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JOEY MCGUIRE

Head Coach | Fifth Season

Joeey McGuire enters his fifth season as Texas Tech's head football coach where he has quickly built the Red Raiders into a Big 12 champion and a national contender.

The 17th head coach in program history, McGuire was named to the position on Nov. 8, 2021, by Director of Athletics Kirby Hocutt. Since then, McGuire has pushed Texas Tech to its first outright conference championship since 1955, all while recording the most Big 12 wins by any conference school since his hiring. Texas Tech capped its historic 2025 season with not only the Big 12 title but its first College Football Playoff appearance in school history, marking the fourth-consecutive bowl appearance for the Red Raiders under McGuire.

Texas Tech is a combined 35-18 during McGuire's tenure as head coach, which has included at least five Big 12 victories in each of his four seasons. The Red Raiders, who wrapped the 2025 season with a school record 12 wins and an 8-1 record in Big 12 play, are joined by Kansas State as the only active Big 12 programs to record five or more league wins in each of the past four years, regardless of conference affiliation. Texas Tech previously finished 6-3 against conference opponents in 2024, marking their most league wins since 2009 at the time.

The Red Raiders' success under McGuire doesn't stop there. In four short seasons, Texas Tech has accomplished the following:

- ▶ Texas Tech built one of the most-dominant teams in recent history during the 2025 season as all 12 wins were by at least 20 points, which included a 34-7 victory over BYU in the Edward Jones Big 12 Championship. The Red Raiders were only the fifth team in the Associated Press era (since 1936) to record 12 or more wins by 20-plus points in a season, joining the likes of Nebraska (1971), Florida State (2013), Alabama (2018) and Clemson (2018). Of that group, only the Red Raiders and Alabama recorded their 12th win by at least 20 points prior to the bowl game.
- ▶ Texas Tech's eight Big 12 wins by at least 20 points during the 2025 season were the most in league history. The Red Raiders were only the sixth team in college football history to win eight or more conference games by that margin, joining Florida State (1993), BYU (1996), Boise State (2002), Alabama (2018) and Ohio State (2019).
- ▶ McGuire is only the second head coach in program history to push the Red Raiders to a bowl appearance in each of his first four seasons, joining Mike Leach who did so in each of his 10 years in Lubbock. He is already only the fourth head coach in program history to lead the Red Raiders to four or more bowl appearances overall, joining not only Leach (9) but Spike Dykes (7) and Jim Carlen (4).
- ▶ Texas Tech has combined for 35 wins in McGuire's first four seasons, the most

for a Red Raider head coach during that span in school history. He joins E.Y. Freedom (1925-28) and Leach (2000-09) as the only head coaches in program history to record a winning record in each of his first four seasons.

- ▶ The Red Raiders are a combined 22-5 at home over McGuire's four seasons, turning Galaxy Stadium into a consistent home field advantage. That record includes a 14-4 mark during Big 12 play for the Red Raiders, who have won eight-consecutive games in front of their home crowd entering the 2026 season.
- ▶ McGuire is now the only head coach in program history to lead the Red Raiders to an above .500 conference record in each of his first four seasons. Prior to his debut 2022 season, Texas Tech had not recorded a winning conference record since 2009 as the Red Raiders were a combined 36-71 (.336) in the 12 years before McGuire's arrival, with no seasons of at least a .500 record. Texas Tech's current streak is only the third time in program history the Red Raiders have recorded a winning conference record over four-consecutive seasons and the first time since the 1991-97 campaigns.
- ▶ Dating back to Texas Tech's acceptance into the Southwest Conference in 1960, McGuire has the highest conference winning percentage for a head coach in his first four seasons. McGuire, who is 25-12 against Big 12 foes when the Big 12 Championship win over BYU is included, leads the likes of Steve Sloan, who was 15-8 in his three seasons in the Southwest Conference from 1975-77, as well as Jim Carlen, who was 17-11 in his first four seasons of his 1970-74 tenure.
- ▶ McGuire became the first head coach in program history to lead the Red Raiders to a bowl victory in each of his first two seasons as Texas Tech downed Ole Miss in the 2022 TaxAct Texas Bowl and then Cat in the 2023 Radiant Technologies Independence Bowl.
- ▶ McGuire's eight-win debut in 2022 finished one victory shy for the most ever by a first-year head coach in program history as Dell Morgan previously led the Red Raiders to a 9-2 record in 1941. Texas Tech closed the 2022 season with a 42-25 victory over Ole Miss in the TaxAct Texas Bowl, marking its fourth-consecutive victory to close the season. The Red Raiders had not previously ended a season with four-straight wins since 1995.
- ▶ McGuire is the only head coach in program history to defeat Texas and Oklahoma in the same season after the Red Raiders defeated both in overtime during his debut season in 2022.
- ▶ Red Raider fans have come to expect strong finishes under McGuire as Texas Tech is a combined 13-3 in the month of November in his four seasons despite having to start three different quarterbacks each of his first two years. Texas Tech's 13 wins in November are the most for any Big 12 program during that span.

THE PATH TO THE NFL

Texas Tech has become a mainstay for the NFL under McGuire's watch, not only for his open-door policy to scouts and front office personnel but for the upgrade in talent heading to the next level. The Red Raiders have had 14 players hear their name called during the NFL Draft throughout McGuire's tenure, including a school record nine during the 2026 draft alone.

That list includes a pair of top-10 picks in rush ends Tyree Wilson in 2023 and then David Bailey this past spring. For Wilson, he was picked seventh overall by the Las Vegas Raiders, becoming the highest-drafted Texas Tech defensive player in program history at the time. Wilson earned first team All-America honors by the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA) following his 2022 senior season and was a first team All-Big 12 honoree after totaling 14.0 tackles for loss and 7.0 sacks over 10 games. He matched Ring of Honor member Donny Anderson as being the second-highest drafted Red Raider in program history at the time (all positions) and the highest in the modern era.

Bailey, meanwhile, surpassed Wilson's status as the second-highest draft pick in program history and the highest defensive player ever selected during the 2026 festivities as the New York Jets used the No. 2 overall pick on the fellow edge rusher. Bailey flourished in his lone season as a Red Raider, earning unanimous All-America honors as well as Big 12 Newcomer of the Year and Defensive Lineman of the Year accolades after sharing the FBS lead with 14.5 sacks. Bailey became the third edge rusher drafted already in McGuire's tenure, joining not only Wilson but Myles Cole, a seventh-round pick by the Jacksonville Jaguars in 2024.

Bailey kicked off a rush of Red Raiders heading to the next level during the 2026 draft as Texas Tech's nine selections more than doubled any other Big 12 school and ranked tied for fourth overall nationally. Bailey was followed by two other top-50 selections in linebacker Jacob Rodriguez with the Miami Dolphins and defensive tackle Lee Hunter to the Carolina Panthers in the second round. Fellow edge rusher Romello Height and wide receiver Caleb Douglas were both picked on night two as well, going to the San Francisco 49ers and Miami Dolphins, respectively, in the third round.

Texas Tech had six total selections from the defensive side of the ball during the 2026 draft alone as defensive tackle Skyler Gill-Howard was called in the sixth round by the Detroit Lions with safety Cole Wisniewski going a round later to the Philadelphia Eagles. Texas Tech's two other day three selections were wide receiver Reggie Virgil, a fifth-round pick by the Arizona Cardinals, and quarterback Behren Morton, who was a seventh-round selection by the New England Patriots.

The 2026 draft marked the third-consecutive years under McGuire where multiple Red Raiders heard their name called. Caleb Rogers, a stalwart on the offensive line with 55 career starts as a Red Raider, was picked in the third round of the 2025 NFL Draft by the Las Vegas Raiders, while running back Tahj Brooks was selected in the sixth round by the Cincinnati Bengals. Prior to that, Dadrion Taylor-Demerson was chosen by the Arizona Cardinals in the fourth round of the 2024 draft followed by Cole in the seventh round.

Brooks ended his Red Raider career as Texas Tech's all-time leading rusher after breaking Byron Hanspard's longtime school record during the 2024 season. Brooks rushed for at least 1,500 yards in each of his final two seasons, becoming the first Red Raider and only the third player in Big 12 history to do so twice in a career. Brooks was the first Red Raider running back to be selected in the NFL Draft since DeAndre Washington was picked by the Oakland Raiders in 2016.

Texas Tech also added three others to the NFL via free agency for the 2024 season as tight end Baylor Cupp was on the Kansas City Chiefs' roster through their run to the Super Bowl, while offensive lineman Cole Spencer was a member of the Tennessee Titans. Tyler Owens, meanwhile, was a key contributor on special teams for the Washington Commanders, appearing in 12 regular-season games for the NFC Championship Game participant.

The Red Raiders have had more than 15 players earn NFL opportunities as an undrafted free agent or training camp invite during McGuire's tenure. That list includes punter Austin McNamara, who was among the NFL's top punters as a rookie in 2025 with the New York Jets. McNamara departed Texas Tech as the school's all-time punting average leader and the only three-time All-Big 12 first team selection in school history.

McGuire previously developed four NFL Draft selections during his tenure at Baylor. That list included outside linebackers Terrel Bernard in 2022 and William Bradley-King, a seventh-round selection by the Washington Football Team in 2021, as well as defensive linemen James Lynch and Bravion Roy in 2020. Lynch went in the fourth round of the 2020 draft to the Minnesota Vikings, while Roy was taken two rounds later by the Carolina Panthers. Bernard, meanwhile, was a third-round selection by the Buffalo Bills during the 2022 NFL Draft.



▲ **DAVID BAILEY** is one of two top-10 picks for the Red Raiders under Joey McGuire as he was selected No. 2 overall this past spring in the 2026 NFL Draft.

A NATIONAL AWARD WINNER

There might not have been a more-compelling story during the 2025 season than Texas Tech's own Jacob Rodriguez. A former scholarship quarterback turned walk-on linebacker under McGuire, Rodriguez's story captivated the national spotlight, all while the Red Raiders turned in one of the top defensive seasons in modern history.

Rodriguez anchored a defense that posted one of the largest single-season improvements in FBS history, lowering scoring by 23.0 points per game and total defense by 203.2 yards per game. He was especially impactful in creating turnovers, totaling seven forced fumbles, four interceptions and two fumble recoveries his senior year alone. Rodriguez became the first FBS player since 2005 to record at least five forced fumbles, four interceptions and two fumble recoveries in a single season en route to finishing fifth overall in the Heisman Trophy voting. He finished his career with 19 takeaways, including nine as a senior, helping Texas Tech lead the FBS with 32 takeaways on its way to a Big 12 title and the College Football Playoff.

One of the most decorated players in college football in 2025, Rodriguez nearly swept the nation's top defensive honors, winning the Butkus Award, Bronko Nagurski Trophy, Chuck Bednarik Award and Lombardi Trophy. He became the first Red Raider to win any of those awards and just the third player in history to claim the Butkus, Nagurski and Bednarik awards in the same season, joining Dan Morgan (2000) and Manti Te'o (2012).

Rodriguez joined with David Bailey to become sixth and seventh individuals in program history honored as unanimous All-Americans and the third set of teammates to collect first team All-America accolades. Rodriguez became Texas Tech's first linebacker to receive first team All-America honors since Pro Football Hall of Fame and College Football Hall of Fame inductee Zach Thomas. The comparison to Thomas only added more fuel during the 2026 NFL Draft when the Miami Dolphins utilized the No. 43 overall pick in the second round to select Rodriguez.

Rodriguez was also named the Jason Witten Collegiate Man of the Year, recognizing the FBS player who best exemplifies leadership, integrity and sportsmanship. A two-time All-Big 12 first team selection, Rodriguez was the program's first Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year in 2025 and was a two-time team captain.



▲ **JACOB RODRIGUEZ** was among the most-decorated players in college football during the 2025 season, winning numerous national accolades such as the prestigious Lombardi Award.

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AN NFL FRONT OFFICE

Under McGuire, Texas Tech's personnel department resembles an NFL front office, a first-in-its-kind approach in the world of college football. Texas Tech's personnel department is overseen by general manager James Blanchard, who was McGuire's first hire after accepting the Texas Tech position. Blanchard has the ability to offer any potential recruit he and his staff feel will fit at Texas Tech, allowing McGuire's coaching staff to prioritize player development.

The setup has helped Texas Tech land several of the nation's top high school recruits, especially in the lucrative footprint of the state of Texas. The Red Raiders have signed three top-30 classes already under McGuire, whose staff has inked a several five-star prospects in wide receiver Micah Hudson, offensive lineman Felix Ojo and edge rusher La'Damion Guyton with more likely on the way.

Texas Tech's most-recent 2026 class ranked as high as No. 13 nationally by ESPN and No. 15 by 24/7Sports, which led the Big 12 for the second time already in McGuire's tenure. The team of McGuire and Blanchard began their tenure with a 2023 class that was ranked as high as No. 28 by Rivals, marking Texas Tech's highest recruiting ranking in more than a decade. Texas Tech followed with another banner 2024 class that was considered in the top-25 nationally by both Rivals and 24/7Sports.

The Red Raiders have consistently prioritized recruiting the top talent in Texas, leaning into his staff's ties to the high school coaches throughout the state. Texas Tech has complemented that approach with several additions via the transfer portal where McGuire and his staff have delivered successful results with the likes of All-Big 12 selections such as linebacker Jacob Rodriguez, wide receivers Josh Kelly and Caleb Douglas, tight end Jalin Conyers and defensive back C.J. Baskerville, bringing all back to the Lone Star State for their best collegiate seasons.

Texas Tech landed On3's top transfer portal class following the 2024 season as McGuire and his staff signed 20 newcomers to add to an already-talented list of returners that eventually led the Red Raiders to the College Football Playoff for the first time. The class, which also ranked in the top five nationally by both ESPN and 24/7Sports, delivered nine players who were ranked among the top-100 portal entrees by ESPN, including outside linebackers David Bailey (No. 9 overall) and Romello Height (No. 32 overall), offensive lineman Howard Sampson (No. 18 overall) and defensive lineman Lee Hunter (No. 19 overall), among others. Texas Tech reloaded again this past offseason, signing a transfer class that ranks as high as No. 2 nationally by On3.

THE TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

Texas Tech's early success should come at little surprise as McGuire previously helped build a winning program at Baylor following a stellar 14-year run at Cedar Hill High School in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. McGuire, a 2020 inductee into the Texas High School Coaches Association Hall of Honor and a 2022 member of the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame, created one of the most-memorable turnaround stories in Texas high school football history during his 14 seasons leading Cedar Hill.

The Longhorns not only won at a high level under McGuire, but they transformed into one of the state's most dominant programs with its first state title in 2006 and then back-to-back state crowns in 2013 and 2014. Cedar Hill was an impressive 141-42 during McGuire's tenure, going from an unknown to a state champion in only his fourth season as head coach. The Longhorns' dynasty featured 12-consecutive playoff appearances, nine bi-district titles and seven district

crowns under McGuire, including another appearance in the state title game in 2012 where Cedar Hill fell to Katy.

McGuire's turnaround of Cedar Hill quickly placed him among the state's most revered high school coaches as he was named the Texas Coach of the Year by MaxPreps, the Dallas Morning News and Chevy Silverado in 2013. He also earned Coach of the Year honors for Class 5A that season by the Texas Sports Writers Association (TSWA), Dave Campbell's Texas Football, the Dallas chapter of the National Football Foundation and the Padilla Poll. He garnered the honor again from the Padilla Poll in 2014. The Dallas Cowboys also honored him as the organization's high school Coach of the Year following Cedar Hill's first state title in 2006.

McGuire, at only the age of 31, was promoted to the head coach at Cedar Hill prior to the 2003 season following six seasons as an assistant coach. Cedar Hill had not recorded a winning season in the eight years prior to his promotion, a streak he quickly ended with a 6-4 campaign in his debut. McGuire was previously an assistant coach at his alma mater, Crowley High School, during the 1995 and 1996 prior to his move to Cedar Hill.

A two-time District Coach of the Year (2005-06), McGuire coached in all but two Under Armour All-America games during his tenure and was the head coach of the 2013 Semper Fidelis All-America Bowl, two events that feature the nation's top collegiate prospects. He was also the head coach for the north team in the 2014 Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) All-Star Game.

THE PATH TO COLLEGE FOOTBALL

The back-to-back state titles provided McGuire with several opportunities to depart for the collegiate level, a move he wouldn't make until after the 2016 season when Matt Rhule accepted the head coaching position at Baylor. Needing someone with extensive ties throughout the state of Texas, Rhule hired McGuire initially as his tight ends coach. The move was perfect timing for McGuire, who had remained at Cedar Hill to coach his son, Garret, for his final two seasons.

Baylor quickly turned into a Big 12 title contender within three years of McGuire's hire as the Bears finished 7-6 in only his second season on staff in 2018 after defeating Vanderbilt in the Academy Sports + Outdoors Texas Bowl. The Bears followed with one of their best seasons in school history in 2019, opening the season with nine-straight wins en route to an appearance in the Big 12 Championship game. Oklahoma edged the Bears in overtime, sending Baylor to an appearance in the Allstate Sugar Bowl and a top-15 final ranking to close the season.

Baylor reached bowl eligibility three times with McGuire on staff and was in the midst of an eventual run to the Big 12 title and a second appearance in the Allstate Sugar Bowl when McGuire was named Texas Tech's new head coach late in the 2021 season. McGuire served as Baylor's associate head coach during each of his final three seasons as he oversaw three different position groups during his tenure: tight ends (2017-18), defensive ends (2019) and outside linebackers (2020-21).

Baylor built a strong reputation as one of the top defensive programs in the country during McGuire's tenure, namely in 2019 when the Bears' defense featured both Lynch and Roy up front. The defensive line was possibly Baylor's most-prolific position group that season as the Bears set a program record with 46 sacks, including 13.5 from Lynch alone. Lynch departed Baylor as the Bears' single-season and career (22) sacks record holder as he was tabbed the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year and a consensus All-American.

PERSONAL

Following his success helping rebuild the Baylor program, Texas Tech was an ideal fit for McGuire, whose daughter, Raegan, was a recent graduate of the university. McGuire had visited Lubbock numerous times previously either to see his daughter or earlier in life when several life-long friends attended the university.

McGuire likes to say he would have attended Texas Tech, himself, had he not met his wife, Debbie. He eventually earned his bachelor's degree in kinesiology from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1995. The couple has been highly-involved in the Lubbock community since their arrival, volunteering for numerous charitable organizations, including Covenant Children's Hospital and then Voice for Hope through their annual Women Behind the Brand clinic each summer.

The couple's two children are also highly successful in their own fields as Garrett is in his second season as Texas Tech's running backs coach. The younger McGuire previously began his coaching career under Rhule as an offensive assistant with the NFL's Carolina Panthers during the 2021-22 seasons. He followed Rhule to Nebraska in 2023, serving two seasons as the Huskers' wide receivers coach, making him easily one of the youngest assistant coaches in the country. Prior to beginning his coaching career, Garrett McGuire was a quarterback and special teams player at Baylor, playing in six games from 2017-20 where he was a two-time Academic All-Big 12 first team honoree.

Raegan, meanwhile, is the owner and founder of Sireneny, a leading fashion design company in New York City. Her designs have been worn by several high-profile figures, including Natalie Biden, the granddaughter to President Joe Biden, as well as Taylor Swift on her spring 2023 Eras Tour. Raegan and her husband, Joe Tocco, were married in May 2023.

MCGUIRE-ISMS

Listen to one Joey McGuire press conference and you'll likely be wondering: "what does that mean?" Well, here's a cheat sheet of the major terms the Red Raiders utilize on a day-to-day basis.

The Brand: The core tenant of the Texas Tech football program under McGuire revolves around The Brand, which stands for his desire that the Red Raiders be the "toughest, hardest-working, most-competitive team in the country." On his final interview for the Texas Tech position, McGuire described his vision for the Red Raider program using The Brand, which President Lawrence Schovaneac said "perfectly describes West Texas."

What's Next!: No matter if something good or bad happens on the field, McGuire and his staff stress a "What's Next!" mentality, emphasizing that the focus should be on the next play or rep. McGuire now hosts his own podcast each week during the season, which is appropriately called "What's Next! With Joey McGuire." While the phrase "What's Next" is normally followed by a question mark, in the Texas Tech football program, it is always an "exclamation point" as it's never a question and only a statement. -

Take Three: The term "Take Three" is one many around the Red Raider football program have heard almost daily since McGuire's hiring. The phrase is a key element of Texas Tech's weekly Plan to Win document, highlighting the defensive goal of creating three takeaways per game. McGuire, who has "TAKE3" on the license plate on one of his vehicles, started the phrase early in his tenure at Cedar Hill High School.

Unofficial Home of the THSCA: There isn't a power-four football program in the state of Texas with better ties to its high school coaches than at Texas Tech as McGuire has hired numerous members to his coaching staff who previously worked at the prep level. McGuire, himself, is already a legend at the prep level as a member of the THSCA Hall of Honor and the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame.

JOEY MCGUIRE, THE OFFICIANT

Known as a players' coach, Joey McGuire has added another title in recent years: wedding officiant. He presided over the second wedding of a former player in 2023 for former defensive quality control assistant James Lockhart, who previously played for McGuire at Baylor. Lockhart is now the outside linebackers coach at UTRGV. McGuire previously performed the wedding for Sam Tecklenburg, another former Baylor player. He performed his third ceremony in the spring of 2025 as he was the officiant for the wedding of longtime athletics administrator Sandy Collins. His fourth wedding came prior to the Capital One Orange Bowl last season for Josh Haverfield, the coordinator for football performance and analytics on the Texas Tech strength staff.

MCGUIRE FILE

Hometown	Crowley, Texas
Education	Texas-Arlington '95 (Kinesiology)
Wife	Debbie
Children	Daughter: Raegan (husband Joe); Son: Garrett (wife Terra)

COACHING HISTORY

2022-present	Texas Tech Head Coach
2020-21	Baylor Associate Head Coach (Outside Linebackers)
2019	Baylor Associate Head Coach (Defensive Ends)
2017-18	Baylor Assistant Coach (Tight Ends)
2003-16	Cedar Hill High School Head Coach
1997-02	Cedar Hill High School Assistant Coach
1995-96	Crowley High School Assistant Coach

BOWL GAMES (7)

2025	Capital One Orange Bowl - CFP Quarterfinals
2024	AutoZone Liberty Bowl
2023	Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl
2022	TaxAct Texas Bowl
2021	Allstate Sugar Bowl*
2019	Allstate Sugar Bowl
2018	Academy Sports + Outdoors Texas Bowl

* bowl took place after he had already accepted the Texas Tech position.

