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Enjoy the Game!

Welcome to the 2025 IS4S Salute to Veterans Bowl.

Thank you for being here, and a special thanks to the Veteran and military families in attendance. This game is for you.



Glenn Rolader, Ph.D.

IS4S President & CEO

Once again, it is our distinguished honor to be the title sponsor of the Salute to Veterans Bowl. As an Alabama-based company serving the U.S. Armed Forces and other government and commercial agencies, it's a privilege to team with ESPN Events and the City of Montgomery to honor our Nation's Veterans right here in the capital of our home state.

History happens here.

Tonight's matchup is more than a game between two great teams. It's a celebration of the freedoms we enjoy as Americans because of our Veterans and active-duty service members.

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Enjoy the game,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glenn Rolader".

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Happy Holidays!

Welcome to historic Cramton Bowl in Montgomery, Alabama—the Birthplace of the Civil Rights Movement and proud home of the **IS4S Salute to Veterans Bowl!**

This special event honors the courage and sacrifice of America's heroes—our veterans and active-duty military personnel. As the host city to **Maxwell Air Force Base** and the **187th Fighter Wing of the Air National Guard**, Montgomery shares a deep and enduring connection to our nation's armed forces. This bowl game is a heartfelt tribute to those who serve and protect our freedoms.

Cramton Bowl has long been a stage for unforgettable college football moments, and today's matchup continues that legacy. From dramatic goal-line stands to thrilling last-second plays, this venue has witnessed the rise of future NFL stars and the spirit of competition at its finest.

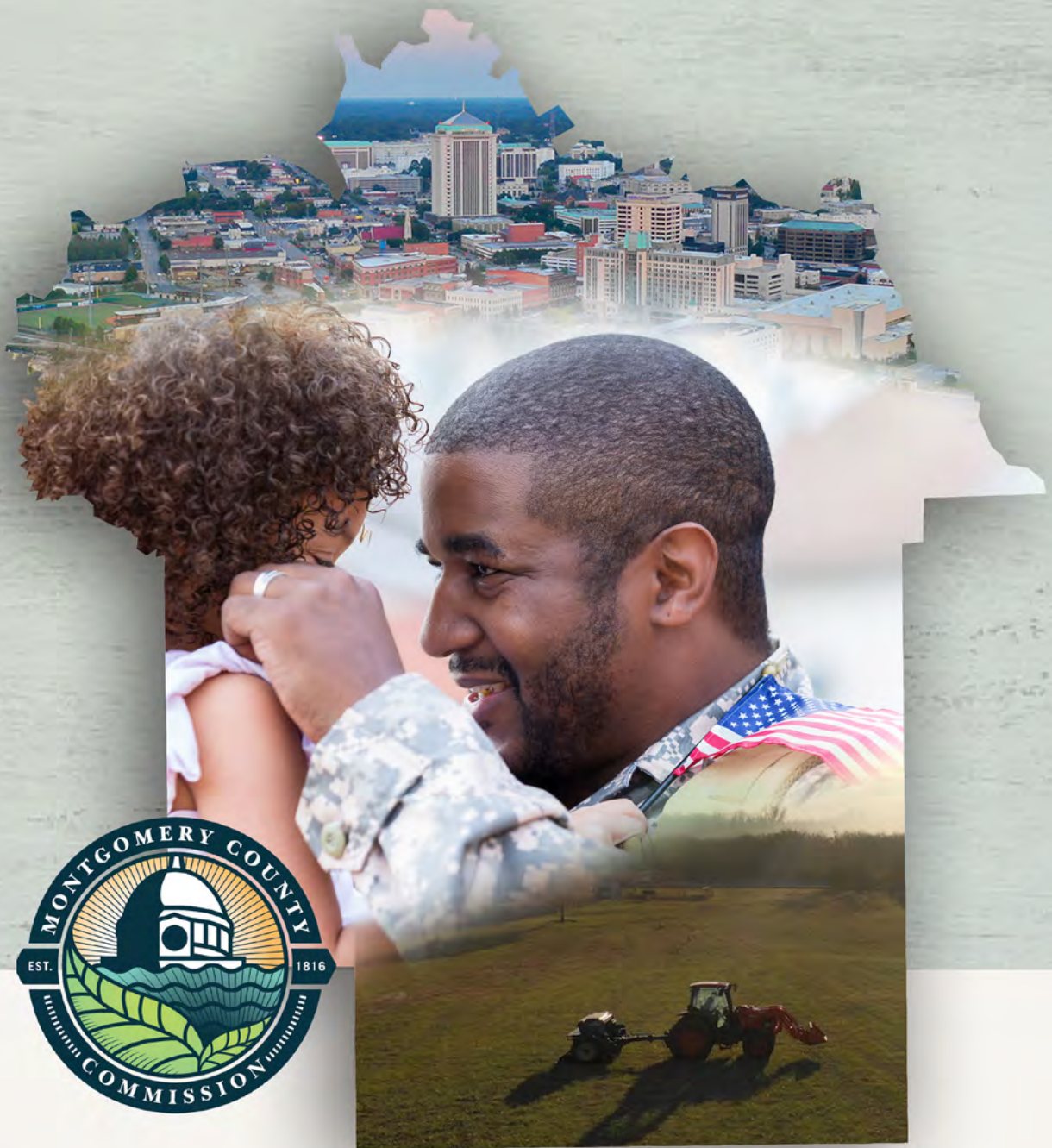
We are honored to welcome the players, coaches, families, and fans of the **Troy University Trojans** and the **Jacksonville State University Gamecocks**. This game celebrates the dedication, resilience, and teamwork of student-athletes who have earned their place on this field through hard work and determination. Their journey reflects the power of unity, perseverance, and shared purpose.

As Alabama's capital city, Montgomery is undergoing a vibrant transformation—embracing innovation while honoring its rich heritage. We invite you to explore our community, enjoy the festivities, and make lasting memories during your visit.

Thank you for joining us in celebrating this special game and recognizing the service of our veterans and military personnel. We wish you a joyful holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

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On behalf of the Montgomery County Commission, it is my great honor to welcome you to Montgomery County for the 2025 IS4S Salute to Veterans Bowl at our historic Cramton Bowl.

We are thrilled to host you as we highlight the very best of college football this bowl season while honoring the brave men and women who have served our nation.

Tonight's game is more than a matchup on the field. It is a moment for our community to come together in gratitude for the veterans whose courage, sacrifice, and steadfast commitment have protected our freedoms and shaped the character of our country. Their service inspires us, unites us, and reminds us of the values that define America.

We are proud to host this year's event here in Montgomery, where history, tradition, and progress meet, and where honoring our service members is a deeply held community commitment. We extend our sincere appreciation to IS4S for its continued leadership and support of this meaningful bowl game, as well as to our partners, volunteers, participating teams, and fans who make this bowl game possible.

To our veterans in attendance and across the nation, thank you. Your service is the foundation upon which events like this are made possible, and we are honored to celebrate you today. We hope you enjoy an exciting game, memorable fellowship, and a special day of recognition for those who have given so much.

Welcome to the IS4S Salute to Veterans Bowl!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Doug Singleton".

Doug Singleton
Chairman, Montgomery County Commission (District 5)

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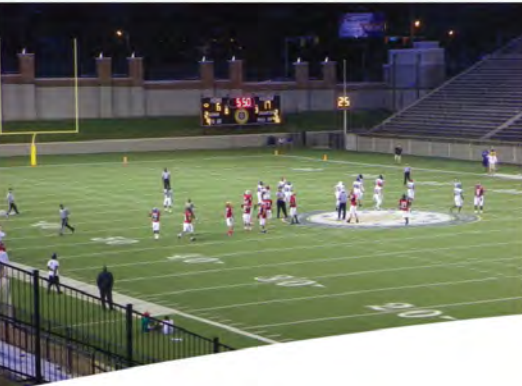
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On behalf of ESPN Events and the IS4S Salute to Veterans Bowl staff, I would like to personally welcome you to the 2025 IS4S Salute to Veterans Bowl at the historic Cramton Bowl in Montgomery, Alabama.

We are extremely proud to present this game to you, as we honor the sacrifice and bravery of our veterans and military who fought and continue to fight for our freedoms we enjoy today. As this game is played, please take a moment to think of those men and women, and remember, that this is bigger than football.

The state of Alabama is steeped in football tradition, with a combined 25 national championships. The University of Alabama (18) and Auburn University (2) have 20 combined national championships at the FBS level. The University of North Alabama (1993, 1994, and 1995), Troy University (1984 and 1987) and Jacksonville State University (1992) have won six national titles at the Division II level.

The City of Montgomery has a rich football tradition as well, including the annual Blue-Gray Football Classic, sponsored by the Montgomery Lions Club from 1939-2003.

We are indebted to the Central Alabama Sports Commission, the City of Montgomery, and Montgomery County for their continued support of all our events here over the past ten years. We would also like to extend a special thank you to our title sponsor, Integrated Solutions for Systems (IS4S).

Congratulations to the Troy Trojans and the Jax State Gamecocks, we are thrilled to host both teams here in Montgomery. Thank you to everyone who has made this event possible, and we hope you enjoy the game!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clay Norrell".

Clay Norrell, Executive Director
IS4S Salute to Veterans Bowl



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2025 FOOTBALL EVENTS



CRICKET MEAC/SWAC CHALLENGE KICK-OFF

ABC/AUG. 23, 2025 | CENTER PARC STADIUM | ATLANTA, GA
NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL VS SOUTHERN



XBOX BOWL

ESPN2/DEC. 19, 2025 | FORD CENTER AT THE STAR | FRISCO, TX
AMERICAN, CUSA, MAC, MOUNTAIN WEST, SUN BELT



SERVPRO FIRST RESPONDER BOWL

ESPN/DEC. 26, 2025 | GERALD J. FORD STADIUM | DALLAS, TX
AMERICAN, CUSA, MAC, MOUNTAIN WEST, SUN BELT



FCS KICKOFF

ESPN/AUG. 23, 2025 | CRAMTON BOWL | MONTGOMERY, AL
UC DAVIS VS MERCER



MYRTLE BEACH BOWL PRESENTED BY ENGINE

ESPN/DEC. 19, 2025 | BROOKS STADIUM | CONWAY, SC
AMERICAN, CUSA, MAC, MOUNTAIN WEST, SUN BELT



WASABI FENWAY BOWL

ESPN/DEC. 27, 2025 | FENWAY PARK | BOSTON, MA
ACC VS AMERICAN



RED TAILS CLASSIC

ESPN/AUG. 31, 2025 | CRAMTON BOWL | MONTGOMERY, AL
WINSTON-SALEM STATE VS TUSKEGEE



UNION HOME MORTGAGE GASPARILLA BOWL

ESPN/DEC. 19, 2025 | RAYMOND JAMES STADIUM | TAMPA, FL
SEC, AMERICAN, ACC, CUSA, MAC, MOUNTAIN WEST, SUN BELT



ISLETA NEW MEXICO BOWL

ESPN/DEC. 27, 2025 | UNIVERSITY STADIUM | ALBUQUERQUE, NM
MOUNTAIN WEST VS AMERICAN, CUSA, MAC, SUN BELT



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ESPN+/DEC. 12, 2025 | MERCEDES-BENZ STADIUM | ATLANTA, GA
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ESPN/DEC. 22, 2025 | ALBERTSON'S STADIUM | BOISE, ID
MAC VS MOUNTAIN WEST



KINDER'S TEXAS BOWL

ESPN/DEC. 27, 2025 | NRG STADIUM | HOUSTON, TX
BIG 12 VS SEC



CRICKET CELEBRATION BOWL

ABC/DEC. 13, 2025 | MERCEDES-BENZ STADIUM | ATLANTA, GA
MEAC CHAMPION VS SWAC CHAMPION



BUSH'S BOCA RATON BOWL OF BEANS

ESPN/DEC. 23, 2025 | FLAGLER CREDIT UNION STADIUM | BOCA RATON, FL
AMERICAN, CUSA, MAC, MOUNTAIN WEST, SUN BELT



JLAB BIRMINGHAM BOWL

ESPN/DEC. 29, 2025 | PROTECTIVE STADIUM | BIRMINGHAM, AL
SEC VS AMERICAN, CUSA, ACC, MAC, MOUNTAIN WEST, SUN BELT



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ESPN/DEC. 16, 2025 | CRAMTON BOWL | MONTGOMERY, AL
AMERICAN, CUSA, MAC, MOUNTAIN WEST, SUN BELT



SCOOTER'S COFFEE FRISCO BOWL

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SHERATON HAWAII BOWL

ESPN/DEC. 24, 2025 | CLARENCE K.C. CHANG ATHLETICS COMPLEX | HONOLULU, HI
AMERICAN VS MOUNTAIN WEST



LOCKHEED MARTIN ARMED FORCES BOWL

ESPN/JAN. 2, 2026 | AMON G. CARTER STADIUM | FORT WORTH, TX
AMERICAN, CUSA, MAC, MOUNTAIN WEST, SUN BELT

2025 BASKETBALL EVENTS



DICK VITALE INVITATIONAL PRESENTED BY BELK

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TEXAS VS DUKE



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ESPN/DEC. 9, 2025 | MADISON SQUARE GARDEN | NEW YORK, NY
CLEMSON VS BYU | FLORIDA VS UCONN



PERATON ARMED FORCES CLASSIC

ESPN/NOV. 4, 2025 | US NAVAL ACADEMY | ANNAPOLIS, MD
LOUISVILLE VS UCONN (WOMEN'S)



SPROUTS FARMERS MARKET ESPW INVITATIONAL

ABC/DEC. 14, 2025 | DICKIES ARENA | FORT WORTH, TX
BAYLOR VS TEXAS



STATE FARM CHAMPIONS CLASSIC

ESPN/NOV. 18, 2025 | MADISON SQUARE GARDEN | NY
MICHIGAN STATE VS KENTUCKY | KANSAS VS DUKE



LOUISVILLE VS BAYLOR

ESPN/FEB. 14, 2026 | DICKIES ARENA | FORT WORTH, TX
LOUISVILLE VS BAYLOR



SHRINERS CHILDREN'S CHARLESTON CLASSIC

ESPN NETWORKS | NOV. 21 & 23, 2025 | TD ARENA | CHARLESTON, SC
PALMETTO BRACKET: CLEMSON, GEORGIA, WEST VIRGINIA, XAVIER
LOWCOUNTRY BRACKET: BOSTON COLLEGE, DAVIDSON, TULANE, UTAH STATE



2025 VOLLEYBALL EVENTS



SPROUTS FARMERS MARKET BROADWAY BLOCK PARTY

ESPN NETWORKS | AUG. 31, 2025 | BRIDGESTONE ARENA | NASHVILLE, TN
NEBRASKA VS KENTUCKY | PURDUE VS TENNESSEE | ILLINOIS VS VANDERBILT



SHRINERS CHILDREN'S SHOWDOWN AT THE NET

ESPN NETWORKS | SEP. 10, 2025 | DICKIES ARENA | FORT WORTH, TX
PITT VS KENTUCKY | LOUISVILLE VS TEXAS



TERRY'S CHOCOLATE ESPN EVENTS INVITATIONAL

ESPN NETWORKS | NOV. 24 - 26, 2025 | ESPN WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS COMPLEX | KISSIMMEE, FL
ADVENTURE BRACKET: BRADLEY, LIBERTY, PRINCETON, RHODE ISLAND, TEMPLE, TOWSON, UC SAN DIEGO, VERMONT
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2026 SOFTBALL EVENTS



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ESPN NETWORKS | FEB. 12 - 15, 2026 | EDDIE C. MOORE COMPLEX | CLEARWATER, FL
DUKE, FLORIDA ATLANTIC, FLORIDA STATE, GEORGIA, JAMES MADISON, LSU, MISSOURI, NC STATE, NEBRASKA, NORTHWESTERN, OKLAHOMA STATE, TENNESSEE, TEXAS A&M, TEXAS TECH, UCF, UCLA

2026 GYMNASTICS EVENTS



SPROUTS FARMERS MARKET COLLEGIATE QUAD

ESPN NETWORKS | JAN. 10, 2026 | MAVERICK CENTER | WEST VALLEY CITY, UT
CALIFORNIA, KENTUCKY, LSU, MICHIGAN STATE, MICHIGAN, UCLA, OKLAHOMA, UTAH



2025 IS4S SALUTE TO VETERANS BOWL - JACKSONVILLE STATE VS. TROY

WHAT TO WATCH FOR

JACKSONVILLE STATE-TROY RENEW RIVALRY

Two long-time, in-state rivals will square off in the 2025 IS4S Salute to Veterans Bowl.

Troy and Jacksonville State will meet in the 12th annual IS4S Salute to Veterans Bowl on Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 8 p.m. (CT) at the historic Cramton Bowl in downtown Montgomery, Ala. The game will be televised on ESPN.

Former members of the Gulf South Conference, Jax State and Troy are meeting on the gridiron for the first time since 2001.

The Gamecocks lead the all-time series 33-28-2, however the Trojans have won the last seven meetings in the series. Jax State has not defeated Troy since Nov. 3, 1990, the last meeting as GSC members.

CONFERENCE RUNNERS-UP COLLIDE

Both of the participants in this year's IS4S Salute to Veterans Bowl have already played once in this year's postseason.

Following an 8-4 regular season and 7-1 record in league play, Jacksonville State served as the host of the Conference USA Championship game for the second consecutive season.

Jax State won the Conference USA title in 2024, its first year eligible to do so. However, the Gamecocks came up just short against Kennesaw State on Dec. 5, giving up a touchdown with less than one minute to play to thwart a large fourth quarter comeback.

The Trojans also finished the regular season with an 8-4 overall record, posting a 6-2 mark in league action to reach the Sun Belt Conference Championship.

Troy won the Sun Belt West Division for the third time in four years, but was ultimately defeated in the conference championship game by College Football Playoff qualifier James Madison.

FANTASTIC FINISHES IN MONTGOMERY

The IS4S Salute to Veterans Bowl has had a knack for close games and thrilling finishes.

In fact, 10 of the previous 11 have been one score games with the average margin of victory at 4.3 points per game.

In eight of the 11 games, the winning score came in the fourth quarter, including walk-off field goals by Appalachian State (2015) and Georgia Southern (2018).

THE OPENING KICKOFF

2025 IS4S SALUTE TO VETERANS BOWL

KICKOFF: 8:00 PM CT

TV: ESPN

**MATT BARRIE (PXP), TOM LUGINBILL (ANALYST),
HARRY LYLES JR. (SIDELINE)**

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MARIA MARTIN (SIDELINE)**



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Bowling Green defeated South Alabama 33-28 in the inaugural IS4S Salute to Veterans Bowl (previously known as Camellia Bowl) on Dec. 20, 2014.

Last year, South Alabama set the bowl's total offense record with 537 yards in a 30-23 win over Western Michigan.

JAX STATE BOASTS TOP RUNNING ATTACK

No team in FBS football rushed for more yards than the Jacksonville State Gamecocks in 2025.

Jax State rushed for 3,354 yards and 31 touchdowns in 13 games, averaging 258.0 yards per contest.

Junior running back Cam Cook was the workhorse. The Round Rock, Texas, native led the nation with 1,659 yards and was fourth nationally with 16 touchdowns on the ground. Cook reached the 100-yard mark in 10 of 13 games this fall, including a career-best 218 yards in the win over Sam Houston.

Jax State quarterback Caden Creel has done plenty of damage of his own on the ground this season. The redshirt-sophomore has totaled 1,085 yards over 13 games with seven scores.

JAX STATE BOWL HISTORY			
YEAR	BOWL	OPPONENT	RESULT
2023	NEW ORLEANS	LOUISIANA	W, 34-31
2024	CURE	OHIO	L, 27-30

C-USA STANDINGS				
	CONF	PCT	OVR	PCT
KENNESAW STATE	7-1	.875	10-3	.769
JAX STATE	7-1	.875	8-5	.615
WESTERN KENTUCKY	6-2	.750	8-4	.667
MISSOURI STATE	5-3	.625	7-5	.583
FIU	5-3	.625	7-5	.583
LOUISIANA TECH	5-3	.625	7-5	.583
DELAWARE	4-4	.500	6-6	.500
LIBERTY	3-5	.375	4-8	.333
NEW MEXICO STATE	2-6	.250	4-8	.333
MIDDLE TENNESSEE	2-6	.250	3-9	.250
UTEP	1-7	.125	2-10	.167
SAM HOUSTON	1-7	.125	2-10	.167

T BOWL HISTORY			
YEAR	BOWL	OPPONENT	RESULT
2004	SILICON VALLEY CLASSIC	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	L, 21-34
2006	NEW ORLEANS	RICE	W, 41-17
2008	NEW ORLEANS	SOUTHERN MISS	L, 27-30
2009	GMAC	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	L, 41-44
2010	NEW ORLEANS	OHIO	W, 48-21
2016	DOLLAR GENERAL	OHIO	W, 28-23
2017	NEW ORLEANS	NORTH TEXAS	W, 50-30
2018	DOLLAR GENERAL	BUFFALO	W, 42-32
2022	CURE	UTSA	W, 18-12
2023	BIRMINGHAM	DUKE	L, 10-17

Cook and Creel are the only pair of teammates to each have 1,000 rushing yards entering the bowl season.

TROJANS TURNING DEFENSE INTO OFFENSE

Troy ranks third in the Sun Belt Conference, allowing just 24.5 points per game this season. However, the Trojans defense has also contributed to its side of the scoreboard as well.

The Troy defense has found the end zone four times this season, one of just nine teams nationally with four or more defensive touchdowns.

SBC STANDINGS				
EAST DIVISION				
	CONF	PCT	OVR	PCT
JAMES MADISON	8-0	1.000	12-1	.923
OLD DOMINION	6-2	.750	9-3	.750
COASTAL CAROLINA	5-3	.625	6-6	.500
GEORGIA SOUTHERN	4-4	.500	6-6	.500
MARSHALL	3-5	.375	5-7	.417
APP STATE	2-6	.250	5-7	.417
GEORGIA STATE	0-8	.000	1-11	.083
WEST DIVISION				
	CONF	PCT	OVR	PCT
TROY	6-2	.750	8-5	.615
SOUTHERN MISS	5-3	.625	7-5	.583
ARKANSAS STATE	5-3	.625	6-6	.500
LOUISIANA	5-3	.625	6-6	.500
TEXAS STATE	3-5	.375	6-6	.500
SOUTH ALABAMA	3-5	.375	4-8	.333
ULM	1-7	.125	3-9	.250

Linebacker TJ Thompson took back a 4-yard interception at Clemson, defensive end Taleeq Robbins had a 15-yards scoop and score against Memphis, safety Joe Lott returned an interception 53 yards in the win over ULM, and cornerback Jaquez White picked off a pass and returned it 30 yards for a touchdown versus Louisiana.

Jacksonville State has surrendered XX defensive touchdowns this season – allowing scores against Murray State and Southern Miss.

There have been five defensive scores in the previous 11 IS4S Salute to Veterans Bowl games, the last coming in 2021 as Georgia State scored on fumble and interception returns.



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STATISTICAL MATCHUP



JAX STATE

Category	Jax State	Opp.
Total Points	377	340
Points/Game	29.0	26.2
Total Offense	5449	5086
Yards/Play	6.0	5.7
Yards/Game	419.2	391.2
Passing Yards	2095	3154
Yards/Game	161.2	242.6
Rushing Yards	3354	1932
Yards/Game	258.0	148.6
First Downs	282	278
First Downs/Game	21.7	21.4
Field Goals	20-27	12-15
Punting Average	54-39.7	55-43.5
Punt Returns	9-47	12-107
Kickoff Returns	12-177	28-547
Penalties	77-743	87-731
Third Down Conversion	69/180	66/175
Fourth Down Conversion	16/28	17/32
Time of Possession	30:30	29:14
Interceptions	12-270	6-49
Fumbles-Lost	13-7	20-10
Sacks	26-166	19-116

PASSING LEADERS

#	Player	Comp-Att	Yds	TD	Int	LG
12	Caden Creel	116-191	1341	8	4	77
2	Gavin Wimsatt	63-111	731	4	2	62
	Jax State	181-306	2095	12	6	77
	Opponents	258-416	3154	19	12	75

RUSHING LEADERS

#	Player	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
4	Cam Cook	295	1659	5.6	16	73
12	Caden Creel	169	1085	6.4	7	73
2	Gavin Wimsatt	52	264	5.1	4	44
	Jax State	607	3354	5.5	31	73
	Opponents	474	1932	4.1	22	52

RECEIVING LEADERS

#	Player	No	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
11	Deondre Johnson	24	523	26.0	6	77
3	Brock Rechsteiner	33	356	10.8	4	56
13	Pearson Baldwin	25	292	11.7	2	52
4	Cam Cook	30	286	9.5	0	54
9	Caleb Coombs	37	277	7.5	0	24
	Jax State	181	2095	11.6	12	77
	Opponents	258	3154	12.2	19	75

TACKLE LEADERS

#	Player	Tack	TFL	Sacks	Int
40	Walker O'Steen	80	6-27	1.5-10	3-64
59	Mac Sanders	77	10.5-34	1.5-14	--
43	Trevor Woods	64	0.5-1	--	1-4
1	Caleb Nix	57	4-11	--	4-191
12	Malcolm Jones	54	5-47	3-34	--
92	Talan Carter	54	7.5-17	1.5-6	--
	Jax State	846	73-298	26-166	12-270
	Opponents	911	82-270	19-116	6-49

SCHEDULES & RESULTS

JAX STATE (8-5, 7-1 CUSA)

Date	Opponent	Result
8/28	at UCF	L, 10-17
9/6	LIBERTY *	W, 34-24
9/13	at Georgia Southern	L, 34-41
9/20	MURRAY STATE	W, 45-10
9/27	at Southern Miss	L, 25-42
10/9	at Sam Houston *	W, 29-27
10/15	DELAWARE *	W, 38-25
10/29	at Middle Tennessee *	W, 24-21
11/8	at UTEP *	W, 30-27
11/15	KENNESAW STATE *	W, 35-26
11/22	at FIU *	L, 21-27
11/29	WESTERN KENTUCKY *	W, 37-34
12/5	KENNESAW STATE ^	L, 15-19

* Conference USA Game

^ Conference USA Championship

TROY (8-5, 6-2 SUN BELT)

Date	Opponent	Result
8/30	NICHOLLS	W, 38-20
9/6	at Clemson	L, 16-27
9/13	MEMPHIS	L, 7-28
9/20	at Buffalo	W, 21-17
10/4	SOUTH ALABAMA *	W, 31-24 (OT)
10/11	at Texas State *	W, 48-41 (OT)
10/18	at ULM *	W, 37-14
10/25	LOUISIANA *	W, 35-23
11/1	ARKANSAS STATE *	L, 10-23
11/13	at Old Dominion *	L, 0-33
11/22	GEORGIA STATE *	W, 31-19
11/29	at Southern Miss *	W, 28-18
12/5	at James Madison ^	L, 14-31

* Sun Belt Conference Game

^ Sun Belt Conference Championship



TROY

Category	Troy	Opp.
Total Points	316	318
Points/Game	24.3	24.5
Total Offense	4084	4944
Yards/Play	4.7	5.7
Yards/Game	314.2	380.3
Passing Yards	2800	2574
Yards/Game	215.4	198.0
Rushing Yards	1284	2370
Yards/Game	98.8	182.3
First Downs	227	248
First Downs/Game	17.5	19.1
Field Goals	10-15	20-27
Punting Average	66-45.6	55-39.5
Punt Returns	19-98	20-116
Kickoff Returns	30-564	20-360
Penalties	75-714	76-643
Third Down Conversion	81/202	70/187
Fourth Down Conversion	16/33	14/30
Time of Possession	29:57	30:03
Interceptions	10-191	10-101
Fumbles-Lost	15-6	12-7
Sacks	32-182	57-366

PASSING LEADERS

#	Player	Comp-Att	Yds	TD	Int	LG
10	Tucker Kilcrease	118-199	1421	9	4	60
9	Goose Crowder	112-190	1314	11	5	75
	Troy	236-404	2800	20	10	75
	Opponents	221-368	2574	15	10	58

RUSHING LEADERS

#	Player	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
22	Tae Meadows	159	695	4.4	6	47
1	Jordan Lovett	81	317	3.9	2	22
10	Tucker Kilcrease	104	112	1.1	5	34
	Troy	460	1284	2.8	17	47
	Opponents	502	2370	4.7	21	73

RECEIVING LEADERS

#	Player	No	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
7	RaRa Thomas	34	577	17.0	5	75
8	Tray Taylor	31	513	16.5	3	60
18	DJ Epps	44	480	10.9	5	48
14	Ethan Conner	29	381	13.1	3	39
2	Peyton Higgins	33	270	8.2	1	21
	Troy	236	2800	11.9	20	75
	Opponents	221	2574	11.6	15	58

TACKLE LEADERS

#	Player	Tack	TFL	Sacks	Int
7	Jordan Stringer	107	11-38	2-16	--
3	Devin Lafayette	104	2.5-12	1-9	2-31
6	Justin Powe	65	0.5-0	--	1-4
8	Jaquez White	65	3.5-14	1-10	3-51
22	Donnie Smith	43	12.5-61	10-54	--
14	D. Daniel-Sisavanh	42	2-5	--	--
	Troy	918	80-288	32-182	10-191
	Opponents	907	95-450	57-366	10-101



2025 IS4S SALUTE TO VETERANS BOWL - JACKSONVILLE STATE VS. TROY

OLD FOES RENEW RIVALRY

By Tim Gayle

When C.C. Bush and Ross Ford got together for a football game on Nov. 27, 1924, they had no idea of the rivalry that gridiron meeting would create.

