# UTSA Baseball Diamond Notes 

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2007 Schedule \& Results (27-18, 17-4)
Date Opponent Time/Result

Feb. 13
Feb. 16
Feb. 17
Feb. 18
Feb. 20
Feb. 22
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Feb. 24
Feb. 26
Feb. 27
March 2 vs. Stephen F. Austin \#
March 3 vs. Sam Houston State \#
March 4 at Texas-Pan American \# L, 2-3
March 9 College of Charleston + W, 6-4
March 10 College of Charleston + W, 8-7 (11)
March 11 College of Charleston + L, 2-4 (10)
March 13
Dallas Baptist
ccd.
March 16 at McNeese State ${ }^{\wedge} \quad$ W, 3-1
March 17 at McNeese State ${ }^{\wedge}$ W, 12-9(12)
March 18 at McNeese State ${ }^{\wedge}$ W, 16-2 (8)
March $20 \quad$ Lamar W, 5-0
March $21 \quad$ Lamar 2 , 7-14
March 23 Central Arkansas ${ }^{\wedge}$ W, 12-10
March 24 Central Arkansas ^ W, 12-4
March 25 Central Arkansas ${ }^{\wedge}$ W, 14-1 (7)
March 27 at Texas-Pan American W, 7-3
March 31 Southeastern Louisiana ${ }^{\wedge} \quad$ W, 6-3

| March 31 | Southeastern Louisiana $\wedge$ | W, 5-1 |
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| April 1 | Southeastern Louisiana $\wedge$ | W, 14-5 |


| April 1 | Southeastern Louisiana ^ | W, 14-5 |
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| April 3 | at \#6 Texas | L, 9-14 |
|  |  | W, |

April 5 at Texas-Arlington ${ }^{\wedge} \quad$ W, 6-3
$\begin{array}{llr}\text { April } 6 & \text { at Texas-Arlington }^{\wedge} & \text { L, 3-9 } \\ \text { April } 7 & \text { at Texas-Arlington } \wedge & \text { W, 12-0 (7) }\end{array}$
April 10 at \#13 Texas A\&M L, 2-6
April 13 Northwestern State ${ }^{\wedge}$ W, 11-3
April 14 Northwestern State ${ }^{\wedge} \quad$ L, 1-5
$\begin{array}{llr}\text { April } 15 & \text { Northwestern State } \wedge & \text { W, 12-10 } \\ \text { April } 17 & \text { Texas-Pan American } & \text { W, 12-2 }\end{array}$
April 18 Texas-Pan American W, 11-1
April 20 at Stephen F. Austin ${ }^{\wedge}$ W, 7-6 (10)
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April 22 at Stephen F. Austin ^ L, 0-1
$\begin{array}{lcr}\text { April } 24 & \text { vs. Houston \% } & \text { L, 2-5 } \\ \text { April } 27 & \text { at Sam Houston State ^ } & \text { W, 4-2 }\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { April 27 } & \text { at Sam Houston State } \\ \text { April } 28 & \text { at Sam Houston State } \wedge & \text { W, 4-2 } \\ \text { W, }\end{array}$
April 29 at Sam Houston State ^ W, 5-1

May 4 Texas A\&M-Corpus Christi^ 6 p.m.
May 5 Texas A\&M-Corpus Christi ^ 2 p.m.
May 6 Texas A\&M-Corpus Christi^ 1 p.m.

## May 11 at Nicholls State ${ }^{\wedge}$ 6:30 p.m.

May 12 at Nicholls State $\wedge \quad 3$ p.m.
May 13 at Nicholls State ${ }^{\wedge} \quad 1$ p.m.
$\begin{array}{lcr}\text { May } 17 & \text { at Texas State }{ }^{\wedge} & \text { 6:30 p.m. } \\ \text { May } 18 & \text { Texas State } & \\ \text { ^ }\end{array}$

| May 18 | Texas State | 6 p.m. |
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| May 19 | Texas State $\wedge$ | 2 p.m. |

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## Games 46-48 • May 4-6 • Texas A\&M-Corpus Christi (23-24, 8-13) <br> 6/2/1 p.m. • Roadrunner Field • San Antonio, Texas <br> Roadrunners look to extend their lead in SLC's West Division when they welcome Islanders for three-game series this weekend

UTSA Returns Home With TwoGame Lead In SLC West: UTSA (2718, 17-4) returns to the friendly confines of Roadrunner Field for the first time since April 18 when it hosts Texas A\&MCorpus Christi in three-game Southland Conference series this weekend. Friday's opener is scheduled for 6 p.m., while Saturday and Sunday's contests are slated for 2 and 1 p.m. starts, respectively. The Roadrunners, coming off last weekend's three-game sweep at Sam Houston State, have won 10 of their last 11 home contests dating back to March 23.