NFL DRAFT SELECTIONS (18)

YEAR	NAME, POS.	ROUND	TEAM
2026	David Bailey, EDGE	1st (No. 2)	New York Jets
2026	Jacob Rodriguez, LB	2nd	Miami Dolphins
2026	Lee Hunter, DT	2nd	Carolina Panthers
2026	Romello Height, EDGE	3rd	San Francisco 49ers
2026	Caleb Douglas, WR	3rd	Miami Dolphins
2026	Reggie Virgil, WR	5th	Arizona Cardinals
2026	Skyler Gill-Howard, DT	6th	Detroit Lions
2026	Behren Morton, QB	7th	New England Patriots
2026	Cole Wisniewski, S	7th	Philadelphia Eagles
2025	Caleb Rogers, OL	3rd	Las Vegas Raiders
2025	Tahj Brooks, RB	6th	Cincinnati Bengals
2024	Dadrian Taylor-Demerson, DB	4th	Arizona Cardinals
2024	Myles Cole, EDGE	7th	Jacksonville Jaguars
2023	Tyree Wilson, EDGE	1st (No. 7)	Las Vegas Raiders
2022	Terrel Bernard, OLB*	3rd	Buffalo Bills
2021	William Bradley-King, OLB*	7th	Washington Commanders
2020	James Lynch, DE*	4th	Minnesota Vikings
2020	Bravinn Roy, DE*	6th	Carolina Panthers

* players coached during his tenure at Baylor.



▲ THE MCGUIRE FAMILY added a new member this offseason as Garrett McGuire married his wife, Terra, during a July ceremony in Mexico.

YEAR-BY-YEAR RESULTS UNDER MCGUIRE

2022				
Overall: 8-5 Big 12: 5-4 TaxAct Texas Bowl Champions				
Sept. 3	Murray State	W, 63-10	58,823	
Sept. 10	#25 Houston	W, 33-30 (2OT)	56,271	
Sept. 17	at #12 N.C. State	L, 14-27	56,919	
Sept. 24	* #19 Texas	W, 37-34 (OT)	60,975	
Oct. 1	* at #25 Kansas State	L, 28-37	50,782	
Oct. 8	* at #7 Oklahoma State	L, 31-41	55,509	
Oct. 22	* West Virginia	W, 48-10	56,530	
Oct. 29	Baylor	L, 17-45	60,705	
Nov. 5	* at #7 TCU	L, 24-34	44,760	
Nov. 12	* Kansas	W, 43-28	55,613	
Nov. 19	* at Iowa State	W, 14-10	52,676	
Nov. 26	Oklahoma	W, 51-48 (OT)	51,126	
Dec. 28	vs. Ole Miss (Texas Bowl)	W, 42-25	53,251	

2023				
Overall: 7-6 Big 12: 5-4 Independence Bowl Champions				
Sept. 2	at Wyoming	L, 33-35 (2OT)	26,450	
Sept. 9	#13 Oregon	L, 30-38	56,200	
Sept. 16	Tarleton State	W, 41-3	56,200	
Sept. 23	* at West Virginia	L, 13-20	50,071	
Sept. 30	* Houston	W, 49-28	53,308	
Oct. 7	* at Baylor	W, 39-14	44,620	
Oct. 14	* Kansas State	L, 21-38	56,200	
Oct. 21	* at BYU	L, 14-27	63,523	
Nov. 2	* TCU	W, 35-28	51,185	
Nov. 11	* at #16 Kansas	W, 15-13	47,233	
Nov. 18	* UCF	W, 24-23	53,851	
Nov. 24	* at #7 Texas	L, 7-57	102,452	
Dec. 16	vs. California (Independence Bowl)	W, 34-14	33,071	

2024				
Overall: 8-5 Big 12: 6-3 AutoZone Liberty Bowl				
Aug. 31	Abilene Christian	W, 52-51 (OT)	60,229	
Sept. 7	at Washington State	L, 16-37	27,372	
Sept. 14	North Texas	W, 66-21	57,865	
Sept. 21	* Arizona State	W, 30-22	58,795	
Sept. 28	* Cincinnati	W, 44-41	60,229	
Oct. 5	* at Arizona	W, 28-22	45,773	
Oct. 19	* Baylor	L, 35-59	60,229	
Oct. 26	* at TCU	L, 34-35	42,144	
Nov. 2	* at #10 Iowa State	W, 23-22	61,500	
Nov. 9	* #20 Colorado	L, 27-41	60,229	
Nov. 23	* at Oklahoma State	W, 56-48	52,202	
Nov. 30	* West Virginia	W, 52-15	52,785	
Dec. 27	vs. Arkansas (Liberty Bowl)	L, 26-39	37,764	

2025				
Overall: 12-2 Big 12: 8-1 Big 12 Champions Capital One Orange Bowl				
Aug. 30	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	W, 67-7	60,229	
Sept. 6	Kent State	W, 62-14	60,229	
Sept. 13	Oregon State	W, 45-14	60,229	
Sept. 20	* at #16 Utah	W, 34-10	52,236	
Oct. 4	* at Houston	W, 35-11	42,806	
Oct. 11	* Kansas	W, 42-17	60,229	
Oct. 18	* at Arizona State	L, 22-26	54,177	
Oct. 25	* Oklahoma State	W, 42-0	59,625	
Nov. 1	* at Kansas State	W, 43-20	52,111	
Nov. 8	* #7 BYU	W, 29-7	60,229	
Nov. 15	* UCF	W, 48-9	60,229	
Nov. 29	* at West Virginia	W, 49-0	44,250	
Dec. 6	vs. #11 BYU (Big 12 Championship)	W, 34-7	85,519	
Jan. 1	vs. #5 Oregon (Orange Bowl - CFP)	L, 0-23	65,021	

KEY: * Conference Game



RECORD AGAINST OPPONENTS

OPPONENT	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
Abilene Christian	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0
Arizona	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0
Arizona State	1-1	1-0	0-1	0-0
Arkansas	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0
Baylor	1-2	0-2	1-0	0-0
BYU	2-1	1-0	0-1	1-0
California	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Cincinnati	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0
Colorado	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0
Houston	3-0	2-0	1-0	0-0
Iowa State	2-0	0-0	2-0	0-0
Kansas	3-0	2-0	1-0	0-0
Kansas State	1-2	0-1	1-1	0-0
Kent State	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0
Murray State	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0
N.C. State	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0
North Texas	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0
Oklahoma	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0
Oklahoma State	2-1	1-0	1-1	0-0
Ole Miss	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Oregon	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-1
Oregon State	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0
Tarleton State	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0
TCU	1-2	1-0	0-2	0-0
Texas	1-1	1-0	0-1	0-0
UCF	2-0	2-0	0-0	0-0
Utah	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0
Washington State	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0
West Virginia	3-1	2-0	1-1	0-0
Wyoming	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0

RECORD AGAINST CONFERENCES

Conference	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
American	2-0	2-0	0-0	0-0
ACC	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0
Big Ten	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1
Big 12	25-12	14-4	10-8	1-0
Conference USA	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
FBS Independents	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Mid-American	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0
Mountain West	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0
Pac-12	2-2	1-1	0-1	1-0
SEC	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-1
Sun Belt	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
FCS Opponents	4-0	4-0	0-0	0-0

NOTE: Record reflects the conference affiliation at the time of the contest.



KENNY PERRY

Associate Head Coach | Special Teams Coordinator | Fifth Season

No stranger to the state of Texas, Kenny Perry was one of Joey McGuire's first hires when he became Texas Tech's associate head coach prior to the 2022 season. In the four seasons since, Perry has already tutored Texas Tech's all-time leading rusher in Tahj Brooks as well as the school's career record holder for punting average in Austin McNamara and the single-season record holder for field goal percentage in Gino Garcia, all while helping build a Red Raider program into the Big 12 champions in 2025.

Perry was Texas Tech's running backs coach for each of the first three seasons of his tenure in addition to his role as special teams coordinator. He moved to only overseeing Texas Tech's special teams units beginning with the historic 2025 season that ended with a school record 12 wins, a Big 12 title and the Red Raiders' first appearance in the College Football Playoff. Over his four seasons, Perry has helped push the Red Raiders to four bowl appearances and a conference-leading 24 wins during Big 12 Conference play.

Perry has transformed Texas Tech's special teams into one of the most-consistent units in the country behind McNamara, a trio of kickers in Trey Wolff, Garcia and Stone Harrington as well as a pair of game-changing returners in Drae McCray and J'Koby Williams. That success – a key element in Texas Tech's weekly Plan to Win document – has pushed the Red Raiders to four-consecutive seasons with at least five Big 12 wins, marking the longest streak in school history. In fact, Texas Tech and Kansas State are the only two Big 12 schools with a winning league record in each of the past four seasons, regardless of conference affiliation.

Texas Tech has consistently put together one of the nation's best special teams units under Perry, who was recognized as the National Special Teams Coordinator of the Year by the website FootballScoop following the 2025 season. Known for his aggressive approach to special teams, Perry has consistently pushed the Red Raiders inside the top 20 of multiple statistical categories during his tenure.

The Red Raiders have also excelled in what Perry calls "the basics." Texas Tech has connected on 81.2 percent of its field goals under Perry, which ranks 14th nationally and seventh among power conference schools. The Red Raiders lead all power conference schools and rank second overall in the FBS with 87 total made field goals during that same stretch. On the opposite end, few schools have been more successful in getting to the kicker as Texas Tech's 14 total blocked kicks under Perry rank tied for third nationally in all of college football.

Perry has developed three consistent kickers during his tenure in Wolff, Garcia and then Harrington a year ago. Wolff reemerged as Texas Tech's primary field goal kicker during Perry's first season in 2022, finding the uprights on 21 of his 25 attempts, which ranked second all-time by percentage in single-season school history at the time. Wolff was one of the most reliable kickers in college football, especially in key moments, as he had nine field goals that came with under a minute remaining in the second or fourth quarters or in overtime. He had two game-winning kicks that season, sending the Red Raiders to memorable come-from-behind victories over both Texas and Oklahoma for the first time in program history.

Garcia provided Perry with another consistent kicking option a year later as he connected on 16-of-22 attempts during the 2023 season, which included 9-of-10 tries during Big 12 play. Garcia, like Wolff, was an honorable mention All-Big 12 selection that season after showcasing one of the nation's biggest legs. Garcia became the first Red Raider in program history to connect on three field goals of at least 50 yards in a season thanks to a 55-yarder versus TCU, a 54-yarder against Wyoming and a 51-yarder in the win over UCF.

Garcia followed by finding the uprights on 19-of-20 attempts during the 2024 season, setting the Texas Tech single-season record for field goal percentage. Garcia ranked fourth in the FBS for field goal percentage and had the second-highest clip among kickers with at least 15 attempts as he earned All-Big 12 second team honors by the league coaches. Garcia also set the Texas Tech record for consecutive field goals made with 16 during the 2024 season en route to closing his career ranked ninth for career made attempts.

Harrington, meanwhile, developed from a walk-on and occasional kickoff specialist to an All-Big 12 first team selection and Lou Groza Award semifinalist in 2025. Harrington became the first Texas Tech kicker in school history to connect on multiple successful field goals from at least 55 yards or longer in not only a season but also a career. He concluded the 2025 season second all-time on the Texas Tech single-season chart with 22 made field goals, including a single-game record of five in the regular-season win over BYU.

In addition to his development of kickers, McNamara was tabbed the Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Year following the 2023 season, marking the first time a Red Raider has garnered the award. McNamara, a semifinalist for the Ray Guy Award, was also named to the All-Big 12 first team as a punter, making him the first Red Raider in program history to be recognized on the first team three times in a career. He later signed a free agent agreement with the Cincinnati Bengals organization and enjoyed a successful 2025 rookie campaign with the New York Jets.

All this is not to mention Perry's work as Texas Tech's running backs coach, either, where he mentored the school's all-time leading rusher in Brooks.

Brooks snapped Byron Hanspard's career rushing record late in the 2024 season as he finished with 4,557 yards, the most all-time by a Red Raider. That total ranked fourth all-time in Big 12 history, trailing only the Texas duo of Cedric Benson and Ricky Williams and Kansas State's Darren Sproles. Brooks also set the Texas Tech career records with 23 total 100-yard games and for rushing attempts with a workload of 879 carries over his career. He became the Texas Tech single-season leader with 11 different 100-yard games in 2024.

Brooks, a sixth round selection by the Cincinnati Bengals in the 2025 NFL Draft, turned into one of college football's most-consistent rushers under Perry as he was one of only three FBS players and the lone one from the Big 12 Conference to combine for at least 3,000 rushing yards over the 2023-24 seasons. Over that stretch, Brooks recorded 22-consecutive games with at least 95 rushing yards, the longest streak for any FBS rusher dating back to 1996. He rushed for at least 100 yards in 19 of those games, all while ranking among the nation's top pass blockers

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with only three career sacks allowed in 287 pass blocking opportunities, according to Pro Football Focus.

Brooks became the first Red Raider in school history to rush for 1,500 yards in multiple seasons as he concluded his 2024 senior season with 1,505 rushing yards and 17 touchdowns in only 11 games to lead Texas Tech to six Big 12 wins, its most since 2009 at the time. In the process, he became only the third Big 12 player in history and the 48th FBS player since 1956 to record multiple 1,500-yard seasons. In addition, he was the first power conference rusher to total 1,500 rushing yards in 11 games or less since D'Onta Foreman of Texas in 2016. He previously rushed for 1,538 yards and 10 touchdowns as part of a breakout season in 2023 where he earned All-Big 12 first team honors. The Red Raiders had not previously boasted a running back with at least 1,500 rushing yards in a season since Ricky Williams in 1998 prior to Brooks' memorable 2023 campaign.

Perry brings a similar background as McGuire as both were successful head coaches in the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolis before joining the collegiate ranks. He boasts more than 20 years of coaching experience, including 14 as a high school head coach and then a decade-plus at the college level with stops at TCU, Kansas, SMU and now Texas Tech.

Perry arrived at Texas Tech after spending the 2020-21 seasons at SMU where he was a special teams quality control analyst his first year before being promoted to special teams coordinator for the 2021 campaign. SMU was a combined 15-7 during Perry's two years on staff, which included a pair of bowl selections.

SMU, similarly, boasted one of the top special teams units in the country during the 2021 campaign as the Mustangs ranked eighth nationally for both kickoff returns (27.3 yards per return) and tied for 10th for total blocked kicks after getting their hands on four as part of an eight-win season. The Mustangs were able to create several explosive plays in the return game thanks to Bryan Massey, who ranked second in the FBS for kick return average (34.3) en route to earning All-AAC second team honors. Massey took two kickoffs all the way to the end zone as a sophomore as he matched the SMU single-season and career records, while also ranking tied for second in the FBS. His 686 total kickoff return yardage, meanwhile, finished 12th nationally and was the 11th-highest total in SMU history to cap a breakout season.

SMU's special teams also featured one of the top kickers in the country during Perry's tenure in Chris Naggar, who was the American Athletic Conference Special Teams Player of the Year in 2020 as well as a Lou Groza Award semifinalist. Naggar connected on 17 of his 21 field goal attempts that season as he ranked 19th in the FBS and led the AAC with 94 total points. Naggar closed the season one field goal shy of the SMU single-season record as he hit game-winning field goals against No. 24 Memphis and Tulane.

Perry made his way to SMU following a stint as the special teams coordinator for Bob Stoops and the Dallas Renegades during the XFL's 2020 season as well as four seasons at Big 12 counterpart Kansas. Perry joined the Kansas staff as co-defensive coordinator and cornerbacks coach in 2015, a role he remained in for two seasons before transitioning to special teams coordinator and recruiting coordinator for the 2017-18 campaigns.

Kansas was Perry's second Big 12 position as he started his collegiate career as the Director of High School Relations and Recruiting at TCU in 2013. Perry moved to an on-the-field role the following season, working with the TCU cornerbacks as

the Horned Frogs finished 12-1 overall. TCU claimed a share of the Big 12 title that season and defeated No. 9 Ole Miss in the Peach Bowl behind a defense that featured two of Perry's standouts in second team Freshman All-American Ranthony Texada and second team All-Big 12 honoree Kevin White.

TCU landed Perry after he built a reputation as one of the top high school coaches in the state of Texas with successful runs at Sam Houston (2000-03), Haltom City (2004-05) and Arlington Bowie (2006-12). Perry compiled a 67-22 record during his seven seasons at Bowie alone, leading the Vols to the Class 5A playoffs each year. He was named the District Coach of the Year three times during his tenure and was tabbed the Dallas Morning News Coach of the Year in 2007.

Most importantly, Perry was highly-regarded among his peers as he was selected to the Board of Directors for the Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) during his time at Bowie. He is also a past director of the North Texas High School Football Association.

Perry was a four-year letterwinner (1988-91) as a defensive back at the University of Houston before earning his degree in 1993. Perry was a cornerback his first two seasons as a Cougar before moving to safety his final two years. He also served as a graduate assistant for his alma mater from 1992-94, working with the special teams and defensive backs.

KENNY PERRY AT A GLANCE

Birthdate: April 3
Hometown: Arlington, Texas
Education: Houston, 1993 (Education)
Family: Wife: Jackie; Son - Keaton; Daughter - Alexa

COACHING HISTORY:

- 2025-present - Texas Tech Assoc. Head Coach (Special Teams Coordinator)
- 2022-24 - Texas Tech Assoc. Head Coach (Special Teams Coord./RBs)
- 2021 - SMU Assistant Coach (Special Teams Coordinator)
- 2020 - SMU Special Teams Quality Control Analyst
- 2020 - Dallas Renegades Special Teams Coordinator (XFL)
- 2017-18 - Kansas Assistant Coach (Special Teams Coord./Recruiting Coord.)
- 2015-16 - Kansas Co-Defensive Coordinator (Cornerbacks)
- 2014 - TCU Assistant Coach (Cornerbacks)
- 2013 - TCU Director of High School Relations
- 2006-12 - Arlington Bowie Head Coach
- 2004-05 - Haltom City High School Head Coach
- 2000-03 - Sam Houston High School Head Coach
- 1992-94 - Houston Graduate Assistant (Special Teams/Defensive Backs)

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS (1): 2025 Big 12 Conference (Texas Tech).

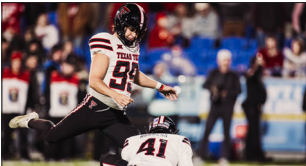
BOWL GAMES AS A COACH (7): 2025 Capital One Orange Bowl (Texas Tech); 2024 AutoZone Liberty Bowl (Texas Tech); 2023 Radiant Technologies Independence Bowl (Texas Tech); 2022 TaxAct Texas Bowl (Texas Tech); 2021 Fenway Bowl (SMU); 2020 Frisco Bowl (SMU); 2014 Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl (TCU).

NOTABLE RED RAIDERS UNDER PERRY



TAHJ BROOKS, RB

Brooks developed into Texas Tech's all-time leading rusher under Perry, becoming the only Red Raider in program history and just the third Big 12 rusher to record 1,500 rushing yards in two consecutive seasons. Brooks, who was selected in the sixth round of the 2025 NFL Draft by the Cincinnati Bengals, snapped Byron Hunsford's career rushing record at Texas Tech, finishing his career with 4,557 rushing yards over his 56 career games played.



GINO GARCIA, K

Garcia was among the most-accurate kickers in college football under Perry as he found the uprights on 19-of-20 field goal attempts in 2024, setting the Texas Tech single-season record for field goal percentage in the process. Garcia also set the Texas Tech record for consecutive field goals made with 16 during the 2024 season en route to closing his career ranked ninth for career made attempts.



AUSTIN MCNAMARA, P

McNamara closed his Red Raider career as the best punter in school history thanks to a 45.91 average that was easily the highest not only at Texas Tech but also in the Big 12 Conference record book. McNamara, who starred as a rookie in 2025 with the New York Jets, was tabbed the Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Year as a senior in 2023 after averaging an impressive 48.2 yards per punt. His career average ranked 10th all-time in NCAA FBS history.



MACK LEFTWICH

Offensive Coordinator | Quarterbacks Coach | Second Season

Mack Leftwich enters this second season at Texas Tech's offensive coordinator and quarterback backs coach after a successful debut where he oversaw one of the nation's most-balanced offenses to push the Red Raiders to a Big 12 Conference title and College Football Playoff appearance.

The Red Raiders delivered on his promise to be near a 50-50 split offensively as Texas Tech threw for 3,500 yards and rushed for 2,500 yards for the first time program history. It paved the way for one of the most-dominant seasons in recent college football history with the Red Raiders winning each of their school record 12 wins by at least 20 points. Combined with one of the nation's top defenses, the Red Raiders cruised to their first Big 12 title in history and the College Football Playoff.

Texas Tech became only the fifth team in the Associated Press era (since 1936) to record 12 or more wins by 20-plus points in a season, joining the likes of Nebraska (1971), Florida State (2013), Alabama (2018) and Clemson (2018). Of that group, only the Red Raiders and Alabama recorded their 12th win by at least 20 points prior to the bowl game. Texas Tech's eight Big 12 wins by at least 20 points set a new league record and marked only the sixth time in FBS history a team had won eight or more conference games by that margin.

Texas Tech averaged 39.4 points per game during Leftwich's debut season, its most since Patrick Mahomes II's final year leading the Red Raider offense in 2016. The Red Raiders ranked seventh in the FBS for scoring offense and 10th for total offense after averaging 461.4 yards per game backed by an explosive attack that featured 93 plays of 20-plus yards, the third-highest total in the country. Texas Tech was one of only six schools nationally with at least 3,500 passing yards and 2,500 rushing yards and the lone one to do so from the Big 12 Conference.

That balance paved the way for the Red Raiders to boast multiple 800-yard rushers for the first time in school history in sophomores Cameron Dickey and J'Koby Williams. The Red Raiders accumulated 2,560 rushing yards on the season, their most since joining the Big 12 Conference in 1996, with Dickey finishing with 1,124 yards of that total. Dickey became only the 14th different Red Raider to post 1,000 yards on the ground as he led the Big 12 with 14 rushing touchdowns and 16 total touchdowns. Williams, meanwhile, ended the season ranked 12th in the FBS with 1,525 all-purpose yards as he and Dickey were the only power conference duo with at least 1,300 all-purpose yards.

