



NORTHWESTERN STATE DEMONS

2018 FOOTBALL

Northwestern State

8/30	at Texas A&M (SEC Network)	L	59-7
9/8	Grambling	W	34-7
9/15	* at Lamar (ESPN+)	W	49-48
9/29	* at Southeastern La. (CST/ESPN3)	L	24-17
10/6	* No. 12 Nicholls (CST/ESPN3)	L	28-10
10/13	* No. 14 Sam Houston (CST)	L	42-28
10/20	* at No. 15 Central Arkansas	L	38-17
10/27	* Houston Baptist	W	31-28
11/3	* at Abilene Christian	L	49-47
11/10	* No. 18 McNeese (ESPN3)		6:05
11/15	* at Stephen F. Austin (Eleven Sports)		6:00

*denotes Southland Conference game

McNeese

9/1	at Northern Colorado	W	17-14
9/8	* at Houston Baptist	W	51-34
9/15	* Nicholls	W	20-10
9/22	at BYU	L	30-3
9/29	* Stephen F. Austin	W	17-10
10/6	* Abilene Christian	W	24-21
10/20	* at Incarnate Word	L	45-17
10/27	* Central Arkansas	W	23-21
11/3	* at Southeastern Louisiana	L	23-6
11/10	* at Northwestern State		6:05
11/17	* Lamar		3:00

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Northwestern State Quick Facts

Location Natchitoches, Louisiana
Founded 1884
Athletic Affiliation	..... NCAA Division I FCS
Enrollment	..... 11,081
Colors	..... Purple & White, orange trim
All-Time Record	..... 535-471-35 (.531)
2017 Record	..... 4-7 (4-5 SLC)
Starters Returning/Lost	. 14 (5 off, 6 def, 3 ST)/14 (9)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	..... 43/25
Southland Conference Championships/last	..... 4, 2004
NCAA FCS Playoff Appearances/last	..... 4, 2004
Offensive Scheme	..... Multiple
Defensive Scheme Multiple, 4-2-5 base
Head Coach Brad Laird
Record at NSU 3-6
Record Overall 3-6 (1st year)

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Northwestern State Demons (3-6, 2-5)

vs.

No. 18 McNeese Cowboys (6-3, 5-2)



6:05 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 10
Turpin Stadium (15,971)
Natchitoches, Louisiana



Radio: The Demon Sports Network

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

Watch: ESPN3

(Jeff Palermo, Play-by-Play • Gary Reasons, Analyst • Taylor Verrico, Sideline Reporter)

NSU wraps up home slate with rivalry matchup

In its first season under Coach Brad Laird, Northwestern State has set 9 offensive school records with more in range, while leading the nation in turnovers forced. NSU finishes a five-game home slate at Turpin Stadium Saturday night by sending off 13 seniors and squaring off against its biggest rival, McNeese. The Demons and Cowboys have met every season since 1951.

Demons' Purple Swarm defense leads FCS in takeaways

After collecting 4 turnovers at Abilene Christian, Northwestern State leads FCS with 25 turnovers forced (12 fumbles, 13 interceptions). Sophomore safety Hayden Bourgeois has 7 (5 interceptions, 2 fumbles).

NSU has 11 top 10 FCS stat rankings, including 3rd-best passing average

Along with leading FCS in takeaways, the Demons are among the subdivision's very best in 10 other categories:

- 2nd, fumble recoveries (12)
- 3rd, passing yards pg (326.3)
- 3rd, Hayden Bourgeois, interceptions (5)
- 4th, Jazz Ferguson, receiving TDs (11)
- 5th, turnover margin (+12)
- 8th, Shelton Eppler, pass yards pg (292.3)
- 8th, Jazz Ferguson, receiving yards (934)
- 9th, kickoff return defense (16.4 avg. return)
- 9th, Shelton Eppler, points responsible for per game (17.1 ppg)
- 10th, interceptions (13)

Baker's dozen seniors make final Turpin appearance

Thirteen NSU seniors play at home for the last time Saturday night. The 9 offensive players have started a combined 80 games while the 4 defenders have a combined 63 starts.

4-year lettermen (4): OL Timmis Bonner, OL Frank Boudreaux, WR Bryson Bourque, TE Charles Vaughn.

3-year letterman (1): DT/DE Zak Krolczyk.

2-year lettermen (transfers) (7): WR Marquisian Chapman, CB Rashaun Croney, QB Clay Holgorsen, DE Obi Iheoma, TE Kalen Meggs, NT Jalon Sangster, WR Jaylen Watson.

Squadman (1): OL Kyrin Tucker, a walk-on who was a standout on NSU's track and field team for two years.

Two other seniors, OG Chris Zirkle and CB Dylan Wilson, plan to take advantage of the new NCAA rule allowing redshirts for players taking part in 4 or less games. Both had injury issues in 2018 but are healthy now.

Jazz Ferguson owns 3 Demon records, on verge of another

Highlighted by a school-record five 100-yard receiving games (129 yards at Texas A&M, 142 at Lamar, 117 at Southeastern, 138 vs. Sam Houston, 108 at UCA) junior WR Jazz Ferguson has staked a claim among the top FCS pass catchers and is a prime contender for Southland Conference Newcomer of the Year.

Ferguson caught a single-game school record-tying 3 TDs last week at Abilene Christian, breaking a 50-year-old Demon season record for touchdown receptions. His 11 TD catches (4th in FCS) tops 10 by Al Phillips in 1968.

His 934 receiving yards (103.8 ypg, 8th in FCS) is 10 away from breaking Nathan Black's school single-season record of 944 yards in the 12-game playoff season of 2001. In fact, Ferguson set NSU's 11-game receiving yardage high water mark after 8 games.

He has 52 catches (29 in the last 4 games, since getting only 2 vs. Nicholls), tied for 4th in school history with Black's 2001 total. The school season record is 73 by Ed Eagan in 2014, followed by 58 by Eagan a year later and 54 by Darius Duffy in 2009.

NSU has 4 Academic All-District VI nominees

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

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

District VI stretches from the Gulf to Canada and includes Minnesota, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana. Student-athletes from FBS and FCS programs are eligible for nomination.

The Demons - Cowboys Series

Series McNeese leads 43-22-1
 Last Meeting Cowboys won 44-24
 November 11, 2018 at Cowboy Stadium
 At McNeese State 9-26
 At Northwestern State 12-18-1
 Cowboys' Longest Streak 13, 2005-17
 Demons' Longest Streak 5, 1985-89
 Current Streak..... McNeese State, 13

10/6/51	L	21-38	at McN	9/12/87	W	39-3	at NSU
10/4/52	L	13-32	at NSU	10/8/88	W	25-20	at McN
10/3/53	W	20-6	at McN	9/23/89	W	18-17	at NSU
10/2/54	W	32-20	at NSU	10/13/90	L	21-38	at McN
10/2/55	L	6-14	at McN	10/19/91	W	20-3	at NSU
9/29/56	L	13-20 *	at NSU	10/17/92	L	0-29	at McN
9/28/57	W	23-20	at NSU	11/13/93	L	7-34	at NSU
9/27/58	L	8-25	at McN	11/12/94	L	7-28	at NSU
9/15/59	W	19-6	at NSU	11/11/95	L	10-20	at McN
11/5/60	L	7-20	at McN	11/16/96	L	3-20	at NSU
11/4/61	L	14-28	at NSU	10/11/97	L	7-50	at McN
11/3/62	L	6-25	at McN	10/15/98	W	14-10	at NSU
11/8/63	L	13-21	at NSU	10/23/99	L	17-20	at McN
11/7/64	L	10-12	at McN	10/21/00	W	37-34	at NSU
11/6/65	L	21-29	at NSU	11/10/01	L	10-17	at McN
11/5/66	W	14-6	at McN	11/16/02	L	3-27	at NSU
11/4/67	L	7-21	at NSU	11/15/03	L	9-13	at McN
11/9/68	W	28-12	at McN	10/16/04	W	47-17	at NSU
11/8/69	W	29-28	at NSU	11/12/05	L	22-17	at McN
11/7/70	W	14-7	at McN	11/11/06	L	29-26 ot	at NSU
11/6/71	T	3-3	at NSU	11/10/07	L	27-21	at McN
11/4/72	W	25-10	at McN	11/15/08	L	24-17	at NSU
11/3/73	L	0-14	at NSU	10/17/09	L	51-23	at McN
11/9/74	L	7-17	at McN	10/2/10	L	24-7	at NSU
11/8/75	L	14-32	at McN	10/1/11	L	20-18	at NSU
11/6/76	L	15-24	at McN	9/29/12	L	30-22	at McN
11/5/77	L	7-14	at NSU	11/16/13	L	43-17	at McN
9/23/78	W	10-7	at NSU	11/1/14	L	35-28	at NSU
11/3/79	L	13-44	at McN	10/24/15	L	47-27	at McN
9/27/80	W	13-10	at McN	10/22/16	L	48-27	at NSU
10/10/81	L	21-42	at NSU	11/11/17	L	44-24	at McN
11/21/82	L	11-21	at McN				
9/3/83	L	13-18	at NSU				
9/1/84	L	14-17	at McN				
9/14/85	W	14-13	at NSU				
9/13/86	W	9-3	at McN				

* Later forfeited to Northwestern State



BRAD LAIRD

Head Coach

Northwestern St., 1998

3 - 6 overall at NSU

3 - 6 career, 1st year

0-0 vs. McNeese

2-5 vs. SLC Opponents

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Only 24 earn first-team All-District honors and advance to join winners from seven other districts on the Academic All-America ballot, which names three 24-man teams.

NSU has had four Academic All-America football players, most recently in 2011, when tight end Justin Aldredge (1st team) and LB Yaser Elqutub (2nd team) won election.

Eppler has 6 top 20 FCS rankings

Junior QB Shelton Eppler, despite missing two games, stands among the most prolific QBs in FCS statistics with 6 top 20 rankings:

- 8th, passing yards pg (292.3)
- 9th, points responsible for per game (17.1 ppg)
- 13th, passing TDs (20)
- 14th, completions pg (21.9)
- 16th, pass efficiency (150.7 rating)
- 16th, total offense (287.9 ypg)

Eppler carving his place in NSU passing marks

Shelton Eppler has already set 4 school records:

- His season-opening interception-free streak was 143 attempts, shattering the 113 without an interception by his head coach, Brad Laird, in his senior season of 1995.
- Eppler shattered NSU's single-game pass yardage record at Lamar with a 474-yard total that is seventh-best by any FCS passer this season. The performance overtook the former Demon mark, 381 by Clay Holgorsen last November at McNeese.
- He has thrown 6 TD passes in a game twice, first at Lamar and last week at ACU. That gives him another single-game record, topping 5 in 2014 by Zach Adkins against Nicholls.
- With 6 TD passes, he tied Adkins' 2014 single-game record of 36 points responsible for.

He's already top 5 in three more NSU single-season stat categories, 10th in another:

- With 2,046 passing yards, Eppler is the 5th Demon to top 2,000 in a season. He stands 5th. Craig Nall (2,361 in 2001) is 4th, Scott Stoker (2,393 in 1988) 3rd, Zach Adkins (2,726 in 2013) is 2nd and holds the record: 2,821 in 2014.
- With 153 completions, Eppler is 5th in a season at NSU. The record is 258 by Adkins (2014).
- His 250 attempts put him 10th. The record: 383 by Adkins in 2014.
- Eppler's 20 TD passes rank 3rd in school history. Adkins' record: 28, 2014, and his 21 in 2013 is 2nd.

He has the program's best, third-best and sixth-best, all-time single-game passing yardage totals. Along with 474 at Lamar, Eppler threw for 367 yards at Abilene Christian and 351 yards against Sam Houston State.

Eppler, who threw 150 career TD passes at Navosota HS, played two seasons under OC Brad Smiley at Trinity Valley CC. Eppler's 71 TDs

as a junior rank second all-time in Texas prep football history, and his 5,444 yards that season is third all-time.

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

Add 2 team school records in the passing game

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

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

Single-season team pass yardage record will tumble Saturday

The Demons will blow by the 20-year-old team passing yardage mark of 2,986 yards Saturday, entering the game with 2,937 yards, just 50 away from a new standard. The 2,986 total came in 14 games.

Eppler, Ferguson tracking toward shattering game average marks

Shelton Eppler's 293-yard passing average is almost 60 yards over the school record of 235.1 yards per game in 2014 by Zack Adkins.

With his 104-yards per game rate, Jazz Ferguson is on pace to smash the school record of 75.7 receiving yards per game, set in 2014 by Ed Eagan.

Never happened before, now has happened last two weeks

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

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

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

Then at ACU, Ferguson caught 3 TDs and Bryson Bourque had 2.

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

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

Shelton Eppler (20), Clay Holgorsen (1), Kaleb Fletcher (4) and Kenny Sears (1), all quarterbacks, have tossed touchdown passes.

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

A total of 21 FCS programs have had 3 QBs throw for at least 1 TD.

DEMON FOOTBALL STAFF

Head Coach

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

Asst. Head Coach & Cornerbacks

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

Offensive Coord./Running Backs/Tight Ends

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

Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers

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

Running Backs

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

Tight Ends

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

Defensive Line

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

Safeties

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

Offensive Line

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

Quarterbacks

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

Wide Receivers

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

Head Strength & Conditioning Coach

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

Head Athletic Trainer

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

Director of Football Operations

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

Administrative Graduate Assistants

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

Head Equipment Manager

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

Football Administrative Assistant

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

Zirkle, Bluiett, Wilson get back on the field near season's end

The Demons welcomed 2017 second-team All-Southland OG Chris Zirkle and veteran NT Christian Bluiett back to action two weeks ago. Zirkle played all 92 offensive snaps at right guard and made a sensational return, setting 2018 Demon O-line highs with 30 knockdown blocks and 14 Mental Toughness, Extra Effort points. Also Oct. 27 vs. HBU, veteran NT Christian Bluiett played 9 snaps, making his season debut.

At ACU, the Purple Swarm defense got lift with the return of opening-game starting CB Dylan Wilson

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

Zirkle, a two-time Academic All-District VI selection, has 25 career starts. He front squat lifted 416 pounds during a Sept. 2 workout.

Bluiett has 10 career starts, with 52 tackles, 4.5 for loss, 2 blocked kicks and a fumble recovery in his 21 career games.

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

Seniors are obvious picks to handle game captain duties

Four Demons seniors will serve as game captains for Saturday's game: OG Timmis Bonner, WR Bryson Bourque, OG Frank Boudreaux and TE Charles Vaughn. The other seniors will be honorary captains. Head coach Brad Laird chooses the weekly captains after consulting with his staff and Coach Black.

There are droughts, but this is epic

Not since 2004 in Natchitoches has NSU beaten McNeese. The Cowboys have won the last 13 meetings and 23 of the last 26, including a 44-24 decision last Nov. 11 in Lake Charles.

Demons-Cowboys always intense, usually very competitive

A dozen of the last 20 meetings have been decided by a TD or less, including 7 of the last 13 (by 2, 5, 3, 3 in OT, 7, 7 and 8 points, all McNeese wins).

Two McNeese coaches lined up with the Demons

McNeese OL coach Ben Norton was with NSU under coach Jay Thomas from 2013-16, serving as offensive coordinator in 2015-16, before rejoining the Cowboys.

McNeese DE coach Alec Osborne was on last year's NSU staff as a graduate assistant working with the defensive line. He went through spring practice with the new staff, then left for McNeese.

Three years ago, NSU's Laird had offer to join Guidry's staff

Demon head coach Brad Laird was a young QB for NSU in 1991-93 when McNeese head coach Lance Guidry was an All-Southland

Demon Sports Network Radio Affiliates

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

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

Weekday Interview Policy

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

Television FTP Services

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

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

Quarterback Club Luncheons

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

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

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

Demon Huddle Radio Show

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

Southland Conference Standings

Team	SLC	Overall	Streak
McNeese	5-2	6-3	L1
Nicholls	5-2	6-3	W2
Incarnate Word	5-2	5-4	W1
Abilene Christian	4-3	5-4	W3
Central Arkansas	4-3	5-4	L2
Lamar	4-3	5-4	W4
Sam Houston State	4-3	5-4	W2
Southeastern Louisiana	4-4	4-6	W1
Northwestern State	2-5	3-6	L1
Stephen F. Austin	2-5	2-6	L1
Houston Baptist	0-7	1-8	L8

This Week's Games

Saturday, November 10

- ACU at Sam Houston, 2:30 p.m.; Eleven Sports/SLC Digital Network
- Incarnate Word at Central Arkansas, 3:00 p.m.; SLC Digital Network
- Houston Baptist at Lamar 3:00 p.m., MYTX/ESPN+
- Stephen F. Austin at Nicholls, 3:00 p.m., Cox Sports TV/ESPN3
- McNeese at Northwestern State, 6:00 p.m., ESPN3

defensive back for the Cowboys. Their mutual respect resulted in Guidry offering Laird, then the Ruston High School head coach, his defensive coordinator's job when Guidry was building his initial staff for the 2016 season. Laird stayed at Ruston that year, then accepted Jay Thomas' offer of the Demons' DC job for the 2017 season.

Demons try to post a Top 25 upset

NSU will play a fourth nationally-ranked foe, after earlier league losses to No. 12 Nicholls, No. 14 Sam Houston and No. 15 UCA. The Demons haven't beaten a Top 25 team since 2014, losing 12 straight. No. 24 Sam Houston State was the last ranked FCS foe upset by NSU, going down 31-27 in Turpin Stadium on Oct. 18, 2014.

Record watch for punter Parker Pastorello

Junior Parker Pastorello is mounting a challenge to the 53-year-old school record for punting average, 42.6 in 1965 by future NFL punter Wayne Walker. He is carrying a 41.3 average on 55 boots, almost three yards better than his 38.4 rate on 53 kicks as a sophomore.

Pastorello has already topped (19) his 2017 total of 16 punts downed inside the 20-yard line, and has hammered 13 punts of at least 50 yards, two more than he had all of last season.

His average, third among 11 in the Southland Conference, is nearly the best this century at NSU, 41.4 in 2007 by Marshall Burton.

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

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

Hayden Bourgeois, turnover magnet

Sophomore safety Hayden Bourgeois wasn't even a projected starter at the outset of preseason camp. He's collected 7 takeaways, 5 interceptions, to become one of the country's most disruptive defenders.

