SAM HOUSTON FOOTBALL

GAME NOTES | vs KENNESAW STATE

2024 NEW ORLEANS BOWL CHAMPIONS | 2020 FCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

GAME 10 | SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 | 1:00 PM | HUNTSVILLE | BOWERS STADIUM (14,500) | ESPN+

SAM HOUSTON BEARKATS

(1-8, 0-5 CUSA) | **Co-Interim Head Coach:** Eric Raisbeck (Wisconsin, 2008)
Co-Interim Head Coach: Freddie Aughtry-Lindsay (NC State, 2006)

KENNESAW STATE OWLS

(3-6, 2-3 CUSA) | **Head Coach:** Jerry Mack (Arkansas State, 2003)
Career Record: 13-10 (2nd season) | **Record at KSU:** Same

■ Sam Houston returns to Bowers Stadium for the first of back-to-back home games and its first home game under co-interim head coaches Freddie Aughtry-Lindsay and Eric Raisbeck. The Kats host Kennesaw State on Saturday and Middle Tennessee on Nov. 21 before closing the season at FIU

■ Sam Houston is 1 of 5 FBS programs to have made a head coaching change during the 2026 season along with Florida State, Baylor, NC State, and Maryland

■ The Kats will be in search of their first CUSA win of 2026 and the first win over and FBS opponent at Bowers Stadium since defeating Liberty, 20-18, in the finale of the 2024 regular season

■ Sam Houston will join USC (2013), Southern Miss (2020) and Wisconsin (2022) among FBS programs with 3 head coaches of record in a single season since 2013. Those previous instances involved successive head coaches, while Eric Raisbeck and Freddie Aughtry-Lindsay will each receive credit for the same final 4 games of the 2026 schedule, per guidance from the NCAA

■ November has been Sam Houston's most successful regular-season month since moving to FBS in 2023, with the Kats posting a 7-5 record compared to 8-25 from August thru October. Sam Houston went 3-1 in November in 2023, 2-1 in 2024 and 2-2 in 2025 and is 0-1 in 2026. The month of November accounted for all of the program's victories in both 2023 and 2025

■ Through games of Nov. 7, Sam Houston leads FBS in year-to-year improvement in passing defense and ranks third in total defensive improvement. The Kats have cut their passing yards allowed from 275.9 per game in 2025 to 161.4 this season, an improvement of 114.5 yards per game. UAB is second at 109.7. Sam Houston has lowered its total yards allowed from 483.5 per game to 353.8, an improvement of 129.7 yards per game behind only Duke (142.1) and Georgia Southern (134.0)

■ Sam Houston and Kennesaw State are the only two CUSA teams with three players who have reached 400 receiving yards this season. Chris Reed (437), Tim Burns Jr. (428) and Grady O'Neill (409) all crossed the mark at Jax State. Brayden Munroe (440), Dylan Gary (413) and Javon Rogers (401) have reached it for the Owls

■ Landyn Locke moved into 20th place on Sam Houston's career passing yards list with 2,544 yards after throwing for 126 yards and a touchdown on 16-of-21 passing at Jax State. He needs 37 yards to pass Brett Hicks (2,580 yards from 2004–07) for 19th.

BY THE NUMBERS

3 Sam Houston has won all 3 meetings with Kennesaw State, including both at Bowers Stadium. The Kats won the most recent meeting, 23-17 in overtime, on Hunter Watson's 10-yard touchdown run in 2024

8 Eight of Landyn Locke's 13 touchdown passes this season have covered at least 30 yards, including his 64-yard strike to Chris Reed at Jax State

80 Grady O'Neill has caught 80 passes in his two seasons at Sam Houston, fourth among CUSA players over that span. His 42 catches this year have already surpassed his 38 from last season

2026 SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER (1-3)

05	at Troy	ESPN+	L, 21-24
12	**TULSA**	ESPN+	**L, 17-23**
19	**NICHOLLS**	ESPN+	**W, 59-0**
26	at No. 11 Texas Tech	TNT	L, 14-49

OCTOBER (0-4)

08	at Liberty*	ESPNU	L, 3-35
14	**WKU***	ESPN	**L, 3-16**
21	**NM STATE***	ESPN2	**L, 24-30**
27	at Missouri State*	ESPN2	L, 3-24

NOVEMBER (0-1)

07	at Jax State*	CBS SPORTS NETWORK	L, 14-47
14	**KENNESAW STATE***	ESPN+	**1:00 PM**
21	MIDDLE TENNESSEE*	ESPN+	1:00 PM
28	**at FIU***		**1:00 PM**

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TV: ESPN+

Play By Play	Jason Metko
Analysis	Jorge Vargas

RADIO: BEARKAT SPORTS NETWORK

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Play By Play	Jason Barfield
Analysis	Brian Adams

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THE MATCHUP: vs KENNESAW STATE

at TROY	TULSA	NICHOLLS	at No. 11 Texas Tech	at Liberty	WKU	NM STATE	at Missouri State	at Jax State	KENNESAW STATE	MIDDLE TENNESSEE	at FIU
Sept. 5	Sept. 12	Sept. 19	Sept. 26	Oct. 8	Oct. 14	Oct. 21	Oct. 27	Nov. 7	Nov. 14	Nov. 21	Nov. 28
L, 21-24 ESPN+	L, 17-23 ESPN+	W, 59-0 ESPN+	L, 14-49 TNT	L, 3-35 ESPNU	L, 3-16 ESPN	L, 24-30 ESPN2	L, 3-24 ESPN2	L, 14-47 CBSSN	1:00 PM ESPN+	1:00 PM ESPN+	1:00 PM ESPN Platforms

SERIES HISTORY

Overall:	SHSU leads 3-0
In Huntsville:	SHSU leads 2-0
In Kennesaw:	SHSU leads 1-0
Neutral Site:	None

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

DATE	RESULT	SCORE	LOCATION
11/16/2024	W ot	23-17	Kennesaw
11/4/2023	W	24-21	Huntsville
12/9/2017	W	34-27	Huntsville

SERIES HISTORY

■ Sam Houston leads the series 3-0, with 2 wins at Bowers Stadium and 1 on the road. All 3 meetings have been decided by 7 points or fewer

■ The teams first met in the 2017 FCS quarterfinals. The Kats stopped the Owls on fourth down at the Sam Houston 15 with 1:24 remaining to seal a 34-27 win and advance to the semifinals

■ Sam Houston earned its first win as an FBS program against Kennesaw State in 2023. The Kats erased a 21-7 halftime deficit and won 24-21 on Colby Sessums' 35-yard field goal as time expired

THE LAST TIME

■ Sam Houston won the first CUSA meeting between the teams, 23-17 in overtime, on Nov. 16, 2024, at Fifth Third Stadium

■ Jay Ducker put the Kats ahead with a 17-yard touchdown run with 1:54 left in regulation, but the Owls tied it with 25 seconds remaining. After Kennesaw State missed a field goal on the opening possession of overtime, Hunter Watson scored from 10 yards out to win it

■ Ducker rushed for 111 yards and a touchdown, while Watson passed for 179 yards and ran for 62 yards and 2 scores. The Bearkat defense held the Owls to 3 conversions on 13 third downs

ROSTER

NUMERICAL

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Class-Yr	Hometown / High School / Previous School
0	Darrick Bledsoe III	WR	5-8	185	Sr-2L	Arlington, Texas / Lamar HS
1	Josh Alexander-Felton	DE	6-3	265	Jr-TR	Orlando, Fla. / Edgewater HS / NC State
1	Aviyon Smith-Mack	WR	5-8	170	Sr-RS	St. Petersburg, Fla. / Lakewood HS / LIU
2	Justin Cottrell	CB	6-1	175	Sr-TR	West Columbia, Texas / West Columbia HS / Tyler JC
2	Chris Reed	WR	6-0	195	Sr-1L	Orlando, Fla. / Wekiva HS / Itawamba CC / Florida A&M / Utah
3	Tim Burns Jr.	WR	5-10	170	Sr-1L	Miami, Fla. / Northwestern Senior HS / Navarro College
3	Brody Henderson	DE	6-4	250	So-1L	Jenks, Okla. / Jenks HS
4	Alijah Cason	WR	5-10	175	Jr-TR	Midlothian, Texas / First Baptist Academy / Holy Cross
4	Jalyn Stanford	DB	5-10	200	Sr-1L	Tulsa, Okla. / Jenks HS / Houston
5	Ishmel Atkins	CB	6-4	200	5th-TR	Greensboro, N.C. / Northern Guilford HS / Elon
5	Kyan Berry-Johnson	WR	5-11	185	Jr-TR	Chicago, Ill. / Bolingbrook HS / Wisconsin
6	Jaylon Jones	S	6-1	180	Jr-TR	Fresno, Calif. / Central East HS / Fresno City College
6	Jerrian Parker Jr.	RB	5-10	210	Jr-1L	Orlando, Fla. / Jones HS / Southern Illinois
7	Caesar Magee	CB	6-2	195	Gr-TR	New Orleans, La. / St. Augustine HS / Northwestern State
7	Grady O'Neill	WR	5-9	170	5th-1L	Prior Lake, Minn. / St. Thomas Academy / Wisconsin
8	Tyler Bailey	S	6-0	195	5th-2L	Prosper, Texas / Prosper HS
8	Landyn Locke	QB	6-4	220	So-1L	Rockwall, Texas / Rockwall HS
9	Jace Arnold	DB	5-11	185	Sr-1L	Douglasville, Ga. / Marietta HS / Wisconsin
9	Brett Holloway	QB	5-11	210	Fr-HS	Melissa, Texas / Melissa HS
10	Darien Jackson	DT	6-0	305	Sr-1L	Los Angeles, Calif. / Corona Centennial HS / Mt. San Antonio College / Black Hills State
10	Coco Brown	RB	5-11	215	Sr-2L	Denton, Texas / Denton HS
11	CJ June	S	5-9	190	Fr-HS	Prince George's County, Md. / Westfield HS (IN)
11	Kaleb Mitchell	WR	6-7	195	So-TR	DeSoto, Texas / First Baptist Academy / Utah State
12	Elijah Groves	LB	6-5	245	Jr-TR	Cross Plains, Tenn. / East Robertson HS / NC State
12	Kamari Maxwell	WR	6-1	195	So-TR	Savannah, Ga. / New Hempstead HS / Austin Peay
13	Railyn Adams	S	6-0	185	Jr-1L	Newton, Texas / Newton HS
13	Ty Sexton	WR	5-10	180	Fr-HS	Katy, Texas / Jordan HS
14	London Deyon	TE	6-4	235	So-1L	Galveston, Texas / Ball HS
14	Bryen Spaulding	DE	6-3	260	Sr-1L	San Diego, Calif. / Point Loma HS / San Diego Mesa College
15	DJ Bailey	QB	5-11	220	Jr-1L	DeSoto, Texas / DeSoto HS
15	Cameron Franklin	S	6-2	200	5th-TR	Sweeny, Texas / Van Vleck HS / Prairie View
16	Mason Holtzclaw	QB	6-4	205	Fr-HS	Belton, S.C. / Carrollton HS (GA)
16	Aaron Edwards	S	6-3	205	Jr-TR	Oklahoma City, Okla. / Putnam City West HS / Northeast Oklahoma
17	Octavius Henderson	CB	6-3	190	Sr-1L	Nashville, Tenn. / Goodpasture Christian School / SEMO
17	Christian Zachary	WR	6-4	210	Jr-TR	St. Matthew's, S.C. / Calhoun County HS / NC State
18	Stacy Bey	LB	6-0	210	So-TR	Fontana, Calif. / Rancho Cucamonga HS / Arizona
18	Shaan Patel	QB	6-1	200	Fr-HS	Fulshear, Texas / Fulshear HS
19	Konner Dandridge	WR	6-0	195	Fr-HS	Cypress, Texas / Cy Ranch HS
19	Jayden Fry	DE	6-3	235	So-TR	Raleigh, N.C. / Rolesville HS / Boston College
20	MJ Dowdy	RB	5-11	210	Fr-HS	Winder, Ga. / Barrow HS
20	Dravon Wilson	CB	5-11	190	Jr-2L	New Caney, Texas / New Caney HS
21	Dean Ford	LB	6-1	230	Jr-1L	Houston, Texas / Katy Morton Ranch HS
22	Alton McCaskill	RB	6-2	220	Gr-1L	Conroe, Texas / Oak Ridge HS / Arizona State / Colorado / Houston
23	Mike King Jr.	LB	6-0	215	Jr-TR	Racine, Wis. / Case HS / Concordia St. Paul
24	Kaden Winkfield	RB	5-11	195	Fr-HS	Aledo, Texas / Aledo HS
25	Ah'Marion Gaines-Smith	RB	5-11	220	5th-1L	Fresno, Calif. / Central HS / Fresno City College
26	Tokyo Gordon	LB	6-2	215	Sr-1L	Orlando, Fla. / Adairsville HS / College of the Sequoias
27	Robert McFarland	S	5-10	205	Fr-HS	Houston, Texas / Lamar HS
28	Zion Taylor	DE	6-1	225	Jr-TR	Missouri City, Texas / Shadow Creek HS / Houston
29	Lyric Smith	DB	6-0	190	Jr-1L	Clarendon, Texas / Clarendon HS
30	Braylen Wortham	S	6-2	205	So-RS	Calvert, Texas / College Station HS
31	Cal Joseph	P	6-1	195	So-TR	Melbourne, Australia / Whitefriars College / Wake Forest
32	Kade Houston	LB	6-1	225	Sr-TR	Montgomery, Texas / Covenant Christian HS / Nelson University
33	Brian Bates Jr.	LB	6-1	230	Sr-TR	Centreville, Va. / DeMatha Catholic HS / Delaware State / Charlotte
34	Julian Mayfield	CB	5-10	185	Fr-HS	Dallas, Texas / Celina HS
35	Jabaric Sullivan	CB	6-0	180	Fr-HS	The Woodlands, Texas / The Woodlands HS
36	Marcus Bourda Jr.	S	6-1	185	Fr-HS	Humble, Texas / Humble HS
37	Ryan Mallory	LB	6-0	205	Fr-HS	Richmond, Texas / Randle HS
38	O'Kece Battle	CB	5-11	175	Fr-HS	Cocoa, Fla. / Cocoa HS
39	Joseph Opara	CB	5-10	180	Fr-HS	Sugar Land, Texas / Fort Bend Austin HS
40	Cole Worthington	LB	5-11	215	Jr-1L	League City, Texas / Clear Falls HS / Nelson College
42	Ca'lub Holloway	LB	6-1	245	5th-3L	Fort Worth, Texas / South Hills HS / Phillips Exeter Academy
43	Nick Norman	RB	5-9	205	Sr-TR	Houston, Texas / Westside HS / Briar Cliff
43	Evan Odom	CB	6-0	175	Jr-TR	Golden Gate, Fla. / Naples HS / Mt. San Antonio College
44	Ray Chatham	LB	6-1	210	Jr-TR	Houston, Texas / Klein Cain HS / Hardin-Simmons

