



SAM HOUSTON FOOTBALL

GAME NOTES | at TEXAS TECH

2024 NEW ORLEANS BOWL CHAMPIONS | 2020 FCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

GAME 4 | SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 | 11:00 AM | LUBBOCK | GALAXY STADIUM (60,454) | TNT



SAM HOUSTON BEARKATS

(1-2, 0-0 CUSA) | **Head Coach:** Phil Longo (Rowan, 1992)
Career Record: 10-26 (3rd season) | **Record at SHSU:** 3-12 (2nd season)



TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS

(3-0, 1-0 BIG 12) | **Head Coach:** Joey Maguire (UT Arlington, 1995)
Career Record: 38-18 (5th season) | **Record at TTU:** Same

KATS HEAD TO LUBBOCK TO BATTLE RANKED RED RAIDERS

- Saturday marks the third meeting between Sam Houston and Texas Tech and the first since 2015. Both previous matchups were played in Lubbock, with the Red Raiders winning 80-21 in 2005 and 59-45 in 2015
- No. 11 Texas Tech will be the second ranked opponent Sam Houston has faced since moving to the FBS in 2023. The Kats' previous ranked matchup came at No. 8 Texas during the 2025 season
- Sam Houston will be seeking its first victory over a Big 12 opponent Saturday in Lubbock with the Bearkats currently being 0-12 against Big 12 began competition. Saturday will mark Sam Houston's third game against a Big 12 opponent in the last 4 seasons, following trips to BYU and Houston in 2023 and UCF in 2024
- Sam Houston ranks third nationally in year-over-year improvement in total defense from 2025 to 2026, allowing 290.7 yards per game through 3 contests after surrendering 483.5 per game in 2025. The Kats' current improvement of 192.8 yards per game trails only Kansas State (203.5) and Georgia Southern (203.2) in improvement from 2025 to 2026
- Landyn Locke has thrown for at least 300 yards in each of the first 3 games of 2026, becoming the first Bearkat quarterback to open a season with 3 consecutive 300-yard performances since Eric Schmid did so in each of the first 4 games of the Spring 2021 season. Locke has thrown for 973 yards this year and needs 262 more to become the 26th Bearkat to reach 2,000 career passing yards
- Locke has opened the season with 3 consecutive 300-yard passing performances, becoming the first Bearkat quarterback to accomplish the feat since Eric Schmid began the spring 2021 season with four straight. Locke is 1 of just 3 FBS quarterbacks to surpass 300 yards in each of his first 3 games this season, joining Oregon State's Braden Atkinson and Purdue's Ryan Browne. His 973 passing yards rank seventh nationally, while he ranks fourth with 324.3 passing yards per game and is tied for sixth with 9
- Sam Houston scored 31 points in the first half against Nicholls, its highest-scoring half since putting up 45 before halftime against Dixie State in 2021. The Kats scored on 5 of their final 6 possessions of the half against the Colonels, including touchdown drives covering 69, 82 and 75 yards
- Sam Houston did not allow a sack against Nicholls, marking its first sack-free game since a 10-7 victory at FIU in 2024. The Kats attempted 32 passes and ran 75 offensive plays without surrendering a sack

BY THE NUMBERS

10 Touchdown passes by the Kats through 3 games after throwing 11 during the entire 2025 season

74 Consecutive games played by the Kats between shutouts
The last shutout was also vs Nicholls in 2019 when the Kats shut out the Colonels by a 17-0 score

619 Yards of total offense against Nicholls
It was Sam Houston's most since producing 672 against Southeastern Louisiana in the spring 2021 opener

2026 SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER (0-2)			
05	at Troy	ESPN+	L, 21-24
12	TULSA	ESPN+	L, 17-23
19	NICHOLLS	ESPN+	W, 59-0
26	at No. 13 Texas Tech	TNT	11:00 AM

OCTOBER (0-0)			
08	at Liberty*	ESPN	6:00 PM
14	WKU*	ESPN2	7:00 PM
21	NM STATE*	ESPN2	7:00 PM
27	at Missouri State*	ESPN2	7:00 PM

NOVEMBER (0-0)			
07	at Jax State*	CBS SPORTS NETWORK	6:00 PM
14	KENNESAW STATE*		1:00 PM
21	MIDDLE TENNESSEE*		1:00 PM
28	at FIU*		1:00 PM

ALL GAME TIMES LISTED CT * - CUSA game

ON THE AIR

TV: TNT / tru TV / HBO Max	
Play By Play	JB Long
Analysis	Mike Golic Jr.
Sideline	Allie Laforce

RADIO: BEARKAT SPORTS NETWORK	
GoBearsports.com BSN+ KSHU 90.5 FM Sirius XM	
Play By Play	Jason Barfield
Analysis	Brian Adams

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THE MATCHUP: at TEXAS TECH

											
at TROY Sept. 5	TULSA Sept. 12	NICHOLLS Sept. 19	at No. 11 Texas Tech Sept. 26	at Liberty Oct. 8	WKU Oct. 14	NM STATE Oct. 21	at Missouri State Oct. 27	at Jax State Nov. 7	KENNESAW STATE Nov. 14	MIDDLE TENNESSEE Nov. 21	at FIU Nov. 28
L, 21-24 ESPN+	L, 17-23 ESPN+	W, 59-0 ESPN+	11:00 AM TNT	6:00 PM ESPN2	7:00 PM ESPN2	7:00 PM ESPN2	7:00 PM ESPN2	6:00 PM CBSN	1:00 PM ESPN Platforms	1:00 PM ESPN Platforms	1:00 PM ESPN Platforms

SERIES HISTORY

Overall:	Texas Tech leads 2-0
In Huntsville:	None
In Lubbock:	Texas Tech leads 2-0
Neutral Site:	None

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

DATE	RESULT	SCORE	LOCATION
9/5/2015	L	45-59	Lubbock
9/17/2005	L	21-80	Lubbock

SERIES HISTORY

- Saturday marks the third all-time meeting between Sam Houston and Texas Tech, with each matchup taking place in Lubbock
- Texas Tech leads the series 2-0, winning 80-21 in 2005 and 59-45 in 2015
- The teams are meeting for the first time in 11 years and for the first time since Sam Houston moved to the FBS level

THE LAST TIME

- Sam Houston and Texas Tech combined for 104 points and 1,248 yards of total offense in the Red Raiders' 59-45 victory in the 2015 season opener in Lubbock
- The Kats accumulated 637 yards and 34 first downs, rushing for 317 yards and 5 touchdowns while adding 320 yards through the air. Donovan Williams led the attack with 99 yards and 4 touchdowns on 12 carries
- True freshman Davion Davis made an immediate impact in his college debut, leading the Kats with 12 receptions for 103 yards and a 29-yard touchdown. His 12 catches established a Sam Houston freshman record and finished 1 shy of the program's single-game mark
- Sam Houston trailed just 42-31 at halftime, but Texas Tech scored 17 unanswered points in the third quarter, including a 47-yard interception return by J.J. Gaines, to build a 59-31 advantage
- Patrick Mahomes completed 33 of 53 passes for 425 yards and 4 touchdowns for Texas Tech. The Red Raiders also scored on Jakeem Grant's 94-yard kickoff return and forced 4 Bearkat turnovers