The Demons' No. 25 is 3rd in FCS in interceptions and 11th in fumble recoveries. On the interception list, Dartmouth's Isiah Swann (7 in 8 games) and T.J. Floyd of Princeton (6 in 8 games) are tops, while Drake's Will Warner, Wesley Ogsbury of Harvard and Leodis Moore of Eastern Kentucky all have 5.

Bourgeois swiped his first 2 interceptions against Grambling and nearly had a third, deflecting it so that Rashaun Crone picked it

2018 Honor Roll

Hayden Bourgeois

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

Shelton Eppler

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

off in the end zone. Bourgeois had a 55-yard pick 6 vs. Sam Houston for his latest INT.

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

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

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

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

Turnover margin gives NSU opportunity for success

With a plus 12 turnover margin that is 5th best in the FCS, the Demons have dramatically reversed struggles in that stat over the past three seasons. The constant: defensive coordinator Mike Lucas, who was in charge for one previous season, 2014, when NSU forced 30 turnovers, 5th in FCS. He moved to ULL-Lafayette in 2015 and the Demons became less adept at forcing fumbles and interceptions.

NSU came up with 17, 11 and 17 turnovers in the last three seasons. The Demons already have 25 this season.

In 2014, NSU finished with a plus 10 turnover margin. Since then it was 0 (2015), -5 (2016) and -7 (2017). Now it's plus 12.

NSU had 15 interceptions (20th in FCS) in 2014, but only 18 combined in the next three seasons (high of 7 in 2015). The Demons have 13 this season (10th in FCS).

NSU started turnover-free for 17 consecutive quarters

NSU was turnover free in its first three outings and into the fourth quarter of the SLU game before losing two fumbles. The Demons hadn't had back-to-back clean games since 2015 and they never before had three in a row without turnovers since joining Division I in 1977.

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

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

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

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

The Demons have made 42 explosive plays of 20 or more yards from scrimmage this season, and 26 of those have led to points.

In the last 6 games the Demons have scored only 13 times on 28 series including a total of 29 explosive plays, cashing in 5 of 6 at ACU, 2 of 2 vs. HBU, 1 of 3 at UCA, 3 of 5 vs. Sam Houston, 1 of 5 vs. Nicholls, and 1 of 4 at Southeastern. The missed opportunities ended 4 times on punts, on downs 4 times, 3 times on interceptions, and once with a fumble.

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

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

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

Red zone offense sizzled, than fizzled, is 7-8 last 3 games

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

NSU was 2-2 in red zone chances at UCA and vs. HBU, then 3-4 at ACU.

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

Putting in extended work, far too often without rewards

The Demons have 13 drives of 10 plays or more, and have scored on just 4 of them. The misses: 4 on downs, 2 failed FGs, 2 fumbles and a punt.

The Demons used 12 plays on a 64-yard scoring drive at Abilene Christian. At UCA, NSU's opening drive went 12 plays and 72 yards, but ended with a pooch punt after a second-down sack at the UCA 25.

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

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

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

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

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

Freshmen, true and redshirt, already are impactful

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

True freshmen (8): WR Levar Gumms has 9 receptions (132 yards), 2 for TDs; DT Nathalohn "Nate" Nanai has 14 tackles; TE Christian Baliff has 2 catches (14 yards); DE Jomar Valsin has 12 tackles; DB Jordan Hester made 3 tackles after starting the season opener (sidelined by injury since); LB Jalen Angelle has 3 tackles; CB Shemar Bartholomew has 2 interceptions; WR Colby McGee forced a fumble on a kickoff vs. SHS and averaged 25.5 on 2 kickoff returns at ACU.

Redshirt freshmen (9): OL Kenny Sheldon played every snap at center, backed up by classmate Jake Gore, until leaving with a leg injury in the second half at ACU; OL Parker Fink has been in the rotation at right tackle; DE Rashaun Powell has 15 tackles, including 3.5 for loss at Lamar; LB Darion Miller has 11 stops on special teams; DE Landon King has 7 tackles after being a camp standout; WR/KOR Myles Ward is averaging 24.8 yards on 23 kickoff returns, has a 2-yard reception and a 2-yard run. Redshirt freshmen Tanner Ash and McKane Kinchen, both WRs, have seen special teams action. Ash got in offensive snaps vs. Nicholls.

NSU has missed 38 starts due to injuries

Injuries, including concussions, have denied the Demons 38 starts — 30 on defense — by players who opened the year on the depth

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

True freshmen DBs Hester, Bartholemew get rare starts

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

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

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

Laird stressing accountability, effort, attitude, tempo

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

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

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

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

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

Effort is graded by NSU coaches

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

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

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

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

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

Experienced coordinators, both former head coaches

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

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

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

Demons' DC Mike Lucas working through grief

Defensive coordinator Mike Lucas buried his father Friday morning, Oct. 26 in New Jersey, then returned to coach Saturday vs. Houston Baptist. His father, who was in hospice care, passed the evening before Lucas coached at UCA. The team signed a helmet for him before he left, and on the field after the dramatic homecoming win, presented him with the game ball.

Demons' Purple Swarm defense tradition

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lucas has Purple Swarm pursuing the Turnover Trident

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

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

Purple Swarm has lit up the scoreboard twice

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

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

Class is in session for Demon defenders on the NSU sideline

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

Demons' offense aims to move quickly

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

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

Receivers bolstered by a pair of Power 5 transfers

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

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

Coaching staff has plenty of Demon love

Three coaches met their wives in previous stints at NSU.

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

Headed upstairs: six coaches in the press box

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

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

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

Roster management

The Demons have 15 seniors, 25 juniors, 26 sophomores, 16 redshirt freshmen and 34 true freshmen. Among NSU's 115 players, 21 are transfers, four from four-year colleges and 17 from community/junior colleges.

NSU football's APR is on solid footing

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

Graduation is the end game for Demon players

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

Academic emphasis paying off

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

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

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

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

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

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

NSU has made impact in the NFL

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

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

A total of 80 Demons have played pro football.

The first great Demon receiver has been in the news lately

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

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

Consecutive games with 100 receiving yards

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

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

College Football Hall has Reasons, Delaney

The sparkling 3-year-old College Football Hall of Fame museum in Atlanta includes two Demon greats, linebacker Gary Reasons (1980-83) and running back Joe Delaney (1977-80).

Jackie Smith represents NSU in Canton

Kentwood native Jackie Smith came to NSU mostly to run track as a hurdler, but also played football as a tight end and punter. A 10th-round 1963 NFL Draft pick by St. Louis, Smith is a 1994 inductee in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

ESPN '30 For 30' short film on Joe Delaney

The 20-minute film "Delaney" premiered in August 2015, in 20 minutes telling the remarkable story of the life of Demons' legend Joe Delaney, who drowned in a 1983 attempt to save 3 kids, 1 who survived. It's available for \$1 on Amazon.com.

The short film for the ESPN "30 For 30" documentary series is available through a Google search for Delaney 30 For 30.

Remembering the late, great Daeshon Gordon

Record-shattering, 2017 and 2018 four-time Southland Conference women's hurdles champion Daeshon Gordon died suddenly Oct. 18. The cause of death is undetermined.

She added the lead leg on NSU's 2018 Southland 4x100 relay team, a unit that reached the NCAA Outdoor Championships. There, among the nation's top 24 qualifiers, the relay runners earned honorable mention All-America honors and Gordon also picked up that recognition in her specialty, the 100 meter hurdles. She holds school records in the 60 meter hurdles (indoors) and the 100 hurdles.

The Demons will wear a helmet decal with her initials for the rest of the season. Many players are using the hashtag #DoltForDae on their Twitter accounts.

Natchitoches, Best Small Town in the South

In May 2015, USA Today readers considered 20 great communities across the south and voted, over nearly a month, that Natchitoches is America's "Best Small Town in the South." The city celebrated its tri-centennial in 2014. The downtown historic district and fabled Front Street are nationally acclaimed. The Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History Museum is internationally recognized for its architecture, with the building winning Azure Magazine's "Best New Project for 2013" as the only structure in North America on the global top 10. Second was an addition to the Louvre in Paris.

Natchitoches may be best known for the 1989 movie "Steel Magnolias" starring Julia Roberts, Sally Field, Dolly Parton, Darryl Hannah, Olympia Dukakis and Shirley MacLaine, based on a 1987 play written by NSU grad Robert Harling about the death of his sister. It was the breakout role of Roberts' career.

DEMONS IN THE PROS

Demons have 6 alumni cashing pro paychecks

There are 4 Northwestern State alumni, two coaches, who are with NFL teams. Two more play in the CFL.



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



Third-year veteran OL Pace Murphy is on the Kansas City Chiefs' practice squad.



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



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



Bryant Mitchell, a 2014 senior, was one of the CFL's most productive WRs in the second half of the season with Edmonton.



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

Two years later, "Man in the Moon" was released, filmed around Natchitoches, as another Academy Award-winning actress, Reese Witherspoon made her film debut in a starring role. More Oscar winners were integral parts of the 1959 movie "The Horse Soldiers" filmed just north of Natchitoches: John Wayne, William Holden and director John Ford.

2018 DEMON ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.-Ex.	Hometown/Previous School	No.	Name	Pos.
1	Jazz Ferguson	WR	6-5	220	Jr.-TR	St. Francisville, La./West Feliciana HS (LSU)	4	Cedric Anderson	S
1	Tobias Williams II	CB	5-10	172	Fr.-HS	Many, La./Many HS	13	Stadford Anderson	RB
2	Kaleb Fletcher	QB	5-11	187	So.-1L	Mesquite, Texas/Poteet HS	5	Jalen Angelle	LB
2	D'Ronne Littleton	CB	6-0	167	Jr.-2L	Carencro, La./Carencro HS	11	Tanner Ash	WR
3	Shemar Bartholomew	CB	6-0	185	Fr.-HS	New Orleans, La./Cypress Ranch HS (Texas)	26	Connor Bailey	WR
3	Marquisian Chapman	WR	5-10	184	Sr.-1L	Jackson, Miss./Murray HS (Northwest Mississippi CC)	83	Christian Bailiff	TE
4	Cedric Anderson	S	6-3	183	Fr.-HS	Clinton, La./East Feliciana HS	3	Shemar Bartholomew	CB
4	Clay Holgorsen	QB	6-0	191	Sr.-1L	Katy, Texas/Katy HS (Memphis/NW Mississippi CC)	37	Cooper Bledsoe	S
5	Jalen Angelle	LB	6-1	230	Fr.-HS	Lafayette, La./Carencro HS	42	Christian Bluiett	NT
5	Shelton Eppler	QB	6-1	205	Jr.-TR	Navasota, Texas/Navasota HS (Trinity Valley CC)	57	Timmis Bonner III	OL
6	Rashaun Croney	CB	6-0	168	Sr.-1L	Pahokee, Fla./Everglades Prep (Elswoth CC/Garden City CC)	53	Brice Borgeson	LB
6	Quan Shorts	WR	6-2	195	Jr.-TR	Humble, Texas/Atascocita HS (Texas Tech)	61	Frank Boudreaux III	OL
7	Aaron Howell	QB	6-3	210	Fr.-HS	Natchitoches, La./St. Mary's HS	68	Demetrius Boulieu	OL
7	Kevin Ratliff	S	6-0	200	Jr.-RS	Canton, Miss./Canton HS (Hinds CC)	25	Hayden Bourgeois	S
8	Ryan Reed	S	6-0	193	Jr.-2L	St. Francisville, La./West Feliciana HS	14	Bryson Bourque	WR
8	Jaylen Watson	WR	6-0	191	Sr.-1L	Los Angeles, Calif./St. Anthony's HS (Long Beach City Coll.)	30	Bishop Breaux	LB
9	Kenny Sears	QB	6-2	224	So.-1L	Covington, La./St. Paul's HS	75	Dustin Burns	OL
9	Parker Pastorello	P	5-11	183	Jr.-2L	Mandeville, La./Mandeville HS	3	Marquisian Chapman	WR
10	Jordan Hester	S	6-0	173	Fr.-HS	Shreveport, La./Woodlawn HS	50	Ricky Chatman	LB
10	Myles Ward	WR	5-10	178	Fr.-RS	Harvey, La./De La Salle	72	Khalil Corbett-Canada	OL
11	Tanner Ash	WR	6-2	206	Fr.-RS	Benton, La./Evangel Christian Academy	93	Tyree Cormier	DE
11	Obinna Iheoma	BUCK	6-2	224	Sr.-1L	Grand Prairie, Texas/South Grand Prairie HS (Tyler JC)	6	Rashaun Croney	CB
13	Stadford Anderson	RB	6-1	210	So.-1L	Baton Rouge, La./Glen Oaks HS	17	Braylon Daigle	DE
14	Bryson Bourque	WR	5-11	187	Sr.-3L	New Iberia, La./New Iberia Senior HS	30	Brandon Eberts	LS
14	Jomard Valsin Jr.	BUCK	6-1	230	Fr.-HS	Port Arthur, Texas/Port Arthur Memorial HS	24	Ian Edwards	S
15	William Hooper	CB	5-11	170	Fr.-HS	Montgomery, Ala./Shoemaker HS	79	Christopher Elam	OL
15	Jalen Willis	WR	6-3	185	Fr.-HS	Mandeville, La./Lakeshore HS	5	Shelton Eppler	QB
16	Fredrick Lee Jr.	CB	6-2	186	Fr.-HS	Rayville, La./Rayville HS	40	Tekeren Evans	S
16	Coby McGee	WR	5-11	184	Fr.-HS	Bossier City, La./Airline HS	48	Austyn Fendrick	PK/P
17	Braylon Daigle	DE	6-5	244	So.-1L	Breaux Bridge, La./Cecilia HS	1	Jazz Ferguson	WR
17	Carl Randall	QB	5-10	192	Fr.-RS	Carencro, La./Carencro HS	77	Parker Fink	OL
18	Ronald Malbrough	S	6-1	208	Jr.-1L	Cecilia, La./Cecilia HS	2	Kaleb Fletcher	QB
18	Kendrick Price Jr.	WR	6-2	200	So.-1L	Lindale, Texas/Lindale HS	23	Nicholas Forde	S
19	Tevyn Johnson	S	5-10	202	So.-SQ	Gray, La./H.L. Bourgeois	27	Trent Franklin	S
19	Curtis Williams Jr.	WR	5-5	166	Fr.-HS	Mesquite, Texas/West Mesquite HS	59	Peyton Fredieu	LB
20	Trevor Morgan	RB	5-8	194	Fr.-RS	New Orleans, La./Edna Karr Secondary HS	31	Jalen Garrison	CB
20	Malik Sonnier	CB	6-0	185	So.-1L	Friendswood, Texas/Clearbrook HS	55	Evan Gibson	LS
21	Jared West	RB	5-10	187	Jr.-2L	New Orleans, La./Brother Martin HS	98	Savon Gipson	NT
22	Dazarie Hall	CB	5-11	185	So.-SQ	Leesville, La./Leesville HS	62	Jake Gore	OL
22	Da'Von Smith	RB	5-9	183	So.-SQ	League City, Texas/Clear Creek HS	45	Dez Gray	LB
23	Nicholas Forde	S	5-11	201	Jr.-2L	Desoto, Texas/Life School Red Oak HS	95	Jordan Greenlee	DE
24	Ian Edwards	S	6-1	184	Jr.-2L	Denton, Texas/Denton Guyer HS	54	Brody Griffin	OL
25	Hayden Bourgeois	S	5-11	184	So.-1L	Crowley, La./Notre Dame HS	82	Levar Gummies	WR
25	JaQuan Jackson	RB	5-11	183	Fr.-HS	De Kalb, Texas/DeKalb HS	22	Dazarie Hall	CB
26	Connor Bailey	WR	6-0	175	Fr.-HS	Longview, Texas/Hallsville, HS	59	Jalen Haydel	OL
26	Keldrick Ward Jr.	CB	5-11	186	Fr.-RS	Monroe, La./Wossman HS	10	Jordan Hester	S
27	Trent Franklin	S	6-2	188	Fr.-RS	Haynesville, La./Haynesville HS	4	Clay Holgorsen	QB
28	Dylan Wilson	CB	6-3	193	Sr.-1L	Gretna, La./West Jefferson HS (Arkansas Baptist)	15	William Hooper	CB
29	Trey Williams	CB	5-11	190	Fr.-HS	Plaquemine, La./Plaquemine HS	7	Aaron Howell	QB
30	Bishop Breaux	LB	6-1	202	Fr.-HS	Lafayette, La./Acadiana HS	70	Jonathan Hubbard	OL
30	Brandon Eberts	LS	5-10	205	So.-1L	Mandeville, La3/St. Paul's HS	11	Obinna Iheoma	BUCK
31	Jalen Garrison	CB	5-9	160	Fr.-HS	Ruston, La./Ruston HS	25	JaQuan Jackson	RB
31	Charles Vaughn III	TE	5-11	266	Sr.-3L	Baton Rouge, La./McKinley HS	36	Corban James	LB
32	Darian Raymond	CB	5-10	166	Jr.-2L	Natchitoches, La./Natchitoches Central HS	19	Tevyn Johnson	S
33	Isaiah Longino	LB	6-1	226	So.-1L	Humble, Texas/Humble HS	89	McKane Kinchen	WR/LS
35	Landon King	BUCK	6-1	228	Fr.-RS	Pineville, La./Pineville HS	35	Landon King	BUCK
36	Corban James	LB	6-0	237	So.-1L	Arlington, Texas/Arlington Heights HS	94	Zak Krolczyk	DE/DT
37	Cooper Bledsoe	S	6-0	175	Fr.-HS	Van, Texas/Van HS	84	Gavin Landry	WR
38	Quindarius Whitley	LB	6-2	211	Jr.-TR	Inverness, Miss./Gentry HS (Holmes CC)	49	Keenan Leachman	S
39	Kyle Moore	LB	6-1	194	So.-TR	Magnolia, Texas/Magnolia West HS (Navarro College)	16	Fredrick Lee Jr.	CB
40	Tekiren Evans	S	5-10	190	Fr.-HS	Ruston, La./Ruston HS	40	Shermaria Lewis	WR
40	Shermaria Lewis	WR	5-7	176	So.-SQ	Shreveport, La./Captian Shreve HS	2	D'Ronne Littleton	CB
42	Christian Bluiett	NT	5-11	277	Jr.-2L	Beaumont, Texas/West Brook HS	33	Isaiah Longino	LB
42	Matthew Nelson	RB	5-8	185	Fr.-HS	Natchitoches, La./St. Mary's HS	18	Ronald Malbrough	S
43	Blake Stephenson	LB	6-1	212	Jr.-TR	Deer Park, Texas/Deer Park HS (Trinity Valley CC)	92	J.D. May	DE/DT
45	Dez Gray	LB	6-0	219	Jr.-1L	Lafayette, La./Acadiana HS	16	Coby McGee	WR
46	Darion Miller	LB	6-2	189	Fr.-HS	Many, La./Many HS	78	Joey McNeely	NT
47	Rashuad Powell	BUCK	6-3	235	Fr.-RS	Houston, Texas/George Bush HS	81	Kalen Meggs	TE
48	Austyn Fendrick	PK/P	6-1	234	So.-1L	Tyler, Texas/Chapel Hill HS	46	Darion Miller	LB
49	Keenan Leachman	S	5-11	222	Fr.-HS	Baton Rouge, La./Central HS	58	Myles Mitchell	DT
50	Ricky Chatman	LB	5-11	237	So.-SQ	Baton Rouge, La./West Feliciana HS	39	Kyle Moore	LB