ALPHABETICAL

No.	Name	Pos
13	Railyn Adams	S
1	Josh Alexander-Felton	DE
92	Jarra Anderson	DT
9	Jace Arnold	S
5	Ishmel Atkins	CB
15	DJ Bailey	QB
8	Tyler Bailey	DB
33	Brian Bates Jr.	LB
38	O'Kece Battle	CB
5	Kyan Berry-Johnson	WR
18	Stacy Bey	LB
0	Darrick Bledsoe III	WR
36	Marcus Bourda Jr.	S
95	She'Fon Boyd	DT
10	Landan "Coco" Brown	RB
57	Zo'Maryon Bryan	OL
62	Carter Buchheit	OL
3	Tim Burns Jr.	WR
68	Logan Cahill	OL
94	Sam Carpenter	K
4	Alijah Cason	WR
44	Ray Chatham	LB
64	Josiah Chenault	OL
48	Chauncey Chidi	DE
75	Elijah Collins	OL
2	Justin Cottrell	CB
91	Caius Coy	DE
19	Konner Dandridge	WR
14	London Deyon	TE
20	MJ Dowdy	RB
56	Jeremiah Edmond	OL
16	Aaron Edwards	S
21	Dean Ford	LB
15	Cameron Franklin	S
97	Dylan Frazier	DT
19	Jayden Fry	DE
25	Ah'Marion Gaines-Smith	RB
47	Victor Gamboa	LS
26	Tokyo Gordon	LB
12	Elijah Groves	LB
88	Terrence Guillory II	WR
85	Cade Hays	TE
3	Brody Henderson	DE
17	Octavius Henderson	CB
9	Brett Holloway	QB
42	Ca'lub Holloway	LB
16	Mason Holtzclaw	QB
32	Kade Houston	LB
10	Darien Jackson	DT
6	Jaylon Jones	S
31	Cal Joseph	P
72	Myles Joseph	OL
11	CJ June	S
58	Carter Kadow	OL
23	Mike King Jr.	LB
89	Brock Kuhl	TE
8	Landyn Locke	QB
7	Caesar Magee	CB
37	Ryan Mallory	LB
12	Kamari Maxwell	WR
34	Julian Mayfield	CB
22	Alton McCaskill	RB
76	Nathan McClelland	OL
49	Cameron McCulloch	LS
27	Robert McFarland	S

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Class-Yr	Hometown / High School / Previous School
45	Eli Wallace	LB	5-11	215	Sr-2L	Dallas, Texas / Duncanville HS
46	Carson Whitington	LS	6-0	240	5th-2L	El Campo, Texas / El Campo HS / Blinn College
47	Victor Gamboa	LS	6-0	225	Fr-HS	Cypress, Texas / Cy Ranch HS
48	Chauncey Chidi	DE	6-3	255	5th-1L	Kumasi, Ghana / Nevada Community HS (TX) / Central Missouri
49	Cameron McCulloch	LS	6-4	220	Jr-TR	Houston, Texas / Cy Fair HS / SMU
50	Tr'e Williams	OL	6-3	320	Fr-HS	Huntsville, Texas / Huntsville HS
52	Cam Todd	OL	6-2	305	5th-1L	Raleigh, N.C. / Leesville Road HS / Garden City CC / NC State
54	Brock Stukes	OL	6-3	310	Sr-TR	Chesapeake, Va. / Smith HS / NC State / NC A&T
56	Jeremiah Edmond	OL	6-1	300	Sr-1L	Fort Myers, Fla. / Evangelical Christian HS / West Virginia Wesleyan
57	Zo'Maryon Bryan	OL	6-4	315	Sr-1L	Bay City, Texas / Bay City HS / Kilgore College
58	Carter Kadow	OL	6-8	315	Jr-TR	Middleton, Wis. / Middleton HS / Rutgers
62	Carter Buchheit	OL	6-2	290	Jr-1Y	Ede, Netherlands / IMG Academy
63	Joe Warren	OL	6-4	310	Jr-TR	Greenwood, Miss. / Greenwood HS / Copiah-Lincoln CC
64	Josiah Chenault	OL	6-2	305	Sr-TR	Canton, Ohio / Sanford Seminole HS (FL) / Kennesaw State / Howard
66	Jimmy Walls	OL	6-7	300	Sr-TR	Pittsburg, Calif. / Pittsburg HS / Bakersfield College / Black Hills State
67	Isaac Sohn	OL	6-5	305	Jr-1L	Aledo, Texas / Aledo HS / North Texas
68	Logan Cahill	OL	6-4	310	So-RS	Long Island, N.Y. / Prosper HS (TX)
71	Denell Nix Jr.	OL	6-4	310	So-TR	Toledo, Ohio / Whitmer HS / Appalachian State
72	Myles Joseph	OL	6-4	315	Fr-HS	Vinton, La. / Lake Charles College Prep
74	Graceson Spann	OL	6-5	305	So-RS	Melissa, Texas / Blue Ridge HS
75	Elijah Collins	OL	6-4	310	Jr-TR	Fort Myers, Fla. / East Lee County HS / Western Carolina / West Virginia Wesleyan
76	Nathan McClelland	OL	6-5	310	Jr-TR	Richland, Wash. / Richland HS / College of Idaho
80	Matt Smith	TE	6-4	245	Gr-TR	Needham, Mass. / Needham HS / Rhode Island / UMass / Duke
81	Nico Ottomanelli	K	6-3	200	Jr-1L	Harrington Park, N.J. / Northern Valley Regional HS / Nebraska
82	Cooper Stevens	TE	6-2	235	Jr-1L	Cypress, Texas / Cy Fair HS
83	Tate Ryan	K	6-0	180	So-RS	The Woodlands, Texas / The Woodlands HS
84	Matthew Tatum	WR	5-8	170	Sr-2Y	Huntsville, Texas / Huntsville HS
85	Cade Hays	TE	6-1	235	So-1L	Lubbock, Texas / Cooper HS / Sul Ross
86	Jack Merryman	TE	6-4	235	Fr-HS	Montgomery, Texas / Montgomery HS
87	Max Whisner	TE	6-5	255	5th-TR	Kansas City, Mo. / Lee's Summit HS / Akron / Missouri
88	Terrence Guillory II	WR	5-9	170	Jr-1L	Houston, Texas / North Shore HS
89	Brock Kuhl	TE	6-4	250	So-TR	Lorena, Texas / Lorena HS / Florida Atlantic
90	Uzziah Warmate	DT	5-11	250	Fr-HS	Denton, Texas / Ryan HS
91	Caius Coy	DL	6-3	255	So-RS	Jarrell, Texas / Round Rock Westwood HS
92	Jarra Anderson	DT	6-3	300	Sr-TR	Katy, Texas / Paetow HS / Arizona / Memphis
93	Errol West Jr.	DT	6-0	290	Fr-HS	Little Rock, Ark. / Denton Ryan HS (TX)
94	Sam Carpenter	K	5-11	180	Sr-TR	Foxborough, Mass. / Foxborough HS / Pitt
95	She'Fon Boyd	DT	6-0	300	Jr-1L	Andrews, S.C. / Andrews HS / Fullerton College
97	Dylan Frazier	DL	6-5	280	5th-2L	Celina, Texas / Celina HS
98	Justin Terrell	DT	6-3	310	Jr-TR	Rome, Ga. / Rome HS / NC State
99	Dimitry Nicolas	DT	6-4	295	Jr-TR	Miami, Fla. / Norland HS / Maryland

No.	Name	Pos
86	Jack Merryman	TE
11	Kaleb Mitchell	WR
99	Dimitry Nicolas	DT
71	Denell Nix Jr.	OL
43	Nick Norman	RB
7	Grady O'Neill	WR
43	Evan Odom	CB
39	Joseph Opara	CB
81	Nico Ottomanelli	K
6	Jerrian Parker	RB
18	Shaan Patel	QB
2	Chris Reed	WR
83	Tate Ryan	K
13	Ty Sexton	WR
29	Lyric Smith	S
80	Matt Smith	TE
1	Aviyon Smith-Mack	WR
67	Isaac Sohn	OL
74	Graceson Spann	OL
14	Bryen Spaulding	DE
4	Jalyn Stanford	DB
82	Cooper Stevens	TE
54	Brock Stukes	OL
35	Jabaric Sullivan	CB
84	Matthew Tatum	WR
28	Zion Taylor	DE
98	Justin Terrell	DT
52	Cam Todd	OL
45	Eli Wallace	LB
66	Jimmy Walls	OL
90	Uzziah Warmate	DT
63	Joe Warren	OL
93	Errol West Jr.	DT
87	Max Whisner	TE
46	Carson Whitington	LS
50	Tr'e Williams	OL
20	Dravon Wilson	CB
24	Kaden Winkfield	RB
30	Braylen Wortham	S
40	Cole Worthington	LB
17	Christian Zachary	WR

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NAME	
Railyn Adams	RAY-lin
Kyan Berry-Johnson	KYE-in
She'Fon Boyd	shuh-FAWN (like the fancy fabric)
Josiah Chenault	shin-AWLT
Chauncey Chidi	CHEE-dee
Justin Cottrell	Cuh-TRELL
Caius Coy	KY-us
London Deyon	London Bridge + Coach Prime
Cameron Franklin	Just Cam
Ah'Marion Gaines	uh-MARR-e-awn
Tokyo Gordon	Godzilla!!
Octavius Henderson	Hail Caesar
Carter Kadow	KAH-doh like avocado
Julian Mayfield	Just call him JuJu
Denell Nix Jr.	Din-ELL

NAME	
Nico Ottomanelli	NEE-ko otto-MUH-nelly
Lyric Smith	Willie Nelson writes amazing lyrics
Aviyon Smith-Mack	A-V-awn
Graceson Spann	Grayson
Isaac Sohn	ugly Christmas sweaters are sewn
Zion Taylor	Zion like Lion
Justin Terrell	Tuh-RELL
Max Whisner	WHY-snur
Dravon Wilson	DRAY-vawn

HIGH SCHOOL / PREVIOUS SCHOOL	
Tim Burns	nuh-VARE-oh (not nuh-VARR-oh)

HOMETOWN	
Isaac Sohn	uh-LEE-doh
Dylan Frazier/Julian Mayfield	Suh-LINE-uh

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

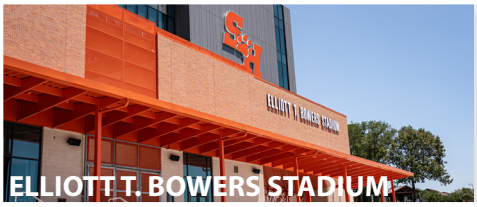
QB	**8**	**Landyn Locke**	**6-4**	**220**	**So**	**Rockwall**
	15	DJ Bailey	5-11	220	Jr	DeSoto
RB	**10**	**Landan "Coco" Brown**	**5-11**	**215**	**Sr**	**Denton**
or	20	MJ Dowdy	5-11	210	Fr	Winder, Ga.
TE	**87**	**Max Whisner**	**6-5**	**255**	**5th**	**Kansas City, Mo.**
	14	London Deyon	6-4	235	Sr	Galveston
WR	**3**	**Tim Burns Jr.**	**5-10**	**170**	**Sr**	**Miami, Fla.**
	17	Christian Zachary	6-4	210	Jr	St. Matthew's, S.C.
WR	**2**	**Chris Reed**	**6-0**	**195**	**Sr**	**Orlando, Fla.**
	4	Alijah Cason	5-10	175	Jr	Midlothian
SLOT	**7**	**Grady O'Neill**	**5-9**	**170**	**5th**	**Prior Lake, Minn.**
	0	Darrick Bledsoe III	5-8	185	Sr	Arlington
LT	**72**	**Myles Joseph**	**6-4**	**315**	**Fr**	**Vinton, La.**
	75	Nathan McClelland	6-5	310	Jr	Richland, Wash.
LG	**74**	**Graceson Spann**	**6-5**	**305**	**So**	**Melissa**
	50	Tr'e Williams	6-3	320	Fr	Huntsville
C	**64**	**Josiah Chenault**	**6-2**	**305**	**Sr**	**Canton, Ohio**
	52	Cam Todd	6-2	305	5th	Raleigh, N.C.
RG	**71**	**Denell Nix Jr.**	**6-4**	**310**	**So**	**Toledo, Ohio**
	75	Elijah Collins	6-4	310	Jr	Fort Myers, Fla.
RT	**67**	**Isaac Sohn**	**6-5**	**305**	**Jr**	**Aledo**
	66	Jimmy Walls	6-7	300	Sr	Pittsburg, Calif.

DEFENSE

END	**1**	**Josh Alexander-Felton**	**6-3**	**265**	**Jr**	**Orlando, Fla.**
	48	Chauncey Chidi	6-3	255	5th	Kumasi, Ghana
NOSE	**10**	**Darien Jackson**	**6-0**	**305**	**Sr**	**Los Angeles, Calif.**
or	98	Justin Terrell	6-3	310	Jr	Rome, Ga.
	99	Dimitry Nicolas	6-4	295	Jr	Miami, Fla.
DT	**97**	**Dylan Frazier**	**6-5**	**280**	**5th**	**Celina**
	92	Jarra Anderson	6-3	300	Sr	Katy
BEAST	**3**	**Brody Henderson**	**6-4**	**250**	**So**	**Jenks, Okla.**
	12	Elijah Groves	6-5	245	Jr	Cross Plains, Tenn.
STRIKER	**9**	**Jace Arnold**	**5-11**	**185**	**Sr**	**Douglasville, Ga.**
	29	Lyric Smith	6-0	190	Jr	Clarendon
or	16	Aaron Edwards	6-3	205	Jr	Oklahoma City, Okla.
MIKE	**33**	**Brian Bates Jr.**	**6-1**	**230**	**Sr**	**Centreville, Va.**
	18	Stacy Bey	6-0	210	So	Fontana, Calif.
WILL	**21**	**Dean Ford**	**6-1**	**230**	**Jr**	**Houston**
	26	Tokyo Gordon	6-2	215	Sr	Eatonville, Fla.
or	23	Mike King Jr.	6-0	215	Jr	Racine, Wis.
CB	**7**	**Caesar Magee**	**6-2**	**195**	**Gr**	**New Orleans, La.**
	20	Dravon Wilson	5-11	190	Jr	New Caney
FS	**13**	**Railyn Adams**	**6-0**	**185**	**Jr**	**Newton**
	15	Cam Franklin	6-2	200	5th	Sweeny
ROVER	**8**	**Tyler Bailey**	**6-0**	**195**	**5th**	**Prosper**
	4	Jalyn Stanford	5-10	200	Sr	Tulsa, Okla.
CB	**5**	**Ishmel Atkins**	**6-4**	**200**	**5th**	**Greensboro, N.C.**
	2	Justin Cottrell	6-1	175	Sr	West Columbia

SPECIAL TEAMS

KO	**83**	**Tate Ryan**	**6-0**	**180**	**So**	**The Woodlands**
or	81	Nico Ottomanelli	6-3	200	Jr	Harrington Park, N.J.
PK	**94**	**Sam Carpenter**	**5-11**	**180**	**Sr**	**Foxborough, Mass.**
	83	Tate Ryan	6-0	180	So	The Woodlands
P	**31**	**Cal Joseph**	**6-1**	**195**	**So**	**Melbourne, Australia**
LS	**46**	**Carson Whitington**	**6-0**	**240**	**5th**	**El Campo**
	49	Cameron McCulloch	6-4	220	Jr	Houston
H	**81**	**Nico Ottomanelli**	**6-3**	**200**	**Jr**	**Harrington Park, N.J.**
KR	**3**	**Tim Burns Jr.**	**5-10**	**170**	**Sr**	**Miami, Fla.**
	4	Alijah Cason	5-10	175	Jr	Midlothian
PR	**3**	**Tim Burns Jr.**	**5-10**	**170**	**Sr**	**Miami, Fla.**
	4	Alijah Cason	5-10	175	Jr	Midlothian



A NEW ERA AT BOWERS STADIUM

After spending the entire 2025 season away from Huntsville while Bowers Stadium underwent a $60 million west-side renovation, Sam Houston Football returns home in 2026 to a dramatically transformed stadium.

