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HEAD COACH

A Texas Ex and former University of Texas graduate assistant with deep ties to the state of Texas, Tom Herman was named the 30th Head Football Coach at The University of Texas on Nov. 26, 2016. In his first season at Texas, Herman's Longhorns have gone 6-6, including a 5-4 mark in Big 12 Conference play, and will play in the program's first bowl game since 2014.

In his first season back on the 40 Acres, seven players were named All-Big 12 and 14 were named to the Academic All-Big 12 teams. Junior linebacker Malik Jefferson was named Big 12 Conference Co-Defensive Player of the Year, senior defensive lineman Poona Ford was named the Big 12 Conference's Defensive Lineman of the Year, and junior punter Michael Dickson was named Big 12 Conference Special Teams Player of the Year for the second straight season. Defensive back DeShon Elliott joined the trio of players of the year as a unanimous first team All-Big 12 selection.

Herman came to Texas after compiling a 22-4 record in two seasons at Houston, the fourth-best record in the FBS in that span. His first season as head coach at Texas will mark his 14th spent in the state of Texas out of 20 years coaching on the collegiate level. That includes his time as a graduate assistant at UT (1999-2000), where he earned a master's degree in education.

Following his first season at UH, Herman was named a finalist for the Eddie Robinson and Bear Bryant Coach of the Year Awards, while also being chosen as the Football Writers Association of America's First-Year Coach of the Year and the American Athletic Conference's Co-Coach of the Year.

Herman became just the fourth head coach in NCAA history with at least 13 wins in a rookie season, joining Chris Petersen (Boise State - 2006), George Woodruff (Penn - 1892) and Walter Camp (Yale - 1888), and just the fifth head coach in NCAA history to win the first 10 games of his career, joining Petersen, Larry Coker (Miami - 2001), Woodruff and Camp in accomplishing the feat.

He led the Cougars to their first New Year's Bowl in 30 years, its second 13-win season in program history and its 11th conference championship in program history by claiming the inaugural AAC Championship. He led all FBS coaches in their first year with a program with 13 wins as Houston finished third nationally with a 92.9 winning percentage at 13-1.

With a 38-24 win over No. 9 Florida State in the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl, Herman joined College Football Hall of Famer Bill Yeoman as just the second coach in Houston history with a win in one of the New Year's Six bowls and the second with a bowl victory over a top-10 opponent. Houston ended the 2015 season ranked No. 8 in the Associated Press and USA Today Coaches polls, its highest finish since ranking No. 5 in 1979, and just the sixth time in program history to finish in the top 10.

Houston was one of just two schools nationally to play at least four ranked opponents in 2015 and remain undefeated in those contests, while it was one of eight teams nationally with at least four wins against ranked opponents. Three of those wins came by double-digits, the fourth-best total in the nation.

Under Herman's leadership, Houston was third nationally with seven wins of 21 points or more and had 10 wins by double-digits.

Houston's lone loss, a 20-17 decision at UConn, came without starting quarterback Greg Ward Jr., and most of the game without defensive leader Elandon Roberts, who led the nation with 88 solo tackles.

Ranking 10th in scoring offense (40.4 points per game) and 21st in scoring defense (20.7 points per game), Houston was the only program in the nation to rank in the top 10 in scoring offense and the top 25 in scoring defense. UH ranked fifth nationally with an average margin of victory of 19.7 points per game. The Cougars ranked eighth nationally in rushing defense, allowing just 108.9 yards per game, while ranking 13th in rushing offense with an average of 235.8 yards per game. Houston was the only team in the nation to rank in the top 13 in both categories.

In Herman's first semester at Houston, the UH Football program set the mark for most hours passed per student-athlete in a spring semester with an average of 13.5 hours per student-athlete. The team recorded its highest semester GPA in the last four years, and third-highest spring semester GPA in program history, to bolster its cumulative GPA to the second-highest mark in program history.

In 2016, Herman guided his program to a 9-3 record, including wins over No. 3 Oklahoma and No. 3 Louisville. Houston became the first program nationally to defeat two top-five teams. Herman's Cougars join Alabama as the only two teams in the nation with double-digit wins over two top-10 teams this season.

Houston ranked as one of the most efficient and disciplined teams in the country under Herman, as their offense ranked 34th and the defense 15th when he was hired by the Longhorns.

In the regular season, Houston's offense ranked 15th in third down conversions, sixth in completion percentage, ninth in first downs and 21st in scoring offense in 2016. Ward, Jr. led the Cougars offense, as he was named a semifinalist for both the Davey O'Brien Award and The Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award. He finished the regular season with 3,328 passing yards and 518 rushing yards. He was 294-of-435 (67.6%) passing, ranking in the top-12 nationally in completion percentage, completions per game and passing yards. He had 31 total touchdowns in 12 games. For his career, Ward is fifth in Houston history with 8,202 passing yards, 52 touchdown passes and 699 completions.

Defensively, Houston featured the nation's third-ranked rush defense in addition to the nation's 15th-best defense in total yards allowed. The Cougars were third nationally with five defensive touchdowns on the season and allowed just 22.6 points per game in 12 regular season contests. They also ranked as one of the nation's best in bringing pressure, ranking in the top-20 in sacks (13th) and tackles for loss (19th). Freshman DT Ed Oliver, an All-American, was sixth nationally with 19.5 tackles for loss. He added seven quarterback hurries and led all defensive linemen nationally with his nine pass breakups. LB Steven Taylor, the Cougars leading tackler, ranked 26th nationally with 8.5 sacks. As a team, Houston finished the regular season with 90 tackles for loss and 37 sacks.

Prior to his arrival at Houston, Herman helped develop record-setting and explosive offenses in each of his 10 seasons as an offensive coordinator, including three seasons as offensive

THE HERMAN FILE

Hometown _____ Simi Valley, Calif.
 College _____ Cal Lutheran (1997), Texas (2000)
 Wife _____ Michelle
 Children _____ Priya, TD, Maverick

HERMAN YEAR-BY-YEAR

Year	School	Record	Postseason
2017	Texas	6-6	Texas Bowl
2016	Houston	9-3	Las Vegas Bowl
2015	Houston	13-1	Peach Bowl
2014	Ohio State (OC/QBs)		CFP National Champions
2013	Ohio State (OC/QBs)		Orange Bowl
2012	Ohio State (OC/QBs)		
2011	Iowa State (OC/QBs)		Pinstripe Bowl
2010	Iowa State (OC/QBs)		
2009	Iowa State (OC/QBs)		Insight Bowl
2008	Rice (OC/QBs)		Texas Bowl
2007	Rice (OC/QBs)		
2006	Texas State (OC/QBs)		
2005	Texas State (OC/QBs)		FCS Semifinals
2004	Sam Houston State (ST/WRs)		FCS Semifinals
2003	Sam Houston State (ST/WRs)		
2002	Sam Houston State (ST/WRs)		
2001	Sam Houston State (ST/WRs)		FCS Quarterfinals
2000	Texas (Offensive GA)		Holiday
1999	Texas (Offensive GA)		Orange
1998	Texas Lutheran (WRs)		

CAREER RECORD (2 seasons) _____ **28-10 (.739)**
BOWL RECORD _____ **1-0 (1.000)**

coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Ohio State where he won the 2014 Broyles Award as the nation's top assistant coach. He helped the Buckeyes win the 2015 College Football Championship (following the 2014 season) with third-string quarterback Cardale Jones under center in wins over Alabama and Oregon, and a Big Ten Championship win over Wisconsin.

Herman's 2014 Ohio State offense finished the season ranked fifth in scoring offense at 44.8 points per game and ninth in total offense at 511.6 yards per game despite losing Heisman Trophy candidate quarterback Braxton Miller prior to the season. With freshman J.T. Barrett taking over the reins, Herman molded the quarterback into a formidable leader who finished fifth in the Heisman Trophy voting and was named a FWAA Freshman All-American.

The Buckeyes claimed the 2014 Big Ten Championship with a 59-0 win over Wisconsin as Herman's offense rolled to 558 total yards with Jones under center after an injury to Barrett in the regular-season finale.

The offense continued to roll in Ohio State's 42-35 College Football Playoff semifinal win over Alabama. Facing a defense that entered the game ranked fourth nationally in scoring defense at 16.6 points per game, Herman's offense exploded for 42 points and 537 total yards. The balanced attack yielded 256 passing yards and 281 rushing yards.

In the championship game against Oregon, Herman's offense piled up 538 total yards with 242 through the air and 296 on the ground in a 42-20 win. The 42 points marked the most scored on Oregon during the 2014 season.

Herman's quarterbacks in 2014 ranked second nationally with a team passing efficiency rating of 167.72, while Barrett was second nationally with a rating of 169.8 and sixth nationally with an Ohio State record 34 passing touchdowns while also adding 11 touchdowns on the ground for a Big Ten record of 45 touchdowns responsible for. The Buckeyes' offense was sixth nationally with an





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average of 6.98 yards per play and second nationally with 46 plays of 30 yards or longer and 17 plays of 50 yards or longer.

Barrett, the Big Ten's 2014 Griese-Brees Quarterback of the Year, was one of four offensive players to receive All-Big Ten honors in 2014 and was the third offensive player to receive a major Big Ten award under Herman's leadership as Carlos Hyde was named the 2013 Ameche-Dayne Running Back of the Year and Miller was named the Graham-George Offensive Player of the Year and the Griese-Brees Quarterback of the Year in both 2012 and 2013.

After leading the Big Ten in scoring in 2012 at 37.2 points per game and ranking 10th nationally in rushing at nearly 250 yards per game, Ohio State's offense under Herman went to a new level in 2013 by ranking third nationally in scoring with 45.5 points per game and fifth in rushing with 308.6 yards per game.

The Buckeyes were successful through the air as well. Among the 12 single season records to fall in 2013 were most touchdown passes (38) with top-five school totals in passing yards (2,846), attempts (368) and completions (238). Additional records were set in rushing yards in a season (4,321 yards, which also is a Big Ten Conference record), most total touchdowns (82) and most total offensive yards (7,167), yards per play (7.1) and yards per game (511.9).

Miller finished fifth and ninth in the Heisman Trophy voting in 2012 and 2013, respectively. Additionally, he set the school record for total offense and was a finalist for the Davey O'Brien and Manning Awards in 2012 and in 2013 he led the Big Ten in passing efficiency.

Herman, who was named the 2013 Rivals.com Big Ten Recruiter of the Year and national Top 25 recruiter, arrived in Columbus after spending three years as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Iowa State.

During his time at Iowa State from 2009-11, Herman's well-balanced offense was very evident as Iowa State quarterback Austen Arnaud ended his career as the Cyclones' No. 2 all-time leading passer with 6,777 yards and 42 touchdown passes, while running back Alexander Robinson finished his Iowa State career as the Cyclones' fourth all-time leading rusher with 3,309 yards.

Herman spent 2007 and 2008 as offensive coordinator at Rice before heading to Iowa State. During his two seasons with the Owls, his offenses broke over 40 school records and, in his second season, the Owls won 10 games and went to a bowl for the first time since 1954.

Rice ranked in the Top 10 nationally in 2008 in passing offense (fifth; 327.8), scoring offense (t-eighth; 41.6) and total offense (10th; 472.3). Two Rice receivers had more than 1,300 yards receiving that year. Tight end James Casey had 111 catches and quarterback Chase Clement was named Conference USA MVP.