Behren Morton, meanwhile, flourished under Leftwich, who has quickly become known as one of the top quarterback developers in the country. Morton, despite battling injuries for most of the season, concluded his illustrious career with a strong final season under Leftwich, becoming only the second Red Raider in program history to start at least 10 games and throw for 2,500 yards with eight or fewer interceptions. Morton led the Big 12 with a 66.0 completion percentage and was one of only 11 FBS quarterbacks to throw for at least 2,500 yards and 20 touchdowns with six or fewer interceptions.

The strong final chapter to Morton's career enabled him to rank fourth all-time in Texas Tech history for career passing yards, career touchdown passes, career

passing attempts, career touchdowns responsible for and career total yards of offense. Most importantly, Morton ended his career backed by 26 wins as a starting quarterback, the second-highest total for a Red Raider since 1995 behind only Graham Harrell.

Morton was selected in the seventh round of this spring's NFL Draft by the New England Patriots, becoming the second former Leftwich pupil to hear his name called in recent years. Leftwich previously identified and developed Cameron Ward while at Incarnate Ward before he eventually became the No. 1 overall pick in the 2025 NFL Draft after finishing his career at Miami.

Leftwich, one of the top young play-callers in college football, arrived at Texas Tech following two seasons at Texas State where he developed one of the nation's top offenses as the Bobcats led the Sun Belt Conference and ranked in the top 15 nationally for total offense and scoring during both the 2023-24 campaigns. Texas State's success offensively pushed the Bobcats to their first two bowl appearances in school history and 16 combined victories, a significant improvement for a program that had not won more than four games since 2014.

Leftwich inherited a Texas State offense that ranked 110th in the country for scoring at only 21.1 points per game prior to his arrival in 2022. He quickly changed that narrative, though, as Texas State used a balanced attack to average 36.7 points per game in 2023 and then 36.5 points in 2024, easily its highest two single-season averages since the Bobcats joined the FBS level in 2012. The Bobcats led the Sun Belt in scoring average in each of his two seasons, finishing seventh in the FBS in 2023 and then 11th in 2024.

The son of an offensive line coach, Leftwich's offenses burned opponents both through the air and on the ground as Texas State ranked in the top 30 of the FBS rankings for both passing and rushing yards per game both seasons. The Bobcats led the Sun Belt in total offense per game each season, ranking as high as fifth in the FBS in 2024 after Texas State averaged 476.9 yards per game en route to setting the school record with 6,200 yards of total offense. Texas State previously ranked 15th nationally in total offense in 2023, averaging 457.6 yards per game, up from the 325.1 yards a contest and the No. 112 national ranking the Bobcats posted the year prior to his arrival.

Texas State also set the school records for passing yards (3,522) and completion percentage (66.9) in 2023 behind quarterback TJ Finley, who became the Bobcats' all-time single-season leader for completion percentage (67.4), passing yards (3,449) and completions (279). The Bobcats snapped the school record again a year later with a 69.7 completion percentage thanks to Jordan McCloud, who ranked seventh in the FBS for completion percentage (70.2) as well as eighth in passing touchdowns (30), ninth in passing efficiency (158.6) and 19th for total passing yards (3,227). He also broke Finley's previous school record for completion percentage after converting 70.0 of his passes for 3,227 yards and a school record 30 touchdowns.

It wasn't only the quarterbacks who excelled under Leftwich as running back Ismail Mahdi led the FBS with 2,169 all-purpose yards in 2023. Mahdi, who also excelled in the passing game and as a kick returner, rushed for 1,331 yards and 10 touchdowns that season, which marked the most rushing yards in a season by a Bobcat since Claude Mathis in 1997. His 2,169 all-purpose yards ranked third all-time in Texas State history and were the most by any Bobcat since joining the FBS level in 2012.

Behind Mahdi, Texas State finished with its second-highest rushing total as an FBS program at the time with 2,427 yards on the ground as a team. Mahdi followed with 991 rushing yards in 2024 as Texas State improved its rushing totals, finishing with 2,707 yards on the ground to rank 15th in the FBS and second in the Sun Belt.

Leftwich, a two-time Broyles Award nominee by the age of 30, joined the Texas State staff following five seasons at Incarnate Word. Leftwich was the Cardinals' offensive coordinator during his final season in San Antonio as he helped lead UIW to a Southland Conference title and the semifinal round of the FCS playoffs as the No. 7 national seed. It marked the furthest the Cardinals had advanced in the FCS playoffs in program history.

UIW led both the FBS and FCS levels with 51.1 points per game that season, which marked the second-highest average in NCAA FCS history. The Cardinal offense scored 50 or more points in seven different games in 2022 en route to also setting the Southland Conference record for total points in a season. It was quite the debut as a play-caller for Leftwich, whose offenses averaged 41.8 points per game between his time at both UIW and Texas State.

Leftwich previously began his tenure at UIW in 2018 as a graduate assistant under former head coach Eric Morris and was promoted to quarterbacks coach in 2019. He was part of the UIW coaching staff for three of its Southland Conference titles in 2018, 2021 and 2022.

Leftwich coached the quarterback position in each of his five seasons, helping identify three of the best signal callers in program history in Jon Copeland (2018-19), Cameron Ward (2020-21) and Lindsey Scott Jr. (2022). The trio all sit atop the UIW single-season records for both passing yards and passing touchdowns.

Ward combined for 6,908 passing yards and 71 touchdowns during his two seasons at UIW, which remain the most in school history. He was tabbed a Freshman All-American by HERO Sports following the COVID-shortened 2020 season and then a second team FCS All-American by STATS in 2021. Ward also earned the Jerry Rice Award for the spring 2021 season, which is presented annually to the top FCS freshman in the country.

Ward set the UIW single-season records with 4,648 passing yards and 47 touchdowns in 2021 en route to leading the Cardinals to their first 10-win season in program history. Both marks were snapped a year later by Scott Jr., who threw for 4,657 yards and 60 touchdowns while also totaling more than 5,300 yards of total offense in his only season with the Cardinals. Scott also had the highest passing efficiency (197.4) and completion percentage (70.9) in program history as he threw 60 touchdown passes to only eight interceptions.

Scott Jr., who also rushed for 712 yards and 11 touchdowns on the ground, was honored following the season with the prestigious Walter Payton Award, which recognizes the Offensive Player of the Year at the FCS level. He was also tabbed the Southland Conference Player of the Year, becoming the first player in school history to earn the honor.

Like many others on McGuire's staff, Leftwich has experience at the high school level as he was the offensive coordinator at Lehman High School in Katy prior to his hire at UIW. He began his coaching career as a student assistant at UTEP in 2016 where he worked directly with the offensive coordinator, serving in a quality control role and as the main on-field communicator with the quarterbacks on gameday.

Leftwich joined the UTEP staff following the end of his own playing career as a quarterback for the Miners from 2013-15. He was selected to the team's leadership council and was a three-time C-USA Academic Honor Roll selection. Leftwich graduated from UTEP in 2017 with a bachelor's of multidisciplinary studies with a focus in mathematics and education.

Leftwich and his wife, Courtney, are parents to a daughter, Lennie Marie, and a son, Hays. He is the son of longtime college football coach, Spencer Leftwich, who made stops at the likes of Arizona, Pittsburgh, UTEP and North Texas during his career. Leftwich's brother, Cutter, is also in the coaching profession as the offensive line coach at Kentucky.

MACK LEFTWICH AT A GLANCE

Birthdate: Nov. 18

Hometown: Wexford, Penn.

Education: UTEP, 2017 (Multidisciplinary Studies)

Family: Wife - Courtney; Daughter - Lennie Marie; Son - Hays

COACHING HISTORY

2025-present - Texas Tech Offensive Coordinator (Quarterbacks)

2023-24 - Texas State Offensive Coordinator (Quarterbacks)

2022 - Incarnate Word Offensive Coordinator (Quarterbacks)

2019-21 - Incarnate Word Assistant Coach (Quarterbacks)

2018 - Incarnate Word Graduate Assistant

2017 - Lehman High School (Texas) Offensive Coordinator

2016 - UTEP Student Assistant Coach

2016 - Kirkland High School Offensive Coordinator (Quarterbacks)

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS (1): 2025 Big 12 Conference (Texas Tech).

BOWL GAMES AS A COACH (3): 2025 Capital One Orange Bowl (Texas Tech); 2024 First Responder Bowl (Texas State); 2023 First Responder Bowl (Texas State).



▲ **THE NO. 1 PICK:** Leftwich is credited with helping discover Cameron Ward, the No. 1 pick in the 2025 NFL Draft who began his career at Incarnate Word. Ward set the UIW single-season records with 4,648 passing yards and 47 touchdowns in 2021 en route to leading the Cardinals to their first 10-win season in program history with Leftwich as his quarterbacks coach.



▲ **QB DEVELOPER:** Leftwich sent his second quarterback to the NFL following the 2025 season in Behren Morton, a seventh-round selection this past spring by the New England Patriots. Morton put together one of his best seasons as a Red Raider under Leftwich, ultimately ending his career as one of the winningest quarterbacks in program history and the first to lead Texas Tech to a Big 12 Conference title.



SHIEL WOOD

Defensive Coordinator | Inside Linebackers Coach | Second Season

Shiel Wood, a 2025 finalist for the prestigious Broyles Award, enters his second season as Texas Tech's defensive coordinator and inside linebackers coach after orchestrating the top defensive turnaround by any college football program this century.

Wood, known for his reputation of immediately improving defenses from previous stops at Troy, Tulane and Houston, put his stamp on the Red Raiders during his debut season in 2025, pushing the Red Raiders to their first Big 12 Conference title and College Football Playoff appearance. Texas Tech led the country with 32 takeaways en route to posting the largest year-by-year improvement for both scoring (-23.0) and total yards allowed per game (-203.2) by any FBS program since 2000.

Texas Tech ranked among the nation's leaders defensively, giving up only 11.8 points per game en route to a school record 12 wins. Combined with a high-scoring offense, the Red Raiders rolled to the College Football Playoff with all 12 wins coming by at least 20 points. Texas Tech became only the fifth team in the Associated Press era (since 1936) to record 12 or more wins by 20-plus points in a season, joining the likes of Nebraska (1971), Florida State (2013), Alabama (2018) and Clemson (2018). Texas Tech's eight Big 12 wins by at least 20 points set a new league record and marked only the sixth time in FBS history a team had won eight or more conference games by that margin.

The Red Raiders were not only the nation's leader in takeaways during Wood's first season but also in rushing defense, giving up only 68.1 yards per game on the ground behind a dominant front seven. Texas Tech also ranked in the top 10 of the FBS for eight other statistical categories, including scoring defense (3rd), total defense (3rd), first downs defense (4th), fourth down conversion percentage (5th), team passing efficiency defense (6th), third down conversion percentage (7th), turnover margin (7th) and sacks per game (10th). Texas Tech joined Indiana as the only two schools to rank in the top five nationally for scoring defense, total defense, rushing defense and takeaways.

Texas Tech's defensive rise earned Wood National Linebackers Coach of the Year honors from the website FootballScoop as well as a spot among the finalists for the Broyles Award, which recognizes the nation's top assistant coach. Wood was one of five finalists for the prestigious award and the lone representative from the Big 12 Conference.

The national honors stacked up for the Red Raiders with four members of the defense earning All-America honors, including two unanimous first team selections in outside linebacker David Bailey and inside linebacker Jacob Rodriguez. The duo became only the second and third defensive players in school history to garner unanimous first team All-America accolades, while defensive tackles Lee Hunter and A.J. Holmes Jr. were both second team selections by the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA) and Holmes by the Associated Press.

Bailey, the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year and Defensive Newcomer of the Year, joined with fellow outside linebacker Romello Height to become the first Big 12 duo to both record 10.0 or more sacks in the same season. Both turned into

eventual NFL Draft picks with Bailey selected No. 2 overall by the New York Jets and Height going to the San Francisco 49ers in the third round. Bailey became the highest-drafted defensive player in school history and was the first defensive player taken off the board among the 2026 NFL Draft class.

Rodriguez, meanwhile, captivated the nation's attention with Wood at his position coach, garnering not only All-America honors but by sweeping the vast majority of national defensive awards. Rodriguez was the recipient of the Chuck Bednarik Award, the Bronko Nagurski Trophy, the Lombardi Award and the Butkus Award, to name a few, joining only former Notre Dame linebacker Manti Te'o as the only players in history to win all four awards in the same season. He also finished fifth overall in the Heisman Trophy voting, becoming only the third linebacker since 1995 to finish in the top five for the nation's top honor.

Rodriguez became the first FBS player dating back to 2005 to record at least five forced fumbles, four interceptions and two fumble recoveries all in the same season, pairing with fellow linebackers Ben Roberts and John Curry to form one of the nation's top trios. Roberts created six takeaways of his own during the 2025 season, including two during the Edward Jones Big 12 Championship where he was named the Most Outstanding Player.

Texas Tech recorded a school record with nine NFL Draft picks this past spring with hailing from Wood's side of the ball. Rodriguez followed Bailey as the next Red Raider off the board, going to the Miami Dolphins in the second round, only a few picks before the Carolina Panthers selected Hunter. The Red Raiders have four defensive draftees in the first three rounds alone with Height included and then added to their total with defensive tackle Skyler Gill-Howard's selection to the Detroit Lions in the sixth round and then safety Cole Wisniewski heading to the Philadelphia Eagles in the seventh.

Wood's defenses have ranked inside the top 35 for total defense in all five seasons since he was first named a co-defensive coordinator at Army in 2021. Since then, he has also made stops as the defensive coordinator at Troy in 2022, Tulane in 2023 and then Houston. He was also the defensive coordinator at Wofford, his alma mater, in 2017.

His defenses helped push Troy to a 12-win season and Sun Belt Conference title in 2022, while Tulane finished with 11 wins and an appearance in the American Championship in 2023. Troy ended the 2022 season ranked as high as No. 19 in the Associated Press poll, marking the first time in program history the Trojans had appeared in the final rankings. Army, meanwhile, was an impressive 9-4 overall during his lone season as co-defensive coordinator after a victory over Missouri in the Armed Forces Bowl.

Wood immediately improved a Houston defense that ranked 105th nationally for scoring (31.5) and 112th for total defense (423.9) in the year prior to his arrival, cutting those totals to 22.9 points and 324.8 yards per game in 2024. Houston ended the season ranked 25th nationally and second in the Big 12 for total defense as well as 28th for passing yards allowed after surrendering only 188.8 yards per

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game through the air, another drastic improvement from the 255.3 yards and 114th ranking prior to his arrival.

Opposing offenses have averaged less than 23.0 points per game against Wood's defenses since his promotion to play-caller at Army in 2021. Tulane ranked 23rd in the FBS after allowing 20.5 points per game in 2023, while Troy was eighth at only 17.1 points per game in 2022 and Army was 33rd nationally at only 22.3 points a contest. Wood's units at both Troy and Army ranked in the top 20 nationally for not only scoring defense but also total defense and turnovers forced as well.

Wood has built a reputation for immediately improving defenses, particularly through turnovers. Both his defenses at Troy and Tulane ranked in the top 10 nationally for takeaways with the Trojans finishing eighth in the FBS with 27 turnovers gained, while the Green Wave were third a year later with the same amount. His defenses are averaging 24.2 takeaways per season over the past five years as Houston created 19 turnovers in 2024, while Army had 16 during its 2021 campaign in addition to the 32 the Red Raiders created in 2025.

Wood has tutored 16 players over his career who have earned first team All-Conference honors, including five this past season at Texas Tech and then seven during the three seasons prior to his arrival in Lubbock. That list includes linebacker Carlton Martial, who was the Sun Belt Defensive Player of the Year under Wood's direction at Troy in 2022. Martial, a finalist for the Burtsworth Award, snapped the NCAA FBS record for career tackles that season after ranking third in the FBS as a senior with 11.2 tackles per game. Following the season, he earned second team All-America accolades from FOX Sports and Action Network as well as third team honors from Phil Steele Magazine.

Martial's success came after Wood mentored a pair of All-American linebackers at Army in Andre Carter and Jon Rhattigan. Carter earned third team All-America accolades in 2021 after finishing second in the FBS with 15.5 sacks and fifth with 18.5 tackles for loss. Rhattigan, meanwhile, earned second team All-America honors from USA Today and was a finalist for the Bednarik Award, the first in Army history.

Carter and Rhattigan both joined the NFL as undrafted free agents following their careers at Army as Carter is currently a member of the Washington Commanders, while Rhattigan won two Super Bowls early in his professional career as a member of the Kansas City Chiefs. Wood added another former pupil to the professional ranks in 2024 as Troy edge rusher Javon Solomon was selected in the fifth round of the NFL Draft by the Buffalo Bills.

Wood's tenure at Army began in 2020 as the inside linebackers coach for a Black Knights program that led the country at only 275.3 yards allowed a game. Army also ranked second nationally for scoring defense at only 14.8 points per game as well as red zone defense (.645 conversion rate) and passing yards allowed per game (160.8). The Black Knights, who finished 9-3 overall, were also among the nation's best against the run, ranking 18th in the FBS after giving up only 114.6 yards per game on the ground against a schedule full of run-heavy offenses.

Wood has coached both linebackers and safeties during his career and has served as the special teams coordinator twice at both Georgia Tech (2018) and Georgia State (2019). He was part of bowl teams in both of those two stops as Georgia State played in the Arizona Bowl, matching its school record with seven wins in the process, while Georgia Tech was selected for the Quick Lane Bowl.

Wood began his coaching career on the opposite side of the ball, serving as the wide receivers coach at Wofford from 2007-10 before moving over to coach safeties from 2011-12. Wood spent a total of eight seasons as an assistant coach at Wofford, which culminated in him being named the Terriers' defensive coordinator in 2017. In all, Wofford won four Southern Conference titles and advanced to the FCS playoffs seven times during that span.

As defensive coordinator, Wood directed a unit that led the SoCon in rushing defense (121.7 yards per game) and ranked second in the league and No. 26 in the FCS for total defense at only 326.7 yards per game. Wofford finished 10-3 that season, winning the outright SoCon title with a 7-1 league record before advancing to the FCS quarterfinals where the Terriers fell to eventual national champion North Dakota State.

Wood, a native of Spartanburg, South Carolina, played wide receiver at Wofford from 2001-05 and was the Terriers' leading receiver in 2020 for a team that won the SoCon Championship and advanced to the semifinals of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs.

Wood graduated from Wofford in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in government. He and his wife, Bernadette, are parents to two daughters, Fay and Grace. Bernadette Wood was also a student-athlete at Wofford, competing in soccer.

SHIEL WOOD AT A GLANCE

Birthdate: Aug. 26
Hometown: Spartanburg, S.C.
Education: Wofford, 2007 (Government)
Family: Wife - Bernadette; Daughters - Fay and Grace.

COACHING HISTORY

2025-present - Texas Tech Defensive Coordinator (Inside Linebackers)
2024 - Houston Defensive Coordinator (Linebackers)
2023 - Tulane Defensive Coordinator (Linebackers)
2022 - Troy Defensive Coordinator (Safeties)
2021 - Army Co-Defensive Coordinator (Safeties)
2020 - Army Assistant Coach (Inside Linebackers)
2019 - Georgia State Special Teams Coordinator (Inside Linebackers)
2018 - Georgia Tech Assistant Coach (Safeties/Special Teams)
2017 - Wofford Defensive Coordinator (Safeties/Recruiting Coordinator)
2016 - Wofford Assistant Coach (Safeties/Recruiting Coordinator)
2011-12 - Wofford Assistant Coach (Safeties)
2007-10 - Wofford Assistant Coach (Wide Receivers)
2006 - Woodruff High School (S.C.) High School Assistant Coach

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS (6): 2025 Big 12 Conference (Texas Tech) 2022 Sun Belt (Troy); 2017 Southern Conference (Wofford); 2012 Southern Conference (Wofford); 2010 Southern Conference (Wofford); 2007 Southern Conference (Wofford).

BOWL GAMES AS A COACH (6): 2025 Capital One Orange Bowl (Texas Tech); 2022 Cure Bowl (Troy); 2021 Armed Forces Bowl (Army); 2020 AutoZone Liberty Bowl (Army); 2019 Arizona Bowl (Georgia State); 2018 Quick Lane Bowl (Georgia Tech).

SHIEL WOOD EFFECT

POINTS PER GAME IMPROVEMENTS

SCHOOL (YEAR)	YEAR PRIOR	WITH WOOD
Troy (2022)	26.1 (64)	17.1 (8)
Tulane (2023)	22.2 (32)	20.5 (23)
Houston (2024)	31.5 (105)	22.9 (40)
Texas Tech (2025)	34.8 (121)	11.8 (3)

TOTAL TAKEAWAYS IMPROVEMENTS

SCHOOL (YEAR)	YEAR PRIOR	WITH WOOD
Troy (2022)	24 (15)	27 (8)
Tulane (2023)	20 (7-44)	27 (3)
Houston (2024)	14 (103)	19 (54)
Texas Tech (2025)	22 (27)	32 (1)

National ranking for each season in parenthesis



▲ **SHIEL WOOD** led Texas Tech to the largest year-by-year defensive improvement in college football last season, all while mentoring one of the nation's top players in linebacker **JACOB RODRIGUEZ**, who finished fifth in the Heisman Trophy voting and all but swept the national defensive awards.



JUSTIN JOHNSON

Assistant Head Coach | Offensive Passing Game Coordinator | Wide Receivers Coach | Fourth Season

Justin Johnson enters his fourth season on the Texas Tech staff in his role as assistant head coach, passing game coordinator and wide receivers coach.

Johnson, nicknamed "Coach Juice" throughout his career, arrived in Lubbock after a three-year stint at Baylor where he worked alongside head coach Joey McGuire during the 2020-21 seasons. Johnson has also worked at both Houston, his alma mater, and Kansas in full-time roles and is regarded as one of the nation's top wide receiver developers after sending three of his pupils to the NFL the past two seasons alone.