The centerpiece of the project is a completely new press box and west-side complex spanning approximately 47,000 gross square feet, with an additional 13,000 square feet of covered exterior space. The facility features new premium seating and suites, updated concessions and restrooms, expanded broadcast facilities and a modernized gameday infrastructure designed to accommodate Sam Houston's continued growth at the FBS level.

Construction on the project began following the conclusion of the 2024 football season, forcing the Bearkats to play all 12 of their 2025 games away from Bowers Stadium. The 2026 season marks the first time Sam Houston will play in its renovated home since the project began.

The new facility represents one of the largest capital projects in Bearkat Athletics history and provides a significantly upgraded home for Sam Houston Football and its fans. The university officially celebrated the completion of the project with a ribbon-cutting ceremony in July 2026.

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 avoid the use of 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

LANDYN LOCKE
CUSA Preseason Watch List
Manning Award Watch List

ALTON McCASKILL
CUSA Preseason Watch List

DYLAN FRAZIER
CUSA Preseason Watch List

DARIEN JACKSON
CUSA Preseason Watch List

TIM BURNS JR.
CUSA Preseason Watch List

OFFENSE

Coordinator: Zack Patterson

	Total	CUSA Rk	FBS Rk
Total Offense:	315.1	10	126
Points Per Game:	17.6	10	132
Rushing:	74.7	10	138
Passing:	240.4	3	52
Time of Possession:	29:56	4	77

	Total	CUSA Rk	FBS Rk
3rd Down %:	33.1 (41 of 124)	10	121
4th Down %:	9.1 (1 of 11)	10	137
Red Zone %:	73.7 (14 of 19)	10	127
Fumbles Lost:	3	2	24
Sacks Allowed:	26	10	122

WHO'S GOT THE DOT?
QB ON THE FIELD

Beginning in 2024, NCAA rules 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 is carrying the communication equipment.

KAT TO WATCH
COCO BROWN

Brown led the Bearkats with a season-high 50 rushing yards on 10 carries at Jax State, averaging 5.0 yards per carry. The senior scored Sam Houston's first rushing touchdown of the season on a 5-yard run against Nicholls at Bowers Stadium. Brown led the Kats with 487 rushing yards and 5 touchdowns on the ground in 2025 and added 37 catches for 237 yards.

OFFENSIVE QUICK HITTERS

- Through 9 games, Sam Houston is just 45 passing yards shy of its entire 2025 total. The Kats have thrown for 2,164 yards and 15 touchdowns this season after finishing with 2,209 yards and 12 touchdowns in 12 games last year. Sam Houston ranks third in CUSA at 240.4 passing yards per game

- Sam Houston played turnover-free football at Jax State and has committed just 9 turnovers this season, third fewest in CUSA. Kennesaw State has forced a league-high 11 fumbles and recovered 6, tied for the CUSA lead

- Tim Burns Jr. has caught 10 passes for 216 yards over his last 3 games, averaging 21.6 yards per catch in that stretch. He's averaging 20.4 yards per reception for the season

- Grady O'Neill and Chris Reed each caught 6 passes at Jax State, the first time this season two Bearkats reached that mark in the same game. O'Neill has 12 catches for 135 yards over the last 2 games, while Reed's 6 catches were a season high

- Coco Brown led the Kats with a season-high 50 rushing yards on 10 carries at Jax State. It was his highest rushing total since going for 109 yards and 2 touchdowns against Delaware last November

DEFENSE

Coordinator: Freddie Aughtry-Lindsay

	Avg	CUSA Rk	FBS Rk
Total Defense:	353.8	5	64
Scoring Defense:	27.6	6	97
Rush Defense:	192.3	10	126
Pass Defense:	161.4	1	7
Tackles for Loss:	50.0	4	56
Sacks:	16.0	6	94

	Total	CUSA Rk	FBS Rk
Interceptions:	6	6	71
Fumble Recoveries:	3	6	96
Opp 3rd Down %:	35-115 (.304)	1	13
Opp 4th Down %:	8-14 (.571)	7	86
Red Zone:	23-26 (.885)	6	103

WHO'S GOT THE DOT?
DEAN FORD

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KAT TO WATCH
ISHMEL ATKINS

Atkins broke up a pair of deep passes and added 3 solo tackles at Jax State. The 6-foot-4 cornerback leads Sam Houston with 8 pass breakups, tied for second in CUSA. He's part of a Bearkat secondary that leads the league and ranks seventh nationally with 161.4 passing yards allowed per game. That group will be tested by Kennesaw State's Brayden Munroe, Dylan Gary and Javon Rogers, who have each topped 400 receiving yards and combined for 1,254 this season.

DEFENSIVE QUICK HITTERS

- Sam Houston leads CUSA and ranks 13th in FBS in third-down defense. The Kats have allowed just 35 third-down conversions through 9 games. Kennesaw State has converted 48 of 120 third downs (40.0 percent) this season

- The Kats have allowed just 60 first downs through the air, the fewest in CUSA. Kennesaw State has picked up 90 of its 179 first downs via the pass

- Sam Houston held Jax State scoreless in the first quarter, turning the Gamecocks away on fourth-and-4 from the Bearkat 9-yard line. Jax State did not score until 8:35 remained in the second quarter

- Jace Arnold led the Kats with 6 tackles at Jax State. His 9-yard sack of Caden Creel on third-and-4 forced a punt on the Gamecocks' second possession of the third quarter

- Four Bearkats have at least 5.5 tackles for loss this season. Josh Alexander-Felton leads the way with 8.0, followed by Brian Bates Jr. (6.0), Brody Henderson (5.5) and Dean Ford (5.5). Ford also leads the team with 53 tackles

CAREER 100-YARD GAMES

RECEIVING

Tim Burns Jr. (1 game)

Year	Opponent	Receptions	Yards	TDs
2026	NM State	4	117	1

Aviyon Smith-Mack (1 game)

Year	Opponent	Receptions	Yards	TDs
2024	at Robert Morris*	3	107	0

*while playing at LIU

Jerrian Parker Jr. (1 game)

Year	Opponent	Receptions	Yards	TDs
2026	Tulsa	2	101	1

RUSHING

Alton McCaskill (3 games)

Year	Opponent	Rushes	Yards	TDs
2021	Grambling*	14	114	2
2021	at South Florida*	22	125	3
2021	at Temple*	21	129	2

*while playing at Houston

Landan "Coco" Brown (2 games)

Year	Opponent	Rushes	Yards	TDs
2025	UTEP	13	110	0
2025	Delaware	10	109	2

CAREER 200-YARD GAMES

RECEIVING

None

Year	Opponent	Receptions	Yards	TDs
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RUSHING

None

Year	Opponent	Rushes	Yards	TDs
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CAREER 300-YARD GAMES

PASSING

Landyn Locke (3 games)

Year	Opponent	Comp/Att	Yards	TDs
2026	at Troy	30/46	335	3
2026	Tulsa	24/34	316	2
2026	Nicholls	19/28	322	4

2026 BIG PLAYS (30+ yds)

Yds	Type	Player(s)	Opponent
94*	Pass	Jerrian Parker (from Locke)	Tulsa
81*	Pass	Tim Burns Jr. (from Locke)	NM State
65*	Pass	Tim Burns Jr. (from Locke)	Nicholls
64*	Pass	Chris Reed (from Locke)	at Jax State
61*	Pass	Kyan Berry-Johnson (from Holloway)	Nicholls
53	Pass	Jerrian Parker (from Locke)	NM State
53	Pass	Chris Reed (from Locke)	Nicholls
52*	Pass	Tim Burns Jr. (from Locke)	at Texas Tech
48*	Pass	Kamari Maxwell (from Locke)	Nicholls
46	Pass	Tim Burns Jr. (from Bailey)	at Missouri State
39*	Pass	Chris Reed (from Locke)	Tulsa
38	Pass	Kamari Maxwell (from Locke)	Nicholls
37	Pass	Grady O'Neill (from Locke)	at Troy
36	Pass	Chris Reed (from Locke)	Tulsa
35	Pass	Chris Reed (from Bailey)	at Missouri State
34	Rush	Coco Brown	at Liberty
33	Pass	Grady O'Neill (from Bailey)	at Jax State
33	KR	Alijah Cason	Tulsa
33	Pass	Kamari Maxwell (from Locke)	at Troy
32	Pass	Kyan Berry-Johnson (from Locke)	at Texas Tech
31*	Pass	Chris Reed (from Locke)	at Troy

* Indicates touchdown scored on play

PASS	RUSH	INT RET	FUMBLE RET	KICK RETURN
19	1	0	0	1

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 ..... at LA Tech, 2025 (296)
Had 200+ yards rushing ..... vs Nicholls, 2026 (233)
Had 200+ yards rushing in consecutive games 2024
vs Hawaii, (257), vs NM State, 2024 (280), vs Texas State (298), at UTEP (293)
Had 70+ rushing attempts ..... vs Southern Utah, 2015 (72)
Had 60+ rushing attempts ..... vs A&M-Commerce, 2015 (63)
Had 50+ rushing attempts ..... at UTEP, 2024 (51)
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 ..... at Kennesaw State 2024 (3)
Had 3+ rushing TD in consecutive games ..... vs NM State, 2024 (3)
vs Texas State, 2024 (5)
at UTEP, 2024 (3)
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
Donavan 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 FIU, 2025
Kejon Owens - 124, Sterling Joseph - 112
Had 3+ players with 100+ yards rushing ..... vs Houston Baptist, 2014
Donavan 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
Donavan 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 Nicholls, 2026 (386)
Had 200+ yards passing ..... at Missouri State, 2026 (258)
Had 60+ pass attempts ..... at New Mexico (60)
Had 50+ pass attempts ..... vs Houston Baptist, 2019 (57)
Had 40+ pass attempts ..... at Troy, 2026 (46)
Had 30+ pass completions ..... at Troy, 2026 (30)
Had 25+ pass completions ..... at Troy, 2026 (30)
Had 20+ pass completions ..... at Jax State, 2026 (21)
Had fewer than 15 pass completions ..... vs WKU, 2026 (13)
Had fewer than 10 pass completions ..... at Oregon State, 2025 (9)
Had 7+ pass TDs ..... vs Central Arkansas, 2016 (7)
Had 6+ pass TDs ..... vs Nicholls, Spring 2021 (6)
Had 5+ pass TDs ..... vs Nicholls, 2026 (5)
Had 4+ pass TDs ..... vs Nicholls, 2026 (5)
Had 3+ pass TDs ..... vs Nicholls, 2026 (5)
Had 4+ passes intercepted ..... vs Northwestern State, 2019 (4)
Had 3+ passes intercepted ..... at BYU, 2023 (3)
Had 0 passes intercepted ..... at Jax State, 2026
Had 0 passes intercepted in consecutive games 2026
at Missouri State, at Jax State

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 ..... Elijah Green at LA Tech, 2025 (191)
Rushed for 150+ yards ..... Elijah Green at LA Tech, 2025 (191)
Rushed for 125+ yards ..... Elijah Green at LA Tech, 2025 (191)
Rushed for 100+ yards ..... Coco Brown vs Delaware, 2025 (109)
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 ..... Elijah Green at LA Tech, 2025 (80)
Had a run of 70+ yards ..... Elijah Green at LA Tech, 2025 (80)
Had a run of 60+ yards ..... Coco Brown vs Delaware, 2025 (62)
Had a run of 50+ yards ..... Coco Brown vs Delaware, 2025 (62)

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 ..... Landyn Locke vs Nicholls, 2026 (322)
Passed for 250+ yards ..... DJ Bailey at Missouri State, 2026 (258)
Passed for 200+ yards ..... DJ Bailey at Missouri State, 2026 (258)
Attempted 50+ passes ..... Eric Schmid vs Houston Baptist, 2019 (57)
Attempted 45+ passes ..... Landyn Locke at Troy, 2026 (46)
Attempted 40+ passes ..... Landyn Locke at Troy, 2026 (46)
Attempted 35+ passes ..... DJ Bailey at Missouri State, 2026 (35)
Attempted 30+ passes ..... DJ Bailey at Missouri State, 2026 (35)
Completed 30+ passes ..... Landyn Locke at Troy, 2026 (30)
Completed 20+ passes ..... DJ Bailey at Missouri State, 2026 (20)
Threw 5+ TD passes ..... Eric Schmid at Tarleton, 2021 (5)
Threw 4+ TD passes ..... Landyn Locke vs Nicholls, 2026 (4)
Threw 3+ TD passes ..... Landyn Locke vs Nicholls, 2026 (4)
Threw 2+ TD passes in consecutive games ..... Landyn Locke, 2026
at Troy (3), vs Tulsa (2), vs Nicholls (4), at Texas Tech (2)
Threw 3+ interceptions ..... Keegan Shoemaker at BYU, 2023 (3)
Threw 2+ interceptions ..... Landyn Locke at Texas Tech, 2026 (2)
Completed a pass for 90+ yards ..... Landyn Locke vs Tulsa, 2026 (94)
Completed a pass for 80+ yards ..... Landyn Locke vs NM State, 2026 (81)
Completed a pass for 70+ yards ..... Landyn Locke vs NM State, 2026 (81)
Completed a pass for 60+ yards ..... Landyn Locke at Jax State, 2026 (64)
Completed a pass for 50+ yards ..... Landyn Locke at Jax State, 2026 (64)

