

# TEXAS SOUTHERN

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

14 SWAC CHAMPIONSHIPS • 8 SWAC TOURNAMENT TITLES

GAME 1 | TEXAS SOUTHERN at SAN DIEGO STATE - Nov. 5, 2019 | 9 p.m. CST | Viejas Arena

### TEXAS SOUTHERN TIGERS

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**Head Coach:** Johnny Jones  
**Record at TSU:** 24-14 / 2nd year  
**Career Record:** 319-248 / 19th year  
**vs. San Diego State:** 0-1

VS

### SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS

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**Head Coach:** Brian Datcher  
**Record at TSU:** 43-24 / 3rd year  
**Career Record:** 43-24 / 3rd year  
**vs. TSU:** 1-0

#### SERIES HISTORY






**Overall**.....San Diego State leads 3-0  
**Last Meeting**.....San Diego State 103, TSU 64 (11-14-18)  
**Jones vs. Mountain West**.....0-3

#### BROADCAST INFORMATION

**TV:** N/A  
**VIDEO STREAM:** N/A  
**RADIO:** 101.5 KGB / XTRA 1360



#### PROBABLE STARTERS (2018-19 key stats)

				
<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>EDEN EWING</b>	<b>JOHN JONES</b>	<b>JUSTIN HOPKINS</b>	<b>TYRIK ARMSTRONG</b>	<b>JETHRO TSHISUMPA</b>
6-8 • 225 • F • R-Sr. Richmond, Texas PPG.....9.4 RPG.....7.0 BLOCKS.....23	6-0 • 165 • G • Jr. Baton Rouge, La. PPG.....7.7 FT % .....85.4 3 PT MADE....61	6-5 • 205 • F • R-Jr. Huntsville, Ala. PPG.....6.3 RPG.....4.0	6-0 • 170 • G • Sr. Houston, Texas PPG.....7.7 APG.....3.1 STEALS.....52	6-10 • 260 • F • R-Jr. Lubumbashi, Congo #3 JUCO shot blocker in 2017-18

### 2019-20 SCHEDULE

#### NOVEMBER

Date	Opponent	Time (CST)
Tue. 5	at San Diego State	9 p.m.
Sat. 9	at Wichita State	2 p.m.
Fri. 15	at South Dakota†	7 p.m.
Tue. 19	at Arkansas†	7 p.m.
Sat. 23	at Northern Kentucky†	7 p.m.
Mon. 25	at Montana†	7 p.m.
Sat. 30	LAMAR	7 p.m.

#### DECEMBER

Wed. 4	at Gonzaga	8 p.m.
Sat. 7	CONCORDIA	3 p.m.
Wed. 18	at Nevada	9 p.m.
Sun. 21	at Oregon	9:30 p.m.
Sun. 28	at Arizona State	2 p.m.
Tue. 30	at Texas A&M	7 p.m.

#### JANUARY

Sat. 4	*SOUTHERN	7:30 p.m.
Mon. 6	*ALCORN STATE	7:30 p.m.
Sat. 11	*PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	7:30 p.m.
Sat. 18	*at Jackson State	5:30 p.m.
Mon. 20	*at Grambling State	7:30 p.m.
Sat. 25	*MISSISSIPPI VALLEY	7:30 p.m.
Mon. 27	*ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	7:30 p.m.

#### FEBRUARY

Mon. 1	*at Alabama A&M	6 p.m.
Sat. 3	*at Alabama State	7:30 p.m.
Sat. 8	*at Prairie View A&M	5:30 p.m.
Sat. 15	*JACKSON STATE	7:30 p.m.
Mon. 17	*GRAMBLING STATE	7:30 p.m.
Sat. 22	*at Mississippi Valley	4 p.m.
Mon. 24	*at Arkansas -Pine Bluff	5 p.m.
Sat. 29	*ALABAMA A&M	7:30 p.m.

