

2020 Texas State Football Preview



Head Coach (Yr)
Jake Spavital (2)
Offensive Coord.
Jacob Peeler (1)
Defensive Coord.
Zac Spavital (2)
Conference/Div
Sun Belt/West

Team Profile	#	Rk
2020 Team Power Rating	48.4	124
Power Ratings Diff vs Last Year	-2.3	98
2020 Strength of Schedule	59.9	111
2020 Season Win Projection	3.1	122
Returning Starters (OFF/DEF)	12 (8/4)	87
Return Starting QB (YES/NO)	YES	
Returning Production %	46%	118
Returning Defense Production	59%	81
Returning Defense Production	32%	126
2020 Recruiting (Signees)	19	99
2020 Roster Talent Rank		109

2020 Offense/Defense Analysis

You would think a Texas school with an enrollment of 38,644 (Top 50 nationally regardless of division) that is less than an hour away from both Austin and San Antonio wouldn't have a problem getting enough talent to field a competitive football program. However, that hasn't been the case for Texas St who has really struggled at the FBS level. The Bobcats are just 13-47 SU the last 5 years and have been atrocious on the road (see ATS stat box below). However, they did show some signs of life in year 1 under head coach Jake Spavital.

The good news for 2020 is that a majority of their offense returns including QB Tyler Vitt who will battle Memphis transfer Brady McBride. The Bobcats also bring back their leading rusher and a pair of talented WR's in Javen Banks and Travis Graham who combined for 8 TD's while averaging 15 yards per catch.

The bad news is that Texas St loses a majority of their production on defense including the school's all-time leading tackler in Bryan London (459 career tackles). London also holds the Sun Belt conference career record for tackles. The Bobcats also lose multiple-year starters in Frankie Griffin (258 career tackles) and Nikolas Daniels (254 career tackles). That's 971 career tackles lost!

The schedule is not overly difficult and this is the first time at the FBS level that Texas St will have 7 home games. Still, with so much inexperience on defense we don't see the Bobcats coming close to bowl eligibility.

2020 Schedule with BP Projected Lines

Date	Opponent	Line	Win %	Line	Total	Score	W/L/O/U
9/5	SMU	19.1	8%				
9/12	UTSA	-0.7	52%				
9/19	at UL-Monroe	7.0	32%				
9/26	Ohio	12.1	21%				
10/3	at New Mex St	-0.4	51%				
10/8	at Troy	14.5	17%				
10/17	at So. Alabama	3.6	39%				
10/24							
10/31	UL-Lafayette	19.5	8%				
11/7	App. St	20.0	8%				
11/14	at Ga Southern	15.6	13%				
11/21	Arkansas St	10.9	25%				
11/28	Coa. Carolina	4.9	37%				

Projected Wins 3.11

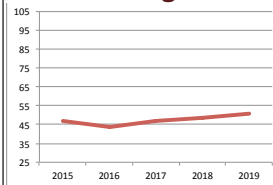
Last 5 Year Records

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Straight Up	3-9	2-10	2-10	3-9	3-9	13-47
Home	3-3	1-5	1-5	2-4	3-3	10-20
Away	0-6	1-5	1-5	1-5	0-6	3-27
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Conference	2-6	0-8	1-7	1-7	2-6	6-34
Non-Conf	1-3	2-2	1-3	2-2	1-3	7-13
ATS	3-9	5-7	5-7	6-6	3-8-1	22-37-1
Home Fav	3-3	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-1-1	5-6-1
Home Dog	0-0	1-4	2-3	2-3	0-3	5-13
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Away Dog	0-6	3-3	3-3	4-2	2-4	12-18
Conference	2-6	3-5	4-4	4-4	2-5-1	15-24-1
Non-Conf	1-3	2-2	1-3	2-2	1-3	7-13
O/U	6-5-1	5-7	6-6	4-8	4-8	25-34-1

ATS Stat

Texas State has not been a favorite on the road since 2014. They are just 3-27 straight up on the road the last 5 years.