RECEIVING

Caught 10+ passes ..... Simeon Evans vs Middle Tennessee, 2023 (11)
Caught 9+ passes ..... Simeon Evans vs Middle Tennessee, 2023 (11)
Caught 8+ passes ..... Grady O'Neill vs FIU, 2025 (8)
Caught 7+ passes ..... Grady O'Neill at Troy, 2026 (7)
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 ..... Chris Reed at Middle Tennessee, 2025 (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 ..... vs NM State, 2026 (10)
Had 9+ different receivers catch a pass ..... at Missouri State, 2026 (9)
Had 8+ different receivers catch a pass ..... at Jax State, 2026 (8)
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, 2026
Shut out a CUSA opponent ..... Never
Shut out an opponent at home ..... vs Nicholls, 2026
Had 6+ takeaways ..... at Tarleton, 2022 (6)
Had 5+ takeaways ..... vs Georgia Southern, 2024 (5)
Had 4+ takeaways ..... at Texas Tech, 2026 (4)
Had 3+ takeaways ..... at Texas Tech, 2026 (4)
Had 2+ takeaways ..... vs NM State, 2026 (2)
Had 4+ interceptions ..... vs Georgia Southern, 2024 (4)
Had 3+ interceptions ..... at Texas Tech, 2026 (3)
Had 2+ interceptions ..... at Texas Tech, 2026 (3)
Forced a safety ..... vs LA Tech, 2024 (Kendrick DuJour)
Opponent forced a safety ..... at Jax State, 2026
Had 15+ tackles for loss ..... vs Monmouth, Spring 2021 (15.0)
Had 10+ tackles for loss ..... vs Delaware, 2025 (10.0)
Had 8+ sacks ..... vs Delaware, 2025 (8.0)
Had 7+ sacks ..... vs Delaware, 2025 (8.0)
Had 6+ sacks ..... vs Delaware, 2025 (8.0)
Had 5+ sacks ..... vs Delaware, 2025 (8.0)
Had 4+ sacks ..... vs Tulsa, 2026 (4.0)
Had 3+ sacks ..... at Missouri State, 2026 (3.0)
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
Had 3 players with 10+ tackles 2024
Kavian Gaither (17), Caleb Weaver (11), Trey Fields (10) at Jax State

SPECIAL TEAMS

Had a field goal blocked ..... vs UTEP, 2025
Had a punt blocked ..... at Jax State, 2026
Blocked a punt ..... vs NM State, 2026 (Terrence Guillory II)
Blocked punt returned for TD ..... vs NM State, 2026 (Railyn Adams)
Blocked a field goal ..... at Oregon State, 2025 (Trey Harris)
Opponent returned a kickoff for TD ..... Jax State, 2026
Opponent returned a punt for TD ..... NDSU, Spring 2021
Opponent had punt return and kickoff return for TD in same game ..... NDSU, Spring 2021
Opponent blocked punt returned for TD ..... UIW, 2017

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 ..... Landyn Locke vs Nicholls, 2026 (346)

DEFENSE

Intercepted 3+ passes ..... Mark Hughes vs McNeese, 2004 (3)
Intercepted 2+ passes ..... Jaylon Jimmerson vs Georgia Southern, 2024 (2)
Returned an INT for a TD ..... Emon Allen at Hawaii, 2025 (66 yards)
Returned a fumble for a TD ..... JaMair Diaz at WKU, 2025 (43 yards)
Recorded 4+ sacks ..... PJ Hall vs McNeese, 2016 (4.0)
Recorded 3+ sacks ..... Christopher Eaton Jr. vs Delaware, 2025 (3.0)
Recorded 2+ sacks ..... Josh Alexander-Felton at Missouri State, 2026 (2.0)
Recorded 5+ tackles for loss ..... PJ Hall vs McNeese, 2016 (5)
Recorded 3+ tackles for loss ..... Josh Alexander-Felton at Missouri State, 2026 (3.0)
Recorded 20+ tackles ..... Dedrick Manigo vs Nicholls, 1996 (20)
Recorded 10+ tackles ..... Dean Ford vs WKU, 2026 (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 ..... Christian Pavon vs Delaware, 2025 (4)
Made 3+ field goals ..... Christian Pavon vs Delaware, 2025 (4)
Made a field goal for 50+ yards ..... Christian Pavon at NM State, 2025 (51)
Made a field goal for 45+ yards ..... Christian Pavon vs Delaware, 2025 (48)
Made a field goal for 40+ yards ..... Sam Carpenter vs WKU, 2026 (42)
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 ..... Cal Joseph at Missouri State, 2026 (70)
Kicked a punt of 60+ yards ..... Cal Joseph at Missouri State, 2026 (70)
Punted 10+ times ..... Jadon Cardell 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 ..... Jequez Ezzard at Lamar, Spring 2021 (100)
Returned a punt for a TD ..... Jequez Ezzard vs James Madison, Spring 2021 (80)
Returned a kickoff for a TD ..... Tim Burns Jr. at Oregon State, 2025 (98)
Blocked a field goal ..... Trey Harris at Oregon State, 2025
Returned a blocked field goal for a TD ..... Jaylen Thomas vs Dixie State, 2021 (64 yards)
Returned a blocked punt for a TD ..... Railyn Adams vs NM State, 2026 (0 yards)
Blocked a punt ..... Terrence Guillory II vs NM State, 2026
Blocked an extra point ..... Chris Stewart vs Houston Baptist, 2017
Converted an onside kick ..... Nico Ottomanelli at Middle Tennessee, 2025

MISCELLANEOUS

Had a passing, rushing & receiving TD in a game ..... Ty Brock vs Stephen F. Austin, 2018
Had 100 yards 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

THE LAST TIME

MISCELLANEOUS

Won a game when trailing at the half	at Oregon State, 2025 (Down 17-7, Won 21-17)
Won a game when trailing entering the 4th quarter	at Oregon State, 2025 (Down 17-14, Won 21-17)
Lost a game when leading at the half	vs Tulsa, 2026 (Up 14-10, Lost 23-17)
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	at Kennesaw State, 2024 (Won 23-17, OT)
Played a game with a scoreless first half	at FIU, 2024 (Won 10-7)
Lost a game on a walk-off field goal	vs Jax State, 2025
Lost a game on a walk-off field goal in regulation	vs Jax State, 2025
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 Nicholls, 2026 (31 pts, 1H)
Had less than 300 yards total offense	at Jax State, 2026 (254)
Won a game with less than 300 yards total offense	at Oregon State, 2025 (157)
Lost a game with more than 500 yards total offense	at LA Tech, 2025 (503)
Allowed 5+ sacks	at Missouri State, 2026 (5)
Did not allow a sack	vs Nicholls, 2026
Did not allow a sack vs FBS opponent	vs FIU, 2025
Had a scoring drive of 15+ plays	vs NM State, 2024 (17 plays, end in TD)
Had a scoring drive of 90+ yards	vs Tulsa, 2026 (94 yds, end in TD)

BEARKAT RECORD WATCH

CAREER PASSING YARDS

1	Jeremiah Briscoe	2015-17	11,488
15	Chad Schramek	1994-97	3,585
16	Josh McCown	2001	3,481
17	Hunter Watson	2024-25	2,919
18	David Kubiak	1967-70	2,655
19	Brett Hicks	2004-07	2,580
20	**Landyn Locke**	**2025-26**	**2,544**

CAREER PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

1	Jeremiah Briscoe	2015-17	116
10	Reggie Lewis	1984-87	30
11	Ty Brock	2018-19	24
	Keegan Shoemaker	2021-23	24
13	David Kubiak	1967-70	23
--	**Landyn Locke**	**2025-26**	**17**

CAREER RUSHING YARDS

1	Timothy Flanders	2010-13	5,664
10	Joe Rauls	1998-01	2,255

CAREER RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

1	Timothy Flanders	2010-13	66
9	3 players	--	20

CAREER RECEIVING YARDS

1	Nathan Stewart	2016-19	4,494
10	Noah Smith	2019-24	1,960

CAREER RECEPTIONS

1	Yedidiah Louis	2014-17	294
10	Jarrod Fuller	2003-04	146

CAREER RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

1	Davion Davis	2015-18	40
9	LaDarius Brown	2014-15	16
	Noah Smith	2019-24	16

BY THE NUMBERS IN 2026

CATEGORY	2026
Home	1-3
Away	0-5
Neutral	0-0
Day	0-1
Night	1-7
TV Games	1-8
CBS Sports Network	0-1
ESPN+	1-2
TNT	0-1
ESPNU	0-1
ESPN	0-1
ESPN2	0-2
Scoring First	1-3
Leading At Half	1-1
Tied At Half	0-1
Trailing At Half	0-6
Leading after 3Q	1-0
Trailing After 3Q	0-8
Tied After 3Q	0-0
Overtime Games	0-0
Having 100-yd rusher	0-0
Having 100-yd receiver	0-2
Opp 100-yd rusher	0-3
Opp 100-yd receiver	0-1
No turnovers	1-2
<3 turnovers	1-2
3+ turnovers	0-1
No takeaways	0-6
<3 takeaways	1-2
3+ takeaways	1-1
Win turnover battle	1-1
Lose turnover battle	0-4

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

ALL-TIME IN OVERTIME

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

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

Nov. 16, 2024 Kennesaw, Ga.
Sam Houston 23, Kennesaw State 17 1 OT
Score at end of regulation - 17-17
Started OT on defense

KATS AT A GLANCE

CO-INTERIM HC FREDDIE AUGHTRY-LINDSAY

Hometown:	High Point, N.C.
Alma Mater:	NC State, 2006

CO-INTERIM HC ERIC RAISBECK

Hometown:	Middleton, Wis.
Alma Mater:	Wisconsin, 2008

COACHING STAFF

Eric Raisbeck	Spec Teams Coord.
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Dovonte Edwards (S)	
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Tyler Zvorsky	Video Coordinator
Isai Benitez	Assistant Athletic Trainer
Andrew Hacker	Asst Strength & Conditioning
Noah Gutierrez	On-Campus Recruiting

TEAM INFORMATION

2025 Overall Record:	2-10
2025 CUSA Record:	1-7
2025 Bowl:	None
Offensive Starters Returning/Lost:	6/5
Defensive Starters Returning/Lost:	5/6
Special Teams Starters Returning/Lost:	1/2
Lettermen Returning/Lost:	46/53
Total Newcomers:	59

TEAM HISTORY

First Year of Football:	1912
All-Time Record (Years):	582-502-35
CUSA Record (Years):	9-20 (4)
CUSA Championships:	None
All-Time Bowl Record:	1-0

BEARKAT ASSISTANT COACHES

IN THE BOX



GARY McGRAW
ASSISTANT COACH
CORNERBACKS

Oregon, 2003



DAMIEN ADAMS
ASSISTANT COACH
DEFENSIVE TACKLES

Fayetteville State, 2003

ON THE FIELD



ERIC RAISBECK
Associate Head Coach
SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR

Wisconsin, 2008



FREDDIE AUGHTRY-LINDSAY
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

NC State, 2006



ZACK PATTERSON
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
TIGHT ENDS

Slippery Rock, 2012



ANTONIO WILLIAMS
ASSISTANT COACH
RUNNING BACKS

North Carolina, 2025



DOVONTE EDWARDS
ASSISTANT COACH
SAFETIES

NC State, 2005



JACK BICKNELL
ASSISTANT COACH
OFFENSIVE LINE

Boston College, 1986



ISSAC MOORING
ASSISTANT COACH
EDGES

North Carolina, 2003



KEYAN WILLIAMS
ASSISTANT COACH
WIDE RECEIVERS

Nebraska, 2018

SUPPORT STAFF



BLAIR VAUGHAN
STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

WKU, 2016



DUSTIN LENORMAN
ASSOC AD - SPORTS MEDICINE

Sam Houston, 2007

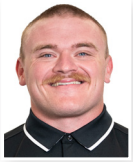


MIKE REED
CHIEF OF STAFF

Sam Houston, 2018



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VIDEO COORDINATOR



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DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

SAM HOUSTON, 2023



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UTAH VALLEY, 2022



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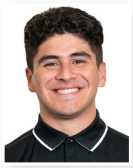


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SAM HOUSTON, 2025



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OFFENSIVE ANALYST - QBs



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ON-CAMPUS RECRUITING



ISAI BENITEZ
ATHLETIC TRAINER

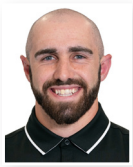


KASHIAN SCRIVENS
DEFENSIVE ANALYST

NORTH CAROLINA A&T, 2014



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OFFENSIVE GA



MATT BERGIN
OFFENSIVE GA



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2026 STANDINGS

	CUSA					OVERALL					
School	**W-L**	**Pct.**	**H**	**A**	**PF-PA**	**W-L**	**Pct.**	**H**	**A**	**N**	**PF-PA**
Liberty	5-0	1.000	2-0	3-0	178-47	8-1	.889	4-0	4-1	0-0	300-122
Jax State	5-0	1.000	3-0	2-0	148-77	7-2	.778	5-0	2-2	0-0	262-173
MTSU	3-2	.600	2-1	1-1	151-162	5-4	.556	4-1	1-3	0-0	242-279
Delaware	2-3	.400	1-1	1-2	180-164	4-5	.444	3-1	1-4	0-0	273-262
FIU	2-3	.400	2-1	0-2	102-125	4-5	.444	4-1	0-4	0-0	174-183
Kennesaw State	2-3	.400	1-2	1-1	139-153	3-6	.333	2-3	1-3	0-0	226-243
Missouri State	2-3	.400	2-0	0-3	119-142	3-6	.333	3-1	0-5	0-0	215-270
NM State	2-3	.400	1-2	1-1	81-113	3-6	.333	2-3	1-3	0-0	186-232
WKU	2-3	.400	1-1	1-2	126-136	3-6	.333	2-1	1-5	0-0	212-300
Sam Houston	0-5	.000	0-2	0-3	47-152	1-8	.111	1-3	0-5	0-0	158-248

UPCOMING GAMES

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Kennesaw State at Sam Houston (ESPN+)	**1 p.m.**
FIU at Delaware (ESPN+)	**2 p.m.**
NM State at Missouri State (ESPN+)	**2 p.m.**
Jax State at WKU (ESPN+)	**2:30 p.m.**
MTSU at Liberty (CBSSN)	**2:30 p.m.**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

WKU at Liberty (ESPN+)	**Noon**
Missouri State at Jax State (ESPN+)	**1 p.m.**
MTSU at Sam Houston (ESPN+)	**1 p.m.**
Delaware at NM State (ESPN+)	**2 p.m.**
FIU at Kennesaw State (ESPN+)	**2 p.m.**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Kennesaw State at WKU	**Noon**
Sam Houston at FIU	**1 p.m.**
Liberty at Missouri State	**1 p.m.**
NM State at MTSU	**1 p.m.**
Jax State at Delaware	**2:30 p.m.**

Conference games in bold.
All times are listed in CT

WEEKLY AWARDS

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK
Devonte Lyons, FIU – So. – RB – St. Augustine, Fla.
Lyons racked up 217 rushing yards and two touchdowns, averaging 9.0 yards per carry for the Panthers (4-5, 2-3 CUSA) in a 23-20 win over Missouri State on Saturday. His 217 rushing yards are the third-most in a single game in program history and marked the second-most in a game in FBS this week. Lyons ripped off rushes of 56, 30 and 39 yards in the game and added a 12-yard reception. He's the first FIU running back with 200+ rushing yards in a game since 2005 and the most in a game since 2004. Lyons combined for 238 all-purpose yards with two catches for 21 yards.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK
Jaiden Grimes, Kennesaw St. – Jr. – DL – Marietta, Ga.
Against the top passing team in the conference, Grimes wreaked havoc at the line of scrimmage to help the Owls (3-6, 2-3 CUSA) defeat Delaware, 42-40, on Saturday. He recorded a whopping five quarterback hurries, a solo sack, a forced fumble and three tackles on the day. Nobody applied more total QB pressures in Conference USA than Grimes' seven on the day, according to Pro Football Focus. His seven pressures ranked tied for third in Group of Six behind Andrew Zock (Toledo) and Ethan Stuhlsatz (Wyoming) with eight. Grimes' seven pressures ranked tied for ninth nationally.

