



# Sam Houston State Bearkats

## 2007-08 Men's Basketball Release

### Sam Houston State 2007-08 Men's Basketball Schedule/Results

#### BEARKAT BASKETBALL FACTS

**Location:** Huntsville, Texas  
**Enrollment:** 16,416  
**Coliseum:**  
 Bernard G. Johnson Coliseum  
 6,100 capacity

**Director of Athletics**  
 Bobby Williams

**Head Coach**  
 Bob Marlin  
 Mississippi State, 1981  
 10th season at Sam Houston State  
 Won 169, Lost 103 at SHSU  
 14 years as head coach  
 Won 292, Lost 138 overall  
 123-35 at Pensacola JC

**Assistants:**  
 Jason Hooten  
 (Tarleton State, 1993)  
 Neil Hardin  
 (West Florida, 1995)  
 Scott Gernander  
 (Sam Houston State, 2006)

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Date	Opponent	Site	Final Score		W-L Record		Halftime	
			SHSU	Foe	Season	SLC	SH	Foe
Nov. 10	Sat. Dallas Baptist	H-W	86	69	1-0	---	35	30
Nov. 14	Wed. Texas Tech (ESPN FC)	H-W	56	54	2-0	---	25	23
Nov. 20	Tue. Saint Gregory's	H-W	88	40	3-0	---	40	16
Nov. 24	Sat. Fresno State	H-W	68	57	4-0	---	34	29
Nov. 27	Tue. Wisconsin-Milwaukee	A-W	81	77	5-0	---	37	31
Nov. 29	Thur. Hardin-Simmons	H-W	79	41	6-0	---	41	17
Dec. 4	Tue. Texas Lutheran	H-W	82	48	7-0	---	48	18
Dec. 8	Sat. Saint Louis	A-W	61	53	8-0	---	31	21
Dec. 15	Sat. Texas Southern	A-W	54	51	9-0	---	26	23
Dec. 20	Thur. California-Irvine	H-W	61	54	10-0	---	25	27
Dec. 28	Fri. San Diego St. (MTN)	Away	8	p.m.				
Dec. 30	Sun. Loyola Marymount	Away	3	p.m.				
Jan. 5	Sat. Central Florida*	Home	2	p.m.				
Jan. 9	Wed. Southeastern Louisiana*	Home	7	p.m.				
Jan. 12	Sat. Nicholls St.*	Home	7	p.m.				
Jan. 17	Thur. McNeese St.*	Away	7	p.m.				
Jan. 19	Sat. Lamar*	Away	7	p.m.				
Jan. 24	Thur. Stephen F. Austin*	Home	7	p.m.				
Jan. 30	Wed. Texas-Arlington* (FOX TV)	Home	7	p.m.				
Feb. 2	Sat. Texas State-San Marcos*	Away	4	p.m.				
Feb. 6	Wed. Texas-San Antonio*	Away	7	p.m.				
Feb. 9	Sat. Texas A&M-Corpus Christi*	Home	7	p.m.				
Feb. 13	Wed. Northwestern St.*	Home	7	p.m.				
Feb. 16	Sat. Central Arkansas*	Away	6	p.m.				
Feb. 21	Thur. Stephen F. Austin* (FOX TV)	Away	7	p.m.				
Feb. 27	Wed. Texas-Arlington*	Away	7	p.m.				
Mar. 1	Sat. Texas State-San Marcos*	Home	7	p.m.				
Mar. 5	Wed. Texas-San Antonio*	Home	7	p.m.				
Mar. 8	Sat. Texas A&M-Corpus Christi*	Away	7	p.m.				
Mar. 13	Thur. Southland Conference Tournament							
Mar. 14	Fri. Southland Conference Tournament							
Mar. 16	Sun. Southland Conference Tournament							

\* Southland Conference game

### Sam Houston State University Men's Basketball Roster

No	Player	Pos	Ht	Wt	Class	Hometown	School	GP	GS	Pts	Reb
● 1	Ashton Mitchell	G	5-11	175	So-1L	New Orleans, LA	Westwood HS	10	4	5.4	2.1
5	Reggie Rawlins	F	6-6	208	Jr-2L	Carrollton, TX	Hebron HS	10	0	7.2	3.3
11	Ryan Bennett	F	5-10	162	Jr-Tr	Fort Worth, TX / Eastern Hills	McLennan CC	10	2	2.7	1.4
14	Jeremy Thomas	G	5-10	194	Sr-3L	Victoria, TX	Memorial HS	10	5	5.6	1.1
● 15	DeLuis Ramirez	G	6-4	205	Jr-Tr	Miami, FL / Northwestern Christian	Odessa CC	10	9	9.8	4.2
21	Josten Crow	G	6-4	204	Fr-HS	Spring, TX / Westfield	Naval Academy Prep	8	0	1.8	1.9
● 22	Shamir McDaniel	G	6-1	189	Sr-3L	San Antonio, TX	Converse Judson HS	10	10	12.3	5.2
● 23	Ryan Bright	F	6-6	208	Sr-3L	Deer Park, TX	Deer Park HS	10	10	11.6	11.8
42	Barkley Falkner	P	6-8	231	Jr-Tr	Oxford, MS / Oxford	Springhill College	9	0	2.6	1.3
44	Domas Kvedys	F	6-10	235	Jr-1L	Kaunas, Lithuania	Odessa CC	9	0	2.1	2.3
● 55	John Gardiner	P	6-8	218	Sr-1L	Mesopotamia, St. Vincent	Grayson County CC	10	10	5.1	4.6

