



LOUISIANA TECH

2025 BULLDOG FOOTBALL

3 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

14 BOWL APPEARANCES

3 NFL HALL OF FAMERS

DATE/TIME: Saturday, Nov. 8 | 2:00 p.m. CT
LOCATION: Delaware Stadium (Newark, Del.)
SERIES HISTORY: Delaware Leads 1-0
STREAK: L1
LAST MEETING: Dec. 11, 1982 | LA Tech 0, UD 17
MEDIA: ESPN+
TALENT: Scott Klatzkin (pxp), Pat Devlin (analyst)
RADIO: LA Tech Sports Network | LA Tech Athletics app
TALENT: Kyle Schassburger (pxp), Teddy Allen (analyst),
STATS: LATechSports.com/Stats



LOUISIANA TECH BULLDOGS (5-3, 3-2 CUSA)

Head Coach: Sonny Cumbie
Record at LA Tech: 16-29 (4th year)
Career Record: 18-32 (5th year)
Record vs. UD: 0-0

VS



DELAWARE BLUE HENS (4-4, 2-3 CUSA)

Head Coach: Ryan Carty
Record at UD: 30-15 (4th year)
Career Record: Same
Record vs. LA Tech: 0-0

BY THE NUMBERS

1,221 ▶

The LA Tech football equipment truck will travel 1,221 miles to Newark, Delaware. The truck will leave Ruston on the morning of Nov. 6 and return in two weeks after Tech's trip to Washington State.

67 ▶

Running back Andrew Burnette took off for a 67-yard rushing touchdown in the fourth quarter against Sam Houston, marking the Bulldogs' longest rush of the season. It was one of two runs of 50+ yards in the game.

55 ▶

Tech's 55 points against Sam Houston were the most scored by the Bulldogs since Sept. 26, 2020, and the most in the Sonny Cumbie era. The total also tied for the sixth-most points scored by Tech in a CUSA game and the most since 2016.

10 ▶

The Bulldogs recorded 10 plays of 20+ yards against Sam Houston, their most in a game this season. LA Tech has now totaled 36 plays of 20+ yards on the year.

A LA TECH WIN...

- Would make the Bulldogs bowl eligible.
- Would give LA Tech its first six-win season since 2019.
- Would give the Bulldogs their first win in the state of Delaware.
- Would give the Bulldogs a .500 road record.
- Would even out the series against the Blue Hens.
- Would give the Bulldogs four CUSA wins for the second season in a row.

BULLDOG STORYLINES AND LEADERS

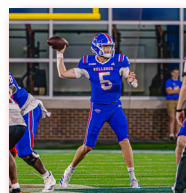
• Louisiana Tech will hit the road for the first of two cross-country trips as the 5-3 (3-2 Conference USA) Bulldogs aim for their first six-win season since 2019. They will face one of CUSA's newest members, 4-4 (2-3) Delaware, on Saturday at 2 p.m. CT. The game will be broadcast on ESPN+.

• Saturday will be the second all-time meeting between the Bulldogs and Fightin' Blue Hens and the first in 43 years. Delaware leads the series 1-0 after defeating LA Tech 17-0 in the 1982 NCAA Division I-AA semifinals in Ruston. This weekend marks the first meeting between the two programs played in Delaware.

• LA Tech improved to 5-3 last Friday after defeating Sam Houston 55-14 on homecoming. The 55 points were the most scored by the Bulldogs since Sept. 26, 2020, when they put up 66 against Houston Baptist, the highest total in the Sonny Cumbie era. The score also tied for the sixth-most points in a CUSA game for the Bulldogs, the most in a league matchup since 2016.

• The Bulldogs' offense racked up 646 total yards, the third-most ever in a CUSA game by LA Tech and the most in a single game since Oct. 12, 2019, versus UMass. The Bulldogs rushed for 426 yards, the third-most in program history and the most in a game since 1991, while scoring six rushing touchdowns, tied for the fourth most in program history (most since 2015).

• Jacob Fields intercepted the team's 13th pass of the season and returned it 85 yards for a touchdown. The Bulldogs lead the FBS with six defensive touchdowns, matching the program record set in 2011. In total, Tech's defense has forced 15 turnovers, including 13 interceptions and two fumble recoveries.



QB

BLAKE
BAKER

98/148 (66.22%) | 1,210 YARDS | 8 Total TD



RB

CLAY
THEVENIN

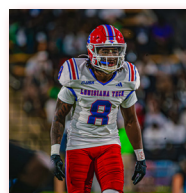
84 CARRIES | 439 YARDS | 6 TD



TE

ELI
FINLEY

25 RECEPTIONS | 333 YARDS



DB

JACOB
FIELDS

57 TACKLES | 2.0 TFL | 1 INT | 3 BUL

2025 SCHEDULE & RESULTS



SOUTHEASTERN
Aug. 30
ESPN+
W, 24-0



at LSU
Sept. 6
SEC Network+
L, 23-7



NEW MEXICO STATE*
Sept. 13
ESPN+
W, 49-14



SOUTHERN MISS
Sept. 20
ESPN+
W, 30-20



at UTEP*
Sept. 27
ESPN+
W, 30-11



at KENNESAW STATE*
Oct. 9
CBSSN
L, 35-7



WKU*
Oct. 21
CBSSN
L, 27-28^{OT}



SAM HOUSTON*
Oct. 31
ESPN+
W, 55-14



at DELAWARE*
Nov. 8
ESPN+
2:00 p.m.



at WASHINGTON STATE
Nov. 15
THE CW
9:00 p.m.



LIBERTY*
Nov. 22
ESPN PLATFORMS
2:00 p.m.



at MISSOURI STATE*
Nov. 29
ESPN PLATFORMS
1:00 p.m.

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QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY

Location Ruston, Louisiana
Founded 1894
Enrollment 12,039 (as of Fall 2024)
Nickname Bulldogs
School Colors Red and Blue
Conference CUSA
President Dr. Jim Henderson
Athletic Director Ryan Ivey
SWA Mary Kay Hungate
Faculty Athletic Rep Dr. Donna Thomas
Athletics Website LATechSports.com

TEAM

2024 Record 5-8
2024 CUSA Record 4-4 (5th)
Letterwinners R/L 36/40
Starters R/L 9/13
Newcomers 54

HISTORY

All-Time Record 652-509-38
First Year of Football 1901 (121 seasons)
Conference Championships 25
Last Conference Championship 2011 (WAC)
All-Time Bowl Record 8-5-1
Last Bowl Appearance 2024
..... Independence Bowl (LA Tech 6, Army 27)
CUSA Record 52-39 (12 seasons)
CUSA Championship Record 0-2
Last CUSA Championship Appearance 2016
..... Bowling Green, Ky. (LA Tech 44, WKU 58)

RADIO

Network LA Tech Sports Network
General Manager Brad Pietz
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Play-by-play Kyle Schassburger
Analyst Teddy Allen
Sideline Jerry Byrd

MEDIA SCHEDULE

3 MON	4 TUES	5 WED	6 THURS	7 FRI	8 FRI	9 SUN
No Availability	PRESS CONFERENCE 12 PM CT FB Team Room	No Availability	No Availability	No Availability	GGAME DAY POSTGAME PRESS CONFERENCE POSTGAME PRESS CONFERENCE	No Availability

TUESDAY MEDIA PRESSERS

Head coach Sonny Cumbie and select student-athletes will meet with the media every Tuesday prior to a game. The press conference begins at Noon CT with Coach Cumbie and selected players. Video and audio of each presser will be uploaded to ConferenceUSA.Box.com.

PRACTICE COVERAGE

Practices this week will be closed to the media. Interviews are available upon request. All interview requests must be directed to the Louisiana Tech Strategic Communications Office at least 24 hours in advance. Please send all requests via email to featherston@latech.edu.

WEEKLY MEDIA AVAILABILITY

Above is a general weekly schedule of media availability for the Louisiana Tech football team. Members of the media are expected to adhere to these policies at all times. All interview requests should be made to Louisiana Tech Director of Strategic Communications Stephen Featherston at least 24 hours in advance. All media availability times are subject to change. Please contact LA Tech Strategic Communications for any additional requests or changes in the schedule. (Note: First-year players are not available to the media unless by special request)

For games in Ruston, all Louisiana Tech post-game press conferences will be held after each game following a 10-minute cooling off period. No interviews will be allowed on the field with players and/or coaches immediately following games. Coach Cumbie and select Louisiana Tech players will be available in the LA Tech Team Room following games.

COACH/PLAYER AVAILABILITY

All members of the Louisiana Tech coaching staff are available during the designated days and times throughout the year. All returning players are available during the designated days and times, but newcomers are not available to the media unless under special request that access is granted.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Louisiana Tech fans can access the most in-depth information regarding all the University's programs through social media opportunities available online.

Twitter X – Members of the Louisiana Tech Strategic Communications department will be tweeting throughout the year with the latest news and in-game score updates. To follow them, simply find them on www.twitter.com.

@LATechFB – Direct reports from football practices and games

@LATechSports – General athletic department information

collegepressbox

CollegePressBox.com is the official media website for Conference USA and Louisiana Tech Football. Access and download weekly game notes, quotes, statistics, media guides, headshots, logos and more for Louisiana Tech, Conference USA and each of its member schools. Login information will be distributed to accredited media or you can apply for a password by sending an email to password@collegepressbox.com.

WE ARE LOUISIANA TECH

We are excited you are covering Louisiana Tech Football this season. In doing so, we ask that you please refer to us by our correct name and abbreviation. Thanks and go Bulldogs!

CORRECT > Louisiana Tech, LA Tech (pronounced Lah), Tech, Bulldogs or 'Dogs
INCORRECT > LT, LTU, La Tech, La. Tech or Dawgs

DEPTH CHART (GAME 9 VS. DELAWARE)

OFFENSE

QB		HT	WT	CL
5	Blake Baker	6-5	220	R-So.
2	Trey Kukuk	6-1	201	Jr.
7	Evan Bullock	6-5	220	R-So.

RB				
4	Clay Thevenin	5-10	202	So.
22	Omiri Wiggins	5-10	202	Jr.
0	Andrew Burnette	6-2	238	R-Sr.

TE				
84	Eli Finley	6-6	244	Jr.
87	Brayden Bockler	6-4	237	So.
82	Luke Seib	6-4	220	R-So.

WR-X				
1	Devin Gandy	5-11	165	R-Sr.
83	Luke Watkins	6-4	205	Fr.
16	Marques Singleton Jr.	5-8	160	Jr.

WR-H				
11	Jalen Mickens	5-9	187	Fr.
3	Dedrick Latulas	5-7	165	R-So.
15	David Pierro	5-11	185	Jr.

WR-Z				
18	Marlion Jackson	6-2	215	R-Jr.
80	Dane Benedix	6-0	220	R-So.
6	Tre Averhart	6-4	215	Sr.

LT				
72	Hayden Christman	6-6	331	R-So.
67	Brett Canis	6-6	326	R-Sr.

LG				
79	Ashanti Cole	6-3	312	R-Jr.
53	Austin Ellis	6-4	305	R-Fr.

C				
55	Landon Nelson	6-1	305	R-Jr.
56	Andrew Richard	6-3	304	R-Fr.

RG				
58	Jonathan Denis OR	6-3	316	R-Sr.
60	Roy Brackins III	6-3	308	R-So.

RT				
67	Brett Canis	6-6	326	R-Sr.
73	Kenneth Bannister	6-3	304	R-Sr.

DEFENSE

DE		HT	WT	CL
90	Jayden Madkins	6-2	275	Jr.
91	Caleb Sims	6-5	276	R-Sr.
45	Jojo Odom	6-4	265	Fr.

DT				
96	Zion Nason	6-2	293	R-Sr.
97	Christian Davis	6-3	328	R-So.
95	Trevell Vivians	6-2	311	R-Jr.

DE				
94	Emmanuel Oguns	6-5	260	R-Jr.
98	Donovan Rieman	6-4	265	R-Jr.
92	Lane Condry	6-4	270	So.

LB				
22	Jadon Mayfield	5-11	225	R-Fr.
35	Cole Watson	6-0	220	R-Fr.

LB				
9	Mehki Mason	6-0	230	R-Jr.
23	Alonzo Jackson Jr.	6-1	227	R-Fr.

LB				
42	Sifa Leota	6-3	235	R-Sr.
21	Zheric Hill	6-0	230	Fr.

CB				
7	Jhamal Sheby Jr.	6-3	200	R-Jr.
3	Kam Carter	6-1	175	Jr.

S				
8	Jacob Fields	5-11	188	So.
20	Kenyatta McNeese	5-11	200	R-So.

S				
1	Michael Richard	5-11	185	Jr.
2	Josh Cobbs	6-2	210	R-Sr.
14	Jordan Mcrae	5-11	180	So.

S				
6	Jakari Foster	6-0	211	R-Sr.
0	Sam Fongang	6-2	195	Jr.

CB				
11	Cedric Woods	5-11	185	Gr.
17	Amari Butler	5-10	186	Jr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

K		HT	WT	CL
43	Drew Henderson	5-8	184	R-Fr.
48	John Hoyet Chance	6-1	205	R-Fr.

KO				
48	John Hoyet Chance	6-1	205	R-Fr.

P				
48	John Hoyet Chance	6-1	205	R-Fr.

LS				
41	Ean Burch	6-0	215	R-Sr.
59	Jake Riggs	5-11	188	R-Fr.

PR				
3	Dedrick Latulas	5-7	165	R-So.
11	Cedric Woods	5-11	185	Gr.

KR				
1	Devin Gandy	5-11	165	R-Sr.
22	Omiri Wiggins	5-10	202	Jr.
4	Clay Thevenin	5-10	202	So.

H				
48	John Hoyet Chance	6-3	205	R-Fr.

CAREER STARTS

	LA TECH	OVERALL
PLAYER	GP/GS	GP/GS*
Cedric Woods	53/51	53/51
Eli Finley	32/21	32/21
Jacob Fields	32/18	32/18
Brett Canis	31/5	31/5
Michael Richard	30/20	30/20
Zion Nason	30/12	30/12
Kenneth Bannister	28/7	28/7
Landon Nelson	28/17	28/17
Joshua Cobbs	28/0	28/0
Marlion Jackson	27/8	27/8
Jhamal Shelby Jr.	27/8	27/8
Hayden Christman	23/19	23/19
Dedrick Latulas	22/3	22/3
Omiri Wiggins	21/13	21/13
Sifa Leota	21/11	38/12
Jakari Foster	21/8	21/8
Christian Davis	21/1	21/1
Roy Brackins III	21/5	21/5
Mekhi Mason	20/10	29/10
Colton Deckard	20/0	20/0
Amani Givens	17/0	17/0
Kolbe Fields	16/16	31/16
Ean Burch	16/0	16/0
Evan Bullock	16/10	16/10
Judd Rouyea	14/2	14/2
Jay Wilkerson	12/5	13/5
Cam Hill	13/0	13/0
Jadon Mayfield	13/3	13/3
Cole Watson	12/0	12/0
Ashanti Cole	12/8	12/8
Alonzo Jackson Jr.	11/1	11/1
Blake Baker	9/6	9/6
John Hoyet Chance	9/0	9/0
Jacob Bradford	9/0	9/0
Drew Henderson	8/0	8/0
Marques Singleton Jr.	8/6	8/6
Emmanuel Oguns	8/8	8/8
Devin Gandy	8/7	8/7
Jayden Madkins	8/6	8/6
Amari Butler	8/2	8/2
Kam Franklin	8/0	14/0
Brayden Bockler	8/0	8/0
Caleb Sims	8/0	8/0
JayT Jackson	8/0	14/0
Donovan Rieman	8/0	13/0
Andrew Burnette	8/0	8/0
Kameron Carter	8/0	8/0
Clay Thevenin	8/3	8/3
Jalen Mickens	8/2	8/2
David Pierro	8/0	8/0
Kenyatta McNeese	8/0	8/0
Dane Benedix	7/1	7/1
Sam Fongang	7/0	7/0
Jojo Odom	7/0	7/0
Austin Ellis	7/0	7/0
Jonathan Denis	6/5	12/7
Trevell Vivians	6/0	6/0
Trey Kukuk	6/2	6/2
Troy Smith III	6/1	6/1
Luke Seib	6/0	11/0
Zheric Hill	6/1	6/1
Tre Averhart	6/0	6/0
Luke Watkins	5/0	5/0
Jordan Mcrae	3/0	3/0
Lexington Matthews	2/0	2/0
Jaitlin Hampton	2/0	10/0
Mason Welch	2/0	2/0
Zander Hayes	2/0	2/0
Andrew Richard	2/0	2/0
Brayden Curry	1/0	1/0
Deven Muniz	1/0	1/0
Jordan Pierro	1/0	1/0
Jacoryian Crowe	1/0	1/0
Adam Madise	1/0	1/0
Lane Condry	1/0	1/0

*total starts | LA Tech + previous FBS institution



NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown/Previous School
0	Andrew Burnette	RB	6-2	238	R-Sr.	Jensen Beach, Fla. / Keiser University
0	Sam Fongang	DB	6-2	195	Jr.	Mansfield, Texas / Tyler JC
1	Devin Gandy	WR	5-11	165	R-Sr.	Victorville, Calif. / Sacramento State
1	Michael Richard	DB	5-11	185	Jr.	New Orleans, La. / Edna Karr HS
2	Joshua Cobbs	DB	6-2	210	R-Sr.	West Monroe, La. / West Monroe HS
2	Trey Kukuk	QB	6-1	201	Jr.	Mission Viejo, Calif. / Saddleback College
3	Kameron Carter	DB	6-1	175	Jr.	Natchez, Miss. / Southwest Mississippi CC
3	Dedrick Latulas	WR	5-7	165	R-So.	New Iberia, La. / Westgate HS
4	Kam Franklin	DB	6-2	211	R-So.	Oak Grove, La. / Oklahoma State
4	Clay Thevenin	RB	5-10	202	So.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. / Navarro College
5	Blake Baker	QB	6-5	220	R-So.	Cypress, Texas / Cypress Ranch HS
6	Tre Averhart	WR	6-4	215	Sr.	West Palm Beach, Fla. / Keiser University
6	Jakari Foster	DB	6-0	211	R-Sr.	Piedmont, Ala. / Hutchinson CC
7	Evan Bullock	QB	6-5	220	R-So.	Anna, Texas / Anna HS
7	Jhamal Shelby Jr.	DB	6-3	200	R-Jr.	New Orleans, La. / St. Augustine HS
8	Jacob Fields	DB/WR	5-11	180	Jr.	Melissa, Texas / Melissa HS
8	Jay Simon	WR	5-10	185	R-Fr.	Shreveport, La. / Calvary Baptist
9	Mekhi Mason	LB	6-2	230	R-Jr.	Pembroke Pines, Fla. / Syracuse
10	Jackson Bradley	QB	6-3	220	Fr.	Oak Grove, La. / Oak Grove HS
10	Kolbe Fields	LB	6-0	225	R-Sr.	New Orleans, La. / LSU
11	Jalen Mickens	WR	5-9	187	Fr.	Willis, Texas / Willis HS
11	Cedric Woods	DB	5-11	185	R-Sr.	Monroe, La. / Carroll HS
13	Cam Hill	DB	6-2	201	R-So.	Farmerville, La. / Union Parish HS
14	Teddy Booras	QB	6-3	209	Jr.	San Ramon, Calif. / Diablo Valley College
14	Jordan McRae	DB	5-11	180	So.	McRae, Ga. / Georgia Military College
15	JayT Jackson	DB	6-1	175	R-Jr.	Columbus, Ga. / Garden City CC
15	David Pierro	WR	5-11	185	Jr.	Fresno, Calif. / Diablo Valley College
16	Marques Singleton Jr.	WR	5-8	160	Jr.	Alameda, Calif. / Los Medanos College
17	Amari Butler	DB	5-10	186	Jr.	Petal, Miss. / Pearl River CC
18	Jaitlin Hampton	DB	5-11	170	Jr.	Lancaster, Texas / Coastal Carolina
18	Marlion Jackson	WR	6-2	215	R-Jr.	Flowery Branch, Ga. / Cherokee Bluff HS
19	Jordan Pierro	DB	5-10	175	R-Fr.	Fresno, Calif. / Fresno State
19	Mason Welch	QB	6-5	227	R-So.	Shreveport, La. / Kilgore CC
20	Kenyatta McNeese	DB	5-11	200	R-So.	Olympia, Wash. / Olympia HS
21	Zheric Hill	LB	6-0	230	Fr.	Grambling, La. / Ruston HS
22	Jadon Mayfield	LB	5-11	225	R-Fr.	Ruston, La. / Ruston HS
22	Omiri Wiggins	RB	5-10	206	Jr.	Lafayette, La. / Coffeyville CC
23	Alonzo Jackson Jr.	LB	6-1	227	R-Fr.	Haynesville, La. / Haynesville HS
24	Javari Lockhart	DB	6-1	170	Fr.	Monroe, La. / Neville HS
25	Colton Deckard	LB	6-2	220	R-So.	Muenster, Texas / Muenster HS
25	Amani Givens	RB	5-7	199	Sr.	Baton Rouge, La. / El Camino CC
26	Dylone Brooks	RB	5-10	205	Fr.	Ruston, La. / Ruston HS
27	Tobias Gary	DB	6-0	180	Fr.	Dallas, Texas / South Oak Cliff HS
27	Kolby Thomas	WR	5-9	165	Fr.	Shreveport, La. / Calvary Baptist Academy
29	Lexington Matthews	P	6-3	196	R-So.	Atlanta, Ga. / Savannah State
30	Sentel Simpson	DB	6-4	183	Fr.	Little Elm, Texas / Frisco Panther Creek
31	Brayden Curry	WR	5-7	161	R-So.	Shreveport, La. / Evangel Christian Academy
33	Jaylon Parnell	LB	5-11	224	Fr.	Pascagoula, Miss. / Pascagoula HS
35	Cole Watson	LB	6-0	220	R-Fr.	Marshall, Texas / Tatum HS
36	Zander Hayes	LB	5-10	194	Fr.	Ruston, La. / Ruston HS
36	Riley Small	RB	5-10	190	R-Fr.	Gonzales, La. / University Lab
37	Zachary Jackson	QB	5-10	170	R-Fr.	Monroe, La. / Neville HS
38	Kaegan Kent	K	5-8	160	Fr.	Shreveport, La. / Evangel Christian Academy
39	Jacoryian Crowe	DB	5-10	175	R-Fr.	Ruston, La. / Ruston HS
40	Kaleb Andrus	LB	6-1	190	Fr.	Alexandria, La. / Acadiana HS
41	Ean Burch	LS	6-0	215	R-Sr.	Shreveport, La. / Loyola College Prep
42	Sifa Leota	LB	6-3	235	R-Sr.	Euless, Texas / North Texas
43	Drew Henderson	K	5-8	180	R-So.	Granbury, Texas / Granbury HS
44	Kaleb Coleman	DL	6-4	255	R-Fr.	Trophy Club, Texas / East Texas A&M
45	Jojo Odom	DL	6-4	265	Fr.	Parrish, Ala. / Jasper HS
46	Deven Muniz	TE	6-3	223	Jr.	West Covina, Calif. / Pasadena City College
46	Daylin Page	DL	6-4	236	Fr.	Hattiesburg, Miss. / North Forrest HS
47	Jay Wilkerson	WR	6-1	175	R-Jr.	Midlothian, Texas / Navarro College
48	John Hoyet Chance	P	6-1	205	R-Fr.	Shreveport, La. / Captain Shreve HS
49	James Predtechenkis	LB	6-1	200	R-Fr.	Richardson, Texas / Covenant Christian HS
50	Tazio Rosso	OL	6-1	271	Fr.	St. Marys, Ga. / Camden County HS
51	Amery Edwards	DL	6-2	285	So.	Alexandria, La. / Co-Lin CC