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK
Robert Czeremcha, FIU – So. – K – Miami, Fla.
Czeremcha knocked in the game-winning field goal as time expired to lead the Panthers to a 23-20 home win over Missouri State on Saturday. It marked FIU's first-game winning walk-off field goal since 2012. He also kicked a go-ahead field goal from 42 yards with 1:55 left in the fourth quarter. On the night, Czeremcha, made three field goals and went 2-2 on extra point attempts.

FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK
Ziyon Butler, MTSU – Fr. – WR – Jacksonville, Fla.
Butler turned in a breakout game in the Blue Raiders' (5-4, 3-2 CUSA) 51-42 rivalry win over WKU, snapping a seven-game losing streak in the 100 Miles of Hate series. He hauled in six passes for 129 yards and a touchdown, and it was the most receiving yards by a Blue Raider this season and the most overall since Omari Kelly had 239 yards against WKU in 2024. The 129 yards receiving also went down as the most by a freshman at MTSU since Richie James had 198 yards against FAU in 2015. Butler brought in a 65-yard TD grab from Roman Gagliano.

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE WEEK
Zaire Flournoy, FIU – Sr. – RG – Douglasville, Ga.
Flournoy anchored an offensive line unit which led the FIU rushing attack to 270 total rushing yards, averaging 6.3 yards per carry in a 23-20 win over Missouri State. He aided Devonte Lyons to 217 rushing yards, the third-most in a game in program history and the most since 2004 as he averaged 9.0 yards per carry and had three rushes of 30+ yards. Flournoy paced the way for FIU's rushing attack to four explosive rushes of 25+ yards in the win. FIU's 270 team rushing yards are its most this season and the 13th-most in a single game in program history.

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2026-27 Sam Houston Football
Overall Team Statistics
All games

as of Nov 09, 2026

Team Statistics

	SHSU	OPP
Scoring	**158**	**248**
Points per game	17.6	27.6
Points Off Turnovers	27	40
First Downs	**142**	**171**
Rushing	49	87
Passing	75	60
Penalty	18	24
Rushing Yardage	**672**	**1731**
Yards gained rushing	986	1929
Yards lost rushing	314	198
Rushing attempts	249	349
Average per rush	2.7	5.0
Average per game	74.7	192.3
TDs Rushing	4	16
Passing Yardage	**2164**	**1453**
Comp-Att-Int	191-307-6	129-233-6
Average per pass	7.0	6.2
Average per catch	11.3	11.3
Average per game	240.4	161.4
TDs Passing	15	13
Total offense	**2836**	**3184**
Total plays	556	582
Average per play	5.1	5.5
Average per game	315.1	353.8
Kick returns: #-Yards	**27-501**	**15-404**
Punt returns: #-Yards	**20-113**	**15-119**
Int returns: #-Yards	**6-34**	**6-111**
Kick return average	**18.6**	**26.9**
Punt return average	**5.7**	**7.9**
Int return average	**5.7**	**18.5**
Fumbles-Lost	**5-3**	**13-3**
Penalties-Yards	**80-707**	**59-489**
Average per game	78.6	54.3
Punts-Yards	**58-2531**	**49-2045**
Average per punt	43.6	41.7
Net punt average	39.9	39.7
Kickoffs-Yards	**35-2178**	**49-3044**
Average per kick	62.2	62.1
Net kick average	36.5	41.2
Time of possession / game	**29:56**	**30:04**
3rd-down conversion	**41/124**	**35/115**
3rd-down pct	33%	30%
4th-down conversion	**1/11**	**8/14**

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Overall Team Statistics
All games

as of Nov 09, 2026

	SHSU	OPP
4th-down pct	9%	57%
Sacks by-Yards	**16-103**	**26-218**
Misc Yards	**0**	**0**
Touchdowns scored	**20**	**32**
Field goals - attempts	**6-10**	**8-9**
On-Side kicks	**0-1**	**0-0**
Red-zone scores	**(14-19) 74%**	**(23-26) 88%**
Red-zone touchdowns	**(10-19) 53%**	**(18-26) 69%**
PAT-attempts	**(20-20) 100%**	**(30-32) 94%**
2-point conversion-attempts	**(0-0) 0%**	**(0-0) 0%**
Attendance	**41921**	**130990**
Games / Avg per game	4/10480	5/26198
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Sam Houston	34	58	38	28	0	158
Opponents	35	75	63	75	0	248

Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
	09/05/2026	at Troy	L	21-24	24356
	09/12/2026	Tulsa	L	17-23	13871
	09/19/2026	Nicholls	W	59-0	12182
	09/26/2026	at Texas Tech	L	14-49	59704
*	10/08/2026	at Liberty	L	3-35	15335
*	10/14/2026	Western Ky.	L	3-16	7291
*	10/21/2026	New Mexico St.	L	24-30	8577
*	10/27/2026	at Missouri St.	L	3-24	11119
*	11/07/2026	at Jacksonville St.	L	14-47	20476

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Alton McCaskill	9	62	252	17	235	3.8	1	24	26.1
Landan Brown	9	43	203	28	175	4.1	1	34	19.4
MJ Dowdy	6	40	164	17	147	3.7	1	18	24.5
Jerrian Parker	7	17	89	3	86	5.1	0	18	12.3
Brett Holloway	6	16	71	15	56	3.5	1	14	9.3
Kaden Winkfield	6	7	34	0	34	4.9	0	12	5.7
Ah'Marion Gaines-Smith	5	7	31	1	30	4.3	0	14	6.0
Kyan Berry-Johnson	7	1	7	5	2	2.0	0	5	0.3
DJ Bailey	3	10	22	57	-35	-3.5	0	17	-11.7
Landyn Locke	8	42	113	164	-51	-1.2	0	14	-6.4
Team	9	4	0	7	-7	-1.8	0	0	-0.8
Total	**9**	**249**	**986**	**314**	**672**	**2.7**	**4**	**34**	**74.7**
Opponents	**9**	**349**	**1929**	**198**	**1731**	**5.0**	**16**	**81**	**192.3**

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Landyn Locke	8	134.4	163-257-5	63.4	1779	13	94	222.4
DJ Bailey	3	125.6	25-44-0	56.8	321	1	46	107.0
Brett Holloway	6	193.5	3-5-1	60.0	64	1	61	10.7
Team	9	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	**9**	**133.6**	**191-307-6**	**62.2**	**2164**	**15**	**94**	**240.4**
Opponents	**9**	**121.0**	**129-233-6**	**55.4**	**1453**	**13**	**67**	**161.4**

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Grady O'Neill	9	42	409	9.7	3	37	45.4
Chris Reed	9	28	437	15.6	4	64	48.6
Tim Burns Jr.	9	21	428	20.4	3	81	47.6
Landan Brown	9	19	101	5.3	0	25	11.2
Kyan Berry-Johnson	7	18	195	10.8	1	61	27.9
Alton McCaskill	9	15	51	3.4	0	10	5.7
Darrick Bledsoe III	9	12	92	7.7	2	14	10.2
Jerrian Parker	7	11	185	16.8	1	94	26.4
Max Whisner	7	6	47	7.8	0	15	6.7
Kamari Maxwell	7	6	139	23.2	1	48	19.9
Matt Smith	8	5	33	6.6	0	15	4.1
London Deyon	6	4	36	9.0	0	12	6.0
MJ Dowdy	6	2	3	1.5	0	4	0.5
Aviyon Smith-Mack	9	1	3	3.0	0	3	0.3
Ah'Marion Gaines-Smith	5	1	5	5.0	0	5	1.0
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Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	1-8	1-3	0-5	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-5	0-2	0-3	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	1-3	1-1	0-2	0-0

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PAT-attempts	**(20-20) 100%**	**(30-32) 94%**
2-point conversion-attempts	**(0-0) 0%**	**(0-0) 0%**

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Railyn Adams	2	22	11.0	0	22
Caesar Magee III	1	12	12.0	0	12
Cameron Franklin	1	0	0.0	0	0
Tyler Bailey	1	0	0.0	0	0
She'Fon Boyd	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	**6**	**34**	**5.7**	**0**	**22**
Opponents	**6**	**111**	**18.5**	**2**	**31**

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Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Samuel Carpenter	6-10	60.0	0-0	0-0	5-5	1-2	0-3	42	0
Opponents	**8-9**	**88.9**	**0-0**	**1-1**	**5-5**	**2-2**	**0-1**	**45**	**0**

Scoring

			PAT						
Player	**td**	**fg**	**kick**	**rush**	**rcv**	**pass**	**dxp**	**saf**	**pts**
Samuel Carpenter	-	6-10	20-20	-	-	-	-	-	38
Chris Reed	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Grady O'Neill	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Tim Burns Jr.	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Darrick Bledsoe III	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Alton McCaskill	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Landan Brown	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Railyn Adams	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Kyan Berry-Johnson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jerrian Parker	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Kamari Maxwell	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
MJ Dowdy	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Brett Holloway	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	**20**	**6-10**	**20-20**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**158**
Opponents	**32**	**8-9**	**30-32**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**248**

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Sam Houston	34	58	38	28	0	158
Opponents	35	75	63	75	0	248

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Cal Joseph	57	2503	43.9	71	6	24	20	11	0
Team	1	28	28.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	**58**	**2531**	**43.6**	**71**	**6**	**24**	**20**	**11**	**1**
Opponents	**49**	**2045**	**41.7**	**58**	**1**	**12**	**21**	**11**	**1**

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Tim Burns Jr.	19	113	5.9	0	25
Terrence Guillory II	1	0	0.0	0	0
Railyn Adams	0	0	0.0	1	0
Total	**20**	**113**	**5.7**	**1**	**25**
Opponents	**15**	**119**	**7.9**	**0**	**27**

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Alijah Cason	21	393	18.7	0	33
Tim Burns Jr.	5	96	19.2	0	29
Landan Brown	1	12	12.0	0	12
Total	**27**	**501**	**18.6**	**0**	**33**
Opponents	**15**	**404**	**26.9**	**1**	**85**

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Tim Burns Jr.	9	0	428	113	96	0	637	70.8
Chris Reed	9	0	437	0	0	0	437	48.6
Grady O'Neill	9	0	409	0	0	0	409	45.4
Alijah Cason	9	0	0	0	393	0	393	43.7
Landan Brown	9	175	101	0	12	0	288	32.0
Alton McCaskill	9	235	51	0	0	0	286	31.8
Jerrian Parker	7	86	185	0	0	0	271	38.7
Kyan Berry-Johnson	7	2	195	0	0	0	197	28.1
MJ Dowdy	6	147	3	0	0	0	150	25.0
Kamari Maxwell	7	0	139	0	0	0	139	19.9
Darrick Bledsoe III	9	0	92	0	0	0	92	10.2
Brett Holloway	6	56	0	0	0	0	56	9.3
Max Whisner	7	0	47	0	0	0	47	6.7
London Deyon	6	0	36	0	0	0	36	6.0
Ah'Marion Gaines-Smith	5	30	5	0	0	0	35	7.0
Kaden Winkfield	6	34	0	0	0	0	34	5.7
Matt Smith	8	0	33	0	0	0	33	4.1
Railyn Adams	9	0	0	0	0	22	22	2.4
Caesar Magee III	9	0	0	0	0	12	12	1.3
Aviyon Smith-Mack	9	0	3	0	0	0	3	0.3
DJ Bailey	3	-35	0	0	0	0	-35	-11.7
Landyn Locke	8	-51	0	0	0	0	-51	-6.4
Total	**9**	**672**	**2164**	**113**	**501**	**34**	**3484**	**387.1**
Opponents	**9**	**1731**	**1453**	**119**	**404**	**111**	**3818**	**424.2**

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Landyn Locke	8	299	-51	1779	1728	216.0
DJ Bailey	3	54	-35	321	286	95.3
Alton McCaskill	9	62	235	0	235	26.1
Landan Brown	9	43	175	0	175	19.4
MJ Dowdy	6	40	147	0	147	24.5
Brett Holloway	6	21	56	64	120	20.0
Jerrian Parker	7	17	86	0	86	12.3
Kaden Winkfield	6	7	34	0	34	5.7
Ah'Marion Gaines-Smith	5	7	30	0	30	6.0
Kyan Berry-Johnson	7	1	2	0	2	0.3
Total	**9**	**556**	**672**	**2164**	**2836**	**315.1**
Opponents	**9**	**582**	**1731**	**1453**	**3184**	**353.8**

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Team Defense

			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
21	Dean Ford	9	30	23	53	5.5-16	1-4	.	1	1	.	2	.	.
33	Brian Bates Jr.	9	15	24	39	6-24	1-7	.	.	3	.	.	.	.
13	Railyn Adams	9	24	13	37	0.5-2	.	2-22	4	.	1-0	.	.	.
3	Brody Henderson	9	19	16	35	5.5-28	2-21	.	2	3	.	1	.	.
7	Caesar Magee III	9	23	11	34	.	.	1-12	1	1	.	.	.	.
5	Ishmel Atkins	9	23	10	33	1-4	.	.	8	.	.	.	.	.
8	Tyler Bailey	9	19	12	31	0.5-0	.	1-0	6	2	.	.	.	.
1	Josh Alexander-Felton	9	10	15	25	8-42	4-28	.	.	2	.	1	.	.
97	Dylan Frazier	9	9	15	24	1.5-2	1-2	.	2	3	.	.	.	.
9	Jace Arnold	9	15	9	24	1.5-9	1-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Dravon Wilson	8	14	6	20	2-4	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
12	Elijah Groves	9	10	7	17	3.5-15	2.5-14	.	.	6	.	2	.	.
29	Lyric Smith	9	11	6	17	1-3	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	.
18	Stacy Bey	7	10	6	16	1-1	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
23	Mike King	9	8	8	16	0.5-3	0.5-3	.	1	2	.	.	.	.
26	Tokyo Gordon	9	8	7	15	1-3	.	.	1	.	1-0	.	.	.
2	Justin Cottrell	9	8	7	15	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.
48	Chauncey Chidi	6	7	6	13	1.5-4	0.5-1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
4	Jalyn Stanford	9	11	2	13	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
15	Cameron Franklin	9	8	4	12	0.5-0	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	Justin Terrell	9	4	8	12	1.5-4	1-3	.	3	1	.	.	.	.
10	Darien Jackson	9	5	5	10	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
16	Aaron Edwards	8	4	5	9	0.5-0	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
95	She'Fon Boyd	7	5	2	7	1-3	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	Caius Coy	4	5	2	7	2-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	Jarra Anderson	8	4	2	6	0.5-1	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30	Braylen Wortham	8	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Ca'lub Holloway	9	2	1	3	2.5-8	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
39	Joseph Opara	7	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	Zion Taylor	9	2	.	2	1-10	1-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Dimitry Nicolas	5	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	Robert McFarland	4	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Jaylon Jones	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	CJ June	9	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
43	Evan Odom	7	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	Alton McCaskill	9	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Aviyon Smith-Mack	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Chris Reed	9	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	Eli Wallace	7	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46	Carson Whitington	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0	Darrick Bledsoe III	9	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
88	Terrence Guillory II	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.
5	Kyan Berry-Johnson	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	London Deyon	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
83	Tate Ryan	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40	Cole Worthington	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35	Jabaric Sullivan	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
36	Marcus Bourda Jr.	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Totals	**9**	**327**	**248**	**575**	**50-190**	**16-103**	**6-34**	**41**	**28**	**3-0**	**8**	**1**	**0**
	Opponents	9	319	246	565	70-335	26-218	6-111	40	36	3-0	5	1	1