● indicates probable starter

**Texas NCAA Div. I Men's Basketball  
1999-2000 to 2007-08 (12/19/2007)**

Rank	Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
1	Texas	208	73	.740
2	<b>Sam Houston State</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>.645</b>
3	Texas Tech	153	113	.575
4	UTEP	143	115	.554
5	SMU	128	117	.522
6	Texas A&M	127	123	.508
7	TX A&M-Corpus Christi	123	84	.594
8	Stephen F. Austin	122	112	.521
9	TX-Arlington	121	116	.511
10	TCU	121	135	.473
11	Rice	119	127	.484
12	Houston	120	135	.471
13	Lamar	114	123	.481
14	TX-San Antonio	114	125	.477
15	TX-Pan American	105	139	.430
16	North Texas	104	135	.435
17	Baylor	102	127	.445
18	Texas Southern	99	143	.409
19	TX St-San Marcos	99	137	.419
20	Prairie View	67	176	.276

**Southland Conference  
2008 Standings (12/20/2007)**

	SLC	Season
<b>WEST</b>		
Sam Houston	0 0	10 0
TX-Arlington	0 0	8 1
Stephen F. Austin	0 0	8 1
TX St-San Marcos	0 0	6 4
TX-San Antonio	0 0	4 4
A&M-C. Christi	0 0	2 6
<b>EAST</b>		
Central Arkansas	0 0	9 3
Southeastern LA	0 0	7 3
McNeese St	0 0	5 4
Northwestern St	0 0	4 7
Nicholls St	0 0	4 7
Lamar	0 0	3 6

**BEARKAT NOTES**

**SHSU SECOND AMONG TEXAS NCAA DIVISION I TEAMS IN 21ST CENTURY**

Among the 20 NCAA Division I men's basketball programs in Texas, only the Texas Longhorns have won more games in the 21st century than Sam Houston State. Totalling the nine seasons from 1999-2000 to 2007-08, Texas has won 208 games, Sam Houston 159, followed by Texas Tech 153, UTEP 143, SMU 128, and Texas A&M 127.

Since 2000, Head Coach Bob Marlin's Bearkats have won two Southland Conference titles (2000 and 2003) and reached the finals of the SLC post-season tournament twice (2003 and 2006). Sam Houston has racked up non-conference victories over Missouri, Texas Tech, Nebraska, New Mexico State, Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Fresno State, Saint Louis, and Loyola-Marymount.

**SAM HOUSTON OFF TO BEST NCAA DIVISION I START EVER**

With a perfect 10-0 record this season, Sam Houston State is off to its best start as an NCAA Division I competitor. The last time a Sam Houston team was unbeaten nine games into the season was in 1973 when the Bearkats' Lone Star Conference titlists went 28-0 before falling in the second round of the NAIA national tournament.

**BEARKATS IN NCAA DIVISION I RANKINGS**

Sam Houston State received its first vote in the Associated Press basketball poll, the first appearance in the NCAA Division I poll since they became eligible for AP votes in 1987. The Bearkats' 9-0 record this year includes victories over Texas Tech, Fresno State, Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and Saint Louis. According to [Realtimerpi.com](http://Realtimerpi.com), the Bearkats are currently ranked No. 4 with a strength of schedule rated No. 32. The Kats stand No. 1 in [www.midmajority.com](http://www.midmajority.com)'s poll of the 21 lower conference in NCAA Division I and 9th in [CollegeInsider.Com](http://CollegeInsider.Com)'s NCAA Division I mid-major poll.

**SHSU NON-CONFERENCE HOME COURT WINNING STREAK**

Sam Houston State owns the nation's second longest non-conference home winning streak. Counting regular season non-conference games and post-season tournament contests, Duke has won 55 consecutive games, Sam Houston 43, and Washington and Michigan State both 31. The Bearkats last home non-conference loss was to Texas A&M 73-70 during Bob Marlin's first season at SHSU in 1998-99.

**BEARKATS TABBED AS SOUTHLAND WEST DIVISION PRESEASON FAVORITES**

Sam Houston State has been picked as the favorites in the West Division of the Southland Conference in the preseason coaches' poll. The Bearkats have finished as SLC runners-up the past two seasons, posting 20-win records both years. SHSU won the regular season title in both 2000 and 2003. The 2003 team won the Southland post-season tournament to advance to the NCAA.

**SENIOR LEADERSHIP A KEY**

Sam Houston State is led by its seniors this season. Three are starters. Ryan Bright, 6-6 forward, is averaging 11.6 points and 11.8 rebounds. He was a first team All-Southland performer and Southland men's basketball "Student-Athlete of the Year" in 2007. Bright was named SLC "Player of the Week" after posting a career high 15 rebounds in a road win at Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Bright leads the Southland Conference and ranks 11th nationally in NCAA Division I basketball with 11.8 rebounds per contest.

Shamir McDaniel, 6-1 guard, averages 12.3 points. He tied his career high with 18 points in the Texas Tech victory to earn Southland "Player of the Week" honors, then set a new career high of 22 points in the victory over UC-Irvine. McDaniel leads the Southland Conference in three point accuracy (24 of 51 for .471).

John Gardiner, 6-8 post, is adding 5.1 points and 4.6 rebounds and Jeremy Thomas, 6-0 guard, is averaging 5.6 points per game.

**BEARKATS LEAD SOUTHLAND IN FOUR CATEGORIES**

Sam Houston leads the Southland in scoring defense (54.9), scoring margin (20.2), field goal pct. defense (.343), and assists (20.7). The Bearkats rank fourth in NCAA Division I men's basketball in assists.

## Southland Conference Tournament

The top two teams from both divisions, plus the next four remaining teams with the best records will advance to the Merrill Center in Katy for the annual post-season SLC tournament to decide the SLC's NCAA playoff representative.

