTR	Anaheim Hills, Calif.
23	Ryan Proudfoot	P	R/R	6-3	195	FrHS	Lindale, Texas
24	Phillip Allen	OF	S/R	5-11	185	Jr2L	Sugar Land, Texas
25	Trent Lockwood	INF	L/L	6-4	225	JrTR	Groesbeck, Texas
26	Josh Wilson	INF	R/R	6-4	235	JrTR	Midland, Texas
27	J.P. Holton	P	R/R	5-11	190	JrTR	Lufkin, Texas
28	Mitch Ponza	OF	R/R	6-2	190	Sr1L	Soquel, Calif.
29	Jake Sillavan	P	R/R	6-1	165	FrHS	Cypress, Texas
30	Kevin Clarke	P	R/R	6-2	185	FrHS	Huntsville, Texas
31	Ray Redding	P	R/R	6-7	205	FrHS	Houston, Texas
33	Michael Susaneck	P	L/L	5-11	195	FrRS	Missouri City, Texas
34	Andy Benedict	P	L/L	6-4	190	So1L	Lewisville, Texas
37	Tyler Klein	C/INF	S/R	6-1	210	FrHS	Conroe, Texas
38	Bradley Chovaned		R/R	6-4	200	JrTR	Burton, Texas
39	Thomas Diamond		R/R	5-10	195	FrHS	San Antonio, Texas
40	Zach Smith	С	R/R	6-2	200	FrHS	Vancouver, Wash.

Head coach: 36 Sherman Corbett (seventh season) **Associate head coach:** 3 Jason Marshall (seventh season) **Assistant coach:** 35 Mike Clement (second season)

By The Numbers
Records
Overall0-0
Non-conference0-0
Southland Conference0-0
Home0-0
Road0-0
Last five games1-4
Last 10 games4-6
Extra innings0-0
Day games0-0
Night games0-0
Against ranked opponents0-0
Against left-handed starters0-0
Against right-handed starters0-0
When scoring first0-0
When leading after five innings0-0
When leading after six innings0-0
When leading after seven innings0-0
When leading after eight innings0-0
When trailing after five innings0-0
When trailing after six innings0-0
When trailing after seven innings0-0
When trailing after eight innings0-0
Longest winning streak 0
Longest losing streak0
Current hitting streaks
Zach Etheredge 3 (began 5/24/06)
Marshal Davis 2 (began 5/25/06)
Ryan Saltzgaber 2 (began 5/25/06)
Danny Cornejo1 (began 5/20/06)



Feb. 16, will kick off the night-time action at the "Bird Bath."

HOME AWAY FROM HOME: A fixture on the Roadrunners' home schedule for more than a decade, UTSA will play five games at Nelson W. Wolff Stadium this season. St. Mary's (Feb. 26) and Houston (Feb. 27) will visit the facility for single mid-week contests, while the Roadrunners will host the College of Charleston for a threegame series from March 9-11. Built in 1994 and known as the "The Jewel of the Texas League," it also is home to the San Antonio Missions, the Double A affiliate of the San Diego Padres.

HOME COOKING: Roadrunner Field and Wolff Stadium were tough places for the opposition to play in 2006, as UTSA registered a school-record 24 home victories. That broke the previous UTSA record of 23 home wins set in 1994. The Roadrunners have posted a 243-170 (.589) all-time home record.

SLICK FIELDING: Under the direction of seventh-year associate head coach Jason Marshall, who mentors the team's infielders, UTSA has become one of the best fielding teams in the Southland Conference. Last season, the Roadrunners led the league with a school-record .969 fielding percentage on the strength of just 70 errors, the second-fewest in school history. UTSA has recorded four of the top five fielding seasons in school annals under Marshall's guidance.

CHASING 400: UTSA enters the 2007 campaign two victories shy of its 400th in school history. In 15 years of action, the Roadrunners have compiled 398 all-time wins, an average of nearly 27 per season.

PLAYER UPDATES

C • Zach Etheredge, Jr. - 2007 tri-captain ... started 48 contests at catcher in '06 and stroked 12 doubles, a triple and four home runs ... committed just two errors (.994 pct.) and threw out 25 percent of runners attempting to steal.

2B • James Keithley, So. - 2006 honorable mention All-SLC ... started 55 contests at four different positions last season ... hit .268 with 34 runs scored, eight doubles, two triples, a home run and 26 RBIs.

3B • Ryan Saltzgaber, Sr. - 2007 preseason second-team All-SLC ... '06 honorable mention All-SLC ... started 51 games last year and hit .289 with 11 extra-base hits ... also good on 5-of-7 stolen base attempts.

SS • Marshal Davis, Jr. - 2007 tri-captain ... started 55 games a year ago ... hit .259 with a team-leading 40 walks and was second on the squad with 44 runs scored.

CF• Michael Rockett, So. - 2007 preseason first-team All-SLC ... '06 Freshman All-American and second-team All-SLC ... team posted 31-16 record when he was in the starting lineup ... hit .352 with 14 extra-base hits ... committed just two errors in 128 chances in the field.

SP • *Josh Ruffin, Sr.* - 2007 tri-captain ... '07 preseason first-team All-SLC ... '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 • **Blake Brannon**, **Sr.** - Enters senior season riding UTSA-record 29 scoreless innings streak and has won last five decisions ... tossed three shutouts a year ago, the second-most in school annals ... 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 (175 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 24 All-SLC players, including seven first-teamers. Corbett also has mentored

QUICK FACTS General School__ The University of Texas at San Antonio Nickname Roadrunners Orange (1655), blue (289) & white Colors Founded _ 1969 Enrollment 28,520 President __ Dr. Ricardo Romo Athletics Director ___ ____Lynn Hickey _210/458-4161 Athletics phone ___ Ticket office phone__ _210/458-8872 Affiliation ____ NCAA Division I Conference___ Southland (West) **Coaching Staff** Head coach Sherman Corbett Alma mater Texas A&M, 1991 Record at UTSA (seasons) ___ 175-172 (six) Career record (seasons)___ Same Assoc. head coach_Jason Marshall (seventh season) Alma mater____ Texas A&M, 1992 Assistant coach _ Mike Clement (second season) Alma mater _____ Morningside, 2002 Office phone _____ ___210/458-4805 Team Information 2006 records 37-22 (20-10/t-2nd) Starters returning/lost _____ Pitchers returning/lost ____ 6/2 Letterwinners returning/lost____ _17/7 Newcomers _____ History Home facilities___Roadrunner Field/Wolff Stadium Capacities _____ 800/7,200 Press box phones __210/458-4612 • 210/675-0341 First year of competition ______ 1992 All-time record_____ _ 398-442 (.474) All-time SLC record______ 177-193 (.478) NCAA postseason play 2 (1994, 2005) Conference championships__ **Sports Information** Assoc. Director (Baseball SID) __ Brian Hernandez Email __ brian.hernandez1@utsa.edu Office phone _____210/458-4907 210/269-7110 Cell phone____ Fax 210/458-4569 Mailing address ___ One UTSA Circle, San Antonio, TX 78249 _____ goUTSA.com Web site _

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).

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