Rice's spread attack completed nearly two-thirds (65.6%) of its passes, and its touchdown-to-interception ratio of 48-to-7 was an NCAA FBS best. The quick-strike Owls had 30 scoring drives of five plays or less in 2008 and 31 scoring marches of less than two minutes.

Prior to Rice, Herman directed offensive attacks for two years (2005-06) at Texas State, where Bobcat squads led the Southland Conference in total offense. The 2005 Texas State club was eighth nationally in scoring and made a run to the FCS semifinals in the school's first appearance in the Division 1-AA playoffs. Herman also worked four years (2001-04) as an assistant coach at Sam Houston State as special teams coordinator and wide receivers coach, helping them to a pair of conference titles and trips to the FCS semifinals and quarterfinals.

The job with SHSU was his first after his time as a graduate assistant at Texas, where he assisted with the offensive line on the Longhorns' Cotton and Holiday Bowl teams. He received his coaching start in 1998 as a wide receivers coach at Texas Lutheran.

Herman was born in Cincinnati and still has family there. He was raised in Simi Valley, Calif., and he played collegiately as an all-conference wide receiver at California Lutheran, graduating in 1997 with a degree in business administration. He received a master's in education from the University of Texas in 2000.

Herman and his wife, Michelle, have a daughter, Priya, and two sons, TD and Maverick.



HERMAN'S PROMINENT PUPILS

TEXAS	Honors	NFL
Michael Dickson	Ray Guy Award winner '17 Unanimous All-American Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Year All-Big 12 '17 Big 12 Football Scholar-Athlete of the Year	
DeShon Elliott	Unanimous All-American All-Big 12 '17 Jim Thorpe Award finalist	
Poona Ford	Big 12 Defensive Lineman of the Year '17 All-Big 12 '17	
Malik Jefferson	Big 12 Co-Defensive Player of the Year '17 All-Big 12 '17	
HOUSTON	Honors	NFL
Ed Oliver	All-America '16 Fr. All-America '16 AAC Rookie of the Year '16 All-AAC '16 Bill Willis Award '16	
Howard Wilson	All-AAC '16	Browns
Brandon Wilson	All-AAC '16	Bengals
Tyus Bowser	All-AAC '16	Ravens
Garrett Davis	All-AAC '16	
Demarcus Ayers	All-AAC '15	Steelers
Alex Cooper	All-AAC '15	Bengals
Kenneth Farrow	All-AAC '15	Chargers
William Jackson III	All-AAC '15	Bengals
Adrian McDonald	All-AAC '15	Chargers
Will Noble	Fr. All-America '15 All-AAC '15	
Elandon Roberts	All-AAC '15	Patriots
B.J. Singleton	All-AAC '15	
Trevon Stewart	All-AAC '15	
Steven Taylor	All-AAC '15, '16	
Greg Ward Jr.	All-AAC '15, '16 Earl Campbell Award '15	
OHIO STATE	Honors	NFL
J.T. Barrett	All-America '14 Fr. All-America '14 CFPA National Freshman of the Year '14 Big Ten QB & Freshman of the Year '14 All-Big Ten '14 Academic All-America '14	
Jacoby Boren		Panthers
Philly Brown		Lions
Taylor Decker		Cowboys
Ezekiel Elliott	NFL Off. Rookie of the Year '16	
Pat Elflein	All-Big Ten '14	
Reid Fragel		Vikings
Jeff Heurman		Broncos
Carlos Hyde	All-American '13 Big Ten RB of the Year '13 All-Big Ten '12, '13	49ers
Cardale Jones		Bills
Corey Linsley	All-Big Ten '13	Packers
Jalin Marshall	Fr. All-American '13 Fr. All-Big Ten '13	Jets
Jack Mewhort	All-America '13 All-Big Ten '13	Colts
Braxton Miller	Big Ten MVP '12, '13 Big Ten Offensive POTY '12, '13 Big Ten QB of the Year '12, '13 All-Big Ten '12, '13	Texans
Andrew Norwell	All-Big Ten '12, '13	Panthers
Billy Price	Fr. All-America '14 Fr. All-Big Ten '14	
Curtis Samuel	Fr. All-Big Ten '14	
Devin Smith		Jets
Rod Smith		Cowboys
Evan Spencer		Bucs
Jake Stoneburner		Saints
Michael Thomas		Saints
Nick Vannett		Seahawks
IOWA STATE	Honors	NFL
Collin Franklin	All-Big 12 '10	Bucs
Aaron Horne	B12 Off. Newcomer '11	
Josh Lenz		Texans
Kelechi Osemele	All-America '11 All-Big 12 '11	Raiders
RICE	Honors	NFL
David Berken	All-CUSA '08	
James Casey	All-CUSA '08	Texans
Academic All-America '08	Fr. All-America '07	
Chase Clement	CUSA MVP '08 All-CUSA '07, '08	Giants
Jarett Dillard	All-America '08 All-CUSA '07, '08	
Robbie Hoos	All-CUSA '07	
TEXAS STATE	Honors	NFL
Barrick Nealy	All-America '05	
Thomas Keresztury	All-America '05	
SAM HOUSTON ST.	Honors	NFL
Johnathan Cooper	All-America '01	
Jarrod Fuller	All-America '04	
Lance Garner	All-America '04	
Jason Mathenia	All-America '04	



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OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/QUARTERBACKS

Tim Beck, a former Texas high school coach and coordinator at Ohio State and Nebraska, is in his first season as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Texas in 2017.

A former high school head coach at R.L. Turner in Carrollton (1999-2001) and Mansfield Summit in Arlington (2002-04), Beck has a 30-year coaching resume that includes 19 seasons in the collegiate ranks and another 11 seasons in high school coaching. He returned to the state of Texas after spending the two previous seasons as Ohio State's co-offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

Texas' youth has shined on the offensive side of the ball in 2017, as the last two recruiting classes (sophomores, redshirt and true freshmen) have combined to make 62 starts on the offensive side of the ball. At quarterback, sophomore Shane Buechele and true freshman Sam Ehlinger have each started six games, combining for 3,153 passing yards and 16 touchdowns. Ehlinger enters the Texas Bowl leading the team in both passing and rushing yards, looking to become the first Longhorn since Colt McCoy in 2008 to do so.

Behind Ehlinger are two true freshman running backs in Daniel Young and Toneil Carter. That duo has combined to rush for 577 yards and six touchdowns in 2017. At receiver, sophomores Collin Johnson (51 for 725, 2 TD) and Lil'Jordan Humphrey (37 for 431, 1 TD) lead the way. Due to injuries to multiple offensive linemen and tight ends, Texas has had to use seven different starting offensive line combinations. True freshman Derek Kerstetter started the final nine games of the season at right tackle.

With Beck, Ohio State featured one of the top offenses in the nation in 2016 en route to an 11-2 record and an appearance in the College Football Playoff. They ranked 14th in the FBS in scoring offense with an average of 39.4 points per game. The rushing attack ranked 12th nationally at 245.2 yards per game, which led the Big Ten, while the team's completion percentage (62.3%) also led the conference.

For the season, QB J.T. Barrett posted 3,400 total yards (2,555 passing/845 rushing) and accounted for 33 touchdowns (24 passing/nine rushing). He was one of two players to share the 2016 Chicago Tribune Silver Football Award, which is voted on by the conference head coaches and awarded to the Big Ten MVP, and he was also named the conference quarterback of the year.

In 2015, Ohio State's offense featured a ground game that ranked 11th in the nation, matching the 2016 team with a 245.2 yards per game average. Much like 2016, the Buckeyes also ranked in the top 30 in the country in completion percentage at 62.8 percent (29th), while their 35.7 scoring average ranked 28th.

Beck coached two starting quarterbacks in 2015 in Cardale Jones and Barrett, and Ohio State ranked second in the Big Ten in passing efficiency with a 140.0 rating. The duo helped Ohio State to the fifth-highest totals in school history in points scored (464) and touchdowns (62). Jones went on to be a fourth-round pick by the Buffalo Bills in the 2016 NFL Draft. The offense also featured All-America running back Ezekiel Elliott, who was named Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year and MVP. Ohio State finished the season with a 12-1 record, capped by a Fiesta Bowl win over Notre Dame.

Beck went to Ohio State following a seven-year stint at Nebraska, four as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach (2011-14), and three as running backs coach (2008-10). He was named a nominee for the Broyles Award as the nation's top assistant coach in both 2012 and 2013.

Between 2011-14, Beck's Nebraska offenses ranked among the best in the Big Ten Conference and his passing attack amassed more than 10,000 yards during that time with 86 touchdowns. In his four seasons as coordinator, the Huskers averaged 33.5 points per game. The Huskers broke more than 50 individual records including career marks for passing

yards, completions, passing touchdowns, yards from scrimmage and total offense.

Nebraska never won fewer than nine games during Beck's seven seasons on staff, and the team advanced to the 2012 Big Ten and 2010 Big 12 championship games, along with seven bowl games.

In 2012, Nebraska totaled 2,500 rushing and passing yards in the same season for the first time in school history. The Huskers accomplished the feat again in both 2013 and 2014, despite using three starting quarterbacks during the 2013 season.

On the ground, Nebraska ranked in the top 20 nationally in rushing every season with Beck as coordinator. Five Huskers posted a 1,000-yard rushing season in his four seasons calling plays, including second-team All-American and Doak Walker Award finalist Ameer Abdullah, who ranked 12th nationally with 1,611 rushing yards in 2014. Abdullah, a semifinalist for the Doak Walker Award and first-team All-Big Ten honoree in 2013, rushed for a conference-best 1,690 yards that year, the highest total by a Husker since 1997. He went on to become a second-round pick by the Detroit Lions in the 2015 NFL Draft.

Through the air, two of Nebraska's top six passing seasons in school history came under Beck's direction. Quarterbacks excelled under Beck with Taylor Martinez enjoying an outstanding career where he set more than 40 school records. He was the league coaches' choice as the All-Big Ten Conference quarterback following the 2012 regular season.

In 2011, All-Big Ten back Rex Burkhead tied a school record by scoring a touchdown in 10 consecutive games to open the season. His 17 touchdowns were seventh in NU history and the most by a Husker since Heisman Trophy winner Eric Crouch scored 19 touchdowns in 2001. Burkhead finished with 1,357 rushing yards, the seventh-most in school history and the most by a Husker 1-back since 1997.

As running backs coach in 2010, the Huskers ranked seventh nationally with an average of 5.47 yards per carry. Nebraska also posted its first 2,500-yard rushing season since 2003 and scored 30 rushing touchdowns for the first time since 2001.

Two-time All-Big 12 selection Roy Helu Jr. ran for a career-high 1,245 yards, the second-highest total by a senior running back in NU history, before being selected in the fourth round of the 2011 NFL Draft. Helu Jr. became the first Husker to post back-to-back 1,000-yard rushing seasons since Calvin Jones in 1992 and 1993.

In 2009, Nebraska outrushed 11 of 14 opponents. Helu Jr. rushed for 1,147 yards, and ranked fourth in the Big 12 to earn second-team All-Big 12 honors. In his first year, NU ranked third in the league in rushing (182.5 ypg).

Prior to Nebraska, Beck was at Kansas where he was the Jayhawks' receivers coach in each of his three seasons (2005-07). He was promoted to passing game coordinator in 2007. Kansas finished second nationally in scoring offense in 2007 (42.8 ppg), eighth in total offense (479.8 ypg) and 17th in passing (291.0 ypg) and went 12-1 with a 24-21 victory over Virginia Tech in the FedEx Orange Bowl and a final national ranking of No. 7. WR Marcus Henry led the team in receiving yards with 1,014 and was named second-team All-Big 12.