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.-Ex.	Hometown/Previous School
50	Korbin Schmidt	PK/P	5-11	155	Fr.-HS	Haughton, La./Haughton HS
51	Nathalohn Nanai	NT	6-2	290	Fr.-HS	Killeen, Texas/Shoemaker HS
52	Desmond Prejean	DE	6-3	239	Jr.-2L	Scott, La./Lafayette Christian Academy
53	Brice Borgeson	LB	6-2	227	Jr.-2L	Brownsboro, Texas/Van HS
54	Brody Griffin	OL	6-5	272	Jr.-TR	Jeanerette, La./Highland Baptist (NMMI)
55	Evan Gibson	LS	5-11	230	Fr.-HS	Shreveport, La./Calvary Baptist Academy
55	O'Shea Jackson	DT	6-3	265	Jr.-TR	Arlington, Texas/Arlington-Martin HS (Trinity Valley CC)
56	Kenneth Sheldon	OL	6-2	281	Fr.-RS	Houston, Texas/Lanham Creek HS
57	Timmis Bonner III	OL	6-3	291	Sr.-3L	Cedar Hill, Texas/Cedar Hill HS
58	Myles Mitchell	DT	6-1	278	Fr.-RS	Shreveport, La./Loyola College Prep
59	Peyton Fredieu	LB	5-11	230	Fr.-HS	Many, La./Many HS
59	Jalen Haydel	OL	6-2	270	So.-SQ	LaPlace, La./De La Salle HS
60	Tyler Rapp	OL	6-1	282	Jr.-1L	The Woodlands, Texas_ The Woodlands HS (USAF Academy)
61	Frank Boudreaux III	OL	6-4	294	Sr.-3L	Murphy, Texas/Plano East HS
62	Jake Gore	OL	6-2	272	Fr.-RS	Sugar Land, Texas/George Ranch HS
63	Alycha Ulufale-Hentz	OL	6-6	310	Fr.-HS	Killeen, Texas/Killeen HS
64	Reggie Young	OL	6-4	288	Fr.-HS	New Orleans, La./Edna Karr HS
66	Kyrin Tucker	OL	6-8	375	Sr.-HS	Normal, Ill./Normal West Community HS (Coffeyville CC)
68	Demetrius Boulieu	OL	6-1	282	So.-SQ	Violet, La./Warren Easton Charter HS
70	Jonathan Hubbard	OL	6-4	292	Jr.-2L	Kilgore, Texas/Kilgore HS
70	Khalil Sumlin	NT	5-10	285	So.-SQ	Shreveport, La./Loyola College Prep HS
72	Khalil Corbett-Canada	OL	6-5	285	So.-TR	Harker Heights, Texas/Harker Heights HS (Trinity Valley CC)
73	Zachary Perry	OL	6-3	253	So.-SQ	Arlington, Texas/Arlington Heights HS
74	Chris Zirkle	OL	6-2	287	Sr.-3L	League City, Texas/Clear Springs HS
75	Dustin Burns	OL	6-4	301	Jr.-2L	Beaumont, Texas/West Brook HS
77	Parker Fink	OL	6-3	253	Fr.-RS	Jena, La./Jena HS
78	Joey McNeely	NT	6-2	291	Fr.-HS	Kinder, La./Kinder HS
79	Christopher Elam	OL	6-5	320	Fr.-HS	Humble, Texas/Kingwood HS
81	Kalen Meggs	TE	6-1	243	Sr.-1L	Richton, Miss./Richton HS (East Central CC)
82	Levar Gumms	WR	6-1	180	Fr.-HS	Houston, Texas/Andy Dekaney HS
83	Christian Bailiff	TE	6-3	226	Fr.-HS	Stonewall, La./Evangel Christian Academy
84	Gavin Landry	WR	5-6	177	So.-1L	White Castle, La./St. John's HS
85	Floyd Turner	WR	5-11	186	So.-SQ	Katy, Texas/Seven Lakes HS
87	Reggie Williford	WR	5-8	165	Fr.-HS	Ruston, La./Ruston HS
88	Tyler O'Donoghue	TE	6-4	249	Jr.-2L	Denham Springs, La./Denham Springs HS
89	McKane Kinchen	WR/LS	6-2	187	Fr.-RS	Baton Rouge, La./Parkview Baptist
90	Jalon Sangster	NT	6-0	265	Sr.-1L	Louisville, Miss./Louisville HS (East Central CC)
91	Jarviar Wade	DE	6-2	241	Fr.-HS	Monroe, La./Richwood HS
92	J.D. May	DE/DT	5-11	266	Fr.-HS	Shreveport, La./Calvary Baptist Academy
93	Tyree Cormier	DE	6-1	238	Fr.-HS	Beaumont, Texas/West Brook Senior HS
94	Zak Krolczyk	DE/DT	6-4	260	Sr.-2L	Conroe, Texas/The Woodlands HS (Blinn JC)
95	Jordan Greenlee	DE	6-4	245	Jr.-TR	Napa, Calif./Vintage HS (Santa Rose JC)
97	John-Alex Perkins	DE	6-1	216	Fr.-RS	Shreveport, La./Captain Shreve HS
98	Savon Gipson	NT	5-11	284	Fr.-RS	Shreveport, La./Loyola College Prep
99	Damian Thompson	NT	6-2	311	So.-1L	Gadsden, Ala./Gadsden City HS

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

DEMON PRONUNCIATIONS

Players

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

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

Places/Schools

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

DEMON DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE (Multiple)

WR-X	1 Jazz Ferguson (6-5,220-, Jr.-RS) 18 Kendrick Price (6-2, 200, So.-1L)
WR-H	14 Bryson Bourque (5-11, 187, Sr.-3L) 84 Gavin Landry (5-6, 177, So-1L)
WR-Y	6 Quan Shorts (6-2, 195, Jr.-TR) 3 Marquisian Chapman (5-10, 184, Sr.-1L)
WR-Z	8 Jaylen Watson (6-0, 191, Sr.-1L) 82 Lavar Gumms (6-1, 180, Fr.-HS)
TE	81 Kalen Meggs (6-1, 243, Sr.-1L) 83 Christian Baliff (6-3, 226, Fr.-HS)
LT	70 Jonathan Hubbard (6-4, 292, Jr.-2L) 54 Brody Griffin (6-5, 272, Jr.-TR)
LG	61 Frank Boudreaux (6-4, 294, Sr.-3L) 60 Tyler Rapp (6-1, 282, Jr.-1L)
C	56 Kenny Sheldon (6-2, 281, Fr.-RS) 62 Jake Gore (6-2, 272, Fr.-RS)
RG	74 Chris Zirkle (6-2, 287, Sr.-3L) 68 Demetrius Boulieu (6-1, 282, So.-SQ)
RT	75 Dustin Burns (6-4, 301, Jr.-2L) 63 Alycha Ulufale-Hentz (6-6, 310, Fr.-HS)
QB	5 Shelton Eppler (6-1, 205, Jr.-TR) 2 Kaleb Fletcher (5-11, 187, So.-1L) 9 Kenny Sears (6-2, 224, So.-1L)
RB-A	21 Jared West (5-10, 187, Jr.-2L) 22 Da'Von Smith (5-9, 183, So.-RS)
RB-B	13 Stadford Anderson (6-1, 210, So.-1L) 25 JaQuan Jackson (5-11, 183, Fr.-HS)

DEFENSE (Multiple, 4-3-4 base)

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

SPECIALISTS

K	48 Austyn Fendrick (6-1, 234, So.-1L) 50 Korbin Schmidt (5-11, 155, Fr.-HS)
P	9 Parker Pastorello (5-11, 183, Jr.-2L) 48 Austyn Fendrick (6-1, 234, So.-1L)
DS	30 Brandon Eberts (5-10, 205, So.-1L) 89 McKane Kinchen (6-2, 187, Fr.-RS)
SS	30 Brandon Eberts (5-10, 205, So.-1L) 89 McKane Kinchen (6-2, 187, Fr.-RS)

H	9 Parker Pastorello (5-11, 183, Jr.-2L)
PR	25 Hayden Bourgeois (5-11, 184, So.-1L) 8 Jaylen Watson (6-0, 191, Sr.-1L)
KOR	10 Myles Ward (5-10, 178, Fr.-RS) 16 Cody McGee (5-11, 184, Fr.-HS) 8 Ryan Reed (6-0, 193, Jr.-2L)

DEMONS NICKNAMES

BY NAME

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

BY NICKNAME

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

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OFFENSIVE PLAYERS WITH STARTING EXPERIENCE

Name	Pos.	Career	2018
Frank Boudreaux	LG	28	9
Chris Zirkle	OL	23	2
Dustin Burns	RT	13	7
Jonathan Hubbard	LT	14	8
Marquisian Chapman	WR	12	2
Timmis Bonner	RG	11	4
Jaylen Watson	ZWR	11	9
Jazz Ferguson	XWR	9	9
Kenneth Sheldon	C	9	9
Quan Shorts	YWR	8	8
Jared West	RB	8	8
Clay Holgorsen	QB	7	1
Shelton Eppler	QB	7	7
Charles Vaughn	TE	5	1
Bryson Bourque	HWR	5	5
Zach Perry	OL	5	5
Kalen Meggs	TE	2	2
Tyler Rapp	C	2	0
Stadford Anderson	RB	1	1
Parker Fink	LT	1	1
Kenny Sears	QB	1	1

DEFENSIVE PLAYERS WITH STARTING EXPERIENCE

Name	Pos.	Career	2018
Zak Krolczyk	DT	22	9
Nicholas Forde	FS	22	5
Obinna Iheoma	BUCK	19	9
Ryan Reed	S	16	5
Rashaun Croney	CB	14	7
Christian Bluiett	NT	10	0
Blake Stephenson	MLB	9	9
Jalon Sangster	NT	8	6
Hayden Bourgeois	FS	8	8
Quindarius Whitley	WLB	8	8
O'Shea Jackson	DE	7	7
Ian Edwards	CB	6	0
Malik Sonnier	CB	6	6
D'Ronne Littleton	CB	5	2
Darian Raymond	S	5	0
Kevin Ratliff	ROV	4	4
Dylan Wilson	CB	4	1
Shemar Bartholomew	CB	3	3
Ronald Malbrough	SAM	3	3
Desmond Prejean	DE	2	2
Damian Thompson	NT	3	3
Brice Borgeson	WLB	1	1
Jordan Hester	STAR	1	1

DEMONS BY CLASS

SENIORS (15)

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

JUNIORS (26)

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

SOPHOMORES (26)

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

REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (16)

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

TRUE FRESHMEN (34)

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

LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

Punt Return for a Touchdown:

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

Kickoff Return for a Touchdown:

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

Interception Return for a Touchdown:

NSU: **Hayden Bourgeois, 55 yds., Sam Houston State, 10/13/2018**
Opponent: **Qua'Shawn Washington, 37 yds., Abilene Christian, 11/3/2018**

Blocked Punt Return for a Touchdown:

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

Fumble Recovery for a Touchdown:

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

Fumble Return for a Touchdown:

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

Safety Recorded:

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

Blocked a Kick:

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

Blocked a Punt:

NSU: **Dez Gray at McNeese, 11/11/2017**
Opponent: **Chance Pierce, Abilene Christian, 11/3/2018**

At Least 25 First Downs in a Game:

NSU: **27 vs. Houston Baptist, 10/27/2018**
Opponent: **27, Abilene Christian, 11/3/2018**

100-Yard Rushing Game:

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

200-Yard Rushing Game:

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

300-Yard Passing Game:

NSU: **Shelton Eppler: 367 (25-41-6) vs. Abilene Christian, 11/3/2018**
Opponent: **Luke Anthony, 344 (31-47-3), Abilene Christian, 11/3/2018**

400-Yard Passing Game:

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

100-Yard Receiving Game:

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

200-Yard Receiving Game:

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

60+ Yard Punt:

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

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

NSU: **3, Kaleb Fletcher (3 pass), vs. Houston Baptist, 10/27/2018**
Opponent: **3, Luke Anthony (3 pass), Abilene Christian, 11/3/2018**
3, Tracy James (1 rush, 2 rec), Abilene Christian, 11/3/2018

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

NSU: **6, Shelton Eppler (6 pass) at Abilene Christian, 11/3/2018**
Opponent: **4, Bailey Zappe, (3 pass, 1 rush), Houston Baptist, 10/27/2018**

Shutout at Turpin Stadium:

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

Shutout on the Road:

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

Shutout D-I Opponent:

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

30-point Margin of Victory:

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

Onside Kick Recovery:

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

Completed 10 Consecutive Passes:

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

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

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Northwestern State **7**
Texas A&M **59**
Aug. 30 • Kyle Field
College Station, Tx. • 95,855



Grambling **7**
Northwestern State **34**
Sept. 8 • Turpin Stadium
Natchitoches, La. • 13,525



NSU falls at Texas A&M in season opener

COLLEGE STATION, Texas – In a battle of head coaches making their first appearances with their respective teams, Texas A&M hits its stride in the second quarter en route to a 59-7 win Thursday against NSU on the SEC Network. NSU head coach Brad Laird was competing in his first game ever as a head coach after eight seasons as a defensive coordinator in three different stints, and his Demons somewhat slowed the Aggies in the first quarter to trail 7-0.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Aggies regained their rhythm to score on their next six drives to increase the gap to 49-0 early in the third quarter. "Texas A&M is a good team, and we'll learn from this game and get better," Stephenson said. "We'll regroup for our home opener and play with a chip on our shoulder."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"It was man defense, and I was able to beat him early and he fell," Ferguson said. "I had to score after that. This game doesn't define our season, and we can't wait to get back to Natchitoches and prepare for the next one."

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

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

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

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

"But plays like Jazz made tonight shows you what he can do when he gets opportunities to make big plays." NSU committed 11 penalties for 95 yards.

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

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

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

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

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

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

DEMON INDIVIDUAL STATS

Captains: LG Frank Boudreaux, LG Timmis Bonner, DE Obina Iheoma, DT Zak Krolczyk

Passing: Clay Hologorsen 9-19, 125 yards, 1 TD; Shelton Eppler 9-16, 105

Rushing: Clay Hologorsen 2-7, Jared West 4-7, Stafford Anderson, 4-4; Da'Von Smith 3-3

Receiving: Jazz Ferguson 4-129, 1 TD; Jaylen Watson, 3-30; Quan Shorts 4-20; Jared West 3-18; Stafford Anderson 1-12; Marquisian Chapman 1-9; Da'Von Smith 1-7; Bryson Bourque 1-5

O-Line Grades: Timmis Bonner 16 knockdowns, 2 MTXE; Dustin Burns 14 KD, 2 MTXE; Jonathan Hubbard 13 KD, 2 MTXE; Jonathan Hubbard 13 KD, 2 MTXE; Zach Perry 12 KD, 1 MTXE; Tyler Rapp 12 KD, 1 MTXE; Tyler Rapp 12 KD, Frank Boudreaux 10 KD.

Defense: Quindarius Whitley 8 hits; Blake Stephenson 8 hits, 1/9 TFL/yds; 1/9 sack/yds; Kevin Ratliff 7 hits; Ryan Reed 6 hits; Braylon Daigle 6 hits; Hayden Bourgeois 6 hits 1/3 TFL/yds; Isaiah Longino 6 hits; Zak Krolczyk 6 hits, 1QH; Kyle Moore 5 hits; Nathalohn Nana 5 hits; Brice Borgeson 5 hits, 1QH; Ian Edwards 4 hits, 1FF, 1BrUp; Deshon Ficklin 3 hits; Rashaun Croyne 3 hits, 1 BrUp; Jordan Hester 3 hits; Darion Miller 3 hits; Desmond Prejean 3 hits, 1FR/6yds; D'Ronne Littleton 2 hits; 1/8 TFL/yds; 1/8 sack/yds; Obina Iheoma 2 hits; Malik Sommer 2 hits; Trey Williams 2 hits; O'Shea Jackson 2 hits; Jomard Valsin 1 hit, 1QH; Khalil Sumlin 1 hit; Ronald Malbrough 1 hit 1/1 TFL/yds; Brandon Eberts 1 hit; Darian Raymond 1 hit; Rashad Powell, 1 hit; Gavin Landry 1 hit; Jalon Sangster 1 hit; Damian Thompson 1 hit; Dylan Wilson 1 hit; 1 BrUp

Dominant Demons rout Grambling in home opener

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Eppler is really good on our run-pass option attack, and we got the ball to guys who could make plays for us." Six different NSU players had at least 25 receiving yards with Ferguson (74 yards on seven catches), Watson (55 yards on seven catches) and Quan Shorts (78 yards on six catches) leading the group.

Safety Hayden Bourgeois intercepted the first of his two passes on GSU's first drive in Tiger territory. "We're taught that any time you have an opportunity to make a play, you go make it," Bourgeois said. "We were really aggressive tonight."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DEMON INDIVIDUAL STATS

Team Captains: WR Bryson Bourque, TE Charles Vaughn, NT Jaylon Sangster

Passing: Shelton Eppler, 24-31, 263 yards, 4 TD; Clay Hologorsen 11-14, 96 yards.