KAT KONNECTIONS

- Texas Tech assistant defensive backs coach Jah'Shawn Johnson is the son of former Bearkat All-American Keith Davis. Johnson was a 4-year starter and 3-time All-Big 12 selection for the Red Raiders from 2014-18, starting 45 games and recording 298 tackles before returning to his alma mater as a coach
- Davis led Sam Houston in tackles in each of his final 3 seasons from 1999-2001 and currently ranks fifth in program history. He was named the Southland Conference Defensive Player of the Year in 2000 and earned All-America honors in 2001 before spending seven seasons in the NFL
- Davis' final Bearkat team, quarterbacked by Josh McCown, finished 10-3, won the 2001 Southland title and became the first team in program history to advance beyond the opening round of the Division I-AA playoffs

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 / Midlothian HS / 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	Marietta, 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	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, Wisc. / 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	Brain 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	Forth 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
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	DE
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 Guillery 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	No.	Name	Pos
45	Eli Wallace	LB	5-11	215	Sr-2L	Dallas, Texas / Duncanville HS	86	Jack Merryman	TE
46	Carson Whittington	LS	6-0	240	5th-2L	El Campo, Texas / El Campo HS / Blinn College	11	Kaleb Mitchell	WR
47	Victor Gamboa	LS	6-0	225	Fr-HS	Cypress, Texas / Cy Ranch HS	99	Dimitry Nicolas	DT
48	Chauncey Chidi	DE	6-3	255	5th-1L	Kumasi, Ghana / Nevada Community HS (TX) / Central Missouri	71	Denell Nix Jr.	OL
49	Cameron McCulloch	LS	6-4	220	Jr-TR	Houston, Texas / Cy Fair HS / SMU	43	Nick Norman	RB
50	Tr'e Williams	OL	6-3	320	Fr-HS	Huntsville, Texas / Huntsville HS	7	Grady O'Neill	WR
52	Cam Todd	OL	6-2	305	5th-1L	Raleigh, N.C. / Leesville Road HS / Garden City CC / NC State	43	Evan Odom	CB
54	Brock Stukes	OL	6-3	310	Sr-TR	Chesapeake, Va. / Smith HS / NC State / NC A&T	39	Joseph Opara	CB
56	Jeremiah Edmond	OL	6-1	300	Sr-1L	Fort Myers, Fla. / Evangelical Christian HS / West Virginia Wesleyan	81	Nico Ottomanelli	K
57	Zo'Maryon Bryan	OL	6-4	315	Sr-1L	Bay City, Texas / Bay City HS / Kilgore College	9	Jerrian Parker	RB
58	Carter Kadow	OL	6-8	315	Jr-TR	Middleton, Wisc. / Middleton HS / Rutgers	18	Shaan Patel	QB
62	Carter Buchheit	OL	6-2	290	Jr-1Y	Fort Meyers, Fla. / IMG Academy	2	Chris Reed	WR
63	Joe Warren	OL	6-4	310	Jr-TR	Greenwood, Miss. / Greenwood HS / Copiah-Lincoln CC	83	Tate Ryan	K
64	Josiah Chenault	OL	6-2	305	Sr-TR	Canton, Ohio / Sanford Seminole HS (FL) / Kennesaw State / Howard	13	Ty Sexton	WR
66	Jimmy Walls	OL	6-7	300	Sr-TR	Pittsburg, Calif. / Pittsburg HS / Bakersfield College / Black Hills State	29	Lyric Smith	S
67	Isaac Sohn	OL	6-5	305	Jr-1L	Aledo, Texas / Aledo HS / North Texas	80	Matt Smith	TE
68	Logan Cahill	OL	6-4	310	So-RS	Long Island, N.Y. / Prosper HS (TX)	1	Aviyon Smith-Mack	WR
71	Denell Nix Jr.	OL	6-4	310	So-TR	Toledo, Ohio / Whitmer HS / Appalachian State	67	Isaac Sohn	OL
72	Myles Joseph	OL	6-4	315	Fr-HS	Vinton, La. / Lake Charles College Prep	74	Graceson Spann	OL
74	Graceson Spann	OL	6-5	305	So-RS	Melissa, Texas / Blue Ridge HS	14	Bryen Spaulding	DE
75	Elijah Collins	OL	6-4	310	Jr-TR	Fort Myers, Fla. / East Lee County HS / Western Carolina / West Virginia Wesleyan	4	Jalyn Stanford	DB
76	Nathan McClelland	OL	6-5	310	Jr-TR	Richland, Wash. / Richland HS / College of Southern Idaho	82	Cooper Stevens	TE
80	Matt Smith	TE	6-4	245	Gr-TR	Needham, Mass. / Needham HS / Rhode Island / UMass / Duke	54	Brock Stukes	OL
81	Nico Ottomanelli	K	6-3	200	So-1L	Harrington Park, N.J. / Northern Valley Regional HS / Nebraska	35	Jabaric Sullivan	CB
82	Cooper Stevens	TE	6-2	235	Jr-1L	Cypress, Texas / Cy Fair HS	84	Matthew Tatum	WR
83	Tate Ryan	K	6-0	180	So-RS	The Woodlands, Texas / The Woodlands HS	28	Zion Taylor	DE
84	Matthew Tatum	WR	5-8	170	Sr-2Y	Huntsville, Texas / Huntsville HS	98	Justin Terrell	DT
85	Cade Hays	TE	6-1	235	So-1L	Lubbock, Texas / Cooper HS / Sul Ross	52	Cam Todd	OL
86	Jack Merryman	TE	6-4	235	Fr-HS	Montgomery, Texas / Montgomery HS	45	Eli Wallace	LB
87	Max Whsiner	TE	6-5	255	5th-TR	Kansas City, Mo. / Lee's Summit HS / Akron / Missouri	66	Jimmy Walls	OL
88	Terrence Guillory II	WR	5-9	170	Jr-1L	Houston, Texas / North Shore HS	90	Uzziah Warmate	DT
89	Brock Kuhl	TE	6-4	250	So-TR	Lorena, Texas / Lorena HS / Florida Atlantic	63	Joe Warren	OL
90	Uzziah Warmate	DT	5-11	250	Fr-HS	Denton, Texas / Ryan HS	93	Errol West Jr.	DT
91	Caius Coy	DL	6-3	255	So-RS	Jarrell, Texas / Round Rock Westwood HS	87	Max Whisner	TE
92	Jarra Anderson	DT	6-3	300	Sr-TR	Katy, Texas / Paetow HS / Arizona / Memphis	46	Carson Whittington	LS
93	Errol West Jr.	DT	6-0	290	Fr-HS	Little Rock, Ark. / Denton Ryan HS (TX)	50	Tr'e Williams	OL
94	Sam Carpenter	K	5-11	180	Sr-TR	Foxborough, Mass. / Foxborough HS / Pitt	20	Dravon Wilson	CB
95	She'Fon Boyd	DT	6-0	300	Jr-1L	Andrews, S.C. / Andrews HS / Fullerton College	24	Kaden Winkfield	RB
97	Dylan Frazier	DL	6-5	280	5th-2L	Celina, Texas / Celina HS	30	Braylen Wortham	S
98	Justin Terrell	DT	6-3	310	Jr-TR	Rome, Ga. / Rome HS / NC State	40	Cole Worthington	LB
99	Dimitry Nicolas	DT	6-4	295	Jr-TR	Miami, Fla. / Norland HS / Maryland	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
	9	Brett Holloway	5-11	210	Fr	Melissa
RB	22	Alton McCaskill	6-2	220	Gr	Conroe
or	10	Landan "Coco" Brown	5-11	215	Sr	Denton
TE	87	Max Whisner	6-5	255	5th	Kansas City, Mo.
or	80	Matt Smith	6-4	245	Gr	Needham, Mass.
WR	3	Tim Burns Jr.	5-10	170	Sr	Miami, Fla.
	12	Kamari Maxwell	6-1	195	So	Savannah, Ga.
WR	2	Chris Reed	6-0	195	Sr	Orlando, Fla.
	5	Kyan Berry-Johnson	5-11	185	Jr	Chicago, Ill.
SLOT	7	Grady O'Neill	5-9	170	5th	Prior Lake, Minn.
or	0	Darrick Bledsoe III	5-8	185	Sr	Arlington
LT	72	Myles Joseph	6-4	315	Fr	Vinton, La.
	58	Carter Kadow	6-8	315	Jr	Middleton, Wisc.
LG	74	Graceson Spann	6-5	305	So	Melissa
	50	Tr'e Williams	6-3	320	Fr	Huntsville
C	54	Brock Stukes	6-3	310	Sr	Chesapeake, Va.
	64	Josiah Chenault	6-2	305	Sr	Canton, Ohio
RG	71	Dennell 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.