#### MARCH

Sat. 2	*ALABAMA STATE (ESPNU)	7:30 p.m.
Mon. 5	*at Southern	7:30 p.m.
Sat. 7	*at Alcorn State	5:30 p.m.
Tue. 10	SWAC Quarterfinals	TBA
Fri. 10	SWAC Semifinals	TBA
Sat. 11	SWAC Championship	TBA

#### PREGAME

- Texas Southern opens the 2019-20 campaign on the road against the Aztecs of San Diego State. This marks the first of a six-game road trip.
- This marks the second year for TSU head coach **Johnny Jones**. Jones went 24-14 in his inaugural year as head coach with three Power 5 conference wins. TSU fell in the finals of the 2019 SWAC Tournament and competed in the CIT. TSU advanced to the semifinals of the CIT last season.
- TSU has to replace three key starters from last year's squad but has several returnees who had made starts last year that will have to step up. Point guard **Tyrik Armstrong**, shooting guard **John Jones** and forward **Eden Ewing** will be counted on to lead the charge as Armstrong and Jones are top returning scorers while Ewing is the top returning rebounder.
- Head coach **Johnny Jones** is 55-34 all-time in the month of November and 3-4 at TSU.
- Even though Jones has spent 18 years as a head coach, he has only faced three Mountain West teams as head coach and is 0-3 all-time as he's 0-2 against Boise State and 0-1 versus San Diego State.
- This marks the fourth meeting between the teams and second consecutive year both teams will meet. San Diego State defeated TSU 103-64 last season.
- TSU was picked second in the Southwestern Athletic Conference preseason poll as senior forward **Eden Ewing** was named to the All-SWAC Preseason First Team.
- **Eden Ewing** was granted a sixth year of eligibility in the summer while forward **John Walker III** was recently granted a waiver to participate immediately after spending the past season at Texas A&M University.
- TSU's home game on Nov. 30 marks the first time since 2014 the team will host a Division I foe as a non-conference opponent.
- Three of TSU's first three opponents (San Diego State, Wichita State, Arkansas) are ranked in the Ken Pomeroy Basketball Ratings Top 100 and the final four non-conference opponents are also ranked in the top 100 (Nevada, Oregon, Arizona State, Texas A&M).

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL SPORTS INFORMATION / MEDIA POLICIES

### QUICK FACTS

**Founded:**.....1946  
**Location:** .....Houston, Texas  
**Enrollment:** .....10,500  
**Nickname:** .....Tigers  
**Colors:** .....Maroon & Gray  
**Affiliation:** .....NCAA Division I  
**Conference:**.....SWAC  
**President:** .....Dr. Austin A. Lane  
**VP/Intercollegiate Athletics:** .....Kevin Granger  
**SWA:** .....Dr. Dwalah Fisher  
**Faculty Athletic Representative:** ..Anna James  
**Facility:**.....H&PE Arena (8,100)



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## INTERVIEWS & POLICIES

### DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

The Texas Southern Office Of Sports Information is located in the H&PE Building located at the corner of Blodgett and Ennis Street on the campus of Texas Southern. The main number is 713-313-6829.

### PRACTICE COVERAGE

All practices are closed to the public. Media members wishing to attend the beginning or conclusion of practice (interviews only) should contact the SID office for exact starting times and location.

### ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS

Head coach **Johnny Jones** will be available for in-person or phone interviews during a specified window. All interview requests must be coordinated through the TSU Sports Information Office **24 hours** in advance. Student-athlete's phone numbers will not be given out. Coaches and student-athletes are not available for interviews the day before a game or on gameday unless arrangements are made in advance.

### VISITING RADIO INFORMATION

The official radio broadcast network for the visiting team must be designated in writing by the opposing team SID. For information on radio lines, contact the Texas Southern Sports Information Office at 713/313-6829.

### TEXAS SOUTHERN SID OFFICE

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Houston, TX 77004

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**Phone:** (713) 313-6829  
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## TSU GAME WEEK SCHEDULE

4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
Travel	at SDSU 9 p.m.	Travel	Practice/Travel	Practice/Travel	at Wichita State 2 p.m.