Bush was in the final year of a three-year stint at Jacksonville State and had coached the team to three consecutive wins before the season finale. Ford was completing his only year at Troy, tying his first four games and winning his next two before the season ended at Jacksonville State.

The Gamecocks' 14-9 win didn't trigger an instant rivalry -- the two teams would play just nine more times over the next 21 years before starting an annual series in 1946 -- but it was indicative of the type of game the two teams would play against each other.

"I figured out my first fall, real quick, what it meant," said Stewart Lowery, Troy's middle linebacker on the 1984 national championship team. "That game was circled on the schedule early in the fall when we first reported.

"When you stepped on Troy's campus, if you could not accept (the intense rivalry with Jacksonville State) and that could not become part of your DNA, you were probably at the wrong school. If you were to put us in the same room with the (Jacksonville State) guys we played against, they'd say the same thing. It was a bloodbath, it was a war, and you knew it was going to be that way. On top of everything, you had the 'Battle of the Bands.' The bands got involved as well. It was something else. I'll never forget it."

Between 1946 and 1965, 16 of the 20 games were decided by two touchdowns or less, generating the intensity of the rivalry. By the early 1970s, both were members of the Gulf South Conference in Division II, which meant their arch rival was standing in the path of a conference title. And with Jacksonville State's Charley Pell and Troy's Charlie Bradshaw, a pair of Paul "Bear" Bryant disciples, coaching the teams at different times in the 1970s, the rivalry grew even more heated.

"It was as much of a rivalry between the bands as it was the football teams," said

Jacksonville State band director Ken Bodiford, a former drum major with the Marching Southerners who will wrap up a 32-year career as the school's band director on Tuesday night at Cramton Bowl. "Back then, when you came in as a student, you were taught that rivalry, kind of like the Alabama-Auburn rivalry."

For the bands, much like the football teams, the competition between two passionate leaders took the rivalry to a new level. Dr. Johnny Long, director of Troy's Sound of the South from 1965-96, was a Jacksonville State graduate. Dr. David Walters, director of Jacksonville State's Marching Southerners from 1961-91, was just as competitive.

"I was a freshman in 1983, so (the rivalry) had already started when I came in, but it was a huge deal when I was a student," Bodiford said. "The Troy game was the big climax of the season. That was the game you looked forward to all season. We always had what was called the 'Battle of the Bands' and after the game both bands would stay in the stands and play back and forth for what seemed like hours."

By the early 1990s, the programs drifted in different directions. Troy moved to I-AA (now Football Championship Subdivision) in 1993, while Jacksonville State would make a similar move two years later. By 2001, Troy was transitioning to Football Bowl Subdivision as Jacksonville State was moving from the FCS Southland Conference to the Ohio Valley Conference and finally to FBS in 2023.

The two teams last met on the gridiron in 2001 at Troy as the Trojans won their seventh consecutive game in the rivalry, 21-3.

"I understand the rivalry and the hatred (from older players)," said Charlie Goodyear, a center on Troy's 2001 team. "2001 was our first year going I-A, that was the talk. As I recall it, the game with Jacksonville State didn't have that buzz around it. I think when I started coaching at Troy and was around events where I rubbed shoulders with the older alum and the community, that's when I fully appreciated the history."

For 24 years, a generation of Jacksonville State and Troy fans and students have cheered on their respective team, largely unaware of their school's biggest rival.

"It was pretty intense," said Mike Turk, a former Troy quarterback and assistant coach. "The Troy folks didn't like the Jacksonville State people and the Jacksonville State people didn't like the Troy folks. I mean, that's how it's supposed to be in a rivalry. That one was certainly the case. It was always an interesting game, hard fought and without a doubt the most intense, bitter rivalry that we



had while I was playing and in the years that followed that."

While a younger generation has trouble understanding a rivalry that hasn't been played in a quarter of a century, an older generation continues to ask why the two teams don't play any more.

"The question I get the most when I'm out talking to groups is, 'When are we going to play Troy again?'" Jacksonville State athletic director Greg Seitz said. "We have some future dates available to play. I've reached out to Troy and they're evaluating their future schedules. We would love to play Troy. That game means a lot to our fans and alums. It's always been a very important game to us. There's nothing on our end that would prohibit us from playing that game."

If the pre-game buzz and excitement associated with the 12th annual Salute to

Veterans Bowl is any indication, a gridiron meeting between the Gamecocks and the Trojans is long overdue.

"When the possibility of this game was initially floated to me, my immediate reply was there's going to be a long line of Jacksonville State and Troy people who are going to be really excited about this matchup," Goodyear said. "Which I wouldn't have fully understood had I not been around people that played in or coached in that game over the years."

One of those people is Turk, who is grateful for the rivalry's renewal.

"It's exciting to know that they're going to play again," he said. "It's hard to believe it took a bowl game in Montgomery, Alabama, to get them back together. But it doesn't matter how. I'm sure it'll be fun and should be well attended. I guarantee you it'll be hard fought."

On Tuesday night, as the old rivals meet for the 64th time, a new generation of Gamecocks and Trojans will be introduced to a rivalry that has never faded among an older generation of fans.

"There's no love lost whatsoever," Lowery said. "When I found out they were playing, I was like, 'Heck yeah.' One of my coaching colleagues, he went to Jax State and played wide receiver and I give him a hard time all the time. I tell him all the time that I like him, but I don't like the fact he played at Jax State."





CRAMTON BOWL

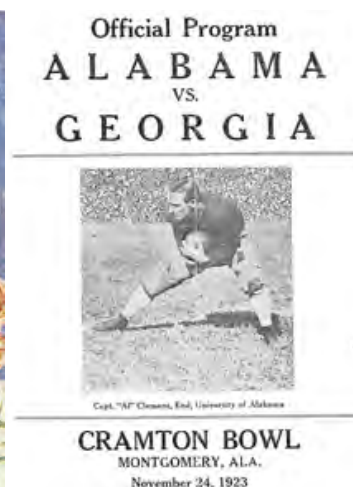


Montgomery's historic Cramton Bowl has seen its share of legends since the doors first opened 100 years ago.

Cramton Bowl, a 25,000-seat stadium opened in 1922 as a baseball stadium and has hosted Major League Baseball spring training and minor league baseball. It currently serves as the football home to five local high school football teams.

The stadium has the designation of having been the first in the South to feature a football game under the lights, a night game pitting Cloverdale High School against Pike Road High School in 1927. The game drew more than 7,200 attendees and helped prompt a stadium seating expansion in 1929. Cramton Bowl is also formerly the home of the Blue-Gray Football Classic college football game. The Alabama Crimson Tide played home games in the capital city at Cramton Bowl from 1922 to 1932 and in various years through 1954.

Cramton Bowl is named for F.J. Cramton, who donated the land on which the stadium is built. The location was originally a sanitary landfill owned by Fred Cramton, a local businessman. The city told Cramton the project was too large for the city to undertake, so Cramton took matters into his own hands. With the help of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Cramton raised \$33,000 to build the new iconic sports venue.



The first baseball game played on the new field was in May 1922 between Auburn University and Vanderbilt University. Shortly after its completion in 1922, the Philadelphia Athletics moved their spring training operations from Eagle Pass, Texas to Montgomery, Alabama. They used the facility in 1923 and 1924 before moving to Fort Myers, Florida.

Minor league baseball's newly formed Southeastern League made its way to the Cramton Bowl from 1927-30. The Montgomery Lions played four years before the league suffered some problems from 1931-36. The team returned in 1937 as the Montgomery Bombers and garnered their first MLB affiliation with the Cleveland Indians.





CRAMTON BOWL



The Indians pulled out after the 1938 season and the Athletics returned for one year before the Montgomery Rebels joined a co-op league. The Rebels disbanded in 1943 due to World War II. On July 11, 1943, the Chattanooga Lookouts moved from Engle Stadium to Cramton Bowl to finish the year. The Rebels returned from 1946-49 before moving into the newly constructed Paterson Field, which opened across the street.

Alabama posted an 18-3 record in 21 "home" games played at Cramton Bowl from 1922-54. The Crimson Tide defeated the Georgia Bulldogs 10-6 in their initial game in the Capital City on November 25, 1922. Alabama's 1925 National Championship team posted a 34-0 win over Florida on November 14, 1925.

Alabama suffered its first loss in the Cramton Bowl when the Crimson Tide dropped a 13-6 decision to Florida on November 12, 1927. Coach Frank Thomas' 1931 UA team belted Clemson 74-7 on November 14, 1931.

Alabama's Paul W. "Bear" Bryant participated in two games at Cramton Bowl as a player and head coach. As a player, he helped the Crimson Tide to a 35-6 win over Sewanee on October 6, 1934. More than a decade later, he was the head coach at Kentucky and brought the Wildcats to Montgomery. Alabama defeated UK 21-7 on October 26, 1946.

After a five-year absence, Alabama football returned to Cramton Bowl and the Crimson Tide walloped Delta State 89-0 on September 21, 1951. The Crimson Tide's final game at Cramton Bowl was a 7-2 loss to Southern Mississippi on September 15, 1954.

On January 19, 2013, Cramton Bowl played host to the Raycom College Football All-Star Classic. NFL General Managers, Coaches and Scouts converged for a week-long training camp featuring some of the top college football talent in the nation.



In Memoriam

Johnny Williams

As we settle into our seats for tonight's, let's remember none of this would be possible without the vision of Johnny Williams.

Williams brought a college football all star game to town in 2013 and that quickly morphed into the city of Montgomery and Cramton Bowl becoming a college football destination.



The college all-star game became the IS4S Salute to Veterans Bowl (formerly the Camellia Bowl), which will be played for the 12th time on Dec. 16. In addition he brought the FCS Kickoff and developed the Red Tails Classic, which have become August mainstays in the Capital City. The Sun Belt even brought its baseball championship tournament to Riverwalk Stadium due to its relationship with Williams.

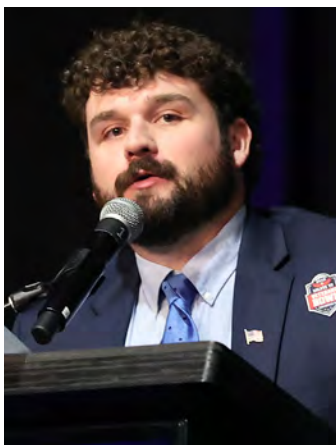
Williams was born and raised in Tuscaloosa (Holt HS) and played football at UNA. After spending time on the football field as a coach, he moved into athletic administration at Troy University and the University of Alabama. He was responsible for the Trojans move to FBS football.

Take a minute tonight to appreciate Williams' vision and business acumen that brought football back to the Cramton Bowl!





BOWL STAFF



CLAY NORRELL Executive Director

Clay Norrell has been named the Executive Director of the IS4S Salute to Veterans Bowl, FCS Kickoff and Red Tails Classic, assuming the position previously held by Johnny Williams, who passed away on Feb. 4 after a lengthy illness. Norrell spent the last six years as the Assistant Executive Director under Williams' tutelage.

"I am deeply humbled and honored to be appointed as the Executive Director of the IS4S Salute to Veterans Bowl, FCS Kickoff and Red Tails Classic," Norrell said. "I look forward to stepping into this new role and carrying forward the enduring legacy that Johnny Williams entrusted to us."

Norrell's experience includes management of more than twenty different football games as Assistant Executive Director, working closely with community partners and sponsors, while also overseeing game operations and game volunteers. Norrell was also heavily involved in the planning of various game events and logistics and served in the same capacity for the Myrtle Beach Bowl since 2021.



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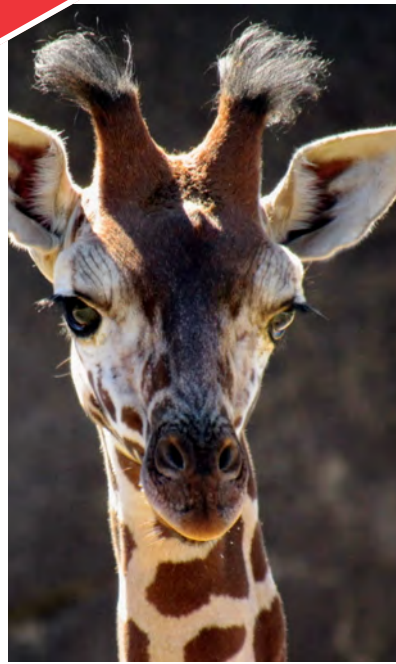


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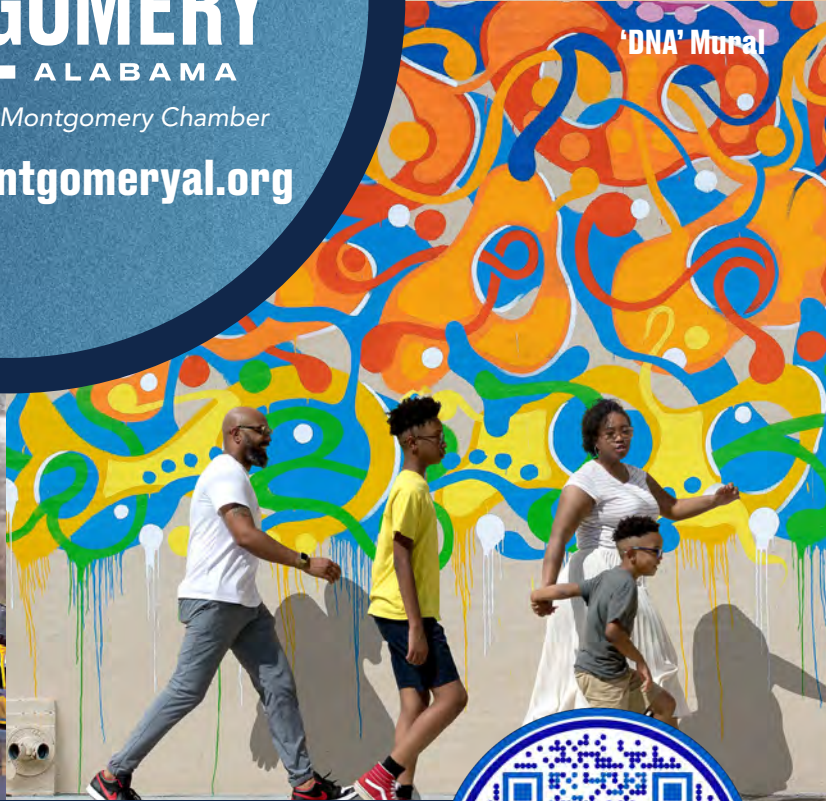


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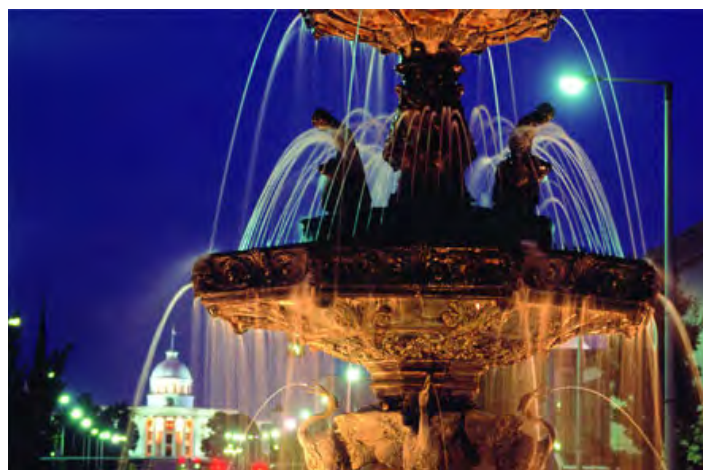
The City of Montgomery is the state capital of Alabama and the county seat for Montgomery County. It is located on the Alabama River southeast of the center of the state, in the Gulf Coastal Plain. As of the 2010 census, Montgomery had a population of 205,764 making it the second-largest city in Alabama, after Birmingham and the 103rd largest in the United States.

The city was incorporated in 1819, as a merger of two towns situated along the Alabama River. It became the state capital in 1846, representing the shift of power to the south-central area with the growth of cotton as a commodity crop of the Black Belt and Mobile's rise as a mercantile port. In February 1861, Montgomery was selected as the first capital of the Confederate States of America, until the seat of government moved to Richmond, Virginia, in May of that year. During the mid-20th century, Montgomery was a major site of events in the African-American Civil Rights Movement, including the Montgomery Bus Boycott and the Selma to Montgomery marches.

As state capital, Montgomery began to influence state politics, and would also play a prominent role on the national stage. Beginning February 4, 1861, representatives from Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and South Carolina met in Montgomery to form the Confederate States of America. Montgomery was named the first capital of the nation, and Jefferson Davis was inaugurated as President on the steps of the State Capitol. On April 12, 1865, following the Battle of Selma, Major General James H. Wilson captured Montgomery for the Union.

In 1886 Montgomery became the first city in the United States to install city-wide electric street cars along a system that was nicknamed the Lightning Route. The system made Montgomery one of the first cities to "depopulate" its residential areas at the city center through transit-facilitated suburban development.

According to the historian David Beito of the University of Alabama, African Americans in Montgomery "nurtured the modern civil rights movement.





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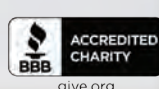
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WELCOME TO MONTGOMERY

On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks was arrested for refusing to give up her bus seat to a white man, sparking the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Martin Luther King, Jr., then the pastor of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, and E.D. Nixon, a lawyer and local civil rights advocate, founded the Montgomery Improvement Association to organize the boycott. In June 1956, the US District Court Judge Frank M. Johnson ruled that Montgomery's bus racial segregation was unconstitutional. After the US Supreme Court upheld the ruling in November, the city desegregated the bus system, and the boycott was ended. Opponents organized mob violence with police collaboration at the Greyhound Bus Station during the Freedom Ride of May 1961. Outraged national reaction resulted in the desegregation of interstate public transportation.

Martin Luther King returned to Montgomery in 1965. Local civil rights leaders in Selma had been protesting Jim Crow laws that prevented blacks from registering to vote.



Following the shooting of a man after a civil rights rally, the leaders decided to march to Montgomery to petition Governor George Wallace to allow free voter registration. The violence they encountered contributed to Congressional passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, to enforce the rights of African Americans and other minorities to vote.

In addition to housing many Alabama government agencies, Montgomery has a large military presence due to Maxwell Air Force Base, public universities Alabama State University, Troy University (Montgomery campus) and Auburn University at Montgomery' private colleges/universities Faulkner University and Huntingdon College; high-tech manufacturing, including Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama; and cultural attractions such as the Alabama Shakespeare Festival and Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts.



Two ships of the United States Navy have been named after the city, including USS Montgomery (LCS-8).



**JAX
STATE**

JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY



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Founded in 1883 in the Appalachian foothills of northeast Alabama, Jacksonville State University has grown from a state teachers' college into a dynamic regional institution recognized nationally for academic excellence. Today, Jax State enrolls more than 10,000 students, offers more than 150 programs of study, and holds the highest percentage of accredited programs of any regional university in Alabama.

Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), Jax State is consistently ranked among the top public universities in the South by U.S. News & World Report and was named

by Forbes in 2025 as the No. 1 employer headquartered in Alabama and the seventh-best employer in the state. The university provides distinctive educational, cultural, and social experiences that prepare graduates to lead in fields such as business, healthcare, education, criminal justice, technology, and the arts.

With 17 NCAA Division I athletic teams competing in Conference USA, more than 74,000 alumni residing across all 50 states and 107 countries, and a mission to transform lives through higher education, Jacksonville State continues to live up to its reputation as "The Friendliest Campus in the South."





**JAX
STATE**

JACKSONVILLE STATE ATHLETICS



GREG SEITZ
Vice President for Athletics

Jacksonville State University is a proud member of Conference USA and sponsors 17 sports. Since 1962, Jax State teams have racked up a total of 149 conference championships and seven national championships.

Jax State moved from Division II to Division I-AA in 1995 before moving up to the Football Bowl Subdivision in 2023.

The Gamecocks qualified for a Bowl game in their first season, posting eight wins during the regular season. Jax State won the 2023 New Orleans Bowl, becoming the first team to win a Bowl game in their first year as an FBS member.

Jax State made more history during the 2023-24 season when the bowling team won the Conference USA championship followed by the NCAA Championship in their first year of competition.

Jacksonville State was the first school in the nation to lay claim to NCAA national titles in football, men's basketball and baseball at the Division II level or higher. The Gamecocks were the only school to achieve the feat until 2017 when Florida added the Division I baseball title to its football and men's basketball titles.

During its time in the Ohio Valley Conference from 2003-21, Jacksonville State solidified itself as the preeminent athletic program in the conference by winning 81 OVC championships, more than any other program in the OVC during that same time period with 10 of its 17 programs winning various OVC titles and make 53 trips to NCAA postseason play.





HEAD COACH CHARLES KELLY



CHARLES KELLY was announced as the 31st head football coach in program history by Jacksonville State Vice President for Athletics Greg Seitz on December 21, 2024.

Kelly, a native of Ozark, Alabama, brings 35 years of coaching experience to the Gamecocks with 19 of those coming at the Power Five level and 21 as a defensive coordinator.

His first five seasons as a full-time college coach came at Jax State after being hired by Hall of Fame coach Bill Burgess. In total, his resume includes 208 wins, 15 bowl games, and nine seasons with 10 or more wins.

Kelly has spent time at some of the top programs in college football, including Alabama, Florida State, Auburn, Tennessee, and Georgia Tech. He has been part of teams that have won two national championships and numerous conference titles.

In total, five of the head coaches Kelly has worked under have won national championships (Bill Burgess, Chan Gailey, Paul Johnson, Jimbo Fisher, and Nick Saban).

Most recently, Kelly served as the co-defensive coordinator and safeties coach at Auburn, his alma mater. Under his guidance, the Tigers' defense ranked among the SEC leaders in several categories, including scoring defense and rushing defense.

Before his time at Auburn, Kelly was the defensive coordinator at Colorado in 2023, where he played a pivotal role in helping turn around the Buffaloes program under head coach Deion Sanders. His players included 2024 Heisman Trophy winner Travis Hunter and All-Pac-12 safety Shiloh Sanders.

Kelly also spent four seasons at Alabama with Nick Saban as the associate defensive coordinator and safeties coach. During his tenure, the Crimson Tide achieved a 47-6 record and won a national championship in 2020. In his four seasons in Tuscaloosa, the Tide made two College Football Playoff appearances and qualified for an additional New Years Six Bowl.



HEAD COACH CHARLES KELLY

In recognition of his recruiting prowess, Kelly was named the 2023 247Sports National Recruiter of the Year and consistently ranked among the top recruiters in the country.

Kelly was on staff at Florida State during the 2013 season when the Seminoles were national champions and led the NCAA in scoring defense (12.1), pass defense (156.6), and interceptions (26). He was also in charge of the special teams during the championship season when kicker Roberto Aguayo was third nationally in scoring and Kermit Whitfield had two kickoff return touchdowns.

Prior to Florida State, Kelly coached at Georgia Tech for seven seasons which included serving as interim defensive coordinator in 2012 when he helped the team recover from a 2-4 start to the season to make the ACC Championship and then win the Sun Bowl over USC's high-powered offense.

Kelly's coaching journey also includes stints at Tennessee, Georgia Tech, and Nicholls State. Earlier in his career, Kelly held roles at Eufaula High School, Henderson State, and Phenix City High School.

Kelly and his wife, Kristy, have three daughters: Caroline, Kathleen, and Charli Grace.

COACHING HISTORY

2025-pres.	JACKSONVILLE STATE Head Coach
2024	AUBURN Co-Defensive Coordinator/Safeties
2023	COLORADO Defensive Coordinator/Safeties
2019-22	ALABAMA Assistant Defensive Coordinator/Safeties
2018	TENNESSEE Special Teams/Safeties
2013-17	FLORIDA STATE DC (14-17) / ST & LB (13)
2006-12	GEORGIA TECH DB (10-12) / CB (08-09) / ST (06-07)
2002-05	NICHOLLS STATE DC (04-05) / DB (02-03)
2000-01	EUFULA HS (AL) Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
1999	HENDERSON STATE Defensive Coordinator
1994-98	JACKSONVILLE STATE DC (97-98) / OC (96) / DB (95) / RB (94)
1993	AUBURN Graduate Assistant
1990-92	CENTRAL HS (AL) Assistant





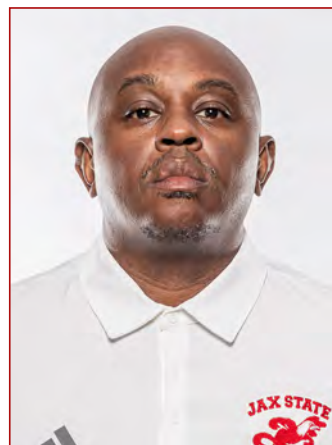
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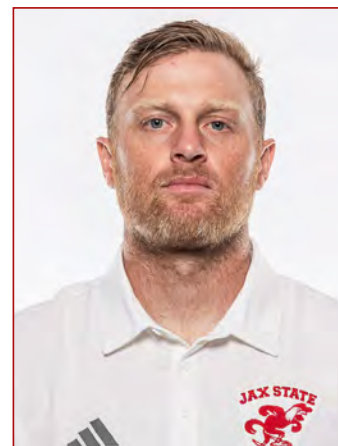
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GAME 1 AUGUST 28 AT UCF ORLANDO, FLA.

JAX STATE 10 | 17 **UCF**

	1	2	3	4	F
JACKSONVILLE STATE	0	0	3	7	10
UCF	0	0	3	14	17

After a scoreless first half – the first Jax State had been involved in since 1993 – Big 12 member UCF erased a seven-point deficit in the game’s last 12 minutes to slip by the Gamecocks 17-10.

The second of UCF backup quarterback Tayven Jackson’s two touchdown passes to Dylan Wade in the fourth quarter proved to be the difference. Jackson and Wade connected on for a 33-yard TD pass with 1:03 remaining after the Knights’ defense had stopped Jax State on fourth-and-1 at the UCF 36 to set up the six-play winning drive.

After a two-hour, seven-minute delay in the second quarter, Jax State had the game’s first significant scoring opportunity with a 35-yard field goal attempt just five seconds before halftime. However, UCF’s Keli Lawson blocked Garrison Rippa’s kick, sending the teams to their locker rooms for a second time knotted 0-0.

The Gamecocks had 113 total yards to the Knights’ 146 through the first two quarters.

Jax State grabbed its first lead with 12:01 to go in the fourth quarter on a 10-yard TD run by Andrew Paul. His fifth career rushing touchdown and Rippa’s extra point capped an 11-play, 84-yard scoring drive that consumed more than five minutes.

Junior running back Cam Cook was an offensive workhorse in his Gamecocks’ debut, rushing for 75 yards on 17 carries and catching a team-high four passes for 43 yards.

Each team opened the game with time-consuming drives into opposing territory before having to punt.

UCF took the opening kickoff and kept possession for 13 plays, consuming nearly 5½ minutes. Jax State maintained possession for 11 plays on its first series of the season, chewing almost six minutes off the clock before the drive stalled at the Knights 44.

The defensive standoff continued into the second quarter before play was halted due to inclement weather with 10:45 remaining.

On the play prior to the lightning delay, Jax State appeared to have scored a touchdown on a scoop-and-score by defensive end Emmanuel Oyebadajo but the Gamecocks were flagged for targeting and the points nullified.

GAME 2 SEPTEMBER 6 VS. LIBERTY JACKSONVILLE, ALA.

LU 24 | 34 **JAX STATE**

	1	2	3	4	F
LIBERTY	7	3	0	14	24
JACKSONVILLE STATE	7	10	7	10	34

Cam Cook rushed for 195 yards and two touchdowns as the Gamecocks upended Liberty 34-24 before an announced Band Day crowd of 20,755 at Burgess-Snow Field at AmFirst Stadium.

Charles Kelly’s first win as Jax State’s head coach came despite the Flames scoring three touchdowns of 50 yards or more while gaining 534 yards. But Jax State never trailed and sealed the victory with quarterback Gavin Wimsatt’s three-yard TD run and a 24-yard field goal from Garrett Rippa in the final 8½ minutes.

The underdog Gamecocks led 17-10 at halftime and stretched their lead to 14 points twice in the second half behind short touchdown runs from Cook and Wimsatt.

Jax State’s offense ground out 338 yards as Wimsatt finished with 78 on 10 carries and Andrew Paul added 67 on eight attempts.

Defense staked the Gamecocks to a 7-0 lead just over five minutes into the contest.