Texas Tech boasted its first 1,000-yard receiver since 2018 during the 2024 season in Josh Kelly, who caught 89 passes for 1,023 yards over 12 regular-season games to earn All-Big 12 second team honors. Kelly was the nation's best receiver on third downs as he ranked ninth in the FBS for total receptions and 19th for receiving yards per game, averaging 85.3 yards through the air a contest. Kelly's numbers were boosted by his ability to move the sticks as he easily led all FBS receivers with 32 receptions on third downs alone.

Kelly, an undrafted free agent signee with the Dallas Cowboys, combined with Caleb Douglas and Coy Eakin to form one of the top pass-catching trios in the Big 12 Conference as Texas Tech ranked third nationally at 296.7 passing yards per game. The Red Raiders averaged 37.6 points per game that season en route to finishing with six Big 12 wins and a third-straight bowl appearance. It marked the most Big 12 wins for the Red Raiders at the time since 2008.

Texas Tech took a more balanced approach to the passing game during its historic 2025 season as four different Red Raiders recorded 600 receiving yards, including three from Johnson's position room in Douglas, Eakin and newcomer Reggie Virgil. It marked the first time since 2016 and only the sixth time in program history the Red Raider offense boasted four or more 600-yard receivers as Texas Tech was one of only two FBS programs in the country to do so during the 2025 campaign.

Douglas led the Red Raiders with 846 receiving yards and seven touchdowns on his way to earning All-Big 12 second team accolades. Virgil and Eakin were both All-Big 12 honorable mention selections after following with 705 and 637 receiving yards, respectively, for a Red Raider offense that ranked seventh in the FBS at 39.4 points per game, its highest clip since Patrick Mahomes II's final season at quarterback in 2016. Douglas went on to hear his name called in the third round of the NFL Draft by the Miami Dolphins this past spring, while Virgil followed two rounds later after being selected by the Arizona Cardinals.

Texas Tech's success offensively pushed the Red Raiders to a school record 12 wins, all in dominant fashion. The Red Raiders, who won their first Big 12 title in history and later reached the College Football Playoff for the first time, became only the fifth team since 1936 to record 12 or more wins in a season by at least 20 points. Texas Tech's eight Big 12 wins by at least 20 points set a new league record and marked only the sixth time in FBS history a team had won eight or more conference games by that margin.

Johnson, an All-Conference USA wide receiver at Houston, served as the running backs coach at both Baylor (2020-22) and Houston (2019) before moving

back to the wide receiver room upon his hiring at Texas Tech. He was previously the wide receivers coach at Kansas for the 2018 season.

Over his three seasons in Waco, Johnson's running back room proved to be one of the best in the nation as the Bears averaged 219.3 yards per game on the ground in 2021, which led the Big 12 and ranked 10th in the FBS. Baylor ultimately won the Big 12 title that season and appeared in the Allstate Sugar Bowl, one of two bowl appearances for the Bears during Johnson's tenure.

Abram Smith powered the Baylor running game that season as the converted linebacker led the Big 12 and finished fifth nationally with 1,601 rushing yards. Smith also ranked second in the conference and seventh in the FBS with 114.4 rushing yards per game, which was boosted by his 6.23 yards a carry. Smith, an All-Big 12 second team honoree in 2021, closed the season ranked second in the conference and 14th in the FBS for yards per carry en route to signing as an undrafted free agent with the New Orleans Saints.

Smith paired with Trestan Ebner to form a strong 1-2 punch at running back during each of Johnson's first two seasons on staff. Ebner, one of the best all-purpose backs in the country throughout his Baylor tenure, garnered second team All-America honors as a return specialist after totaling 1,047 all-purpose yards and a team-leading six touchdowns (one rushing, three-receiving, two kick returns) during the 2020 COVID-shortened season.

Ebner was named the Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Year following both the 2020 and 2021 seasons as well as an All-Big 12 first team honoree by the Associated Press as an all-purpose player. He became the first player in Baylor history to total more than 1,000 career rushing and receiving yards after notching 1,775 all-purpose yards his super senior season alone. Ebner closed his career ranked second all-time in Baylor history with 4,542 all-purpose yards before being selected in the sixth round of the 2022 NFL Draft by the Chicago Bears.

Johnson moved north to Waco after one season coaching running backs at his alma mater where he helped Houston achieve its 18th-consecutive season with at least 1,500 rushing yards in 2019. The Cougars' rushing attack ranked 37th in the FBS that season, averaging 188.2 yards per contest.

Prior to his time at Houston, Johnson spent three seasons at Kansas, serving as the wide receivers coach in 2018 after two years as an offensive analyst. He was previously a quality control assistant for Houston to start his career in 2012 and then a graduate assistant at Texas A&M in 2013 where he helped the Aggies to a 9-4 record and a win over Duke in the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl.

In between, Johnson worked at the prep level like many others on the Texas Tech staff, serving as an assistant coach at both Frankford Middle School and Plano West High School in 2014 and then Berkner High School in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex a year later.

Before beginning his coaching career, Johnson was a four-year letterwinner at Houston where he remains one of the top pass catchers in program history. A first team All-CUSA selection as a senior in 2011, Johnson had an explosive final season, catching 87 passes for 1,229 and 12 touchdowns as he still ranks in the top 10 all-time in Houston history for single-season receiving yards and touchdowns.

Johnson capped his Houston career with a bowl record 12 catches for 148 yards in a 30-14 victory over No. 23 Penn State at the 2012 Ticket City Bowl. Johnson was considered one of Houston's most versatile athletes during his playing career, competing on special teams and as a running back, wide receiver and tight end at various times for a Cougars program that played in three bowl games and two Conference USA Championship games.

Off the field, Johnson was a member of Houston's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and was selected to participate in and graduated from its Athletics Leadership Academy. He was awarded the Houston Committed Cougar Award twice. Johnson earned his bachelor's degree in kinesiology and sports administration from the University of Houston in 2011.

Johnson and his wife, Aisha, have two children, Jayden and Kingsley.

JUSTIN JOHNSON AT A GLANCE

Birthdate: Sept. 18
Hometown: Richardson, Texas
Education: Houston, 2011 (Kinesiology & Sports Administration)
Family: Wife - Aisha; Son - Jayden; Daughter - Kingsley

COACHING HISTORY

2023-present - Texas Tech Assistant Head Coach/Passing Game Coord. (WRs)
2020-22 - Baylor Assistant Coach (Running Backs)
2019 - Houston Assistant Coach (Running Backs)
2018 - Kansas Assistant Coach (Wide Receivers)
2016-17 - Kansas Offensive Analyst
2015 - Berkner High School Assistant Coach
2014 - Plano West High School Assistant Coach
2013 - Texas A&M Graduate Assistant (Offense)
2012 - Houston Offensive Quality Control Assistant

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS (2): 2025 Big 12 Conference (Texas Tech); 2021 Big 12 Conference (Baylor).

BOWL GAMES AS A COACH (6): 2025 Capital One Orange Bowl (Texas Tech); 2024 AutoZone Liberty Bowl (Texas Tech); 2023 Radiant Technologies Independence Bowl (Texas Tech); 2022 Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl (Baylor); 2021 Allstate Sugar Bowl (Baylor); 2013 Chick-fil-A Bowl (Texas A&M).



IMARJAYE ALBURY SR.

Defensive Line Coach | First Season

Imarjaye Albury Sr. enters his first season as Texas Tech's defensive line coach, bringing nearly a decade of experience at both the NFL and collegiate levels with him as the Red Raiders aim to reload up front.

Albury arrived at Texas Tech following six seasons in various roles with the Minnesota Vikings, including five on the coaching staff where he rose to assistant defensive line coach. The Vikings made two playoff appearances during his tenure thanks to a 13-4 campaign in 2022 and then a 14-3 record in 2024, which marked the second-most wins in franchise history. Minnesota barely missed another playoff appearance during his final season on staff, finishing 9-8 overall after five-consecutive wins to end the year.

Albury began his tenure in Minnesota as a defensive quality control and assistant linebackers coach from 2020-21 before transitioning to the front office as a pro scout during the 2022 season. He was named a defensive assistant a year later, working with the outside linebackers during the 2023-24 campaigns before being named the assistant defensive line coach for the 2025 season under Kevin O'Connell, who became the first Vikings head coach to record multiple 13-win seasons in the more than 60 years of the franchise.

Minnesota ranked tied for fourth in the NFL for sacks during the 2025 season, totaling 49.0 as a team with Albury's unit combining for 15.0 on their own. Jalen Redmond led the defensive line with 6.0 sacks in only his second NFL season, developing from an undrafted free agent who originally signed with the Carolina Panthers in 2023 to one of the Vikings' leaders in the middle. The Vikings were previously second in the NFL with 51.0 sacks during Albury's second season on staff in 2021, their most since 1992.

Albury played an integral role in Jonathan Greenard and Andrew Van Ginkel being named to the Pro Bowl for the first time in their respective careers during the 2024 season. Greenard led the Vikings with 12.0 sacks, while Van Ginkel was a half-sack behind to form the only NFL duo with at least 11.5 sacks on the season. The pair both ranked in the top 10 among the NFL sacks leaders that season with Greenard tied for fifth overall and Van Ginkel tied for eighth. Van Ginkel, who was also the only NFL player to return multiple interceptions for touchdowns during the 2024 season, was a second team Associated Press All-Pro selection.

In addition, fellow outside linebacker Pat Jones recorded a career-high 7.0 sacks in 2024, making the Vikings one of only three NFL teams with at least three players with at least 7.0 sacks. Albury was also instrumental in the development of rookie Dallas Turner, the 17th overall pick of the 2024 NFL Draft. Turner was one of three rookies in 2024 with at least one interception and multiple sacks.

As a team, the Vikings led the NFL in interceptions (24), passes defended (95), opponent 4th-down conversion percentage (37.1 percent) and interceptions per attempt (3.8 percent) that season as one of the league's top defenses. The Vikings also shared the league high with 33 takeaways and ranked second in opponent scoring efficiency (31.6 percent), opponent runs of at least 20 yards (5) and opponents rushing yards per game (93.5).

In his first season back from his front office role, Albury was part of a Vikings team that improved from 31st overall in 2022 to 16th for total defense, posting top-eight rankings in both rushing yards per play (fourth) and rushing yards per game (eighth). Minnesota led the NFL with 21 forced fumbles, marking the most by the Vikings since 2007. Albury worked with another Pro Bowl selection that season

in outside linebacker Danielle Hunter, who shared the NFL high with 23.0 tackles for loss and was fifth overall with 16.5 sacks.

Prior to joining the front office, Albury was responsible for developing several younger players on the Vikings roster, namely D.J. Wonnun, who recorded 8.0 sacks in 2021, only his second year in the league. Albury also played a key role in the development of defensive end Kenny Willekes, a former seventh-round selection and practice squad player, who posted 2.5 sacks in six games played that season. Minnesota's defense racked up 51.0 sacks during the 2021 season altogether, its most since 1992.

Woonun previously stood out as a rookie under Albury in 2020, posting 24 tackles, 3.0 sacks, a team-leading 5.0 tackles for loss and a forced fumble. He was one of three rookie defensive linemen in the NFL that season to record at least 3.0 sacks and a forced fumble in 2020. Minnesota's front four also featured defensive tackle Jaleel Johnson, who led the line with 44 tackles, as well as defensive end Ifeadi Odenigbo, who totaled 3.5 sacks and a team-leading 12 quarterback hurries.

Albury joined the Vikings staff following two seasons as a defensive graduate assistant at Arkansas where he worked primarily with the defensive line. He coached one of his future players while with the Razorbacks in Watts, who developed into a sixth-round pick of the 2019 NFL Draft by Minnesota after recording 7.0 sacks as a senior in 2018. Watts had played only 114 snaps over his three previous season prior to a stellar senior season where he led the Razorbacks for not only sacks but with three forced fumbles.

Albury began his coaching career at Cortland State University in 2017, a NCAA Division III program in New York. Albury oversaw Cortland's special teams and worked with the defensive line that season, mentoring a unit that recorded 31.0 sacks, which ranked second in the Empire 8 Conference. Albury's special teams unit also led the conference with six blocked field goals.

His coaching career also includes brief stints with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats of the Canadian Football League where he served as a guest coach during the team's

2019 training camp. Albury also briefly served on staff at Western Carolina as the defensive ends coach before being hired by the Vikings.

As a player, Albury spent one season at West Virginia in 2012 before transferring to Florida International where he was a three-year starter along the defensive line. Albury combined for 76 tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks over 36 games at FIU, serving as a team captain as a senior. Albury, who was also the program's Defensive MVP that season, played in the 2017 NFLPA Collegiate Bowl and participated in mini-camps with the Green Bay Packers and Los Angeles Chargers before joining the coaching profession.

Albury, a native of Miami, Florida, and his wife, Brittany, have a son, Imarjaye Jr., who goes by "Junior," and a daughter, Jordyn.

IMARJAYE ALBURY SR. AT A GLANCE

Birthdate: May 22
Hometown: Miami, Fla.
Education: Florida International, 2016 (Sports Management)
Family: Wife - Brittany; Son - Imarjaye Jr.; Daughter - Jordyn

COACHING HISTORY

2026-present - Texas Tech Assistant Coach (Defensive Line)
2025 - Minnesota Vikings Assistant Coach (Asst. Defensive Line)
2023-24 - Minnesota Vikings Defensive Assistant (Outside Linebackers)
2022 - Minnesota Vikings Scout
2020-21 - Minnesota Vikings Defensive Quality Control (Asst. Linebackers)
2018-19 - Arkansas Graduate Assistant (Defensive Line)
2017 - Cortland State Assistant Coach (Defensive Line/Special Teams)



JOSH COCHRAN

Run Game Coordinator | Tight Ends Coach | Fifth Season

One of the top up-and-coming coaches in college football, Josh Cochran enters his fifth season as a charter member of Joey McGuire's staff at Texas Tech where he serves as the Red Raiders' tight ends coach. He is in third year in the role of offensive run game coordinator.

Cochran is the lone member of Texas Tech's offensive staff who joined McGuire upon his hiring as head coach in 2022. Since then, Cochran has been a key part in building the Red Raiders into a national contender, as evident by Texas Tech's rise to Big 12 champions and College Football Playoff participant in 2025. Texas Tech has made a bowl appearance in each of Cochran's four seasons, which includes wins over Ole Miss in the 2022 TaxAct Texas Bowl and Cal in the 2023 Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl. Additionally, the Red Raiders lead all Big 12 programs with 24 conference wins over Cochran's four seasons as Texas Tech is joined by Kansas State as the only two teams with a winning conference record each of the past four seasons, regardless of league affiliation.

The Red Raiders are coming off a school record 12 wins during the 2025 sea-

son, all that came by at least 20 points. The Red Raiders became only the fifth team since 1936 to record 12 or more wins in a season by at least 20 points. Texas Tech averaged 39.4 points per game, its most since Patrick Mahomes II's final year leading the Red Raider offense in 2016, en route to recording eight Big 12 wins by at least 20 points set a new league record. It marked only the sixth time in FBS history a team had won eight or more conference games by that margin.

Texas Tech has ranked among the nation's top offenses throughout Cochran's tenure, averaging at least 30 points per game during three of his four seasons on staff. The Red Raiders are averaging 34.8 points per game during that stretch, which leads all Big 12 programs and ranks ninth among power conference schools. Texas Tech has ranked in the top 15 nationally for passing offense, total offense and scoring each of the past two seasons after previously averaging 37.6 points per game - the fourth-highest clip in the country - a year ago. The Red Raiders previously averaged 302.0 passing yards and 34.2 points per game as one of the nation's top offenses during Cochran's first season in 2022.

Part of Texas Tech's success offensively has stemmed from its running game, which Cochran is often credited with developing of the blocking schemes that have helped the Red Raiders boast a 1,000-yard rusher over three consecutive seasons for the first time in program history. Tahj Brooks began that run with back-to-back 1,500-yard rushing seasons in 2023 and 2024 before Cameron Dickey emerged as Texas Tech's latest feature back a year ago.

Brooks ultimately became Texas Tech's all-time leading rusher after ranking among the national leaders in rushing yards during each of his final two seasons as a Red Raider. In the process, he became only the third player in Big 12 history and the first Red Raider all-time to post multiple 1,500-yard rushing seasons. Cochran's tight end room was essential to Texas Tech's success on the ground as Brooks set the Texas Tech record with 23 career 100-yard games, including 19 that came during those final two seasons alone.

Dickey continued Texas Tech's success on the ground this past season as he became the ninth Red Raider in program history to rush for 1,000 yards in a season. Dickey, who totaled 1,124 rushing yards and 14 touchdowns, paired with fellow running back J'Koby Williams to form one of the nation's top rushing duos, pushing Texas Tech to 2,560 rushing yards a team, its most since joining the Big 12 in 1996. Texas Tech's rushing attack combined speed and power, giving the Red Raiders their first pair of 800-yard rushers in school history.

Cochran has coached four NFL free agent signees during his tenure in Baylor Cupp (Kansas City Chiefs), Jalin Conyers (Miami Dolphins), Mason Tharp (Houston Texans) and John Carlos Miller II (New York Giants). Cupp was on Kansas City's practice squad throughout the 2024 season for a Chiefs team that appeared in Super Bowl LIX.

In his short time already in Lubbock, Cochran has already been recognized as one of the nation's promising young coaches as he was tabbed to the 30 under 30 list compiled by 247Sports in 2022 as well as the 40 under 40 honor roll put together by Dave Campbell's Texas Football. He was also selected to the AFCA 35 under 35 Coaches Leadership Institute out of a field of more than 200 applicants.

The 2022 campaign marked Cochran's first overseeing tight ends as he previously spent two seasons as the co-offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at Austin Peay. In his two seasons on staff, Austin Peay was a combined 8-4 in Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) play and had three wins over ranked opponents, which included No. 7 Jacksonville State and No. 13 Murray State during the 2021 spring slate.

Cochran's unit ranked among the best in the conference as he had five offensive linemen recognized on the All-OVC teams during his tenure, including a two-time selection to the first team in Bucky Williams. Colby McKee was also a two-time honoree on the second team for an offense that led the OVC in scoring (32.5 points per game) and total offense (419.2 yards per game) during the 2021 season.

Austin Peay was Cochran's first full-time coaching role at the FBS or FCS levels after previously serving in various roles at both North Carolina (2020) and Baylor (2017-19). His tenure at North Carolina reunited him with his former college coach Mack Brown as he was an offensive quality control coach for an eventual Orange Bowl participant up until his hire at Austin Peay in November 2020.

Cochran was a graduate assistant and offensive quality control coach during his three seasons at Baylor, assisting with the Bears offensive line during that span. He was a member of a Baylor staff that appeared in two bowl games, first at

the Academy Sports + Outdoors Texas Bowl in 2018 and then the Allstate Sugar Bowl a year later following an 11-win campaign and a berth in the Big 12 Championship game.

Prior to Baylor, Cochran spent one season at East Texas Baptist University in 2015 where he was the offensive line coach, mentoring four All-American Southeast Conference selections during that year alone. East Texas Baptist featured the top-ranked scoring offense in Division III that season, averaging an impressive 49.9 points per game.

Cochran began his coaching career like several other members of the Texas Tech staff in the high-school ranks as the offensive line coach at Lindale High School in East Texas. He is a former member of the Texas High School Coaches Association, an important aspect of Texas Tech's football program.

A three-year letterman on the offensive line at Texas, Cochran was tabbed a Freshman All-American by Yahoo! Sports in 2011. He played in 31 games over his Longhorn career, making 23 starts before ending his playing career early in the 2013 season due to a chronic shoulder injury. In addition to his success in the trenches, Cochran was also a first team Academic All-Big 12 selection in 2012 and a four-time member of the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll.

A native of Hallsville, Texas, Cochran earned his bachelor's degree in kinesiology from Texas in 2014 and then his master's in sports management from Baylor in 2019.

He is married to the former Olivia Dietrichson. The couple is parents to two children in daughter Campbell and son Carter, who was born in April 2025.

JOSH COCHRAN AT A GLANCE

Birthdate: Sept. 9

Hometown: Hallsville, Texas

Education: Texas, 2014 (Kinesiology); Baylor, 2019 (Master's in Sports Mgmt.)

Family: Wife - Olivia; Daughter - Campbell; Son - Carter

COACHING HISTORY

2024-present - Texas Tech Run Game Coordinator (Tight Ends)

2022-23 - Texas Tech Assistant Coach (Tight Ends)

2020-21 - Austin Peay Co-Offensive Coordinator (Offensive Line)

2020 - North Carolina Offensive Quality Control

2019 - Baylor Offensive Quality Control

2017-18 - Baylor Graduate Assistant (Offensive Line)

2016 - East Texas Baptist Run Game Coordinator (Offensive Line)

2015 - Lindale High School Assistant Coach

2014 - Texas Student Assistant

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS (1): 2025 Big 12 Conference (Texas Tech).

BOWL GAMES AS A COACH (7): 2025 Capital One Orange Bowl (Texas Tech); 2024 AutoZone Liberty Bowl (Texas Tech); 2023 Radiant Technologies Independence Bowl (Texas Tech); 2022 TaxAct Texas Bowl (Texas Tech); 2020 Orange Bowl (North Carolina); 2019 Allstate Sugar Bowl (Baylor); 2018 Academy Sports + Outdoors Texas Bowl (Baylor).





ROB GREENE

Co-Defensive Coordinator | Safeties Coach | Second Season

Rob Greene enters his second season as Texas Tech's safeties coach after helping quickly reshape the Red Raider defense as one of the nation's most-opportunistic defenses. He was promoted to co-defensive coordinator following his debut season where the Red Raiders ranked as the nation's leader in takeaways en route to a Big 12 title and College Football Playoff appearance.

Texas Tech transformed its defense with the arrival of both defensive coordinator Shiel Wood and Greene, posting the largest year-by-year improvement for both scoring (-23.0) and total yards allowed per game (-203.2) by any FBS program since 2000. Texas Tech ranked among the nation's leaders defensively, giving up only 11.8 points per game en route to a school record 12 wins, all that came by 20 or more points.

The Red Raiders led the country with 32 takeaways, including 17 via interceptions from an aggressive secondary that drastically cut down on its passing yards allowed per game, going from more than 300 yards surrendered per game through the air in 2024 to only 190.1 during the 2025 season. Texas Tech ranked 26th nationally in fewest passing yards per game as part of a defense that joined Indiana as the only schools to rank in the top five of the FBS for scoring defense, total defense, rushing defense and takeaways.