Scouting The Islanders: Texas A\&M-Corpus Christi, in its first season in the Southland Conference, has dropped five consecutive games and enters this weekend's series at 23-24 overall and 813 in league play. The Roadrunners hold a slim 12-11 advantage in the all-time series that dates back to 2002. The Islanders have won seven of the last 10 matchups, but UTSA has won two in a row after a doubleheader sweep on May 2 a year ago.

## Getting Off On The Right Foot:

 UTSA's success this season can be directly attributed to its solid 10-1 record in series openers. Since dropping their first lid-lifter| Southland Conferernce Standings <br> (records as of May 2) |  |  |  |
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| East | SLC | Overall | Streak |
| Lamar | $16-5$ | $29-18$ | W1 |
| McNeese State | $12-8$ | $16-28$ | L1 |
| Northwestern State | $11-9$ | $21-23$ | W2 |
| Southeastern Louisiana | $11-10$ | $29-17$ | W3 |
| Central Arkansas | $7-14$ | $18-24$ | L2 |
| Nicholls State | $2-19$ | $6-40$ | L1 |
|  |  |  |  |
| West | SLC | Overall | Streak |
| UTSA | $17-4$ | $27-18$ | W3 |
| Texas State | $15-6$ | $30-16$ | L1 |
| Stephen F. Austin | $12-9$ | $25-21$ | L1 |
| Sam Houston State | $11-10$ | $27-19$ | L4 |
| Texas A\&M-Corpus Christi | $8-13$ | $23-24$ | L5 |
| Texas-Arlington | $3-18$ | $12-31$ | L2 |

of the year to Louisiana-Lafayette (10-2, Feb. 16), the Roadrunners have reeled off 10 consecutive series-opening victories, including seven in a row in SLC play.

Bring Out The Brooms: The Roadrunners opened the SLC campaign with consecutive sweeps of McNeese State, Central Arkansas and Southeastern Louisiana and continued that trend last weekend at Sam Houston State. The season-opening sweeps marked the first time the program's 16-year history that UTSA swept back-to-back-to-back three-

| RoadrunNers Probable Starters |  |  |  |  |
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| Pos. | No. | Player | 2007 Statistics |  |

game series against league opponents. The Roadrunners now have swept SLC foes 17 times in school annals, 11 of which have come under the direction of head coach Sherman Corbett.

UTSA Dominating SLC Series Finales: The Roadrunners, off to a program-best 17-4 start in Southland Conference play (previous: 15-6 in 2006), have built that impressive record on the strength of six victories in series finales this season. UTSA - which has scored in double figures in nine of its 21 league games (including five in a row from March 17-25), outscored the opposition by 80 runs ( $168-88$ ) and is averaging eight runs per contest - has three run-rule triumphs in series finales this year. The Roadrunners defeated McNeese State, 16-2 (eight innings), on March 18; Central Arkansas, 14-1 (seven), on March 25; and Texas-Arlington, 12-1 (seven), on April 7.

Perfect Start Best Ever: UTSA began the 2007 Southland Conference season a perfect $10-0$, which was its best SLC start in school history and tied for the second-best in league history. Lamar started 14-0 in 1984, while TexasArlington was 10-0 a year ago. UTSA's previous best start was 4-0 in both 1994 and '96.

## UTSA Offense Among NCAA

Leaders: Through games of April 29, the Roadrunners currently rank among the top 50 national leaders in three offensive categories: triples per game (10th/0.47), home runs per contest (37th/0.96) and slugging percentage (45th/.462).

You Dropped A Bomb On Me: Thirtyeight of UTSA's 43 home runs ( 88.4 pct.) this season have been hit during the past 28 contests. Leading the long ball parade are senior Ryan Saltzgaber and junior

| 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)

Zach Etheredge, both of whom have slugged all eight of their homers this year during that time. Junior Trent Lockwood

and sophomore James Keithley both have launched five bombs, while senior Mitch Ponza and sophomore Michael Rockett each have left the yards four times. Lockwood, Rockett and Saltzgaber have grand slams among their homers. Also on the board is redshirt freshman Tim Palincsar - who has three long balls - and junior Josh Wilson, who hit a pinch-hit home run against Texas-Pan American (April 17).