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### SEASON ACCOLADES

#### SWAC PLAYER of the WEEK

#### DOUBLE-DOUBLES

#### 20+ POINTS

#### 10+ REBOUNDS

### NON-CONFERENCE TRAVELS

Texas Southern will play 11 non-conference games on the road this fall with two games at home. The team will play in 10 states during that span and two time zones. The furthest TSU will travel east is to the state of Kentucky and California to the west.

### ARMED AND STRONG

Texas Southern senior point guard **Tyrik Armstrong** is the perfect example of being at the right place at the right time. Last year, he only made one start during non-conference play and saw limited minutes as SWAC play began.

He returned to the starting lineup seven games in SWAC play and scored a season-high 15 points at the time. He didn't start the next game but was reinserted back into the lineup right after and never sat down as he averaged 11.8 points with a high of 32 points against ULM in the CIT.

### BACK IN THE FOLD

Senior **Eden Ewing** will play his first full year as a Tiger and is expected to have a large role this fall. Ewing joined the team in December of 2018 and averaged 9.5 points while ranking sixth in the SWAC with 7.2 rebounds.

He posted seven double-doubles on the season while shooting 53 percent from the field. He had eight games with 10-plus rebounds with a high of 13 against Grambling State (twice) and Jackson State. Ewing came on strong in the CIT Invitational as he scored 23 points and grabbed 11 boards at Louisiana Monroe while scoring 11 points and nine rebounds at Green Bay.

### RERUNS

This year's schedule features seven teams who were on TSU's 2018-19 schedule in San Diego State, Lamar, Gonzaga, Concordia, Oregon, Arizona State and Texas A&M.

### REUNION

When TSU heads to Reno, Nev. on Dec. 18 it'll mark a reunion for head coach **Johnny Jones** and a pair of staff members in assistant coach **Brandon Chambers** and **Derek Saich**. Jones spent one year (2017-18) at Nevada before accepting the job at Texas Southern.

### TWIN POWER

The Tigers feature a pair of twins this season in **Ja'Mare** and **Ja'Mere Redus**. Ironically, the TSU women's team also features a set of twin student-athletes.

### FORT BEND STRONG

The Houston area county of Fort Bend will be well-represented this season at TSU with five players from the district on the team in **Tyrik Armstrong** (Elkins), **Eden Ewing** (Bush), **Bryson Etienne** (Bush), **John Walker III** (Marshall) and **Kevin Granger, Jr.** (Ridge Point). Granger is the son of TSU Hall of Famer and current athletic director **Kevin Granger**.

### RADIO/INTERNET

All of Texas Southern's SWAC contests and selected non-conference contests will broadcast live on KTSU 90.9 FM. The station can be heard via the airwaves or Internet at [www.ktsufm.org](http://www.ktsufm.org).

Smartphone and tablet users can also hear the game live by downloading the TuneIn application for their respective devices and selecting KTSU 90.0 FM.

### UP NEXT

The Tigers head to Wichita, Kan. to square off against the Wichita State Shockers on Saturday, Nov. 9 at 2 p.m.

### BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW

- The entire nation had a opportunity to find out about Texas Southern University this fall as the university hosted the third Democratic presidential primary debate on Sept. 12 inside the H&PE Arena.

- TSU was formally established in 1947 with a mission to establish a credible college for African-American students.

- Texas Southern University (TSU) is one of the nation's largest historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs). TSU provides a first class educational experience, offering over 120 baccalaureate, masters and doctoral degree programs in nine schools and colleges. The University has assets exceeding \$250 million and currently has over 10,800 students enrolled.

- The Thurgood Marshall School of Law, was created as a consequence of a 1946 lawsuit brought by **Heman M. Sweatt**. Under the Texas Constitution, which required separate but equal treatment, Mr. Sweatt was refused admission to the University of Texas School of Law because he was black. As a result, the legislature provided for an interim and separate law school for Negroes.