The tournament schedule:

THURSDAY, MARCH 13  
 12 noon Men's quarterfinals  
 2:30 p.m. Men's quarterfinals  
 6 p.m. Men's quarterfinals  
 8:30 p.m. Men's quarterfinals

FRIDAY, MARCH 14  
 6 p.m. Semifinals  
 8:30 p.m. Semifinals

SUNDAY, MARCH 16  
 1 p.m. Game 7 Finals on ESPN2

## 2007-08 Bearkat Southland Statistic Rankings

RYAN BRIGHT		
Rebounds	1st	11.9 reb
Assists	8th	3.7 asts.
Scoring	18th	11.8 pts.
SHAMIR McDANIEL		
3pt FG pct.	3rd	.435
Scoring	22nd	11.6 pts.
DELUIS RAMIREZ		
FG pct.	3rd	.614
RYAN BENNETT		
Assists	4th	4.1 ast
ASHTON MITCHELL		
Assists	12th	3.3 ast
Steals	8th	1.8 stl
TEAM STANDINGS		
Scoring	6th	72.8
Scoring defense	1st	54.4
Scoring margin	1st	+18.3
Field goal pct.	4th	.449
FG pct. defense	1st	.345
3 pt. FG pct.	6th	.320
Free throw pct.	9th	.654
Rebounds	1st	44.9
Assists	1st	20.1
Steals	3rd	9.3

## NEWCOMERS STEPPING UP FOR BEARKATS

Sam Houston lost three seniors from its 2007 Southland runner-up squad including two All-Southland Conference players, point guard Jejuan Plair and forward Aaron Wade. DeLuis Ramirez, a 6-4 transfer guard, has stepped in as a starter and is averaging 9.8 points and 3.9 rebounds. He has scored in double figures in five games. Looking to take over Plair's role at guard are sophomore Ashton Mitchell and transfer Ryan Bennett who have been splitting time on the perimeter.

## SAM HOUSTON STATE IN NON-CONFERENCE ACTION

Continuing a Bearkat tradition, Sam Houston State already has rolled up victories over four top NCAA Division I programs. The Bearkats' 56-54 victory over Texas Tech was Bob Marlin's second victory over Bob Knight in their four meetings. Sam Houston handed Knight his first loss as Red Raider head coach in 2001. SHSU also has defeated Fresno State, a 2007 NIT participant, Wisconsin-Milwaukee, a 2006 NCAA tournament second round team, and Saint Louis. The Billikens are coached by another legendary coach, Rick Majerus, who ranks among the top 10 in active coaches with 422 career wins.

Sam Houston produced an 8-6 record in pre-Southland play last year. The Bearkats won over Wisconsin-Milwaukee (defending Horizon Conference champion) and Loyola Marymount (West Coast Conference tournament finalist in 2006). Sam Houston also had an outstanding performance against No. 1 UCLA, leading the Bruins for most of the first half and being down by only four points with 12 minutes to play.

The Bearkats are 52-33 against non-Southland foes in Bob Marlin's 10 seasons at Sam Houston including road victories over Texas Tech, Missouri, Nebraska, Central Florida, Houston, UC-Irvine, and Saint Louis.

## BEARKATS AND THE BOOKS

The Sam Houston men's basketball team is successful in the class room as well. Six of the 15 players on the 2007 Academic All-Southland team were Bearkats. Ryan Bright, a first team All-SLC pick with a 3.57 grade point average as a kinesiology major, was named 2007 Southland Conference Men's Basketball Student-Athlete of the Year. Bright and seniors Shamir McDaniel (3.32 marketing) and Jeremy Thomas (3.57 health) return this season. The other three Academic All-SLC selections -- Ryan Griffin, Jejuan Plair, and Aaron Wade -- all earned their degrees last spring. Two members of this year's squad also have earned their bachelor's degrees, McDaniel and center John Gardiner.

## AT HOME AND ON THE ROAD

Sam Houston State is 7-0 at home in Johnson Coliseum this season. The Bearkats were 12-2 at home last year. During the past four seasons, Sam Houston is 47-6 at Johnson Coliseum and, during Bob Marlin's 10 years as head coach, the Bearkats are 104-22 at home.

The Bearkats are 3-0 on the road this season and were 8-7 away from Huntsville last year. The Bearkats finished 7-1 on the road in Southland Conference action in 2007. That mark included victories over both Southland Conference division champions on those teams' home floors. Sam Houston defeated Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 84-79 in Corpus and Northwestern State 90-80 in Natchitoches.

## RUNNER-UP FINISH FOR SAM HOUSTON IN SOUTHLAND REGULAR SEASON

Sam Houston State finished the 2007 season as the runner-up in Southland Conference regular season play with a 13-3 league mark. The finish marks the fifth time in the last eight years the Bearkats have finished as one of the league's top three teams. The Bearkats' 21-9 season in 2007 was Sam Houston's fourth 20-victory season since 2000, all under head coach Bob Marlin.

The Bearkats won the 2003 Southland post-season tournament, defeating Stephen F. Austin 69-66 in overtime. After the victory in the conference tournament in 2003, Sam Houston State made its first NCAA Division I men's basketball playoff appearance, falling to Florida 85-55 in Tampa. During the 2005-06 season, the Bearkats advanced to the quarterfinals of the Preseason NIT, defeating Missouri before falling to Drexel.

