



# SAM HOUSTON FOOTBALL

GAME NOTES | WEEK SIX

CUSA MEMBER SINCE 2023 | 2020 FCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

GAME 6 | THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3 | 8:00 PM CT | EL PASO | SUN BOWL (\$1,500) | CBS SPORTS NETWORK

## 2024 SCHEDULE

### AUGUST (1-0)

31 at Rice **ESPN+** W, 34-14

### SEPTEMBER (3-1)

07 at UCF **ESPN+** L, 14-45

14 HAWAII **ESPN+** W, 31-13

21 NM STATE **ESPN+** W, 31-11

28 vs TEXAS STATE! **ESPN+** W, 40-39

### OCTOBER (0-0)

03 at UTEP **CBS SPORTS NETWORK** 8:00 PM

16 WKU **ESPN2** 7:00 PM

22 at FIU **ESPN2** 6:30 PM

29 LOUISIANA TECH **ESPN2** 7:00 PM

### NOVEMBER (0-0)

16 at Kennesaw State\* **ESPN+** 2:00 PM

23 at Jax State **CBS SPORTS NETWORK** 11:00 AM

29 LIBERTY\* **CBS SPORTS NETWORK** 2:30 PM

All GAMES CT

BOLD - Home game at Bowers Stadium

! - NRG Stadium (Houston)

## ON THE AIR

### TV: CBS SPORTS NETWORK

Play By Play Alex Del Barrio

Analysis Taylor McHargue

### RADIO: BEARKAT SPORTS NETWORK

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Play By Play Carlos Zimmermann

Analysis Brian Adams

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## SAM HOUSTON BEARKATS

(4-1, 1-0 CUSA) | Head Coach: K.C. Keeler (Delaware, 1981)

Career Record: 266-110-1 (31st season) | Record at SHSU: 92-37 (11th season)



## UTEP MINERS

(0-4, 0-1 CUSA) | Head Coach: Scotty Walden (Sul Ross, 2012)

Career Record: 34-24 (7th season) | Record at UTEP: 0-4 (1st season)

### KATS LOOKING TO MOVE TO 2-0 IN CUSA PLAY WITH TRIP TO SUN BOWL

- The Bearkats are coming off the largest comeback in school history, erasing a 22-0 deficit in the first quarter with a 40-39 win over Texas State on Saturday at NRG Stadium
- The Bearkats have won 7 of their last 9 games overall after starting their venture into FBS with an 0-8 start in 2023
- Sam Houston is the first FBS program to start a season 0-5 and win at least 4 of its first 5 games the following year since Georgia Southern in 2017 and 2018. The Eagles went 0-9 to start the 2017 season and started 7-1 in 2018 on their way to a 10-3 year and a win in the Camelia Bowl
- Sam Houston is averaging 34.0 points per game in its 4 wins. Each win is over a G5 team
- The Kats have outrushed their opponents in each of their 4 wins, holding their opponent under 100 yards on the ground each time. In those 4 victories, the Kats are averaging 253.3 yards on the ground to just 68.0 for their opponents
- Quarterback Hunter Watson and kicker Christian Pavon were named the CUSA Offensive and Special Teams Players of the Week on Monday after their efforts vs Texas State. It is the second time this season the pair has earned those nods in the same week, also doing so after the Kats' Week 1 win at Rice
- Sam Houston will be wearing its second set of throwback decals on their helmets for the second straight week on Thursday, with Bearkats in arching white script with a white stripe down the middle of the orange hats. The arching script mark originally was worn from 1989-93 on a navy blue helmet before Sam Houston moved to orange helmets in 1994. The mark remained on the side of the hats through the 1996 season, while the orange headwear carries on to today

## BY THE NUMBERS

**11** The Kats trailed 39-37 with 6:49 left on the clock and needed 11 plays to march 72 yards to set up the game-winning field goal.

Of those 11 plays, all were runs. In fact, of the 16 plays ran in the 4th quarter by SHSU, 14 were runs. That helped the Kats hold the ball for 11:14 of the quarter.

**30** The age of first-year defensive coordinator Skyler Cassidy.

His age makes Cassidy the youngest defensive coordinator in the FBS. He joined the Kats after being the defensive coordinator at Abilene Christian the past 2 seasons.

**2** The Kats already surpassed their 2023 win total with 4 victories and need 2 more wins to reach bowl eligibility in 2024.

Sam Houston is in its first season of bowl eligibility after completing the 2-year transition process for FBS following the 2023 season.



**THE MATCHUP: vs TEXAS STATE**

											
at Rice	at UCF	HAWAII	NM STATE	vs Texas State	at UTEP	WKU	at FIU	LA TECH	at Kennesaw State	at Jax State	LIBERTY
Aug. 31	Sept. 7	Sept. 14	Sept. 21	Sept. 28	Oct. 3	Oct. 16	Oct. 22	Oct. 29	Nov. 16	Nov. 23	Nov. 29
W, 34-14 ESPN+	L, 14-42 ESPN+	W, 31-13 ESPN+	W, 31-11 ESPN+	W, 40-39 ESPN+	8:00 PM CBSSN	6:00 PM ESPN2	6:30 PM ESPNU	7:00 PM ESPNU	2:00 PM ESPN+	11:00 AM CBSSN	2:30 PM CBSSN

**SERIES HISTORY**

Overall:	UTEP leads 3-0-0
In Huntsville:	UTEP leads 1-0
In El Paso:	UTEP leads 2-0
Neutral Site:	No meetings

**ALL-TIME MEETINGS (since 1973)**

DATE	RESULT	SCORE	LOCATION
10/25/2023	L ot	34-37	Huntsville
9/27/2003	L	14-59	El Paso
9/29/1990	L	10-17	El Paso

**SERIES HISTORY**

- Sam Houston and UTEP will be meeting for the fourth time, including the third time in El Paso
- Thursday will be the Kats' first trip to the Sun Bowl since 2003 when the Miners blasted the Kats by a 59-14 margin
- That day the Kats had 6 turnovers and allowed a blocked puntin what was their second straight game vs a 1-A opponent

**SAM HOUSTON ↔ UTEP CONNECTIONS**

- Despite being a pair of schools from the Lone Star State, the roster and/or staff connections between the Miners and Bearkats are few
- The Miners sport 4 players from Kilgore College - Maurice Westmoreland, KD Johnson, Oscar Moore, Marcus Vinson - which is where Bearkat receiver Michael Phoenix II spent the past 2 season as well
- UTEP linebacker Alex Szczesniak was a teammate with Bearkats Hunter Watson and Luke Eckardt last season at Iowa Western CC where the Rievers claimed the 2023 NJCAA national championship

**THE LAST TIME**

- Sam Houston led by as much as 14 points in the second half, but outscored the Bearkats 24-7 over the final 16:07 to pull out the win in 2023 at Bowers Stadium
- UTEP's Buzz Flabiano hit a 32-yard field goal to break a 34-34 tie with only 3 seconds remaining in the game to cap the comeback for the Miners
- Keegan Shoemaker threw for 202 yards and 2 touchdowns, while John Gentry rushed for 71 yards and a score
- The loss dropped the Kats to 0-8 for the 2023 season; they registered their first win a week later vs Kennesaw State and have won 7 of 9 games overall since the loss to the Miners last year

**WHAT TO CALL US****SAM HOUSTON**

Although traditionally referred to as Sam Houston State, we ask that all media entities refer to our athletics teams as simply **Sam Houston**.

Please only use Sam Houston State University when referring to the University in official capacity.

If an abbreviation is needed, SHSU is acceptable. Please DO NOT use SH or SHS as abbreviations.

Please DO NOT use references such as Sam Houston St., Sam Hou St. or any other variations.

Our teams, both male and female, are to be referred to as Bearkats, or simply Kats on second reference. Please DO NOT capitalize the K unless using only Kats.

**HONOR ROLL****IFE ADEYI**

Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List  
Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Watch List

**KAVIAN GAITHER**

CUSA Preseason Watch List

**ETHAN HAGLER**

CUSA Preseason Watch List

**JEVON LEON**

CUSA Preseason Watch List

**CHRISTIAN PAVON**

CUSA Special Teams Player of the Week (9/2)  
CUSA Special Teams Player of the Week (9/30)

**COLBY SESSUMS**

CUSA Preseason Watch List

**NOAH SMITH**

CUSA Preseason Watch List  
Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award watch list

**HUNTER WATSON**

CUSA Offensive Player of the Week (9/2)  
CUSA Offensive Player of the Week (9/30)

**CALEB WEAVER**

CUSA Offensive Player of the Week (9/16)

**TEAM NOTES**

■ The Kats have captured 5 CUSA weekly honors this year thru 5 games. Quarterback Hunter Watson and kicker Christian Pavon have twice earned Offensive and Special Teams Players of the Week after the Kats' wins over Rice and Texas State, while defensive back Caleb Weaver was the Defensive Player of the Week after his effort in the win over Hawaii

■ Sam Houston has already put up 150 points in 2024, a stark contrast to its early offensive output in early in 2023. In fact, the Kats did not score their first TD of 2023 until Game 3 and did not surpass 150 total points until Game 9 of the year

■ KC Keeler has to be happy with his team's discipline thru 4 games as the Kats have been one of the least penalized teams in the country. SHSU is averaging just 4.2 penalties per game so far this year, which is tied for eighth best in the country and the best among teams in CUSA. The game vs Hawaii officially drew 15,134 fans to Bowers Stadium, which the is the second-largest in Bowers Stadium history

■ The Kats have drawn home attendances of 15,134 and 13,059 in the 2 home games, both crowds which rank in the top 5 all-time at SHSU. The total of 28,193 in consecutive weeks is the most in Bearkat history for consecutive home games

■ Sam Houston is competing in its second season in the FBS and its first with full bowl eligibility. The Kats completed their 2-year transition to full-fledged FBS status following the completion of the 2023 season

**LAST ONES STANDING**

The move by Sam Houston to the FBS level following the 2021 season is arguably the most transcendent decision made in the history of Bearkat Athletics. Much of that was due to the Kats claiming the FCS national title in the Spring of 2021. There are still 7 players still remaining from that team. Those players are: Ife Adeyi, Noah Smith, Trey Fields, Ethan Hagler, Ysidro Mascorro, Jevon Leon and Briceon Hayes

**2024 SCHEDULE REFLECTS FBS MOVE**

Sam Houston and Jax State are the only programs in CUSA to have a 2024 schedule which does not include a non-FBS opponent. It marks the first time for the Kats to have a schedule completely comprised of FBS-level competition

**KEELER AMONG COACHING ELITE**

KC Keeler is now up to 266 victories in his career, spanning stops at Sam Houston, Delaware and Rowan. His win total has him in sole possession of 22nd all-time in career victories among college football head coaches. He needs 9 more victories to move into the top 20. Below is a ranking of where Keeler ranks among active coaches with only Brian Kelly and Mack Brown having more career wins among current FBS coaches

Coch	Wins	Seasons	Current School	Previous Schools
Kevin Donley	351	46	St. Francis (IN)	California (PA), Georgetown (KY), Anderson (IN)
Brian Kelly	287	34	LSU	Notre Dame, Cincinnati, Central Michigan, Grand Valley
Mack Brown	285	36	North Carolina	Texas, Tulane, Appalachian State
KC Keeler	266	31	Sam Houston	Delaware, Rowan

**SMITH & GAITHER ELECTED 2024 CAPTAINS**

Under Keeler, the Bearkat players have annually elected team captains prior to the start of the season, and this year was no different. Senior wide receiver Noah Smith and senior linebacker Kavian Gaither were elected by the team prior to the start of the season as the 2 permanent team captains. The remaining 2 captain positions will rotate on a weekly basis among a group of players who received double-digit votes in the captain election

**COACH CASSITY AND THE BEARKAT KIDS**

Anchored by defensive coordinator Skyler Cassity, who at age 30 is the youngest defensive coordinator in the FBS, the Kats boast one of the youngest group of assistant coaches in the land. The average age of the 10 Bearkat full-time assistants is 38.9 years old, which is the fifth youngest in the nation. Only Georgia Southern (33.2), Old Dominion (34.5), UTEP (34.7) and Indiana (38.2) are younger

**HORSESHOES & HAND GRENADES**

Sam Houston went just 2-6 in CUSA play in 2023, but the margins were closer than one would originally expect. The 6 losses came by an average margin of defeat of only 6.6 points with only 1 double-digit defeat. The Kats held the lead in the fourth quarter of 4 of their 6 losses with 2 defeats coming in overtime

In all, the Kats dropped 5 games by 1 score or less. The total was tied for the most 1-score losses in the country last season. Other schools with 5 losses of 1 score or less included Old Dominion, Colorado, North Texas, NIU, Akron, Louisiana, Virginia and Middle Tennessee

**CHANGES COMING TO BOWERS STADIUM**

Bowers Stadium has been the home of the Bearkats since the program moved to the Division I level for the 1986 season, but it has not received a major renovation since its inception. That will not be the case for much longer as the Texas State University System's Board of Regents approved plans for major renovations to the west side of Bowers Stadium beginning at the conclusion of the 2024 season

The primary piece of the upgrades is the demolition of the current press box and the construction of a new facility. The box will span approximately 47,000 gross square feet, boasting an additional 13,000 square feet of covered exterior space and culminating in a total of approximately 60,000 square feet. At a price tag of approximately \$60 million, it will include updated concessions and restrooms, premium seating options and suites with access to outdoor balcony seating. A state-of-the-art media center will also be integrated, elevating coverage for TV, radio, digital and print platforms



During Sam Houston's 110th season of football in 2024, the Bearkats are playing their 38th year at Elliott T. Bowers Stadium in their second year at the FBS level.

Sam Houston owns a 159-55-1 record on the turf at Bowers. The Bearkats have gone 70-11 in their last 81 appearances at home and went 17-0 all-time in FCS playoff games at Bowers before falling to Montana State in 2021 FCS Playoffs.

Known as Bearkat Stadium when the facility opened on Sept. 13, 1986, with a 24-6 victory over Montana State, the name was changed in 1989 to honor Dr. Elliott T. Bowers upon his retirement as Sam Houston State University President.

The Kats won their first 13 games at Bowers and have posted undefeated home seasons in 1986, 1987, 1990, 1992, 2001, 2004, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2016, 2017 and 2020.

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Total Games Played at Bowers .....	214
All-Time Record at Bowers .....	159-55-1
FBS Games at Bowers .....	3-3

## OFFENSE

Coordinator: Brad Cornelsen

	Total	CUSA Rk	FBS Rk	Total	CUSA Rk	FBS Rk
Total Offense:	378.0	4	81	3rd Down %:	43.2	2
Points Per Game:	30.0	2	64	4th Down %:	85.7	1
Rushing:	216.0	2	19	Red Zone %:	88.9	2
Passing:	162.0	8	116	Fumbles Lost:	2	3
Time of Possession:	33:20	1	13	Sacks Allowed:	2.4	5



### WHO'S GOT THE DOT? HUNTER WATSON

Beginning in 2024, NCAA rules now allow for in-helmet communication from coaches to one player on the field until 15 seconds left on the play clock. A green dot on the helmet indicates which player on the field carrying the communication equipment.



### KAT TO WATCH DJ MCKINNEY

McKinney has yet to receive a start, but he is taking full advantage of his time in the Bearkat backfield. The Tulsa native is averaging 4.9 yards per carry and 42.0 yards per game with only 1 of his 43 carries having gone for negative yardage. McKinney has rushed for 113 yards on 19 carries over his last 2 games and finished with 77 all-purpose yards vs Texas State, adding 22 receiving yards to his 55 yards on the ground.

### QUICK HITTERS FROM THE WIN vs TEXAS STATE

- The Kats finished with 298 yards on the ground and now has 835 yards of rushing in its last 2 games. It is the first time since 2021 the Bearkats have rushed for 200+ yards in 3 consecutive games
- Hunter Watson finished with 105 yards on the ground, his second consecutive 100-yard rushing game. He is the first Kat quarterback in program history to rush for 100 yards in consecutive games. He also ranks first among QBs in CUSA and ninth among QBs in the nation with an average of 67.6 yards per game
- Jay Ducker rushed 14 times for 69 yards and 3 scores vs the Bobcats, pushing him over 2,000 collegiate rushing yards spanning stops at NIU, Memphis and Sam Houston. Meanwhile, his 3 touchdown runs are the most by a Bearkat in a game since Eric Schmid ran in 4 scores vs Lamar in the Spring 2021 season
- The Kats won their second consecutive game when passing for less than 100 yards, aided by 5 players who rushed for at least 31 yards in the game
- Ife Adeyi has now caught a pass in 29 consecutive games, while teammate Noah Smith has caught a pass in 24 straight. Should each have a grab on Thursday vs UTEP, the pair would join Utah's Brant Kuithe and Money Parks as the only duos in the nation to each have catch streaks of 25+ games

### ESTABLISHING AN IDENTITY

Coming into the season the Kats felt a the return of wide receivers Qua'Vez Humphreys and Ife Adeyi from injury would make the passing attack a formidable challenge for opponents in 2024, especially after averaging a league-low 88.8 yards per game on the ground in 2023

However, the running game has taken center stage in Sam Houston's 4-1 start to the season. The Kats have increased their rushing output in each win and currently rank 19th in the nation with an average of 216.0 yards per game on the ground. That efficiency has the Kats averaging 33:20 time of possession in 2024, a mark which also ranks as the best in CUSA and 13th in the nation

### DYNAMIC DUO

Noah Smith and Ife Adeyi have been tormenting defenses for the Kats since 2019 and are each back for their final season in Huntsville in 2024. But an early season injury forced Adeyi out of the 2023 season after just 3 games. Still, each is moving up the Bearkat record books with Smith needing 295 more receiving yards to reach 2,000 for his career. Should he reach that mark, the pair of Smith and Adeyi would mark just the third time the Kats have had multiple players with 2,000 career receiving yards on the roster at the same time

### SMITH LOOKING TO JOIN 1K/1K CLUB

Noah Smith has been a swiss army knife for the Kats throughout his career and the numbers are adding up. In fact, the redshirt junior needs just 28 more rushing yards to his career tally to join Richard Sincere and Tony January as the only Kats with 1,000 yards rushing and 1,000 yards receiving in a career

### MORE ON THE LINE - LITERALLY

Since its move to the FBS, Sam Houston's staff has made a point of getting bigger at the line of scrimmage and this group of offensive linemen projects to hit the mark. With an average weight of 310 pounds for the starting group of offensive linemen, it is not the heaviest average line the Kats have ever had; but it will be the first time the Kats have ever put out a starting offensive line with all being at or above 300 pounds



