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Dennis Nutt

Head Coach

TCU, 1986

Texas State head men's basketball coach Dennis Nutt is known as one very positive person. The kind of guy who sees the cup as half full and not half empty.

On the court, that attitude has translated into the Bobcats advancing to the Southland Conference every season. The Bobcats nine-straight appearances in the O'Reilly Auto Parts Southland Conference Tournament, including five straight since Nutt became the head coach, is the longest current streak by an SLC school.

The 'Cats have finished at or better than .500 every season in SLC play since Nutt's arrival. The 2004-05 squad posted a 14-14 record and 8-8 in Southland Conference play finishing in a tie for sixth place in the league. The 2003-04 team was 13-15 but finished in a four-way tie for fourth place in the SLC. A year earlier, the Bobcats were 17-12 overall and posted a fourth-place finish in the league race with an 11-9 Southland Conference record.

Nutt is known for his vast knowledge of the game as well as experience as a collegiate professional player and was an easy choice for Texas State in April of 2000.

"I love someone that has a zest and enthusiasm for life, and he lights it up," said the late Jim Wacker, former Director of Athletics at Texas State. "It's real. It's nothing phony. He loves coaching, he loves young people and he has a great basketball background."

Nutt was an assistant coach at Arkansas State before becoming the 13th men's hoop coach in Texas State history.

Nutt worked for his brother Dickey

at Arkansas State for five years, helping turn the program around. The Indians were ranked No. 300 out of 315 Division I basketball teams when the Nutts arrived.

After five years, Arkansas State had gone from last in the conference to first, earning a pair of Sun Belt Conference Championships and a berth into the NCAA Tournament.

Nutt had a standout career at TCU, playing for the Horned Frogs from 1981-85. He was selected to the All-Time Southwest Conference Team after being voted First-Team All-Southwest Conference in 1984 and 1985. He was a two-time team MVP, as well, and ranked third nationally in free throw shooting percentage, making 92 percent of his attempts as a senior.



He completed his degree from TCU in 1986.

Nutt continued playing in the CBA in LaCrosse and Sioux Falls before signing with the Dallas Mavericks where he played for two seasons.

Nutt worked as a graduate assistant coach at Texas A&M for one season before taking one more shot at playing professional basketball. He signed with

Real Madrid in Spain where he spent one season playing for George Karl in the European Basketball Association.

Following his playing career, Nutt returned to coaching. He spent for years as an assistant coach at Westark Community College in Fort Smith, Ark., helping the school to a 65-26 record from 1991-95. Westark was the Bi-State East Conference champions in 1992.

Now, Nutt begins his sixth season as the head coach of the Bobcats. His overall record is 69-72 (.489) while his five-year Southland Conference record stands at 47-45 (.511)

"I said this when I took the job and it remains true today," Nutt said. "This is

a dream come true for me. I have prepared all my life for this opportunity and I am grateful Texas State has given me the chance to do it."

In addition to brother Dickey at Arkansas State, Dennis Nutt has two other brothers involved in coaching. Houston is the head football coach at the University of Arkansas while Danny is an assistant on the Razorback football coaching staff. The Nutts have been the subject of a Sports Illustrated feature called "You've Got to be Nutts."

Nutt is married to the former Vicki Hughes, a 1986 TCU graduate. The couple has twin girls, Marcy and Myca, who are 13.

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Full Name: Dennis Clay Nutt
Born: March 25, 1963 in Little Rock, Ark.
Wife: Vicki
Daughters: Macy (12) & Myca (12)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Collegiate Experience: Selected to the All-Time Southwest Conference Team and was a two-time Team MVP at TCU ... Graduated from TCU, 1986.

Professional Experience: Played in the CBA in LaCrosse and Sioux Falls ... played two seasons for the NBA Dallas Mavericks ... finished playing career in the European Basketball Association playing for Real Madrid.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate assistant at Texas A&M (1989-90) ... Assistant Coach at Westark Community College in Fort Smith, Ark. (1991-95) ... Assistant Coach at Arkansas State (1995-2000) ... Head Coach at Texas State (2000-Present).