Texas Tech boasted a school record nine NFL Draft picks from its 2025 team, including one from the safety room in senior Cole Wisniewski. A transfer from North Dakota State, Wisniewski successfully returned from a season-ending injury that cost him his entire 2024 season, flourishing under Greene as one of the nation's highest-graded safeties by Pro Football Focus. Wisniewski, an honorable mention All-Big 12 selection by the conference coaches, was chosen in the seventh round of the 2026 NFL Draft by the Philadelphia Eagles after ranking third on the team with 78 tackles to go along with two forced fumbles and a fumble recovery.

Greene reunited alongside Wood at Texas Tech, marking the third stint the two have worked with each other dating back to their time on staff together at Wofford in 2017 and Tulane in 2023. Greene arrived at Texas Tech following two seasons at Tulane where the Green Wave combined for 20 wins and played for two American Athletic Conference titles during his tenure after finishing 15-1 overall in regular-season conference games.

Tulane ranked among the nation's most-opportunistic defenses during Greene's two seasons, especially in 2023 when the Green Wave led the AAC for both turnovers gained (27) and total interceptions (17), finishing third and fourth

nationally in the two categories. Wood was Tulane's defensive coordinator that season with Greene serving as defensive backs coach for a unit that was also 16th in the FBS for rushing defense (112.7 yards per game), 23rd for scoring defense (20.5 points per game) and 36th for total defense (341.3 yards per game).

Greene remained at Tulane following Wood's departure in 2024 as a defensive analyst and safeties coach. Tulane closed the 2024 campaign tied for the FBS high with six defensive touchdowns and ranked 15th nationally for passing yards allowed (177.7 yards per game), 24th for both total defense (323.5 yards per game) and scoring defense (20.6 points allowed per game) and then 27th with 14 interceptions.

Prior to Tulane, Greene served six seasons as an assistant coach at Wofford, his alma mater, eventually rising to defensive coordinator for three seasons starting with the COVID-shortened 2020 campaign that was played during the spring of 2021. Greene was promoted as the defensive play-caller only two weeks prior to that 2021 spring season.

Greene began his tenure at Wofford as the cornerbacks coach in 2017 for a Wood-led defense that finished 10-3 overall with a Southern Conference title. The Terriers ranked second in the conference and 26th nationally in total defense that season, giving up only 326.7 yards per game to go along with just 22.4 points a contest. Wofford created 20 takeaways during his debut season as well, including four interceptions from first team All-Southern Conference cornerback Devin Watson.

Greene took over the entire defensive backs room beginning with his second season on staff as Wofford led the Southern Conference in total defense, scoring defense, passing defense and rushing defense. The Terriers finished 9-4 that season, advancing to the Southern Conference title game yet again as well as the second round of the NCAA FCS playoffs. Wofford won its second conference title with Greene in 2019 as the Terriers ranked 20th in the nation for total defense and 24th for scoring defense, giving up 335.3 yards and 22.1 points a contest.

Greene began his coaching career as a graduate assistant working with the wide receivers at North Greenville University in 2015 before moving to the opposite side of the ball as a defensive graduate assistant at Pittsburgh in 2016. Pitt finished 8-5 that season after defeating eventual national champion Clemson as well as Penn State, both teams that finished in the top five of the final College Football Playoff rankings.

Similar to Wood, Greene played on the offensive side of the ball as a wide receiver for Wofford from 2010-13. Wood was Greene's position coach during his freshman season in 2010 before becoming Wofford's safeties coach beginning in 2011. Wofford made three NCAA FCS playoff appearances during Greene's playing career with two Southern Conference titles. He was a four-time selection to the Southern Conference academic honor roll as well as a three-time honoree to the Academic All-Southern Conference team.

Greene moved to North Greenville University in 2014 as a graduate transfer, helping push the Crusaders to a victory over Shorter University, 42-16, in the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) Victory Bowl. He signed with Wofford out of Dorman High School in Spartanburg, South Carolina, where he was a team captain his senior season for a team that went 14-1 overall and won the state championship.

Greene graduated magna cum laude from Wofford in 2014, earning his bachelor's degree in mathematics. He married his wife, Ellie, a 2017 graduate of Wofford, in May 2020. The couple welcomed their first child, a daughter, Elsie, in April 2026.

ROB GREENE AT A GLANCE

Birthdate: Aug. 9
Hometown: Spartanburg, S.C.
Education: Wofford, 2014 (Mathematics)
Family: Wife - Ellie

COACHING HISTORY

- 2026 - Texas Tech Co-Defensive Coordinator (Safeties)
- 2025 - Texas Tech Assistant Coach (Safeties)
- 2024 - Tulane Defensive Analyst (Safeties)
- 2023 - Tulane Assistant Coach (Defensive Backs)
- 2022 - Wofford Co-Defensive Coordinator (Secondary)
- 2020-21 - Wofford Defensive Coordinator (Safeties)
- 2018-19 - Wofford Assistant Coach (Defensive Backs)
- 2017 - Wofford Assistant Coach (Cornerbacks)
- 2016 - Pittsburgh Defensive Graduate Assistant
- 2015 - North Greenville University Graduate Assistant (Wide Receivers)

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS (4): 2025 Big 12 Conference (Texas Tech); 2019 Southern Conference (Wofford); 2018 Southern Conference (Wofford); 2017 Southern Conference (Wofford).

BOWL GAMES AS A COACH (4): 2025 Capital One Orange Bowl (Texas Tech); 2024 Gasparilla Bowl (Tulane), 2023 Military Bowl (Tulane), 2016 Pinstripe Bowl (Pittsburgh).



DARCEL MCBATH

Cornerbacks Coach | Third Season

Darcel McBath, one of the top defensive backs in school history, enters his third season on the Texas Tech football staff and his second as the Red Raiders' cornerbacks coach.

McBath was promoted to a full-time position coach after serving as an analyst with the Red Raiders during the 2024 season. McBath oversaw Texas Tech's advanced scouting, providing weekly analysis of opponents on both sides of the ball while assisting with the defensive backs room. McBath was Texas Tech's defensive backs coach late in the season for its appearance in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl.

The Red Raiders experienced a defensive turnaround in McBath's first season as a full-time position coach, propelling Texas Tech to its first Big 12 title in history and an appearance in the College Football Playoff. Backed by an aggressive defense that led the country with 32 takeaways, Texas Tech posted the largest year-by-year improvement for both scoring (-23.0) and total yards allowed per game (-203.2) by any FBS program since 2000 en route to a school record 12 wins, all that came by 20 or more points.

Texas Tech ranked tied for ninth in the FBS with 17 interceptions as a team, including seven from the cornerbacks room between newcomers Brice Pollock and Amier Boyd. The Red Raiders significantly cut down on passing yards allowed per game, going from more than 300 yards surrendered a contest through the air in 2024 to only 190.1 during the 2025 season. Texas Tech ended the year ranked 26th in the FBS for passing yards allowed per game.

McBath relied on a trio of newcomers to shut down opposing offenses, namely Pollock, who was an All-Big 12 first team selection after leading the team with five

interceptions and eight pass breakups. Pollock was among the most highly-rated corners in college football, ranking as one of only seven FBS players to record 40 tackles, 4.0 tackles for loss and at least five interceptions during the 2025 season and the lone player to do so from the Big 12. In the process, Pollock also became the first Red Raider since 2005 to reach those thresholds in a single season.

A longtime assistant under the late Mike Leach, McBath returned to his alma mater following four seasons as the cornerbacks coach at Mississippi State (2020-23) and two additional years in a similar capacity at Washington State (2018-19). McBath, who previously coached Pollock while at Mississippi State, began his coaching career as a quality control assistant at North Texas in 2016 before moving to Washington State in the same role the following season.

Mississippi State boasted three of its top cornerbacks in school history under McBath as he mentored Martin Emerson, a third-round selection in the 2022 NFL Draft, Emmanuel Forbes, the No. 16 overall pick of the 2023 NFL Draft and Decamerion Richardson, who heard his name called in the fourth round of the 2024 NFL Draft. Forbes, a consensus All-America selection as a senior in 2022, ranked third in the country that season with six interceptions and set the NCAA FBS record after returning his sixth interception for a touchdown.

Mississippi State made three bowl appearances during his four seasons in Starkville as the Bulldogs defeated Tulsa in the 2020 Armed Forces Bowl and topped Illinois in the ReliaQuest Bowl to end the 2022 campaign. The win over Illinois capped a 9-4 record for the Bulldogs, only their 10th season in school history with nine or more wins. Mississippi State's lone loss during his tenure came

in 2021 when the Red Raiders topped the Bulldogs in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl. Over his career, McBath has coached in eight bowl games and has failed to reach the postseason only once, which came during his final season at Mississippi State in 2023.

McBath was promoted to cornerbacks coach prior to his second year in Pullman in what would become a historic 2018 season for the Cougars. Washington State set the school record with 11 wins that season, ending the year ranked as high as No. 10 in the Associated Press poll following a victory over No. 25 Iowa State in the Valero Alamo Bowl. The successful season followed a 9-4 campaign in McBath's first season on the Palouse.

McBath was promoted to interim co-defensive coordinator during his final season at Washington State, taking over the role following a loss at No. 19 Utah in only the fifth game of the season. The Cougars went on to finish that season ranked fifth in the Pac-12 with 19 takeaways and tied for second overall with nine fumble recoveries.

Prior to joining the coaching profession, McBath played five seasons in the NFL after being selected in the second round of the 2009 NFL Draft by the Denver Broncos. McBath spent two seasons with the Broncos before moving on for one season with the Jacksonville Jaguars and two seasons with the San Francisco 49ers where he was a member of the Super Bowl XLVII roster.

A native of Gainesville, Texas, McBath was a four-year letterman at defensive back for the Red Raiders from 2004-08. McBath earned All-Big 12 first team honors as a senior in 2008 after leading the nation with seven interceptions as part of one of the top Texas Tech teams in program history. The Red Raiders finished 11-2 that season, rising to as high as No. 2 in the polls following 10-consecutive wins to start the season, including to top-ranked Texas.

McBath earned his degree in general studies from Texas Tech in 2008. He and his wife, Malorie, were married in 2013 and are parents to two children, Ansleigh and Duke.

DARCEL MCBATH AT A GLANCE

Birthdate: Oct. 28
Hometown: Gainesville, Texas
Education: Texas Tech, 2008 (General Studies)
Family: Wife - Malorie; Daughter - Ansleigh; Son - Duke

COACHING HISTORY

2025-present - Texas Tech Assistant Coach (Cornerbacks)
2024 - Texas Tech Analyst
2020-23 - Mississippi State Assistant Coach (Cornerbacks)
2019 - Washington State Co-Defensive Coordinator (Cornerbacks)
2018 - Washington State Assistant Coach (Cornerbacks)
2017 - Washington State Quality Control Assistant
2016 - North Texas Quality Control Assistant

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS (1): 2025 Big 12 Conference (Texas Tech).

BOWL GAMES AS A COACH (9): 2025 Capital One Orange Bowl (Texas Tech); 2024 AutoZone Liberty Bowl (Texas Tech); 2022 ReliaQuest Bowl (Mississippi State); 2021 AutoZone Liberty Bowl (Mississippi State); 2020 Armed Forces Bowl (Mississippi State); 2019 Cheez-It Bowl (Washington State); 2018 Valero Alamo Bowl (Washington State); 2017 Holiday Bowl (Washington State); 2016 Heart of Dallas Bowl (North Texas).



CLAY MCGUIRE

Offensive Line Coach | Third Season (Ninth Overall)

Clay McGuire enters his third season back on the Texas Tech sidelines as the Red Raiders' offensive line coach. This is McGuire's third stint on the Texas Tech coaching staff and first overseeing the offensive line after coaching the position for more than 10 years overall.

McGuire previously served his alma mater in various roles from 2006-09, ultimately rising to special teams coordinator (2007-08) and running backs coach (2009) under the late Mike Leach before returning again in 2018 to be the co-offensive coordinator and running backs coach for Kliff Kingsbury. He is believed to be only the second assistant coach in school history to serve three different stints on the Texas Tech coaching staff, joining the late Carlos Mainord.

Texas Tech has boasted one of the nation's top offenses during each of McGuire's first two seasons back at his alma mater, ranking in the top 10 for both scoring and total offense both years. The Red Raiders closed the 2024 season ranked fourth in the FBS for scoring at 37.6 points per game as well as ninth for both total offense a contest (462.7) and passing yards per game (296.7). It marked Texas Tech's most points per game since its 2016 offense averaged 43.7 a contest behind quarterback Patrick Mahomes II.

The Red Raiders upped its scoring average to 39.4 points per game during their historic 2025 campaign, which propelled Texas Tech to its first Big 12 title in history and an appearance in the College Football Playoff. Texas Tech finished with a school record 12 wins, all that came via at least 20 points as the Red Raiders ranked among the most-dominant teams in recent college football history. Texas Tech became only the fifth team in the Associated Press era (since 1936) to record 12 or more wins by 20-plus points in a season, while its eight Big 12 wins by that margin set a new league record.

Texas Tech has boasted a 1,000-yard rusher in each of the last two seasons in Tajh Brooks and Cameron Dickey. Brooks became Texas Tech's all-time leading rusher during the 2024 season after carving up defenses to the tune of more than 1,500 rushing yards to again rank among the national leaders. This despite relying on an offensive line that utilized six different starting combinations up front throughout the season due to injury.

McGuire was able to utilize the same starting lineup across all 14 games during the 2025 season, creating consistency up front that allowed Dickey to total 1,124 rushing yards and 14 touchdowns on the ground. It marked the first time in

school history two different players rushed for 1,000 yards in consecutive seasons. The Red Raiders rushed for 2,560 rushing yards as a team behind Dickey and teammate J'Koby Williams, the most since Texas Tech joined the Big 12 Conference in 1996.

Caleb Rogers was one consistent mainstay in McGuire's 2024 starting rotation as he earned honorable mention All-Big 12 accolades after starting at both guard and tackle as needed. His flexibility and athleticism paid dividends as Rogers was selected in the third round of the 2025 NFL Draft by the Las Vegas Raiders, marking the first time a Texas Tech offensive lineman had heard his name called in the first three rounds since Le'Raven Clark did so in 2016 by the Indianapolis Colts.

Texas Tech had two All-Big 12 third team selections along the offensive line during the 2025 season in left tackle Howard Sampson and center Sheridan Wilson. Sampson was also named to the All-Big 12 Team by Pro Football Focus, which uses its grading analytics when making its selection. Davion Carter and Jacob Ponton also earned honorable mention All-Big 12 accolades with Ponton also earning Freshman All-America honors by The Athletic after an impressive debut at right tackle.

McGuire (no relation to Joey McGuire) returned to Texas Tech following two seasons as the offensive line coach at Washington State, his second stint with the Cougars after serving in a similar capacity for six years under Mike Leach from 2012-17. Washington State transformed into one of the most-dominating offenses in the country under Leach as the Cougars averaged more than 30 points per game in each of McGuire's last five seasons. The Cougars played in five bowl games over his eight combined seasons in Pullman as McGuire has been part of 10 bowl teams during his coaching career.

Part of the Cougars' success stemmed from the offensive line as McGuire recruited and coached several All-Pac 12 selections, including Joe Dahl, one of the top offensive linemen in Washington State history. Dahl, who transferred to Washington State soon after McGuire's hire in 2012, earned second team All-America honors by USA Today as a senior in 2015 to go along with All-Pac 12 first team accolades. Dahl was later selected by the Detroit Lions in the fifth round of the 2016 NFL Draft, marking the first time a Washington State offensive lineman has been chosen since 2001. In addition, he was the highest Cougar offensive lineman taken since 1997.

McGuire sent another Cougar to the NFL ranks following the 2017 season as Cole Madison, a three-time All-Pac 12 honoree, heard his name called in the fifth round of the 2018 NFL Draft by the Green Bay Packers. The 2017 season also closed the career of another McGuire protégé in two-time All-America selection Cody O'Connell, who became only the second unanimous All-American in Washington State history in 2016 and was the school's first Outland Trophy finalist.

O'Connell was a consensus All-American in 2017 after closing his career by earning first-team accolades from the Walter Camp Foundation and The Sporting News. He was the first Cougar to earn first team All-America honors in consecutive seasons since running back Ruben Mayes in 1984-85 and the first offensive lineman ever to do so.

In addition, McGuire also mentored Andre Dillard, the No. 22 overall selection in the 2019 NFL Draft by the Philadelphia Eagles, as well as four-time All-Pac 12 selection Abe Lucas while with the Cougars. Dillard was the first Cougar offensive lineman in school history to be selected in the first round as his selection marked the third time in a four-year stretch one of McGuire's pupils entered the NFL via the draft. He started in 39 games at left tackle under McGuire, earning third team All-America honors as a senior in 2018 after allowing only one sack and 13 total pressures in 722 pass-blocking snaps.

In addition to his time at Washington State, McGuire has also mentored successful offensive lines recently at both Texas State (2019-20) and USC (2021). Those two stints followed his one season back on the Texas Tech staff where the Red Raiders averaged an impressive 37.3 points per game and 485.2 yards of total offense during the 2018 season.

McGuire, a four-year letterwinner as a blocking back for the Red Raiders from 2001-04, earned his first full-time assistant position five games into the 2007 season as he took over special teams duties, a role he earned on a permanent basis in 2008. Texas Tech opponents averaged just 6.7 yards per punt return once McGuire took over, while the kickoff coverage unit ranked second in the Big 12 in fewest return yards allowed.

Following his stint in Lubbock, McGuire joined Ruffin McNeil's staff at East Carolina where he helped reshape the Pirate's offense into one of the most explosive units in the country. East Carolina averaged 36.8 points per game in McGuire's first season alone as running back Jon Williams totaled 847 yards and 10 touchdowns on the ground. The Pirates were also drastically improved on special teams in 2010 as East Carolina ranked among the top-35 schools nationally in punt return average (30th), punt coverage(31st) and kickoff coverage (29th).

McGuire previously starred at quarterback and defensive end at Crane High School prior to becoming the first high school prospect to commit to the Red Raiders during the Leach era. He has two degrees from Texas Tech as he earned his bachelor's in history in 2004 and his master's in secondary education in 2007. His older brother, Cody, also played for the Red Raiders from 1994-97 under legendary head coach Spike Dykes.

McGuire and his wife, Jeri, are the parents of two daughters, Jorja and Addison. Jorja McGuire will be a freshman volleyball student-athlete beginning this fall at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.

CLAY MCGUIRE AT A GLANCE

Birthdate: Feb. 5

Hometown: Crane, Texas

Education: Texas Tech, 2004 (History); Texas Tech, 2007 (Secondary Education)

Family: Wife - Jeri; Daughters - Jorja, Addison

COACHING HISTORY

2024-present - Texas Tech Assistant Coach (Offensive Line)

2022-23 - Washington State Assistant Coach (Offensive Line)

2021 - USC Assistant Coach (Offensive Line)

2019-20 - Texas State Assistant Coach (Offensive Line)

2018 - Texas Tech Co-Offensive Coordinator (Running Backs)

2012-17 - Washington State Assistant Coach (Offensive Line)

2010-11 - East Carolina Assistant Coach (Running Backs/Special Teams)

2009 - Texas Tech Assistant Coach (Running Backs)

2007-08 - Texas Tech Assistant Coach (Special Teams)

2007 - Texas Tech Graduate Assistant (Offensive)

2006 - Texas Tech Video Intern

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS (1): 2025 Big 12 Conference (Texas Tech).

BOWL GAMES AS A COACH (12): 2025 Capital One Orange Bowl (Texas Tech); 2024 AutoZone Liberty Bowl (Texas Tech); 2022 Jimmy Kimmel LA Bowl (Washington State); 2017 Holiday Bowl (Washington State); 2016 Holiday Bowl (Washington State); 2015 Sun Bowl (Washington State); 2013 New Mexico Bowl (Washington State); 2010 Liberty Bowl (East Carolina); 2009 Alamo Bowl (Texas Tech); 2008 Cotton Bowl (Texas Tech); 2007 Gator Bowl (Texas Tech); 2006 Insight Bowl (Texas Tech).



▲ CLAY MCGUIRE had four of his five starters along the offensive line earn All-Big 12 accolades a year ago en route to Texas Tech winning its first Big 12 title and appearing in the College Football Playoff.



GARRET MCGUIRE

Running Backs Coach | Second Season

Garret McGuire enters his second season as Texas Tech's running backs coach where he has quickly developed one of the nation's deepest position rooms behind the tandem of Cameron Dickey and J'Koby Williams.

Texas Tech boasted multiple running backs with at least 800 rushing yards for the first time in program history during McGuire's debut season, which helped push the Red Raiders to their first Big 12 title in history and an appearance in the College Football Playoff. The two-back system with Dickey and Williams paved the way for the Red Raiders finishing with 2,560 rushing yards as a team, their most since Texas Tech joined the Big 12 Conference in 1996.

The duo both eclipsed more than 1,300 all-purpose yards, becoming the only pair of running backs in the country to do so during the 2025 season. It was only the seventh time in school history and the first time since 2015 that Texas Tech had featured multiple players with at least 1,300 all-purpose yards in the same season. It was the first time, though, that both players had been part of the running back room.

Dickey became the ninth Red Raider in program history to break the 1,000-yard mark, finishing with 1,124 rushing yards on the season in an impressive breakout season as a sophomore. It was the 14th different 1,000-yard season by a Red Raider in school history, earning him All-Big 12 second team honors by the conference coaches and a selection as one of 10 semifinalists for the Doak Walker Award. Dickey led the Big 12 for both rushing touchdowns (14) and total touchdowns (16), ranking in the top 20 nationally for both categories.

Williams, meanwhile, was a finalist for the Paul Hornung Award, recognizing the most-versatile player in college football. Known for his speed as a rusher and as a returner, Williams led the Red Raiders with 1,525 all-purpose yards after totaling 868 on the ground, 388 through the air and 242 and 269 as a returner. He ranked 12th in the FBS for total all-purpose yards, bolstering a Texas Tech offense that averaged 39.4 points per game, its highest since 2016. Williams was also an All-Big 12 third team selection by the conference coaches as a returner and an honorable mention pick as a running back.

