



NORTHWESTERN STATE DEMONS

2018 FOOTBALL

Northwestern State

8/30	at Texas A&M (SEC Network)	L	59-7
9/8	Grambling	W	34-7
9/15	* at Lamar (ESPN+)	W	49-48
9/29	* at Southeastern La. (CST/ESPN3)	L	24-17
10/6	* No. 12 Nicholls (CST/ESPN3)	L	28-10
10/13	* Sam Houston State (CST/ESPN3)	L	42-28
10/20	* at No. 15 Central Arkansas	L	38-17
10/27	* Houston Baptist	W	31-28
11/3	* at Abilene Christian		2:00
11/10	* McNeese		6:00
11/15	* at Stephen F. Austin		6:00

*denotes Southland Conference game

Abilene Christian

9/1	at Baylor	L	55-27
9/8	Angelo State	W	41-24
9/15	* at Houston Baptist	W	38-13
9/22	* at Stephen F. Austin	L	24-21
9/29	* Incarnate Word	L	44-34
10/6	* at McNeese	L	24-21
10/13	* Nicholls	W	28-12
10/20	* at Southeastern Louisiana	W	48-27
11/3	* Northwestern State		2:00
11/10	* at Sam Houston State		2:30
11/17	* Central Arkansas		2:00

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Northwestern State Quick Facts

Location	Natchitoches, Louisiana
Founded	1884
Athletic Affiliation	NCAA Division I FCS
Enrollment	11,081
Colors	Purple & White, orange trim
All-Time Record	535-470-35 (.531)
2017 Record	4-7 (4-5 SLC)
Starters Returning/Lost	14 (5 off, 6 def, 3 ST)/14 (9)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	43/25
Southland Conference Championships/last	4, 2004
NCAA FCS Playoff Appearances/last	4, 2004
Offensive Scheme	Multiple
Defensive Scheme	Multiple, 4-2-5 base
Head Coach	Brad Laird
Record at NSU	3-5
Record Overall	3-5 (1st year)

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Northwestern State Demons (3-5, 2-4)

vs.

Abilene Christian Wildcats (4-4, 3-3)



2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 3

Wildcat Stadium (12,000)

Abilene, Texas



Radio: The Demon Sports Network

(Patrick Netherton, Play-by-Play • Tony Taglavore, Sideline Reporter)

Watch: <https://portal.stretchinternet.com/abilene/> (\$9.95 fee)

Demons head west aiming to start a November to remember

Northwestern State sustained ambitions for a winning season with a dramatic comeback last week, and will visit Wildcat Stadium for the first time as it faces a well-rested Abilene Christian team. ACU had a late-season open date last weekend on the heels of an impressive whipping of Southeastern Louisiana on the road Oct. 20 and a domination of nationally-ranked Nicholls a week earlier.

NSU is trying to post its first record over .500 since 2008. The Demons were 6-6 in 2013 and 2014 and haven't been at break-even or better since.

The Demons play their only daytime game of the season and take their longest trip of the year.

Last season, NSU prevailed 26-23 in overtime at Turpin Stadium, holding ACU to just six points after halftime.

Quite the comeback, best in 13 seasons, second-best in 41 years

NSU overcame a 28-10 deficit midway through the third period, scoring the final 21 points in the last 18:33 to beat Houston Baptist.

The rally from 18 points down is the second-biggest in the Demons' Division I history, dating back to 1977. The best comeback: a 27-23 win to open the 2005 season at UL Monroe, after trailing 23-0 in the third quarter. All of NSU's scoring in that contest was done in the final 16:55.

Ferguson making marks on school record book, FCS scene

Highlighted by a school-record five 100-yard receiving games (129 yards at Texas A&M, 142 at Lamar, 117 at Southeastern, 138 vs. Sam Houston, 108 at UCA) junior WR Jazz Ferguson has staked a claim among the top FCS pass catchers in his initial competitive season after redshirting in 2017 following his transfer from LSU.

His 852 receiving yards (106.5 ypg, 11th in FCS) is 3rd on NSU's single-season top 10 and is 93 away from breaking Nathan Black's school record of 944 yards in the 12-game playoff season of 2001. In fact, Ferguson now has NSU's 11-game receiving yardage high water mark.

Ferguson is 57 yards shy of overtaking the second-place 2014 total of 908 by All-American Ed Eagan (well remembered by ACU, who was roasted in 2014 and 2015 for 26 catches for 338 yards by Eagan, 212 of those yards coming in 2014).

Ferguson's 8 TD catches (11th in FCS) ties Pat Palmer (1996, when he was the Southland Offensive Player of the Year) for 3rd in school history. The season record is 10 by Al Phillips in 1968, threatened in 1982 by Victor Oatis (9).

Ferguson is averaging 17.8 yards per catch, 36th in FCS.

He has 48 catches (25 in the last three games, since getting only 2 vs. Nicholls). The school season record is 73 by Eagan in 2014. Ferguson stands tied for 6th on that NSU single-season list (with Bradley Brown, 2010) and if he matches his average (6 pg, 21st in FCS) he will tie Darius Duffy (54 in 2009) for 3rd.

2 Demons catching 2 TD passes was a first in school history

In the win over Houston Baptist, Jaylen Watson and Jazz Ferguson each caught two touchdown passes. Remarkably, it was the first time two Demon receivers have had two TD catches in the same game.

It didn't happen at Lamar when Shelton Eppler threw a school-record 6 TDs, a pair to Ferguson.

It didn't happen in 2014 when Zach Adkins threw 5 TDs vs. Nicholls, or in 1981, when Bobby Hebert (3) and Eric Barkley combined for 5 TDs against Angelo State. It never happened in all of the previous games with 4 passing TDs.

NSU is the only D1 team with 4 QBs having thrown for TDs

With the concussion-driven shuffle at QB as the primary factor, the Demons have done something that is unique among the 253 Division I programs (124 FCS, 129 FBS), but was not unusual for NSU offensive coordinator Brad Smiley when he was head coach at Trinity Valley CC for 11 seasons.

Shelton Eppler (14), Clay Holgorsen (1), Kaleb Fletcher (4) and Kenny Sears (1), all quarterbacks, have tossed touchdown passes.

Showcasing players for their four-year-college futures, Smiley had four passers with TDs at times at TVCC. He didn't anticipate it this season at NSU, though he did not discount the possibility in preseason.

A total of 21 FCS programs have had 3 QBs throw for at least 1 TD. Northern Colorado has 3 with at least 4 TDs. Texas Southern has 16 TDs shared 7-6-3 by its top three QBs. Maris has a 9-6-3 split of 18 TD passes.

Top 10-ranked teams UC Davis (24-2-1) and South Dakota State (19-2-1) are the only other FCS squads with at least 20 TD passes thrown by 3 (or more) quarterbacks.

The Demons - Wildcats Series

Series	6-5
Last Meeting	NSU won 26-23 (ot)
.....	November 4, 2017, Turpin Stadium
At Abilene Christian	1-5
At Northwestern State	5-0
Abilene Christian's Longest Streak	2, 1963, 1968
Northwestern State's Longest Streak	3, 1984-2015
Current Streak.....	1, Northwestern State

10/12/63 L 28-18 at ACU	9/22/84 W 26-7 at NSU
9/14/68 L 17-16 at ACU	11/8/14 W 34-10 at ACU
6/6/80 W 31-10 at NSU	11/7/15 W 39-22 at NSU
9/26/81 L 41-38 at ACU	11/5/16 L 25-22 at ACU
9/25/82 W 35-30 at NSU	11/4/17 W 26-23(ot) at NSU
9/24/83 L 20-17 at ACU	

DEMONS IN THE PROS

NFL Alumni chapter has 3 active members

There are 3 Northwestern State alumni, two coaches, who are with NFL teams. Two more play in the CFL.



Fourth-year veteran DT Deon Simon joined the Packers' practice squad after three weeks with the Titans' practice squad.



Barry Rubin, a Northwestern tight end from 1978-1980, is the head strength coach with the Chiefs, moving over with Andy Reid from the Eagles in 2013.



Bill Johnson, a Demon center from 1975-78, is the defensive line coach for the unbeaten Rams. He helped the Saints win the 2009 Super Bowl.



Bryant Mitchell, a 2014 senior, is a productive WR in the CFL with Edmonton.



2016 senior WR Shakeir Ryan made a big CFL debut Sept. 15, returning a kickoff for a TD for Hamilton.



BRAD LAIRD

Head Coach

Northwestern St., 1998

3 - 5 overall at NSU

3 - 5 career, 1st year

0-0 vs. Abilene Christian

2-4 vs. SLC Opponents

One of the Demons' greatest players and defensive coordinators, Brad Laird took over as head coach at his alma mater in November.

Laird is in his 18th year in coaching, his fifth as a head coach (four at Ruston HS), with a laser focus on detail and enthusiastic, energetic efficiency.

"Every time Coach Laird talks to us, I think we're going to win the national championship," said one Demon player in his post-season evaluation following 2017, when Laird was NSU's DC.

He had worked in that capacity twice before, for a total of seven years, as DC under Scott Stoker ('03-'05, '08) and Bradley Dale Peveto ('09-'11). He and Jay Thomas were colleagues on the NSU defensive staff in 2010-11, and Thomas, NSU's head coach from 2013-17, enticed him to rejoin the NSU staff last year as defensive coordinator.

From 2013-16, Laird was in charge at his high school alma mater, Ruston, where he averaged more than seven wins in four playoff seasons as head coach.

In 2017, Laird restored the "Purple Swarm" brand for the NSU defense, which had struggled in the past two seasons but showed flashes of brilliance, especially down the stretch. In the past month, the Demons twice recorded 13 tackles for loss in wins over Houston Baptist and Abilene Christian, and staged a series of goal-line stands, two in the season-ending victory over Stephen F. Austin. Senior line-backer Peyton Guidry was named the national FCS Defensive Player of the Week after making 18 tackles against the Lumberjacks.

Laird was running the Purple Swarm defense when NSU was second nationally in total defense (2004, 274.7 yards allowed per game) and ninth (2003, 287.3 ypg) and produced 75 turnovers from 2003-05. The Demons set three NCAA records and led the Southland Conference in total defense and rushing defense, also ranking highly in pass defense each season. The Demons won their most recent Southland championship and made their last FCS playoff appearance in 2004.

In 2004, the Demons tied an NCAA FCS record by notching two safeties vs. Texas Southern. A year earlier, his defense set FCS records by allowing only 1 first down and a net of minus 1-yard offense to Oklahoma Panhandle.

After a record-setting playing career at NSU, Laird joined coach Sam Goodwin's Demon staff in 1996, serving as the defensive graduate assistant coach working for then Demon defensive coordinator Peveto. He then worked for coach Don Shows at West Monroe High School in 1997, going on to coach at Ouachita High, Longview (Texas) High (under former FCS national champion coach Pat Collins) and Nashville (Ark.) High (under his father, Billy Laird) before joining Stoker's staff as defensive coordinator prior to spring practice in 2003 (Collins and Shows are in the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame).

The Demons' all-time career passing leader (6,037 yards, 1991-95), he was a 2015 inductee in the N-Club Hall of Fame, the university's highest athletic honor.

An all-state quarterback in the state's largest classification at Ruston, Laird was the 1991 Superdome Classic MVP for the Bearcats' unbeaten team that finished ranked No. 1 nationally by USA Today. He was inducted in the Louisiana High School Sports Hall of Fame in 2010.

Brad and his wife, Renee, are both Northwestern State graduates and the parents of Brianna (15) and Brock (13).

Demons will start a different QB for the fourth straight game

Shelton Eppler opened the first six games behind center for the Demons. Clay Holgorsen started at UCA and fourth-teamer Kenny Sears started the Houston Baptist game. Third-teamer Kaleb Fletcher was expected to start, but a minor violation of team rules benched him for the first two series, and Sears came through with a 51-yard TD strike on the game's opening possession.

Fletcher, whose transgression happened just over 48 hours before kickoff last week, is getting the call this week with Sears as his backup. Eppler is still in concussion protocol but did resume restricted team activities Tuesday. Holgorsen is in concussion protocol.

Fletcher, a dual-threat QB who played in 7 games in 2017, played the final three quarters at UCA, running for a 7-yard TD and throwing for a 53-yard score. He was 16-29 for 187 yards, no interceptions, and was sacked twice while playing 12 series and 48 snaps, while NSU netted 220 yards and scored all 17 points.

He played the final 12 series and 79 snaps last Saturday vs. HBU and was involved in the last 24 points and 409 yards (including a 24-yard loss on a bad snap/team rush). Fletcher was one completion shy of tying NSU's single-game record (31) as he went 30-44 for 253 yards with 3 TDs, and rushed for a net of 67 yards on 17 carries (including 2 sacks).

If Eppler and Holgorsen are unable to play Saturday, true freshman Aaron Howell would be the third teamer.

Fletcher impressed Laird (then the Demons' defensive coordinator) so much on the 2017 scout team that Laird persuaded then-head coach Jay Thomas to use him in the final 7 games. Fletcher, an Academic All-Stater at Medquite-Poteet HS, sparkled in preseason camp. He is eligible for a redshirt season. He hopes to play baseball for the Demons, perhaps as early as next spring.

Bolstered by Zirkle's return, NSU gets more help back at ACU

The Demons welcomed 2017 second-team All-Southland OG Chris Zirkle back to action last week. Zirkle played all 92 offensive snaps at right guard and made a sensational return, setting 2018 Demon O-line highs with 30 knockdown blocks and 14 Mental Toughness, Extra Effort points.

At ACU, the Purple Swarm defense will get a lift with the return of opening-game starting CB Dylan Wilson while veteran NT Christian Bluiett should get more than the 9 snaps he played last week.

Zirkle, a senior, and Bluiett, a junior, required offseason shoulder surgery. Wilson had surgery after breaking a hand in the first half at College Station on Aug. 30. Zirkle, Wilson and Bluiett will be eligible for redshirt seasons this year under the new NCAA rule allowing players to take part in 4 games and still be redshirted.

Zirkle, a two-time Academic All-District VI selection, has 24 career starts. He front squat lifted 416 pounds during a Sept. 2 workout.

Bluiett has 10 career starts, with 50 tackles, 4.5 for loss, 2 blocked kicks and a fumble recovery in his 20 career games.

Wilson was regarded as NSU's best man-cover defensive back.

Wilson among three handling game captain duties

Three Demons will serve as game captains for Saturday's game: senior CB Dylan Wilson, and two productive first-year team members, a pair of juniors, safety Ryan Reed and RB Jared West. Head coach Brad Laird chooses the weekly captains after consulting with his staff and Coach Black.

Demons' OL coach J Pond at home in Abilene

The biggest human in the NSU football program is first-year O-line coach J Pond (no first name, just J, as in Jigantic). He is an Abilene native, a proud product of Cooper High School. He grew up as the only child on a farm and played college football at Texas A&M from 2002-06, helping the Aggies to the 2004 Cotton Bowl and the 2006 Holiday Bowl.

NSU has 4 Academic All-District VI nominees

The Demons have four players on the Academic All-District ballot, requiring a 3.3 cumulative GPA with at least a year of on-campus status prior to this fall, along with key roles on the field this season. One is 2017 Academic All-District VI safety Ryan Reed. Another 2017 Academic All-District choice, Chris Zirkle, is not eligible because he hasn't played 50% of NSU's games, but will surely be a 2019 candidate in the first step toward making Academic All-America. NSU's 2018 nominees:

Parker Pastorello, junior punter, 3.32 GPA, health & exercise science
Brice Borgeson, junior LB, 3.33, business administration
Ryan Reed, junior DB, 3.53, industrial engineering technology
Dustin Burns, junior OL, 3.71, biology

District VI stretches from the Gulf to Canada and includes Minnesota, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana. Student-athletes from FBS and FCS programs are eligible for nomination. Only 24 earn first-team All-District honors and advance to join winners from seven other districts on the Academic All-America ballot, which names three 24-man teams.

NSU has had four Academic All-America football players, most recently in 2011, when tight end Justin Aldredge (1st team) and LB Yaser Elqutub (2nd team) won election. Aldredge is a local businessman. Elqutub is in medical school. Both attended homecoming festivities last Saturday.

Eppler beginning to alter NSU passing marks

Junior QB Shelton Eppler has already set three school records:

- His season-opening interception-free streak was 143 attempts, shattering the 113 without an interception by his head coach, Brad Laird, in his senior season of 1995.
- Eppler shattered NSU's single-game pass yardage record at Lamar with a 474-yard total that is seventh-best by any FCS passer this season. The performance overtook the former Demon mark, 381 by Clay Holgorsen last November at McNeese.
- His 6 TD passes at Lamar set another single-game record, topping 5 in 2014 by Zach Adkins against Nicholls.

DEMON FOOTBALL STAFF

Head Coach

.....Brad Laird (10th season, 1st as HC)
.....Northwestern State, 1998

Asst. Head Coach & Cornerbacks

.....De'Von Lockett (9th season)
.....Northwestern State, 2002

Offensive Coord./Running Backs/Tight Ends

.....Brad Smiley (1st season)
.....Baylor, 1995, and Northwestern State, 1996

Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers

.....Mike Lucas (2nd season)
.....Liberty, 1982

Running Backs

.....Gerald Howse (1st season)
.....Georgia State, 2014

Tight Ends

.....Jamaal Lewis (2nd season)
.....SW Oklahoma St. 2014

Defensive Line

.....LeDell Love (4th season, 1st since 2014)
.....Northwestern State, 2010

Safeties

.....Jake Olsen (2nd season)
.....Valley City State, 2012

Offensive Line

.....J Pond (1st season)
.....Texas A&M, 2006

Quarterbacks

.....Anthony Scelfo (1st season)
.....Tulane, 2013

Wide Receivers

.....Alvin Slaughter (3rd season)
.....Clarion (PA), 1999

Head Strength & Conditioning Coach

.....Jared Myatt (2nd season)
.....Louisiana College, 2015

Head Athletic Trainer

.....Jason Drury (14th season)
.....Idaho State, 1999 and Northwestern State, 2001

Director of Football Operations

.....Dan Korn (15th season)
.....Northwestern State, 1994

Administrative Graduate Assistants

.....Travon Carter (Eastern Kentucky, 2014, 1st season)
.....Dakota Gallant (UNC-Charlotte, 2016, 1st season)
.....Jared Smith (UL Lafayette, 2018, 1st season)
.....Chase Thompson (Louisiana Tech, 2017, 1st season)
.....Brian Williams (UL Monroe, 2017, 1st season)
.....Jack Witte (Millsaps, 2018, 1st season)

Head Equipment Manager

.....Joe Tolbert (2nd season)
.....South Alabama, 2014

Football Administrative Assistant

.....Elizabeth Holloway (21st season, 17th with football)

He's already fourth in school history in TD passes, and on the verge of breaking into top 10s in three more NSU single-season stat categories:

- With 1,679 passing yards, Eppler is 146 away from 10th. If he matches his season average of 280, he would vault into fifth with 1,959. The record: 2,821 in 2014 by Zach Adkins.
- With 128 completions, Eppler is near the top 10. Matching his average of 21 surges him into sixth place. The record is 258 by Adkins (2014).
- His 209 completions put him near the top 10; he needs 38 more to reach 248 for 10th. The record: 383 by Adkins in 2014.
- His 14 TD passes tie him for 4th in school history. Adkins' record: 28, 2014.

He has the program's best, and fifth-best, all-time single-game passing yardage totals. Eppler threw for 351 yards against Sam Houston State.

Eppler, who threw 150 career TD passes at Navosota HS, played two seasons under OC Brad Smiley at Trinity Valley CC. Eppler's 71 TDs as a junior rank second all-time in Texas prep football history, and his 5,444 yards that season is third all-time.

His older brother Tyler pitches for Triple-A Indianapolis in the Pittsburgh Pirates minor league system, where he finished 13-6 with a 3.59 ERA and was named the team's Pitcher of the Year.

Add two team school records in the passing game

The first school record set in 2018 came against Grambling. Shelton Eppler and Clay Holgorsen used 10 receivers to set a team single-game record with 35 completions (45 attempts, 77.7% completion rate).

At SLU, the Demons tied the single-game team record with 53 pass attempts, 40 by Eppler. They approached the single-game mark for plays (97, including 84 rushes, in a 1969 win over UL-Lafayette) while getting off 94 snaps.

Record watch for punter Parker Pastorello

Junior Parker Pastorello is mounting a challenge to the 53-year-old school record for punting average, 42.6 in 1965 by future NFL punter Wayne Walker. He is carrying a 41.2 average on 49 boots, almost three yards better than his 38.4 rate on 53 kicks as a sophomore.

Pastorello has already topped (18) his 2017 total of 16 punts downed inside the 20-yard line, and has hammered 10 punts of at least 50 yards, two more than he had all of last season.

His average, third among 11 in the Southland Conference, surpasses any NSU punter's season rate in 33 years, since Mike Crow's 42.4 in 1985. The best this century is 41.4 in 2007 by Marshall Burton.

Demon Sports Network Radio Affiliates

- 100.7 FM KZBL, Natchitoches (flagship)
- 710 KEEL AM, 101-7 FM, Shreveport
- 105.5 FM, KBUCK Alexandria
- 103.1 KWLA FM, Many/Leesville

Online free/live at NSUDemons.com and BDCRadio.com

Weekday Interview Policy

Player interviews must be set up through SID Doug Ireland at least one day in advance to minimize demands on the student-athletes' busy schedule. Brief face-to-face post-practice interviews may be conducted if time permits. Interviews with Coach Laird or any assistant coach can be arranged by calling football secretary Elizabeth Holloway at (318) 357-5252.

Television FTP Services

Northwestern State provides weekly interviews with head coach Brad Laird and selected players each Monday afternoon to television outlets through the NSU Demons FTP folder. They are also posted on NSUDemons.com.

New HD content is available between 1-3 each Monday afternoon. For access information, e-mail SID Doug Ireland at ireland@nsula.edu.

Quarterback Club Luncheons

Wednesday noon, Natchitoches - Stroud Room at NSU Athletic Fieldhouse. \$10 buffet style luncheon.

Thursdays prior to home games, Shreveport - Superior's Steakhouse, corner of Line and Pierremont. \$20 menu.

Coach Brad Laird will attend these luncheons, open to the public. Players may also attend the Natchitoches luncheon. Interviews are done after the luncheon in Natchitoches, and upon arrival about 11:45 at the Shreveport luncheon. Media meals are complimentary.

Demon Huddle Radio Show

Thursday evenings from 6-7 at Cane River Grill in Natchitoches, the Demon Huddle talk show broadcast airs on 100.7 FM, KZBL, the flagship station of the Demons Sports Network. Patrick Netherton and Dustin Cross co-host. Davey Antilley produces the show. Coach Laird and the coordinators are on-air guests.

Southland Conference Standings

Team	SLC	Overall	Streak
McNeese	5-1	6-2	W1
Central Arkansas	4-2	5-3	L1
Nicholls	4-2	5-3	W1
Sam Houston State	4-2	5-3	W1
Incarnate Word	4-2	4-4	L1
Abilene Christian	3-3	4-4	W2
Lamar	3-3	4-4	W3
Southeastern Louisiana	3-4	3-6	L2
Northwestern State	2-4	3-5	W1
Stephen F. Austin	2-5	2-6	L1
Houston Baptist	0-6	1-7	L7

This Week's Games

Saturday, November 3

- Northwestern State at Abilene Christian, 2:00 p.m.
- Sam Houston State at Incarnate Word, 2:00 p.m.
- Nicholls at Houston Baptist, 2:00 p.m.
- McNeese at Southeastern Louisiana, 2:30 p.m., CST/ESPN3
- Lamar at Central Arkansas, 6:00 p.m.

At Central Arkansas, Pastorello had five of his punts downed inside the 20, including one that skipped out of bounds at the Bears' 2. His average on nine attempts was a modest 38.4 because he was aiming to stymie UCA in tough spots near its own goalline.

Pastorello doesn't want to break the single-season record for punt attempts (74 twice, by Mike Crow in 1984 and Chris Stegall in 2002; ironically, the Demons shared the Gulf Star Conference crown in 1984 and reached the FCS playoffs in 2002). Crow has the season yardage record (2,929 yards in 1985).

Demons doing things at a high rate in 14 FCS rankings

NSU ranks in the top 20 in FCS in 14 statistical categories, topped by Hayden Bourgeois ranking 5th nationally in interceptions.

- 4th, Turnovers forced (21)
- 6th, Pass offense (318.6 yards pg)
- 6th, Turnover margin (+11)
- 7th, Turnover margin pg (+1.38 average)
- 8th, Interceptions made (12)
- 8th, Fumbles recovered (9)
- 8th, Kickoff return defense (16.2 avg.)
- 19th, Defensive TDs (2)

Hayden Bourgeois

- 2nd, Interceptions made (5)
- 5th (tie), Interceptions pg (0.6 average)

Shelton Eppler

- 9th, Passing yards pg (279.8)
- 15th, Completions pg (21.3)

Jazz Ferguson

- 11th, Receiving yards pg (106.5)
- 11th, Receiving TDs (8)

Demons' No. 25 is No. 3 - in interceptions nationally

Sophomore safety Hayden Bourgeois wasn't even a projected starter at the outset of preseason camp. Now he's just off the lead among FCS players with 5 interceptions (tied for the state lead with LSU star Grant Delpin).

The Demons' No. 25 is 3rd in FCS. Dartmouth's Isiah Swann (7 in 7 games) and T.J. Floyd of Princeton (6 in 7 games ... seems Ivy QBs may not be so smart) are tops, while Drake's Will Warner has 5 in 7 games.

Bourgeois swiped his first 2 interceptions against Grambling and nearly had a third, deflecting it so that Rashaun Croney picked it off in the end zone. Bourgeois had a 55-yard pick 6 vs. Sam Houston for his latest INT.

2018 Honor Roll

Hayden Bourgeois

- College Sports Madness's Southland Conference Defensive Player of the Week (9/9)
- FCS National Defensive Player of the Week honorable mention (9/10)

Shelton Eppler

- Louisiana Sports Writers Association Co-Offensive Player of the Week (9/10)
- College Sports Madness's Southland Conference Offensive Player of the Week (9/16)
- Southland Conference Offensive Player of the Week (9/17)
- Louisiana Sports Writers Association Offensive Player of the Week (9/17)
- STATS LLC FCS National Offensive Player of the Week honorable mention (9/17)

The TD on the interception return was NSU's first since the 2015 season finale, when senior DE Leroy Armstrong went 18 yards with a Stephen F. Austin pass.

This century, the single-season high for interceptions by a Demon is 5, three times, also by future NFL CB David Pittman in 2004, and safety Adam Jones in 2014.

The school record is 9 by All-American Al Dodd in three seasons, 1963, 1965, and 1966. He had 4 as a sophomore for an incredible state-record total of 31 picks.

Since going FCS in 1977, NSU's high mark is 7 interceptions by Michael "Red" Richardson in 1982. He has the single-game record with 5 vs. Southeastern in 1983.

Turnover margin gives NSU opportunity for success

With a plus 11 turnover margin that is 6th best in the FCS, the Demons have dramatically reversed struggles in that stat over the past three seasons. The constant: defensive coordinator Mike Lucas, who was in charge for one previous season, 2014, when NSU forced 30 turnovers, 5th in FCS. He moved to UL-Lafayette in 2015 and the Demons became less adept at forcing fumbles and interceptions.

NSU came up with 17, 11 and 17 turnovers in the last three seasons. The Demons already have 21 this season.

In 2014, NSU finished with a plus 10 turnover margin. Since then it was 0 (2015), -5 (2016) and -7 (2017). Now it's plus 11.

NSU had 15 interceptions (20th in FCS) in 2014, but only 18 combined in the next three seasons (high of 7 in 2015). The Demons have 12 this season (8th in FCS).

NSU started turnover-free for 17 consecutive quarters

NSU was turnover free in its first three outings and into the fourth quarter of the SLU game before losing two fumbles. The Demons hadn't had back-to-back clean games since 2015 and they

never before had three in a row without turnovers since joining Division I in 1977.

The Demons hadn't thrown an interception until October, when one in the end zone vs. Nicholls blunted a first-quarter goal-to-go situation, and the other ended NSU's last series.

The Demons had thrown 189 consecutive passes without being picked off. Shelton Eppler's streak was a school-record 143 attempts without an interception, shattering the 113 mark set by his head coach, Brad Laird, in his senior season of 1995.

Since the first pick, Eppler's been pilfered 4 times in 66 throws.

