

~LIVE! Alabama A&M vs Texas Southern Live Stream NCAA Basketball Game On TV Channel 2026

The road to the NCAA Tournament runs through the Gateway Center Arena in College Park, Georgia, as the No. 4 Texas Southern Tigers prepare to battle the No. 5 Alabama A&M Bulldogs in a high-stakes SWAC Quarterfinal matchup. This isn't just a mid-week matinee; it is a collision between two programs with drastically different postseason identities. Texas Southern, the perennial powerhouse of the conference, looks to defend its legacy, while Alabama A&M aims to prove that their 17-win season—their best in years—was no fluke.

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The Matchup at a Glance

Team	Record	SWAC Seed	Leading Scorer
Alabama A&M	17–14	No. 5	Kintavious Dozier (14.9 PPG)
Texas Southern	12–17	No. 4	Troy Hupstead (14.6 PPG)

Both teams finished the regular season with a 10–8 conference record. Texas Southern earned the higher seed via a multi-team tiebreaker, but the Bulldogs actually enter with a superior overall record.

This game represents a classic "unstoppable force vs. immovable object" dynamic: the Tigers' historical tournament dominance versus the Bulldogs' hunger for a breakthrough.

Key Storylines: Revenge and Resilience

The most significant psychological factor heading into this game is the regular-season meeting on January 24, 2026. In that contest, Alabama A&M stormed out to a 16-point lead, appearing ready to blow the Tigers off their own home court. However, Texas Southern orchestrated a masterclass in resilience, roaring back to win 89–74.

For the Bulldogs, this quarterfinal is a "revenge game." They dominated 75% of that first meeting but faltered when the pressure intensified. Head coach Otis Hughley Jr., a former Texas Southern assistant, knows the Tigers' DNA better than anyone. He will be looking to ensure his team maintains their composure for all 40 minutes this time around.

Tactical Breakdown

Alabama A&M: The "Dozier & Davis" Engine

The Bulldogs' success hinges on their backcourt. Kintavious Dozier and Kailon Davis both average 14.9 points per game. When they are hitting from deep, Alabama A&M is nearly impossible to guard.

The X-Factor: J. Graham III. His ability to provide a double-double threat (10.1 PPG, 4.1 RPG) allows the Bulldogs to play a faster, transition-heavy style.

The Strategy: Pressure the ball. The Bulldogs need to force Texas Southern into turnovers to prevent the Tigers from setting up their half-court defense.

Texas Southern: Inside-Out Dominance

Don't let the 12–17 record fool you. Texas Southern often schedules a brutal non-conference slate to prepare for this exact moment. They play their best basketball in March.

The Anchor: Troy Hupstead. Averaging 14.6 points and 9.0 rebounds, he is arguably the most physical presence in the SWAC. If he controls the paint, the Bulldogs will struggle to find second-chance points.

The Perimeter: Jaylen Wysinger was the hero of the January comeback with 23 points. His ability to create his own shot late in the shot clock is a weapon Coach Johnny Jones relies on heavily.

Statistical Comparison		
Category	Alabama A&M	Texas Southern
Points Per Game	72.2	75.1
Points Allowed	72.4	77.7
Field Goal %	45.7%	45.6%
3PT Made/Game	6.3	8.2

The stats suggest a high-scoring affair. Texas Southern gives up significantly more points (77.7 PPG) than they score, which suggests that if Alabama A&M can keep the pace high, they can find gaps in the Tigers' transition defense. Conversely, the Tigers' advantage beyond the arc (8.2 threes per game) could be the difference-maker if the game remains close in the final minutes.

What's at Stake?

The winner of this game moves on to the SWAC Semifinals on Friday, March 13, to face the winner of the Bethune-Cookman vs. Prairie View A&M matchup.

For Texas Southern, a loss would be a stunning early exit for a program that treats the SWAC title as a birthright. For Alabama A&M, a win would signal a changing of the guard and put them just two wins away from their first NCAA Tournament appearance since 2005.