# 1 JOHN GENTRY

RB • R-JR • 1L • HOUSTON, TEXAS • NORTH SHORE HS / UTAH STATE

- Multi-purpose back who totaled 668 all-purpose yards in his first year with the Kats in 2023
- Joined Kats for 2023 season after 3 seasons at Utah State
- Became primary feature back in an injury-riddled Bearkat backfield, leading the team with 391 yards on the ground
- Helped lead North Shore HS to back-to-back 6A state titles



# 9 JAY DUCKER

RB • GR • TR • OMAHA, NEB. • BELLEVUE WEST HS / NIU / MEMPHIS

- Surpassed 2,000 for college career (NIU, Memphis, SHSU) in win over Texas State
- Has 245 total yards rushing over the last 3 games
- Had 3 touchdown runs vs Texas State, becoming the first Kat with 3+ TD runs in a single game since Eric Schmid had 4 vs Lamar in 2021
- Experienced back who joined the Kats just prior to the 2024 season from the portal
- 2021 MAC Freshman of the Year at NIU
- Spent 2022 and 2023 seasons at Memphis
- Had breakout game for the Kats in win over Hawaii, rushing for 148 yards
- Leads Bearkat running backs with 278 yards on the ground
- Had an 86-yard run vs the Rainbow Warriors, the sixth-longest in Bearkat history and the longest rush from scrimmage by a Kat since 1993

## 2024 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Kick Return			Punt Return		
	No.	Yds.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	TD	LG	Att/Yds	TD	LG	Att/Yds.	TD	LG
8/31 at Rice	14	56	1	16	2	8	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
9/7 at UCF	3	4	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
9/14 HAWAII	5	1	0	2	2	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
9/21 NM STATE*	3	9	0	8	1	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
9/28 vs Texas State	1	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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10/22 at FIU*														
10/29 LOUISIANA TECH*														
11/16 at Kennesaw State*														
11/23 at Jax State*														
11/29 LIBERTY*														
<b>2024 Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Career</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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8/31 at Rice	7	20	0	11	1	14	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
9/7 at UCF	1	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9/14 HAWAII	15	148	0	86	1	10	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
9/21 NM STATE*	20	38	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9/28 vs Texas State	14	69	3	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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<b>2024 Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHSU Career</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>NCAA Career</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>2047</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>4/100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



## 2 IFE ADEYI

WR • R-SR • 4L • MANSFIELD, TEXAS • LEGACY HS

- Is in sixth season at Sam Houston
- Elite speed used in multiple ways within Bearkat offense
- Enters game at UTEP having caught a pass in 29 straight games
- Has a catch in 44 of 46 games played in career
- Retained year of eligibility in 2020 due to COVID-19 and used redshirt in 2022 during Kats' transition to FBS
- Ranks in top 10 all-time at Sam Houston in receptions (149), receiving yards (2,196) and receiving TDs (19)
- Hauled in game-winning TD in final seconds of 2020 FCS Championship game
- Brother, Ayo, is currently a running back at James Madison
- Brother, Ore, is currently a defensive back at Northwestern

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9/7 at UCF	0	0	0	0	2	21	0	13	0	0	0	0/0	0	0
9/14 HAWAII	1	9	1	9	4	32	0	17	0	0	0	0/0	0	0
9/21 NM STATE*	1	0	0	0	3	31	0	13	0	0	0	4/49	0	19
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<b>2024 Total Career</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4/49</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>
	<b>32</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>2196</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>14/254</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>4/49</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>



## 6 NOAH SMITH

WR • R-SR • 4L • HOUSTON, TEXAS • CY RIDGE HS



- Is the only returning WR in CUSA to earn all-CUSA honors in 2023
- Voted as 1 of 2 permanent team captains for the 2024 season
- Multi-purpose receiver who has played WR, RB and QB in Bearkat career
- Enters game at UTEP season having caught a pass in 24 straight games
- Needs 28 more rushing yards to join Tony January and Richard Sincere as the only Bearkats in program history with 1,000 career rushing yards and 1,000 career receiving yards
- Has three 100-yard receiving games in his career
- Ranks 15th in all-time receiving yards at SHSU with 1,721
- Ranks sixth all-time at SHSU with 181 career receptions; needs 19 more to become the fifth Kat in program history with 200 catches
- Needs 169 more all-purpose yards to become 13th Kat in history with 3,000 career all-purpose yards

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9/7 at UCF	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
9/14 HAWAII	2	4	0	4	2	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
9/21 NM STATE*	1	17	0	17	4	38	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
9/28 vs Texas State	3	31	0	15	2	16	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
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11/23 at Jax State*														
11/29 LIBERTY*														
<b>2024 Total Career</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7/115</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>
	<b>184</b>	<b>972</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>1721</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>7/115</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>7/24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>



# 7 QUA'VEZ HUMPHREYS

WR • R-JR • RS • JUNCTION CITY, KAN. • JUNCTION CITY HS / BUTLER CC

- Dynamic, prototypical receiver who KC Keeler claimed would be a difference maker for the Kats when he arrived prior to the 2022 season
- Has 11 total touches in 2024 (10 rec, 1 rush);  
Of those 11 touches, 9 are for 10+ yards while 1 of the 2 under 10 is a 7-yd TD catch
- Missed entire 2022 season due to injury
- Leads Kats in receiving yards and receiving touchdowns thru 4 games
- First reception as a Kat was a 67-yard touchdown vs Rice
- Is coming off first 100-yard game as a Kat, finishing with 104 yards and 2 TDs in the Kats' win over Hawaii

# 8 JASE BAUER

QB • R-JR • 2L • ANKENY, IOWA • ANKENY HS / CENTRAL MICHIGAN

- Dual-threat QB who started 10 games over 3 seasons at Central Michigan
- Threw for 13 TDs and rushed for 14 in Chippewa career
- Has three 100-yard rushing games in his career

## 2024 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Kick Return				Punt Return			
	No.	Yds.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	TD	LG	Att/Yds	TD	LG	Att/Yds.	TD	LG		
8/31 at Rice	0	0	0	0	5	63	1	32	0	0	0	0	0	0		
9/7 at UCF	0	0	0	0	2	21	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0		
9/14 HAWAII	1	10	0	10	4	32	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0		
9/21 NM STATE*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
9/28 vs Texas State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
10/3 at UTEP*																
10/16 WKU*																
10/22 at FIU*																
10/29 LOUISIANA TECH*																
11/16 at Kennesaw State*																
11/23 at Jax State*																
11/29 LIBERTY*																
<b>2024 Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>Career</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		

## 2024 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Opponent	Rushing				C-A-I	Passing			Total	
	No.	Yds.	TD	LG		Yds.	TD	LG	OFF	TDR
8/31 at Rice					DNP					
9/7 at UCF	1	-1	0	1	7-10-0	73	1	22	95	1
9/14 HAWAII					DNP					
9/21 NM STATE*	5	45	0	16	3-5-0	38	1	20	65	1
9/28 vs Texas State					DNP					
10/3 at UTEP*										
10/16 WKU*										
10/22 at FIU*										
10/29 LOUISIANA TECH*										
11/16 at Kennesaw State*										
11/23 at Jax State*										
11/29 LIBERTY*										
<b>2024 Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10-15-0</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>SHSU Career Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10-15-0</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>NCAA Career Total</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>208-361-13</b>	<b>2427</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>2830</b>	<b>29</b>



# 10 HUNTER WATSON

# 19 ELIJAH SOHN

QB • R-JR • TR • CELINA, TEXAS • CELINA HS / ARKANSAS-MONTICELLO / IOWA WESTERN CC

TE • R-SR • 2L • ALEDO, TEXAS • ALEDO HS / SMU

- Dual-threat QB who led Iowa Western CC to 2023 NJCAA national title
- Ranks first among quarterbacks in CUSA and ninth among quarterbacks nationally in rushing yards per game (67.6)
- Became the first QB in Bearkat history with consecutive 100-yard rushing performances when he went for 105 vs Texas State
- Became only second SHSU quarterback since 2013 with 100 yards rushing in a game when he went for 116 in win over NM State
- Has twice earned CUSA Offensive Player of the Week
- Threw for 3 touchdowns vs Hawaii; equaled his college high total (had 3 games with 3 passing TDs at Iowa Western CC in 2023)
- Named a NJCAA second team all-American in 2023
- Accounted for 30 TDs for the Reivers in 2023, 22 in the air and 8 on the ground
- Joined IWCC after 2 seasons at Arkansas-Monticello

- Prototypical tight end build with ability to both block and catch
- Joined Sam Houston football team in 2022 after spending time as a swimmer at Texas A&M and SMU
- Played as Kats' primary tight end in 2023 before late-season injury shut down his year after 9 games
- Was coming off his most productive offensive game prior to injury with season-high 6 catches for 45 yards and first career TD in win over Kennesaw State

## 2024 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Opponent	Rushing				Passing			Total		
	No.	Yds.	TD	LG	C-A-I	Yds.	TD	LG	OFF	TDR
8/31 at Rice	14	57	0	31	16-27-0	229	2	67	286	2
9/7 at UCF	7	15	0	9	9-13-2	82	0	18	97	0
9/14 HAWAII	10	45	0	11	15-23-1	165	3	55	210	3
9/21 NM STATE*	12	116	2	46	9-21-2	64	0	13	180	2
9/28 vs Texas State	27	105	2	25	10-19-0	95	0	16	200	2
10/3 at UTEP*										
10/16 WKU*										
10/22 at FIU*										
10/29 LOUISIANA TECH*										
11/16 at Kennesaw State*										
11/23 at Jax State*										
11/29 LIBERTY*										
<b>2024 Total</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>59-103-5</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Career Total</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>59-103-5</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>9</b>

## 2024 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Opponent	Receiving			
	No.	Yds.	TD	LG
8/31 at Rice	2	24	0	21
9/7 at UCF	1	5	0	5
9/14 HAWAII	0	0	0	0
9/21 NM STATE*	0	0	0	0
9/28 vs Texas State	1	9	0	9
10/3 at UTEP*				
10/16 WKU*				
10/22 at FIU*				
10/29 LOUISIANA TECH*				
11/16 at Kennesaw State*				
11/23 at Jax State*				
11/29 LIBERTY*				
<b>2024 Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Career Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>28</b>

**NEED TO KNOWS**

**BEARKAT ATHLETICS**

↳ The Bearkats won the 2014 NCAA Women's Bowling national championship. The Bearkat football team played in the FCS National Championship game in both January of 2012 and 2013 before finally breaking through and claiming the program's first FCS championship in 2021.

**WHY THE K?**

↳ Bearkats is spelled with a K to denote a creature that is more mythical than real. The name came from a popular local saying from the 1920s "tough as a Bearkat!"

↳ Sam Houston's teams have been nicknamed Bearkats since 1923. Prior to that the sports teams were called "The Normals" since the Sam Houston was then a teacher's schools.

**ABOUT SAM HOUSTON**

↳ Sam Houston State University is located in Huntsville, Texas, with the 316-acre campus approximately 65 miles north of downtown Houston.

↳ It was founded in 1879 and stands today as the third-oldest public university in Texas. Created to train school teachers, today's Sam Houston offers a broad range of academic programs leading to bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees.

↳ The university's namesake, Sam Houston, was the first and third president of the Republic of Texas. Houston was an American politician and soldier. His victory at the Battle of San Jacinto secured the independence of Texas from Mexico in one of the shortest decisive battles in modern history, lasting only 18 minutes.

↳ Sam Houston is buried in Huntsville not far from the campus of the University which is named in his honor. He was the only man in United States history to be governor of two states (Texas and Tennessee).

↳ The university, which is the 12th largest in Texas, passed the 20,000 student mark in enrollment in the spring of 2015 and currently boasts 20,477 enrollees.

↳ Sam Houston's most recognizable alumnus is Dan Rather -- American journalist and former news anchor for CBS Evening News. The university named its mass communications building after Rather in 1994.

**DEFENSE**

Coordinator: Skyler Cassity

	Avg	CUSA Rk	FBS Rk
Total Defense:	341.0	3	62
Scoring Defense:	24.4	3	75
Rush Defense:	131.2	3	63
Pass Defense:	209.8	4	68
Tackles for Loss:	4.8	5	96
Sacks:	1.4	8	101

	Total	CUSA Rk	FBS Rk
Interceptions:	5	2	31
Fumble Recoveries:	3	2	28
Opp 3rd Down %:	24-66 (.364)	4	63
Opp 4th Down %:	6-11 (.545)	4	71
Red Zone:	16-18 (.789)	5	49

**WHO'S GOT THE DOT? KAVIAN GAITHER**

Beginning in 2024, NCAA rules now allow for in-helmet communication from coaches to one player on the field until 15 seconds left on the play clock. A green dot on the helmet indicates which player on the field carrying the communication equipment.



**KAT TO WATCH CALEB WEAVER**

A former walk-on, Weaver enters Thursday's game leading the Kats with 35.0 tackles, 2 interceptions and 4 pass breakups from his safety spot. He had a team-best 9 stops vs Texas State, including a key tackle on 4th & 1 from the TXST 24-yard line to set up a key score for Sam Houston late in the 3rd quarter.

**QUICK HITTERS FROM THE WIN vs TEXAS STATE**

- Sam Houston stuffed a pair of 4th-down tries by the Bobcats on Saturday and has now stopped 5 of 11 4th-down tries by its opponents this year
- The Kats have had 11 consecutive games with at least 1 takeaway
- The Kats will be without starting linebacker Trey Fields for the first half of Thursday's game due to an upheld targeting call in the second half of the game vs Texas State

**HOLDING DOWN THE RUN GAME**

- Aside from an impressive performance by UCF on its home field in Week 2, the run game by Bearkat opponents has been nearly non-existent. In the 4 wins, the Kats are only allowing 68.0 yards per game on the ground with all 4 of those opponents rushing for less than 100 yards as a team

**GAITHER APPROACHING 200 STOPS**

Kavian Gaither has been on the field for the Bearkats since his true freshman season in 2021, and he's approaching a milestone after picking up 5 more tackles vs Texas State. He needs just 6 more tackles to reach 200 for his career and 56 more to reach 250, which would put him 14th all-time in career tackles at SHSU

**DOMINATING PERFORMANCE vs NM STATE**

In the Kats' win over NM State, the defense held NMSU to just 152 yards of offense, including 74 in the air and 78 on the ground. It is the first time since the 2013 season opener vs HBU the Kats have held an opponent under 100 rushing and passing yards in the same game, holding the Huskies to 45 passing and 45 rushing yards in that game

**CASSITY TAKES OVER AT DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR**

With former defensive coordinator Joe Morris departing for NM State after 2023, the Kats found their man in now former Abilene Christian defensive coordinator Skyler Cassity who takes over in his first year in Huntsville. At age 30, Cassity is the youngest defensive coordinator in the FBS. Other new additions to the defensive staff include Julian Wilson (DBs) who coached with Cassity at ACU, along with veterans Reggie Johnson (LBs) and Greg Richmond (DEs)

**TRICKY NIXON**

With the Bearkats having to dig deep into its stable of available backs in 2023, linebacker Issiah Nixon stepped in at LA Tech and found the end zone twice as a short-yardage back. But his impact was not only felt on that side of the ball as he got in on a sack in the second quarter as well. He was 1 of 2 players in the country with a sack + offensive TD in the same game in 2023, and 1 of 5 to accomplish the feat in the totality of the season.

**FBS Players in 2023 with Sacks + Offensive TD(s) scored**

Player	School	Rush TD	Rec TD	Sacks
Issiah Nixon	Sam Houston	2	0	4.0
Sione Vaki	Utah	3	2	2.0
DJ Lundy	Florida State	1	0	1.5
Tonka Hemmingway	South Carolina	1	0	1.5
Alex Huntley	South Carolina	0	1	2.0



# 0 CHRIS MURRAY

DL • R-JR • 2L • WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS • HIRSCHI HS / TCU

- Difference-making defensive lineman expected to make big jump in 2024
- Has had a TFL in 3 of 5 games played this year
- In third season at Sam Houston after redshirting in 2021 at TCU
- Rated as No. 4 strongside DE in Texas and No. 25 in nation coming out of HS

## 2024 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Opponent	Tkl	TFL	Sack	FF	FR	INT	PBU	QBH
8/31 at Rice	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
9/7 at UCF	3	1.0-7	1.0-7	1	0	0	0	0
9/14 HAWAII	1	1.0-7	1.0-7	0	0	0	0	0
9/21 NM STATE*	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
9/28 vs Texas State	1	0.5-4	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
10/3 at UTEP*								
10/16 WKU*								
10/22 at FIU*								
10/29 LOUISIANA TECH*								
11/16 at Kennesaw State*								
11/23 at Jax State*								
11/29 LIBERTY*								
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2.5-18</b>	<b>2.0-14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHSU Career</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>4.0-28</b>	<b>3.0-24</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

# 2 DA'VEAWN ARMSTEAD

DB • R-JR • 1L • BATON ROUGE, LA. • CENTRAL HS / TCU

- Returned to defensive backfield after missing games vs Hawaii and NM State due to injury
- Long, prototypical corner with potential to be an all-conference player
- Played in only 4 games in 2023 due to injury; utilized redshirt season
- Only player from Louisiana on the 2024 Bearkat roster
- Was rated as the No. 65 safety in the nation coming out of HS
- Also was rated as the No. 23 player in Louisiana
- Originally went to TCU where he played in 10 games as true freshman in 2021

## 2024 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Opponent	Tkl	TFL	Sack	FF	FR	INT	PBU	QBH
8/31 at Rice	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	1	0
9/7 at UCF	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
9/14 HAWAII			DNP					
9/21 NM STATE*			DNP					
9/28 vs Texas State	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
10/3 at UTEP*								
10/16 WKU*								
10/22 at FIU*								
10/29 LOUISIANA TECH*								
11/16 at Kennesaw State*								
11/23 at Jax State*								
11/29 LIBERTY*								
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Career</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1.5-8</b>	<b>1.0-7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>



# 14 KAVIAN GAITHER

LB • SR • 3L • WACO, TEXAS • CONNALLY HS



- Needs 7 more tackles to reach 200 for his career
- Voted as 1 of 2 permanent team captains for the 2024 season
- Will wear Green Dot for on-field comms with coaching staff for defense
- Opened career as safety during freshman season; moved to LB as a sophomore
- Second-leading tackler on Kats in 2023; trailed only all-CUSA LB Trevor Williams
- Named CUSA Defensive Player of the Week after win over LA Tech in 2023
- 2022 WAC Defensive Player of the Year
- Accounted for 5,376 yards of total offense and 242 tackles in career at Connally HS