Season Tater Total Second-best In Corbett Era: With 43 home runs this season, UTSA already has surpassed its season total from a year ago and it is the second-highest total of the Sherman Corbett era (55, 2004). The 43 long balls rank as the seventh-most in school history. The UTSA record is 66 set in 1999.

UTSA Leaves Yard Four Times: The Roadrunners launched four home runs in their 11-3 victory against Northwestern State on April 13 and it was the first time in more than two years that the program has done so. The last time UTSA hit four long balls in a contest was a 14-3 victory against Texas-Pan American on March 30, 2005.

Ten-Run Third A First Since 2005: In their 12-0 victory at Texas-Arlington on April 7, the Roadrunners scored 10 runs in the third inning, which was the first time since April 20, 2005, that UTSA crossed the plate 10 times in a frame. The Roadrunners sent 15 batters to the dish and had seven hits in the stanza, including a school-record-tying two by both junior Trent Lockwood and sophomore Michael Rockett.
lineup Change Does The Trick: Stuck with a 4-9 record and averaging just 4.2 runs per game, head coach Sherman Corbett decided to shuffle his lineup on March 9. The seventh-year skipper moved sophomore James Keithley into the leadoff spot and since that switch, the Roadrunners have posted a 23-9 (.719) record, hit . 316 as a team, averaged 11.3 hits per game and scored 7.5 runs per contest.

Red Hot Offense: After starting the year slowly, the UTSA offense has exploded the past 28 games, 20 of which have resulted in victories. The Roadrunners have scored 220 times ( 7.9 pg ) and outscored the opposition by 88 runs during that time. UTSA has posted a .321 batting average on the strength of 325 hits ( 11.6 pg ), slugged . 528 ( 534 total bases) and reached base at .385 clip. More than 35 percent of the squad's 325 hits (115) have gone for extra bases, including 59 doubles, 18 triples and 38 home runs. The Roadrunners also have stolen 29 bases.

Tough Schedule: The Roadrunners' 55 -game schedule is highlighted by six opponents that qualified for the 2006 NCAA Tournament - Baylor, College of Charleston, Houston, Rice, Texas and Texas-Arlington. UTSA has a 5-7 record against those squads this season.

Close Games: In addition to scoring runs in bunches this year, the Roadrunners have shown the knack of playing close games. Twenty-five of the club's 45 contests this year have been decided by three runs or less and it has a 15-10 mark in those games. UTSA has a 5-5 record in one-run tilts, a 6-3 mark in two-run contests and 4-2 record in games decided by three runs.

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's all-time record holder with four career shutouts and he also ranks third in victories (19), appearances (77) and innings pitched (310.1); fourth in complete games (eight); fifth in games started (39) and strikeouts (190); and sixth in earned run average (4.61).

Blakley Throwing Strikes: Senior Josh Blakley has been as good as it gets coming out of the UTSA bullpen this season. The Lorena native has a perfect 5-0 record with one save and leads the staff with a 2.68 ERA (sixth SLC). Blakley has appeared in 21 contests and has a

sterling 43/9 strikeout-to-walk ratio in 53.2 innings. The right-hander picked up his fourth victory of the season on March 31 against Southeastern Louisiana after tossing a career-high 5.2 scoreless innings. He has gone at least four innings in eight of his appearances this season.

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| Win | 5 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 1 | - | - | 2 | 1 | 2 | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Loss | 5 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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 mark of 23 home wins set in 1994. This year has been no different, as the Roadrunners are 15-6 at home this year, including wins in 10 of their last 11 games played at Roadrunner Field. UTSA now has posted a 258-176 (.594) all-time home record in the program's 16-year history.

Hit The Lights: For the first time in school history, UTSA is playing night games at Roadrunner Field this season. Eight of the team's 21 contests at the facility are being played under the lights. The Feb. 16 home opener against LouisianaLafayette kicked off the night-time action at the "Bird Bath" and UTSA has a 5-1 record under the lights at Roadrunner Field this year. The Roadrunners have posted five night victories in a row since dropping the home opener.