NSU's explosive plays haven't led to enough scoring lately

The Demons have made 36 explosive plays of 20 or more yards from scrimmage this season, and 21 of those have led to points.

In the last 5 games the Demons have scored only 8 times on 22 series including a total of 23 explosive plays, cashing in 2 of 2 vs. HBU, 1 of 3 at UCA, 3 of 5 vs. Sam Houston, 1 of 5 vs. Nicholls, and 1 of 4 at Southeastern. The missed opportunities ended 4 times on punts, on downs 3 times, 3 times on interceptions, and once with a fumble.

NSU scored 11 times after 13 explosive plays in the first three games. The two exceptions came on a missed FG at Texas A&M and when NSU kneeled down to run out the clock in the win at Lamar.

The Demons scored 5 times against Grambling and at Lamar after explosive plays.

Discounting the end-of-game kneeldown at Lamar, NSU scored 12 consecutive times (11 TDs) on drives including explosive plays from the fourth quarter at Texas A&M to the first quarter at SLU.

Red zone offense sizzled, than fizzled, is 4-4 last 2 games

Through three games, the Demons were 12 of 13 in red zone scoring, getting points on all but one of their trips inside opponents' 20. In the next 4 games, all losses, NSU was just 10 of 15 on red zone drives. The 7 failures came on three times on downs, two fumbles, an interception and a missed field goal.

NSU was 2-2 in red zone chances at UCA and vs. HBU.

It was NSU's Achilles' heel at Southeastern, as the Demons were just 2 of 6, then 2 of 3 vs. Nicholls and 2 of 4 vs. Sam Houston, missing on a fumble at the 2 and on downs at the 6.

Combined, in the last 4 losses, NSU wasted 25 plays in the red zone, including 12 inside the 10—which produced no points. .

Putting in extended work, far too often without rewards

The Demons have 12 drives of 10 plays or more, and have scored on just 3 of them. The misses: 4 on downs, 2 failed FGs, 2 fumbles and a punt.

At UCA, NSU's opening drive went 12 plays and 72 yards, but ended with a pooch punt after a second-down sack at the UCA 25.

NSU's struggles began to mount at SLU in game 4 with series taking 11, 16, 20 and 10 plays, covering a combined 272 yards, that didn't produce any scoring at SLU. The Demons' next longest series was 7 plays, for a TD.

They had 3 drives of 8 plays vs. Nicholls, scoring only once.

Against Sam Houston, NSU had a 10-play TD drive, but used 11 plays and fumbled at the 2, and 13 plays and lost it on downs at the 6.

The Demons had an 11-play drive to a missed FG at Texas A&M.

Against Grambling, NSU cashed in a 14-play drive (74 yards) for a TD, but lost it on downs after 10 plays. At Lamar, the most extended series was 10 plays, ending with a TD.

Freshmen, true and redshirt, already are impactful

NSU has used eight true freshmen, and nine redshirt freshmen, in contributing roles. Some of the true freshmen could still be redshirted, until they play in 5 games.

True freshmen (8): WR Levar Gumms has 9 receptions (132 yards), 2 for TDs; DT Nathalohn "Nate" Nanai has 14 tackles; TE Christian Baliff has 2 catches (14 yards); DE Jomar Valsin has 12 tackles; DB Jordan Hester made 3 tackles after starting the season opener (sidelined by injury since); LB Jalen Angelle has 3 tackles; CB Shemar Bartholomew has 2 interceptions; WR Colby McGee forced a fumble on a kickoff vs. SHS.

Redshirt freshmen (9): OL Kenny Sheldon has played every snap at center, backed up by classmate Jake Gore; OL Parker Fink has been in the rotation at right tackle; DE Rashaun Powell has 14 tackles, including 3.5 for loss at Lamar; LB Darion Miller has 10 stops on special teams; DE Landon King has 7 tackles after being a camp standout; WR/KOR Myles Ward is averaging 25.2 yards on 22 kickoff returns, has a 2-yard reception and a 2-yard run. Redshirt freshmen Tanner Ash and McKane Kinchen, both WRs, have seen special teams action. Ash got in offensive snaps vs. Nicholls.

NSU has missed 33 starts due to injuries

Injuries, including concussions, have denied the Demons 36 starts — 29 on defense — by players who opened the year on the depth chart. If QB Shelton Eppler and NT Jalon Sangster can't get back into action this week after missing the last 2 games, NSU will have

7 starters (4 on offense) in the A&M game missing games 8-9..

Of the missed starts on defense, 16 have been in the secondary.

True freshmen DBs Hester, Bartholemew get rare starts

Safety Jordan Hester started at Texas A&M, becoming the first true freshman Demon defender to start a season opener, or an early season game, this century. He suffered a back injury and hasn't played since.

True freshman CB Shemar Bartholemew started vs. Nicholls, Sam Houston State and UCA, and had 2 interceptions against the Barkats.

Only a three other NSU defenders have started as true freshmen in the last 20 years: CB Ike Warren in 2015 (started the final 6 games), future NFLer Jeremy Lane (2008, last 2 games), future Pro Bowler Terrence McGee (1999, last 9 games).

Laird stressing accountability, effort, attitude, tempo

The hallmarks of Brad Laird's program at NSU are already established. He didn't take over a total rebuild: the Demons were already trending upward academically with a team GPA over 2.9, a rising NCAA APR approaching 970, over 100 graduates since 2013, two Academic All-Americans this decade, a strong community service track record, and 15 players in pro football since 2010 (most recent NFL Draft pick, 2015 Jets DT Deon Simon).

But NSU has not been over .500 overall since 2008. Since then, NSU has gone 24-46 (.353) in Southland Conference games, winless in league play in 2009 and 2016. The Demons' last winning league record was 4-3 in 2010. They did win 3 of their last 4 in 2017 and finished 4-5, tied for sixth in the 11-team standings, and had last minute road losses in league play at FCS playoff entries Nicholls (14-10) and Sam Houston State (40-35).

Laird's first step as head coach: demanding accountability. Hired two days after the 2017 season finale, with the team home for Thanksgiving break, Laird's first team meeting took five days to conduct, because not every one of the players reported on time and after the first failure, he reconvened each morning at 5:30 until all were present the following Thursday morning.

At that meeting, he emphasized cornerstone values of effort, attitude and tempo. He didn't talk about winning games, but winning championships, and how personal conduct, responsibility, and pursuing excellence in every aspect of college life is vital to that process.

The Demons will play with a fast tempo offensively and are operating with a constant sense of urgency. They use the hashtag #EAT representing a commitment to effort, attitude and tempo.

Effort is graded by NSU coaches

A couple of new grade categories have debuted, both rating the effort of players.

Defensive coordinator Mike Lucas and his staff issue "Swarm" grades that reflect the percentage of complete effort by their players. A winning Swarm grade is 80%.

The defense has been over 80% in all but the opener (79% at Texas A&M). The grade was 84% vs. HBU, 83% vs. UCA, Grambling and Lamar, 80% vs. Sam Houston, 86% at Southeastern, and a season-best 87% vs. Nicholls.

Top individual Swarm grades: 50+ plays, 93% on 57 snaps by S Hayden Bourgeois vs. Nicholls; 40+ plays, 91% by DT O'Shea Jackson at Southeastern on 46 snaps; 30+ plays, 97% on 34 snaps at SLU by LB Quin Whitley.

On the offensive line, Coach J Pond issues MTXE grades each week, reflecting mental toughness and extra effort by his troops. The season best MTXE total is 14 by Chris Zirkle vs. HBU in his first game of 2018.

Experienced coordinators, both former head coaches

Brad Laird made cornerstone hires to run NSU's offense and defense, tapping longtime Trinity Valley (CC) head coach (2007-17, 11 seasons) Brad Smiley, a Natchitoches native with an NSU master's degree, and former Southeastern Louisiana head coach (2007-11, five full seasons, plus 2006 as acting HFC) Mike Lucas, a veteran of 26 seasons in the Southland Conference.

Lucas has 21 seasons as a defensive coordinator in the Southland, the last in 2014 at NSU, when in his only season with the Demons, his Purple Swarm defense forced 30 turnovers, fifth in FCS. As DC at Sam Houston State, Lucas game-planned against Demon QB Laird from 1991-95.

Smiley and Laird actually shared an office as NSU staffers under iconic HFC Sam Goodwin in 1996. For the past 11 seasons, Smiley's offenses have rocked the NJCAA world while the Cardinals stacked up wins, going 49-9 since 2013, setting six NCJAA team offensive records, including total offense pg (656.1 in 2015).

Demons' DC Mike Lucas working through grief

Defensive coordinator Mike Lucas buried his father last Friday morning in New Jersey, then returned to coach Saturday vs. Houston Baptist. His father, who was in hospice care, passed the evening before Lucas coached at UCA. The team signed a helmet for him before he left, and on the field after the dramatic homecoming win, presented him with the game ball.

Demons' Purple Swarm defense tradition

Northwestern State's defense has a long history of playing aggressively. For the fourth decade, the defense uses the nickname "Purple Swarm" to describe its approach.

The nickname took root during the 1984 Gulf Star Conference championship season, when the Demons led FCS in scoring defense by allowing only 9.0 points per game. John Thompson, just 28 years old, was the Demons' DC. A photo taken during that team's signature win, a 22-0 domination of bowl-bound Southern Mississippi at USM's homecoming game, showed 11 defenders converging on a tackle. Thompson later became DC at Arkansas, LSU, Ole Miss and South Carolina, along with interim HC at Arkansas State and HC at East Carolina. Also on that defensive staff was future SEC, Pac 12 and ACC coordinator Art Kaufman. Thompson's last turn as Demons DC came in 1989.

The Purple Swarm nickname gradually faded a bit until Bradley Dale Peveto was brought in as DC in 1996 and his attacking defense menaced opponents for three seasons, keying two Southland championship teams and a pair of FCS playoff berths, including a 1998 semifinal berth.

Jack Curtis (now DC at Tulane) helped call NSU defenses for the next 3 seasons, including a landmark win at TCU and a 2001 FCS playoff season to enhance the Purple Swarm brand.

Demon QB legend Scott Stoker (later DC at Sam Houston State and UTEP, now LB coach at UL Monroe) took over as head coach at NSU in 2002 and his extremely aggressive Purple Swarm defenses set some FCS and Southland Conference records, fueling playoff teams in 2002 and 2004 (Southland champs).

Then Peveto returned to NSU, this time as HFC, in 2009, and the attacking schemes continued. Laird rejoined the Demon staff in 2017 as DC and the uptick in defensive production was quickly apparent, restoring the luster to the Purple Swarm brand.

Lucas has Purple Swarm pursuing the Turnover Trident

It's in vogue in college football to have a token to celebrate with after a defense comes up with a turnover. With a bow to the Demons' iconic flaming pitchfork in our official logo, the Purple Swarm has created the Turnover Trident as its prize.

After a fumble recovery or interception, the responsible Demon gets to celebrate on the sideline with the Turnover Trident. It's a plastic purple goulash pitchfork adorned with Mardi Gras beads.

Purple Swarm has lit up the scoreboard twice

The Purple Swarm defense scored for the first time this season, and the first time in 25 games since 2016 (a safety vs. UIW), when Blake Stephenson pounced on a fumble at SLU stripped by O'Shea Jackson during a sack by him and Quin Whitley.

Hayden Bourgeois' 55-yard pick six vs. Sam Houston was the season's second defensive score.

Class is in session for Demon defenders on the NSU sideline

You'll see chairs set in rows on one edge of the NSU sideline, facing a dry erase board. That classroom setting allows defensive coordinator Mike Lucas to make immediate adjustments after his troops leave the field. He started doing it in 1985 on a small staff at Eastern New Mexico in his first year as a DC.

Demons' offense aims to move quickly

Offensive coordinator Brad Smiley wants to run as many plays as possible, until it's time to work the clock. The Demons will never huddle, rarely if ever take a direct snap from center, and will use a lot of players.

NSU ran 94 plays at Southeastern, three shy of the school single-game record of 97 (84 rushes) in a 1969 win over UL-Lafayette. The Demons got off 92 snaps in the win over Houston Baptist.

Receivers bolstered by a pair of Power 5 transfers

NSU returned its top two receivers, seniors Jaylen Watson (31-484, 4 TD, 15.6 ypc in 2017) and Marquisian "Red Dog" Chapman (31-314, 3 TDs) and added to the corps with LSU transfer Jazz Ferguson and Texas Tech transfer Quan Shorts.

Ferguson played HS football with NSU safety Ryan Reed, who was the QB at West Feliciana. Ferguson was a 5-star recruit who left LSU in mid-season 2016, transferred to NSU for the spring of 2017 and spent the last year restoring his academic eligibility. He had 2 catches in 9 games with the Tigers, including a 2016 start. Shorts played youth baseball in his original hometown of New Orleans as a standout shortstop, and knew a few Demon baseball players, notably NCAA Regional standout Lenny Kunert and SS Caleb Ricca. He also had a friendship with Demon TB Jared West, who recommended NSU as a new home after Shorts departed the Texas Tech program in June. With the Red Raiders, in two seasons he had 10 catches for 233 yards and 3 TDs, and started 3 games.

Coaching staff has plenty of Demon love

Three coaches met their wives in previous stints at NSU.

HC Brad Laird and wife Renee were college sweethearts in the mid-90s. OC Brad Smiley met his wife Janna, a Natchitoches Parish native, when Smiley returned from undergraduate days at Baylor to attend grad school in 1996. DL coach LeDell Love and his wife Zanny met when both were student-athletes at NSU. Love was a football standout from 2007-10 and Zanny Castillo was a volleyball competitor from 2008-10.

Headed upstairs: six coaches in the press box

Six NSU coaches, three on each side of the ball, will work in the press box during games.

Offense: QB coach Anthony Scelfo, administrative graduate assistants Dakota Gallant and Brian Williams. Scelfo was a two-sport star (football QB, all-conference baseball IF/OF) at Tulane whose father Frank is the first-year head coach at Southeastern Louisiana. Gallant was an Academic All-American WR at Wingate. Williams was honorable mention All-Sun Belt Conference at WR in 2017 at UL Monroe.

Defense: Safeties coach Jake Olsen, administrative graduate assistants Chase Thompson and Jack Witte. Olsen was a team captain as an OLB at Valley City (N.D.) State. Thompson was a student assistant for four seasons at Louisiana Tech. Witte was a four-year letterman at Millsaps.

Roster management

The Demons have 15 seniors, 26 juniors, 26 sophomores, 16 redshirt freshmen and 34 true freshmen. Among NSU's 115 players, 21 are transfers, four from four-year colleges and 17 from community/junior colleges.

NSU football's APR is on solid footing

The Demon football team had a 955 (of a possible 1,000) Academic Progress Rate score for 2016-17, and the multi-year (four-year) average for the program is 960. The national FCS multi-year average is 961. In 2015-16, NSU's 975 football APR led all 11 Southland Conference programs.

Graduation is the end game for Demon players

The culture in the Demon football program has one destination: graduation. An impressive total of 117 players have earned undergraduate degrees since the end of the 2014 season. There were 16 NSU football players graduating last spring and 10 more last winter, including current senior guard Frank Boudreaux, an honor roll recipient of a bachelor's in business.

Academic emphasis paying off

During the 2017-18 academic year, the nearly 400 competitors in 14 NCAA Division I sports at Northwestern State compiled a cumulative grade point average of 3.04 on a 4.0 scale. There was a high GPA of 3.13 in the spring 2017 semester, part of an ongoing string of six consecutive semesters over 3.0.

Contributing to the 2017-18 two-semester 3.04 departmental average was a cumulative 2.77 GPA posted by the 115 NSU football players. Nearly half (54 players) of the team logged a 3.0 or better last year.

NSU continues to shine in the NCAA's two annual assessments of academic achievement, the Academic Progress Rate review each May and the Graduation Success Rate issued each October. Northwestern State is among an elite group of Division I programs to have never received any warnings or penalties such as postseason bans from substandard APR performance by teams, and the May 2018 APR for NSU Athletics was 967. When the

latest GSR is released next month, NSU should be close to 80% in graduation rate.

The Southland Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll spotlights student-athletes who, during their competitive seasons, earn at least a 3.0 GPA. Last fall, when football was included, NSU had 101 student-athletes on the list, best by any of the five Louisiana-based members and third among the 13 Southland institutions. NSU had 23 competitors with perfect 4.0 GPAs.

Among the 23: six football players, including returners DB Tevyn Johnson, WR Gavin Landry and C Kenny Sheldon.

NSU has made impact in the NFL

Eight Northwestern State players have earned Pro Bowl honors: WR Charlie Hennigan (5x, Oilers); TE Jackie Smith (5x, Cardinals), WR Mark Duper (3x, Dolphins, FB Charlie Tolar (2x, Oilers), RB Joe Delaney (1981, Chiefs), RB John Stephens (1988, Patriots), QB Bobby Hebert (1993, Falcons), KR Terrence McGee (2004, Bills).

34 Demons have gone in the NFL Draft, two this decade and seven this century. NSU has one Round 1 pick (Stephens, Patriots, 1988) and six 2nd-rounders: RB Sidney Thornton, 1976, Steelers; OL Petey Perot, 1979, Eagles; Delaney, 1981, Chiefs; Duper, 1982, Dolphins; CB Adrian Hardy, 1993, 49ers; OT Marcus Spears, 1994, Bears). Deon Simon (7th round, 2014, Jets) is the last NSU player drafted, but free agents Ed Eagan, Pace Murphy and Shakeir Ryan have all spent time on NFL rosters since.

A total of 80 Demons have played pro football.

The first great Demon receiver has been in the news lately

Charlie Hennigan didn't catch passes as a Demon at Jazz Ferguson's pace. Back in his day (1955-57) there wasn't much passing in the T-formation offense used by coaches Harry Turpin, then Jack Clayton. Hennigan followed a remarkable path from LSU track athlete to a dual sport Demon, then from a coach and biology teacher at Jonesboro-Hodge HS to hitchhiking with Charlie Tolar to complete a trip to Houston to join 250+ trying out for the Oilers training camp, to the NFL record book.

With Minnesota's Adam Thielen on a mind-bending streak, Hennigan's feats in the AFL with Houston are catching notice. In 1961, he set a pro record that he held by himself until 1995 with seven straight 100 yard-receiving games. The NFL record list:

Consecutive games with 100 receiving yards

1. 8—Adam Thielen, 2018 (current). Calvin Johnson, 2012
2. 7— Charlie Hennigan, 1961
Michael Irvin, 1995
Demaryius Thomas, 2014

Hennigan still holds the NFL record with 3 games of 200 receiving yards, also in 1961. That may stand forever.

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.-Ex.	Hometown/Previous School
1	Jazz Ferguson	WR	6-5	220	Jr.-TR	St. Francisville, La./West Feliciana HS (LSU)
1	Tobias Williams II	CB	5-10	172	Fr.-HS	Many, La./Many HS
2	Kaleb Fletcher	QB	5-11	187	So.-1L	Mesquite, Texas/Poteet HS
2	D'Ronne Littleton	CB	6-0	167	Jr.-2L	Carencro, La./Carencro HS
3	Shemar Bartholomew	CB	6-0	185	Fr.-HS	New Orleans, La./Cypress Ranch HS (Texas)
3	Marquisian Chapman	WR	5-10	184	Sr.-1L	Jackson, Miss./Murray HS (Northwest Mississippi CC)
4	Cedric Anderson	S	6-3	183	Fr.-HS	Clinton, La./East Feliciana HS
4	Clay Holgorsen	QB	6-0	191	Sr.-1L	Katy, Texas/Katy HS (Memphis/NW Mississippi CC)
5	Jalen Angelle	LB	6-1	230	Fr.-HS	Lafayette, La./Carencro HS
5	Shelton Eppler	QB	6-1	205	Jr.-TR	Navasota, Texas/Navasota HS (Trinity Valley CC)
6	Rashaun Croney	CB	6-0	168	Sr.-1L	Pahokee, Fla./Everglades Prep (Elsworth CC/Garden City CC)
6	Quan Shorts	WR	6-2	195	Jr.-TR	Humble, Texas/Atascocita HS (Texas Tech)
7	Aaron Howell	QB	6-3	210	Fr.-HS	Natchitoches, La./St. Mary's HS
7	Kevin Ratliff	S	6-0	200	Jr.-RS	Canton, Miss./Canton HS (Hinds CC)
8	Ryan Reed	S	6-0	193	Jr.-2L	St. Francisville, La./West Feliciana HS
8	Jaylen Watson	WR	6-0	191	Sr.-1L	Los Angeles, Calif./St. Anthony's HS (Long Beach City Coll.)
9	Kenny Sears	QB	6-2	224	So.-1L	Covington, La./St. Paul's HS
9	Parker Pastorello	P	5-11	183	Jr.-2L	Mandeville, La./Mandeville HS
10	Jordan Hester	S	6-0	173	Fr.-HS	Shreveport, La./Woodlawn HS
10	Myles Ward	WR	5-10	178	Fr.-RS	Harvey, La./De La Salle
11	Tanner Ash	WR	6-2	206	Fr.-RS	Benton, La./Evangel Christian Academy
11	Obinna Iheoma	BUCK	6-2	224	Sr.-1L	Grand Prairie, Texas/South Grand Prairie HS (Tyler JC)
13	Stadford Anderson	RB	6-1	210	So.-1L	Baton Rouge, La./Glen Oaks HS
14	Bryson Bourque	WR	5-11	187	Sr.-3L	New Iberia, La./New Iberia Senior HS
14	Jomard Valsin Jr.	BUCK	6-1	230	Fr.-HS	Port Arthur, Texas/Port Arthur Memorial HS
15	William Hooper	CB	5-11	170	Fr.-HS	Montgomery, Ala./Shoemaker HS
15	Jalen Willis	WR	6-3	185	Fr.-HS	Mandeville, La./Lakeshore HS
16	Fredrick Lee Jr.	CB	6-2	186	Fr.-HS	Rayville, La./Rayville HS
16	Coby McGee	WR	5-11	184	Fr.-HS	Bossier City, La./Airline HS
17	Braylon Daigle	DE	6-5	244	So.-1L	Breaux Bridge, La./Cecilia HS
17	Carl Randall	QB	5-10	192	Fr.-RS	Carencro, La./Carencro HS
18	Ronald Malbrough	S	6-1	208	Jr.-1L	Cecilia, La./Cecilia HS
18	Kendrick Price Jr.	WR	6-2	200	So.-1L	Lindale, Texas/Lindale HS
19	Tevyn Johnson	S	5-10	202	So.-SQ	Gray, La./H.L. Bourgeois
19	Curtis Williams Jr.	WR	5-5	166	Fr.-HS	Mesquite, Texas/West Mesquite HS
20	Trevor Morgan	RB	5-8	194	Fr.-RS	New Orleans, La./Edna Karr Secondary HS
20	Malik Sonnier	CB	6-0	185	So.-1L	Friendswood, Texas/Clearbrook HS
21	Jared West	RB	5-10	187	Jr.-2L	New Orleans, La./Brother Martin HS
22	Dazarie Hall	CB	5-11	185	So.-SQ	Leesville, La./Leesville HS
22	Da'Von Smith	RB	5-9	183	So.-SQ	League City, Texas/Clear Creek HS
23	Nicholas Forde	S	5-11	201	Jr.-2L	Desoto, Texas/Life School Red Oak HS
24	Ian Edwards	S	6-1	184	Jr.-2L	Denton, Texas/Denton Guyer HS
25	Hayden Bourgeois	S	5-11	184	So.-1L	Crowley, La./Notre Dame HS
25	JaQuan Jackson	RB	5-11	183	Fr.-HS	De Kalb, Texas/DeKalb HS
26	Connor Bailey	WR	6-0	175	Fr.-HS	Longview, Texas/Hallsville, HS
26	Keldrick Ward Jr.	CB	5-11	186	Fr.-RS	Monroe, La./Wossman HS
27	Trent Franklin	S	6-2	188	Fr.-RS	Haynesville, La./Haynesville HS
28	Dylan Wilson	CB	6-3	193	Sr.-1L	Gretna, La./West Jefferson HS (Arkansas Baptist)
29	Trey Williams	CB	5-11	190	Fr.-RS	Plaquemine, La./Plaquemine HS
30	Bishop Breaux	LB	6-1	202	Fr.-HS	Lafayette, La./Acadiana HS
30	Brandon Eberts	LS	5-10	205	So.-1L	Mandeville, La3/St. Paul's HS
31	Jalen Garrison	CB	5-9	160	Fr.-HS	Ruston, La./Ruston HS
31	Charles Vaughn III	TE	5-11	266	Sr.-3L	Baton Rouge, La./McKinley HS
32	Darian Raymond	CB	5-10	166	Jr.-2L	Natchitoches, La./Natchitoches Central HS
33	Isaiah Longino	LB	6-1	226	So.-1L	Humble, Texas/Humble HS
35	Landon King	BUCK	6-1	228	Fr.-RS	Pineville, La./Pineville HS
36	Corban James	LB	6-0	237	So.-1L	Arlington, Texas/Arlington Heights HS
37	Cooper Bledsoe	S	6-0	175	Fr.-HS	Van, Texas/Van HS
38	Quindarius Whitley	LB	6-2	211	Jr.-TR	Inverness, Miss./Gentry HS (Holmes CC)
39	Kyle Moore	LB	6-1	194	So.-TR	Magnolia, Texas/Magnolia West HS (Navarro College)
40	Tekiren Evans	S	5-10	190	Fr.-HS	Ruston, La./Ruston HS
40	Shermaria Lewis	WR	5-7	176	So.-SQ	Shreveport, La./Captian Shreve HS
42	Christian Bluiett	NT	5-11	277	Jr.-2L	Beaumont, Texas/West Brook HS
42	Matthew Nelson	RB	5-8	185	Fr.-HS	Natchitoches, La./St. Mary's HS
43	Blake Stephenson	LB	6-1	212	Jr.-TR	Deer Park, Texas/Deer Park HS (Trinity Valley CC)
45	Dez Gray	LB	6-0	219	Jr.-1L	Lafayette, La./Acadiana HS
46	Darion Miller	LB	6-2	189	Fr.-RS	Many, La./Many HS
47	Rashuad Powell	BUCK	6-3	235	Fr.-RS	Houston, Texas/George Bush HS
48	Austyn Fendrick	PK/P	6-1	234	So.-1L	Tyler, Texas/Chapel Hill HS
49	Keenan Leachman	S	5-11	222	Fr.-HS	Baton Rouge, La./Central HS
50	Ricky Chatman	LB	5-11	237	So.-SQ	Baton Rouge, La./West Feliciana HS