McGuire should have one of the nation's deepest running backs room when the 2026 season kicks off thanks in part to the return of Quinten Joyner, who missed the entire 2025 season due to injury. The 2026 campaign will be McGuire's sixth at either the collegiate or professional level and second in overseeing the running backs position. He previously was the wide receivers coach for Nebraska during the 2023-24 seasons after beginning his career as a coaching assistant with the Carolina Panthers in 2021. McGuire was promoted to an offensive assistant with the Panthers a year later ahead of the 2022 season.

Nebraska returned to a bowl game for the first time since 2016 with McGuire on staff in 2024 as the Huskers finished 7-6 overall following a victory over Boston College in the Bad Boy Mowers Pinstripe Bowl. McGuire contributed to consecutive top-25 recruiting classes for the Huskers as he was responsible for four four-star prospects signing with Nebraska for the 2025 class alone.

McGuire has been recognized as one of the nation's top up-and-coming coaches since being hired by Nebraska at only the age of 23. Over his two seasons, McGuire was named to the 2024 class for the AFCA 35 Under 35 list as well as the 30-Under-30 ranking of top young assistants compiled by 247Sports in 2023.

While at Nebraska, McGuire tutored a young wide receiver room with three true freshmen in Jaylen Lloyd, Malachi Coleman and Jaidyn Doss all seeing significant playing time during his debut season in 2023. Lloyd and Coleman developed into two of Nebraska's top receivers by the end of the season with Lloyd averaging an impressive 39.5 yards per catch after finding the end zone three times from at least 58 yards. Lloyd joined Ohio State's Marvin Harrison Jr. as the only Big Ten receivers with at least three 50-yard receptions in 2023.

Nebraska started three different quarterbacks in 2023 for a Huskers offense that relied on numerous newcomers in McGuire's room. McGuire's ability to identify offensive weapons benefited the Huskers again in 2024 as Jacory Barnett Jr. set the Nebraska record for most receptions by a true freshman after catching 55 passes for 447 yards. Barnett Jr. ranked third nationally among all FBS freshmen for receptions and had the most targets (76) of any player in the country without a drop, according to Pro Football Focus. He finished second on the team with 875 all-purpose yards as an additional threat in the run game and as a returner.

The Huskers ranked tied for fourth nationally in 2024 for the fewest dropped passes, trailing only Army (5), Navy (6) and fellow Big Ten peer Washington (6). McGuire's unit dropped only seven passes on the season despite 435 attempts, which led all three schools at the top of the rankings and more than doubled the amounts for both Army and Navy, traditional run-heavy offenses. The Huskers also ended the season ranked 15th in the FBS for completion percentage (66.2).

Nebraska got off to a 5-1 start to the 2024 season, which featured wins over fellow postseason teams in Colorado and Rutgers. This despite utilizing a true freshman quarterback in Dylan Raiola, who threw for the most yards and had the highest completion percentage by a freshman in school history. Raiola threw for 2,819 yards and 13 touchdowns with a 67.1 completion percentage, which ranked third all-time in Nebraska history. Raiola also ranked seventh all-time on Nebraska's single-season passing yards chart.

McGuire had two of his Huskers sign NFL free agent agreements following the

2024 season as Isaiah Neyor came to terms with the San Francisco 49ers, while Jahmal Banks was picked up by the Baltimore Ravens. Banks led Nebraska with 44 catches for 587 yards and three touchdowns in his lone season as a Husker after transferring from Wake Forest. Neyor, meanwhile, was the team leader with five receiving touchdowns as part of 34 catches for 455 yards overall.

McGuire began his coaching career as a coaching assistant on Matt Rhule's staff with the Carolina Panthers in 2021. His tenure culminated with the Panthers as one of only eight NFL teams to have more than 3,200 passing yards and 2,220 rushing yards in 2022 despite injuries that forced Carolina to utilize three different starting quarterbacks. Even still, wide receiver DJ Moore ranked 15th in the NFL with seven touchdown receptions that season.

Prior to joining the coaching profession, McGuire was a quarterback and special teams player at Baylor from 2017-20, earning first team Academic All-Big 12 honors twice while also being named a team captain as a senior in 2020. He earned his degree in health, kinesiology and leisure studies from Baylor in 2020.

McGuire married his wife, Terra, in July 2026. He is the son of Texas Tech head coach Joey McGuire and his wife, Debbie.

GARRET MCGUIRE AT A GLANCE

Birthdate: Feb. 3
Hometown: Cedar Hill, Texas
Education: Baylor, 2020 (Health, Kinesiology & Leisure Studies)
Family: Wife - Terra

COACHING HISTORY

2025-present - Texas Tech Assistant Coach (Running Backs)
2023-24 - Nebraska Assistant Coach (Wide Receivers)
2022 - Carolina Panthers Offensive Assistant
2021 - Carolina Panthers Coaching Assistant

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS (1): 2025 Big 12 Conference (Texas Tech).

BOWL GAMES AS A COACH (2): 2025 Capital One Orange Bowl (Texas Tech); 2024 Bad Boy Mowers Pinstripes Bowl (Nebraska)



JACQUES SMITH

Outside Linebackers Coach | First Season

Jacques Smith enters his first season as Texas Tech's outside linebackers coach, bringing significant experience in developing edge rushers at both the collegiate and NFL levels.

Smith arrives at Texas Tech with experience as both a player and coach at the NFL level after spending the past two seasons on the Falcons' staff. A five-year NFL veteran as a player, Smith has also worked at the collegiate level, beginning his coaching career as a graduate assistant on the Texas staff in 2023.

The Falcons set a franchise record with 57 total sacks during the 2025 season thanks in part to rookie outside linebacker James Pearce Jr., who led the team with 10.5 sacks. Pearce, the Falcons' first round pick in the 2025 NFL Draft, easily led all rookies for sacks to go along with 26 tackles, 10.0 tackles for loss and 16 quarterback hits, making him one of five finalists for Associated Press Defensive Rookie of the Year honors.

His successful debut placed Pearce in a select category historically as his 10.5 sacks were the most for an NFL rookie since former Cowboys outside linebacker Micah Parson had 13 in 2021. In fact, Pearce became only the 23rd rookie since sacks became an official NFL individual stat to record at least 10.5 sacks in a season. He was the youngest Falcon in franchise history to reach 10.0 sacks in a season.

Smith developed a young Falcons outside linebackers room during his first season in 2024 as Atlanta's pass rush totaled 31 sacks and 71 quarterback hits on 184 pressures. Atlanta's defense recorded the longest active streak in the NFL that season with three-or-more sacks in a game, having reached that mark in each of the Falcons' Week 13-16 matchups.

Smith joined the Falcons after spending the 2023 season as a graduate assistant at Texas where he assisted with the edge rushers. Texas played in the College Football Playoff that season behind a strong pass rush that ranked second in the Big 12 with 32 sacks and 85.0 tackles for loss. Texas boasted one of the nation's top defenses that season, ranking third nationally after only allowing 82.4 rushing yards per game as well as 15th at only 18.9 points per contest.

Prior to joining the staff at Texas, Smith specialized in pre-draft training for draft-eligible prospects, passing along his own experience from a successful NFL

career of his own. He worked with the likes of Travon Walker, the top overall pick of the 2022 NFL Draft, as well as Will Anderson Jr., who was selected No. 3 overall a year later, during his time as a trainer.

Smith played five seasons in the NFL, appearing in 37 games for the Buccaneers, Lions, Cardinals and Raiders from 2014-18. He began his NFL career on the practice squads for the New York Jets and Buffalo Bills from 2012-13 before breaking into the starting lineup with the Buccaneers a year later with 6.5 sacks and a fumble recovery. Smith ultimately recorded 43 tackles, 26 quarterback hits, 13.5 sacks, 10.0 tackles for loss, four forced fumbles, four fumble recoveries, three pass breakups and one defensive touchdown over his NFL career.

Smith previously starred at Missouri from 2008-11 prior to his NFL career where he was a two-time All-Big 12 selection and team captain. He finished with 142 tackles during his four-year career, including 21.0 tackles for loss and 9.5 sacks, to go along with nine passes defended, five forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries and two defensive touchdowns for a Missouri program that had two 10-win seasons and totaled 36 wins during that span.

Smith, a native of Dallas and graduate of South Oak Cliff High School, earned his degree from Missouri in 2011. He and his wife, Jordan, are parents to three daughters, Harmony, Jaimesen and Journey.

JACQUES SMITH AT A GLANCE

Birthdate: March 18
Hometown: Dallas, Texas
Education: Missouri, 2011 (Interdisciplinary Studies), Arizona, 2023 (Education)
Family: Wife - Jordan; Daughters - Harmony, Jaimesen, Journey.

COACHING HISTORY

2026-present - Texas Tech Assistant Coach (Outside Linebackers)
2024-25 - Atlanta Falcons Assistant Coach (Outside Linebackers)
2023 - Texas Graduate Assistant (Outside Linebackers)

BOWL GAMES AS A COACH (1): 2023 Allstate Sugar Bowl (Texas).



LANCE BARILOW

Head Strength and Conditioning Coach | Fifth Season

Lance Barilow enters his fifth season as a charter member of Joey McGuire's staff as Texas Tech's head strength and conditioning coach.

Barilow oversees all in-season and offseason strength programming, one of the key components for a Texas Tech program that is coming off a Big 12 Conference title and appearance in the College Football Playoff. The Red Raiders have played in a bowl game each of Barilow's four seasons, culminating in a school record 12 wins in 2025, all that came by at least 20 points. Barilow helped build one of the nation's most dominant teams in recent history as the Red Raiders became only the fifth team in the Associated Press era (since 1936) to record 12 or more wins by 20-plus points in a season, while their eight Big 12 wins by that margin set a new league record.

The Red Raiders have combined for 24 wins during Big 12 play since Barilow joined McGuire's staff as one of his first hires prior to the 2022 season. Texas Tech leads all Big 12 programs for conference wins, regardless of league affiliation, since that time and is one of two schools to boast a winning conference record each of the past four seasons.

Barilow has helped develop 14 players who have heard their name in the NFL Draft since his arrival at Texas Tech, including two top-10 selections in outside linebackers Tyree Wilson (2023) and David Bailey (2026). Texas Tech boasted a school record nine NFL Draft picks following the historic 2025 season, namely in Bailey, the No. 2 overall selection, as well as four others in the first three rounds in linebacker Jacob Rodriguez, defensive tackle Lee Hunter, outside linebacker Romello Height and wide receiver Caleb Douglas.

Barilow arrived in Lubbock already with a championship pedigree following one season at Baylor where he served as the senior associate director of athletics performance with the football program. He concluded his tenure at Baylor with the Bears' victory in the Big 12 Championship game against Oklahoma State. Barilow has worked in the Big 12 Conference each of the past six seasons as he moved to Baylor after spending the 2020 season as the associate director of strength and conditioning at Kansas.

Prior to Kansas, Barilow was on staff at LSU from 2016-19, rising from an intern to eventually being named the associate director of strength and conditioning for football in 2018. Barilow, who also worked with beach volleyball and soccer during his tenure in Baton Rouge, was part of LSU's historic 15-0 season in 2019 that was highlighted with the Tigers topping Clemson in the College Football Playoff National Championship.

In addition to his role at the collegiate level, Barilow has four years of experience as a private sport performance coach in Wisconsin and Illinois. He holds National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) and Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS) certifications.

Barilow is a veteran of the United States Navy, serving from 2007-09 following a three-year career as a football letterwinner at Carroll College in Wisconsin. He completed his bachelor's degree in exercise science in 2007 from the university.

Barilow is married to the former Katie Raschka. The couple has three children, Brody, Lincoln and Braxson.

LANCE BARILOW AT A GLANCE

Birthdate: Oct. 8
Hometown: New Lenox, Ill.
Education: Carroll College, 2007 (Exercise Science)
Family: Wife - Katie; Sons - Brody, Lincoln, Braxson

COACHING HISTORY

2022-present - Texas Tech Head Strength & Conditioning Coach
2021 - Baylor Senior Associate Director of Athletics Performance
2020 - Kansas Associate Director of Strength & Conditioning
2018-19 - LSU Associate Director of Strength & Conditioning for Football
2016-17 - LSU Strength & Conditioning

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS (1): 2019 at LSU.

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS (3): 2025 Big 12 Conference (Texas Tech); 2021 Big 12 Conference (Baylor); 2019 Southeastern Conference (LSU).

BOWL GAMES AS A COACH (9): 2025 Capital One Orange Bowl (Texas Tech); 2024 AutoZone Liberty Bowl (Texas Tech); 2023 Radiant Technologies Independence Bowl (Texas Tech); 2022 TaxAct Texas Bowl (Texas Tech); 2021 Allstate Sugar Bowl (Baylor); 2019 CFP National Championship (LSU); 2019 Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl - CFP Semifinals (LSU); 2018 PlayStation Fiesta Bowl (LSU); 2016 Buffalo Wild Wings Citrus Bowl (LSU).



ANTONIO HUFFMAN

Associate A.D. / Football Administration | Eighth Season (10th Overall)

Former Red Raider defensive back Antonio Huffman enters his eighth season on the Texas Tech football staff and his sixth in the role of Associate Athletics Director for football administration. Huffman previously served as Chief of Staff before earning his current promotion.

As part of his role, Huffman oversees the day-to-day operations for the football program, all while adding administrative duties within the athletics department. Huffman, often referred to as the "head coach off the field" by Joey McGuire, is the football program's liaison to administration regarding any legislation pertaining to name-image-likeness (NIL) and the introduction to revenue sharing. He also oversees any football facility improvements, namely the south end zone and Dustin R. Womble Football Center project that opened during the 2024 season.

The Womble Football Center has been credited as a game-changer for the Red Raiders, who are coming off their first Big 12 Conference title and appearance in the College Football Playoff. Huffman was instrumental in the design process, providing critical feedback as Texas Tech developed easily one of the nation's top football headquarters that focuses on player development and recovery.

Huffman returned to his alma mater prior to the 2019 campaign to oversee the non-coaching aspects of the football program, including departmental budget, academics, team travel, summer camps and all other day-to-day operations. He spent the seven previous seasons as the Director of Football Operations at Washington State.

This is Huffman's second stint on the Texas Tech staff as he was previously the Director of Player Personnel during the 2008-09 seasons. Huffman served as the football program's liaison with athletics compliance during those two seasons, while also assisting with Texas Tech's recruiting operations where he set up official and unofficial visits, campus tours and summer camps. In addition, Huffman oversaw housing placement for each Red Raider student-athlete during his tenure and also worked closely with the academic staff at the Marsha Sharp Center for Student-Athletes. He added additional responsibility in 2009 as he supervised the presentation and maintenance of the aesthetics in the previous team headquarters, the Football Training Facility.

Huffman orchestrated many of Tech's community relations activities during his tenure, including the popular "Huff's Huggables" charity drive he founded late in his playing career. "Huff's Huggables" provided stuffed animals to the Lubbock Police Department for officers to provide to local children during difficult moments.

Following his two seasons on staff, Huffman followed former Texas Tech defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeil to East Carolina where he spent the 2010-11 seasons in a similar role with the Pirates. Huffman departed East Carolina fol-

lowing the 2011 season to rejoin his former head coach Mike Leach at Washington State. He spent the first four seasons of his tenure as the Director of Football Operations before earning a promotion to Assistant Athletics Director after the 2015 season.

With the Cougars, Huffman oversaw the day-to-day operations of the football staff, namely team travel, the Cougar guest coach program and summer camps and clinics. He was also the football liaison for compliance, academics and student conduct throughout his tenure, which culminated with the Cougars winning 11 games in 2018, the most in school history.

A three-year starter at defensive back for the Red Raiders, Huffman completed his Red Raider career in 2006 with 189 tackles, four interceptions and 25 pass breakups. He was named the Defensive MVP in his final game as a Red Raider after picking off a crucial interception in Texas Tech's 44-41 come-from-behind victory over Minnesota in the 2006 Insight Bowl.

Huffman excelled academically during his time as a student-athlete, earning selections to prestigious honors such as the John Wooden Leadership Cup (2007), NCAA Leadership Conference (2006), Draddy Award (semifinalist in 2006) and the President and Dean's List (2005-06). He earned his degree in human development and family studies from Tech in 2006 and has since pursued a master's degree in sociology.

Huffman, a native of Atlanta, Georgia, attended Garden City (Kan.) Community College from 2001-03 before transferring to Texas Tech. Following his collegiate career, he played one season for the Lubbock Renegades of the AFL2.

Huffman is married to the former Shelley Bartley of Lubbock. They are the parents of a son, Aeson Deon, and a daughter, Aniyah Jordan.

ANTONIO HUFFMAN AT A GLANCE

Birthdate: Oct. 15

Hometown: Atlanta, Ga.

Education: Texas Tech, 2006 (Human Development & Family Studies)

Family: Wife - Shelley; Son - Aeson; Daughter - Aniyah

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

2021-present - Texas Tech Associate A.D. for Football Administration

2019-20 - Texas Tech Football Chief of Staff

2016-18 - Washington State Assistant A.D. for Football Operations

2012-15 - Washington State Director of Football Operations

2010-11 - East Carolina Director of Player Personnel

2008-09 - Texas Tech Director of Player Personnel



JAMES BLANCHARD

General Manager | Fifth Season

James Blanchard was named the first member of head coach Joey McGuire's charter staff at Texas Tech as he serves as General Manager and oversees the Red Raiders' personnel department.

Blanchard began the rise of the general manager role in college football soon after joining McGuire in Lubbock, immediately reshaping the Red Raiders' entire recruiting process from scouting to on-campus visits as part of Texas Tech's unique model that resembles an NFL front office. Few, if any, general managers across college football have the autonomy Blanchard enjoys under McGuire. Blanchard and his staff are responsible for identifying every prospect Texas Tech ultimately offers a scholarship opportunity, allowing McGuire and his coaching staff to prioritize player development and opponent scouting, especially during the season.

That setup has transformed the Red Raiders' roster in only four seasons, propelling Texas Tech into a national contender thanks to a mixture of highly-rated transfer signees and consistent top-25 classes of high school prospects. The Red Raiders have signed three top-30 high school classes already under Blanchard, including several five-star prospects in wide receiver Micah Hudson, offensive lineman Felix Ojo and edge rusher LaDamon Guyton with more likely on the way.

Blanchard and his staff identified two five-star signees in Ojo and Guyton as part of a stellar 2026 class that ranked as high as No. 13 nationally by ESPN and No. 15 by 247Sports, which led the Big 12 for the second time already during his tenure. Blanchard previously rebuilt Texas Tech's recruiting strategy soon after his arrival, signing a 2023 class that was rated as high as No. 28 by Rivals, marking the Red Raiders' highest recruiting ranking in more than a decade. Texas Tech followed with another banner 2024 class that was considered in the top-25 nationally by both Rivals and 247Sports.

Texas Tech has balanced high-end high school recruiting, especially in the state of Texas, with key additions via the transfer portal. Texas Tech landed On3's top transfer portal class following the 2024 season as McGuire and his staff signed 20 newcomers to add to an already-talented list of returners that eventually led the Red Raiders to the College Football Playoff for the first time. Texas Tech reloaded again this past offseason, signing a transfer class that ranks as high as No. 2 nationally by On3.

Blanchard was named a top rising personnel and recruiting staffers in college football by On3.com in August 2022. He was also named to the 40 Under 40 list compiled by Dave Campbell's Texas Football in its summer 2025 edition of the top coaches and football personnel in the state.

Blanchard was in his second stint as Baylor's Assistant Athletics Director for scouting prior to joining McGuire upon his hire in November 2021. Blanchard had previously rejoined the Baylor football staff in January 2021 where he was responsible for identifying and pursuing prospective scholarship student-athletes. He previously served as Director of Recruiting for the Bears from March 2019 to May 2020 before accepting a position with the Carolina Panthers in the NFL.

While with the Panthers, Blanchard was responsible for breaking down opponent film and evaluating potential free agents for Carolina's front office. He departed Baylor for the NFL alongside former Baylor head coach Matt Rhule, who accepted the Panthers head coaching position following the 2019 season.

A native of Orange, Texas, Blanchard was a member of the football program at West Orange-Stark High School before studying psychology at Lamar University.

He is married to the former Kiara Fowler. The couple has five children - Kenley, Karrington, Karter, Kali and Kason.



BRIAN NANCE

Asst. GM / H.S. Personnel
Fifth Season
Baylor '18

Brian Nance enters his fifth season on the Texas Tech staff where he has helped build the Red Raiders into one of the top recruiting operations nationally under head coach Joey McGuire and general manager James Blanchard.

Nance arrived at Texas Tech first as Director of Scouting before moving into the Director of Player Personnel role prior to the 2023 campaign. He was promoted to Assistant General Manager with oversight of high school recruiting following Texas Tech's historic 2025 season where the Red Raiders won their first Big 12 title and appeared in the College Football Playoff. In his role, Nance, pairs with Blanchard in identifying future student-athletes as part of Texas Tech's NFL model in its personnel department.

Texas Tech has signed three top-30 high school classes since Nance joined McGuire's charter staff ahead of the 2022 season. The Red Raiders have prioritized relationships throughout the state of Texas since that time, which has landed Texas Tech several five-star prospect signees such as wide receiver Micah Hudson, offensive lineman Felix Ojo and outside linebacker LaDamon Guyton.

Texas Tech is coming off a 2026 class that ranked as high as No. 13 nationally by ESPN and No. 15 by 247Sports, marking its highest ranking since internet ratings became available. The Red Raiders have balanced signing the top prospects in the

state of Texas with key additions via the transfer portal. Texas Tech landed On3's top transfer portal class following the 2024 season and reloaded again this past offseason, signing another highly-rated class that ranked No. 2 by the publication.

Nance joined the Red Raider football program after previously serving on the staff at Baylor where he worked alongside both McGuire and Blanchard. Nance joined the Baylor staff in 2019, first as assistant director of football operations under then head coach Matt Rhule before moving to the recruiting side as associate director of player personnel in 2020.

Baylor played in two Big 12 title games during Nance's three seasons on staff as the Bears fell to Oklahoma in 2019 before topping Oklahoma State in 2021. Both trips led to appearances in the Allstate Sugar Bowl as Baylor was a combined 25-12 overall over his three seasons.