Roadrunners Collect 400th All-
Time Victory: UTSA won its 400th game in school history when it defeated St. Mary's, 8-5, on Feb. 26. In 16 years of action, the Roadrunners have compiled 425 all-time wins, an average of nearly 27 per 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

## 2007 Roadrunners Starting Lineups

| Date | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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Feb. 13 Davis, SS Sillivent, LF Rockett, CF Wilson, 1B
Feb. 16 Davis, SS Keithley, 2B Rockett, CF Wilson, 1B
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Feb. 18 Davis, SS Keithley, 2B Rockett, CF Wilson, 1B
Feb. 20 Davis, SS Sillivent, LF Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B
Feb. 22 Davis, SS Palincsar, LF Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B
Feb. 23 Davis, SS Sillivent, LF Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B
Feb. 24 Davis, SS Sillivent, LF Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B
Feb. 26 Allen, RF Davis, SS Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B
Feb. 27 Davis, SS Keithley, 2B Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B
March 2 Davis, SS Keithley, 2B Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B
March 3 Davis, SS Keithley, 2B Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B
March 4 Davis, SS Keithley, 2B Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B
March 9 Keithley, LF Palincsar, DH Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B
March 10 Keithley, LF Palincsar, DH Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B March 11 Keithley, LF Palincsar, DH Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B March 16 Keithley, LF Palincsar, DH Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B March 17 Keithley, LF Palincsar, DH Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B March 18 Keithley, LF Palincsar, DH Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B March 20 Keithley, LF Palincsar, DH Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B March 21 Keithley, LF Palincsar, DH Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B March 23 Keithley, LF Palincsar, DH Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B March 24 Keithley, 2B Palincsar, DH Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B March 25 Keithley, 2B Palincsar, DH Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B March 27 Keithley, 2B Palincsar, DH Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B March 31 Keithley, 2B Palincsar, DH Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B March 31 Keithley, 2B Palincsar, DH Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B April 1 Keithley, 2B Palincsar, DH Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B April 3 Keithley, 2B Palincsar, DH Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B April 5 Keithley, 2B Palincsar, DH Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B April 6 Keithley, 2B Palincsar, DH Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B April 7 Keithley, 2B Palincsar, DH Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B April 10 Keithley, 2B Palincsar, DH Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B April 13 Keithley, 2B Palincsar, DH Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B April 14 Keithley, 2B Palincsar, DH Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B April 15 Keithley, 2B Palincsar, DH Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B April 17 Keithley, 2B Palincsar, DH Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B April 18 Keithley, 2B Palincsar, LF Rockett, CF Lockwood,1B April 20 Keithley, 2B Palincsar, DH Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B April 21 Keithley, 2B Palincsar, DH Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B April 22 Keithley, 2B Palincsar, DH Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B April 24 Keithley, 2B Palincsar, DH Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B April 27 Keithley, 2B Palincsar, DH Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B April 28 Keithley, 2B Ponza, RF Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B April 29 Keithley, 2B Ponza, RF Rockett, CF Lockwood, 1B
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Lockwood, DH Ponza, RF Sillivent, LF Etheredge, C
Lockwood, DH Ponza, RF Allen, LF Etheredge, C

| Palincsar, DH | Keithley, 2B | Allen, RF | Etheredge, C |
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| Wilson, DH | Keithley, 2B | Ponza, RF | Etheredge, C |

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Palincsar, LF Etheredge, C Cornejo, DH Ponza, RF
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| Etheredge, C | Palincsar, DH | Allen, LF | Davis, SS |
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Polls. The Roadrunners received five firstplace 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 firstteam 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 secondteam 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
record (20-10 SLC). 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 AllAmerica 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 Roadrunners Starters By Position