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown/Previous School
52	Troy Smith III	OL	6-3	301	R-So.	New Orleans, La. / St. Augustine HS
53	Austin Ellis	OL	6-4	305	R-Fr.	Whitehouse, Texas / Bullard HS
54	Toby Mealer	OL	6-5	325	Fr.	American Fork, Utah / Lone Peak HS
55	Landon Nelson	OL	6-1	292	R-Sr.	Underwood, Iowa / Iowa Western CC
56	Andrew Richard	OL	6-3	304	R-Fr.	Central, La. / Central HS
57	Jadon Smith	OL	6-2	298	R-So.	Jennings, La. / Jennings HS
58	Jonathan Denis	OL	6-3	316	R-Sr.	Homestead, Fla. / Central Missouri / Miami
59	Jake Riggs	LS	5-11	188	R-Fr.	Dallas, Texas / Prestonwood Christian
60	Roy Brackins III	OL	6-3	308	R-So.	Baton Rouge, La. / Woodlawn HS
61	Ervin Smith	OL	6-1	292	Fr.	Baton Rouge, La. / Catholic HS
64	Jake Acklin	OL	6-5	297	R-Fr.	Haynesville, La. / Haynesville HS
66	Will Hutchens	OL	6-3	305	R-So.	Lindale, Texas / Sam Houston
67	Brett Canis	OL	6-6	326	R-Sr.	Midland, Texas / Texas Tech
72	Hayden Christman	OL	6-6	331	R-So.	Tioga, La. / Tioga HS
73	Kenneth Bannister	OL	6-3	304	R-Sr.	New Orleans, La. / Edna Karr HS
76	Cyler Corn	OL	6-4	314	R-Fr.	Groesbeck, Texas / Groesbeck HS
78	Bryson Weathers	OL	6-6	293	Fr.	Ward, Ark. / Cabot HS
79	Ashanti Cole	OL	6-3	312	Sr.	Coushatta, La. / Grambling State
80	Dane Benedix	WR	6-0	195	Jr.	Mission Viejo, Calif. / Saddleback CC
82	Luke Seib	TE	6-4	220	R-So.	Blue Springs, Mo. / UTEP
83	Luke Watkins	WR	6-4	205	Fr.	Prosper, Texas / Walnut Grove HS
84	Eli Finley	TE	6-6	246	Jr.	Heath, Texas / Rockwall Heath HS
85	Adem Madise	WR	6-2	200	R-So.	Dallas, Texas / South Oak Cliff HS
86	Daejawn Smith	WR	5-9	175	Fr.	New Orleans, La. / Edna Karr HS
87	Brayden Bockler	TE	6-4	237	So.	San Juan Capistrano, Calif. / Saddleback CC
88	Johnnie Thiel IV	WR	5-11	175	Fr.	Destrehan, La. / Destrehan HS
89	Chase Grosfeld	WR	6-2	200	Jr.	Cypress, Calif. / Cerritos College
90	Jayden Madkins	DL	6-2	275	Jr.	Houston, Texas / Tyler JC
91	Caleb Sims	DL	6-5	276	R-Sr.	Mansfield, Texas / East Texas A&M
92	Lane Condry	DL	6-4	270	So.	Broken Arrow, Okla. / NE Oklahoma A&M
93	Jacob Bradford	DL	6-1	290	R-Fr.	Pass Christian, Miss. / St. Stanislaus HS
94	Emmanuel Oguns	DL	6-5	260	R-Jr.	Alief, Texas / Tyler JC
95	Trevell Vivians	DL	6-2	311	R-Jr.	Philadelphia, Miss. / Hinds CC
96	Zion Nason	DL	6-2	293	R-Sr.	Canton, Miss. / Mississippi Gulf Coast CC
97	Christian Davis	DL	6-3	328	R-So.	Ruston, La. / Northwestern State
98	Donovan Rieman	DL	6-4	265	R-Jr.	Enid, Okla. / Kansas State
99	Judd Rouyea	DL	6-2	267	R-So.	Baton Rouge, La. / Catholic HS

COACHING STAFF

Name	Title	Experience (LA Tech)
Sonny Cumbie	Head Coach	4th Year
Carlton Buckels	Defensive Pass Game Coordinator/Cornerbacks	1st Year
Sam Carter	Safeties	4th Year
Josh Creech	Linebackers	1st Year
Tony Franklin	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks	1st Year
Isaiah Graham	Wide Receivers	
Lorenzo Joe	Wide Receivers	2nd Year
Luke Olson	Defensive Coordinator	1st Year
Paul Randolph	Defensive Line	1st Year
Dan Sharp	Associate Head Coach/Tight Ends/Special Teams	4th Year
Nathan Young	Offensive Line	4th Year
Teddy Veal	Running Backs	6th Year
Courtney Arnick	Assistant Linebackers	
Colby Brown Sr.	Assistant Defensive Backs	
Donajz Dunn	Defensive Analyst	
Jay Gafford	Offensive Analyst/Special Teams	
Carter Foster	Assistant Defensive Line	
Vincent Johnson	Assistant Offensive Line	

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown/Previous School
64	Jake Acklin	OL	6-5	297	R-Fr.	Haynesville, La. / Haynesville HS
40	Kaleb Andrus	LB	6-1	190	Fr.	Alexandria, La. / Acadiana HS
6	Tre Averhart	WR	6-4	215	Sr.	West Palm Beach, Fla. / Keiser University
5	Blake Baker	QB	6-5	220	R-So.	Cypress, Texas / Cypress Ranch HS
73	Kenneth Bannister	OL	6-3	304	R-Sr.	New Orleans, La. / Edna Karr HS
80	Dane Benedix	WR	6-0	195	Jr.	Mission Viejo, Calif. / Saddleback CC
87	Brayden Bockler	TE	6-4	237	So.	San Juan Capistrano, Calif. / Saddleback CC
14	Teddy Booras	QB	6-3	209	Jr.	San Ramon, Calif. / Diablo Valley College
60	Roy Brackins III	OL	6-3	308	R-So.	Baton Rouge, La. / Woodlawn HS
93	Roy Bradford	DL	6-1	290	R-Fr.	Pass Christian, Miss. / St. Stanislaus HS
10	Jackson Bradley	QB	6-3	220	Fr.	Oak Grove, La. / Oak Grove HS
26	Dylone Brooks	RB	5-10	200	Fr.	Ruston, La. / Ruston HS
7	Evan Bullock	QB	6-5	220	R-So.	Anna, Texas / Anna HS
41	Ean Burch	LS	6-0	215	R-Sr.	Shreveport, La. / Loyola College Prep
0	Andrew Burnette	RB	6-2	238	R-Sr.	Jensen Beach, Fla. / Keiser University
17	Amari Butler	DB	5-10	186	Jr.	Petal, Miss. / Pearl River CC
67	Brett Canis	OL	6-6	326	R-Sr.	Midland, Texas / Texas Tech
3	Kameron Carter	DB	6-1	175	Jr.	Natchez, Miss. / Southwest Mississippi CC
48	John Hoyet Chance	P	6-1	205	R-Fr.	Shreveport, La. / Captain Shreve HS
72	Hayden Christman	OL	6-6	331	R-So.	Tioga, La. / Tioga HS
2	Joshua Cobbs	DB	6-2	210	R-Sr.	West Monroe, La. / West Monroe HS
79	Ashanti Cole	OL	6-3	312	Sr.	Coushatta, La. / Grambling State
44	Kaleb Coleman	DL	6-4	255	R-Fr.	Trophy Club, Texas / East Texas A&M
92	Lane Condry	DL	6-4	270	So.	Broken Arrow, Okla. / NE Oklahoma A&M
76	Cyler Corn	OL	6-4	314	R-Fr.	Groesbeck, Texas / Groesbeck HS
39	Jacoryian Crowe	DB	5-10	175	R-Fr.	Ruston, La. / Ruston HS
31	Brayden Curry	WR	5-7	161	R-So.	Shreveport, La. / Evangel Christian Academy
97	Christian Davis	DL	6-3	328	R-So.	Ruston, La. / Northwestern State
25	Colton Deckard	LB	6-2	220	R-So.	Muenster, Texas / Muenster HS
58	Jonathan Denis	OL	6-3	316	R-Sr.	Homestead, Fla. / Central Missouri / Miami
51	Amery Edwards	DL	6-2	285	So.	Alexandria, La. / Co-Lin CC
53	Austin Ellis	OL	6-4	305	R-Fr.	Whitehouse, Texas / Bullard HS
8	Jacob Fields	DB/WR	5-11	180	Jr.	Melissa, Texas / Melissa HS
10	Kolbe Fields	LB	6-0	225	R-Sr.	New Orleans, La. / LSU
84	Eli Finley	TE	6-6	246	Jr.	Heath, Texas / Rockwall Heath HS
0	Sam Fongang	DB	6-2	195	Jr.	Mansfield, Texas / Tyler JC
6	Jakari Foster	DB	6-0	211	R-Sr.	Piedmont, Ala. / Hutchinson CC
4	Kam Franklin	DB	6-2	211	R-So.	Oak Grove, La. / Oklahoma State
1	Devin Gandy	WR	5-11	165	R-Sr.	Victorville, Calif. / Sacramento State
27	Tobias Gary	DB	6-0	180	Fr.	Dallas, Texas / South Oak Cliff HS
25	Amani Givens	RB	5-7	199	Sr.	Baton Rouge, La. / El Camino CC
89	Chase Grosfeld	WR	6-2	200	Jr.	Cypress, Calif. / Cerritos College
18	Jaitlin Hampton	DB	5-11	170	Jr.	Lancaster, Texas / Coastal Carolina
36	Zander Hayes	LB	5-10	194	Fr.	Ruston, La. / Ruston HS
43	Drew Henderson	K	5-8	180	R-So.	Granbury, Texas / Granbury HS
13	Cam Hill	DB	6-2	201	R-So.	Farmerville, La. / Union Parish HS
21	Zheric Hill	LB	6-0	230	Fr.	Grambling, La. / Ruston HS
66	Will Hutchens	OL	6-3	305	R-So.	Lindale, Texas / Sam Houston
15	JayT Jackson	DB	6-1	175	R-Jr.	Columbus, Ga. / Garden City CC
18	Marlion Jackson	WR	6-2	215	R-Jr.	Flowery Branch, Ga. / Cherokee Bluff HS
37	Zachary Jackson	QB	5-10	170	R-Fr.	Monroe, La. / Neville HS
23	Alonzo Jackson Jr.	LB	6-1	227	R-Fr.	Haynesville, La. / Haynesville HS
38	Kaegan Kent	K	5-8	160	Fr.	Shreveport, La. / Evangel Christian Academy
2	Trey Kukuk	QB	6-1	201	Jr.	Mission Viejo, Calif. / Saddleback College
3	Dedrick Latulas	WR	5-7	165	R-So.	New Iberia, La. / Westgate HS
42	Sifa Leota	LB	6-3	235	R-Sr.	Eules, Texas / North Texas
24	Javari Lockhart	DB	6-1	170	Fr.	Monroe, La. / Neville HS
85	Adem Madise	WR	6-2	200	R-So.	Dallas, Texas / South Oak Cliff HS
90	Jayden Madkins	DL	6-2	275	Jr.	Houston, Texas / Tyler JC
9	Mekhi Mason	LB	6-2	230	R-Jr.	Pembroke Pines, Fla. / Syracuse
29	Lexington Matthews	P	6-3	196	R-So.	Atlanta, Ga. / Savannah State
22	Jadon Mayfield	LB	5-11	225	R-Fr.	Ruston, La. / Ruston HS
20	Kenyatta McNeese	DB	5-11	200	R-So.	Olympia, Wash. / Olympia HS
14	Jordan McRae	DB	5-11	180	So.	McRae, Ga. / Georgia Military College
54	Toby Mealer	OL	6-5	325	Fr.	American Fork, Utah / Lone Peak HS
11	Jalen Mickens	WR	5-9	187	Fr.	Willis, Texas / Willis HS
54	Deven Muniz	TE	6-3	223	Jr.	West Covina, Calif. / Pasadena City College
96	Zion Nason	DL	6-2	293	R-Sr.	Canton, Miss. / Mississippi Gulf Coast CC

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown/Previous School
55	Landon Nelson	OL	6-1	292	R-Sr.	Underwood, Iowa / Iowa Western CC
45	Jojo Odom	DL	6-4	265	Fr.	Parrish, Ala. / Jasper HS
94	Emmanuel Oguns	DL	6-5	260	R-Jr.	Alief, Texas / Tyler JC
46	Daylin Page	DL	6-4	236	Fr.	Hattiesburg, Miss. / North Forrest HS
33	Jaylon Parnell	LB	5-11	224	Fr.	Pascagoula, Miss. / Pascagoula HS
15	David Pierro	WR	5-11	185	Jr.	Fresno, Calif. / Diablo Valley College
19	Jordan Pierro	DB	5-10	175	R-Fr.	Fresno, Calif. / Fresno State
49	James Predtechenkis	LB	6-1	200	R-Fr.	Richardson, Texas / Covenant Christian HS
56	Andrew Richard	OL	6-3	304	R-Fr.	Central, La. / Central HS
1	Michael Richard	DB	5-11	185	Jr.	New Orleans, La. / Edna Karr HS
98	Donovan Rieman	DL	6-4	265	R-Jr.	Enid, Okla. / Kansas State
59	Jake Riggs	LS	5-11	188	R-Fr.	Dallas, Texas / Prestonwood Christian
50	Tazio Rosso	OL	6-1	271	Fr.	St. Marys, Ga. / Camden County HS
99	Judd Rouyea	DL	6-2	267	R-So.	Baton Rouge, La. / Catholic HS
82	Luke Seib	TE	6-4	220	R-So.	Blue Springs, Mo. / UTEP
7	Jhamal Shelby Jr.	DB	6-3	200	R-Jr.	New Orleans, La. / St. Augustine HS
8	Jay Simon	WR	5-10	185	R-Fr.	Shreveport, La. / Calvary Baptist
30	Sentel Simpson	DB	6-4	183	Fr.	Little Elm, Texas / Frisco Panther Creek
91	Caleb Sims	DL	6-5	276	R-Sr.	Mansfield, Texas / East Texas A&M
16	Marques Singleton Jr.	WR	5-8	160	Jr.	Alameda, Calif. / Los Medanos College
36	Riley Small	RB	5-10	190	R-Fr.	Gonzales, La. / University Lab
86	Daejawn Smith	WR	5-9	175	Fr.	New Orleans, La. / Edna Karr HS
61	Ervin Smith	OL	6-1	292	Fr.	Baton Rouge, La. / Catholic HS
57	Jadon Smith	OL	6-2	298	R-So.	Jennings, La. / Jennings HS
52	Troy Smith III	OL	6-3	301	R-So.	New Orleans, La. / St. Augustine HS
4	Clay Thevenin	RB	5-10	202	So.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. / Navarro College
88	Johnnie Thiel IV	WR	5-11	175	Fr.	Destrehan, La. / Destrehan HS
27	Kolby Thomas	WR	5-9	165	Fr.	Shreveport, La. / Calvary Baptist Academy
95	Trevell Vivians	DL	6-2	311	R-Jr.	Philadelphia, Miss. / Hinds CC
83	Luke Watkins	WR	6-4	205	Fr.	Prosper, Texas / Walnut Grove HS
35	Cole Watson	LB	6-0	220	R-Fr.	Marshall, Texas / Tatum HS
78	Bryson Weathers	OL	6-6	293	Fr.	Ward, Ark. / Cabot HS
19	Mason Welch	QB	6-5	227	R-So.	Shreveport, La. / Kilgore CC
22	Omiri Wiggins	RB	5-10	206	Jr.	Lafayette, La. / Coffeyville CC
47	Jay Wilkerson	WR	6-1	175	R-Jr.	Midlothian, Texas / Navarro College
11	Cedric Woods	DB	5-11	185	R-Sr.	Monroe, La. / Carroll HS

SUPPORT STAFF

Name	Title
Gerald Jordan	Sport Administrator
Dave Scholz	Director of Football Sports Performance
Carson Davis	Football Sports Performance Assistant
Stephen Featherston	Director of Strategic Communications
Jacob Martinez	Director of Football Operations
Brian Mayer	Chief of Staff
Jenna Latour	Director of On-Campus Recruiting
Justin Apodaca	Scouting Specialist
Sam Hackney	Operations Specialist
Leigha Presley	Video Coordinator
Evan Dauterive	Head Athletic Trainer
Ava Korinke	Athletic Trainer
Aimee Travis	Athletic Trainer
Candace Schroeffel	Athletic Trainer
Brandon Dubuy	Equipment Manager



BY LOCATION

ALABAMA (2)

Jakari Foster
Jojo Odom

ARKANSAS (1)

Jakari Foster

CALIFORNIA (10)

Dane Benedix
Brayden Bockler
Teddy Booras
Devin Gandy
Chase Grosfeld
Trey Kukuk
Deven Muniz
David Pierro
Jordan Pierro
Marques Singleton Jr.

FLORIDA (5)

Tre Averhart
Andrew Burnette
Jonathan Denis
Mekhi Mason
Clay Thevenin

GEORGIA (5)

JayT Jackson
Marlion Jackson
Lexington Matthews
Jordan McRae
Tazio Rosso

IOWA (1)

Landon Nelson

LOUISIANA (44)

Jake Acklin
Kaleb Andrus
Kenneth Bannister
Roy Brackins III
Jackson Bradley
Dylone Brooks
Ean Burch
John Hoyet Chance
Hayden Christman
Joshua Cobbs
Ashanti Cole
Jacoryian Crowe
Brayden Curry
Christian Davis
Amery Edwards
Kolbe Fields
Kam Franklin
Will Fendley
Amani Givens
Zander Hayes
Cam Hill
Zheric Hill
Alonzo Jackson Jr.
Zachary Jackson
Kaegan Kent
Dedrick Latulas
Javari Lockhart
Jadon Mayfield
Andrew Richard
Michael Richard
Fred Robertson
Judd Rouyea
Jay Simon
Riley Small

Jhamal Shelby Jr.
Daejawn Smith
Ervin Smith
Jadon Smith
Troy Smith III
Johnnie Thiel IV
Kolby Thomas
Mason Welch
Omiri Wiggins
Cedric Woods

MISSISSIPPI (7)

Jacob Bradford
Amari Butler
Kam Carter
Zion Nason
Daylin Page
Jaylon Parnell
Trevell Vivians

MISSOURI (1)

Luke Seib

OKLAHOMA (2)

Lane Condry
Donovan Rieman

TEXAS (27)

Blake Baker
Evan Bullock
Brett Canis
Kaleb Coleman
Cyler Corn
Colton Deckard
Austin Ellis
Jacob Fields

Eli Finley
Sam Fongang
Tobias Gary
Jaitlin Hampton
Drew Henderson
Will Hutchens
Benji Johnson
Sifa Leota
Jayden Madkins
Adem Madise
Jalen Mickens
Emmanuel Oguns
James Predtechenkis
Jake Riggs
Sentel Simpson
Caleb Sims
Luke Watkins
Cole Watson
Jay Wilkerson

UTAH (1)

Toby Mealer

WASHINGTON (1)

Kenyatta McNeese

BREAKDOWN

ROSTER BREAKDOWN (107)

Seniors/Graduates	16
Juniors	26
Sophomores	27
Freshmen	38

RETURNERS (53)

Starters (min. 4 starts)	9
Offense	5
Evan Bullock, QB	
Omiri Wiggins, RB	
Eli Finley, TE	
Hayden Christman, OL	
Landon Nelson, OL	
Defense	4
Cedric Woods, DB	
Michael Richard, DB	
Jacob Fields, DB	
Kolbe Fields, LB	

NEWCOMERS (54)

Offense	26
Defense	25
Specialists	3

BY PRONUNCIATION

Dylone Brooks	Die-lawn
Andrew Burnette	Burr-net
Cyler Corn	Kyler
John Hoyet Chance	Hoyt
Jacoryian Crowe	Juh-core-EE-in
Marlion Jackson	Marlin (like the fish)
Kaegan Kent	Kay-gen
Trey Kukuk	Q-cuck
Dedrick Latulas	Deh-drick Luh-too-lis
Sifa Leota	SEE-fuh LEE-oh-tuh
Adem Madise	Muh-deese
Mekhi Mason	Muh-KY
Zion Nason	Zy-on
Donovan Rieman	RYE-men
Andrew Richard	REE-shard
Michael Richard	REE-shard
Judd Rouyea	ROO-yay
Marques Singleton Jr.	Mar-keese
Luke Seib	Sye-buh
Clay Thevenin	Tev-in-in
Omiri Wiggins	Oh-my-ree

STAFF CHART



Tony Franklin
OC



Nathan Young
OL



Teddy Veal
RB



Lorenzo Joe
WR



Dan Sharp
AHC/TE/ST



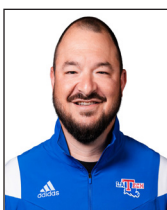
Luke Olson
DC



Carlton Buckels
Def Pass GM
Coord./CB



Sam Carter
S



Josh Creech
LB



Paul Randolph
DL



SONNY CUMBIE

HEAD COACH | 4TH SEASON

Sonny Cumbie was welcomed to Ruston as the 34th head football coach in Bulldog history on December 1, 2021.

In his third season at the helm in 2024, Cumbie led LA Tech to its first bowl appearance since 2020, facing nationally ranked Army in the Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl. The Bulldogs ultimately finished fifth in CUSA with a 5-8 overall record with a 4-4 mark in the league.

Cumbie served as the primary play caller for the first four games before handing the reins to co-offensive coordinator/offensive line coach Nathan Young. The Bulldogs averaged 333.5 yards per game, which ranked fourth in CUSA in passing offense, highlighted by a 329-yard, six-touchdown performance against Middle Tennessee. LA Tech averaged 110.0 rushing yards on the ground, registering six 100-yard rushing outings and two games with 200+ yards.