In addition to his time at the collegiate level, Nance joins a list of Texas Tech staffers who have experience as part of the Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) after serving as an assistant coach at Temple High School near Waco in 2018. He joined the Baylor staff immediately following that football season.

Nance was a three-year letterwinner at Baylor from 2014-17 where he developed into one of the top defensive linemen in the Big 12 his senior season. Nance appeared in 38 games with 10 starts as a Bear, capping his tenure with a strong senior campaign that featured career highs with 33 tackles, 8.5 tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks.

A native of Buffalo, New York, Nance earned his degree in kinesiology and leisure studies from Baylor in 2018. Nance and his girlfriend, Aereal Dickerson, a 2016 Baylor graduate, have three children: Jayvon, Brielle and Brian III.

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**QUINTIN JORDAN**

Asst. GM / Operations &
Revenue Share Management
Fifth Season
Texas Tech '10, '12

Quintin Jordan returned to his alma mater in 2022 as the Director of Football Operations as part of Joey McGuire's charter staff at Texas Tech. He was promoted to Assistant General Manager following Texas Tech's historic 2025 season where he still assists with team operations while adding additional duties with revenue share management.

In his role, Jordan has been instrumental in many of the behind-the-scenes aspects of the football program, assisting with the planning and execution of team travel, while serving as the primary contact for the initial eligibility process of incoming student-athletes, which includes Texas Tech's admissions, progress towards degree, financial aid and NCAA certification offices. Jordan also coordinates Texas Tech's annual senior and junior retreats each summer as well as numerous team events throughout the calendar year.

Jordan added additional responsibility beginning with the 2025 season as he helps oversee Texas Tech's revenue-share budget, forming a team with Associate A.D. for football administration Antonio Huffman and general manager James Blanchard to keep the Red Raiders at the forefront of the changing landscape in college football.

Jordan reunited with McGuire not long after his hiring at Texas Tech as he previously was on the same staff at Baylor over a four-year span. Jordan served as the Director of Football Operations over his final three years at Baylor where the Bears enjoyed two 11-win seasons and won the Big 12 title to close his tenure in 2022. Baylor also played in the Big 12 Championship in 2019.

Jordan began his tenure with the Bears as the associate director of student-athlete development in July 2018 being moving directly on the football staff under head coach Matt Rhule. Jordan was not only retained but promoted when Baylor head coach Dave Aranda was hired in 2020, placing him in charge of many of the logistical aspects of the program as Director of Football Operations.

In his role with the student-athlete development office, Jordan was responsible for managing the leadership development program as well as the First Year Course, Personal Skills programming and the Student-Athlete Advisor Committee (SAAC).

Prior to Baylor, Jordan spent five years as the associate director of sport services at Conference USA, serving as the primary administrator for cross country, track and field and men's tennis. Jordan was on the championships team, helping oversee logistics for Conference USA's football and basketball championships and was the league's liaison annually for Battle for Atlantis, one of the top college basketball events each season hosted in the Bahamas.

Jordan also played a significant role in student-athlete development, representing the league as a facilitator for the NCAA Student-Athlete Leadership Forum and the Emerging Leaders Seminar selections committee. In addition to his work promoting the league's student-athletes, Jordan was responsible for managing the conference's video exchange program.

Jordan began his professional career at the NCAA national office in Indianapolis where he experienced firsthand the legislation process. The position provided Jordan ample experience by answering NCAA legislative calls, conducting amateurism certifications and by working with the NCAA Eligibility Center's high school review department and the National Letter of Intent program.

Over his career, Jordan has been selected to work numerous conference and national championship events, including three College Football Playoff National Championships and five combined NCAA men's or women's Final Fours. He was also selected to participate in the NCAA Dr. Charles Whitcomb Leadership Institute in 2019, which provides tailored programming to assist ethnic minorities in strategically mapping and planning their careers in athletics administration.

Jordan, a native of Fort Worth, Texas, graduated from Texas Tech in 2010 with his bachelor's degree in business administration from the Rawls College of Business. He received his master's of science in sports management in 2012.

He and his wife, BrenShavia, are parents to three children - Josiah, Aliyah and Quintin Jr.

**DAVE MARTIN**

Director of Player
Development
Fifth Season
East Central Oklahoma '99

Dave Martin reunited with head coach Joey McGuire shortly after his hire at Texas Tech as he was named Director of Player Development on his charter staff.

The role is an important one for McGuire, who quickly plunked Martin to oversee many of the Red Raiders' initiatives in the Lubbock community. Martin, a former assistant coach under McGuire at Cedar Hill High School, is also the high school relations liaison, welcoming hundreds of Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) members annually as part of Texas Tech's open-door policy for prep coaches throughout the country. On the field, he assists with the secondary, specifically the "Star" position in Texas Tech's defense.

Martin has been a key voice behind the scenes for a Red Raider program that has developed into a national contender in only four years. Martin regularly meets with Texas Tech's captains and leadership committee throughout the calendar year, focusing on team development and locker room culture, key elements in the Red Raiders' rise to a Big 12 championship in 2025 and appearance in the College Football Playoff. Texas Tech boasts the most Big 12 wins by any conference school, regardless of league affiliation, since he and McGuire's arrival in 2022.

Martin arrived in Lubbock as one of the top high school coaches in his native state of Oklahoma as he was an impressive 138-38 over 14 seasons as the athletic director and head football coach at Jones High School in the Oklahoma City area. Martin led his alma mater to seven district championships and a playoff appearance in all but one season, making Jones easily one of the top programs in the state.

The highlight of his tenure came in 2016 when Jones claimed the Class 3A state title, the first for the Longhorns in school history. The monumental win for Jones followed similar close finishes under Martin as the Longhorns appeared in the state title game previously in 2011, his fourth season as head coach, and then the state semifinals in 2012 and 2015. Jones returned to the state semifinals a year after that state title victory in 2017 as well.

The 2016 season earned Martin a slew of coaching honors as he was tabbed the All-State Coach of the Year by The Oklahoman, the Jim Thorpe Award Oklahoma Hall of Fame Coach of the Year, the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame Coach of the Year, the Region 8 Coach of the Year and District Coach of the Year. He was named the top coach in the district seven times over his tenure and was twice recognized with region and Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame honors.

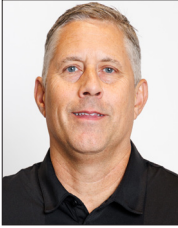
As an athletics director, Martin also oversaw two other sport programs in baseball and women's basketball that claimed state titles during his tenure. His work as an administrator was twice recognized by his peers as he was named the District 8 Athletic Director of the Year following the 2018 and 2019 academic years.

Martin, a member of the Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA), the Oklahoma Coaches Association (OCA) and the Oklahoma Football Coaches Association (OFBCA), began his coaching career alongside McGuire as the outside linebackers coach at Cedar Hill under then head coach Robert Woods. Once McGuire was promoted to head coach prior to the 2003 season, Martin shifted over to oversee the defensive backs.

Cedar Hill was the first coaching position for Martin after he earned his degree in science and education from East Central Oklahoma University in 1999. Martin returned to his native state of Oklahoma in 2004 to become the defensive coordinator at Harrah High School just east of Oklahoma City. That position helped him return to Jones as an assistant coach in 2007 before being promoted to the top chair the following season.

Martin and his wife, Tara, are parents to two children, a son, Braiden, and a daughter, Blakeley. Braiden was previously a student assistant coach for the Red Raider football program, while Blakeley is entering her junior year of high school.

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**JACK TEACHEY**

Senior Defensive Analyst
Second Season
East Tennessee State '91

Jack Teachey enters his second season as a senior defensive analyst on the Texas Tech staff, giving defensive coordinator Shiel Wood another veteran coach with experience to continue the Red Raiders rebuild on that side of the ball.

Prior to joining the Texas Tech staff, Teachey spent 20 years in various roles at Wofford where he was on the coaching staff during the playing careers of both Wood and second-year safeties coach Rob Greene. Wood and Teachey would later work on the same Wofford staff from 2011-12 with Wood as the safeties coach and Teachey as the defensive line coach.

Teachey was promoted to Wofford's defensive coordinator during his final season on staff in 2013. He coached the defensive line for 16 of

his 20 seasons, while also serving as the recruiting coordinator from 1999-2012 where he recruited and coached 19 eventual All-Conference standouts and seven All-Americans. He was also responsible for recruiting two Southern Conference Offensive Player of the Year selections.

Teachey immediately help bolster Texas Tech's play up front in his first season on staff, assisting with a defensive line that featured two NFL Draft picks in Lee Hunter (second round, Carolina Panthers) and Skyler Gill-Howard (sixth round, Detroit Lions). Hunter and fellow defensive lineman A.J. Holmes Jr. both earned second team All-America honors as part of a dominant defense that led the country in both takeaways (32) and rushing yards allowed per game (68.1), while ranking third in the FBS for scoring at 11.8 points a contest as well as total defense (258.3).

The defensive turnaround marked the largest year-by-year improvement for both scoring (-23.0) and total yards allowed per game (-203.2) by any FBS program since 2000, propelling the Red Raiders to their first Big 12 title and an appearance in the College Football Playoff. In the process, Texas Tech finished with a school record 12 wins, all by 20 points thanks to the combination of a high-scoring offense and a dominant defense.

Teachey previously began his career at Wofford as the tight ends and tackles coach in 1994 before moving to the defensive side of the ball as the outside linebackers coach from 1995-97. In addition, Teachey also served as the strength and conditioning coach at various stretches for a program that claimed four Southern Conference titles and advanced to the NCAA FCS playoffs five times overall.

Teachey departed Wofford following the 2013 season - his first as defensive coordinator - to accept a position with a local church. His time away from football didn't last long, though, as he became a volunteer defensive consultant at nearby Topsail High School in North Carolina the following year. He soon earned his teaching certificate, joining the Topsail program as a full-time assistant coach in 2015.

Teachey was named Topsail's head coach prior to the 2022 season where he led the Pirates to their first two playoff appearances in school history. Topsail marked Teachey's second stint at the prep level as he began his coaching career as an assistant coach at Cherryville High School in North Carolina - his alma mater - in 1992 and then North Pitt High School in 1993.

Prior to joining the coaching profession, Teachey was a four-year letterwinner and three-year starter at tight end for East Tennessee State. Teachey earned All-SolCon honors as a junior in 1989 and was a team captain the following season as a senior. He earned his bachelor's degree in political science from East Tennessee State in 1991.

A native of Wilmington, North Carolina, Teachey is married to the former Ellen Wilcox. The couple has four children in Emma Kate, Lillie, Ryder and Halen.

**MAC ALEXANDER**

Asst. Special Teams Coordinator
First Season
Colorado Mesa '14, Adams
State '16

Mac Alexander enters his first season on Texas Tech's coaching staff as assistant special teams coordinator and specialists coach.

Alexander arrived at Texas Tech following three seasons as the associate head coach at Colorado State-Pueblo where he served as special teams coordinator as well as defensive backs coach and passing game coordinator. Alexander has a long history coaching special teams at the Division II level as well as a graduate assistant at Washington State from 2020-21.

This will be his second stint in the state of Texas after previously serving as the safeties coach at Tarleton State during the 2019 season. Alexander moved from there to Washington State, then Western New Mexico in 2022 and to Colorado State-Pueblo the past three seasons.

CSU Pueblo claimed the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference in each of Alexander's final two seasons, combining for 20 wins during that span with two appearances in the NCAA Division II playoffs. The 2024 conference title was CSU Pueblo's first since 2014 and was only the eighth 10-win season in program history.

Alexander's special teams units contributed to much of that success as the Thunderwolves combined for 12 blocked kicks the past two seasons alone to rank among the national leaders. He regularly fielded several of the nation's top special teams units over his three seasons as CSU Pueblo led the country in kickoff return average (29.95) in 2023 and ranked fourth in punt return coverage (2.00) in 2024.

Alexander coached 21 All-RMAC selections between his defensive backs and specialists rooms during his three seasons. The list of honorees included Daniel Bone III, who earned first team All-RMAC honors as well as All-America accolades three times during his storied career. Bone closed his career ranked 10th all-time in program history with 243 tackles, including 85 as a senior in 2024 where he was a second team All-American by the Associated Press.

Washington State played in the Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl to wrap Alexander's two-year tenure in Pullman in 2021, with the first season interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Dean Janikowski earned first team All-Pac 12 honors as a kicker during the 2021 season after connecting on 14-of-17 field goal attempts, the best field goal percentage in the conference. Nick Haberer also earned Freshman All-America accolades that same season following a successful debut as Washington State's punter where he averaged 42.8 yards per punt.

Prior to joining the Washington State staff, Alexander spent the 2019 season as the safeties coach at Tarleton State. The Texans finished 11-1 and captured the Lone Star Conference title that year after an undefeated regular season thanks in part to a defensive backs room that featured three All-LSC and All-Region selections and the LSC Defensive Back of the Year in Prince Robinson, who was also a first team All-America honoree. Robinson led the Division II ranks with three interceptions returned for a touchdown during his lone season under Alexander.

Alexander's career has primarily been in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference as he was the defensive coordinator at Fort Lewis College in 2018 and an assistant coach for Colorado Mesa, his alma mater, from 2016-17. Alexander rose from a student assistant for Colorado Mesa from 2011-13, becoming a graduate assistant in 2014 and then a full-time assistant coach prior to the 2016 season.

Alexander was a defensive back for Colorado Mesa from 2009-11 and was a member of the Mavericks' basketball program from 2011-14, serving as the team captain during his senior season. He earned his bachelor's degree in exercise science from Colorado Mesa in 2014 and then added a master's degree in human performance and physical education from Adams State in 2016.

Alexander is no stranger to Texas Tech, though, as his father, Chuck, was a standout safety for the Red Raiders from 1981-83, while his grandfather, Dr. R.G. "Wick" Alexander arrived on campus on a football scholarship and was later inducted into the Athletics Hall of Honor in 2000. Chuck Alexander was named an Academic All-American as a senior, marking only the fourth time in program history a Red Raider had earned the honor and is now one of 11 in school history to garner the award.

Alexander and his wife, Chazlyn, were married in 2016 and are parents to a son, Brady, and a daughter, Haley.

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**AARON HALL**

Sr. Associate Strength Coach
Fifth Season
Youngstown State '15, UTEP '17

Aaron Hall is in his fifth season on the Texas Tech coaching staff where he serves as the senior associate strength and conditioning coach.

Hall has been a key figure on Lance Barilow's strength staff since joining the Red Raiders, helping build a program through off-season conditioning that has played in four-consecutive bowl games and claimed the 2025 Big 12 Conference title. Hall was promoted to his current title with the strength staff prior to the 2024 season.

This is Hall's third stint working alongside Barilow as the two were on the same staff together at both LSU and Kansas prior to their hire at Texas Tech. Hall was a strength and conditioning intern on the LSU staff in the spring of 2018 and later rejoined Barilow again in 2020 as an assistant strength and conditioning coach at fellow Big 12 member Kansas.

He spent the 2021 season at Marshall, assisting with both football and track and field, prior to his hire at Texas Tech prior to winter workouts in January 2022.

In between his stints at LSU and Kansas, Hall earned his first full-time position as an assistant strength coach at New Mexico State from 2018-19, working with its track and field, swimming, baseball and football programs. He moved to football exclusively that next fall as an assistant strength and conditioning coach on the Wyoming football staff for the 2019 season.

Hall began his professional career as an intern at Ohio State in 2015 where he assisted with the strength and conditioning training of many of the Buckeyes' Olympic sports. He accepted a graduate assistant role at UTEP from there, assisting with the Miners' football, track, volleyball and rifle programs.

Hall attended Youngstown State University where he earned his bachelor's degree in exercise science in 2015. He later added a master's in leadership studies from UTEP in 2017.

Hall and his wife, Hanna, welcomed their first child, a daughter Hunter, on New Year's Day in 2025.

**BRANDYN MUSGRAVE**

Associate Strength Coach
Fifth Season
Florida State '15, Concordia
Univ. of Chicago '18

Brandyn Musgrave enters his fifth season at Texas Tech as an associate strength and conditioning coach for the Red Raider football program.

During his tenure, Musgrave has been a consistent presence on head strength and conditioning coach Lance Barilow's staff, helping build a Red Raider football program in the off-season into a national contender. Texas Tech has advanced to a bowl game in each of Musgrave's four seasons, including an appearance in the College Football Playoff Quarterfinals in 2025 following the Red Raiders' first Big 12 title in school history.

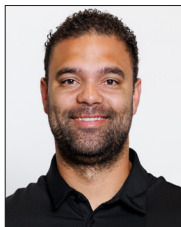
Musgrave, a former student-athlete himself at Florida State, arrived at Texas Tech following one season at fellow Big 12 member Baylor where he worked alongside Barilow during the 2021 season. Musgrave quickly joined the Red Raider staff

after Baylor completed a 12-2 season with a Big 12 title and a win in the Allstate Sugar Bowl.

In addition to his time at Baylor, Musgrave served on the strength staff at Rutgers in 2019, his first full-time position at the collegiate level after working on the University of Miami staff as an intern in 2018. He joined the collegiate ranks after beginning his career as an assistant strength and conditioning coach at Barwis Methods, a leading performance training academy that boasts numerous professional athletes as clients.

Prior to joining the coaching profession, Musgrave was a fullback and linebacker at Florida State for 2013-15 where he was part of the Seminoles' historic 14-0 undefeated season and BCS National Championship in 2013. Florida State also played in the Rose Bowl (2014) and Peach Bowl (2015), finishing with at least 10 wins each season during one of its most-successful stretches in history.

Musgrave, a native of Port St. Lucie, Florida, earned his bachelor's degree in sociology from Florida State in 2015 and later added a master's in sports performance from Concordia University of Chicago in 2018.

**BRANDON STEVENSON**

Assistant Strength Coach
Second Season
Texas Tech '22

Brandon Stevenson enters his second season as an assistant strength and conditioning coach on the Texas Tech staff, reuniting him with head strength and conditioning coach Lance Barilow.

Stevenson rejoined the Texas Tech staff ahead of its historic 2025 season where the Red Raiders cruised to a school record 12 wins and their first Big 12 title in history. Texas Tech also made its first-ever appearance in the College Football Playoff after a dominating regular season and conference championship game that featured all 12 wins coming by at least 20 points. The Red Raiders closed the year ranked as high as No. 7 in the final Associated Press poll.

Stevenson was previously a student assistant strength and conditioning coach during the 2022 football season, the Red Raiders' first under head coach Joy McGuire and Barilow. Stevenson assisted with Texas Tech's daily strength program that season, earning additional responsibility in leading training sessions for development groups and injured players. He previously was a student assistant with Texas Tech's Olympic sport strength staff for three seasons before moving to football prior to his senior year.

Following graduation, Stevenson accepted the head strength and conditioning coaching position at Midland Christian High School. Stevenson spent the 2024-25 academic year at Lake County Christian School as an assistant strength and conditioning coach before rejoining the Red Raider football program for summer workouts.

Stevenson earned his bachelor's degree in general studies with a concentration in kinesiology, nutrition and health from Texas Tech in December 2022. He is a certified strength and conditioning specialist (CSCS).

Stevenson and his wife, Jaylin, are parents to three daughters, Braylin, Brooklyn and Brylie. He is the son of Scott and Dwenette Stevenson. His father is a lieutenant with the Texas Rangers, one of the highest law-enforcement agencies in the state. In addition to those duties, he has been a mainstay on the Texas Tech sideline for years, providing additional security for the head coach at home and on road trips.

**ALEX WATKINS**

Assistant Strength Coach
First Season
Alabama '10

Alex Watkins enters his first season as an assistant strength and conditioning coach on the Texas Tech staff, bringing with him national championship experience as a player as well as high-level coaching opportunities in the SEC.

Prior to joining the Texas Tech staff, Watkins spent the previous six seasons in the Southeastern Conference (SEC) on the strength staffs at both Florida (2022-25) and Mississippi State (2020-21). While with the Gators, Watkins was responsible for overseeing the training of Florida's mid-skill position athletes as well as its internship program, overseeing recruitment, onboarding and mentorship of student assistants.

Watkins earned his first coaching position as the head strength and conditioning coach at Stillman College from 2014-16 following the conclusion of his own playing career. Watkins oversaw strength programming for 12-plus sports while at Stillman College as well as its budget and equipment inventory.

Watkins moved to the NCAA FCS level from there, serving as the head football strength and conditioning coach at Texas Southern over the course of the 2016-18 seasons. He later joined the FBS ranks as an assistant strength and conditioning coach at UAB for the 2019 season.

Watkins was part of two national championship teams during his career as a defensive lineman under legendary head coach Nick Saban at Alabama. He later signed as a free agent with the Tennessee Titans in 2012 and then the Calgary Stampeders of the Canadian Football League (CFL) in 2013.

Watkins, a native of Brownsville, Texas, earned his bachelor's degree in general health studies with concentrations in nutrition and kinesiology from Alabama in 2010. He is a certified strength and conditioning specialist (CSCS).

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JOSH HAVERFIELD
Applied Sports Scientist
Fifth Season

Bluffton '19, Northern State '22

Josh Haverfield enters his fifth season on the Texas Tech strength staff and his second in the role of coordinator of football performance and analytics.

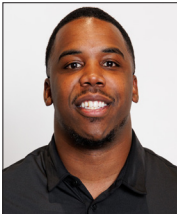
Haverfield moved into his current position after previously serving as an intern under head strength coach Lance Barlow in 2022 and then as a post-grad intern each of the next two seasons. He oversaw many of Texas Tech's performance analytics on an interim basis during the 2024 season before earning his full-time promotion prior to the Red Raiders' appearance in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl.

Texas Tech is coming off one of its best seasons in recent memory with a school record 12 wins to go along with the first Big 12 title in program history and an appearance in the College Football Playoff. The Red Raiders won each of their 12 games by at least 20 points en route to ranking as high as No. 7 in the final Associated Press poll.

Prior to joining the Texas Tech staff, Haverfield was a graduate assistant at Northern State University from 2020-22 and then an intern at Wyoming in 2019. His time at Wyoming coincided with that of senior associate strength coach Aaron Hall, who was an assistant on the Cowboys' staff in 2019.

Haverfield, a native of Marion, Ohio, was an offensive lineman at Bluffton University from 2015-18 before entering the coaching profession. He earned his bachelor's degree in strength and conditioning from Bluffton in 2019 and then his master's in sports performance and leadership from Northern State in 2022.