COACHING RECORD

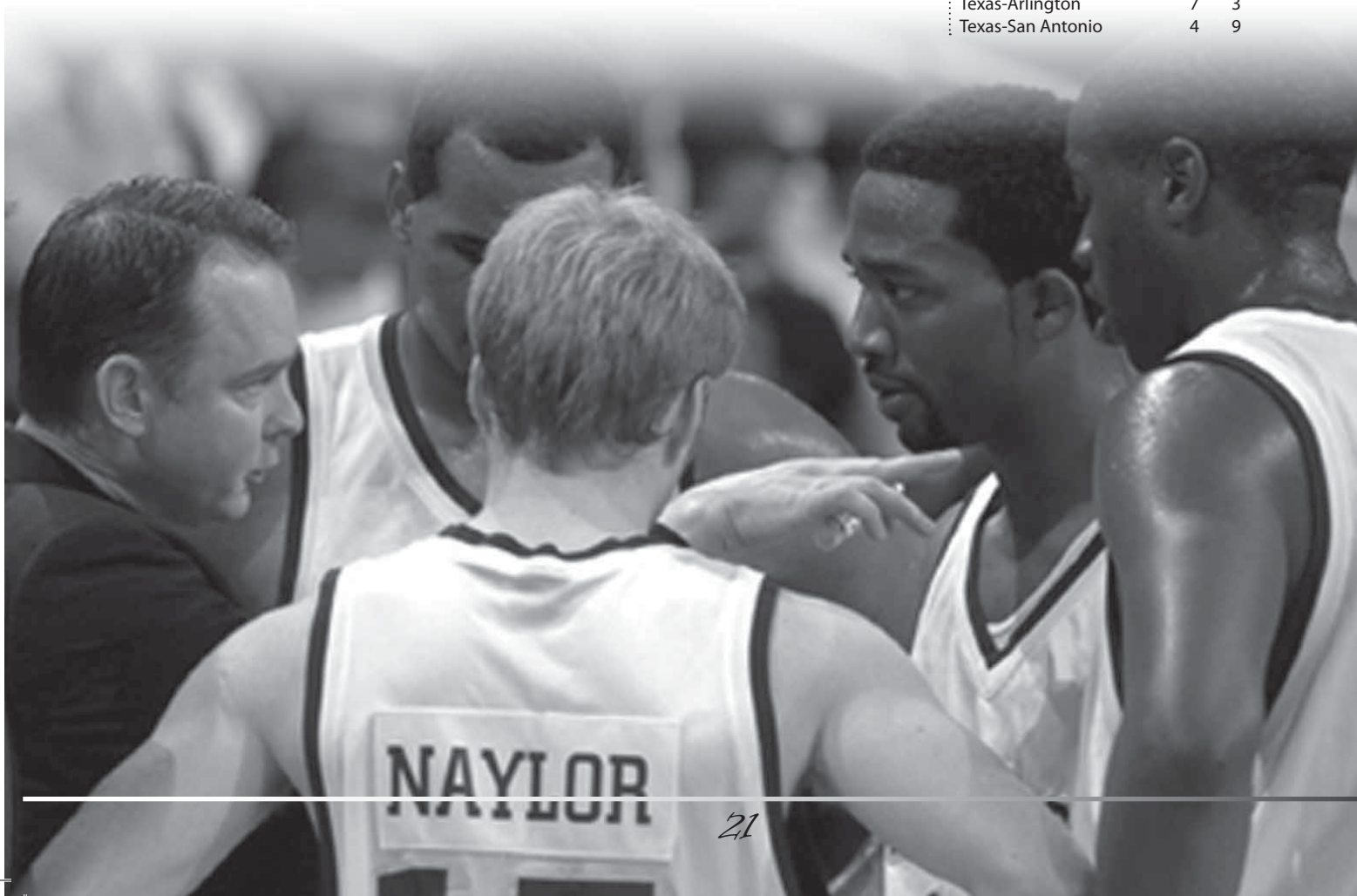
Overall Record: 69-72 (.489)
 SLC Record: 47-45 (.511)