LA Tech's defense was one of the best in the nation during the 2024 regular season, finishing 11th in the nation in total defense (301.9 yds per game), which was first in the CUSA, 23rd in pass defense (181.8 yds per game), and 30th in run defense (120.1), which was also a league best. The Bulldogs allowed 20.5 points per game which was tied for the 25th best mark in the nation and second in CUSA.

Tech had nine All-CUSA players in 2024, highlighted by a pair of first-team selections, David Blay (defensive line) and Tru Edwards (wide receiver). Quarterback Evan Bullock was named to the All-CUSA Freshman Team after starting the final 10 games of the season. In addition to earning First-Team All-CUSA honors, Blay was named to the Phil Steele All-American Honorable Mention Team after recording 46 stops, 10.5 tackles for loss and 6.5 sacks. Blay became the third player during Cumbie's tenure to earn All-American honors, joining running back Marquis Crosby (2022) and defensive back Michael Richard (2023).

In 2023, Cumbie served as the primary play caller for the Bulldogs' offense that ranked fifth in the CUSA with 384.7 yards of total offense per game while ranking third in first downs gained with 243. The Bulldog offense was among the conference leaders in passing plays over 10 yards (2nd, 123), 20 yards (2nd, 46) and 30 yards (3rd, 22).

Under Cumbie's tutelage, LA Tech had 10 All-CUSA players in 2023, highlighted by first-team selections, Smoke Harris (wide receiver/punt returner), Blake Ochsendorf (punter), and Willie Roberts (defensive back). Freshman defensive back Michael Richard was named CUSA Freshman of the Year and garnered First-Team Freshman All-America honors from The Athletic.

Cumbie garnered his first win as head coach at Louisiana Tech with a dominant 52-17 triumph over Stephen F. Austin on Sept. 10, 2022 at Joe Aillet Stadium. A win in which LA Tech accumulated a season high in total offense (516 yards) and rushing (300 yards). The Bulldogs claimed two wins in Conference USA play with a 41-31 win over UTEP in the CUSA opener (Oct. 8) and a 40-24 shellacking of Middle Tennessee (Nov. 5).

LA Tech garnered a total of 15 all-conference selections in 2022. Wide receiver Tre Harris, defensive lineman Keivie Rose, and wide receiver/return specialist Smoke Harris all earned First-Team All-Conference USA honors while defensive back Myles Brooks was named second-team all-conference. Harris was named a semifinalist for the Fred Biletnikoff Award and Brooks was invited to the East-West Shrine Bowl and NFL Combine following the conclusion of the season. Redshirt freshman running back Marquis Crosby was named Honorable Mention Freshman All-American by College Football News after a breakout season in which he rushed for 918 yards and nine touchdowns on 183 carries. His 918 rushing yards ranked sixth nationally among all FBS freshman.

Under his tutelage, Cumbie's quarterbacks ranked 32nd nationally in passing yards per game with 267.2 a contest. Quarterback Parker McNeil threw for a season-high 424 yards in a loss at North Texas which was the most by a Bulldogs since Ryan Higgins in 2016.

Cumbie spent the previous 12 years as an assistant coach in the Big 12, including two stints at Texas Tech (2009-13, 2021) and one at TCU (2014-2020). He served as offensive coordinator for nine years for the Red Raiders and Horned Frogs and worked under some of the top coaches in college football, including Mike Leach, Tommy Tuberville, Kliff Kingsbury, and Gary Patterson.

Cumbie came to LA Tech after serving as the offensive coordinator at Texas Tech in 2021, including serving as the interim head coach over the final four games of the season. This was his second stint in Lubbock, after beginning his college coaching career with the Red Raiders in 2009.

He also served as the quarterbacks coach and the offensive coordinator at TCU during his seven seasons in Fort Worth, Texas. During his tenure at TCU, Cumbie oversaw the Horned Frogs' quarterbacks and served as the sole offensive play caller each of the final four years. TCU boasted the Big 12's second-best league record (38-25) and its third-best overall mark (58-30) over his seven seasons, which coincided with six bowl appearances.

His impact was felt immediately at TCU as the program broke the Big 12 record with a 21.4 points per game improvement, the largest by any team nationally since 1999-2000 (Northwestern). TCU ranked No. 2 in scoring (46.5) and No. 5 in total offense (533.0) on the way to a 12-1 record.

The 2015 Horned Frogs once again lit up the scoreboard, ranking No. 3 in total offense (562.8) and No. 7 in scoring (42.1) on the way to an 11-2 record and a win over Oregon in the Valero Alamo Bowl (rallying from a 31-0 halftime deficit).

Visit latechsports.com to see Cumbie's Full Bio ...





COACHING EXPERIENCE

Year	School/Team	Position
2009	San Angelo	Head Coach/Director of Player Personnel
2009	Texas Tech	Graduate Assistant
2010-12	Texas Tech	Inside Receivers Coach
2013	Texas Tech	Co-Offensive Coordinator/ORs Coach
2014-16	TCU	Co-Offensive Coordinator/QBs Coach
2017-20	TCU	Offensive Coordinator/QBs Coach
2021	Texas Tech	Offensive Coordinator/QBs Coach
2021	Texas Tech	Interim Head Coach
2022-Pres.	Louisiana Tech	Head Coach

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Year	Team
2002-04	Texas Tech (NCAA)
2005*	Indianapolis Colts (NFL)
2006	Los Angeles Avengers (AFL)
2006*	Baltimore Ravens (NFL)
2007-08	Los Angeles Avengers (AFL)
2009	San Angelo Stampede Express (IFL)

* Offseason and/or practice squad member only

BOWL EXPERIENCE

Year	Bowl	Final Score
2009	Cotton Bowl	Ole Miss 47, Texas Tech 34
2010	Alamo Bowl	Texas Tech 41, Michigan State 31
2011	TicketCity Bowl	Texas Tech 45, Northwestern 38
2012	Meineke Car Care Bowl	Texas Tech 34, Minnesota 31
2013	Holiday Bowl	Texas Tech 37, Arizona State 23
2014	Peach Bowl	TCU 42, Ole Miss 3
2015	Alamo Bowl	TCU 47, Oregon 41
2016	Liberty Bowl	Georgia 31, TCU 23
2017	Alamo Bowl	TCU 39, Stanford 37
2018	Cheez-It Bowl	TCU 10, California 7 ^{OT}
2021	Liberty Bowl	Texas Tech 34, Mississippi State 7
2024	Independence Bowl	LA Tech 6, Army 27

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name: Sonny Jack Cumbie

Born: August 8, 1981 in Abilene, Texas

College: Texas Tech University, 2004

Wife: Tamra of Snyder, Texas

Children: Gray Cumbie; Hays Cumbie



NEW LEADERSHIP



UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT **DR. JIM HENDERSON**

VP/DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS **RYAN IVEY**

Dr. Jim Henderson became the 15th president of Louisiana Tech University on Jan. 1, 2024. His ties to the institution go back more than 80 years when his father, Clem Henderson, was recruited to play for famed LA Tech football coach, Joe Aillet. His mom, Martha, was a two-time Tech grad.

Henderson previously served as the president and CEO of the University of Louisiana System, one of the nation's largest University systems. As the longest-serving UL System president, he led the Universities of Louisiana in the creation of a strategic framework that charged its member institutions to produce the most educated generation in Louisiana's history. Through various Systemic initiatives such as Compete LA, the Reginald F. Lewis Scholars, and the challenges associated with a global pandemic and fiscal uncertainty, he developed a notion of System that will continue to benefit each of the nine institutions for decades to come.

Henderson also served as president of his alma mater, Northwestern State University, where he reinvigorated student life and campus culture leading to the highest enrollment in the school's 135-year history. Before taking the helm of NSU, Henderson served as chancellor of Bossier Parish Community College. During his tenure, the institution ranked among the five fastest growing colleges in the nation for five consecutive years.

Ryan Ivey was introduced as Vice President and Director of Athletics on Feb. 29, 2024, bringing to Ruston more than 18+ years of experience in intercollegiate athletics with the past 11 as an athletics director at Stephen F. Austin, Austin Peay, and Texas A&M-Commerce.

He spent more than five years in Nacogdoches, Texas at SFA, leading the department through a conference transition from the Southland Conference to the Western Athletic Conference, raising private support that included the launch of the Purple Lights Fund that helped secure the four largest single gifts in the department's history, and increasing ticket sales by 189 percent.

Under his leadership, the Lumberjacks celebrated 18 conference championships, three NCAA Tournament appearances, and the 2019 Bowling National Championship.

Prior to joining SFA, Ivey spent three years (2015-18) at Austin Peay in Clarksville, Tennessee, where he helped raise \$6.5 million in gifts which were funneled into facility improvements and the athletic departments budget on top of increase football and basketball ticket revenue.

His first Director of Athletics position came at NCAA Division II Texas A&M-Commerce. During his two-year stint with the Lions, the athletic programs experienced new heights by winning six team Lone Star Conference championships in the 2014-15 season, the most ever in Lion Athletics history.





JOE AILLET STADIUM

STADIUM FACTS

Nickname: The Joe
Year opened: 1968
Capacity: 28,562
Playing Surface: Pivot 1.5 by Hellas
All-Time Record: 183-81-2
First Game: Sept. 28, 1968 vs. East Carolina (LA Tech 35, ECU 7)
First Touchdown: Buster Herren (LA Tech) 2-yard run vs. East Carolina, Sept. 28, 1968
First TD Pass: Terry Bradshaw (LA Tech) 5-yard pass to Buster Herren vs. East Carolina, Sept. 28, 1968
Longest Winning Streak: 18 twice (Nov. 20, 1971 - Oct. 11, 1975 | Oct. 14, 1989 - Oct. 30, 1993)
Most Points Scored by LA Tech: 77 twice (LA Tech 77, Lamar 40 on Nov. 15, 1969 | LA Tech 77, UL-Lafayette 14 on Sept. 19, 1998)
Largest Margin of Victory: 63 (LA Tech 77, UL-Lafayette 14 on Sept. 19, 1998)

TOP DOG WATCHERS AT THE JOE

28,714	ULM.....	Sept. 13, 1997
28,100	Mississippi State.....	Sept. 9, 2007
27,905	Southern	Sept. 5, 2015
27,360	ULM.....	Dec. 13, 1999
26,910	UL-Lafayette.....	Oct. 3, 2015
26,004	Northwestern State.....	Sept. 20, 2014
25,614	Utah State.....	Nov. 17, 2012
25,224	Mississippi State.....	Aug. 30, 2008
25,212	Hawai'i	Oct. 2, 2011
24,975	ULM.....	Sept. 12, 1987
24,628	Houston.....	Sept. 17, 2011
24,450	ULM.....	Nov. 2, 1991
24,002	Northwestern State.....	Sept. 2, 2017

Note: Joe Aillet Stadium has hosted 52 games with crowds over 20,000.

Yearly Records

Year	Overall Record	Conf. Record	1995	2-1	N/A
1968	3-1	1-1	1996	3-1	N/A
1969	3-1	2-0	1997	4-0	N/A
1970	1-3	0-2	1998	4-1	N/A
1971	4-1	3-0	1999	3-0	N/A
1972	4-0	2-0	2000	2-2	N/A
1973	6-0	3-0	2001	3-0	3-0
1974	5-0	2-0	2002	2-1	2-1
1975	4-2	2-1	2003	1-3	1-3
1976	2-1	1-1	2004	3-1	2-1
1977	2-1-1	1-0-1	2005	4-1	3-1
1978	4-1	3-0	2006	2-3	1-3
1979	2-2	1-2	2007	3-2	2-2
1980	2-2	1-2	2008	5-1	3-1
1981	2-1-1	1-0-1	2009	4-1	3-1
1982	5-1	1-0	2010	2-4	2-2
1983	1-3	0-3	2011	3-2	2-1
1984	4-1	3-0	2012	4-1	2-1
1985	4-1	2-1	2013	2-3	1-3
1986	2-1	1-1	2014	4-1	4-0
1987	1-2	N/A	2015	5-1	3-1
1988	2-4	N/A	2016	5-0	4-0
1989	3-0	N/A	2017	3-4	1-3
1990	5-0	N/A	2018	3-2	2-2
1991	4-0	N/A	2019	6-0	4-0
1992	4-0	N/A	2020	3-1	2-1
1993	2-2	N/A	2021	3-3	2-2
1994	2-3	N/A	2022	3-2	2-2
			2023	2-4	1-3
			2024	4-2	3-2
			2025	4-1	2-1

DECADE OF RENOVATIONS TO THE JOE

Joe Aillet Stadium has changed a lot in its 50+ years of existence, especially in the last 10 years.

2015 | Davison Athletics Complex | \$20 million

Three-story, 70,000-square foot end zone facility

2017 | Press Box/Suites | \$16.7 million

Two-story, 30,000-square foot facility plus camera deck

2024 | Video board | \$6.8 million

3,240-square foot end zone display with custom audio system



INSIDE THE MATCHUP



CATEGORY	LA TECH	FBS	UD	FBS
Total Offense	370.3	80	419.8	N/A
Rushing Offense	176.8	48	114.8	N/A
Passing Offense	193.5	101	305.0	N/A
Team Passing Eff.	130.44	82	N/A	N/A
Scoring Offense	28.6	68	29.3	N/A
Total Defense	371.9	71	412.8	N/A
Rushing Defense	130.9	45	176.6	N/A
Passing Yards Allowed	241.0	97	236.1	N/A
Team Passing Eff. Def.	112.83	20	N/A	N/A
Scoring Defense	18.1	19	32.1	N/A
Turnover Margin	.63	22	N/A	N/A
3rd Down Conv. %	.409	60	.466	N/A
4th Down Conv. %	.400	113	.541	N/A
3rd Down Conv. % Def.	.430	109	.438	N/A
4th Down Conv. % Def.	.267	4	.846	N/A
Red Zone Offense	.815	87	N/A	N/A
Red Zone Defense	.619	2	N/A	N/A
Net Punting	42.70	13	36.44	N/A
Punt Returns	11.47	32	17.80	N/A
Kickoff Returns	25.94	16	25.75	N/A
First Downs Offense	159	98	192	N/A
First Downs Defense	165	60	174	N/A
Fewest Penalties PG	7.75	123	4.5	N/A
Fewest Penalty Yards PG	74.88	134	39.62	N/A
Time of Possession	28:44	101	29:51	N/A

INSIDE THE SERIES

Delaware Leads, 1-0

In Ruston.....	0-2
In Newark.....	0-0
Neutral.....	0-0
Current Streak.....	L1
Longest Win Streak.....	N/A
Most LA Tech Points.....	N/A
Most UD Points.....	17 (1982)
Most Combined Points.....	17 (1982)
Biggest LA Tech Win	N/A
Biggest UD Win.....	17-0

SERIES SCORES

DATE	LOCATION	SCORE
Dec. 11, 1982	Ruston, La.	UD, 0-17

2025 LEADERS

LOUISIANA TECH LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT.	NET	AVG.	TD	YPG
CLAY THEVENIN	84	439	5.2	6	54.88
OMIRI WIGGINS	74	362	4.9	4	45.25
BLAKE BAKER	71	261	3.7	3	37.29

PASSING	C-A-I	COMP %	YARDS	TD	YPG
BLAKE BAKER	98-148-3	66.22	1,210	5	172.86
TREY KUKUK	28-42-2	66.67	231	2	38.50

RECEIVING	REC.	YARDS	AVG.	TD	YPG
ELI FINLEY	25	333	13.32	0	41.63
DEVIN GANDY	19	322	16.95	2	40.25
MARLION JACKSON	15	264	17.60	1	33.00

DEFENSE	U-A-TT	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU
JACOB FIELDS	32-25-57	2.0	0	1	3
MEKHI MASON	19-27-46	9.5	3.5	0	3
SIFA LEOTA	12-32-44	8.0	1.0	1	5

DELAWARE LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT.	NET	AVG.	TD	YPG
JO SILVER	88	451	5.1	3	56.38
VIRON ELLISON JR.	63	230	3.7	3	28.75
NICK MINICUCCI	71	176	2.5	8	22.0

PASSING	C-A-I	COMP %	YARDS	TD	YPG
NICK MINICUCCI	208-327-4	63.61	2,414	15	301.75

RECEIVING	REC.	YARDS	AVG.	TD	YPG
KYRE DUPLESSIS	40	554	13.85	4	69.25
SEAN WILSON	36	445	12.36	2	55.63

DEFENSE	U-A-TT	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU
GAVIN MOUL	35-34-69	4.5	1.0	0	2
KT SEAY	41-19-60	4.0	0	2	0
MYSONNE POLLARD	22-22-44	1.0	0	2	1

MATCHUP NOTES

Louisiana Tech and Delaware will meet for the second time in program history this Saturday in Newark. The Blue Hens lead the series 1-0 after defeating the Bulldogs 17-0 in the 1982 NCAA Division I-AA semifinals in Ruston. This weekend marks the first meeting between the two programs in 43 years and the first ever played in Delaware. The Blue Hens are in their first season as an FBS member.

In the 1982 meeting semifinal playoff meeting, LA Tech entered as the Southland Conference champion with a 10-3 record. Played in cold, rainy conditions, the Bulldogs fell as Delaware would move on the title game before falling to Eastern Kentucky.



SITUATION	2025	Cumulative
Playing at Joe Aillet Stadium	4-1	13-9
Playing on the road	1-2	3-19
Playing on a neutral field	0-0	0-1
Playing at night	5-3	13-17
Playing during the day	0-0	3-12
LA Tech scores on first possession	4-2	12-6
Opponent scores on first possession	0-1	2-10
LA Tech scores first	5-1	12-7
Opponent scores first	0-2	4-20
LA Tech leads after 1st quarter	4-1	13-7
Opponent leads after 1st quarter	0-2	2-18
Tied after 1st quarter	1-0	1-4
LA Tech leads at halftime	5-0	14-5
Opponent leads at halftime	0-3	1-14
Tied at halftime	0-0	1-1
LA Tech leads after 3rd quarter	5-0	14-2
Opponent leads after 3rd quarter	0-3	2-15
Tied after 3rd quarter	0-0	0-2
Game goes to overtime	0-1	0-6
LA Tech has more total yards	2-1	11-5
Opponent has more total yards	3-2	5-13
LA Tech has more rushing yards	3-1	10-3
Opponent has more rushing yards	2-2	6-25
LA Tech has more passing yards	1-1	9-20
Opponent has more passing yards	4-2	7-10
LA Tech has more turnovers	1-1	5-13
Opponent has more turnovers	4-1	11-9
Teams have equal turnovers	0-1	0-7
LA Tech has more penalties	2-2	7-12
Opponent has more penalties	2-1	7-10
Teams have equal penalties	1-0	2-5
LA Tech has more time of possession	2-0	10-13
Opponent has more time of possession	3-3	6-17
LA Tech has 100-yard rusher	2-0	7-3
Opponent has 100-yard rusher	1-0	3-13
LA Tech scores at least 20 points	5-1	14-17
Opponent scores at least 20 points	1-3	4-26
LA Tech throws for 300 yards	0-1	3-7
Opponent throws for 300 yards	1-0	2-2
Playing on natural grass	0-2	0-6
Playing on artificial surface	5-1	16-24
LA Tech defense scores	5-0	11-0
Opponent defense scores	0-0	1-5

LUCKY NO. 13

Tech's defense recorded its 13th interception of the season last Friday against Sam Houston, as Jacob Fields picked off a pass early in the fourth quarter and returned it 85 yards for a touchdown. The Bulldogs rank fifth in the FBS with 13 interceptions, their most in a season since 2018.

HAVE A DAY CLAY

First-year Bulldog Clay Thevenin had a game to remember against Sam Houston, as the junior college transfer rushed for a career-high 143 yards and three touchdowns on just 11 carries. Thevenin broke runs of 50 and 25 yards while averaging 13.0 yards per carry. It marked his first game with multiple touchdowns. He leads the team with 439 rushing yards and six scores this season.

SHOWED OUT ON O

The Bulldogs' offense racked up 646 total yards, the third-most ever in a CUSA game and the most in a single contest since Oct. 12, 2019, versus UMass. LA Tech rushed for 426 yards, the third-most in program history and the most in a game since 1991, while totaling six rushing touchdowns, tied for the fourth-most ever and the highest since 2015. Running backs Omiri Wiggins (136) and Clay Thevenin (143) each surpassed 100 yards, marking the first time two Bulldogs eclipsed the century mark on the ground in the same game since Nov. 18, 2017, versus UTEP. Both players set career highs in the win. It marked Wiggins' second career 100-yard game.

STARTING FAST

LA Tech scored a touchdown on its opening drive for the fourth straight game and has scored on its opening drive in five consecutive contests. The Bulldogs opened with a field goal against Southern Miss before stringing together four straight opening-drive touchdowns against UTEP, Kennesaw State, WKU and Sam Houston.

FIRST TIME STARTERS

LA Tech is ranked fifth with 18 first-time starters in the FBS this season. The list includes players that have made their first FBS start this season. Jalen Mickens became tech's latest first time starter against WKU.

Trey Kukuk - QB
Blake Baker - QB
Clay Thevenin - RB
Marquese Singleton Jr. - WR
Devin Gandy - WR
Dane Benedix - WR

Dedrick Latulas - WR
Jalen Mickens - WR
Ashanti Cole - OL
Troy Smith III - OL
Emmanuel Oguns - DL
Judd Rouyea - DL
Jayden Madkins - DL
Jakari Foster - DB
Jhamal Shelby Jr. - DB
Amari Butler - DB
Zheric Hill - LB
Alonzo Jackson Jr. - LB

EVERY WAY POSSIBLE

After nine weeks, LA Tech became one of six teams nationally to score touchdowns by fumble return, interception return, and on special teams. The Bulldogs joined Virginia, South Florida, Kansas State, San Diego State and South Carolina after Devin Gandy returned a kickoff for a touchdown against WKU.

MICKENS MAKES A START

True freshman wide receiver Jalen Mickens made his first start of the season against WKU last Tuesday. Mickens became the second true freshman to start this year, joining linebacker Zheric Hill, who started at middle linebacker against Kennesaw State. The Texas native caught three passes for 28 yards and has appeared in all seven games, recording nine receptions for 100 yards and one touchdown.

STOPPED FOR A LOSS

Tech's defense recorded double-digit tackles for loss for the second time this season, finishing with 10 against WKU, two shy of its 12 in the opener versus Southeastern. Sifa Leota led the team with 3.0, marking his second game this year with three or more. Michael Richard, Mekhi Mason and Emmanuel Oguns added 1.5 TFLs each, while Cedric Woods recorded one. Mason leads the team with 9.5 TFLs, followed by Leota with 7.5.