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No.	Name	Pos.
4	Cedric Anderson	S
13	Stadford Anderson	RB
5	Jalen Angelle	LB
11	Tanner Ash	WR
26	Connor Bailey	WR
83	Christian Bailiff	TE
3	Shemar Bartholomew	CB
37	Cooper Bledsoe	S
42	Christian Bluiett	NT
57	Timmis Bonner III	OL
53	Brice Borgeson	LB
61	Frank Boudreaux III	OL
68	Demetrius Boulieu	OL
25	Hayden Bourgeois	S
14	Bryson Bourque	WR
30	Bishop Breaux	LB
75	Dustin Burns	OL
3	Marquisian Chapman	WR
50	Ricky Chatman	LB
72	Khalil Corbett-Canada	OL
93	Tyree Cormier	DE
6	Rashaun Croney	CB
17	Braylon Daigle	DE
30	Brandon Eberts	LS
24	Ian Edwards	S
79	Christopher Elam	OL
5	Shelton Eppler	QB
40	Tekeren Evans	S
48	Austyn Fendrick	PK/P
1	Jazz Ferguson	WR
77	Parker Fink	OL
2	Kaleb Fletcher	QB
23	Nicholas Forde	S
27	Trent Franklin	S
59	Peyton Fredieu	LB
31	Jalen Garrison	CB
55	Evan Gibson	LS
98	Savon Gipson	NT
62	Jake Gore	OL
45	Dez Gray	LB
95	Jordan Greenlee	DE
54	Brody Griffin	OL
82	Levar Gumbs	WR
22	Dazarie Hall	CB
59	Jalen Haydel	OL
10	Jordan Hester	S
4	Clay Holgorsen	QB
15	William Hooper	CB
7	Aaron Howell	QB
70	Jonathan Hubbard	OL
11	Obinna Iheoma	BUCK
25	JaQuan Jackson	RB
36	Corban James	LB
19	Tevyn Johnson	S
89	McKane Kinchen	WR/LS
35	Landon King	BUCK
94	Zak Krolczyk	DE/DT
84	Gavin Landry	WR
49	Keenan Leachman	S
16	Fredrick Lee Jr.	CB
40	Shermaria Lewis	WR
2	D'Ronne Littleton	CB
33	Isaiah Longino	LB
18	Ronald Malbrough	S
92	J.D. May	DE/DT
16	Coby McGee	WR
78	Joey McNeely	NT
81	Kalen Meggs	TE
46	Darion Miller	LB
58	Myles Mitchell	DT
39	Kyle Moore	LB
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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.-Ex.	Hometown/Previous School
50	Korbin Schmidt	PK/P	5-11	155	Fr.-HS	Haughton, La./Haughton HS
51	Nathalohn Nanai	NT	6-2	290	Fr.-HS	Killeen, Texas/Shoemaker HS
52	Desmond Prejean	DE	6-3	239	Jr.-2L	Scott, La./Lafayette Christian Academy
53	Brice Borgeson	LB	6-2	227	Jr.-2L	Brownsboro, Texas/Van HS
54	Brody Griffin	OL	6-5	272	Jr.-TR	Jeanerette, La./Highland Baptist (NMMI)
55	Evan Gibson	LS	5-11	230	Fr.-HS	Shreveport, La./Calvary Baptist Academy
55	O'Shea Jackson	DT	6-3	265	Jr.-TR	Arlington, Texas/Arlington-Martin HS (Trinity Valley CC)
56	Kenneth Sheldon	OL	6-2	281	Fr.-RS	Houston, Texas/Lanham Creek HS
57	Timmis Bonner III	OL	6-3	291	Sr.-3L	Cedar Hill, Texas/Cedar Hill HS
58	Myles Mitchell	DT	6-1	278	Fr.-RS	Shreveport, La./Loyola College Prep
59	Peyton Fredieu	LB	5-11	230	Fr.-HS	Many, La./Many HS
59	Jalen Haydel	OL	6-2	270	So.-SQ	LaPlace, La./De La Salle HS
60	Tyler Rapp	OL	6-1	282	Jr.-1L	The Woodlands, Texas_ The Woodlands HS (USAF Academy)
61	Frank Boudreaux III	OL	6-4	294	Sr.-3L	Murphy, Texas/Plano East HS
62	Jake Gore	OL	6-2	272	Fr.-RS	Sugar Land, Texas/George Ranch HS
63	Alycha Ulufale-Hentz	OL	6-6	310	Fr.-HS	Killeen, Texas/Killeen HS
64	Reggie Young	OL	6-4	288	Fr.-HS	New Orleans, La./Edna Karr HS
66	Kyrin Tucker	OL	6-8	375	Sr.-HS	Normal, Ill./Normal West Community HS (Coffeyville CC)
68	Demetrius Boulieu	OL	6-1	282	So.-SQ	Violet, La./Warren Easton Charter HS
70	Jonathan Hubbard	OL	6-4	292	Jr.-2L	Kilgore, Texas/Kilgore HS
70	Khalil Sumlin	NT	5-10	285	So.-SQ	Shreveport, La./Loyola College Prep HS
72	Khalil Corbett-Canada	OL	6-5	285	So.-TR	Harker Heights, Texas/Harker Heights HS (Trinity Valley CC)
73	Zachary Perry	OL	6-3	253	So.-SQ	Arlington, Texas/Arlington Heights HS
74	Chris Zirkle	OL	6-2	287	Sr.-3L	League City, Texas/Clear Springs HS
75	Dustin Burns	OL	6-4	301	Jr.-2L	Beaumont, Texas/West Brook HS
77	Parker Fink	OL	6-3	253	Fr.-RS	Jena, La./Jena HS
78	Joey McNeely	NT	6-2	291	Fr.-HS	Kinder, La./Kinder HS
79	Christopher Elam	OL	6-5	320	Fr.-HS	Humble, Texas/Kingwood HS
81	Kalen Meggs	TE	6-1	243	Sr.-1L	Richton, Miss./Richton HS (East Central CC)
82	Levar Gumms	WR	6-1	180	Fr.-HS	Houston, Texas/Andy Dekaney HS
83	Christian Bailiff	TE	6-3	226	Fr.-HS	Stonewall, La./Evangel Christian Academy
84	Gavin Landry	WR	5-6	177	So.-1L	White Castle, La./St. John's HS
85	Floyd Turner	WR	5-11	186	So.-SQ	Katy, Texas/Seven Lakes HS
87	Reggie Williford	WR	5-8	165	Fr.-HS	Ruston, La./Ruston HS
88	Tyler O'Donoghue	TE	6-4	249	Jr.-2L	Denham Springs, La./Denham Springs HS
89	McKane Kinchen	WR/LS	6-2	187	Fr.-RS	Baton Rouge, La./Parkview Baptist
90	Jalon Sangster	NT	6-0	265	Sr.-1L	Louisville, Miss./Louisville HS (East Central CC)
91	Jarviar Wade	DE	6-2	241	Fr.-HS	Monroe, La./Richwood HS
92	J.D. May	DE/DT	5-11	266	Fr.-HS	Shreveport, La./Calvary Baptist Academy
93	Tyree Cormier	DE	6-1	238	Fr.-HS	Beaumont, Texas/West Brook Senior HS
94	Zak Krolczyk	DE/DT	6-4	260	Sr.-2L	Conroe, Texas/The Woodlands HS (Blinn JC)
95	Jordan Greenlee	DE	6-4	245	Jr.-TR	Napa, Calif./Vintage HS (Santa Rose JC)
97	John-Alex Perkins	DE	6-1	216	Fr.-RS	Shreveport, La./Captain Shreve HS
98	Savon Gipson	NT	5-11	284	Fr.-RS	Shreveport, La./Loyola College Prep
99	Damian Thompson	NT	6-2	311	So.-1L	Gadsden, Ala./Gadsden City HS

No.	Name	Pos.
20	Trevor Morgan	RB
51	Nathalohn Nanai	NT
42	Matthew Nelson	RB
55	O'Shea Jackson	DT
88	Tyler O'Donoghue	TE
9	Parker Pastorello	P
97	John-Alex Perkins	DE
73	Zachary Perry	OL
47	Rashuad Powell	BUCK
52	Desmond Prejean	DE
18	Kendrick Price Jr.	WR
17	Carl Randall	QB
60	Tyler Rapp	OL
7	Kevin Ratliff	S
32	Darian Raymond	CB
8	Ryan Reed	S
90	Jalon Sangster	NT
50	Korbin Schmidt	PK/P
9	Kenny Sears	QB
56	Kenneth Sheldon	OL
6	Quan Shorts	WR
22	Da'Von Smith	RB
20	Malik Sonnier	CB
43	Blake Stephenson	LB
70	Khalil Sumlin	NT
99	Damian Thompson	NT
66	Kyrin Tucker	OL
85	Floyd Turner	WR
63	Alycha Ulufale-Hentz	OL
14	Jomard Valsin Jr.	BUCK
31	Charles Vaughn III	TE
91	Jarviar Wade	DE
26	Keldrick Ward Jr.	CB
10	Myles Ward	WR
8	Jaylen Watson	WR
21	Jared West	RB
38	Quindarius Whitley	LB
19	Curtis Williams Jr.	WR
1	Tobias Williams II	CB
29	Trey Williams	CB
87	Reggie Williford	WR
15	Jalen Willis	WR
28	Dylan Wilson	CB
64	Reggie Young	OL
74	Chris Zirkle	OL

DEMON PRONUNCIATIONS

Players

Jalen **ANGELLE** AHN-jell
SHEMAR Bartholomew..... shuh-MARR
 Brice **BORGESON** BOR-guh-son
 Frank **BOUDREAUX** BOO-droh
 Demetrius **BOULIEU** BOO-yay
 Hayden **BOURGEOIS** BOO-jwah
 Bishop **BREAUX** BRO
MARQUISIAN Chapman ... Mar-KEY-zhun
 Brandon **EBERTS** EBB-erts
 Nicholas **FORDE** FORD
DAZARIE Hall DA-zuh-ree
 Jaylen **HAYDEL** HAY-dell
OBINNA IHEOMA
O-BEE-nuh Eee-HOME-uh
 Zak **KROLCZYK** CROWHL-check
SHEMARIA Lewis SHUH-mar-ee-a

D'RONNE Littleton DUH-ron
 Isaiah **LONGINO** Lahn-GEE-no
NATHALOHN NANAI
NATH-uh-lahn nuh-NYE
RASHUAD Powell Rah-SHAD
 Desmond **PREJEAN** PRAY-jawn
DA'VON Smith DAY-vahn
 Malik **SONNIER** MAH-leek SAHN-yay
ALYZCHA ULULFALE-HENTZ
UH-lye-ja OO-lu-fal-a
JOMARD VALSIN Jr. JUH-mard VAL-sin
JARVIAR Wade HAV-ee-ay

Places/Schools

BOSSIER City = BOSE-sure
CARENCRO = CARE-in-cro
LAFAYETTE = LAFF-a-yet
NATCHITOCHES = NACK-uh-dish

DEMON DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE (Multiple)

WR-X	1 Jazz Ferguson (6-5, 220-, Jr.-RS) 18 Kendrick Price (6-2, 200, So.-1L)
WR-H	14 Bryson Bourque (5-11, 187, Sr.-3L) 84 Gavin Landry (5-6, 177, So-1L)
WR-Y	6 Quan Shorts (6-2, 195, Jr.-TR) 3 Marquisian Chapman (5-10, 184, Sr.-1L)
WR-Z	8 Jaylen Watson (6-0, 191, Sr.-1L) 82 Lavar Gumms (6-1, 180, Fr.-HS)
TE	81 Kalen Meggs (6-1, 243, Sr.-1L) 83 Christian Baliff (6-3, 226, Fr.-HS)
LT	70 Jonathan Hubbard (6-4, 292, Jr.-2L) 54 Brody Griffin (6-5, 272, Jr.-TR)
LG	61 Frank Boudreaux (6-4, 294, Sr.-3L) 60 Tyler Rapp (6-1, 282, Jr.-1L)
C	56 Kenny Sheldon (6-2, 281, Fr.-RS) 62 Jake Gore (6-2, 272, Fr.-RS)
RG	74 Chris Zirkle (6-2, 287, Sr.-3L) 68 Demetrius Boulicu (6-1, 282, So.-SQ)
RT	75 Dustin Burns (6-4, 301, Jr.-2L) 73 Zach Perry (6-3, 253, So.-SQ)
QB	2 Kaleb Fletcher (5-11, 187, So.-1L) 9 Kenny Sears (6-2, 224, So.-1L) 5 Shelton Eppler (6-1, 205, Jr.-TR) 4 Clay Holgorsen (6-0, 191, Sr.-1L) 7 Aaron Howell (6-3, 210, Fr.-HS)
RB-A	21 Jared West (5-10, 187, Jr.-2L) 22 Da'Von Smith (5-9, 183, So.-RS)
RB-B	13 Stadford Anderson (6-1, 210, So.-1L) 25 JaQuan Jackson (5-11, 183, Fr.-HS)

DEFENSE (Multiple, 4-3-4 base)

DE	94 Zak Krolczyk (6-4, 260, Sr.-2L) 47 Rashaud Powell (6-3, 235, Fr.-RS)
NT	99 Damien Thompson (6-2, 311, So.-1L) 42 Christian Bluiett (5-11, 277, Jr.-2L) 78 Joey McNeely (6-2, 291, Fr.-HS)
DT	55 O'Shea Jackson (6-3, 255, Jr.-TR) 51 Nate Nanai (6-2, 290, Fr.-HS)
DE-Buck	11 Obinna Iheoma (6-2, 224, Sr.-1L) 14 Jomard Valsin (6-1, 230, Fr.-HS)
MLB-Mike	43 Blake Stephenson (6-1, 212, Jr.-TR) 53 Brice Borgeson (6-2, 227, Jr.-2L)
WLB-Will	38 Quindarrius Whitley (6-2, 211, Jr.-TR) 33 Isaiah Longino (6-1, 226, So.-1L)
Star	25 Hayden Bourgeois (5-11, 184, So.-1L) 18 Ronald Malbrough (6-1, 208, Jr.-1L)
FS	23 Nic Forde (5-11, 201, Jr.-2L) 15 William Hooper (5-11, 170, Fr.-HS)
Boundary Safety	
	8 Ryan Reed (6-0, 193, Jr.-2L) 7 Kevin Ratliff (6-0, 200, Jr.-RS)
CB	6 Rashaun Croney (6-0, 168, Sr.-1L) 32 Darian Raymond (5-10, 168, Jr.-1L)
CB	20 Malik Sonnier (6-0, 185, So.-1L) 3 Shemar Bartholomew (6-0, 185, Fr.-HS) 28 Dylan Wilson (6-3, 193, Sr.-1L)

SPECIALISTS

K	48 Austyn Fendrick (6-1, 234, So.-1L) 50 Korbin Schmidt (5-11, 155, Fr.-HS)	H	9 Parker Pastorello (5-11, 183, Jr.-2L)
P	9 Parker Pastorello (5-11, 183, Jr.-2L) 48 Austyn Fendrick (6-1, 234, So.-1L)	PR	25 Hayden Bourgeois (5-11, 184, So.-1L) 8 Jaylen Watson (6-0, 191, Sr.-1L)
DS	30 Brandon Eberts (5-10, 205, So.-1L) 89 McKane Kinchen (6-2, 187, Fr.-RS)	KOR	10 Myles Ward (5-10, 178, Fr.-RS) 8 Ryan Reed (6-0, 193, Jr.-2L)
SS	30 Brandon Eberts (5-10, 205, So.-1L) 89 McKane Kinchen (6-2, 187, Fr.-RS)		

DEMONS NICKNAMES

BY NAME		
No.	Name	Pos. Nickname(s)
13	Stadford Anderson	RB Show
5	Jalen Angelle	LB Jay
11	Tanner Ash	WR Tweezy
3	Shemar Bartholomew	CB Mar mar
42	Christian Bluiett	NT T-Blu
57	Timmis Bonner III	OL T-Bonn
30	Bishop Breaux	LB BB
75	Dustin Burns	OL D-Burns
3	Marquisian Chapman	WR Reddog
93	Tyree Cormier	DE Ty, Tsupreme, Flea
6	Rashaun Croney	CB Gametime
17	Braylon Daigle	DE Daigle
24	Ian Edwards	S Big-E
1	Jazz Ferguson	WR Jazz
21	Deshon Ficklin	CB Fick
77	Parker Fink	OL Fink
23	Nicholas Forde	S Nick
55	Evan Gibson	LS Drago, Mufasa
45	Dez Gray	LB Dez
54	Brody Griffin	OL Brody
22	Dazarie Hall	CB Daz
59	Jalen Haydel	OL Swiggle
15	William Hooper	CB Hoop
70	Jonathan Hubbard	OL Hubb
11	Obinna Iheoma	BUCK Obi
25	JaQuan Jackson	RB Quan
19	Tevyn Johnson	S TJ
89	McKane Kinchen	WR Lucky
35	Landon King	BUCK Lando
94	Zak Krolczyk	DE/DT Krolo
84	Gavin Landry	WR Gee
49	Keenan Leachman	S Leach
16	Fred Lee Jr.	CB Fred
2	D'Ronne Littleton	CB D-Ron
33	Isaiah Longino	LB Gino
92	J.D. May	DE/DT JD
16	Coby McGee	WR Juice
78	Joey McNeely	DT Big Hummus
81	Kalen Meggs	TE Meggy, Meggs
46	Darion Miller	LB Dee
20	Trevor Morgan	RB Trev
51	Nathalohn Nanai	DT Nate
88	Tyler O'Donoghue	TE OD
73	Zachary Perry	OL Zach
47	Rashuad Powell	BUCK Shuad
52	Desmond Prejean	DE Dez
18	Kendrick Price JR.	WR KP, Tank
15	Carl Randall	QB Snook
60	Tyler Rapp	OL Trapp
7	Kevin Ratliff	S Tutu
32	Darian Raymond	CB Kidd
90	Jalon Sangster	DT Sangster
56	Kenny Sheldon	OL Captain Ken
22	Da'Von Smith	RB Scrap
99	Damian Thompson	NT DT
63	Alycha Ulufale-Hentz	OL Hentz
14	Jomard Valsin Jr.	BUCK Smooth
31	Charles Vaughn III	TE Chuck
91	Jarviar Wade	DE Wade
26	Keldrick Ward Jr.	CB Kel
8	Jaylen Watson	WR Jwatt, Mute, Smiley
21	Jared West	RB J. West, 21 Savage, Bam Bam
38	Quindarius Whitley	LB Q
19	Curtis Williams Jr.	RB/WR CJ
29	Trey Williams	CB Twill
15	Jalen Willis	WR Jwill
28	Dylan Wilson	CB D. Will
64	Reggie Young	OL Reggie, Reg
74	Chris Zirkle	OL Beef, Beef Zirky

BY NICKNAME		
Nickname	No.	Name Pos.
21 Savage	21	Jared West RB
Bam Bam	21	Jared West RB
BB	30	Bishop Breaux LB
Beef	74	Chris Zirkle OL
Big Hummus	78	Joey McNeely DT
Big-E	24	Ian Edwards S
Brody	71	Brody Griffin OL
Captain Ken	56	Kenny Sheldon OL
Chuck	31	Charles Vaughn III TE
CJ	19	Curtis Williams Jr. RB/WR
D. Will	28	Dylan Wilson CB
Daigle	17	Braylon Daigle DE
Daz	22	Dazarie Hall CB
D-Burns	75	Dustin Burns OL
Dee	46	Darion Miller LB
Dez	45	Dez Gray LB
Dez	52	Desmond Prejean DE
Drago	55	Evan Gibson LS
D-Ron	2	D'Ronne Littleton CB
DT	99	Damian Thompson NT
Fick	21	Deshon Ficklin CB
Fink	77	Parker Fink OL
Flea	93	Tyree Cormier DE
Fred	16	Fred Lee Jr. CB
Gametime	6	Rashaun Croney CB
Gee	84	Gavin Landry WR
Gino	33	Isaiah Longino LB
Hentz	63	Alycha Ulufale-Hentz OL
Hoop	15	William Hooper CB
Hubb	70	Jonathan Hubbard OL
Jay	5	Jalen Angelle LB
Jazz	1	Jazz Ferguson WR
JD	92	J.D. May DE/DT
Juice	16	Coby McGee WR
Jwatt	8	Jaylen Watson WR
J-West	21	Jared West RB
Jwill	15	Jalen Willis WR
Kel	26	Keldrick Ward Jr. CB
Kidd	32	Darian Raymond CB
KP, Tank	18	Kendrick Price JR. WR
Krolo	94	Zak Krolczyk DE/DT
Lando	35	Landon King BUCK
Leach	49	Keenan Leachman S
Lucky	89	McKane Kinchen WR
Mar mar	3	Shemar Bartholomew CB
Meggy, Meggs	81	Kalen Meggs TE
Mufasa	55	Evan Gibson LS
Mute	8	Jaylen Watson WR
Nate	51	Nathalohn Nanai DT
Nick	23	Nicholas Forde S
Obi	11	Obinna Iheoma BUCK
OD	88	Tyler O'Donoghue TE
Q	38	Quindarius Whitley LB
Quan	25	JaQuan Jackson RB
Reddog	3	Marquisian Chapman WR
Reggie, Reg	64	Reggie Young OL
Sangster	90	Jalon Sangster DT
Scrap	22	Da'Von Smith RB
Show	13	Stadford Anderson RB
Shuad	47	Rashuad Powell BUCK
Smiley	8	Jaylen Watson WR
Smooth	14	Jomard Valsin Jr. BUCK
Snook	15	Carl Randall QB
Swiggle	59	Jalen Haydel OL
T-Blu	42	Christian Bluiett NT
T-Bonn	57	Timmis Bonner III OL
TJ	19	Tevyn Johnson S
Trapp	60	Tyler Rapp OL
Trev	20	Trevor Morgan RB
Tsupreme	93	Tyree Cormier DE
Tutu	7	Kevin Ratliff S
Tweezy	11	Tanner Ash WR
Twill	29	Trey Williams CB
Ty	93	Tyree Cormier DE
Wade	91	Jarviar Wade DE
Zach	73	Zachary Perry OL

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OFFENSIVE PLAYERS WITH STARTING EXPERIENCE

Name	Pos.	Career	2018
Frank Boudreaux	LG	27	8
Chris Zirkle	OL	22	1
Dustin Burns	RT	13	7
Jonathan Hubbard	LT	13	7
Marquisian Chapman ...	WR	12	2
Timmis Bonner	RG	11	4
Jaylen Watson	ZWR	10	8
Jazz Ferguson	XWR	8	8
Kenneth Sheldon	C	8	8
Quan Shorts	YWR	7	7
Jared West	RB	7	7
Clay Holgorsen	QB	7	1
Shelton Eppler	QB	6	6
Charles Vaughn	TE	5	1
Bryson Bourque	HWR	4	4
Zach Perry	OL	4	4
Kalen Meggs	TE	2	2
Tyler Rapp	C	2	0
Stadford Anderson	RB	1	1
Parker Fink	LT	1	1
Kenny Sears	QB	1	1

DEFENSIVE PLAYERS WITH STARTING EXPERIENCE

Name	Pos.	Career	2018
Zak Krolczyk	DT	21	8
Nicholas Forde	FS	21	4
Obinna Iheoma	BUCK	18	8
Ryan Reed	S	15	4
Rashaun Croney	CB	13	6
Christian Bluiett.....	NT	10	0
Blake Stephenson	MLB	8	8
Jalon Sangster	NT	8	6
Hayden Bourgeois	FS	7	7
Quindarius Whitley	WLB	7	7
O'Shea Jackson	DE	6	6
Ian Edwards	CB	6	0
Malik Sonnier	CB	5	5
D'Ronne Littleton	CB	5	2
Darian Raymond.....	S	5	0
Kevin Ratliff	ROV	4	4
Dylan Wilson	CB	4	1
Shemar Bartholomew ..	CB	3	3
Ronald Malbrough	SAM	3	3
Desmond Prejean	DE	2	2
Damian Thompson	NT	2	2
Brice Borgeson	WLB	1	1
Jordan Hester	STAR	1	1

DEMONS BY CLASS

SENIORS (15)

Timmis Bonner, Frank Boudreaux, Bryson Bourque, Marquisian Chapman, Rashaun Croney, Clay Holgorsen, Obinna Iheoma, Zak Krolczyk, Kalen Meggs, Jalon Sangster, Kyrin Tucker, Charles Vaughn, Jaylen Watson, Dylan Wilson, Chris Zirkle

JUNIORS (26)

Christian Bluiett, Brice Borgeson, Dustin Burns, Ian Edwards, Shelton Eppler, Jazz Ferguson, Deshon Ficklin, Nicholas Forde, Dez Gray, Jordan Greenlee, Brody Griffin, O'Shea Jackson, D'Ronne Littleton, Ronald Malbrough, Tyler O'Donoghue, Parker Pastorello, Desmond Prejean, Tyler Rapp, Kevin Ratliff, Darian Raymond, Ryan Reed, Quan Shorts, Blake Stephenson, Jared West, Quindarius Whitley

SOPHOMORES (26)

Stadford Anderson, Demetrius Boulieu, Hayden Bourgeois, Ricky Chatman, Khalil Corbett-Canada, Braylon Daigle, Brandon Eberts, Austyn Fendrick, Kaleb Fletcher, Dazarie Hall, Jalen Haydel, Corban James, Tevyn Johnson, Gavin Landry, Shemaria Lewis, Isaiah Longino, Darion Miller, Kyle Moore, Zachary Perry, Kendrick Price Jr., Kenny Sears, Da'Von Smith, Malik Sonnier, Khalil Sumlin, Damian Thompson, Floyd Turner

REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (16)

Tanner Ash, Parker Fink, Trent Franklin, Savon Gipson, Jake Gore, McKane Kinchen, Landon King, Myles Mitchell, Trevor Morgan, John-Alex Perkins, Rashuad Powell, Carl Randall, Kenny Sheldon, Keldrick Ward Jr., Myles Ward, Trey Williams

TRUE FRESHMEN (34)

Cedric Anderson, Jalen Angelle, Connor Bailey, Christian Bailiff, Shemar Bartholomew, Cooper Bledsoe, Bishop Breaux, Tyree Cormier, Chris Elam, Tekiren Evans, Peyton Fredieu, Jalen Garrison, Evan Gibson, Levar Gumms, Jordan Hester, William Hooper, Aaron Howell, JaQuan Jackson, Keenan Leachman, Fredrick Lee Jr., J.D. May, Coby McGee, Joey McNeely, Nathalohn Nanai, Matthew Nelson, Korbin Schmidt, Alycha Ulufale-Hentz, Jomard Valsin Jr., Jarviar Wade, Curtis Williams Jr., Tobias Williams II, Reggie Williford, Jalen Willis, Reggie Young

LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

Punt Return for a Touchdown:

NSU: Ed Eagan, 80 yds., at Stephen F. Austin, 11/22/2014
Opponent: Teddy Veal, La Tech, 66 yards, 9/2/2017

Kickoff Return for a Touchdown:

NSU: Ed Eagan, 97 yds., at McNeese State, 10/24/2015
Opponent: Xavier Roberson, Southeastern La., 92 yds, 10/19/2013

Interception Return for a Touchdown:

NSU: **Hayden Bourgeois, 55 yds., Sam Houston State, 10/13/2018**
Opponent: Jermaine Antione, 70 yds., McNeese, 10/22/2016

Blocked Punt Return for a Touchdown:

NSU: Kedon Franklin, 0 yds., at Texas State, 10/23/2010
Opponent: Joe Pack, Southeastern Louisiana, 0 yds., 9/30/2017

Fumble Recovery for a Touchdown:

NSU: Lyn Clark vs. UIW 10/11/2014
Opponent: **Blake Stephenson, Southeastern Louisiana, 9/29/2018**

Fumble Return for a Touchdown:

NSU: Adam Jones, 95 yards vs. Lamar, 10/17/2015
Opponent: James Barnes (Missouri St.) 12 yds., 8/28/2014

Safety Recorded:

NSU: Team vs. Incarnate Word, 9/8/2016
Opponent: **Derick Roberson, Sam Houston State, 10/13/2018**

Blocked a Kick:

NSU: **Zak Krolczyk v. Nicholls, 10/6/2018 (FG)**
Obi Iheoma v. Nicholls, 10/6/2018 (FG)
Opponent: **De'Arius Christmas, Grambling, 9/8/2018 (FG)**
Rodney Jackson, Grambling, 9/8/2018 (PAT)

Blocked a Punt:

NSU: **Dez Gray at McNeese, 11/11/2017**
Opponent: Joe Pack, Southeastern Louisiana, 9/30/2017

At Least 25 First Downs in a Game:

NSU: **27 vs. Houston Baptist, 10/27/2018**
Opponent: **25, Central Arkansas, 10/20/2018**

100-Yard Rushing Game:

NSU: **137, Jared West at Southeastern Louisiana, 9/29/2018**
Opponent: **132, Bailey Zappe, Houston Baptist, 10/27/2018**

200-Yard Rushing Game:

NSU: 211, (25 att.) De'Mard Llorens at Lamar, 10/15/2016
Opponent: **240 (20 att.), Trayveon Williams, Texas A&M, 8/30/2018**

300-Yard Passing Game:

NSU: **Shelton Eppler: 351 (27-47-3) vs. Sam Houston St., 10/13/2018**
Opponent: **Ty Brock, 374 (24-49-4), Sam Houston St., 10/13/2018**

400-Yard Passing Game:

NSU: **474, (27-48-6) Shelton Eppler at Lamar, 9/15/2018**
Opponent: 509, (33-57-4) Jeremiah Briscoe, Sam Houston St., 10/14/2017

100-Yard Receiving Game:

NSU: **108, Jazz Ferguson at Central Arkansas, 10/20/2018**
Opponent: **109, Jakari Dillard, Central Arkansas, 10/20/2018**

200-Yard Receiving Game:

NSU: 212 (13 rec.), Ed Eagan vs. Abilene Christian 11/7/2015
Opponent: 247 (8 rec.), Nathan Stewart, Sam Houston State, 10/14/17

60+ Yard Punt:

NSU: **68 by Parker Pastorello vs. Sam Houston State, 10/13/2018**
Opponent: **70, Winston Jones, Nicholls, 10/6/2018**

3+ TD's Scored in a Game (Rush, Pass, Receiving):

NSU: **3, Kaleb Fletcher (3 pass), vs. Houston Baptist, 10/27/2018**
Opponent: **3, Dorian Gatson (3 rec), Lamar, 9/15/2018**

4+ TD's Scored in a Game (Rush, Pass, Receiving):

NSU: **6, Shelton Eppler (6 pass) at Lamar, 9/15/2018**
Opponent: **4, Bailey Zappe, (3 pass, 1 rush), Houston Baptist, 10/27/2018**

Shutout at Turpin Stadium:

NSU: vs. Langston, 37-0, 9/28/2013
Opponent: by SFA, 33-0, 11/19/2011

Shutout on the Road:

NSU: at Nicholls, 34-0, 9/24/2011
Opponent: by Nicholls, 58-0, 10/6/2007

Shutout D-I Opponent:

NSU: at Nicholls, 34-0, 9/24/2011
Opponent: by SFA, 33-0, 11/19/2011

30-point Margin of Victory:

NSU: 42, Kentucky Wesleyan, 49-7, 10/8/2016
Opponent: **52, Texas A&M, 59-7, 8/30/2018**

Onside Kick Recovery:

NSU Offense: **Brice Borgeson vs. Nicholls, 10/29/2016**
Opponent: **Carlos Blackman, Central Arkansas, 10/20/2018**

Completed 10 Consecutive Passes:

NSU: **14, Shelton Eppler vs. Grambling, 9/8/2018**
Opponent: N/A

*Bold indicates accomplished by a player on the 2018 team,
Or accomplished this season by an opponent*

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NSU falls at Texas A&M in season opener

COLLEGE STATION, Texas – In a battle of head coaches making their first appearances with their respective teams, Texas A&M hits its stride in the second quarter en route to a 59-7 win Thursday against NSU on the SEC Network.