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Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Alton McCaskill	9	62	252	17	235	3.8	1	24	26.1
Landan Brown	9	43	203	28	175	4.1	1	34	19.4
MJ Dowdy	6	40	164	17	147	3.7	1	18	24.5
Jerrian Parker	7	17	89	3	86	5.1	0	18	12.3
Brett Holloway	6	16	71	15	56	3.5	1	14	9.3
Kaden Winkfield	6	7	34	0	34	4.9	0	12	5.7
Ah'Marion Gaines-Smith	5	7	31	1	30	4.3	0	14	6.0
Kyan Berry-Johnson	7	1	7	5	2	2.0	0	5	0.3
DJ Bailey	3	10	22	57	-35	-3.5	0	17	-11.7
Landyn Locke	8	42	113	164	-51	-1.2	0	14	-6.4
Team	9	4	0	7	-7	-1.8	0	0	-0.8
Total	**9**	**249**	**986**	**314**	**672**	**2.7**	**4**	**34**	**74.7**
Opponents	**9**	**349**	**1929**	**198**	**1731**	**5.0**	**16**	**81**	**192.3**

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Landyn Locke	8	134.4	163-257-5	63.4	1779	13	94	222.4
DJ Bailey	3	125.6	25-44-0	56.8	321	1	46	107.0
Brett Holloway	6	193.5	3-5-1	60.0	64	1	61	10.7
Team	9	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	**9**	**133.6**	**191-307-6**	**62.2**	**2164**	**15**	**94**	**240.4**
Opponents	**9**	**121.0**	**129-233-6**	**55.4**	**1453**	**13**	**67**	**161.4**

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Grady O'Neill	9	42	409	9.7	3	37	45.4
Chris Reed	9	28	437	15.6	4	64	48.6
Tim Burns Jr.	9	21	428	20.4	3	81	47.6
Landan Brown	9	19	101	5.3	0	25	11.2
Kyan Berry-Johnson	7	18	195	10.8	1	61	27.9
Alton McCaskill	9	15	51	3.4	0	10	5.7
Darrick Bledsoe III	9	12	92	7.7	2	14	10.2
Jerrian Parker	7	11	185	16.8	1	94	26.4
Max Whisner	7	6	47	7.8	0	15	6.7
Kamari Maxwell	7	6	139	23.2	1	48	19.9
Matt Smith	8	5	33	6.6	0	15	4.1
London Deyon	6	4	36	9.0	0	12	6.0
MJ Dowdy	6	2	3	1.5	0	4	0.5
Aviyon Smith-Mack	9	1	3	3.0	0	3	0.3
Ah'Marion Gaines-Smith	5	1	5	5.0	0	5	1.0
Total	**9**	**191**	**2164**	**11.3**	**15**	**94**	**240.4**
Opponents	**9**	**129**	**1453**	**11.3**	**13**	**67**	**161.4**

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Tim Burns Jr.	19	113	5.9	0	25
Terrence Guillory II	1	0	0.0	0	0
Railyn Adams	0	0	0.0	1	0
Total	**20**	**113**	**5.7**	**1**	**25**
Opponents	**15**	**119**	**7.9**	**0**	**27**

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Railyn Adams	2	22	11.0	0	22
Caesar Magee III	1	12	12.0	0	12
Cameron Franklin	1	0	0.0	0	0
Tyler Bailey	1	0	0.0	0	0
She'Fon Boyd	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	**6**	**34**	**5.7**	**0**	**22**
Opponents	**6**	**111**	**18.5**	**2**	**31**

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Alijah Cason	21	393	18.7	0	33
Tim Burns Jr.	5	96	19.2	0	29
Landan Brown	1	12	12.0	0	12
Total	**27**	**501**	**18.6**	**0**	**33**
Opponents	**15**	**404**	**26.9**	**1**	**85**

Fumbles Recovered

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Railyn Adams	1	0	0.0	0	0
Tokyo Gordon	1	0	0.0	0	0
CJ June	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	**3**	**0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**
Opponents	**3**	**0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**

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Scoring

			PAT						
Player	**td**	**fg**	**kick**	**rush**	**rcv**	**pass**	**dxp**	**saf**	**pts**
Samuel Carpenter	-	6-10	20-20	-	-	-	-	-	38
Chris Reed	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Grady O'Neill	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Tim Burns Jr.	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Darrick Bledsoe III	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Alton McCaskill	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Landan Brown	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Railyn Adams	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Kyan Berry-Johnson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jerrian Parker	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Kamari Maxwell	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
MJ Dowdy	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Brett Holloway	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	**20**	**6-10**	**20-20**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**158**
Opponents	**32**	**8-9**	**30-32**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**248**

Field Goals

Player	**fg**	**pct.**	**01-19**	**20-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50-99**	**lg**	**blk**
Samuel Carpenter	6-10	60.0	0-0	0-0	5-5	1-2	0-3	42	0
Opponents	**8-9**	**88.9**	**0-0**	**1-1**	**5-5**	**2-2**	**0-1**	**45**	**0**

FG Sequence

Team Name	**Sam Houston**	**Opponents**
Troy		(32)
Tulsa	(39)	(41)
Nicholls	(33),51	
Texas Tech	48	
Liberty	(36)	
Western Ky.	53,(42)	(35),(39),(33)
New Mexico St.	(38)	(25)
Missouri St.	(),(33),57	50,(34)
Jacksonville St.		(45)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

Total Offense

Player	**g**	**plays**	**rush**	**pass**	**total**	**avg/g**
Landyn Locke	8	299	-51	1779	1728	216.0
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Kaden Winkfield	6	7	34	0	34	5.7
Ah'Marion Gaines-Smith	5	7	30	0	30	6.0
Kyan Berry-Johnson	7	1	2	0	2	0.3
Team	9	0	-7	0	-7	-0.8
Total	**9**	**556**	**672**	**2164**	**2836**	**315.1**
Opponents	**9**	**582**	**1731**	**1453**	**3184**	**353.8**

Punting

Player	**no.**	**yds**	**avg**	**lg**	**tb**	**fc**	**i20**	**50+**	**blk**
Cal Joseph	57	2503	43.9	71	6	24	20	11	0
Team	1	28	28.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	**58**	**2531**	**43.6**	**71**	**6**	**24**	**20**	**11**	**1**
Opponents	**49**	**2045**	**41.7**	**58**	**1**	**12**	**21**	**11**	**1**

Kickoffs

Player	**no.**	**yds**	**avg**	**tb**	**ob**	**retn**	**net**	**ydln**
Tate Ryan	18	1120	62.2	9	1			
Nico Ottomanelli	17	1058	62.2	6	0			
Total	**35**	**2178**	**62.2**	**15**	**1**	**15**	**36.5**	**28**
Opponents	**49**	**3044**	**62.1**	**21**	**1**	**27**	**41.2**	**23**

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All Purpose

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London Deyon	6	0	36	0	0	0	36	6.0
Ah'Marion Gaines-Smith	5	30	5	0	0	0	35	7.0
Kaden Winkfield	6	34	0	0	0	0	34	5.7
Matt Smith	8	0	33	0	0	0	33	4.1
Railyn Adams	9	0	0	0	0	22	22	2.4
Caesar Magee III	9	0	0	0	0	12	12	1.3
Aviyon Smith-Mack	9	0	3	0	0	0	3	0.3
DJ Bailey	3	-35	0	0	0	0	-35	-11.7
Landyn Locke	8	-51	0	0	0	0	-51	-6.4
Team	9	-7	0	0	0	0	-7	-0.8
Total	**9**	**672**	**2164**	**113**	**501**	**34**	**3484**	**387.1**
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SAM HOUSTON

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Alton McCaskill	13	60	9	51	0	24	3.9
Coco Brown	6	30	7	23	0	14	3.8
Landyn Locke	5	0	36	-36	0	0	-7.2

PASSING	Comp.	Att.	Yds	TD	INT	Long	Sack
Landyn Locke	30	46	335	3	1	37	4

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Long
Grady O'Neill	7	86	1	37
Tim Burns Jr.	4	63	0	19
Chris Reed	3	52	1	31
Kamari Maxwell	1	33	0	33
Coco Brown	4	31	0	14
Darrick Bledsoe III	4	26	1	14
Kyan Berry-Johnson	3	22	0	12
Max Whisner	2	20	0	15
Alton McCaskill	2	2	0	5

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Cal Joseph	7	288	41.1	47	2	0

FIELD GOALS	Made	Att.	Long	Kicks
None				

TROY

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Gavin Griffin	16	86	5	81	0	22	5.1
Goose Crowder	9	60	22	38	0	23	4.2
Jordan Lovett	9	35	1	34	0	11	3.8
Jaheim Merriweather	6	24	2	22	0	10	3.7
Noreel White	1	3	0	3	0	3	3
TEAM	1	0	1	-1	0	0	-1

PASSING	Comp.	Att.	Yds	TD	INT	Long	Sack
Goose Crowder	12	24	165	3	0	28	4

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Long
TK Keyes	2	48	1	28
Fabian Rogosch	3	37	1	19
Noreel White	2	31	0	24
TJ Lott	2	29	1	18
Jace Petty	1	13	0	13
Jackson Worley	1	6	0	6
Goose Crowder	1	1	0	1

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Evan Crenshaw	8	375	46.9	55	5	1

FIELD GOALS	Made	Att.	Long	Kicks
Ethan Head	1	1	32	Made 32



GAMEDAY VISUAL
The Bearkat defense held its own against the Trojans, holding Troy under 400 total yards and racking up 8 total TFLs. **Elijah Groves** led the way from the defensive front, forcing a fumble and registering 1.5 of the Kats' 4.0 sacks in the game.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Sam Houston	7	7	0	7	21
Troy	7	7	3	7	24

	Qtr.	Time	Scoring Play
SHSU	1	7:47	O'Neill 14-yard pass from Locke (Carpenter kick)
TROY	1	4:06	Rogosch 19-yard pass from Crowder (Head kick)
TROY	2	14:54	Keyes 28-yard pass from Crowder (Head kick)
SHSU	2	11:59	Bledsoe III 14-yard pass from Locke (Carpenter kick)
TROY	3	14:11	Head 32-yard field goal
TROY	4	10:42	Lott 18-yard pass from Crowder (Head kick)
SHSU	4	1:03	Reed 31-yard pass from Locke (Carpenter kick)

TEAM STATS

	SAM HOUSTON	TROY
FIRST DOWNS	22	18
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	24-38	42-177
PASSING YDS (NET)	335	165
Comp-Passes Att-Int	30-46-1	12-24-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YDS	70-373	66-342
Fumble Returns-Yds	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yds	2-11	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yds	2-15	2-44
Interception Returns-Yds	0-0	1-18
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-41.1	8-46.9
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yds	6-35	6-55
Possession Time	30:51	29:09
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 14	6 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-2	3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yds	4-22	4-32

GAME 2

Tulsa (2-0) 23

Sam Houston (0-2) 17

September 12, 2026 | Huntsville
Bowers Stadium | Time: 3:23 | Attendance: 13,871
TV: ESPN+ (Jason Metko, John Harris, Kendra Sheehan)

INDIVIDUAL STATS

TULSA

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Trequan Jones	9	128	3	125	2	81	13.9
Tristan Lawyer	1	56	0	56	1	56	56.0
Damari Alston	13	45	0	45	0	8	3.5
Baylor Hayes	9	28	14	14	0	7	1.6
DJ McKinney	3	11	4	7	0	9	2.3
Dexter Williams II	2	7	10	-3	0	7	-1.5
TEAM	3	0	3	-3	0	0	-1.0

PASSING	Comp.	Att.	Yds	TD	INT	Long	Sack
Baylor Hayes	16	29	126	0	0	21	3
Oran Singleton	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Dexter Williams II	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Max Tulen	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Long
Damari Alston	5	39	0	13
Javon Ross	4	33	0	18
Oran Singleton	3	26	0	21
Jimmy Calloway	2	14	0	7
David Wells Jr.	1	9	0	9
Grant McAtee	1	5	0	5

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Max Tulen	4	160	40.0	47	2	0

FIELD GOALS	Made	Att.	Long	Kicks
Owen Carey	1	1	41	Made 41

SAM HOUSTON

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Alton McCaskill	14	49	1	48	0	13	3.4
Coco Brown	6	25	0	25	0	6	4.2
Brett Holloway	1	6	0	6	0	6	6.0
Landyn Locke	10	22	46	-24	0	7	-2.4

PASSING	Comp.	Att.	Yds	TD	INT	Long	Sack
Landyn Locke	24	34	316	2	0	94	5

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Long
Grady O'Neill	5	62	0	18
Alton McCaskill	5	9	0	5
Chris Reed	4	93	1	39
Max Whisner	3	17	0	8
Jerrian Parker Jr.	2	101	1	94
Coco Brown	2	14	0	11
Kyan Berry-Johnson	1	10	0	10
Matt Smith	1	5	0	5
Kamari Maxwell	1	5	0	5

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Cal Joseph	5	233	46.6	67	2	1

FIELD GOALS	Made	Att.	Long	Kicks
Sam Carpenter	1	1	39	Made 39



GAMEDAY VISUAL
Sam Houston made its return to Bowers Stadium in its game vs Tulsa, going 652 days between true home games. The Kats had last played at Bowers on Nov. 29, 2024 in a 20-18 win over Liberty to close the regular season. Renovations to Bowers then forced the Kats from their home in 2025 where they played their home schedule at Shell Energy Stadium in downtown Houston.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Tulsa	0	10	13	0	23
Sam Houston	7	7	3	0	17