## 2024 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Opponent	Tkl	TFL	Sack	FF	FR	INT	PBU	QBH
8/31 at Rice	5	1.0-2	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
9/7 at UCF	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
9/14 HAWAII	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	2
9/21 NM STATE*	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1	0	0	0
9/28 vs Texas State	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
10/3 at UTEP*								
10/16 WKU*								
10/22 at FIU*								
10/29 LOUISIANA TECH*								
11/16 at Kennesaw State*								
11/23 at Jax State*								
11/29 LIBERTY*								
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1.0-2</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Career</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>18.0-57</b>	<b>4.0-28</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4-0</b>	<b>3-79</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>

# 18 ISSIAH NIXON

LB • SR • 1L • MISSOURI CITY, TEXAS • FORT BEND ELKINS / TEXAS STATE

- Played in 30 games at Texas State prior to joining the Bearkats
- Versatile backer who can be utilized in multiple ways, including as pass rusher
- Served as short-yardage back vs LA Tech in 2023, rushing for 2 TDs
- Had 5.0 sacks in 2023, the most among Bearkat returners
- Preseason all-CUSA first team by Athlon Sports

## 2024 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Opponent	Tkl	TFL	Sack	FF	FR	INT	PBU	QBH
8/31 at Rice	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
9/7 at UCF	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
9/14 HAWAII	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
9/21 NM STATE*				DNP				
9/28 vs Texas State	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
10/3 at UTEP*								
10/16 WKU*								
10/22 at FIU*								
10/29 LOUISIANA TECH*								
11/16 at Kennesaw State*								
11/23 at Jax State*								
11/29 LIBERTY*								
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Career</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>5.5-24</b>	<b>5.0-23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

**NEED TO KNOWS**

CATEGORY	2024
Home	2-0
Away	1-1
Neutral	1-0
Day	1-0
Night	3-1
TV Games	4-1
ESPN2	0-0
ESPN+	4-1
ESPNU	0-0
CBS Sports Network	0-0
Scoring First	2-0
Leading At Half	3-0
Tied At Half	0-0
Trailing At Half	1-1
Leading after 3Q	3-0
Trailing After 3Q	1-1
Tied After 3Q	0-0
Overtime Games	0-0
Having 100-yd rusher	3-0
Having 100-yd receiver	1-0
Opp 100-yd rusher	0-1
Opp 100-yd receiver	1-1
No turnovers	1-0
<3 turnovers	3-1
3+ turnovers	0-0
No takeaways	0-0
<3 takeaways	3-1
3+ takeaways	1-0
Win turnover battle	2-0
Lose turnover battle	1-1
Turnovers even	1-0

**ALL-TIME COMEBACKS**

**22 points**

Sam Houston 40, Texas State 39  
Houston, 9-28-2024  
Bearkats trailed by 22 points with 2:24 to play in first quarter

**21 points**

Sam Houston 32, Southwest Texas 31  
Huntsville, 11-22-1986  
Bearkats trailed by 21 points with 13:29 to play

Sam Houston 36, Montana State 23  
Bozeman, Mont., 9-7-1991  
Bearkats trailed by 21 just 9:24 into first quarter

Sam Houston 38, James Madison 35  
Huntsville 5-8-2021  
Bearkats trailed by 21 at halftime

**20 points**

Sam Houston 24, A&M-Kingsville 23  
Huntsville, 9-23-1995  
Bearkats trailed by 20 points at halftime

Sam Houston 35, Eastern Washington 34  
Cheney, Wash., 12-4-2004  
Bearkats trailed by 20 with 14:54 to play

**18 points**

Sam Houston 29, Texas State 28  
San Marcos, 11-15-2007  
Bearkats trailed by 18 points with 9:00 to play

**SPECIAL TEAMS**

Analyst: Zach Milliet

	Total	CUSA Rk	FBS Rk		Total	CUSA Rk	FBS Rk
FG:	6 / 8	4	--	Net Punting:	34.4	8	--
PAT:	18 / 18	1	--	Punt Return:	6.38	5	--
Blocked Kicks:	0	--	--	Kickoff Return:	37.4	8	--
Blocked Punts:	0	--	--	Net Coverage:	46.9	8	--

**QUICK HITTERS FOR 2024**

- Pavon has made all 18 of his PATs this season and is 23 for 24 for his career. He had gone 5-for-6 on PATs in 2021, but had not attempted a PAT in either 2022 or 2023

- His 52-yard field goal in the season opener at Rice was tied for the sixth-longest FG in Bearkat history

- Pavon joined Jeff Jones as the only 2 Bearkat kickers to ever connect on field goals of 50+ yards in a season opener. Jones, in fact, did it twice in his career with a 51-yard boot vs UT Arlington in 1982 and a 53-yarder vs Bishop College in 1984

- Jones' 51-yarder vs UTA and Pavon's 52-yarder vs Rice make them the only 2 Bearkat kickers in program history to have their first career field goal be of 50+ yards

- Jadon Cardell booted a 52-yard punt against Texas State, a season long

**PAVON HANDLING ALL KICKING DUTIES IN 2024**

Christian Pavon primarily handled kickoff duties in his first 2 seasons with the Kats, but has handled all kicking assignments so far in 2024. The Willis hit 6 of 8 field goals and all 18 of his PAT attempts this year

He has twice been named the CUSA Special Teams Player of the Week, most recently after the win over Texas State and also after the Week 1 win over Rice. Against the Owls he made a pair of field goals and all 4 of his PATs. He kept the momentum going for the Kats in the first quarter when his first career field goal attempt was good from 52 yards to put SHSU up 17-0. Meanwhile, he hit a 46-yard field goal and the game winner with only 6 seconds remaining from 24 yards out to defeat Texas State

**ADEYI ADDS PUNT RETURN TO HIS RESUME**

Ife Adeyi has done a little bit of everything in his career, ranking in the top 10 at Sam Houston in career all-purpose yards. But he had never returned punts in his career until Saturday vs NM State when he filled in for Emon Allen. Adeyi more than held his own, returning 4 punts for an total of 49 yards

# ROSTER

## ALPHABETICAL

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Class-Yr	Hometown / High School / Previous School
0	Zach Hrbacek	RB	5-9	195	R-Jr.	Troy, Texas / Troy HS
0	Chris Murray	DL	6-4	255	RJr-1L	Wichita Falls, Texas / Hirshi HS / TCU
1	John Gentry	RB	5-11	205	RSo.-TR	Houston, Texas / North Shore HS / Utah State
1	Jevon Leon	DL	6-3	250	RSr-4L	Houston, Texas / Alief Hastings HS
2	Ife Adeyi	WR	5-10	175	RSr-4L	Mansfield, Texas / Legacy HS
2	Da'Veawn Armstead	DB	6-1	185	RJr-RS	Baton Rouge, La. / Central HS / TCU
2	Simeon Evans	WR	6-1	200	RJr-2L	Mansfield, Texas / Timberview HS / Army
3	Caleb Weaver	DB	5-11	190	RJr-2L	Houston, Texas / Jersey Village HS
4	Jaylon Jimmerson	DB	5-10	200	Gr-TR	Pittsburg, Texas / Pittsburg HS / UIW / Liberty
4	Michael Phoenix II	WR	6-2	215	RJr-TR	Conroe, Texas / Conroe HS / Kilgore College
5	David Fisher	DB	6-0	185	RJr-2L	Houston, Texas / Pearland Dawson HS
5	Grant Gunnell	QB	6-6	220	Gr-1L	The Woodlands, Texas / St. Pius X HS / Arizona / Memphis / North Texas
6	Trey Fields	LB	6-0	215	RJr-4L	Danciger, Texas / Sweeny HS
6	Noah Smith	WR	5-11	190	RSr-4L	Houston, Texas / Cy Ridge HS
7	Emon Allen	DB	5-9	180	RJr-2L	Austin, Texas / Vista Ridge HS
7	Qua'Vez Humphreys	WR	6-3	225	RJr-RS	Junction City, Kan. / Junction City HS / Butler CC
8	Jase Bauer	QB	6-2	220	RJr-TR	Ankeny, Iowa / Ankeny HS / Central Michigan
8	Sincere Jackson	LB	6-2	220	RJr-2L	Pacifica, Calif. / Paso Robles HS / City College of San Francisco
9	Jay Ducker	RB	5-10	205	Gr-TR	Omaha, Neb. / Bellevue West HS / NIU / Memphis
9	Ysidro Mascorro	LB	5-11	215	RJr-3L	Refugio, Texas / Refugio HS
10	Jaylen Phillips	LB	6-2	230	Sr-4L	Katy, Texas / Katy HS
10	Hunter Watson	QB	6-3	210	RJr-TR	Celina, Texas / Celina HS / Arkansas-Monticello / Iowa Western CC
11	Malik Phillips	WR	5-11	175	Sr-1L	Clovis, N.M. / Clovis HS / New Mexico Military Institute
11	Denver Warren	DL	6-2	300	RJr-TR	Chicago, Ill. / Brother Rice HS / Bowling Green / Independence CC / NM State
12	Tyler Bailey	DB	6-0	195	RSo-2Y	Prosper, Texas / Prosper HS
12	Austin Smith	TE	6-5	245	RJr-TR	Cedar Lake, Texas / Tidehaven HS / Colorado / Memphis
13	Sylas Gomez	QB	6-2	200	RSo.-2Y	San Antonio, Texas / Central Catholic HS
13	Ny'Quee Hawkins	DB	6-0	195	RSo-2Y	Newark, N.J. / Orange HS / Virginia Tech
14	Kavian Gaither	LB	6-0	215	Sr-3L	Waco, Texas / Connally HS
14	Jyzaiah Rockwell	WR	6-3	210	RSo-1L	Gilmer, Texas / Gilmer HS
15	Shane Johnson	WR	6-2	200	RJr-2L	San Antonio, Texas / Johnson HS
15	Jalen O'Neal	DB	6-2	185	RFr-TR	Manvel, Texas / Manvel HS / Abilene Christian
16	Joe Swen	DB	6-3	190	So-TR	Philadelphia, Pa. / Bishop Alemany HS (CA) / Oregon State
17	Lonnie Adkism	WR	6-1	195	RFr-RS	Wichita, Kan. / Corpus Christi Miller HS (TX)
18	Issiah Nixon	OLB	6-1	235	Sr-1L	Missouri City, Texas / Elkins HS / Texas State
19	Isaiah Cash	DB	6-0	195	Gr-TR	Austin, Texas / Rouse HS / HCU
19	Elijah Sohn	TE	6-4	250	RSr-2L	Aledo, Texas / Aledo HS / SMU
20	Chantson Prox	DB	5-11	180	So-1L	Canton, Texas / Canton Texas
21	DJ McKinney	RB	5-9	180	RFr-RS	Tulsa, Okla. / Union HS
22	Jaidan Scott	DB	6-0	185	RSo-1L	Houston, Texas / Myers Park HS (NC)
23	Railyn Adams	DB	6-0	170	Fr-HS	Newton, Texas / Newton HS
23	Adrian Murdaugh	RB	5-9	175	RJr-1L	Conroe, Texas / Oak Ridge HS
24	Elias Escobar	DB	5-11	200	RSr-1L	Hayward, Calif. / Mountain House HS / Laney College
25	Matthew Tatum	WR	5-9	170	RSo-HS	Huntsville, Texas / Huntsville HS
26	S'Maje Burrell	LB	6-0	220	RFr-TR	Fort Worth, Texas / North Crowley HS / Texas
27	Garret Hagler	RB	5-11	230	RSo-2Y	Cove, Texas / Barbers Hill HS
28	CJ Johnson	LB	6-1	225	RJr-TR	Little Elm, Texas / Braswell HS / Navarro College / Memphis
29	KeSean Raven	DB	5-10	165	RJr-2L	Rockdale, Texas / Rockdale HS
30	Kason Tullos	LB	6-1	220	Gr-TR	Spring, Texas / Klein Oak HS / Texas A&M
31	Quan Williams	DB	5-10	170	RJr-1Y	College Station, Texas / A&M Consolidated HS
33	Kendrick DuJour	DL	6-5	225	RSo-TR	Jonesboro, Ga. / Mundy's Mill HS / North Carolina Central
34	Landan "CoCo" Brown	RB	5-11	215	RFr-RS	Denton, Texas / Denton HS
35	Gannon Tullos	LB	6-2	210	RSo-RS	Houston, Texas / Klein Oak HS
37	Jacquis Ishmeal Jr.	OLB	6-2	230	Jr-1Y	Kennedale, Texas / Kennedale HS
38	Mitch Melton	OLB	6-2	240	Fr-HS	Conroe, Texas / Conroe HS
41	Zach Stricker	LS	6-0	200	RJr-2L	Coppell, Texas / Coppell HS
42	Ca'lub Holloway	OLB	6-1	235	RSo-1L	Forth Worth, Texas / South Hills HS / Phillips Exeter Academy
43	Jadon Cardell	K/P	6-0	215	RJr-2L	Cedar Hill, Texas / Cedar Hill
44	Briceon Hayes	DL	6-3	245	RJr-2L	Huntsville, Texas / Huntsville HS
45	Eli Wallace	LB	6-2	225	RFr-RS	Dallas, Texas / Duncanville HS
46	Carson Whittington	LS	6-1	200	RSo-1Y	El Campo, Texas / El Campo HS / Blinn College
47	Colby Sessums	K/P	6-1	195	RJr-1L	Haslet, Texas / V.R. Eaton HS / Lamar
48	Braeden Howell	DL	6-2	235	RJr-3L	Burnet, Texas / Burnet HS
49	Christian Pavn	K/P	5-10	175	RJr-2L	Willis, Texas / Willis HS
50	Forest Gatlin III	LB	6-1	230	RFr-RS	Mesquite, Texas / Mesquite HS
52	Will Hutchens	OL	6-3	305	RFr-RS	Lindale, Texas / Lindale HS

## NUMERICAL

No.	Name	Pos
23	Railyn Adams	DB
2	Ife Adeyi	WR
17	Lonnie Adksim	WR
7	Emon Allen	DB
96	Matthew Aribisala	DL
2	Da'Veawn Armstead	DB
12	Tyler Bailey	DB
8	Jase Bauer	QB
73	MarkKendrick Beall	OL
83	Darrick Bledsoe III	WR
34	Landan Brown	RB
26	S'Maje Burrell	LB
43	Jadon Cardell	K/P
19	Isaiah Cash	DB
71	James Dawn II	OL
79	Kolt Dieterich	OL
9	Jay Ducker	RB
33	Kendrick DuJuor	DL
56	Luke Eckartdt	OL
68	Jeremiah Edmond	OL
91	Andrew Edmonson	DL
24	Elias Escobar	DB
3	Simeon Evans	WR
6	Trey Fields	LB
5	David Fisher	DB
97	Dylan Frazier	DL
65	Easton Fulton	DL
14	Kavian Gaither	LB
89	Fernando Garza III	TE
50	Forest Gatlin III	LB
1	John Gentry	RB
57	Ryan Gilleylen	DL
13	Sylas Gomez	QB
5	Grant Gunnell	QB
57	Ethan Hagler	OL
27	Garret Hagler	RB
13	Ny'Quee Hawkins	DB
44	Briceon Hayes	DL
42	Ca'lub Holloway	OLB
48	Braden Howell	TE
0	Zach Hrbacek	RB
7	Qua'Vez Humphreys	WR
52	Will Hutchens	OL
78	Orion Irving	OL
37	Jacquis Ishmeal Jr.	OLB
8	Sincere Jackson	LB
59	Graceson Jackson-Smith	OL
86	Thomas Jewett	TE
4	Jaylon Jimmerson	DB
28	CJ Johnson	LB
15	Shane Johnson	WR
54	Mitch'le Joseph	OL
69	Seth Kohlscheen	OL
70	Rhett Larson	OL
1	Jevon Leon	DL
9	Ysidro Mascorro	LB
93	Seth Mason	DL
75	William McCollum	OL
21	DJ McKinney	RB
38	Mitch Melton	LB
80	Fatu Mukuba	WR
23	Adrian Murdaugh	RB
0	Chris Murray	DL
18	Issiah Nixon	OLB
15	Jalen O'Neal	DB
90	Richard Outland Jr.	DL

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Class-Yr	Hometown / High School / Previous School
53	Godgive Ugochukwu	DL	6-3	240	RFr-RS	Corinth, Texas / Lake Dallas HS
54	Mich'le Joseph	OL	6-3	300	So-TR	Galveston, Texas / Ball HS
55	Jaden Phillips	DL	6-2	270	Sr-1L	Clovis, N.M. / Clovis HS / New Mexico
56	Luke Eckardt	OL	6-6	300	Jr-TR	Spring Grove, Ill. / Richmond-Burton HS / Arizona / Colorado / Iowa Western CC
57	Ryan Gilleylen	DL	6-0	235	RSo-TR	Spring, Texas / Grand Oaks HS / Southern Nazarene
57	Ethan Hagler	OL	6-2	305	RSr-3L	Cove, Texas / Barbers Hill HS / Blinn College
59	Graceson Jackson-Smith	OL	6-4	300	RJr-1L	Monroe, La. / Wossman HS / Tyler JC
65	Easton Fulton	OL	6-3	310	RFr-RS	Rosebud, Texas / Rosebud-Lott HS
68	Jeremiah Edmond	OL	6-2	285	So-TR	Fort Myers, Fla. / Evangelical Christian HS / West Virginia Wesleyan
69	Seth Kohlscheen	OL	6-0	310	RSr-2L	Crawford, Texas / Crawford HS
70	Rhett Larson	OL	6-5	300	RSo-1L	College Station, Texas / A&M Consolidated HS / SMU
71	James Dawn II	OL	6-4	315	Jr-2L	New Braunfels, Texas / New Braunfels HS
73	MarKendrick Beall	OL	6-4	330	Sr-1L	Longview, Texas / Tatum HS / Tyler JC
75	William McCollum	OL	6-5	340	Sr-1L	Jackson, Miss. / Forest Hill HS / Davidson
78	Orion Irving	OL	6-6	310	RSo-1L	Houston, Texas / Lamar HS
79	Kolt Dieterich	OL	6-6	310	RFr-RS	Riesel, Texas / Riesel HS
80	Fatu Mukuba	WR	5-10	165	Fr-HS	Austin, Texas / LBJ HS
82	Cooper Stevens	TE	6-3	230	Fr-HS	Cypress, Texas / Cy Fair HS
83	Darrick Bledsoe III	WR	5-9	185	RFr-RS	Arlington, Texas / Lamar HS
84	Kaden Taylor	WR	5-10	175	Fr-TR	Azle, Texas / Northwest Oklahoma / North Texas
86	Thomas Jewett	TE	6-4	245	RSo-1L	Houston, Texas / Strake Jesuit HS
89	Fernando Garza III	TE	6-6	260	RJr-TR	Katy, Texas / Katy HS / Texas A&M
90	Richard Outland Jr.	DL	6-3	290	Sr-3L	Houston, Texas / Alief Taylor HS
91	Andrew Edomson	DL	6-2	265	RSo-1L	The Woodlands, Texas / College Park HS
93	Seth Mason	DL	6-3	295	Gr-1L	Allen, Texas / Allen HS / ULM
94	Josiah Stephens	DL	6-3	260	Fr-HS	Spring, Texas / Willis HS
96	Matthew Aribisala	DL	6-3	295	RJr-2L	Cedar Hill, Texas / Cedar Hill HS / Air Force Prep
97	Dylan Frazier	DL	6-5	275	RSo-TR	Celina, Texas / Celina HS
98	Quardale Patt	DL	6-5	295	Jr-TR	Stafford, Texas / Stafford HS / Trinity Valley CC
99	Quincy Wright	DL	6-2	315	So-TR	Dallas, Texas / Duncanville HS / Oregon State