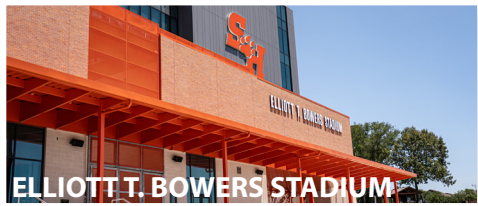
DEFENSE

END	1	Josh Alexander-Felton	6-3	265	Jr	Orlando, Fla.
	91	Caius Coy	6-3	255	So	Jarrell
NOSE	10	Darien Jackson	6-0	305	Sr	Los Angeles, Calif.
	98	Justin Terrell	6-3	310	Jr	Rome, Ga.
DT	97	Dylan Frazier	6-5	280	5th	Celina
	95	She'Fon Boyd	6-0	300	Jr	Andrews, S.C.
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	Lyrice Smith	6-0	190	Jr	Clarendon
MIKE	33	Brian Bates Jr.	6-1	230	Sr	Centreville, Va.
	26	Tokyo Gordon	6-2	215	Sr	Eatonville, F.a.
WILL	21	Dean Ford	6-1	230	Jr	Houston
	23	Mike King Jr.	6-0	215	Jr	Racine Wisc.
CB	20	Dravon Wilson	5-11	190	Jr	New Caney
	7	Caesar Magee	6-2	195	Gr	New Orleans, La.
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	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 Whittington	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.	5-9	170	Sr	Miami, Fla.
	4	Alijah Cason	5-10	175	Jr	Middlethian
PR	3	Tim Burns Jr.	5-10	170	Sr	Miami, Fla.
	5	Kyan Berry-Johnson	5-11	185	Jr	Chicago, Ill.





A NEW ERA 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

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:	454.3	1	44
Points Per Game:	32.3	1	64
Rushing:	108.7	9	125
Passing:	345.7	1	6
Time of Possession:	32:01	2	40

	Total	CUSA Rk	FBS Rk
3rd Down %:	47.7 (21 of 45)	3	40
4th Down %:	0.0 (0 of 3)	10	130
Red Zone %:	80.0 (8 of 10)	6	99
Fumbles Lost:	1	3	28
Sacks Allowed:	9	9	121

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 carrying the communication equipment.

KAT TO WATCH
CHRIS REED

Reed has emerged as one of the Kats' top big-play threats, ranking second on the team with 9 receptions for 204 yards and 2 touchdowns through three games. Four of his catches have gained at least 30 yards, accounting for 159 of his receiving yards, including touchdown grabs of 31 yards at Troy and 39 yards against Tulsa. Reed added a season-long 53-yard reception in Saturday's win over Nicholls. The 6-0, 195-pound senior led Sam Houston with 462 receiving yards and 5 touchdowns in 2025, producing 25 catches for 424 yards over the final 6 games after moving into the starting

OFFENSIVE QUICK HITTERS

- Sam Houston spread its 8 touchdowns against Nicholls among 8 different players. Tim Burns Jr., Grady O'Neill, Darrick Bledsoe III, Kamari Maxwell and Kyan Berry-Johnson caught touchdown passes, while Landan Brown, Alton McCaskill and Brett Holloway scored on the ground
- Brett Holloway accounted for 115 yards and 2 touchdowns in relief against Nicholls, completing 3 of 4 passes for 64 yards and a score while rushing 8 times for 51 yards and another touchdown. His 61-yard scoring pass to Kyan Berry-Johnson and 10-yard touchdown run were the first touchdowns of his Bearkat career
- The Bearkat offensive line did not allow a sack against Nicholls, keeping Landyn Locke and Brett Holloway clean on 32 pass attempts. It marked the first sack-free performance by Sam Houston since its 2024 victory at FIU
- After being held without a rushing touchdown in its first 2 games, Sam Houston produced 3 against Nicholls with Landan Brown, Alton McCaskill and Brett Holloway each reaching the end zone. The Kats finished with 233 yards on 43 carries, averaging 5.4 yards per attempt
- Seven of Sam Houston's 8 touchdown drives against Nicholls covered at least 55 yards, including 6 of at least 59 yards. The Kats produced touchdown marches of 69, 82, 75, 59, 80, 70 and 55 yards, with their only short-field touchdown coming after an interception gave them possession at the Nicholls 23
- Alton McCaskill enters Saturday with 1,547 career FBS rushing yards and 18 touchdowns across stops at Houston, Colorado, Arizona State and Sam Houston. McCaskill rushed 8 times for 41 yards and his first touchdown of the season against Nicholls. His 18 career rushing touchdowns lead all active CUSA running backs, while his 1,547 yards rank second behind Liberty's Kanye Udoh, who has 1,914 after rushing for 33 yards in his season debut against Ball State in Week 3

DEFENSE

Coordinator: Freddie Aughtry-Lindsay

	Avg	CUSA Rk	FBS Rk
Total Defense:	290.7	3	44
Scoring Defense:	15.7	1	30
Rush Defense:	180.7	6	117
Pass Defense:	110.0	1	4
Tackles for Loss:	21.0	1	24
Sacks:	9.0	2	18

	Total	CUSA Rk	FBS Rk
Interceptions:	2	3	59
Fumble Recoveries:	1	8	73
Opp 3rd Down %:	11-47 (.234)	1	11
Opp 4th Down %:	4-6 (.667)	5	93
Red Zone:	4-5 (.800)	3	47

WHO'S GOT THE DOT?
DEAN FORD

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KAT TO WATCH
RAILYN ADAMS

Adams has moved into a starting role in the Sam Houston secondary this season and ranks fourth on the team with 13 tackles through three games. He opened the year with a team-high 7 stops at Troy before delivering the Kats' first take-away of the season Saturday against Nicholls, intercepting a third-down pass and returning it 52 yards for an apparent touchdown before a holding penalty brought the ball back. The interception was the first of his Bearkat career.