	Qtr.	Time	Scoring Play
SHSU	1	12:02	Reed 39-yard pass from Locke (Carpenter kick)
TULSA	2	13:57	Jones 3-yard rush (Carey kick)
SHSU	2	6:48	Parker 94-yard pass from Locke (Carpenter kick)
TULSA	2	2:12	Carey 41-yard field goal
TULSA	3	10:10	Lawyer 56-yard rush (Carey kick)
TULSA	3	7:22	Jones 81-yard rush
SHSU	3	1:02	Carpenter 39-yard field goal

TEAM STATS

	TULSA	SAM HOUSTON
FIRST DOWNS	18	19
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	40-241	31-55
PASSING YDS (NET)	126	316
Comp-Passes Att-Int	16-33-0	24-35-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YDS	73-367	66-371
Fumble Returns-Yds	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yds	1-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yds	3-47	4-92
Interception Returns-Yds	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-40.0	5-46.6
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yds	4-25	7-76
Possession Time	30:18	29:42
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 17	5 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions	4 of 6	0 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-2	0-1
Sacks By: Number-Yds	5-46	4-24

GAME 3

Nicholls (2-2) 0

Sam Houston (1-2) 59

September 19, 2026 | Huntsville
Bowers Stadium | Time: 3:31 | Attendance: 12,182
TV: ESPN+ (Randy McIlvoy, John Harris, Kendra Sheehan)

INDIVIDUAL STATS

NICHOLLS

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Tamaj Hoffman	9	56	0	56	0	20	6.2
Shane Lee	11	37	0	37	0	10	3.4
Damondrick Blackburn	4	23	2	21	0	20	5.2
Jayden Milton	5	15	0	15	0	5	3.0
Ean Rodrigue	3	7	6	1	0	6	0.3
Preston Welch	1	4	0	4	0	4	4.0
Keven Williams	1	1	0	1	0	1	1.0
Ellis Stewart	1	0	5	-5	0	0	-5.0
Romeo Brown	1	0	6	-6	0	0	-6.0

PASSING	Comp.	Att.	Yds	TD	INT	Long	Sack
Ean Rodrigue	7	21	39	0	2	12	1
Preston Welch	0	2	0	0	0	0	0

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Long
Jordan Smith	2	21	0	12
Karaaz Johnson	2	15	0	9
Ellis Stewart	1	3	0	3
Shane Lee	2	0	0	1

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Pharrell Harewood	11	423	38.5	52	4	0

FIELD GOALS	Made	Att.	Long	Kicks
None				

SAM HOUSTON

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Jerrian Parker Jr.	6	52	0	52	0	18	8.7
Brett Holloway	8	51	0	51	0	14	6.4
Alton McCaskill	8	43	2	41	1	14	5.1
Landyn Locke	4	24	0	24	0	13	6.0
Kaden Winkfield	5	21	0	21	0	9	4.2
Ah'Marion Gaines-Smith	3	21	0	21	0	14	7.0
MJ Dowdy	3	15	0	15	0	11	5.0
Coco Brown	3	13	0	13	1	6	4.3

PASSING	Comp.	Att.	Yds	TD	INT	Long	Sack
Landyn Locke	19	28	322	4	0	65	0
Brett Holloway	3	4	64	1	0	61	0

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Long
Kamari Maxwell	2	86	1	48
Tim Burns Jr.	1	65	1	65
Kyan Berry-Johnson	2	63	1	61
Chris Reed	2	59	0	53
Grady O'Neill	5	44	1	18
Darrick Bledsoe III	4	36	1	13
Coco Brown	2	15	0	15
Max Whisner	1	10	0	10
Jerrian Parker Jr.	2	5	0	3
Aviyon Smith-Mack	1	3	0	3

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Cal Joseph	3	123	41.0	49	0	0

FIELD GOALS	Made	Att.	Long	Kicks
Sam Carpenter	1	2	33	Made 33, Missed 51



GAMEDAY VISUAL

The Sam Houston offense had it all working against the Colonels, putting up 619 total yards, the most in a single game for the Kats since totaling 672 in the Spring 2021 season opener against Southeastern Louisiana. **Darrick Bledsoe III** was 1 of 8 Bearkats to reach the end zone in the game, including 1 of 5 receivers to haul in a touchdown pass.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Nicholls	0	0	0	0	0
Sam Houston	10	21	21	7	59

	Qtr.	Time	Scoring Play
SHSU	1	10:55	Burns Jr. 65-yard pass from Locke (Carpenter kick)
SHSU	1	4:39	Carpenter 33-yard field goal
SHSU	2	12:00	Grady O'Neill 3-yard pass from Locke (Carpenter kick)
SHSU	2	6:44	Brown 5-yard rush (Carpenter kick)
SHSU	2	2:03	Bledsoe III 11-yard pass from Locke (Carpenter kick)
SHSU	3	14:27	Maxwell 48-yard pass from Locke (Carpenter kick)
SHSU	3	5:14	McCaskill 5-yard rush (Carpenter kick)
SHSU	3	2:19	Berry-Johnson 61-yard pass from Holloway (Carpenter kick)
SHSU	4	4:45	Hollway 10-yard rush (Carpenter kick)

TEAM STATS

	NICHOLLS	SAM HOUSTON
FIRST DOWNS	10	26
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	36-124	43-233
PASSING YDS (NET)	39	386
Comp-Passes Att-Int	7-23-2	22-32-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YDS	59-163	75-619
Fumble Returns-Yds	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yds	0-0	2-7
Kickoff Returns-Yds	2-15	1-29
Interception Returns-Yds	0-0	2-22
Punts (Number-Avg)	11-38.5	3-41.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yds	7-66	8-70
Possession Time	24:29	35:31
Third-Down Conversions	1 of 15	10 of 17
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-0	6-7
Sacks By: Number-Yds	0-0	1-6

GAME 4

Sam Houston (1-3) 14

No. 11 Texas Tech (4-0).....49

September 26, 2026 | Lubbock
Galaxy Stadium | Time: 3:24 | Attendance: 59,704
TV: TNT (JB Long, Mike Golic Jr., Allie LaForce)

INDIVIDUAL STATS

SAM HOUSTON

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Alton McCaskill	8	26	1	25	0	9	3.1
Landyn Locke	8	42	17	25	0	14	3.1
Jerrian Parker	5	17	3	14	0	14	2.8
Coco Brown	5	16	2	14	0	10	2.8
Brett Holloway	1	0	4	-4	0	0	-4.0

PASSING	Comp.	Att.	Yds	TD	INT	Long	Sack
Landyn Locke	23	37	195	2	2	52	2
Brett Holloway	0	1	0	0	1	0	0

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Long
Grady O'Neill	5	24	0	11
Kyan Berry-Johnson	4	50	0	32
Coco Brown	3	-2	0	7
Tim Burns Jr.	2	61	1	52
Darrick Bledsoe III	2	19	0	14
Chris Reed	2	16	1	9
Jerrian Parker	2	10	0	9
Alton McCaskill	2	7	0	7
Kamari Maxwell	1	10	0	10

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Cal Joseph	9	419	46.6	71	4	1

FIELD GOALS	Made	Att.	Long	Kicks
Sam Carpenter	0	1	0	Missed 48

TEXAS TECH

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Cameron Dickey	12	91	0	91	2	13	7.6
J'Koby Williams	6	38	2	36	0	20	6.0
Will Hammond	2	36	0	36	1	23	18.0
Tommy Castellanos	4	27	1	26	0	18	6.5
Ashton Rowden	3	18	0	18	0	9	6.0
Quinten Joyner	8	15	3	12	0	6	1.5

PASSING	Comp.	Att.	Yds	TD	INT	Long	Sack
Will Hammond	17	29	224	1	3	36	0
Tommy Castellanos	1	2	27	1	0	27	0

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Long
Coy Eakin	4	50	1	21
Kenny Johnson	3	60	0	35
J'Koby Williams	3	24	0	9
Jett Carpenter	2	39	0	36
Cameron Dickey	2	24	0	12
Micah Hudson	2	18	0	9
Malcolm Simmons	1	27	1	27
Jalen Jones	1	9	0	9

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Will Karol	3	143	47.7	50	1	0

FIELD GOALS	Made	Att.	Long	Kicks
None				



GAMEDAY VISUAL

The Heist Bag was out in full force for the Kats at No. 11 Texas Tech, forcing a season-high 4 turnovers on the Red Raiders' home field. Three of those turnovers came in the second quarter when the Kats picked off Texas Tech QB Will Hammond 3 straight times on 3 straight passes, the second coming from **Caesar Magee**.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Sam Houston	0	14	0	0	14
Texas Tech	7	14	14	14	49

	Qtr.	Time	Scoring Play
TTU	1	5:11	Dickey 1-yard rush (Harrington kick)
TTU	2	14:54	Romaine 15-yard interception return (Harrington kick)
TTU	2	14:47	Romaine 31-yard interception return (Harrington kick)
SHSU	2	8:17	Burns Jr. 52-yard pass from Locke (Carpenter kick)
SHSU	2	1:56	Reed 9-yard pass from Locke (Carpenter kick)
TTU	3	13:42	Dickey 13-yard rush (Harrington kick)
TTU	3	10:33	Eakin 21-yard pass from Hammond (Harrington kick)
TTU	4	10:41	Hammond 23-yard rush (Harrington kick)
TTU	4	4:49	Simmons 27-yard pass from Castellanos (Harrington kick)

TEAM STATS

	SAM HOUSTON	TEXAS TECH
FIRST DOWNS	11	24
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	27-74	35-219
PASSING YDS (NET)	195	251
Comp-Passes Att-Int	23-38-3	18-31-3
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YDS	65-269	66-470
Fumble Returns-Yds	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yds	1-4	5-65
Kickoff Returns-Yds	1-18	2-77
Interception Returns-Yds	3-12	3-46
Punts (Number-Avg)	9-46.6	4-48.8
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	5-1
Penalties-Yds	7-55	6-47
Possession Time	35:06	24:54
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 16	4 of 9
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	3-4
Sacks By: Number-Yds	0-0	2-17

GAME 5

Sam Houston (1-4, 0-1 CUSA)..... 3

Liberty (5-1, 2-0 CUSA).....35

October 8, 2026 | Lynchburg, Va.
Williams Stadium | Time: 3:07 | Attendance: 15,335
TV: ESPNU (Tiffany Greene, Jay Walker)

INDIVIDUAL STATS

SAM HOUSTON

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
MJ Dowdy	11	45	3	42	0	13	3.8
Alton McCaskill	7	36	0	36	0	20	5.1
Coco Brown	5	39	9	30	0	34	6.0
Jerrian Parker	1	2	0	2	0	2	2.0
Landyn Locke	5	11	16	-5	0	9	-1.0

PASSING	Comp.	Att.	Yds	TD	INT	Long	Sack
Landyn Locke	20	30	138	0	0	27	2

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Long
Coco Brown	4	20	0	18
Grady O'Neill	3	39	0	27
Kyan Berry-Johnson	3	20	0	7
Chris Reed	3	18	0	15
Tim Burns Jr.	2	16	0	8
Alton McCaskill	2	11	0	6
Matt Smith	2	9	0	5
Jerrian Parker	1	5	0	5

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Cal Joseph	5	222	44.4	53	1	0

FIELD GOALS	Made	Att.	Long	Kicks
Sam Carpenter	1	1	36	Made 36

LIBERTY

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Jaylon Coleman	7	96	4	92	0	33	13.1
Kam Davis	10	70	3	67	1	19	6.7
Deshawn Purdie	7	61	4	57	0	19	8.1
Terron Kellman	8	37	0	37	1	9	4.6
Peyton Jones	2	20	0	20	0	11	10.0
Darius Copeland	1	17	0	17	0	17	17.0
Ethan Vasko	3	4	0	4	2	3	1.3
Jaylin Belford	1	3	0	3	0	3	3.0

PASSING	Comp.	Att.	Yds	TD	INT	Long	Sack
Deshawn Purdie	10	14	114	1	0	22	1

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Long
Makai Jackson	3	46	0	22
Rashawn Cunningham	2	17	0	11
Bryce Randolph	1	15	1	15
Jamari Person	1	12	0	12
Jon Monteiro	1	9	0	9
LaKelsey Johnson Jr.	1	9	0	9
Peyton Jones	1	6	0	6

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Sam Crossan	3	127	42.3	48	2	0

FIELD GOALS	Made	Att.	Long	Kicks
None				



GAMEDAY VISUAL

Bright spots were hard to come by in the Kats' CUSA opener, but the youngsters stood out in the game vs the Flames. True freshman **MJ Dowdy** got his first extended look in the backfield and became the first freshman Kat to lead the team in rushing in a game since 2024. Additionally, Myles Joseph and Tr'e Williams each started on the left side of the offensive line, making the Kats the first team in the nation in 2026 to start a pair of freshmen on the offensive line in a game.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Sam Houston	0	3	0	0	3
Liberty	7	7	7	14	35

	Qtr.	Time	Scoring Play
LIB	1	10:48	Randolph 15-yard pass from Purdie (Reeves kick)
LIB	2	14:15	Vasko 1-yard rush (Reeves kick)
SHSU	2	0:16	Carpenter 36-yard field goal
LIB	3	8:04	Vasko 3-yard rush (Reeves kick)
LIB	4	14:58	Davis 3-yard rush (Reeves kick)
LIB	4	7:49	Kellman 9-yard rush (Reeves kick)

TEAM STATS

	SAM HOUSTON	LIBERTY
FIRST DOWNS	13	22
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	29-105	39-297
PASSING YDS (NET)	138	114
Comp-Passes Att-Int	20-30-0	10-14-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YDS	59-243	53-411
Fumble Returns-Yds	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yds	1-4	5-65
Kickoff Returns-Yds	1-13	2-15
Interception Returns-Yds	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-44.4	3-42.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yds	9-68	15-117
Possession Time	29:04	30:56
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 14	4 of 7
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 3	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-2	5-5
Sacks By: Number-Yds	1-4	2-14

GAME 6

WKU (3-4, 2-1 CUSA) 16

Sam Houston (1-5, 0-2 CUSA)..... 3

October 14, 2026 | Huntsville
Bowers Stadium | Time: 3:22 | Attendance: 7,291
TV: ESPN (Clay Matvick, Rocky Boiman)

INDIVIDUAL STATS

WKU

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Brock Glenn	22	79	25	54	0	14	2.5
LeKamren Meadows	1	32	0	32	0	32	32.0
Ajay Allen	10	28	3	25	0	6	2.5
Jaden McGill	6	20	0	20	0	5	3.3
Cameron Flowers	1	8	0	8	0	8	8.0
Zion Taylor	1	7	0	7	0	7	7.0
Quincy Burroughs	1	0	1	-1	0	0	-1.0
Team	1	0	1	-1	0	0	-1.0

PASSING	Comp.	Att.	Yds	TD	INT	Long	Sack
Brock Glenn	14	30	127	1	0	31	2
Rodney Tisdale Jr.	1	1	5	0	0	5	0

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Long
Jonathan Stafford Jr.	5	37	0	13
Moussa Barry	2	36	0	31
Ajay Allen	5	26	0	6
Coleson Arends	2	24	1	23
Qua'Vez Humphreys	1	9	0	9