An Ohio native, Beck played one year of football at Central Florida (1985) and he graduated from there in 1988 with a degree in liberal studies. He also has a master's in counseling and guidance from Kansas State University (1992). Beck and his wife, Tamara, have two children – a son, Jordan, and a daughter, Haylie Marie.

THE BECK FILE

Hometown _____ Youngstown, Ohio
 College _____ Central Florida (1988), Kansas State (1992)
 Wife _____ Tamara
 Children _____ Jordan, Haylie Marie

BECK'S COACHING ASSIGNMENTS

Years	School	Position
2017	Texas	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
2015-16	Ohio State	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
2011-14	Nebraska	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
2008-10	Nebraska	Running Backs
2007	Kansas	Passing Game Coordinator/Wide Receivers
2005-06	Kansas	Wide Receivers
2002-04	Mansfield Summit HS (Texas)	Head Coach
1999-01	R.L. Turner HS (Texas)	Head Coach
1996-98	Missouri State	Offensive Coordinator
1993-95	Seguin HS (Ariz.)	Head Coach
1991-92	Kansas State	Graduate Assistant
1990	Illinois State	Outside Linebackers/Punters
1988-89	Miramar HS (Fla.)	Assistant Coach

BECK'S POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE

Year	School	Postseason
2017	Texas	Texas Bowl
2016	Ohio State	CFP Semifinals/Fiesta Bowl
2016	Ohio State	Fiesta Bowl
2014	Nebraska	Holiday Bowl
2014	Nebraska	Gator Bowl
2013	Nebraska	Capital One Bowl
2012	Nebraska	Capital One Bowl
2010	Nebraska	Holiday Bowl
2009	Nebraska	Holiday Bowl
2009	Nebraska	Gator Bowl
2008	Kansas	Orange Bowl
2005	Kansas	Fort Worth Bowl

BECK'S PROMINENT PUPILS

OHIO STATE	Honors	NFL
J.T. Barrett	Big Ten QB of the Year '16	
Mike Weber	Big Ten Rookie of the Year '16	
Curtis Samuel	All-America '16 Fr. All-America '16	Panthers
Noah Brown		Cowboys
Cardale Jones		Bills
Ezekiel Elliott	NFL Off. Rookie of the Year '16 Big Ten MVP '15	Cowboys
	Pro Bowl '17	
Michael Thomas	NFL All-Rookie Team '16	Saints
Braxton Miller		Texans
Jalin Marshall		Jets
NEBRASKA	Honors	NFL
Ameer Abdullah	All-Big Ten '13 All-America '14	Lions
Taylor Martinez	All-Big Ten '12 Big Ten QB of the Year '12	
Rex Burkhead	All-Big Ten '11	Patriots
Kenny Bell	All-Big Ten '14	
Roy Helu Jr.	All-Big Ten '09, '10	
Spencer Long	All-Big Ten '12	Redskins
Quincy Enunwa		Jets
Andy Janovich		Broncos
Alex Lewis		Ravens
Givens Price		Cardinals
Jeremiah Sirtles		Vikings
Brent Qvale		Jets
Marcel Jones		Saints
KANSAS	Honors	NFL
Marcus Henry	All-Big 12 '07	Jets





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STAN DRAYTON



**ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
RUN GAME COORDINATOR/RUNNING BACKS**

Stan Drayton, who has had both collegiate national championship and NFL experience during his 25-year career, is in his first season as associate head coach and run game coordinator at Texas. Drayton will be responsible for coaching the running backs unit.

Drayton has led a young room of running backs during the 2017 season, as the Longhorns top two running backs entering the 2017 Texas Bowl are true freshmen in Daniel Young and Toneil Carter. Young started the final four games of the season, and has rushed for 325 yards and three scores. He also has caught 10 passes for 89 yards. Carter started two games this season and has rushed for 252 yards and three touchdowns. He has caught six passes for 31 yards and a score.

Drayton previously worked on the same staff as Herman for three seasons at Ohio State from 2012-14 and has been part of national championships at both Florida and Ohio State as running backs coach under Urban Meyer. He spent the last two years (2015-16) with the Chicago Bears where he tutored a rookie to a successful season in both of those years.

In 2016 under Drayton, Jordan Howard, a fifth-round pick out of Indiana, set the Bears single-season rookie rushing record with 1,313 yards, breaking the previous mark held by Matt Forte despite only having 12 carries in the team's first three games. It was also the second-best rushing total of any player in the NFL regular season, trailing only Ezekiel Elliott (1,631), who was coached by Drayton at Ohio State. Another of Drayton's Buckeye protégés, Carlos Hyde finished 14th in the league with 988 rushing yards. After working with Drayton, Elliott went on to be the fourth overall pick of the 2016 NFL Draft by the Dallas Cowboys, while Hyde was a second-round selection by the San Francisco 49ers in 2014.

In 2015, the Bears rushing offense was 11th in the NFL averaging 115.9 yards per game, a 16-spot improvement from their ranking of 27th (90.1 ypg) a year prior to his arrival. Drayton helped running back Jeremy Langford, a fourth-round draft pick, finish fifth among all NFL rookies with seven touchdowns and ninth among rookies with 816 yards from scrimmage. Langford joined Pro Football Hall of Famers Walter Payton and Gale Sayers as the only Bears rookies since at least 1960 with a rushing touchdown in four-straight contests and, along with Payton and Sayers, the only rookies in franchise history to have 100 receiving yards, one rushing touchdown and one receiving touchdown in a single game.

Drayton spent the previous four seasons (2011-14) at Ohio State, including the last two as assistant head coach on offense and running backs coach. He worked three years with the Buckeye running backs after working with the wide receivers in 2011. In 2014, Drayton helped the Buckeyes win the National Championship as Elliott, who was a sophomore, finished third in the nation and second in single-season school history with 1,878 rushing yards.

Under Drayton's guidance, Elliott capped the 2014 season with three-straight 200-yard rushing games (tied for the most in single-season school history with Eddie George, 1995). Drayton's work with Elliott helped him to be named College Football Playoff National Championship Offensive MVP with 246 rushing yards (tied for third most in single-game school history) and four touchdowns on 36 carries against Oregon. Elliott was also named Offensive MVP of the Sugar Bowl (230 rushing yards and two touchdowns on 20 carries) versus Alabama.

In 2013, Drayton helped senior running back Carlos Hyde finish eighth in the nation with an average of 126.8 rushing yards per game (1,521 yards and 15 touchdowns on 208 carries in 12 contests). Hyde was named the Big Ten's Ameche-Dayne Running Back of the Year as his 1,521 rushing yards were eighth most in school history and his 7.3 yards per carry was the highest in single-season average in school history. Hyde's 246 yards at Illinois that season are tied for third most in single-game school history.

In his first season as Ohio State's running backs coach in 2012, Drayton guided the Buckeyes running backs to 1,536 yards, 21 touchdowns and an average of 5.44 yards per carry during the team's 12-0 campaign. He came to Ohio State in 2011 as the team's wide receivers coach.

Prior to his time at Ohio State, Drayton spent the 2010 season as the running backs coach and recruiting coordinator at the University of Florida, his second stint at the school after serving as the Gators running backs coach from 2005-07. In 2006, Florida won the BCS National Championship as the Gators averaged 160 rushing yards per game. That season, running backs DeShawn Wynn and Kestahn Moore combined for 981 yards and an average of 5.0 yards per carry while losing only two fumbles. Wynn scored his 25th career rushing touchdown, which was the second-most in school history, against Ohio State in the title game. He went on to become a seventh-round draft pick by the Green Bay Packers in 2007.

During his coaching career, Drayton has also served as running backs coach at Syracuse (2009), Tennessee (2008), Mississippi State (2004), Bowling Green (2000, also serving as special teams coach), Villanova (1996-00), Pennsylvania (1995, assistant running backs/director of football operations) and his alma mater Allegheny (Pa.) College (1993). He has also served as a graduate assistant at Eastern Michigan (1994) and offensive quality control coach/special teams of the Green Bay Packers (2001-03).

At Mississippi State, Drayton helped guide Jerious Norwood to a 1,000-yard rushing season in 2004 before he went on to be chosen in the third round of the 2006 draft by the Atlanta Falcons. Another prominent pupil was Villanova two-time All-American Brian Westbrook, who became the first collegiate player on any level to record more than 1,000 yards both rushing and receiving in the same season. He was the winner of the 2001 Walter Payton Award as the Offensive Player of the Year in NCAA Division I-AA and was a third-round pick by the Philadelphia Eagles in the 2002 draft.

A three-time first-team All-America selection as a running back at Allegheny, Drayton is second in the school's record book for rushing (3,272 yards), rushing touchdowns (54) and scoring (336 points) and was a part of the 1990 Division III national championship team. He was also a two-time All-American in track, competing in the 100 and 200 meter dashes. A 1993 graduate with a bachelor's degree in English, Drayton was inducted into the Allegheny College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2005.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, he and his wife Monique, have two daughters, Amari and Anaya.

THE DRAYTON FILE

Hometown _____ Cleveland, Ohio
College _____ Allegheny (1993)
Wife _____ Monique
Children _____ Amari, Anaya

DRAYTON'S COACHING ASSIGNMENTS

Years	School	Position
2017	Texas	Assoc. Head Coach/Run Game/RBs
2015-16	Chicago Bears	Running Backs
2012-14	Ohio State	Running Backs
2011	Ohio State	Wide Receivers
2010	Florida	Recruiting Coordinator/Running Backs
2009	Syracuse	Running Backs
2008	Tennessee	Running Backs
2005-07	Florida	Running Backs
2004	Mississippi State	Running Backs
2001-03	Green Bay Packers	Off. Quality Control/Special Teams
2000 (Spring)	Bowling Green	Special Teams Coordinator/RBs
1996-00	Villanova	Running Backs
1995	Pennsylvania	Running Backs
1994	Eastern Michigan	Graduate Assistant

DRAYTON'S POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE

Year	School	Postseason
2017	Texas	Texas Bowl
2015	Ohio State	CFP National Champions
2015	Ohio State	CFP Semifinals/Sugar Bowl
2014	Ohio State	Orange Bowl
2012	Ohio State	Gator Bowl
2011	Florida	Outback Bowl
2008	Florida	Capital One Bowl
2007	Florida	BCS National Champions
2006	Florida	Outback Bowl
2004	Green Bay Packers	NFC Divisional Round
2003	Green Bay Packers	NFC Wild Card Round
2002	Green Bay Packers	NFC Divisional Round
1997	Villanova	Division 1-AA Quarterfinals
1996	Villanova	Division 1-AA First Round

DRAYTON'S PROMINENT PUPILS

BEARS	Honors	NFL
Jordan Howard	Pro Bowl '17	Bears
OHIO STATE	Honors	NFL
Ezekiel Elliott	NFL Off. Rookie of the Year '16 Big Ten MVP '15 Pro Bowl '17	Cowboys
Carlos Hyde	All-American '13 Big Ten RB of the Year '13 All-Big Ten '12, '13	49ers
FLORIDA	Honors	NFL
Brandon James	All-SEC '07	Packers
DeShawn Wynn		
TENNESSEE	Honors	NFL
Arian Foster	Pro Bowl 2010-12, '14	Texans
MISSISSIPPI ST	Honors	NFL
Jerious Norwood	All-SEC '04	Falcons
PACKERS	Honors	NFL
Ahmad Green	Pro Bowl 2001-'04	Packers
VILLANOVA	Honors	NFL
Brian Westbrook	All-America '00 Atlantic 10 Offensive POTY '00 All-Atlantic 10 '00 Pro Bowl '05, '08	Eagles





2017 COACHING STAFF • OSCAR GILES



OSCAR GILES



DEFENSIVE LINE

Former Longhorn standout defensive end (1987-90) Oscar Giles is in his first year as defensive line coach under Tom Herman at Texas. He previously spent a total of 10 seasons at UT as both defensive ends coach (2005-13) and a graduate assistant (1999).