NUTT AGAINST THE SLC

	W	L
Lamar	6	4
Louisiana-Monroe	7	4
McNeese State	2	8
Nicholls State	8	2
Northwestern State	3	5
Sam Houston State	5	3
Southeastern La.	3	6
Stephen F. Austin	2	7
Texas-Arlington	7	3
Texas-San Antonio	4	9

NUTT'S YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORD

Year	School	Overall			Conference		
		W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
2000-01	Texas State	13	15	.464	10	10	.500
2001-02	Texas State	12	16	.429	10	10	.500
2002-03	Texas State	17	12	.586	11	9	.550
2003-04	Texas State	13	15	.464	8	8	.500
2004-05	Texas State	14	14	.500	8	8	.500
Totals		69	72	.489	47	45	.511



Texas State Coaching Staff



Charlie Fenske

Assistant Coach

Wisconsin-Stout, 1974

Charlie Fenske begins his first season as an assistant coach at Texas State, bringing 30-plus years of experience to the Bobcat basketball program. Fenske has similar responsibilities as in former coaching positions, serving as the team's defensive coordinator.

Fenske is also responsible for post-skill development and scheduling.

He joined the Texas State staff from Lamar University where he was an assistant coach on the Cardinal staff during the 2004-05 season. Lamar posted an 18-11 record last year, including a 9-7 mark in the Southland Conference.

Prior to joining the Lamar staff, he spent seven seasons as an assistant coach at Arkansas State University from 1996-03 where he and Texas State head coach Dennis Nutt were members of the same coaching staff. During his tenure, the Indians won two Sun Belt Conference championships and made the first NCAA Tournament appearance in school history.

While at both Arkansas State and Lamar, Fenske also served as the programs' defensive coordinator, setting defensive goals and organizing game plans. At Lamar he was also instrumental in developing the Cards' individual skill workouts and off-season conditioning program. At A-State he was also responsible for scheduling and was the team's recruiting coordinator.

He served as the head coach of Athletes in Action for the 1994 season. In posting a 10-6 record, the team shot 50 percent from the field while limiting opponents to just 41 percent shooting.

Fenske also has previous experience as a collegiate head coach. He served as head coach at Union College in Barbourville, Ky., from 1989-94. After inheriting a program that had back-to-back losing seasons, he guided Union to three consecutive 20-win seasons and an overall winning percentage of 68 percent. Union was nationally ranked from 1992-94 and posted the school's second highest NAIA District 32 finish in over 20 years.

Fenske and Nutt's paths also crossed in the 1980s while Nutt was a player at TCU. Fenske served as an assistant coach on the Horned Frogs' staff from 1979-89. He was responsible for the development and implementation of a recruiting program that produced back-to-back Southwest Conference championships. The Horned Frogs made NCAA Tournament and NIT appearances during his tenure.

In addition, Fenske was an assistant coach at Oklahoma State from 1977-79 and started his coaching career as an assistant coach at Idaho State from 1974-77, where he also served as the freshman coach and tennis coach.

During his 30-plus years coaching, Fenske has had 16 of the players he has recruited drafted by the NBA and had 30 players playing professional basketball. In addition, his teams have maintained a grade point average of 3.0 or above and have achieved a 92 percent graduation rate.

Fenske received a bachelor of science degree from Wisconsin-Stout and also holds a master of athletic administration degree from Idaho State.



Manny Flores

Assistant Coach

Texas State, 2002

Manny Flores is the veteran assistant coach on the Texas State staff. Beginning his third season at Texas State, Flores not only has experience mentoring players as a coach but also brings the knowledge and experience of what it means to be a Texas State Bobcat player.

The El Paso native played two seasons for the 'Cats from 1999-2001.

In addition to on-court coaching which focuses on guard-skill development, Flores is also the program's recruiting coordinator. He serves as the liaison between the basketball program and the academic and student support services offices. Flores also coordinates the Junior Bobcat Clinics held during the year and is the director of summer basketball camps at Texas State.