| Date | C | IB | 2B | 3B | SS | LF | CF | RF | DH |
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| 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 |
| March 2 | Etheredge | Lockwood | Keithley | Saltzgaber | Davis | Palincsar | Rockett | Allen | Wilson |
| March 3 | Etheredge | Lockwood | Keithley | Saltzgaber | Davis | Palincsar | Rockett | Allen | Wilson |
| March 4 | Etheredge | Lockwood | Keithley | Saltzgaber | Davis | Palincsar | Rockett | Ponza | Cornejo |
| March 9 | Etheredge | Lockwood | Rummel | Saltzgaber | Davis | Keithley | Rockett | Sillivent | Palincsar |
| March 10 | Etheredge | Lockwood | Rummel | Saltzgaber | Davis | Keithley | Rockett | Ponza | Palincsar |
| March 11 | Etheredge | Lockwood | Rummel | Saltzgaber | Davis | Keithley | Rockett | Ponza | Palincsar |
| March 16 | Etheredge | Lockwood | Rummel | Saltzgaber | Davis | Keithley | Rockett | Ponza | Palincsar |
| March 17 | Etheredge | Lockwood | Rummel | Saltzgaber | Davis | Keithley | Rockett | Sillivent | Palincsar |
| March 18 | Etheredge | Lockwood | Rummel | Saltzgaber | Davis | Keithley | Rockett | Sillivent | Palincsar |
| March 20 | Etheredge | Lockwood | Rummel | Saltzgaber | Davis | Keithley | Rockett | Ponza | Palincsar |
| March 21 | Etheredge | Lockwood | Rummel | Saltzgaber | Davis | Keithley | Rockett | Sillivent | Palincsar |
| March 23 | Etheredge | Lockwood | Rummel | Saltzgaber | Davis | Keithley | Rockett | Sillivent | Palincsar |
| March 24 | Etheredge | Lockwood | Keithley | Saltzgaber | Davis | Allen | Rockett | Ponza | Palincsar |
| March 25 | Etheredge | Lockwood | Keithley | Saltzgaber | Davis | Allen | Rockett | Ponza | Palincsar |
| March 27 | Etheredge | Lockwood | Keithley | Saltzgaber | Davis | Allen | Rockett | Ponza | Palincsar |
| March 31 | Etheredge | Lockwood | Keithley | Saltzgaber | Davis | Allen | Rockett | Ponza | Palincsar |
| March 31 | Etheredge | Lockwood | Keithley | Saltzgaber | Davis | Allen | Rockett | Ponza | Palincsar |
| April 1 | Etheredge | Lockwood | Keithley | Saltzgaber | Davis | Allen | Rockett | Ponza | Palincsar |
| April 3 | Etheredge | Lockwood | Keithley | Saltzgaber | Davis | Allen | Rockett | Ponza | Palincsar |
| April 5 | Etheredge | Lockwood | Keithley | Saltzgaber | Davis | Allen | Rockett | Ponza | Palincsar |
| April 6 | Etheredge | Lockwood | Keithley | Saltzgaber | Davis | Allen | Rockett | Ponza | Palincsar |
| April 7 | Etheredge | Lockwood | Keithley | Saltzgaber | Davis | Allen | Rockett | Ponza | Palincsar |
| April 10 | Etheredge | Lockwood | Keithley | Saltzgaber | Davis | Allen | Rockett | Ponza | Palincsar |
| April 13 | Etheredge | Lockwood | Keithley | Saltzgaber | Davis | Allen | Rockett | Ponza | Palincsar |
| April 14 | Etheredge | Lockwood | Keithley | Saltzgaber | Davis | Allen | Rockett | Ponza | Palincsar |
| April 15 | Etheredge | Lockwood | Keithley | Saltzgaber | Davis | Allen | Rockett | Ponza | Palincsar |
| April 17 | Etheredge | Lockwood | Keithley | Saltzgaber | Davis | Sillivent | Rockett | Ponza | Palincsar |
| April 18 | Etheredge | Lockwood | Keithley | Saltzgaber | Davis | Palincsar | Rockett | Ponza | Wilson |
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| April 24 | Etheredge | Lockwood | Keithley | Saltzgaber | Davis | Allen | Rockett | Ponza | Palincsar |
| April 27 | Etheredge | Lockwood | Keithley | Saltzgaber | Davis | Allen | Rockett | Ponza | Palincsar |
| April 28 | Etheredge | Lockwood | Keithley | Saltzgaber | Davis | Allen | Rockett | Ponza | Palincsar |
| April 29 | Etheredge | Lockwood | Keithley | Saltzgaber | Davis | Allen | Rockett | Ponza | Palincsar |

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

## Player Updates

C• Zach Etheredge, Jr. - Starter in all 45 games ... leads the squad with eight home runs and 12 multi-RBI performances ... ranks second with .345 batting average, 39 RBIs, 97 total bases and a . 557 slugging percentage ... stands third with 11 doubles and 20 multi-hit games, ... also has a triple and .387 on-base percentage ... had a career-high four hits, including a pair of solo homers, against Northwestern State (April 15) ... had a seven-game hitting streak from March 17-27 in which he posted a .452 average (14-31) with three doubles, a triple, five home runs (1.097 SLG) and 16 RBIs ... registered a . 462 batting average (6-13) with three runs scored in last weekend's three-game set at Stephen F. Austin ... hit . 500 (5-10) with three doubles and five RBIs in the weekend sweep of Southeastern Louisiana (March 31-April 1) ... claimed SLC Hitter of the Week honors on March 26 after he hit . 450 (9-20) with three doubles, a triple, three home runs and 11 RBIs ... named to Southwest Diamond Classic AllTournament Team (4-10, 4 R, 4 RBIs).