Rushing: Jared West, 15-87, 1 TD; Stafford Anderson 11-49; Da'Von Smith, 1-9; Clay Hologorsen 3-2; Shelton Eppler 3-(2)

Receiving: Quan Shorts 6-78; Jazz Ferguson 7-74, TD; Jaylon Watson 7-55 TD; Kendrick Price 4-40; Maquasian Chapman 3-29; Jared West 2-26; Bryson Bourque 2-17; Levar Gumms 2-17, TD; Da'Von Smith 1-12, 1TD; Christian Bailiff 1-11

O-Line Grades: Timmis Bonner 19 knockdowns, 7 MTXE; Kenny Shelton 16 KD, 5 MTXE; Dustin Burns, 15 KD, 6 MTXE; Frank Boudreaux, 15 KD, 5 MTXE; Jonathan Hubbard 13 KD, 3 MTXE; Parker Fink 12 KD, 3 MTXE; Tyler Rapp 12 KD, 1 MTXE; Zach Perry 10 KD, 1 MTXE

Defense: Ryan Reed 6 hits, FF; 1-1 Int.; Isaiah Longino 6 hits, 2TFL/10 yds; 2/10 sacks/yds, QH; Jalon Sangster 6 hits, 1/11 TFL/yds, 1/11 sacks/yds; Brice Borgeson 5 hits; Malik Sommer 4 hits; Ian Edwards 4 hits, 12 TFL/yds; Hayden Bourgeois 4 hits, 1-0 Int, 1 BrUp; Dez Gray 3 hits; De'Ronne Littleton 2 hits; Rashaun Croyne 2 hits, 1-0 int., BrUp, QH; Khalil Sumlin 2 hits; Kevin Ratliff 2 hits; Ronald Malbrough 2 hits; Blake Stephenson 2 hits, 0.5/6 sack/yds; O'Shea Jackson 2 hits, FR, QH; Jordan Greenlee 2 hits; Jomard Valsin hit, 0.5/1 TFL/yds; Myles Wards hit; Jalen Angelle hit, 1/1 TFL/yds; Ricky Chatman hit; Quindarius Whitley hit; Kyle Moore hit; Rashad Powell hit; Desmond Prejean hit, 0.5/5 sack/yds; Gavin Landry hit; Obina Iheoma 4 QH; Raymond Darian BrUp; Landon King QH; Nathalohn Nana QH; Zak Krolczyk QH

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Northwestern State 49

Lamar 48

**Sep. 15 • Provost Umphrey Stadium
Beaumont, Tx. • 6,021**



Northwestern State 17

Southeastern Louisiana 24

**Sept. 29 • Strawberry Stadium
Hammond, La. • 5,118**



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DEMON INDIVIDUAL STATS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yet NSU was at the SLU 38 in the final minute and trying to throw a Hail Mary pass on the game's final play. "You fail to convert like we did in the red zone, and you've got a huge burden to overcome. We almost did it anyway," said first-year Demons' coach Brad Laird, "and that's what I'm so proud about, that our guys fought so hard and found a way to be in this until the final play."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DEMON INDIVIDUAL STATS

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

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

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

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

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

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

2018 Game Recaps



No. 12 Nicholls **28**
Northwestern State **10**
Oct. 6 • Turpin Stadium
Natchitoches, La. • 7,055



No. 14/15 Sam Houston St. **42**
Northwestern State **28**
Oct. 13 • Turpin Stadium
Natchitoches, La. • 5,125



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

NATCHITOCHES – The Northwestern State offense didn't have problems entering Nicholls territory Saturday, but the Demons struggled to maximize those opportunities in a 28-10 loss to No. 12 Nicholls in Turpin Stadium. NSU (2-3, 1-2 Southland Conference) cobbled 10 points on eight drives on the Colonels' side of the field.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Senior Clay Holgorsen entered the game late in the third quarter and threw for 41 yards on 3-of-9 passing. "We're trying to create a spark offensively by bringing in Holgorsen," Laird said. "We thought it would benefit Eppler by seeing the game from a different angle and a different perspective."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DEMON INDIVIDUAL STATS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"I'm proud of the way we battled back from being 14 points down. But we're still working to be where we want to be." Trailing 14-0, NSU scored 21 consecutive points before Hayden Bourgeois intercepted an SHSU pass and returned it 55 yards for the 28-23 advantage with 27 seconds remaining in the second quarter.

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

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

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

"But (being close) is just part of football, and you work hard, and sometimes you're successful and sometimes you're not." Junior receiver Jazz Ferguson caught two of Shelton Eppler's three touchdown passes as his 28-yard scoring catch on the first play of the second quarter set off the Demon blitzkrieg of points.

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

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

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

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

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

"We have to do our jobs."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DEMON INDIVIDUAL STATS

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

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

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

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

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

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

2018 Game Recaps



Northwestern State 17
No. 15 Central Arkansas 38
Oct. 20 • Estes Stadium
Conway, Ark. • 6,754



Houston Baptist 28
Northwestern State 31
Oct. 27 • Turpin Stadium
Natchitoches, La. • 7,098



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DEMON INDIVIDUAL STATS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Central Arkansas 14 14 7 3 - 38

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

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

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

Demons overcome 18-point deficit to beat Houston Baptist

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Watson had his first career multi-touchdown game, finishing with season-highs of six catches and 96 yards.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Demons sacked Zappe four times by four different rushers.

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

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

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

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

DEMON INDIVIDUAL STATS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2018 Game Recaps



Northwestern State **47**
Abilene Christian **49**
Nov. 3 • Wildcat Stadium
Abilene, Texas • 6,936



No. 18 McNeese
Northwestern State
Nov. 10 • Turpin Stadium
Natchitoches, La. • 15,971



Demon never yield, but can't finish comeback in 49-47 loss at ACU

ABILENE, Texas – Northwestern State was on its heels, down 20 in the third quarter Saturday afternoon at Abilene Christian. But about an hour later, the Demons were inside ACU's 2, trying a tying two-point conversion with 1:34 left.

The Wildcats stacked up an inside run by Jared West to deny the conversion and survived one more series by the Demons to escape with a 49-47 Southland Conference football victory.

NSU's Shelton Eppler tied his own single-game school record with six touchdown passes, three to Jazz Ferguson and a pair to Bryson Bourque, but also suffered three interceptions, one at the ACU goalline and another returned 37 yards for the Wildcats' last TD.

That came with 4:39 left, lifting ACU (5-4 overall, 4-3 in the Southland) ahead by 49-35. It seemed to repel the Demons' rally, but Eppler and Marquisian Chapman connected for 37 positive yards on the next snap, launching a six-play, 67-yard scoring drive capped with 3:09 left on Eppler's 19-yard strike to Bourque.

But sophomore kicker Austyn Fendrick missed his first extra point kick of the year (another was blocked in week two by Grambling), leading NSU (3-6, 2-5) down 49-41.

Needing another score, the Demons' turnover-hungry Purple Swarm defense provided the opportunity. Linebacker Quindarius Whitley stole the ball from an ACU running back at the Wildcats' 23 with 2:37 remaining, and three snaps and two Eppler completions later, NSU was back in the end zone.

Ferguson caught a 13-yard fade route in the left corner, breaking NSU's 50-year-old single-season touchdown reception record (10 by Al Phillips). He was the target when the Demons tried to draw even, and ACU drew an obvious interference penalty that moved the ball a yard-and-a-half away from the goalline.

This time, the ball went to West but ACU's interior defense smothered him in the backfield.

"We had a couple options there, and that one didn't work. Give ACU credit for making a great defensive stop," said first-year Demons' head coach Brad Laird.

NSU got one more shot in the final 30 seconds, starting at its own 15. Two completions moved the ball to the Demons' 40, but time expired after a sack and two incompletions.

"It crushes you to fight that hard, come back like that, and not win. I can't say enough about how this team competed. They will fight. That's who they are," said Laird, stopping to compose himself.

Eppler, playing for the first time in three games after a concussion sustained Oct. 20 against Sam Houston State, finished with 367 yards passing (third-most in school history) on 25-of-41 aim. His TD passes went for 42 yards to Jaylen Watson, 30 to Bourque, 25 and 33 to Ferguson, then the last two.

Ferguson had one more catch and totaled 82 yards receiving, giving him 934 in nine games, just 10 shy of the Demons' record 944 in 12 games in 2001 by Nathan Black.

"I don't care about the records. My brothers and I laid it all out there today and it hurts to lose this way," said Ferguson. "We've got to be better. Mistakes cost us earlier in the season against some ranked teams in games we should have won and it happened again today."

ACU's Luke Anthony threw for 344 yards, going 31 of 47 with an interception, including three short touchdowns, sandwiching a pair of 2-yarders around halftime.

The Wildcats drove 70 yards in 12 snaps, going up 24-14 with 15 seconds left, and rolled 75 yards on nine plays after the second-half kickoff to go up 31-14. The Purple Swarm defense came up big after Eppler's first interception gave ACU possession at NSU's 13, holding the Wildcats to a 23-yard field goal for a 34-14 lead.

But Ferguson and Eppler connected for scores twice in under four minutes as NSU closed the gap to 34-28, and the Demons refused to yield.

"We've got to play better, more consistent football for 60 minutes, from start to finish," said Laird. "But gosh, this team will compete for 60 minutes."

NSU is home for the final time this season next Saturday evening at 6 against nationally-ranked McNeese, which was upset 23-6 Saturday at Southeastern Louisiana.

Northwestern State	7	7	14	19	-	47
Abilene Christian	14	10	17	8	-	49

Kickoff: 2:00 p.m. • End of Game: 5:29 p.m. • **3:29** Duration: • 6,936 Attendance:
 1 12:56 NSU-Jaylen Watson 42 pass from Shelton Eppler (Austyn Fendrick kick) 1-42, 0:07 7-0
 10:05 ACU-Tracy James 13 run (Oscar Hernandez kick) 8-55, 2:44 7-7
 03:42 ACU-Billy McCrary 4 run (Oscar Hernandez kick) 10-73, 3:56 7-14
 13:02 ACU-Oscar Hernandez 23 field goal, 9-29, 2:37 7-17
 08:22 NSU-Bryson Bourque 30 pass from Eppler (Fendrick kick) 5-41, 1:42 14-17
 00:15 ACU-Tracy James 2 pass from Luke Anthony (Hernandez kick) 12-70, 2:16 14-24
 3 12:16 ACU-Tyrese White 2 pass from L. Anthony (Hernandez kick) 9-75, 2:37 14-31
 09:58 ACU-Oscar Hernandez 23 field goal, 4-7, 1:03 14-34
 08:28 NSU-Jazz Ferguson 25 pass from Eppler (Fendrick kick) 5-48-, 1:24 21-34
 05:07 NSU-Jazz Ferguson 33 pass from Eppler (Fendrick kick) 5-39, 2:39 28-34
 02:53 ACU-T. James 10 pass from L. Anthony (Hernandez kick) 6-75, 2:14 28-41
 4 07:16 NSU-Stadford Anderson 3 run (Fendrick kick) 12-64, 3:48 35-41
 04:39 ACU-Qua'Shawn Washington 37 interception (T. James rush) 35-49
 03:09 NSU-Bryson Bourque 19 pass from Eppler (Fendrick kick failed) 6-67, 1:28 41-49
 01:34 NSU-Jazz Ferguson 13 pass from Eppler (Jared West rush failed) 3-23, 1:03 47-49

Yardstick	NSU	ACU
First Downs	23	27
Rushing Yards	33	143
Passing Yards	388	344
Completions-Attempts-Interceptions	28-47-3	31-47-1
Total Offensive Yards	421	487
Total Offensive Plays	80	89
Average Gain Per play	5.3	5.5
Fumbles: Number-Lost	2-0	3-3
Penalties: Numbers-Yards	11-82	9-71
Punts-Yards-Average	7-255-36.4	5-186-37.2
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	2-20-0	3-28-0
Average Per Return	10.0	9.3
Kickoff Returns: Numbers-Yards-TD	7-130-0	2-37-0
Average Per Return	18.6	18.5
Interceptions: Number-Yards-TD	1-0-0	3-117-1
Fumble Returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-13-0	0-0-0
Possession Time	29:57	30:01
Third-Down Conversions	4-17	7-17
Fourth-Down Conversions	2-2	1-2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-4	7-8
Sack by: Number-Yards	1-7	4-11
PAT Kicks	5-6	5-5
Field Goals	0-0	2-2

DEMON INDIVIDUAL STATS

Team Captains: CB Dylan Wilson, S Ryan Reed, RB Jared West

Passing: Shelton Eppler 25-41, 367, 6 TD, 3 Int., 4 sack; Kaleb Fletcher 3-6, 21

Rushing: Jared West 15-29; Stadford Anderson 9-13, TD; Kaleb Fletcher 2-2; Shelton Eppler 7-(-)11

Receiving: Jazz Ferguson 4-82, 3 TD; Jaylen Watson 5-78, 1 TD; Quan Shorts 6-73; Marquisian Chapman 3-64; Bryson Bourque 3-59, 2 TD; Kalen Meggs 2-17; Jared West 3-8; Stadford Anderson 1-5; Kendrick Price 1-2

O-Line Grades: Chris Zirkle 23 knockdowns, 14 MTXE; Zach Perry 19 KD, 6 MTXE; Jonathan Hubbard 18 KD, 1 MTXE; Frank Boudreaux 17 KD, 4 MTXE; Jake Gore 17 KD, 4 MTXE; Kenny Sheldon 14 KD, 6 MTXE; Tyler Rapp 14 KD, 2 MTXE; Brody Griffin 11 KD, 3 MTXE

Defense: Ryan Reed 11 hits; Hayden Bourgeois 9 hits, 2.5/4 TFL, FR; Quindarius Whitley 9 hits, 1.0/7 TFL, 1.0/7 sack, 1/8 FR; Nicholas Forde 7 hits, INT, BrUp; Isiah Longino 6 hits, 1.0/1 TFL, BrUp; Blake Stephenson 6 hits, 1.0/3 TFL, FF; Malik Sonnier 5 hits; Dylan Wilson 4 hits, 1.0/2 TFL; Zak Krolczyk 4 hits, 0.5/0 TFL, QH; Christian Bluiett 3 hits, 1.0/2 TFL; Rashaun Croney 2 hits, 2 BrUp; Khalil Sumlin 2 hits; Obi Iheoma 2 hits; Brice Borgeson 2 hits; Gavin Landry 2 hits, FF; Damian Thompson 2 hits; Kevin Ratliff hit; Kyle Moore hit; Darion Miller hit; Rashad Powell hit; O'Shea Jackson hit; Tyler Rapp hit; Joey McNeely hit; Jomar Valsin QB hurry.

DEMON INDIVIDUAL STATS

Team Captains:

Passing:

Rushing:

Receiving:

O-Line Grades:

Defense:

McNeese Northwestern State

Kickoff: 6:00 p.m. • End of Game: p.m. • Duration: • Attendance:

Yardstick	NSU	SFA
First Downs		
Rushing Yards		
Passing Yards		
Completions-Attempts-Interceptions		
Total Offensive Yards		
Total Offensive Plays		
Average Gain Per play		
Fumbles: Number-Lost		
Penalties: Numbers-Yards		
Punts-Yards-Average		
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD		
Average Per Return		
Kickoff Returns: Numbers-Yards-TD		
Average Per Return		
Interceptions: Number-Yards-TD		
Fumble Returns: Number-Yards-TD		
Possession Time		
Third-Down Conversions		
Fourth-Down Conversions		
Red-Zone Scores-Chances		
Sack by: Number-Yards		
PAT Kicks		
Field Goals		



Northwestern State 24

November 11, 2017 • Cowboy Stadium
Lake Charles, La. • 10,132

McNeese

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2017 Northwestern State vs. McNeese recap

Demons' comeback falls short despite Holgorsen's record performance

LAKE CHARLES— Northwestern State was down, big, at halftime, but not nearly out. As Clay Holgorsen broke Bobby Hebert's 37-year-old Demon single-game passing yardage record, NSU carved away at a 27-point halftime deficit. The 20th-ranked McNeese Cowboys had to convert a fourth down with under three minutes remaining, and score a clinching touchdown on the next snap, to deny the Demon rally and emerge with a 44-24 Southland Conference football triumph Saturday night.

Holgorsen, a junior college transfer in his fifth start at NSU, threw for 381 yards, going 26 of 41 to break Hebert's record by 17 yards.

Most significantly, he tossed touchdown passes of 4 (to Cameron Lazare), 1 (Kalen Meggs) and 30 yards (to his Northwest Mississippi Community College teammate Marquisian Chapman over an 11-minute span coming down the stretch. That flurry of 21 points drew the Demons within two scores at 37-24 when Chapman weaved between defenders over the middle to complete his scoring play with 5:20 remaining, and giving Holgorsen the record.

Probably, an NSU team that trailed 37-3 after McNeese's first series of the second half had an inside kick opportunity to make things extremely intense. But the Cowboys' B.J. Blunt fielded it flawlessly, and McNeese senior quarterback James Tabary provided the finishing blows.

On third down at the NSU 41, he scrambled 10 yards. Then on fourth-and-9 at the Demons' 30, after an NSU timeout with 3:01 left, Tabary found tight end Lawayne Ross for 24 yards, and David Hamm's 6-yard touchdown run on the next play salted away the verdict.

McNeese (8-2 overall, 6-2 in the Southland) stopped a two-game win streak by the Demons (3-7, 3-5), who posted the most yards by any conference team, 431, against the Cowboys, who led the nation's FCS ranks allowing only 250 per game. McNeese had 478 yards, 299 passing, 285 by Tabary (17-28, 3 TDs), who sat out most of the third quarter after the Cowboys opened the 37-3 lead.

The late-game drama unfolded despite a dismal walk into the Demon locker room at halftime. That's when the comeback began, said senior linebacker Peyton Guidry.

"We talked about who we are as a team, some of the coaches, some of our seniors. We wanted to define ourselves as a team, that we're not going to quit. We been preaching that all year. We're going to fight until the last second, and we did," said Guidry, who led NSU with nine tackles.

Holgorsen, who passed for 237 yards after halftime, downplayed his record total due to the unsuccessful rally.

"I was just trying to get my team back in it. I just did my job," said Holgorsen. "It would have been a lot more memorable if we had completed that comeback."

The Cowboys took control despite being outgained in the first quarter, thanks to an 85-yard fumble return for a score by Trent Jackson.

Late in the first period, the Demons were bidding to tie the game at 10, first and goal at the McNeese 9, but true freshman quarterback Kaleb Fletcher was gang tackled behind the line and was stripped of the ball while falling backwards. Jackson scooped up the ball and went the distance to get the Cowboys' fifth defensive touchdown of 2017, moving McNeese ahead 17-3.