MARLION MAGIC

Fourth-year wide receiver Marlion Jackson has seen his number called more over the past three games, coming off a career performance against WKU with six receptions for 103 yards, his first 100-yard game. The Georgia native has recorded at least 40 receiving yards in every game with a catch this season and has tallied 13 receptions for a career-high 238 yards and one touchdown. Jackson needs one more catch to match his career-high 14 receptions he set in 2024.

BIG GAME BAKER

Blake Baker became Tech's first quarterback to register a 300-yard passing game since 2023, setting career highs in yards, completions and attempts after finishing 31 of 45 for 340 yards. The redshirt sophomore also rushed for 49 yards, marking the second time this season he has led the Bulldogs on the ground. Baker surpassed 1,000 career passing yards in the loss and has completed 81 of 127 passes for 989 yards and four touchdowns this season, along with 219 rushing yards and two scores on 64 carries.

HOME COOKING

LA Tech will look to win its fifth straight home game when it hosts WKU on Tuesday night. Dating to last season's finale against Kennesaw State, the Bulldogs have outscored opponents 136-34 while averaging 34 points per game during that four-game stretch and giving up 8.5 defensively. The Bulldogs have not won five straight at home since the 2019 season when they finished 6-0 at Joe Aillet Stadium.

DEFENSIVE CONSISTENCY

The Bulldogs have had seven players start in all six games on the defensive side of the ball. The breakdown includes all three safeties (Michael Richard, Jakari Foster, Jacob Fields), Jhamal Shelby Jr. at corner, Sifa Leota at linebacker and defensive linemen Emmanuel Oguns and Zion Nason.

BACK IN BLUE

LA Tech will debut its blue helmet for the first time in 2025 when it hosts Western Kentucky on Tuesday night. The Bulldogs are 1-1 in the alternate helmet, which debuted last season in a 48-21 win over Middle Tennessee on Oct. 10. Tech lost 33-30 to New Mexico State in the blue helmet the following week.

SINGLETON IS ALL ALONE

Junior college transfer wide receiver Marques Singleton Jr. caught his first career FBS touchdown pass when Blake Baker found him alone in the corner of the end zone on Tech's opening drive against UTEP. Singleton leads the team with 15 receptions through the first five games and has recorded multiple catches in every contest. He ranks third on the team with 99 receiving yards.

DOWN HILL

True freshman linebacker and Ruston high product Zheric Hill, has started to make an impact at his linebacker position after making his college debut on special teams against New Mexico State. After not recording any statis-

tics against the Aggies, Hill has finished with back-to-back five tackle performances versus Southern Miss and UTEP. Hill filled in nicely against the Miners after losing Mekhi Mason to a targeting call and Kolbe Fields to injury. The Ruston product recorded two solo tackles and three assists in the win, giving him 10 stops on the year.

DEFENSIVE DOMINANCE

The Bulldog defense intercepted five passes against UTEP, the most by a Louisiana Tech defense since recording five interceptions against Central Arkansas in the 2007 season opener. Safety Jakari Foster and linebacker Alonzo Jackson Jr. each returned an interception for a touchdown, marking Tech's first game with two defensive scores since Dec. 20, 2017, against SMU in the Frisco Bowl. LA Tech has now tallied five defensive touchdowns (three interceptions, two fumbles), leading the nation. The Bulldogs will look to match their six defensive touchdowns from the 2011 season with one more score.

CAREER DAY FOR THE BIG FELLA

Tech tight end Eli Finley was named the Week 4 John Mackey Player of the Week after recording a career-high 154 yards on six receptions in the win over Southern Miss. He became the first Tech tight end with 100 receiving yards in a game since 2009, and his total is the most by an FBS tight end this season. Finley leads the Bulldogs with 14 catches for 231 yards. His 231 ranks fifth among tight ends and 99th nationally. He had receptions of 72 and 47 yards in the win.

10 GETS SIX

Linebacker Kolbe Fields recorded his first career interception return for a touchdown in Tech's 30-20 win over Southern Miss, returning a pick 48 yards to give the Bulldogs a 23-10 lead. He added a team-high nine tackles, 0.5 TFLs and 0.5 sacks, earning CUSA Defensive Player of the Week honors for the first time in his career. The New Orleans native has led the team in tackles in three of four games and leads the Bulldogs with 38 stops on the season.

GANDY GETS 1K

Wide receiver Devin Gandy surpassed 1,000 career receiving yards after recording 38 yards against Southern Miss. Gandy transferred to Louisiana Tech with 892 career yards after five seasons at Sacramento State. The first-year Bulldog has caught seven passes for 126 yards through four games, with three of those receptions going for 25 yards or more. Gandy has caught 75 passes for 1,018 yards and six

scores in his career.

DOWNFIELD DOGS

The Bulldogs' offense registered eight plays of 20 yards or more against NMSU, including five passes and three rushes for a total of 267 yards. LA Tech had a combined five plays of 20-plus yards in the first two games before logging eight against the Aggies. Three went for 40 or more yards, highlighted by Blake Baker's 56-yard pass to David Pierro, a 42-yard pass from Trey Kukuk to Marlion Jackson and a 40-yard connection from Baker to Jalen Mickens. Devin Gandy added two explosive plays with receptions of 25 and 20 yards. Baker led the ground game with a 38-yard run, followed by Kukuk (24) and Clay Thevenin (22).

RUNNING WILD

The LA Tech offense ran for 353 yards on 65 attempts against New Mexico State. The 65 carries marked the program's most in a game since 2011 and the fifth most in school history. The 353 yards were the most in a game since the Bulldogs posted 367 against Northwestern State in 2023 and tied for the 10th most in program history. Blake Baker became just the second quarterback in program history to rush for more than 100 yards in a game, finishing with 103 yards. Running backs Omiri Wiggins and Clay Thevenin each added 68 yards, while Andrew Burnette tallied 41 yards, followed by Trey Kukuk with 40.

PICK CITY

The LA Tech defense added two interceptions against New Mexico State, giving the Bulldogs five through three games. LA Tech finished with five interceptions in 13 games last season. Jakari Foster leads the team with two, while Kam Franklin, Michael Richard and Zion Nason each have one.

OFFENSIVE OUTPUT

Sonny Cumbie saw his team record 574 total yards of offense in the win over New Mexico State, the most in a game under his tenure. The Bulldogs rushed for 353 yards and added 221 through the air. Tech posted 406 yards in the first half alone, marking the first time since 2012 that a CUSA team has tallied 400 yards of offense in a half. The Bulldogs racked up 551 yards of offense against Middle Tennessee in 2024, along with 516 yards against SFA and 504 yards against North Texas in 2022.

CEDRIC SET FOR 50

Sixth-year senior cornerback Cedric Woods will play his 50th game as a Bulldog on Saturday against New Mexico State. The Monroe



BULLDOG NOTES

native joined the team in 2020 and is one of four current players remaining from the Skip Holtz era.

Woods has started 47 of his 49 career games, including 10 as a true freshman in 2020. He started all 12 games in 2021, appeared in three games with one start in 2022 due to injury, and returned to start 10 games in 2023 and 12 in 2024.

GANDY GETS HIS FIRST

It was a night of firsts for Sacramento State transfer wide receiver Devin Gandy, who made his first FBS start and caught his first FBS touchdown against No. 3 LSU in front of more than 100,000 fans Saturday night. Gandy hauled in a 33-yard reception from quarterback Blake Baker late in the fourth quarter to get the Bulldogs on the board. The sixth-year player has reeled in two passes for 43 yards and one touchdown through two games.

LIVING BEHIND THE LINE

The LA Tech defense raised its season total to 20 tackles for loss after recording eight against LSU. Nine players registered at least half a tackle for loss, while five finished with one or more. The Bulldogs have had 14 players record at least half a tackle for loss this season. Tech is tied for sixth nationally with 20 TFLs. Mekhi Mason leads both the team and the nation with six, followed by Sifa Leota with 3.5 and Kolbe Fields with 2.5.

HAVE A DAY BIRTHDAY BOY

Second-year Bulldog Mekhi Mason had a 21st birthday to remember against Southeastern, setting career highs in tackles, tackles for loss and sacks. The Syracuse transfer was named Conference USA Defensive Player of the Week after recording nine tackles, 4.5 tackles for loss, two sacks and one pass breakup. Mason's 4.5 tackles for loss are the most by any player in a game this season and the third most in a single game in program history.

SPREAD IT AROUND

Eight different players caught a pass in the opener against SLU. Tight end Eli Finley led the team with four grabs, followed by receiver Marques Singleton Jr., who snared three passes. Dedrick Latulas, Omiri Wiggins, Devin Gandy, Jacob Fields, Jalen Mickens and Dane Benedix all caught one pass each.

WENT AND TOOK IT

The LA Tech defense set the tone early against SLU as Jakari Foster intercepted a pass on the

game's opening drive. The Bulldogs forced two more turnovers in the second half, with defensive lineman Zion Nason picking off a pass in the red zone and returning it 25 yards, followed by a forced fumble from Amari Butler that was scooped up and returned 80 yards for a touchdown by Oklahoma State transfer Kam Franklin.

BULLDOG DEBUT

LA Tech had 25 players make their Bulldog debuts in the win over Southeastern.

Of those, four earned their first start — three on offense and one on defense. Quarterback Trey Kukuk, wide receivers Marques Singleton Jr. and Dane Benedix debuted as starters on offense, while defensive lineman Emmanuel Oguns made his debut and start on defense. All four are junior college transfers.

LEVEL UP

Running back Andrew Burnette and wide receiver Tre Averhart joined the program, this summer after transferring from Keiser University, an NAIA program in Florida. The duo helped lead Keiser to the 2023 national championship and a return trip to the title game in 2024.

Burnette rushed for 2,338 yards and 31 touchdowns on 360 carries across two seasons with the Seahawks, earning third-team All-America honors in 2024. Averhart recorded 40 receptions for 539 yards and seven touchdowns last season.

CALIFORNIA CONNECTION

When looking to fill holes at the skill positions, one thing stands out on Louisiana Tech's roster this season — the 10 players from California, the third-most populous state represented on 2025 roster.

The Bulldogs added 10 transfers from California, including eight from the junior college level, one from the FCS and one from the FBS.

The breakdown includes nine players on offense and one on defense. Tech added two quarterbacks, five wide receivers, two tight ends and one defensive back. The trio of Trey Kukuk, Dane Benedix and Brayden Bockler all played together at Saddleback College, while Teddy Booras and David Pierro were teammates at Diablo Valley College.

FREAK ON THE FIELD

Every college football season, Bruce Feldman, a national college football insider for The

Athletic, puts out his "College Football Freaks List", and LA Tech running back Omiri Wiggins checks in at No. 86 on the 2025 Freaks List. Feldman relies on intel from coaches, schools, teammates, parents, NFL scouts, NFL Scouting Combine trainers and agents.

Wiggins, a 5-10, 206-pound junior, saw action in all 13 games with 11 starts last season. He finished the season with 527 rushing yards and four scores on 111 attempts. Wiggins also caught 20 passes for 126 yards and two scores. The Lafayette native can squat 585 pounds, bench 340 pounds, while recording 21.9 max velocity and a 34.5 inch vertical.

THE PIERRO BROTHERS

Wide receiver David Pierro, a transfer from Diablo Valley College, and cornerback Jordan Pierro, a transfer from Fresno State, both joined LA Tech's roster this summer, becoming the first pair of brothers on the team since 2013. The Bulldogs last had brothers on the roster in 2013 with twins Jon and Richard Greenwalt, along with Beau and Lyle Fitte.

David is a 2022 graduate of Clovis West High School, while Jordan graduated in 2024. Jordan comes to Ruston after redshirting at Fresno State last season. David joins Tech after recording 92 receptions for 1,225 yards and 10 touchdowns across two seasons at Diablo Valley.

BOTH SIDES OF THE FIELDS

In high school, Jacob Fields recorded 156 tackles, eight interceptions and three forced fumbles on defense, while adding 22 touchdowns and 1,108 all-purpose yards on the offensive side of the ball in his career.

The Texas native signed with LA Tech as a defensive back but was quickly moved to running back prior to the start of his freshman season in 2023 due to injuries in the room. He appeared in 11 games with one start against Nebraska, while registering 26 carries for 105 yards and two touchdowns on the season. Fields also hauled in 12 passes for 97 yards.

In 2024, Fields moved back to the defensive side of the ball and played in all 13 games with eight starts at safety. He tallied 54 tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss, two interceptions, four pass breakups and one fumble recovery.

In 2025, fans can expect to see Fields on both sides of the field as he has been lining up at both safety and receiver during spring practice and fall camp.

The junior is believed to be one of Tech's first



two-way players in more than 50 years. On record, Joe Hinton (1957-60), Leo Sanford (1947-50) and J.W. Slack (1957-59) are three of the Bulldogs' top former two-way stars, each earning induction into the LA Tech Hall of Fame.

FRESH TURF

The Bulldogs will play on a new surface this season at Origin Bank Field at Joe Aillet Stadium as a turf upgrade took place for the first time in 10 years. The new-look design now features the Origin Bank logo.

The playing surface is Pivot 1.5 by Hellas and was developed at the Center for Turf Innovation (CTI) with college and professional athletes. Pivot combines traditional sports fibers with newer thinner fibers that look and feel more like natural grass.

MCCOWN ON THE CALL

Former Bulldog quarterback and Louisiana Tech Athletics Hall of Famer Luke McCown will serve as color analyst alongside Malcolm Butler for ESPN+ broadcasts of Tech's first two home games (Aug. 30 vs. Southeastern, Sept. 13 vs. New Mexico State). McCown, the program's all-time leader in passing yards (12,994), completions (1,088) and attempts (1,827), played 14 years in the NFL and previously worked as a sideline reporter for the LA

Tech Sports Network (2021-22).

HOME GROWN DOGS

LA Tech's roster features seven players from Ruston High School, which is the second most players from a single high school on an FBS roster this season. Fresno State leads the nation with eight.

The Bulldogs' hometown group includes three 2025 graduates in Dylone Brooks, Zheric Hill and Zander Hayes, followed by 2024 grads Jadon Mayfield, Jacoryian Crowe and Will Fendley. Christian Davis is the most experienced of the group, graduating from Ruston in 2023.

REPLACING RECEPTIONS

Tech must replace 173 receptions lost to graduation and transfers from 2024. Eli Finley leads the returning pass catchers with 27 receptions at the FBS level, followed by Marlion Jackson (26), Omiri Wiggins (20) and Jay Wilkerson (13). The Bulldogs added experienced junior college standouts Marques Singleton Jr. (128 catches), David Pierro (92), Chase Grosfeld (77) and Dane Benedix (49), along with Sacramento State transfer Devin Gandy (68).

LEAGUE ON NOTICE

LA Tech linebacker Kolbe Fields enters his third season with the program, and the redshirt senior has already put the league on notice after being voted the 2025 Conference USA Preseason Defensive Player of the Year. He earned All-CUSA second-team honors in 2024, his first season as a starter.

The New Orleans native started in 11 games last season, recording 71 tackles (38 solo, 33 assists), nine tackles for loss, 1.5 sacks, one interception, two forced fumbles and two pass breakups. He recorded three games with double-digit tackles and led Bulldogs in tackles four times.

IN FOR THE DOG HAUL

The Bulldogs have eight players on this year's roster that have been at LA Tech for at least four seasons. Cedric Woods enters his sixth year with the team, while Kenneth Bannister, Ean Burch, and Josh Cobbs enter their fifth. Brett Canis, Landon Nelson, and Jhamal Shelby Jr. round out the list as four-year members of the program. Woods leads the group with 48 games played, followed by Canis (23), Bannister (22), Nelson (21), and Cobbs (20).

LIKE FATHER LIKE SON

For the second straight season, Louisiana Tech will have multiple players with Bulldog bloodlines on its roster. Jackson Bradley, son of Josh Bradley (TE, 1995-97); Brayden Curry, son of DJ Curry (WR, 2000-03); Kaegan Kent, son of Marty Kent (K, 1994-97); and Jay Simon, son of John Simon (RB, 1998-01), have all followed in their fathers' footsteps as Bulldogs. Jay and Brayden enter their second season with the program, while Jackson and Kaegan are first year players.

John Simon recorded over 3,700 yards and 15 touchdowns during his four seasons in Ruston. He caught 262 passes for 2,596 yards and 10 scores. Simon rushed for 1,121 yards and five touchdowns on 213 attempts. Josh Bradley caught 131 passes for 1,591 yards and 20 scores during his three seasons with the Bulldogs. He recorded 500+ yards in each of his three seasons. DJ Curry starred for the Bulldogs for four seasons, catching 171 passes for 2,241 yards and 17 touchdowns. Marty Kent made 50 career field goals for LA Tech and connected on 129 of 133 extra points.

DEGREE IN HAND

Louisiana Tech will have 10 players on this year's roster who have already earned their

bachelor's degrees. Brett Canis, Landon Nelson, Jay Wilkerson and Cedric Woods graduated from Tech, while Tre Averhart, Andrew Burnette, Jonathan Denis, Devin Gandy, Benji Johnson and Caleb Sims transferred into the program after earning degrees at their previous schools.

ALL ACROSS AMERICA

The Bulldogs will travel to two new states this season when they visit Delaware State and Washington State. Tech's contest against the Blue Hens in Newark, Delaware, will mark the 34th state the Bulldogs have played in, while their matchup one week later in Pullman, Wash., will be the 35th. The Bulldogs will also visit Georgia and Missouri for just the second time in program history.

In their travels, the Bulldogs will play games in all four time zones this season: vs. Southeastern (Central), at Kennesaw State (Eastern), at UTEP (Mountain) and at Washington State (Pacific). It will be the first time since 2012 that Tech has played in all four time zones.

STAFF UPDATES

Joining the Bulldog coaching staff this season includes six new coaches with five on the defensive side of the football and one on offense.

Tony Franklin | Offensive Coordinator

Returns to Louisiana Tech for his second stint as the OC after previously holding the same role for three seasons (2010-12). Led the Bulldogs to a 9-3 record in 2012 while leading the nation in scoring offense (51.50 ppg) and total offense (577.92 ypg). Was most recently the OC for Army Sprint Football in 2022.

Luke Olson | Defensive Coordinator

Comes to LA Tech after leading Jacksonville State to a Conference USA Championship in 2024 as the Gamecocks' defensive coordinator. He brings over a decade of defensive coaching experience at the FBS level, including two seasons as a DC. Served as the DC for one season at Tulsa in 2022.

Carlton Buckels | Cornerbacks

Buckels, who brings over 20 years of collegiate coaching experience to Ruston, arrives after a two-year stint as the cornerbacks coach at TCU. The Louisiana native coached NFL Draft picks in each of his first two seasons with the Horned Frogs. Buckels has also spent time at Tulsa and Baylor.

Josh Creech | Linebackers

Creech comes to Ruston after spending the 2024 season as the defensive coordinator at Midway High School in Waco, Texas. Prior to

joining the staff at Midway HS, Creech spent six seasons as a defensive analyst at SMU (2018-21) and TCU (2022-23).

Sam Carter | Safeties

Carter joins the Bulldog coaching staff after serving as the cornerbacks coach at Purdue in 2023 and 2024. Carter arrived in West Lafayette after gaining experience throughout the SEC in stops at Missouri, Arkansas and Ole Miss.

Paul Randolph | Defensive Line

Randolph comes to Ruston following a one-year stint at Oklahoma State in the same role. Randolph arrived in Stillwater after serving as the defensive line coach at Indiana for the 2022 and 2023 seasons. He brings 27 years of collegiate coaching experience, with 24 years spent coaching the defensive line. He has spent 15 seasons at the Power Five level and has coached in 17 bowl games during his career.

COLLECTING CUSA AWARDS

Louisiana Tech and Houston are the only two teams that have garnered every individual award in Conference USA history. The Bulldogs have had at least one specialty award winner in seven of their 11 seasons in CUSA.

Player	Specialty Award
Michael Richard	2023 Freshman of the Year
Luke Anthony	2020 Newcomer of the Year
J'Mar Smith	2019 Offensive Player of the Year
Jaylon Ferguson	2018 Defensive Player of the Year
Teddy Veal	2017 Newcomer of the Year
Skip Holtz	2016 Coach of the Year
Carlos Henderson	2016 Offensive Player of the Year
	2016 Special Teams Player of the Year
Ryan Higgins	2016 Most Valuable Player
Jeff Driskel	2015 Newcomer of the Year
Cody Sokol	2014 Newcomer of the Year

WHEN DOES CLASS START?

Louisiana Tech is the only university in Conference USA on a quarter system and one of just seven FBS schools that are currently on the quarter system schedule.

FBS Schools on Quarter System Conference

Louisiana Tech	CUSA
Northwestern	Big 10
Oregon	Big 10
Oregon State	PAC-2
Stanford	ACC
UCLA	Big 10
Washington	Big 10



/// CUSA STANDINGS

	Overall	CUSA
Kennesaw State	6-2	4-0
Jacksonville State	5-3	4-0
WKU	7-2	5-1
Missouri State	5-3	3-1
Liberty	4-4	3-1
Louisiana Tech	5-3	3-2
Delaware	4-4	2-3
FIU	3-5	1-3
UTEP	2-6	1-3
New Mexico State	3-5	1-4
Middle Tennessee	1-7	0-4
Sam Houston	0-8	0-5

/// PRESEASON BOWL INDEX

Liberty	100%
WKU	100%
Jacksonville State	91.67%
Louisiana Tech.....	75%
Sam Houston	45.83%
UTEP	41.67%
FIU	37.50%
Delaware.....	29.17%
Middle Tennessee.....	25%
New Mexico State.....	25%
Kennesaw State.....	16.67%
Missouri State.....	12.50%

/// UPCOMING CUSA SLATE

SATURDAY, Nov. 8

Missouri State at Liberty (ESPN+)	12 p.m.
LA Tech at Delaware (ESPN+)	2 p.m.
FIU at Middle Tennessee (ESPN+)	2 p.m.
Jax State at UTEP (ESPN+)	2 p.m.
Kennesaw State at NM State (ESPN+)	3 p.m.
Sam Houston at Oregon State (The CW)	9 p.m.

SATURDAY, Nov. 15

UTEP at Missouri State (ESPN+)	2 p.m.
Middle Tennessee at WKU (ESPN+)	2:30 p.m.
NM State at Tennessee (SECN)	3:15 p.m.
Liberty at FIU (ESPN+)	4 p.m.
Delaware at Sam Houston (ESPN+)	6 p.m.
Kennesaw State at Jax State (ESPNU)	7 p.m.
LA Tech at Washington State (The CW)	9 p.m.