DEFENSIVE QUICK HITTERS

- Sam Houston ranks fourth nationally and leads CUSA in passing defense, allowing just 110.0 yards per game through three contests. The Kats have surrendered only 330 passing yards this season, holding Troy to 162, Tulsa to 129 and Nicholls to just 39. Only Kansas State (86.7), Penn State (90.0) and Oklahoma (104.3) have allowed fewer passing yards per game
- Sam Houston ranks 11th nationally in opponent third-down conversion percentage after limiting Nicholls to just 1 conversion in 15 attempts Saturday. The Colonels failed on each of their first 14 third-down opportunities before converting once in the fourth quarter
- Nicholls never reached the red zone Saturday, advancing no farther than the Sam Houston 24-yard line. The Colonels managed only 163 total yards and 10 first downs on 59 offensive plays
- Sam Houston has not allowed a passing touchdown in consecutive games, holding Tulsa and Nicholls without a score through the air. It marks the first time the Kats have accomplished that since opening the 2023 season with consecutive games without allowing a touchdown pass against BYU and Air Force

CAREER 100-YARD GAMES

RECEIVING				
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
65*	Pass	Tim Burns Jr. (from Locke)	Nicholls
61*	Pass	Tim Burns Jr. (from Holloway)	Nicholls
53	Pass	Chris Reed (from Locke)	Nicholls
48*	Pass	Kamari Maxwell (from Locke)	Nicholls
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
33	KR	Alijah Cason	Tulsa
33	Pass	Kamari Maxwell (from Locke)	at Troy
31*	Pass	Chris Reed (from Locke)	at Troy

* Indicates touchdown scored on play

PASS	RUSH	INT RET	FUMBLE RET	KICK RETURN
11	0	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 Donovan Williams - 212, Cory Idlebird - 138, Jalen Overstreet - 130
Had 5+ players score rushing TD	vs Dixie State, 2021 Ramon Jefferson, Noah Smith, Kyran Jackson, Zach Hrbacek, Weston Stephens (1)
OPPONENT had 2+ players with 100 yards	vs FIU, 2025 Kejon Owens - 124, Sterling Joseph - 112
Had 3+ players with 100+ yards rushing	vs Houston Baptist, 2014 Donovan Williams - 212, Cory Idlebird - 138, Jalen Overstreet - 130
Had a 200-yard rusher and a 100-yard rusher in a game	vs Houston Baptist, 2014 Donovan Williams - 212, Cory Idlebird - 138, Jalen Overstreet - 130

PASSING

Had 500+ yards passing	vs UIW, 2019 (531)
Had 400+ yards passing	vs Southeastern Louisiana, Spring 2021 (428)
Had 300+ yards passing	vs Nicholls, 2026 (386)
Had 200+ yards passing	vs Nicholls, 2026 (386)
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	vs Nicholls, 2026 (22)
Had fewer than 15 pass completions	at Oregon State, 2025 (9)
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	vs Nicholls, 2026
Had 0 passes intercepted in consecutive games	2026 vs Tulsa, vs Nicholls

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	Landyn Locke vs Nicholls, 2026 (322)
Passed for 200+ yards	Landyn Locke at Nicholls, 2026 (322)
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	Landyn Locke at Troy, 2026 (46)
Attempted 30+ passes	Landyn Locke vs Tulsa, 2026 (34)
Completed 30+ passes	Landyn Locke at Troy, 2026 (30)
Completed 20+ passes	Landyn Locke vs Tulsa, 2026 (24)
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)
Threw 3+ interceptions	Keegan Shoemaker at BYU, 2023 (3)
Threw 2+ interceptions	Landyn Locke vs FIU, 2025 (2)
Completed a pass for 90+ yards	Landyn Locke vs Tulsa, 2026 (94)
Completed a pass for 80+ yards	Landyn Locke vs Tulsa, 2026 (94)
Completed a pass for 70+ yards	Landyn Locke vs Tulsa, 2026 (94)
Completed a pass for 60+ yards	Brett Holloway vs Nicholls, 2026 (61)
Completed a pass for 50+ yards	Brett Holloway, 2026 (61)

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 Nicholls, 2026 (10)
Had 9+ different receivers catch a pass	vs Nicholls, 2026 (10)
Had 8+ different receivers catch a pass	vs Nicholls, 2026 (10)
Had multiple players catch 7+ passes in a game	at Tarleton, 2021
	Ife Adeyi - 10, Cody Chrest - 9

DEFENSE

Shut out an opponent	vs Nicholls, 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	vs Georgia Southern, 2024 (5)
Had 3+ takeaways	vs Nicholls, 2026 (3)
Had 2+ takeaways	vs Nicholls, 2026 (3)
Had 4+ interceptions	vs Georgia Southern, 2024 (5)
Had 3+ interceptions	vs Georgia Southern, 2024 (5)
Had 2+ interceptions	vs Nicholls, 2026 (2)
Forced a safety	vs LA Tech, 2024 (Kendrick DuJour)
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	vs Tulsa, 2026 (4.0)
Recorded 10+ tackles for loss in 4 consecutive games	2019
	vs UIW (12.0), at McNeese (10.0), vs Stephen F. Austin (15.0), vs Lamar (19.0)
Recorded 10+ tackles for loss in 3 consecutive games	Spring 2021
	at Lamar (14.0), at Northwestern State (12.0), vs McNeese (13.0)
Recorded 10+ tackles for loss in consecutive games	Spring 2021
	at Lamar (14.0), at Northwestern State (12.0), vs McNeese (13.0)
Had a Pick 6 in consecutive games	2021
	Jaylen Thomas vs Southeast Missouri, Trevor Williams at Northern Arizona
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
Blocked a punt	at Oregon State, 2025 (Lyric Smith)
Blocked a field goal	vs UTEP, 2025 (Cecil Powell)