NSU put up 140 first quarter yards on the nation's top-ranked defense, allowing an average of just 250 per game. But the only scoring was Eric Piccione's 38-yard field goal ending an 11-play, 59-yard drive and putting the visitors up 3-0 midway through the first 15 minutes.

McNeese took the lead and expanded it in a flash. After the NSU kickoff, the Cowboys covered 68 yards in seven plays, the last a 14-yard Darius Crawley run to go up 7-3. A mixup fielding the kickoff led to a loose ball that McNeese recovered at the 12, and cost the Demons three points, a 29-yard Gunnar Raborn field goal just 18 seconds later after a three-and-out by the NSU defense.

Despite the fumble return touchdown by Jackson, the Demons stayed in range for a while, missing a chance to cut the deficit late in the first quarter. A 43-yard Clay Holgorsen to Bobby Chan-Chan, playing for the first time in three weeks, got NSU near the red zone, but the drive stalled and an off-target snap contributed to a rare Piccione miss, barely wide left, on a 39-yard field goal in the last minute of the period.

The Cowboys broke it open in the final 5:20 of the half. Tavarious Battiste raced 46 yards on a speed sweep to stretch the lead to 24-3. McNeese polished off the half with 11 seconds left when Parker Orgeron, son of former Demon defensive line great and LSU head coach Ed Orgeron, made a circus catch on a 16-yard toss from Tabary as his parents and other family watched in a booth next to the Demon Sports Network radio broadcast.

The Demons wrap up their season next Saturday afternoon at 3 in Turpin Stadium in the annual "Battle for Chief Caddo," the largest trophy in sports, when Stephen F. Austin visits. The Lumberjacks fell 34-13 on their homefield Saturday to Nicholls.

Northwestern State	3	0	7	14	-	24
McNeese	17	13	7	7	-	44

Kickoff: 6:07 p.m. • End of Game: 9:21 p.m. • Duration: 3:14 • Attendance: 10,132

107:08	NSU-Eric Piccione 38 field goal, 11-59, 5:54	3-0
04:27	MCN-D Crawley 14 pass from James Tabary (Gunnar Raborn kick) 7-68, 2:39	3-7
04:09	MCN-Gunnar Raborn 29 ld goal, 4-0, 0:20	3-10
02:51	MCN-Trent Jackson 85 fumble recovery (Gunnar Raborn kick)	3-17
205:20	MCN-T. Battiste 46 run (Gunnar Raborn kick) 2-43, 0:48	3-24
00:11	MCN-Parker Orgeron 16 pass from J. Tabary (Raborn kick failed) 6-82, 2:05	3-30
3 11:42	MCN-Lawayne Ross 14 pass from J. Tabary (G. Raborn kick) 7-82, 3:18	3-37
00:48	NSU-Cameron Lazare 4 pass from Clay Holgorsen (E. Piccione kick) 3-27, 1:06	10-37
4 12:40	NSU-Kalen Meggs 1 pass from Holgorsen (Piccione kick) 6-86, 2:24	17-37
05:17	NSU-Marquisian Chapman 30 pass from Holgorsen (Picione kick) 6-86, 2:24	24-37
02:06	MCN-David Hamm 6 run (Gunnar Raborn kick) 8-45, 3:11	24-44

Yardstick	ACU	NSU
First Downs	18	19
Rushes-Yards	50	179
Passing Yards	381	299
Completions-Attempts-Interceptions	26-41-1	19-31-0
Total Offensive Yards	431	478
Total Offensive Plays	65	67
Average Gain Per play	6.6	7.1
Fumbles: Number-Lost	4-2	1-0
Penalties: Numbers-Yards	6-44	7-55
Punts-Yards-Average	5-169-33.8	7-216-30.9
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	3-46-0	2-51-0
Average Per Return	15.3	25.5
Kickoff Returns: Numbers-Yards-TD	7-48-0	5-105-0
Average Per Return	6-9	21.0
Interceptions: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	1-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	1-85-1
Possession Time	30:17	29:43
Third-Down Conversions	4-13	4-14
Fourth-Down Conversions	0-2	1-1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-4	5-7
Sacks by: Number-Yards	2-10	1-8
PAT Kicks	3-3	5-6
Field Goals	1-2	1-2

PLAYER STATS

Team Captains: DT Dannie Harmon, CB Ike Warren, WR Cameron Lazare

Passing: Clay Holgorsen 26-41, 281 yards, 3 TD, 1 int.

Rushing: Stafford Anderson 5-33; Chris Jones 10-15; Jared West 4-12; Kaleb Fletcher 1-(-)4; Clay Holgorsen 3-(-)6

Receiving: Bobby Chan-Chan 6-107; Marquisian Chapman 5-77, TD; Chris Jones 3-64; Jaylen Watson 4-49; Cameron Lazare 5-39; Jared West 1-36; Bryson Bourque 1-8; Kalen Meggs 1-1, TD

O-Line: Dustin Burns 67 snaps/87%; Chris Zirkle 67 snaps/85%; Andrew McAlister 67 snaps/78%; Frank Boudreaux 67 snaps/78%; Korliss Johnson 36 snaps/72%; Jonathan Hubbard 31 snaps/68%

Defense: Peyton Guidry 9 hits, 2.0/4 TFL, QH; Ryan Reed 7 hits; Ike Warren 6 hits; Austin Balthazor 6 hits; Lyn Clark 5 hits, BrUp; Isaiah Longino 5 hits; Dylan Wilson 4 hits; Christian Bluiett 4 hits; Obinna Iheoma 4 hits, 2.0/7 TFL, 2.0/7 sacks, BrUp; Dannie Harmon 4 hits, 0.5/3 TFL, 0.5/3 sacks; Zak Krolczyk 4 hits; Jalon Sangster 3 hits, 1.0/5 TFL; Lionel Williams 2 hits; Nicholas Forde 2 hits; Darian Raymond 2 hits; Chrishard Buhl 2 hits, 0.5/1 TFL; Dez Gray 2 hits, Blkd; Damian Thompson 2 hits; Ronald Malbrough hit, BrUp; Gavin Landry hit; Braylon Daigle hit; Parker Pastorello hit; Brice Borgeson hit; Tremaine Whitley hit



2018 Northwestern State Football

Northwestern State Combined Team Statistics (as of Nov 05, 2018)

All games



Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
Aug 30, 2018	at TAMU	L 7-59	95855
Sept 8, 2018	GRAMBLING	W 34-7	13525
* Sep 15, 2018	at Lamar University	W 49-48	6021
* Sep 29, 2018	at Southeastern La.	L 17-24	5118
* Oct 06, 2018	NICHOLLS	L 10-28	7055
* Oct 13, 2018	SAM HOUSTON STATE	L 28-42	5125
* Oct 20, 2018	at #15 Central Arkansas	L 17-38	6754
* Oct 27, 2018	HOUSTON BAPTIST	W 31-28	7098
* Nov 03, 2018	at Abilene Christian	L 47-49	6936

Record:	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
All games	3-6	2-2	1-4	0-0
Conference	2-5	1-2	1-3	0-0
Non-Conference	1-1	1-0	0-1	0-0

Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
West, Jared	9	126	609	33	576	4.6	2	40	64.0
Anderson, Stadf	9	57	245	21	224	3.9	2	18	24.9
Fletcher, Kaleb	3	26	101	29	72	2.8	1	20	24.0
Smith, Da'Von	7	14	27	5	22	1.6	0	7	3.1
Pastorello, Par	9	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	0.4
Ward, Myles	9	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	0.2
Total	9	274	1084	292	792	2.9	5	40	88.0
Opponents	9	397	2305	210	2095	5.3	17	73	232.8

Team Statistics	NSU	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	201	230
Rushing	50	110
Passing	129	102
Penalty	22	18
RUSHING YARDAGE	792	2095
Rushing Attempts	274	397
Average Per Rush	2.9	5.3
Average Per Game	88.0	232.8
TDs Rushing	5	17
PASSING YARDAGE	2937	2340
Comp-Att-Int	244-397-8	174-305-13
Average Per Pass	7.4	7.7
Average Per Catch	12.0	13.4
Average Per Game	326.3	260.0
TDs Passing	26	25
TOTAL OFFENSE	3729	4435
Average Per Play	5.6	6.3
Average Per Game	414.3	492.8
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	33-735	35-573
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	12-56	15-150
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	13-122	8-142
FUMBLES-LOST	17-5	19-12
PENALTIES-Yards	82-693	67-617
PUNTS-AVG	56-40.6	41-39.1
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	29:31	30:29
3RD-DOWN Conversions	48/143	60/125
4TH-DOWN Conversions	13/22	4/9

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Eppler, Shelton	7	150.75	153-250-7	61.2	2046	20	70	292.3
Fletcher, Kaleb	3	127.75	49-79-0	62.0	461	4	53	153.7
Holgorsen, Clay	5	110.91	38-63-1	60.3	364	1	71	72.8
Sears, Kenny	1	256.88	4-5-0	80.0	66	1	51	66.0
Total	9	141.19	244-397-8	61.5	2937	26	71	326.3
Opponents	9	140.02	174-305-13	57.0	2340	25	76	260.0

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

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Ferguson, Jazz	9	52	934	18.0	11	71	103.8
Shorts, Quan	9	47	472	10.0	2	51	52.4
Watson, Jaylen	9	42	560	13.3	7	53	62.2
Chapman, Marqui	9	29	322	11.1	1	38	35.8
West, Jared	9	21	160	7.6	0	24	17.8
Bourque, Bryson	9	15	128	8.5	2	30	14.2
Gumms, Levar	7	9	132	14.7	2	24	18.9
Anderson, Stadf	9	8	57	7.1	0	22	6.3
Meggs, Kalen	9	7	52	7.4	0	13	5.8
Price Jr., Kend	6	6	51	8.5	0	22	8.5
Smith, Da'Von	7	5	53	10.6	1	17	7.6
Baillif, Christ	6	2	14	7.0	0	11	2.3
Ward, Myles	9	1	2	2.0	0	2	0.2
Total	9	244	2937	12.0	26	71	326.3
Opponents	9	174	2340	13.4	25	76	260.0

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Pastorello, Par	55	2274	41.3	68	5	11	19	13	1
Team	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Bourgeois, Hayd	12	56	4.7	0	15
Total	12	56	4.7	0	15
Opponents	15	150	10.0	0	42

Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Ferguson, Jazz	11	-	-	-	1	-	-	68	
Watson, Jaylen	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	
Fendrick, Austy	-	4-10	28-30	-	-	-	-	40	
Gumms, Levar	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	
Bourque, Bryson	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	
Shorts, Quan	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	
West, Jared	2	-	-	0-1	-	-	-	12	
Anderson, Stadf	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	
Stephenson, Bla	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Chapman, Marqui	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Bourgeois, Hayd	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Smith, Da'Von	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Fletcher, Kaleb	1	-	-	-	-	1-2	-	6	
Total	33	4-10	28-30	0-1	1	1-2	-	240	
Opponents	43	6-9	39-40	1-1	2	2-2	-	323	

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Ward, Myles	23	571	24.8	0	58
Reed, Ryan	3	45	15.0	0	21
Landry, Gavin	2	31	15.5	0	19
McGee, Coby	2	51	25.5	0	26
Hester, Jordan	1	21	21.0	0	21
West, Jared	1	14	14.0	0	14
Powell, Rashuad	1	2	2.0	0	2
Total	33	735	22.3	0	58
Opponents	35	573	16.4	0	40

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Northwestern State	55	75	28	82	0	240
Opponents	70	117	83	53	0	323

All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Ferguson, Jazz	9	0	934	0	0	0	934	103.8
West, Jared	9	576	160	0	14	0	750	83.3
Ward, Myles	9	2	2	0	571	0	575	63.9
Watson, Jaylen	9	0	560	0	0	0	560	62.2
Shorts, Quan	9	-5	472	0	0	0	467	51.9
Total	9	792	2937	56	735	122	4642	515.8
Opponents	9	2095	2340	150	573	142	5300	588.9

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Eppler, Shelton	7	286	-31	2046	2015	287.9
West, Jared	9	126	576	0	576	64.0
Fletcher, Kaleb	3	105	72	461	533	177.7
Holgorsen, Clay	5	73	-23	364	341	68.2
Anderson, Stadf	9	57	224	0	224	24.9



2018 Northwestern State Football
 Northwestern State Overall Team Statistics (as of Nov 05, 2018)
 All games



Team Statistics	NSU	OPP
SCORING	240	323
Points Per Game	26.7	35.9
Points Off Turnovers	100	46
FIRST DOWNS	201	230
Rushing	50	110
Passing	129	102
Penalty	22	18
RUSHING YARDAGE	792	2095
Yards gained rushing	1084	2305
Yards lost rushing	292	210
Rushing Attempts	274	397
Average Per Rush	2.9	5.3
Average Per Game	88.0	232.8
TDs Rushing	5	17
PASSING YARDAGE	2937	2340
Comp-Att-Int	244-397-8	174-305-13
Average Per Pass	7.4	7.7
Average Per Catch	12.0	13.4
Average Per Game	326.3	260.0
TDs Passing	26	25
TOTAL OFFENSE	3729	4435
Total Plays	671	702
Average Per Play	5.6	6.3
Average Per Game	414.3	492.8
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	33-735	35-573
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	12-56	15-150
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	13-122	8-142
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	22.3	16.4
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	4.7	10.0
INT RETURN AVERAGE	9.4	17.8
FUMBLES-LOST	17-5	19-12
PENALTIES-Yards	82-693	67-617
Average Per Game	77.0	68.6
PUNTS-Yards	56-2274	41-1604
Average Per Punt	40.6	39.1
Net punt average	36.1	36.8
KICKOFFS-Yards	46-2491	58-3484
Average Per Kick	54.2	60.1
Net kick average	40.6	39.6
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	29:31	30:29
3RD-DOWN Conversions	48/143	60/125
3rd-Down Pct	34%	48%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	13/22	4/9
4th-Down Pct	59%	44%
SACKS BY-Yards	21-116	22-134
MISC YARDS	-10	-7
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	33	43
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	4-10	6-9
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-1	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(23-34) 68%	(31-39) 79%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(20-34) 59%	(27-39) 69%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(28-30) 93%	(39-40) 98%
ATTENDANCE	32803	120684
Games/Avg Per Game	4/8201	5/24137
Neutral Site Games		0/0

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Northwestern State	55	75	28	82	0	240
Opponents	70	117	83	53	0	323



2018 Northwestern State Football
 Northwestern State Overall Individual Statistics (as of Nov 05, 2018)
 All games



Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
West, Jared	9	126	609	33	576	4.6	2	40	64.0
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Smith, Da'Von	7	14	27	5	22	1.6	0	7	3.1
Pastorello, Par	9	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	0.4
Ward, Myles	9	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	0.2
Shorts, Quan	9	1	0	5	-5	-5.0	0	0	-0.6
Holgorsen, Clay	5	10	15	38	-23	-2.3	0	4	-4.6
Eppler, Shelton	7	36	81	112	-31	-0.9	0	12	-4.4
Team	3	2	0	49	-49	-24.5	0	0	-16.3
Total	9	274	1084	292	792	2.9	5	40	88.0
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Total	9	141.19	244-397-8	61.5	2937	26	71	326.3
Opponents	9	140.02	174-305-13	57.0	2340	25	76	260.0

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Total	9	244	2937	12.0	26	71	326.3
Opponents	9	174	2340	13.4	25	76	260.0

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Bourgeois, Hayd	12	56	4.7	0	15
Total	12	56	4.7	0	15
Opponents	15	150	10.0	0	42

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Bourgeois, Hayd	5	69	13.8	1	55
Bartholomew, Sh	2	19	9.5	0	19
Reed, Ryan	2	1	0.5	0	1
Forde, Nicholas	1	0	0.0	0	0
Ratliff, Kevin	1	9	9.0	0	9
Crony, Rashaun	1	0	0.0	0	0
Sonnier, Malik	1	24	24.0	0	24
Total	13	122	9.4	1	55
Opponents	8	142	17.8	1	52

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Ward, Myles	23	571	24.8	0	58
Reed, Ryan	3	45	15.0	0	21
Landry, Gavin	2	31	15.5	0	19
McGee, Coby	2	51	25.5	0	26
Hester, Jordan	1	21	21.0	0	21
West, Jared	1	14	14.0	0	14
Powell, Rashuad	1	2	2.0	0	2
Total	33	735	22.3	0	58
Opponents	35	573	16.4	0	40

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Longino, Isaiah	1	3	3.0	0	3
Prejean, Desmon	1	6	6.0	0	6
Whitley, Quinda	1	8	8.0	0	8
Wilson, Dylan	0	5	0.0	0	5
Stephenson, Bla	0	0	0.0	1	0
Total	3	22	7.3	1	8
Opponents	1	10	10.0	0	10



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Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Ferguson, Jazz	11	-	-	-	1	-	-	68	
Watson, Jaylen	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	
Fendrick, Austy	-	4-10	28-30	-	-	-	-	40	
Anderson, Stadf	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	
Bourque, Bryson	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	
Gumms, Levar	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	
Shorts, Quan	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	
West, Jared	2	-	-	0-1	-	-	-	12	
Fletcher, Kaleb	1	-	-	-	-	1-2	-	6	
Stephenson, Bla	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Smith, Da'Von	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Bourgeois, Hayd	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Chapman, Marqui	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Total	33	4-10	28-30	0-1	1	1-2	-	240	
Opponents	43	6-9	39-40	1-1	2	2-2	-	323	

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Eppler, Shelton	7	286	-31	2046	2015	287.9
West, Jared	9	126	576	0	576	64.0
Fletcher, Kaleb	3	105	72	461	533	177.7
Holgorsen, Clay	5	73	-23	364	341	68.2
Anderson, Stadf	9	57	224	0	224	24.9
Sears, Kenny	1	5	0	66	66	66.0
Smith, Da'Von	7	14	22	0	22	3.1
Pastorello, Par	9	1	4	0	4	0.4
Ward, Myles	9	1	2	0	2	0.2
Shorts, Quan	9	1	-5	0	-5	-0.6
Team	3	2	-49	0	-49	-16.3
Total	9	671	792	2937	3729	414.3
Opponents	9	702	2095	2340	4435	492.8

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

FG Sequence	Northwestern State	Opponents
TAMU	47,39	(52)
Grambling	36	-
Lamar University	-	-
Southeastern La.	(36),27	(24)
Nicholls	(28),40	48,30
Sam Houston State	-	(46)
Central Arkansas	(35)	(34),44
Houston Baptist	36,(38)	-
Abilene Christian	-	(23),(23)

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Pastorello, Par	55	2274	41.3	68	5	11	19	13	1
Team	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	56	2274	40.6	68	5	11	19	13	1
Opponents	41	1604	39.1	70	2	11	15	5	0

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Fendrick, Austy	46	2491	54.2	2	3			
Total	46	2491	54.2	2	3	16.4	40.6	24
Opponents	58	3484	60.1	18	4	22.3	39.6	25

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.