Giles' group has been one of the best in the Big 12, and nation, in 2017. Big 12 Conference Defensive Lineman of the Year, Poona Ford, anchors the line. The defensive line has been stout for the Longhorns all season, helping keep seven of 12 opponents under 100 yards rushing this year. In all, UT features the nation's sixth-best rushing defense at 105.7 yards per game.

Prior to returning to the 40 Acres, Giles spent two seasons at Houston as the defensive line coach under Herman.

In 2016, Houston posted a 9-3 record in the regular season, including wins over No. 3 Oklahoma and No. 3 Louisville. UH featured the nation's second-ranked rush defense (99.7 ypg) in addition to the nation's 14th-best defense in total yards allowed (325.0 ypg). The Cougars were third nationally with five defensive touchdowns and allowed just 22.6 points per game. They also ranked as one of the nation's best in bringing pressure, ranking in the top 20 in sacks (12th) and tackles for loss (18th).

Under Giles, freshman DT Ed Oliver, an All-American, ranked 10th nationally with 19.5 tackles for loss. He also added seven quarterback hurries and led all defensive linemen nationally with his nine pass breakups.

The 2015 season at Houston saw DT B.J. Singleton receive postseason honors from the AAC as Giles' line set the tone for the nation's No. 8 rushing defense, allowing just 108.9 yards per game. Houston went to its first New Year's Bowl in 30 years, registered a win over No. 9 Florida State in the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl, posted its second 13-win season in program history and its 11th conference championship to finish ranked No. 8 in both major polls.

In Giles' lone season at Louisiana Tech, he helped to develop a Bulldog defense that led the nation in turnovers gained with 42 and led Louisiana Tech to at least nine wins for just the sixth time in school history, including a win over Illinois in the Heart of Dallas Bowl. The Bulldogs ranked second nationally with 114 tackles for loss and led Conference USA in rushing defense. Defensive end Houston Bates finished the year leading C-USA with 10 sacks, ranking 16th nationally. Bates received All-Conference USA honors, while fellow end Deldrick Canty was named to the league's All-Freshman Team.

During his time as defensive ends coach at Texas from 2005-13, Giles helped develop two Ted Hendricks Award winners in Jackson Jeffcoat (2013) and Brian Orakpo (2008). In 2013, Jeffcoat ranked first in the Big 12 and tied for third in the FBS with 13 sacks, while Cedric Reed tallied 10, making UT one of two teams in the nation to have two players with 10 or more. Jeffcoat also earned first-team All-America honors and was named Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year, while Reed was tabbed first-team All-Big 12. Both went on to careers in the NFL.

In 2012, Alex Okafor was a first-team All-Big 12 pick for the second-straight year and earned the CFPA's Elite Defensive Lineman Trophy, while Jeffcoat was an honorable mention all-league pick despite missing the final six regular season games with an injury. Okafor led the Big 12 in sacks before being drafted in the fourth round of the 2013 NFL Draft by Arizona.

In 2011, Okafor and Jeffcoat started all 13 games at defensive end with each ranking in the top 10 in the Big 12 in sacks and tackles for loss. Okafor was an AFCA All-American and unanimous first-team All-Big 12 selection after recording a team-high seven sacks to go with 14 TFL and 17 pressures. Jeffcoat was a second-team All-Big 12 choice and led the team with 21 TFL and eight sacks, while adding nine pressures.

In 2010, senior DE Sam Acho won the William V. Campbell Trophy, the Wuerffel Trophy and the ARA Sportsmanship Award, along with becoming UT's seventh two-time Academic All-American, a second-team All-America selection by the WCF, a member of the AFCA Good Works team and a Lott Trophy finalist, while recording 59 tackles, 17 TFL, nine sacks, 18 pressures, five forced fumbles and five fumble recoveries. His five fumble recoveries led the nation and tied the UT single-season record. Acho was chosen in the fourth round of the 2011 Draft by the Arizona Cardinals.

Giles helped mold senior DE/LB Sergio Kindle into the first player in college football history to be a finalist for both the Hendricks Award (nation's top DE) and Butkus Award (nation's top LB) in 2009, as he had 22 TFL and 36 pressures en route to first-team All-America honors. Junior Sam Acho led the team with 10 sacks and was named a semifinalist for the Lott Trophy.

Under Giles' guidance, the 2008 season saw Brian Orakpo, an eventual first round pick of the Washington Redskins, become Texas' 19th unanimous All-American and the winner of the Nagurski Trophy (nation's top defensive player), Lombardi Award (nation's top lineman) and Hendricks Award. He was also the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year and a finalist for the Lott Trophy. Orakpo helped the Texas defense lead the nation in sacks, finishing the season with 11.5 sacks for minus-100 yards, 19 TFL, 30 pressures and four forced fumbles. Giles also helped senior Henry Melton make a successful transition from RB to a starting role at DE where he registered four sacks and 10 TFL and went on to be drafted by the Chicago Bears in the fourth round.

In 2007, Giles led a group that helped Texas rank sixth in the nation against the run (93.4 ypg), while the 2006 season saw Giles' defensive ends produce Texas' first 10-sack season since 1998. Tim Crowder, who earned second-team All-America honors, was a finalist for the Hendricks Award and led the team with 10.5 sacks. Brian Robison also pitched in with 5.5 sacks and 15 pressures on his way to second-team All-Big 12 honors. Orakpo added 4.5 sacks and 11 pressures.

In his first season with Texas, Giles aided in the Longhorns No. 10 ranking in total defense (302.9 ypg) and a No. 8 ranking in scoring defense (16.4 ppg). Three of the defensive ends earned conference honors and UT won the Rose Bowl and national championship.

Giles spent the previous two seasons as an assistant coach at the University of Houston, where he worked with the Cougars' defensive line. He joined the Houston staff prior to the 2003 season after spending three seasons at SMU.

Giles was a graduate assistant at Texas in 1999, after a year coaching the defensive line and serving as a strength and conditioning coach at Southwest Texas State (now Texas State) in 1998.

A four-year letterwinner at Texas (1987-90), Giles played defensive end and linebacker for the Atlanta Falcons and went on to play in the Canadian Football League from 1994-97 and helped the Toronto Argonauts win the Grey Cup Championship in 1996.

A three-year starter at UT, Giles earned AP All-SWC honors as a senior when he helped the Longhorns to the 1990 SWC Championship and an appearance in the 1991 Cotton Bowl. He also helped the 1987 Longhorns to a No. 19 final ranking and a victory in the Bluebonnet Bowl. He led Texas in sacks in 1988 (6.5) and 1989 (7.0) and finished with 22 in his career (T-No. 10 on the UT all-time list). A semifinalist for the Outland Trophy and two-time GTE Academic All-SWC selection, his nine career fumble recoveries are tied for second on the UT all-time chart.

A native of Palacios, Texas, Giles earned his Bachelor of Science degree in speech communications from Texas in 1991. Giles and his wife, Kim, have two daughters, Olivia and Kourtney.

THE GILES FILE

Hometown _____ Palacios, Texas
 College _____ Texas (1991)
 Wife _____ Kim
 Children _____ Olivia, Kourtney

GILES' COACHING ASSIGNMENTS

Years	School	Position
2017	Texas	Defensive Line
2015-16	Houston	Defensive Line
2014	Louisiana Tech	Defensive Line
2005-13	Texas	Defensive Ends
2003-04	Houston	Defensive Line
2000-02	SMU	Defensive Line
1999	Texas	Graduate Assistant
1998	Texas State	Defensive Line

GILES' POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE

Year	School	Postseason
2017	Texas	Texas Bowl
2015	Houston	Peach Bowl
2014	Louisiana Tech	Heart of Dallas Bowl
2013	Texas	Alamo Bowl
2012	Texas	Alamo Bowl
2011	Texas	Holiday Bowl
2010	Texas	BCS National Championship
2009	Texas	Fiesta Bowl
2007	Texas	Holiday Bowl
2006	Texas	Alamo Bowl
2006	Texas	BCS National Champions
2003	Houston	Hawaii Bowl
2000	Texas	Cotton Bowl
1991	Texas (player)	Cotton Bowl
1987	Texas (player)	Bluebonnet Bowl

GILES' PROMINENT PUPILS

TEXAS	Honors	NFL
Poona Ford	Big 12 Defensive Lineman of the Year '17 All-Big 12 '17	
Malcom Brown	All-America '14 Outland Trophy finalist	Patriots
Jackson Jeffcoat	All-America '13 Ted Hendricks Award winner '13 CFL - Winnipeg	
Cedric Reed	All-Big 12 '13	Bills
Alex Okafor	All-America '11 All-Big 12 '11, '12	Saints
Sam Acho	All-America '10 Campbell Trophy '10	Bears
Sergio Kindle	All-America '09 Hendricks, Butkus Award finalist	Ravens
Lamarr Houston		Bears
Brian Orakpo	All-America '08 Nagurski, Lombardi, Hendricks winner	Titans
Henry Melton		Bears
Tim Crowder	All-America '05 Hendricks Award finalist '06	Buccaneers
Brian Robison	All-Big 12 '06	Vikings
Phillip Hunt		Saints
Breckyn Hager	HM All-Big 12 '17	
HOUSTON	Honors	NFL
Ed Oliver	All-America '16 Fr. All-America '16 AAC Rookie of the Year '16 All-AAC '16 Bill Willis Award '16	
B.J. Singleton	All-AAC '15	
Joe Clay	All-CUSA '03, '04	
LA TECH	Honors	NFL
Houston Bates	All-CUSA '14	Redskins
Vernon Butler	All-CUSA '15	Panthers





2017 COACHING STAFF • CORBY MEEKINS



CORBY MEEKINS



TIGHT ENDS

Corby Meekins, a long-time high school coach in the state of Texas, is in his first year at Texas as part of Tom Herman's staff. Meekins will coach the Longhorns' tight ends after coaching tight ends and fullbacks at the University of Houston under Herman in each of the last two seasons.

Meekins dealt with the injury to starting tight end Andrew Beck in 2017, as Beck's preseason injury forced him to miss the entire season. Game one starter Garrett Gray suffered an injury early on and has also not returned. True freshman Cade Brewer started three games at tight end before his season-ending injury, catching nine passes for 80 yards and two touchdowns. Graduate transfer tight end Kendall Moore has provided a boost in the running game, while also hauling in two receptions for 20 yards and a score.

Meekins coached Houston DT Ed Oliver in high school and recruited him to join the Cougars as the first five-star recruit to ever commit to a Group of 5 program. Oliver had 66 tackles, 23 tackles for loss and five sacks as a true freshman. He was named an All-American, freshman All-American, the American Athletic Conference Rookie of the Year and the 2016 recipient of the Bill Willis Award.