No.	Name	Pos
98	Quardale Patt	DL
49	Christian Pavon	K/P
55	Jaden Phillips	DL
10	Jaylen Phillips	LB
11	Malik Phillips	WR
4	Michael Phoenix II	WR
20	Chantson Prox	DB
29	KeSean Raven	DB
14	Jyzaiah Rockwell	WR
22	Jaidan Scott	DB
47	Colby Sessums	K/P
12	Austin Smith	TE
6	Noah Smith	WR
19	Elijah Sohn	TE
94	Josiah Stephens	DL
82	Cooper Stevens	TE
41	Zach Stricker	LS
16	Joe Swen	DB
25	Matthew Tatum	WR
84	Kaden Taylor	WR
35	Gannon Tullos	LB
30	Kason Tullos	LB
53	Godgive Ugochukwu	DL
45	Eli Wallace	LB
11	Denver Warren	DL
10	Hunter Watson	QB
3	Caleb Weaver	DB
46	Carson Whittington	LS
31	Quan Williams	DB
21	Dravon Wilson	DB
99	Quincy Wright	DL

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NAME	NAME
Railyn Adams	RAY-lin
Ife Adeyi	E-fay Uh-DAY-yee
Lonnie Adkism	Ad-kiz-mm
Emon Allen	E-mahn
Matthew Aribisala	Uh-REE-bih-sah-luh
Da'Veawn Armstead	DAY-vee-awn
Kolt Dieterich	DEE-turr-ick
Kendrick DuJour	doo-JOOR
Kavian Gaither	K-V-un GAY-thur
Grant Gunnell	Gun-ELL
Ny'Quee Hawkins	Nye-kwee
Briceon Hayes	Bryson

NAME	NAME
Zach Hrbacek	Her-BAH-check
Qua'Vez Humphreys	Kwah-vez
Orion Irving	Like the constellation. Or the Irish pub.
Mich'le Joseph	MEE-chee
Jevon Leon	Juh-VAWN LEE-on
Ysidro Mascorro	Just call him C-doh
Fatu Mukuba	FAH-too Muh-KOO-buh
Issiah Nixon	like the prophet Isaiah
KeSean Raven	Key-SHAWN
Jyzaiah Rockwell	just call him Jay
Elijah Sohn	ugly Christmas sweaters are sewn

HIGH SCHOOL / PREVIOUS SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL / PREVIOUS SCHOOL
Jay Ducker	Bell-view
Grant Gunnell	Saint PYE-us the Tenth
Jevon Leon	A-leef
Chris Murray	Hershey (like the chocolate)

HOMETOWN	HOMETOWN
Jase Bauer	Anne-kenny
James Dawn II	New Brawn-fuls
Kolt Dieterich	REE-sul (like Liesl from Sound of Music)
Trey Fields	Da-sin-jur
Ysidro Mascorro	Re-FURE-e-oh
Elijah Sohn	uh-LEE-doh
Hunter Watson/Dylan Frazier	Suh-LINE-uh

# DEPTH CHART

## OFFENSE

QB	10	Hunter Watson	6-3	210	RJr	Celina
	8	Jase Bauer	6-2	220	RJr	Ankeny, Iowa
RB	9	Jay Ducker	5-10	205	Gr	Omaha, Neb.
	21	DJ McKinney	5-9	180	RFr	Tulsa, Okla.
TE	19	Elijah Sohn	6-4	250	RSr	Aledo
	89	Fernando Garza III	6-6	260	RJr	Katy
WR	2	Ife Adeyi	5-10	175	RSr	Mansfield
	14	Jyziah Rockwell	6-3	210	RSo	Gilmer
WR	6	Noah Smith	5-11	190	RSr	Houston
	80	Fatu Mukuba	5-10	165	Fr	Austin
WR	7	Qua'Vez Humphreys	6-3	225	RJr	Junction City, Kan.
	4	Michael Phoenix II	6-2	215	RJr	Conroe
WR	3	Simeon Evans	6-1	200	RJr	Mansfield
	15	Shane Johnson	6-2	200	RJr	San Antonio
LT	56	Luke Eckardt	6-6	300	Jr	Spring Grove, Ill.
	79	Kolt Dieterich	6-6	310	RFr	Riesel
LG	73	Markendrick Beall	6-4	330	Sr	Longview
	70	Rhett Larson	6-5	295	RSo	College Station
C	57	Ethan Hagler	6-2	305	RSr	Cove
	69	Seth Kohlscheen	6-0	310	RSr	Crawford
RG	71	James Dawn II	6-4	315	Jr	New Braunfels
	75	William McCollum	6-5	340	Jr	Jackson, Miss.
RT	70	Rhett Larson	6-5	300	RSo	College Station
or	78	Orion Irving	6-6	310	RSo	Houston

## DEFENSE

DL	0	Chris Murray	6-4	255	RJr	Wichita Falls
or	1	Jevon Leon	6-3	260	RSr	Houston
DL	93	Seth Mason	6-3	295	Gr	Allen
	99	Quincy Wright	6-2	315	So	Duncanville
DL	90	Richard Outland Jr.	6-3	290	Sr	Houston
	11	Denver Warren	6-2	300	RJr	Chicago, Ill.
LB	18	Issiah Nixon	6-1	235	Sr	Missouri City
	33	Kendrick DuJour	6-5	225	RSo	Jonesboro, Ga.
or	44	Briceon Hayes	6-3	245	RJr	Huntsville
LB	14	Kavian Gaither	6-0	215	Sr	Waco
	10	Jaylen Phillips	6-2	230	Sr	Katy
LB	6	Trey Fields	6-0	215	RJr	Dacinger
	28	CJ Johnson	6-1	225	RJr	Little Elm
LB	8	Sincere Jackson	6-2	220	RJr	Pacifica, Calif.
	26	S'Maje Burrell	6-0	220	RFr	Fort Worth
DB	5	David Fisher	6-0	185	RJr	Pearland
	20	Chantson Prox	5-11	180	So	Canton
DB	19	Isaiah Cash	6-0	195	Gr	Austin
	22	Jaidan Scott	6-0	185	RSo	Houston
DB	3	Caleb Weaver	5-11	190	RJr	Houston
	24	Elias Escobar	5-11	200	RSr	Hayward, Calif.
DB	4	Jaylon Jimmerson	5-10	200	Gr	Pittsburg
	13	Ny'Quee Hawkins	6-0	195	Gr	Newark, N.J.
DB	2	Da'Veawn Armstead	6-0	185	RJr	Baton Rouge, La.
	7	Emon Allen	5-9	180	RJr	Austin

## SPECIAL TEAMS

K	49	Christian Pavon	5-10	175	RJr	Willis
	48	Joe Nelson	6-4	180	Fr	Arlington
P	43	Jadon Cardell	6-0	215	RJr	Cedar Hill
LS	41	Zach Stricker	6-0	200	RJr	Coppell
or	46	Carson Whittington	6-1	200	RSo	El Campo
H	43	Jadon Cardell	6-0	215	RJr	Cedar Hill
KR	0	Zach Hrbacek	5-9	195	RJr	Trpy
	3	Simeon Evans	6-1	200	RJr	Mansfield
PR	7	Emon Allen	5-9	180	RJr	Austin
	2	Ife Adeyi	5-10	175	RSr	Mansfield



**CAREER 100-YARD GAMES**

**RECEIVING**

**Ife Adeyi (4 games)**

Year	Opponent	Receptions	Yards	TDs
2019	UIW	6	119	1
2019	at Abilene Christian	8	197	2
S2021	at Northwestern State	6	134	1
2021	Eastern Kentucky	7	138	1

**Noah Smith (3 games)**

Year	Opponent	Receptions	Yards	TDs
S2021	North Dakota State	10	103	1
2023	at Louisiana Tech	6	115	0
2023	at WKU	10	115	1

**Simeon Evans (1 game)**

Year	Opponent	Receptions	Yards	TDs
2023	Middle Tennessee	11	110	0

**Qua'Vez Humphreys (1 game)**

Year	Opponent	Receptions	Yards	TDs
2024	Hawaii	4	104	2

**Malik Phillips (1 game)**

Year	Opponent	Receptions	Yards	TDs
2023	NM State	10	118	0

**RUSHING**

**Jay Ducker (8 games; 1 at SHSU)**

Year	Opponent	Rushes	Yards	TDs
2021	Bowling Green*	33	210	0
2021	at Central Michigan*	31	183	0
2021	at Kent State*	19	101	2
2021	Ball State*	24	155	1
2021	Western Michigan*	13	104	0
2021	vs Kent State*	29	146	0
2021	vs Coastal Carolina*	24	146	0
2024	Hawaii	15	148	0

\*while playing at NIU

**Jase Bauer (3 games)**

Year	Opponent	Rushes	Yards	TDs
2022	Bowling Green*	16	109	0
2022	at NIU*	14	109	2
2023	NIU*	20	106	2

\*while playing at Central Michigan

**Zach Hrbacek (3 games)**

Year	Opponent	Rushes	Yards	TDs
2022	A&M-Commerce	19	131	1
2022	Eastern Kentucky	17	111	0
2022	at Tarleton	20	203	2

**Hunter Watson (2 games)**

Year	Opponent	Rushes	Yards	TDs
2024	NM State	15	116	2
2024	Texas State	27	105	2

**Noah Smith (1 game)**

Year	Opponent	Rushes	Yards	TDs
2021	Lamar	14	119	1

**CAREER 200-YARD GAMES**

**RECEIVING**

None

Year	Opponent	Receptions	Yards	TDs
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**RUSHING**

**Zach Hrbacek (1 game)**

Year	Opponent	Rushes	Yards	TDs
2022	at Tarleton	20	203	2

**Jay Ducker (1 game)**

Year	Opponent	Rushes	Yards	TDs
2021	Bowling Green*	33	210	0

\*while playing at NIU

**CAREER 300-YARD GAMES**

**PASSING**

**Grant Gunnell (1 game)**

Year	Opponent	Comp/Att	Yards	TDs
2019	UCLA*	29/44	352	1

\*while playing at Arizona

**2024 BIG PLAYS (30+ yds)**

Yds	Type	Player(s)	Opponent
86	Rush	Jay Ducker	Hawaii
67*	Pass	Qua'Vez Humphreys (from Watson)	at Rice
64*	Pass	Simeon Evans (from Smith)	at UCF
55*	Pass	Qua'Vez Humphreys (from Watson)	Hawaii
46*	Rush	Hunter Watson	NM State
40	Pass	Qua'Vez Humphreys (from Watson)	Hawaii
32*	Pass	Hunter Watson to Ife Adeyi	at Rice
31	Rush	Hunter Watson	at Rice
30*	INT	David Fisher	at Rice

\* Indicates touchdown scored on play

PASS	RUSH	INT RET	FUMBLE RET	KICK RETURN
5	3	1	0	0

# THE LAST TIME

## RUSHING

Had 500+ yards rushing .....at Houston Baptist, 2014 (601)  
 Had 400+ yards rushing .....vs Dixie State, 2021 (403)  
 Had 300+ yards rushing .....at Tarleton, 2022 (304)  
 Had 250+ yards rushing .....Texas State, 2024 (298)  
 Had 200+ yards rushing .....Texas State, 2024 (298)  
 Had 200+ yards rushing in consecutive games .....2024  
     vs Hawaii, (257), vs NM State, 2024 (280), vs Texas State (298)  
 Had 70+ rushing attempts .....vs Southern Utah, 2015 (72)  
 Had 60+ rushing attempts .....vs A&M-Commerce, 2015 (63)  
 Had 50+ rushing attempts .....vs Texas State, 2024 (57)  
 Had 8+ rushing TD .....vs Oklahoma Panhandle, 2019 (8)  
 Had 7+ rushing TD .....vs Oklahoma Panhandle, 2019 (8)  
 Had 6+ rushing TD .....vs Oklahoma Panhandle, 2019 (8)  
 Had 6+ rushing TD in consecutive games .....at Lamar, 2012 (6)  
     vs Southeastern Louisiana, 2012 (7)  
 Had 5+ rushing TD .....vs Texas State, 2024 (5)  
 Had 5+ rushing TD in consecutive games .....vs McNeese, 2012 (5)  
     at Lamar, 2012 (7)  
 Had 4+ rushing TD .....vs Texas State, 2024 (5)  
 Had 4+ rushing TD in consecutive games .....vs Southern Utah, 2015 (4)  
     at Central Arkansas, 2015 (4)  
 Had 3+ rushing TD .....vs Texas State 2024 (5)  
 Had 3+ rushing TD in consecutive games .....vs NM State, 2024 (3)  
     vs Texas State, 2024 (5)  
 Had 2+ players with 100+ yards rushing .....vs Oklahoma Panhandle, 2019  
     Donovan Williams - 117, Toneil Carter - 106  
 Had 3+ players with 100+ yards rushing .....vs Houston Baptist, 2014  
     Donovan Williams - 212, Cory Idlebird - 138, Jalen Overstreet - 130  
 Had 5+ players score rushing TD .....vs Dixie State, 2021  
     Ramon Jefferson, Noah Smith, Kyran Jackson, Zach Hrbacek, Weston Stephens (1)  
 OPPONENT had 2+ players with 100 yards .....vs Kennesaw State, 2023  
     Michael Benefield - 108, Jonathan Murphy - 100  
 Had 3+ players with 100+ yards rushing .....vs Houston Baptist, 2014  
     Donovan Williams - 212, Cory Idlebird - 138, Jalen Overstreet - 130  
 Had a 200-yard rusher and a 100-yard rusher in a game .....vs Houston Baptist, 2014  
     Donovan Williams - 212, Cory Idlebird - 138, Jalen Overstreet - 130

## PASSING

Had 500+ yards passing .....vs UIW, 2019 (531)  
 Had 400+ yards passing .....vs Southeastern Louisiana, Spring 2021 (428)  
 Had 300+ yards passing .....vs FIU, 2023 (306)  
 Had 200+ yards passing .....at UCF, 2024 (219)  
 Had 60+ pass attempts .....at New Mexico (60)  
 Had 50+ pass attempts .....vs Houston Baptist, 2019 (57)  
 Had 40+ pass attempts .....vs Middle Tennessee, 2023 (49)  
 Had 30+ pass completions .....vs Middle Tennessee, 2023 (32)  
 Had 25+ pass completions .....vs Middle Tennessee, 2023 (32)  
 Had 20+ pass completions .....vs Middle Tennessee, 2023 (32)  
 Had fewer than 15 pass completions .....vs Texas State, 2024 (10)  
 Had fewer than 10 pass completions .....vs Nicholls, 2015 (7)  
 Had 7+ pass TDs .....vs Central Arkansas, 2016 (7)  
 Had 6+ pass TDs .....vs Nicholls, Spring 2021 (6)  
 Had 5+ pass TDs .....at Tarleton, 2021 (5)  
 Had 4+ pass TDs .....at Tarleton,, 2021 (5)  
 Had 3+ pass TDs .....Hawaii, 2024 (3)  
 Had 4+ passes intercepted .....vs Northwestern State, 2019 (4)  
 Had 3+ passes intercepted .....at BYU, 2023 (3)  
 Had 0 passes intercepted .....vs Texas State, 2024  
 Had 0 passes intercepted in consecutive games .....2021  
     vs Eastern Kentucky, vs Abilene Christian, vs UIW

## RUSHING

Rushed 30+ times .....John Gentry vs Jax State, 2023 (30)  
 Rushed 25+ times .....Hunter Watson vs Texas State, 2024 (27)  
 Rushed for 250+ yards .....Timothy Flanders vs Eastern Washington, 2013 (280)  
 Rushed for 200+ yards .....Zach Hrbacek at Tarleton, 2022 (203)  
 Rushed for 175+ yards .....Zach Hrbacek at Tarleton, 2022 (203)  
 Rushed for 150+ yards .....Zach Hrbacek at Tarleton, 2022 (203)  
 Rushed for 125+ yards .....Jay Ducker vs Hawaii, 2024 (148)  
 Rushed for 100+ yards .....Hunter Watson vs Texas State, 2024 (105)  
 Rushed for 100+ yards rushing in consecutive games .....Hunter Watson, 2024  
     vs NM State (116), vs Texas State (105), 2024  
 Rushed for 100+ yards rushing in 3 consecutive games .....Ramon Jefferson, 2021  
     vs Northern Arizona (143), vs Southeast Missouri (153), at Central Arkansas, 2021 (104)  
 Had a run of 80+ yards .....Jay Ducker vs Hawaii, 2024 (86)  
 Had a run of 70+ yards .....Jay Ducker vs Hawaii, 2024 (86)  
 Had a run of 60+ yards .....Jay Ducker vs Hawaii, 2024 (86)  
 Had a run of 50+ yards .....Jay Ducker vs Hawaii, 2024 (86)