NSU head coach Brad Laird was competing in his first game ever as a head coach after eight seasons as a defensive coordinator in three different stints, and his Demons somewhat slowed the Aggies in the first quarter to trail 7-0.

But Texas A&M head coach Jimbo Fisher, who won the 2013 national championship as part of his eight-year tenure at Florida State, got his Aggies rolling with a 28-point second quarter.

"When it came down to the fourth quarter, this team didn't quit," Laird said. "We made a lot of mistakes, and that starts with me, and one game doesn't define us as we have a lot of opportunities left.

"We did do some positive things tonight, and we'll evaluate ourselves. They say the biggest improvement is from Week 1 to Week 2, and I'm confident this team will bounce back for our home opener against Grambling."

NSU appeared affected early by the roar of the largest crowd that's ever watched a Demons game (95,855), committing two false start penalties and needing a timeout to avoid a delay of game on a punt on its opening possession.

Texas A&M running back Trayveon Williams scored on a 73-yard run to highlight a 93-yard drive on the Aggies first drive for a 7-0 edge.

But the Demons stood tall on the next drives to force punts, including a missed interception opportunity when senior CB Dylan Wilson inadvertently knocked the ball away from junior safety Kevin Ratliff, who was awaiting a tipped pass. JR LB Blake Stephenson loomed large with his pressure early, finishing with a team-high nine tackles and a sack.

The Aggies regained their rhythm to score on their next six drives to increase the gap to 49-0 early in the third quarter.

"Texas A&M is a good team, and we'll learn from this game and get better," Stephenson said. "We'll regroup for our home opener and play with a chip on our shoulder."

Kellen Mond found Jace Sternberger for a 7-yard touchdown on third down to complete a 59-yard drive on the first play of the second quarter. The big tight end had five catches for 56 yards and a pair of scores.

NSU quarterbacks Shelton Eppler and Clay Hologorsen each played two consecutive series before rotating, with Eppler getting the start. Eppler led the Demons to a pair of first downs on the ensuing drive, and a would-be third first down was wiped out by a chop block penalty.

A&M marched 76 yds on the next possession, culminating in a 2-yd Williams dive (21-0), his 2nd of the night. Mond converted a 3rd-and-18 with a pass to Keldrick Carper as Texas A&M converted all four 3rd downs in the 2nd quarter.

Texas A&M tacked on two more scores in the final five minutes, a Mond 1-yard run following his eight-yard touchdown to Sternberger with six seconds left in the first half.

Williams sparked the second half with a 40-yard touchdown run to put the Aggies up 42-0. He finished the night 240 rushing yards, second most in Aggie history, on 20 carries with three touchdowns.

Down 52-0, the NSU offense threatened for the first time when Eppler found LSU transfer Jazz Ferguson for a 44-yard strike. The drive resulted in a missed 47-yard field goal by Austyn Fendrick.

After Ian Edwards forced a fumble that Desmond Prejean recovered, Ferguson used a double move to score from 71 yards on a Hologorsen pass early in the fourth quarter.

"It was man defense, and I was able to beat him early and he fell," Ferguson said. "I had to score after that."

"This game doesn't define our season, and we can't wait to get back to Natchitoches and prepare for the next one."

Ferguson finished with 129 yds on four catches in his first game in NSU purple. Senior Jaylen Watson was the 2nd most popular target with 30 yds on three catches with Texas Tech transfer Quan Shorts adding 20 yards on four catches.

Both Hologorsen and Eppler topped the 100-yard mark through the air. Hologorsen threw for 125 yds on 9-of-19 passing with a touchdown and took the slight majority of the snaps in the 2nd half. Eppler threw for 105 yds on 9-of-16 passing.

With Hologorsen under center, the Demons paraded 59 yards on 11 plays on the next drive, but Fendrick's 39-yard field goal attempt hit the left upright in his second miss of the night. NSU benefitted from three first downs via penalty, but an NSU chop block penalty uprooted the possession.

"We'll look at positives like winning the turnover battle (1-0) and not making a turnover," Laird said. "What really got us was third downs (NSU was 1-of-12 and Texas A&M went 8-of-11). We weren't able to sustain drives and we weren't able to get off the field defensively on third down."

"But plays like Jazz made tonight shows you what he can do when he gets opportunities to make big plays."

NSU committed 11 penalties for 95 yards.

The 4th quarter was the Demons' best from a statistic standpoint as TAMU outgained NSU 148-101 in the final period. But the Aggies rolled up 758 total offensive yards with 503 on the ground.

NSU gained 168 of its 251 yards in the second half. The Demons rushed for just 21 yards on 13 carries.

Punter Parker Pastorello averaged more than 42 yards on nine punts, including four inside the 20-yard line and three of more than 50 yards.

Northwestern State	0	0	0	7	-	7
Texas A&M	7	28	17	7	-	59

Kickoff: 7:36 p.m. • End of Game: 11:12 p.m. • Duration: 3:36 • Attendance: 95,855
 1 11:41 TAMU-Trayveon Williams 73 run (Daniel LaCamera kick), 3-93, 1:24 0-7
 2 14:56 TAMU-Jace Sternberger 7 pass from Kellen Mond (LaCamera kick) 8-59, 2:37 0-14
 08:11 TAMU-Trayveon Williams 2 run (Daniel LaCamera kick), 9-76, 3:58 0-21
 04:16 TAMU-Kellen Mond 1 run (Daniel LaCamera kick), 8-55, 2:34 0-28
 00:06 TAMU-Jace Sternberger 8 pass from Kellen Mond (LaCamera kick) 13-87, 2:21 0-35
 3 12:20 TAMU-Trayveon Williams 40 run (Daniel LaCamera kick) 6-64, 2:40 0-42
 09:23 TAMU-Kwame Erwi 4 run (Daniel LaCamera kick) 6-61, 2:06 0-49
 03:24 TAMU-Daniel LaCamera 52 field goal, 11-57, 4:45 0-52
 4 14:39 NSU-J. Ferguson 71 pass from C. Hologorsen (Austyn Fendrick kick) 1-77, 0:14 7-52
 08:00 TAMU-Jalen Preston 14 pass from Nick Starkel (D. LaCamera kick) 11-75, 6:39 7-59

Yardstick	NSU	TAMU
First Downs	13	40
Rushing Yards	21	503
Passing Yards	230	255
Completions-Attempts-Interceptions	18-35-0	23-35-0
Total Offensive Yards	251	758
Total Offensive Plays	48	96
Average Gain Per play	5.2	7.9
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties: Numbers-Yards	11-93	8-95
Punts-Yards-Average	9-379	2-105
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0	3-9.0
Average Per Return	0.0	3.0
Kickoff Returns: Numbers-Yards-TD	2-115	10-645
Average Per Return	57.5	64.5
Interceptions: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-6-0	0-0-0
Possession Time	18:57	41:03
Third-Down Conversions	1-12	8-11
Fourth-Down Conversions	0-0	0-0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-1	6-7
Sack by: Number-Yards	2-17	0-0
PAT Kicks	1-1	8-8
Field Goals	0-2	1-1

DEMON INDIVIDUAL STATS

Captains: LG Frank Boudreaux, LG

Timmis Bonner, DE Obinna Iheoma, DT

Zak Krolczyk

Passing: Clay Hologorsen 9-19, 125 yards,

1 TD; Shelton Eppler 9-16, 105

Rushing: Clay Hologorsen 2-7, Jared West

4-7, Stafford Anderson, 4-4; Da'Von Smith

3-3

Receiving: Jazz Ferguson 4-129, 1 TD;

Jaylen Watson, 3-30; Quan Shorts 4-20;

Jared West 3-18; Stafford Anderson 1-12;

Marquisian Chapman 1-9; Da'Von Smith 1-

7; Bryson Bourque 1-5

O-Line Grades: Timmis Bonner 16

knockdowns, 2 MTXE; Dustin Burns 14

KD, 2 MTXE; Jonathan Hubbard 13 KD,

Parker Fink 12 KD, +MTXE; Zach Perry 12

KD, 2 MTXE; Tyler Rapp 12 KD, Frank

Boudreaux 10 KD.

Defense: Quindarius Whitley 8 hits;

Blake Stephenson 8 hits, 1/9 TFL/yds;

1/9 sack/yds; Kevin Ratliff 7 hits; Ryan

Reed 6 hits; Braylon Daigle 6 hits;

Hayden Bourgeois 6 hits 1/3 TFL/yds;

Isaiah Longino 6 hits; Zak Krolczyk 6 hits,

1QH; Kyle Moore 5 hits; Nathalo

Nanai 5 hits; Brice Borgeson 5 hits, 1QH;

Ian Edwards 4 hits, 1FF, 1BrUp; Deshon

Ficklin 3 hits; Rashaun Crony 3 hits, 1

BrUp; Jordan Hester 3 hits; Darion Miller

3 hits; Desmond Prejean 3 hits,

1FR/6yds; D'Ronne Littleton 2 hits; 1/8

TFL/Yds, 1/8 sack/yds; Obinna Iheoma 2

hits; Malik Sonnier 2 hits; Trey Williams

2 hits; O'Shea Jackson 2 hits; Jomard

Valsin hit, 1 QH; Khalil Sumlin 1 hit;

Ronald Malbrough 1 hit 1/1 TFL/Yds;

Brandon Eberts 1 hit; Darian Raymond 1

hit; Rashad Powell, 1 hit; Gavin Landry

1 hit; Jalon Sangster 1 hit; Damian

Thompson 1 hit; Dylan Wilson 1 hit; 1

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Dominant Demons rout Grambling in home opener

NATCHITOCHES – Northwestern State's offense propelled the Demons to an early lead Saturday, and the defense made sure Grambling couldn't mount a comeback.

The Demons logged the first win of the Brad Laird era in convincing fashion, topping the Tigers 34-7 in front of a raucous crowd of 13,525 in Turpin Stadium.

Junior quarterback Shelton Eppler flashed what NSU's fast-paced, big-play offense is capable of by leading the Demons (1-1) to touchdowns on the first three drives of the game.

Then the defense did its best imitation of its "Purple Swarm" nickname, forcing five turnovers and causing a turnover on downs while holding Grambling (0-2) to 349 yards, under 300 until GSU's final drive.

"It's fun to watch this team execute after we talked about it since Thursday (against Texas A&M)," said NSU coach Brad Laird. "We got into a rhythm in the first quarter and were able to sustain drives, really enabling us to get off that fast start we were looking for."

"(Defensive coordinator Mike Lucas) talks about turnovers all the time, and we forced five tonight and didn't commit one ourselves. This is a great day to be a Demon with the atmosphere throughout the day and seeing this community really step up and support us."

Eppler and senior quarterback Clay Hologorsen split playing time, combining for an NSU record 35 completions while compiling 359 passing yards. NSU just missed a single-game passing record, which Hologorsen set (381 yards) against McNeese this past season.

Eppler completed 24 of 31 passes for 263 yards and had all four of NSU's passing touchdowns. Hologorsen chipped in 96 yards on an efficient 11-of-14 passing. NSU totaled 35-of-45 passing in the air (78 percent).

"It's great when you have an offensive line that does its job and receivers to make plays," said Eppler, who played for two years in offensive coordinator Brad Smiley's scheme at Trinity Valley Community College. "Grambling is a tough team, but we got rolling and got the job done."

"Knowing (Smiley's) calls and what our game plan was in different situations really helped me. We still have a lot to work on, but it felt great and looked great tonight."

Four different Demons caught touchdown passes, including scoring grabs by Jaylen Watson (20 yards), Jazz Ferguson (13 yards) and Da'Von Smith (12 yards) on NSU's first three possessions as the Demons sprinted to a 21-0 lead in the first quarter.

NSU's first three drives traveled 73, 65 and 34 yards as the Demons rolled up 504 offensive yards.

The Demons successfully attacked the edges with quick passes on a Grambling defense known for its interior strength.

"We were able to sustain drives early, and we didn't have a set amount of time that we'd stay with one quarterback," Laird said about Eppler playing the first four series. "Eppler had the hot hand, and both quarterback's completion percentages were great."

"Eppler is really good in our run-pass option attack, and we got the ball to guys who could make plays for us."

Six different NSU players had at least 25 receiving yards with Ferguson (74 yards on seven catches), Watson (55 yards on seven catches) and Quan Shorts (78 yards on six catches) leading the group.

Safety Hayden Bourgeois intercepted the first of his two passes on GSU's first drive in Tiger territory.

"We're taught that any time you have an opportunity to make a play, you go make it," Bourgeois said. "We were really aggressive tonight."

"It feels great to get Coach Laird his first win and to get a win in the home opener. This was awesome, and I'm excited for this season."

Grambling stayed within striking distance (21-7) when running back Kevin Dominique scored from six yards out at the beginning of the second quarter.

The Tigers rushed for 208 yards with quarterbacks Aldon Clark and Jeremy Hickbottom combining for 103 yards. But NSU responded just before halftime with a Levar Gummies 10-yard touchdown from Eppler to build a 27-7 lead.

West added a three-yard touchdown run on the first drive of the second half for the game's final score. West rushed for 87 yards and added 26 receiving yards on a pair of catches.

Defensive back Rashaun Crony stifled GSU's momentum with an interception in the end zone to start the second half. The Demons bled 6:04 off the clock on a 14-play, 74-yard drive ending in West's touchdown to ensure victory.

Other turnovers included interceptions by Ryan Reed and an O'Shea Jackson fumble recovery, both in GSU territory.

Defensive lineman Jalon Sangster had a team-high nine tackles with a sack, one of four on the day with nine other quarterback hurries.

Linebacker Isaiah Longino tallied seven tackles and two sacks while Reed added eight tackles to his interception.

The 27-point win is NSU's largest against a Division I opponent since 2014 when the Demons beat Nicholls 48-21.

Grambling	0	7	0	0	-	7
Northwestern State	21	6	0	7	-	34

Kickoff: 6:00 p.m. • End of Game: 9:11 p.m. • Duration: 3:11 • Attendance: 15,525
 1 12:33 NSU-Jaylen Watson 20 pass from Shelton Eppler (A. Fendrick kick) 7-73, 2:27 7-0
 06:57 NSU-Jazz Ferguson 13 pass from Eppler (Fendrick) 7-65, 2:34 14-0
 04:59 NSU-Da'Von Smith 12 pass from Eppler (Fendrick) 3-34, 0:49 21-0
 2 14:45 GSU-Kevin Dominique 6 run (Garrett Urban kick) 6-70, 1:52 21-7
 01:48 NSU-Lavar Gummies 10 pass from Eppler (kick blocked), 3-53, 1:25 27-7
 4 13:42 NSU-Jared West 3 run (Fendrick kick) 14-74, 6:04 34-7

Yardstick	G	NSU
First Downs	22	29
Rushing Yards	208	145
Passing Yards	141	359
Completions-Attempts-Interceptions	17-32-4	35-45-0
Total Offensive Yards	349	504
Total Offensive Plays	72	79
Average Gain Per play	4.8	6.4
Fumbles: Number-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties: Numbers-Yards	9-45	8-67
Punts-Yards-Average	4-155-38.8	4-152-38.0
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	2-14-0	0-0-0
Average Per Return	7.0	0.0
Kickoff Returns: Numbers-Yards-TD	2-14-0	0-0-0
Average Per Return	7.0	0.0
Interceptions: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	4-1-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Possession Time	25:51	34:09
Third-Down Conversions	9-15	8-15
Fourth-Down Conversions	0-2	1-2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-4	5-6
Sack by: Number-Yards	1-2	4-32
PAT Kicks	1-1	4-4

DEMON INDIVIDUAL STATS

Team Captains: WR Brayson Bourque, TE

Charles Vaughn, NT Jaylon Sangster

Passing: Shelton Eppler, 24-31, 263 yards,

4 TD; Clay Hologorsen 11-14, 96 yards.

Rushing: Jared West, 15-87, 1 TD;

Stafford Anderson 11-49; Da'Von Smith, 1-

9; Clay Hologorsen 3-2; Shelton Eppler 3-(-)2

Receiving: Quan Shorts 6-78; Jazz

Ferguson 7-74, TD; Jaylon Watson 7-55 TD;

Kendrick Price 4-40; Marquisian Chapman 3-

29; Jared West 2-26; Bryson Bourque 2-17;

Levar Gummies 2-17, TD; Da'Von Smith 1-

12, 1 TD; Christian Baliff 1-11

O-Line Grades: Timmis Bonner 19

knockdowns, 7 MTXE; Kenny Sheldon 16

KD, 5 MTXE; Dustin Burns, 15 KD, 6

MTXE; Frank Boudreaux, 15 KD, 5 MTXE;

Jonathan Hubbard 13 KD, 3 MTXE; Parker

Fink 12 KD, 3 MTXE; Tyler Rapp 12 KD, 1

MTXE; Zach Perry 10 KD, 1 MTXE

Defense: Ryan Reed 6 hits, FF; 1-1 Int.;

Isaiah Longino 6 hits, 2TFL/10 yds; 2/10

sacks/yds, QH; Jalon Sangster 6 hits, 1/11

TFL/yds, 1/11 sacks/yds; Brice Borgeson

5 hits; Malik Sonnier 4 hits; Ian Edwards 4

hits. 12 TFL/yds; Hayden Bourgeois 4

hits, 1-0 Int, 1 BrUp; Dez Gray 3 hits;

De'Ronne Littleton 2 hits; Rashaun

Crony 2 hits, 1-0 int., BrUp, QH; Khalil

Sumlin 2 hits; Kevin Ratliff 2 hits; Ronald

Malbrough 2 hits; Blake Stephenson 2 hits,

0.5/6 sack/yds; O'Shea Jackson 2 hits,

FR, QH; Jordan Greenlee 2 hits; Jomard

Valsin hit, 0.5/1 TFL/yds; Myles Wards

hit; Jalen Angele hit, 1/1 TFL/yds; Ricky

Chatman hit; Quindarius Whitley hit;

Kyle Moore hit; Rashad Powell hit;

Desmond Prejean hit, 0.5/5 sack/yds;

Gavin Landry hit; Obinna Iheoma 4 QH;

Raymond Darian BrUp; Landon King QH;

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Jackson's PAT block preserves Demons' dramatic 49-48 win at Lamar in SLC opener

BEAUMONT, Texas – Shelton Eppler destroyed Northwestern State's single-game passing records with 474 yards and six touchdowns.

Lanky receiver Jazz Ferguson undoubtedly earned a place on the ESPN SportsCenter Top 10 with a sensational one-handed stab along the Demons' sideline, which gave him the opportunity to outrun a tortured defender for a tie-breaking 70-yard TD in the fourth quarter.

But a player who wasn't even on the NSU roster when preseason camp began, junior college transfer defensive tackle O'Shea Jackson, really made the difference Saturday night by blocking the game's final point-after try to preserve a one-point Demon edge with 2:38 left that held up for a 49-48 Southland Conference football triumph.

NSU (2-1 overall, 1-0 in the Southland) held off a furious rally by Lamar (1-2, 0-1), which trailed 28-0 six minutes before halftime in front of 6,021 at Provost-Umphrey Stadium. The Cardinals followed SMU transfer quarterback Darrel Colbert Jr. (137 rushing yards, three TDs; 263 passing yards, four scores) to tie the game twice, at 28 midway through the third quarter and at 35 with 13:03 remaining.

Both times, the Demons answered quickly – immediately with the score that put them ahead to stay, Ferguson's mind-blowing catch and run. That came on the next play from scrimmage after Lamar's tying TD, just nine seconds later, to lift the visitors ahead 42-35.

Ferguson added the insurance on a 9-yard catch and surge into the end zone on NSU's next series, capping a 68-yard, eight-play march for a 14-point advantage with 9:30 to go. It was barely enough.

Colbert steered a 73-yard, 13-play drive he capped with an 8-yard TD run at the 5:01 mark, then brought the Cardinals to the brink with a 37-yard strike to Dorian Gaston. But Jackson crashed through to deflect Elvin Martinez' seventh extra-point try, and NSU got two first downs, the last on a 40-yard Jared West run, to run out the clock.

"I told Nate Nanai (the tackle next to him on the extra point) I was gonna get this one," said Jackson. "(Martinez) was hitting it low and I thought I could get in there, and I did."

The Demons played turnover-free football for the third straight game, the first time in NSU's 41-year NCAA Division I history they've managed that feat. Eppler's 474 pass yards were 93 more than any previous NSU quarterback, with scoring strikes of 17 (Quan Shorts), 22 (Levar Gumms), 38 (Marquisian Chapman), 11 (Jaylen Watson) preceding the final two by Ferguson.

"It's great how we came out and got the win," said Eppler. "The big boys gave me time to get it to the playmakers' hands, and all the credit to them for making the plays. All I did was get them the ball and it was fun to watch them."

"We stood tall against a great comeback by Lamar and we made plays when we had to have them."

Eppler finished 27 of 48 while hitting eight targets. Ferguson had 142 yards on four catches while Watson's six snags (78 yards) and five by Chapman (78 yards) topped the NSU receiving worksheet.

It was the highest-scoring Southland win in school history. No NSU team had ever allowed 48 points and survived.

"Our guys just stayed the course, and we made a play at the end. We came here to be 1-0 in the conference, and we leave here 1-0," said first-year Demon coach Brad Laird. "To get a road win in the conference, we'll start it out however we can get it done."

"I couldn't be more proud of a group that overcame a lull and held off a great rally by Lamar, and held on to win, made the plays to win," he said.

Jackson's decisive point-after swat was overshadowed by Ferguson's astounding leap and reach skyward with his right hand. As he was dashing downfield, he pulled in Eppler's throw, landed angled toward the NSU sideline, about a yard away, but kept his balance, spun into the field of play at the 50 and outraced Lamar's Rodney Randle Jr., powering through a diving tackle try inside the five to score.

"I've made catches like that in practice, but never in a game," said Ferguson, a prep All-American at West Feliciana High in 2015 who started his career at LSU but transferred to NSU in 2017 and made his Demons debut three games ago. "It was a simple go route, and it was an outside throw. We call it 'my ball, (or) no ball.' It was a play that had to be made."

"I honestly thought I was about to step out of bounds, but I looked down and saw I was still in play, so it was time to go," he said.

Ferguson's timing, on that play and the next touchdown, proved perfect for NSU.

Northwestern State	14	14	7	14	-	49
Lamar	0	14	14	20	-	48

Kickoff: 6:00 p.m. • End of Game: 10:13 p.m. • Duration: 4:11 • Attendance: 6,021

1 10:58 NSU Jared West 1 run (Austyn Fendrick kick) 9-85, 4:02	7-0
02:56 NSU Quan Shorts 17 pass from Shelton Eppler (Fendrick kick) 10-44, 3:07	14-0
2 10:21 NSU Levar Gums 22 pass from Shelton Eppler (Fendrick kick) 3-58, 1:03	21-0
06:01 NSU Marquisian Chapman 38 pass from Eppler (Fendrick kick) 6-65, 2:10	28-0
04:04 LU Darrel Colbert 3 run (Elvin Martinez kick) 7-65, 1:49	28-7
01:39 LU Dorian Gaston 25 pass from Darrel Colbert (Martinez kick) 3-21, 1:23	28-14
3 09:10 LU Jawun Ruffin 45 pass from Colbert (Martinez kick) 3-76, 0:57	28-21
06:01 LU Dorian Gaston 43 pass from Colbert (Martinez kick) 6-68, 1:49	28-28
03:43 NSU Jaylen Watson 11 pass from Eppler (Fendrick kick) 6-75, 2:18	35-28
4 13:03 LU Darrel Colbert 3 run (Martinez kick) 12-91, 5:33	35-35
12:54 NSU Jazz Ferguson 70 pass from Eppler (Fendrick kick) 1-70, 0:09	42-35
09:30 NSU Jazz Ferguson 9 pass from Eppler (Fendrick kick) 8-58, 2:24	49-35
05:01 LU Darrel Colbert 8 run (Martinez kick) 13-37, 4:20	49-42
02:38 LU Dorian Gaston 37 pass from Colbert (Martinez kick blocked) 4-57, 0:44	49-48

Yardstick	NSU	LU
First Downs	26	29
Rushing Yards	88	230
Passing Yards	474	263
Completions-Attempts-Interceptions	27-48-0	15-31-1
Total Offensive Yards	562	493
Total Offensive Plays	74	82
Average Gain Per play	7.6	6.0
Fumbles: Number-Lost	0-0	4-1
Penalties: Numbers-Yards	14-106	11-99
Punts-Yards-Average	7-291-41.6	6-236-39.3
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-0-0	2-39-0
Average Per Return	0.0	19.5
Kickoff Returns: Numbers-Yards-TD	4-57-0	8-146-0
Average Per Return	14.3	18.3
Interceptions: Number-Yards-TD	1-0-0	0-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Possession Time	28:28	31:22
Third-Down Conversions	7-15	9-16
Fourth-Down Conversions	1-1	0-1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-4	3-3
Sack by: Number-Yards	2-15	1-7
PAT Kicks	7-7	6-7
Field Goals	0-0	0-0

DEMON INDIVIDUAL STATS
Captains: QB Clay Hologorsen, TE Kalen Meggs, CB Rashawn Croncy

Passing: Shelton Eppler 24-48, 474, 6 TD

Rushing: Jared West 12-60, TD; Stadford Anderson 7-36; Da'Von Smith 2-2; Shelton Eppler 4-(-); Quan Shorts 1-(-)

Receiving: Jazz Ferguson 4-142, 2 TD; Marquisian Chapman 5-78, TD; Jaylen Watson 6-78, TD; Quan Shorts 3-74, TD; Jared West 4-29; Levar Gumms 2-29, TD; Bryson Bourque 1-27; Da'Von Smith 2-17

Q-Line Grades: Dustin Burns 21 knockdowns, 10 MTXE; Jonathan Hubbard 19 KD, 9 MTXE; Tyler Rapp 19 KD, 6 MTXE; Frank Boudreaux 16 KD, 8 MTXE; Parker Fink 16 KD, 1 MTXE; Kenny Sheldon 14 KD, 6 MTXE; Timmis Bonner, 13 KD, 4 MTXE.

Defense: Quindarius Whitley 10 hits; Hayden Bourgeois 8 hits, Int., BrUp; Blake Stephenson 7 hits 0.5/1 TFL; Brice Bourgeois 7 hits; Ronald Malbrough 5 hits, FR; Isaiah Longino 5 hits; Kyle Moore 5 hits 1.0/3 TFL; Rashawn Croncy 4 hits, BrUp; Kevin Ratliff 4 hits; O'obi Iheoma 4 hits, 1.5/11 sack, FF; Rashad Powell 4 hits 3.5/12 TFL, 1.0/7 sack; D'Ronne Littleton 3 hits, BrUp; Ryan Reed 3 hits; Malik Sonnier 3 hits; Darion Miller 3 hits; O'Shea Jackson 3 hits 0.5/1 TFL, BLKD; Teyvon Johnson 2 hits; Corban James 2 hits; Gavin Landry 2 hits; Jalón Sangster 2 hits, 0.5/2 sack; Zak Krolczyk 2 hits, 1.0/2 TFL; Deshon Ficklin hit; Coby McGee hit; Braylon Daigle 1 hit 0.5/4 sack; Ian Edwards 1 hit; Landon King 1 hit, QH; Dez Gray 1 hit; Nathaloh Nanai 1 hit

Despite gritty comeback down to the last snap, Demons come up short at SLU

HAMMOND – Northwestern State didn't lack for golden opportunities Saturday night.