/// AGAINST CUSA

OPPONENT	RECORD
FIU	5-2
Jacksonville State	1-2
Kennesaw State	1-1
WKU	6-6
Liberty	0-1
UTEP	18-3-1
New Mexico State	9-6
Middle Tennessee	6-3
Sam Houston	3-2-1
Missouri State	0-1
Delaware	0-1
TOTAL	49-28-2

/// HONORS & AWARDS

PRESEASON ACCOLADES

A total of 9 Bulldogs received at least one pre-season award heading into the season.

Eli Finley

2025 John Mackey Award Watch List
2025 Allstate Wuerffel Trophy Watch List
2025 Athlon Preseason First Team All-CUSA
2025 Phil Steele Preseason First Team All-CUSA

Kolbe Fields

2025 CUSA Preseason Defensive Player of the Year
2025 CUSA Preseason Watch List
2025 Phil Steele Preseason First Team All-CUSA
2025 Athlon Preseason First Team All-CUSA
2025 HERO Sports Preseason Group of 5 All-American

Cedric Woods

2025 CUSA Preseason Watch List
2025 Athlon Preseason Second Team All-CUSA
2025 Phil Steele Preseason Fourth Team All-CUSA

Hayden Christman

2025 CUSA Preseason Watch List
2025 Phil Steele Preseason Second Team All-CUSA
2025 Athlon Preseason Third Team All-CUSA

Landon Nelson

2025 CUSA Preseason Watch List
2025 Athlon Preseason Third Team All-CUSA
2025 Phil Steele Preseason Third Team All-CUSA

Sifa Leota

2025 Athlon Preseason Second Team All-CUSA
2025 Phil Steele Preseason Third Team All-CUSA
2025 Polynesian Player of the Year Watch List

Omiri Wiggins

2025 Athlon Preseason Third Team All-CUSA
2025 Phil Steele Preseason Third Team All-CUSA

Jacob Fields

2025 Athlon Preseason Fourth Team All-CUSA

Evan Bullock

2025 Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Watch List

IN-SEASON AWARDS

Mekhi Mason

CUSA Defensive Player of the Week - Sept. 1

John Hoyet Chance

CUSA Special Teams Player of the Week - Sept. 1
CUSA Special Teams Player of the Week - Sept. 15
CUSA Special Teams Player of the Week - Sept. 29
Ray's 8 Top Punters of the Week - Oct. 13

Kolbe Fields

CUSA Defensive Player of the Week - Sept. 22

Eli Finley

John Mackey Player of the Week - Week - Sept. 23

Alonzo Jackson Jr.

CUSA Special Freshman of the Week - Sept. 29

Landon Nelson

CUSA Offensive Lineman of the Week - Nov. 3

/// UNIFORM TRACKER

Helmet-Jersey-Pants	Record
White-White-White	16-15
<i>Last worn Nov. 16, 2024 at WKU</i>	
White-White-Blue	6-10
<i>Last worn Sept. 27, 2025 at UTEP</i>	
White-White-Red	0-3
<i>Last worn Oct. 2, 2021 at NC State</i>	
White-Blue-White	18-5
<i>Last worn Nov. 11, 2023 vs. Sam Houston</i>	
White-Blue-Blue	6-6
<i>Last worn Oct. 22, 2024 vs. UTEP</i>	
White-LT Blue-White	2-0
<i>Last worn Aug. 30, 2025 vs. Southeastern</i>	
White-Red-White	8-1
<i>Last worn Nov. 30, 2024 vs. Kennesaw State</i>	
White-Red-Red	1-2
<i>Last worn: Sept. 6, 2025 vs. LSU</i>	
Red-White-White	3-8
<i>Last worn Oct. 10, 2023 at Middle Tennessee</i>	
Red-White-Blue	2-6
<i>Last worn Dec. 28, 2024 vs. Army</i>	
Red-White-Red	2-5
<i>Last worn Oct. 9, 2024 at Kennesaw</i>	
Red-Red-Red	3-4
<i>Last worn Sept. 20, 2025 vs. Southern Miss</i>	
Red-Red-White	2-0
<i>Last worn Sept. 26, 2015 vs. FIU</i>	
Red-Blue-Blue	2-1
<i>Last worn Sept. 8, 2018 vs. Southern</i>	
Red-Blue-White	3-1
<i>Last worn Sept. 13, 2025 vs. NM State</i>	
Red-LT Blue-White	0-2
<i>Last worn Oct. 24, 2023 vs. New Mexico State</i>	
Blue-Blue-White	1-0
<i>Last worn Oct. 10, 2024 vs. MTSU</i>	
Blue-White-Blue	0-1
<i>Last worn Oct. 15, 2024 at. New Mexico State</i>	
Blue-Blue-Blue	0-1
<i>Last worn Oct. 21, 2025 vs. WKU</i>	
Black-Black-Black	1-0
<i>Last worn Oct. 31, 2025 vs. SHSU</i>	

NOTABLE DEBUTS

All Black	Oct. 31, 2025
Blue helmet	Oct. 10, 2024
Tech script helmet	Aug. 31, 2024
LT Blue throwback jerseys	Oct. 22, 2022
White helmet	Oct. 25, 2014
Stars & Stripes helmet	Sept. 28, 2013



47-39



7-3



2-0



10-23



0-2



6-2



1-2



1-0

PRO DOGS (BULLDOGS IN THE NFL)

82 | WR
TRU EDWARDS
Los Angeles Rams

21 | CB
AMIK ROBERTSON
Detroit Lions

38 | CB
L'JARIUS SNEED
Tennessee Titans

81 | WR
TRENT TAYLOR
San Francisco 49ers

97 | DE
MILTON WILLIAMS
New England Patriots

25 | S
XAVIER WOODS
Tennessee Titans

82 | WR
JIMMY HOLIDAY
Kansas City Chiefs

LA TECH BOWL HISTORY

1977 INDEPENDENCE BOWL LA Tech 27, Louisville 14	2015 NEW ORLEANS BOWL LA Tech 47, Arkansas State 28
1978 INDEPENDENCE BOWL East Carolina 35, LA Tech 13	2016 ARMED FORCES BOWL LA Tech 48, Navy 45
1990 INDEPENDENCE BOWL LA Tech 34, Maryland 34	2017 FRISCO BOWL LA Tech 51, SMU 10
2001 HUMANITARIAN BOWL Clemson 49, LA Tech 24	2018 HAWAII BOWL LA Tech 31, Hawaii 14
2008 INDEPENDENCE BOWL LA Tech 17, Northern Illinois 10	2019 INDEPENDENCE BOWL LA Tech 14, Miami (Fla.) 0
2011 POINSETTIA BOWL TCU 31, LA Tech 24	2020 NEW ORLEANS BOWL Georgia Southern 38, LA Tech 3
2014 HEART OF DALLAS BOWL LA Tech 35, Illinois 18	2024 INDEPENDENCE BOWL Army 27, LA Tech 6



TERRY BRADSHAW
LA TECH (1966-69)
PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME 1989

WILLIE ROAF
LA TECH (1989-92)
PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME 2012

FRED DEAN
LA TECH (1971-74)
PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME 2008



LA TECH INDIVIDUAL

OFFENSE

Rushed for 100 yards.....	143, <i>Clay Thevenin vs. Sam Houston (10/31/25)</i>
Rushed for 200 yards.....	136, <i>Omiri Wiggins vs. Sam Houston (10/31/25)</i>
Rushed for 3 touchdowns.....	207, Kenneth Dixon vs. Southern Miss (11/9/13)
Rushed for 4+ touchdowns.....	3, <i>Clay Thevenin vs. Sam Houston (10/31/25)</i>
Had a 70-yard run from scrimmage.....	4, Marcus Williams Jr. vs. Charlotte (11/13/21)
Had an 80-yard run from scrimmage.....	74, Justin Henderson vs. UMass (10/12/19)
Had 20 carries.....	99, Kenneth Dixon at UL-Lafayette (9/6/14)
Had 25 carries.....	21, Tyre Shelton vs. WKU (10/5/23)
Had 30 carries.....	29, Marcus Williams Jr. vs. Charlotte (11/13/21)
Passed for 300 yards.....	37, Israel Tucker at North Texas (12/3/20)
Passed for 400 yards.....	340, <i>Blake Baker vs. WKU (10/21/25)</i>
Passed for 500 yards.....	424, Parker McNeil at North Texas (10/15/22)
Threw for 3 touchdowns.....	502, Ryan Higgins at WKU (12/3/16)
Threw for 4+ touchdowns.....	5, Evan Bullock vs. Middle Tennessee (10/10/24)
Had a 70-yard pass from scrimmage.....	3, Evan Bullock vs. Jax State (11/9/24)
Had 30 completions.....	5, Evan Bullock vs. Middle Tennessee (10/10/24)
Had 35 completions.....	72, <i>Blake Baker vs. Southern Miss (9/20/25)</i>
Had 40 completions.....	31, <i>Blake Baker vs. WKU (10/21/25)</i>
Had 50 pass attempts.....	36, Ryan Higgins at Middle Tennessee (9/24/16)
Had 60 pass attempts.....	44, Colby Cameron vs. Texas A&M (10/13/12)
Had 100 yards receiving.....	51, J'Mar Smith at Texas (8/31/19)
Had 200 yards receiving.....	60, Colby Cameron vs. Utah State (11/1/21)
Caught 2 touchdown passes.....	103, <i>Marlon Jackson vs. WKU (10/21/25)</i>
Caught 3+ touchdown passes.....	212, Malik Stanley vs. Southern Miss (10/19/19)
Had 10 receptions.....	2, Tru Edwards vs. Jax State (11/9/24)
Had 15 receptions.....	3, Tre Harris vs. Rice (12/22/22)
	10, Tru Edwards vs. Kennesaw (11/30/24)
	17, Trent Taylor at Middle Tennessee (9/24/16)

DEFENSE

Intercepted 2 passes.....	2, Myles Brooks vs. Middle Tennessee (11/5/22)
Intercepted 3 passes.....	3, Amik Robertson vs. Southern Miss (10/19/19)
Recorded 2 sacks.....	2.0, <i>Mekhi Mason vs. Southeastern (8/30/25)</i>
Recorded 3+ sacks.....	4.0, Willie Baker at Hawai'i (12/22/18)
Had 10 tackles.....	11, <i>Jacob Fields vs. WKU (10/21/25)</i>
Had 15 tackles.....	15, Myles Heard vs. Northwestern State (9/9/23)
Had 20 tackles.....	20, Quincy Stewart at Texas A&M (9/12/98)
Had 3 tackles for loss.....	3.0, <i>Sifa Leota vs. WKU (10/21/25)</i>
Had 4+ tackles for loss.....	4.5, <i>Mekhi Mason vs. Southeastern (8/30/25)</i>
Returned an interception for a TD.....	Alonzo Jackson (23 yards) vs. UTEP (9/27/25)
Returned a fumble for a TD.....	Jacob Bradford (20 yards) vs. NM State (9/13/25)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Made 3 field goals.....	3, Buck Buchanan at NMSU (10/15/24)
Made 4+ field goals.....	4, Buck Buchanan at WKU (11/16/24)
Made a 50-yard field goal.....	55, <i>John Hoyet Chance vs. NM State (9/13/25)</i>
Had a 60-yard punt.....	67, <i>John Hoyet Chance at Kennesaw (10/9/25)</i>
Returned a punt for a TD.....	Smoke Harris (67 yards) at UTEP (9/29/23)
Returned a kickoff for a TD.....	Devin Gandy (85 yards) vs. WKU (10/21/25)
Returned a blocked punt for a TD.....	Michael Richard (6 yards) vs. Jax State (11/18/23)
Returned a blocked field goal for a TD.....	LeVander Liggins (54 yards) vs. UTEP (10/4/14)
Returned a blocked PAT for a safety.....	Amik Robertson vs. Mississippi State (9/9/17)

LA TECH TEAM

OFFENSE

300 yards rushing.....	426, vs. <i>Sam Houston (10/31/25)</i>
400 yards rushing.....	426, vs. <i>Sam Houston (10/31/25)</i>
Rushed for 5 touchdowns.....	6 vs. <i>Sam Houston (10/31/25)</i>
Rushed for 6+ touchdowns.....	6 vs. <i>Sam Houston (10/31/25)</i>
Had 50 rushing attempts.....	65 vs. <i>NM State (9/13/25)</i>
Had 60 rushing attempts.....	65 vs. <i>NM State (9/13/25)</i>
400 yards passing.....	419 vs. Sam Houston (11/11/23)
500 yards passing.....	516 vs. Stephen F. Austin (09/10/22)
600 yards passing.....	602 vs. Boise State (10/3/98)
Threw for 5 touchdowns.....	5 vs. Middle Tennessee (10/10/24)
Threw for 6+ touchdowns.....	6 vs. Houston Baptist (9/26/20)
500 yards total offense.....	647 vs. <i>Sam Houston (10/31/25)</i>
600 yards total offense.....	647 vs. <i>Sam Houston (10/31/25)</i>
700 yards total offense.....	735 vs. Rice (10/29/16)
Scored 50 points.....	55 vs. <i>Sam Houston (10/31/25)</i>
Scored 60 points.....	66 vs. Houston Baptist (9/26/20)
Scored 70 points.....	76 vs. Rice (11/29/14)
Recorded 30 first downs.....	30 vs. <i>Sam Houston (10/31/25)</i>
Recorded 35 first downs.....	37 vs. North Texas (11/9/19)

DEFENSE

Registered 5+ sacks.....	5 vs. <i>Southeastern (8/30/25)</i>
Forced 4+ turnovers.....	5 vs. <i>UTEP (9/27/25)</i>
Scored a safety.....	vs. Kennesaw (11/30/24)
Posted a shutout.....	24-0 vs. <i>Southeastern (8/30/25)</i>
Held an opponent under 250 total yards.....	146 vs. Kennesaw (11/30/24)
Scored multiple defensive touchdowns.....	2 (2 INT returns) at UTEP (9/27/25)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Blocked a punt.....	vs. UTEP (10/22/24)
Blocked an extra point attempt.....	at North Texas (10/15/22)
Blocked a field goal attempt.....	vs. WKU (10/21/25)

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL

OFFENSE

Rushed for 100 yards.....	191, <i>Elijah Green, Sam Houston (10/31/25)</i>
Rushed for 200 yards.....	210, DeWayne McBride, UAB (11/6/22)
Rushed for 3 touchdowns.....	3, Bryson Daily, Army (12/28/24)
Rushed for 4+ touchdowns.....	4, DeWayne McBride, UAB (11/6/21)
Had a 70-yard run from scrimmage.....	80, <i>Elijah Green, Sam Houston (10/31/25)</i>
Had an 80-yard run from scrimmage.....	80, <i>Elijah Green, Sam Houston (10/31/25)</i>
Had 20 carries.....	20, Hayden Reed, Army (12/28/24)
Had 25 carries.....	27, Bryson Daily, Army (12/28/24)
Had 30 carries.....	34, Tre Stewart, Jax State (11/9/24)
Passed for 300 yards.....	392, <i>Braylon Braxton, Southern Miss (9/20/25)</i>
Passed for 400 yards.....	448, Chris Reynolds, Charlotte (11/13/21)
Passed for 500 yards.....	580, David Piland, Houston (9/8/12)
Threw for 3 touchdowns.....	4, <i>Dexter Williams II, Kennesaw (10/9/25)</i>
Threw for 4+ touchdowns.....	4, <i>Dexter Williams II, Kennesaw (10/9/25)</i>
Had a 70-yard pass from scrimmage.....	70, Austin Reed, WKU (10/5/23)
Had an 80-yard pass from scrimmage.....	83, Ryan Metz, UTEP (11/18/17)
Had 30 completions.....	31, Grayson James, FIU (10/28/22)
Had 35 completions.....	44, Cole Kelley, Southeastern (9/11/21)
Had 40 completions.....	44, Cole Kelley, Southeastern (9/11/21)
Had 50 pass attempts.....	52, Gavin Hardison vs UTEP (10/08/2022)
Had 60 pass attempts.....	77, David Piland, Houston (9/8/12)
Had 100 yards receiving.....	118, <i>Carl Chester, Southern Miss (9/20/25)</i>
Had 200 yards receiving.....	207, Malachi Corley, WKU (10/5/23)
Caught 2 touchdown passes.....	2, Isaac TeSlaa, Arkansas (11/23/24)
Caught 3+ touchdown passes.....	3, Malachi Corley, WKU (10/5/23)
Had 10 receptions.....	11, Roderic Burns, North Texas (9/16/23)
Had 15 receptions.....	18, Kealoha Pilaes, Hawai'i (10/2/10)

DEFENSE

Intercepted 2 passes.....	2, Yam Banks, South Alabama (9/24/22)
Intercepted 3 passes.....	3, Bene Benwikere, San Jose State (11/24/12)
Recorded 2 sacks.....	2.0, <i>Tylon Dunlap, Kennesaw (10/9/25)</i>
Recorded 3+ sacks.....	4.0, Kale Edwards, NMSU (10/15/24)
Had 10 tackles.....	10, <i>Trey Harris, Sam Houston (10/31/25)</i>
Had 15 tackles.....	15, <i>Jaylen Wester, WKU (10/21/25)</i>
Had 20 tackles.....	21, Matt Castelo, San Jose State (11/17/07)
Had 3 tackles for loss.....	4.0, Kale Edwards (10/15/24)
Had 4+ tackles for loss.....	4.0, Kale Edwards (10/15/24)
Returned an interception for a TD.....	DK Kaufman (33 yards), NC State (9/14/24)
Returned a fumble for a TD.....	Jeffery Simmons (90 yards), Mississippi State (9/9/17)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Made 3 field goals.....	3, <i>Damian Ramos, LSU (9/6/25)</i>
Made 4+ field goals.....	4, Noah Raushenberg, North Texas (9/16/23)
Made a 50-yard field goal.....	52, Kanoah Vinesett, NC State (9/14/24)
Had a 60-yard punt.....	63, Kylan Dupre, Nicholls (8/31/24)
Returned a punt for a TD.....	Quan Bray (76 yards), Auburn (9/27/14)
Returned a kickoff for a TD.....	LaMareon James, Old Dominion (10/30/21)
Returned a blocked punt for a TD.....	Jeffery Simmons (0 yards), Mississippi State (9/9/17)
Returned a blocked field goal for a TD.....	Micael Egwuagu (82 yards), UTSA (11/12/16)

OPPONENT TEAM

OFFENSE

300 yards rushing.....	321, Army (12/28/24)
400 yards rushing.....	475, North Texas (10/15/22)
Rushed for 5 touchdowns.....	5, Missouri (9/1/22)
Rushed for 6+ touchdowns.....	7, UAB, (11/6/21)
Had 50 rushing attempts.....	64, Army (12/28/24)
Had 60 rushing attempts.....	64, Army (12/28/24)
400 yards passing.....	448, Charlotte (11/13/21)
500 yards passing.....	580, Houston (9/8/12)
600 yards passing.....	630, Houston (8/31/91)
Threw for 5 touchdowns.....	5, SMU (9/18/21)
Threw for 6+ touchdowns.....	6, Fresno State (10/3/92)
500 yards total offense.....	514, <i>Southern Miss (9/20/25)</i>
600 yards total offense.....	602, Liberty (11/4/23)
700 yards total offense.....	733, Rice (11/29/03)
Scored 50 points.....	56, Liberty (11/4/22)
Scored 60 points.....	61, Hawai'i (11/11/06)
Scored 70 points.....	73, Houston (8/31/91)
Negative yards rushing.....	-31, at Southern Miss (10/25/14)
Recorded 30 first downs.....	32, North Texas (9/16/23)
Recorded 40 first downs.....	40, Houston (9/8/12)

DEFENSE

Registered 5+ sacks.....	5, NMSU (10/15/24)
Forced 4+ turnovers.....	5, <i>UTEP (9/27/25)</i>
Scored a safety.....	Sam Houston (10/29/24)
Posted a shutout.....	29-0 by Kansas (9/6/08)
Held LA Tech under 250 total yards.....	229, Arkansas (11/23/24)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Blocked a punt.....	North Texas (9/25/21)
Blocked an extra point attempt.....	Nicholls (8/31/24)
Blocked a field goal attempt.....	WKU (10/21/25)

2025 SUPERLATIVES

LA TECH INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

RUSHES	19	Clay Thevenin at UTEP (9/27/25)
YARDS RUSHING	141	Clay Thevenin vs. Sam Houston (10/31/25)
TD RUSHES	3	Clay Thevenin vs Sam Houston (10/31/25)
LONG RUSH	67	Andrew Burnette vs. Sam Houston (10/31/25)
PASS ATTEMPTS	45	Blake Baker vs. WKU (10/25/21)
PASS COMPLETIONS	31	Blake Baker vs. WKU (10/25/21)
YARDS PASSING	340	Blake Baker vs. WKU (10/25/21)
TD PASSES	1	Blake Baker at UTEP (9/27/25)
	1	Trey Kukuk vs. NM State (9/13/25)
LONG PASS	72	Blake Baker vs. Southern Miss (9/20/25)
RECEPTIONS	6	Marlion Jackson vs. WKU (10/25/21)
YARDS RECEIVING	154	Eli Finley vs. Southern Miss (9/20/25)
TD RECEPTIONS	1	Devin Gandy vs. LSU (9/6/25)
LONG RECEPTION	72	Eli Finley vs. Southern Miss (9/20/25)
FIELD GOALS	2	John Hoyet Chance vs. WKU (10/25/21)
LONG FIELD GOAL	55	John Hoyet Chance vs. NM State (9/13/25)
PUNTS	9	John Hoyet Chance vs. LSU (9/6/25)
PUNTING AVG	51	John Hoyet Chance vs. Sam Houston (10/31/25)
LONG PUNT	68	John Hoyet Chance at UTEP (9/27/25)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	4	John Hoyet Chance vs. LSU (9/6/25)
LONG PUNT RETURN	25	Dedrick Latulas vs. Southeastern (8/30/25)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	85	Devin Gandy vs. WKU (10/25/21)
TACKLES	13	Kolbe Fields vs. Southeastern (8/30/25)
	13	Sifa Leota vs. Southeastern (8/30/25)
SACKS	2.0	Mekhi Mason vs. Southeastern (8/30/25)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	4.5	Mekhi Mason vs. Southeastern (8/30/25)