In his first season at Houston on the collegiate level, Meekins molded former fullback Tyler McCloskey and former receiver Hayden Daniels into dual-threat tight ends. After totaling just two catches for 16 yards during his first two seasons at UH, McCloskey registered 35 receptions for 369 yards and five touchdowns over his final two seasons.

In 2016, McCloskey totaled 21 catches for 212 yards and four touchdowns after hauling in 14 receptions for 157 yards and a touchdown in 2015.

Meekins joined Herman on staff at Houston following 15 years at Westfield High School in Houston, including 11 years as head coach where he accumulated a record of 114-27. He turned the Westfield program into a perennial contender, winning seven district championships and advancing to the playoffs 10 times. The program made one state championship trip, three trips to the semifinals and six quarterfinal trips in Meekins' 11 seasons as the head coach.

The 2014 season saw his Westfield program finish 13-2 with a trip to the Class 6A Division II semifinals. He was named the Touchdown Club of Houston's Co-Coach of the Year and an assistant coach for the White Team at the 2015 Under Armour All-America Game.

Meekins was a finalist for the 2005 Adams USA "National Coach of the Year" award after leading Westfield to the Class 5A Division I state championship game in 2004 and being named the Touchdown Club of Houston Coach of the Year.

He served on the Texas High School Coaches Association Board of Directors from 2009-12 and also served on the Executive Board of Directors for the Greater Houston Football Coaches Association from 2009-15 after serving as the Association's president in 2009. Prior to his presidency, he was a member of the group's Board of Directors from 2006-08.

Meekins and his wife, DeAnna, have two daughters – Courtney and Madison.

THE MEEKINS FILE

Hometown _____ Shepherd, Texas
 College _____ Sam Houston State (1990)
 Wife _____ DeAnna
 Children _____ Courtney, Madison

MEEKINS' COACHING ASSIGNMENTS

Years	School	Position
2017	Texas	Tight Ends
2015-16	Houston	Tight Ends/Fullbacks
2004-14	Westfield HS (Texas)	Head Coach
2000-03	Westfield HS (Texas)	Offensive Coordinator
1998-99	Newman Smith HS (Texas)	Offensive Coordinator
1990-97	Deer Park HS (Texas)	Assistant Coach

MEEKINS' POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE

Year	School	Postseason
2017	Texas	Texas Bowl
2015	Houston	Peach Bowl

MEEKINS' PROMINENT PUPILS

WESTFIELD	Honors	NFL
Ed Oliver (Houston)	All-America '16 Fr. All-America '16 AAC Rookie of the Year '16 All-AAC '16 Bill Willis Award '16 Under Armour All-American '16	
Desmond Jackson (Texas)	All-Big 12 '15 Under Armour All-American '11	
Tyrie Cleveland (Florida)	Under Armour All-American '16	
Toby Weathersby (LSU)	Under Armour All-American '15	





2017 COACHING STAFF • DREW MEHRINGER



DREW MEHRINGER



PASS GAME COORDINATOR/WIDE RECEIVERS

A Texas native who has seven years of experience working with Tom Herman on offense, Drew Mehringer is in his first season as pass game coordinator and wide receivers coach at The University of Texas.

Mehringer's group has been led by three underclassmen, as sophomore Collin Johnson led the way with 51 catches for 725 yards and two touchdowns. He is just the 24th player in school history to reach 50 catches in a season. Sophomore Lil'Jordan Humphrey garnered honorable mention All-Big 12 honors with 37 catches for 431 yards and a touchdown. Redshirt freshman Reggie Hemphill-Mapps has totaled 36 catches for 400 yards, while senior Armanti Foreman leads the way with four touchdown receptions.

Mehringer comes to UT after spending the 2016 season as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Rutgers where, at age 28, he was the youngest play caller in the Power Five conferences and worked to install a new offensive system under first-year head coach Chris Ash.

He joined the Rutgers staff after spending the 2015 season as wide receivers coach and recruiting coordinator under Herman at Houston. Besides UH, Mehringer has worked with Herman at Ohio State, Iowa State, and as a student assistant at Rice.

In 2015, the Cougars went to their first New Year's Bowl in 30 years, had their second 13-win season in program history and won their 11th conference championship by claiming the inaugural American Athletic Conference Championship. With a 38-24 win over No. 9 Florida State in the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl, Houston ended the season ranked No. 8 in the Associated Press and USA Today Coaches polls, its highest finish since ranking No. 5 in 1979, and just the sixth time in program history to finish in the top 10.

The UH offense was one of three nationally to average over 235 yards per game in both rushing (235.8 yards per game) and passing (248.4 yards per game), as the Houston offense ranked 20th nationally in total offense with an average of 484.1 yards per game. The explosive Cougar attack ranked 10th nationally in scoring offense with an average of 40.4 points per game, an improvement of 47 spots from 2014 when it finished the year 57th nationally with an average of 29.8 points per game. Houston scored over 30 points in 12 games, over 40 points in six games and over 50 points in four games.

Under Mehringer's tutelage, four receivers collected at least 25 receptions and 300 receiving yards, highlighted by first-team All-AAC selection Demarcus Ayers. Ayers led the conference and ranked sixth nationally with 98 catches for 1,222 yards (18th nationally) and six touchdowns. Chance Allen was second on the team with 56 receptions for 752 yards and tied Ayers for the team lead with six touchdowns.

Prior to arriving in Houston, Mehringer spent the 2014 season at James Madison as the co-offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. While at JMU, the Dukes advanced to the FCS Playoffs for just the second time in the previous six years. The offense ranked 10th nationally with 484.6 yards per game behind the arm of junior quarterback Vad Lee who finished fourth in voting for the 2014 Walter Payton Award, considered the Heisman Trophy of FCS football. Lee was also named third-team All-American by the Associated Press, and received the Bill Dudley Award, given to the best collegiate football player in Virginia.

JMU also set single-season program records with 1,060 offensive plays, 6,300 offensive yards, 315 first downs, 475 passing attempts, 286 passing completions, 30 passing touchdowns, 3,499 passing yards and 159 passing first downs. Lee set single-season James Madison records in passing completions (282), attempts (465), yards (3,462), touchdowns (30) and total offense (4,288 yards). He threw for more than 300 yards in five contests and had a streak of six games with at least 250 passing yards.

Lee also did it on the ground, ranking ninth in the league at 63.5 rushing yards per game and a team-high nine rushing touchdowns. He ranked fourth nationally in total offense with an average of 329.8 yards per game, while ranking sixth with 30 touchdowns and seventh with 3,462 yards.

Mehringer spent the 2012 and 2013 seasons as a graduate assistant at Ohio State, working with the program's tight ends and wide receivers in his first season before working with the offensive line in his second season in Columbus. With Mehringer's assistance, offensive tackle Jack Mewhort was named first-team All-America in 2013 and first-team All-Big Ten, along with Corey Linsley and Andrew Norwell, as the Ohio State offense broke 12 single-season records.

He also spent two seasons as a graduate assistant at Iowa State, where he worked with the wide receivers. During his time in Ames, receiver Aaron Horne was named the 2011 Big 12 Offensive Newcomer of the Year.

A native of Mansfield, Texas, Mehringer attended Rice as a quarterback before suffering a career-ending injury. He then served as a student assistant with the quarterbacks under Herman for three seasons, graduating in 2010 with a degree in political science. Mehringer earned a master's degree in sports management at Ohio State in 2013.

THE MEHRINGER FILE

Hometown _____ Mansfield, Texas
College _____ Rice (2010), Ohio State (2013)

MEHRINGER'S COACHING ASSIGNMENTS

Years	School	Position
2017	Texas	Pass Game Coordinator/WRs
2016	Rutgers	Offensive Coordinator/QBs
2015	Houston	Recruiting Coordinator/WRs
2014	James Madison	Co-Offensive Coordinator/QBs
2012-13	Ohio State	Graduate Assistant
2010-11	Iowa State	Graduate Assistant

MEHRINGER'S POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE

Year	School	Postseason
2017	Texas	Texas Bowl
2015	Houston	Peach Bowl
2014	James Madison	FCS Playoffs
2014	Ohio State	Orange Bowl
2011	Iowa State	Pinstripe Bowl

MEHRINGER'S PROMINENT PUPILS

TEXAS	Honors	NFL
Lil'Jordan Humphrey	HM All-Big 12 '17	
HOUSTON	Honors	NFL
Demarcus Ayers	All-AAC '15	Steelers
JAMES MADISON	Honors	NFL
Vad Lee	All-America '14 Bill Dudley Award '14	





2017 COACHING STAFF • CRAIG NAIVAR



CRAIG NAIVAR



SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR/SAFETIES

Craig Naivar, a 24-year coaching veteran with extensive experience in the state of Texas, is in his first season as the special teams coordinator and safeties coach at Texas. He spent the previous two seasons on Tom Herman's staff at Houston.

Naivar has spent 19 of his 24 years in coaching in the state of Texas. In addition to this season, he has coached at Houston (2015-16), twice at Texas State (2004-06, '11-13), along with Rice (2007-10), Sam Houston State (2000-03) and Hardin-Simmons (1994-95). In that time, he has also served as either a defensive or special teams coordinator or co-coordinator for 22 seasons.

On special teams, the Longhorns feature one of the nation's top punt units, led by punter Michael Dickson. Dickson, the 2017 Ray Guy Award winner and Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Year, leads the nation averaging 48.4 yards per punt. UT's net punting average of 44.7 is also the best in the country.

At safety, Naivar has mentored his group to new heights. DeShon Elliott became a Thorpe Award finalist under his watch, totaling six interceptions and returning two of them for touchdowns, to go along with 63 tackles, 8.5 TFL and three forced fumbles.

In his two seasons at Houston, he served as co-defensive coordinator and safeties coach, helping the Cougars to a 22-5 record, which is the fourth-best win total in the FBS in that span.

Houston posted a 9-4 record in 2016, including wins over No. 3 Oklahoma and No. 3 Louisville. UH featured the nation's fourth-ranked rush defense (100.2 ypg), in addition to the nation's 13th-best defense in total yards allowed (319.6 ypg). Houston was third nationally with five defensive touchdowns and allowed just 23.5 points per game. The Cougars also ranked as one of the nation's best in bringing pressure, ranking 14th in both sacks and tackles for loss.

A significant amount of that pressure came from the team's two safeties as Garrett Davis and Khalil Williams combined for 13.5 tackles for loss and five sacks. Williams was also third on the team with 69 tackles, while Davis was fifth with 65. Primarily a special teams player in 2015, Davis developed into a second-team All-American Athletic Conference selection in 2016 under Naivar.

His first season at Houston saw a defense that led the nation with 35 takeaways while ranking eighth nationally in rushing defense (108.9 yards per game) and 20th nationally in scoring defense (20.7 points per game). The Cougars went to their first New Year's Bowl in 30 years, had their second 13-win season in program history and won their 11th conference championship by claiming the inaugural American Athletic Conference Championship.

Trevon Stewart and Adrian McDonald anchored the middle of the Houston secondary and earned first-team and second-team All-AAC honors, respectively. Stewart set the program's career fumble recovery mark with 10 after recovering four in 2015, the second-best total in the nation. McDonald set the Houston career interceptions record with 17 after pulling in four in 2015.

In his lone season at Kentucky, Naivar tutored two Freshman All-Americans on special teams in kick returner Stanley Williams and kicker Austin MacGinnis. MacGinnis, who was also named first-team All-SEC, set five UK records in his collegiate debut season, including totaling 21 field goals. That number led the SEC and all NCAA freshmen. He finished with a school-record 104 points — equaling the SEC lead — and was one of only five kickers in the nation with three field goals of 50-plus yards. He was the first Kentucky kicker named to the All-SEC team, having been named to the team by both the SEC coaches and Associated Press.