But the golden end zones at Southeastern Louisiana's Strawberry Stadium were difficult for the Demons to dent. NSU's repeated failures in the red zone were decisive in a 24-17 loss to the Lions in a Southland Conference football battle not settled until the final play.

The Demons (2-2 overall, 1-1 in the Southland) didn't convert on drives to the SLU 4, 11, 1 and 3 yard lines, twice with unsuccessful fourth-down tries, once on a missed 27-yard field goal and the last time on a fumble at the Lions 3.

That one didn't prove costly thanks to a dynamic defensive play two snaps later, when NSU linebacker Quindarius Whitley and defensive tackle O'Shea Jackson teamed up on a strip sack, with Jackson ripping away the ball, and linebacker Blake Stephenson pounced on the fumble in the end zone to get the visitors within seven with 5:34 to go.

The Demons ran 19 plays in the red zone, including eight inside the 10, which didn't produce points on four different possessions. NSU mounted drives of 11, 16, 20 and 10 plays, covering a combined 272 yards, that didn't produce any scoring.

Yet NSU was at the SLU 38 in the final minute and trying to throw a Hail Mary pass on the game's final play.

"You fail to convert like we did in the red zone, and you've got a huge burden to overcome. We almost did it anyway," said first-year Demons' coach Brad Laird, "and that's what I'm so proud about, that our guys fought so hard and found a way to be in this until the final play."

There wouldn't have been overtime, he said. If NSU had scored, the Demons had a two-point conversion play ready.

That hardly seemed possible at halftime when the Lions (2-3, 2-1) held a commanding 21-3 advantage.

"I told them at halftime, let's make one play and see what happens," said Laird. "It took us a while to do that, but once we did that we were able to get momentum, make more plays and be right there at the end."

The Demons moved the ball throughout, posting 241 yards in the first half and 249 afterward. They ran for a season-best 165, including a career-high 137 on 22 carries featuring countless tackles broken by junior running back Jared West.

Quarterback Shelton Eppler rallied from an ineffective first half throwing the ball to go 12-of-14 for 170 yards in the fourth quarter. He was replaced at halftime by Clay Hologorsen, who led the 20-play, 79-yard drive to the SLU 1 late in the third quarter, only to miss a fourth-down keeper by inches.

NSU finally cashed in a drive on its next chance, with Eppler, who finished 25-of-40 for 268 yards, locked in and leading a 67-yard march in 2:42 that ended with his 11-yard strike to Jaylen Watson. That narrowed the gap to 24-10 with 11:18 remaining.

The Demons were poised for another score on their next series, covering 72 yards in 10 plays, but West fumbled at the 3. Two snaps later, it didn't matter thanks to an NSU defense that in addition to scoring on the fumble recovery, clamped down on SLU after halftime, limiting the Lions to 131 yards and only four first downs.

NSU stared down the big halftime deficit partly because the Demons whiffed on two drives inside the Lions' 10, while drawing eight penalty flags for 70 yards in the first two periods.

SLU scored on the game's second play, when Chason Virgil threw deep and Mitchell Austin made a nice adjustment sprinting and snagging a pass thrown outside and to his left, and outran pursuit on a 76-yard bomb just 35 seconds into play.

The Demons scored on their opening possession for the third straight game, using the running game effectively on an 11-play, 56-yard march that netted a 36-yard Austyn Fendrick field goal.

NSU looked poised to take the lead on its next chance, but stalled on two downs inside the SLU 5.

Another 11-play drive was stymied when the NSU didn't convert on a 3rd-and-1 run and a 4th-down pass into the end zone.

"Probably should've kicked the field goal, but I thought we were going to need touchdowns, not field goals," said Laird. "As it turned out, we were one touchdown short."

The Lions stretched their advantage after a 42-yard Mitchell punt return to the Demons' 8 early in the second quarter. A second-down Virgil pass to C.J. Turner lifted SLU up 14-3.

After those big plays, SLU took control on an 80-yard, 10-snap drive capped by a 1-yard plunge from former quarterback-turned-running back Lorenzo Nunez.

Before that series, NSU failed to convert, going three-and-out and punting into the end zone, after Malik Sonnier forced a fumble that the Demons' Isaiah Longino returned three yards to the 35.

NSU was poised to trim the deficit in the closing seconds of the half, but came up empty on four downs from the Lions' 9 to waste a 76-yard march in 12 previous snaps.

"We'll agonize over a lot of things until 1 o'clock tomorrow, and then we'll go about the business of getting ready for next Saturday in Turpin Stadium against Nicholls," said Laird. "There's a lot of football left and I think we saw tonight we can be right in the thick of it if we're more consistent, from me on down."

Northwestern State	3	0	0	14	-	17
Southeastern La.	7	14	3	0	-	24

Kickoff: 7:07 p.m. • End of Game: 10:42 p.m. • 3:35 Duration: • 5,118 Attendance:

1 14:25 SLU-Austin Mitchell 76 pass from Chasen Virgil (J. Tatum kick) 2-75, 0:35	0-7
08:54 NSU-Austyn Fendrick 36 field goal, 11-56, 5:31	3-7
2 13:05 SLU-C.J. Turner 8 pass from C. Virgil (Jonathan Tatum kick) 2-8, 0:09	3-14
02:29 SLU-Lorenzo Nunez 1 run (Jonathan Tatum kick) 10-80, 5:31	3-21
3 10:53 SLU-Jonathan Tatum 24 field goal, 6-58, 2:23	3-24
4 11:18 NSU Jaylen Watson 11 pass from Shelton Eppler (A. Fendrick kick) 7-67, 2:42	10-24
05:34 NSU Blake Stephenson fumble recovery (Austyn Fendrick kick)	17-24

Yardstick	NSU	SLU
First Downs	28	15
Rushing Yards	165	54
Passing Yards	325	316
Completions-Attempts-Interceptions	34-53-0	19-28-1
Total Offensive Yards	490	370
Total Offensive Plays	94	59
Average Gain Per play	5.2	6.3
Fumbles: Number-Lost	5-2	2-2
Penalties: Numbers-Yards	11-100	7-75
Punts-Yards-Average	4-170-42.5	5-186-37.2
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-8-0	1-42-0
Average Per Return	8.0	42.0
Kickoff Returns: Numbers-Yards-TD	4-86-0	3-35-0
Average Per Return	21.5	11.7
Interceptions: Number-Yards-TD	1-9-0	0-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-3-1	0-0-0
Possession Time	34:56	25:04
Third-Down Conversions	8-21	5-13
Fourth-Down Conversions	4-6	1-1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-6	3-3
Sack by: Number-Yards	2-15	5-32
PAT Kicks	2-2	3-3
Field Goals	1-2	1-1

DEMON INDIVIDUAL STATS
Team Captains: WR Marquisian Chapman, WR Jaylen Watson, BUCK Obina Iheoma, TE Charles Vaughn

Passing: Shelton Eppler 25-40, 268, 1 TD; Clay Hologorsen 3-13, 57

Rushing: Jared West, 22-137; Stadford Anderson 3-23; Shelton Eppler 12-19; Da'Von Smith 2-11; Clay Hologorsen 2-(-)25

Receiving: Jazz Ferguson 6-117; Marquisian Chapman 6-67; Levar Gumms 2-45; Quan Shorts 6-29; Jaylen Watson 4-12, TD; Jared West 2-21; Kalen Meggs 3-12; Stadford Anderson 3-7; Christian Bailiff 1-3

Q-Line Grades: Dustin Burns 23 knockdowns, 7 MTXE; Kenny Sheldon 23 KD, 6 MTXE; Frank Boudreaux 22 KD, 5 MTXE; Timmis Bonner 22 KD, 5 MTXE; Tyler Rapp 16 KD, 3 MTXE; Parker Fink, 15 KD, 5 MTXE; Zack Perry 14 KD, 3 MTXE

Defense: Quindarius Whitley 8 hits 0.5/5 Sack/yds; Rashawn Croncy 6 hits 1.0/1 TFL/yds; Hayden Bourgeois 6 hits; O'Shea Jackson 6 hits, 1.0/8 sack/yds, FF; Isaiah Longino 5 hits, 1.0/4 TFLyds, 1FF/3yds; Black Stephenson 5 hits, FF; Ryan Reed 4 hits, BrUp; Zak Krolczyk 4 hits 1.0/3 TFL/yds; Ronald Malbrough 3 hits; Nathaloh Nanai 3hits; Jalón Sangster 3 hits; O'obi Iheoma 2 hits, 0.5/2 sack/yds; Malik Sonnier 2 hits, FF; Ian Edwards 2 hits, FF; Parker Pastorello 1 hit; Coby McGee 1hit; Landon King 1 hit; Dez Gray 1 hit; Darion Miller 1 hit; Brice Bourgeois 1 hit; Kevin Ratliff 1-9 int.-yds.

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Demons can't cash in opportunities in loss to No. 12 Nicholls

NATCHITOCHES – The Northwestern State offense didn't have problems entering Nicholls territory Saturday, but the Demons struggled to maximize those opportunities in a 28-10 loss to No. 12 Nicholls in Turpin Stadium.

NSU (2-3, 1-2 Southland Conference) cobbled 10 points on eight drives on the Colonels' side of the field.

Demons coach Brad Laird said turning those chances into points, especially after scoring just twice in six red zone chances at Southeastern this past week, will be a focal point going forward.

"We're playing hard, but we've got to take advantage of our opportunities – that's the biggest thing right now," Laird said. "We had chances in the first half, and we even had some chances after Nicholls scored on the first drive of the second half."

"We had (three turnovers), which was an area in which we've done well in the past. We've moved the ball, we just have to convert in the red zone."

The Colonels capitalized on more scarce chances, finishing two long drives with touchdowns to end the first half before scoring on a 55-yard drive to open the second half to lead 21-10. Nicholls' first-half touchdowns covered 80 and 87 yards, respectively.

Nicholls did most of its damage on the ground, gaining 299 yards on 55 carries. The Colonels used that ground advantage to chew up the clock, owning an 11-minute edge in time of possession that limited NSU's chances, especially in the second half.

The Demons defense held quarterback Chase Fourcade, Nicholls' second-leading career passer, to just 118 passing yards, but its 299 rushing yards allowed is the most against FCS opponent this season.

"I thought our defense played pretty well, and it put our offense back on the field in some good field position," Laird said. "We've competed well against a nationally ranked team that was picked second in the preseason, so I think that says something about our program."

"We just have to be more consistent on and off the field."

With NSU clinging to hope in the fourth quarter, defensive end Zak Krolczyk blocked a 30-yard field goal with 4:45 left in an attempt to spark the Demons.

But the Nicholls defense didn't allow NSU to get back on track, forcing a Shelton Eppler fumble and one of his two interceptions on NSU's final two drives.

Nicholls added a late score on a Julien Gums 2-yard run to push its edge to 28-10.

Junior defensive end O'Shea Jackson totaled 10 tackles with 3.5 for loss to spearhead the Demons defense.

"We've got to keep it going and move forward," Jackson said. "We just can't give up."

After traversing the field in the first half to the tune of 196 yards, NSU gained just 125 second-half yards. Thirty-nine yards came on an Eppler pass to Jaylen Watson, but Nicholls forced an Eppler fumble on the next play to extinguish NSU's final gasp.

Eppler threw for 218 yards on 16-of-27 passing with two interceptions. Quan Shorts (5-51), Jaylen Watson (4-72) and Jazz Ferguson (2-54) all topped 50 yards.

Senior Clay Holgorsen entered the game late in the third quarter and threw for 41 yards on 3-of-9 passing.

"We're trying to create a spark offensively by bringing in Holgorsen," Laird said. "We thought it would benefit Eppler by seeing the game from a different angle and a different perspective."

NSU started with a bang as a Myles Ward 58-yard kickoff return and a 27-yard Jared West run set up a 28-yard Austyn Fendrick field goal on NSU's opening possession.

But Fendrick missed a 40-yard attempt on the next drive before an Eppler interception in the end zone ended NSU's red zone chances.

After a 5-yard Fourcade touchdown pass to Dai'jean Dixon handed Nicholls a 7-3 edge, NSU responded with a 12-yard Stadford Anderson touchdown run to regain the lead 10-7 early in the second quarter.

Catches by Jared West (24 yards) and Shorts (21 yards) aided the drive.

But a Fourcade 3-yard scoring run capped Nicholls' second scoring drive of at least 80 yards for the 14-10 halftime edge.

Nicholls' Dontrel Taylor led the rushing attack with 103 rushing yards accompanied by three other rushers with at least 49 yards.

Nicholls	0	14	7	7	-	28
Northwestern State	3	7	0	0	-	10

Kickoff: 6:07 p.m. • End of Game: 9:02 p.m. • Duration: 2:55 • Attendance: 7,055

1 13:39 NSU-Austyn Fendrick 28 field goal, 5-28, 1:21	3-0
2 14:16 NICH-Dai'jean Dixon 5 pass from C. Fourcade (L. Fonseca kick) 6-80, 2:36	3-7
3 10:28 NSU-Stadford Anderson 23 run (Fendrick kick) 8-79, 3:43	10-7
4 05:01 NICH-Chase Fourcade 3 run (Fonseca kick) 12-87, 5:20	10-14
5 12:35 NICH-Kendall Bussey 1 run (Fonseca kick) 5-55, 2:15	10-21
6 01:42 NICH-Julien Gums 2 run (Fonseca kick) 4-47, 1:28	10-28

Yardstick	NICH	NSU
First Downs	21	18
Rushing Yards	299	62
Passing Yards	118	259
Completions-Attempts-Interceptions	8-17-1	19-36-2
Total Offensive Yards	417	321
Total Offensive Plays	72	61
Average Gain Per play	5.8	5.3
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties: Numbers-Yards	8-85	5-48
Punts-Yards-Average	4-158-39.5	5-191-38.2
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-8-0	1-8-0
Average Per Return	8.0	8.0
Kickoff Returns: Numbers-Yards-TD	2-57-0	4-116-0
Average Per Return	28.5	29.0
Interceptions: Number-Yards-TD	2-8-0	1-14-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-10-0	0-0-0
Possession Time	35:32	24:28
Third-Down Conversions	3-10	3-12
Fourth-Down Conversions	0-0	0-1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-5	2-3
Sack by: Number-Yards	1-14	3-14
PAT Kicks	4-4	1-1
Field Goals	0-2	1-2

DEMON INDIVIDUAL STATS

Team Captains: WR Bryson Bourque, NT Jalon Sangster, TE Kalen Meggs

Passing: Shelton Eppler 16-27, 218 yds., 2 Int., 1 sack; Clay Holgorsen 3-9, 41 yds.

Rushing: Jared West 14-57; Stadford Anderson 2-16; Clay Holgorsen 1-4; Da'Von Smith 3(-3); Shelton Eppler 5(-12)

Receiving: Jaylon Watson 4-72; Jazz Ferguson 2-54; Quan Shorts 5-51; Marquisian Chapman 3-27; Jared West 2-27; Da'Von Smith 1-17; Stadford Anderson 2-11

O-Line Grades: Dustin Burns 17 knockdowns, 2 MTXE; Kenny Sheldon 15 KD, 2 MTXE; Jonathan Hubbard 15 KD, 1 MTXE; Frank Boudreaux 14 KD, 1 MTXE; Zach Perry 12 KD, 1 MTXE

Defense: O'Shea Jackson 10 hits, 3.5/5 TFL, 1.0/2 sack; Hayden Bourgeois 9 hits, 0.5/1 TFL, 1-14 int.; Quindarius Whitley 9 hits 0.5/1 TFL, QH; Obi Iheoma 7 hits, 1.0/6 sack, Blkd FG; Zak Krolczyk 6 hits, 1.0/1 TFL, Blkd FG; Ryan Reed 5 hits, 0.5/0 TFL; Isaiah Longino 3 hits; Jalon Sangster 3 hits; Ronald Malbrough 2 hits; Natholoh Nanai 2 hits, 0.5/3 sack; Damian Thompson 2 hits, 1.0/2 TFL; Shemar Bartholomew 1 hit; Rashaun Cronney 1 hit, BrUp; Malik Sonnier 1 hit; Nicholas Forde 1 hit; Ian Edwards 1 hit; Landon King 1 hit; Darion Miller 1 hit; Rashaud Powell 1 hit, QH; Brice Borgeson 1 hit; Gavin Landry 1 hit.



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Big second quarter isn't enough as NSU falls to No. 14 Sam Houston State

NATCHITOCHES – Northwestern State scored 28 points in one quarter Saturday, but the Demons couldn't find points in any other quarter in a 42-28 loss to No. 14 Sam Houston State.

NSU (2-4, 1-3 Southland Conference) surged to a 28-23 halftime lead, but the Bearkats controlled the second half by scoring all 19 points and outgaining NSU 339-154 in the final two periods.

SHSU's 563 offensive yards is the most NSU has allowed to an FCS opponent this season, although the Demons crossed the 400-yard mark (432 yards) for the fourth time this season.

"We had some opportunities early in the second half, but we didn't take advantage, including a (Shelton Eppler) interception to start the half," said NSU coach Brad Laird. "(SHSU) also ran the ball more effectively in the second half, and we got hemmed in inside and they bounced it."

"I'm proud of the way we battled back from being 14 points down. But we're still working to be where we want to be."

Trailing 14-0, NSU scored 21 consecutive points before Hayden Bourgeois intercepted an SHSU pass and returned it 55 yards for the 28-23 advantage with 27 seconds remaining in the second quarter.

The last time NSU scored 28 points in a period was against Incarnate Word of a 49-12 win in 2014.

Bourgeois has five interceptions this season and was second in tackles to safety Ryan Reed (11 tackles).

"(SHSU) ran a wheel route, and I just read the quarterback and made the play," Bourgeois said. "We blitzed the young quarterback a lot tonight."

"But (being close) is just part of football, and you work hard, and sometimes you're successful and sometimes you're not."

Junior receiver Jazz Ferguson caught two of Shelton Eppler's three touchdown passes as his 28-yard scoring catch on the first play of the second quarter set off the Demon blitzkrieg of points.

Ferguson posted his fourth 100-yard receiving games with 138 yards on nine catches.

After Eppler fumbled on the 2-yard line, the Demons forced a punt as Eppler atoned with a 44-yard touchdown pass to Quan Shorts to tie the score 14-14.

The Demons cashed in an SHSU fumbled kickoff and took a 21-14 edge with a 20-yard touchdown from Eppler to Ferguson. Those two NSU scoring drives ate up just six seconds and 32 seconds on the clock.

Eppler finished with 351 yards on 27-of-42 passing with three touchdowns and three turnovers (two interceptions and one fumble).

"I think we were complement just to be in the game in the second half," Eppler said when asked about the difference between the first and second halves. "We didn't come out hot, and that one is on me with the interception."

"We have to do our jobs."

The Bearkats had an answer (21-21) when senior receiver Darion Davis grabbed his third touchdown of the half as redshirt freshman quarterback Ty Brock found SHSU's career receiving leader on an 11-yard touchdown. The score was set up by a Bourgeois fumbled punt as the Bearkats marched just 16 yards on the scoring drive.

Davis caught touchdowns of 21 and two yards in the first quarter as the Bearkats stormed to a 14-0 lead after three possessions.

He finished with 68 yards on six catches and four touchdowns, adding a two-yard touchdown at the beginning of the fourth quarter. For the second consecutive season, Davis hauled in four receiving touchdowns against NSU, tying his own NSU opponent record for most receiving scores in a single game.

Davis also crossed the career 3,000-yard receiving mark in the first half, becoming just the fifth Southland Conference player to reach that milestone.

SHSU took the lead, 23-21, when Derick Roberson sacked Eppler for a safety.

But the Demons responded with a defensive score of their own as Bourgeois' interception return for a touchdown gave NSU a 28-23 halftime lead.

Despite SHSU dominating the second half, the Demons had chances to get close.

Freshman cornerback Shemar Bartholomew intercepted his second pass early in the fourth quarter to keep NSU within two scores, but the Demon offense couldn't generate enough to engineer another score.

Brock threw for 374 yards and four touchdowns on 24-of-49 passing with three interceptions.

The Bearkats rushed for 189 yards led by Kyran Jackson (152 yards). Jackson also contributed 116 receiving yards on four catches.

The loss is NSU's 11th straight against a ranked team, but the Demons will get another shot when they head to No. 16/18 Central Arkansas this coming Saturday.

Sam Houston State	14	9	11	8	-	42
Northwestern State	0	28	0	0	-	28

Kickoff: 6:07 p.m. • End of Game: 9:32 p.m. • Duration: 3:25 • Attendance: 5,125

1 09:32 SHSU-Davion Davis 21 pass from Ty Brock (Tre Honshtein kick) 9-88, 2:32	0-7
2 04:19 SHSU-Daivs 2 pass from Brock (Honshtein kick) 7-54, 1:55	0-14
3 14:51 NSU-Jazz Ferguson 38 pass from S. Eppler (Austyn Fendrick kick) 10-84, 4:20	7-14
4 07:16 NSU-Quan Shorts 44 pass from Eppler (Fendrick kick) 1-44, 0:13	14-14
5 06:37 NSU-Ferguson 20 pass from Eppler (Fendrick kick) 2-24, 0:32	21-14
6 02:46 SHSU-Davis 11 pass from Brock (Honshtein kick) 4-16, 0:28	21-21
7 01:22 SHSU-Safety, Derick Roberson tackle in end zone	21-23
8 00:27 NSU-Hayden Bourgeois 55 interception return (Fendrick kick)	28-23
9 06:16 SHSU-Kyran Jackson 28 run (Davis pass from Brock) 6-68, 1:24	28-31
10 00:36 SHSU-Honshtein 46 field goal, 11-52, 3:06	28-34
11 13:07 SHSU-Davis 2 pass from Brock (Woody Brandom pass from Brock) 5-88, 1:31	28-42

Yardstick	SHSU	NSU
First Downs	28	23
Rushing Yards	189	81
Passing Yards	374	351
Completions-Attempts-Interceptions	24-49-3	27-47-2
Total Offensive Yards	563	432
Total Offensive Plays	89	79
Average Gain Per play	6.3	5.5
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-1	3-2
Penalties: Numbers-Yards	5-35	9-93
Punts-Yards-Average	6-254-41.8	7-343-49.0
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	2-18-0	3-10-0
Average Per Return	9.0	3.3
Kickoff Returns: Numbers-Yards-TD	6-10-0	2-44-0
Average Per Return	17.5	22.0
Interceptions: Number-Yards-TD	2-17-0	3-74-1
Fumble Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Possession Time	29:22	30:38
Third-Down Conversions	5-14	6-15
Fourth-Down Conversions	2-2	1-0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-4	2-4
Sack by: Number-Yards	5-38	3-4
PAT Kicks	3-3	4-4
Field Goals	1-1	0-0

DEMON INDIVIDUAL STATS

Team Captains: LB Blake Stephenson, DT Zak Krolczyk, OL Frank Boudreaux

Passing: Shelton Eppler 27-47, 351, 3TD, 2 INT, 5 sack

Rushing: Jared West 17-71; Stadford Anderson 7-30; Shelton Eppler 8(-20)

Receiving: Jazz Ferguson 9-138, 2 TD; Quan Shorts 7-82, TD; Jaylen Watson 5-74; Stadford Anderson 1-22; Levar Gumbs 1-22; Marquisian Chapman 1-7; Bryson Bourque 3-6

O-Line Grades: Dustin Burns 19 knockdowns, 4 MTXE; Jonathan Hubbard 17 KD, 1 MTXE; Frank Boudreaux 14 KD, 1 MTXE; Kenny Sheldon 14 KD, 1 MTXE; Timmus Bonner 12 KD, 1 MTXE; Jake Gore 12 KD, 2 MTXE; Zach Perry 11 KD, 1 MTXE.

Defense: Hayden Bourgeois 9 hits, 0.5/1 TFL, 0.5/1 sack, 1 INT-55 yards (TD), QH; Ryan Reed 8 hits; Quindarius Whitley 8 hits, BrUp; Shemar Bartholomew 5 hits, QH, 2 INT-19 yards; Blake Stephenson 5 hits, QH; Rashaun Cronney 4, QH; Obi Iheoma 3, 3 QH; Nicholas Forde 3 hits; Isaiah Longino 3 hits, 1.0/1 TFL, 1.0/1 sack; O'Shea Jackson 3 hits, 1.0/3 TFL, QH; Coby McGee 2 hits, FF; Ian Edwards 2 hits, FF; Darion Miller 2 hits; Jalon Sangster 2 hits, 1.0/1 TFL, 1.5/1 sack; Zak Krolczyk 2 hits, 1.0/4 TFL, 0.5/1 sack; QH; William Hooper hit; D'Ronne Littleton 1 hit, 3 BrUp; Trey Williams hit; Kyle Moore hit/FR; Rashaud Powell hit; Natholoh Nanai hit, QH; Brice Borgeson hit; Kenneth Sheldon hit; Gavin Landry hit; Jomard Valsin QH

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15th-ranked UCA hits Demons with big plays, holds NSU in check

CONWAY, Ark. – The degree of difficulty facing Northwestern State was steep enough on its own while visiting 15th-ranked Central Arkansas on Saturday night.

Add in personnel losses due to injuries and concussions before, and during the game, and it got much tougher for the Demons.

UCA asserted its advantages up front on both sides of the ball to steadily take command by halftime, and kept NSU at bay afterward in a 38-17 Southland Conference football decision at Estes Field.

The Demons dropped their fourth straight, and third in a row to a top 15-ranked FCS opponent, slipping to 2-5 overall and 1-4 in the Southland Conference.

The Bears rose to 5-2 overall and jumped into a share of the lead in the Southland with a 4-1 league mark, posting 325 yards while powering to a 28-10 halftime lead. They finished with an even 500, 278 in the air on just 12 completions, a hefty 23.2 per reception.

Both teams played their third-team quarterbacks. For UCA it was by design, as redshirt freshman Luke Hales had stepped in three games ago. For NSU, true sophomore Kaleb Fletcher got his first action of 2018 by necessity.

Demons' starter Shelton Eppler was unavailable, back home benched by a concussion sustained in last Saturday's 42-28 loss to then-14th-ranked Sam Houston State. NSU played that game without No. 2 passer Clay Holgorsen, out with a concussion sustained a week earlier in a 28-10 loss to No. 12 Nicholls. Holgorsen was cleared to play at UCA, but managed only 15 snaps before returning to the sideline.

That was the focal challenge among numerous ones sending reserves into action, but it was UCA's control of the line of scrimmage, ability to break big plays and execution on third down that were decisive. NSU coach Brad Laird dismissed the personnel issues but focused on other decisive factors.

"It's the seventh game. Every team has injuries. We've got to get the guys on the field to play better than we did tonight," he said. "Give UCA credit, they're a good football team and they played very well. Our guys played with tremendous effort for 60 minutes, but we didn't win third down, and we gave up too many big plays while not converting on third down ourselves."

The Bears went 8 of 15 on third down, to a season-worst 2 of 14 for NSU. The Demons started their fifth different offensive line combination in as many weeks and netted just 32 yards on the ground, while getting 232 upstair, with Fletcher going 16 of 29 for 187 yards.

He scampered seven yards on the first snap for a score after redshirt freshman end Rashuad Powell forced a fumble that sophomore tackle Damien Thompson recovered just before halftime. Fletcher fired a 53-yard strike for NSU's other TD, with Jaylen Watson making the grab on a post route and dancing by two defenders with just 39 seconds remaining.

"Kaleb got more comfortable as the game went on," said Laird. "When you haven't taken a live rep in a game this year, and you're going against a top-15 team on the road, it might take some time, but he settled down and competed and made some plays."

Said Fletcher: "It took a couple series to get rid of the jitters. I knew all week I was going to get some snaps, but the way it worked out, I got a lot more plays than we expected."

UCA erupted for seven first-half explosive plays over 20 yards, totaling 240 yards, while bolting to leads of 21-0 and 28-3. Hales threw for scores of 31, 53, 15 and 25 yards in the first two quarters.

The Demons were scoreless and punted each time while getting into the Bears' side of the field, but no closer than the 38, on three of their first four possessions. NSU's first points came on a 35-yard Austyn Fendrick field goal following a tip and interception at the UCA 20 by Ryan Reed midway through the second quarter.