Linebacker Isaac Walker hit Ethan Vasko and forced Liberty’s QB to cough up the ball, which was snagged in mid-air by fellow linebacker Myles Butler and returned to the Flames 40. Cook then broke free on a 31-yard run deep into Liberty territory and Paul finished off the four-play scoring drive by diving in from the 3 with 9:58 remaining in the opening quarter.

Butler’s first career interception in a Gamecocks uniform helped Jax State regain the lead after the Flames drew even at 7-7 on a 72-yard TD pass by Vasko at the 4:09 mark in the first quarter.

Butler’s 11-yard return to near midfield after picking off Vasko’s pass set up the Gamecocks’ second score.

Jax State moved 53 yards in six plays, capping off the drive on Cook’s 11-yard touchdown jaunt. Garrison Rippa added his second extra point for a 14-7 lead with 12:35 to go in the first half.

After a lightning delay of 81 minutes – Jax State’s second lengthy stoppage in two games – the Gamecocks extended their lead to 17-7 with 3:02 remaining in the second quarter on Rippa’s 50-yard field goal, the second-longest of his career.

The Gamecocks sacked Liberty QB Ethan Vasko four times, with Emmanuel Oyebadajo credited with a team-high 1½ sacks. Four Jax State defenders had five tackles.

GAME 3 SEPTEMBER 13 AT GEORGIA SOUTHERN STATESBORO, GA.

JAX STATE 34 | 41 **GS**

	1	2	3	4	F
JACKSONVILLE STATE	14	10	10	0	34
GEORGIA SOUTHERN	17	14	0	10	41

The host Eagles overcame a fourth-quarter deficit by scoring twice in the last 11 minutes to defeat Jax State 41-34 before a near sellout crowd of 24,585. The Gamecocks dropped to 0-4 all-time at Georgia Southern’s home field.

Brock Rechsteiner scored twice and quarterback Gavin Wimsatt ran for two touchdowns and threw for 178 yards with one TD for the Gamecocks. Jax State had taken a lead when Rechsteiner scored on an end around in the waning moments of the third quarter, but the Eagles tied it with a field goal on their next possession and sealed the win with a short TD run with 6½ left.

The Eagles struck quickly, receiving the opening kickoff and moving 60 yards in nine plays for a 7-0 lead after only four minutes. Quarterback JC French IV finished the drive with a two-yard run at the 11:04 mark in the first quarter.

Wimsatt directed consecutive 75-yard scoring drives sandwiched around a 95-yard Georgia Southern kickoff return as the Eagles grabbed a 17-14 lead through one quarter. Wimsatt’s second rushing TD of 2025 – a 10-yard keeper keyed by a block from receiver Michael Pettway – came with 6:34 left in the first.

Wimsatt connected with Rechsteiner for a 56-yard touchdown for the Gamecocks’ second score. Rechsteiner’s third career TD reception and Garrison Rippa’s second extra point drew Jax State even at 14-14 at the 3:42 mark.

Rippa’s 30-yard field goal and a six-yard Wimsatt run for a score accounted for Jax State’s final points of the opening half. The Gamecocks went into the locker room trailing 31-24 despite outgaining Georgia Southern 282-200.

With 22 seconds left in the third, Rechsteiner scored his first career rushing TD on a 14-yard reverse, giving the Gamecocks their first lead of the night. The drive was extended by a targeting penalty against the Eagles, which came after they had successfully stopped Jax State’s fake field goal try.





GAME 4 SEPTEMBER 20 VS. MURRAY STATE JACKSONVILLE, ALA.

MURRAY STATE 10 | 45 **JAX STATE**

	1	2	3	4	F
MURRAY STATE	3	0	7	0	10
JACKSONVILLE STATE	7	17	14	7	45

In front of a Homecoming crowd of 21,426 at AmFirst Stadium, Jax State drubbed its ex-Ohio Valley Conference rival for the ninth straight time, cruising to a 45-10 victory. Running back Cam Cook led the way with 147 rushing yards and two touchdowns and quarterback Gavin Wimsatt accounted for 238 scrimmage yards and two scores of his own.

Jax State shook off a slow start and finished with 531 total yards, its most since rolling up 562 against Western Kentucky in the 2024 Conference USA Championship Game.

The Gamecocks' first three series ended with punts by Conor Donaghy. The Racers got on the scoreboard first with a short drive that was finished off by Tyler Dorn's 43-yard field goal with 3:54 remaining in the first quarter.

Murray State's lead was short-lived, though, when Jax State responded with a seven-play drive of its own to snag a 7-3 lead. Wimsatt completed all three of his passes as the Gamecocks moved 75 yards with the touchdown coming on a 17-yard strike to Brock Rechsteiner at the 1:32 mark.

Jax State upped the lead to 10-3 on its next possession by driving 63 yards in 12 plays, with Garrison Rippa kicking a 27-yard field goal with 11:02 left in the second.

Cook had 95 yards by halftime and extended the Gamecocks' lead to 17-3 with a four-yard TD run straight up the middle with 1:25 remaining. Cook's third rushing touchdown of the year finished off a 10-play, 69-yard scoring drive that consumed 4½ minutes.

A key interception by linebacker Walker O'Steen of a throw by Murray State QB Jim Ogle helped the Gamecocks pad their lead to 24-3 at intermission. Wimsatt scampered 28 yards untouched with 13 seconds on the clock and Rippa tacked on the extra point to send Jax State to the locker room with a 21-point cushion.

Jax State outgained the Racers 288-94 through the first two periods with Wimsatt accounting for 176 scrimmage yards (148 yards passing, 28 rushing).

Cook and Khristian Lando added rushing TDs during the third quarter as the Gamecocks built a four-touchdown lead, allowing Jax State's coaches to substitute liberally in the final stanza.

O'Steen and fellow linebacker Mac Sanders led the Gamecocks defensive effort with six tackles each. Trevor Woods also contributed an interception and three tackles.

GAME 5 SEPTEMBER 27 AT SOUTHERN MISS HATTIESBURG, MISS.

JAX STATE 25 | 42

	1	2	3	4	F
JACKSONVILLE STATE	3	0	8	14	25
SOUTHERN MISS	14	7	14	7	42

A strip sack on the first offensive play for Jax State was a sign of things to come in a 42-25 loss at Southern Miss.

The Gamecocks committed four turnovers in the contest which led to 21 points.

Southern Miss took a 7-0 lead after a 4-play, 25-yard drive that was set up by a strip sack on Jax State's first play from scrimmage. Jeffrey Pittman made it 14-0 with his second touchdown run of the game to cap a 4-play, 80-yard drive with 6:38 left in the quarter.

Jax State's first score of the game came with 45 seconds left in the first quarter with a 35-yard field goal by Garrison Rippa. The drive covered 57 yards on 15 plays and was kept alive by a 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct foul after Jax State failed to convert on 3rd-and-27 at their own 8-yard line.

A strip sack by Malcolm Jones set up the Gamecocks at the 6-yard line with 9:49 left in the second, but were held out of the end zone on fourth down.

Southern Miss took advantage of a fumble just before the 2:00 timeout with a 48-yard drive on 11 plays with Braxton running into the endzone for the second time from six yards out for a 21-3 lead with just five seconds left in the first half.

With 5:52 left in the third, Braxton connected with Kadinn Morris for a six-yard touchdown to push the lead to 25. The Gamecocks answered on the next drive with Caden Creel finding Brock Rechsteiner for a four-yard touchdown pass with 4:33 left in the quarter which was set up by a 73-yard run by Creel.

Creel finished the game 9-of-17 passing for 109 yards and added 161 on the ground.

Southern Miss responded with a 13-yard touchdown pass with 1:55 left in the third for a 35-11 advantage heading to the fourth quarter. The fourth Gamecock turnover was an interception returned 49 yards for a touchdown with 1:27 left in the contest.

Cam Cook found paydirt with 23 seconds left in the game on an eight-yard carry. The junior rushed for 77 yards and had 77 receiving.

GAME 6 OCTOBER 9 AT SAM HOUSTON HOUSTON, TEXAS

JAX STATE 29 | 27 **SH**

	1	2	3	4	F
JACKSONVILLE STATE	7	10	0	12	29
SAM HOUSTON	0	14	7	6	27

Garrison Rippa calmly kicked a career-long 52-yard field goal as time ran out as Jax State escaped from Shell Energy Stadium with a 29-27 victory over winless Sam Houston to stay unbeaten in Conference USA action.

Rippa's field goal - Jax State's first walk-off winner since his 27-yarder in overtime won the 2023 New Orleans Bowl - came on the heels of Cam Cook's career-high 218 yards on the ground. It marked the first time Sam Houston had allowed a 200-yard rusher since 2018.

The Gamecocks had fought back from a fourth-quarter deficit only to see the Bearkats go ahead on a 19-yard touchdown pass with 52 seconds. But Jax State, working from the no-huddle, quickly moved from its 17 to Sam Houston's 35 to set up Rippa's game-winner, which tied a school record for longest field goal.

Caden Creel, the redshirt sophomore quarterback from Fairhope, made his first career start and wasted little time staking Jax State to a first-quarter lead.

Creel had five runs and completed a pass as the Gamecocks went 59 yards in 10 plays on their first series. He finished off the early scoring march with a six-yard touchdown run on a quarterback keeper and Garrison Rippa tacked on the extra point for a 7-0 lead with 8:57 to go in the opening stanza.

Cook shook loose for a 73-yard jaunt on the last play of the first quarter to set up Jax State's next score. The drive stalled following Cook's long run and Rippa came on to kick a 30-yard field goal at the 14:01 mark for a 10-0 Jax State advantage.

An untimely turnover after being pinned at the 1 by a Sam Houston punt led to the Bearkats' first points. The Gamecocks fumbled on first down and Sam Houston recovered, then scored on a one-yard run with 10:13 to go before halftime.

The extra point sliced Jax State's lead to 10-7.

Cook capped Jax State's eight-play, 75-yard scoring drive with a two-yard touchdown run, extending the Gamecocks' lead to 17-7. He was instrumental throughout the possession, rushing five times for 45 yards, and sealed it with his sixth rushing touchdown of the year.

Jax State clung to a 17-14 halftime lead despite outgaining the Bearkats 291-123. The 14 points marked a season-high in the first half.

Sam Houston went ahead 21-17 in the third quarter before the Gamecocks fought back to take a 26-21 lead with Cook's second TD run, a seven-yarder with 10:34 remaining.





GAME 7 OCTOBER 15 VS. DELAWARE JACKSONVILLE, ALA.

 **25** | **38** 

	1	2	3	4	F
DELAWARE	0	6	6	13	25
JACKSONVILLE STATE	7	14	14	3	38

Jax State ramped up the defensive intensity against Delaware to extend its home winning streak to nine and remain unbeaten in Conference USA.

Cam Cook, the nation's top rusher, ran for 117 yards and three touchdowns and Jax State's defense forced turnovers that led to two quick scores as the Gamecocks held on to defeat the Fightin' Blue Hens 38-25 before a crowd of 16,884 at AmFirst Stadium.

The Gamecocks' defense forced a key early turnover on Delaware's second series for a 7-0 lead. Travis Franklin Jr. forced a fumble after a Blue Hens' completion and linebacker Walker O'Steen scooped up the loose football and returned it 27 yards to Delaware's 11.

Cook then found the end zone from six yards away and Garrison Rippa, the hero of Jax State's previous game at Sam Houston, added the extra point with 9:27 remaining in the first quarter.

Another Blue Hens' miscue after a completed pass extended Jax State's lead to 14-0 early in the second quarter.

Linebacker Mac Sanders stripped the ball from Delaware's Jake Thaw after a short completion and safety Caleb Nix returned the fumble 45 yards for a touchdown with 10:37 to go in the second quarter. Nix's return was the longest for a score by a Jax State defensive player since Nicario Harper's 55-yard fumble return vs. Stephen F. Austin in 2021.

Jax State tacked on another touchdown less than 2½ minutes later to extend its lead. Caden Creel, making his second career start at quarterback, moved the Gamecocks 48 yards in only three plays, finishing off the drive with a 23-yard strike to wide receiver Brock Rechsteiner at the 8:16 mark.

Rechsteiner's fourth receiving TD of the year and Rippa's third extra point pushed the Gamecocks' lead to 21-0.

Creel passed for 116 yards and ran 12 times for 57 yards. Jax State carried a 21-6 lead into the locker room at halftime despite being outgained 199-193 by the Fightin' Blue Hens (3-3, 1-2).

Cook found the end zone twice in the third quarter as Jax State built a 35-6 lead. He broke loose for a 66-yard jaunt deep into Delaware territory, then capped the eight-play, 81-yard drive with a one-yard TD run with 8:44 left in the third.

Cook later added a two-yard run for his second career three-touchdown game and first with the Gamecocks.

GAME 8 OCTOBER 29 AT MIDDLE TENNESSEE MURFREESBORO, TENN.

 **24** | **21** 

	1	2	3	4	F
JACKSONVILLE STATE	0	7	0	17	24
MIDDLE TENNESSEE	6	0	8	7	21

Jax State heads into the final month of the regular season perched atop the Conference USA standings after its hard-fought 24-21 victory over Middle Tennessee.

The Gamecocks stayed perfect in CUSA, as redshirt sophomore receiver Deondre Johnson caught touchdown passes of 56 and 30 yards. Jax State twice rallied from a fourth-quarter deficit for just their second win ever at Johnny "Red" Floyd Stadium in 14 visits.

Cam Cook, the nation's leading rusher, scored what turned out to be the game-winner on a three-yard touchdown run with 4:29 remaining. The Gamecocks' defense then rose up and stopped the Blue Raiders twice in the waning moments to seal the win.

MTSU moved 54 yards in seven plays following a Gamecocks' punt for a 6-0 lead, the touchdown coming on a 10-yard swing pass from Nicholas Vattiato to DJ Taylor with 4:05 remaining in the opening quarter.

It took a bit of trickery to spark the stagnant Jax State offense midway through the second quarter. Prior to the go-ahead score, the Gamecocks had just 57 total yards through the first 21 minutes.

Backup quarterback Gavin Wimsatt caught a lateral from Caden Creel, then hit Johnson in stride with a 56-yard touchdown strike, Johnson's first career TD reception. Garrison Rippa added the extra point for a 7-6 Gamecocks' lead at the 7:25 mark in the second quarter.

The first half ended when safety Caleb Nix picked off a Hail Mary attempt by the Blue Raiders and returned it 72 yards before being forced out of bounds as time expired. It was Nix's first career interception.

Jax State outgained Middle Tennessee 163-141 in the half despite Cook being limited to 24 yards on 11 carries.

The Gamecocks entered the final quarter trailing 14-7 after Vattiato tossed his second short touchdown pass of the night and the Blue Raiders tacked on a two-point conversion with 5½ minutes left in the third.

Rippa's 47-yard field goal to cap off a 14-play drive that consumed more than seven minutes whittled MTSU's lead to 14-10 at the 13:29 mark.

The teams traded touchdowns on the next two series, with Johnson coming up with an acrobatic catch in the end zone as Jax State regained the lead.

The 30-yard TD pass from Creel and Rippa's PAT put the Gamecocks in front 17-14, only to see the Blue Raiders respond by going 75 yards in six plays to retake the lead with a five-yard touchdown run with 7:45 to go.

GAME 9 NOVEMBER 8 AT UTEP EL PASO, TEXAS

 **30** | **27** 

	1	2	3	4	F
JACKSONVILLE STATE	10	10	0	10	30
UTEP	7	6	7	7	27

The Gamecocks became bowl eligible for the third straight year with its 30-27 win over UTEP at Sun Bowl Stadium.

Garrison Rippa calmly drilled a 45-yard field goal – his third of the afternoon – with 49 seconds on the clock as Gamecocks won their fourth in a row.

Caden Creel accounted for 315 scrimmage yards and Cam Cook, the nation's top rusher, padded his statistics with 127 yards on 19 carries. Cook's 12th rushing TD of the season gave Jax State a 27-20 lead in the fourth quarter, only for them to see UTEP answer with a touchdown of its own with 2:15 left in regulation.

The game got off to an explosive start with each team scoring via a long touchdown pass in the opening four minutes.

Creel connected with Deondre Johnson for a season-long 77-yard touchdown strike on the Gamecocks' third play from scrimmage. Rippa tacked on the extra point for a 7-0 lead with 11:07 remaining in the first period. That early lead lasted 11 seconds.

After Rippa kicked a touchback, UTEP answered on first down with a 75-yard TD pass from Skyler Locklear to Wondame Davis Jr. to tie it at 7-7 at the 10:56 mark. The 75-yard play was the longest allowed by Jax State's defense all season.

The Gamecocks regained the lead at 10-7 on Rippa's 30-yard field goal with less than a minute remaining in the opening quarter. The 13-play drive covered 53 yards but saw a short Cam Cook touchdown run nullified by a holding penalty, forcing Jax State to settle for the field goal when the drive stalled.

The opportunistic Gamecock defense forced its 12th takeaway of the season to push the lead to 17-7.

Safety Caleb Nix picked off a pass on an attempted UTEP trick play and the redshirt junior from Phenix City streaked 93 yards to the end zone for the second-longest interception return in school history. It marked Nix's second straight game with a long interception return after bringing one back 72 yards against Middle Tennessee.

Jax State led 20-13 at halftime after it answered a UTEP touchdown with a 36-yard Rippa field goal with 39 seconds remaining before intermission.

The Miners controlled the third quarter, knotting the game at 20-20 on Locklear's 10-yard run at the 6:34 mark.

The Gamecocks, who began the day averaging five penalties per game, were flagged a season-high 11 times for 67 yards. UTEP had no penalties in the first half and five for the game.





GAME 10 NOVEMBER 15 VS. KENNESAW STATE JACKSONVILLE, ALA.

 **26** | **35** 

	1	2	3	4	F
KENNESAW STATE	7	3	3	13	26
JACKSONVILLE STATE	7	15	3	10	35

The Gamecocks picked off three Kennesaw State passes to turn away scoring threats and capped the first half with a Hail Mary touchdown en route to a resounding 35-26 win in a showdown for league supremacy before a record 24,166 fans at AmFirst Stadium.

Garrison Rippa secured the victory with a 27-yard field goal with 20 seconds remaining to give the Gamecocks their fifth straight win and snap the Owls' seven-game win streak. Jax State improves to 7-3 overall and 6-0 in CUSA.

Caden Creel passed for 137 yards and ran for 127 yards and two touchdowns while Cam Cook had 117 yards on 27 runs with rushing TD. Jax State prevailed despite being outgained 579 to 436.

Jax State carried a 22-10 lead into halftime, fueled by a pivotal defensive play from safety Caleb Nix and a dramatic Hail Mary from Gavin Wimsatt.

The Owls struck early, receiving the opening kickoff and promptly moving 65 yards in 14 plays for a touchdown.

Jax State responded to the early deficit with a nine-play, 75-yard scoring drive featuring four runs each from Creel and Cook. Creel avoided a heavy Owls rush and scrambled 18 yards for a touchdown with 5:28 left in the second quarter.

Kennesaw State moved into the red zone on its next two possessions but came away without points, missing a 29-yard field goal attempt late in the first quarter and seeing its third drive snuffed out when Jax State safety Marc Woods intercepted an Odom pass in the end zone.

After the Owls went ahead 10-7 on a 43-yard field goal, the Gamecocks immediately answered.

The key play came when Creel connected with tight end Pearson Baldwin on a 52-yard strike down the sideline, then Cook plowed in from Kennesaw State's 6 on the next play for the go-ahead score.

The teams traded field goals in the third quarter with Rippa nailing a 32-yard kick and Kennesaw State responding on the ensuing drive with a 25-yarder.

GAME 11 NOVEMBER 22 AT FIU MIAMI, FLA.

 **21** | **27** 

	1	2	3	4	F
JACKSONVILLE STATE	7	7	7	0	21
FIU	7	0	10	10	27

Two fourth-quarter turnovers in FIU territory doomed Jax State on Saturday, as the Gamecocks fell 27-21 to the Panthers at Pitbull Stadium.

Caden Creel threw two touchdown passes and Cam Cook rushed for 138 yards and one TD, but fumbles by both players proved too much for Jax State to overcome as FIU rallied to score the game's final 13 points.

The Gamecocks drove into FIU territory on their first five possessions, scoring on a 28-yard Deondre Johnson touchdown reception in the first quarter and Cook's one-yard dive midway through the second quarter for a 14-7 lead.

The Gamecocks crossed midfield three other times but came away empty: Rippa missed a 47-yard field goal on the opening drive, Jax State was stopped on fourth-and-goal from the FIU 1 in the second quarter, and later turned the ball over on downs again with 3:15 left in the first half.

Cook's touchdown run at the 8:06 mark in the second quarter was set up by linebacker Jacob Cruz's first career interception at the Panthers 16. The six-play, 16-yard scoring drive gave the Gamecocks their first lead at 14-7.

Another FIU turnover deep in its own territory helped the Gamecocks snap a 14-14 deadlock in the third quarter.

Walker O'Steen forced a Panthers fumble that Khurtiss Perry recovered at FIU's 20. On first down, Caden Creel connected with Pearson Baldwin for a 20-yard TD and Rippa tacked on the extra point for a 21-14 lead with 7:14 to play in the third.

FIU added a field goal followed by a 64-yard touchdown pass from Pesansky to Alex Perry on its next possession to surge ahead 24-21 remaining in the fourth quarter.

The Panthers tacked on a 42-yard field goal with 1:54 left in regulation to extend their lead to 27-21.

GAME 12 NOVEMBER 29 VS. WESTERN KENTUCKY JACKSONVILLE, ALA.

 **34** | **37** 

	1	2	3	4	F
WESTERN KENTUCKY	14	14	3	3	34
JACKSONVILLE STATE	7	17	7	6	37

The Gamecocks overcame two double-digit deficits and Garrison Rippa calmly kicked a 28-yard field goal as time expired as Jax State stunned the Hilltoppers 37-34.

Quarterback Caden Creel accounted for 347 scrimmage yards with two touchdown passes and a scoring run of 70 yards to open the second half. Cam Cook, the nation's leading rusher, added 137 yards on 25 carries with one touchdown run.

Each offense started the game with a seven-play scoring drive. The Gamecocks struck first, receiving the opening kickoff and driving 75 yards as Cook swept into the end zone from 14 yards out one.

Jax State found itself in a 21-7 hole, as the Hilltoppers answered with successive touchdown drives of 66, 46 and 65 yards.

The Gamecocks fought back by outscoring WKU 17-7 over the last 9½ minutes of the second quarter. Rippa kicked a 27-yard field goal to slice his team's deficit to 21-10, then Jax State linebacker Walker O'Steen intercepted a pass and returned it 37 yards deep into Hilltoppers' territory on the ensuing possession. Creel tossed a two-yard TD pass to tight end Pearson Baldwin and Rippa tacked on another PAT to trim WKU's lead to four points (21-17) at the 6:18 mark.

Wright broke free for a 39-yard run up the middle, capping a nine-play, 90-yard Hilltoppers drive with 1:52 left before halftime. Jax State answered quickly, as Creel directed the Gamecocks down the field and connected with Johnson for a 22-yard touchdown pass with just 15 seconds remaining.

Rippa's extra point sent the Gamecocks to the locker room trailing 28-24. Western Kentucky outgained Jax State 236-233 in the first half.

Creel broke loose on a 70-yard TD run on a perfectly executed quarterback option as Jax State regained the lead with 11:22 to go in the third. Creel's second-longest run of the year and Rippa's PAT gave the Gamecocks a 31-28 advantage.

GAME 13 DECEMBER 5 VS. KENNESAW STATE JACKSONVILLE, ALA.

 **19** | **15** 

	1	2	3	4	F
KENNESAW STATE	0	7	3	9	19
JACKSONVILLE STATE	0	0	0	15	15

Kennesaw State overcame a furious fourth-quarter Jax State rally to upend the Gamecocks 19-15 in the 21st annual Air National Guard Conference USA Championship Game at Burgess-Snow Field at AmFirst Stadium.

Jax State had mounted a furious comeback to erase a 12-point deficit with just over 10 minutes left on the clock behind touchdown runs from Conference USA Most Valuable Player Cam Cook and quarterback Caden Creel.

Cook's 16th touchdown of the season capped a quick seven-play, 48-yard drive after a fumble recovery.

Creel's 19-yard scramble to the end zone and two-point conversion pass to Johnson gave the Gamecocks their first lead, 15-12, with 4:04 to go in regulation.

CUSA Championship Game MVP Amari Odom calmly directed Kennesaw State 75 yards in 11 plays, scrambling for a key first down on a fourth-and-14 play and finishing off the game-winning drive with an 11-yard TD pass to Navelle Dean with 52 seconds remaining.

Cook was limited to 78 yards on 19 carries, snapping a streak of seven straight games with 103 yards or more.



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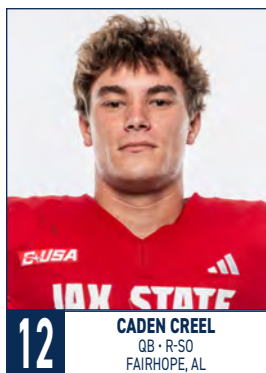
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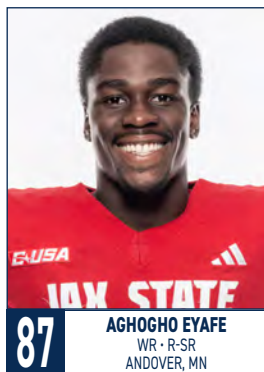
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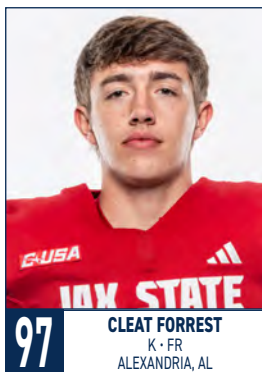
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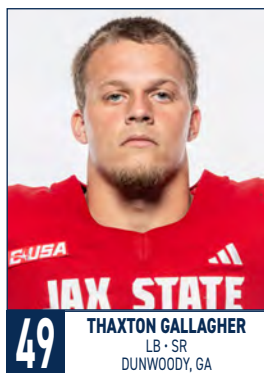
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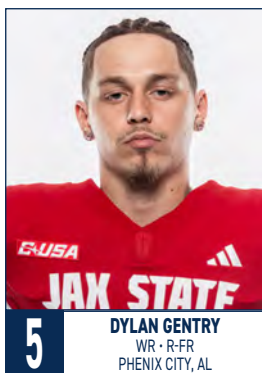
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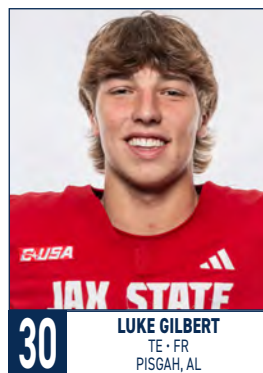
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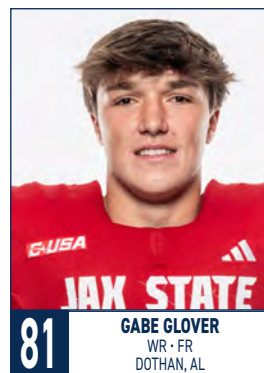
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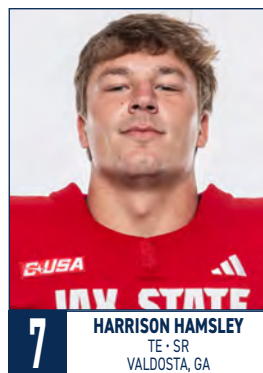
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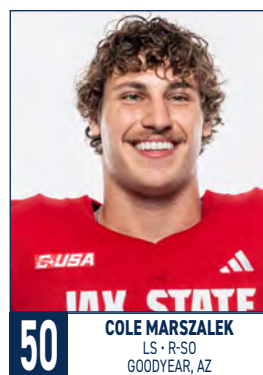
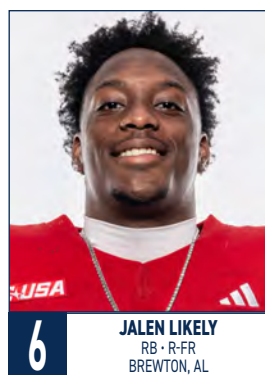
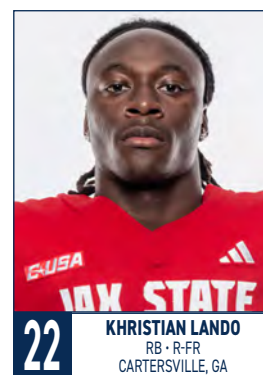
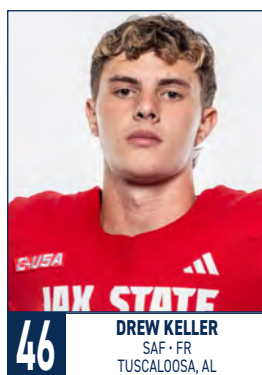
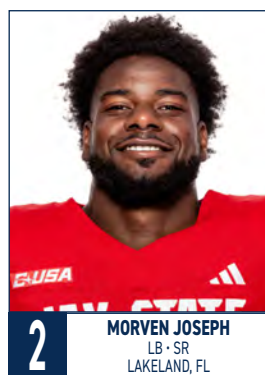
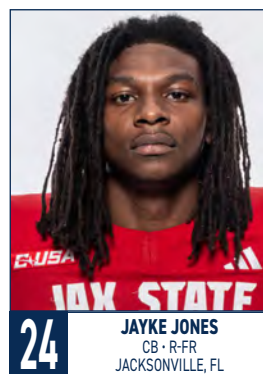
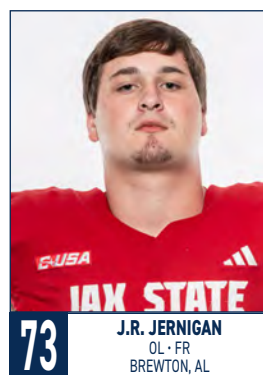
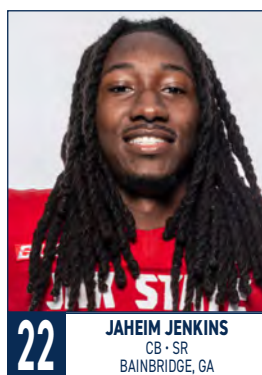