**Double Figure Scoring Games**

Player	2007-08	Career
Ryan Bright	8	62
Shamir McDaniel	7	17
Jeremy Thomas	3	13
John Gardiner	2	12
Reggie Rawlins	4	11
DeLuis Ramirez	4	4
Ashton Mitchell	1	2
Domas Kvedys	0	1

**Double Figure Rebound Games**

Player	2007-08	Career
Ryan Bright	6	21
John Gardiner	0	3
DeLuis Ramirez	1	1
Shamir McDaniel	1	1

**Bearkat Career Bests**

**POINTS**

31 Ryan Bright	Lamar	3-8-07
22 Shamir McDaniel	UCI	12-20-07
19 Reggie Rawlins	Milwaukee	1-27-07
18 John Gardiner	UTA	3-7-2006
18 Ashton Mitchell	TX Luth.	12-4-07
18 DeLuis Ramirez	St. Louis	12-8-07
17 Jeremy Thomas	TxSt-SM	2-23-06
11 Domas Kvedys	McMuury	12-30-06

**THREE-POINT BASKETS**

6 Ryan Bright	Missouri	11-14-05
	NW St	2-8-07
5 Jeremy Thomas	TXSt-SM	2-23-06
5 Shamir McDaniel	TX Tech	11-14-07

**REBOUNDS**

17 Ryan Bright	TX So	12-15-07
14 John Gardiner	Missouri	11-14-05
13 DeLuis Ramirez	TX So	12-15-07
10 Reggie Rawlins	Alcorn St.	12-2-06
8 James Barrett	Fresno	2-27-07

**ASSISTS**

9 Ashton Mitchell	LA College	11-21-06
8 Shamir McDaniel	TS-SM	1-27-06
6 Jeremy Thomas	P. Quinn	1-4-05
6 Ryan Bright	Milwaukee	11-27-07

**PREVIOUS SAM HOUSTON STATE BOX SCORE**

SAM HOUSTON STATE 61, UC-IRVINE 54  
12/20/07 7 p.m. at Huntsville, TX (Johnson Coliseum)

UC-Irvine 4-6		TOT-FG	3-PT	REBOUNDS										
##	Player Name	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	OF	DE	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
05	Hunter, Michael..... *	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	2	2	1	3	2	2	0	1	15
21	Sanders, Patrick..... *	6-11	0-1	0-0	0	4	4	2	12	1	2	1	1	30
23	Lauer, Brett..... *	1-5	1-4	0-0	0	1	1	4	3	2	1	0	0	21
33	Fells, Darren..... *	4-8	1-1	3-6	1	0	1	4	12	4	1	0	0	30
53	Bland, Kevin..... *	1-5	1-3	0-0	1	7	8	4	3	1	2	0	1	19
02	McIntosh, Marcus....	1-6	0-1	0-0	0	5	5	1	2	1	1	0	2	19
03	Awaji, Chuma.....	0-2	0-1	2-4	0	1	1	2	2	1	1	0	2	10
22	DeCasas, Chad.....	2-5	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	1	4	0	1	0	1	21
25	Harris, Trey.....	4-6	2-4	3-4	0	4	4	0	13	2	2	0	0	25
34	Ballard, Matt.....	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Totals.....		20-50	6-18	8-14	6	27	33	19	54	14	13	1	8	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half:	10-24	41.7%	2nd Half:	10-26	38.5%	Game:	40.0%	DEADB
3-Pt. FG% 1st Half:	3-11	27.3%	2nd Half:	3-7	42.9%	Game:	33.3%	REBS
F Throw % 1st Half:	4-8	50.0%	2nd Half:	4-6	66.7%	Game:	57.1%	3

SAM HOUSTON ST 10-0		TOT-FG	3-PT	REBOUNDS										
##	Player Name	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	OF	DE	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
01	Mitchell, Ashton.... *	1-3	1-2	1-2	0	2	2	2	4	1	1	0	1	24
15	Ramirez, DeLuis..... *	3-7	1-3	2-4	2	5	7	2	9	3	0	0	1	34
22	McDaniel, Shamir.... *	6-8	4-5	6-8	1	3	4	0	22	2	2	1	2	34
23	Bright, Ryan..... *	3-12	1-3	3-6	4	7	11	3	10	8	5	2	2	38
55	Gardiner, John..... *	4-7	0-0	0-2	1	2	3	4	8	0	1	1	0	23
05	Rawlins, Reggie.....	2-6	0-1	0-2	0	3	3	1	4	2	2	0	0	8
11	Bennett, Ryan.....	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	12
14	Thomas, Jeremy.....	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	2	2	0	3	2	0	0	0	15
21	Crow, Josten.....	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
42	Falkner, Barkley....	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	7
44	Kvedys, Domas.....	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	3
Totals.....		20-46	8-16	13-26	9	27	36	14	61	19	14	4	8	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half:	9-25	36.0%	2nd Half:	11-21	52.4%	Game:	43.5%	DEADB
3-Pt. FG% 1st Half:	3-9	33.3%	2nd Half:	5-7	71.4%	Game:	50.0%	REBS
F Throw % 1st Half:	4-9	44.4%	2nd Half:	9-17	52.9%	Game:	50.0%	3

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
UC-Irvine.....	27	27	- 54
SAM HOUSTON ST.....	25	36	- 61

The Bearkats extended tje nation's second-longest home-court winning streak to 43 games on Thursday night with a 61-54 win over Cal-Irvine. With the win, SHSU improves to 10-0 on the season. Shamir McDaniel led the way for Sam Houston State with a game-high 22 points. McDaniel knocked down 4-of-5 from 3-point range, including all three shots he took from outside in the second half.

Ryan Bright was in double figures as well with 10 points and he also grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds. In the first half, the Anteaters led by as many as eight before the Kats got back in the game. DeLuis Ramirez hit a jumper sparking a run of six straight points by SHSU to cut the lead to two. Bright scored with less than two minutes in the half to tie the game for the first time since the 12:23 mark. The Anteaters hit a bucket at the buzzer to take a 27-25 lead at the break.

Early in the second half, McDaniel hit a pair of free-throws, followed by back-to-back 3-pointers to give SHSU a five-point lead and they never looked back. At the 10-minute mark, the Anteaters made it a one-possession game, but Jeremy Thomas knocked down a 3-pointer to get the lead back up to six.

The Kats will now head out on the road for two tough games in California. They will take on San Diego State on Dec. 28 and then head to Los Angeles for a Dec. 30 contest against Loyola Marymount.

# MEET THE BEARKATS

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**RYAN BENNETT**

5-10 Jr Fort Worth, TX  
Transfer from McLennan Community College ... two-year starter on teams that won back-to-back conference titles ... All-State, All-Region, and All-District 7-4A selection at Eastern Hills High School ... Tarrant County "Player of the Year" in 2005.