The Bears drove 71 yards to make it 35-10 on their first series after halftime, with Hales finding halfback Carlos Blackman for a 25-yard score, and NSU was unable to threaten until the game's closing moments.

"We've been through a tough stretch and we have kept competing," said Laird. "Disappointed, frustrated, you betcha, we are. But we are still fighting and we are going to get energy from all the homecoming activities next week, and we'll come out next Saturday night in Turpin Stadium determined to get it going our way."

NSU will play Houston Baptist (1-6, 0-5), a 42-14 home-field loser to Stephen F. Austin, in the Demons' homecoming contest at 6 next Saturday.

Northwestern State	0	10	0	7	- 17
Central Arkansas	14	14	7	3	- 38

Kickoff: 6:00 p.m. • End of Game: 9:05 p.m. • Duration: 3:05 • Attendance: 6,754

1 13:04 UCA-Jakeri Dillard 31 pass from Luke Hales (Matt Cummins kick) 7-68, 1:56	0-7
01:02 UCA-Lester Wells 53 pass from Hales (Cummins kick) 2-39, 0:37	0-17
2 13:41 UCA-Lujan Wimmingham 15 pass from Hales (Cummins kick) 4-97, 1:23	0-21
07:33 NSU-Austyn Fendrick 35 field goal, 4-2, 1:29	3-21
05:46 UCA-Dillard 25 pass from Hales (Cummins kick) 4-90, 1:41	3-28
01:01 NSU-Kaleb Fletcher 7 run (Fendrick kick) 1-7, 0:06	10-28
3 09:59 UCA-Carlos Blackman 25 pass from Hales (Cummins kick) 7-71, 2:48	10-35
4 06:57 UCA-Cummins 34 field goal, 17-63, 8:09	10-3
00:39 NSU-Jaylen Watson 53 pass from Fletcher (Fendrick kick) 9-73, 3:12	17-38

Yardstick	NSU	UCA
First Downs	14	25
Rushing Yards	32	222
Passing Yards	232	278
Completions-Attempts-Interceptions	22-37-1	12-28-1
Total Offensive Yards	264	500
Total Offensive Plays	63	72
Average Gain Per play	4.2	6.9
Fumbles: Number-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties: Numbers-Yards	8-76	5-44
Punts-Yards-Average	9-346-38.4	4-150-37.5
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	1-(-)8-0
Average Per Return	0	-8.0
Kickoff Returns: Numbers-Yards-TD	4-101-0	4-43-0
Average Per Return	25.3	10.8
Interceptions: Number-Yards-TD	1-0-0	1-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Possession Time	29:39	30:21
Third-Down Conversions	2-14	8-15
Fourth-Down Conversions	1-2	0-0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-2	2-2
Sack by: Number-Yards	0-0	3-23
PAT Kicks	2-2	5-5
Field Goals	1-1	1-2

DEMON INDIVIDUAL STATS

Team Captains: WR Jaylen Watson, LB Brice Borgeson, P Parker Pastorello

Passing: Kaleb Fletcher 16-29, 187, TD; Clay Holgorsen 6-8, 45, INT

Rushing: Jared West 10-52; Stafford Anderson 6-7; Parker Pastorello 1-4; Myles Ward 1-2; Clay Holgorsen 1-(-)11; Kaleb Fletcher 7-(-)22, TD

Receiving: Jazz Ferguson 8-108; Jaylen Watson 2-53, TD; Jared West 4-31; Quan Shorts 4-29; Marquisian Chapman 1-7; Myles Ward 1-2; Bryson Bourque 2-2

O-Line Grades: Dustin Burns 17 knockdowns, 2 MTXE; Zach Perry 12 KD, 4 MTXE; Kenny Sheldon 12 KD, 2 MTXE; Tyler Rapp 11 KD, 1 MTXE; Frank Boudreaux 10 KD, 1 MTXE; Jonathan Hubbard 9 KD, 1 MTXE.

Defense: Ryan Reed 9 hits, INT, BrUp; Hayden Bourgeois 8 hits; Malik Sonnier 7 hits, TFL/4yds; Blake Stephenson 6 hits, BrUp; Khalil Sumlin 4 hits; Obi Iheoma 4 hits; Nicholas Forde 4 hits 0.4TFL/1yd; Quindarius Whitley 4 hits, 3.0TFL/8yds; Rashuad Powell 4 hits, FF; O'Shea Jackson 4 hits; Brice Borgeson 3 hits, 1.0 TFL/1yd; Zak Krolczyk 3 hits; Damien Thompson 3 hits, FR; Marquisian Chapman 2 hits; Kevin Ratliff 2 hits; Isaiah Longino 2 hits; Corban James 2 hits; Jonard Valsin hit, BrUp; Teyvyn Johnson hit; Deshon Ficklin hit; D'Ronne Littleton hit, 3 BrUp; Ricky Chatman hit; Trey Williams hit, BrUp; Kyle Moore hit; Nathalohn Nanaï hit



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Demons overcome 18-point deficit to beat Houston Baptist

NATCHITOCHES – Sophomore quarterback Kaleb Fletcher won't have a start in Saturday's box score, but he'll get credit for the finish.

Fletcher, who didn't make his first career start because of a violation of team rules, threw three touchdown passes in the final 19 minutes to erase an 18-point deficit in a 31-28 win against Houston Baptist.

NSU snapped a four-game losing streak behind 320 offensive yards from Fletcher, who threw for 253 yards on 30-of-44 passing and rushed for an additional 67 yards.

"We felt absolutely no pressure in the second half, we knew we had lots of time," Fletcher said. "We knew the defense would give us chances, it was just a matter of getting it done."

"This win means everything to me, and this team never gave up. There were down faces on the sideline, I just had to lead this team to a win."

Fletcher took over in the third series and had some bright spots in the first half, but the final one-and-a-half quarters is when the NSU offense kicked into overdrive.

HBU (1-7, 0-6 SLC), whose losing streak stretched to seven games, appeared in control when quarterback Bailey Zappe accounted for his fourth touchdown for a 28-10 edge with 7:31 left in the third quarter.

But Fletcher responded with a 62-yard scoring drive ending in an 11-yard touchdown pass to Jaylen Watson.

Watson had his first career multi-touchdown game, finishing with season-highs of six catches and nine snaps.

"When you look at the number of snaps he's had against good competition, he's just getting better every snap," said NSU coach Brad Laird, who's noted that Fletcher hasn't gotten many practice repetitions this season as the third-string quarterback. "We didn't change anything at halftime, we just came back and made plays in the second half."

"Credit (defensive coordinator Mike Lucas) as the defense put more pressure on (Zappe). This team is going to fight no matter what, and I couldn't be more proud of how the players got it done tonight."

The fourth quarter belonged to Jazz Ferguson, who had both of his receiving touchdowns and more than half of his eight catches for 90 yards in the fourth quarter.

Ferguson caught touchdown passes for 13 yards and two yards, the first at the 9:34 mark as NSU cut HBU's edge to 28-23.

The NSU defense created momentum before Ferguson's touchdown as sophomore tackle Damien Thompson stuffed Zappe on a fourth-and-one.

Sophomore cornerback Malik Sonnier intercepted Zappe after NSU's score, setting up Ferguson's second touchdown with 4:12 to play. Sonnier forced a fumble in the first quarter to contribute to two of NSU's three turnovers.

NSU went ahead 31-28 on a two-point conversion to Ferguson, whose school record five straight 100-yard receiving games came to an end but who had his third multi-touchdown game of the season.

Ferguson moved up to third on the NSU all-time single season receiving charts with 852 yards and eight touchdowns.

The Demons defense forced three turnovers to pair with one turnover on downs, holding the HBU offense under 200 yards in the second half after the Huskies racked up 306 in the first half.

Fletcher put the exclamation point on the win by barreling ahead on a third-down and three, getting the first down to allow NSU to run out the clock.

"I was extremely comfortable out there tonight, and getting extra reps in practice after playing most of the (UCA) game certainly helped," Fletcher said.

NSU starting quarterback Kenny Sears got the homecoming crowd of 7,098 rocking early with an opening touchdown, a 51-yard strike to Watson.

Sears played the first two series before giving way to Fletcher, throwing for 66 yards on 4-of-5 passing and his first career touchdown.

"Kenny set the tone for us in that first series, and we talked to both of the quarterbacks about the number of series they'd get," Laird said. "What nobody saw tonight was the way Sears stayed involved in the game from the sidelines. He helped us win tonight."

The Huskies scored 28 of the next 31 points on the arm and legs of Zappe, who threw for three touchdowns and 251 yards while adding 132 rushing yards and another score.

NSU's rushing game balanced its passing game as running backs Jared West (76 yards) and Stafford Anderson (46 yards).

The Demons sacked Zappe four times by four different rushers.

Freshman Jonard Valsin, Jr., accounted for one of those sacks as part of six tackles and one forced fumble.

"I've had to transition to the college game in which players are bigger and faster," said the Port Arthur, Texas, native. "But thanks to God, the coaches and the players, I've been able to make that transition and make plays on defense and special teams."

Senior offensive guard Chris Zirkle made his first start of the season after battling a shoulder injury suffered during this past season. The new redshirt rule allows players to compete in up to four games without losing a season of eligibility, so Zirkle will return for a fifth season in 2019.

Junior defensive lineman Christian Bluiett also saw his first action in a similar situation, although he didn't record a tackle.

Houston Baptist	14	7	7	0	- 28
Northwestern State	7	3	7	14	- 31

Kickoff: 6:00 p.m. • End of Game: 9:05 p.m. • Duration: 3:05 • Attendance: 7,098

1 13:10 NSU-Jaylen Watson 51 pass from Kenny Sears (Austyn Fendrick kick) 5-74, 1:20	0-7
07:59 HBU-Bailey Zappe 68 run (David Dominguez kick) 4-86, 1:09	7-7
00:29 HBU-David Racine 34 pass from Bailey Zappe (Dominguez kick) 4-81, 1:32	14-7
2 11:37 NSU-Austyn Fendrick 38 field goal, 11-48, 3:46	14-10
03:34 HBU-Dreshawn Minnieweather 19 pass from Zappe (Dominguez kick) 9-71, 3:15	21-10
03:31 HBU-LaDarius Dickens 15 pass from Zappe (Dominguez kick) 4-57, 0:58	28-10
03:33 NSU-Jaylen Watson 11 pass from Kaleb Fletcher (Fendrick kick) 10-62, 3:49	28-17
4 09:34 NSU-Jazz Ferguson 13 pass from Fletcher (Fletcher pass intercepted) 7-80, 2:15	28-23
04:12 NSU-Ferguson 2 pass from Fletcher (Fletcher pass to Ferguson) 10-55, 3:19	28-31

Yardstick	HBU	NSU
First Downs	23	27
Rushing Yards	247	165
Passing Yards	251	319
Completions-Attempts-Interceptions	25-38-1	34-49-0
Total Offensive Yards	498	484
Total Offensive Plays	71	92
Average Gain Per play	7.0	5.3
Fumbles: Number-Lost	2-2	4-0
Penalties: Numbers-Yards	5-36	5-38
Punts-Yards-Average	5-177-35.4	4-147-36.8
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	3-10-0
Average Per Return	0	3.3
Kickoff Returns: Numbers-Yards-TD	6-86-0	3-84-0
Average Per Return	14.3	28.0
Interceptions: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	1-24-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Possession Time	25:41	34:19
Third-Down Conversions	6-14	9-21
Fourth-Down Conversions	0-1	3-4
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-3	3-4
Sack by: Number-Yards	2-7	4-12
PAT Kicks	4-4	2-2
Field Goals	0-0	1-2

DEMON INDIVIDUAL STATS

Team Captains: DT O'Shea Jackson, RG Chris Zirkle, WR Quan Shorts

Passing: Kaleb Fletcher 30-44, 253, 3 TD, 2 sack; Kenny Sears 4-5, 66, TD

Rushing: Jared West 17-76; Kaleb Fletcher 17-67; Stafford Anderson 8-46

Receiving: Jaylen Watson 6-96, 2 TD; Jazz Ferguson 8-90, 2 TD; Quan Shorts 6-36; Marquisian Chapman 6-34; Kalen Meggs 2-23; Levar Mums 2-19; Bryson Bourque 3-12; Kendrick Price 1-9

O-Line Grades: Chris Zirkle 30 knockdowns, 14 MTXE; Brody Griffin 22 KD, 9 MTXE; Kenny Sheldon 19 KD, 6 MTXE; Zach Perry 18 KD, 8 MTXE; Frank Boudreaux 16 KD, 4 MTXE; Jonathan Hubbard 11 KD, 1 MTXE; Dustin Burns 2 plays.

Defense: Hayden Bourgeois 9 hits, 0.5/1 TFL, FF; Quindarius Whitley 9 hits, 0.5/1 TFL; Jonard Valsin 6 hits, 1.0/1 TFL, 1.0/1 sack, FF; Damien Thompson 6 hits 1.0/2 TFL, BrUp; Ryan Reed 5 hits, 0.5/1; O'Shea Jackson 5 hits; Blake Stephenson 4 hits, 1.0/6 TFL, 1.0/6 sack; Shemar Bartholomew 3 hits, BrUp; Kevin Ratliff 3 hits; Nicholas Forde 3 hits, FF; Corban James 3 hits; William Hooper 2 hits; D'Ronne Littleton 2 hits; Rashaua Croncy 2 hits, BrUp; Obi Iheoma 2 hits, 1.0/3 TFL, 1.0/3 sackm 2 QH; Malik Sonnier 2 hits, FF, 1-24 INT; Zak Krolczyk 2 hits, 0.5/1 TFL, 0.5/1 Sack, QH; Teyvyn Johnson hit; Khalil Sumlin hit, 1.0/2 TFL, 1.0/2 sack; Ronald Malbrough hit; Trey Williams, hit; Isaiah Longino hit; Rashuad Powell hit, 2QH; Brice Borgeson hit



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2017 Northwestern State vs. Abilene Christian recap

Piccione ties NSU's field goal record in overtime win

NATCHITOCHES – For the second straight week, Northwestern State football players sprinted onto the field following a win.

The Demons danced on the Turpin Stadium turf Saturday following a 26-23 win after Abilene Christian kicker Nik Grau missed a 34-yard field goal in overtime.

The winning streak is NSU's first since late 2015, and the stretch started when senior kicker Eric Piccione was dogpiled after making a 36-yard game-winner against Houston Baptist this past week.

On Saturday, Piccione was the hero again, making a career-high four field goals, which ties a school record held by two other kickers. The League City, Texas, native made attempts from 43, 45 and 43 yards in regulation before knocking through a 39-yarder in overtime for the Demons (3-6, 3-4 Southland Conference).

"We have a swagger about us now, and the weight's been lifted off our shoulders," Piccione said. "I adjusted from my mistakes last week and moved forward."

"I kept it simple and trusted my ability. I treated the overtime kick the same as all the other kicks. I don't think of them differently than extra points."

Piccione missed three kicks into the wind this past week at HBU, but he nailed kicks of 43 and 45 yards into a decent wind Saturday.

His counterpart Grau made just 3-of-7 attempts, including missing his last three tries.

The overtime win is NSU's first since 2010 when the Demons knocked off Sam Houston State.

The NSU defense stood tall in the second half, holding ACU (2-7, 2-5 SLC) to six points after halftime.

The Wildcats piled up 423 yards (348 passing), but NSU had an important goal-line stand at the beginning of fourth quarter in which ACU had first-and-goal from the 1, resulting in a 19-yard Grau field goal.

"I hadn't seen a (goal-line stand) in a long time, and the interior linemen and

linebackers weren't going to be budged," said NSU head coach Jay Thomas. "What an awesome feeling, there's nothing like this."

"Our field goal team was outstanding, from Piccione, to the protection, to the hold. Both the offense and defense overcame adversity tonight, and we're peaking at the right time."

Senior running back Chris Jones had his third 100-yard rushing game with 110 yards, leading to a second-best total of 210 rushing yards. Jones plunged in from 1 yard out on fourth down to give NSU a 7-3 edge in the first quarter.

Freshman quarterback Kaleb Fletcher, who played the entire second half after starter Clay Holgorsen injured his shoulder, rushed for 57 yards and threw for another 39.

Trailing 17-13 at halftime, Fletcher led a 62-yard touchdown drive capped by his 14-yard scoring run. He also completed a 21-yard pass to senior Bryson Bourque.

"I was nervous at first, but my team had my back and gave me the confidence I needed," said Fletcher, who rotated with Holgorsen in the first half. "That drive to start the third quarter gave the whole team confidence."

NSU won a game that featured five lead changes and three ties.

Piccione's 43-yard field goal tied the game at 23-23 with 8:56 left in the fourth quarter, aided by a 29-yard Stafford Anderson run (34 yards total).

ACU quarterback Luke Anthony threw for 345 yards and two touchdowns, both to receiver Carl Whitley.

Whitley caught scores 6 and 34 yards, the second of which came on fourth down and handed the Wildcats a 17-10 edge. Whitley finished with five catches for yards, complementing Troy Grant (7-79) and Trevor Crain (3-93).

NSU will continue its run for an undefeated November (which includes an Oct. 28 win at Houston Baptist) when the Demons head to McNeese on Nov. 11.

"We've won two straight now, and our goal is 4-0," said senior linebacker Peyton Guidry, who had 10 tackles behind leader Ryan Reed with 12. "We've got two more to go, and we're hoping this momentum helps us get the last two."

Abilene Christian	3	14	3	3	0	-	23
Northwestern State	10	3	7	3	3	-	26

Kickoff: 4:00 p.m. • End of Game: 7:09 p.m. • Duration: 3:09 • Attendance: 5,042

1	08:11	ACU-Nik Grau 28 field goal, 13-64, 6:49	3-0
	04:37	NSU-Chris Jones 1 run (Eric Piccione kick) 9-58, 3:28	3-7
	02:01	NSU-Eric Piccione 43 field goal, 4-1, 1:20	3-10
2	12:45	ACU-Carl Whitley 6 pass from Luke Anthony (Nik Grau kick) 4-50, 1:31	10-10
	09:03	ACU-Carl Whitley 34 pass from Luke Anthony (Nik Grau kick) 5-58, 1:59	17-10
	05:19	NSU-Eric Piccione 45 field goal, 8-39, 3:39	17-13
3	13:19	NSU-Kaleb Fletcher 14 run (Eric Piccione kick) 5-62, 1:37	17-20
	08:06	ACU-Nik Grau 30 field goal, 11-72, 5:06	20-20
4	11:23	ACU-Nik Grau 19 field goal, 7-49, 2:52	23-20
	08:56	NSU-Eric Piccione 43 field goal, 6-41, 2:22	23-23
OT	15:00	NSU-Eric Piccione 39 field goal, 4-3, TOP 0:00	23-26

Yardstick	ACU	NSU
First Downs	20	15
Rushes-Yards	75	210
Passing Yards	348	86
Completions-Attempts-Interceptions	31-48-0	8-21-1
Total Offensive Yards	423	296
Total Offensive Plays	79	62
Average Gain Per play	5.4	4.4
Fumbles: Number-Lost	3-1	2-2
Penalties: Numbers-Yards	6-55	3-35
Punts-Yards-Average	5-195-39.0	4-155-38.8
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-2-0	2-7-0
Average Per Return	2.0	3.5
Kickoff Returns: Numbers-Yards-TD	3-52-0	5-75-0
Average Per Return	17.3	15.2
Interceptions: Number-Yards-TD	1-13-0	0-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Possession Time	33:16	26:44
Third-Down Conversions	6-19	5-16
Fourth-Down Conversions	1-1	1-2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-5	2-3
Sacks by: Number-Yards	4-21	3-10
PAT Kicks	2-2	2-2
Field Goals	3-7	4-4

PLAYER STATS

Team Captains LB Peyton Guidry, OG Korliss Johnson, S Austin Balthazor

Passing: Clay Holgorsen 5-13, 47 yards, 1 Int.; Kaleb Fletcher 3-8, 39 yards

Rushing: Chris Jones 17-110, 1 TD; Kaleb Fletcher 18-57, 1 TD; Stafford Anderson, 3-34; Jared West 207; Marquisian Chapman 1-6; Clay Holgorsen 3-(-)2

Receiving: Marquisian Chapman 2-26; Bryson Bourque 1-21; Cameron Lazare 2-17; Jaylen Watson 2-14; Lucas Morgan 1-8

O-Line: Dustin Burns 68 plays/83%; Chris Zirkle 68 plays/80%; Andrew McAlister 68 plays/78%; Frank Boudreaux 68 plays/77%; Korliss Johnson 59 plays/68% Timmis Bonner 10 plays/60%; Andrew Bluiett 1 play/100%

Defense: Ryan Reed 14 hits, BrUp; Peyton Guidry 11 hits, 2/2 TFL, 1/1 Sack, FF, QH; Chrishard Buhl 10 hits, 3.5/7 TFL; Austin Balthazor 6 hits, BrUp; Zak Krolczyk 6 hits, 0.5/1 TFL; Isaac Warren 4 hits, 1/2; Lyn Clark 4 hits, 2/4 TFL/ 2/4 sacks; Obinna Iheoma 4 hits, 1/1 TFL, QH; Jalon Sangster 4 hits, 2/3 TFL; Lionel Williams 3 hits, 1/2 TFL, 1/2 sack, FF, BrUp; Nicholas Forde 2 hits; D'Ronne Littleton 2 hits, 1/5 TFL; Braylon Daigle 2 hits; Christian Bluiett 2 hits, 0.5 TFL; Dannie Harmon 2 hits, QH; Damian Thompson 2 hits, 1.0/1 TFL; Kwan Adkins 1 hit; Dez Gray 1 hit; Dylan Wilson BrUp



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Northwestern State Combined Team Statistics (as of Oct 28, 2018)

All games



Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
Aug 30, 2018	at TAMU	L 7-59	95855
Sep 8, 2018	GRAMBLING	W 34-7	13525
* Sep 15, 2018	at Lamar University	W 49-48	6021
* Sep 29, 2018	at Southeastern La.	L 17-24	5118
* Oct 06, 2018	NICHOLLS	L 10-28	7055
* Oct 13, 2018	SAM HOUSTON STATE	L 28-42	5125
* Oct 20, 2018	at #15 Central Arkansas	L 17-38	6754
* Oct 27, 2018	HOUSTON BAPTIST	W 31-28	7098

Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
West, Jared	8	111	574	27	547	4.9	2	40	68.4
Anderson, Stadf	8	48	228	17	211	4.4	1	18	26.4
Fletcher, Kaleb	2	24	98	28	70	2.9	1	20	35.0
Smith, Da'Von	6	14	27	5	22	1.6	0	7	3.7
Pastorello, Par	8	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	0.5
Ward, Myles	8	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	0.2
Total	8	241	1025	266	759	3.1	4	40	94.9
Opponents	8	355	2143	191	1952	5.5	15	73	244.0

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Eppler, Shelton	6	147.00	128-209-4	61.2	1679	14	70	279.8
Fletcher, Kaleb	2	131.73	46-73-0	63.0	440	4	53	220.0
Holgorsen, Clay	5	110.91	38-63-1	60.3	364	1	71	72.8
Sears, Kenny	1	256.88	4-5-0	80.0	66	1	51	66.0
Total	8	138.89	216-350-5	61.7	2549	20	71	318.6
Opponents	8	139.25	143-258-12	55.4	1996	22	76	249.5

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Ferguson, Jazz	8	48	852	17.8	8	71	106.5
Shorts, Quan	8	41	399	9.7	2	51	49.9
Watson, Jaylen	8	37	482	13.0	6	53	60.2
Chapman, Marqui	8	26	258	9.9	1	38	32.2
West, Jared	8	18	152	8.4	0	24	19.0
Bourque, Bryson	8	12	69	5.8	0	27	8.6
Gumms, Levar	6	9	132	14.7	2	24	22.0
Anderson, Stadf	8	7	52	7.4	0	22	6.5
Smith, Da'Von	6	5	53	10.6	1	17	8.8
Price Jr., Kend	5	5	49	9.8	0	22	9.8
Meggs, Kalen	8	5	35	7.0	0	13	4.4
Bailiff, Christ	6	2	14	7.0	0	11	2.3
Ward, Myles	8	1	2	2.0	0	2	0.2
Total	8	216	2549	11.8	20	71	318.6
Opponents	8	143	1996	14.0	22	76	249.5

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Fendrick, Austy	4-10	40.0	0-0	1-2	3-6	0-2	0-0	38	1

Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Ferguson, Jazz	8	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	50
Watson, Jaylen	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Fendrick, Austy	-	4-10	23-24	-	-	-	-	-	35
Shorts, Quan	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Gumms, Levar	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
West, Jared	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Anderson, Stadf	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Smith, Da'Von	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Chapman, Marqui	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Bourgeois, Hayd	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Fletcher, Kaleb	1	-	-	-	1-2	-	-	-	6
Stephenson, Bla	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	26	4-10	23-24	-	1	1-2	-	-	193
Opponents	37	4-7	34-35	-	2	2-2	-	1	274

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Northwestern State	48	68	14	63	0	193
Opponents	56	107	66	45	0	274

Record:	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
All games	3-5	2-2	1-3	0-0
Conference	2-4	1-2	1-2	0-0
Non-Conference	1-1	1-0	0-1	0-0

Team Statistics	NSU	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	178	203
Rushing	46	104
Passing	113	84
Penalty	19	15
RUSHING YARDAGE	759	1952
Rushing Attempts	241	355
Average Per Rush	3.1	5.5
Average Per Game	94.9	244.0
TDs Rushing	4	15
PASSING YARDAGE	2549	1996
Comp-Att-Int	216-350-5	143-258-12
Average Per Pass	7.3	7.7
Average Per Catch	11.8	14.0
Average Per Game	318.6	249.5
TDs Passing	20	22
TOTAL OFFENSE	3308	3948
Average Per Play	5.6	6.4
Average Per Game	413.5	493.5
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	26-605	33-536
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	10-36	12-122
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	12-122	5-25
FUMBLES-LOST	15-5	16-9
PENALTIES-Yards	71-611	58-546
PUNTS-AVG	49-41.2	36-39.4
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	29:27	30:32
3RD-DOWN Conversions	44/126	53/108
4TH-DOWN Conversions	11/20	3/7

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Bourgeois, Hayd	5	69	13.8	1	55
Reed, Ryan	2	1	0.5	0	1
Bartholomew, Sh	2	19	9.5	0	19
Sonnier, Malik	1	24	24.0	0	24
Ratliff, Kevin	1	9	9.0	0	9
Croney, Rashaun	1	0	0.0	0	0

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Pastorello, Par	49	2019	41.2	68	4	11	18	10	0

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Bourgeois, Hayd	10	36	3.6	0	11
Total	10	36	3.6	0	11
Opponents	12	122	10.2	0	42

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Ward, Myles	22	555	25.2	0	58
Reed, Ryan	2	34	17.0	0	21
Powell, Rashuad	1	2	2.0	0	2
West, Jared	1	14	14.0	0	14
Total	26	605	23.3	0	58
Opponents	33	536	16.2	0	40

All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Ferguson, Jazz	8	0	852	0	0	0	852	106.5
West, Jared	8	547	152	0	14	0	713	89.1
Ward, Myles	8	2	2	0	555	0	559	69.9
Watson, Jaylen	8	0	482	0	0	0	482	60.2
Shorts, Quan	8	-5	399	0	0	0	394	49.2
Total	8	759	2549	36	605	122	4071	508.9
Opponents	8	1952	1996	122	536	25	4631	578.9

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Eppler, Shelton	6	238	-20	1679	1659	276.5
West, Jared	8	111	547	0	547	68.4
Fletcher, Kaleb	2	97	70	440	510	255.0
Holgorsen, Clay	5	73	-23	364	341	68.2
Anderson, Stadf	8	48	211	0	211	26.4
Total	8	591	759	2549	3308	413.5
Opponents	8	613	1952	1996	3948	493.5

##	Defensive Leaders	gp	ua	Tackles		tfl/yds	Sacks	Pass defense		Fumbles	blkd			
				a	tot		no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf