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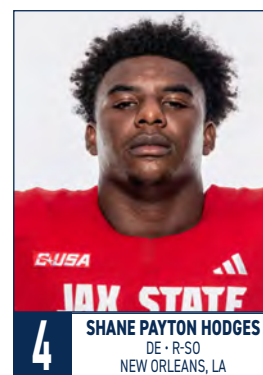
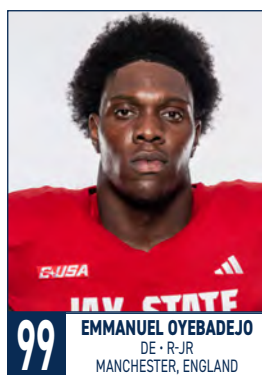
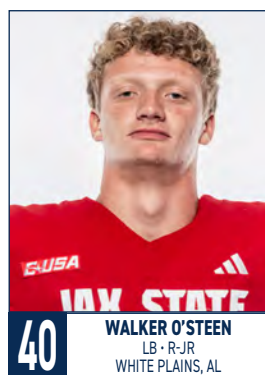
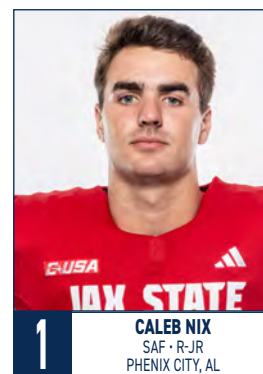
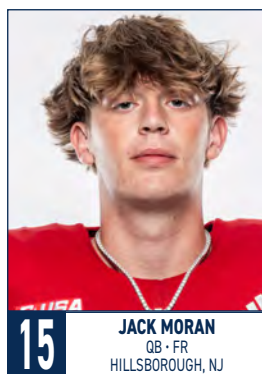
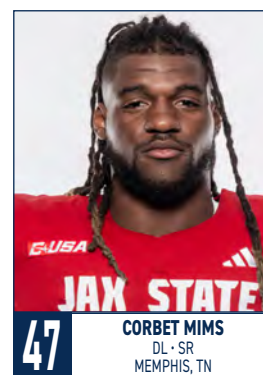


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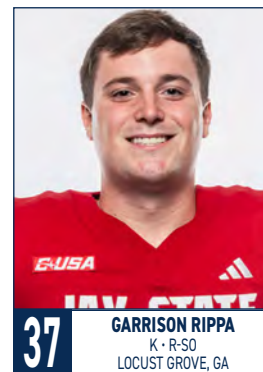
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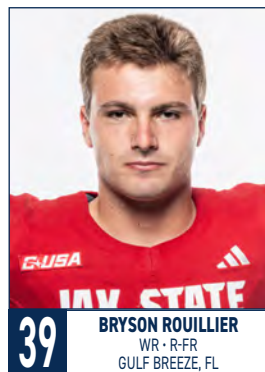
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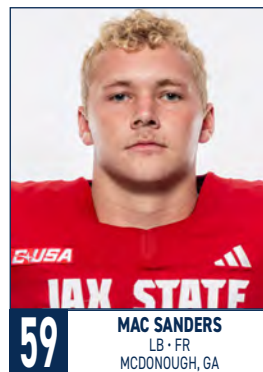
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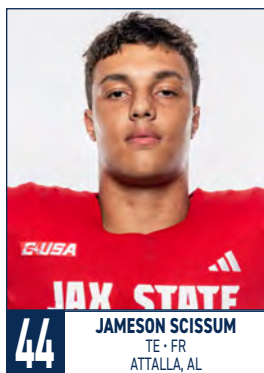
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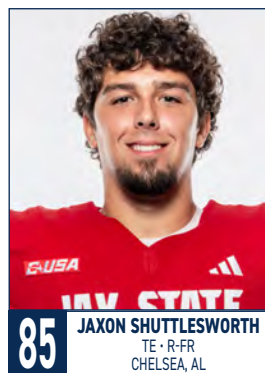
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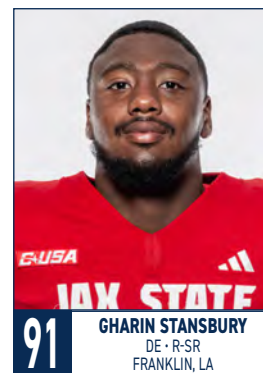
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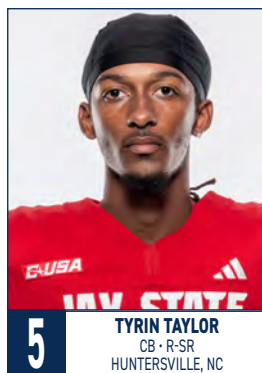
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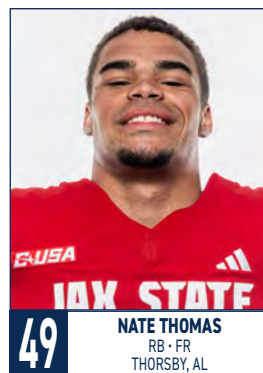
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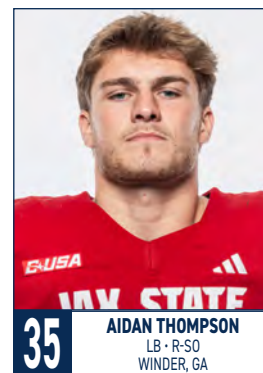
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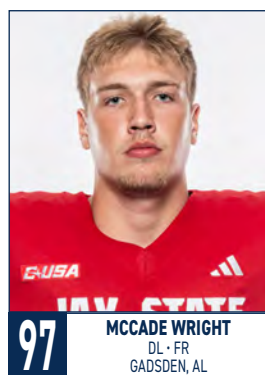
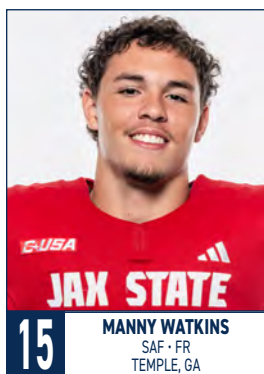
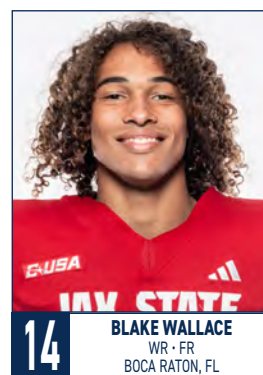


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Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Cam Cook	13	295	1743	84	1659	5.6	16	73	127.6
Caden Creel	13	169	1173	88	1085	6.4	7	73	83.5
Gavin Wimsatt	12	52	308	44	264	5.1	4	44	22.0
Khristian Lando	13	40	165	9	156	3.9	1	17	12.0
Andrew Paul	10	25	120	5	115	4.6	2	42	11.5
Jalen Likely	7	6	53	0	53	8.8	0	34	7.6
Shane Payton Hodges	12	2	30	0	30	15.0	0	25	2.5
Brock Rechsteiner	12	3	19	2	17	5.7	1	13	1.4
Justus Savage	5	5	16	0	16	3.2	0	6	3.2
Jawaun Campbell	9	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Caleb Coombs	13	1	0	11	-11	-11.0	0	0	-0.8
Team	13	8	0	30	-30	-3.8	0	0	-2.3
Total	13	607	3627	273	3354	5.5	31	73	258.0
Opponents	13	474	2267	335	1932	4.1	22	52	148.6

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Caden Creel	13	129.3	116-191-4	60.7	1341	8	77	103.2
Gavin Wimsatt	12	120.4	63-111-2	56.8	731	4	62	60.9
Cade Cunningham	6	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Cade Backe	12	142.0	1-1-0	100.0	5	0	5	0.4
Justus Savage	5	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Gabe Glover	12	251.2	1-1-0	100.0	18	0	18	1.5
Total	13	125.7	181-306-6	59.2	2095	12	77	161.2
Opponents	13	135.0	258-416-12	62.0	3154	19	75	242.6

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Caleb Coombs	13	37	277	7.5	0	24	21.3
Brock Rechsteiner	12	33	356	10.8	4	56	29.7
Cam Cook	13	30	286	9.5	0	54	22.0
Pearson Baldwin	13	25	292	11.7	2	52	22.5
Deondre Johnson	13	24	623	26.0	6	77	47.9
Michael Pettway	10	7	56	8.0	0	18	5.6
Franklin Baret Jr.	11	5	62	12.4	0	19	5.6
Gabe Glover	12	4	28	7.0	0	11	2.3
Jalen Likely	7	3	6	2.0	0	7	0.9
Gavin Wimsatt	12	2	24	12.0	0	18	2.0
Andrew Paul	10	2	29	14.5	0	17	2.9
Dylan Gentry	8	2	13	6.5	0	12	1.6
Khristian Lando	13	2	18	9.0	0	16	1.4
Harrison Hamsley	11	1	2	2.0	0	2	0.2
Caden Creel	13	1	4	4.0	0	4	0.3
Garrison Rippa	13	1	5	5.0	0	5	0.4
Colton Pitchford	5	1	3	3.0	0	3	0.6
Lucas Farrington	3	1	11	11.0	0	11	3.7
Total	13	181	2095	11.6	12	77	161.2
Opponents	13	258	3154	12.2	19	75	242.6

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Caleb Nix	3	27	9.0	0	15
Michael Pettway	5	16	3.2	0	11
Caden Creel	1	4	4.0	0	4
Total	9	47	5.2	0	15
Opponents	12	107	8.9	0	21

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Caleb Nix	4	191	47.8	1	93
Walker O'Steen	3	64	21.3	0	37
Trevor Woods	1	4	4.0	0	4
Tre'Quon Fegans	1	0	0.0	0	0
Jacob Cruz	1	0	0.0	0	0
Marc Woods	1	0	0.0	0	0
Myles Butler	1	11	11.0	0	11
Total	12	270	22.5	1	93
Opponents	6	49	8.2	1	49

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Gabe Glover	5	88	17.6	0	21
Michael Pettway	2	38	19.0	0	21
Andrew Paul	1	12	12.0	0	12
Rod Elston	1	14	14.0	0	14
Shane Payton Hodges	1	1	1.0	0	1
Khristian Lando	1	20	20.0	0	20
Jalen Likely	1	4	4.0	0	4
Total	12	177	14.8	0	21
Opponents	28	547	19.5	1	95

Fumbles Recovered

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Chase Alexander	1	28	28.0	0	28
Walker O'Steen	1	27	27.0	0	27
Malcolm Jones	1	9	9.0	0	9
Myles Butler	1	5	5.0	0	5
Caleb Nix	3	1	0.3	1	1
Thaxton Gallagher	1	0	0.0	0	0
Khurtiss Perry	1	0	0.0	0	0
Jayke Jones	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	10	70	7.0	1	28
Opponents	7	0	0.0	1	0

Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT						pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass	dpx	saf	
Garrison Rippa	-	20-27	38-38	-	-	-	-	-	98
Cam Cook	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	96
Caden Creel	7	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	46
Deondre Johnson	6	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	38
Brock Rechsteiner	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Gavin Wimsatt	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Pearson Baldwin	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Caleb Nix	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Andrew Paul	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Khristian Lando	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Cade Cunningham	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
Conor Donaghy	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	45	20-27	39-39	3	1	1	0	0	377
Opponents	44	12-15	36-36	0	1	1	0	1	340

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Garrison Rippa	20-27	74.1	0-0	7-7	7-11	3-5	3-4	52	4
Opponents	12-15	80.0	0-0	2-4	4-4	6-7	0-0	43	0

FG Sequence

Team Name	Jacksonville St.	Opponents
UCF	35,(42)	(24),43
Liberty	(50),(24)	(35),27
Ga. Southern	(30),(33)	(37),(43)
Murray St.	(27)	(43)
Southern Miss.	(35)	
Sam Houston	35,(30),(26),(52)	
Delaware	54,46,(52)	
Middle Tenn.	(47)	
UTEP	(30),(36),(45)	
Kennesaw St.	(32),(27)	29,(43),(25)
FIU	47	(35),(42)
Western Ky.	(27),(27),39,(28)	(42),(41)
Kennesaw St.	35	(38)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Caden Creel	13	360	1085	1341	2426	186.6
Cam Cook	13	295	1659	0	1659	127.6
Gavin Wimsatt	12	163	264	731	995	82.9
Khristian Lando	13	40	156	0	156	12.0
Andrew Paul	10	25	115	0	115	11.5
Jalen Likely	7	6	53	0	53	7.6
Shane Payton Hodges	12	2	30	0	30	2.5
Gabe Glover	12	1	0	18	18	1.5
Brock Rechsteiner	12	3	17	0	17	1.4
Justus Savage	5	6	16	0	16	3.2
Cade Backe	12	1	0	5	5	0.4
Caleb Coombs	13	1	-11	0	-11	-0.8
Team	13	0	-30	0	-30	-2.3
Total	13	913	3354	2095	5449	419.2
Opponents	13	890	1932	3154	5086	391.2

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Conor Donaghy	47	1862	39.6	57	2	19	13	5	0
Cade Backe	7	282	40.3	45	0	3	2	0	0
Total	54	2144	39.7	57	2	22	15	5	0
Opponents	55	2395	43.5	70	1	22	20	11	0

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Garrison Rippa	64	3865	60.4	32	3			
Conor Donaghy	13	762	58.6	0	1			
Total	77	4627	60.1	32	4	28	38.7	26
Opponents	67	4114	61.4	33	5	11	39.9	25



SEASON STATS

Team Defense

##	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
40	Walker O'Steen	13	49	31	80	6-27	1.5-10	3-64	1	5	1-27	1	.	.
59	Mac Sanders	13	40	37	77	10.5-34	1.5-14	.	2	5	.	1	.	.
43	Trevor Woods	13	51	13	64	0.5-1	.	1-4	3	.	.	3	.	.
1	Caleb Nix	13	36	21	57	4-11	.	4-191	3	.	3-1	.	.	.
12	Malcolm Jones	13	34	20	54	5-47	3-34	.	.	1	1-9	2	.	.
92	Talan Carter	13	28	26	54	7.5-17	1.5-6	.	1	2	.	.	.	.
99	Emmanuel Oyebadejo	13	26	15	41	6.5-21	4.5-18	.	5	6	.	2	.	.
3	Tre'Quon Fegans	12	27	9	36	1.5-2	.	1-0	9	.	.	.	.	.
7	Isaac Walker	13	17	15	32	5.5-25	3-12	.	1	4	.	1	.	.
49	Thaxton Gallagher	10	20	10	30	1-3	.	.	1	.	1-0	.	.	.
5	Tyrin Taylor	12	20	9	29	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.
2	Travis Franklin, Jr.	12	16	13	29	.	.	.	4	.	.	1	.	.
91	Gharin Stansbury	13	15	7	22	5-23	1-10	.	1	6	.	.	.	.
93	Jawaun Campbell	9	10	12	22	2-5	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
96	Darrell Prater	13	13	8	21	5-27	4.5-26	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Myles Butler	13	10	11	21	.	.	1-11	1	.	1-5	.	.	.
44	Khurtiss Perry	13	11	7	18	4-13	2-10	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
22	Jaheim Jenkins	11	9	7	16	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.
54	Khari Bendolph	13	7	7	14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	Jacob Cruz	12	10	3	13	1.5-3	.	1-0	.	1	.	.	.	.
6	Rod Elston	13	6	5	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35	Aidan Thompson	3	4	7	11	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
31	Marc Woods	12	7	4	11	1-2	.	1-0	2	.	.	.	.	.
10	RJ Rainer	10	10	1	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	Quay Hood	9	3	6	9	0.5-2	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	Chase Alexander	6	6	1	7	2-14	1-7	.	1	.	1-28	1	.	.
4	Shane Payton Hodges	12	4	3	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55	Tae Floyd	7	4	3	7	1-11	1-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47	Corbet Mims	8	1	5	6	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
28	Christopher Johnson	4	3	3	6	1-6	1-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Tee Denson	3	4	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
53	Ian Mitchell	13	3	1	4	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	Riggs Dunn	13	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Patrick Taylor	12	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37	Garrison Rippa	13	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
30	Luke Gilbert	13	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	Luke Reynolds	2	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	Pearson Baldwin	13	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
29	Cade Backe	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Caden Creel	13	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
32	Micah McCarroll	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39	Keith Christein	2	1	.	1	1-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	Jackson Veasy	6	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
50	Cole Marszalek	13	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Jayke Jones	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
87	Conor Donaghy	13	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Totals		13	512	334	846	73-298	26-166	12-270	44	32	10-70	13	0	0
Opponents		13	551	360	911	82-270	19-116	6-49	36	28	7-0	9	4	1



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#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	YR	HOMETOWN / PREVIOUS SCHOOL
14	Alexander, Chase	SAF	5-10	190	R-Sr.	Phenix City, Ala. / Mississippi Valley State
29	Backe, Cade	P	6-0	185	R-Sr.	Crystal Lake, Ill. / College of DuPage
13	Baldwin, Pearson	TE	6-2	230	R-Sr.	Springville, Ala. / Springville HS
84	Baret Jr., Franklin	WR	6-4	200	R-Fr.	Raleigh, N.C. / Appalachian State
88	Bell, Kam	TE	6-4	230	R-So.	Leesburg, Ga. / FAU
54	Bendolph, Khari	LB	6-1	205	Fr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. / Naples HS
55	Blake, Markevian	OL	6-2	295	Fr.	Gainestown, Ala. / Jackson HS
63	Bragg, Ryland	OL	6-2	298	Rf.	Pensacola, Fla. / Pensacola Catholic HS
25	Brooks, JQ	CB	6-3	180	Fr.	Bessemer, Ala. / Hueytown HS
21	Butler, Myles	LB	6-1	220	Jr.	Atlanta, Ga. / Campbellsville
93	Campbell, Jawaun	DL	5-11	282	So.	DeFuniak Springs, Fla. / Walton HS
92	Carter, Talan	DL	6-1	300	So.	Ocean Springs, Miss. / Ocean Springs HS
39	Christein, Keith	SAF	5-10	185	R-So.	Hoover, Ala. / Hoover HS
4	Cook, Cam	RB	5-11	200	Jr.	Round Rock, Texas / TCU
9	Coombs, Caleb	WR	5-11	187	R-Sr.	Leesburg, Va. / FAU
12	Creel, Caden	QB	6-0	200	R-So.	Fairhope, Ala. / Fairhope HS
13	Cruz, Jacob	OLB	6-4	230	Jr.	Acworth, Ga. / Georgia Tech
8	Cunningham, Cade	QB	6-4	205	Sr.	Wake Forest, N.C. / Memphis
87	Donaghy, Conor	P	6-2	195	Fr.	Tyrone, Ireland
27	Dunn, Riggs	SAF	6-0	185	R-Fr.	Trussville, Ala. / Hewitt-Trussville HS
6	Elston, Rod	SAF	5-9	190	So.	Anniston, Ala. / Auburn
87	Eyafe, Aghogho	WR	5-10	180	R-Sr.	Andover, Minn. / Ellsworth (Iowa) CC
52	Fain, Storm	OL	6-3	290	Fr.	Hoover, Ala. / Hoover HS
26	Farrington, Lucas	RB	5-9	195	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga. / Walton HS
3	Fegans, Tre'Quon	CB	6-1	190	R-Jr.	Anniston, Ala. / UCF
51	Ferguson, Ethan	LS	6-1	225	R-So.	Munich, Germany / Dickinson
55	Floyd, Tae	DL	6-3	250	R-So.	Ocala, Fla. / Forest HS
97	Forrest, Cleat	K	5-9	165	Fr.	Alexandria, Ala. / Alexandria HS
30	Foster, Omarion	SAF	6-2	197	R-Jr.	Piedmont, Ala. / Delta State
23	Foster, Temarion	CB	5-11	190	Fr.	Pahokee, Fla. / Inlet Grove HS
2	Franklin, Jr., Travis	SAF	5-11	185	Jr.	Riverdale, Ga. / Sandy Creek HS
49	Gallagher, Thaxton	LB	6-2	225	Sr.	Dunwoody, Ga. / Charleston (W.Va.)
5	Gentry, Dylan	WR	5-9	160	R-Fr.	Phenix City, Ala. / Auburn
30	Gilbert, Luke	TE	6-3	215	Fr.	Pisgah, Ala. / Pisgah HS
81	Glover, Gabe	WR	6-1	200	Fr.	Dothan, Ala. / Houston Academy
54	Grayson, Amare "Bubba"	OL	6-3	310	So.	Stockbridge, Ga. / Stockbridge HS
60	Griffin, Cameron	OL	6-4	305	Jr.	Selma, Ala. / Pinson Valley HS
69	Gumm, Adrian	OL	6-4	320	R-Jr.	Maryville, Tenn. / Tusculum
7	Hamsley, Harrison	TE	6-3	250	Sr.	Valdosta, Ga. / Valdosta State
16	Hood, Quay	DL	6-2	275	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga. / Decatur HS
86	Hoyt, Nabi	WR	6-0	195	Rf.	Karmiel, Israel / Ort Psagot
77	Jackson, Reggie	OL	6-5	300	R-So.	Orlando, Fla. / Lake Minneola HS
22	Jenkins, Jaheim	CB	6-2	190	Sr.	Bainbridge, Ga. / Eastern Michigan
73	Jernigan, J.R.	OL	6-4	270	Fr.	Brewton, Ala. / T.R. Miller HS
28	Johnson, Christopher	DL	6-3	290	Fr.	Montgomery, Ala. / Percy Julian HS
11	Johnson, Deondre	WR	6-8	220	R-So.	Newburgh, N.Y. / Rutgers
79	Johnson, Lance	OL	6-4	290	Fr.	Birmingham, Ala. / Ramsay HS
19	Jones, Greg	QB	6-4	205	Jr.	Orlando, Fla. / Independence CC
24	Jones, Jayke	CB	6-0	180	R-Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla. / Trinity Christian HS
12	Jones, Malcolm	SAF	6-1	206	R-Jr.	Camilla, Ga. / Michigan State
18	Jones, Santonio	WR	5-10	165	So.	Tuscaloosa, Ala. / Pickens County HS
2	Joseph, Morven	LB	6-3	220	Sr.	Lakeland, Fla. / Florida Atlantic
46	Keller, Drew	SAF	6-0	185	Fr.	Tuscaloosa, Ala. / Tuscaloosa County HS
29	Lambert, Carter	WR	6-0	185	R-Jr.	Boaz, Ala. / Boaz HS
22	Lando, Khristian	RB	6-1	205	R-Fr.	Cartersville, Ga. / Cartersville HS
94	Larry, Jumarion	DE	6-4	260	R-Jr.	Hazlehurst, Miss. / Hazlehurst HS
6	Likely, Jalen	RB	5-8	190	Rf.	Brewton, Ala. / W.S. Neal HS

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#	NAME	POS
0	Andrew Paul	RB
1	Michael Pettway	WR
1	Caleb Nix	SAF
2	Gavin Wimsatt	QB
2	Travis Franklin, Jr.	SAF
2	Morven Joseph	LB
3	Brock Rechsteiner	WR
3	Tre'Quon Fegans	CB
4	Cam Cook	RB
4	Shane Payton Hodges	DE
5	Tyrin Taylor	CB
5	Dylan Gentry	WR
6	Rod Elston	SAF
6	Jalen Likely	RB
7	Harrison Hamsley	TE
7	Isaac Walker	OLB
8	Cade Cunningham	QB
8	Larry Preston	CB
9	Caleb Coombs	WR
9	Patrick Taylor	SAF
9	Wyatt Sonderman	WR
10	RJ Rainer	CB
10	Kadyn Mitchell	QB
10	AJ Watkins	WR
11	Deondre Johnson	WR
11	Walter Reddick	LB
12	Caden Creel	QB
12	Malcolm Jones	SAF
13	Pearson Baldwin	TE
13	Jacob Cruz	OLB
14	Chase Alexander	SAF
14	Blake Wallace	WR
15	Jack Moran	QB
15	Manny Watkins	SAF
16	Quay Hood	DL
17	Nate Zills	TE
17	Cai Mayowa	LB
18	Santonio Jones	WR
19	Greg Jones	QB
21	Myles Butler	LB
21	Justus Savage	RB
22	Khristian Lando	RB
22	Jaheim Jenkins	CB
23	Temarion Foster	CB
24	Jayke Jones	CB
25	JQ Brooks	CB
26	Lucas Farrington	RB
26	Brice McKenzie	SAF
27	Riggs Dunn	SAF
28	Christopher Johnson	DL
29	Cade Backe	P
29	Carter Lambert	WR
30	Luke Gilbert	TE
30	Omarion Foster	SAF
31	Marc Woods	SAF
32	Micah McCarroll	CB
35	Aidan Thompson	LB

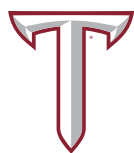


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#	NAME	POS
36	Collin Westfelt	LS
37	Garrison Rippa	K
39	Bryson Rouillier	WR
39	Keith Christein	SAF
40	Walker O'Steen	LB
41	Luke Reynolds	SAF
43	Trevor Woods	SAF
44	Khurtiss Perry	DL
44	Jameson Scissum	TE
46	Drew Keller	SAF
47	Corbet Mims	DL
48	Wes Ryan	TE
49	Nate Thomas	RB
49	Thaxton Gallagher	LB
50	Lucas Mrachkovskiy	OL
50	Cole Marszalek	LS
51	Ethan Ferguson	LS
52	Storm Fain	OL
53	Ian Mitchell	OLB
54	Amare "Bubba" Grayson	OL
54	Khari Bendolph	LB
55	Tae Floyd	DL
55	Markevin Blake	OL
56	Daylan Martin	OL
57	Oliver Maldonado	OL
59	Mac Sanders	LB
60	Cameron Griffin	OL
62	Cole Roberson	OL
63	Ryland Bragg	OL
67	Shaun Martin	OL
69	Adrian Gumm	OL
70	Jeremiah Orr	OL
72	Nate Smith	OL
73	J.R. Jernigan	OL
77	Reggie Jackson	OL
79	Lance Johnson	OL
80	Cianan Williams	WR
81	Gabe Glover	WR
82	Colton Pitchford	WR
84	Franklin Baret Jr.	WR
85	Jaxon Shuttlesworth	TE
86	Nabi Hoyt	WR
87	Aghogho Eyafe	WR
87	Conor Donaghy	P
88	Kam Bell	TE
88	Timothy Taylor Jr.	DL
89	DJ Vinson	WR
91	Gharin Stansbury	DE
92	Talan Carter	DL
93	Jawaun Campbell	DL
94	Jumarion Larry	DE
96	Darrell Prater	DL
97	McCade Wright	DL
97	Cleat Forrest	K
98	Jackson Veasy	DL
99	Emmanuel Oyeadejo	DE