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**RYAN BRIGHT**

6-6 Sr. Deer Park  
Two-time All-Southland and SLC All-Academic ... scored 1,065 points in 92 games ... scored in double figures 55 times ... Academic All-Region with 3.59 overall grade point average ... 2007 Southland Conference men's basketball "Student-Athlete of the Year" ... SLC "Freshman of the Year" in 2005 ... All-District at Deer Park.



21

**JOSTEN CROW**

6-4 Fr. Spring, TX  
Averaged 22.2 points with single game high of 44 points at Naval Academy Prep School in 2007 ... Led Westfield High School to a 36-1 record in 2006 ... two-time All-District.



42

**BARKLEY FALKNER**

6-8 Jr Oxford, MS  
Red-shirt last year as transferring from Spring Hill College where he earned All-Gulf Coast Athletic Conference honors ... averaged 14.3 points per game ... All-State and All-District at Oxford, MS, High School.



55

**JOHN GARDINER**

6-8 Sr. Mesopotamia, St. Vincent  
Starting post player in 2006 who missed 2007 season with injury ... SLC All-Tournament selection ... All-North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference in 2005 at Grayson County ... averaged 18.1 points in high school in St. Vincent, leading team to semifinals of Windward Islands playoffs ... played volleyball and crickets.



44

**DOMAS KVEDYS**

6-10 Jr. Kaunas, Lithuania  
Averaged 6.1 minutes per game as a sophomore in 2007 ... transfer from Odessa College where he pulled down 105 rebounds in 2006 ... played one year for Florida Air Academy in Melbourne, FL, where he helped lead the team to a 32-0 record.



22

**SHAMIR McDANIEL**

6-1 Sr. San Antonio  
Two-time Academic All-Southland Conference guard with 3.24 overall grade point average ... started 55 games the past two years ... played in all 30 games as red-shirt freshman ... All-District and second team All-Region at Converse Judson.



1

**ASHTON MITCHELL**

5-11 So. New Orleans, LA  
Backup point guard as a true freshman in 2006-07 ... played in New Orleans at Saint Augustine until Hurricane Katrina forced his family to evacuate to Austin to live with his uncle ... played his senior year for Westwood High School where he was All-State.



5

**REGGIE RAWLINS**

6-6 Jr. Carrollton  
Athletic wing who has filled an important reserve role in his first two seasons ... appeared in 58 games starting six times ... District 9-4A Most Valuable Player, All-State and All-District at Hebron on regional semifinal playoff team.



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**DELUIS RAMIREZ**

6-4 Jr. Miami, FL  
Two-year starter at Odessa College ... averaged 11.1 points and 4.5 rebounds ... All-State selection at Northwestern Christian High School, averaging 19.9 points and 9.2 rebounds ... selected to play in several high school all-star games.



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**JEREMY THOMAS**

6-0 Sr. Victoria  
Academic All-Southland Conference selection with 3.49 overall grade point average ... valuable contributor who has played in 84 games the past three years ... first team All-State and All-District at Victoria Memorial, leading team to state tournament.



**Sam Houston All-Time Top Scorers**

James Lister	1970-1973	2,304
Bruce Allen	1983-1986	1,995
Jeremy Burkhalter	1998-2001	1,689
Anthony Carroll	1979-1982	1,495
Derick Preston	1993-1996	1,451
David Amaya	1997-2000	1,445
Tracy Pearson	1986-1989	1,406
Tom Sewell	1952-1954	1,375
Robert White	1971-1973	1,241
Reggie Harris	1983-1985	1,238
Yommy Sangodeyi	1982-1984	1,208
<b>RYAN BRIGHT</b>	<b>2005-2008</b>	<b>1,181</b>
Bruce Hodges	1985-1988	1,171
Quinton McLeod	1983-1996	1,156
Mike Dillard	1995-1998	1,146

**Sam Houston All-Time Top Rebounders**

James Lister	1970-1973	1,682
Bruce Allen	1983-1986	991
Robert White	1971-1973	894
<b>RYAN BRIGHT</b>	<b>2005-2008</b>	<b>748</b>
Tracy Pearson	1986-1989	733

# Bob Marlin

## Sam Houston State University Head Men's Basketball Coach

In his 10th season as Sam Houston head men's basketball coach, Bob Marlin has directed the Bearkats to more victories than any other Southland Conference member.



Inheriting a program that had not finished higher than sixth in the league and posted only two double digit victory seasons in more than a decade, Marlin has directed Sam Houston to four 20-plus victory seasons (22-7 in 2000, 23-7 in 2003, 22-9 in 2006, 21-10 in 2007) and double digit wins in each of his previous nine years as head coach.

Twice Marlin has earned Southland "Coach of the Year" honors -- in 2000 after directing the Bearkats to their first SLC championship and in 2003 after Sam Houston's second title in four years.

He produced Sam Houston's first two NCAA Division I All-America selections, Donald Cole (2003) and Joe Thompson (2005). Both also were the first Bearkats to earn Southland Conference "Player of the Year" honors. Cole was the league's "Newcomer of the Year" in 2003 and Ryan Bright earned SLC "Freshman of the Year" honors in 2005. Bright also was honored as SLC men's basketball "Student-Athlete" of the year in 2007.

Marlin rolled up a 123-35 record as head coach at Pensacola Junior College. In 1993, he was National Junior College "Coach of the Year" after directing Pensacola to the NJCAA National Championship. Marlin has served as an assistant coach at Alabama, Marshall, Houston Baptist, and Louisiana-Monroe.

Since Marlin took over the Bearkat program, the Bearkats also have produced more non-conference victories than any other Southland team.