## PASSING

Had 500+ yards passing .....Eric Schmid vs UIW, 2019 (531)  
 Had 450+ yards passing .....Eric Schmid vs UIW, 2019 (531)  
 Had 400+ yards passing .....Eric Schmid vs Southeastern Louisiana, Spring 2021 (428)  
 Had 300+ yards passing .....Keegan Shoemaker vs FIU, 2023 (306)  
 Passed for 250+ yards .....Keegan Shoemaker at Louisiana Tech, 2023 (269)  
 Passed for 200+ yards .....Hunter Watson at Rice, 2024 (229)  
 Attempted 50+ passes .....Eric Schmid vs Houston Baptist, 2019 (57)  
 Attempted 45+ passes .....Keegan Shoemaker vs Middle Tennessee, 2023 (48)  
 Attempted 40+ passes .....Keegan Shoemaker vs Middle Tennessee, 2023 (48)  
 Attempted 35+ passes .....Keegan Shoemaker vs Middle Tennessee, 2023 (48)  
 Attempted 30+ passes .....Keegan Shoemaker vs Middle Tennessee, 2023 (48)  
 Completed 30+ passes .....Keegan Shoemaker vs Middle Tennessee, 2023 (31)  
 Completed 20+ passes .....Keegan Shoemaker vs Middle Tennessee, 2023 (31)  
 Threw 5+ TD passes .....Eric Schmid at Tarleton, 2021 (5)  
 Threw 4+ TD passes .....Eric Schmid at Tarleton, 2021 (5)  
 Threw 3+ TD passes .....Hunter Watson vs Hawaii, 2024 (3)  
 Threw 2+ TD passes in consecutive games .....Keegan Shoemaker, 2023  
     vs Jacksonville State (2), at Liberty (2), at NM State (2), vs FIU (2), UTEP (2), KSU (2)  
 Threw 3+ interceptions .....Keegan Shoemaker at BYU, 2023 (3)  
 Threw 2+ interceptions .....Hunter Watson vs NM State, 2024 (2)  
 Completed a pass for 90+ yards .....Brett Hicks vs Northwestern State, 2006 (94)  
 Completed a pass for 80+ yards .....Eric Schmid vs UIW, 2019 (80)  
 Completed a pass for 70+ yards .....Eric Schmid vs Nicholls, Spring 2021 (70)  
 Completed a pass for 60+ yards .....Noah Smith at UCF, 2024 (64)  
 Completed a pass for 50+ yards .....Hunter Watson vs Hawaii, 2024 (55)

## RECEIVING

Caught 10+ passes .....Simeon Evans vs Middle Tennessee, 2023 (11)  
 Caught 9+ passes .....Simeon Evans vs Middle Tennessee, 2023 (11)  
 Caught 8+ passes .....Simeon Evans vs Middle Tennessee, 2023 (11)  
 Caught 7+ passes .....Simeon Evans vs Middle Tennessee, 2023 (11)  
 Had 200+ yards receiving .....Nathan Stewart vs Northwestern State, 2017 (247)  
 Had 175+ yards receiving .....Ife Adeyi vs Montana State, 2021 (184)  
 Had 150+ yards receiving .....Ife Adeyi vs Montana State, 2021 (184)  
 Had 100+ yards receiving in consecutive games .....Jequez Ezzard, 2021  
     vs Eastern Kentucky (111), at Abilene Christian (106)  
 Had 100+ yards receiving in 3+ consecutive games .....Nathan Stewart, 2019  
     vs UIW (187), at McNeese (157), vs Stephen F. Austin (137)  
 Had 100+ yards receiving in 4+ consecutive games .....Nathan Stewart, 2018  
     vs Southeastern Louisiana (103), at UIW (157)  
     vs Abilene Christian (140), at Houston Baptist (100)  
 Caught 4+ TD passes .....Davion Davis at Northwestern State, 2018 (4)  
 Caught 3+ TD passes .....Ife Adeyi at Tarleton, 2019 (3)  
 Caught 2+ TD passes .....Qua'Vez Humhpreys vs Hawaii, 2024 (2)

# THE LAST TIME

## RECEIVING

Had 2+ players with 100 yards receiving .....at Louisiana Tech, 2023  
 Noah Smith - 115, Jax Sherrard - 102  
 Had 3+ players with 100 yards receiving .....vs UIW, 2019  
 Nathan Stewart - 187, Ife Adeyi - 119, Dee Bowens - 108  
 Had 10+ different receivers catch a pass .....at UCF, 2024 (10)  
 Had 9+ different receivers catch a pass .....at UCF, 2024 (10)  
 Had 8+ different receivers catch a pass .....at UCF, 2024 (10)  
 Had multiple players catch 7+ passes in a game .....at Tarleton, 2021  
 Ife Adeyi - 10, Cody Chrest - 9

## DEFENSE

Shut out an opponent .....vs Nicholls, 2019  
 Shut out a CUSA opponent .....Never  
 Shut out an opponent at home .....vs Nicholls, 2019  
 Had 6+ takeaways .....at Tarleton, 2022 (6)  
 Had 5+ takeaways .....at Tarleton, 2022 (6)  
 Had 4+ takeaways .....at Louisiana Tech, 2023 (4)  
 Had 3+ takeaways .....vs NM State, 2024 (3)  
 Had 2+ takeaways .....vs NM State, 2024 (3)  
 Forced a safety .....at Utah Tech, 2022 (Caleb Weaver)  
 Had 15+ tackles for loss .....vs Monmouth, Spring 2021 (15.0)  
 Had 10+ tackles for loss .....vs Lamar, 2021 (11.0)  
 Had 7+ sacks .....vs Lamar, 2019 (7.0)  
 Had 6+ sacks .....vs Monmouth, Spring 2021 (6.0)  
 Had 5+ sacks .....at Utah Tech, 2022 (5.0)  
 Had 4+ sacks .....vs Middle Tennessee, 2023 (4.0)  
 Had 3+ sacks .....vs Middle Tennessee, 2023 (4.0)  
 Recorded 10+ tackles for loss in 4 consecutive games .....2019  
 vs UIW (12.0), at McNeese (10.0), vs Stephen F. Austin (15.0), vs Lamar (19.0)  
 Recorded 10+ tackles for loss in 3 consecutive games .....Spring 2021  
 at Lamar (14.0), at Northwestern State (12.0), vs McNeese (13.0)  
 Recorded 10+ tackles for loss in consecutive games .....Spring 2021  
 at Lamar (14.0), at Northwestern State (12.0), vs McNeese (13.0)  
 Had a Pick 6 in consecutive games .....2021  
 Jaylen Thomas vs Southeast Missouri, Trevor Williams at Northern Arizona

## MISCELLANEOUS

Won a game when trailing at the half .....vs Texas State, 2024  
 Down 32-21, Won 40-39  
 Won a game when trailing entering the 4th quarter .....vs Texas State, 2024  
 Down 39-34, Won 40-39  
 Lost a game when leading at the half .....vs UTEP, 2023  
 Up 21-13, Lost 37-34  
 Lost a game when leading entering the 4th quarter .....vs Jax State, 2023  
 Up 21-14, Lost 35-28 in ot  
 Played an overtime game .....vs FIU, 2023  
 Lost 33-27, 2OT  
 Scored 40+ in a quarter .....vs Oklahoma Panhandle, 2019 (42 pts, 1Q)  
 Scored 30+ in a quarter .....vs Oklahoma Panhandle, 2019 (42 pts, 1Q)  
 Scored 60+ in a half .....vs Oklahoma Panhandle, 2019 (63 pts, 1H)  
 Scored 50+ in a half .....vs Oklahoma Panhandle, 2019 (63 pts, 1H)  
 Scored 40+ in a half .....vs Dixie State, 2021 (45 pts, 1H)  
 Scored 30+ in a half .....vs Dixie State, 2021 (45 pts, 1H)  
 Had less than 300 yards total offense .....vs Middle Tennessee, 2023 (284)  
 Allowed 5+ sacks .....at Rice, 2024 (7)  
 Did not allow a sack .....vs Hawaii, 2024  
 Had a scoring drive of 15+ plays .....vs NM State, 2024 (17 plays, end in TD)  
 Had a scoring drive of 90+ yards .....at Eastern Kentucky, 2022 (93 yds, end in TD)

## TOTAL OFFENSE

Had 500+ yards total offense .....Eric Schmid vs Southeastern Louisiana, Spring 2021 (516)  
 Had 450+ yards total offense .....Eric Schmid vs Southeastern Louisiana, Spring 2021 (516)  
 Had 400+ yards total offense .....Eric Schmid vs Eastern Kentucky, 2021 (434)  
 Had 350+ yards total offense .....Eric Schmid vs Eastern Kentucky, 2021 (434)  
 Had 300+ yards total offense .....Keegan Shoemaker vs Louisiana Tech, 2023 (323)

## DEFENSE

Intercepted 3+ passes .....Mark Hughes vs McNeese, 2004 (3)  
 Intercepted 2+ passes .....Jaylen Thomas at Central Arkansas, 2021 (2)  
 Returned an INT for a TD .....David Fisher at Rice, 2024 (30 yards)  
 Returned a fumble for a TD .....Tony Williams at Eastern Kentucky, 2022 (0 yards)  
 Recorded 4+ sacks .....PJ Hall vs McNeese, 2016 (4.0)  
 Recorded 3+ sacks .....Markel Perry vs Monmouth, Spring 2021 (3.0)  
 Recorded 2+ sacks .....Kavian Gaither at Utah Tech, 2022 (2.0)  
 Recorded 5+ tackles for loss .....PJ Hall vs McNeese, 2016 (5)  
 Recorded 3+ tackles for loss .....Markel Perry vs Lamar (3.0)  
 Recorded 20+ tackles .....Dedrick Manigo vs Nicholls, 1996 (20)  
 Recorded 10+ tackles .....Trey Fields at UCF, 2024 (12)  
 Recorded 10+ tackles in back-to-back games .....Da'Marcus Crosby vs UTEP/KSU, 2023  
 Recorded 10+ tackles in 5+ straight games .....Trevor Williams (7 games), 2023

## SPECIAL TEAMS

Made 5+ field goals .....Mark Klein vs Texas Southern, 1991 (5)  
 Made 4+ field goals .....Seth Morgan at Tarleton, 2022 (4)  
 Made 3+ field goals .....Seth Morgan at Tarleton, 2022 (4)  
 Made a field goal for 50+ yards .....Christian Pavon vs Texas State, 2024 (52)  
 Made a field goal for 45+ yards .....Christian Pavon at Rice, 2024 (46)  
 Made a field goal for 40+ yards .....Christian Pavon vs Texas State, 2024 (46)  
 Made a walk-off FG .....Colby Sessums vs Kennesaw State, 2023 (35 yds)  
 Made a game-winning FG in final min of reg .....Christian Pavon vs Texas State, 2024  
 Kicked a punt of 70+ yards .....Matt McRobert vs Houston Baptist, 2019 (74)  
 Kicked a punt of 60+ yards .....Matt McRobert vs Houston Baptist, 2019 (74)  
 Punted 10+ times .....Jadon Cardellt at BYU, 2023 (10)  
 Totaled 175+ kick return yards .....Brandon Closner vs McNeese, 2010 (211)  
 Totaled 150+ kick return yards .....Jaylen Harris vs Central Arkansas, 2017 (169)  
 Totaled 100+ kick return yards .....Jaylen Harris at Northwestern State, 2018 (105)  
 Totaled 100+ punt return yards .....Jequéz Ezzard at Lamar, Spring 2021 (100)  
 Returned a punt for a TD .....Jequéz Ezzard vs James Madison, Spring 2021 (80)  
 Returned a kickoff for a TD .....Jaylen Harris at Prairie View, 2017 (97)  
 Blocked a field goal .....DaKerric Hobbs vs Kennesaw State, 2023  
 Returned a blocked field goal for a TD .....Jaylen Thomas vs Dixie State, 2021 (64 yards)  
 Blocked a punt .....Donovan Adkins vs Stephen F. Austin, 2022  
 Blocked an extra point .....Chris Stewart vs Houston Baptist, 2017

## MISCELLANEOUS

Had a passing, rushing & receiving TD in a game .....Ty Brock vs Stephen F. Austin, 2018  
 Had 100 yads rushing & 100 yards receiving .....Kyran Jackson at Northwestern State, 2018  
 152 rush, 116 receiving  
 Made 3+ FG of 40+ yards .....Seth Morgan at Eastern Kentucky, 2022  
 Made 45, Made 47, Made 45

# BEARKAT RECORD WATCH

## CAREER RUSHING YARDS

1	Timothy Flanders.....	2010-13	5,664
39	Roger Wiley.....	1982	1,079
--	<b>Noah Smith.....</b>	<b>2019-Pres</b>	<b>972</b>

## CAREER ALL-PURPOSE YARDS

1	Timothy Flanders.....	2010-13	6,293
2	Yedidiah Louis.....	2014-17	4,735
3	Nathan Stewart.....	2016-19	4,706
15	Joe Rauls.....	1998-01	2,925
16	Torrance Williams.....	2010-13	2,849
17	Joe Vickers.....	1971-74	2,805
18	Curtis Thomas.....	1988-91	2,796
19	Jonathon Cooper.....	1998-01	2,781
20	<b>Noah Smith.....</b>	<b>2019-Pres</b>	<b>2,776</b>
21	<b>Ife Adeyi.....</b>	<b>2019-Pres</b>	<b>2,702</b>

## CAREER RECEIVING YARDS

1	Nathan Stewart.....	2016-19	4,494
5	Clay Lowry.....	1976-79	2,833
6	Jonathon Cooper.....	1998-01	2,641
7	<b>Ife Adeyi.....</b>	<b>2019-Pres</b>	<b>2,196</b>
8	Jason Mathenia.....	2002-04	2,106
9	Jarrold Fuller.....	2003-04	2,011
10	<b>Noah Smith.....</b>	<b>2019-Pres</b>	<b>1,736</b>
11	Cody Chrest.....	2020-22	1,715
12	Torrance Williams.....	2010-13	1,707
13	Catron Houston.....	2006-08	1,682
14	Kevin Pesak.....	1994-97	1,682
15	Keith Willis.....	1984-87	1,667

## CAREER RECEPTIONS

1	Yedidiah Louis.....	2014-17	294
2	Nathan Stewart.....	2016-19	227
3	Davion Davis.....	2015-18	226
4	Matt Dominguez.....	1997-00	211
5	Jonathon Cooper.....	1998-01	185
6	<b>Noah Smith.....</b>	<b>2019-Pres</b>	<b>177</b>
7	Clay Lowry.....	1976-79	148
8	Kevin Pesak.....	1994-97	147
9	Jarrold Fuller.....	2003-04	146
10	<b>Ife Adeyi.....</b>	<b>2019-Pres</b>	<b>144</b>

## CAREER TD RECEPTIONS

1	Davion Davis.....	2015-18	40
2	Nathan Stewart.....	2016-19	37
3	Yedidiah Louis.....	2014-17	29
4	Matt Dominguez.....	1997-00	27
5	Jonathon Cooper.....	1998-01	24
6	Clay Lowry.....	1976-79	21
7	<b>Ife Adeyi.....</b>	<b>2019-Pres</b>	<b>19</b>
8	Torrance Williams.....	2010-13	17
9	LaDarius Brown.....	2014-15	16
	<b>Noah Smith.....</b>	<b>2019-Pres</b>	<b>16</b>

## CAREER SACKS

1	PJ Hall.....	2014-17	42
2	Andre Finley.....	1986-89	37
3	Michael Bankston.....	1988-91	19
4	Mouf Adebo.....	2013-16	18
	Markel Perry.....	2017-23	18.0
6	<b>Jevon Leon.....</b>	<b>2019-Pres</b>	<b>17.5</b>
7	Stan Blinka.....	1975-78	17
	Lish Adams.....	1986-88	17
	Andrew Weaver.....	2011-13	17

## CAREER TACKLES FOR LOSS

1	PJ Hall.....	2014-17	102
2	Andre Finley.....	1986-89	49
	Markel Perry.....	2017-23	46.0
4	Mouf Adebo.....	2013-16	44
5	Michael Bankston.....	1988-91	41
6	<b>Jevon Leon.....</b>	<b>2019-Pres</b>	<b>37.0</b>
7	Reginald Reddick.....	1998-04	36
	Will Henry.....	2008-11	36
	Trevor Williams.....	2019-23	36

## ALL-TIME IN OVERTIME

Overall: 3-9 Home: 2-5 Away 1-4

First full season of OT in NCAA D-I college football: 1996

Nov. 30, 1991	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	
Middle Tennessee 20, Sam Houston 19		1 OT
Score at end of regulation - 13-13		
Started OT on offense		
**1-AA playoffs		
Oct. 11, 1997	Troy, Ala.	
Troy State 13, Sam Houston 10		1 OT
Score at end of regulation - 7-7		
Started OT on offense		
Nov. 19, 2005	San Marcos	
Texas State 26, Sam Houston 23		1 OT
Score at end of regulation - 20-20		
Started OT on offense		
Nov. 1, 2008	Huntsville	
Sam Houston 34, Stephen F. Austin 31		2 OT
Score at end of regulation - 24-24		
Started OT on offense		
Nov. 15, 2008	Huntsville	
Southeastern La. 30, Sam Houston 27		1 OT
Score at end of regulation - 24-24		
Started OT on offense		
Nov. 22, 2008	Huntsville	
Texas State 48, Sam Houston 45		1 OT
Score at end of regulation - 42-42		
Started OT on offense		
Oct. 30, 2010	Natchitoches, La.	
Northwestern State 23, Sam Houston 20		2 OT
Score at end of regulation - 10-10		
Started OT on defense		
Sept. 24, 2011	Albuquerque, N.M.	
Sam Houston 48, New Mexico 45		1 OT
Score at end of regulation - 42-42		
Started OT on defense		
Sept. 29, 2018	Huntsville	
Sam Houston 34, Central Arkansas 31		1 OT
Score at end of regulation - 31-31		
Started OT on defense		
Oct. 12, 2019	Huntsville	
Lamar 20, Sam Houston 17		3 OT
Score at end of regulation - 7-7		
Started OT on defense		
Sept. 28, 2023	Huntsville	
Jacksonville State 35, Sam Houston 28		1 OT
Score at end of regulation - 28-28		
Started OT on defense		
Oct. 18, 2023	Huntsville	
FIU 33, Sam Houston 27		2 OT
Score at end of regulation - 20-20		
Started OT on offense		



# FOOTBALL

## 2024 Football Standings & Results

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### 2024 STANDINGS

School (AP/USA)	CUSA LEAGUE PLAY					OVERALL					
	W-L	Pct.	H	A	PF-PA	W-L	Pct.	H	A	N	PF-PA
Liberty	2-0	1.000	1-0	1-0	58-34	4-0	1.000	3-0	1-0	0-0	134-82
Sam Houston	1-0	1.000	1-0	0-0	31-11	4-1	.800	2-0	1-1	1-0	150-122
WKU	1-0	1.000	0-0	1-0	49-21	3-2	.600	2-0	1-2	0-0	126-126
FIU	1-0	1.000	1-0	0-0	17-10	2-3	.400	2-1	0-2	0-0	138-140
Jax State	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3	.250	1-1	0-2	0-0	119-148
Kennesaw State	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-4	.000	0-2	0-2	0-0	49-117
LA Tech	0-1	.000	0-0	0-1	10-17	1-3	.250	1-1	0-2	0-0	75-87
MTSU	0-1	.000	0-1	0-0	21-49	1-4	.200	1-2	0-2	0-0	80-195
UTEP	0-1	.000	0-0	0-1	10-28	0-4	.000	0-1	0-3	0-0	58-122
NM State	0-2	.000	0-1	0-1	35-61	1-4	.200	1-2	0-2	0-0	98-175

\* Kennesaw State is ineligible for the 2024 CUSA Championship Game and bowl games due to its transition from FCS

### WEEK 5 RESULTS

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

Boston College 21, WKU 20  
Sam Houston 40, Texas State 39  
(NRG Stadium, Houston, Texas)

**FIU 17, LA Tech 10**

UT Martin 24, Kennesaw State 13  
Memphis 24, MTSU 7  
New Mexico 50, NM State 40  
Liberty at App State

Cancelled

### UPCOMING GAMES (ALL TIMES CT)

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3**

**Sam Houston at UTEP (CBSSN) 8 p.m.**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4**

**Jax State at Kennesaw State (CBSSN) 6 p.m.**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8**

**FIU at Liberty (CBSSN) 6 p.m.**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9**

**NM State at Jax State (ESPN2) 6:30 p.m.**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10**

**MTSU at LA Tech (CBSSN) 7 p.m.**

**UTEP at WKU (ESPN2) 7 p.m.**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15**

**Kennesaw State at MTSU (CBSSN) 7 p.m.**

**LA Tech at NM State (ESPN2) 8 p.m.**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16**

**WKU at Sam Houston (ESPN2) 6 p.m.**

**FIU at UTEP (CBSSN) 8 p.m.**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22**

**Sam Houston at FIU (ESPN2) 6:30 p.m.**

**UTEP at LA Tech (CBSSN) 7 p.m.**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23**

**Liberty at Kennesaw State (CBSSN) 6 p.m.**

**MTSU at Jax State (ESPN2) 6:30 p.m.**

**Conference games in bold.**

All times are listed in CT

All dates are subject to change based upon television selections.