LA TECH TEAM GAME HIGHS

RUSHES	65	vs. NM State (9/13/25)
YARDS RUSHING	426	vs. Sam Houston (10/31/25)
YARDS PER RUSH	10.9	vs. Sam Houston (10/31/25)
TD RUSHES	6	vs. Sam Houston (10/31/25)
PASS ATTEMPTS	45	vs. WKU (10/21/25)
PASS COMPLETIONS	31	vs. WKU (10/21/25)
YARDS PASSING	340	vs. WKU (10/21/25)
YARDS PER PASS	13.0	vs. Sam Houston (10/31/25)
TD PASSES	2	vs. NM State (9/13/25)
TOTAL PLAYS	85	vs. NM State (9/13/25)
TOTAL OFFENSE	647	vs. Sam Houston (10/31/25)
YARDS PER PLAY	10.8	vs. Sam Houston (10/31/25)
POINTS	55	vs. Sam Houston (10/31/25)
SACKS BY	5	vs. Southeastern (8/30/25)
FIRST DOWNS	30	vs. Sam Houston (10/31/25)
PENALTIES	12	vs. LSU (9/6/25)
PENALTY YARDS	130	vs. LSU (9/6/25)
TURNOVERS	4	vs. Southeastern (8/30/25)
INTERCEPTIONS BY	5	at UTEP (9/27/25)
PUNTS	9	vs. LSU (9/6/25)
PUNTING AVG	51	vs. Sam Houston (10/31/25)
LONG PUNT	68	at UTEP (9/27/25)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	4	vs. LSU (9/6/25)
LONG PUNT RETURN	25	vs. Southeastern (8/30/25)

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

RUSHES	17	Coleman Bennett, Kennesaw (10/9/25)
YARDS RUSHING	191	Elijah Green, Sam Houston (10/31/25)
TD RUSHES	2	Elijah Green, Sam Houston (10/31/25)
LONG RUSH	80	Elijah Green, Sam Houston (10/31/25)
PASS ATTEMPTS	47	Braylon Braxton, Southern Miss, (9/20/25)
PASS COMPLETIONS	28	Braylon Braxton, Southern Miss, (9/20/25)
YARDS PASSING	392	Braylon Braxton, Southern Miss, (9/20/25)
TD PASSES	4	Dexter Williams II, Kennesaw (10/9/25)
LONG PASS	42	Braylon Braxton, Southern Miss, (9/20/25)
RECEPTIONS	8	Barion Brown, LSU, (9/6/25)
	8	Aaron Anderson, LSU, (9/6/25)
YARDS RECEIVING	157	PJ Johnson III, NM State, (9/13/25)
TD RECEPTIONS	1	Nic Anderson, LSU, (9/6/25)
LONG RECEPTION	50	Coleman Bennett, Kennesaw (10/9/25)
FIELD GOALS	3	Damian Ramos, LSU, (9/6/25)
LONG FIELD GOALS	53	Jack Cassidy, WKU, (10/21/25)
PUNTS	7	Alec Mahler, Southeastern (8/30/25)
PUNTING AVG	46.2	Joshua Huiet, Kennesaw (10/9/25)
LONG PUNT	61	Joshua Huiet, Kennesaw (10/9/25)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	1	Grant Chadwick Damian Ramos, LSU, (9/6/25)
LONG PUNT RETURN	17	Kentrell Prejean, Southeastern (8/30/25)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	19	Dijon Pride, NM State, (9/13/25)
TACKLES	15	Jaylen Wester, WKU, (10/21/25)
SACKS	2.0	Udoka Ezeani, UTEP (9/27/25)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	2.0	Jamall Thompson Jr. NM State, (9/13/25)
	2.0	Tory Gethers, NM State, (9/13/25)
	2.0	Udoka Ezeani, UTEP (9/27/25)

OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

RUSHES	44	Southeastern (8/30/25)
YARDS RUSHING	296	Sam Houston (10/31/25)
YARDS PER RUSH	9.0	Sam Houston (10/31/25)
TD RUSHES	2	WKU (10/21/25)
PASS ATTEMPTS	47	Southern Miss (9/20/25)
PASS COMPLETIONS	28	Southern Miss (9/20/25)
YARDS PASSING	392	Southern Miss (9/20/25)
YARDS PER PASS	14.0	Southern Miss (9/20/25)
TD PASSES	4	Kennesaw (10/9/25)
TOTAL PLAYS	82	Southern Miss (9/20/25)
TOTAL OFFENSE	514	Southern Miss (9/20/25)
YARDS PER PLAY	6.9	Sam Houston (10/31/25)
POINTS	35	Kennesaw (10/9/25)
SACKS BY	5	UTEP (9/27/25)
FIRST DOWNS	29	Southern Miss (9/20/25)
PENALTIES	9	LSU (9/6/25)
	9	Sam Houston (10/31/25)
PENALTY YARDS	77	LSU (9/6/25)
TURNOVERS	5	UTEP (9/27/25)
PUNTS	7	Southeastern (8/30/25)
PUNTING AVG	46.2	Kennesaw (10/9/25)
LONG PUNT	61	Kennesaw (10/9/25)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	1	LSU (9/6/25)
LONG PUNT RETURN	17	Southeastern (8/30/25)

GAMES WITH A RECEPTION

Player	2023	2024	2025	Career
Eli Finley	1	11	6	18
Marlion Jackson	5	4	5	14
Omiri Wiggins	-	8	5	13
Jacob Fields	7	-	2	9
Devin Gandy	-	-	8	8
Marques Singleton Jr.	-	-	7	7
Jay Wilkerson	-	7	-	7
Dedrick Latulas	2	1	3	6
Jalen Mickens	-	-	6	6
Clay Thevenin	-	-	5	5
David Pierro	-	-	4	4
Amani Givens	-	5	-	5
Dane Benedix	-	-	2	2
Andrew Burnette	-	-	1	1
Blake Baker	-	-	1	1
Luke Watkins	-	-	1	1
Tre Averhart	-	-	1	1
Trey Kukuk	-	-	1	1

GAMES WITH 5+ RECEPTIONS

Player	2023	2024	2025	Career
Marlion Jackson	0	1	1	2
Eli Finley	0	1	1	2
Marques Singleton Jr.	-	-	1	1
Clay Thevenin	-	-	1	1

100 YARD GAMES

Player	2023	2024	2025	Career
Eli Finley	0	0	1	1
Marlion Jackson	0	0	1	1

20+ YARD RECEPTION

Player	2023	2024	2025	Career
Marlion Jackson	2	3	6	11
Elin Finley	0	5	5	10
Devin Gandy	-	-	7	7
Jay Wilkerson	-	6	-	6
Dedrick Latulas	0	0	1	1
Jalen Mickens	-	-	1	1
David Pierro	-	-	1	1
Clay Thevenin	-	-	1	1
Luke Watkins	-	-	1	1
Trey Kukuk	-	-	1	1

40+ YARD RECEPTION

Player	2023	2024	2025	Career
Jay Wilkerson	-	1	-	1
Elin Finley	0	1	2	3
Jalen Mickens	-	-	1	1
David Pierro	-	-	1	1
Marlion Jackson	0	0	2	2
Devin Gandy	0	0	1	1

GAMES WITH A RECEIVING TOUCHDOWN

Player	2023	2024	2025	Career
Eli Finley	0	2	-	2
Omiri Wiggins	-	1	1	2
Marlion Jackson	0	1	1	2
Devin Gandy	-	-	2	2
Jay Wilkerson	-	1	-	1
Jalen Mickens	-	-	1	1
Marques Singleton Jr.	-	-	1	1
Tre Averhart	-	-	1	1

GAMES WITH MULTIPLE RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

Player	2024	2025	Career
Omiri Wiggins	1	-	1

GAMES WITH 300 YARDS PASSING

Player	2023	2024	2025	Career
Blake Baker	-	0	1	1

GAMES WITH MULTIPLE PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

Player	2023	2024	2025	Career
Evan Bullock	0	4	-	4

20+ YARD RUNS

Player	2023	2024	2025	Career
Omiri Wiggins	-	4	2	6
Clay Thevenin	-	-	5	5
Jacob Fields	1	-	-	1
Blake Baker	-	1	2	3
Amani Givens	-	1	-	1

Trey Kukuk	-	-	1	1
Andrew Burnette	-	-	1	1

100 YARDS RUSHING

Player	2024	2025	Career
Omiri Wiggins	1	1	2
Clay Thevenin	-	1	1
Amani Givens	1	-	1
Blake Baker	0	1	1

GAMES WITH RUSHING TOUCHDOWN

Player	2023	2024	2025	Career
Omiri Wiggins	-	2	4	6
Clay Thevenin	-	-	4	4
Blake Baker	-	1	3	4
Jacob Fields	2	-	-	2
Evan Bullock	-	1	-	1
Amani Givens	-	2	-	2
Andrew Burnette	-	-	3	3

GAMES WITH MULTIPLE RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

Player	2024	2025	Career
Omiri Wiggins	1	0	1
Clay Thevenin	-	1	1

GAMES WITH 15+ CARRIES

Player	2024	2025	Career
Omiri Wiggins	2	1	3
Blake Baker	0	1	1
Amani Givens	1	-	1
Trey Kukuk	-	1	1
Clay Thevenin	-	1	1

GAMES WITH DOUBLE DIGIT TACKLES

Player	2023	2024	2025	Career
Kolbe Fields	-	3	2	5
Sifa Leota	0	0	1	1
Michael Richard	0	1	-	1
Jakari Foster	-	1	1	2
Jacob Fields	-	1	2	3
Mekhi Mason	0	0	1	1

GAMES WITH A SACK (Half Sacks Included)

Player	2022	2023	2024	2025	Career
Zion Nason	2	3	-	1	6
Sifa Leota	-	-	3	1	5
Mekhi Mason	-	-	1	3	4
Jadon Mayfield	-	-	0	3	3
Kolbe Fields	-	-	1	2	3
Donovan Rieman	-	-	-	2	2
Kameron Carter	-	-	-	1	1
Christian Davis	-	-	0	1	1
Jojo Odom	-	-	-	1	1
Zheric Hill	-	-	-	1	1

GAMES LEADING LA TECH IN TACKLES

Player	2023	2024	2025	Career
Kolbe Fields	-	4	3	7
Jacob Fields	-	2	4	6
Sifa Leota	-	1	1	2
Michael Richard	0	1	-	1
Jakari Foster	-	1	-	1
Mekhi Mason	-	0	1	1

GAMES WITH AN INTERCEPTION

Player	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Career
Cedric Woods	2	0	0	2	0	-	4
Jakari Foster	-	-	-	-	3	3	3
Jacob Fields	-	-	-	-	2	1	3
Kolbe Fields	-	-	-	-	1	2	3
Michael Richard	-	-	-	0	0	2	2
Jhamal Shelby Jr.	-	-	0	1	0	-	1
Kam Franklin	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Sifa Leota	-	-	0	0	0	1	1
Alonzo Jackson	-	-	-	-	0	1	1
Kameron Carter	-	-	-	-	-	1	1

GAMES WITH A FUMBLE RECOVERY

Player	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Career
Cedric Woods	0	1	0	0	0	-	1
Zion Nason	-	-	0	1	0	-	1
Sifa Leota	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Jacob Fields	-	-	-	0	1	-	1
Kam Franklin	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Jacob Bradford	-	-	-	-	0	1	1

2025 CUMULATIVE STATISTICS

Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
	08/30/2025	Southeastern La.	W	24-0	12872
	09/06/2025	at LSU	L	7-23	101667
*	09/13/2025	New Mexico St.	W	49-14	13235
	09/20/2025	Southern Miss.	W	30-20	17108
*	09/27/2025	at UTEP	W	30-11	13013
*	10/09/2025	at Kennesaw St.	L	7-35	9585
*	10/21/2025	Western Ky.	Lot1	27-28	10928
*	10/31/2025	Sam Houston	W	55-14	17841

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Clay Thevenin	8	84	461	22	439	5.2	6	50	54.9
Omiri Wiggins	8	74	383	21	362	4.9	4	37	45.3
Blake Baker	7	71	329	68	261	3.7	3	38	37.3
Andrew Burnette	8	38	194	5	189	5.0	3	67	23.6
Trey Kukuk	6	26	131	25	106	4.1	0	24	17.7
Amani Givens	8	8	48	0	48	6.0	0	18	6.0
Mason Welch	2	3	13	0	13	4.3	0	6	6.5
Jalen Mickens	8	1	6	0	6	6.0	0	6	0.8
Jacob Fields	8	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	0.3
Evan Bullock	3	8	18	17	1	0.1	0	10	0.3
Lexington Matthews	2	1	0	8	-8	-8.0	0	0	-4.0
Team	8	5	0	5	-5	-1.0	0	0	-0.6
Total	8	322	1587	173	1414	4.4	16	67	176.8
Opponents	8	257	1236	189	1047	4.1	6	80	130.9

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Blake Baker	7	142.0	98-148-3	66.2	1210	5	72	172.9
Trey Kukuk	6	119.1	28-42-2	66.7	231	2	42	38.5
Evan Bullock	3	87.7	11-21-1	52.4	112	0	28	37.3
Luke Watkins	5	58.0	1-1-0	100.0	-5	0	0	-1.0
Team	8	0.0	0-2-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	8	130.4	138-214-6	64.5	1548	7	72	193.5
Opponents	8	112.8	173-306-13	56.5	1928	11	50	241.0

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Eli Finley	8	25	333	13.3	0	72	41.6
Marques Singleton Jr.	8	20	131	6.6	1	15	16.4
Devin Gandy	8	19	322	16.9	2	42	40.3
Clay Thevenin	8	16	109	6.8	0	21	13.6
Marlion Jackson	8	15	264	17.6	1	42	33.0
Jalen Mickens	8	10	100	10.0	1	40	12.5
Omiri Wiggins	8	8	48	6.0	1	17	6.0
David Pierro	8	7	88	12.6	0	56	11.0
Dedrick Latulas	8	4	42	10.5	0	25	5.3
Dane Benedix	7	3	14	4.7	0	10	2.0
Jacob Fields	8	2	8	4.0	0	5	1.0
Fred Robertson	4	2	8	4.0	0	5	2.0
Trey Kukuk	6	2	37	18.5	0	26	6.2
Luke Watkins	5	2	39	19.5	0	20	7.8
Blake Baker	7	1	-5	-5.0	0	0	-0.7
Tre Averhart	6	1	6	6.0	1	6	1.0
Andrew Burnette	8	1	4	4.0	0	4	0.5
Total	8	138	1548	11.2	7	72	193.5
Opponents	8	173	1928	11.1	11	50	241.0

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	5-3	4-1	1-2	0-0
CONFERENCE	3-2	2-1	1-1	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	2-1	2-0	0-1	0-0

Team Statistics

	LATECH	OPP
First Downs	159	165
Rushing	80	54
Passing	63	90
Penalty	16	21
Rushing Yardage	1414	1047
Rushing attempts	322	257
Average per rush	4.4	4.1
Average per game	176.8	130.9
TDs Rushing	16	6
Passing Yardage	1548	1928
Comp-Att-Int	138-214-6	173-306-13
Average per pass	7.2	6.3
Average per catch	11.2	11.1
Average per game	193.5	241.0
TDs Passing	7	11
Total offense	2962	2975
Average per play	5.5	5.3
Average per game	370.3	371.9
Kick returns: #-Yards	16-415	4-82
Punt returns: #-Yards	19-218	14-87
Int returns: #-Yards	13-274	6-57
Fumbles-Lost	6-4	6-2
Penalties-Yards	62-599	57-453
Punts-Avg	43-46.1	41-42.9
Time of possession / game	28:44	31:16
3rd-down conversion	45/110	52/121
4th-down conversion	4/10	4/15
PAT-attempts	(26-28) 93%	(15-15) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(1-2) 50%	(2-2) 100%

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jakari Foster	3	67	22.3	1	67
Kolbe Fields	2	40	20.0	1	48
Michael Richard	2	0	0.0	0	0
Sifa Leota	1	5	5.0	0	5
Zion Nason	1	25	25.0	0	25
Jacob Fields	1	85	85.0	1	85
Kam Franklin	1	29	29.0	0	29
Alonzo Jackson Jr.	1	23	23.0	1	23
Kameron Carter	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	13	274	21.1	4	85
Opponents	6	57	9.5	0	29





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Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Drew Henderson	4-5	80.0	1-1	2-2	1-1	0-1	0-0	37	0
John Hoyet Chance	3-5	60.0	0-0	2-2	0-0	0-1	1-2	55	1
Opponents	8-15	53.3	1-1	1-1	3-5	2-5	1-3	53	2

Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT						pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	
Clay Thevenin	6	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	38
Drew Henderson	-	4-5	23-25	-	-	-	-	-	35
Omiri Wiggins	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Devin Gandy	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Blake Baker	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	18
Andrew Burnette	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
John Hoyet Chance	-	3-5	3-3	-	-	-	-	-	12
Kolbe Fields	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Marlion Jackson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jacob Fields	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Kam Franklin	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jacob Bradford	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jakari Foster	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Alonzo Jackson Jr.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Tre Averhart	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jalen Mickens	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Marques Singleton Jr.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	30	7-10	26-28	0	1	1	0	0	229
Opponents	17	8-15	15-15	0	2	2	0	0	145

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Louisiana Tech	62	46	45	69	7	229
Opponents	27	41	31	38	8	145

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
John Hoyet Chance	43	1983	46.1	68	3	9	19	19	0
Total	43	1983	46.1	68	3	9	19	19	0
Opponents	41	1758	42.9	61	3	12	4	9	0

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Dedrick Latulas	16	162	10.1	0	25
Marques Singleton Jr.	2	46	23.0	0	26
Cedric Woods	1	10	10.0	0	10
Total	19	218	11.5	0	26
Opponents	14	87	6.2	0	17

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Devin Gandy	10	310	31.0	1	85
Fred Robertson	4	81	20.3	0	41
Clay Thevenin	2	24	12.0	0	17
Total	16	415	25.9	1	85
Opponents	4	82	20.5	0	42

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Devin Gandy	8	0	322	0	310	0	632	79.0
Clay Thevenin	8	439	109	0	24	0	572	71.5
Omiri Wiggins	8	362	48	0	0	0	410	51.3
Eli Finley	8	0	333	0	0	0	333	41.6
Marlion Jackson	8	0	264	0	0	0	264	33.0
Blake Baker	7	261	-5	0	0	0	256	36.6
Dedrick Latulas	8	0	42	162	0	0	204	25.5
Andrew Burnette	8	189	4	0	0	0	193	24.1
Marques Singleton Jr.	8	0	131	46	0	0	177	22.1
Trey Kukuk	6	106	37	0	0	0	143	23.8
Jalen Mickens	8	6	100	0	0	0	106	13.3
Jacob Fields	8	2	8	0	0	85	95	11.9
Fred Robertson	4	0	8	0	81	0	89	22.3
David Pierro	8	0	88	0	0	0	88	11.0
Jakari Foster	8	0	0	0	0	67	67	8.4
Amani Givens	8	48	0	0	0	0	48	6.0
Kolbe Fields	5	0	0	0	0	40	40	8.0
Luke Watkins	5	0	39	0	0	0	39	7.8
Kam Franklin	8	0	0	0	0	29	29	3.6
Zion Nason	8	0	0	0	0	25	25	3.1
Alonzo Jackson Jr.	7	0	0	0	0	23	23	3.3
Dane Benedix	7	0	14	0	0	0	14	2.0
Mason Welch	2	13	0	0	0	0	13	6.5
Cedric Woods	6	0	0	10	0	0	10	1.7
Tre Averhart	6	0	6	0	0	0	6	1.0
Sifa Leota	8	0	0	0	0	5	5	0.6
Evan Bullock	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.3
Lexington Matthews	2	-8	0	0	0	0	-8	-4.0
Total	8	1414	1548	218	415	274	3869	483.6
Opponents	8	1047	1928	87	82	57	3201	400.1

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Blake Baker	7	219	261	1210	1471	210.1
Clay Thevenin	8	84	439	0	439	54.9
Omiri Wiggins	8	74	362	0	362	45.3
Trey Kukuk	6	68	106	231	337	56.2
Andrew Burnette	8	38	189	0	189	23.6
Evan Bullock	3	29	1	112	113	37.7
Amani Givens	8	8	48	0	48	6.0
Mason Welch	2	3	13	0	13	6.5
Jalen Mickens	8	1	6	0	6	0.8
Jacob Fields	8	1	2	0	2	0.3
Luke Watkins	5	1	0	-5	-5	-1.0
Lexington Matthews	2	1	-8	0	-8	-4.0
Total	8	536	1414	1548	2962	370.3
Opponents	8	563	1047	1928	2975	371.9





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Team Defense

#	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks		Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
8	Jacob Fields	8	32	25	57	2-7	.		1-85	3	.	.	.	.	.
9	Mekhi Mason	8	19	27	46	9.5-41	3.5-26	.	.	3	.	.	.	1	.
42	Sifa Leota	8	12	32	44	8-17	1-3	.	1-5	5	5	.	.	.	.
10	Kolbe Fields	5	12	27	39	3-15	2-13	.	2-40	.	1	.	.	.	.
6	Jakari Foster	8	12	20	32	.	.	.	3-67	3	1	.	1	.	.
22	Jadon Mayfield	8	6	26	32	3.5-27	2.5-24	.	.	.	3	.	1	.	.
7	Jhamal Shelby Jr.	8	12	18	30	1.5-0	.	.	.	9	.	.	.	.	.
1	Michael Richard	8	20	9	29	4-15	.	.	2-0	2	.	.	.	.	.
98	Donovan Rieman	8	3	18	21	3.5-6	1.5-3	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
94	Emmanuel Oguns	8	3	18	21	3.5-16	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
11	Cedric Woods	6	11	8	19	1-1	.	.	.	5	.	.	.	.	.
23	Alonzo Jackson Jr.	7	9	10	19	3-5	.	.	1-23	3	2	.	.	.	.
17	Amari Butler	8	11	6	17	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	1	.	.
21	Zheric Hill	6	4	13	17	0.5-3	0.5-3	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
90	Jayden Madkins	8	2	13	15	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
96	Zion Nason	8	5	9	14	0.5-2	0.5-2	.	1-25	2	.	.	.	.	.
4	Kam Franklin	8	10	4	14	.	.	.	1-29	2	.	1-80	1	.	.
97	Christian Davis	8	4	10	14	2.5-12	1-10	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
2	Joshua Cobbs	8	5	6	11	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
91	Caleb Sims	8	.	9	9	1-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0	Sam Fongang	7	5	4	9	1-5	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
3	Kameron Carter	8	5	4	9	1-7	1-7	.	1-0	2	.	.	.	1	.
35	Cole Watson	8	2	5	7	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
5	Benji Johnson	4	1	5	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Kenyatta McNeese	8	4	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Jacob Bradford	7	.	4	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	1-20	.	.	.
15	JayT Jackson	8	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
95	Trevell Vivians	6	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
14	Jordan Mcrae	3	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
45	Jojo Odom	8	2	1	3	0.5-4	0.5-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18	Marlion Jackson	8	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Judd Rouyea	2	.	2	2	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18	Jaitlin Hampton	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
67	Brett Canis	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Devin Gandy	8	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	Blake Baker	7	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
84	Eli Finley	8	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39	Jacoryian Crowe	1	.	1	1	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Fred Robertson	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	Omiri Wiggins	8	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	Clay Thevenin	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	Lane Condry	1	.	1	1	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	John Hoyet Chance	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Totals		8	220	348	568	52-190	14-95	13-274	51	18	2-100	5	2	0	
Opponents		8	262	380	642	48-175	15-95	6-57	27	13	4-34	5	1	0	





RUSTON - Louisiana Tech's defense stole the show in the season opener, pitching a shutout and powering the Bulldogs to a 24-0 victory over Southeastern Louisiana on Saturday night inside Joe Aillet Stadium.