Marlin's teams have defeated Texas Tech, Missouri, Nebraska, and Baylor (Big 12 Conference), New Mexico State and Fresno State (Western Athletic Conference), Houston, Central Florida, and Southern Mississippi (Conference USA), Idaho State and Montana State (Big Sky Conference), Chattanooga (Southern), New Orleans (Sun Belt), Northern Illinois (Mid-American), Bradley (Missouri Valley), Norfolk State (Mid-Eastern Athletic), and Wisconsin-Milwaukee (Horizon). All but four of those victories have come on the road.

Marlin received National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) "Coach of the Year" honors in 1993 following Pensacola's national title (the first ever for a Florida junior college). In five seasons as head coach at Pensacola, Marlin compiled a 123-35 record. Marlin won 100 games at Pensacola faster than any coach in school history. Twenty-seven of his players at Pensacola received scholarships to play at four-year schools.

As a head coach, Marlin has coached an NBA draft pick, one NJCAA National Player of the Year, one NJCAA Student-Athlete of the Year, two Southland Conference "Players of the Year," two SLC "Newcomers of the Year," one SLC "Freshman of the Year," one SLC "Student Athlete of the Year", four All-Americans, 31 All-Conference selections, three Academic All-Americans, and 24 Academic All-Conference student-athletes. As an assistant coach, Marlin helped guide the Alabama Crimson Tide to the 1996 National Invitational Final Four.

Prior to becoming head coach at Pensacola, Marlin was an assistant at Marshall in 1989-90, helping direct the Thundering Herd to a runner-up finish in the Southern Conference. From 1984 to 1989, Marlin served as assistant coach at Houston Baptist. The Huskies earned an NCAA Division I tournament berth in 1984 and finished among the top three teams in the Trans America Conference four times.

While serving as a graduate assistant at Northeast Louisiana (now Louisiana-Monroe), Marlin coached the junior varsity and was scouting director for an NLU squad that won the TransAmerica Conference championship and earned an NCAA post-season tournament berth in 1982.

Born in Tupelo, MS, Marlin received his Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education from Mississippi State in 1981. He earned his Masters in Health and Physical Education (with a minor in guidance and counseling) from Northeast Louisiana University in 1983. Marlin has a son, Matt (15).

### Bob Marlin Coaching Record

Sam Houston State - Won 169, Lost 103	Bob Marlin vs.
2007-08 - Won 10, Lost 0	Southland Conference
2006-07 - Won 21, Lost 10	Foe W-L
2005-06 - Won 22, Lost 9	SFA ..... 15-5
2004-05 - Won 18, Lost 12	Nicholls St..... 12-5
2003-04 - Won 13, Lost 15	Lamar..... 11-7
2002-03 - Won 23, Lost 7	NW St. (LA)..... 11-8
2001-02 - Won 14, Lost 14	TxSt-SanMarcos 10-5
2000-01 - Won 16, Lost 13	UTSA..... 10-5
1999-00 - Won 22, Lost 7	UTA..... 10-6
1998-99 - Won 10, Lost 16	McNeese..... 9-9
Pensacola Junior College - Won 123, Lost 35	SE LA..... 8-9
1994-1995 - Won 22, Lost 8	TAMUCC ..... 1-1
1993-1994 - Won 21, Lost 9	Central Ark..... 1-0
1992-1993 - Won 31, Lost 5	
1991-1992 - Won 24, Lost 7	
1990-1991 - Won 25, Lost 6	

### "Coach of the Year"

Southland Conference - 2000, 2003 NJCAA - 1993

### Bob Marlin's SHSU Home & Road Coaching Record

Year	Full Season		Southland Conference	
	Home	Away	Home	Away
2008	7-0	3-0	0-0	0-0
2007	12-2	8-7	6-2	7-1
2006	14-2	8-7	6-2	5-3
2005	12-2	6-10	6-2	5-3
2004	10-3	3-12	5-3	3-5
2003	15-0	8-7	10-0	7-3
2002	6-4	8-10	6-4	3-7
2001	11-3	5-9	7-3	4-7
2000	11-1	11-6	8-1	7-2
1999	6-5	4-11	5-4	2-7

### Bob Marlin As An Assistant Coach

University of Alabama - 1995 to 1998	Won 51, Lost 43
Marshall University - 1989 to 1990	Won 15, Lost 12
Houston Baptist University - 1983 to 1989	Won 95, Lost 79
Northeast Louisiana - 1981 to 1983	Won 33, Lost 25

### The Southland Conference Since Bob Marlin Came To SHSU In 1998-1999

Team	Overall			SLC Games			Non-Conference		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
SAM HOUSTON	169	103	.620	102	58	.638	50	33	.602
Northwestern St	142	137	.509	91	69	.569	49	65	.430
McNeese	133	133	.500	92	67	.579	50	63	.442
TX-San Antonio	131	133	.496	86	74	.538	39	52	.429
Lamar	132	137	.491	78	82	.488	53	53	.500
TX-Arlington	129	130	.498	84	76	.525	45	53	.459
Stephen F Austin	126	132	.488	70	90	.438	55	41	.573
Southeastern LA	124	140	.470	70	50	.583	53	49	.520
TX St.-San Marcos	117	146	.445	73	87	.456	41	49	.456
Nicholls	77	185	.294	48	112	.300	27	70	.278
TX A&M-C. Christi	27	13	.675	14	2	.875	10	10	.500
Central Arkansas	19	22	.463	4	12	.250	14	9	.609

### Southland Conference's "Winningest Coaches"

Coach, Team (Years)	W	L	Pct.
<i>(Minimum three years as SLC Head Coach)</i>			
Pat Foster, Lamar (1981-86)	134	49	.732
Scotty Robertson, LA Tech (1972-74)	53	20	.726
Andy Russo, LA Tech (1980-85)	122	55	.689
E. W. Foy, McNeese (1975-77)	52	26	.667
Bobby Paschal, SW Louisiana (1979-82)	76	41	.650
BOB MARLIN, SHSU (1999-current)	169	103	.620
Stu Starner, UTSA (1991-96)	83	59	.585
Mike Vining, LA-Monroe (1983-2004)	395	291	.576
Jim Hatfield, LA-Lafayette (1976-78)	47	35	.573
Billy Tubbs, Lamar (1977-80, 2002-06)	121	89	.576