UK punter Landon Foster also set a school record with 27 punts dropped inside the 20-yard line in 2014, while earning second-team Academic All-America honors. Foster punted 66 times for a 42.6-yard average, including 10 punts of 50 yards or longer with just four touchbacks.

The Wildcats ranked 22nd nationally with 15 interceptions in 2014 after recording just eight picks in the two seasons prior to Naivar's arrival. Safety A.J. Stamps led the team with four interceptions and was second with nine PBU.

Naivar arrived at Kentucky from Texas State, where he was the defensive coordinator and safeties coach for three seasons.

Naivar spent four seasons at Rice as special teams coordinator and safeties coach in 2010, and co-defensive coordinator and safeties coach from 2007-09. In the secondary, Naivar coached safety Andrew Sendejo, and safety Travis Bradshaw, who was named a Freshman All-American in 2008 and led the nation in solo tackles in 2009. Sendejo led the team in tackles (94) and interceptions (three) in 2008.

Naivar moved to special teams coordinator in 2010, helping guide Rice to some impressive accomplishments. Led by All-America punter Kyle Martens, the Owls were sixth in the nation in net punting. Rice ranked 26th in the nation in punt returns and had the nation's 10th-best kickoff returner, Charles Ross, who averaged 29 yards per return. Kicker Chris Boswell also earned first-team All-CUSA honors, as did Bradshaw in the secondary.

Naivar coached at Texas State from 2004-06, where he was defensive coordinator and safeties coach. That term was highlighted by the 2005 season, when the Bobcats posted an 11-3 record and advanced to the semifinals of the FCS playoffs. Texas State ranked in the nation's top 25 in scoring defense and total defense while generating 33 turnovers. His first season as Texas State saw defensive lineman Fred Evans named the Southland Conference Newcomer of the Year before being named an AFCA All-American, Southland Conference Player of the Year and Southland Defensive Player of the Year in 2005. Evans was one of two defensive players to be named Southland Conference Player of the Year under Naivar, as defensive back Walter Musgrove earned the Southland Conference Student-Athlete of the Year honor in 2006. The two were part of a defensive group that earned seven first-team All-Southland Conference honors in Naivar's first three seasons with the Bobcats.

Naivar was a graduate assistant at New Mexico before landing at Southern Illinois as special teams coordinator and defensive line coach, where punter John Armitrano earned second-team Missouri Valley Conference honors in 1998, and kicker Scott Everhart was named to the league's All-Newcomer Team in 1999.

From there he coached at Sam Houston State, serving at various times as defensive coordinator, special teams coordinator, safeties coach and defensive line coach. The top campaign at SHSU was 2001, when the Bearkats went 10-3, were co-champions of the Southland Conference and advanced to the quarterfinals of the Division I-AA playoffs before losing to eventual national champion Montana. Naivar placed five players on All-Southland Conference teams while in Huntsville.

A native of Taylor, Texas, Naivar was a four-year letterman, playing safety and quarterback, and was team captain at Hardin-Simmons University. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees at Hardin-Simmons and began his coaching career there, helping lead the Cowboys to the NAIA Division II Playoffs in 1994 and 1995.

He and his wife, Michelle, have one daughter, Jordan, and one son, Gunner.

THE NAIVAR FILE

Hometown _____ Taylor, Texas
 College _____ Hardin-Simmons (1994, 1996)
 Wife _____ Michelle
 Children _____ Jordan, Gunner

NAIVAR'S COACHING ASSIGNMENTS

Years	School	Position
2017	Texas	Special Teams Coordinator/Safeties
2015-16	Houston	Co-Defensive Coordinator/Safeties
2014	Kentucky	Special Teams Coordinator/DL
2011-13	Texas State	Defensive Coordinator/Safeties
2010	Rice	Special Teams Coordinator/DL
2007-09	Rice	Co-Defensive Coordinator/Safeties
2004-06	Texas State	Defensive Coordinator/Safeties
2002-03	Sam Houston State	Defensive Coordinator/Safeties
2000-01	Sam Houston State	Special Teams Coordinator/DL
1998-99	Southern Illinois	Special Teams Coordinator/DL
1996-97	New Mexico	Graduate Assistant
1994-95	Hardin-Simmons	Special Teams Coordinator

NAIVAR'S POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE

Year	School	Postseason
2017	Texas	Texas Bowl
2016	Houston	Las Vegas Bowl
2015	Houston	Peach Bowl
2008	Rice	Texas Bowl
2005	Texas State	FCS Semifinals
2001	Sam Houston State	FCS Quarterfinals

NAIVAR'S PROMINENT PUPILS

TEXAS	Honors	NFL
Michael Dickson	Ray Guy Award winner '17 Unanimous All-American Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Year All-Big 12 '17 Big 12 Football Scholar-Athlete of the Year	
DeShon Elliott	Unanimous All-American All-Big 12 '17 Jim Thorpe Award finalist	
HOUSTON	Honors	NFL
Garrett Davis	All-AAC '16	
Adrian McDonald	All-AAC '15	Chargers
Trevon Stewart	All-AAC '15	
KENTUCKY	Honors	NFL
Stanley Williams	Fr. All-America '14	
Austin MacGinnis	Fr. All-America '14 All-SEC '14	
Landon Foster	Academic All-America '14	
TEXAS STATE	Honors	NFL
Justin Iwuji	All-SBC '13	
Joplo Bartu	All-WAC '12	Jaguars
Darryl Morris	All-WAC '12	Jets
Blake McColloch	All-WAC '12	
Michael Ebbitt	Independent Defensive POTY '11	
Xavier Daniels	All-Independent '11	
Fred Evans	All-America '05 Southland Newcomer of the Year '04	
RICE	Honors	NFL
Kyle Martens	All-America '10 All-CUSA '10	
Travis Bradshaw	All-CUSA '10	
Brandon Long	All-CUSA '10	
Andrew Sendejo		Vikings
Chris Boswell	All-CUSA '10	Steelers





2017 COACHING STAFF • TODD ORLANDO



TODD ORLANDO



DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/LINEBACKERS

Todd Orlando has overseen one of the nation's top defensive turnarounds in his first season as the defensive coordinator at Texas. He is in his third season as the defensive coordinator under Herman, and his 13th consecutive season as a defensive coordinator overall. He also coaches the linebackers.

In his first season at UT, Orlando's defense ranks sixth nationally in rushing (105.7 ypg), fourth nationally in third-down defense (.276), eighth in fourth-down defense (.300) and leads the country in both defensive touchdowns (6) and interceptions returned for a touchdown (5). The Longhorns have improved 52 spots (from 94th to 42nd) in total defense, and 59 spots (from 90th to 31st) in scoring defense.

Under his tutelage, linebacker Malik Jefferson was named a Butkus Award semifinalist and first team All-Big 12. He totaled 110 tackles (79 solo), becoming the first UT player since 2014 to eclipse 100 tackles. Senior DL Poona Ford was named the Big 12 Defensive Lineman of the Year in 2017, while safety DeShon Elliott was a Thorpe Award finalist and a unanimous first team All-Big 12 selection.

During his 24-year coaching career, Orlando has served as a defensive coordinator at UConn (2005-10), Florida International (2011-12), Utah State (2013-14), Houston (2015-16) and now Texas (2017). At Houston, he helped the Cougars to a 22-5 record, which was the fourth-best win total in the FBS in that span.

Houston posted a 9-4 record in 2016, including wins over No. 3 Oklahoma and No. 3 Louisville. UH featured the nation's fourth-ranked rush defense (100.2 ypg), in addition to the nation's 13th-best defense in total yards allowed (319.6 ypg). Houston was third nationally with five defensive touchdowns and allowed just 23.5 points per game. The Cougars also ranked as one of the nation's best in bringing pressure, ranking 14th in both sacks and tackles for loss.

In the win over No. 3 Louisville, Orlando's defense contained eventual Heisman Trophy winner Lamar Jackson to 20-of-43 passing (46.5%) for 211 yards and 33 rushing yards, while sacking him 11 times – an AAC single-game record and second most in UH history.

At linebacker, Matthew Adams led the team in tackles with 82, including 7.5 tackles for loss, while Steven Taylor tied for the team lead with 8.5 sacks and was second with 12 tackles for loss. Taylor, a first-team All-AAC selection, was tied in both of those categories with Tyus Bowser, who reached those marks despite missing five games due to injury. Bowser was named second-team All-AAC.

True freshman DT Ed Oliver, who earned first-team All-America honors, was third nationally with 23 tackles for loss. He added seven quarterback hurries and led all defensive linemen nationally with his nine pass breakups.

In Orlando's first season at Houston, his opportunistic and attacking defense forced 12 teams below their scoring average with the two teams eclipsing their average, doing so by less than one point. The defense led the nation with 35 takeaways while ranking eighth nationally in rushing defense (108.9 yards per game) and 20th nationally in scoring defense (20.7 points per game).

The Cougars went to their first New Year's Bowl in 30 years, had their second 13-win season in program history and won their 11th conference championship by claiming the inaugural American Athletic Conference Championship.

With direct oversight of the linebackers, Orlando mentored Taylor and Elandon Roberts, as both earned all-conference honors from the AAC. Roberts was named to the league's first team after leading the nation with 88 solo tackles, part of the nation's fourth-best 142 total tackles. Roberts led the conference with 19 tackles for loss while Taylor was right behind with 18.5 tackles for loss, including a league-best 10 sacks.

In Orlando's two seasons at Utah State, the Aggies defense ranked among the nation's best in scoring defense (12th nationally in 2014 at 19.7 ppg, and seventh nationally in 2013 at 17.1 ppg) and turnovers forced with 59 over two seasons, the nation's eighth-best two-year total. The USU defense was fourth nationally with 49 sacks in 2014 and second nationally with 114 tackles for loss as Utah State advanced to back-to-back bowl games during Orlando's stay in Logan, Utah.

Orlando's 2014 defense ranked 17th nationally and second in the Mountain West in pass efficiency defense (111.42), while its rushing defense led the league (130.7 ypg). The total defense was second in the conference (356.1 ypg), bolstered by a defensive group that led the conference with four First Team All-MWC selections. Zach Vigil was 11th nationally with 19.5 tackles for loss, and earned All-America honors, was the MWC Defensive Player of the Year and signed with the Miami Dolphins.

During his first season at Utah State, the defense ranked first in the Mountain West and seventh in the nation in scoring (17.1 ppg), the second-fewest allowed by a Utah State defense since 1971. USU also led the MWC in rushing defense (106.7 ypg/8th FBS), total defense (330.9 ypg/12th FBS), and pass efficiency defense (113.2/15th FBS). The defense also ranked sixth in the nation in the red zone, allowing opponents to score just 68.9 percent of the time, including just 19 touchdowns, to rank second nationally. Additionally, USU's defense ranked seventh in the nation in forcing three-and-outs with 5.6 per game, while its 7.6 tackles for loss per game ranked 10th nationally.

Utah State played in back-to-back-to-back bowl games for the first time in school history and won just its third bowl game ever in 2013. It was also the only team in the nation not to allow a touchdown run of 10 or more yards and allowed just two 100-yard rushers.