- **Good Morning America** host and NFL Hall of Famer **Michael Strahan** played at TSU from 1989-92.

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### RECAPS

#### TSU RECORD WHEN

#### GAME 1

Overall Record.....	0-0
Day Games .....	0-0
Night Games.....	0-0
TV Games .....	0-0
ESPN2 .....	0-0
ESPNU.....	
COX. ....	
FOX SPORTS....	
ESPN3.com.....	
TIME WARNER	
SWAC DN	
CBS (Regional)	
Leading at the Half.....	0-0
Trailing at the Half.....	0-0
Tied at the Half.....	0-0
Shooting +50% from field.....	0-0
Shooting -50% from field .....	0-0
Opp. Shoots 50%+ .....	0-0
Opp. Shoots -50%.....	0-0
Outrebounded Opp. ....	0-0
Outrebounded by Opp.....	0-0
Same Rebounds .....	0-0
More turnovers than opp. ....	0-0
Less turnovers than opp. ....	0-0
Same Turnovers as opp.....	0-0
Win by more than 10 points.....	0-0
Win by less than 5 points .....	0-0
Lose by less than 5 points .....	0-0
Win decided by 6-10 points .....	0-0
Loss decided by 6-10 points .....	0-0
TSU scores less than 60 points .....	0-0
TSU scores 60-69 points.....	0-0
TSU scores 70-79 points.....	0-0
TSU scores 80+ points.....	0-0
TSU allows -60 points.....	0-0
TSU allows 60-69 points.....	0-0
TSU allows 70-79 points.....	0-0
TSU allows 80+ points.....	0-0
TSU has a 20+ scorer .....	0-0
TSU has a 30+ scorer .....	0-0
Opp. with a 20+ scorer .....	0-0
Bench Outscores Opp. ....	0-0
Outscored by Opp. Bench .....	0-0
Bench scores same points.....	0-0
Wearing White Jerseys .....	0-0
Wearing Maroon Jerseys .....	0-0
Wearing Gray Jerseys.....	0-0

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### GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

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<b>Sat.</b>	<b>3-2</b>	<b>*ALABAMA STATE</b>
Mon.	3-5	*at Southern
Sat.	3-7	*at Alcorn State
Tue.	3-10	SWAC Quarterfinals

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### TIGERS BY STATE / COUNTRY

#### ALABAMA (1)

15 Justin Hopkins F 6-5 205 R-Jr. Huntsville, Ala. (Samford)

#### CALIFORNIA (1)

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#### ILLINOIS (1)

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#### LOUISIANA (2)

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Johnny Jones begins his second season as Texas Southern's head men's basketball coach. Prior to arriving at TSU, Jones served as the Nevada Wolf Pack's associate head coach for one season. Jones came to Nevada after five seasons as the head coach at LSU.

Jones quickly made his mark on the TSU program as he led the Tigers on a history-making season in 2018-19 which included wins over three teams from Power 5 Conferences.

He quickly set the tone with a win over Baylor in his TSU debut as it marked the first-ever loss by Baylor to a team from the Southwestern Athletic Conference. Several weeks later, Jones once again made headlines as the Tigers knocked off No. 18 Oregon on the road. The loss was only the fourth non-conference defeat for Oregon since the Ducks opened Matthew Knight Arena in 2011. The Tigers capped off non-conference play with a solid win over Texas A&M of the SEC as the Tigers recorded their first-ever win over Tex-

as A&M since the series began.

The Tigers completed the 2018-19 regular season with a 14-4 SWAC mark and the No. 2 seed in postseason play. The Tigers advanced to the finals of the 2019 SWAC Tournament for the third consecutive season and was selected to participate in the CollegenInsider.com Postseason Tournament. TSU turned its play up another level in postseason play as they embarked on its longest postseason run since winning the 1977 NAIA Tournament with a 3-1 record and an appearance in the semifinal round.