## Sam Houston State 2007-08 Men's Basketball Statistics

SCORING	GP	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3PT%	FT-FTA	FT%	PTS	PTS/G
McDaniel, Shamir....	10	38-81	.469	24-51	.471	23-34	.676	123	12.3
Bright, Ryan.....	10	47-100	.470	5-22	.227	17-31	.548	116	11.6
Ramirez, DeLuis.....	10	38-64	.594	5-14	.357	17-27	.630	98	9.8
Rawlins, Reggie.....	10	27-57	.474	3-10	.300	15-22	.682	72	7.2
Barrett, James.....	8	24-54	.444	5-22	.227	10-14	.714	63	7.9
Thomas, Jeremy.....	10	19-44	.432	13-33	.394	5-6	.833	56	5.6
Mitchell, Ashton....	10	16-40	.400	7-18	.389	15-23	.652	54	5.4
Gardiner, John.....	10	24-56	.429	0-0	.000	3-6	.500	51	5.1
Bennett, Ryan.....	10	8-31	.258	2-16	.125	9-15	.600	27	2.7
Falkner, Barkley....	9	7-16	.438	0-0	.000	9-15	.600	23	2.6
Kvedys, Domas.....	9	6-18	.333	0-3	.000	7-11	.636	19	2.1
Crow, Josten.....	8	3-13	.231	2-8	.250	6-10	.600	14	1.8
Total.....	10	257-574	.448	66-197	.335	136-214	.636	716	71.6
Opponents.....	10	188-537	.350	43-168	.256	125-194	.644	544	54.4

## REBOUNDS

TOTALS	GP	MIN	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	FO	A	TO	A/TO	HI
McDaniel, Shamir....	10	299	13	39	52	12	0	29	13	2.2	22
Bright, Ryan.....	10	289	29	89	118	24	0	41	36	1.1	15
Ramirez, DeLuis.....	10	237	21	21	42	19	1	19	21	0.9	18
Rawlins, Reggie.....	10	152	10	23	33	15	0	9	11	0.8	19
Barrett, James.....	8	129	14	21	35	15	0	7	10	0.7	14
Thomas, Jeremy.....	10	165	2	9	11	15	0	17	3	5.7	13
Mitchell, Ashton....	10	187	2	19	21	21	0	31	22	1.4	18
Gardiner, John.....	10	185	13	33	46	26	0	6	12	0.5	12
Bennett, Ryan.....	10	173	3	11	14	16	0	37	23	1.6	5
Falkner, Barkley....	9	81	2	10	12	13	0	0	6	0.0	6
Kvedys, Domas.....	9	47	8	13	21	13	0	2	4	0.5	9
Crow, Josten.....	8	56	3	12	15	7	0	2	6	0.3	6
Total.....	10	2000	132	308	440	196	1	200	167	1.2	88
Opponents.....	10	2000	87	236	323	185	-	121	172	0.7	77

##	AVERAGES	GP-GS	Min	FG%	3PT%	FT%	REB	AST	STL	BLK	PTS
22	McDaniel, Shamir....	10-10	29.9	.469	.471	.676	5.2	2.9	16	3	12.3
23	Bright, Ryan.....	10-10	28.9	.470	.227	.548	11.8	4.1	13	8	11.6
15	Ramirez, DeLuis.....	10-9	23.7	.594	.357	.630	4.2	1.9	10	2	9.8
05	Rawlins, Reggie.....	10-0	15.2	.474	.300	.682	3.3	0.9	1	0	7.2
04	Barrett, James.....	8-0	16.1	.444	.227	.714	4.4	0.9	6	3	7.9
14	Thomas, Jeremy.....	10-5	16.5	.432	.394	.833	1.1	1.7	6	0	5.6
01	Mitchell, Ashton....	10-4	18.7	.400	.389	.652	2.1	3.1	17	2	5.4
55	Gardiner, John.....	10-10	18.5	.429	.000	.500	4.6	0.6	6	9	5.1
11	Bennett, Ryan.....	10-2	17.3	.258	.125	.600	1.4	3.7	12	1	2.7
42	Falkner, Barkley....	9-0	9.0	.438	.000	.600	1.3	0.0	0	2	2.6
44	Kvedys, Domas.....	9-0	5.2	.333	.000	.636	2.3	0.2	2	0	2.1
21	Crow, Josten.....	8-0	7.0	.231	.250	.600	1.9	0.3	3	2	1.8
TM	Team.....	10-0	0.0	.000	.000	.000	2.0	0.0	0	0	0.0
	Total.....	10		.448	.335	.636	44.0	20.0	92	32	71.6
	Opponents.....	10		.350	.256	.644	32.3	12.1	67	20	54.4