1B/DH • Trent Lockwood, Jr. - Has started 44 games, 41 at first base and three at DH ... has at least one hit in all but six games this season and his last seven hits have gone for extra bases (five 2B, one 3B, one HR) ... leads the club in batting average (.364), hits (64), multi-hit games (23), doubles (16), home runs (eight), total bases (110), slugging percentage (.625), RBIs (41) and on-base percentage (.430) ... also ranks second in triples (three), multi-RBI contests (10) and walks (20) ... had an 11-game hitting streak from April 3-20 (.391, 5 XBH, 8 RBI, . 630 SLG), his third stretch of at least eight contests this season ... has hit safely in 27 of his last 30 contests (. $405 \mathrm{BA}, 23 \mathrm{XBH}, 29$ RBIs, . 702 SLG, . 471 OBP) ... has 19 multi-hit performances during that stretch ... had a 12-game hitting streak from March 11-31 in which he posted a .510 batting average (25-49) with eight doubles, a triple, three homers (. 898 SLG) and 17 RBIs ... hit safely in his first eight games as a Roadrunner ... tied a school record with two hits in the third inning on April 7 at Texas-Arlington ... had a career-high
six RBIs on March 17 at McNeese State ... earned SLC Hitter of the Week honors on April 16 after hitting 438 (7-16) with a double, one triple, a home run and five RBIs ... named to Southwest Diamond Classic All-Tournament Team (5-14, 3 R, 2B, 2 HR, 6 RBIs, SB).

2B/LF • James Keithley, So. - Has started 36 games at second base and nine in left field ... ranks second on the club with 39 runs, three triples and seven stolen bases and third with 18 walks ... also has a .312 batting average with seven doubles, six home runs and 25 RBIs ... had a careerbest 19-game hitting streak snapped on April 7 at Texas-Arlington ... hit .400 (36-90) with four doubles, three triples, five home runs (. 678 SLG) and 13 RBIs during that stretch ... squad is $23-9$ since he moved into the leadoff spot on March 9 against the College of Charleston ... has scored a run in 21 of the past 29 games ... hitting .339 (57-168) with seven doubles, three triples, six home runs and 23 RBIs since starting the season 2 -for-21 (.095) ... was 7 -for- 15 (.467) with eight runs scored, a double, one triple, a pair of home runs and three RBIs vs. Central Arkansas ... went 7-14 (.500) with four runs scored, a triple, his first homer of the year and four RBIs vs. the College of Charleston (March 9-11) ... 2006 honorable mention All-SLC.

3B - Ryan Saltzgaber, Sr. - 2007 preseason second-team All-SLC ... starter in all 45 contests ... has hit a homer in five of his last 13 games and now is tied for the team lead with eight ... ranks second on the squad with 61 hits, 21 multi-hit performances and seven stolen bases ... stands third with a .328 batting average, nine multi-RBI efforts, 96 total bases and a .516 slugging percentage ... also has seven doubles, a pair of triples and 35 RBIs ... has recorded at least two hits in 14 of his last 22 tilts ... had a career-high 10-game hitting streak from March 11-27 ... hit at a . 364 clip (16-44) with two doubles, a pair of triples, three homers (. $705 \mathrm{slg} \%$ ) and 14 RBIs during that stretch ... has a quintet of three-hit performances this year ... a 2006 honorable mention All-SLC choice.

SS • Marshal Davis, Jr. - Starter in all 45 games ... has reached base by hit, walk or hit by pitch in 46 of his last 50 games dating back May 22, 2006 ... leads team with 32 walks and ranks second with a .393 on-base percentage ... also has scored 28

| UTSA Career Record Book (Hitting) |  |
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| Triples |  |
| 1. Mickey Perez__1992-95 | 1992-95 __ 13 |
| 2. Marc Perez __1995-97 | 1995-97 _ 12 |
| Kent Wallis __1996-99 | 1996-99 _ 12 |
| 4. Michael McKennon____2004-06 | 2004-06 - 11 |
| 5. Ryan Saltzgaber __ 2005-06 | 2005-06 _ 9 |

runs, stroked five doubles and two triples and driven in 16 runs ... has eight twohit games and a pair of career-high-tying three-hit performances (March 17 at McNeese State/April 1 vs. SE Louisiana).