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	Christopher Eaton Jr. vs Delaware, 2025 (3.0)
Recorded 5+ tackles for loss	PJ Hall vs McNeese, 2016 (5)
Recorded 3+ tackles for loss	Chritopher Eaton Jr. vs Delaware, 2025 (3.0)
Recorded 20+ tackles	Dedrick Manigo vs Nicholls, 1996 (20)
Recorded 10+ tackles	Antavious Fish vs Delaware, 2025
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	Christian Pavon vs Delaware, 2025 (48)
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	Curtis Gerrand at NM State, 2025 (72)
Kicked a punt of 60+ yards	Curtis Gerrand at NM State, 2025 (72)
Punted 10+ times	Jadon Cardell at BYU, 2023 (10)
Totalled 175+ kick return yards	Brandon Closner vs McNeese, 2010 (211)
Totalled 150+ kick return yards	Jaylen Harris vs Central Arkansas, 2017 (169)
Totalled 100+ kick return yards	Jaylen Harris at Northwestern State, 2018 (105)
Totalled 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	Brody Henderson at Oregon State, 2025 (31 yards)
Blocked a punt	Lyric Smith at Oregon State, 2025
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 yads rushing & 100 yards receiving	Kyran Jackson at Northwestern State, 2018
	152 rush, 116 receiving
Made 3+ FG of 40+ yards	Seth Morgan at Eastern Kentucky, 2022
	Made 45, Made 47, Made 45

THE LAST TIME

MISCELLANEOUS

Won a game when trailing at the half	at Oregon State, 2025
	Down 17-7-2, 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 Oregon State, 2025 (157)
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	vs Tulsa, 2026 (5)
Did not allow a sack	vs FIU, 2026
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
20	Travis Tobaben	2002-24	2,508
21	Chris Chaloupka	1999	2,503
22	Blake Joseph	2009	2,440
23	Guido Merkins	1973-76	2,354
24	Binky Ford	1980-82	2,121
25	Wade Pate	2003-06	2,052
--	Landyn Locke	2025-26	1,738

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	Ddavid Kubiak	1967-70	23
--	Landyn Locke	2025-26	13

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

ALL-TIME COMEBACKS

22 points
Sam Houston 40, Texas State 39
Houston, 9-28-2024
Bearkats trailed by 22 points with 2:24 to play in first quarter
21 points
Sam Houston 32, Southwest Texas 31
Huntsville, 11-22-1986
Bearkats trailed by 21 points with 13:29 to play
Sam Houston 36, Montana State 23
Bozeman, Mont., 9-7-1991
Bearkats trailed by 21 just 9:24 into first quarter
Sam Houston 38, James Madison 35
Huntsville 5-8-2021
Bearkats trailed by 21 at halftime
20 points
Sam Houston 24, A&M-Kingsville 23
Huntsville, 9-23-1995
Bearkats trailed by 20 points at halftime
Sam Houston 35, Eastern Washington 34
Cheney, Wash., 12-4-2004
Bearkats trailed by 20 with 14:54 to play
18 points
Sam Houston 29, Texas State 28
San Marcos, 11-15-2007
Bearkats trailed by 18 points with 9:00 to play

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**HEAD COACH PHIL LONGO**

Hometown:	Bayville, N.J.
Alma Mater:	Rowan, 1991
Career Record:	10-26 (3 seasons)
Record at Sam Houston:	3-12 (1st season)
CUSA Record at Sam Houston:	1-7 (1st season)
Bowl Record:	0-0

ASSISTANT COACHES

Eric Raisbeck (SLOT WR)	Assoc HC / Spec Teams Coord.
Zack Patterson (TE)	Offensive Coordinator
Freddie Aughtry-Lindsay	Defensive Coordinator
Damien Adams (DL)	
Dovonte Edwards (S)	
Jack Bicknell (OL)	
Gary McGraw (CB)	
Issac Mooring (EDGE)	
Antonio Williams (RB)	
Keyan Williams (WR)	
Knox Kadum	Offensive Analyst
Kashian Scrivens	Defensive Analyst
Matt Bergin	Offensive GA
Luke Ferdinand	Offensive GA
RJ Bendert	Defensive GA

FOOTBALL STAFF

Blair Vaughan	Strength & Conditioning
Dustin LeNorman	Athletic Trainer
Kayla Zimkin	Recruiting Coordinator
Mike Reed	Chief of Staff
Seth Kohlscheen	Director of Football Operations
Jorge Betancourt	Equipment Coordinator
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):	582-497-35
CUSA Record (Years):	8-13 (3)
CUSA Championships:	None
All-Time Bowl Record:	1-0

BEARKAT ASSISTANT COACHES**IN THE BOX**

ZACK PATTERSON
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
TIGHT ENDS

Slippery Rock, 2012



GARY MCGRAW
ASSISTANT COACH
CORNERBACKS

Oregon, 2003



DAMIEN ADAMS
ASSISTANT COACH
DEFENSIVE TACKLES

Fayetteville State, 2003

ON THE FIELD

PHIL LONGO
HEAD COACH

Rowan, 1992



ERIC RAISBECK
Associate Head Coach
SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR
SLOT RECEIVERS

Wisconsin, 2008



FREDDIE AUGHTRY-LINDSAY
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

NC State, 2006



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



TYLER ZVORSKY
VIDEO COORDINATOR



SETH KOHLSCHIEEN
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

SAM HOUSTON, 2023



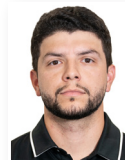
ANDREW HACKER
STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

UTAH VALLEY, 2022



KAYLA ZIMKIN
RECRUITING COORDINATOR

ARIZONA, 2024



JORGE BETANCOURTH
EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR

SAM HOUSTON, 2025



KNOX KADUM
OFFENSIVE ANALYST - QBs



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ON-CAMPUS RECRUITING



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ATHLETIC TRAINER

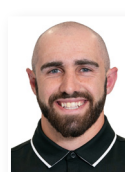


KASHIAN SCRIVENS
DEFENSIVE ANALYST

NORTH CAROLINA A&T, 2014



LUKE FERDINAND
OFFENSIVE GA



MATT BERGIN
OFFENSIVE GA



RJ BENDERT
DEFENSIVE GA



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2026 STANDINGS

School	CUSA					OVERALL				
	W-L	Pct.	H	A	PF-PA	W-L	Pct.	H	A	N
Delaware	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	.667	2-0	0-1	0-0
Liberty	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	.667	2-0	0-1	0-0
MTSU	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	.667	2-0	0-1	0-0
Jax State	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2	.500	2-0	0-2	0-0
Kennesaw State	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	.333	1-1	0-1	0-0
Missouri State	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	.333	1-1	0-1	0-0
FIU	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	.333	1-0	0-2	0-0
NM State	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	.333	1-0	0-2	0-0
Sam Houston	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	.333	1-1	0-1	0-0
WKU	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	.000	0-0	0-3	0-0