End of Season Power Rating 2015-19



2019 Stats

Rushing	TXSt	Rk	Opp	Rk
YPC	2.8	127	4.7	95
YPG	76.8	127	217.8	120
Passing	TXSt	Rk	Opp	Rk
Comp %	63.0%	36	63.6%	104
YPA	6.6	107	7.4	65
YPG	241.1	58	199.3	25
TD-INT	17-20		24-7	
Total	TXSt	Rk	Opp	Rk
YPP	5.0	117	5.7	72
YPG	317.8	121	417.1	86
Scoring	TXSt	Rk	Opp	Rk
PPG	18.4	121	32.6	107
3rd Down	TXSt	Rk	Opp	Rk
%	34.1%	112	46.2%	117
Red Zone	TXSt	Rk	Opp	Rk
TD %	44.8%	124	64.9%	92
Scoring %	75.9%	112	78.9%	30
KO Ret	TXSt	Rk	Opp	Rk
Avg	23.1	26	21.2	78
Punt Ret	TXSt	Rk	Opp	Rk
Avg	8.3	59	6.8	52
Sacks	By	Rk	Vs	Rk
#	13	125	30	94
TFL's	By	Rk	Vs	Rk
#	52	124	83	98
Net Punt	TXSt	Rk	Opp	Rk
Avg	34.9	124		
4th Down	Off	Rk	Opp	Rk
Att P/Gm	1.1	109		
Turnovers	Rk	Opp	Rk	Opp
Margin	-9	117		
Penalties	Rk	Opp	Rk	Opp
Per Game	5.5	40		

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Scoring Quarter-By-Quarter

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Total
TXSt	29	72	58	52	10	221
Opp	70	115	104	95	7	391

2019 Stat Margins

Margins	+/-	Rk
Rush YPC	-1.9	126
Pass YPA	-0.8	95
YPP	-0.8	104
YPG	-99.3	119
Scoring	-14.2	119

2019 Individual Stats

Passing	Att	Yds	%	Ratio
Tyler Vitt	231	1590	63.6	11-14
Gresch Jensen	206	1291	62.6	5-6
Rushing	Att	Yds	YPC	TD
Caleb Twyford	108	488	4.5	2
Anthony Taylor	74	223	3.0	2
Receiving	Rec	Yds	YPC	TD
Hutch White	67	618	9.2	2
Javen Banks	20	367	18.4	4
Travis Graham	28	353	12.6	4
Jeremiah Haydel	32	324	10.1	0
Defense	Tkl	Sks	TFL	INT
Bryan London	11	5	1	
Nikolas Daniels	99	4.5	6.5	0
Frankie Griffin	67	1.5	4.5	0
Jarron Morris	63	0	3	2
Caeveon Patton	61	0.5	1.5	0
JaShom Waddy	56	0	1.5	2
Kicking	FG	LG	XP	
Joshua Rowland	13-18	48	23-23	
Punting	Avg	120	50+	BLK
Seamus O'Kelly	38.1	120	2	1