**Sam Houston State 2007-08 Men's Basketball Individual Game By Game-Points-Rebounds (●Starts)**

			James Barrett <i>Pts-Reb</i>	Ryan Bennett <i>Pts-Reb</i>	Ryan Bright <i>Pts-Reb</i>	Josten Crow <i>Pts-Reb</i>	Barkley Falkner <i>Pts-Reb</i>	John Gardiner <i>Pts-Reb</i>	Domas Kvedys <i>Pts-Reb</i>	Shamir McDaniel <i>Pts-Reb</i>	Ashton Mitchell <i>Pts-Reb</i>	Reggie Rawlins <i>Pts-Reb</i>	Deluis Ramirez <i>Pts-Reb</i>	Jeremy Thomas <i>Pts-Reb</i>
Dallas Baptist	86-69	H-W	14-5	4-2	● 13-11	1-2	1-3	● 4-4	2-1	● 13-5	● 5-2	14-2	2-3	● 13-1
Texas Tech	56-54	H-W	6-7	2-1	● 7-12	0-0	3-2	● 4-8	0-1	● 18-4	2-2	4-2	● 10-3	● 0-0
Saint Gregory's	88-40	H-W	11-6	● 4-1	● 14-9	3-5	6-3	● 4-4	9-5	● 12-6	2-3	15-1	● 7-1	1-0
Fresno St.	68-57	H-W	11-6	● 5-1	● 11-14	----	0-1	● 3-7	0-3	● 13-11	5-1	2-0	● 14-2	4-2
Wis-Milwaukee	81-77	A-W	11-4	3-1	● 14-15	0-0	1-0	● 2-4	1-1	● 11-2	0-0	19-7	● 6-1	● 13-1
Hardin-Simmons	79-41	H-W	2-3	2-4	● 15-12	4-5	5-1	● 10-4	6-5	● 8-5	9-4	3-4	● 9-3	● 6-1
TX Lutheran	82-48	H-W	4-3	3-3	● 14-8	6-2	4-1	● 4-4	1-4	● 5-5	18-0	10-5	● 7-1	● 6-2
Saint Louis	61-53	A-W	4-1	4-1	● 5-5	----	----	● 12-7	0-0	● 13-7	● 4-4	1-0	● 18-8	0-0
Texas Southern	54-51	A-W	----	0-0	● 13-17	0-1	2-0	● 0-1	----	● 8-3	● 5-3	0-9	● 16-13	10-2
UC-Irvine	61-54	H-W	----	0-0	● 10-11	0-0	1-1	● 8-3	0-1	● 22-4	● 4-2	4-3	● 9-7	3-2

**Sam Houston State 2007-08 Men's Basketball Game By Game Team Totals**

Opponent	Score SH-Foe	Site Result	Field Goals		3-Point FG		Free Throws		Rebs. SH-Foe	TO SH-Foe						
			SHSU	Opponent	SHSU	Opponent	SHSU	Opponent								
Dallas Baptist	86-69	H-W	33-70	.471	24-53	.453	8-22	.364	3-6	.500	12-21	.571	18-26	.692	44-32	19-25
Texas Tech	56-54	H-W	19-52	.365	18-46	.391	5-17	.294	3-14	.214	13-19	.684	15-28	.536	44-32	20-17
Saint Gregory's	88-40	H-W	35-64	.547	16-55	.291	3-13	.231	2-15	.133	15-20	.750	6-13	.462	45-31	16-24
Fresno St.	68-57	H-W	25-56	.446	18-65	.277	5-21	.238	3-24	.125	13-19	.684	18-24	.750	48-38	24-14
Wis-Milwaukee	81-77	A-W	26-60	.433	26-60	.433	10-26	.385	8-23	.348	19-30	.633	17-25	.680	41-41	16-15
Hardin-Simmons	79-41	H-W	27-52	.519	15-58	.259	7-15	.467	4-17	.235	18-25	.720	7-12	.583	53-22	17-12
TX Lutheran	82-48	H-W	28-64	.438	15-38	.395	7-25	.280	4-10	.400	19-25	.760	14-21	.667	39-27	13-30
Saint Louis	61-53	A-W	23-53	.434	17-58	.293	8-17	.471	5-19	.263	7-16	.438	14-20	.700	41-38	10-8
Texas Southern	54-51	A-W	21-57	.368	19-53	.358	5-25	.200	5-22	.227	7-13	.538	8-11	.727	49-28	18-14
UC-Irvine	61-54	H-W	20-46	.435	20-50	.400	8-16	.500	6-18	.333	13-26	.500	8-14	.571	36-33	14-13

**Sam Houston State Men's Basketball 2007-08 Individual Game Highs**

**POINTS**

- 22 Shamir McDaniel - UC-Irvine
- 19 Reggie Rawlins - at Wis-Milwaukee
- 18 Shamir McDaniel - Texas Tech
- 18 Ashton Mitchell - Texas Lutheran
- 18 DeLuis Ramirez - at Saint Louis
- 16 DeLuis Ramirez - at Texas Southern
- 15 Reggie Rawlins - Saint Gregory's
- 15 Ryan Bright - Hardin-Simmons
- 14 James Barrett - Dallas Baptist
- 14 Reggie Rawlins - Dallas Baptist
- 14 Ryan Bright - Saint Gregory's
- 14 DeLuis Ramirez - Fresno St.
- 14 Ryan Bright - at Wis-Milwaukee
- 14 Ryan Bright - Texas Lutheran

**REBOUNDS**

- 17 Ryan Bright - at Texas Southern
- 15 Ryan Bright - at Wis-Milwaukee
- 14 Ryan Bright - Fresno St.
- 13 DeLuis Ramirez - at Texas Southern
- 12 Ryan Bright - Texas Tech
- 12 Ryan Bright - Hardin-Simmons

**THREE-POINT FIELD GOALS**

- 5 Shamir McDaniel - Texas Tech
- 4 Shamir McDaniel - Saint Louis
- 4 Shamir McDaniel - UC-Irvine
- 3 Jeremy Thomas - Dallas Baptist
- 3 Jeremy Thomas - at Wis-Milwaukee
- 3 Ashton Mitchell - Texas Lutheran

**ASSISTS**

- 8 Ryan Bennett - Saint Gregory's
- 8 Aston Mitchell - Saint Gregory's
- 8 Ryan Bright - UC-Irvine
- 7 Ryan Bennett - Texas Lutheran

**STEALS**

- 6 Ashton Mitchell - Saint Gregory's
- 5 Ashton Mitchell - Texas Lutheran
- 4 Shamir McDaniel - Texas Tech