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Team Statistics	NSU	OPP
SCORING	193	274
Points Per Game	24.1	34.2
Points Off Turnovers	73	35
FIRST DOWNS	178	203
Rushing	46	104
Passing	113	84
Penalty	19	15
RUSHING YARDAGE	759	1952
Yards gained rushing	1025	2143
Yards lost rushing	266	191
Rushing Attempts	241	355
Average Per Rush	3.1	5.5
Average Per Game	94.9	244.0
TDs Rushing	4	15
PASSING YARDAGE	2549	1996
Comp-Att-Int	216-350-5	143-258-12
Average Per Pass	7.3	7.7
Average Per Catch	11.8	14.0
Average Per Game	318.6	249.5
TDs Passing	20	22
TOTAL OFFENSE	3308	3948
Total Plays	591	613
Average Per Play	5.6	6.4
Average Per Game	413.5	493.5
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	26-605	33-536
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	10-36	12-122
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	12-122	5-25
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	23.3	16.2
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	3.6	10.2
INT RETURN AVERAGE	10.2	5.0
FUMBLES-LOST	15-5	16-9
PENALTIES-Yards	71-611	58-546
Average Per Game	76.4	68.2
PUNTS-Yards	49-2019	36-1418
Average Per Punt	41.2	39.4
Net punt average	37.1	37.3
KICKOFFS-Yards	38-2161	49-3037
Average Per Kick	56.9	62.0
Net kick average	41.4	40.4
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	29:27	30:32
3RD-DOWN Conversions	44/126	53/108
3rd-Down Pct	35%	49%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	11/20	3/7
4th-Down Pct	55%	43%
SACKS BY-Yards	20-109	18-123
MISC YARDS	-10	-7
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	26	37
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	4-10	4-7
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-1	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(20-30) 67%	(24-31) 77%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(17-30) 57%	(22-31) 71%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(23-24) 96%	(34-35) 97%
ATTENDANCE	32803	113748
Games/Avg Per Game	4/8201	4/28437
Neutral Site Games		0/0

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Northwestern State	48	68	14	63	0	193
Opponents	56	107	66	45	0	274



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Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
West, Jared	8	111	574	27	547	4.9	2	40	68.4
Anderson, Stadf	8	48	228	17	211	4.4	1	18	26.4
Fletcher, Kaleb	2	24	98	28	70	2.9	1	20	35.0
Smith, Da'Von	6	14	27	5	22	1.6	0	7	3.7
Pastorello, Par	8	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	0.5
Ward, Myles	8	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	0.2
Shorts, Quan	8	1	0	5	-5	-5.0	0	0	-0.6
Eppler, Shelton	6	29	77	97	-20	-0.7	0	12	-3.3
Holgorsen, Clay	5	10	15	38	-23	-2.3	0	4	-4.6
Team	2	2	0	49	-49	-24.5	0	0	-24.5
Total	8	241	1025	266	759	3.1	4	40	94.9
Opponents	8	355	2143	191	1952	5.5	15	73	244.0

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Eppler, Shelton	6	147.00	128-209-4	61.2	1679	14	70	279.8
Fletcher, Kaleb	2	131.73	46-73-0	63.0	440	4	53	220.0
Holgorsen, Clay	5	110.91	38-63-1	60.3	364	1	71	72.8
Sears, Kenny	1	256.88	4-5-0	80.0	66	1	51	66.0
Total	8	138.89	216-350-5	61.7	2549	20	71	318.6
Opponents	8	139.25	143-258-12	55.4	1996	22	76	249.5

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Ferguson, Jazz	8	48	852	17.8	8	71	106.5
Shorts, Quan	8	41	399	9.7	2	51	49.9
Watson, Jaylen	8	37	482	13.0	6	53	60.2
Chapman, Marqui	8	26	258	9.9	1	38	32.2
West, Jared	8	18	152	8.4	0	24	19.0
Bourque, Bryson	8	12	69	5.8	0	27	8.6
Gumms, Levar	6	9	132	14.7	2	24	22.0
Anderson, Stadf	8	7	52	7.4	0	22	6.5
Smith, Da'Von	6	5	53	10.6	1	17	8.8
Price Jr., Kend	5	5	49	9.8	0	22	9.8
Meggs, Kalen	8	5	35	7.0	0	13	4.4
Bailiff, Christ	6	2	14	7.0	0	11	2.3
Ward, Myles	8	1	2	2.0	0	2	0.2
Total	8	216	2549	11.8	20	71	318.6
Opponents	8	143	1996	14.0	22	76	249.5

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Bourgeois, Hayd	10	36	3.6	0	11
Total	10	36	3.6	0	11
Opponents	12	122	10.2	0	42

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Bourgeois, Hayd	5	69	13.8	1	55
Bartholomew, Sh	2	19	9.5	0	19
Reed, Ryan	2	1	0.5	0	1
Ratliff, Kevin	1	9	9.0	0	9
Sonnier, Malik	1	24	24.0	0	24
Croney, Rashaun	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	12	122	10.2	1	55
Opponents	5	25	5.0	0	17

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Ward, Myles	22	555	25.2	0	58
Reed, Ryan	2	34	17.0	0	21
Powell, Rashuad	1	2	2.0	0	2
West, Jared	1	14	14.0	0	14
Total	26	605	23.3	0	58
Opponents	33	536	16.2	0	40

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Longino, Isaiah	1	3	3.0	0	3
Prejean, Desmon	1	6	6.0	0	6
Stephenson, Bla	0	0	0.0	1	0
Total	2	9	4.5	1	6
Opponents	1	10	10.0	0	10



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Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Ferguson, Jazz	8	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	50
Watson, Jaylen	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Fendrick, Austy	-	4-10	23-24	-	-	-	-	-	35
Shorts, Quan	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Gumms, Levar	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
West, Jared	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Smith, Da'Von	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Stephenson, Bla	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Bourgeois, Hayd	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Chapman, Marqui	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Fletcher, Kaleb	1	-	-	-	-	1-2	-	-	6
Anderson, Stadf	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	26	4-10	23-24	-	1	1-2	-	-	193
Opponents	37	4-7	34-35	-	2	2-2	-	1	274

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Eppler, Shelton	6	238	-20	1679	1659	276.5
West, Jared	8	111	547	0	547	68.4
Fletcher, Kaleb	2	97	70	440	510	255.0
Holgorsen, Clay	5	73	-23	364	341	68.2
Anderson, Stadf	8	48	211	0	211	26.4
Sears, Kenny	1	5	0	66	66	66.0
Smith, Da'Von	6	14	22	0	22	3.7
Pastorello, Par	8	1	4	0	4	0.5
Ward, Myles	8	1	2	0	2	0.2
Shorts, Quan	8	1	-5	0	-5	-0.6
Team	2	2	-49	0	-49	-24.5
Total	8	591	759	2549	3308	413.5
Opponents	8	613	1952	1996	3948	493.5

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Fendrick, Austy	4-10	40.0	0-0	1-2	3-6	0-2	0-0	38	1
FG Sequence	Northwestern State				Opponents				
TAMU	47,39				(52)				
Grambling	36				-				
Lamar University	-				-				
Southeastern La.	(36),27				(24)				
Nicholls	(28),40				48,30				
Sam Houston State	-				(46)				
Central Arkansas	(35)				(34),44				
Houston Baptist	36,(38)				-				

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Pastorello, Par	49	2019	41.2	68	4	11	18	10	0
Total	49	2019	41.2	68	4	11	18	10	0
Opponents	36	1418	39.4	70	2	10	13	5	0
Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln	
Fendrick, Austy	38	2161	56.9	2	3				
Total	38	2161	56.9	2	3	16.2	41.4	23	
Opponents	49	3037	62.0	18	2	23.3	40.4	24	

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.



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All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Ferguson, Jazz	8	0	852	0	0	0	852	106.5
West, Jared	8	547	152	0	14	0	713	89.1
Ward, Myles	8	2	2	0	555	0	559	69.9
Watson, Jaylen	8	0	482	0	0	0	482	60.2
Shorts, Quan	8	-5	399	0	0	0	394	49.2
Anderson, Stadf	8	211	52	0	0	0	263	32.9
Chapman, Marq	8	0	258	0	0	0	258	32.2
Gumms, Levar	6	0	132	0	0	0	132	22.0
Bourgeois, Hayd	8	0	0	36	0	69	105	13.1
Smith, Da'Von	6	22	53	0	0	0	75	12.5
Fletcher, Kaleb	2	70	0	0	0	0	70	35.0
Bourque, Bryson	8	0	69	0	0	0	69	8.6
Price Jr., Kend	5	0	49	0	0	0	49	9.8
Reed, Ryan	8	0	0	0	34	1	35	4.4
Meggs, Kalen	8	0	35	0	0	0	35	4.4
Sonnier, Malik	7	0	0	0	0	24	24	3.4
Bartholomew, S	5	0	0	0	0	19	19	3.8
Bailiff, Christ	6	0	14	0	0	0	14	2.3
Ratliff, Kevin	6	0	0	0	0	9	9	1.5
Pastorello, Par	8	4	0	0	0	0	4	0.5
Powell, Rashuad	8	0	0	0	2	0	2	0.2
Eppler, Shelton	6	-20	0	0	0	0	-20	-3.3
Holgorsen, Clay	5	-23	0	0	0	0	-23	-4.6
Team	2	-49	0	0	0	0	-49	-24.5
Total	8	759	2549	36	605	122	4071	508.9
Opponents	8	1952	1996	122	536	25	4631	578.9



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			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
##	Defensive Leaders	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
38	Whitley, Quinda	8	28	35	63	2.5-15	0.5-5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
25	Bourgeois, Hayd	8	29	30	59	2.5-6	0.5-1	5-69	1	.	1-0	.	.	.
8D	Reed, Ryan	8	26	24	50	1.5-1	.	2-1	1	.	.	.	.	.
43	Stephenson, Bla	8	21	24	45	4.0-26	3.0-24	.	1	2	1-0	.	.	.
55	Jackson, O'Shea	8	15	24	39	7.0-17	2.0-10	.	.	3	1-0	1	1	.
33	Longino, Isaiah	8	16	15	31	3.5-14	2.0-10	.	.	1	1-3	.	.	.
94	Krolczyk, Zak	8	13	16	29	6.5-18	1.0-2	.	.	4	.	.	1	.
53	Borgeson, Brice	8	12	13	25	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
90	Sangster, Jalon	6	10	12	22	2.5-14	2.0-12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6D	Croney, Rashaun	8	14	6	20	1.0-1	.	1-0	5	2	.	.	.	.
20	Sonnier, Malik	7	15	5	20	2.0-4	.	1-24	.	.	.	2	.	.
11	Iheoma, Obi	8	7	12	19	4.0-22	4.0-22	.	.	6	.	1	1	.
7D	Ratliff, Kevin	6	10	7	17	.	.	1-9	.	.	.	.	.	.
39	Moore, Kyle	8	6	10	16	1.0-3	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
51	Nanai, Nathaloh	8	5	9	14	1.0-3	0.5-3	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
47	Powell, Rashuad	8	9	5	14	3.5-12	1.0-7	.	.	3	.	.	.	.
18	Malbrough, Rona	8	8	6	14	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
2D	Littleton, D'Ro	8	9	4	13	1.0-8	1.0-8	.	4	.	.	.	.	.
24	Edwards, Ian	7	10	3	13	1.0-2	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
1C	Valsin Jr., Jom	7	6	6	12	1.5-2	1.0-1	.	1	4	1-0	.	.	.
3D	Bartholomew, Sh	5	7	4	11	1.0-1	1.0-1	2-19	1	.	.	.	.	.
99	Thompson, Damia	7	7	4	11	2.0-4	.	.	1	.	1-0	.	.	.
46	Miller, Darion	8	6	4	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Forde, Nicholas	5	4	5	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
36	James, Corban	7	3	6	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Daigle, Braylon	2	4	4	8	0.5-4	0.5-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7A	Sumlin, Khalil	5	2	5	7	1.0-2	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35	King, Landon	6	.	7	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
84	Landry, Gavin	8	5	1	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2B	Ficklin, Deshon	7	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
29	Williams, Trey	7	3	2	5	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
1I	Johnson, Tevyn	7	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52	Prejean, Desmon	2	2	2	4	0.5-5	0.5-5	.	.	.	1-6	.	.	.
16	McGee, Coby	8	4	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
5D	Angelle, Jalen	1	1	2	3	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1E	Hooper, William	4	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	Gray, Dez	5	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Hester, Jordan	1	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	Chapman, Marqui	8	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
32	Raymond, Darian	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
70	Hubbard, Jonath	7	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Cormier, Tyree	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5A	Chatman, Ricky	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
50	Schmidt, Korbin	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30	Eberts, Brandon	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56	Sheldon, Kennet	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9P	Pastorello, Par	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1A	Ward, Myles	8	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM	Team	2	1	.	1	1.0-7	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
28	Wilson, Dylan	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
Total		8	331	328	659	54-193	20-109	12-122	20	29	9-9	8	3	.
Opponents		8	297	263	560	59-203	18-123	5-25	43	15	5-10	4	2	1



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Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot	
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	off	def
Aug 30	at TAMU	13	21	0	6	18	230	1	71	18-35-0	230	1	71	3	66	0	29	1	0	0	0	251	
Sept 8	GRAMBLING	34	145	1	22	35	359	4	22	35-45-0	359	4	22	2	51	0	27	0	0	0	0	504	
Sep 15	at Lamar University	26	88	1	40	27	474	6	70	27-48-0	474	6	70	4	57	0	15	1	0	0	0	562	
Sep 29	at Southeastern La.	41	165	0	22	34	325	1	42	34-53-0	325	1	42	4	86	0	26	1	8	0	8	490	
Oct 06	NICHOLLS	25	62	1	27	19	259	0	39	19-36-2	259	0	39	4	116	0	58	1	8	0	8	321	
Oct 13	SAM HOUSTON STATE	32	81	0	29	27	351	3	44	27-47-2	351	3	44	2	44	0	29	3	10	0	5	432	
Oct 20	at Central Arkansas	27	32	1	20	22	232	1	53	22-37-1	232	1	53	4	101	0	53	0	0	0	0	264	
Oct 27	HOUSTON BAPTIST	43	165	0	20	34	319	4	51	34-49-0	319	4	51	3	84	0	32	3	10	0	11	484	
Northwestern State		241	759	4	40	216	2549	20	71	216-350-5	2549	20	71	26	605	0	58	10	36	0	11	3308	
		355	1952	15	73	143	1996	22	76	143-258-12	1996	22	76	33	536	0	40	12	122	0	42	3948	

Games: 8 • Avg/rush: 3.1 • Avg/catch: 11.8 • Pass effic: 138.89 • KR avg: 23.3 • PR avg: 3.6 • All purpose avg/game: 508.9 • Total offense avg/gm: 413.5

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks		Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd	PAT Attempts				off		
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts		
Aug 30	at TAMU	68	38	106	4.0-21	2.0-17	1	1-6	0-0	3	3	0	1-1	0	0	0	7	7		
Sept 8	GRAMBLING	34	42	76	8.0-43	4.0-32	0	1-0	4-1	9	2	0	4-5	0	0	0	20	34		
Sep 15	at Lamar University	35	66	101	9.5-36	2.0-22	1	1-0	1-0	0	3	1	7-7	0	0	0	7	49		
Sep 29	at Southeastern La.	43	22	65	5.5-23	2.0-15	2	2-3	1-9	3	1	0	2-2	0	0	0	7	17		
Oct 06	NICHOLLS	33	43	76	9.0-22	3.0-14	0	0-0	1-14	2	1	2	1-1	0	0	0	0	10		
Oct 13	SAM HOUSTON STATE	39	48	87	7.0-11	3.0-4	1	1-0	3-74	7	3	0	4-4	0	0	0	14	28		
Oct 20	at Central Arkansas	27	46	73	4.0-19	0.0-0	1	1-0	1-0	0	4	0	2-2	0	0	0	10	17		
Oct 27	HOUSTON BAPTIST	52	23	75	7.0-18	4.0-13	2	2-0	1-24	5	3	0	2-2	0	1	0	8	31		
Northwestern State		331	328	659	54.0-193	21.5-117	8	9-9	12-122	29	20	3	23-24	0	1	0	73	193		
		297	263	560	59.0-203	18.0-123	4	5-10	5-25	15	43	2	34-35	0	2	1	35	274		

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
Aug 30	at TAMU	9	379	42.1	54	0	0	2	3	4	0-2	0	0	2	115	57.5	0	1	
Sept 8	GRAMBLING	4	152	38.0	43	0	1	0	0	1	0-1	0	1	6	402	67.0	1	2	
Sep 15	at Lamar University	7	291	41.6	53	0	0	0	2	1	0-0	0	0	8	463	57.9	0	0	
Sep 29	at Southeastern La.	4	170	42.5	52	0	2	0	1	0	1-2	36	0	4	163	40.8	0	0	
Oct 06	NICHOLLS	5	191	38.2	55	0	0	1	1	2	1-2	28	0	3	181	60.3	1	0	
Oct 13	SAM HOUSTON STATE	7	343	49.0	68	0	0	0	3	3	0-0	0	0	6	324	54.0	0	0	
Oct 20	at Central Arkansas	9	346	38.4	49	0	1	4	0	5	1-1	35	0	3	161	53.7	0	0	
Oct 27	HOUSTON BAPTIST	4	147	36.8	41	0	0	4	0	2	1-2	38	0	6	352	58.7	0	0	
Northwestern State		49	2019	41.2	68	0	4	11	10	18	4-10	38	1	38	2161	56.9	2	3	
		36	1418	39.4	70	0	2	10	5	13	4-7	52	1	49	3037	62.0	18	2	



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OPPONENT STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
Aug 30	at TAMU	61	503	5	73	23	255	3	34	23-35-0	255	3	34	1	13	0	13	3	9	0	4	758
Sept 8	GRAMBLING	40	208	1	24	17	141	0	38	17-32-4	141	0	38	3	51	0	27	2	14	0	9	349
Sep 15	at Lamar University	51	230	3	21	15	263	4	45	15-31-1	263	4	45	8	146	0	33	2	39	0	42	493
Sep 29	at Southeastern La.	31	54	1	8	19	316	2	76	19-28-1	316	2	76	3	35	0	18	1	42	0	42	370
Oct 06	NICHOLLS	55	299	3	43	8	118	1	50	8-17-1	118	1	50	2	57	0	40	1	8	0	8	417
Oct 13	SAM HOUSTON STATE	40	189	1	28	24	374	4	56	24-49-3	374	4	56	6	105	0	27	2	18	0	21	563
Oct 20	at Central Arkansas	44	222	0	46	12	278	5	53	12-28-1	278	5	53	4	43	0	22	1	-8	0	0	500
Oct 27	HOUSTON BAPTIST	33	247	1	68	25	251	3	46	25-38-1	251	3	46	6	86	0	19	0	0	0	0	498
Opponents		355	1952	15	73	143	1996	22	76	143-258-12	1996	22	76	33	536	0	40	12	122	0	42	3948
		241	759	4	40	216	2549	20	71	216-350-5	2549	20	71	26	605	0	58	10	36	0	11	3308

Games: 8 • Avg/rush: 5.5 • Avg/catch: 14.0 • Pass effic: 139.25 • KR avg: 16.2 • PR avg: 10.2 • All purpose avg/game: 578.9 • Total offense avg/gm: 493.5

		Tackles				Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd	PAT Attempts			off		
Date	Opponent	ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
Aug 30	at TAMU	20	16	36	5.0-9	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	3	7	0	8-8	0	0	0	0	59
Sept 8	GRAMBLING	47	32	79	7.0-12	1.0-2	0	0-0	0-0	1	3	2	1-1	0	0	0	0	7
Sep 15	at Lamar University	19	60	79	4.0-15	1.0-7	0	0-0	0-0	0	8	0	6-7	0	0	0	0	48
Sep 29	at Southeastern La.	58	30	88	11.0-40	5.0-32	2	2-0	0-0	1	4	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	24
Oct 06	NICHOLLS	36	16	52	8.0-32	1.0-14	1	1-10	2-8	2	7	0	4-4	0	0	0	14	28
Oct 13	SAM HOUSTON STATE	39	38	77	9.0-44	5.0-38	1	2-0	2-17	5	4	0	3-3	0	2	1	14	42
Oct 20	at Central Arkansas	31	26	57	6.0-30	3.0-23	0	0-0	1-0	0	6	0	5-5	0	0	0	7	38
Oct 27	HOUSTON BAPTIST	47	45	92	9.0-21	2.0-7	0	0-0	0-0	3	4	0	4-4	0	0	0	0	28
Opponents		297	263	560	59.0-203	18.0-123	4	5-10	5-25	15	43	2	34-35	0	2	1	35	274
		331	328	659	54.0-193	21.5-117	8	9-9	12-122	29	20	3	23-24	0	1	0	73	193

		Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
Aug 30	at TAMU	2	105	52.5	60	0	1	0	1	1	1-1	52	0	10	645	64.5	6	0	
Sept 8	GRAMBLING	4	155	38.8	61	0	0	2	1	1	0-0	0	0	2	130	65.0	0	0	
Sep 15	at Lamar University	6	236	39.3	50	0	0	3	1	2	0-0	0	0	8	463	57.9	2	0	
Sep 29	at Southeastern La.	5	186	37.2	48	0	1	0	0	1	1-1	24	0	5	308	61.6	1	0	
Oct 06	NICHOLLS	4	158	39.5	70	0	0	0	1	1	0-2	0	1	5	312	62.4	1	0	
Oct 13	SAM HOUSTON STATE	6	251	41.8	52	0	0	1	1	4	1-1	46	0	7	453	64.7	5	0	
Oct 20	at Central Arkansas	4	150	37.5	46	0	0	2	0	1	1-2	34	0	7	421	60.1	2	1	
Oct 27	HOUSTON BAPTIST	5	177	35.4	40	0	0	2	0	2	0-0	0	0	5	305	61.0	1	1	
Opponents		36	1418	39.4	70	0	2	10	5	13	4-7	52	1	49	3037	62.0	18	2	
		49	2019	41.2	68	0	4	11	10	18	4-10	38	1	38	2161	56.9	2	3	



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INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	22	West, Jared at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
Yards Rushing	137	West, Jared at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
TD Rushes	1	West, Jared vs Grambling (Sept 8, 2018)
	1	West, Jared at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
	1	Anderson, Stadf vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
	1	Fletcher, Kaleb at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
Long Rush	40	West, Jared at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Pass attempts	48	Eppler, Shelton at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Pass completions	30	Fletcher, Kaleb vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Yards Passing	474	Eppler, Shelton at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
TD Passes	6	Eppler, Shelton at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Long Pass	71	Holgorsen, Clay at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
Receptions	9	Ferguson, Jazz vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Yards Receiving	142	Ferguson, Jazz at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
TD Receptions	2	Ferguson, Jazz at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
	2	Ferguson, Jazz vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
	2	Ferguson, Jazz vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
	2	Watson, Jaylen vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Long Reception	71	Ferguson, Jazz at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
Field Goals	1	Fendrick, Austy at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
	1	Fendrick, Austy vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
	1	Fendrick, Austy at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
	1	Fendrick, Austy vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Long Field Goal	38	Fendrick, Austy vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Punts	9	Pastorello, Par at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
	9	Pastorello, Par at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
Punting Avg	49.0	Pastorello, Par vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Long Punt	68	Pastorello, Par vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Punts inside 20	5	Pastorello, Par at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
Long Punt Return	11	Bourgeois, Hayd vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Long Kickoff Return	58	Ward, Myles vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
Tackles	12	Whitley, Quinda at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Sacks	2.0	Longino, Isaiah vs Grambling (Sept 8, 2018)
Tackles For Loss	3.5	Powell, Rashuad at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
	3.5	Jackson, O'Shea vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
Interceptions	2	Bourgeois, Hayd vs Grambling (Sept 8, 2018)
	2	Bartholomew, Sh vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)



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TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	43	vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Yards Rushing	165	at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
	165	vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Yards Per Rush	4.3	vs Grambling (Sept 8, 2018)
TD Rushes	1	vs Grambling (Sept 8, 2018)
	1	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
	1	vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
	1	at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
Pass attempts	53	at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
Pass completions	35	vs Grambling (Sept 8, 2018)
Yards Passing	474	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Yards Per Pass	9.9	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
TD Passes	6	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Total Plays	94	at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
Total Offense	562	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Yards Per Play	7.6	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Points	49	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Sacks By	4	vs Grambling (Sept 8, 2018)
	4	vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
First Downs	29	vs Grambling (Sept 8, 2018)
Penalties	14	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Penalty Yards	106	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Turnovers	4	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Interceptions By	4	vs Grambling (Sept 8, 2018)
Punts	9	at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
	9	at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
Punting Avg	49.0	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Long Punt	68	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Punts inside 20	5	at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
Long Punt Return	11	vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)



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OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	27	Colbert, Darrel, at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Yards Rushing	240	T. Williams, at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
TD Rushes	3	T. Williams, at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
	3	Colbert, Darrel, at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Long Rush	73	T. Williams, at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
Pass attempts	49	Brock, Ty, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Pass completions	25	Zappe, Bailey, vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Yards Passing	374	Brock, Ty, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
TD Passes	5	Hales, Luke, at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
Long Pass	76	Virgil, C., at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
Receptions	8	Sterns, J., vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Yards Receiving	182	Mitchell, A., at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
TD Receptions	4	Davis, Davion, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Long Reception	76	Mitchell, A., at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
Field Goals	1	Daniel LaCamera, at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
	1	Tatum, J., at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
	1	Honshtein, Tre, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
	1	Cummins, Matt, at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
Long Field Goal	52	Daniel LaCamera, at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
Punts	6	Slaydon, Tyler, at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
	6	Hearn, Cameron, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Punting Avg	52.5	Braden Mann, at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
Long Punt	70	Jones, Winston, vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
Punts inside 20	4	Hearn, Cameron, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Long Punt Return	42	Randle, Rodney, at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
	42	Mitchell, A., at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
Long Kickoff Return	40	Dullary, Joel, vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
Tackles	14	King, Alfred, vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
	14	Manning, Colton, vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Sacks	3.0	Roberson, Deric, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Tackles For Loss	3.5	Veron, Evan, vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
	3.5	Roberson, Deric, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Interceptions	1	Johnson, Kevin, vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
	1	Dickerson, Aust, vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
	1	Thomas, Jaylen, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
	1	McCollum, Zyon, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
	1	Rochell, Robert, at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)



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OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	61	at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
Yards Rushing	503	at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
Yards Per Rush	8.2	at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
TD Rushes	5	at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
Pass attempts	49	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Pass completions	25	vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Yards Passing	374	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Yards Per Pass	11.3	at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
TD Passes	5	at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
Total Plays	96	at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
Total Offense	758	at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
Yards Per Play	7.9	at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
Points	59	at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
Sacks By	5	at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
	5	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
First Downs	40	at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
Penalties	11	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Penalty Yards	99	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Turnovers	5	vs Grambling (Sept 8, 2018)
Interceptions By	2	vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
	2	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Punts	6	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
	6	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Punting Avg	52.5	at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
Long Punt	70	vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
Punts inside 20	4	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Long Punt Return	42	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
	42	at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)



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Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
* Sep 15, 2018	at Lamar University	W 49-48	6021
* Sep 29, 2018	at Southeastern La.	L 17-24	5118
* Oct 06, 2018	NICHOLLS	L 10-28	7055
* Oct 13, 2018	SAM HOUSTON STATE	L 28-42	5125
* Oct 20, 2018	at #15 Central Arkansas	L 17-38	6754
* Oct 27, 2018	HOUSTON BAPTIST	W 31-28	7098

Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
West, Jared	6	92	475	22	453	4.9	1	40	75.5
Anderson, Stadf	6	33	172	14	158	4.8	1	17	26.3
Fletcher, Kaleb	2	24	98	28	70	2.9	1	20	35.0
Smith, Da'Von	4	7	13	3	10	1.4	0	7	2.5
Pastorello, Par	6	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	0.7
Ward, Myles	6	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	0.3
Total	6	194	845	252	593	3.1	3	40	98.8
Opponents	6	254	1373	132	1241	4.9	9	68	206.8

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Eppler, Shelton	4	142.05	95-162-4	58.6	1311	10	70	327.8
Fletcher, Kaleb	2	131.73	46-73-0	63.0	440	4	53	220.0
Holgorsen, Clay	3	93.37	18-30-1	60.0	143	0	30	47.7
Sears, Kenny	1	256.88	4-5-0	80.0	66	1	51	66.0
Total	6	135.98	163-270-5	60.4	1960	15	70	326.7
Opponents	6	148.74	103-191-8	53.9	1600	19	76	266.7

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Ferguson, Jazz	6	37	649	17.5	6	70	108.2
Shorts, Quan	6	31	301	9.7	2	51	50.2
Watson, Jaylen	6	27	397	14.7	5	53	66.2
Chapman, Marqui	6	22	220	10.0	1	38	36.7
West, Jared	6	13	108	8.3	0	24	18.0
Bourque, Bryson	6	9	47	5.2	0	27	7.8
Gumms, Levar	5	7	115	16.4	1	24	23.0
Anderson, Stadf	6	6	40	6.7	0	22	6.7
Meggs, Kalen	6	5	35	7.0	0	13	5.8
Smith, Da'Von	4	3	34	11.3	0	17	8.5
Price Jr., Kend	3	1	9	9.0	0	9	3.0
Bailiff, Christ	4	1	3	3.0	0	3	0.8
Ward, Myles	6	1	2	2.0	0	2	0.3
Total	6	163	1960	12.0	15	70	326.7
Opponents	6	103	1600	15.5	19	76	266.7

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Fendrick, Austy	4-7	57.1	0-0	1-2	3-4	0-1	0-0	38	0

Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Ferguson, Jazz	6	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	38
Fendrick, Austy	-	4-7	18-18	-	-	-	-	-	30
Watson, Jaylen	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Shorts, Quan	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Anderson, Stadf	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Fletcher, Kaleb	1	-	-	-	-	1-2	-	-	6
West, Jared	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Chapman, Marqui	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Bourgeois, Hayd	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Stephenson, Bla	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Gumms, Levar	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	20	4-7	18-18	-	1	1-2	-	-	152
Opponents	28	3-6	25-26	-	2	2-2	-	1	208

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Northwestern State	27	62	14	49	0	152
Opponents	49	72	49	38	0	208

Record:	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
All games	2-4	1-2	1-2	0-0
Conference	2-4	1-2	1-2	0-0
Non-Conference	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

Team Statistics	NSU	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	136	141
Rushing	38	66
Passing	87	63
Penalty	11	12
RUSHING YARDAGE	593	1241
Rushing Attempts	194	254
Average Per Rush	3.1	4.9
Average Per Game	98.8	206.8
TDs Rushing	3	9
PASSING YARDAGE	1960	1600
Comp-Att-Int	163-270-5	103-191-8
Average Per Pass	7.3	8.4
Average Per Catch	12.0	15.5
Average Per Game	326.7	266.7
TDs Passing	15	19
TOTAL OFFENSE	2553	2841
Average Per Play	5.5	6.4
Average Per Game	425.5	473.5
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	21-488	29-472
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	9-36	7-99
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	8-121	5-25
FUMBLES-LOST	14-5	12-7
PENALTIES-Yards	52-451	41-374
PUNTS-AVG	36-41.3	30-38.6
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	30:25	29:34
3RD-DOWN Conversions	35/99	36/82
4TH-DOWN Conversions	10/18	3/5

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Bourgeois, Hayd	3	69	23.0	1	55
Bartholomew, Sh	2	19	9.5	0	19
Ratliff, Kevin	1	9	9.0	0	9
Sonnier, Malik	1	24	24.0	0	24
Reed, Ryan	1	0	0.0	0	0

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Pastorello, Par	36	1488	41.3	68	3	9	13	7	0

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Bourgeois, Hayd	9	36	4.0	0	11
Total	9	36	4.0	0	11
Opponents	7	99	14.1	0	42

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Ward, Myles	18	451	25.1	0	58
Reed, Ryan	1	21	21.0	0	21
Powell, Rashuad	1	2	2.0	0	2
West, Jared	1	14	14.0	0	14
Total	21	488	23.2	0	58
Opponents	29	472	16.3	0	40

All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Ferguson, Jazz	6	0	649	0	0	0	649	108.2
West, Jared	6	453	108	0	14	0	575	95.8
Ward, Myles	6	2	2	0	451	0	455	75.8
Watson, Jaylen	6	0	397	0	0	0	397	66.2
Shorts, Quan	6	-5	301	0	0	0	296	49.3
Total	6	593	1960	36	488	121	3198	533.0
Opponents	6	1241	1600	99	472	25	3437	572.8

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Eppler, Shelton	4	190	-18	1311	1293	323.2
Fletcher, Kaleb	2	97	70	440	510	255.0
West, Jared	6	92	453	0	453	75.5
Anderson, Stadf	6	33	158	0	158	26.3
Holgorsen, Clay	3	35	-32	143	111	37.0
Total	6	464	593	1960	2553	425.5
Opponents	6	445	1241	1600	2841	473.5

##	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
38	Whitley, Quinda	6	25	27	52	2.5-15	0.5-5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.