Flores was Texas State's starting point guard during his career. He was an Honorable Mention All-Southland Conference performer as a senior at Texas State, finishing in the top five in the SLC in both assists and steals. He averaged 8.0 points, led the team with 105 assists and had 50 steals as a senior during the 2000-01 season. Flores, who also averaged 32.1 minutes per game, was a 72.5 percent free throw shooter his final year.

Flores also played two seasons at Cochise Community College in Arizona before being signed by the Bobcats. Following his playing career, he was a student assistant coach with the 'Cats for the 2001-02 season while completing his bachelor's degree at Texas State.

After finishing his collegiate eligibility, Flores continued his playing career in the Dominican Republic with Mauricio Baez, helping the team to a regular-season league championship. He also played with the Saltillo Lobos in Mexico.



T.J. Marcum

Assistant Coach

Texas A&M, 2000

Not only does T.J. Marcum have experience working as a coach at both the high school and collegiate levels, he also has additional life skills experience after working a year with troops in Iraq. He begins his first season with the Bobcats after being named an assistant coach in September.

Marcum is responsible for guard and post skill development as well serves as the basketball program's facility coordinator.

He joins the Texas State staff after working the past year for Kellogg, Brown and Root, a division of Halliburton. Marcum served as an Area/Regional Manager within KBR's Morale Welfare Program developing health and fitness programs for troops at six different military bases within Iraq's Anbar Province.

"Working in Iraq was a really good experience," Marcum said. "It was an eye-opening experience. I believe I can relate to our players what else is out there.

"A lot of the soldiers I worked with came from socio-economic backgrounds similar to our student-athletes. I can relate to them how blessed they are to be gifted with their skill to play basketball and how valuable their education at Texas State will be."

Prior to his time in Iraq, Marcum was an assistant coach at Stephen F. Austin State University and also served a year as the Director of Basketball Operations at Texas A&M (2003-04). He was also an assistant coach at Denton High School for one season.

During his tenure at SFA, the Lumberjacks made strides each year in the Southland Conference standings. The Jacks placed 11th in the league the year prior to a coaching change which brought Marcum to Nacogdoches. SFA finished 10th Marcum's first season (2000-01), going 6-14 in league play and the following year (2001-02) finished in a tie for fifth with a 10-10 league record.

Marcum's coaching experience has included on floor coaching, recruiting, video exchange and managing fund raising events both at the collegiate and high school levels.

After returning from Iraq in April, the Winnsboro native served on the staff of Houston Hoops, an AAU traveling team that won a pair of summer tournaments as well as made the final four of three other invitationals. He has also worked for John Lucas Basketball Development, working daily with talented players at the high school and college level as well as current NBA players.

Marcum holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Kinesiology/Education from Texas A&M (2000) and also earned a master's degree from Stephen F. Austin in 2002.



Jason Karlik

Assistant Athletic Trainer

Western Oregon, 1994

Jason Karlik is in his 10th year as a member of the Texas State University athletic training staff. Karlik enters his eighth year as an assistant athletic trainer after spending his first two years on the staff as a graduate assistant.

Karlik primary sport responsibilities are with the Bobcat men's basketball and baseball teams. He also also worked with the Texas State softball program.

In addition to his training responsibilities, Karlik is a member of the Texas State faculty, teaching classes in the Athletic Training Education Program while also supervising students in clinical settings.

A native of Oregon City, Ore., Karlik earned his bachelor's degree from Western Oregon University in 1994. He served as the Head Athletic Trainer for Centennial High School from 1995 to 1996 before returning to school and pursuing a master's degree from Texas State.

Karlik earned a Master's of Exercise and Sports Science from Texas State in 1998. He is married to the former Stephanie Korobeinkov and the couple have a son, Jackson (two) and are expecting a second child in January.



Chris Wright

Director of Basketball Operations

Texas, 2005

Chris Wright begins his first season as the Director of Basketball Operations for the Bobcats. Wright joins the Texas State staff after serving the past two seasons as a volunteer assistant coach at St. Edward's University in Austin.

At Texas State, Wright is responsible for travel coordination and film exchange as well as camp and community service coordination.

In addition to on-court coaching, Wright was responsible for aiding in all aspects of recruiting, developed scouting reports and handled film exchange at St. Edward's.