LA Tech (1-0) kept SLU (0-1) off the scoreboard for all four quarters, forcing three turnovers and coming up with big stops to preserve the Bulldogs first shutout since . . . the last time they played in the Joe which was the home finale last season against Kennesaw State.

The starting linebacker trio for the 'Dogs were a menace all night. Kolbe Fields and Sifa Leota tallied 13 tackles each, and Mekhi Mason added nine stops (4.5 tackles for loss) and two sacks as part of a relentless effort that held SLU to just 3.6 yards per play.

The turning point came midway through the third quarter when defensive back Kam Franklin scooped up a fumble and raced 80 yards for a touchdown, stretching LA Tech's lead to 24-0. That defensive score capped a dominant third quarter in which the Bulldogs scored three touchdowns in a span of just over seven minutes.

LA Tech's offense found rhythm after a sluggish first half. Starting quarterback Trey Kukuk threw for 130 yards and a touchdown, connecting with Omiri Wiggins on a 17-yard strike to open the third-quarter surge. Running back Clay Thevenin added a 2-yard touchdown run after ripping off a 33-yard gain earlier in the drive.

Special teams also delivered, as Drew Henderson drilled an 18-yard chip shot just before halftime to give the Bulldogs a 3-0 edge at the break.

LA Tech finished with 262 yards of total offense but leaned heavily on its defense, which not only posted the shutout but also recorded four sacks, 11 tackles for loss, and held SLU to 0-for-2 on fourth down.

GAME NOTES

- With the win, LA Tech now leads the all-time series versus SLU, 30-7-2. The Bulldogs have won 10 straight over the Lions, the longest active winning streak against any opponent.
- LA Tech won its 12th straight season opener at home.
- The Bulldogs recorded their first shutout in a season opener since 1996, which came against Middle Tennessee. This was the first shutout against the Lions since 1972.
- LA Tech has now registered back-to-back shutouts at home for the first time since 1959-60 (shutout Kennesaw State, 33-0, in last season's home finale).
- Eli Finley led the Bulldogs in receiving with 59 yards on four catches (second most receiving yards in a single game by the tight end).
- Sifa Leota set career highs in both tackles (13) and tackles for loss (3.5).
- Mekhi Mason recorded a career-high 4.5 tackles for loss, which included two sacks. It is the third most tackles for loss in a single game in program history (most since 2018).

Team Statistics	Southeastern	LA Tech
First Downs	18	14
Net Yards Rushing	126	136
Net Yards Passing	145	126
Comp. - Att. - Int.	15-31-2	13-18-0
Avg. / Att.	4.7	6.6
Avg. / Comp.	9.7	9.7
TDs	0	1
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	271	262
Plays	75	53
Avg. / Play	3.6	4.9
Fumbles - Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties - Yards	7-43	5-50
PUNTS-YARDS	7-303	7-336
Avg. / Punt	43.3	48.0
Inside 20	40	3
50+ Yards	2	4
Touchbacks	1	0
Fair Catch	2	0
KICKOFFS-YARDS	1-69	4-260
Avg. Yards / Kickoff	69.0	65.0
Touchbacks	0	4
RETURNS		
Punt: Total - Yards - TDs	3-25-0	3-32-0
Punt: Avg. / Return	8.3	14.0
Kickoff: Total - Yards - TDs	0-0-0	1-41-0
INT: Total - Yards - TDs	0-0-0	2-25-0
Possession Time	35:10	24:50
Sacks: Total - Yards	3-15	5-35
PAT: Total - Made	0-0	3-3
Field Goals: Total - Made	0-0	1-1

Scoring Summary

- 2nd 00:00 LAT - Henderson, Drew 18 yd field goal
- 3rd 12:24 LAT -Wiggins, Omiri 17 yd pass from Kukuk, Trey (Henderson, Drew kick)
- 3rd 08:32 LAT - Thevenin, Clay 2 yd run (Henderson, Drew kick)
- 3rd 05:12 LAT - Franklin, Kam 80 yd fumble recovery (Henderson, Drew kick)

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
SLU	0	0	0	0	0
LA Tech	0	3	21	0	24

Stadium: Origin Bank Field at Joe Aillet Stadium
Kickoff Time: 6:32 p.m.
End of Game: 10:06 p.m.
Attendance: 12,872





BATON ROUGE, La. – Louisiana Tech’s defense battled for four quarters inside a sold-out Tiger Stadium, but the Bulldogs could not overcome No. 3 LSU in a 23–7 setback Saturday night in front of 101,667 fans.

LA Tech (1–1) held LSU (2–0) to just two touchdowns on the night and forced a trio of field goals, but the Tigers leaned on a balanced offensive attack and a defense that limited the Bulldogs to 154 total yards.

LA Tech’s defense kept the game within reach, racking up eight tackles-for-loss. Mekhi Mason led the way with 11 tackles, including a sack, while Christian Davis, Jadon Mayfield, and Jojo Odom also registered sacks to help the Bulldogs bring down LSU quarterback Garrett Nussmeier three times. Michael Richard also created the lone turnover on the night, grabbing an interception on the Tigers opening drive to quickly silence the crowd.

Offensively, the ‘Dogs got into LSU territory three times but were forced to punt all three. It was not until late in the fourth quarter when Blake Baker who came in at quarterback connected with Devin Gandy on a 33-yard touchdown strike to put LA Tech on the scoreboard, capping a 13-play, 74-yard drive.

Gandy led Tech with 33 receiving yards, while Eli Finley added four catches for 18 yards. Baker and Trey Kukuk combined for 96 passing yards against a fast LSU secondary. On the ground, Clay Thevenin paced Tech with 22 rushing yards, while Kukuk added 16.

Special teams kept the Bulldogs in it as well, with John Hoyet Chance averaging 38.4 yards on nine punts, pinning the Tigers inside their own 10 four times.

LSU struck first with a late first-quarter touchdown pass and added a field goal before halftime. The Tigers extended their lead to 17–0 in the third and tacked on two more field goals in the final frame, including one that was forced by the Bulldog defense stuffed the Tigers on three straight plays from inside the 3-yard line, to stay out of reach.

GAME NOTES

With the loss, LA Tech now trails in the all-time series versus LSU, 1-20. The 16-point loss was the second closest margin of victory for the Tigers in the series in the last 15 meetings.

With the announced attendance of 101,667, it was the fourth largest crowd that LA Tech has played in front of.

With a late touchdown, the Bulldogs extended their streak of scoring to 213 games (have not been shut out since 2008).

The Bulldog defense totaled 8.0 tackles for loss, the most they have ever had against the Tigers (on record). They had a combined 7.0 in the last two meetings.

The Bulldog defense tallied five pass breakups. They also had six against Southeastern in the season opener (first time with 5+ PBUs in back-to-back games since 2023).

Mekhi Mason registered a game-high 11 tackles, giving him back-to-back games with double-digit tackles. He also had a game-high 1.5 tackles for loss, giving him 6.0 for the season

through two games.

Michael Richard recorded his first career interception as a Bulldog.

Eli Finley led the Bulldogs in total receptions for a second straight game, reeling in four grabs.

Devin Gandy registered his first career touchdown as a Bulldog.

Team Statistics	LA Tech	LSU
First Downs	12	27
Net Yards Rushing	58	128
Net Yards Passing	96	237
Comp. - Att. - Int.	15-26-0	26-46-1
Avg. / Att.	3.7	5.8
Avg. / Comp.	6.4	91.
TDs	1	1
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	154	365
Plays	53	75
Avg. / Play	2.9	4.9
Fumbles - Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties - Yards	12-130	9-77
PUNTS-YARDS	9-346	3-126
Avg. / Punt	38.4	42
Inside 20	4	1
50+ Yards	1	1
Touchbacks	0	0
Fair Catch	2	1
KICKOFFS-YARDS	2-122	5-323
Avg. Yards / Kickoff	61.0	64.6
Touchbacks	1	4
RETURNS		
Punt: Total - Yards - TDs	2-17-0	2-24-0
Punt: Avg. / Return	8.5	12.0
Kickoff: Total - Yards - TDs	1-16-0	1-42-0
INT: Total - Yards - TDs	1-0-0	0-0-0
Possession Time	23:08	36:52
Sacks: Total - Yards	3-27	2-10
PAT: Total - Made	1-1	2-2
Field Goals: Total - Made	0-0	3-4

Scoring Summary

1st 00:12 LSU - Nic, Anderson 7 yd pass from Nussmeier, Garrett (Ramos, Damian, kick)
2nd 06:24 LSU - Ramos, Damian 23 yd field goal
3rd 01:58 LSU - Durham, Caden 3 yd run (Ramos, Damian, kick)
4th 11:14 LSU - Ramos, Damian 46 yd field goal
4th 04:02 LAT - Gandy, Devin 33 yd pass from Baker, Blake (Henderson, Drew kick)
4th 01:55 LSU - Ramos, Damian 19 yd field goal

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
LA Tech	0	0	0	7	7
LSU	7	3	7	6	23

Stadium: Tiger Stadium

Kickoff Time: 6:32 p.m.

End of Game: 9:59 p.m.

Attendance: 101,667



RUSTON - Louisiana Tech opened Conference USA play with authority Saturday night, running past New Mexico State 49–14 at Origin Bank Field at Joe Aillet Stadium.

LA Tech (2-1, 1-0 CUSA) controlled the line of scrimmage from start to finish, piling up 353 rushing yards on 65 carries. Quarterback Blake Baker, making his first start of the season, led the effort with 103 yards and a touchdown on the ground, while also throwing for 182 yards and a score. Running backs Omiri Wiggins (68 yards, TD) and Andrew Burnette (41 yards, TD) added to the Bulldogs' depth in the backfield, with Clay Thevenin chipping in 68 yards of his own.

The Bulldogs jumped out to a 10–0 first-quarter lead behind a booming 55-yard field goal from John Hoyet Chance and a 40-yard touchdown strike from Baker to Jalen Mickens. Burnette's 11-yard touchdown run and a 42-yard pass from Trey Kukuk to Marlion Jackson stretched the lead to 24–0 early in the second quarter.

NM State (2-1, 0-1 CUSA) briefly clawed back into the game with two quick scores – Logan Fife connecting on long touchdown passes to Brodrick Malone (41 yards) and P.J. Johnson III (38 yards) – cutting the deficit to 24–14. But LA Tech steadied itself before halftime, adding a short field goal by Drew Henderson to take a 27–14 lead into the break.

The third quarter was a punt fest with both teams combining for seven punts and zero points. However, the fourth quarter was all Bulldogs. The defense forced three total turnovers, including a pivotal play early in the fourth when Jacob Bradford scooped up a fumble and returned it 20 yards for a touchdown.

From there, the rout was on: Baker scored on a one-yard keeper and Wiggins broke free for a 17-yard score as LA Tech piled up 22 points in the final period.

While the offense wore down the Aggies with its rushing attack, the Bulldog defense clamped down. LA Tech limited NM State to just 27 yards on the ground and shut them out over the final 30 minutes. Kam Franklin and Jakari Foster each grabbed interceptions, while Kolbe Fields led the team with 10 tackles.

In all, LA Tech outgained New Mexico State 574–308, dominated time of possession by more than 11 minutes, and converted 11-of-19 third downs.

GAME NOTES

- With the win, LA Tech now leads the all-time series versus New Mexico State, 9-6. The Bulldogs have now won five straight home-opening CUSA games.
- The Bulldogs improved to 9-4 in CUSA openers.
- LA Tech rushed the ball 65 times, the fifth most in a single game in program history. It is the most ever by the Bulldogs in a CUSA game and the most since 2011.
- The Bulldogs rushed for 353 yards, tied for the 10th most in a single game in program history. It is the most in a single game since 2013.
- LA Tech's 49 points are the ninth most the Bulldogs have ever scored in a CUSA game (most since 2019).
- The Bulldog defense scored two touchdowns. It marked the first time since 2016 that LA Tech has scored multiple defensive touchdowns in the same season.
- LA Tech registered two interceptions, bringing its season total to five (matching all last season). This is the first time since 2013 that the Bulldogs have registered at least one INT in each of the first three games of the season).
- The Bulldog defense allowed just 27 yards on the ground, the fewest in a single game since

2014 at Southern Miss.

- Blake Baker rushed for a game-high 103 yards, becoming just the second quarterback in program history to rush for 100+ yards in a single game.

- John Hoyet Chance made a 55-yard field goal, tied for the third longest in program history.

- Kolbe Fields led the Bulldogs in tackles with 10. It marked the fifth time in his Bulldog career he has recorded double-digit tackles in a single game.

Team Statistics	NM State	LA Tech
First Downs	12	28
Net Yards Rushing	27	353
Net Yards Passing	281	221
Comp. - Att. - Int.	17-33-2	11-20-1
Avg. / Att.	8.5	11.1
Avg. / Comp.	16.5	20.1
TDs	2	2
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	308	574
Plays	50	85
Avg. / Play	6.2	6.8
Fumbles - Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties - Yards	7-75	11-101
PUNTS-YARDS	7-269	4-186
Avg. / Punt	38.4	46.5
Inside 20	1	1
50+ Yards	0	2
Touchbacks	0	1
Fair Catch	2	1
KICKOFFS-YARDS	3-179	9-598
Avg. Yards / Kickoff	59.7	66.4
Touchbacks	0	8
RETURNS		
Punt: Total - Yards - TDs	2--2-0	3-30-0
Punt: Avg. / Return	-1.0	10.0
Kickoff: Total - Yards - TDs	1-19-0	3-41-0
INT: Total - Yards - TDs	1-0-0	2-29-0
Possession Time	24:30	35:30
Sacks: Total - Yards	1-7	1-11
PAT: Total - Made	2-2	5-5
Field Goals: Total - Made	0-2	2-3

Scoring Summary

1st 09:50 LAT - Chance, John Hoyet 55 yd field goal

1st 05:36 LAT - Mickens, Jalen 40 yd pass from Baker, Blake (Henderson, Drew kick)

2nd 14:49 LAT - Burnette, Andrew 11 yd run (Henderson, Drew kick)

2nd 10:23 LAT - Jackson, Marlion 42 yd pass from Kukuk, Trey (Henderson, Drew kick)

2nd 09:46 NMS - Malone, Brodrick 41 yd pass from Fife, Logan (Hawk, Ryan kick)

2nd 01:52 NMS - Johnson III, P.J. 38 yd pass from Fife, Logan (Hawk, Ryan kick)

2nd 00:17 LAT - Henderson, Drew 27 yd field goal

4th 12:24 LAT - Bradford, Jacob 20 yd fumble recovery (Henderson, Drew kick)

4th 09:34 LAT - Baker, Blake 1 yd run (Thevenin, Clay pass), 4 plays, 49 yards

4th 09:06 LAT - Wiggins, Omiri 17 yd run (Henderson, Drew kick)

Score by Quarters

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
NM State	0	14	0	0	14
LA Tech	10	17	0	22	49

Stadium: Origin Bank Field at Joe Aillet Stadium

Kickoff Time: 6:32 p.m.

End of Game: 9:59 p.m.

Attendance: 13,235





RUSTON - Louisiana Tech rode a dominant first half and a game-changing defensive score to knock off rival Southern Miss, 30-20, Saturday night inside Origin Bank Field at Joe Aillet Stadium.

LA Tech (3-1) posted all 30 of its points in the first half, building a 20-point lead at the midway point. That was all the scoring the Bulldogs needed as the defense limited USM (2-2) to just two scores in the second stanza to win the renewed rivalry that dates to 1935.

The 'Dogs came out firing in the opening quarter. Following a 3-and-out by the defense, LA Tech marched 74 yards in just two plays to grab the early lead on a one-yard keeper by quarterback Blake Baker. Setting up the easy score was a 73-yard catch-and-run by tight end Eli Finley who was wide open over the middle.

After the Golden Eagles quickly answered, kicker Drew Henderson booted a 24-yard field goal and Omiri Wiggins added a three-yard touchdown run to send the Bulldogs in front, 17-10, after one.

The second quarter proved decisive. Linebacker Kolbe Fields jumped a route and returned an interception 48 yards for a touchdown to give LA Tech a two-score cushion. Just before halftime, Clay Thevenin powered in from a yard out to cap a 14-play, 80-yard drive, sending the Bulldogs into the locker room with a commanding 30-10 lead.

USM controlled much of the second half statistically – finishing with 514 total yards compared to LA Tech's 340 – but the Bulldogs' defense bent without breaking. The Golden Eagles were stuffed on a goal-line stand in the third quarter and managed just a field goal and a late touchdown, never fully erasing the early deficit.

Baker finished an efficient 15-of-21 through the air for 239 yards and 29 yards on the ground. Finley led all receivers with six catches for a career-high 155 yards. Wiggins paced the ground attack with 49 rushing yards.

Defensively, Fields anchored the effort with nine tackles and the pick-six, while Mekhi Mason and Sifa Leota each added seven tackles. The linebacker trio also combined for two tackles-for-loss, three pass breakups, and two quarterback hurries.

GAME NOTES

- With the win, LA Tech now trails in the all-time series with Southern Miss, 18-36. The Bulldogs have won three of the last four meetings.
- LA Tech picked up its 650th win in program history.
- The Bulldogs have won four straight at home (averaging 34.0 points per game) and have outscored their opponents 136-34 in those games.
- LA Tech improved to 8-0 all-time when scoring 30+ points against USM. Each of the last six victories by the Bulldogs has coincided with scoring at least 30 points.
- The Bulldogs scored all 30 points in the first half, the most this season in the stanza.
- Three different Bulldogs rushed for a touchdown for the second straight game – Omiri Wiggins, Blake Baker, and Clay Thevenin.
- The Bulldog defense scored a touchdown for the third time this season (most since 2015).
- Eli Finley registered a game-high and career-high 155 receiving yards. It marked the first time since Dennis Morris (2009) that a Bulldog tight end registered 100+ receiving yards.

- Kolbe Fields posted his second career interception (first pick six). It is the first pick six by a Bulldog linebacker since Trey Baldwin in 2021.
- Opponents are now 0-for-4 on fourth downs against the Bulldogs. Southern Miss failed on two attempts.

Team Statistics	USM	LA Tech
First Downs	29	14
Net Yards Rushing	122	101
Net Yards Passing	392	238
Comp. - Att. - Int.	28-47-1	15-21-0
Avg. / Att.	8.3	11.3
Avg. / Comp.	14.0	15.9
TDs	2	0
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	514	339
Plays	82	59
Avg. / Play	6.3	5.7
Fumbles - Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties - Yards	8-54	8-76
PUNTS-YARDS	5-226	8-398
Avg. / Punt	45.2	49.8
Inside 20	0	4
50+ Yards	2	5
Touchbacks	0	1
Fair Catch	0	2
KICKOFFS-YARDS	4-256	6-390
Avg. Yards / Kickoff	64.0	65.0
Touchbacks	2	6
RETURNS		
Punt: Total - Yards - TDs	1-4-0	3-33-0
Punt: Avg. / Return	4.0	11.0
Kickoff: Total - Yards - TDs	0-0-0	1-28-0
INT: Total - Yards - TDs	0-0-0	1-48-1
Possession Time	32:36	27:24
Sacks: Total - Yards	2-9	1-4
PAT: Total - Made	2-2	3-4
Field Goals: Total - Made	2-3	1-1

Scoring Summary

- 1st 13:43 LAT - Baker,Blake 1 yd run (Henderson,Drew kick)
1st 12:15 USM - Heath,Kyirin 30 yd pass from Braxton,Braylon (Harradine,Reed kick)
1st 08:10 LAT - Henderson,Drew 24 yd field goal
1st 03:29USM - Harradine,Reed 38 yd field goal
1st 00:46 LAT - Wiggins,Omiri 3 yd run (Henderson,Drew kick)
2nd 14:01 LAT - Fields,Kolbe 48 yd interception
2nd 00:23LAT - Thevenin,Clay 1 yd run (Henderson,Drew kick)
3rd 00:58 USM - Harradine,Reed 30 yd field goal
4th 00:22 USM - Dalton,Davis 34 yd pass from Braxton,Braylon (Wilbanks,Creighton kick)

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Southern Miss	10	0	3	7	20
LA Tech	17	13	0	0	30

Stadium: Origin Bank Field at Joe Aillet Stadium

Kickoff Time: 6:32 p.m.

End of Game: 10:10 p.m.

Attendance: 17,108



EL PASO, Texas -Louisiana Tech used a dominant defensive effort and two interception returns for touchdowns to defeat UTEP 30-11 on Saturday night at the Sun Bowl.

LA Tech (4-1, 2-0 CUSA) was able to overcome four turnovers (came into the game with only one this season) by picking off UTEP (1-4, 0-1 CUSA) quarterbacks five times, scoring twice to stay perfect in league play.

LA Tech struck first midway through the opening quarter as Blake Baker connected with Marques Singleton Jr. on a 5-yard touchdown pass to cap a 10-play, 60-yard drive, giving the Bulldogs a 7-0 lead at the 6:14 mark of the first quarter. This TD was set up by an interception by Sifa Leota followed a tipped ball from Mekhi Mason.

After a scoreless second quarter, LA Tech stretched the margin to double digits late in the third. Following a Miner turnover, Drew Henderson drilled a 37-yard field goal to make it 10-0 with 5:47 to play in the third period.

UTEP finally got on the board early in the fourth quarter on a 38-yard field goal from Tanner Cragun, trimming the deficit to 10-3 at the 14:55 mark.

But the Bulldogs' defense immediately took control. Less than five minutes later, Jakari Foster stepped in front of a pass and sprinted 67 yards up the sideline for a pick-six, pushing the lead to 17-3 with 10:22 remaining.

LA Tech extended the advantage on its next possession, grinding out a 42-yard march that ended with Clay Thevenin's 4-yard touchdown run, making it 24-3 with 4:58 left.

UTEP answered quickly when Skyler Locklear hit Wondame Davis Jr. for a 35-yard touchdown, followed by a successful two-point conversion pass to Josh Schuchts, cutting the score to 24-11 at the 3:34 mark.

But any hopes of a Miner comeback were dashed just two plays later. Alonzo Jackson Jr. skied in the air for the ball and returned an interception 23 yards to the end zone, diving across the goal line to seal the 30-11 victory.

Behind the two defensive touchdowns and five total interceptions, LA Tech's defense controlled the game, holding UTEP to just 145 passing yards and one score through the air. Baker finished 18-of-26 for 137 yards and a touchdown, while Singleton led the Bulldogs with five receptions.