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57	Maldonado, Oliver	OL	6-4	306	Fr.	Miami, Fla. / Parker HS
50	Marszalek, Cole	LS	5-11	205	R-So.	Goodyear, Ariz. / Arizona State
56	Martin, Daylan	OL	6-4	310	R-Fr.	Bay Minette, Ala. / Saraland HS
67	Martin, Shaun	OL	6-4	290	R-Fr.	Mobile, Ala. / W.P. Davidson HS
17	Mayowa, Cai	LB	6-2	220	R-Jr.	Hoover, Ala. / Hoover HS
32	McCarroll, Micah	CB	5-9	170	R-So.	Pleasant Grove, Ala. / Pleasant Grove HS
26	McKenzie, Brice	S	5-9	192	So.	Highland Home, Ala. / Highland Home HS
47	Mims, Corbet	DL	6-5	254	Sr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Southwest Mississippi State
53	Mitchell, Ian	OLB	6-4	245	Fr.	Pleasant Grove, Ala. / Pleasant Grove HS
10	Mitchell, Kadya	QB	5-11	205	Fr.	Dothan, Ala. / Houston Academy
15	Moran, Jack	QB	6-5	225	Fr.	Hillsborough, N.J. / The Hun School
50	Mrachkovskiy, Lucas	OL	6-2	295	R-Fr.	Odenville, Ala. / St. Clair County HS
1	Nix, Caleb	SAF	6-0	202	R-Jr.	Phenix City, Ala. / Clemson
70	Orr, Jeremiah	OL	6-5	325	R-Sr.	Pineland, S.C. / Hampton
40	O'Steen, Walker	LB	6-3	215	R-Jr.	White Plains, Ala. / White Plains HS
99	Oyeadejo, Emmanuel	DE	6-7	295	R-Jr.	Manchester, England / Exeter
0	Paul, Andrew	RB	6-0	220	R-Jr.	Fort Worth, Texas / Georgia
4	Payton Hodges, Shane	DE	6-4	250	R-So.	New Orleans, La. / St. Augustine HS
44	Perry, Khurtiss	DL	6-3	280	R-Jr.	Montgomery, Ala. / Virginia Tech
1	Pettway, Michael	WR	5-10	180	R-Sr.	Alabaster, Ala. / Washington State
82	Pitchford, Colton	WR	5-11	190	R-So.	Columbus, Texas / Columbus HS
96	Prater, Darrell	DL	6-3	300	R-Jr.	Fort Payne, Ala. / Fort Payne HS
8	Preston, Larry	CB	6-0	190	R-Sr.	Apopka, Fla. / Wekiva HS / Murray State
10	Rainer, RJ	CB	6-0	180	Fr.	Charlotte, N.C. / William A. Hough HS
3	Rechsteiner, Brock	WR	6-2	225	R-Sr.	Woodstock, Ga. / Etowah HS
11	Reddick, Walter	OLB	6-3	250	Rf.	Thomasville, Ga. / Thomas County Central HS
41	Reynolds, Luke	SAF	6-0	190	Fr.	Hoover, Ala. / Briarwood Christian
37	Rippa, Garrison	K	5-10	205	R-So.	Locust Grove, Ga. / Luella HS
62	Roberson, Cole	OL	6-4	295	R-So.	River Forest, Ill. / Oak Park-River Forest HS
39	Rouillier, Bryson	WR	5-9	183	R-Fr.	Gulf Breeze, Fla. / Gulf Breeze
48	Ryan, Wes	TE	6-7	240	Fr.	St. Petersburg, Fla. / Shorecrest Prep
59	Sanders, Mac	LB	6-2	225	Fr.	McDonough, Ga. / Ola HS
21	Savage, Justus	RB	5-10	205	R-Fr.	Atlanta, Ga. / Langston Hughes HS
44	Scissum, Jameson	TE	6-4	226	Fr.	Attalla, Ala. / Etowah HS
85	Shuttlesworth, Jaxon	TE	6-5	230	R-Fr.	Chelsea, Ala. / Chelsea HS
72	Smith, Nate	OL	6-5	265	R-So.	Jacksonville, Ala. / Jacksonville HS
9	Sonderman, Wyatt	WR	6-1	185	Rf.	Marietta, Ga. / Walton HS
91	Stansbury, Gharin	DE	6-6	270	R-Sr.	Franklin, La. / Arizona State
88	Taylor Jr., Timothy	DL	6-0	280	Fr.	Starke, Fla. / Williston HS
9	Taylor, Patrick	SAF	6-0	180	R-Sr.	Johns Creek, Ga. / Georgia
5	Taylor, Tyrin	CB	6-2	185	R-Sr.	Huntersville, N.C. / Memphis
49	Thomas, Nate	RB	5-10	192	Fr.	Thorsby, Ala. / Thorsby HS
35	Thompson, Aidan	LB	6-2	230	R-So.	Winder, Ga. / Winder-Barrow HS
98	Veasy, Jackson	DL	6-0	290	R-Fr.	Gadsden, Ala. / Gadsden City HS
89	Vinson, DJ	WR	6-4	195	Fr.	Montgomery, Ala. / Montgomery Academy
7	Walker, Isaac	OLB	6-2	235	R-Sr.	Greensboro, N.C. / Georgia Southern
14	Wallace, Blake	WR	6-0	185	Fr.	Boca Raton, Fla. / Spanish River HS
10	Watkins, AJ	WR	6-1	191	So.	Lithonia, Ga. / Norcross HS
15	Watkins, Manny	SAF	6-1	190	Fr.	Temple, Ga. / Temple HS
36	Westfelt, Collin	LS	6-1	220	R-Sr.	Acworth, Ga. / Troy
80	Williams, Cianan	WR	6-4	175	R-Jr.	Salem, Ala. / Catawba
2	Wimsatt, Gavin	QB	6-3	227	Sr.	Owensboro, Ky. / Kentucky
31	Woods, Marc	SAF	6-4	202	R-Fr.	Madison, Ala. / James Clemens HS
43	Woods, Trevor	SAF	6-2	209	Sr.	Katy, Texas / Colorado
97	Wright, McCade	DL	6-5	260	Fr.	Gadsden, Ala. / Southside HS
17	Zills, Nate	TE	6-5	230	R-So.	Cullman, Ala. / Cullman HS

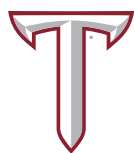


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15	Ui Ale	QB	6' 0"	210	Jr.	Carson, Calif. / Houston
34	JT Alvis	S	6' 1"	215	Fr.	Helena, Ala. / Helena HS
54	Caleb Ash	OL	6' 6"	300	R-Fr.	Atlanta, Ga. / Langston Hughes HS
46	Gavyn Baker	LB	6' 1"	230	R-Fr.	Moody, Ala. / Moody HS
42	Chad Barham	TE	6' 4"	255	R-Fr.	Henderson, Tenn. / Chester County HS
73	Tyler Bell	OL	6' 2"	305	So.	Memphis, Tenn. / Lausanne Collegiate School
26	DeWhitt Betterson Jr.	RB	6' 0"	210	Jr.	Ocala, Fla. / Vanguard HS
56	Jatorian Blackmon	OL	6' 5"	340	Fr.	LaGrange, Ga. / Troup County HS
36	Jon Bocchino	S	6' 0"	195	Fr.	Niceville, Fla. / Niceville HS
63	Gavin Bowlin	OL	6' 6"	320	Fr.	Leeds, Ala. / Leeds HS
12	Jywon Boyd	WR	6' 0"	185	R-Fr.	Troy, Ala. / Charles Henderson HS
20	Keyshawn Campbell	LB	6' 0"	212	So.	Vero Beach, Fla. / Vero Beach HS
65	Tyler Cappi	OL	6' 3"	300	Jr.	Priceville, Ala. / Priceville HS
24	Rondell Carter	S	6' 1"	185	So.	Charlotte, N.C. / Julius Chambers HS
2	Steven Cattledge	LB	6' 3"	236	Sr.	Columbus, Miss. / East Mississippi CC
14	Ethan Conner	TE	6' 4"	245	R-Sr.	Columbus, Miss. / East Mississippi CC
3	Trey Cooley	RB	5' 10"	208	R-Sr.	Raleigh, N.C. / Georgia Tech
28	Evan Crenshaw	P	6' 4"	192	R-Jr.	Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. / Coastal Carolina
33	LaMar Croskey	CB	5' 8"	179	R-So.	Pinson, Ala. / Clay-Chalkville HS
9	Goose Crowder	QB	6' 2"	215	R-Jr.	Gardendale, Ala. / West Virginia
93	Kam Curry	DT	6' 2"	305	Jr.	Midland, Texas / Tyler JC
14	David Daniel-Sisavanh	S	6' 2"	190	Sr.	Woodstock, Ga. / Georgia
11	Elijah Davis	DE	6' 3"	264	Sr.	Wagener, S.C. / South Carolina
51	Malik Ellis	OL	6' 5"	295	R-So.	Laurel, Miss. / Mississippi State
18	DJ Epps	WR	6' 1"	185	Jr.	Seale, Ala. / Russell County HS
45	Jordan Ferrell	BAN	6' 4"	225	So.	Lawrenceville, Ga / Central Georgia Tech
98	Jamel Fils-Aime	DT	6' 3"	345	Sr.	Enterprise, Ala / Coffeyville CC
70	Casey Fua'au	DT	6' 5"	315	Sr.	Clarksville, Tenn / Allan Hancock College
21	Amare Garrett	CB	5' 11"	184	R-Fr.	St. Petersburg, Fla. / Toledo
71	Kyler Gibson	OL	6' 5"	310	Jr.	Munford, Ala. / Munford HS
78	Billy Gilmore	OL	6' 3"	325	So.	Irvington, Ala. / Alma Bryant HS
41	Makel Green	BAN	6' 2"	258	Fr.	Phenix City, Ala. / Central HS
84	Marquis Harris	TE	6' 5"	265	Jr.	Shreveport, La. / Grambling State
67	Matt Henry	OL	6' 4"	360	Sr.	Auckland, New Zealand / New Mexico Military
2	Peyton Higgins	WR	5' 10"	180	Sr.	Florence, Ala. / Mars Hill Bible
44	Luke Hodge	LB	6' 2"	224	Jr.	Oneonta, Ala. / Oneonta HS
81	Jah'Marren Jackson	WR	6' 5"	195	Fr.	McKenzie, Ala. / McKenize HS
6	Jack James	QB	6' 0"	210	Fr.	Paducah, Ky. / Paducah Tilghman HS
95	ShuMond Johnson	DE	6' 2"	285	R-Fr.	Fairburn, Ga. / Creekside HS
10	Tucker Kilcrease	QB	6' 0"	205	Jr.	Brantley, Ala. / Brantley HS
3	Devin Lafayette	SPR	6' 2"	210	Sr.	Brunswick, Ga. / Northern Illinois
77	Garner Langlo	OL	6' 7"	300	Sr.	Ocala, Fla. / App State
5	Kaleno Levine	CB	5' 11"	177	Sr.	Fort Worth, Texas / Missouri State
49	Austin Lewis	P	5' 11"	165	Fr.	Helena, Ala. / Helena HS
29	Joe Lott	S	6' 3"	190	R-Fr.	Mobile, Ala. / UMS-Wright Prep School
1	Jordan Lovett	RB	5' 10"	197	So.	Statesboro, Ga. / Statesboro HS
24	Kinnick Manley	LS	6' 2"	230	Jr.	Firestone, Colo. / FIU

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#	NAME	POS
0	Roman Mothershed	WR
0	Jah-Mal Williams	BAN
1	Jordan Lovett	RB
1	Luis Medina	DT
2	Steven Cattledge	LB
2	Peyton Higgins	WR
3	Trey Cooley	RB
3	Devin Lafayette	SPR
4	TJ Thompson	LB
4	Jarris Williams	RB
5	Kaleno Levine	CB
6	Jack James	QB
6	Justin Powe	S
7	Jordan Stringer	LB
7	Kristian Tate	WR
7	RaRa Thomas	WR
8	Tray Taylor	WR
8	Jaquez White	CB
9	Goose Crowder	QB
10	Tucker Kilcrease	QB
10	Jabari Strait	CB
11	Elijah Davis	DE
12	Jywon Boyd	WR
13	Ky McNulty	WR
14	Ethan Conner	TE
14	David Daniel-Sisavanh	S
15	Ui Ale	QB
15	Taleeq Robbins	DE
16	Daivon Nelson	SPR
17	Marlin Odom	CB
18	DJ Epps	WR
19	Jaden Tynes	K
20	Keyshawn Campbell	LB
20	Dakarai Shanks	RB
21	Jordan Perry	SPR
21	Amare Garrett	CB
21	AC Walters	RB
22	Donnie Smith	BAN
24	Rondell Carter	S
24	Kinnick Manley	LS
25	Dennis Palmer	RB
26	DeWhitt Betterson Jr.	RB
27	OJ Vaughan Jr.	S
28	Evan Crenshaw	P
28	AZ Williams	BAN
29	Joe Lott	S
30	Keion Dunlap	LB
31	Shemar Welch	CB



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32	Paddy McAteer	K
33	LaMar Croskey	CB
34	JT Alvis	S
36	Jon Bocchino	S
37	Jalen Peterson	CB
38	Antionious Steele	S
40	Scott Taylor Renfroe	K
40	JaQueraius Thomas	CB
41	Makel Green	BAN
42	Chad Barham	TE
43	Kam Weaver	LB
44	Luke Hodge	LB
45	Jordan Ferrell	BAN
46	Gavyn Baker	LB
49	Austin Lewis	P
50	RJ Shamberger	DT
51	Malik Ellis	OL
53	Jabril McNeill	DE
54	Caleb Ash	OL
56	Jatorian Blackmon	OL
57	Noah Mercer	OL
58	Elijah Prather	OL
61	Sharvon Pierre	OL
63	Gavin Bowlin	OL
64	Ricky Timbers	OL
65	Tyler Cappi	OL
66	Eli Russ	OL
67	Matt Henry	OL
69	Jermaine Paramore	DT
70	Casey Fua'au	DT
71	Kyler Gibson	OL
72	Patrick Screws	OL
73	Tyler Bell	OL
74	Tra'jon Townsend	OL
77	Garner Langlo	OL
78	Billy Gilmore	OL
80	JT Tang	TE
81	Jah-Marren Jackson	WR
82	Jackson Thomas	WR
84	Marquis Harris	TE
85	Fabian Rogosch	TE
87	Colton Walls	LS
88	Jackson Worley	TE
89	Trae Swartz	TE
93	Kam Curry	DT
95	ShuMond Johnson	DE
98	Jamel Fils-Aime	DT
99	Julian Peterson	DT

#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	YR	HOMETOWN / PREVIOUS SCHOOL
32	Paddy McAteer	K	6' 3"	207	Jr.	Mullaghbawn, Ireland / St. Mary's (Belfast)
53	Jabril McNeill	DE	6' 4"	222	Sr.	Raleigh, N.C. / Louisburg CC
13	Ky McNulty	WR	6' 3"	205	R-Fr.	Bay Minette, Ala. / Baldwin County HS
1	Luis Medina	DT	6' 1"	305	Sr.	Summerville, Ga. / Chattooga HS
57	Noah Mercer	OL	6' 3"	305	So.	Marianna, Fla. / Marianna HS
0	Roman Mothershed	WR	6' 4"	208	So.	Montgomery, Ala. / Independence CC
13	Daivon Nelson	S	6' 3"	204	R-Jr.	South Phoenix, Ariz. / Hutchinson CC
17	Marlin Odom	CB	6' 2"	188	R-Fr.	Lucedale, Miss. / George County HS
25	Dennis Palmer	RB	5' 10"	196	So.	Jensen Beach, Fla. / Bethune-Cookman
69	Jermaine Paramore	DT	6' 2"	290	R-Fr.	Saraland, Ala. / Saraland HS
18	Jordan Perry	SPR	6' 2"	214	Jr.	Jefferson, Ga. / Kansas State
37	Jalen Peterson	CB	6' 0"	188	Fr.	Pinson, Ala. / Pinson Valley HS
99	Julian Peterson	DT	6' 3"	305	Sr.	Pinson, Ala. / Pinson Valley HS
61	Sharvon Pierre	OL	6' 3"	280	Fr.	Waycross, Ga. / Ware County HS
6	Justin Powe	S	6' 0"	204	Jr.	Mobile, Ala. / Davidson HS
58	Elijah Prather	OL	6' 4"	305	So.	LaVergne, Tenn. / LaVergne HS
40	Scott Taylor Renfroe	K	6' 1"	200	Sr.	Troy, Ala. / Pike Liberal Arts
15	Taleeq Robbins	DE	6' 1"	285	Sr.	Philadelphia, Pa. / Houston
85	Fabian Rogosch	TE	6' 5"	252	Jr.	Hamburg, Germany / Hamburg
66	Eli Russ	OL	6' 4"	300	Sr.	Ardmore, Okla. / Oklahoma State
72	Patrick Screws Jr.	OL	6' 5"	325	So.	Eufaula, Ala. / Georgia Tech
50	RJ Shamberger	DT	6' 4"	305	Fr.	Monroeville, Ala. / Excel HS
20	Dakarai Shanks	RB	5' 10"	220	Fr.	Hoover, Ala. / Spain Park HS
22	Donnie Smith	BAN	6' 4"	220	Jr.	Greenville, Miss. / East Central CC
38	Antionious Steele	S	6' 1"	198	Fr.	Centreville, Ala. / Bibb County HS
10	Jabari Strait	CB	6' 2"	184	Jr.	McCalla, Ala. / Northeastern Oklahoma A&M
7	Jordan Stringer	LB	6' 2"	225	Sr.	Augusta, Ga. / Laney HS
89	Trae Swartz	TE	6' 5"	255	Sr.	Ottumwa, Iowa / Iowa Western CC
80	JT Tang	TE	6' 5"	260	Jr.	Sydney, Australia / Butler CC
7	Kristian Tate	WR	6' 2"	175	So.	Seat Pleasant, Md. / Delaware State
8	Tray Taylor	WR	5' 6"	140	Sr.	Shreveport, La. / Coastal Carolina
7	RaRa Thomas	WR	6' 2"	208	Sr.	Eufaula, Ala. / Georgia
40	JaQueraius Thomas	CB	5' 11"	173	R-Jr.	Montgomery, Ala. / Shorter College
82	Jackson Thomas	WR	6' 3"	195	So.	Millbrook, Ala. / Stanhope Elmore HS
4	TJ Thompson	LB	6' 0"	222	R-Jr.	Bolton, Miss. / East Central CC
64	Ricky Timbers	OL	6' 1"	304	R-Fr.	Midland City, Ala. / Dale County HS
74	Tra'jon Townsend	OL	6' 6"	303	So.	Los Angeles, Calif. / Trinity Valley CC
19	Jaden Tynes	K	6' 3"	178	Fr.	Kansas City, Mo. / Rockhurst HS
27	OJ Vaughan Jr.	S	5' 9"	190	R-Fr.	Brooklyn, N.Y. / Wakulla (Fla.) HS
87	Colton Walls	LS	6' 3"	238	So.	Millbrook, Ala. / Stanhope Elmore HS
21	AC Walters	RB	5' 10"	207	Fr.	Montgomery, Ala. / Alabama Christian Academy
31	Shemar Welch	CB	6' 1"	164	R-Fr.	Mobile, Ala. / McGill-Toolen HS
8	Jaquez White	CB	6' 1"	190	Jr.	Blackshear, Ga. / Washburn
0	Jah-Mal Williams	BAN	6' 4"	240	Sr.	Carver Ranches, Fla. / Cincinnati
4	Jarris Williams	RB	5' 10"	210	Sr.	Mobile, Ala. / Blount HS
28	AZ Williams	BAN	5' 11"	203	Sr.	Millbrook, Ala. / Stanhope-Elmore HS
88	Jackson Worley	TE	6' 4"	245	So.	West Palm Beach, Fla. / The King's Academy

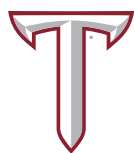
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Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Tae Meadows	12	159	717	22	695	4.4	6	47	57.9
Jordan Lovett	12	81	332	15	317	3.9	2	22	26.4
Tucker Kilcrease	10	104	316	204	112	1.1	5	34	11.2
Jarris Williams	10	19	60	3	57	3.0	1	13	5.7
Tray Taylor	13	10	55	3	52	5.2	1	16	4.0
RaRa Thomas	13	5	42	1	41	8.2	0	14	3.2
DJ Epps	13	4	17	0	17	4.3	0	8	1.3
Mojo Dortch	4	2	12	0	12	6.0	0	9	3.0
Goose Crowder	7	55	156	146	10	0.2	2	16	1.4
Ui Ale	1	6	12	9	3	0.5	0	8	3.0
Dennis Palmer	1	2	3	0	3	1.5	0	3	3.0
Ethan Conner	13	2	1	0	1	0.5	0	1	0.1
Peyton Higgins	13	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Jack James	1	1	0	9	-9	-9.0	0	0	-9.0
Evan Crenshaw	13	1	0	12	-12	-12.0	0	0	-0.9
Team	13	8	0	15	-15	-1.9	0	0	-1.2
Total	13	460	1723	439	1284	2.8	17	47	98.8
Opponents	13	502	2644	274	2370	4.7	21	73	182.3

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Tucker Kilcrease	10	130.2	118-199-4	59.3	1421	9	60	142.1
Goose Crowder	7	130.9	112-190-5	58.9	1314	11	75	187.7
Ui Ale	1	95.4	5-10-0	50.0	54	0	14	54.0
RaRa Thomas	13	-200.0	0-1-1	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Jarris Williams	10	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Evan Crenshaw	13	192.4	1-1-0	100.0	11	0	11	0.8
Team	13	0.0	0-2-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	13	128.0	236-404-10	58.4	2800	20	75	215.4
Opponents	13	126.8	221-368-10	60.1	2574	15	58	198.0

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
DJ Epps	13	44	480	10.9	5	48	36.9
RaRa Thomas	13	34	577	17.0	5	75	44.4
Peyton Higgins	13	33	270	8.2	1	21	20.8
Tray Taylor	13	31	513	16.5	3	60	39.5
Ethan Conner	13	29	381	13.1	3	39	29.3
Roman Mothershed	12	25	259	10.4	1	29	21.6
Jordan Lovett	12	11	87	7.9	0	26	7.3
Tae Meadows	12	11	64	5.8	0	12	5.3
Mojo Dortch	4	7	63	9.0	0	19	15.8
Jackson Worley	13	6	44	7.3	1	13	3.4
Trae Swartz	13	4	51	12.8	1	31	3.9
Donnie Smith	13	1	11	11.0	0	11	0.8
Total	13	236	2800	11.9	20	75	215.4
Opponents	13	221	2574	11.6	15	58	198.0

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Peyton Higgins	17	98	5.8	0	32
Steven Cattledge	1	0	0.0	0	0
Tray Taylor	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	19	98	5.2	0	32
Opponents	20	116	5.8	0	49

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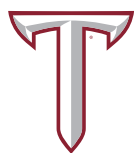
Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jaquez White	3	51	17.0	1	30
Devin Lafayette	2	31	15.5	0	31
Joe Lott	2	67	33.5	1	53
TJ Thompson	1	4	4.0	1	4
Justin Powe	1	4	4.0	0	4
Kaleno Levine	1	34	34.0	0	34
Total	10	191	19.1	3	53
Opponents	10	101	10.1	0	37

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
DJ Epps	20	414	20.7	0	38
Peyton Higgins	8	141	17.6	0	26
Fabian Rogosch	1	6	6.0	0	6
Dylan Mann	1	3	3.0	0	3
Total	30	564	18.8	0	38
Opponents	20	360	18.0	0	45

Fumbles Recovered

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Justin Powe	2	53	26.5	0	53
Taleeq Robbins	1	15	15.0	1	15
Elijah Davis	1	3	3.0	0	3
DJ Jackson Jr.	1	0	0.0	0	0
TJ Thompson	1	0	0.0	0	0
Colton Walls	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	7	71	10.1	1	53
Opponents	6	22	3.7	1	22



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Scoring

Player			PAT						pts
	td	fg	kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	
Scott Taylor Renfro	-	9-13	38-39	-	-	-	-	-	65
Tae Meadows	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
DJ Epps	5	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	32
RaRa Thomas	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Tucker Kilcrease	5	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	30
Tray Taylor	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Ethan Conner	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Goose Crowder	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Jordan Lovett	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Peyton Higgins	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jarris Williams	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Taleeq Robbins	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jaquez White	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
TJ Thompson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Roman Mothershed	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Joe Lott	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jackson Worley	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Trae Swartz	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Paddy McAteer	-	1-2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Total	41	10-15	38-39	0	1	1	0	0	316
Opponents	37	20-27	32-33	1	1	1	0	0	318

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Scott Taylor Renfro	9-13	69.2	0-0	5-5	1-2	3-6	0-0	47	0
Paddy McAteer	1-2	50.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	53	0
Opponents	20-27	74.1	0-0	4-5	10-11	5-9	1-2	53	0

FG Sequence

Team Name	Troy	Opponents
Nicholls	(24)	(45),(22)
Clemson	(37),51	(25),(30)
Memphis		
Buffalo		(39)
South Alabama	48,(28)	(40)
Texas St.	(53),(47)	(42),(37),42
ULM	(29),(41),(26)	32
Louisiana	48	(37),(31),(32)
Arkansas St.	(43)	(30),51,(31),(53)
Old Dominion	39	(32),(28),47
Georgia St.	(28)	(34),(47),45
Southern Miss.		20,(27),46
James Madison	46	(40)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Tucker Kilcrease	10	303	112	1421	1533	153.3
Goose Crowder	7	245	10	1314	1324	189.1
Tae Meadows	12	159	695	0	695	57.9
Jordan Lovett	12	81	317	0	317	26.4
Jarris Williams	10	20	57	0	57	5.7
Ui Ale	1	16	3	54	57	57.0
Tray Taylor	13	10	52	0	52	4.0
RaRa Thomas	13	6	41	0	41	3.2
DJ Epps	13	4	17	0	17	1.3
Mojo Dortch	4	2	12	0	12	3.0
Dennis Palmer	1	2	3	0	3	3.0
Ethan Conner	13	2	1	0	1	0.1
Evan Crenshaw	13	2	-12	11	-1	-0.1
Jack James	1	1	-9	0	-9	-9.0
Team	13	0	-15	0	-15	-1.2
Total	13	864	1284	2800	4084	314.2
Opponents	13	870	2370	2574	4944	380.3

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Evan Crenshaw	65	2978	45.8	62	4	14	28	21	0
Team	1	30	30.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	66	3008	45.6	62	4	14	28	21	1
Opponents	55	2172	39.5	59	1	19	16	7	1

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydl
Paddy McAteer	60	3607	60.1	33	4			
Total	60	3607	60.1	33	4	20	38.8	26
Opponents	69	4097	59.4	29	3	30	38.7	26



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Team Defense

##	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
7	Jordan Stringer	13	43	64	107	11-38	2-16	.	4	1	.	.	.	.
3	Devin Lafayette	13	48	56	104	2.5-12	1-9	2-31	5	.	.	2	.	.
6	Justin Powe	12	32	33	65	0.5-0	.	1-4	1	.	2-53	1	.	.
8	Jaquez White	13	51	14	65	3.5-14	1-10	3-51	11	1	.	.	.	.
22	Donnie Smith	13	19	24	43	12.5-61	10-54	.	2	7	.	1	.	.
14	David Daniel-Sisavanh	13	19	23	42	2-5	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.
0	Jah-Mal Williams	13	16	25	41	5-33	4-29	.	3	4	.	1	.	.
5	Kaleno Levine	13	28	13	41	4-16	.	1-34	5	.	.	.	.	.
44	Luke Hodge	13	18	23	41	2.5-7	.	.	2	2	.	2	.	.
4	TJ Thompson	13	19	22	41	1.5-2	.	1-4	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
11	Elijah Davis	13	12	28	40	5.5-19	2.5-12	.	.	2	1-3	.	.	.
2	Steven Cattledge	13	12	24	36	3.5-9	2-5	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
1	Luis Medina	13	8	27	35	4-16	2-14	.	.	1	.	1	.	.
15	Taleeq Robbins	13	12	23	35	3-5	0.5-1	.	1	2	1-15	.	.	.
99	Julian Peterson	13	11	21	32	4.5-8	1.5-5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
98	Jamel Fils-Aime	13	9	14	23	4-19	3-18	.	.	1	.	1	.	.
19	DJ Jackson Jr.	13	10	12	22	5-18	2-9	.	.	3	1-0	.	.	.
93	Kam Curry	13	8	12	20	3-3	0.5-0	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
29	Joe Lott	12	10	6	16	0.5-1	.	2-67	1	.	.	.	.	.
24	Rondell Carter	11	6	3	9	0.5-0	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
20	Keyshawn Campbell	13	4	4	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
69	Jermaine Paramore	13	2	6	8	0.5-0	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
18	Jordan Perry	11	2	4	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
53	Jabril McNeill	11	3	1	4	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Jabari Strait	11	4	.	4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
13	Ky McNulty	9	.	4	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31	Shemar Welch	10	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30	Keion Dunlap	13	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	Daivon Nelson	7	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
82	Jackson Thomas	4	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Trent Henry	4	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Marlin Odom	10	.	1	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
28	AZ Williams	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
85	Fabian Rogosch	13	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
87	Colton Walls	13	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
1	Jordan Lovett	12	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	ShuMond Johnson	1	.	1	1	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
65	Tyler Cappi	9	1	.	1
88	Jackson Worley	13	.	1	1
89	Trae Swartz	13	1	.	1
28	Evan Crenshaw	13	.	1	1