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All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Ferguson, Jazz	9	0	934	0	0	0	934	103.8
West, Jared	9	576	160	0	14	0	750	83.3
Ward, Myles	9	2	2	0	571	0	575	63.9
Watson, Jaylen	9	0	560	0	0	0	560	62.2
Shorts, Quan	9	-5	472	0	0	0	467	51.9
Chapman, Marq	9	0	322	0	0	0	322	35.8
Anderson, Stadf	9	224	57	0	0	0	281	31.2
Gumms, Levar	7	0	132	0	0	0	132	18.9
Bourque, Bryson	9	0	128	0	0	0	128	14.2
Bourgeois, Hayd	9	0	0	56	0	69	125	13.9
Smith, Da'Von	7	22	53	0	0	0	75	10.7
Fletcher, Kaleb	3	72	0	0	0	0	72	24.0
Meggs, Kalen	9	0	52	0	0	0	52	5.8
Price Jr., Kend	6	0	51	0	0	0	51	8.5
McGee, Coby	9	0	0	0	51	0	51	5.7
Reed, Ryan	9	0	0	0	45	1	46	5.1
Landry, Gavin	9	0	0	0	31	0	31	3.4
Sonnier, Malik	8	0	0	0	0	24	24	3.0
Hester, Jordan	2	0	0	0	21	0	21	10.5
Bartholomew, S	6	0	0	0	0	19	19	3.2
Bailiff, Christ	6	0	14	0	0	0	14	2.3
Ratliff, Kevin	7	0	0	0	0	9	9	1.3
Pastorello, Par	9	4	0	0	0	0	4	0.4
Powell, Rashuad	9	0	0	0	2	0	2	0.2
Holgorsen, Clay	5	-23	0	0	0	0	-23	-4.6
Eppler, Shelton	7	-31	0	0	0	0	-31	-4.4
Team	3	-49	0	0	0	0	-49	-16.3
Total	9	792	2937	56	735	122	4642	515.8
Opponents	9	2095	2340	150	573	142	5300	588.9



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##	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles				tfl/yds	Sacks no-yds	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot				int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
38	Whitley, Quinda	9	34	38	72	3.5-22	1.5-12	.	1	1	.	1-8	.	.	.
25	Bourgeois, Hayd	9	36	32	68	5.0-10	0.5-1	5-69	1	.	.	2-0	.	.	.
8D	Reed, Ryan	9	30	31	61	1.5-1	.	2-1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
43	Stephenson, Bla	9	26	25	51	5.0-29	3.0-24	.	1	2	.	1-0	1	.	.
55	Jackson, O'Shea	9	16	24	40	7.0-17	2.0-10	.	.	3	.	1-0	1	1	.
33	Longino, Isaiah	9	20	17	37	4.5-15	2.0-10	.	1	1	.	1-3	.	.	.
94	Krolczyk, Zak	9	14	19	33	7.0-18	1.0-2	.	.	5	.	.	.	1	.
53	Borgeson, Brice	9	14	13	27	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
20	Sonnier, Malik	8	19	6	25	2.0-4	.	1-24	.	.	.	.	2	.	.
6D	Croney, Rashaun	9	15	7	22	1.0-1	.	1-0	6	2	.	.	.	.	.
90	Sangster, Jalon	6	10	12	22	2.5-14	2.0-12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Iheoma, Obi	9	8	13	21	4.0-22	4.0-22	.	.	6	.	.	1	1	.
7D	Ratliff, Kevin	7	10	8	18	.	.	1-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39	Moore, Kyle	9	7	10	17	1.0-3	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
23	Forde, Nicholas	6	10	6	16	.	.	1-0	1	.	.	.	1	.	.
47	Powell, Rashuad	9	10	5	15	3.5-12	1.0-7	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
18	Malbrough, Rona	9	8	6	14	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
51	Nanai, Nathaloh	9	5	9	14	1.0-3	0.5-3	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
24	Edwards, Ian	7	10	3	13	1.0-2	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.
2D	Littleton, D'Ro	8	9	4	13	1.0-8	1.0-8	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Thompson, Damia	8	8	5	13	2.0-4	.	.	1	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
1C	Valsin Jr., Jom	8	6	6	12	1.5-2	1.0-1	.	1	4	.	1-0	.	.	.
46	Miller, Darion	9	7	4	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3D	Bartholomew, Sh	6	7	4	11	1.0-1	1.0-1	2-19	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
36	James, Corban	8	3	6	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Daigle, Braylon	2	4	4	8	0.5-4	0.5-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
84	Landry, Gavin	9	7	1	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	1	.	.
7A	Sumlin, Khalil	6	2	6	8	1.0-2	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35	King, Landon	6	.	7	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2B	Ficklin, Deshon	7	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
29	Williams, Trey	8	3	2	5	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Johnson, Tevyn	7	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	McGee, Coby	9	4	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
52	Prejean, Desmon	2	2	2	4	0.5-5	0.5-5	.	.	.	.	1-6	.	.	.
28	Wilson, Dylan	2	2	2	4	1.0-2	.	.	1	.	.	0-5	1	.	.
3	Chapman, Marqui	9	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5D	Angelle, Jalen	1	1	2	3	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Bluiett, Christ	2	2	1	3	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	Gray, Dez	6	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1E	Hooper, William	5	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Hester, Jordan	2	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
70	Hubbard, Jonath	8	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5A	Chatman, Ricky	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56	Sheldon, Kennet	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
50	Schmidt, Korbin	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
60	Rapp, Tyler	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
32	Raymond, Darian	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
30	Eberts, Brandon	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Cormier, Tyree	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
78	McNeely, Joey	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9P	Pastorello, Par	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1A	Ward, Myles	9	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM	Team	3	1	.	1	1.0-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
1	Ferguson, Jazz	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	Bourque, Bryson	9	1
6	Shorts, Quan	9	1
	Total	9	388	356	744	62-212	21-116	13-122	24	31	.	12-22	11	3	.



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TEAM STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off		
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp	att	int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds		td	lg
Aug 30	at TAMU	13	21	0	6	18	230	1	71	18	35	0	230	1	71	3	66	0	29	1	0	0	0	251
Sept 8	GRAMBLING	34	145	1	22	35	359	4	22	35	45	0	359	4	22	2	51	0	27	0	0	0	0	504
Sep 15	at Lamar University	26	88	1	40	27	474	6	70	27	48	0	474	6	70	4	57	0	15	1	0	0	0	562
Sep 29	at Southeastern La.	41	165	0	22	34	325	1	42	34	53	0	325	1	42	4	86	0	26	1	8	0	8	490
Oct 06	NICHOLLS	25	62	1	27	19	259	0	39	19	36	2	259	0	39	4	116	0	58	1	8	0	8	321
Oct 13	SAM HOUSTON STATE	32	81	0	29	27	351	3	44	27	47	2	351	3	44	2	44	0	29	3	10	0	5	432
Oct 20	at Central Arkansas	27	32	1	20	22	232	1	53	22	37	1	232	1	53	4	101	0	53	0	0	0	0	264
Oct 27	HOUSTON BAPTIST	43	165	0	20	34	319	4	51	34	49	0	319	4	51	3	84	0	32	3	10	0	11	484
Nov 03	at Abilene Christian	33	33	1	10	28	388	6	42	28	47	3	388	6	42	7	130	0	26	2	20	0	15	421
Opponents		274	792	5	40	244	2937	26	71	244	305	13	2937	26	71	33	735	0	58	12	56	0	15	3729
Opponents		397	2095	17	73	174	2340	25	76	174	305	13	2340	25	76	35	573	0	40	15	150	0	42	4435

Games: 9 • Avg/rush: 2.9 • Avg/catch: 12.0 • Pass effic: 141.19 • KR avg: 22.3 • PR avg: 4.7 • All purpose avg/game: 515.8 • Total offense avg/gm: 414.3

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks		Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd	PAT Attempts			off		
		ua	a	total	fl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts	
Aug 30	at TAMU	68	38	106	4.0-21	2.0-17	1	1-6	0-0	3	3	0	1-1	0	0	0	7	7	
Sept 8	GRAMBLING	34	42	76	8.0-43	4.0-32	0	1-0	4-1	9	2	0	4-5	0	0	0	20	34	
Sep 15	at Lamar University	35	66	101	9.5-36	2.0-22	1	1-0	1-0	0	3	1	7-7	0	0	0	7	49	
Sep 29	at Southeastern La.	43	22	65	5.5-23	2.0-15	2	2-3	1-9	3	1	0	2-2	0	0	0	7	17	
Oct 06	NICHOLLS	33	43	76	9.0-22	3.0-14	0	0-0	1-14	2	1	2	1-1	0	0	0	0	10	
Oct 13	SAM HOUSTON STATE	39	48	87	7.0-11	3.0-4	1	1-0	3-74	7	3	0	4-4	0	0	0	14	28	
Oct 20	at Central Arkansas	27	46	73	4.0-19	0.0-0	1	1-0	1-0	0	4	0	2-2	0	0	0	10	17	
Oct 27	HOUSTON BAPTIST	52	23	75	7.0-18	4.0-13	2	2-0	1-24	5	3	0	2-2	0	1	0	8	31	
Nov 03	at Abilene Christian	57	28	85	8.0-19	1.0-7	3	3-13	1-0	2	4	0	5-6	0	0	0	27	47	
Opponents		388	356	744	62.0-212	22.5-124	11	12-22	13-122	31	24	3	28-30	0	1	0	100	240	
Opponents		342	296	638	67.0-225	22.0-134	4	5-10	8-142	17	47	3	39-40	1	2	1	46	323	

Date	Opponent	Punting									Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
Aug 30	at TAMU	9	379	42.1	54	0	0	2	3	4	0-2	0	0	2	115	57.5	0	1
Sept 8	GRAMBLING	4	152	38.0	43	0	1	0	0	1	0-1	0	1	6	402	67.0	1	2
Sep 15	at Lamar University	7	291	41.6	53	0	0	0	2	1	0-0	0	0	8	463	57.9	0	0
Sep 29	at Southeastern La.	4	170	42.5	52	0	2	0	1	0	1-2	36	0	4	163	40.8	0	0
Oct 06	NICHOLLS	5	191	38.2	55	0	0	1	1	2	1-2	28	0	3	181	60.3	1	0
Oct 13	SAM HOUSTON STATE	7	343	49.0	68	0	0	0	3	3	0-0	0	0	6	324	54.0	0	0
Oct 20	at Central Arkansas	9	346	38.4	49	0	1	4	0	5	1-1	35	0	3	161	53.7	0	0
Oct 27	HOUSTON BAPTIST	4	147	36.8	41	0	0	4	0	2	1-2	38	0	6	352	58.7	0	0
Nov 03	at Abilene Christian	7	255	36.4	55	1	1	0	3	1	0-0	0	0	8	330	41.2	0	0
Opponents		56	2274	40.6	68	1	5	11	13	19	4-10	38	1	46	2491	54.2	2	3
Opponents		41	1604	39.1	70	0	2	11	5	15	6-9	52	1	58	3484	60.1	18	4



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OPPONENT STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
Aug 30	at TAMU	61	503	5	73	23	255	3	34	23-35-0	255	3	34	1	13	0	13	3	9	0	4	758
Sept 8	GRAMBLING	40	208	1	24	17	141	0	38	17-32-4	141	0	38	3	51	0	27	2	14	0	9	349
Sep 15	at Lamar University	51	230	3	21	15	263	4	45	15-31-1	263	4	45	8	146	0	33	2	39	0	42	493
Sep 29	at Southeastern La.	31	54	1	8	19	316	2	76	19-28-1	316	2	76	3	35	0	18	1	42	0	42	370
Oct 06	NICHOLLS	55	299	3	43	8	118	1	50	8-17-1	118	1	50	2	57	0	40	1	8	0	8	417
Oct 13	SAM HOUSTON STATE	40	189	1	28	24	374	4	56	24-49-3	374	4	56	6	105	0	27	2	18	0	21	563
Oct 20	at Central Arkansas	44	222	0	46	12	278	5	53	12-28-1	278	5	53	4	43	0	22	1	-8	0	0	500
Oct 27	HOUSTON BAPTIST	33	247	1	68	25	251	3	46	25-38-1	251	3	46	6	86	0	19	0	0	0	0	498
Nov 03	at Abilene Christian	42	143	2	25	31	344	3	52	31-47-1	344	3	52	2	37	0	27	3	28	0	14	487
Northwestern State		397	2095	17	73	174	2340	25	76	174-305-13	2340	25	76	35	573	0	40	15	150	0	42	4435
Northwestern State		274	792	5	40	244	2937	26	71	244-397-8	2937	26	71	33	735	0	58	12	56	0	15	3729

Games: 9 • Avg/rush: 5.3 • Avg/catch: 13.4 • Pass effic: 140.02 • KR avg: 16.4 • PR avg: 10.0 • All purpose avg/game: 588.9 • Total offense avg/gm: 492.8

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks		Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd		PAT Attempts			off	
		ua	a	total	fl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts	
Aug 30	at TAMU	20	16	36	5.0-9	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	3	7	0	8-8	0	0	0	0	59	
Sept 8	GRAMBLING	47	32	79	7.0-12	1.0-2	0	0-0	0-0	1	3	2	1-1	0	0	0	7		
Sep 15	at Lamar University	19	60	79	4.0-15	1.0-7	0	0-0	0-0	0	8	0	6-7	0	0	0	48		
Sep 29	at Southeastern La.	58	30	88	11.0-40	5.0-32	2	2-0	0-0	1	4	0	3-3	0	0	0	24		
Oct 06	NICHOLLS	36	16	52	8.0-32	1.0-14	1	1-10	2-8	2	7	0	4-4	0	0	14	28		
Oct 13	SAM HOUSTON STATE	39	38	77	9.0-44	5.0-38	1	2-0	2-17	5	4	0	3-3	0	2	14	42		
Oct 20	at Central Arkansas	31	26	57	6.0-30	3.0-23	0	0-0	1-0	0	6	0	5-5	0	0	7	38		
Oct 27	HOUSTON BAPTIST	47	45	92	9.0-21	2.0-7	0	0-0	0-0	3	4	0	4-4	0	0	0	28		
Nov 03	at Abilene Christian	45	33	78	8.0-22	4.0-11	0	0-0	3-117	2	4	1	5-5	1	0	11	49		
Northwestern State		342	296	638	67.0-225	22.0-134	4	5-10	8-142	17	47	3	39-40	1	2	46	323		
Northwestern State		388	356	744	62.0-212	22.5-124	11	12-22	13-122	31	24	3	28-30	0	1	100	240		

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
Aug 30	at TAMU	2	105	52.5	60	0	1	0	1	1	1-1	52	0	10	645	64.5	6	0	
Sept 8	GRAMBLING	4	155	38.8	61	0	0	2	1	1	0-0	0	0	2	130	65.0	0	0	
Sep 15	at Lamar University	6	236	39.3	50	0	0	3	1	2	0-0	0	0	8	463	57.9	2	0	
Sep 29	at Southeastern La.	5	186	37.2	48	0	1	0	0	1	1-1	24	0	5	308	61.6	1	0	
Oct 06	NICHOLLS	4	158	39.5	70	0	0	0	1	1	0-2	0	1	5	312	62.4	1	0	
Oct 13	SAM HOUSTON STATE	6	251	41.8	52	0	0	1	1	4	1-1	46	0	7	453	64.7	5	0	
Oct 20	at Central Arkansas	4	150	37.5	46	0	0	2	0	1	1-2	34	0	7	421	60.1	2	1	
Oct 27	HOUSTON BAPTIST	5	177	35.4	40	0	0	2	0	2	0-0	0	0	5	305	61.0	1	1	
Nov 03	at Abilene Christian	5	186	37.2	48	0	0	1	0	2	2-2	23	0	9	447	49.7	0	2	
Northwestern State		41	1604	39.1	70	0	2	11	5	15	6-9	52	1	58	3484	60.1	18	4	
Northwestern State		56	2274	40.6	68	1	5	11	13	19	4-10	38	1	46	2491	54.2	2	3	



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INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	22	West, Jared at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
Yards Rushing	137	West, Jared at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
TD Rushes	1	West, Jared vs Grambling (Sept 8, 2018)
	1	West, Jared at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
	1	Anderson, Stadf vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
	1	Fletcher, Kaleb at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
	1	Anderson, Stadf at Abilene Christian (Nov 03, 2018)
Long Rush	40	West, Jared at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Pass attempts	48	Eppler, Shelton at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Pass completions	30	Fletcher, Kaleb vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Yards Passing	474	Eppler, Shelton at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
TD Passes	6	Eppler, Shelton at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
	6	Eppler, Shelton at Abilene Christian (Nov 03, 2018)
Long Pass	71	Holgorsen, Clay at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
Receptions	9	Ferguson, Jazz vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Yards Receiving	142	Ferguson, Jazz at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
TD Receptions	3	Ferguson, Jazz at Abilene Christian (Nov 03, 2018)
Long Reception	71	Ferguson, Jazz at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
Field Goals	1	Fendrick, Austy at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
	1	Fendrick, Austy vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
	1	Fendrick, Austy at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
	1	Fendrick, Austy vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Long Field Goal	38	Fendrick, Austy vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Punts	9	Pastorello, Par at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
	9	Pastorello, Par at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
Punting Avg	49.0	Pastorello, Par vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Long Punt	68	Pastorello, Par vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Punts inside 20	5	Pastorello, Par at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
Long Punt Return	15	Bourgeois, Hayd at Abilene Christian (Nov 03, 2018)
Long Kickoff Return	58	Ward, Myles vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
Tackles	12	Whitley, Quinda at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Sacks	2.0	Longino, Isaiah vs Grambling (Sept 8, 2018)
Tackles For Loss	3.5	Powell, Rashuad at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
	3.5	Jackson, O'Shea vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
Interceptions	2	Bourgeois, Hayd vs Grambling (Sept 8, 2018)
	2	Bartholomew, Sh vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)