### WEEK 5 AT A GLANCE

**BEARKATS CONTINUE NRG MAGIC**

Sam Houston improved to 12-2 inside NRG Stadium after **Christian Pavon's** 24-yard field goal lifted the Bearkats past Texas State by one. The Bearkats fell behind 22-0 after the first quarter and trailed 39-20 early in the second half before scoring 20 unanswered points. It marked the first lead of the day for Sam Houston. In their last three games inside NRG Stadium, the Bearkats have won by one point after not leading for at least 57 minutes of the game. Running back **Jay Ducker** rushed 14 times for 69 yards and three touchdowns, while quarterback **Hunter Watson** notched 27 carries for a team-high 105 yards and two scores. Sam Houston has eclipsed 250 rushing yards in each of its three-straight wins, averaging 278.3 yards per game and 5.3 yards per carry in that span.

**PANTHERS OPEN CUSA PLAY WITH DUB**

FIU successfully defended Pitbull Stadium with a 17-10 win over LA Tech, the third-straight one-possession result in the series. Running back **Lexington Joseph** carried the ball 13 times for a touchdown and 73 yards, which marked his highest output since Oct. 1, 2022. His six-yard score wound up being the difference-maker, putting the Panthers ahead 14-0 in the third quarter. Quarterback **Keyone Jenkins** was 17-31 for 208 yards, a touchdown and no interceptions. Linebacker **Travion Barnes** led an FIU defense that surrendered a season-low 10 points. He tallied a team-high 14 tackles, including six solo stops, along with two tackles for loss, a quarterback hurry and half a sack. LA Tech nearly matched FIU statistically but had five drives stall out in the Panthers' half of the field and some timely penalties.

**HILLTOPPERS CAN'T HANG ON IN BEANTOWN**

WKU was unable to hold off Boston College in a hard-fought loss on the road. The Hilltoppers led 20-7 going into the fourth quarter but surrendered a pair of scores in the final frame. Quarterback **Caden Veltkamp** completed 25-39 passes for 232 yards and a pair of touchdowns, connecting with **Kisean Johnson** and **Easton Messer** to help WKU build an early 14-0 advantage. Johnson led all Tops' pass catchers with seven grabs for 56 yards.

**MTSU, NM STATE FALL TO IN-STATE FOES**

A pair of early fumbles, including one at the goal-line in the opening quarter, caused the Blue Raiders to stumble against Memphis. Quarterback **Nick Vattiato** and wide receiver **Omari Kelly** continued to be a dynamic duo, connecting for six receptions for 174 yards. Vattiato finished with 283 yards on 21-31 passing.

NM State was bested in a shootout in the Rio Grande Rivalry with New Mexico. The Aggies racked up 285 yards on the ground with four players recording at least 40 yards and three different players scoring a rushing touchdown. Quarterback Santino Marucci threw for 189 yards and a touchdown while rushing for 42 yards and another score.





# K.C. KEELER HEAD COACH

## BY THE NUMBERS

**266** career wins ranks 22nd all-time among head coaches (all divisions)

**46** postseason wins

1 of **5** active coaches in college football with 250 career wins;

1 of **3** active coaches in FBS with 250 career wins

**9** appearances in national championship games (most among active coaches)

**9** NFL Draft picks

**16** seasons with 10+ wins

## KEELER'S COACHING HONORS

- 2021** WAC Coach of the Year
  - S2021** Southland Conference Coach of the Year
  - 2016** Eddie Robinson National Coach of the Year  
Southland Conference Coach of the Year
  - 2010** AFCA National Coach of the Year  
Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year  
Field Turf Coach of the Year
  - 2010** Maxwell Club Tri-State Coach of the Year
  - 2007** All-American Football Foundation  
Johnny Vaught Coach Award  
Maxwell Club Tri-State Coach of the Year
  - 2003** Frank Leahy Coach of the Year Award  
Maxwell Club Tri-State Coach of the Year
  - 2001** Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Finalist  
NJAC Coach of the Year  
Gloucester County Hall of Fame
  - 2000** NJAC Coach of the Year
  - 1997** NJAC Coach of the Year
  - 1995** NJAC Coach of the Year
  - 1993** Division III Coach of the Year
- NCAA FCS National Champions**  
2003, 2020
  - NCAA FCS National Finalists**  
2003, 2007, 2010, 2020
  - FCS Playoff Appearances**  
2003, 2004, 2007, 2010, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2020, 2021
  - Division III National Finalists**  
1993, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999
  - Division III Playoffs**  
1993, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2001

## THE KEELER FILE

■ CAREER RECORD (31st season): 266-110-1 (.705)

Record at Sam Houston (11th season): 92-37 (.709)  
 Bowl Record: 0-0 (.000)  
 Hometown: Emmaus, Pa.  
 Alma Mater: Delaware (1981)

## KEELER NEED TO KNOWS

- Only coach in FCS history to win a national title at multiple schools (SHSU, Delaware)
- 5th fastest and 9th youngest coach in college football history with 250 career wins
- 25 total FCS playoff wins is the most all-time
- 171 FCS wins ranks No. 10 all-time
- Named among the Top 150 coaches in college football history by ESPN in December 2019
- Won 39 of first 50 games at SHSU, the best record thru 50 games in SHSU history
- 1 of 5 coaches in SHSU history with at least 50 victories
- Only football coach to take 3 different programs to an NCAA Final Four
- Won 46, Lost 14 in NCAA postseason playoff games (25-7 in FCS playoffs)
- 46 total NCAA playoff wins is second all-time only behind Larry Kehres (77 - Mount Union)

## WINS AMONG ACTIVE FBS HEAD COACHES (entering 2024)

NAME	Year	Wins	Losses	Ties	Schools
1. Brian Kelly	35	285	104	2	LSU, Notre Dame, Cincinnati, Central Michigan, Grand Valley
2. Mack Brown	36	285	149	1	North Carolina, Texas, Tulane, Appalachian State
3. K.C. Keeler	31	264	110	1	Sam Houston, Delaware, Rowan
4. Kirk Ferentz	30	210	141	0	Iowa, Maine
5. Willie Fritz	28	209	118	0	Houston, Tulane, Georgia Southern, Sam Houston, Central Missouri

## KEELER YEAR-BY-YEAR

Year	School	W-L	Conference	Finish	League	Postseason
1993	Rowan	11-2		1st	New Jersey Athletic Conference	Div. III Championship Game
1994	Rowan	6-3				
1995	Rowan	10-3-1		1st	New Jersey Athletic Conference	Div. III Championship Game
1996	Rowan	10-3				Div. III Championship Game
1997	Rowan	11-1		1st	New Jersey Athletic Conference	Div. III Semifinals
1998	Rowan	10-3				Div. III Championship Game
1999	Rowan	12-2	4-1	2nd	New Jersey Athletic Conference	Div. III Championship Game
2000	Rowan	7-2	5-1	2nd	New Jersey Athletic Conference	
2001	Rowan	11-2	5-1	1st	New Jersey Athletic Conference	Div. III Semifinals
2002	Delaware	6-6	4-5	6th	Atlantic 10	
2003	Delaware	15-1	8-1	1st	Atlantic 10	FCS National Champions
2004	Delaware	9-4	7-1	1st	Atlantic 10	FCS Quarterfinals
2005	Delaware	6-5	3-5	3rd	Atlantic 10	
2006	Delaware	5-6	4-5	4th	Atlantic 10	
2007	Delaware	11-4	5-3	3rd	Colonial Athletic Association	FCS Championship Game
2008	Delaware	4-8	2-6	5th	Colonial Athletic Association	
2009	Delaware	6-5	4-4	4th	Colonial Athletic Association	
2010	Delaware	12-3	6-2	1st	Colonial Athletic Association	FCS Championship Game
2011	Delaware	7-4	5-3	5th	Colonial Athletic Association	
2012	Delaware	5-6	2-6	8th	Colonial Athletic Association	
2013	DID NOT COACH					
2014	Sam Houston	11-5	7-1	1st	Southland Conference	FCS Semifinals
2015	Sam Houston	11-4	7-2	2nd	Southland Conference	FCS Semifinals
2016	Sam Houston	12-1	9-0	1st	Southland Conference	FCS Quarterfinals
2017	Sam Houston	12-2	8-1	2nd	Southland Conference	FCS Semifinals
2018	Sam Houston	6-5	5-4	4th	Southland Conference	
2019	Sam Houston	7-5	6-3	3rd	Southland Conference	
2020	Sam Houston	10-0	6-0	1st	Southland Conference	FCS National Champions
2021	Sam Houston	11-1	5-0		Western Athletic Conference	FCS Quarterfinals
2022	Sam Houston	5-4	None		None (FBS transition)	
2023*	Sam Houston	3-9	2-6		Conference USA	
2024	Sam Houston	4-1	1-0			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>266-110-1</b>	<b>117-61</b>			
	at Sam Houston (11 seasons)	92-37	57-17			
	at Delaware (11 seasons)	86-52	50-41			
	at Rowan (9 seasons)	88-21-1	14-3			

**KATS AT A GLANCE**

**HEAD COACH KC KEELER**

Hometown:	Emmaus, Pa.
Alma Mater:	Delaware, 1981
Career Record:	266-110-1 (.704)
Record at Sam Houston:	92-37 (.709)
CUSA Record at Sam Houston:	3-6 (.250)
Bowl Record:	0-0 (.000)

**ASSISTANT COACHES**

John Johnson (RB)	Associate Head Coach
Brad Cornelsen (QB)	Offensive Coordinator
Syler Cassity	Defensive Coordinator
Mike Bangston (OL)	
Chris Buckner (WR)	Passing Game Coordinator
Ike Egaue (DL)	
Reggie Johnson (LB)	
Matt Merkens (TE)	
Greg Richmond (DE)	
Julian Wilson (DB)	
Zach Milliet	Special Teams Analyst
Clayton Barnes	General Manager for Football

**FOOTBALL STAFF**

Kevin Schadt	Strength & Conditioning
Tristin Connolly	Athletic Trainer
Kendall McDade	Recruiting Operations
Mike Reed	Academic Coordinator
Adonis Hentz	Equipment Coordinator
Ethan Beisner	Operations
Clay Holzborn	Video Coordinator

**TEAM INFORMATION**

2023 Overall Record:	3-9
2023 CUSA Record:	2-6
2023 Bowl:	Ineligible due to FBS transition
Starters Returning/Lost:	14/11
Offensive Starters Returning/Lost:	7/4
Defensive Starters Returning/Lost:	4/7
Special Teams Starters Returning/Lost:	3/0
Lettermen Returning/Lost:	51/32

**TEAM HISTORY**

First Year of Football:	1912
All-Time Record (Years):	570-488-35
CUSA Record (Years):	3-6 (1)
CUSA Championships:	None
All-Time Bowl Record:	0-0

**BEARKAT ASSISTANT COACHES**

**IN THE BOX**



**BRAD CORNELSEN**  
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR  
QUARTERBACKS  
----  
Missouri Southern, 2000



**MATT MERKENS**  
ASSISTANT COACH  
TIGHT ENDS  
----  
Sam Houston, 2015



**REGGIE JOHNSON**  
ASSISTANT COACH  
LINEBACKERS  
----  
Louisville, 1996

**ON THE FIELD**



**SKYLER CASSITY**  
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR  
----  
Auburn, 2016



**JOHN JOHNSON**  
Associate Head Coach  
Running Backs  
----  
Oklahoma State, 2008



**MIKE BANGSTON**  
ASSISTANT COACH  
OFFENSIVE LINE  
----  
Iowa State, 2007



**IKE EGUAU**  
ASSISTANT COACH  
DEFENSIVE LINE  
----  
Pittsburg State, 2007



**GREG RICHMOND**  
ASSISTANT COACH  
DEFENSIVE ENDS  
----  
Oklahoma State, 2003



**JULIAN WILSON**  
ASSISTANT COACH  
DEFENSIVE BACKS  
----  
Oklahoma, 2014



**ZACH MILLIET**  
SPECIAL TEAMS  
ANALYST  
----  
Sam Houston, 2017



**CLAYTON BARNES**  
GENERAL MANAGER  
----  
Texas A&M, 2015

**SUPPORT STAFF**



**KEVIN SCHATD**  
STRENGTH & CONDITIONING  
----  
DELAWARE, 2007



**TRISTIN CONNOLLY**  
FB HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER  
----  
FRESNO STATE, 2013



**KENDALL McDADE**  
RECRUITING OPERATIONS  
----  
EAST CAROLINA, 2023



**MIKE REED**  
ACADEMIC COORDINATOR  
----  
Sam Houston, 2018



**ADONIS HENTZ**  
EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR  
----  
COASTAL CAROLINA, 2015



**ETHAN BEISNER**  
OPERATIONS



**CLAY HOLZBORN**  
VIDEO COORDINATOR



**ANDREW HACKER**  
STRENGTH & CONDITIONING  
----  
UTAH VALLEY, 2022



**CAMERON HANDLEY**  
ATHLETIC TRAINER



**ERIC AGBAROJI**  
DEFENSIVE RECRUITING ASST



**CHARLES CRAWFORD III**  
OFFENSIVE RECRUITING ASST

# ▶ GAME 1

Sam Houston (1-0) .....34

Rice (0-1).....14



August 31, 2024 | Houston  
Rice Stadium | Time: 3:26 | Attendance: 17,298  
TV: ESPN+

## INDIVIDUAL STATS

### SAM HOUSTON

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Hunter Watson	14	86	29	57	0	31	4.1
John Gentry	14	57	1	56	1	16	4.0
DJ McKinney	6	31	0	31	0	15	5.2
Jay Ducker	7	20	0	20	0	11	2.9
Ife Adeyi	1	9	0	9	0	9	9.0
Noah Smith	1	6	0	6	0	6	6.0
Malik Phillips	1	4	0	4	0	4	4.0
TEAM	1	0	2	-2	0	0	-2.0
Lonnie Adkism	1	0	3	-3	0	0	-3.0

PASSING	Comp.	Att.	Yds	TD	INT	Long	Sack
Hunter Watson	16	27	229	2	0	67	7

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Long
Ife Adeyi	5	63	1	32
Qua'Vez Humphreys	3	97	1	67
Elijah Sohn	2	24	0	21
Simeon Evans	2	16	0	13
Noah Smith	2	11	0	9
Jay Ducker	1	14	0	14
John Gentry	1	8	0	8

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Jadon Cardell	5	202	40.4	47	2	0

FIELD GOALS	Made	Att.	Long	Kicks
Christian Pavon	2	3	52	Made 52, Made 26, Missed 28

### RICE

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Dean Connors	12	55	3	52	1	15	4.3
Christian Francisco	1	5	0	5	0	5	5.0
Taji Atkins	2	4	0	4	0	3	2.0
EJ Warner	3	1	15	-14	0	1	-4.7

PASSING	Comp.	Att.	Yds	TD	INT	Long	Sack
EJ Warner	27	44	227	1	1	28	2

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Long
Dean Connors	9	30	0	11
Matt Sykes	6	74	0	28
Boden Groen	5	43	0	14
Kobie Campbell	4	53	1	22
Braylen Walker	2	25	0	26
Tyson Thompson	1	2	0	2

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Alex Baccheta	7	293	41.9	50	0	0

FIELD GOALS	Made	Att.	Long	Kicks
Tim Horn	0	1	--	Missed 37



### GAMEDAY VISUAL

The Kats had a pair of explosive touchdowns within a span of 50 seconds in the first quarter to grab early momentum they never let go of. The second score came from cornerback **David Fisher**, who picked off Rice quarterback EJ Warner and raced 30 yards the other way for his first career pick-six.