CF - Michael Rockett, So. - 2007 preseason first-team All-SLC ... stands second on the club with 61 hits, 12 doubles and 39 RBIs ... also hitting . 321 with a triple, four home runs, 35 runs and five stolen bases ... had a 13-game hitting streak from April 1-21 (.304, 4 XBH, 16 RBI) ... has recorded 13 two-hit games, five three-hit performances and a career-high-tying four-hit effort vs. Central Arkansas (March 24) ... tied a school record with two hits in the third inning on April 7 at Texas-Arlington ... had his first career grand slam and a career-high five RBIs at No. 6 Texas (April 3) ... also has a pair of four-RBI efforts (Feb. 27, vs. Houston/March 25, vs. Central Arkansas) ... was 10 -for- 13 (.769) with two doubles, a triple, his first homer of the season and six RBIs in the three-game sweep of Central Arkansas ... 2006 Freshman All-America and second-team All-SLC selection.

RF • Mitch Ponza, Sr. - Has seen action in 40 contests this season, including 33 starts (all in right field) ... has started the past 23 games, hitting safely in 15 (.277, $11 \mathrm{XBH}, 20$ RBIs) ... leads squad with four triples ... has 16 extra-base hits ( $82 \mathrm{~B}, 4$ $3 \mathrm{~B}, 4 \mathrm{HR}$ ) ... also hitting .274 with 25 RBIs, a .500 slugging percentage and four stolen bases ... has six two-hit games and a pair of three-hit efforts (at Stephen F. Austin, April 20/at Sam Houston State, April 28) ... his two-out, two-run home run in the 10th inning gave Roadrunners a thrilling 7-6 victory at Stephen F. Austin (April 20) ... registered a career-best four RBIs against Northwestern State (April 15).

LF/DH • Tim Palincsar, Fr. - Starter in 42 games this year (six LF/36 DH)... leads club with 46 runs scored and 10 stolen bases ... ranks second with nine multiRBI games and third with 11 doubles and a . 392 on-base percentage... also hitting

.311 with a triple, four home runs, 31 RBIs and 17 walks ... had a career-high 13game hitting streak from March 21-April 10 in which he had a $.415(22-53)$ batting average with seven doubles, one triple, three home runs (. 755 slugging pct.) and 18 RBIs ... also reached base at a .492 clip and stole five bases during that stretch ... 10 of his last 24 starts have resulted in at least two hits, including a career-best 4-for-4 performance against Texas-Pan American (April 17) ... had a career-best four RBIs on vs. Southeastern Louisiana (April 1) and matched that performance on six days later at Texas-Arlington (April 7) ... hit his first career homer vs. the College of Charleston on March $10 \ldots$ had seven-game hitting streak from Feb. 23March 4 (.385/10-26) ... named to the Al Ogletree Classic All-Tournament Team (5-11, 2 R, 2B, SB).

SP • Josh Ruffin, Sr. - Preseason first-team All-SLC pick is one of the top pitchers in
school history ... is 5-2 with 4.94 ERA in his 12 starting assignments ... leads team with 51 strikeouts in a staff-best 74.2 innings ... also has team-high six quality starts and two complete games ... a perfect 3-0 with a 3.14 ERA and 16 punchouts in his last four starts ( 28.2 IP) ... collected fifth win of season last Friday at Sam Houston State (6.2 IP, 1 ER, 5 K) allowed three runs (two earned) on eight hits and fanned four in complete game win against Northwestern State (April 13) ... went 7.2 innings, allowing three runs, in earning win at Texas Arlington (April 5) ... tossed a four-hitter for first complete game of year and struck out seven, as UTSA won its SLC opener at McNeese State (March 16) ... allowed just one run on five hits and fanned six in seven innings vs. the College of Charleston (March 9) ... struck out career-high nine and picked up first victory of year vs. Gonzaga (Feb. 23) after allowing just three runs on six hits in eightplus innings ... 2006 first-team All-SLC.

SP • Bradley Chovanec, Jr. - Second on the squad with 45 strikeouts and third with a 4.95 ERA in 72.2 innings ... has appeared in 15 games, including 11 starts, and has a $2-4$ record this season ... tossed a complete-game five-hitter (one run) and struck out five against Southeastern Louisiana (March 31) ... gave up two runs and fanned six in seven innings vs. Central Arkansas (March 24) to collect his first UTSA victory ... allowed three runs in 6.1 innings, while striking out five vs. Sam Houston State (March 3) ... made first career start on Feb. 17 vs. UL-Lafayette ( $5 \mathrm{IP}, 5 \mathrm{H}, 3 \mathrm{ER}, 4 \mathrm{~K}$ ) ... has allowed just one run and fanned six in four relief appearances (9 IP).