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TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	43	vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Yards Rushing	165	at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
	165	vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Yards Per Rush	4.3	vs Grambling (Sept 8, 2018)
TD Rushes	1	vs Grambling (Sept 8, 2018)
	1	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
	1	vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
	1	at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
	1	at Abilene Christian (Nov 03, 2018)
Pass attempts	53	at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
Pass completions	35	vs Grambling (Sept 8, 2018)
Yards Passing	474	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Yards Per Pass	9.9	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
TD Passes	6	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
	6	at Abilene Christian (Nov 03, 2018)
Total Plays	94	at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
Total Offense	562	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Yards Per Play	7.6	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Points	49	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Sacks By	4	vs Grambling (Sept 8, 2018)
	4	vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
First Downs	29	vs Grambling (Sept 8, 2018)
Penalties	14	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Penalty Yards	106	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Turnovers	4	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Interceptions By	4	vs Grambling (Sept 8, 2018)
Punts	9	at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
	9	at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
Punting Avg	49.0	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Long Punt	68	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Punts inside 20	5	at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
Long Punt Return	15	at Abilene Christian (Nov 03, 2018)



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OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	27	Colbert, Darrel, at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Yards Rushing	240	T. Williams, at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
TD Rushes	3	T. Williams, at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
	3	Colbert, Darrel, at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Long Rush	73	T. Williams, at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
Pass attempts	49	Brock, Ty, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Pass completions	31	Anthony, L., at Abilene Christian (Nov 03, 2018)
Yards Passing	374	Brock, Ty, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
TD Passes	5	Hales, Luke, at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
Long Pass	76	Virgil, C., at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
Receptions	8	Sterns, J., vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Yards Receiving	182	Mitchell, A., at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
TD Receptions	4	Davis, Davion, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Long Reception	76	Mitchell, A., at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
Field Goals	2	Hernandez, O., at Abilene Christian (Nov 03, 2018)
Long Field Goal	52	Daniel LaCamera, at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
Punts	6	Slaydon, Tyler, at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
	6	Hearn, Cameron, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Punting Avg	52.5	Braden Mann, at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
Long Punt	70	Jones, Winston, vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
Punts inside 20	4	Hearn, Cameron, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Long Punt Return	42	Randle, Rodney, at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
	42	Mitchell, A., at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
Long Kickoff Return	40	Dullary, Joel, vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
Tackles	14	King, Alfred, vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
	14	Manning, Colton, vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Sacks	3.0	Roberson, Deric, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Tackles For Loss	3.5	Veron, Evan, vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
	3.5	Roberson, Deric, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Interceptions	1	Johnson, Kevin, vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
	1	Dickerson, Aust, vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
	1	Thomas, Jaylen, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
	1	McCollum, Zyon, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
	1	Rochell, Robert, at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
	1	Washington, Q., at Abilene Christian (Nov 03, 2018)
	1	Davis, A., at Abilene Christian (Nov 03, 2018)
	1	Mack, J., at Abilene Christian (Nov 03, 2018)



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OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	61	at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
Yards Rushing	503	at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
Yards Per Rush	8.2	at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
TD Rushes	5	at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
Pass attempts	49	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Pass completions	31	at Abilene Christian (Nov 03, 2018)
Yards Passing	374	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Yards Per Pass	11.3	at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
TD Passes	5	at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
Total Plays	96	at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
Total Offense	758	at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
Yards Per Play	7.9	at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
Points	59	at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
Sacks By	5	at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
	5	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
First Downs	40	at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
Penalties	11	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Penalty Yards	99	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Turnovers	5	vs Grambling (Sept 8, 2018)
Interceptions By	3	at Abilene Christian (Nov 03, 2018)
Punts	6	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
	6	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Punting Avg	52.5	at TAMU (Aug 30, 2018)
Long Punt	70	vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
Punts inside 20	4	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Long Punt Return	42	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
	42	at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)



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Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
* Sep 15, 2018	at Lamar University	W 49-48	6021
* Sep 29, 2018	at Southeastern La.	L 17-24	5118
* Oct 06, 2018	NICHOLLS	L 10-28	7055
* Oct 13, 2018	SAM HOUSTON STATE	L 28-42	5125
* Oct 20, 2018	at #15 Central Arkansas	L 17-38	6754
* Oct 27, 2018	HOUSTON BAPTIST	W 31-28	7098
* Nov 03, 2018	at Abilene Christian	L 47-49	6936

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

Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
West, Jared	7	107	510	28	482	4.5	1	40	68.9
Anderson, Stadf	7	42	189	18	171	4.1	2	17	24.4
Fletcher, Kaleb	3	26	101	29	72	2.8	1	20	24.0
Smith, DaVon	5	7	13	3	10	1.4	0	7	2.0
Pastorello, Par	7	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	0.6
Ward, Myles	7	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	0.3
Total	7	227	904	278	626	2.8	4	40	89.4
Opponents	7	296	1535	151	1384	4.7	11	68	197.7

Team Statistics	NSU	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	159	168
Rushing	42	72
Passing	103	81
Penalty	14	15
RUSHING YARDAGE	626	1384
Rushing Attempts	227	296
Average Per Rush	2.8	4.7
Average Per Game	89.4	197.7
TDs Rushing	4	11
PASSING YARDAGE	2348	1944
Comp-Att-Int	191-317-8	134-238-9
Average Per Pass	7.4	8.2
Average Per Catch	12.3	14.5
Average Per Game	335.4	277.7
TDs Passing	21	22
TOTAL OFFENSE	2974	3328
Average Per Play	5.5	6.2
Average Per Game	424.9	475.4
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	28-618	31-509
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	11-56	10-127
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	9-121	8-142
FUMBLES-LOST	16-5	15-10
PENALTIES-Yards	63-533	50-445
PUNTS-AVG	43-40.5	35-38.4
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	30:21	29:38
3RD-DOWN Conversions	39/116	43/99
4TH-DOWN Conversions	12/20	4/7

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Eppler, Shelton	5	147.66	120-203-7	59.1	1678	16	70	335.6
Fletcher, Kaleb	3	127.75	49-79-0	62.0	461	4	53	153.7
Holgorsen, Clay	3	93.37	18-30-1	60.0	143	0	30	47.7
Sears, Kenny	1	256.88	4-5-0	80.0	66	1	51	66.0
Total	7	139.28	191-317-8	60.3	2348	21	70	335.4
Opponents	7	147.86	134-238-9	56.3	1944	22	76	277.7

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

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Ferguson, Jazz	7	41	731	17.8	9	70	104.4
Shorts, Quan	7	37	374	10.1	2	51	53.4
Watson, Jaylen	7	32	475	14.8	6	53	67.9
Chapman, Marqui	7	25	284	11.4	1	38	40.6
West, Jared	7	16	116	7.2	0	24	16.6
Bourque, Bryson	7	12	106	8.8	2	30	15.1
Gumms, Levar	6	7	115	16.4	1	24	19.2
Meggs, Kalen	7	7	52	7.4	0	13	7.4
Anderson, Stadf	7	7	45	6.4	0	22	6.4
Smith, DaVon	5	3	34	11.3	0	17	6.8
Price Jr., Kend	4	2	11	5.5	0	9	2.8
Baillif, Christ	4	1	3	3.0	0	3	0.8
Ward, Myles	7	1	2	2.0	0	2	0.3
Total	7	191	2348	12.3	21	70	335.4
Opponents	7	134	1944	14.5	22	76	277.7

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Pastorello, Par	42	1743	41.5	68	4	9	14	10	1
Team	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Bourgeois, Hayd	11	56	5.1	0	15
Total	11	56	5.1	0	15
Opponents	10	127	12.7	0	42

Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Ferguson, Jazz	9	-	-	-	1	-	-	56	
Watson, Jaylen	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	
Fendrick, Austy	-	4-7	23-24	-	-	-	-	35	
Bourque, Bryson	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	
Shorts, Quan	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	
Anderson, Stadf	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	
Gumms, Levar	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
West, Jared	1	-	-	0-1	-	-	-	6	
Chapman, Marqui	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Fletcher, Kaleb	1	-	-	-	-	1-2	-	6	
Stephenson, Bla	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Bourgeois, Hayd	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Total	27	4-7	23-24	0-1	1	1-2	-	199	
Opponents	34	5-8	30-31	1-1	2	2-2	-	257	

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Ward, Myles	19	467	24.6	0	58
Landry, Gavin	2	31	15.5	0	19
Reed, Ryan	2	32	16.0	0	21
McGee, Coby	2	51	25.5	0	26
Powell, Rashuad	1	2	2.0	0	2
West, Jared	1	14	14.0	0	14
Hester, Jordan	1	21	21.0	0	21
Total	28	618	22.1	0	58
Opponents	31	509	16.4	0	40

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Northwestern State	34	69	28	68	0	199
Opponents	63	82	66	46	0	257

All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Ferguson, Jazz	7	0	731	0	0	0	731	104.4
West, Jared	7	482	116	0	14	0	612	87.4
Watson, Jaylen	7	0	475	0	0	0	475	67.9
Ward, Myles	7	2	2	0	467	0	471	67.3
Shorts, Quan	7	-5	374	0	0	0	369	52.7
Total	7	626	2348	56	618	121	3769	538.4
Opponents	7	1384	1944	127	509	142	4106	586.6

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Eppler, Shelton	5	238	-29	1678	1649	329.8
Fletcher, Kaleb	3	105	72	461	533	177.7
West, Jared	7	107	482	0	482	68.9
Anderson, Stadf	7	42	171	0	171	24.4
Holgorsen, Clay	3	35	-32	143	111	37.0
Total	7	544	626	2348	2974	424.9



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Team Statistics	NSU	OPP
SCORING	199	257
Points Per Game	28.4	36.7
Points Off Turnovers	73	46
FIRST DOWNS	159	168
Rushing	42	72
Passing	103	81
Penalty	14	15
RUSHING YARDAGE	626	1384
Yards gained rushing	904	1535
Yards lost rushing	278	151
Rushing Attempts	227	296
Average Per Rush	2.8	4.7
Average Per Game	89.4	197.7
TDs Rushing	4	11
PASSING YARDAGE	2348	1944
Comp-Att-Int	191-317-8	134-238-9
Average Per Pass	7.4	8.2
Average Per Catch	12.3	14.5
Average Per Game	335.4	277.7
TDs Passing	21	22
TOTAL OFFENSE	2974	3328
Total Plays	544	534
Average Per Play	5.5	6.2
Average Per Game	424.9	475.4
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	28-618	31-509
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	11-56	10-127
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	9-121	8-142
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	22.1	16.4
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	5.1	12.7
INT RETURN AVERAGE	13.4	17.8
FUMBLES-LOST	16-5	15-10
PENALTIES-Yards	63-533	50-445
Average Per Game	76.1	63.6
PUNTS-Yards	43-1743	35-1344
Average Per Punt	40.5	38.4
Net punt average	35.7	36.2
KICKOFFS-Yards	38-1974	46-2709
Average Per Kick	51.9	58.9
Net kick average	37.9	38.9
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	30:21	29:38
3RD-DOWN Conversions	39/116	43/99
3rd-Down Pct	34%	43%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	12/20	4/7
4th-Down Pct	60%	57%
SACKS BY-Yards	15-67	21-132
MISC YARDS	0	-7
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	27	34
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	4-7	5-8
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-1	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(18-27) 67%	(24-28) 86%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(15-27) 56%	(20-28) 71%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(23-24) 96%	(30-31) 97%
ATTENDANCE	19278	24829
Games/Avg Per Game	3/6426	4/6207
Neutral Site Games		0/0

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Northwestern State	34	69	28	68	0	199
Opponents	63	82	66	46	0	257



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Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
West, Jared	7	107	510	28	482	4.5	1	40	68.9
Anderson, Stadf	7	42	189	18	171	4.1	2	17	24.4
Fletcher, Kaleb	3	26	101	29	72	2.8	1	20	24.0
Smith, Da'Von	5	7	13	3	10	1.4	0	7	2.0
Pastorello, Par	7	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	0.6
Ward, Myles	7	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	0.3
Shorts, Quan	7	1	0	5	-5	-5.0	0	0	-0.7
Eppler, Shelton	5	35	81	110	-29	-0.8	0	12	-5.8
Holgorsen, Clay	3	5	4	36	-32	-6.4	0	4	-10.7
Team	3	2	0	49	-49	-24.5	0	0	-16.3
Total	7	227	904	278	626	2.8	4	40	89.4
Opponents	7	296	1535	151	1384	4.7	11	68	197.7

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Eppler, Shelton	5	147.66	120-203-7	59.1	1678	16	70	335.6
Fletcher, Kaleb	3	127.75	49-79-0	62.0	461	4	53	153.7
Holgorsen, Clay	3	93.37	18-30-1	60.0	143	0	30	47.7
Sears, Kenny	1	256.88	4-5-0	80.0	66	1	51	66.0
Total	7	139.28	191-317-8	60.3	2348	21	70	335.4
Opponents	7	147.86	134-238-9	56.3	1944	22	76	277.7

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Ferguson, Jazz	7	41	731	17.8	9	70	104.4
Shorts, Quan	7	37	374	10.1	2	51	53.4
Watson, Jaylen	7	32	475	14.8	6	53	67.9
Chapman, Marqui	7	25	284	11.4	1	38	40.6
West, Jared	7	16	116	7.2	0	24	16.6
Bourque, Bryson	7	12	106	8.8	2	30	15.1
Gumms, Levar	6	7	115	16.4	1	24	19.2
Meggs, Kalen	7	7	52	7.4	0	13	7.4
Anderson, Stadf	7	7	45	6.4	0	22	6.4
Smith, Da'Von	5	3	34	11.3	0	17	6.8
Price Jr., Kend	4	2	11	5.5	0	9	2.8
Bailliff, Christ	4	1	3	3.0	0	3	0.8
Ward, Myles	7	1	2	2.0	0	2	0.3
Total	7	191	2348	12.3	21	70	335.4
Opponents	7	134	1944	14.5	22	76	277.7

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Bourgeois, Hayd	11	56	5.1	0	15
Total	11	56	5.1	0	15
Opponents	10	127	12.7	0	42

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Bourgeois, Hayd	3	69	23.0	1	55
Bartholomew, Sh	2	19	9.5	0	19
Forde, Nicholas	1	0	0.0	0	0
Reed, Ryan	1	0	0.0	0	0
Sonnier, Malik	1	24	24.0	0	24
Ratliff, Kevin	1	9	9.0	0	9
Total	9	121	13.4	1	55
Opponents	8	142	17.8	1	52

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Ward, Myles	19	467	24.6	0	58
McGee, Coby	2	51	25.5	0	26
Reed, Ryan	2	32	16.0	0	21
Landry, Gavin	2	31	15.5	0	19
Powell, Rashuad	1	2	2.0	0	2
West, Jared	1	14	14.0	0	14
Hester, Jordan	1	21	21.0	0	21
Total	28	618	22.1	0	58
Opponents	31	509	16.4	0	40

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Whitley, Quinda	1	8	8.0	0	8
Longino, Isaiah	1	3	3.0	0	3
Wilson, Dylan	0	5	0.0	0	5
Stephenson, Bla	0	0	0.0	1	0
Total	2	16	8.0	1	8
Opponents	1	10	10.0	0	10



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Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Ferguson, Jazz	9	-	-	-	1	-	-	56	
Watson, Jaylen	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	
Fendrick, Austy	-	4-7	23-24	-	-	-	-	35	
Shorts, Quan	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	
Anderson, Stadf	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	
Bourque, Bryson	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	
West, Jared	1	-	-	0-1	-	-	-	6	
Gumms, Levar	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Fletcher, Kaleb	1	-	-	-	-	1-2	-	6	
Stephenson, Bla	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Bourgeois, Hayd	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Chapman, Marqui	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Total	27	4-7	23-24	0-1	1	1-2	-	199	
Opponents	34	5-8	30-31	1-1	2	2-2	-	257	

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Eppler, Shelton	5	238	-29	1678	1649	329.8
Fletcher, Kaleb	3	105	72	461	533	177.7
West, Jared	7	107	482	0	482	68.9
Anderson, Stadf	7	42	171	0	171	24.4
Holgorsen, Clay	3	35	-32	143	111	37.0
Sears, Kenny	1	5	0	66	66	66.0
Smith, Da'Von	5	7	10	0	10	2.0
Pastorello, Par	7	1	4	0	4	0.6
Ward, Myles	7	1	2	0	2	0.3
Shorts, Quan	7	1	-5	0	-5	-0.7
Team	3	2	-49	0	-49	-16.3
Total	7	544	626	2348	2974	424.9
Opponents	7	534	1384	1944	3328	475.4

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

FG Sequence	Northwestern State	Opponents
Lamar University	-	-
Southeastern La.	(36),27	(24)
Nicholls	(28),40	48,30
Sam Houston State	-	(46)
Central Arkansas	(35)	(34),44
Houston Baptist	36,(38)	-
Abilene Christian	-	(23),(23)

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Pastorello, Par	42	1743	41.5	68	4	9	14	10	1
Team	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	43	1743	40.5	68	4	9	14	10	1
Opponents	35	1344	38.4	70	1	9	13	3	0

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Fendrick, Austy	38	1974	51.9	1	0			
Total	38	1974	51.9	1	0	16.4	37.9	27
Opponents	46	2709	58.9	12	4	22.1	38.9	26

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.