## SCORING SUMMARY

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Sam Houston	17	7	10	0	34
Rice	0	7	7	0	14

  

Qtr.	Time	Scoring Play
SHSU	1 9:42	Humphreys 67-yard pass from Watson (Pavon kick)
SHSU	1 8:52	Fisher 30-yard INT return (Pavon kick)
SHSU	1 3:37	Pavon 52-yard field goal
RICE	2 11:17	Campbell 22-yard pass from Warner (Horn kick)
SHSU	2 1:53	Adeyi 32-yard pass from Watson (Pavon kick)
SHSU	3 10:17	Gentry 1-yard rush (Pavon kick)
RICE	3 7:31	Connors 15-yard rush (Horn kick)
SHSU	3 3:38	Pavon 26-yard field goal

## TEAM STATS

	SAM HOUSTON	RICE
FIRST DOWNS	20	14
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	46-178	18-47
PASSING YARDS (NET)	229	227
Comp-Passes Att-Int	16-27-0	27-44-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YDS	73-407	62-274
Fumble Returns-Yds	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yds	2-2	4-30
Kickoff Returns-Yds	1-23	3-73
Interception Returns-Yds	2-38	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-40.4	7-41.9
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yds	2-20	6-44
Possession Time	33:14	26:46
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 16	5 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-3	1-2
Sacks By: Number-Yds	2-15	7-29

# ▶ GAME 2

Sam Houston (1-1) ..... 14

UCF (2-0) ..... 45



September 7, 2024 | Orlando, Fla.  
 FBC Mortgage Stadium | Time: 3:01 | Attendance: 43,807  
 TV: ESPN+

## INDIVIDUAL STATS

### SAM HOUSTON

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Zach Hrbacek	8	28	3	25	0	17	3.1
DJ McKinney	7	22	0	22	0	5	3.1
Hunter Watson	7	25	10	15	0	9	2.1
John Gentry	3	4	0	4	0	2	1.3
Jay Ducker	1	3	0	3	0	3	3.0
TEAM	1	0	1	-1	0	-1	-1.0
Jase Bauer	3	1	2	-1	0	1	-0.3

PASSING	Comp.	Att.	Yds	TD	INT	Long	Sack
Hunter Watson	9	13	82	0	2	18	1
Jase Bauer	7	10	73	1	0	22	0
Noah Smith	1	1	64	1	0	64	0

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Long
Simeon Evans	3	89	1	64
Qua'Vez Humphreys	3	35	0	15
Malik Phillips	2	25	0	13
Ife Adeyi	2	21	0	13
Shane Johnson	2	14	0	7
Michael Phoenix II	1	22	1	22
Noah Smith	1	5	0	5
Elijah Sohn	1	5	0	5
Fernando Garza	1	2	0	2
John Gentry	1	1	0	1

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Jadon Cardell	6	170	28.3	49	1	0

FIELD GOALS	Made	Att.	Long	Kicks
None				

### UCF

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
RJ Harvey	19	127	1	126	4	24	6.6
Peny Boone	10	54	0	54	1	15	5.4
Xavier Townsend	4	51	0	51	0	18	12.8
Myles Montgomery	9	51	0	51	1	11	5.7
KJ Jefferson	9	64	14	50	0	14	5.6
Jacuri Brown	2	32	0	32	0	26	16.0
Johnny Richardson	2	19	0	19	0	11	9.5
Dylan Rizk	1	3	0	3	0	3	3.0
Kameron Ingram	1	0	2	-2	0	0	-2.0

PASSING	Comp.	Att.	Yds	TD	INT	Long	Sack
KJ Jefferson	12	15	169	0	0	53	2
Dylan Rizk	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Jacurri Brown	1	1	1	0	0	1	0

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Long
Kobe Hudson	5	104	0	53
Xavier Townsend	3	17	0	7
Randy Pittman Jr.	2	32	0	17
Trent Whittemore	1	11	0	11
Johnny Richardson	1	5	0	5
Jarrad Baker	1	1	0	1
Ja'Varrius Johnson	1	0	0	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Mitch McCarthy	2	78	39.0	42	1	0

FIELD GOALS	Made	Att.	Long	Kicks
Colton Boomer	1	1	50	Made 50



### GAMEDAY VISUAL

The game at UCF was almost all Knights from the start, but linebacker **Trey Fields** still turned in one of the better games of his Bearkat career. He set a new career high with 12 tackles and recovered his first career fumble, getting the Kats' first takeaway of the game off a strip sack by teammate **Chris Murray**.

## SCORING SUMMARY

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Sam Houston	0	7	0	7	14
UCF	14	10	14	7	45

Qtr.	Time	Scoring Play
UCF	1 8:17	Harvey 19-yard rush (Boomer kick)
UCF	1 3:07	Harvey 2-yard rush (Boomer kick)
UCF	2 10:36	Boomer 50-yard field goal
SHSU	2 8:41	Evans 64-yard pass from Smith (Pavon kick)
UCF	2 3:59	Harvey 22-yard rush (Boomer kick)
UCF	3 9:58	Montgomery 7-yard rush (Boomer kick)
UCF	3 7:14	Harvey 2-yard rush (Boomer kick)
UCF	4 12:36	Boone 3-yard rush (Boomer kick)
SHSU	4 4:14	Phoenix II 22-yard pass from Bauer (Pavon kick)

## TEAM STATS

	SAM HOUSTON	UCF
FIRST DOWNS	12	29
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	30-67	57-384
PASSING YDS (NET)	219	170
Comp-Passes Att-Int	17-24-2	14-17-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YDS	54-286	74-554
Fumble Returns-Yds	1-9	0-0
Punt Returns-Yds	0-0	1-13
Kickoff Returns-Yds	2-38	1-20
Interception Returns-Yds	0-0	2-49
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-28.3	2-39.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-1
Penalties-Yds	6-35	6-45
Possession Time	25:57	34:03
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 12	8 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	1 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	5-6
Sacks By: Number-Yds	2-14	1-9

# ▶ GAME 3

Hawaii (1-2).....13  
 Sam Houston (2-1) .....31



September 14, 2024 | Huntsville  
 Bowers Stadium | Time: 3:36 | Attendance: 15,134  
 TV: ESPN+

## INDIVIDUAL STATS

### HAWAII

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Cam Barfield	5	24	0	24	0	7	4.8
Brayden Schager	12	40	18	22	0	9	1.8
Landon Sims	4	11	1	10	0	4	2.5

PASSING	Comp.	Att.	Yds	TD	INT	Long	Sack
Brayden Schager	21	42	252	1	1	52	2

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Long
Pofele Ashlock	8	84	1	20
Dekel Crowdus	2	55	0	52
Nick Cenacle	4	51	0	21
Alex Perry	2	20	0	13
Cam Barfield	1	16	0	16
Jonah Panoke	2	11	0	7
Tylan Hines	1	9	0	9
Landon Sims	1	6	0	6

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Lucas Borrow	4	210	52.5	59	0	0

FIELD GOALS	Made	Att.	Long	Kicks
Kansei Matsuzawa	2	3	33	Missed 41, Made 33, Made 27

### SAM HOUSTON

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Jay Ducker	15	148	0	148	0	86	9.9
Hunter Watson	10	49	4	45	0	11	4.5
DJ McKinney	11	44	0	44	0	9	4.0
Qua'Vez Humphreys	1	10	0	10	0	10	10.0
Ife Adeyi	1	9	0	9	1	9	9.0
Noah Smith	2	4	0	4	0	4	2.0
John Gentry	5	5	4	1	0	2	0.2
TEAM	2	0	4	-4	0	0	-2.0

PASSING	Comp.	Att.	Yds	TD	INT	Long	Sack
Hunter Watson	15	23	165	3	1	55	0

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Long
Qua'Vez Humphreys	4	106	2	55
Ife Adeyi	4	32	0	17
Simeon Evans	1	10	0	10
Jay Ducker	1	10	0	10
Noah Smith	2	3	0	4
John Gentry	2	2	1	3
Elijah Sohn	1	2	0	2

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Jadon Cardell	3	133	44.3	47	0	0

FIELD GOALS	Made	Att.	Long	Kicks
Christian Pavon	1	1	26	Made 26



### GAMEDAY VISUAL

The atmosphere at Bowers Stadium was electric in the 2024 home opener, and the Rainbow Warriors did not handle it well. In all, the Kats forced Hawaii 14 penalties for 122 yards, the most penalties and penalty yards by a Sam Houston opponent since 2017 when Central Arkansas was flagged 17 times for 166 yards in Conway.

## SCORING SUMMARY

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Hawaii	0	3	10	0	13
Sam Houston	7	10	7	7	31

  

Qtr.	Time	Scoring Play
SHSU	1 11:00	Humphreys 7-yard pass from Watson (Pavon kick)
HAW	2 13:24	Matsuzawa 33-yard field goal
SHSU	2 5:14	Adeyi 9-yard rush (Pavon kick)
SHSU	2 1:58	Pavon 26-yard field goal
HAW	3 10:03	Ashlock 5-yard pass from Schager (Matsuzawa kick)
SHSU	3 7:20	Gentry 3-yard pass from Watson (Pavon kick)
HAW	3 1:15	Matsuzawa 27-yard field goal
SHSU	4 9:41	Humphreys 55-yard pass from Watson (Pavon kick)

## TEAM STATS

	HAWAII	SAM HOUSTON
FIRST DOWNS	15	22
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	21-56	47-257
PASSING YDS (NET)	252	165
Comp-Passes Att-Int	21-42-1	15-23-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YDS	63-308	70-422
Fumble Returns-Yds	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yds	0-0	1-13
Kickoff Returns-Yds	0-0	0-0
Interception Returns-Yds	1-5	1-28
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-52.5	3-44.3
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-1
Penalties-Yds	14-122	4-45
Possession Time	25:38	34:22
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 14	7 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	3 of 4	2 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-4	4-5
Sacks By: Number-Yds	0-0	2-18

# ▶ GAME 4

NM State (1-3, 0-1 CUSA).....11

Sam Houston (3-1, 1-0 CUSA).....31

September 21, 2024 | Huntsville  
Bowers Stadium | Time: 3:11 | Attendance: 13,059  
TV: ESPN+



## INDIVIDUAL STATS

### NM STATE

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Seth McGowan	12	50	0	50	0	8	4.2
Santino Marucci	10	38	6	32	0	10	3.2
Mike Washington	4	17	0	17	0	7	4.3
Monte Watkins	2	0	21	-21	0	0	-10.5

PASSING	Comp.	Att.	Yds	TD	INT	Long	Sack
Santino Marucci	14	29	74	1	2	15	1

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Long
TJ Pride	5	33	0	15
Jerry Lydiatt	4	22	1	15
Jordan Smith	1	8	0	8
Seth McGowan	1	7	0	7
Kordell David	1	3	0	3
Latrell Neville	1	2	0	2
Mike Washington	1	-1	0	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
George Eberle	7	332	47.4	53	1	0

FIELD GOALS	Made	Att.	Long	Kicks
Abraham Montano	1	1	32	Made 32

### SAM HOUSTON

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Hunter Watson	12	126	10	116	2	46	9.7
DJ McKinney	10	59	1	58	0	16	5.8
Jase Bauer	5	45	0	45	0	16	9.0
Jay Ducker	20	44	6	0	38	1	9
Noah Smith	1	17	0	17	17	0	17.0
John Gentry	3	9	0	9	0	8	3.0
Zach Hrbacek	1	1	0	1	0	1	1.0
Ife Adeyi	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TEAM	2	0	4	-4	0	0	-2.0

PASSING	Comp.	Att.	Yds	TD	INT	Long	Sack
Hunter Watson	9	21	64	0	2	13	1
Jase Bauer	3	5	38	1	0	20	0

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Long
Noah Smith	4	38	0	13
Ife Adeyi	3	31	0	13
Simeon Evans	3	27	1	20
Zach Hrbacek	1	3	0	3
John Gentry	1	3	0	3

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Jadon Cardell	5	212	42.4	48	2	1

FIELD GOALS	Made	Att.	Long	Kicks
Christian Pavon	1	1	46	Made 46



### GAMEDAY VISUAL

The Aggies may have scored first, but one drive later the Bearkats had the Aggies playing from behind the rest of the way. Sam Houston built a 14-3 lead on the strength of rushing touchdowns from Hunter Watson and Jay Ducker in the first quarter and from there the Sam Houston defense shut the Aggies down, holding them to just 152 yards of total offense. It was the first time since 2013 the Kats allowed held an opponent to less than 100 yards passing and less than 100 yards rushing in the same game.

## SCORING SUMMARY

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
NM State	3	0	0	8	11
Sam Houston	14	7	0	10	31

	Qtr.	Time	Scoring Play
NMSU	1	6:36	Montano 32-yard field goal
SHSU	1	5:31	Watson 46-yard run (Pavon kick)
SHSU	1	0:35	Ducker 1-yard run (Pavon kick)
SHSU	2	6:26	Watson 8-yard run (Pavon kick)
SHSU	4	13:29	Evans 20-yard pass from Bauer (Pavon kick)
NMSU	4	8:35	Lydiatt 3-yard pass from Marucci (Seth McGowan pass)
SHSU	4	1:51	Pavon 46-yard field goal

## TEAM STATS

	NM STATE	SAM HOUSTON
FIRST DOWNS	12	24
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	28-78	55-280
PASSING YDS (NET)	74	102
Comp-Passes Att-Int	14-29-2	12-26-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YDS	57-152	81-382
Fumble Returns-Yds	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yds	1-9	4-49
Kickoff Returns-Yds	4-88	0-0
Interception Returns-Yds	2-6	2-22
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-47.4	5-42.4
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties-Yds	6-45	3-40
Possession Time	23:22	36:38
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 13	9 of 18
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	2 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-2	3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yds	1-10	1-5

# ▶ GAME 5

Texas State (2-2) .....39  
 Sam Houston (4-1) .....40



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 NRG Stadium | Time: 3:45 | Attendance: 27,725  
 TV: ESPN+

## INDIVIDUAL STATS

### TEXAS STATE

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Ismail Mahdi	17	68	11	57	0	18	3.4
Jordan McCloud	4	17	0	17	0	7	4.3
Lincoln Pare	6	10	0	10	1	4	1.7
Joey Hobert	1	7	0	7	0	7	7.0

PASSING	Comp.	Att.	Yds	TD	INT	Long	Sack
Jordan McCloud	29	39	326	3	0	29	0

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Long
Jaden Williams	10	133	0	29
Joey Hobert	8	75	2	21
Chris Dawn Jr.	3	38	0	19
Konner Fox	3	36	0	20
Beau Sparks	1	17	0	17
Kole Wilson	2	11	1	7
Lincoln Pare	1	11	0	11
Ishmail Mahdi	1	5	0	5

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Lars Rau	2	75	37.5	39	0	0

FIELD GOALS	Made	Att.	Long	Kicks
Mason Shipley	1	2	60	Made 60, Missed 36

### SAM HOUSTON

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Hunter Watson	27	134	29	105	2	25	3.9
Jay Ducker	14	70	1	69	3	15	4.9
DJ McKinney	9	55	0	55	0	28	6.1
Ife Adeyi	2	35	0	35	0	28	17.5
Noah Smith	3	31	0	31	0	15	10.3
John Gentry	1	5	0	5	0	5	5.0
TEAM	1	0	2	-2	0	0	-2.0

PASSING	Comp.	Att.	Yds	TD	INT	Long	Sack
Hunter Watson	10	19	95	0	0	16	3

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Long
DJ McKinney	2	22	0	16
Jay Rockwell	2	18	0	10
Noah Smith	2	16	0	11
Michael Phoenix II	1	15	0	15
Elijah Sohn	1	9	0	9
Ife Adeyi	1	8	0	8
Simeon Evans	1	7	0	7

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Jadon Cardell	3	133	44.3	52	0	0

FIELD GOALS	Made	Att.	Long	Kicks
Christian Pavon	2	3	46	Missed 54, Made 46, Made 24



### GAMEDAY VISUAL

The win over Texas State was bigger than a typical Week 5 win as it was the first playing of an old rivalry renewed for the first time since 2011. Prior to Texas State's jump to the FBS following the 2011 season, the Bobcats had been the Bearkats' most-played rival with 92 meetings between the teams. In the years since, the Kats' rivalry with Stephen F. Austin had surpassed in total meetings (96), but it did not diminish the sweetness of the Kats' third consecutive win over Texas State in the series.