SP • Blake Brannon, Sr. - Third on the team with 43 punchouts in 53.2 innings of work ( 12 starts) ... has a 1.02 ERA and nine strikeouts in his last three starts (17.2 IP) ... went the distance but was tagged with loss at Stephen F. Austin (April 22), allowing just one run on three hits with four strikeouts ... collected third win of season against Texas-Pan American (April 18) ... allowed an unearned run on just three hits in five innings ... tossed five scoreless frames and fanned five at Texas-Arlington (April 7) ... allowed two runs and struck out six in seven innings at McNeese State (March 18) ... registered first quality start of year vs. the College of Charleston (March 11) ... allowed pair of runs (one earned) on just six hits in sevenplus innings, while tying career high with eight strikeouts ... entered senior season riding UTSA-record 29 scoreless innings streak and extended that stretch to 30 before giving up run vs. LouisianaLafayette (Feb. 16) ... needs just two more appearances to tie the UTSA career record.

SP • Ryan Proudfoot, Fr. - Has 3-2 record and 2.84 ERA in 10 games (seven starts) ... has allowed just 28 hits (. 201 BAA ) and struck out 36 in 38 innings of work ... defeated Texas-Pan American (April 17) in his first start since April 1 ... allowed just one run on four hits and struck out three in seven innings ... picked up a pair of wins during the week of March 19-25 ... tossed five hitless innings with four strikeouts vs. Lamar (March 20) and then allowed just one run on four hits and punched out career-high 11 in six innings vs. Central Arkansas four days later (March 25).
$\boldsymbol{R P} \cdot$ Josh Blakley, Sr. - Has appeared in 21 games and is a perfect 5-0 record with one save and a team-best 2.68 ERA (sixth SLC) ... owns a sterling 43/9 strikeout-to-walk ratio (nearly 5 -to-1) in 53.2 innings of work ... has not allowed a run in his last six outings, which covers a span of 9.2 innings ... has allowed just six hits (. 194 BAA ) and fanned seven during that scoreless streak ... went the final 4.1 innings last Sunday at Sam Houston State for his fifth win of the year ... fanned a career-high six in victory against St. Mary's (Feb. 26) ... tossed 5.2 scoreless innings, a career high, against Southeastern Louisiana (March 31) ... has gone at least four innings in eight contests and 3.1 innings in another.

RP • J.T. Mackey, Jr. - Sports a team-best 6-2 mark with three saves ... has recorded a 3.68 ERA in 22 games (one start) and struck out 28 in 36.2 innings of work ... made first career start at No. 13 Texas A\&M ... picked up team-best sixth victory of season with three scoreless frames at Sam Houston State last Saturday ... fifth win of year came after 2.2 scoreless frames against Northwestern State (April 15) ... collected fourth victory with a career-high five scoreless innings at McNeese State (March 17) ... got out of a bases-loaded jam with nobody out in the eighth to keep Roadrunners within one run in that contest ... earned both of team's victories vs. the College of Charleston ... first UTSA victory came after two scoreless innings against Stephen F. Austin (March 2) ... earned first save against St. Mary's (Feb. 26) ... saved the Roadrunners' 6-3 victories at Texas-Arlington (April 5) and against Southeastern Louisiana (March 31).
$\boldsymbol{R P}$ • Zach Calhoon, Fr. - Has posted a 3-2 record with squadbest five saves in 19 appearances ... has a 3.00 ERA and allowed just 17 hits (. 202 BAA), while striking out 35 in 24 innings ... named SLC Pitcher of the Week on March 5 after posting a win (vs. Houston) and a save (vs. Stephen F. Austin) ... struck out career-high five in 4.2 innings vs. Cougars (Feb. 27) ... picked up a win and a loss in three-game series at Stephen F. Austin (April 20-22) ... collected his second victory of the season vs. Southeastern Louisiana (April 1) ... has three saves in league play (vs. Central Arkansas, Northwestern State, Sam Houston State) fanned final two batters against Gonzaga (Feb. 23) to earn first collegiate save.

Head Coach Sherman Corbett: With more than 20 years of playing and coaching experience, Sherman Corbett is in his seventh season at UTSA. The winningest coach in school history (202 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.


[^0]:    *Southwest Diamond Classic (Frisco, Texas) \# Al Ogletree Classic (Edinburg, Texas) + played at Wolff Stadium
    \% Riverside Stadium (Victoria, Texas) ^ Southland Conference game