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Jackson Smith	6	252	42	49	1	0

FIELD GOALS	Made	Att.	Long	Kicks
Karl Campbell	3	3	39	Made 35, Made 39, Made 33

SAM HOUSTON

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
MJ Dowdy	14	63	8	55	0	15	3.9
Coco Brown	3	16	0	16	0	12	5.3
Alton McCaskill	3	10	0	10	0	6	3.3
Kyan Berry-Johnson	1	7	0	7	0	5	7.0
Landyn Locke	6	7	30	-23	0	6	-3.8

PASSING	Comp.	Att.	Yds	TD	INT	Long	Sack
Landyn Locke	13	30	112	0	1	20	3

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Long
Chris Reed	3	51	0	20
Kyan Berry-Johnson	3	26	0	13
Matt Smith	1	15	0	15
Alton McCaskill	1	8	0	8
Tim Burns Jr.	2	7	0	5
Grady O'Neill	3	5	0	5

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Cal Joseph	8	360	45	60	3	2

FIELD GOALS	Made	Att.	Long	Kicks
Sam Carpenter	1	2	42	Missed 53, Made 42



GAMEDAY VISUAL
The defense continued to be the brightest piece of the Bearkats' season to date and **Dean Ford** had a huge night against WKU, surpassing his previous career high of 8 tackles by totaling 12 vs the Hilltoppers. It was the most by a Bearkat linebacker since Kavian Gaither had 17 vs Jax State in 2024.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
WKU	7	3	3	3	16
Sam Houston	0	3	0	0	3

	Qtr.	Time	Scoring Play
WKU	1	10:06	Arends 23-yard pass from Glenn (Campbell kick)
WKU	2	12:02	Campbell 35-yard field goal
SHSU	2	5:59	Carpenter 42-yard field goal
WKU	3	0:03	Campbell 39-yard field goal
WKU	4	10:45	Campbell 33-yard field goal

TEAM STATS

	WKU	SAM HOUSTON
FIRST DOWNS	17	13
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	43-144	27-65
PASSING YDS (NET)	132	112
Comp-Passes Att-Int	15-31-0	13-30-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YDS	74-276	57-177
Fumble Returns-Yds	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yds	2--2	5-50
Kickoff Returns-Yds	0-0	2-44
Interception Returns-Yds	1-22	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-42.0	8-45.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yds	4-33	9-100
Possession Time	32:23	27:37
Third-Down Conversions	8 of 21	2 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-2	0-0
Sacks By: Number-Yds	3-26	2-23

GAME 7

NM State (3-4, 2-1 CUSA).....30

Sam Houston (1-6, 0-3 CUSA).....24

October 21, 2026 | Huntsville
Bowers Stadium | Time: 3:56 | Attendance: 8,577
TV: ESPN2 (Jorge Sedano, Rodney McLeod)

INDIVIDUAL STATS

NM STATE

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
James Jones	27	181	3	178	1	31	6.6
TJ Washington Jr.	12	44	4	40	1	8	3.3
Lyndon Ravare	1	1	0	1	0	1	1.0
AJ Williams III	1	0	5	-5	0	0	-5.0
TK King	1	0	11	-11	0	0	-11.0

PASSING	Comp.	Att.	Yds	TD	INT	Long	Sack
Adam Damante	19	29	160	2	1	27	0

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Long
AJ Williams III	3	52	2	27
Brodie Malone-Bradford	3	26	0	16
TK King	3	21	0	13
TJ Washington Jr.	3	17	0	9
Josiah Thomas	2	11	0	7
Myles Libman	2	6	0	5
Carson Su'esu'e	1	16	0	16
Jerry Lydiatt	1	8	0	8

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Brody Richter	5	208	41.6	53	2	0

FIELD GOALS	Made	Att.	Long	Kicks
Kyah Francone	1	1	25	Made 25

SAM HOUSTON

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
MJ Dowdy	4	19	2	17	1	18	4.2
Jerrian Parker	3	13	0	13	0	6	4.3
Alton McCaskill	2	10	1	9	0	10	4.5
Landyn Locke	3	7	7	0	0	4	0.0
Brett Holloway	3	3	4	-1	0	3	-0.3
TEAM	1	0	2	-2	0	0	-2.0
Coco Brown	3	5	9	-4	0	3	-1.3
DJ Bailey	1	0	16	-16	0	0	-16.0
Kyan Berry-Johnson	0	0	5	-5	0	0	-5.0

PASSING	Comp.	Att.	Yds	TD	INT	Long	Sack
Landyn Locke	18	31	235	1	1	81	1
DJ Bailey	0	2	0	0	0	0	1

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Long
Tim Burns Jr.	4	117	1	81
Jerrian Parker	3	58	0	53
London Deyon	2	21	0	12
Grady O'Neill	2	14	0	11
Kyan Berry-Johnson	2	4	0	3
Alton McCaskill	1	10	0	10
Kamari Maxwell	1	5	0	5
Chris Reed	1	4	0	4
Matt Smith	1	4	0	4
Coco Brown	1	-2	0	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Cal Joseph	8	343	42.9	55	4	0

FIELD GOALS	Made	Att.	Long	Kicks
Sam Carpenter	1	1	38	Made 38



GAMEDAY VISUAL

Railyn Adams had a career night vs NM State, getting a hand in 3 momentum-changing plays which resulted in 17 Bearkat points. He recovered a blocked punt in the end zone off the hands of Terrence Guillory II after the opening drive of the game and later recovered a fumble and picked off his second pass of the season. The feat made him the first FBS player since Buffalo's Devin Grant in 2023 to intercept a pass, recover an opponent's fumble and either block a kick or recover a blocked kick in the same game.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
NM State	0	14	16	0	30
Sam Houston	7	3	7	7	24

	Qtr.	Time	Scoring Play
SHSU	1	12:40	Adams 0-yard punt block recovery (Carpenter kick)
NMSU	2	10:07	Jones 1-yard rush (Francone kick)
SHSU	2	6:32	Carpenter 38-yard field goal
NMSU	2	0:24	Williams 27-yard pass from Damanate (Francone kick)
SHSU	3	14:40	Burns Jr. 81-yard pass from Locke (Carpenter kick)
NMSU	3	10:35	Williams 5-yard pass from Damanate (Francone kick)
NMSU	3	2:03	Francone 25-yard field goal
NMSU	3	0:33	Washington Jr. 7-yard rush (kick failed)
SHSU	4	4:00	Dowdy 1-yard rush (Carpenter kick)

TEAM STATS

	NM STATE	SAM HOUSTON
FIRST DOWNS	21	9
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	42-203	20-11
PASSING YDS (NET)	160	235
Comp-Passes Att-Int	19-29-1	18-33-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YDS	71-363	53-246
Fumble Returns-Yds	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yds	2-24	3-33
Kickoff Returns-Yds	2-47	6-109
Interception Returns-Yds	1-25	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-34.7	8-42.9
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yds	6-48	13-118
Possession Time	34:34	25:26
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 12	3 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 3	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-4	2-3
Sacks By: Number-Yds	2-23	0-0

GAME 8

Sam Houston (1-7, 0-4 CUSA)..... 3

Missouri State (3-5, 2-2 CUSA) 24

October 27, 2026 | Springfield, Mo.
Plaster Stadium | Time: 3:18 | Attendance: 11,119
TV: ESPN2 (Jason Ross Jr., Tyoka Jackson)

INDIVIDUAL STATS

SAM HOUSTON

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
MJ Dowdy	8	22	4	18	0	6	2.2
DJ Bailey	8	22	34	-12	0	17	-1.5
Alton McCaskill	4	13	1	12	0	5	3.0
Coco Brown	2	8	0	8	0	7	4.0
Jerrian Parker	2	5	0	5	0	3	2.5
Brett Holloway	1	0	5	-5	-	0	-5.0

PASSING	Comp.	Att.	Yds	TD	INT	Long	Sack
DJ Bailey	20	35	258	0	0	46	4
Brett Holloway	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Long
Grady O'Neill	6	74	0	16
Chris Reed	4	64	0	35
Tim Burns Jr.	3	63	0	46
Coco Brown	1	25	0	25
Darrick Bledsoe III	1	11	0	11
London Deyon	1	10	0	10
Jerrian Parker	1	6	0	6
MJ Dowdy	2	3	0	4
Alton McCaskill	1	2	0	2

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Cal Joseph	5	251	50.2	70	2	2

FIELD GOALS	Made	Att.	Long	Kicks
Sam Carpenter	1	2	33	Made 33, Missed 57

MISSOURI STATE

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Connor Lair	19	82	7	75	1	21	3.9
Henry Belin IV	6	42	15	27	0	15	4.5
Ramone Green Jr.	10	29	3	26	0	6	2.6
Jmariyae Robinson	1	5	0	5	0	5	5.0
King Davis	1	3	0	3	0	3	3.0
Jambres Dubar	1	0	5	-5	0	0	-5.0
TEAM	1	0	2	-2	0	0	-2.0

PASSING	Comp.	Att.	Yds	TD	INT	Long	Sack
Henry Belin IV	12	18	184	2	0	47	3

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Long
Jmariyae Robinson	7	102	1	47
Isaiah Myers	3	77	1	32
Jeron Askren	1	5	0	5
Makai Cope	1	0	0	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Stewart McDonald	4	169	42.2	45	2	0

FIELD GOALS	Made	Att.	Long	Kicks
Yousef Obeid	1	2	34	Missed 50, Made 34



GAMEDAY VISUAL
The Bearkats had to turn to their bench at Missouri State with **DJ Bailey** seeing his first significant collegiate playing time in the defeat to the Bears. The former DeSoto HS (TX) standout took over after the Kats' opening drive of the game and went on to throw for 258 yards without an interception, hitting receivers **Tim Burns Jr.** and **Chris Reed** for explosive pass plays of at least 35 yards.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Sam Houston	3	0	0	0	3
Missouri State	7	3	0	14	24

	Qtr.	Time	Scoring Play
MOST	1	4:09	Myers 32-yard pass from Belin IV (Obeid kick)
SHSU	1	0:31	Carpenter 33-yard field goal
MOST	2	10:53	Obeid 34-yard field goal
MOST	4	14:52	Robinson 37-yard pass from Belin IV (Obeid kick)
MOST	4	3:44	Lair 1-yard run (Obeid kick)

TEAM STATS

	SAM HOUSTON	MISSOURI STATE
FIRST DOWNS	17	16
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	25-26	39-129
PASSING YDS (NET)	258	184
Comp-Passes Att-Int	20-35-0	12-18-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YDS	60-284	57-313
Fumble Returns-Yds	1-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yds	3--2	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yds	4-69	1-6
Interception Returns-Yds	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-50.2	4-42.2
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties-Yds	10-84	6-55
Possession Time	29:08	30:52
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 14	4 of 11
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 2	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-2	2-2
Sacks By: Number-Yds	3-15	5-39

GAME 9

Sam Houston (1-8, 0-5 CUSA).....14

Jax State (7-2, 5-0 CUSA).....47

November 7, 2026 | Jacksonville, Ala.
Burgess-Snow Stadium | Time: 3:15 | Attendance: 20,476
TV: CBS Sports Network (Alex Del Barrio, Emory Hunt)

INDIVIDUAL STATS

SAM HOUSTON

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Landan Brown	10	51	1	50	0	18	5.0
Kaden Winkfield	2	13	0	13	0	12	6.5
Brett Holloway	2	11	2	9	0	11	4.5
Ah'Marion Gaines-Smith	4	10	1	9	0	5	2.2
Alton McCaskill	3	5	2	3	0	4	1.0
DJ Bailey	1	0	7	-7	0	0	-7.0
Landyn Locke	1	0	12	-12	0	0	-12.0
Totals	**23**	**90**	**25**	**65**	**0**	**18**	**2.8**

PASSING	Comp.	Att.	Yds	TD	INT	Long	Sack
Landyn Locke	16	21	126	1	0	64	1
DJ Bailey	5	7	63	1	0	33	1
Totals	**21**	**28**	**189**	**2**	**0**	**64**	**2**

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Long
Chris Reed	6	80	1	64
Grady O'Neill	6	61	1	33
Tim Burns Jr.	3	36	0	13
Landan Brown	2	0	0	1
London Deyon	1	5	0	5
Ah'Marion Gaines-Smith	1	5	0	5
Alton McCaskill	1	2	0	2
Darrick Bledsoe III	1	0	0	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Cal Joseph	7	269	38.4	46	2	0

FIELD GOALS	Made	Att.	Long	Kicks
Sam Carpenter	None			

JAX STATE

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Caden Creel	13	99	12	87	1	21	6.7
Jalen Likely	8	53	0	53	1	17	6.6
Jacob Cornejo	8	39	0	39	1	16	4.9
Khristian Lando	3	15	0	15	0	8	5.0
Justus Savage	1	3	0	3	0	3	3.0

PASSING	Comp.	Att.	Yds	TD	INT	Long	Sack
Caden Creel	18	28	246	2	0	67	1
Jack Moran	2	2	36	0	0	22	0

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Long
Darius Cannon	4	74	0	42
Jamill Williams	4	50	1	31
Deondre Johnson	3	82	1	67
Ronnel Johnson	3	23	0	14
Luke Gilbert	2	20	0	13
Justus Savage	2	-3	0	0
Andrevius Smith	1	22	0	22
Colton Pitchford	1	14	0	14

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Conor Donaghy	3	136	45.3	58	1	0

FIELD GOALS	Made	Att.	Long	Kicks
Garrison Rippa	1	1	45	Made 45



GAMEDAY VISUAL
The game at Jax State was the first under the direction of co-Interim Head Coaches **Freddie Aughtry-Lindsay** and **Eric Raisbeck** following the dismissal of Phil Longo a week earlier. The duo took the reins of the team in a collaborative capacity with Raisbeck handling game-management duties in-game, while Aughtry-Lindsay continued defensive oversight as defensive coordinator.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Sam Houston	0	0	7	7	14
Jax State	0	17	7	23	47

	Qtr.	Time	Scoring Play
JSU	2	8:35	Williams 31-yard pass from Creel (Rippa kick)
JSU	2	3:18	Rippa 45-yard field goal
JSU	2	0:25	Likely 8-yard run (Rippa kick)
JSU	3	14:20	Johnson 67-yard pass from Creel (Rippa kick)
SHSU	3	13:43	Reed 64

TEAM STATS

	SAM HOUSTON	JAX STATE
FIRST DOWNS	13	25
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	23-65	33-197
PASSING YDS (NET)	189	282
Comp-Passes Att-Int	21-28-0	20-30-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YDS	51-254	63-479
Fumble Returns-Yds	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yds	3-19	3-22
Kickoff Returns-Yds	3-51	1-85
Interception Returns-Yds	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	8-37.1	3-45.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yds	10-101	5-43
Possession Time	27:00	33:00
Third-Down Conversions	1 of 11	2 of 9
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	1 of 3
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	3-4
Sacks By: Number-Yds	1-9	2-19