GAME NOTES

- With the win, LA Tech now owns an 18-3-1 advantage in the series versus UTEP. The Bulldogs have won 12 of the last 13 meetings against the Miners.
- LA Tech improved to 9-1 all-time against UTEP at the Sun Bowl.
- LA Tech is now 4-1 on the season (first time since 2019).
- This marks the fifth time the Bulldogs have started 2-0 in CUSA play.
- The Bulldogs have allowed 11 or fewer points in three straight meetings against the Miners (just three total touchdowns).
- LA Tech shutout UTEP in the first half, marking the first time the Miners have not scored in the first half at home since 2017.
- The LA Tech defense recorded a season-high five turnovers, the most in a single game since 2022 against Middle Tennessee. It was the most by the Bulldogs in a road game since 2012 at

Illinois. All five were interceptions, the most in a single game by LA Tech since 2007 against Central Arkansas.

- It marked the first time that LA Tech recorded two pick-sixes in the same game since the 2017 Frisco Bowl against SMU.

- The nine combined turnovers are the most in a single game since 2012 at Illinois.

- The Bulldogs recorded two defensive touchdowns, bringing their season total to five through five games. That is already the most since the 2019 season.

- This was LA Tech's first win when committing at least four turnovers since the 2024 season opener against Nicholls (had five that game).

Team Statistics	LA Tech	UTEP
First Downs	16	15
Net Yards Rushing	95	126
Net Yards Passing	137	147
Comp. - Att. - Int.	18-26-1	22-44-5
Avg. / Att.	5.3	3.3
Avg. / Comp.	7.6	6.7
TDs	1	1
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	232	273
Plays	68	73
Avg. / Play	3.4	3.7
Fumbles - Lost	3-3	1-0
Penalties - Yards	5-49	5-50
PUNTS-YARDS	6-295	5-193
Avg. / Punt	49.2	38.6
Inside 20	2	1
50+ Yards	2	1
Touchbacks	1	2
Fair Catch	2	1
KICKOFFS-YARDS	6-390	2-127
Avg. Yards / Kickoff	65.0	63.5
Touchbacks	6	1
RETURNS		
Punt: Total - Yards - TDs	2--1-0	2-13-0
Punt: Avg. / Return	-.05	6.5
Kickoff: Total - Yards - TDs	1-27-0	0-0-0
INT: Total - Yards - TDs	5-87-2	1-0-0
Possession Time	32:15	27:45
Sacks: Total - Yards	0-0	5-42
PAT: Total - Made	3-3	0-0
Field Goals: Total - Made	1-1	1-2

Scoring Summary

1st 06:14LAT - Singleton Jr.,Marques 5 yd pass from Baker,Blake (Henderson,Drew kick)

3rd 05:47LAT - Henderson,Drew 37 yd field goal

4th 14:55TEP - Cragun,Tanner 38 yd field

4th 10:22LAT - Foster,Jakari 67 yd interception (Henderson,Drew kick)

4th 04:58 LAT - Thevenin,Clay 4 yd run (Henderson,Drew kick)

4th 03:34TEP - Davis Jr.,Wondame 35 yd pass from Locklear,Skyler (Schuchts,Josh pass)

4th 01:44LAT - Jackson Jr.,Alonzo 23 yd interception (Two point try failed)

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
LA Tech	7	0	3	20	30
UTEP	0	0	0	11	11



KENNESAW, Ga. - Louisiana Tech jumped out to a strong start Thursday night, but turnovers proved costly in a 35-7 setback at Kennesaw State inside Walens Family Field at Fifth Third Stadium.

LA Tech (4-2, 2-1 CUSA) looked sharp early, getting a 3-and-out by the defense on the opening drive faced and then marching 70 yards on their opening possession and capping it with a one-yard touchdown run by Omiri Wiggins to take a 7-0 lead.

The defense forced punts on each of the Owls' first three series, holding Kennesaw State (4-2, 2-0 CUSA) to just 34 yards in the opening quarter.

Momentum shifted in the second quarter when starting quarterback Blake Baker left the game with an injury. Already without CUSA Preseason Defensive Player of the Year and star linebacker Kolbe Fields, LA Tech saw its depth tested on both sides of the ball. KSU took advantage, scoring 14 unanswered points before halftime — one being a 15-play, 92-yard drive for a touchdown and the other coming just one play after an interception thrown by Trey Kukuk.

The Owls stretched the margin with three second-half touchdown passes from Dexter Williams II, who finished 27-of-36 for 290 yards and four scores. Kennesaw State ended up outscoring LA Tech 28-0 after the opening period.

The Bulldog defense, which had forced at least one turnover in every game this season (13 total), was unable to come up with a takeaway. Meanwhile, two Bulldog interceptions were directly converted into 14 Owl points.

Evan Bullock, who made 10 starts for the Bulldogs last season, saw his first action at quarterback this season, going 11-of-21 for 112 yards. Wiggins paced the rushing attack with 67 yards and the team's lone touchdown, while Marlion Jackson led all LA Tech receivers with 49 yards. Defensively, Jacob Fields registered a team-high nine tackles.

GAME NOTES

- With the loss, the series between Louisiana Tech and Kennesaw State is now tied, 1-1.
- LA Tech shutout KSU in the first quarter, marking the fourth time this season (out of six games) they have now allowed their opponent to score in the first stanza. The Bulldogs have only surrendered 17 total points in the first quarter.
- The LA Tech defense tallied five tackles-for-loss. They have not had at least five TFLs in five of the six games this season.
- This marked the first time this season the Bulldog defense was not able to create a takeaway.
- This was also the first time this season that LA Tech did not win the turnover battle.
- Evan Bullock saw his first action at quarterback this season, going 11-of-21 for 112 yards.
- O'Miri Wiggins registered his third rushing touchdown of the season. He had a team-high 14 carries, marking the third time in the last four games with 10+ rushing attempts. His 67 rushing yards was one shy of tying his season high.
- Marlion Jackson had three receptions for a second straight game, posting a season-high 49 receiving yards.
- Jacob Fields recorded a team-high and season-high nine tackles. He was one shy of tying his career high of 10 which he set in the Independence Bowl against Army last season.
- John Hoyet Chance had three punts downed inside the 20, giving him 17 such punts this season. He also had two go for 50+ yards, including a 60-yarder (second longest of the season), giving him 16 total for the year. He has recorded a punt of 60+ yards in each of the last three

games.

Team Statistics	LA Tech	Kennesaw
First Downs	21	22
Net Yards Rushing	136	110
Net Yards Passing	169	290
Comp. - Att. - Int.	18-35-2	27-36-0
Avg. / Att.	4.8	8.1
Avg. / Comp.	9.4	10.7
TDs	0	4
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	305	400
Plays	75	63
Avg. / Play	4.1	6.3
Fumbles - Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties - Yards	6-57	7-52
PUNTS-YARDS	6-291	5-231
Avg. / Punt	48.5	46.2
Inside 20	3	0
50+ Yards	3	2
Touchbacks	0	1
Fair Catch	1	3
KICKOFFS-YARDS	2-128	6-381
Avg. Yards / Kickoff	64.0	63.5
Touchbacks	1	2
RETURNS		
Punt: Total - Yards - TDs	1-6-0	3-19-0
Punt: Avg. / Return	6.0	6.3
Kickoff: Total - Yards - TDs	4-74-0	1-10-0
INT: Total - Yards - TDs	0-0-0	2-29-0
Possession Time	29:09	30:51
Sacks: Total - Yards	1-5	3-17
PAT: Total - Made	1-1	5-5
Field Goals: Total - Made	0-0	0-1

Scoring Summary

- 1st 07:12LAT - Wiggins,Omiri 1 yd run (Henderson,Drew kick)
- 2nd 08:03KSU - Coppock,Clayton 6 yd pass from Williams II,Dexter (Williams,Britton kick)
- 2nd 06:15KSU - Benyard,Gabriel 9 yd run (Williams,Britton kick)
- 3rd 09:19KSU - Jackson,Jordan 29 yd pass from Williams II,Dexter (Williams,Britton kick)
- 4th 13:32KSU - Ravare,Lyndon 7 yd pass from Williams II,Dexter (Williams,Britton kick)
- 4th 04:45KSU - Bennett,Coleman 50 yd pass from Williams II,Dexter (Williams,Britton kick)

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
LA Tech	7	0	0	0	7
Kennesaw	0	14	7	14	35

Stadium: Walens Family Field at Fifth Third Stadium

Kickoff Time: 7:02 p.m.

End of Game: 10:22 p.m.

Attendance: 9,585



RUSTON - Louisiana Tech battled back from a 13-point deficit, taking the lead in overtime but WKU answered with a walk-off two-point conversion to edge the Bulldogs, 28-27, on Tuesday night inside Origin Bank Field at Joe Aillet Stadium.

LA Tech (4-3, 2-2 CUSA) got off to a quick start as usual, scoring a touchdown on its opening drive for the fourth straight game. However, WKU (6-2, 4-1 CUSA) scored 17 unanswered points to take a 20-7 advantage at halftime.

Devin Gandy's 85-yard kickoff return (Music City Miracle-style) to open the second half ignited the comeback, trimming the deficit to six just 15 seconds into the third quarter.

LA Tech's defense stiffened from there, holding the Hilltoppers scoreless for the remainder of regulation. John Hoyet Chance connected on back-to-back 24-yard field goals in the fourth quarter to erase the deficit and send the game to overtime tied 20-20.

In the extra frame, the Bulldogs got the ball first and running back Andrew Burnette proceeded to cap a five-play, 25-yard drive with a two-yard touchdown run up the middle to give LA Tech its first lead since the opening quarter.

However, WKU's George Hart III responded with a four-yard score, and the Hilltoppers elected to go for the win – converting a gutsy two-point pass from quarterback Rodney Tisdale Jr. to K.D. Hutchinson that sealed the 28-27 final.

Blake Baker had a strong season under center, completing 31-of-45 passes for 340 yards and a touchdown, spreading the ball to 10 different receivers (also had a team-high 49 yards rushing). Marlon Jackson led the group with 103 receiving yards on six receptions, while Clay Thevenin added 52 through the air and 35 on the ground.

Defensively, the Bulldogs were led by Jacob Fields (11 tackles) and Jakari Foster (10 tackles) while Sifa Leota had eight tackles, including 3.0 tackles-for-loss and two pass breakups. Kameron Carter provided the lone turnover for LA Tech with an interception in the fourth quarter.

LA Tech outgained WKU 449-340 in total offense and converted 10-of-19 third downs.

GAME NOTES

With the loss, the series is now tied at 6-6 against WKU. Six of the last eight meetings have now been decided by one score.

The Bulldogs held the Hilltoppers scoreless in the second half. It marked the fifth time this season that LA Tech's defense has held an opponent to zero points in a half.

The Bulldog defense tallied 10 tackles-for-loss, marking the second time this season with double-digit TFLs.

Ten different Bulldogs caught a reception versus WKU.

Blake Baker set new career highs in completions (31), passing attempts (45), and passing yards (340). He became the first Bulldog since Hank Bachmeier (Nov. 11, 2023 versus Sam Houston) to throw for 300+ yards. He also became the 28th Bulldog in program history to throw for 300+ yards in a single game.

Blake Baker also led the Bulldogs in rushing with 49 yards on the ground. It marked the second time this season Baker has led the team in passing and rushing in the same game.

Marlon Jackson posted a career-high 103 receiving yards, which led the Bulldogs. It marked the third time in his career with 75+ receiving yards in a single game and his first game with 100+

yards.

Tre Averhart caught his first reception as a Bulldog, which also resulted in a touchdown.

Jacob Fields led the Bulldogs in total tackles with 11, a new career high for the defensive back. Jakari Foster tallied a season-high 10 tackles, one shy of tying his career high which he set last season against UTEP.

Sifa Leota registered a game-high 3.0 tackles-for-loss, marking the second time he has had at least three TFLs in a single game (had 3.5 in the season opener against Southeastern).

Team Statistics	WKU	LA Tech
First Downs	21	24
Net Yards Rushing	113	109
Net Yards Passing	227	340
Comp. - Att. - Int.	21-34-1	31-46-1
Avg. / Att.	6.7	7.4
Avg. / Comp.	10.8	11.0
TDs	1	1
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	340	449
Plays	72	83
Avg. / Play	4.7	5.4
Fumbles - Lost	0-0	2-0
Penalties - Yards	5-36	9-80
PUNTS-YARDS	4-178	2-80
Avg. / Punt	44.5	40
Inside 20	0	2
50+ Yards	1	1
Touchbacks	0	0
Fair Catch	1	1
KICKOFFS-YARDS	5-252	5-325
Avg. Yards / Kickoff	50.4	65.0
Touchbacks	2	5
RETURNS		
Punt: Total - Yards - TDs	0-0-0	2-26-0
Punt: Avg. / Return	0	13.0
Kickoff: Total - Yards - TDs	0-0-0	2-120-1
INT: Total - Yards - TDs	1-0-0	1-0-0
Possession Time	31:20	28:40
Sacks: Total - Yards	0-0	1-3
PAT: Total - Made	2-2	3-3
Field Goals: Total - Made	2-3	2-4

Scoring Summary

1st 10:26 WKU - Cannon, John 47 yd field goal

1st 06:46 LAT - Averhart, Tre 6 yd pass from Baker, Blake (Chance, John Hoyet kick)

1st 01:09 WKU - Wright, La'Vell 15 yd pass from Tisdale Jr., Rodney (Cannon, John kick)

2nd 10:41 WKU - Hart III, George 1 yd run (Cannon, John kick)

2nd 02:28 WKU - Cassidy, Jack 53 yd field goal

3rd 14:45 LAT - Gandy, Devin 85 yd kickoff return (Chance, John Hoyet kick)

4th 14:49 LAT - Chance, John Hoyet 24 yd field goal

4th 06:20 LAT - Chance, John Hoyet 24 yd field goal

OT LAT - Burnette, Andrew 2 yd run (Chance, John Hoyet kick)

OT 00:00 WKU - Hart III, George 4 yd run (Barry, Moussa pass)

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
WKU	10	10	0	0	8	28
LA Tech	7	0	7	6	7	27

Stadium: Origin Bank Field at Joe Aillet Stadium



RUSTON - Louisiana Tech delivered a frightfully dominant performance on Halloween night Friday, steamrolling Sam Houston 55-14 behind a relentless rushing attack at Origin Bank Field at Joe Aillet Stadium.

LA Tech (5-3, 3-2 CUSA) totaled 646 yards of offense, piled up 425 rushing yards and six touchdowns on the ground while averaging nearly 11 yards per carry, scoring multiple touchdowns in every quarter.

The Bulldogs wasted no time setting the tone. On the opening drive, Blake Baker connected with Devin Gandy for a 36-yard touchdown to give LA Tech an early 7-0 lead. Moments later, Clay Thevenin found the end zone from six yards out, capping a 58-yard drive to make it 14-0 after one quarter.

Thevenin struck again early in the second with a 50-yard burst, and Baker added a 1-yard keeper later in the frame to push the halftime margin to 27-0.

Sam Houston (0-8, 0-5 CUSA) briefly found life after the break with a 28-yard touchdown run by Elijah Green, but LA Tech answered immediately. Omiri Wiggins punched in a 16-yard score, and Thevenin followed with his third touchdown of the night – a 25-yard sprint that made it 41-7 late in the third quarter.

The Bulldogs' defense then joined the fun, as Jacob Fields jumped a route and returned an interception 85 yards for a touchdown early in the fourth. On the next possession, Andrew Burnette provided the exclamation point, racing 66 yards to the house to seal the 55-14 victory.

Baker finished 17-of-21 for 221 yards and one passing score, while Thevenin (143 yards), Wiggins (136), and Burnette (72) led a ground game that turned the Joe into a Halloween horror show for the Bearkats.

GAME NOTES

With the win, LA Tech now leads the all-time series against Sam Houston, 3-2-1.

The 55 points was the most points scored by the Bulldogs since Sept. 26, 2020, when they put up 66 against Houston Baptist (most in Sonny Cumbie era). It tied for the sixth-most points scored by LA Tech in a CUSA game (most since 2016).

LA Tech scored multiple touchdowns in all four quarters (first time since Sept. 26, 2020, against Houston Baptist).

LA Tech scored a touchdown on its opening drive for the fourth straight game.

The Bulldogs scored 27 points in the first half, marking the third time this season LA Tech has put up 27+ points in the first stanza.

The LA Tech offense put up 646 total yards, the third most ever by the Bulldogs in a CUSA game. It was the most in a single game since Oct. 12, 2019 versus UMass.

The Bulldogs rushed for 425 yards, the third most in a single game in program history (most since 1991). The team also totaled six rushing touchdowns, tied for the fourth most in program history (most since 2015).

The Bulldogs had two running backs – Omiri Wiggins and Clay Thevenin – rush for over 100 yards, marking the first time since Nov. 18, 2017 versus UTEP that two Bulldogs eclipsed 100 yards on the ground in the same game. Thevenin (143) and Wiggins (136) both tallied career highs.

Clay Thevenin scored three times on the ground, the first Bulldog to do so since Omiri Wiggins ran for three TDs last season against Kennesaw State.

Blake Baker registered a touchdown throwing and rushing, the second time this season he has done so.

Andrew Burnette took a rush 67 yards for a touchdown, marking the longest rush of the season by a Bulldog.

Devin Gandy posted a team-high and season-high 78 receiving yards on just two receptions.

One of those went for a touchdown, his second receiving TD of the season.

Jacob Fields registered an 85-yard pick-six, the sixth longest defensive return in program history (longest since 2009). It was LA Tech's sixth defensive touchdown of the season, which leads the country.

Team Statistics	SHSU	LA Tech
First Downs	20	30
Net Yards Rushing	296	426
Net Yards Passing	207	221
Comp. - Att. - Int.	17-40-1	17-21-1
Avg. / Att.	5.2	10.5
Avg. / Comp.	12.2	13.0
TDs	0	1
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	503	647
Plays	73	60
Avg. / Play	6.9	10.8
Fumbles - Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties - Yards	9-65	6-56
PUNTS-YARDS	5-192	1-51
Avg. / Punt	38.4	51
Inside 20	1	0
50+ Yards	0	1
Touchbacks	0	0
Fair Catch	2	0
KICKOFFS-YARDS	3-195	9-559
Avg. Yards / Kickoff	50.4	62.1
Touchbacks	2	7
RETURNS		
Punt: Total - Yards - TDs	1-4-0	3-65-0
Punt: Avg. / Return	4.0	21.7
Kickoff: Total - Yards - TDs	1-11-0	3-68-0
INT: Total - Yards - TDs	1-28-0	1-85-1
Possession Time	31:08	28:52
Sacks: Total - Yards	0-0	2-10
PAT: Total - Made	2-2	7-8
Field Goals: Total - Made	0-0	0-0

Scoring Summary

1st 11:48 LAT - Gandy, Devin 36 yd pass from Baker, Blake (Henderson, Drew kick)

1st 06:33 LAT - Thevenin, Clay 6 yd run (Henderson, Drew kick)

2nd 13:39 LAT - Thevenin, Clay 50 yd run (Henderson, Drew kick)

2nd 06:44 LAT - Baker, Blake 1 yd run (Missed XP)

3rd 09:23 SHU - Green, Elijah 28 yd run (Pavon, Christian kick)

3rd 05:53 LAT - Wiggins, Omiri 16 yd run (Henderson, Drew kick)

3rd 03:25 LAT - Thevenin, Clay 25 yd run (Henderson, Drew kick)

3rd 03:13 SHU - Green, Elijah 80 yd run (Pavon, Christian kick)

4th 11:13 LAT - Fields, Jacob 85 yd interception (Henderson, Drew kick)

4th 05:08 LAT - Burnette, Andrew 67 yd run (Henderson, Drew kick)

Score by Quarters

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
SHSU	0	0	14	0	14
LA Tech	14	13	14	14	55

Stadium: Origin Bank Field at Joe Aillet Stadium

/// OFFENSE STARTERS

OPPONENT	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE/OL/WR	WR/TE	WRTE	WR	RB/WR	QB
Southeastern	Christman	Cole	Nelson	Brackins III	Bannister	Smith III	Finley	Singleton Jr.	Benedix	Wiggins	Kukuk
at LSU	Christman	Cole	Brackins	Denis	Bannister	Finley	Latulas	Singleton Jr.	Gandy	Wiggins	Kukuk
New Mexico State	Christman	Cole	Nelson	Denis	Bannister	Latulas	Jackson	Singleton Jr.	Gandy	Robertson	Baker
Southern Miss	Christman	Cole	Nelson	Denis	Bannister	Finley	Jackson	Singleton Jr.	Gandy	Wiggins	Baker
at UTEP	Christman	Cole	Nelson	Brackins III	Bannister	Finley	Jackson	Singleton Jr.	Gandy	Latulas	Baker
at Kennesaw State	Christman	Cole	Nelson	Brackins III	Bannister	Finley	Jackson	Singleton Jr.	Gandy	Thevenin	Baker
WKU	Christman	Cole	Nelson	Denis	Canis	Finley	Jackson	Mickens	Gandy	Thevenin	Baker
Sam Houston	Christman	Cole	Nelson	Denis	Canis	Finley	Jackson	Mickens	Gandy	Thevenin	Baker
at Delaware											
at Washington State											
Liberty											
at Missouri State											

/// DEFENSE STARTERS

OPPONENT	DE	NT	DE	LB	LB	LB	CB	S	S	S	CB
Southeastern	Oguns	Nason	Rouyea	Mason	Leota	K. Fields	Woods	Richard	Foster	J. Fields	Shelby Jr.
at LSU	Oguns	Nason	Rouyea	Mason	Leota	K. Fields	Woods	Richard	Foster	J. Fields	Shelby Jr.
New Mexico State	Oguns	Nason	Madkins	Mason	Leota	K. Fields	Woods	Richard	Foster	J. Fields	Shelby Jr.
Southern Miss	Oguns	Nason	Madkins	Mason	Leota	K. Fields	Butler	Richard	Foster	J. Fields	Shelby Jr.
at UTEP	Oguns	Nason	Madkins	Mason	Leota	K. Fields	Butler	Richard	Foster	J. Fields	Shelby Jr.
at Kennesaw State	Oguns	Nason	Madkins	Jackson Jr.	Leota	Hill	Woods	Richard	Foster	J. Fields	Shelby Jr.
WKU	Oguns	Nason	Madkins	Mason	Leota	Mayfield	Woods	Richard	Foster	J. Fields	Shelby Jr.
Sam Houston	Oguns	Nason	Madkins	Mason	Leota	Mayfield	Woods	Richard	Foster	J. Fields	Shelby Jr.
at Delaware											
at Washington State											
Liberty											
at Missouri State											