Prior to Utah State, Orlando spent two years as the defensive coordinator at Florida International (2011-12), helping the Panthers reach the 2011 Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl. During his two years at FIU, Orlando mentored five players who earned various All-Sun Belt Conference honors a total of seven times, including safety Jonathan Cyprien and defensive lineman Tourek Williams who both earned First-Team All-League honors. The Jacksonville Jaguars selected Cyprien with the 33rd pick of the 2013 NFL Draft.

Orlando went to Florida International after a 12-year stint at Connecticut, including six seasons (2005-10) as the defensive coordinator. In 2010, Orlando's defense helped the Huskies capture the Big East Championship and play in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl.

In his first year as defensive coordinator at Connecticut, the Huskies led the Big East Conference in total defense at 297.1 ypg, its lowest average since 1979. In 2007, Connecticut won the Big East Championship behind the nation's 10th-ranked passing efficiency defense and the 14th-best scoring defense (19.0 ppg). Orlando's work with middle linebacker Danny Lansanah in 2007 helped earn the senior a free agent contract with the Green Bay Packers, while weakside linebacker Lawrence Wilson was named a second-team Freshman All-American. Orlando also mentored linebacker Alfred Fincher who was chosen in the third round by the New Orleans Saints in 2005, becoming the first Husky drafted in 11 years.

Prior to Connecticut, Orlando spent three seasons as the linebackers coach at the University of Pennsylvania. A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., he began his coaching career in his home state as defensive coordinator at Central Catholic High School (1994) and Fox Chapel Area High School (1995).

Orlando was a three-year letterwinner at inside linebacker at Wisconsin and a member of the 1994 Big Ten Championship team that defeated UCLA in the Badgers' first Rose Bowl appearance since 1963. He and his wife, Amy, have two daughters, Taylor and Addison.

THE ORLANDO FILE

Hometown _____ Pittsburgh, Pa.
College _____ Wisconsin (1994)
Wife _____ Amy
Children _____ Taylor, Addison

ORLANDO'S COACHING ASSIGNMENTS

Years	School	Position
2017	Texas	Defensive Coordinator/LBs
2015-16	Houston	Defensive Coordinator/LBs
2013-14	Utah State	Defensive Coordinator/LBs
2011-12	Florida International	Defensive Coordinator/LBs
2005-10	Connecticut	Defensive Coordinator/LBs
1999-04	Connecticut	Inside Linebackers
1996-98	Pennsylvania	Linebackers
1995	Fox Chapel HS (Penn.)	Defensive Coordinator
1994	Central Catholic HS (Penn.)	Defensive Coordinator

ORLANDO'S POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE

Year	School	Postseason
2017	Texas	Texas Bowl
2016	Houston	Las Vegas Bowl
2015	Houston	Peach Bowl
2014	Utah State	New Mexico Bowl
2013	Utah State	Poinsettia Bowl
2011	FIU	Beef O' Brady's Bowl
2010	UConn	Fiesta Bowl
2009	UConn	International Bowl
2008	UConn	Papa John's Bowl
2007	UConn	Meineke Car Care Bowl
2004	UConn	Motor City Bowl
1994	Wisconsin (player)	Rose Bowl

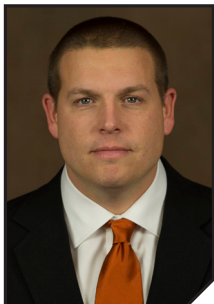
ORLANDO'S PROMINENT PUPILS

TEXAS	Honors	NFL
DeShon Elliott	All-Big 12 '17 Jim Thorpe Award finalist	
Poona Ford	Big 12 Defensive Lineman of the Year '17 All-Big 12 '17	
Malik Jefferson	Big 12 Co-Defensive Player of the Year '17 All-Big 12 '17	
HOUSTON	Honors	NFL
Ed Oliver	All-America '16 Fr. All-America '16 AAC Rookie of the Year '16 All-AAC '16 Bill Willis Award '16	
Howard Wilson	All-AAC '16	Browns
Brandon Wilson	All-AAC '16	Bengals
Tyus Bowser	All-AAC '16	Ravens
Garrett Davis	All-AAC '16	
William Jackson III	All-AAC '15	Bengals
Adrian McDonald	All-AAC '15	Chargers
Elandon Roberts	All-AAC '15	Patriots
Steven Taylor	All-AAC '15, '16	
B.J. Singleton	All-AAC '15	
Trevon Stewart	All-AAC '15	
UTAH STATE	Honors	NFL
Zach Vigil	All-America '14 MWC Defensive Player of the Year	Dolphins
Nick Vigil	All-MWC '14	Bengals
Torrey Green		
UCONN	Honors	NFL
Sio Moore		Colts
Lawrence Wilson	All-Big East '09, '10	Colts
Danny Lansanah	All-Big East '07	Buccaneers
Greg Lloyd	All-Big East '09	
Scott Lutrus	All-Big East '08	
James Hargrave	All-Big East '05	
Alfred Fletcher	All-Big East '04	





2017 COACHING STAFF • DEREK WAREHIME



DEREK WAREHIME



OFFENSIVE LINE

Derek Warehime is in his first season at Texas as the offensive line coach in 2017. He has coached in each of the previous two seasons under Tom Herman at Houston.

Warehime's group dealt with injuries for much of 2017, including one to All-American left tackle Connor Williams, who missed most of eight games. No Longhorn started all 12 games, with Warehime having to use seven different starting combinations throughout the season. True freshman Derek Kerstetter started the final nine games of the season at right tackle and sophomore Zach Shackelford started seven at center. In total, offensive linemen who would have otherwise contributed missed 34 games during the regular season.

In his second season with the Cougars, Warehime helped UH to a 9-3 record prior to joining Herman on the 40 Acres. UH had two top-five wins, was the only program to defeat two top-five teams and joined Alabama as one of two programs nationally to beat two top-10 teams by double digits.

The Cougars' offense finished the regular season ranked 36th nationally and ranked as one of the least penalized teams in the country. The Houston offensive line allowed just 30 sacks on nearly 500 pass attempts in 2016. UH ranked 15th in third down conversions, ninth in first downs and 21st in scoring offense during the regular season.

Under Warehime in 2015, the Houston offensive line used 11 different starting lineups in 14 games due to injury. Despite the injuries, the line led a team that finished the regular season ranked 13th nationally in rushing offense with 235.8 yards per game. Under his leadership, two linemen earned season honors from *The American*. Both Alex Cooper, who started at three different positions along the line, and Will Noble, a true freshman who had his redshirt removed six games into the season, were recognized by the AAC. The two honorees under Warehime were part of a group that lost three starters to season-ending injuries and endured a total of 34 games lost due to injuries.

Warehime joined the Houston staff after three seasons with New Mexico as the Lobos' tight ends coach, adding the title of run game coordinator in his final season. In all three seasons with Warehime on staff, the New Mexico offense finished fifth or better in rushing nationally. With him serving as run game coordinator in 2014, the Lobos finished the year ranked fourth nationally in rushing with an average of 310.4 yards per game on the ground. Along with its power on the ground, New Mexico ranked fourth nationally allowing just 11 sacks during the season.

In 2013, Warehime was integral to the offensive line blocking schemes, as the unit paved the way for UNM to average 308

yards per game to rank fourth in the country. It was the second year in a row that New Mexico finished the season in the top five nationally in rushing. His tight ends also became a bigger part of the passing game in 2013, more than doubling their receiving yards from the season prior.

During his first season in Albuquerque, Warehime helped New Mexico become one of the most improved rushing attacks in the country. After finishing 103rd in the nation in rushing in 2011, the Lobos finished fifth in 2012 averaging over 300 yards per game. Under his mentorship, tight end Lucas Reed earned an invitation to the East-West Shrine Game following the 2012 season.

Prior to his time at UNM, Warehime spent two seasons as the offensive line coach at Sam Houston State. In 2011, the Bearkats featured the No. 6 rushing offense in the Football Championship Subdivision, averaging 255.9 yards per game en route to the FCS National Championship Game. SHSU averaged nearly 40 points per game. C Travis Watson and OT Chris Crockett earned 2011 Sports Network/Fathead.com All-America honors under Warehime's tutelage. In his first season, the Kats led the Southland Conference in rushing and had three players earn All-League honors.

Warehime worked for two seasons as the offensive line and tight ends coach, as well as the strength and conditioning coordinator, at the University of Arkansas at Monticello. He was the offensive coordinator in 2009. UAM led the Gulf South Conference in total offense (499.3 ypg) and rushing offense (244.4 ypg).

A 2006 graduate of Tulsa, Warehime started 34 games at center from 2001-04. He played on the Golden Hurricane's 2003 Humanitarian Bowl team and was named first team All-Western Athletic Conference in 2004. He spent one season playing professionally with the Tulsa Talons of the Arena Football League.

The Choctaw, Okla. native began his coaching career as a student assistant for the offensive line at Tulsa in 2005. The Golden Hurricane won the 2005 Conference USA Championship and defeated Fresno State in the Liberty Bowl.

Warehime spent the 2006 and 2007 seasons as a graduate assistant for the offensive line at Rice. He was also the assistant video coordinator during that time. The Owls made their first postseason appearance in 45 years and were runners-up in CUSA's West Division, setting 40 new school records on offense.

Warehime and his wife Kelly have three children: daughters Kaysen and Kylee and son, Miller Hayes.

THE WAREHIME FILE

Hometown _____ Choctaw, Okla.
 College _____ Tulsa (2006)
 Wife _____ Kelly
 Children _____ Kaysen, Kylee, Miller Hayes

WAREHIME'S COACHING ASSIGNMENTS

Years	School	Position
2017	Texas	Offensive Line
2015-16	Houston	Offensive Line
2014	New Mexico	Run Game/Special Teams/Tight Ends
2012-13	New Mexico	Tight Ends
2010-11	Sam Houston State	Offensive Line
2009	Arkansas-Monticello	Offensive Coordinator
2008	Arkansas-Monticello	Offensive Line/Tight Ends
2006-07	Rice	Graduate Assistant

WAREHIME'S POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE

Year	School	Postseason
2017	Texas	Texas Bowl
2015	Houston	Peach Bowl
2006	Rice	New Orleans Bowl
2005	Tulsa (student assistant)	Liberty Bowl
2003	Tulsa (player)	Humanitarian Bowl

WAREHIME'S PROMINENT PUPILS

TEXAS	Honors	NFL
Patrick Vahe	HM All-Big 12 '17	
HOUSTON	Honors	NFL
Alex Cooper	All-AAC '15	
Wil Noble	Fr. All-America '15 All-AAC '15	
SAM HOUSTON ST	Honors	NFL
Chris Crockett	All-America '11 All-Southland '11	
Travis Watson	All-America '11 All-Southland '11	
ARKANSAS-MONTICELLO	Honors	NFL
Joe Wilson	All-GSC '08	
Jon Meadows	All-GSC '08	





2017 COACHING STAFF • JASON WASHINGTON



JASON WASHINGTON



RECRUITING COORDINATOR/CORNERBACKS

Jason Washington is in his first season at Texas in 2017 after coaching under Tom Herman at the University of Houston the previous two seasons. Washington serves as the Longhorns' recruiting coordinator and coaches the cornerbacks.

Washington's cornerbacks have had a knack for the big play, as the Longhorns have returned five interceptions for a touchdown this season. Kris Boyd leads the team with 14 pass breakups and also has two interceptions. Davante Davis also has an interception this season, while Holton Hill had two that he returned for touchdowns.

Throughout his career, Washington has coached seven players who have reached the NFL. At UH, Washington was also the Cougars' special teams coordinator.