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Team Statistics	NSU	OPP
SCORING	152	208
Points Per Game	25.3	34.7
Points Off Turnovers	46	35
FIRST DOWNS	136	141
Rushing	38	66
Passing	87	63
Penalty	11	12
RUSHING YARDAGE	593	1241
Yards gained rushing	845	1373
Yards lost rushing	252	132
Rushing Attempts	194	254
Average Per Rush	3.1	4.9
Average Per Game	98.8	206.8
TDs Rushing	3	9
PASSING YARDAGE	1960	1600
Comp-Att-Int	163-270-5	103-191-8
Average Per Pass	7.3	8.4
Average Per Catch	12.0	15.5
Average Per Game	326.7	266.7
TDs Passing	15	19
TOTAL OFFENSE	2553	2841
Total Plays	464	445
Average Per Play	5.5	6.4
Average Per Game	425.5	473.5
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	21-488	29-472
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	9-36	7-99
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	8-121	5-25
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	23.2	16.3
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	4.0	14.1
INT RETURN AVERAGE	15.1	5.0
FUMBLES-LOST	14-5	12-7
PENALTIES-Yards	52-451	41-374
Average Per Game	75.2	62.3
PUNTS-Yards	36-1488	30-1158
Average Per Punt	41.3	38.6
Net punt average	36.9	36.7
KICKOFFS-Yards	30-1644	37-2262
Average Per Kick	54.8	61.1
Net kick average	38.2	39.8
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	30:25	29:34
3RD-DOWN Conversions	35/99	36/82
3rd-Down Pct	35%	44%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	10/18	3/5
4th-Down Pct	56%	60%
SACKS BY-Yards	14-60	17-121
MISC YARDS	0	-7
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	20	28
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	4-7	3-6
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-1	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(15-23) 65%	(17-20) 85%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(12-23) 52%	(15-20) 75%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(18-18) 100%	(25-26) 96%
ATTENDANCE	19278	17893
Games/Avg Per Game	3/6426	3/5964
Neutral Site Games		0/0

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Northwestern State	27	62	14	49	0	152
Opponents	49	72	49	38	0	208



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Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
West, Jared	6	92	475	22	453	4.9	1	40	75.5
Anderson, Stadf	6	33	172	14	158	4.8	1	17	26.3
Fletcher, Kaleb	2	24	98	28	70	2.9	1	20	35.0
Smith, Da'Von	4	7	13	3	10	1.4	0	7	2.5
Pastorello, Par	6	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	0.7
Ward, Myles	6	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	0.3
Shorts, Quan	6	1	0	5	-5	-5.0	0	0	-0.8
Eppler, Shelton	4	28	77	95	-18	-0.6	0	12	-4.5
Holgorsen, Clay	3	5	4	36	-32	-6.4	0	4	-10.7
Team	2	2	0	49	-49	-24.5	0	0	-24.5
Total	6	194	845	252	593	3.1	3	40	98.8
Opponents	6	254	1373	132	1241	4.9	9	68	206.8

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Eppler, Shelton	4	142.05	95-162-4	58.6	1311	10	70	327.8
Fletcher, Kaleb	2	131.73	46-73-0	63.0	440	4	53	220.0
Holgorsen, Clay	3	93.37	18-30-1	60.0	143	0	30	47.7
Sears, Kenny	1	256.88	4-5-0	80.0	66	1	51	66.0
Total	6	135.98	163-270-5	60.4	1960	15	70	326.7
Opponents	6	148.74	103-191-8	53.9	1600	19	76	266.7

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Ferguson, Jazz	6	37	649	17.5	6	70	108.2
Shorts, Quan	6	31	301	9.7	2	51	50.2
Watson, Jaylen	6	27	397	14.7	5	53	66.2
Chapman, Marqui	6	22	220	10.0	1	38	36.7
West, Jared	6	13	108	8.3	0	24	18.0
Bourque, Bryson	6	9	47	5.2	0	27	7.8
Gumms, Levar	5	7	115	16.4	1	24	23.0
Anderson, Stadf	6	6	40	6.7	0	22	6.7
Meggs, Kalen	6	5	35	7.0	0	13	5.8
Smith, Da'Von	4	3	34	11.3	0	17	8.5
Price Jr., Kend	3	1	9	9.0	0	9	3.0
Bailiff, Christ	4	1	3	3.0	0	3	0.8
Ward, Myles	6	1	2	2.0	0	2	0.3
Total	6	163	1960	12.0	15	70	326.7
Opponents	6	103	1600	15.5	19	76	266.7

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Bourgeois, Hayd	9	36	4.0	0	11
Total	9	36	4.0	0	11
Opponents	7	99	14.1	0	42

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Bourgeois, Hayd	3	69	23.0	1	55
Bartholomew, Sh	2	19	9.5	0	19
Ratliff, Kevin	1	9	9.0	0	9
Reed, Ryan	1	0	0.0	0	0
Sonnier, Malik	1	24	24.0	0	24
Total	8	121	15.1	1	55
Opponents	5	25	5.0	0	17

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Ward, Myles	18	451	25.1	0	58
Powell, Rashuad	1	2	2.0	0	2
Reed, Ryan	1	21	21.0	0	21
West, Jared	1	14	14.0	0	14
Total	21	488	23.2	0	58
Opponents	29	472	16.3	0	40

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Longino, Isaiah	1	3	3.0	0	3
Stephenson, Bla	0	0	0.0	1	0
Total	1	3	3.0	1	3
Opponents	1	10	10.0	0	10



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Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Ferguson, Jazz	6	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	38
Fendrick, Austy	-	4-7	18-18	-	-	-	-	-	30
Watson, Jaylen	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Shorts, Quan	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Stephenson, Bla	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Chapman, Marqui	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Anderson, Stadf	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
West, Jared	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Fletcher, Kaleb	1	-	-	-	-	1-2	-	-	6
Bourgeois, Hayd	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Gumms, Levar	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	20	4-7	18-18	-	1	1-2	-	-	152
Opponents	28	3-6	25-26	-	2	2-2	-	1	208

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Eppler, Shelton	4	190	-18	1311	1293	323.2
Fletcher, Kaleb	2	97	70	440	510	255.0
West, Jared	6	92	453	0	453	75.5
Anderson, Stadf	6	33	158	0	158	26.3
Holgorsen, Clay	3	35	-32	143	111	37.0
Sears, Kenny	1	5	0	66	66	66.0
Smith, Da'Von	4	7	10	0	10	2.5
Pastorello, Par	6	1	4	0	4	0.7
Ward, Myles	6	1	2	0	2	0.3
Shorts, Quan	6	1	-5	0	-5	-0.8
Team	2	2	-49	0	-49	-24.5
Total	6	464	593	1960	2553	425.5
Opponents	6	445	1241	1600	2841	473.5

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Fendrick, Austy	4-7	57.1	0-0	1-2	3-4	0-1	0-0	38	0
FG Sequence	Northwestern State		Opponents						
Lamar University	-		-						
Southeastern La.	(36),27		(24)						
Nicholls	(28),40		48,30						
Sam Houston State	-		(46)						
Central Arkansas	(35)		(34),44						
Houston Baptist	36,(38)		-						

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Pastorello, Par	36	1488	41.3	68	3	9	13	7	0
Total	36	1488	41.3	68	3	9	13	7	0
Opponents	30	1158	38.6	70	1	8	11	3	0
Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln	
Fendrick, Austy	30	1644	54.8	1	0				
Total	30	1644	54.8	1	0	16.3	38.2	26	
Opponents	37	2262	61.1	12	2	23.2	39.8	25	

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.



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All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Ferguson, Jazz	6	0	649	0	0	0	649	108.2
West, Jared	6	453	108	0	14	0	575	95.8
Ward, Myles	6	2	2	0	451	0	455	75.8
Watson, Jaylen	6	0	397	0	0	0	397	66.2
Shorts, Quan	6	-5	301	0	0	0	296	49.3
Chapman, Marq	6	0	220	0	0	0	220	36.7
Anderson, Stadf	6	158	40	0	0	0	198	33.0
Gumms, Levar	5	0	115	0	0	0	115	23.0
Bourgeois, Hayd	6	0	0	36	0	69	105	17.5
Fletcher, Kaleb	2	70	0	0	0	0	70	35.0
Bourque, Bryson	6	0	47	0	0	0	47	7.8
Smith, Da'Von	4	10	34	0	0	0	44	11.0
Meggs, Kalen	6	0	35	0	0	0	35	5.8
Sonnier, Malik	5	0	0	0	0	24	24	4.8
Reed, Ryan	6	0	0	0	21	0	21	3.5
Bartholomew, S	5	0	0	0	0	19	19	3.8
Ratliff, Kevin	4	0	0	0	0	9	9	2.2
Price Jr., Kend	3	0	9	0	0	0	9	3.0
Pastorello, Par	6	4	0	0	0	0	4	0.7
Bailiff, Christ	4	0	3	0	0	0	3	0.8
Powell, Rashuad	6	0	0	0	2	0	2	0.3
Eppler, Shelton	4	-18	0	0	0	0	-18	-4.5
Holgorsen, Clay	3	-32	0	0	0	0	-32	-10.7
Team	2	-49	0	0	0	0	-49	-24.5
Total	6	593	1960	36	488	121	3198	533.0
Opponents	6	1241	1600	99	472	25	3437	572.8



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Northwestern State Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Oct 28, 2018)
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##	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
38	Whitley, Quinda	6	25	27	52	2.5-15	0.5-5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
25	Bourgeois, Hayd	6	24	25	49	1.5-3	0.5-1	3-69	1	.	1-0	.	.	.
8D	Reed, Ryan	6	17	19	36	1.0-1	.	1-0	1	.	.	.	.	.
55	Jackson, O'Shea	6	13	22	35	7.0-17	2.0-10	.	.	2	.	1	1	.
43	Stephenson, Bla	6	15	19	34	2.5-11	1.5-9	.	1	2	1-0	.	.	.
94	Krolczyk, Zak	6	7	15	22	5.5-11	1.0-2	.	.	2	.	.	1	.
33	Longino, Isaiah	6	8	10	18	1.5-4	.	.	.	.	1-3	.	.	.
53	Borgeson, Brice	6	6	11	17	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Iheoma, Obi	6	6	10	16	4.0-22	4.0-22	.	.	3	.	1	1	.
6D	Croney, Rashaun	6	10	5	15	1.0-1	.	.	3	1	.	.	.	.
20	Sonnier, Malik	5	9	5	14	2.0-4	.	1-24	.	.	.	2	.	.
18	Malbrough, Rona	6	7	5	12	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
90	Sangster, Jalon	4	7	5	12	1.5-3	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3D	Bartholomew, Sh	5	7	4	11	1.0-1	1.0-1	2-19	1	.	.	.	.	.
2D	Littleton, D'Ro	6	7	3	10	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.
99	Thompson, Damia	6	6	4	10	2.0-4	.	.	1	.	1-0	.	.	.
36	James, Corban	5	3	6	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47	Powell, Rashuad	6	5	4	9	3.5-12	1.0-7	.	.	3	.	.	.	.
23	Forde, Nicholas	4	4	5	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
7D	Ratliff, Kevin	4	5	3	8	.	.	1-9	.	.	.	.	.	.
39	Moore, Kyle	6	3	5	8	1.0-3	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
51	Nanai, Nathaloh	6	4	4	8	1.0-3	0.5-3	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
1C	Valsin Jr., Jom	5	5	3	8	1.0-1	1.0-1	.	1	2	1-0	.	.	.
46	Miller, Darion	6	3	4	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Edwards, Ian	5	5	1	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35	King, Landon	4	.	6	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7A	Sumlin, Khalil	3	1	4	5	1.0-2	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
84	Landry, Gavin	6	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	McGee, Coby	6	4	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
1I	Johnson, Teyvyn	6	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
29	Williams, Trey	5	2	1	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
1E	Hooper, William	4	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	Gray, Dez	4	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2B	Ficklin, Deshon	5	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Daigle, Braylon	1	.	2	2	0.5-4	0.5-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	Chapman, Marqui	6	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
70	Hubbard, Jonath	5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56	Sheldon, Kennet	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
50	Schmidt, Korbin	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9P	Pastorello, Par	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM	Team	2	1	.	1	1.0-7	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
Total		6	229	248	477	42-129	14-60	8-121	15	17	7-3	7	3	.
Opponents		6	230	215	445	47-182	17-121	5-25	33	11	5-10	4	.	1



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TEAM STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
Sep 15	at Lamar University	26	88	1	40	27	474	6	70	27-48-0	474	6	70	4	57	0	15	1	0	0	0	562
Sep 29	at Southeastern La.	41	165	0	22	34	325	1	42	34-53-0	325	1	42	4	86	0	26	1	8	0	8	490
Oct 06	NICHOLLS	25	62	1	27	19	259	0	39	19-36-2	259	0	39	4	116	0	58	1	8	0	8	321
Oct 13	SAM HOUSTON STATE	32	81	0	29	27	351	3	44	27-47-2	351	3	44	2	44	0	29	3	10	0	5	432
Oct 20	at Central Arkansas	27	32	1	20	22	232	1	53	22-37-1	232	1	53	4	101	0	53	0	0	0	0	264
Oct 27	HOUSTON BAPTIST	43	165	0	20	34	319	4	51	34-49-0	319	4	51	3	84	0	32	3	10	0	11	484
Northwestern State		194	593	3	40	163	1960	15	70	163-270-5	1960	15	70	21	488	0	58	9	36	0	11	2553
		254	1241	9	68	103	1600	19	76	103-191-8	1600	19	76	29	472	0	40	7	99	0	42	2841

Games: 6 • Avg/rush: 3.1 • Avg/catch: 12.0 • Pass effic: 135.98 • KR avg: 23.2 • PR avg: 4.0 • All purpose avg/game: 533.0 • Total offense avg/gm: 425.5

		Tackles				Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd	PAT Attempts			off		
Date	Opponent	ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
Sep 15	at Lamar University	35	66	101	9.5-36	2.0-22	1	1-0	1-0	0	3	1	7-7	0	0	0	7	49
Sep 29	at Southeastern La.	43	22	65	5.5-23	2.0-15	2	2-3	1-9	3	1	0	2-2	0	0	0	7	17
Oct 06	NICHOLLS	33	43	76	9.0-22	3.0-14	0	0-0	1-14	2	1	2	1-1	0	0	0	0	10
Oct 13	SAM HOUSTON STATE	39	48	87	7.0-11	3.0-4	1	1-0	3-74	7	3	0	4-4	0	0	0	14	28
Oct 20	at Central Arkansas	27	46	73	4.0-19	0.0-0	1	1-0	1-0	0	4	0	2-2	0	0	0	10	17
Oct 27	HOUSTON BAPTIST	52	23	75	7.0-18	4.0-13	2	2-0	1-24	5	3	0	2-2	0	1	0	8	31
Northwestern State		229	248	477	42.0-129	15.5-68	7	7-3	8-121	17	15	3	18-18	0	1	0	46	152
		230	215	445	47.0-182	17.0-121	4	5-10	5-25	11	33	0	25-26	0	2	1	35	208

		Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
Sep 15	at Lamar University	7	291	41.6	53	0	0	0	2	1	0-0	0	0	8	463	57.9	0	0	
Sep 29	at Southeastern La.	4	170	42.5	52	0	2	0	1	0	1-2	36	0	4	163	40.8	0	0	
Oct 06	NICHOLLS	5	191	38.2	55	0	0	1	1	2	1-2	28	0	3	181	60.3	1	0	
Oct 13	SAM HOUSTON STATE	7	343	49.0	68	0	0	0	3	3	0-0	0	0	6	324	54.0	0	0	
Oct 20	at Central Arkansas	9	346	38.4	49	0	1	4	0	5	1-1	35	0	3	161	53.7	0	0	
Oct 27	HOUSTON BAPTIST	4	147	36.8	41	0	0	4	0	2	1-2	38	0	6	352	58.7	0	0	
Northwestern State		36	1488	41.3	68	0	3	9	7	13	4-7	38	0	30	1644	54.8	1	0	
		30	1158	38.6	70	0	1	8	3	11	3-6	46	1	37	2262	61.1	12	2	



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OPPONENT STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
Sep 15	at Lamar University	51	230	3	21	15	263	4	45	15-31-1	263	4	45	8	146	0	33	2	39	0	42	493
Sep 29	at Southeastern La.	31	54	1	8	19	316	2	76	19-28-1	316	2	76	3	35	0	18	1	42	0	42	370
Oct 06	NICHOLLS	55	299	3	43	8	118	1	50	8-17-1	118	1	50	2	57	0	40	1	8	0	8	417
Oct 13	SAM HOUSTON STATE	40	189	1	28	24	374	4	56	24-49-3	374	4	56	6	105	0	27	2	18	0	21	563
Oct 20	at Central Arkansas	44	222	0	46	12	278	5	53	12-28-1	278	5	53	4	43	0	22	1	-8	0	0	500
Oct 27	HOUSTON BAPTIST	33	247	1	68	25	251	3	46	25-38-1	251	3	46	6	86	0	19	0	0	0	0	498
Opponents		254	1241	9	68	103	1600	19	76	103-191-8	1600	19	76	29	472	0	40	7	99	0	42	2841
		194	593	3	40	163	1960	15	70	163-270-5	1960	15	70	21	488	0	58	9	36	0	11	2553

Games: 6 • Avg/rush: 4.9 • Avg/catch: 15.5 • Pass effic: 148.74 • KR avg: 16.3 • PR avg: 14.1 • All purpose avg/game: 572.8 • Total offense avg/gm: 473.5

		Tackles				Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd	PAT Attempts			off		
Date	Opponent	ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
Sep 15	at Lamar University	19	60	79	4.0-15	1.0-7	0	0-0	0-0	0	8	0	6-7	0	0	0	0	48
Sep 29	at Southeastern La.	58	30	88	11.0-40	5.0-32	2	2-0	0-0	1	4	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	24
Oct 06	NICHOLLS	36	16	52	8.0-32	1.0-14	1	1-10	2-8	2	7	0	4-4	0	0	0	14	28
Oct 13	SAM HOUSTON STATE	39	38	77	9.0-44	5.0-38	1	2-0	2-17	5	4	0	3-3	0	2	1	14	42
Oct 20	at Central Arkansas	31	26	57	6.0-30	3.0-23	0	0-0	1-0	0	6	0	5-5	0	0	0	7	38
Oct 27	HOUSTON BAPTIST	47	45	92	9.0-21	2.0-7	0	0-0	0-0	3	4	0	4-4	0	0	0	0	28
Opponents		230	215	445	47.0-182	17.0-121	4	5-10	5-25	11	33	0	25-26	0	2	1	35	208
		229	248	477	42.0-129	15.5-68	7	7-3	8-121	17	15	3	18-18	0	1	0	46	152

		Punting									Field Goals			Kickoffs				
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
Sep 15	at Lamar University	6	236	39.3	50	0	0	3	1	2	0-0	0	0	8	463	57.9	2	0
Sep 29	at Southeastern La.	5	186	37.2	48	0	1	0	0	1	1-1	24	0	5	308	61.6	1	0
Oct 06	NICHOLLS	4	158	39.5	70	0	0	0	1	1	0-2	0	1	5	312	62.4	1	0
Oct 13	SAM HOUSTON STATE	6	251	41.8	52	0	0	1	1	4	1-1	46	0	7	453	64.7	5	0
Oct 20	at Central Arkansas	4	150	37.5	46	0	0	2	0	1	1-2	34	0	7	421	60.1	2	1
Oct 27	HOUSTON BAPTIST	5	177	35.4	40	0	0	2	0	2	0-0	0	0	5	305	61.0	1	1
Opponents		30	1158	38.6	70	0	1	8	3	11	3-6	46	1	37	2262	61.1	12	2
		36	1488	41.3	68	0	3	9	7	13	4-7	38	0	30	1644	54.8	1	0



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INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	22	West, Jared at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
Yards Rushing	137	West, Jared at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
TD Rushes	1	West, Jared at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
	1	Anderson, Stadf vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
	1	Fletcher, Kaleb at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
Long Rush	40	West, Jared at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Pass attempts	48	Eppler, Shelton at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Pass completions	30	Fletcher, Kaleb vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Yards Passing	474	Eppler, Shelton at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
TD Passes	6	Eppler, Shelton at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Long Pass	70	Eppler, Shelton at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Receptions	9	Ferguson, Jazz vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Yards Receiving	142	Ferguson, Jazz at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
TD Receptions	2	Ferguson, Jazz at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
	2	Ferguson, Jazz vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
	2	Ferguson, Jazz vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
	2	Watson, Jaylen vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Long Reception	70	Ferguson, Jazz at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Field Goals	1	Fendrick, Austy at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
	1	Fendrick, Austy vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
	1	Fendrick, Austy at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
	1	Fendrick, Austy vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Long Field Goal	38	Fendrick, Austy vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Punts	9	Pastorello, Par at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
Punting Avg	49.0	Pastorello, Par vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Long Punt	68	Pastorello, Par vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Punts inside 20	5	Pastorello, Par at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
Long Punt Return	11	Bourgeois, Hayd vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Long Kickoff Return	58	Ward, Myles vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
Tackles	12	Whitley, Quinda at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Sacks	1.5	Iheoma, Obi at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Tackles For Loss	3.5	Powell, Rashuad at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
	3.5	Jackson, O'Shea vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
Interceptions	2	Bartholomew, Sh vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)



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TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	43	vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Yards Rushing	165	at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
	165	vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Yards Per Rush	4.0	at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
TD Rushes	1	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
	1	vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
	1	at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
Pass attempts	53	at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
Pass completions	34	at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
	34	vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Yards Passing	474	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Yards Per Pass	9.9	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
TD Passes	6	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Total Plays	94	at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
Total Offense	562	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Yards Per Play	7.6	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Points	49	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Sacks By	4	vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
First Downs	28	at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
Penalties	14	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Penalty Yards	106	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Turnovers	4	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Interceptions By	3	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Punts	9	at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
Punting Avg	49.0	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Long Punt	68	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Punts inside 20	5	at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
Long Punt Return	11	vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)



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OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	27	Colbert, Darrel, at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Yards Rushing	152	Jackson, Kyran, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
TD Rushes	3	Colbert, Darrel, at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Long Rush	68	Zappe, Bailey, vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Pass attempts	49	Brock, Ty, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Pass completions	25	Zappe, Bailey, vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Yards Passing	374	Brock, Ty, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
TD Passes	5	Hales, Luke, at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
Long Pass	76	Virgil, C., at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
Receptions	8	Sterns, J., vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Yards Receiving	182	Mitchell, A., at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
TD Receptions	4	Davis, Davion, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Long Reception	76	Mitchell, A., at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
Field Goals	1	Tatum, J., at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
	1	Honshtein, Tre, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
	1	Cummins, Matt, at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
Long Field Goal	46	Honshtein, Tre, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Punts	6	Slaydon, Tyler, at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
	6	Hearn, Cameron, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Punting Avg	41.8	Hearn, Cameron, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Long Punt	70	Jones, Winston, vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
Punts inside 20	4	Hearn, Cameron, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Long Punt Return	42	Randle, Rodney, at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
	42	Mitchell, A., at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
Long Kickoff Return	40	Dullary, Joel, vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
Tackles	14	King, Alfred, vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
	14	Manning, Colton, vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Sacks	3.0	Roberson, Deric, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Tackles For Loss	3.5	Veron, Evan, vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
	3.5	Roberson, Deric, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Interceptions	1	Johnson, Kevin, vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
	1	Dickerson, Aust, vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
	1	Thomas, Jaylen, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
	1	McCollum, Zyon, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
	1	Rochell, Robert, at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)



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OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	55	vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
Yards Rushing	299	vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
Yards Per Rush	7.5	vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
TD Rushes	3	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
	3	vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
Pass attempts	49	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Pass completions	25	vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Yards Passing	374	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Yards Per Pass	11.3	at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
TD Passes	5	at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
Total Plays	89	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Total Offense	563	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Yards Per Play	7.0	vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Points	48	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Sacks By	5	at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
	5	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
First Downs	29	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Penalties	11	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Penalty Yards	99	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Turnovers	4	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Interceptions By	2	vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
	2	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Punts	6	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
	6	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Punting Avg	41.8	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Long Punt	70	vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
Punts inside 20	4	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Long Punt Return	42	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
	42	at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)