2019 Game-By-Game Recap

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Texas State		57.5	7	Under: 9.5
Texas A&M	-34.5	-33.5	41	Cover: 0.5
-Aggies controlled the game with 478-219 yard edge including 246-8 on the ground.				
-Texas St sloppy with 4 TO's.				
-Bobcats got a back-door cover for some as they went 11-yards 84 yards with a 27-yard TD pass with :36 left.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Wyoming	-7.5	-7.5	23	Cover: 1.5
Texas State	48.5	47.5	14	Under: 10.5
Misleading Final. Texas St had 27-16 first down and 444-293 yard edges but were -2 in TO's.				
-Texas St led 14-10 at halftime but a 72-yard interception return TD mid-way 3Q was the play of the game.				
-Texas St also missed 2 FG's and ended the game on the Wyoming 6-yard line.				
-Texas St QB Gresch Jensen was 33 of 54 for 394 yards but only had a 1-2 TD-to-INT ratio.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Texas State	60.5	62	17	Over: 2
SMU	-18	-17.5	47	Cover: 12.5
-SMU had 23-15 first down and 639-241 yard edges including 390-16 on the ground.				
-SMU won and covered despite being -2 in TO's.				
-The game was only 13-3 at halftime with a SMU TD with :38 left putting the game OVER the total.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Georgia State	-1	63	34	Push
Texas State	63.5	-3	37	Over: 8
Misleading Final. Ga St had 27-20 first down & 423-350 yard edges but were -3 in TO's in the 3OT loss.				
-Georgia St missed two field goals in OT.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Nicholls State	-3.5	55	3	Under: 28
Texas State	58	-2.5	24	Cover: 18.5
-Texas St had 16-12 first down and 362-220 yard edges.				
-The Bobcats outscored Nicholls 21-0 in the second half.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
UL-Monroe	-3	-3.5	24	Cover: 6.5
Texas St	62	61	14	Under: 23
-ULM had a 24-15 first down edge and a 429-338 yard edge including 204-92 on the ground.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Texas State	60	60	14	Under: 8
Arkansas State	-13	-11	38	Cover: 13
-Arkansas St had 21-8 first down and 364-227 yard edges including 206-81 on the ground.				
-Arkansas St was also +3 in TO's.				
-Arkansas St out-scored Texas St 21-0 in the 2H.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Texas State	58.5	55	3	Under: 21
UL-Lafayette	-24	-23	31	Cover: 5
-ULL had 24-17 first down and 479-264 yard edges including 296-58 on the ground.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
South Alabama	44.5	42	28	Cover: 5
Texas State	-7.5	-7	30	Over: 16
-Texas St had 21-20 first down and 415-348 yard edges and won despite being -2 in TO's.				
-USA missed a 28-yard FG with 1:08 left. -Texas St QB Tyler Vitt was 23 of 33 for 373 yards and 3 TD's.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Troy	-7	-7.5	63	Cover: 28.5
Texas State	60	63.5	27	Over: 26.5
-Troy only had 25-21 first down and 471-416 yard edges despite the lopsided final.				
-Troy was +4 in TO's and all 4 of Texas St's TO's led to Troy TD's.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Texas State	52.5	50	13	Cover: 6.5
Appalachian St	-30	-28.5	35	Under: 2
-App St had 23-11 first down and 468-208 yard edges including 280-54 on the ground.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Texas State	52	52	21	Cover: 4.5
Coastal Carolina	-6.5	-7.5	24	Under: 7
-Coastal had 22-17 first down and 380-329 yard edges including 223-36 on the ground.				

2015 (SU: 3-9, ATS: 3-9, O/U: 6-5-1)

Date	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L/O/U
9/5	at Florida St	+28	16-59	L o61
9/12	Prairie View	-27	63-24	W o73
9/19	Southern Miss	-2	50-56	L o67
9/26	at Houston	+16	14-59	L p73
10/3				
10/10	at UL-Lafayette	+4	27-49	L o70
10/17				
10/24	South Alabama	-1	36-18	W u62
10/29	at Ga Southern	+21	13-37	L u67
11/7	New Mexico St	-17	21-31	L u72
11/14	Georgia St	-2	19-41	L u65
11/19	UL-Monroe	-6	16-33	W u59
11/28	at Idaho	+3	31-38	L o67
12/5	at Arkansas St	+25	17-55	L o69

2016 (SU: 2-10, ATS: 5-7 O/U: 5-7)

Date	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L/O/U
9/2	at Ohio-3OT	+18	56-54	W o60
9/9				
9/17	at Arkansas	+30	3-42	L u61
9/24	Houston	+31	3-64	L o64
10/1	Incarnate Word	-16	48-17	W o49
10/8	at Georgia St	+10	21-41	L o60
10/15	at UL-Monroe	+7	34-40	W o66
10/22	UL-Lafayette	+5	3-27	L u65
10/29				
11/5	at App St	+31	10-35	W u54
11/12	Idaho	+9	14-47	L u61
11/19	at New Mex St	+9	10-50	L u66
11/26	Troy	+28	7-40	L u58
12/3	Arkansas St	+24	14-36	W u53

2017 (SU: 2-10, ATS: 5-7, O/U: 6-6)

Date	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L/O/U
9/2	Houston Baptist	-16	20-11	L u57
9/9	at Colorado	+36	3-37	W u56
9/16	Appalachian St	+22	13-20	W u48
9/23	UTSA	+13	14-44	L o45
9/30	at Wyoming	+16	10-45	L o44
10/7	ULM	+6	27-45	L o55
10/12	at UL-Lafayette	+14	7-24	L u54
10/21				
10/28	at Coastal Carolina	+9	27-7	W u54
11/4	New Mexico St	+9	35-45	L o57
11/11	Georgia St	+6	30-33	L o51
11/18	at Arkansas St	+26	12-30	L u58
11/25	at Troy	+24	9-62	L o52

2018 (SU: 3-9, ATS: 6-6, O/U: 4-8)