Washington helped the Houston defense to a national ranking of 14th during the 2016 regular season. The Cougars had five defensive touchdowns and allowed just 22.6 points per game. CB Howard Wilson led UH with five interceptions, returning one for a touchdown. Houston's defense totaled seven interceptions and 49 pass breakups.

On special teams, Houston punter Dane Roy averaged 40.7 yards per punt and downed 19-of-55 inside the 20-yard line. The Cougars punt return defense ranked fourth nationally allowing just 1.8 yards per return on 10 attempts. Kick returner D'Eriq King averaged over 25 yards per return and registered a 99-yard return for a touchdown.

In his first season at UH, Washington oversaw arguably the best starting cornerback tandem in The American and a drastic special teams improvement. Under his leadership, William Jackson III led the nation in passes broken up (23) and passed defended (28). Jackson set Houston single-game (7) and season records in passes broken up despite missing the Memphis game with an injury. Wilson was second on the team with seven pass breakups as Houston ranked fourth nationally with 87 passes defended and seventh with 21 interceptions. The duo of Wilson and Jackson combined for four defensive touchdowns in 2015.

The Cougars' special teams unit saw much improvement under Washington in his first season. The kickoff return unit improved from 125th to 28th, kickoff return defense from 75th to 45th, punt return from 99th to 41st and punt return defense from 22nd to fourth. Wilson ranked 19th nationally with an average kickoff return of 26.6 yards, including two touchdowns. Demarcus Ayers was 27th nationally with a punt return average of 11.3 yards to earn first team honors from The American.

Washington arrived in Houston after four seasons at nearby Texas State, his second stint in San Marcos following a four-year stop at Rice. Washington's secondary unit helped the Bobcats rank second in the Sun Belt in 2014 with 13 interceptions. Sophomore Germond Williams ranked 17th nationally with four interceptions in just nine games. Craig Mager, who was selected in the third round of the 2015 NFL Draft by the San Diego Chargers, was selected to play in the East-West Shrine Game and received All-Sun Belt honors under Washington. Junior David Mims also earned All-SBC honors with five interceptions.

In 2013, Mager was named All-Sun Belt Conference after ranking among league leaders with nine passes defended. CB Darryl Morris was named second team All-WAC in 2012, ranking among WAC leaders with four interceptions and nine passes defended. Washington also coached the punt return unit at Texas State. The Bobcats ranked seventh nationally in 2013 and led the SBC in punt returns after Andy Erickson returned 20 punts for 284 yards. Erickson ranked second nationally averaging 16.7 yards per punt return in 2012.

Washington rejoined Texas State in 2011 after spending four years at Rice where he coached five All-Conference USA defensive backs. The Owls best season came in 2008 when Rice went 10-3, their best record since the 1950s.

Before his four years at Rice, Washington had spent the previous three seasons at Texas State. During his third season of his first stint with the Bobcats, Washington produced the Southland Conference leader in interceptions, Walter Musgrove. Musgrove was a two-time All-Southland Conference pick, SLC Student-Athlete of the Year, National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete and a FCS ADA Academic All-Star. Washington also coached two other All-SLC defensive backs in each of his first two seasons in San Marcos.

Washington spent a week during the 2009 season with the Minnesota Vikings as part of the Bill Walsh Minority Coaching Fellowship program that has produced NFL head coaches such as Mike Tomlin, Marvin Lewis and Lovie Smith.

A native of San Antonio, Washington earned a bachelors degree in 2002 and a masters degree in sport administration in 2004 from Texas State. He was a four-year letterman for the Bobcats in football and baseball. He started as a defensive back in football and was a center fielder on the baseball team.

Washington and his wife Lacey have one son, Jaxson and one daughter, Jayla.

THE WASHINGTON FILE

Hometown _____ San Antonio, Texas
 College _____ Texas State (2002, 2004)
 Wife _____ Lacey
 Children _____ Jaxson, Jayla

WASHINGTON'S COACHING ASSIGNMENTS

Years	School	Position
2017	Texas	Recruiting Coordinator/CBs
2015-16	Houston	Special Teams Coordinator/CBs
2014	Texas State	Secondary
2011-13	Texas State	Cornerbacks
2007-10	Rice	Cornerbacks
2004-06	Texas State	Cornerbacks

WASHINGTON'S POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE

Year	School	Postseason
2017	Texas	Texas Bowl
2015	Houston	Peach Bowl
2008	Rice	Texas Bowl
2005	Texas State	FCS Semifinals

WASHINGTON'S PROMINENT PUPILS

HOUSTON	Honors	NFL
Howard Wilson	All-AAC '16	Browns
Brandon Wilson	All-AAC '16	Bengals
William Jackson III	All-AAC '15	Bengals

TEXAS STATE	Honors	NFL
Craig Mager	All-SBC '13, '14	Chargers
Darryl Morris	All-WAC '12	Jets
Walter Musgrove	All-Southland '05, '06	
Nato James	All-Southland '04	

RICE	Honors	NFL
Phillip Gaines		Chiefs
Bryce Callahan		Bears
Kevin Gaddis	All-CUSA '09	





2017 COACHING STAFF • YANCY MCKNIGHT



YANCY MCKNIGHT



HEAD COACH FOR STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

Yancy McKnight, a strength and conditioning coach with ties to both the state of Texas and the Big 12, is in his first season as Head Strength and Conditioning Coach for Football at UT in 2017.

McKnight and his staff worked tirelessly in their first offseason with the program to make the student-athletes both stronger and faster, while instilling the head coach Tom Herman's culture. The Longhorns lost 525 pounds of body fat during the offseason, while gaining 385 pounds of lean muscle mass. The team increased their vertical jump average to 30.3", power clean average to 279 pounds, back squat average to 467 pounds and bench press average to 315.

McKnight came to Texas after spending two seasons as director for football sports performance under Herman at the University of Houston. There, he helped the Cougars to a 22-5 record, which was the fourth-best win total in the FBS in that span.

In that time, which included two NFL Drafts, McKnight has worked with nine players who went on to the NFL, including 2017 draft picks LB Tyus Bowser (Ravens), DB Howard Wilson (Browns) and DB Brandon Wilson (Bengals). Six Cougars made rosters as part of the 2016 NFL Draft class. CB William Jackson, III (Bengals), LB Elandon Roberts (Patriots) and WR Demarcus Ayers (Steelers) were all drafted, while RB Kenneth Farrow (Chargers), DS Nolan Frese (Seahawks) and S Adrian McDonald (Chargers) signed as free agents.

In 2016, Houston posted a 9-4 record, including wins over No. 3 Oklahoma and No. 3 Louisville. The Cougars became the first program nationally to defeat two top-five teams.

In 2015, the Cougars went to their first New Year's Bowl in 30 years, had their second 13-win season in program history and won their 11th conference championship by claiming the inaugural American Athletic Conference Championship. With a 38-24 win over No. 9 Florida State in the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl, Houston ended the season ranked No. 8 in the Associated Press and USA Today Coaches polls, its highest finish since ranking No. 5 in 1979, and just the sixth time in program history to finish in the top 10.

McKnight arrived in Houston after serving the previous six seasons as director of strength and conditioning at Iowa State. While there, he helped mentor seven Cyclones who went on to play in the NFL (Reggie Stephens, David Sims, Leonard Johnson, Kelechi Osemele, A.J. Klein, Jake Knott, Jeremiah George) and improved the Cyclones strength and conditioning stature of the program as ISU participated in three bowls during his time in Ames.

Along with Herman and Iowa State's Paul Rhoads, McKnight has worked under successful and innovative coaches including Les Miles formerly of LSU and Oklahoma State, Todd Graham of Arizona State and formerly Rice, and David Bailliff of Rice.

Other NFL players who have worked under McKnight's eye include: Kevin Casey, Antonio Smith, Billy Bajema, Charlie Johnson, James Casey, Andrew Sendejo, Jarrett Dillard and Tramon Williams.

McKnight worked at Rice (2006-08) prior to his arrival at Iowa State. In 2008, Rice posted one of its best seasons in school history, compiling a 10-3 mark, including a 38-14 win over Western Michigan in the Texas Bowl, and a co-championship of the West Division of Conference USA.

Rice players credited his guidance in the weight room as a key component in the Owls' run to a bowl game in 2006. That team showed a level of endurance that allowed them to battle back and win three times on the last offensive play of the game.

McKnight went to Rice after two years as the head strength and conditioning coach at Louisiana Tech University. He helped the Bulldogs to a 7-4 record in 2005, including winning five of the last six games. Before his time at LTU, he began his college coaching career at Oklahoma State as an assistant in 2002.

McKnight is a member of the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA), and is a certified strength and conditioning specialist (SCS), a certified strength and conditioning coach (SCCC), and a USA Weightlifting Level I certified coach.

A native of Joplin, Mo., McKnight was a Division II All-American on the offensive line at Missouri Southern, earning his degree from the school in 2001. He was inducted into the Missouri Southern Athletics Hall of Fame in 2013.

He is married to the former Lynn Karns and they are the parents of sons, Brody and Brock.

THE MCKNIGHT FILE

Hometown _____ Joplin, Mo.
 College _____ Missouri Southern (2001)
 Wife _____ Lynn
 Children _____ Brody, Brock

MCKNIGHT'S COACHING ASSIGNMENTS

Years	School
2017	Texas
2015-16	Houston
2009-14	Iowa State
2006-08	Rice
2004-05	Louisiana Tech
2002-03	Oklahoma State

MCKNIGHT'S POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE

Year	School	Postseason
2017	Texas	Texas Bowl
2016	Houston	Las Vegas Bowl
2015	Houston	Peach Bowl
2012	Iowa State	Liberty Bowl
2011	Iowa State	Pinstripe Bowl
2009	Iowa State	Insight Bowl
2008	Rice	Texas Bowl
2006	Rice	New Orleans Bowl
2002	Oklahoma State	Houston Bowl

MCKNIGHTS'S PROMINENT PUPILS

HOUSTON	NFL
Tyus Bowser	Ravens
Howard Wilson	Browns
Brandon Wilson	Bengals
Demarcus Ayers	Steelers
Alex Cooper	Bengals
Elandon Roberts	Patriots
William Jackson III	Bengals
Lee Hightower	Colts
Adrian McDonald	Chargers
Nolan Frese	Seahawks
Kenneth Farrow	Chargers

IOWA STATE	NFL
Josh Lenz	Texans
Collin Franklin	Bucaneers
E.J. Bibbs	Jaguars
Carter Bykowski	Falcons
Hayworth Hicks	Panthers
Kelechi Osemele	Raiders
Reggie Stephens	Ravens
David Irving	Cowboys
Jeremiah George	Cowboys
A.J. Klein	Saints
Jake Knott	Eagles
Leonard Johnson	Bills
David Sims	Browns

RICE	NFL
James Casey	Texans
Luke Wilson	Seahawks
Scott Solomon	Browns
Cheta Ozougwu	Bears
Andrew Sendejo	Vikings

LA TECH	NFL
Ryan Moats	Texans
Jonathan Holland	Raiders
Tramon Williams	Browns
Hiram Eugene	Raiders
Jerron Wishom	Packers

OK STATE	NFL
Tatum Bell	Broncos
Vernand Morency	Packers
Rashaun Woods	49ers
Billy Bajema	Ravens
Charlie Johnson	Vikings
Corey Hilliard	Lions
Antonio Smith	Texans
Kevin Williams	Saints
Darrent Williams	Broncos