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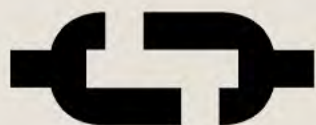
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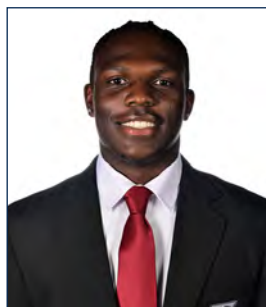
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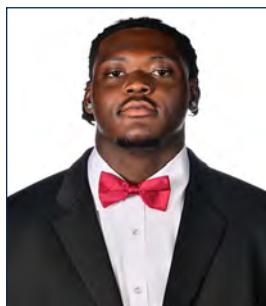
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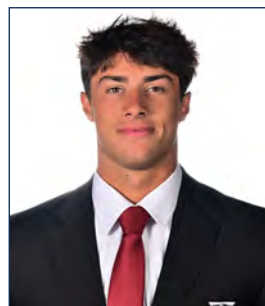
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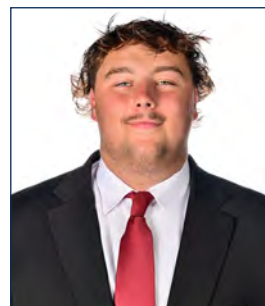
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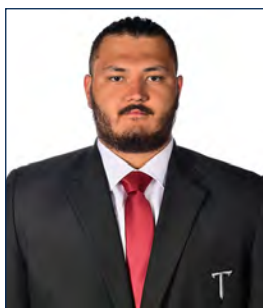
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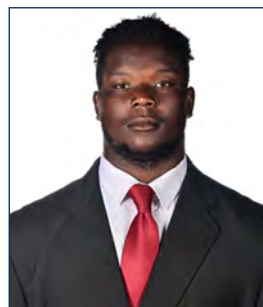
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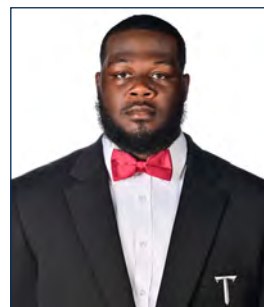
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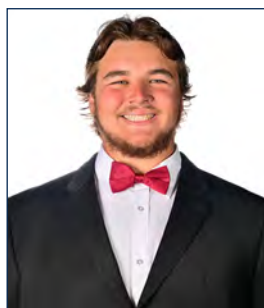
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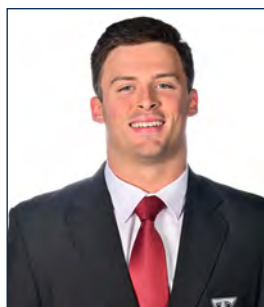
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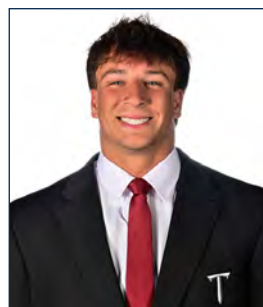
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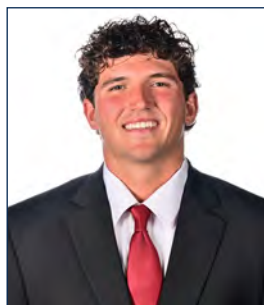
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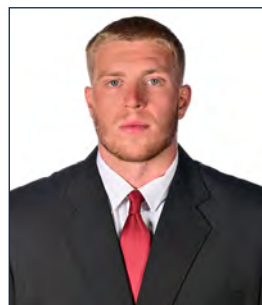
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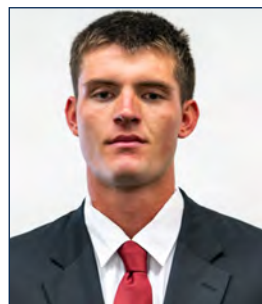
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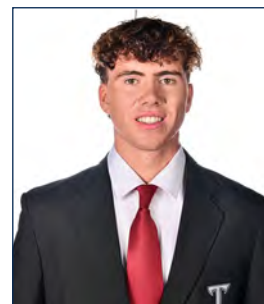
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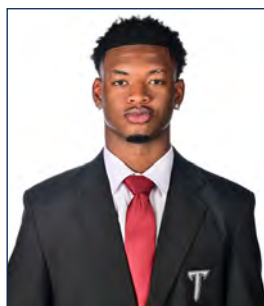
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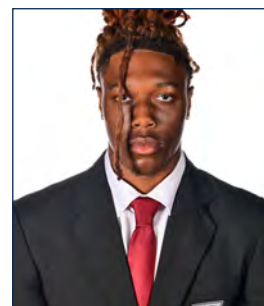
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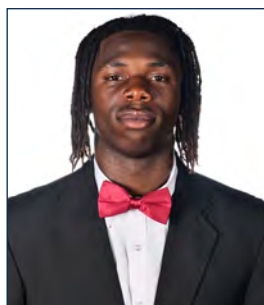
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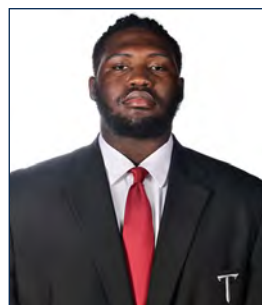
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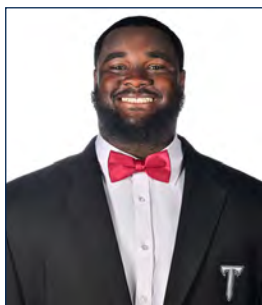
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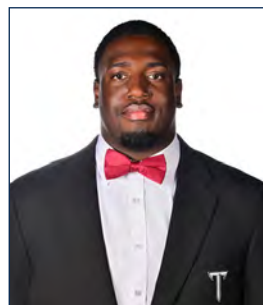
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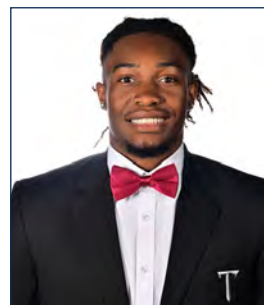
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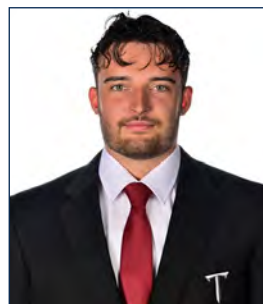
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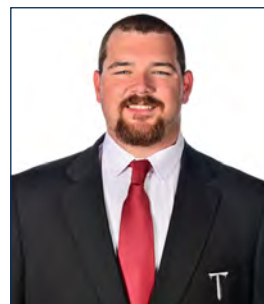
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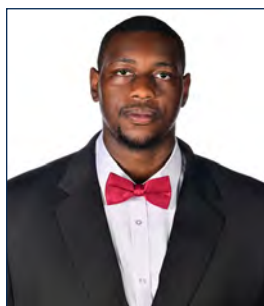
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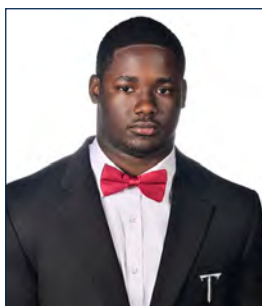
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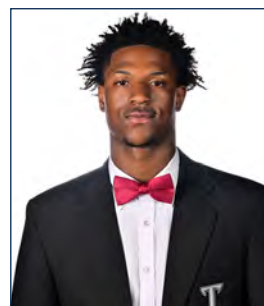
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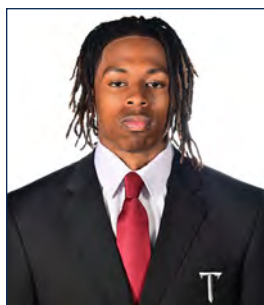
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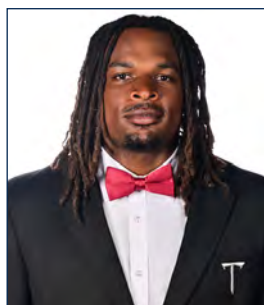
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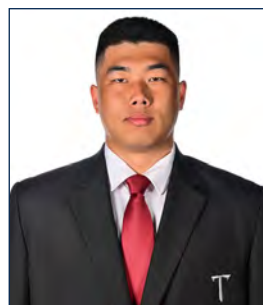
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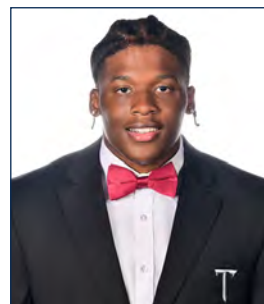
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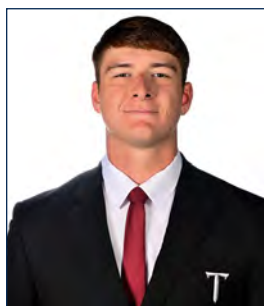
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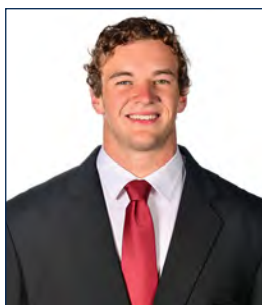
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TE • SO
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GAME 1

AUGUST 30 VS. NICHOLLS

TROY, ALA.

 **20** | **38** 

	1	2	3	4	F
NICHOLLS	0	10	7	3	20
TROY	0	7	3	28	38

Troy opened the 2025 season at Veterans Memorial Stadium with a 38-20 win over Nicholls.

The Colonels led 10-0 early, but the Trojans scored 28 points in the fourth quarter to secure the victory.

Quarterback Goose Crowder completed 14 of 24 passes for 144 yards and three touchdowns. He connected with Tray Taylor for a 28-yard touchdown and with tight end Ethan Conner for a 12-yard touchdown, and added a 5-yard rushing touchdown.

Running back Tae Meadows carried 23 times for 186 yards, including a 47-yard touchdown run that gave Troy the lead for good.

The Trojans gained 435 total yards, with 249 rushing yards and 186 passing yards. The defense held Nicholls to 249 total yards, including 65 on the ground, and recorded four sacks and an interception. Linebacker Devin Lafayette led the unit with 11 tackles.

Special teams contributed with a 24-yard field goal by Scott Taylor Renfro and punting that consistently flipped field position.

Troy scored on four drives in the fourth quarter to erase the early deficit and finish the game 38-20.

The win extended Troy's dominance over FCS-level opponents, improving the record to 21 victories in the last 22 games since moving to FBS.

GAME 2

SEPTEMBER 6 AT CLEMSON

CLEMSON, S.C.

 **16** | **27** 

	1	2	3	4	F
TROY	7	9	0	0	16
CLEMSON	0	3	17	7	27

Troy fell 27-16 at No. 8 Clemson in the season's second game.

The Trojans led 16-3 at halftime after Goose Crowder's 44-yard touchdown pass to Tray Taylor on the opening drive and a defensive interception returned for a score.

Crowder finished 19 of 28 for 202 yards with two passing touchdowns and one rushing touchdown.

The Trojans totaled 316 yards, including 165 passing and 151 rushing.

Clemson scored four unanswered second-half touchdowns to claim the win, converting turnovers and taking advantage of a failed Troy fake field goal attempt.

The Troy defense recorded three sacks and two tackles for loss, while special teams contributed with solid punts.

The Trojans committed two turnovers and converted 4 of 12 third downs. Despite the loss, Troy stayed competitive in the first half and generated 16 points before Clemson's second-half surge.

GAME 3

SEPTEMBER 13 VS. MEMPHIS

TROY, ALA.

 **28** | **7** 

	1	2	3	4	F
MEMPHIS	7	14	0	7	28
TROY	0	7	0	0	7

Troy lost 28-7 to Memphis at home.

Quarterback Goose Crowder exited early with an injury, and Tucker Kilcrease replaced him, completing 10 of 29 passes for 65 yards.

Running back Tae Meadows carried 16 times for 48 yards.

Memphis scored 21 points in the first half, including an 18-yard touchdown pass and a 50-yard touchdown run.

Troy's only score came on a short touchdown run after a defensive fumble recovery.

The Trojans gained 112 total yards, 65 rushing and 47 passing, and committed two turnovers.

The defense recorded two sacks and seven tackles for loss, but Memphis controlled time of possession and limited Troy's drives.





GAME 4

SEPTEMBER 20 AT BUFFALO
BUFFALO, N.Y.

 **21** | **17** 

	1	2	3	4	F
TROY	0	0	0	21	21
BUFFALO	7	0	7	3	17

Troy rallied from a 17-0 deficit to defeat Buffalo 21-17 on the road.

Quarterback Tucker Kilcrease threw for 215 yards and one touchdown, completing 16 of 25 passes.

Running back Tae Meadows rushed for 138 yards and scored the go-ahead touchdown on a 20-yard run in the fourth quarter.

Kilcrease also connected with RaRa Thomas on a 10-yard touchdown pass to tie the game before Meadows' score.

Troy outgained Buffalo 353-298 in total yards, including 215 passing and 138 rushing. The defense forced two turnovers, including a fourth-quarter interception, and recorded three sacks.

Special teams helped control field position with consistent punts and kick coverage.

The Trojans converted four of eight third downs, while Buffalo converted three of ten.

The comeback capped a 21-point fourth-quarter rally to secure the 21-17 victory.

GAME 5

OCTOBER 4 VS. SOUTH ALABAMA
TROY, ALA.

 **24** | **31** 

	1	2	3	4	OT	F
SOUTH ALABAMA	7	0	10	7	0	24
TROY	7	7	7	3	7	31

Troy defeated South Alabama 31-24 in overtime at Veterans Memorial Stadium in the Sun Belt rivalry "Battle for the Belt."

The Trojans fell behind 17-14 late in the third quarter after South Alabama scored on a 56-yard quarterback run.

Quarterback Tucker Kilcrease led Troy's offense, completing 21 of 32 passes for 325 yards and two touchdowns, including an 11-yard scoring pass to DJ Epps in the fourth quarter to tie the game at 24 and send it into overtime.

Running back Tae Meadows rushed for 112 yards on 20 carries and scored the game-winning touchdown in overtime on a 3-yard run.

Tray Taylor caught a 22-yard touchdown pass earlier in the second quarter.

Troy gained 470 total yards, including 253 passing and 217 rushing.

The defense recorded four sacks and limited South Alabama to 104 passing yards, forcing one turnover. Linebacker Devin Lafayette led the defense with 19 tackles.

Special teams contributed with effective punts and kickoff coverage that consistently pinned South Alabama deep. Troy converted six of 11 third downs and had five scoring drives of more than 50 yards.

The overtime victory extended Troy's winning streak to four games and improved its Sun Belt record to 3-0.

GAME 6

OCTOBER 11 AT TEXAS STATE
SAN MARCOS, TEXAS

 **48** | **41** 

	1	2	3	4	OT	F
TROY	7	10	10	14	7	48
TEXAS STATE	28	3	7	3	0	41

Troy rallied from a 28-7 first-quarter deficit to defeat Texas State 48-41 in overtime in San Marcos.

Quarterback Tucker Kilcrease completed 30 of 39 passes for 415 yards and five touchdowns.

The Trojans outscored Texas State 41-13 after the first quarter, including a fourth-quarter touchdown and two-point conversion to tie the game at 41-41.

Running back Tae Meadows rushed for 96 yards on 18 carries, and Tray Taylor caught two touchdown passes for 78 yards.

In overtime, Kilcrease connected with DJ Epps on a 6-yard touchdown pass to win the game.

Troy gained 563 total yards, with 415 passing and 148 rushing, and converted eight of 12 third downs.

The defense allowed 286 first-quarter yards but adjusted to limit Texas State to 288 yards for the remainder of the game. Linebacker Jordan Stringer recorded 15 tackles and three tackles for loss, and the Trojans recorded three sacks overall.

Special teams provided strong punting and kickoff coverage that restricted Texas State's field position.

The victory marked Troy's first consecutive overtime wins in program history and improved its Sun Belt record to 4-0.





GAME 7 OCTOBER 18 AT ULM MONROE, LA.

T 37 | 14 ULM

	1	2	3	4	F
TROY	10	7	10	10	37
ULM	0	8	6	0	14

Troy defeated ULM 37-14 on the road, extending its winning streak to four games.

Quarterback Tucker Kilcrease completed 19 of 27 passes for 237 yards and two touchdowns, including a 60-yard scoring strike to Tray Taylor and a short-yardage touchdown in the third quarter.

Running back Tae Meadows carried 18 times for 182 yards and a touchdown.

Troy led 14-7 at halftime and scored 23 unanswered points in the second half.

The Trojans gained 419 total yards, 237 passing and 182 rushing.

Defensively, Troy limited ULM to 237 total yards, including 98 rushing, and recorded three sacks and two forced turnovers. Linebacker Devin Lafayette led the defense with 14 tackles.

The offense converted six of 10 third downs, and special teams contributed with punts that consistently pinned ULM inside the 20-yard line.

Tray Taylor caught 105 yards receiving with one touchdown, and DJ Epps added 62 yards with a touchdown reception.

The victory improved Troy's Sun Belt record to 5-0 and overall record to 5-2, maintaining its position atop the conference standings.

GAME 8 OCTOBER 25 VS. LOUISIANA TROY, ALA.

LOUISIANA 23 | 35 T

	1	2	3	4	F
LOUISIANA	7	10	3	3	23
TROY	7	14	7	7	35

Troy hosted Louisiana at Veterans Memorial Stadium, winning 34-21 and extending its Sun Belt winning streak.

Quarterback Tucker Kilcrease completed 21 of 32 passes for 312 yards and three touchdowns, connecting with Tray Taylor for 42 and 18-yard scoring passes and with DJ Epps for a 12-yard touchdown.

Running back Tae Meadows rushed 20 times for 108 yards and one touchdown.

Troy led 14-7 after the first quarter and scored on multiple drives in the second and fourth quarters to maintain the lead.

Louisiana scored 14 points in the second half but could not close the gap.

The Trojans totaled 450 yards of offense, 238 passing and 212 rushing, and converted eight of 12 third downs.

The defense recorded four sacks, forced two turnovers, and limited Louisiana to 85 rushing yards. Linebacker Devin Lafayette led the defense with 13 tackles and two tackles for loss.

Special teams contributed with consistent punts and effective kickoff coverage.

The victory improved Troy's record to 6-2 overall and 6-2 in Sun Belt play, keeping the team in position for the conference championship.

GAME 9 NOVEMBER 1 VS. ARKANSAS STATE TROY, ALA.

ARKANSAS STATE 23 | 10 T

	1	2	3	4	F
ARKANSAS STATE	17	0	3	3	23
TROY	0	3	0	7	10

Troy's five-game winning streak ended with a 31-27 loss to Arkansas State.

Quarterback Tucker Kilcrease completed 24 of 39 passes for 298 yards with two touchdowns, connecting with Tray Taylor for a 15-yard touchdown and DJ Epps for a 10-yard score.

Running back Tae Meadows rushed 18 times for 95 yards and a touchdown.

Troy trailed 21-14 at halftime after Arkansas State scored twice in the second quarter.

The Trojans tied the game 21-21 in the third quarter on a 7-yard rushing touchdown by Meadows.

Arkansas State responded with two fourth-quarter touchdowns to secure the 31-27 win.

Troy gained 463 total yards, including 165 rushing and 298 passing.

The defense recorded five sacks, forced one turnover, and limited the Red Wolves' rushing to 98 yards. Linebacker Devin Lafayette led the defense with 14 tackles.

Troy converted four of ten third downs while Arkansas State converted six of 12.

Special teams contributed with consistent punts and kickoff coverage, but the Trojans were unable to stop key Red Wolves drives in the fourth quarter.





GAME 10 NOVEMBER 13 AT OLD DOMINION NORFOLK, VA.

T 0 | 33 

	1	2	3	4	F
TROY	0	0	0	0	0
OLD DOMINION	10	10	6	7	33

Troy was shut out 33-0 at Old Dominion in Norfolk.

The Monarchs scored 20 points in the first half, including an 18-yard touchdown pass, a 50-yard rushing touchdown, and a 37-yard field goal.

Old Dominion added two second-half touchdowns—a 22-yard pass and a 3-yard run—to secure the victory.

Troy managed only 112 total yards, with 47 passing and 65 rushing.

Tucker Kilcrease completed 10 of 29 passes for 65 yards. Tae Meadows rushed 16 times for 48 yards.

Troy committed two turnovers and failed to convert on four third-down attempts.

Defensively, Troy recorded two sacks and seven tackles for loss, but Old Dominion controlled time of possession, holding the ball for 34 minutes.

Special teams produced consistent punts, but Troy's drives stalled repeatedly, and the offense could not generate scoring opportunities.



GAME 11 NOVEMBER 22 VS. GEORGIA STATE TROY, ALA.

 **19 | 31** **T**

	1	2	3	4	F
GEORGIA STATE	0	6	6	7	19
TROY	0	10	7	14	31

Troy defeated Georgia State 28-21 at Veterans Memorial Stadium on Senior Day.

Quarterback Goose Crowder completed 23 of 31 passes for 342 yards and four touchdowns.

Tray Taylor caught two touchdown passes for 105 yards, while DJ Epps added a 17-yard touchdown reception. Running back Tae Meadows rushed for 112 yards and a touchdown on 22 carries.

Troy led 14-7 at halftime and extended the lead to 21-7 in the third quarter.

Georgia State scored twice in the fourth quarter to tie the game at 21. Crowder threw a 12-yard touchdown pass to Taylor with 3:18 remaining to regain the lead.

Troy gained 480 total yards, with 242 passing and 238 rushing.

The defense recorded three sacks, forced one turnover, and limited Georgia State to 92 rushing yards. Linebacker Devin Lafayette led the defense with 11 tackles.

Special teams contributed with a 41-yard punt that pinned Georgia State inside the 10-yard line.

The Trojans converted five of nine third downs.



GAME 12 NOVEMBER 29 AT SOUTHERN MISS HATTIESBURG, MISS.

T 28 | 18 

	1	2	3	4	F
TROY	0	14	0	14	28
SOUTHERN MISS	0	3	7	8	18

Troy clinched the Sun Belt West Division with a 28-18 victory over Southern Miss at M.M. Roberts Stadium.

The Trojans jumped to an early lead with a 21-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Goose Crowder to Tray Taylor on the opening drive.

Running back Tae Meadows added a 35-yard rushing touchdown in the second quarter, giving Troy a 14-3 lead.

Southern Miss responded late in the second quarter with a touchdown pass but failed the extra point, leaving the Trojans ahead 14-9 at halftime. In the third quarter, Crowder threw a 12-yard touchdown pass to DJ Epps, extending Troy's lead to 21-9.

The Golden Eagles scored again on a short touchdown run to pull within 21-16, but Troy answered with a fourth-quarter touchdown pass from Crowder to Taylor, increasing the lead to 28-16. Southern Miss scored late to finalize the 28-18 outcome.

Troy gained 402 total yards, including 219 passing and 183 rushing.

Crowder finished 22 of 33 for 274 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions.

The defense recorded four sacks, forced two turnovers, and limited Southern Miss to 85 rushing yards.



GAME 13 DECEMBER 5 AT JAMES MADISON HARRISONBURG, VA.

T 14 | 31 

	1	2	3	4	F
TROY	0	14	0	0	14
JAMES MADISON	3	14	0	14	31

Troy fell to No. 19 James Madison 27-14 in the Sun Belt Championship Game at Bridgeforth Stadium.

The Dukes scored on their opening drive, a 45-yard touchdown pass, and added another touchdown in the second quarter to take a 14-0 lead.

Troy's first points came late in the second quarter on a 6-yard touchdown pass from Goose Crowder to Tray Taylor, cutting the deficit to 14-7.

James Madison responded with a short rushing touchdown before halftime to extend the lead to 21-7.

Troy managed a 7-yard rushing touchdown by Tae Meadows in the third quarter, bringing the score to 21-14, but the Dukes sealed the game with a 35-yard field goal in the fourth quarter.





HEAD COACH GERAD PARKER



GERAD PARKER returns for his second season as Troy's head coach in 2025 following a run as one of the nation's top offensive coordinators, including the 2023 season at Notre Dame.

In his first season at Troy, the Trojans produced the first 1,000-yard rushing and receiving duo in more than a decade and just the third in program history as Damien Taylor rushed for 1,010 yards and Devonte Ross recorded 1,043 receiving yards; Troy's first since 2012.

His first season saw him inherit one of the most inexperienced teams in the country and then the loss of his starting quarterback after just 11 quarters of play. Troy's 12 players in their final year of eligibility were the fewest in the country, while Troy's 46 scholarship newcomers ranked as the third most nationally.

The Trojans landed the Sun Belt's top recruiting class in Dec. 2024, signing 15 players with an 83.54 average per industry leader On3.

Parker led a Notre Dame offense in 2023 that ranked eighth nationally, averaging 39.1 points per game, in addition to ranking 12th in passing efficiency and 29th in total offense. Audric Esteime was one of the nation's elite running backs, ranking third in rushing touchdowns (18), eighth in rushing yards per game (111.8) and ninth in rushing yards (1,341).

Notre Dame's offense increased production across the board in Parker's lone season calling the plays in South Bend. The Irish improved their scoring by more than a touchdown per game, in addition to seeing increases in

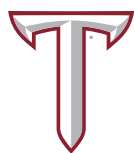


yards per game, passing yards per game, yards per play and red zone scoring.

In his first season at Notre Dame, Parker coached the Irish tight ends and helped guide Michael Mayer to a consensus All-America season, as Mayer finished his career as the most prolific pass catching tight ends in school history. Mayer led the Irish with 67 catches for 809 yards and nine touchdowns in 2022.

Parker joined the Notre Dame staff following two seasons with former Troy head coach Neal Brown at West Virginia, where he was the offensive coordinator and receivers coach.

As Penn State's receivers coach and passing game



HEAD COACH GERAD PARKER

coordinator in 2019, the Nittany Lions' offense averaged 35.8 points per game, ranking 15th nationally. Additionally, Penn State ranked 21st in red zone offense (90.4) and averaged 13.3 yards per completion, ranking No. 33 nationally.

Parker spent two years on the football staff at Duke (2017-18). During the 2018 season, his wide receivers accounted for 2,252 receiving yards of the Blue Devils' 3,199 total offensive yards (70.4%).

He served his first year as the football operations assistant working with the offense in 2017. Parker spent the spring as the running backs coach at Cincinnati before heading to Duke.

Prior to that, Parker spent four seasons at Purdue, where he coached the tight ends (2013-14) and wide receivers (2015-16). He was the recruiting coordinator and served as the interim head coach for the final six weeks of the 2016 season.

Parker spent two years as the wide receivers coach at Marshall (2011-12). The Thundering Herd led the nation in passing offense, averaging 365.1 yards per game. Receiver Tommy Shuler led the country and set the school record for receptions (110), ranking 18th nationally in yards per game (94.8).

Parker spent three seasons at UT-Martin as the running backs coach (2008), wide receivers coach (2009-10) and the passing game coordinator and recruiting coordinator (2010). He started his coaching career at Raceland High School in Raceland, Kentucky, and spent the 2007 season as a graduate assistant coach at Kentucky.

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2017-18	DUKE WR (18) / Off. Ops Assistant (17)
2013-16	PURDUE Interim HC (16) / WR (15-16) / TE (13-14)
2011-12	MARSHALL Wide Receivers
2008-10	UT-MARTIN WR (10) / PG Coord. (10) / RB (08-09)
2007	KENTUCKY Graduate Assistant
2005-06	RACELAND HS (KY) Wide Receivers / Defensive Backs





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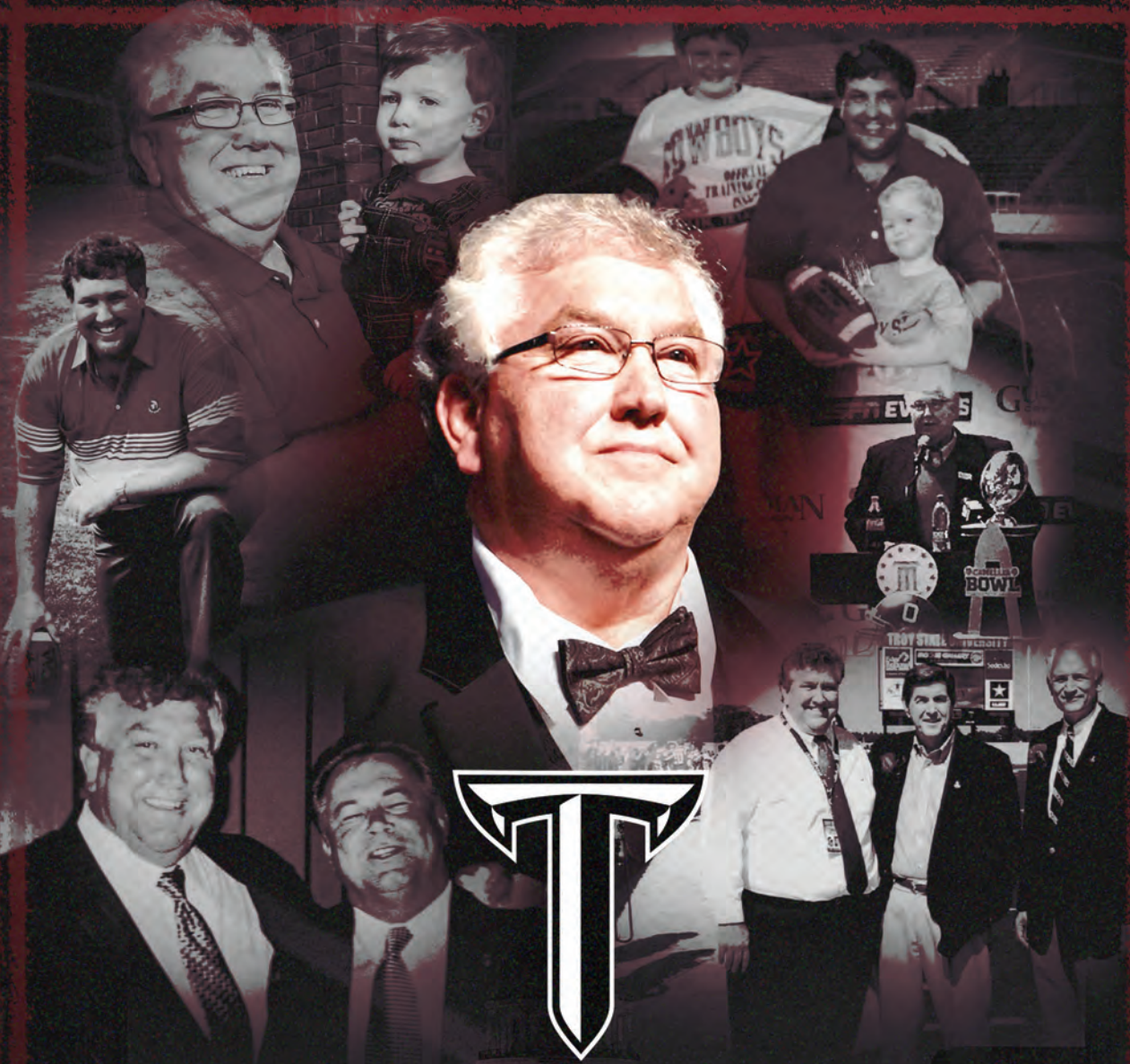
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TROY ATHLETICS



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Troy University Athletics carries a long competitive history built on championships, national recognition, and a broad commitment to student-athlete development. The department fields more than a dozen Division I programs in the Sun Belt Conference and stands on a foundation shaped by success that predates the school's jump to the NCAA's highest division.