Under Jones, senior forward Jeremy Combs had a breakout year as he was named Honorable Mention All-American by the Associated Press and was the SWAC's Player and Newcomer of the Year. The 6-7 standout also earned the league's player of the week award five times.

Jones spent one season (2017-18) at the University of Nevada before moving on to TSU. Jones helped the Wolf Pack win a second consecutive Mountain West outright regular season title going 15-3 in conference play and 29-8 overall. The 29 wins tied the school record. The Pack made a second consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance and reached the Sweet 16 for the second time in school history.

Prior to Nevada, Jones spent five years as head coach at his alma mater, LSU. He won 90 games in his five years as the head coach at LSU, the most of any head coach at LSU in their first five years. He was the fourth-winningest coach in LSU history. The DeRidder, La. native led the LSU Tigers to two postseason appearances, an NIT and NCAA tournament bid, and coached the 2016 No. 1 overall pick in the NBA draft Ben Simmons.



# TEXAS SOUTHERN

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

While at LSU, Coach Jones also recruited future NBA players Tim Quarterman, Johnny O'Bryant, Jordan Mickey and Jarrell Martin. Among those he helped recruit to LSU in his assistant days were NBA superstar and Naismith Hall of Famer, Shaquille O'Neal. He also was involved in the recruiting of two-time All-American Chris Jackson (now Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf) and national high school player of the year (and an assistant coach under Jones), Randy Livingston.

Jones was also a head coach at North Texas for 11 seasons from 2001-12. He led the Mean Green to two NCAA tournament berths and five top-three conference finishes. Overall, Jones has 34 years of Division I coaching experience, including 18 seasons as a head coach.

During the 1999-2000 season Jones was the interim head coach at Memphis and led the Tigers to a 15-16 record.

Jones played his college ball at LSU. He was a part of the 1981 Final Four team and joined head coach Dale Brown's staff after his playing time, helping lead the Tigers to another Final Four in 1986. Jones and his wife Kelli have two children, John and Jillian.

### THE JONES FILE

#### PERSONAL

**Birthdate:** March 30, 1961  
**Hometown:** DeRidder, La.  
**Family:** **Wife:** Kelly  
**Children:** John, Jillian

#### EDUCATION

**High School:** DeRidder High School, DeRidder, La.  
**College:** LSU, BA, 1985

#### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Four-year letterman (1980-84) at LSU, G

#### COACHING EXPERIENCE

2018-19 - present	Texas Southern (Head Coach)
2017-18	Nevada (Associate Coach)
2012-17	LSU (Head Coach)
2001-12	North Texas (Head Coach)
2000-01	Alabama (Assistant Coach)
1999-00	Memphis (Interim Head Coach)
1997-99	Memphis (Associate Coach)
1994-97	LSU (Associate Coach)
1988-94	LSU (Assistant Coach)
1987-88	LSU (Administrative Assistant)
1985-87	LSU (Assistant Coach)
1984-85	LSU (Student Assistant)

#### POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE AS HEAD COACH

2018-19	Texas Southern / CIT (Semifinals)
2017-18	Nevada / NCAA (Sweet 16)
2014-15	LSU / NCAA (First Round)
2013-14	LSU / NIT (Second Round)
2009-10	North Texas / NCAA (First Round)
2006-07	North Texas / NCAA (First Round)

#### JONES BY MONTH

MONTH	UM	UNT	LSU	TSU	Total
November	2-2	29-19	21-9	3-4	55-34
December	4-5	54-29	21-6	2-4	81-44
January	3-4	46-41	20-22	4-3	73-70
February	3-4	43-33	19-21	7-0	72-69
March	3-1	18-13	9-14	8-2	38-30
April				0-1	0-1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15-16</b>	<b>190-146</b>	<b>90-72</b>	<b>24-14</b>	<b>319-248</b>