UPCOMING GAMES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24	
Liberty at Coastal Carolina (ESPN)	6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26	
Sam Houston at Texas Tech (TNT)	11 a.m.
New Mexico at NM State (CBSSN)	2:30 p.m.
Delaware at Virginia (ACC Network)	5 p.m.
Long Island at FIU (ESPN+)	5 p.m.
MTSU at Jax State (ESPN+)	6 p.m.
Kennesaw State at Arkansas State	6 p.m.
Mercyhurst at WKU	6 p.m.
Missouri State at SMU (ACC Network)	8 p.m.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1	
WKU at NM State (CBSSN)	7 p.m.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2	
Liberty at Delaware (CBSSN)	6 p.m.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3	
MTSU at Kansas (ESPNU)	11 a.m.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7	
Jax State at Kennesaw State	6 p.m.
NM State at FIU	6:30 p.m.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8	
Sam Houston at Liberty	6 p.m.
Missouri State at WKU	6 p.m.
Conference games in bold.	
All times are listed in CT	

WEEKLY AWARDS

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK Sean Wilson, Delaware – Jr. – WR – Alpharetta, Ga. Wilson enjoyed an explosive day in Delaware's (2-1) 22-14 win over Coastal Carolina on Saturday. The receiver tied his career high of nine catches and two touchdowns, while setting a new career best of 185 receiving yards. Wilson's first touchdown catch, which came on a trick-play flea flicker, was featured on NFL Sunday Countdown's 'You Got Mossed' segment after he jumped over a pair of defenders while getting interfered with to corral the score. Wilson's second score was nearly as impressive, rising up once again to bring down another highly contested catch to put the game out of reach with 8:19 remaining in the final quarter. The performance marked his fourth-career 100+ yard performance, second 150+ yard outing and third multi-touchdown game.	SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK Caleb Nix, Jax State – Gr. – S – Phenix City, Ala. Nix returned a punt 75 yards for a touchdown to give Jax State (2-2) their first and only lead of the night at 31-27 with 8:16 to go in the fourth quarter after trailing 17-0. It was the first punt return for a touchdown by a Gamecock since 2016. On defense, he added six tackles with one for loss and broke up two passes.
DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK Jackson Lowe, MTSU – Jr. – DB – Brentwood, Tenn. Lowe was responsible for two of the most pivotal plays, as the Blue Raiders (2-1) triumphed 27-20 over Nevada in a back-and-forth affair. On the first play from scrimmage in the second half, he hopped on his own forced fumble following a strip sack of Carter Jones that led to a go-ahead touchdown pass four plays later. Then, with the Wolf Pack driving to try and tie the game up, Lowe stuffed Dominic Kelley at the line of scrimmage on 4th-and-2 to force a turnover on downs and allow MTSU to run out the clock. Lowe finished the game with six total tackles, including three solo stops to go with the key strip sack.	FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK Tristan Lyles, Jax State – Fr. – LB – Phenix City, Ala. Lyles recorded his first career interception to ice the game with 1:52 left in the fourth quarter as Georgia Southern was driving for a potential game-winning score at the Jax State 13-yard line. The freshman also helped out on a tackle for loss and made two other tackles on the night.
OFFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE WEEK Reese Tripp, MTSU – Sr. – RT – Mantorville, Minn. Tripp led the way up front for the Blue Raiders in their home win over Nevada, logging all 71 snaps at right tackle. He had the line's top PFF offensive grade (69.6) and run-block grade (66.2), while allowing just one pressure on 34 dropbacks to help secure MTSU's first 2-0 home start since 2021. Tripp was also instrumental in running back Antonio Martin topping the 100-yard rushing mark as the offense went turnover free once again.	

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Team Statistics

	SHSU	OPP
Scoring	97	47
Points per game	32.3	15.7
Points Off Turnovers	10	3
First Downs	67	46
Rushing	24	22
Passing	35	17
Penalty	8	7
Rushing Yardage	326	542
Yards gained rushing	432	626
Yards lost rushing	106	84
Rushing attempts	98	118
Average per rush	3.3	4.6
Average per game	108.7	180.7
TDs Rushing	3	3
Passing Yardage	1037	330
Comp-Att-Int	76-113-1	35-80-2
Average per pass	9.2	4.1
Average per catch	13.6	9.4
Average per game	345.7	110.0
TDs Passing	10	3
Total offense	1363	872
Total plays	211	198
Average per play	6.5	4.4
Average per game	454.3	290.7
Kick returns: #-Yards	7-136	7-106
Punt returns: #-Yards	4-18	1-0
Int returns: #-Yards	2-22	1-18
Kick return average	19.4	15.1
Punt return average	4.5	0.0
Int return average	11.0	18.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards	22-181	17-146
Average per game	60.3	48.7
Punts-Yards	15-644	23-958
Average per punt	42.9	41.7
Net punt average	41.6	40.0
Kickoffs-Yards	17-1058	11-684
Average per kick	62.2	62.2
Net kick average	41.5	40.7
Time of possession / game	32:01	27:59
3rd-down conversion	21/44	11/47
3rd-down pct	48%	23%
4th-down conversion	0/3	4/6





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	SHSU	OPP
4th-down pct	0%	67%
Sacks by-Yards	9-52	9-78
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	13	6
Field goals - attempts	2-3	2-2
On-Side kicks	0-1	0-0
Red-zone scores	(8-10) 80%	(4-5) 80%
Red-zone touchdowns	(7-10) 70%	(3-5) 60%
PAT-attempts	(13-13) 100%	(5-6) 83%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-0) 0%	(0-0) 0%
Attendance	26053	24356
Games / Avg per game	2/13027	1/24356
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Sam Houston	24	35	24	14	0	97
Opponents	7	17	16	7	0	47



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

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Alton McCaskill	3	35	152	12	140	4.0	1	24	46.7
Landan Brown	3	15	68	7	61	4.1	1	14	20.3
Brett Holloway	2	9	57	0	57	6.3	1	14	28.5
Jerrian Parker	3	6	52	0	52	8.7	0	18	17.3
Ah'Marion Gaines-Smith	1	3	21	0	21	7.0	0	14	21.0
Kaden Winkfield	1	5	21	0	21	4.2	0	9	21.0
MJ Dowdy	2	3	15	0	15	5.0	0	11	7.5
Landyn Locke	3	19	46	82	-36	-1.9	0	13	-12.0
Team	3	3	0	5	-5	-1.7	0	0	-1.7
Total	3	98	432	106	326	3.3	3	24	108.7
Opponents	3	118	626	84	542	4.6	3	81	180.7

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Landyn Locke	3	168.9	73-108-1	67.6	973	9	94	324.3
Brett Holloway	2	291.9	3-4-0	75.0	64	1	61	32.0
Team	3	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	3	171.8	76-113-1	67.3	1037	10	94	345.7
Opponents	3	85.8	35-80-2	43.8	330	3	28	110.0