## SCORING SUMMARY

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Texas State	22	10	7	0	39
Sam Houston	0	21	13	6	40

	Qtr.	Time	Scoring Play
TXST	1	11:08	Hobert 6-yard pass from McCloud (Shipley kick)
TXST	1	9:21	Haynes 29-yard fumble recovery (Nunez pass)
TXST	1	2:20	Hobert 2-yard pass from McCloud
SHSU	2	11:14	Ducker 1-yard run (Pavon kick)
SHSU	2	6:16	Ducker 14-yard run (Pavon kick)
TXST	2	3:19	Pare 3-yard run (Shipley kick)
SHSU	2	0:51	Watson 3-yard run (Pavon kick)
TXST	2	0:00	Shipley 60-yard field goal
TXST	3	11:57	Wilson 4-yard pass from McCloud (Shipley kick)
SHSU	3	4:30	Watson 1-yard run (Watson pass failed)
SHSU	3	0:51	Ducker 1-yard run (Pavon kick)
SHSU	4	9:28	Pavon 46-yard field goal
SHSU	4	0:06	Pavon 24-yard field goal

## TEAM STATS

	TEXAS STATE	SAM HOUSTON
FIRST DOWNS	25	25
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	28-91	57-298
PASSING YDS (NET)	326	95
Comp-Passes Att-Int	29-39-0	10-19-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YDS	67-417	76-393
Fumble Returns-Yds	1-29	0-0
Punt Returns-Yds	2-6	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yds	6-160	1-11
Interception Returns-Yds	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	2-37.5	3-44.3
Fumbles-Lost	4-1	1-1
Penalties-Yds	11-88	6-40
Possession Time	25:38	34:22
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 11	5 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 3	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-5	6-6
Sacks By: Number-Yds	3-18	0-0



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	SHSU	OPP
<b>Scoring</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>122</b>
Points per game	30.0	24.4
Points Off Turnovers	24	22
<b>First Downs</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>95</b>
Rushing	59	40
Passing	36	50
Penalty	8	5
<b>Rushing Yardage</b>	<b>1080</b>	<b>656</b>
Yards gained rushing	1196	748
Yards lost rushing	116	92
Rushing attempts	235	152
Average per rush	4.6	4.3
Average per game	216.0	131.2
TDs Rushing	10	8
<b>Passing Yardage</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>1049</b>
Comp-Att-Int	70-119-5	105-171-5
Average per pass	6.8	6.1
Average per catch	11.6	10.0
Average per game	162.0	209.8
TDs Passing	8	6
<b>Total offense</b>	<b>1890</b>	<b>1705</b>
Total plays	354	323
Average per play	5.3	5.3
Average per game	378.0	341.0
<b>Kick returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>5-81</b>	<b>17-399</b>
<b>Punt returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>8-51</b>	<b>11-73</b>
<b>Int returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>5-88</b>	<b>5-60</b>
<b>Kick return average</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>23.5</b>
<b>Punt return average</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>6.6</b>
<b>Int return average</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>12.0</b>
<b>Fumbles-Lost</b>	<b>7-2</b>	<b>10-3</b>
<b>Penalties-Yards</b>	<b>21-180</b>	<b>43-344</b>
Average per game	36.0	68.8
<b>Punts-Yards</b>	<b>22-850</b>	<b>22-988</b>
Average per punt	38.6	44.9
Net punt average	34.4	43.0
<b>Kickoffs-Yards</b>	<b>30-1815</b>	<b>24-1518</b>
Average per kick	60.5	63.3
Net kick average	37.4	41.1
<b>Time of possession / game</b>	<b>33:20</b>	<b>26:40</b>
<b>3rd-down conversion</b>	<b>32/74</b>	<b>24/66</b>
3rd-down pct	43%	36%
<b>4rd-down conversion</b>	<b>6/11</b>	<b>6/11</b>



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	SHSU	OPP
4rd-down pct	86%	55%
<b>Sacks by-Yards</b>	<b>7-52</b>	<b>12-66</b>
<b>Misc Yards</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Touchdowns scored</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Field goals - attempts</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>5-8</b>
<b>On-Side kicks</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>
<b>Red-zone scores</b>	<b>(16-18) 89%</b>	<b>(15-19) 79%</b>
<b>Red-zone touchdowns</b>	<b>(13-18) 72%</b>	<b>(12-19) 63%</b>
<b>PAT-attempts</b>	<b>(18-18) 100%</b>	<b>(13-13) 100%</b>
<b>2-point conversion-attempts</b>	<b>(0-1) 0%</b>	<b>(2-2) 100%</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>28193</b>	<b>61105</b>
Games / Avg per game	2/14097	2/30553
Neutral site games	-	1/27225

**Score by Periods**

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Sam Houston	38	52	30	30	0	150
Opponents	39	30	38	15	0	122



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Team Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
08/31/2024	at Rice	W	34-14	17298
09/07/2024	at UCF	L	14-45	43807
09/14/2024	Hawaii	W	31-13	15134
* 09/21/2024	New Mexico St.	W	31-11	13059
09/28/2024	vs Texas St.	W	40-39	27225

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	4-1	2-0	1-1	1-0
CONFERENCE	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-1	1-0	1-1	1-0

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Hunter Watson	5	70	420	82	338	4.8	4	46	67.6
Jay Ducker	5	57	285	7	278	4.9	4	86	55.6
DJ McKinney	5	43	211	1	210	4.9	0	28	42.0
John Gentry	5	26	80	5	75	2.9	1	16	15.0
Noah Smith	5	7	58	0	58	8.3	0	17	11.6
Ife Adeyi	5	5	53	0	53	10.6	1	28	10.6
Jase Bauer	2	8	46	2	44	5.5	0	16	22.0
Zach Hrbacek	5	9	29	3	26	2.9	0	17	5.2
Qua'Vez Humphreys	5	1	10	0	10	10.0	0	10	2.0
Malik Phillips	3	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	1.3
Lonnie Adksim	4	1	0	3	-3	-3.0	0	0	-0.8
Team	5	7	0	13	-13	-1.9	0	0	-2.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>1196</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>1080</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>216.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>131.2</b>

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Hunter Watson	5	115.4	59-103-5	57.3	635	5	67	127.0
Jase Bauer	2	172.8	10-15-0	66.7	111	2	22	55.5
Noah Smith	5	967.6	1-1-0	100.0	64	1	64	12.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>129.8</b>	<b>70-119-5</b>	<b>58.8</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>162.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>118.7</b>	<b>105-171-5</b>	<b>61.4</b>	<b>1049</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>209.8</b>

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Ife Adeyi	5	15	155	10.3	1	32	31.0
Noah Smith	5	11	73	6.6	0	13	14.6
Simeon Evans	5	10	149	14.9	2	64	29.8
Qua'Vez Humphreys	5	10	234	23.4	3	67	46.8
John Gentry	5	5	14	2.8	1	8	2.8
Elijah Sohn	5	5	40	8.0	0	21	8.0
Shane Johnson	4	2	14	7.0	0	7	3.5
Jay Ducker	5	2	24	12.0	0	14	4.8
Jyzaiah Rockwell	2	2	18	9.0	0	10	9.0
Malik Phillips	3	2	25	12.5	0	13	8.3
DJ McKinney	5	2	22	11.0	0	16	4.4
Michael Phoenix II	4	2	37	18.5	1	22	9.3
Zach Hrbacek	5	1	3	3.0	0	3	0.6
Fernando Garza	5	1	2	2.0	0	2	0.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>162.0</b>

Team Statistics

	SHSU	OPP
<b>First Downs</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>95</b>
Rushing	59	40
Passing	36	50
Penalty	8	5
<b>Rushing Yardage</b>	<b>1080</b>	<b>656</b>
Rushing attempts	235	152
Average per rush	4.6	4.3
Average per game	216.0	131.2
TDs Rushing	10	8
<b>Passing Yardage</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>1049</b>
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Average per game	162.0	209.8
TDs Passing	8	6
<b>Total offense</b>	<b>1890</b>	<b>1705</b>
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Average per game	378.0	341.0
<b>Kick returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>5-81</b>	<b>17-399</b>
<b>Punt returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>8-51</b>	<b>11-73</b>
<b>Int returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>5-88</b>	<b>5-60</b>
<b>Fumbles-Lost</b>	<b>7-2</b>	<b>10-3</b>
<b>Penalties-Yards</b>	<b>21-180</b>	<b>43-344</b>
<b>Punts-Avg</b>	<b>22-38.6</b>	<b>22-44.9</b>
<b>Time of possession / game</b>	<b>33:20</b>	<b>26:40</b>
<b>3rd-down conversion</b>	<b>32/74</b>	<b>24/66</b>
<b>4rd-down conversion</b>	<b>6/7</b>	<b>6/11</b>
<b>PAT-attempts</b>	<b>(18-18) 100%</b>	<b>(13-13) 100%</b>
<b>2-point conversion-attempts</b>	<b>(0-1) 0%</b>	<b>(2-2) 100%</b>

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Caleb Weaver	2	28	14.0	0	28
Isaiah Cash	1	22	22.0	0	22
David Fisher	1	30	30.0	1	30
Jaidan Scott	1	8	8.0	0	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>



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Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Christian Pavon	6-8	75.0	0-0	3-4	0-0	2-2	1-2	52	0
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>5-8</b>	<b>62.5</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>2-4</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>0</b>

Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT					dpx	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass				
Christian Pavon	-	6-8	18-18	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Jay Ducker	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Hunter Watson	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Qua'Vez Humphreys	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Ife Adeyi	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
John Gentry	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Simeon Evans	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
David Fisher	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Michael Phoenix II	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>18-18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5-8</b>	<b>13-13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>122</b>

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Sam Houston	38	52	30	30	0	150
Opponents	39	30	38	15	0	122

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Jadon Cardell	22	850	38.6	52	1	5	5	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>38.6</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>44.9</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Ife Adeyi	4	49	12.3	0	19
Emon Allen	4	2	0.5	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Malik Phillips	4	70	17.5	0	23
Zach Hrbacek	1	11	11.0	0	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>52</b>

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Hunter Watson	5	338	0	0	0	0	338	67.6
Jay Ducker	5	278	24	0	0	0	302	60.4
Ife Adeyi	5	53	155	49	0	0	257	51.4
Qua'Vez Humphreys	5	10	234	0	0	0	244	48.8
DJ McKinney	5	210	22	0	0	0	232	46.4
Simeon Evans	5	0	149	0	0	0	149	29.8
Noah Smith	5	58	73	0	0	0	131	26.2
Malik Phillips	3	4	25	0	70	0	99	33.0
John Gentry	5	75	14	0	0	0	89	17.8
Jase Bauer	2	44	0	0	0	0	44	22.0
Zach Hrbacek	5	26	3	0	11	0	40	8.0
Elijah Sohn	5	0	40	0	0	0	40	8.0
Michael Phoenix II	4	0	37	0	0	0	37	9.3
David Fisher	5	0	0	0	0	30	30	6.0
Caleb Weaver	5	0	0	0	0	28	28	5.6
Isaiah Cash	5	0	0	0	0	22	22	4.4
Jyzaiah Rockwell	2	0	18	0	0	0	18	9.0
Shane Johnson	4	0	14	0	0	0	14	3.5
Jaidan Scott	5	0	0	0	0	8	8	1.6
Emon Allen	5	0	0	2	0	0	2	0.4
Fernando Garza	5	0	2	0	0	0	2	0.4
Lonnie Adksim	4	-3	0	0	0	0	-3	-0.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1080</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2110</b>	<b>422.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>1049</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>2237</b>	<b>447.4</b>

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Hunter Watson	5	173	338	635	973	194.6
Jay Ducker	5	57	278	0	278	55.6
DJ McKinney	5	43	210	0	210	42.0
Jase Bauer	2	23	44	111	155	77.5
Noah Smith	5	8	58	64	122	24.4
John Gentry	5	26	75	0	75	15.0
Ife Adeyi	5	5	53	0	53	10.6
Zach Hrbacek	5	9	26	0	26	5.2
Qua'Vez Humphreys	5	1	10	0	10	2.0
Malik Phillips	3	1	4	0	4	1.3
Lonnie Adksim	4	1	-3	0	-3	-0.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>1080</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>1890</b>	<b>378.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>1049</b>	<b>1705</b>	<b>341.0</b>



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Team Defense

##	Player	gp	Tackles				tfl/yds	Sacks no-yds	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	int-yds			brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf	
3	Caleb Weaver	5	27	8	35	.	.	2-28	4	.	.	.	.	.	
6	Trey Fields	5	21	9	30	3.5-9	0.5-4	.	.	.	1-9	.	.	.	
14	Kavian Gaither	5	20	4	24	1-2	.	.	1	4	1-0	.	.	.	
4	Jaylon Jimmerson	5	19	3	22	2-10	1-8	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	
19	Isaiah Cash	5	19	.	19	1-1	.	1-22	5	.	.	.	.	.	
5	David Fisher	5	14	2	16	1.5-2	.	1-30	4	.	.	.	.	.	
8	Sincere Jackson	5	12	2	14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
7	Emon Allen	5	10	2	12	1.5-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
1	Jevon Leon	5	8	3	11	1.5-4	0.5-3	.	.	5	.	.	.	.	
44	Briceon Hayes	5	8	2	10	3.5-21	2-16	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	
33	Kendrick DuJour	5	7	3	10	1.5-5	.	.	.	2	.	1	.	.	
28	CJ Johnson	5	10	.	10	1-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
24	Elias Escobar	5	8	1	9	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	
2	Da'Veawn Armstead	3	6	2	8	1-1	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	
18	Issiah Nixon	4	5	1	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
0	Chris Murray	5	3	3	6	2.5-18	2-14	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	
96	Matthew Aribisala	4	4	1	5	1-7	1-7	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	
9	Ysidro Mascorro	4	5	.	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
22	Jaidan Scott	5	3	1	4	.	.	1-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	
99	Quincy Wright	5	4	.	4	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	
26	S'Maje Burrell	2	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
11	Denver Warren	5	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	
20	Chantson Prox	4	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
2	Ife Adeyi	5	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
90	Richard Outland	5	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
42	Ca'lub Holloway	2	.	2	2	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
10	Jaylen Phillips	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
0	Zach Hrbacek	5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
55	Jaden Phillips	4	1	.	1	1-20	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	
35	Gannon Tullos	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
15	Jalen O'Neal	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
7	Qua'Vez Humphreys	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
21	DJ McKinney	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	
45	Eli Wallace	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
93	Seth Mason	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	
4	Michael Phoenix II	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
80	Fatu Mukuba	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
56	Luke Eckardt	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>24-106</b>	<b>7-52</b>	<b>5-88</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3-9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Opponents		5	254	66	320	35-108	12-66	5-60	16	17	2-29	5	0	0	



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**Rushing**

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Hunter Watson	5	70	420	82	338	4.8	4	46	67.6
Jay Ducker	5	57	285	7	278	4.9	4	86	55.6
DJ McKinney	5	43	211	1	210	4.9	0	28	42.0
John Gentry	5	26	80	5	75	2.9	1	16	15.0
Noah Smith	5	7	58	0	58	8.3	0	17	11.6
Ife Adeyi	5	5	53	0	53	10.6	1	28	10.6
Jase Bauer	2	8	46	2	44	5.5	0	16	22.0
Zach Hrbacek	5	9	29	3	26	2.9	0	17	5.2
Qua'Vez Humphreys	5	1	10	0	10	10.0	0	10	2.0
Malik Phillips	3	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	1.3
Lonnie Adksim	4	1	0	3	-3	-3.0	0	0	-0.8
Team	5	7	0	13	-13	-1.9	0	0	-2.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>1196</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>1080</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>216.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>131.2</b>

**Punt Returns**

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Ife Adeyi	4	49	12.3	0	19
Emon Allen	4	2	0.5	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>

**Interceptions**

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Caleb Weaver	2	28	14.0	0	28
Isaiah Cash	1	22	22.0	0	22
David Fisher	1	30	30.0	1	30
Jaidan Scott	1	8	8.0	0	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>

**Passing**

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Hunter Watson	5	115.4	59-103-5	57.3	635	5	67	127.0
Jase Bauer	2	172.8	10-15-0	66.7	111	2	22	55.5
Noah Smith	5	967.6	1-1-0	100.0	64	1	64	12.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>129.8</b>	<b>70-119-5</b>	<b>58.8</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>162.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>118.7</b>	<b>105-171-5</b>	<b>61.4</b>	<b>1049</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>209.8</b>

**Kick Returns**

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Malik Phillips	4	70	17.5	0	23
Zach Hrbacek	1	11	11.0	0	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>52</b>

**Receiving**

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Ife Adeyi	5	15	155	10.3	1	32	31.0
Noah Smith	5	11	73	6.6	0	13	14.6
Simeon Evans	5	10	149	14.9	2	64	29.8
Qua'Vez Humphreys	5	10	234	23.4	3	67	46.8
John Gentry	5	5	14	2.8	1	8	2.8
Elijah Sohn	5	5	40	8.0	0	21	8.0
Shane Johnson	4	2	14	7.0	0	7	3.5
Jay Ducker	5	2	24	12.0	0	14	4.8
Jyzaiah Rockwell	2	2	18	9.0	0	10	9.0
Malik Phillips	3	2	25	12.5	0	13	8.3
DJ McKinney	5	2	22	11.0	0	16	4.4
Michael Phoenix II	4	2	37	18.5	1	22	9.3
Zach Hrbacek	5	1	3	3.0	0	3	0.6
Fernando Garza	5	1	2	2.0	0	2	0.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>162.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>1049</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>209.8</b>

**Fumble Returns**

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Trey Fields	1	9	9.0	0	9
Kavian Gaither	1	0	0.0	0	0
DJ McKinney	1	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>29</b>



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**Scoring**

Player	td	fg	PAT				dpx	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Christian Pavon	-	6-8	18-18	-	-	-	-	-	36
Jay Ducker	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Hunter Watson	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Qua'Vez Humphreys	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Ife Adeyi	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
John Gentry	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Simeon Evans	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
David Fisher	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Michael Phoenix II	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>18-18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5-8</b>	<b>13-13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>122</b>

**Field Goals**

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Christian Pavon	6-8	75.0	0-0	3-4	0-0	2-2	1-2	52	0
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>5-8</b>	<b>62.5</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>2-4</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>0</b>

**FG Sequence**

Team Name	Sam Houston	Opponents
Texas St.	54,(46),(24)	(60),36
Hawaii	(26)	41,(33),(27)
Rice	(52),(26),28	37
New Mexico St.	(46)	(32)
UCF		(50)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

**Total Offense**

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Hunter Watson	5	173	338	635	973	194.6
Jay Ducker	5	57	278	0	278	55.6
DJ McKinney	5	43	210	0	210	42.0
Jase Bauer	2	23	44	111	155	77.5
Noah Smith	5	8	58	64	122	24.4
John Gentry	5	26	75	0	75	15.0
Ife Adeyi	5	5	53	0	53	10.6
Zach Hrbacek	5	9	26	0	26	5.2
Qua'Vez Humphreys	5	1	10	0	10	2.0
Malik Phillips	3	1	4	0	4	1.3
Lonnie Adksim	4	1	-3	0	-3	-0.8
Team	5	0	-13	0	-13	-2.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>1080</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>1890</b>	<b>378.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>1049</b>	<b>1705</b>	<b>341.0</b>

**Punting**

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Jadon Cardell	22	850	38.6	52	1	5	5	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>38.6</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>44.9</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>

**Kickoffs**

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Christian Pavon	30	1815	60.5	6	5			
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1815</b>	<b>60.5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>37.4</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1518</b>	<b>63.3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>41.1</b>	<b>23</b>



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Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Hunter Watson	5	338	0	0	0	0	338	67.6
Jay Ducker	5	278	24	0	0	0	302	60.4
Ife Adeyi	5	53	155	49	0	0	257	51.4
Qua'Vez Humphreys	5	10	234	0	0	0	244	48.8
DJ McKinney	5	210	22	0	0	0	232	46.4
Simeon Evans	5	0	149	0	0	0	149	29.8
Noah Smith	5	58	73	0	0	0	131	26.2
Malik Phillips	3	4	25	0	70	0	99	33.0
John Gentry	5	75	14	0	0	0	89	17.8
Jase Bauer	2	44	0	0	0	0	44	22.0
Zach Hrbacek	5	26	3	0	11	0	40	8.0
Elijah Sohn	5	0	40	0	0	0	40	8.0
Michael Phoenix II	4	0	37	0	0	0	37	9.3
David Fisher	5	0	0	0	0	30	30	6.0
Caleb Weaver	5	0	0	0	0	28	28	5.6
Isaiah Cash	5	0	0	0	0	22	22	4.4
Jyzaiah Rockwell	2	0	18	0	0	0	18	9.0
Shane Johnson	4	0	14	0	0	0	14	3.5
Jaidan Scott	5	0	0	0	0	8	8	1.6
Emon Allen	5	0	0	2	0	0	2	0.4
Fernando Garza	5	0	2	0	0	0	2	0.4
Lonnie Adksim	4	-3	0	0	0	0	-3	-0.8
Team	5	-13	0	0	0	0	-13	-2.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1080</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2110</b>	<b>422.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>1049</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>2237</b>	<b>447.4</b>