The athletics story gained early national traction through baseball, which claimed back-to-back NCAA Division II national championships in 1986 and 1987 under legendary coach Chase Riddle. Those teams set a standard for elite performance that still influences the program today. Football added its own legacy with three NCAA Division II national titles in 1968, 1984, and 1987 before transitioning to Division I in the early 2000s. Once in the FBS ranks, Troy quickly earned a reputation for upsetting Power Four opponents, along with collecting multiple Sun Belt Conference championships and bowl victories. Veterans Memorial Stadium became the backdrop for several landmark wins as the

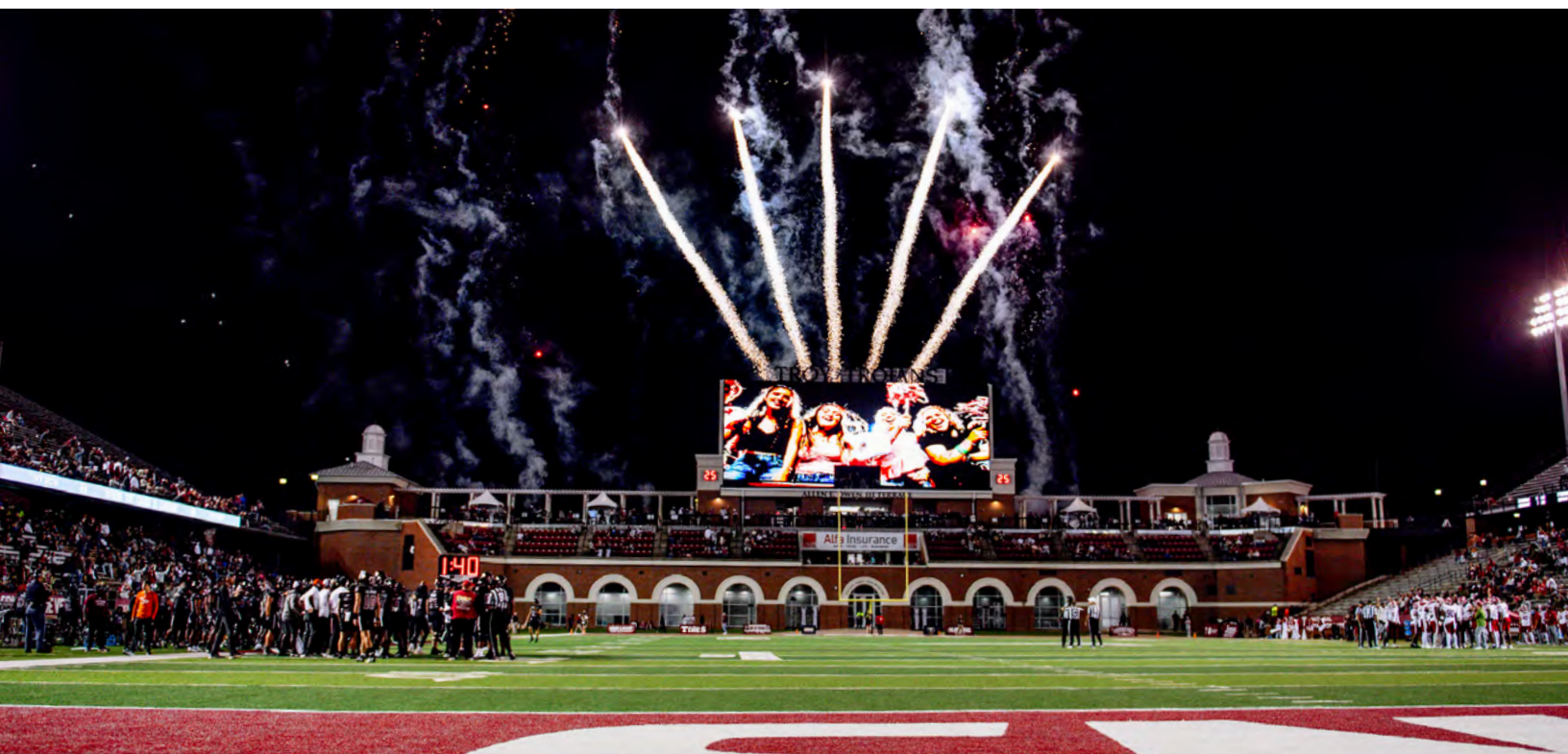
program established itself as a consistent postseason contender.

Basketball has produced memorable moments on both the men's and women's sides. The men's program reached March Madness in 2003 and 2017 and remains known for its high-scoring teams, including the night it set an NCAA record with 258 points in a single game in 1992. The women's program has grown into one of the Sun Belt's most dynamic and successful teams behind several NCAA Tournament appearances in 2016, 2017, and 2021, along with regular-season and conference tournament titles. Trojan Arena now stands as one of the league's premier basketball venues, elevating the profile of both programs.

Softball has carved out a strong competitive identity across multiple decades, highlighted by NCAA Regional appearances, national rankings, and historic wins. Soccer, volleyball, tennis, track and field, and golf have each added conference championships, All-American honors, and professional-caliber talent to the department's broader competitive portfolio.

Academic achievement remains a defining component of Troy Athletics. Student-athletes routinely post department-wide GPAs that rank among the best in the Sun Belt, supported by a comprehensive academic services model aimed at long-term success beyond sports.

Community connection runs deep. The Trojans maintain strong ties to alumni and the Wiregrass region through outreach, game day traditions, and youth engagement. That relationship, coupled with a consistent record of competitive excellence, positions Troy University Athletics as a nationally respected program with a legacy shaped by hard work, championship heritage, and a clear vision for continued growth.





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Troy University offers degree programs in high-demand fields across its five colleges—

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TROY is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and offers degree programs at the Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral level. In 2023, the Alabama Commission on Higher Education approved an instructional role change for TROY, allowing the University to offer additional doctoral degrees, a move that paved the way for TROY's continued maturation as a research institution. In 2025, TROY was designated as a Carnegie Research University.

Troy University is led by its Chancellor, Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr. Now in his 36th year as Chancellor, Dr. Hawkins is the longest serving CEO of a public, 4-year university in the country.





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2025-26 BOWL SCHEDULE



DATE	BOWL	LOCATION	MATCHUP	TIME	TV
Dec. 13	Cricket Celebration Bowl	Atlanta, Ga.	South Carolina State vs. Prairie View A&M	11:00 a.m.	ABC
Dec. 13	Bucked Up LA Bowl	Inglewood, Calif.	Boise State vs. Washington	7:00 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 16	IS4S Salute to Veterans Bowl	Montgomery, Ala.	Troy vs. Jacksonville State	8:00 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 17	StaffDNA Cure Bowl	Orlando, Fla.	Old Dominion vs. South Florida	4:00 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 17	68 Ventures Bowl	Mobile, Ala.	Louisiana vs. Delaware	7:30 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 18	Xbox Bowl	Frisco, Texas	Missouri State vs. Arkansas State	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Dec. 19	Myrtle Beach Bowl	Conway, S.C.	Kennesaw State vs. Western Michigan	10:00 a.m.	ESPN
Dec. 19	Union Home Mortgage Gasparilla Bowl	Tampa, Fla.	Memphis vs. NC State	1:30 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 19	CFP First-Round Game 1	Norman, Okla.	#8 Oklahoma vs. #9 Alabama	7:00 p.m.	ABC/ESPN
Dec. 20	CFP First-Round Game 2	College Station, Texas	#7 Texas A&M vs. #10 Miami	11:00 a.m.	ABC/ESPN
Dec. 20	CFP First-Round Game 3	Oxford, Miss.	#6 Ole Miss vs. #11 Tulane	2:30 p.m.	TNT
Dec. 20	CFP First-Round Game 4	Eugene, Ore.	#5 Oregon vs. #12 James Madison	6:30 p.m.	TNT
Dec. 22	Famous Idaho Potato Bowl	Boise, Idaho	Washington State vs. Utah State	1:00 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 23	Bush's Boca Raton Bowl of Beans	Boca Raton, Fla.	Toledo vs. Louisville	1:00 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 23	New Orleans Bowl	New Orleans, La.	Western Kentucky vs. Southern Miss	4:30 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 23	Scooter's Coffee Frisco Bowl	Frisco, Texas	UNLV vs. Ohio	8:00 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 24	Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl	Honolulu, Hawai'i	Cal vs. Hawaii	7:00 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 26	GameAbove Sports Bowl	Detroit, Mich.	Central Michigan vs. Northwestern	12:00 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 26	Rate Bowl	Phoenix, Ariz.	New Mexico vs. Minnesota	3:30 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 26	SERVPRO First Responder Bowl	Dallas, Texas	FIU vs. UTSA	7:00 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 27	Go Bowling Military Bowl	Annapolis, Md.	Pitt vs. East Carolina	10:00 a.m.	ESPN
Dec. 27	Bad Boy Mowers Pinstripe Bowl	Bronx, N.Y.	Penn State vs. Clemson	11:00 a.m.	ABC
Dec. 27	Wasabi Fenway Bowl	Boston, Mass.	UConn vs. Army	1:15 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 27	Pop-Tarts Bowl	Orlando, Fla.	Georgia Tech vs. BYU	2:30 p.m.	ABC
Dec. 27	Snoop Dogg Arizona Bowl	Tucson, Ariz.	Miami (Ohio) vs. Fresno State	3:30 p.m.	The CW
Dec. 27	Isleta New Mexico Bowl	Albuquerque, N.M.	North Texas vs. San Diego State	4:45 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 27	TaxSlayer Gator Bowl	Jacksonville, Fla.	Virginia vs. Missouri	6:30 p.m.	ABC
Dec. 27	Kinder's Texas Bowl	Houston, Texas	LSU vs. Houston	8:15 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 29	JLAB Birmingham Bowl	Birmingham, Ala.	Georgia Southern vs. App State	1:00 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 30	Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl	Shreveport, La.	Coastal Carolina vs. Louisiana Tech	1:00 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 30	Liberty Music City Bowl	Nashville, Tenn.	Tennessee vs. Illinois	4:30 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 30	Valero Alamo Bowl	San Antonio, Texas	USC vs. TCU	8:00 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 31	ReliaQuest Bowl	Tampa, Fla.	Iowa vs. Vanderbilt	11:00 a.m.	ESPN
Dec. 31	Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl	El Paso, Texas	Arizona State vs. Duke	1:00 p.m.	CBS
Dec. 31	Cheez-It Citrus Bowl	Orlando, Fla.	Michigan vs. Texas	2:00 p.m.	ABC
Dec. 31	SRS Distribution Las Vegas Bowl	Las Vegas, Nev.	Nebraska vs. Utah	2:30 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 31	Goodyear Cotton Bowl	Arlington, Texas	#2 Ohio State vs. Texas A&M/Miami	6:30 p.m.	ESPN
Jan. 1	Capital One Orange Bowl	Miami Gardens, Fla.	#4 Texas Tech vs. Oregon/James Madison	11:00 a.m.	ESPN
Jan. 1	Rose Bowl Game presented by Prudential	Pasadena, Calif.	#1 Indiana vs. Oklahoma/Alabama	3:00 p.m.	ESPN
Jan. 1	Allstate Sugar Bowl	New Orleans, La.	#3 Georgia vs. Ole Miss/Tulane	7:00 p.m.	ESPN
Jan. 2	Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl	Fort Worth, Texas	Rice vs. Texas State	12:00 p.m.	ESPN
Jan. 2	AutoZone Liberty Bowl	Memphis, Tenn.	Navy vs. Cincinnati	3:30 p.m.	ESPN
Jan. 2	Duke's Mayo Bowl	Charlotte, N.C.	Wake Forest vs. Mississippi State	7:00 p.m.	ESPN
Jan. 2	Trust & Will Holiday Bowl	San Diego, Calif.	Arizona vs. SMU	TBA	FOX
Jan. 8	Vrbo Fiesta Bowl	Glendale, Ariz.	CFP Semifinal	6:30 p.m.	ESPN
Jan. 9	Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl	Atlanta, Ga.	CFP Semifinal	6:30 p.m.	ESPN
Jan. 19	CFP National Championship presented by AT&T	Miami Gardens, Fla.	CFP National Championship	6:30 p.m.	ESPN



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2014 CAMELLIA BOWL



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James Knapke capped an exciting fourth quarter with a 78-yard bomb to Roger Lewis with 64 seconds left to lift Bowling Green to a 33-28 win over South Alabama in the inaugural Raycom Media Camellia Bowl at Montgomery's Cramton Bowl.

Bowling Green (8-6) led for the entire contest until South Alabama tailback Terrance Timmons scored on a 3-yard run with 1:20 left for a 28-27 lead. It took the Falcons just 16 seconds to recover as Knapke hit a streaking Lewis down the right sideline on the first play from scrimmage after the Jaguars' touchdown.

Lewis finished with 137 yards receiving and a pair of touchdowns on four catches. Teammate Gehrig Dieter added 108 yards on seven receptions for the Falcons, who snapped a three-game losing streak and a four-game bowl drought in the process.

The wild fourth-quarter finish kept a crowd of 20,256 entertained after the defenses grabbed much of the attention in the second and third quarters of the inaugural game pitting teams from the Sun Belt and Mid-American conferences. Knapke completed 25 of 39 passes for 368 yards and the two touchdown passes to Lewis to earn the Bart Starr Most Valuable Player Award. Bowling Green scored on its first two possessions with a 44-yard scoring reception by Lewis and a 53-yard catch by Dieter setting up Travis Greene's 1-yard leap for a 14-0 lead. But South Alabama (6-7) refused to fold, cutting the lead in half on Kendall Houston's career-long scoring run of 44 yards, then settling in defensively to keep within striking distance.

Harris set a school record with 18 tackles and free safety Terrell Brigham added 12 as the Jaguars, making their first-ever bowl appearance in only their second year of eligibility, pulled back into the contest on an 18-yard pass from Brandon Bridge to DeMarrion Buford-Hughes, then took the lead on Timmons' 3-yard run.

But the last touchdown came too quickly, leaving the Falcons time to answer.

After the Falcons' last touchdown, South Alabama would have one last hope but Bridge's deep out to Shavarez Smith was tipped by Falcon defensive back Nick Johnson and intercepted by teammate Jude Adjei-Barimah.

Bridge was 20 of 37 for 279 yards and a touchdown but was intercepted twice. Danny Woodson Jr., led the Jaguar receivers with 122 yards on six catches.





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2015 CAMELLIA BOWL

A 31 **OHIO** 29

Zach Matics drilled a 23-yarder through the middle of the uprights as time expired to lift Appalachian State to a 31-29 win over Ohio University in front of 21,395 fans at the second annual Camellia Bowl on Saturday, Dec. 19, 2015.

The Mountaineers (11-2) dominated Ohio in the opening quarter, but because of two misses by Matics, had only a 21-yard touchdown run by Taylor Lamb to show for it.

The Bobcats (8-5) relied on defense to grab a 17-7 halftime lead, scoring all of their points in a 71-second span. Ohio, which had managed just 43 yards on its first five possessions, drove 45 yards to a 36-yard field goal by Josiah Yazdani on its sixth possession of the first half, then got a little help from the Mountaineers.

On Appalachian State's next play from scrimmage, middle linebacker Quentin Poling made his team-leading fourth interception count by returning Lamb's pass 20 yards for a touchdown to give the Bobcats a 10-7 lead. Five plays later, center Jesse Chapman snapped the ball to Lamb as if the Appalachian State quarterback was under center when he was, in fact, in shotgun formation. Ohio defensive tackle Tony Porter recovered the fumble and two plays later A.J. Ouellette ran the final seven yards for a 17-7 halftime lead.

The Mountaineers saw the nightmare continue in the third quarter when Ohio linebacker Jovon Johnson pried the ball out of receiver Ike Lewis' hands and ran 45 yards for a touchdown and a 24-7 lead.

Appalachian State would rally quickly, scoring 21 points in less than two minutes as Lamb found tight end Barrett Burns on passes of 17 and 8 yards and Marcus Cox added a 26-yard touchdown run on the first play following an interception by Latrell Gibbs. Suddenly, the Mountaineers led 28-24.

But Jovon Johnson, who pried the ball from receiver Ike Lewis and ran 45 yards with the fumble recovery for a 24-7 lead, came up with the big play again for the Bobcats, stopping Marcus Cox for a 3-yard loss in the end zone for a safety. That, in turn, led to another Yazdani field goal with 1:47 left for a 29-28 Ohio lead.

It wouldn't last. Lamb ran 32 yards to the Ohio 27 and five plays later at the Ohio 6, Matics took the field to atone for his earlier misses.

Cox recorded his 22nd 100-yard game in the process, setting a bowl record with 162 yards on 24 carries. An injury kept the star on the sideline on the final drive, but his performance was enough to earn him the Bart Starr Most Valuable Player Trophy.



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2016 CAMELLIA BOWL

A 31 **TOLEDO** 28

Each year, the Camellia Bowl has to live up to the hype of its predecessor. The inaugural game was decided in the final 64 seconds. The second game was won by a field goal as time expired.

There were no last-minute heroics in the 2016 game, just an exciting game that featured a back-and-forth scoring battle that wasn't decided until a final field goal attempt sailed wide right with 1:48 remaining that allowed Appalachian State to pull out a 31-28 win in front of an estimated crowd of 20,300 at Cramton Bowl.

Both of the first two games featured comebacks by one of the participants but that wasn't the case on Saturday as the score was tied at the end of each of the first three quarters.

Much of the pre-game focus was on the matchup between Appalachian State's vaunted defense and Toledo quarterback Logan Woodside, who leads the NCAA with 45 passing touchdowns this season.

Woodside lived up to the billing, setting a bowl record by completing 69.2 percent of his passes, going 18 of 26 for 247 yards and two touchdowns.

If Appalachian State was going to win with its offense, most analysts would have concluded, it would have been behind the tailback tandem of Marcus Cox and Jalin Moore.

And while Cox did finish with 143 yards and a touchdown on 22 carries to become the only Mountaineer to ever gain 1,000 yards in four consecutive seasons and the 22nd player to reach the 5,000-yard career plateau, he was overshadowed by the feet of his quarterback.

Lamb rushed for a career-high 126 yards and a touchdown on just nine carries, repeatedly turning third-and-long plays into crucial first downs.

The Mountaineers' first scoring drive featured two third-and-long conversions with Lamb's arm, another touchdown came on Lamb's 13-yard run at left end and a third came on Darrynton Evans' 94-yard kickoff return.

Each time, the Rockets answered, never taking the lead but tying the game after every Appalachian State touchdown.

Finally, a Mountaineer drive stalled and freshman Michael Rubino kicked a 39-yard field goal with 5:14 remaining. When the Rockets faced the same situation minutes later, Candle took a delay penalty to set up a 30-yard attempt by Jameson Vest, but the sophomore pushed the kick wide right.





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2017 CAMELLIA BOWL

MT 35  **30**

Middle Tennessee defeated Arkansas State in the highest scoring game in Raycom Media Camellia Bowl history. But head coach Rick Stockstill still praised his defense following the Blue Raiders 35-30 win in front of 20,612 fans on a chilly first day of the college football bowl season.

Arkansas State (7-5) ran 97 plays and piled up 462 total yards, but the Blue Raiders defense made plays in key situations to earn the win. Middle Tennessee (7-6) closed the game with back-to-back sacks to thwart the Red Wolves final attempt at a last second win.

Middle Tennessee linebacker Darius Harris was named the Bart Starr Most Valuable Player after he recorded 12 tackles (8 solos tackles), two pass breakups, one tackle for loss, one sack and forced one fumble. Linebacker D.J. Sanders added 10 tackles, one sack and scooped up the ball on Harris' forced fumble and raced 54 yards for a second quarter touchdown.

The defense withstood a late run by the Red Wolves to give the Blue Raiders their first bowl win since the 2009 season. Trailing 35-23, Arkansas State went 51 yards in four plays to trim the lead to 35-30 with 5:06 left in the game. Justice Hansen fired a 41-yard touchdown pass to Christian Booker to cap the 48-second drive.

Middle Tennessee held the ball for more than three minutes but could not pick up the game-clinching first down in the final minutes. A-State forced a punt and took over at its own 9-yard line with 1:27 left in the game.

Hansen was sacked on first down by Khalil Brooks, but then hit Blake Mack on an 11-yard pass. Hansen then found Chris Murray for a 28-yard gain to the Red Wolves 42-yard line. The drive then stalled as Sanders and Darrius Liggins recorded back-to-back sacks as time expired.

Hansen completed 31-of-57 passes for 337 yards with three touchdowns. He set Camellia Bowl records for completions, attempts and TD passes. Justin McInnis caught seven passes for 107 yards and one touchdown. Chris Murray added seven catches for 76 yards.

Stockstill completed 19-of-35 passes for 232 yards with two touchdowns and a Camellia Bowl record three interceptions. Tucker had four catches for 63 yards and one touchdown, while Garnett added four catches for 57 yards and one touchdown.





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2018 CAMELLIA BOWL

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Georgia Southern junior kicker Tyler Bass hit the game-winning 40-yard field goal as time expired to lift the Eagles to a 23-21 win over Eastern Michigan in the fifth annual Raycom Media Camellia Bowl at the historic Cramton Bowl in Montgomery.

Bass' game-winning field goal was the second in the brief history of the bowl. Appalachian State kicker Zach Matics' 23-yard FG as time expired lifted the Mountaineers to a 31-29 win over Ohio in 2015. The five Camellia Bowl games have been decided by 17 total points and all five have come down to the final minutes.

Eastern Michigan (7-6) marched 75 yards in 16 plays to take its only lead with 3:33 left. EMU quarterback Mike Glass threw a 5-yard TD pass to Arthur Jackson on fourth-and-4 from the GS 5-yard line to put the Eagles in front 21-20. The 16-play scoring drive was the longest in bowl history, eclipsing Georgia Southern's 15-play scoring drive in the second quarter.



Georgia Southern (10-3) answered with a 9-play, 52-yard drive for the game-winning field goal. After a 15-yard pass from quarterback Shai Werts to tight end Ellis Richardson the offense bogged down near midfield.

Facing a fourth-and-10 from its own 41-yard line, Werts scrambled 29 yards for a first down at the EMU 30-yard line. After two running plays, Bass trotted onto the field and hit the game-winning field goal.

Werts was named the 2018 Bart Starr Most Valuable Player, finishing with 79 yards rushing and two touchdowns on 16 carries, adding 33 yards passing. His 26-yard scoring run was the longest in bowl history for a quarterback.

Werts didn't dazzle anyone with his 4 of 7 passing performance, but he was crucial in directing the Georgia Southern offense to a 23-21 victory to give the Eagles their first 10-win season in Football Bowl Subdivision history.

And while there were plenty of heroes on the Georgia Southern sideline, Werts was the one who made crucial play after crucial play on Saturday night, driving the Sun Belt Conference team down the field after Eastern Michigan grabbed a one-point lead with 3:33 remaining.





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2019 CAMELLIA BOWL



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Redshirt freshman quarterback Layne Hatcher set Camellia Bowl records with 393 passing yards and four touchdowns, and senior wide receiver Omar Bayless set the Camellia Bowl record with 180 receiving yards leading the Red Wolves to a 34-26 win over FIU in the sixth annual Camellia Bowl in Montgomery.

Arkansas State (8-5) led by 14 points on two separate occasions but the game was not decided until a pair of late interceptions by the A-State defense sealed the win.

Bayless caught nine passes for 180 yards and one touchdown to earn the Bart Starr Most Valuable Player Trophy. He caught a 4-yard touchdown pass on the game's opening drive and added two long receptions to set two more A-State scores. Bayless hauled in a 51-yard pass that led to a second quarter field goal. His 52-yard catch in the fourth quarter set up the final touchdown for the Red Wolves.



Arkansas State set Camellia Bowl records for total yards (525), passing yards (393), first downs (31) and touchdown passes (4).

The Red Wolves scored on two of their first three possessions to take a 14-0 lead before FIU (6-7) found its rhythm in the second quarter, outscoring ASU 13-6 over the next 15 minutes to make it 20-13 at halftime.

Arkansas State stretched the lead back to 14 points with a touchdown on its opening drive of the third quarter, but FIU took advantage of a Layne Hatcher fumble and turned it into a quick touchdown.

Jose Borregales capped a 13-0 run by the Panthers with a 52-yard field goal in the fourth quarter to trim the lead to 27-26. FIU was then poised to take the lead after another turnover in the fourth quarter, but Borregales pulled a 29-yard field goal to the left with 5:10 left in the game.

ASU took advantage of the missed kick and drove 80 yards in five plays for the game-clinching score. Hatcher capped the scoring with a 13-yard touchdown pass to Jonathan Adams.



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2020 CAMELLIA BOWL

 **17**  **10**

Buffalo running back Kevin Marks gave the Camellia Bowl another fantastic finish.

The junior running back set the Camellia Bowl record with 35 rushing attempts and scored the game-winning touchdown with 1:09 left in the game to give Buffalo a 17-10 victory in the seventh annual Camellia Bowl at the historic Cramton Bowl.

Marks scored the game-winning touchdown on 2-yard run that capped a 13-play, 88 yard drive that ate up almost half of the fourth quarter clock. It was Buffalo's only points in the second half.

Buffalo (6-1) began the game-winning drive at its own 12-yard line with 7:27 left in the game. The Bulls marched 88 yards, taking advantage of face mask penalty and converting two third downs on the drive. UB quarterback Kyle Vantrease completed 5-of-6 passes for 61 yards on the drive. Marks capped the drive with his 2-yard touchdown run.

Marks finished with 35 carries for 138 yards and one touchdown en route to winning the Bart Staff Most Valuable Player Trophy. He also caught one pass for six yards. He accounted for 36 of the Bulls 70 plays and 144 of the 295 total yards.

Marshall (7-3) had one last chance following the touchdown. The Herd began the drive at its own 35-yard line and marched to the Buffalo 20-yard line with less than 30 seconds left. A pair of sacks by Buffalo senior cornerback Roy Baker and junior defensive end Eric Black forced a turnover on downs and sealed the Bulls win.

Marshall struggled on offense all day but found itself in a tie game in the fourth quarter. The Thundering Herd only had nine possessions, with five punts and the failed fourth down attempt that ended the game.

The Thundering Herd scored on its final possession of the second quarter and first possession of the third quarter to the game at 10-10. The two scoring drives netted 135 yards. The remaining six possessions netted only 105 yards.

Buffalo was led on defense by linebacker James Patterson, who had nine tackles. The Bulls finished with four sacks, including two by Black and one each from Baker and Kadof Wright.

Marshall's defense was led by free safety Nazeeh Johnson and linebacker Abraham Beauplan, who combined for 21 tackles.





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2021 CAMELLIA BOWL

 51  20

Georgia State scored 31 unanswered points in the second half and defeated Ball State 51-20 in the most lopsided game in TaxAct Camellia Bowl history. The 71 combined points and 31-point margin of victory were both bowl records. The previous seven Camellia Bowl games had been decided by 32 total points.

Georgia State (8-5) also set the Camellia Bowl record with 51 points. The eight wins were the most in school history for the Panthers, who were only in their 12th year of football.

Redshirt junior quarterback, Darren Grainger accounted for 325 total yards and four touchdowns to earn the Bart Starr Most Valuable Player award. Grainger completed 15-of-19 passes for 203 yards and three touchdowns. At one point, he completed 11 straight passes. He also ran 11 times for 122 yards and one touchdown to become the second quarterback in Camellia Bowl history with 100 or more rushing yards.