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Grady O'Neill	3	17	192	11.3	2	37	64.0
Chris Reed	3	9	204	22.7	2	53	68.0
Landan Brown	3	8	60	7.5	0	15	20.0
Darrick Bledsoe III	3	8	62	7.8	2	14	20.7
Alton McCaskill	3	7	11	1.6	0	5	3.7
Max Whisner	3	6	47	7.8	0	15	15.7
Kyan Berry-Johnson	3	6	95	15.8	1	61	31.7
Tim Burns Jr.	3	5	128	25.6	1	65	42.7
Jerrian Parker	3	4	106	26.5	1	94	35.3
Kamari Maxwell	3	4	124	31.0	1	48	41.3
Matt Smith	3	1	5	5.0	0	5	1.7
Aviyon Smith-Mack	3	1	3	3.0	0	3	1.0
Total	3	76	1037	13.6	10	94	345.7
Opponents	3	35	330	9.4	3	28	110.0

Game Records

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

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Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Railyn Adams	1	22	22.0	0	22
She'Fon Boyd	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	2	22	11.0	0	22
Opponents	1	18	18.0	0	18



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Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Samuel Carpenter	2-3	66.7	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-0	0-1	39	0
Opponents	2-2	100.0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-0	41	0

Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT					pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	
Samuel Carpenter	-	2-3	13-13	-	-	-	-	19
Grady O'Neill	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Chris Reed	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Darrick Bledsoe III	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Alton McCaskill	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Landan Brown	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Kyan Berry-Johnson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jerrian Parker	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Tim Burns Jr.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Kamari Maxwell	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Brett Holloway	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	13	2-3	13-13	0	0	0	0	97
Opponents	6	2-2	5-6	0	0	0	0	47

Score by Periods

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Sam Houston	24	35	24	14	0	97
Opponents	7	17	16	7	0	47

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Cal Joseph	15	644	42.9	67	1	10	4	1	0
Total	15	644	42.9	67	1	10	4	1	0
Opponents	23	958	41.7	55	1	6	11	7	0

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Tim Burns Jr.	4	18	4.5	0	7
Total	4	18	4.5	0	7
Opponents	1	0	0.0	0	0

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Alijah Cason	4	76	19.0	0	33
Tim Burns Jr.	3	60	20.0	0	29
Total	7	136	19.4	0	33
Opponents	7	106	15.1	0	24

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Tim Burns Jr.	3	0	128	18	60	0	206	68.7
Chris Reed	3	0	204	0	0	0	204	68.0
Grady O'Neill	3	0	192	0	0	0	192	64.0
Jerrian Parker	3	52	106	0	0	0	158	52.7
Alton McCaskill	3	140	11	0	0	0	151	50.3
Kamari Maxwell	3	0	124	0	0	0	124	41.3
Landan Brown	3	61	60	0	0	0	121	40.3
Kyan Berry-Johnson	3	0	95	0	0	0	95	31.7
Alijah Cason	3	0	0	0	76	0	76	25.3
Darrick Bledsoe III	3	0	62	0	0	0	62	20.7
Brett Holloway	2	57	0	0	0	0	57	28.5
Max Whisner	3	0	47	0	0	0	47	15.7
Railyn Adams	3	0	0	0	0	22	22	7.3
Ah'Marion Gaines-Smith	1	21	0	0	0	0	21	21.0
Kaden Winkfield	1	21	0	0	0	0	21	21.0
MJ Dowdy	2	15	0	0	0	0	15	7.5
Matt Smith	3	0	5	0	0	0	5	1.7
Aviyon Smith-Mack	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	1.0
Landyn Locke	3	-36	0	0	0	0	-36	-12.0
Total	3	326	1037	18	136	22	1539	513.0
Opponents	3	542	330	0	106	18	996	332.0

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Landyn Locke	3	127	-36	973	937	312.3
Alton McCaskill	3	35	140	0	140	46.7
Brett Holloway	2	13	57	64	121	60.5
Landan Brown	3	15	61	0	61	20.3
Jerrian Parker	3	6	52	0	52	17.3
Ah'Marion Gaines-Smith	1	3	21	0	21	21.0
Kaden Winkfield	1	5	21	0	21	21.0
MJ Dowdy	2	3	15	0	15	7.5
Total	3	211	326	1037	1363	454.3
Opponents	3	198	542	330	872	290.7



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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	3	6	10	16	1.5-3	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
33	Brian Bates Jr.	3	6	9	15	3-16	1-7	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
3	Brody Henderson	3	6	8	14	2-9	1-7	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
13	Railyn Adams	3	6	7	13	0.5-2	.	1-22	1	.	.	.	.	.
7	Caesar Magee III	3	6	5	11	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
5	Ishmel Atkins	3	5	5	10	.	.	.	5	.	.	.	.	.
23	Mike King	3	4	6	10	0.5-3	0.5-3	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
8	Tyler Bailey	3	5	4	9	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
9	Jace Arnold	3	4	5	9	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
97	Dylan Frazier	3	2	6	8	.	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	.
20	Dravon Wilson	3	5	3	8	1-3	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
12	Elijah Groves	3	3	4	7	2.5-14	2.5-14	.	.	2	.	1	.	.
2	Justin Cottrell	3	3	4	7	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
98	Justin Terrell	3	3	3	6	1.5-4	1-3	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
15	Cameron Franklin	3	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	Jalyn Stanford	3	4	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Josh Alexander-Felton	3	3	2	5	3-7	1-6	.	.	1	.	1	.	.
48	Chauncey Chidi	1	1	3	4	0.5-1	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	She'Fon Boyd	3	2	2	4	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	Caius Coy	3	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Tokyo Gordon	3	.	4	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Darien Jackson	3	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
42	Ca'lub Holloway	3	2	1	3	2.5-8	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
92	Jarra Anderson	2	1	2	3	0.5-1	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
29	Lyric Smith	3	1	2	3	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
18	Stacy Bey	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	Zion Taylor	3	2	.	2	1-10	1-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	Alton McCaskill	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Chris Reed	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30	Braylen Wortham	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40	Cole Worthington	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	Robert McFarland	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	CJ June	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
36	Marcus Bourda Jr.	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39	Joseph Opara	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	Aaron Edwards	2	.	1	1	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
43	Evan Odom	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Totals	3	93	108	201	21-81	9-52	2-22	18	9	1-0	3	0	0
	Opponents	3	100	114	214	21-107	9-78	1-18	10	11	1-0	1	0	0



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Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Alton McCaskill	3	35	152	12	140	4.0	1	24	46.7
Landan Brown	3	15	68	7	61	4.1	1	14	20.3
Brett Holloway	2	9	57	0	57	6.3	1	14	28.5
Jerrian Parker	3	6	52	0	52	8.7	0	18	17.3
Ah'Marion Gaines-Smith	1	3	21	0	21	7.0	0	14	21.0
Kaden Winkfield	1	5	21	0	21	4.2	0	9	21.0
MJ Dowdy	2	3	15	0	15	5.0	0	11	7.5
Landyn Locke	3	19	46	82	-36	-1.9	0	13	-12.0
Team	3	3	0	5	-5	-1.7	0	0	-1.7
Total	3	98	432	106	326	3.3	3	24	108.7
Opponents	3	118	626	84	542	4.6	3	81	180.7