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All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Ferguson, Jazz	7	0	731	0	0	0	731	104.4
West, Jared	7	482	116	0	14	0	612	87.4
Watson, Jaylen	7	0	475	0	0	0	475	67.9
Ward, Myles	7	2	2	0	467	0	471	67.3
Shorts, Quan	7	-5	374	0	0	0	369	52.7
Chapman, Marq	7	0	284	0	0	0	284	40.6
Anderson, Stadf	7	171	45	0	0	0	216	30.9
Bourgeois, Hayd	7	0	0	56	0	69	125	17.9
Gumms, Levar	6	0	115	0	0	0	115	19.2
Bourque, Bryson	7	0	106	0	0	0	106	15.1
Fletcher, Kaleb	3	72	0	0	0	0	72	24.0
Meggs, Kalen	7	0	52	0	0	0	52	7.4
McGee, Coby	7	0	0	0	51	0	51	7.3
Smith, Da'Von	5	10	34	0	0	0	44	8.8
Reed, Ryan	7	0	0	0	32	0	32	4.6
Landry, Gavin	7	0	0	0	31	0	31	4.4
Sonnier, Malik	6	0	0	0	0	24	24	4.0
Hester, Jordan	1	0	0	0	21	0	21	21.0
Bartholomew, S	6	0	0	0	0	19	19	3.2
Price Jr., Kend	4	0	11	0	0	0	11	2.8
Ratliff, Kevin	5	0	0	0	0	9	9	1.8
Pastorello, Par	7	4	0	0	0	0	4	0.6
Bailliff, Christ	4	0	3	0	0	0	3	0.8
Powell, Rashuad	7	0	0	0	2	0	2	0.3
Eppler, Shelton	5	-29	0	0	0	0	-29	-5.8
Holgorsen, Clay	3	-32	0	0	0	0	-32	-10.7
Team	3	-49	0	0	0	0	-49	-16.3
Total	7	626	2348	56	618	121	3769	538.4
Opponents	7	1384	1944	127	509	142	4106	586.6



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##	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles				tfl/yds	Sacks no-yds	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot				int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
38	Whitley, Quinda	7	31	30	61	3.5-22	1.5-12	.	1	1	.	1-8	.	.	.
25	Bourgeois, Hayd	7	31	27	58	4.0-7	0.5-1	3-69	1	.	.	2-0	.	.	.
8D	Reed, Ryan	7	21	26	47	1.0-1	.	1-0	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
43	Stephenson, Bla	7	20	20	40	3.5-14	1.5-9	.	1	2	.	1-0	1	.	.
55	Jackson, O'Shea	7	14	22	36	7.0-17	2.0-10	.	.	2	.	.	1	1	.
94	Krolczyk, Zak	7	8	18	26	6.0-11	1.0-2	.	.	3	.	.	.	1	.
33	Longino, Isaiah	7	12	12	24	2.5-5	.	.	1	.	.	1-3	.	.	.
20	Sonnier, Malik	6	13	6	19	2.0-4	.	1-24	.	.	.	.	2	.	.
53	Borgeson, Brice	7	8	11	19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Iheoma, Obi	7	7	11	18	4.0-22	4.0-22	.	.	3	.	.	1	1	.
6D	Croney, Rashaun	7	11	6	17	1.0-1	.	.	4	1	.	.	.	.	.
23	Forde, Nicholas	5	10	6	16	.	.	1-0	1	.	.	1	.	.	.
99	Thompson, Damia	7	7	5	12	2.0-4	.	.	1	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
90	Sangster, Jalon	4	7	5	12	1.5-3	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18	Malbrough, Rona	7	7	5	12	.	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
3D	Bartholomew, Sh	6	7	4	11	1.0-1	1.0-1	2-19	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
2D	Littleton, D'Ro	6	7	3	10	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.
47	Powell, Rashuad	7	6	4	10	3.5-12	1.0-7	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
7D	Ratliff, Kevin	5	5	4	9	.	.	1-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
36	James, Corban	6	3	6	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39	Moore, Kyle	7	4	5	9	1.0-3	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
51	Nanai, Nathaloh	7	4	4	8	1.0-3	0.5-3	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
46	Miller, Darion	7	4	4	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1C	Valsin Jr., Jom	6	5	3	8	1.0-1	1.0-1	.	1	2	.	1-0	.	.	.
35	King, Landon	4	.	6	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Edwards, Ian	5	5	1	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7A	Sumlin, Khalil	4	1	5	6	1.0-2	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
84	Landry, Gavin	7	5	1	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	1	.	.
11	Johnson, Tevyn	6	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	Wilson, Dylan	1	2	2	4	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	0-5	1	.	.
16	McGee, Coby	7	4	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
1E	Hooper, William	5	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	Chapman, Marqui	7	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
29	Williams, Trey	6	2	1	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Bluiett, Christ	2	2	1	3	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
70	Hubbard, Jonath	6	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	Gray, Dez	5	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2B	Ficklin, Deshon	5	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Daigle, Braylon	1	.	2	2	0.5-4	0.5-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
78	McNeely, Joey	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
50	Schmidt, Korbin	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56	Sheldon, Kennet	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
60	Rapp, Tyler	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9P	Pastorello, Par	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM	Team	3	1	.	1	1.0-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
1	Ferguson, Jazz	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	Bourque, Bryson	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
6	Shorts, Quan	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Total	7	286	276	562	50-148	15-67	9-121	19	19	.	10-16	10	3	.
	Opponents	7	275	248	523	55-204	21-132	8-142	37	13	.	5-10	4	1	1



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TEAM STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
Sep 15	at Lamar University	26	88	1	40	27	474	6	70	27-48-0	474	6	70	4	57	0	15	1	0	0	0	562
Sep 29	at Southeastern La.	41	165	0	22	34	325	1	42	34-53-0	325	1	42	4	86	0	26	1	8	0	8	490
Oct 06	NICHOLLS	25	62	1	27	19	259	0	39	19-36-2	259	0	39	4	116	0	58	1	8	0	8	321
Oct 13	SAM HOUSTON STATE	32	81	0	29	27	351	3	44	27-47-2	351	3	44	2	44	0	29	3	10	0	5	432
Oct 20	at Central Arkansas	27	32	1	20	22	232	1	53	22-37-1	232	1	53	4	101	0	53	0	0	0	0	264
Oct 27	HOUSTON BAPTIST	43	165	0	20	34	319	4	51	34-49-0	319	4	51	3	84	0	32	3	10	0	11	484
Nov 03	at Abilene Christian	33	33	1	10	28	388	6	42	28-47-3	388	6	42	7	130	0	26	2	20	0	15	421
Opponents		227	626	4	40	191	2348	21	70	191-317-8	2348	21	70	28	618	0	58	11	56	0	15	2974
		296	1384	11	68	134	1944	22	76	134-238-9	1944	22	76	31	509	0	40	10	127	0	42	3328

Games: 7 • Avg/rush: 2.8 • Avg/catch: 12.3 • Pass effic: 139.28 • KR avg: 22.1 • PR avg: 5.1 • All purpose avg/game: 538.4 • Total offense avg/gm: 424.9

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd		PAT Attempts			off		
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds		ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts	
Sep 15	at Lamar University	35	66	101	9.5-36	2.0-22	1	1-0	1-0	0	3	1	7-7	0	0	0	7	49	
Sep 29	at Southeastern La.	43	22	65	5.5-23	2.0-15	2	2-3	1-9	3	1	0	2-2	0	0	0	7	17	
Oct 06	NICHOLLS	33	43	76	9.0-22	3.0-14	0	0-0	1-14	2	1	2	1-1	0	0	0	0	10	
Oct 13	SAM HOUSTON STATE	39	48	87	7.0-11	3.0-4	1	1-0	3-74	7	3	0	4-4	0	0	0	14	28	
Oct 20	at Central Arkansas	27	46	73	4.0-19	0.0-0	1	1-0	1-0	0	4	0	2-2	0	0	0	10	17	
Oct 27	HOUSTON BAPTIST	52	23	75	7.0-18	4.0-13	2	2-0	1-24	5	3	0	2-2	0	1	0	8	31	
Nov 03	at Abilene Christian	57	28	85	8.0-19	1.0-7	3	3-13	1-0	2	4	0	5-6	0	0	0	27	47	
Opponents		286	276	562	50.0-148	16.5-75	10	10-16	9-121	19	19	3	23-24	0	1	0	73	199	
		275	248	523	55.0-204	21.0-132	4	5-10	8-142	13	37	1	30-31	1	2	1	46	257	

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
Sep 15	at Lamar University	7	291	41.6	53	0	0	0	2	1	0-0	0	0	8	463	57.9	0	0	
Sep 29	at Southeastern La.	4	170	42.5	52	0	2	0	1	0	1-2	36	0	4	163	40.8	0	0	
Oct 06	NICHOLLS	5	191	38.2	55	0	0	1	1	2	1-2	28	0	3	181	60.3	1	0	
Oct 13	SAM HOUSTON STATE	7	343	49.0	68	0	0	0	3	3	0-0	0	0	6	324	54.0	0	0	
Oct 20	at Central Arkansas	9	346	38.4	49	0	1	4	0	5	1-1	35	0	3	161	53.7	0	0	
Oct 27	HOUSTON BAPTIST	4	147	36.8	41	0	0	4	0	2	1-2	38	0	6	352	58.7	0	0	
Nov 03	at Abilene Christian	7	255	36.4	55	1	1	0	3	1	0-0	0	0	8	330	41.2	0	0	
Opponents		43	1743	40.5	68	1	4	9	10	14	4-7	38	0	38	1974	51.9	1	0	
		35	1344	38.4	70	0	1	9	3	13	5-8	46	1	46	2709	58.9	12	4	



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OPPONENT STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
Sep 15	at Lamar University	51	230	3	21	15	263	4	45	15-31-1	263	4	45	8	146	0	33	2	39	0	42	493
Sep 29	at Southeastern La.	31	54	1	8	19	316	2	76	19-28-1	316	2	76	3	35	0	18	1	42	0	42	370
Oct 06	NICHOLLS	55	299	3	43	8	118	1	50	8-17-1	118	1	50	2	57	0	40	1	8	0	8	417
Oct 13	SAM HOUSTON STATE	40	189	1	28	24	374	4	56	24-49-3	374	4	56	6	105	0	27	2	18	0	21	563
Oct 20	at Central Arkansas	44	222	0	46	12	278	5	53	12-28-1	278	5	53	4	43	0	22	1	-8	0	0	500
Oct 27	HOUSTON BAPTIST	33	247	1	68	25	251	3	46	25-38-1	251	3	46	6	86	0	19	0	0	0	0	498
Nov 03	at Abilene Christian	42	143	2	25	31	344	3	52	31-47-1	344	3	52	2	37	0	27	3	28	0	14	487
Northwestern State		296	1384	11	68	134	1944	22	76	134-238-9	1944	22	76	31	509	0	40	10	127	0	42	3328
Northwestern State		227	626	4	40	191	2348	21	70	191-317-8	2348	21	70	28	618	0	58	11	56	0	15	2974

Games: 7 • Avg/rush: 4.7 • Avg/catch: 14.5 • Pass effic: 147.86 • KR avg: 16.4 • PR avg: 12.7 • All purpose avg/game: 586.6 • Total offense avg/gm: 475.4

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd		PAT Attempts			off			
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds		ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts		
Sep 15	at Lamar University	19	60	79	4.0-15	1.0-7	0	0-0	0-0	0	8	0	6-7	0	0	0	0	0	0	48
Sep 29	at Southeastern La.	58	30	88	11.0-40	5.0-32	2	2-0	0-0	1	4	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	0	24	
Oct 06	NICHOLLS	36	16	52	8.0-32	1.0-14	1	1-10	2-8	2	7	0	4-4	0	0	0	14	28		
Oct 13	SAM HOUSTON STATE	39	38	77	9.0-44	5.0-38	1	2-0	2-17	5	4	0	3-3	0	2	1	14	42		
Oct 20	at Central Arkansas	31	26	57	6.0-30	3.0-23	0	0-0	1-0	0	6	0	5-5	0	0	0	7	38		
Oct 27	HOUSTON BAPTIST	47	45	92	9.0-21	2.0-7	0	0-0	0-0	3	4	0	4-4	0	0	0	0	28		
Nov 03	at Abilene Christian	45	33	78	8.0-22	4.0-11	0	0-0	3-117	2	4	1	5-5	1	0	0	11	49		
Northwestern State		275	248	523	55.0-204	21.0-132	4	5-10	8-142	13	37	1	30-31	1	2	1	46	257		
Northwestern State		286	276	562	50.0-148	16.5-75	10	10-16	9-121	19	19	3	23-24	0	1	0	73	199		

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
Sep 15	at Lamar University	6	236	39.3	50	0	0	3	1	2	0-0	0	0	8	463	57.9	2	0	
Sep 29	at Southeastern La.	5	186	37.2	48	0	1	0	0	1	1-1	24	0	5	308	61.6	1	0	
Oct 06	NICHOLLS	4	158	39.5	70	0	0	0	1	1	0-2	0	1	5	312	62.4	1	0	
Oct 13	SAM HOUSTON STATE	6	251	41.8	52	0	0	1	1	4	1-1	46	0	7	453	64.7	5	0	
Oct 20	at Central Arkansas	4	150	37.5	46	0	0	2	0	1	1-2	34	0	7	421	60.1	2	1	
Oct 27	HOUSTON BAPTIST	5	177	35.4	40	0	0	2	0	2	0-0	0	0	5	305	61.0	1	1	
Nov 03	at Abilene Christian	5	186	37.2	48	0	0	1	0	2	2-2	23	0	9	447	49.7	0	2	
Northwestern State		35	1344	38.4	70	0	1	9	3	13	5-8	46	1	46	2709	58.9	12	4	
Northwestern State		43	1743	40.5	68	1	4	9	10	14	4-7	38	0	38	1974	51.9	1	0	



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INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	22	West, Jared at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
Yards Rushing	137	West, Jared at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
TD Rushes	1	West, Jared at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
	1	Anderson, Stadf vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
	1	Fletcher, Kaleb at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
	1	Anderson, Stadf at Abilene Christian (Nov 03, 2018)
Long Rush	40	West, Jared at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Pass attempts	48	Eppler, Shelton at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Pass completions	30	Fletcher, Kaleb vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Yards Passing	474	Eppler, Shelton at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
TD Passes	6	Eppler, Shelton at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
	6	Eppler, Shelton at Abilene Christian (Nov 03, 2018)
Long Pass	70	Eppler, Shelton at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Receptions	9	Ferguson, Jazz vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Yards Receiving	142	Ferguson, Jazz at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
TD Receptions	3	Ferguson, Jazz at Abilene Christian (Nov 03, 2018)
Long Reception	70	Ferguson, Jazz at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Field Goals	1	Fendrick, Austy at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
	1	Fendrick, Austy vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
	1	Fendrick, Austy at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
	1	Fendrick, Austy vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Long Field Goal	38	Fendrick, Austy vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Punts	9	Pastorello, Par at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
Punting Avg	49.0	Pastorello, Par vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Long Punt	68	Pastorello, Par vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Punts inside 20	5	Pastorello, Par at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
Long Punt Return	15	Bourgeois, Hayd at Abilene Christian (Nov 03, 2018)
Long Kickoff Return	58	Ward, Myles vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
Tackles	12	Whitley, Quinda at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Sacks	1.5	Iheoma, Obi at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Tackles For Loss	3.5	Powell, Rashuad at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
	3.5	Jackson, O'Shea vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
Interceptions	2	Bartholomew, Sh vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)



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TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	43	vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Yards Rushing	165	at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
Yards Per Rush	4.0	vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
TD Rushes	1	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
	1	vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
	1	at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
	1	at Abilene Christian (Nov 03, 2018)
Pass attempts	53	at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
Pass completions	34	at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
Yards Passing	474	vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Yards Per Pass	9.9	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
TD Passes	6	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
	6	at Abilene Christian (Nov 03, 2018)
Total Plays	94	at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
Total Offense	562	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Yards Per Play	7.6	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Points	49	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Sacks By	4	vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
First Downs	28	at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
Penalties	14	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Penalty Yards	106	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Turnovers	4	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Interceptions By	3	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Punts	9	at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
Punting Avg	49.0	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Long Punt	68	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Punts inside 20	5	at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
Long Punt Return	15	at Abilene Christian (Nov 03, 2018)



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OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	27	Colbert, Darrel, at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Yards Rushing	152	Jackson, Kyran, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
TD Rushes	3	Colbert, Darrel, at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Long Rush	68	Zappe, Bailey, vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Pass attempts	49	Brock, Ty, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Pass completions	31	Anthony, L., at Abilene Christian (Nov 03, 2018)
Yards Passing	374	Brock, Ty, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
TD Passes	5	Hales, Luke, at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
Long Pass	76	Virgil, C., at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
Receptions	8	Sterns, J., vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Yards Receiving	182	Mitchell, A., at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
TD Receptions	4	Davis, Davion, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Long Reception	76	Mitchell, A., at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
Field Goals	2	Hernandez, O., at Abilene Christian (Nov 03, 2018)
Long Field Goal	46	Honshtein, Tre, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Punts	6	Slaydon, Tyler, at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
	6	Hearn, Cameron, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Punting Avg	41.8	Hearn, Cameron, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Long Punt	70	Jones, Winston, vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
Punts inside 20	4	Hearn, Cameron, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Long Punt Return	42	Randle, Rodney, at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
	42	Mitchell, A., at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
Long Kickoff Return	40	Dullary, Joel, vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
Tackles	14	King, Alfred, vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
	14	Manning, Colton, vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Sacks	3.0	Roberson, Deric, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Tackles For Loss	3.5	Veron, Evan, vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
	3.5	Roberson, Deric, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Interceptions	1	Johnson, Kevin, vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
	1	Dickerson, Aust, vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
	1	Thomas, Jaylen, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
	1	McCollum, Zyon, vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
	1	Rochell, Robert, at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
	1	Washington, Q., at Abilene Christian (Nov 03, 2018)
	1	Davis, A., at Abilene Christian (Nov 03, 2018)
	1	Mack, J., at Abilene Christian (Nov 03, 2018)



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OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	55	vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
Yards Rushing	299	vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
Yards Per Rush	7.5	vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
TD Rushes	3	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
	3	vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
Pass attempts	49	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Pass completions	31	at Abilene Christian (Nov 03, 2018)
Yards Passing	374	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Yards Per Pass	11.3	at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
TD Passes	5	at Central Arkansas (Oct 20, 2018)
Total Plays	89	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
	89	at Abilene Christian (Nov 03, 2018)
Total Offense	563	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Yards Per Play	7.0	vs Houston Baptist (Oct 27, 2018)
Points	49	at Abilene Christian (Nov 03, 2018)
Sacks By	5	at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)
	5	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
First Downs	29	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Penalties	11	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Penalty Yards	99	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
Turnovers	4	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
	4	at Abilene Christian (Nov 03, 2018)
Interceptions By	3	at Abilene Christian (Nov 03, 2018)
Punts	6	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
	6	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Punting Avg	41.8	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Long Punt	70	vs Nicholls (Oct 06, 2018)
Punts inside 20	4	vs Sam Houston State (Oct 13, 2018)
Long Punt Return	42	at Lamar University (Sep 15, 2018)
	42	at Southeastern La. (Sep 29, 2018)