While volunteering at St. Edward's, Wright pursued a degree from the University of Texas and will graduate in December with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Applied Learning and Development.

Wright's coaching experience also includes once season as an assistant varsity and junior varsity coach at Prestonwood Christian Academy in Plano. While working for his former high school coach, Kevin Mosley, Prestonwood Christian made its first ever playoff appearance and had a 10-game improvement from the previous season. He also worked a season as the seventh grade coach at Hyde Park Baptist.

As a high school player, Wright was a three-time all-district pick and team captain at Harvest Christian Academy in Fort Worth. He played in consecutive TAPPS Class 3A state championship games.

Texas State Basketball Staff



Tom Davis

Strength and Conditioning Coach

Colorado-Colorado Springs, 1995

Tom Davis is in his first season as the strength and conditioning coach for the Texas State men's basketball program. In his current capacity, he not only oversees the daily operation of the strength and conditioning program, but also designs, develops and implements training programs focused at improving performance components for athletes' specific sports.

Davis comes to Texas State from Langston University (Langston, Okla.) where he served as the strength and conditioning coordinator and as a physical education instructor. Prior to his two years at Langston, Davis worked as a strength coach and physical education instructor at various colleges around the country, including stints at Citrus College (Glendora, Calif.), Drake University (Des Moines, Iowa), the University of Denver and the Colorado College (Colorado Springs, Colo.).

He started his career at the United States Air Force Academy, serving as an intern before working as a volunteer strength and conditioning coach.

A native of Colorado, Davis graduated from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. He earned his bachelor's in Biology before receiving a master's in basic science/exercise science.

In addition to his educational and professional endeavors, Davis has many earned many certifications and memberships. He is a certified strength and conditioning specialist (NSCA), a certified club coach (USA Weightlifting), a certified volleyball conditioning specialist (USA Volleyball), a certified leader level coach (American Sport Education Program) and certified in CPR and sport safety (American Red Cross).

Davis and his wife Carla, a personnel analyst, reside in the San Marcos area.



Ron Mears

Director of Media Relations

Oklahoma State, 1986

Ron Mears is in his second year as Texas State's Director of Media Relations. Mears brings over 17 years of media relations experience to the position.

Prior to joining the Texas State staff, Mears was the primary contact for men's basketball in the Office of Athletic Media Relations for five years at the University of Memphis. He also served as the director of sports information for 10 years at Nicholls State University.

While at Memphis, Mears was the publicist for the 2002 National Invitation Tournament champions. In addition to working with the U of M's basketball program, he also assisted with media relations for the Tiger football program as well as other assigned responsibilities.

During his tenure, the Memphis basketball media guide was annually ranked among the top 15 in Division I basketball according to publication contests conducted by the College Sports Information Directors of America. The publication grew from 182 pages prior to Mears' arrival to 242 pages his last year at the Conference USA school.

A 1986 graduate of Oklahoma State University, Mears was named Nicholls State's SID in 1988 and received additional responsibilities as the Assistant Director of University Relations in 1991.

While at the south Louisiana university, Mears produced the 1996 Nicholls State football media guide which was named Best in the Nation by CoSIDA. The football publication was named one of the top five nationally three times during Mears' final four years at the university. Mears was also honored in 1995 by CoSIDA, penning the Best Historical Feature in the organization's annual writing contest.

At Nicholls State, Mears was involved with the Louisiana Sports Writers Association, coordinating the LSWA's basketball player of the week program for five years as well as various LSWA all-Louisiana teams. He served a two-year term as the LSWA's treasurer.

He has also assisted with media coordination at several NCAA and amateur athletic events including last spring's NCAA Men's Basketball Regional in Austin, two NCAA Final Fours and the 1992 U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials. While at Memphis, he assisted annually in media relations and scoring at the FedEx St. Jude Classic held at TPC Southwind.

Mears previously worked as a sports writer at the Bartlesville, Okla., Examiner-Enterprise covering Big 8 and prep athletics.



Steve Wilson

Assistant Media Relations Director



Renee Felton

Media Relations Assistant