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Landyn Locke	3	168.9	73-108-1	67.6	973	9	94	324.3
Brett Holloway	2	291.9	3-4-0	75.0	64	1	61	32.0
Team	3	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	3	171.8	76-113-1	67.3	1037	10	94	345.7
Opponents	3	85.8	35-80-2	43.8	330	3	28	110.0

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Grady O'Neill	3	17	192	11.3	2	37	64.0
Chris Reed	3	9	204	22.7	2	53	68.0
Landan Brown	3	8	60	7.5	0	15	20.0
Darrick Bledsoe III	3	8	62	7.8	2	14	20.7
Alton McCaskill	3	7	11	1.6	0	5	3.7
Max Whisner	3	6	47	7.8	0	15	15.7
Kyan Berry-Johnson	3	6	95	15.8	1	61	31.7
Tim Burns Jr.	3	5	128	25.6	1	65	42.7
Jerrian Parker	3	4	106	26.5	1	94	35.3
Kamari Maxwell	3	4	124	31.0	1	48	41.3
Matt Smith	3	1	5	5.0	0	5	1.7
Aviyon Smith-Mack	3	1	3	3.0	0	3	1.0
Total	3	76	1037	13.6	10	94	345.7
Opponents	3	35	330	9.4	3	28	110.0

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Tim Burns Jr.	4	18	4.5	0	7
Total	4	18	4.5	0	7
Opponents	1	0	0.0	0	0

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Railyn Adams	1	22	22.0	0	22
She'Fon Boyd	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	2	22	11.0	0	22
Opponents	1	18	18.0	0	18

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Alijah Cason	4	76	19.0	0	33
Tim Burns Jr.	3	60	20.0	0	29
Total	7	136	19.4	0	33
Opponents	7	106	15.1	0	24

Fumbles Recovered

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
CJ June	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	1	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	1	0	0.0	0	0



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Scoring

Player			PAT						pts
	td	fg	kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	
Samuel Carpenter	-	2-3	13-13	-	-	-	-	-	19
Grady O'Neill	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Chris Reed	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Darrick Bledsoe III	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Alton McCaskill	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Landan Brown	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Kyan Berry-Johnson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jerrian Parker	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Tim Burns Jr.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Kamari Maxwell	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Brett Holloway	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	13	2-3	13-13	0	0	0	0	0	97
Opponents	6	2-2	5-6	0	0	0	0	0	47

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Samuel Carpenter	2-3	66.7	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-0	0-1	39	0
Opponents	2-2	100.0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-0	41	0

FG Sequence

Team Name	Sam Houston	Opponents
Troy		(32)
Tulsa	(39)	(41)
Nicholls	(33),51	

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Landyn Locke	3	127	-36	973	937	312.3
Alton McCaskill	3	35	140	0	140	46.7
Brett Holloway	2	13	57	64	121	60.5
Landan Brown	3	15	61	0	61	20.3
Jerrian Parker	3	6	52	0	52	17.3
Ah'Marion Gaines-Smith	1	3	21	0	21	21.0
Kaden Winkfield	1	5	21	0	21	21.0
MJ Dowdy	2	3	15	0	15	7.5
Team	3	0	-5	0	-5	-1.7
Total	3	211	326	1037	1363	454.3
Opponents	3	198	542	330	872	290.7

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Cal Joseph	15	644	42.9	67	1	10	4	1	0
Total	15	644	42.9	67	1	10	4	1	0
Opponents	23	958	41.7	55	1	6	11	7	0

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydl
Nico Ottomanelli	14	879	62.8	5	0			
Tate Ryan	3	179	59.7	0	1			
Total	17	1058	62.2	5	1	7	41.5	23
Opponents	11	684	62.2	4	0	7	40.7	24



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Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Tim Burns Jr.	3	0	128	18	60	0	206	68.7
Chris Reed	3	0	204	0	0	0	204	68.0
Grady O'Neill	3	0	192	0	0	0	192	64.0
Jerrian Parker	3	52	106	0	0	0	158	52.7
Alton McCaskill	3	140	11	0	0	0	151	50.3
Kamari Maxwell	3	0	124	0	0	0	124	41.3
Landan Brown	3	61	60	0	0	0	121	40.3
Kyan Berry-Johnson	3	0	95	0	0	0	95	31.7
Alijah Cason	3	0	0	0	76	0	76	25.3
Darrick Bledsoe III	3	0	62	0	0	0	62	20.7
Brett Holloway	2	57	0	0	0	0	57	28.5
Max Whisner	3	0	47	0	0	0	47	15.7
Railyn Adams	3	0	0	0	0	22	22	7.3
Ah'Marion Gaines-Smith	1	21	0	0	0	0	21	21.0
Kaden Winkfield	1	21	0	0	0	0	21	21.0
MJ Dowdy	2	15	0	0	0	0	15	7.5
Matt Smith	3	0	5	0	0	0	5	1.7
Aviyon Smith-Mack	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	1.0
Landyn Locke	3	-36	0	0	0	0	-36	-12.0
Team	3	-5	0	0	0	0	-5	-1.7
Total	3	326	1037	18	136	22	1539	513.0
Opponents	3	542	330	0	106	18	996	332.0



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Team Statistics

	SHSU	OPP
Scoring	97	47
Points per game	32.3	15.7
Points Off Turnovers	10	3
First Downs	67	46
Rushing	24	22
Passing	35	17
Penalty	8	7
Rushing Yardage	326	542
Yards gained rushing	432	626
Yards lost rushing	106	84
Rushing attempts	98	118
Average per rush	3.3	4.6
Average per game	108.7	180.7
TDs Rushing	3	3
Passing Yardage	1037	330
Comp-Att-Int	76-113-1	35-80-2
Average per pass	9.2	4.1
Average per catch	13.6	9.4
Average per game	345.7	110.0
TDs Passing	10	3
Total offense	1363	872
Total plays	211	198
Average per play	6.5	4.4
Average per game	454.3	290.7
Kick returns: #-Yards	7-136	7-106
Punt returns: #-Yards	4-18	1-0
Int returns: #-Yards	2-22	1-18
Kick return average	19.4	15.1
Punt return average	4.5	0.0
Int return average	11.0	18.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards	22-181	17-146
Average per game	60.3	48.7
Punts-Yards	15-644	23-958
Average per punt	42.9	41.7
Net punt average	41.6	40.0
Kickoffs-Yards	17-1058	11-684
Average per kick	62.2	62.2
Net kick average	41.5	40.7
Time of possession / game	32:01	27:59
3rd-down conversion	21/44	11/47
3rd-down pct	48%	23%
4th-down conversion	0/3	4/6



▶ GAME 1

Sam Houston (0-1)21

Troy (1-0).....24

September 5, 2026 | Troy, Ala.
Veterans Memorial Stadium | Time: 3:25 | Attendance: 24,356
TV: ESPN+ (Will Kollmeyer, Ben Standfield)



INDIVIDUAL STATS

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	-63	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: 13,781
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: 12,181
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	0	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				

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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	Holloway 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