Georgia State held a narrow 20-13 lead at halftime, tying the Camellia Bowl record for highest scoring first half.

The Panthers took the second half kickoff and marched 75 yards in eight plays to extend its lead to 27-13. Grainger capped the drive with a 10-yard touchdown pass to Robert Lewis. Running back Jaymest Williams had four carries for 30 yards on the drive, including a 17-yard burst to set up first-and-goal. Grainger added a 34-yard touchdown run on the next possession to stretch the lead to 34-13.

Grainger and tight end Aubry Payne hooked up for the second touchdown of the game on the next possession with a 19-yard touchdown pass to push the lead to 41-13. Payne had a big day from his tight end position with eight catches for 109 yards and two touchdowns, all career highs for the senior.

The defense added its second touchdown of the day when sophomore safety Antavious Lane had a 55-yard interception return to give the Panthers a 48-13 lead at the end of three quarters. Senior Noel Ruiz capped the scoring for GSU with a 45-yard field goal with just over nine minutes left in the game.

When it was all finished, Georgia State had reeled off 31 unanswered points, including a Camellia Bowl record 28 points in the first quarter.



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2022 CAMELLIA BOWL

 23  21

Buffalo led the Mid-American Conference in time of possession. So it was no surprise the Bulls turned to their ball-control offense to secure a 23-21 win over Georgia Southern in the ninth annual Camellia Bowl at historic Cramton Bowl.

Buffalo made it a two-score game in the fourth quarter with a methodical 10-play drive – all runs by backup running back Tajay Ahmed – to extend its lead to 23-14 with 8:38 left in the game. Ahmed ran for 39 yard and set up MAC Special Teams Player of the Year Alex McNulty with a 20-yard field goal to push the lead to nine points.

Georgia Southern responded with a 13-play, 90-yard drive to cut the lead to 23-21. GSU quarterback Kyle Vantrease, who played three seasons at Buffalo, completed 7-of-9 passes for 72 yards and one touchdown on the drive.

Vantrease hit tight end Beau Johnson with a 42-yard strike on fourth-and-seven to give the Eagles a first down at the Bulls 19-yard line. Four plays later, Vantrease hit a wide-open Jjay McAfee with a 13-yard touchdown pass.

After the GSU score, Buffalo had one mission and that was to chew up the final 3:38 off the clock.

Ahmed ran for only three yards on the first two plays and the Eagles used two timeouts.

On third down and eight from the Buffalo 28-yard line, quarterback Cole Snyder, a transfer from Rutgers who took over for Vantrease, hit senior Justin Marshall with an 8-yard completion to move the chains.

Ahmed then ran for three yards, four yards and added another 4-yard run to clinch the game.

He finished with 27 carries for 97 yards and one touchdown.



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2023 CAMELLIA BOWL



21 19



Northern Illinois made it clear at the beginning of the week that they wanted to control the line of scrimmage.

The Huskies did just that, grinding out a 21-19 win over Arkansas State in the 10th annual Camellia Bowl at historic Cramton Bowl.

Northern Illinois (7-6) led 21-13 at halftime, which marked the highest scoring first half in bowl history.

The Huskies didn't score in the second half, but played keep away from the Red Wolves to clinch the school's first bowl win in 11 years.

NIU only had five second-half possessions but two of those took more than five minutes off the clock. The Huskies set the Camellia Bowl record with 40:23 time of possession.

Arkansas State (6-7), who only had 53 yards on its first four second-half possessions, marched 86 yards in the final two minutes for a touchdown.

Freshman quarterback Jaylen Raynor tossed a 13-yard pass to Corey Rucker to pull the Red Wolves to within 21-19 with 1:14 left. Raynor's two-point pass attempt fell incomplete.

A-State lined up for an onside kick and came up the football, but an offside call negated the play. The Huskies recovered the next attempt and ran out the clock.

Seventh-year quarterback Rocky Lombardi won Bart Starr MVP honors after he accounted for 221 yards and two touchdowns.

The Huskies had a 100-yard rusher and 100-yard receiver in the win. Antario Brown ran 25 times for 132 yards. Barnes caught 5 passes for 105 yards and one touchdown.

Raynor had 299 yards and two touchdowns for A-State. His favorite target was Rucker, who caught five passes for 109 yards and two touchdowns.





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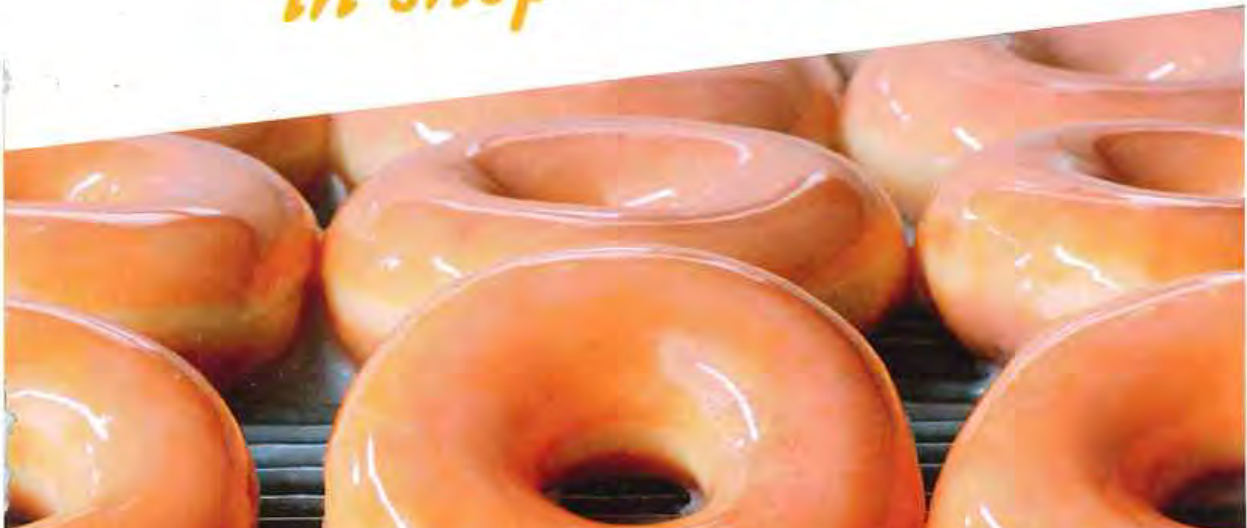
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2024 CAMELLIA BOWL

 **30**  **23**

South Alabama used big plays in the passing game to take a halftime lead and then kept the ball on the ground in the second half for a 30-23 win over Western Michigan in the 11th annual IS4S Salute to Veterans Bowl at the historic Cramton Bowl.

Redshirt senior Jeremiah Webb caught six passes for an IS4S Salute to Veterans Bowl record 182 yards and two touchdowns in the first half to give the Jaguars a 16-13 halftime lead. Webb caught a 52-yard touchdown pass to tie the game at 10-10, and then put the Jags ahead to stay with a 42-yard touchdown grab.

In all, he had five plays of 18 or more yards in the first half, including an 18-yard run to earn Bart Starr MVP honors. His 182 receiving yards eclipsed the previous record of 180 yards by Arkansas State receiver Omar Bayless in 2019.

In the second half, South Alabama kept the ball on the ground as Davenport, making just his second start of the season in place of injured quarterback Gio Lopez, and running back Kentrell Bullock combined for 216 rushing yards and two touchdowns.

South Alabama finished with a bowl record 537 total yards, breaking the previous mark of 525 yards set by Arkansas State in 2019. The Jaguars had 266 rushing yards and 271 passing yards against the Broncos.

Davenport finished with 356 total yards in the win. He completed 15-of-24 passes for 271 yards with two touchdowns and one interception. He also ran the ball 11 times for 85 yards and one touchdown.

South Alabama (7-6) recorded its third straight winning season and won its second bowl game in school history.



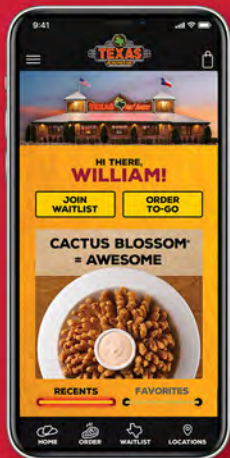


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ALABAMA FOOTBALL LEGEND AWARD *PRESENTED BY RENAISSANCE*

Bill Clark, who built a championship pedigree at three different schools, has been selected as the Alabama Football Legend for this year's IS4S Salute to Veterans Bowl.

Clark was officially honored at the Alabama Football Legends luncheon on December 15 at the downtown Renaissance Hotel and Spa.

He joins previous honorees Bobby Bowden (2014), Pat Dye (2015), Woodrow Lowe (2016), Gene Stallings (2017), Johnny Davis (2018), Larry Blakeney (2019), Woody McCorvey (2021), Chan Gailey (2022), Dr. James Andrews (2023) and Bobby Wallace (2024).

"I am so humbled," Clark said. "There is something special about being called Coach. It means a lot to me to be honored with this group of coaching legends."

Clark had successful head coaching stints at Prattville High School, Jacksonville State and UAB. During that time he won 166 games, three conference championships, two AHSAA state championships, two bowl games and one FCS playoff appearance.



He posted a 106-11 record at Prattville High School. The 90.6 winning percentage is the highest in AHSAA history with a minimum of 100 career games.

Clark guided the Lions to back-to-back Class 6A state championships in 2006 and 2007. The Lions won all 30 games during those two seasons and recorded a state record 56 consecutive regular season wins during Clark's tenure.

In 2006, Prattville defeated Hoover 35-21 to a cap the first 15-0 season in school history at Legion Field. In 2007, Prattville blanked Spain Park 14-0 at Legion Field for another 15-0 season for the Lions.

"I tell people all the time I always wanted to be a coach," Clark added. "It has more to do with relationships, training, getting ready to play, the community involvement, all the stuff I believe in. The Xs and Os are important too, but it's the relationships that mean the most."

After his run at Prattville, Clark was named head coach at Jacksonville State, where he guided the Gamecocks to an 11-4 record and the school's first FCS Playoff appearance. Under his guidance, Jax State set 49 school records, 13 Ohio Valley Conference records and three NCAA marks.

He left his alma mater after one season to take over the reins at UAB. He's the winningest coach in program history, going 49-26 with three division championships, two conference championships and four bowl appearances.

After a 6-6 mark in 2014, UAB announced the football program was being discontinued. One year later, the program was reinstated and Clark really went to work. Clark led the Blazers back on the field in 2017 and immediately went 8-5 and led the team the first bowl appearance (Bahamas) in program history.

In the next three seasons (2018-20), UAB won 26 games, three division titles, two Conference USA championships and three bowl appearances. He was 9-4 in 2021 capped by a win over BYU in the Independence Bowl.

Clark began as an assistant coach under his father and legendary coach, Ragan, at Piedmont High School. He later served as defensive coordinator at Tuscaloosa County High School, Coffee County High School in Georgia, and Prattville High School.

In 2012, he was named the first defensive coordinator in program history at South Alabama.

Clark now serves as the President of Coach Safely, an organization founded by Dr. James Andrews and former Jacksonville State head coach Jack Crowe. The organization deals with youth sports age 6-13 years old to promote safety.

"We developed a state law that every coach has to take a safety course for all sports," Clark said. "Our numbers are huge. We have dealt with more than 60,000 coaches and one million athletes since 2018."

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JOHNNY WILLIAMS MVP AWARD

The Johnny Williams Most Valuable Player Award is presented annually to the top player of the IS4S Salute to Veterans Bowl.

The award is named after longtime Executive Director of the bowl, Johnny Williams, who passed away in February of 2025 after a long battle with illness.

The visionary behind major college football returning to Montgomery, Williams brought the Raycom Sports College Football All-Star Game to Cramton Bowl in 2013, which would then transform into the Camellia Bowl – now the IS4S Salute to Veterans Bowl.

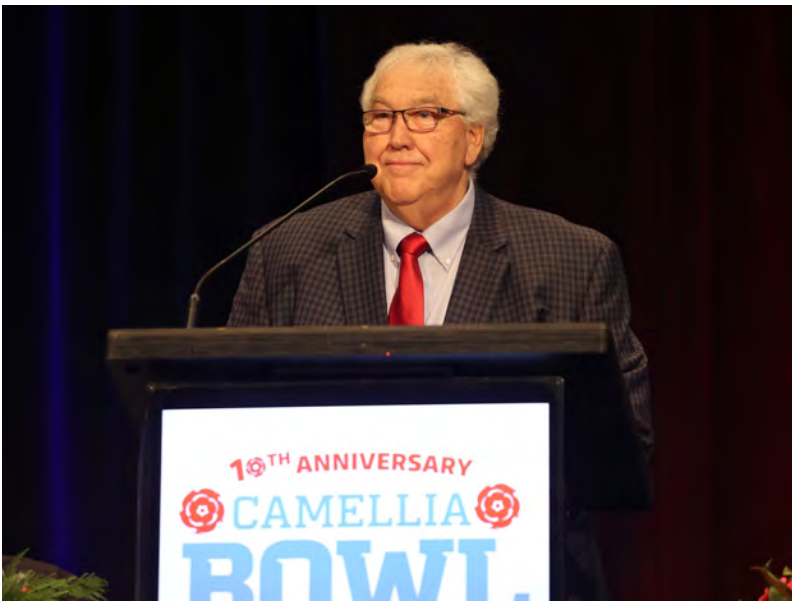
Prior to his time in Montgomery, Williams spent more than 30 years working in collegiate athletics.

He served as the Senior Associate Athletic Director for External Operations at the University of Alabama following an 11-year stint as the Director of Athletics at Troy University, where he successfully led the athletic department from Division II status to the FBS level and received the 2002 General Robert R. Neyland Lifetime Achievement Award.

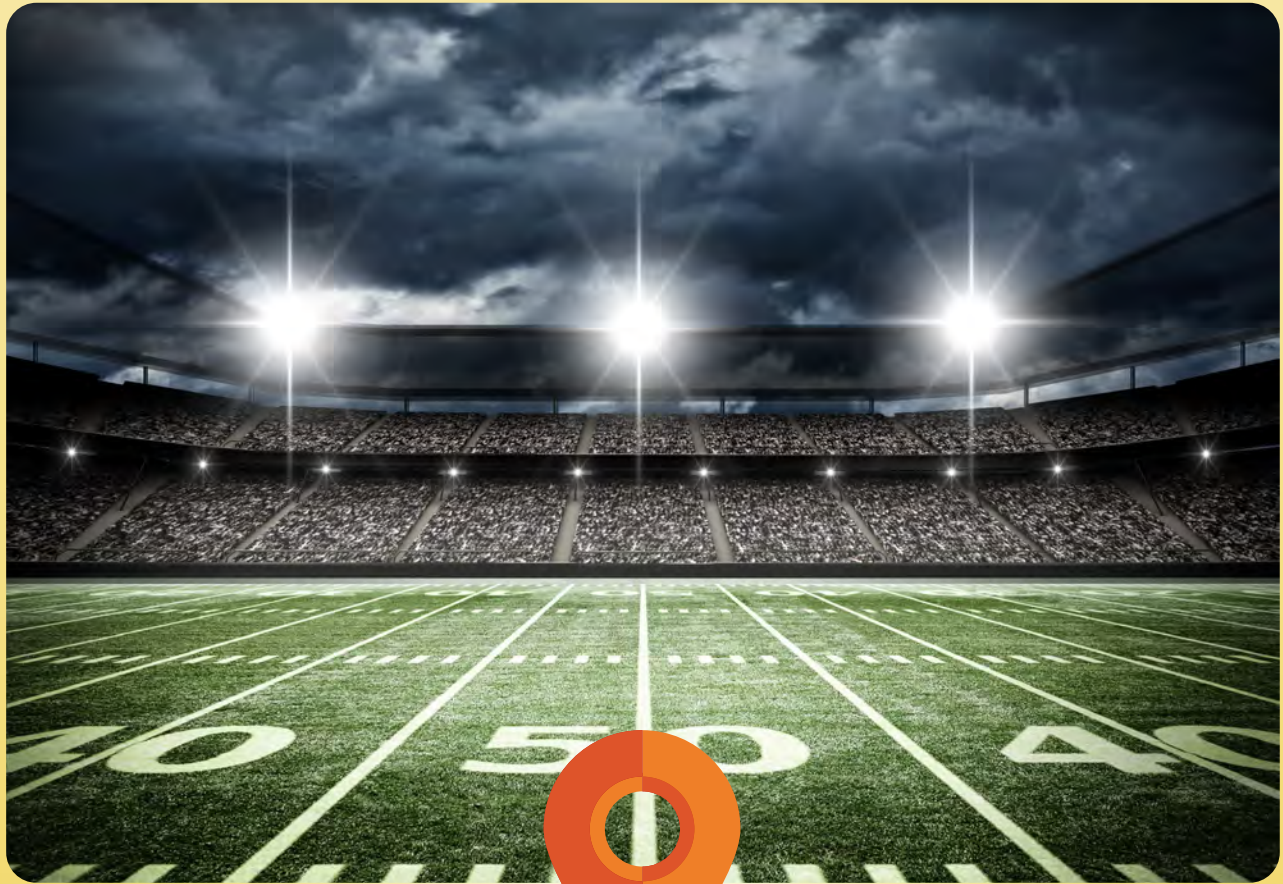
Williams also worked as an assistant coach at Troy, where he was a member of the 1987 national championship staff, and his alma mater of North Alabama.

Bowling Green quarterback James Knapke was the inaugural winner Most Valuable Player Award after leading the Falcons to a 33-28 win over South Alabama in 2014.

The 2024 MVP Award went to South Alabama wide receiver Jeremiah Webb, who finished with a bowl-record 182 yards and two touchdowns in a win over Western Michigan.



Johnny Williams Most Valuable Player Award Winners		
2014	James Knapke, QB	Bowling Green
2015	Marcus Cox, RB	Appalachian State
2016	Taylor Lamb, QB	Appalachian State
2017	Darius Harris, OLB	Middle Tennessee
2018	Shai Werts, QB	Georgia Southern
2019	Omar Bayless, WR	Arkansas State
2020	Kevin Marks, RB	Buffalo
2021	Darren Grainger, QB	Georgia State
2022	Justin Marshall, WR	Buffalo
2023	Rocky Lombardi, QB	Northern Illinois
2024	Jeremiah Webb, WR	South Alabama



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TEAM STATISTICS

SCORING

MOST POINTS

51 — Georgia State, 2021

FEWEST POINTS

10 -- Marshall, 2020

MOST COMBINED POINTS

71 — Georgia State and Ball State, 2021

FEWEST COMBINED POINTS

27 -- Buffalo and Marshall, 2020

QUICKEST SCORING DRIVE

2023 — 4th possession, 2nd by
Arkansas State, 0:08 elapsed (TD)

LARGEST MARGIN

31 — Georgia State, 2021

LARGEST DEFICIT OVERCOME

17 — Appalachian State trailed 24-7 in
2015

TOTAL OFFENSE

MOST PLAYS

97 — Arkansas State, 2017

FEWEST PLAYS

50 — Eastern Michigan, 2018

MOST YARDS

537 — South Alabama, 2024

FEWEST YARDS

248 -- Marshall, 2020

COMBINED YARDAGE

969 — Arkansas State and Florida
International, 2019

FEWEST COMBINED YARDS

543 -- Buffalo and Marshall, 2020

RUSHING

MOST RUSHES

58 — Georgia Southern, 2018

FEWEST RUSHES

20 — Georgia Southern, 2022

MOST YARDAGE

331 — Georgia Southern, 2018

FEWEST YARDS

74 — Ball State, 2021

COMBINED YARDAGE

428 — Georgia Southern and Eastern
Michigan, 2018

FEWEST COMBINED YARDS

211 — Buffalo and Georgia Southern,
2022

MOST RUSHING TDS

3 — South Alabama, 2014

PASSING

MOST ATTEMPTS

58 — Arkansas State, 2017

FEWEST ATTEMPTS

7 — Georgia Southern, 2018

MOST COMPLETIONS

32 — Arkansas State, 2017

FEWEST COMPLETIONS

4 — Georgia Southern, 2018

MOST YARDS

393 — Arkansas State, 2019

FEWEST YARDS

33 — Georgia Southern, 2018

COMBINED YARDAGE

705 — Arkansas State and Florida
International, 2019

FEWEST COMBINED YARDS

237 — Georgia Southern and Eastern
Michigan, 2018

MOST PASSING TDS

4 — Arkansas State, 2019

COMPLETION PERCENTAGE

69.2 — Toledo, 2016

TURNOVERS

MOST TURNOVERS

4 — South Alabama, 2014

FEWEST TURNOVERS

0 — Six teams, most recently Georgia
State, 2021

MOST PASSES INTERCEPTED

3 — Arkansas State, 2017

MOST FUMBLES

3 -- Ball State, 2021

3 — Georgia Southern, 2018

3 — Arkansas State, 2017

MOST FUMBLES LOST

2 — Arkansas State, 2017

2 — Appalachian State, 2015

2 — South Alabama, 2014

DEFENSIVE STATS

MOST QUARTERBACK SACKS

6 — Middle Tennessee, 2017

MOST TACKLES FOR LOSS

8 — Six teams, most recently Arkansas
State, 2023

MOST QB HURRIES

7 — Buffalo, 2022

MOST PASS BREAKUPS

10 — Georgia Southern, 2022

PENALTIES

MOST PENALTIES

10 — Arkansas State, 2019

10 — Middle Tennessee, 2017

MOST PENALTY YARDS

142 — Arkansas State, 2019

FEWEST PENALTIES

2 — Appalachian State, 2016

FEWEST PENALTY YARDS

21 — Appalachian State, 2016



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INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

SCORING

TOUCHDOWNS

2 — Nine players, most recently by Jeremiah Webb, South Alabama, 2024

DEFENSIVE TOUCHDOWNS

1 — Antavious Lane 55 yard interception return, Georgia State, 2021

1 — Javon Denis 37 yard fumble return, Georgia State, 2021

1 — D.J. Sanders 54 yard fumble return, Middle Tennessee, 2017

1 — Quentin Poling 20 yard interception return, Ohio, 2015

1 — Jovon Johnson 45 yard fumble return, Ohio, 2015

SPECIAL TEAMS TOUCHDOWNS

1 — Tom Foley 32 yard fake punt pass to Kanon Woodill, Northern Illinois, 2023

1 — Darrynton Evans 94 yard kickoff return, Appalachian State, 2016

PATS

6 — Noel Ruiz, Georgia State, 2021

FIELD GOALS

4 — Jose Borregales, Florida International, 2019

MOST POINTS BY KICKING

15 — Noel Ruiz (3 FG, 6 XP), Georgia State, 2021

LONGEST FG ATTEMPT

52 — Jose Borregales, Florida International, 2019

LONGEST FG MADE

52 — Jose Borregales, Florida International, 2019

TOTAL OFFENSE

MOST YARDS

430 — Layne Hatcher, Arkansas State, 2019 (393 pass, 37 rush)

ALL-PURPOSE YARDS

200 — Jeremiah Webb, WR, South Alabama, 2024 (182 receiving, 18 rushing)

RUSHING

MOST RUSHES

35 — Kevin Marks, Buffalo, 2020

MOST RUSHING TDS

2 — Shai Werts, Georgia Southern, 2018

2 — Kareem Hunt, Toledo, 2016

2 — Travis Greene, Bowling Green, 2014

MOST RUSHING YARDS

162 — Marcus Cox, Appalachian State, 2015

RUSHING YDS PER ATTEMPT

7.6 — Kentrel Bullock, South Alabama, 2024

LONGEST TD RUN

45 — Terelle West, Middle Tennessee, 20

PASSING

MOST ATTEMPTS

57 — Justice Hansen, Arkansas State, 2017

MOST COMPLETIONS

31 — Justice Hansen, Arkansas State, 2017

MOST YARDS

393 — Layne Hatcher, Arkansas State, 2019

MOST TDS PASSING

4 — Layne Hatcher, Arkansas State, 2019

MOST INTERCEPTIONS THROWN

3 — Brent Stockstill, Middle Tennessee, 2017

COMPLETION PERCENTAGE

69.2 — Logan Woodside, Toledo, 2016

PASS EFFICIENCY

176.50 — Bishop Davenport, South Alabama, 2024

LONGEST SCORING PLAY

79 — Kyle Vantrease to Joshua Thompson, Georgia Southern, 2022

RECEIVING

MOST RECEPTIONS

12 — Jayshon Jackson, Ball State, 2021

MOST RECEIVING TDS

2 — Jeremiah Webb, South Alabama, 2024

2 — Corey Rucker, Arkansas State, 2023

2 — Aubry Payne, Georgia State, 2021

2 — Arthur Jackson III, Eastern Michigan, 2018

2 — Barrett Burns, Appalachian State, 2015

2 — Roger Lewis, Bowling Green, 2014

MOST RECEIVING YARDS

182 — Jeremiah Webb, South Alabama, 2024

DEFENSIVE STATS

MOST TACKLES

18 — Maleki Harris, South Alabama, 2014

MOST QUARTERBACK SACKS

2.0 — Jamil Mohammad, Georgia State, 2021

2.0 — Eric Black, Buffalo, 2020

2.0 — Bryan Thomas, Bowling Green, 2014

MOST TACKLES FOR LOSS

3.0 — Maleki Harris, South Alabama, 2014

MOST INTERCEPTIONS

2 — B.J. Edmonds, Arkansas State, 2017

MOST FUMBLE RECOVERIES

1 — Eleven players

MOST PASS BREAKUPS

3 — Clevester Hines, Buffalo, 2022

3 — Charvarius Ward, Middle Tennessee, 2017

3 — Latrell Gibbs, Appalachian State, 2015



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THE LAST TIME...

INDIVIDUAL

KICKOFF RETURNED FOR A TOUCHDOWN
Darrynton Evans, App State, 94 yards, 2016

PUNT RETURNED FOR A TOUCHDOWN
None

INTERCEPTION RETURNED FOR A TOUCHDOWN
Antavious Lane, Georgia State, 55 yards, 2021

FUMBLE RETURNED FOR A TOUCHDOWN
Javon Denis, Georgia State, 37 yards, 2021

BLOCKED PUNT
Matthew Sexton, Eastern Michigan, 2018

BLOCKED FIELD GOAL
None

BLOCKED EXTRA POINT
None

300+ YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE
Bishop Davenport, South Alabama, 356 yards, 2024

400+ YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE
Layne Hatcher, Arkansas State, 430 yards, 2019

100 YARDS RUSHING
Kentrel Bullock, South Alabama, 130 yards, 2024

200 YARDS RUSHING
None

TWO 100-YARD RUSHERS
Marcus Cox (143)/Taylor Lamb (126), App State, 2016

300-399 YARDS PASSING
Kyle Vantrease, Georgia Southern, 352 yards, 2022

400-499 YARDS PASSING
None

THREE INTERCEPTIONS THROWN
Brent Stockstill, Arkansas State, 2017

10+ RECEPTIONS
Justin Marshall, Buffalo, 11, 2022

100-199 YARDS RECEIVING
Jeremiah Webb, South Alabama, 182 yards, 2024

200-299 YARDS RECEIVING
None

TWO 100-YARD RECEIVERS
Justin Marshall (127)/Quian Williams (100), Buffalo, 2012

50+ YARD FIELD GOAL
Jose Borregales, Florida International, 52 yards, 2019

THREE OR MORE FIELD GOALS
Alex McNulty, Buffalo, 3, 2022

TWO INTERCEPTIONS
BJ Edmonds, Arkansas State, 2017

THREE INTERCEPTIONS
None

THREE QB SACKS
None

TEAM

30 FIRST DOWNS IN A GAME
Arkansas State, 31, 2019

400-499 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE
Northern Illinois, 421, 2023

500-599 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE
South Alabama, 537, 2024

300-399 RUSHING YARDS
Georgia Southern, 331, 2018

400-499 RUSHING YARDS
None

300-399 PASSING YARDS
Georgia Southern, 355, 2022

400-499 PASSING YARDS
None

15 OR MORE PENALTIES
None

40-49 POINTS
None

50-59 POINTS
Georgia State, 51, 2021

100+ PENALTY YARDS
Arkansas State, 142, 2019

HELD TEAM WITHOUT A TOUCHDOWN
None

RECORDED A SHUTOUT
None

RECORDED A SAFETY
Ohio, 2015

ALLOWED FEWER THAN 10 FIRST DOWNS
None

ALLOWED LESS THAN 200 TOTAL YARDS
None

ALLOWED LESS THAN 100 RUSHING YARDS
Buffalo, 89, 2022

ALLOWED NEGATIVE RUSHING YARDS
None

ALLOWED LESS THAN 100 PASSING YARDS
Eastern Michigan, 33, 2018

FORCED FIVE OR MORE FUMBLES
None

RECORDED FIVE TURNOVERS
None

RECORDED SIX TURNOVERS
None

RECORDED 5+ SACKS
Middle Tennessee, 6, 2017

RECOVERED AN ONSIDE KICK
None

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