Haverfield and his wife, Jordan, were married in December 2025 in a ceremony performed by head coach Joey McGuire.



JAH'SHAWN JOHNSON
Asst. Cornerbacks Coach
Fifth Season
Texas Tech '18

Former Red Raider great Jah'Shawn Johnson enters his fifth season on the Texas Tech coaching staff where he serves as an assistant cornerbacks coach.

Since returning to his alma mater, Johnson has had a front row seat to Texas Tech's defensive improvements under head coach Joey McGuire and now second-year defensive coordinator Shiel Wood. The Red Raiders have played in a bowl game in each of Johnson's four seasons and have won the most Big 12 games of any conference school, regardless of conference affiliation.

Texas Tech is coming off one of its best seasons in school history as the Red Raiders won a school record 12 games en route to their first Big

12 title and an appearance in the College Football Playoff. Texas Tech's success - with all 12 victories coming by at least 20 points - stemmed from a high-scoring offense combined with a suffocating defense that led the nation with 32 takeaways and rushing defense. The Red Raiders also ranked third in the FBS for total defense and scoring, giving up only 11.8 points per game to roll through the Big 12 schedule.

Johnson helped mentor Brice Pollock into an All-Big 12 first team selection in the process after the transfer corner led the team and ranked tied for seventh in the FBS with five interceptions. Pollock, who is projected among the top returning cornerbacks in college football for the 2026 season, became the lone Red Raider since 2005 to combine for 40 tackles, 4.0 tackles for loss and five interceptions all in the same season. His play bolstered a defense that gave up only 190.1 passing yards per game, which ranked 26th in the FBS.

Pollock became the fifth Red Raider to be recognized with All-Big 12 honors during Johnson's tenure. He previously helped tutor a pair of second team honorees in Malik Dunlap in 2022 and Dadrion Taylor-Demerson in 2023. Taylor-Demerson, who combined for seven interceptions his final two seasons, was selected in the fourth round of the 2024 NFL Draft by the Arizona Cardinals, representing one of seven Red Raider defensive backs who have received a pro opportunity during his tenure.

Prior to joining head coach Joey McGuire's staff, Johnson was an assistant coach for his alma mater at Ennis High School. Serving under legendary head coach

Sam Harrell, Johnson worked primarily with the defensive backs for an Ennis program that advanced to the area round of the Class 5A Division II playoffs in each of his two seasons on staff.

Ennis was Johnson's first coaching position after completing a decorated playing career as a Red Raider where he was a four-year starter in the secondary. Johnson, a two-year captain, started 45 games in scarlet and black as he recorded 298 tackles from 2014-18, including 10.5 for a loss, while also adding six interceptions, 14 pass breakups, six forced fumbles and five fumble recoveries.

Johnson was a three-time All-Big 12 selection, earning honorable mention accolades as a redshirt freshman in 2015 and again as a senior in 2018. He was a second team All-Big 12 pick as a junior after registering 97 tackles for a Texas Tech defense that ranked sixth nationally with 29 takeaways.

Johnson, one of the early signees under then head coach Kliff Kingsbury, earned his undergraduate degree in sport management from Texas Tech in 2018. He is currently pursuing his master's degree in interdisciplinary studies from the university.

Johnson is the son of Tamara Johnson and Keith Davis. His father previously played football at the collegiate level as well as Sam Houston State before a decorated NFL career with the Dallas Cowboys (2002-07, 2008), Miami Dolphins (2008) and Oakland Raiders (2009).



JACKSON KIMBLE
Offensive Assistant (OL)
Third Season
Baylor '21, '22

Jackson Kimble enters his third season as an offensive graduate assistant on the Texas Tech coaching staff where he assists with the offensive line.

The Red Raiders boasted one of the nation's top offenses during each of Kimble's first two seasons on staff, ranking in the top 10 for total offense and scoring both of those years. Texas Tech averaged 37.6 points per game - the fourth-highest clip in the country - while also averaging 452.7 total yards and 296.7 passing yards, which both finished ninth in the FBS. Texas Tech's offense helped push the Red Raiders to an 8-5 record and an appearance in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl.

Caleb Rogers earned honorable mention All-Big 12 accolades after starting at both guard and tackle throughout the 2024 season. He was later selected in the third round of the 2025 NFL Draft by the Las Vegas Raiders, marking the first time a Texas Tech offensive lineman had heard his name called in the first three rounds since Le'Raven Clark did so in 2016 by the Indianapolis Colts.

The Red Raiders followed by averaging 39.4 points per game during their memorable 2025 campaign, which propelled Texas Tech to its first Big 12 title in history and appearance in the College Football Playoff. Texas Tech used the same starting lineup up front en route to a school record 12 wins and 2,560 rushing yards, the most by the Red Raiders since joining the Big 12 Conference.

Four members of the offensive line earned All-Big 12 honors with Howard Sampson and Sheridan Wilson on the third team and Davion Carter and Jacob Ponton as honorable mention selections. Ponton was also recognized as a Freshman All-American by the Athletic following a successful debut at right tackle.

A former offensive lineman himself at Baylor, Kimble arrived at Texas Tech following one year in a similar capacity at Buffalo. Kimble helped mentor two All-MAC selections during his lone season as left tackle Gabe Wallace and right guard Tyler Doty were both recognized as third team selections by the conference coaches.

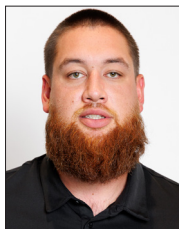
It marked the second coaching position of his young career as he was previously a student assistant coach at Baylor during the 2022 campaign. The Bears played in the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl that season.

Kimble, a native of Southlake, Texas, struggled with injuries during his career at Baylor before medically retiring following the 2021 season. He was a six-time Commissioner's Honor Roll honoree during his time at Baylor and was recognized on the Academic All-Big 12 first team during his final season.

Kimble is a two-time graduate of Baylor, earning his undergraduate diploma in business and corporate communications in 2021 and then his master's in sport management in 2022.

Kimble is engaged to Maggie Morton.

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COLE MAXWELL
Defensive Assistant (DL)
Fourth Season
Baylor '22

Cole Maxwell enters his fourth season on the Texas Tech coaching staff as he serves as a defensive assistant working specifically with the defensive line.

Maxwell has already been part of three bowl appearances with the Red Raiders, who are coming off a historic 2025 season that featured the school's first Big 12 title and appearance in the College Football Playoff. Texas Tech's success started up front as the Red Raiders were among the country's most-dominant units, ranking first in the FBS for both takeaways and rushing defense and third for scoring and total defense. The Red Raiders gave up only 11.8 points per game en route to a school record 12 wins, all by at least 20 points.

Backed by two future NFL Draft picks in Lee Hunter (second round, Carolina Panthers) and Skyler Gill-Howard (sixth round, Detroit Lions), the Red Raiders recorded the largest year-by-year improvement for both scoring (-23.0) and total yards allowed per game (-203.2) by any FBS program since 2000. Hunter and fellow defensive lineman A.J. Holmes Jr. both earned second team All-America honors, giving Texas Tech four total selections on the defensive side of the ball.

The Red Raiders gave up only 26.0 points per game during Maxwell's first season on staff, their lowest at the time since 2009, behind the consistent play in the middle from Tony Bradford Jr. and Jaylon Hutchings. Both seniors earned honorable mention All-Big 12 accolades en route to pushing Texas Tech to a 5-4 record in Big 12 play and a victory over Cal in the Radiant Technologies Independence Bowl. The Red Raiders finished 8-5 during Maxwell's second season following an appearance in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl.

The 2023 season marked Maxwell's first in a coaching position following a successful playing career at Baylor where he played under head coach Joey McGuire. Maxwell started in 19 games along the defensive line for the Bears, helping push Baylor to a Big 12 title in 2021 and a victory in the AllState Sugar Bowl. Baylor also made a Big 12 Championship appearance during his 2019 sophomore campaign, which was unfortunately cut short due to injury.

For his career, Maxwell totaled 48 tackles, including 2.5 for a loss and 1.5 sacks, while also adding a forced fumble and three pass breakups. He was an honorable mention All-Big 12 selection in 2021 after making 27 stops and 1.5 sacks over 13 starts. Maxwell had three tackles in both the Big 12 Championship win over Oklahoma State as well as the victory versus Ole Miss in the AllState Sugar Bowl, which also featured his first-career solo sack.

Maxwell signed with Baylor as part of the first signing class to ink with then head coach Matt Rhule, a staff that also featured McGuire as one of its first members. He was previously an All-State defensive lineman out of Allen High School where he was the District 6-6A Defensive MVP as a senior in 2016. Allen finished 14-1 that season, falling in the Class 6A Division I state semifinals.

Maxwell earned his bachelor's degree in education from Baylor in 2022 prior to his hiring at Texas Tech.



MATT PANKER
Defensive Assistant (Safety)
First Season
Colby College '23

Matt Panker enters his first season as a defensive assistant on the Texas Tech staff, working directly with co-defensive coordinator and safeties coach Rob Greene.

Panker arrived at Texas Tech following two seasons assisting with the cornerbacks at Army where he was a defensive quality control coach during the 2025 season. He began his tenure with the Black Knights as a defensive analyst under Army defensive coordinator Nate Woody in 2024.

Army put together its best season in the more than 100-year history of the program during Panker's first year on staff in 2024, finishing an impressive 12-2 overall, including a perfect 8-0 mark in the Black Knights' first season in the American Athletic Conference. The Black Knights

ended the year at No. 21 in the final Associated Press poll after topping Tulane in the AAC Championship Game as well as Louisiana Tech in the Independence Bowl for the first 12-win season in program history.

Army boasted one of the nation's top defenses throughout the 2024 season as the Black Knights finished fourth in the FBS for scoring after allowing only 15.5 points per game. Army was also eighth in the country for total defense, giving up just 297.9 yards per game as part of a unit that was also ranked in the top 25 for red zone defense, passing defense, rushing defense and passes intercepted.

The Black Knights again ranked as one of the American's top defenses during the 2025 campaign, closing the season as the conference's top unit for total defense after giving up only 343.5 yards per game. Army surrendered only 21.6 points and 190.4 passing yards per game that season, which both ranked second in the league, as the Black Knights went on to throttle UConn, 41-16, in the Wasabi Fenway Bowl.

Panker joined the coaching profession immediately after his own playing career at Colby College in Maine. Like both Texas Tech defensive coordinator Shiel Wood and Greene, Panker played on the offensive side of the ball as a wide receiver for Colby from 2019-22 where he caught 44 passes for 536 yards and three touchdowns before suffering a career-ending foot injury prior to his senior season. He also played baseball at Colby, finishing his career with an impressive .308 batting average.

Panker attended Iona Prep High School in New Rochelle, New York, where he was an All-County football and baseball player. During his senior year, he caught 60 passes for 1,000 yards and scored at least one touchdown in every game, finishing with 12 on the season.

Panker earned his bachelor's degree in government from Colby College in May 2023.



LINDSEY SCOTT JR.
Asst. Quarterbacks Coach
Second Season
Nicholls State '21

Lindsey Scott Jr. enters his second season as Texas Tech's assistant quarterbacks coach after a successful debut where the Red Raiders boasted one of the nation's top offenses behind eventual NFL Draft pick Behren Morton.

The Red Raiders averaged 39.4 points per game in their debut season under offensive coordinator Mack Leftwich, pushing Texas Tech to a school record 12 wins and its first Big 12 title and College Football Playoff appearance in school history. Texas Tech was among the most-dominant teams in recent college football history as its high-powered offense helped push the Red Raiders to 12 wins all by at least 20 points.

Morton was a key part in Texas Tech's success, becoming only the second Red Raider in program history to start at least 10 games and throw for 2,500 yards with eight or fewer interceptions. He led the Big 12 with a 66.0 completion percentage en route to ending his career ranked fourth all-time in Texas Tech history for both career passing yards and career touchdown passes, among other categories. Morton was later selected in the seventh round of the 2026 NFL Draft by the New England Patriots.

Scott previously played and worked under Leftwich at both Incarnate Word and then Texas State, beginning his coaching career as an offensive analyst for the Bobcats over the 2023-24 seasons. Texas State boasted one of the nation's top offenses those two seasons, which pushed the Bobcats to their first two bowl appearances in school history and 16 combined victories.

Scott was Leftwich's starting quarterback during his lone season as the offensive coordinator at Incarnate Word in 2022. The two formed a strong bond with Scott throwing for 4,686 yards and 60 touchdowns to only eight interceptions, while also rushing for 712 yards and 11 additional scores on only 132 carries. He was honored following the season with the prestigious Walter Payton Award, which recognizes the Offensive Player of the Year at the FCS level.

Incarnate Word closed the 2022 season with a 12-2 record and an appearance in the FCS semifinal round, marking the furthest the Cardinals had advanced in program history. Scott was also named the Southland Conference Player of the Year and a first team All-American by the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) and Associated Press, among others, after setting the Incarnate Word single-season records for completion percentage (70.9), passing efficiency (197.4), passing yards (4,686), passing touchdowns (60), total offensive yards (5,353) and touchdowns responsible for (71).

Scott ended his collegiate career with the Cardinals after previously signing

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with LSU out of high school. He was tabbed the 2015 Gatorade Player of the Year for the state of Louisiana out of Zachary High School outside Baton Rouge where he led the Broncos to the Class 5A state title as a senior. Scott also spent time at East Mississippi Community College (2017), Missouri (2018) and Nicholls State (2019-21) throughout his college career.

In addition to his role at Texas State, Scott also played in nine games as a rookie quarterback for the Arlington Renegades during the United Football League (UFL) spring 2024 season. He joined the Renegades as the top overall pick in the XFL Dispersal Draft after previously being selected second overall of the USFL Draft by the Pittsburgh Maulers.

Scott earned his bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies with a focus on mathematics from Nicholls State in December 2021. He is currently pursuing a master's of business administration through Incarnate Word with an expected graduation date this May.



XAVIER WHITE

Offensive Assistant (WRs)
Second Season
Texas Tech '22

Xavier White returned to his alma mater in a new role prior to the 2025 season, joining the coaching side of the Texas Tech football program as an offensive assistant working specifically with the Red Raider wide receivers.

His return aligned perfectly for White as the Red Raiders went on to a historic 2025 campaign during his first season on staff, winning the Big 12 Conference title and appearing in the College Football Playoff for the first time. The Red Raiders were among the most-balanced offenses in the country with four different players with at least 600 receiving yards, including three from the wide receiver room in Caleb Douglas, Reggie Virgil and Coy Eakin. Texas Tech ended the year averaging 39.4 points per game, its highest clip since Patrick

Mahomes II's final year at quarterback in 2016.

Two members from the wide receiver room went on to hear their names called during the 2026 NFL Draft with Douglas going in the third round to the Miami Dolphins and Reggie Virgil following two rounds later to the Arizona Cardinals. Douglas led the Red Raiders with 846 receiving yards and seven touchdowns on his way to earning All-Big 12 second team accolades. Virgil and Eakin, meanwhile, were both All-Big 12 honorable mention selections.

This is the first coaching position for White, who concluded his playing career in 2023 as one of the most-versatile Red Raiders in recent memory. His hire reunited the Lubbock native with not only head coach Joey McGuire but offensive passing game coordinator and wide receivers coach Justin Johnson after he was White's position coach as a senior.

White, a product of Lubbock Monterey High School, returned to West Texas after playing his true freshman season at Dodge City Community College in Kansas. He was a breakout performer of preseason camp prior to the 2019 campaign, rising from a walk-on to a member of Texas Tech's receiver rotation by the season opener. He transitioned to the running back room the next season, giving the Red Raiders a dynamic option out of the backfield and in the return game.

White moved back to the wide receiver room upon McGuire's hire in 2022 as he was Texas Tech's leader in all-purpose yards that season and its second-leading receiver. White led the Red Raiders with 556 receiving yards as a senior in 2023 en route to concluding his career with 1,333 catches for 1,524 yards and six touchdowns.

White appeared in 51 games overall for the Red Raiders, totaling 2,731 all-purpose yards during that span thanks to an additional 754 rushing yards and five touchdowns on the ground and 453 yards as either a punt (46) or kick (407) returner. To date, he is one of only two Red Raiders since 2000 to record multiple games with at least 100 rushing yards in a career as well as two or more 100-yard receiving performances, joining Taurean Henderson.

White earned his bachelor's degree from Texas Tech in 2022 in university studies. He married his wife, Jaiden, in June 2024.



TAYLOR YOUNG

Asst. Inside Linebackers Coach
Third Season
Baylor '16

Taylor Young enters his third season on the Texas Tech coaching staff where he assists defensive coordinator Shiel Wood as the assistant inside linebackers coach.

Young's arrival in Lubbock prior to the 2024 season reunited him with many on the Texas Tech staff from his time as a student-athlete at Baylor. Young was one of the Big 12's most-imposing linebackers over his four-year career, totaling 325 tackles, 39.0 tackles for loss and 15.5 sacks, all while earning All-Big 12 honors three times and also being named Big 12 Defensive Newcomer of the Year by the Associated Press in 2014 and the Defensive MVP of the 2015 Cotton Bowl.

Young, whose last season coincided with head coach Joey McGuire's arrival in Waco as an assistant coach, remains one of the top tacklers in Baylor history as he still ranks third in career tackles for loss, fourth for both career solo tackles and sacks and tied for eighth in total tackles. Young made 40 career starts at linebacker for the Bears before being invited to training camp with the Arizona Cardinals after completing his collegiate career.

Young was able to help pass along that same wisdom during his first season with the Red Raiders as inside linebacker Jacob Rodriguez earned All-Big 12 first team honors as one of the top tacklers in college football. Rodriguez, only the third Red Raider in program history to garner All-Big 12 first team honors, recorded 127 tackles on the season, ranking third in the FBS for the category, all while finishing as one of the country's top takeaway contributors.

Texas Tech's inside linebacker room ranked among the nation's top units during the 2025 season, propelling the Red Raiders to a school record 12 wins and the first College Football Playoff appearance in program history. The trio of John Curry, Ben Roberts and Rodriguez were key parts of a Red Raider defense that led the country for both takeaways and rushing defense, while also ranking third for scoring and total defense.

Rodriguez turned in another memorable season, capturing the nation's attention as a senior as the top linebacker in the country. Rodriguez was the recipient of the Chuck Bednarik Award, the Bronko Nagurski Trophy, the Lombardi Award and the Butkus Award, to name a few, joining only former Notre Dame linebacker Manti Te'o as the only players in history to win all four awards in the same season. He also finished fifth overall in the Heisman Trophy voting, becoming only the third linebacker since 1995 to finish in the top five for the nation's top honor.

Rodriguez, a second round pick in the 2026 NFL Draft by the Miami Dolphins, became the first FBS player dating back to 2005 to record at least five forced fumbles, four interceptions and two fumble recoveries all in the same season. Roberts, meanwhile, created six takeaways of his own during the 2025 season, including two during the Edward Jones Big 12 Championship where he was named the Most Outstanding Player.

This is Young's third coaching stint at the collegiate level as he was previously a graduate assistant for Baylor during the 2019-20 seasons as well as a quality control assistant at North Texas for the 2021 campaign. Young assisted the linebacker room at both schools, while also contributing to North Texas' special teams units during his lone season in Denton.

Like many members of McGuire's staff, Young also has experience at the high school ranks as he served as the special teams coordinator and linebackers coach at Richardson High School in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex during the 2022-23 seasons.

Young began his coaching career after earning his undergraduate degree in education from Baylor in 2016. He is the father of a son, Skylar.

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**PRESLEE QUISENBERRY**

Director of Administration
and Operations
Fifth Season
Texas Tech '22

Preslee Quisenberry enters her fifth season as a member of the Texas Tech football staff and second as Director of Administration and Operations.

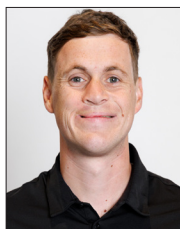
Quisenberry previously served as Texas Tech's Director of On-Campus Recruiting over the 2022-24 seasons before moving into her new role ahead of the 2025 season. She handles many of the behind-the-scenes aspects of the Red Raider football program as the main point of contact for head coach Joey McGuire and as the staff liaison to student-athlete parents once they reach campus. Quisenberry is also essential in enhancing the onboarding process for new student-athletes as well as with the day-to-day operation of more than 100 student-athletes and 20-plus coaching staff members.

Prior to her full-time hiring, Quisenberry served as a student assistant in the Texas Tech football office for three years prior to being hired by McGuire upon graduation. During that time, Quisenberry was essential to Texas Tech's recruiting operation, serving as the point person for prospective student-athlete visits throughout the 2021 season, a role she continued under McGuire.

In addition to her role as a student assistant in the football office, Quisenberry was a member of President's Select for three years and also interned with the Texas Tech athletics communications office each of her final three semesters.

Quisenberry, like many on the Texas Tech staff, has ties to the Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) as her father, Chad Quisenberry, recently retired as the Athletics Director at Devine High School near San Antonio. He was previously the head coach of the Warhorses for 13 seasons as part of 25-plus years with the school district.

Quisenberry earned her undergraduate degree from Texas Tech University in May 2022, graduating summa cum laude in only three years as a public relations and strategic communication major.

**SEAN KENNEY**

Director of Player Personnel
Fifth Season
Alabama '20, '21

Sean Kenney enters his fifth season on the Texas Tech personnel staff and his first in the role of Director of Player Personnel where he assists general manager James Blanchard in identifying prospective student-athletes.

Kenney has been at the forefront of Texas Tech's rise into a national power, assisting Blanchard and assistant general manager with recruiting top talent to Lubbock since joining the program as part of Joey McGuire's charter staff. Texas Tech has signed three top-30 high school classes during Kenney's tenure, including a 2026 class that ranked as high as No. 13 nationally by ESPN and No. 15 by 247Sports thanks to a pair of five-star signees in outside linebacker LaDamon Guyton and offensive lineman Felix Ojo.

Texas Tech has significantly upgraded its roster since Kenney's arrival, complementing highly-rated high school prospects with back-to-back transfer portal classes that ranked among the nation's best. In fact, Texas Tech landed On3's top transfer portal class following the 2024 season and reloaded again this past offseason, signing another highly-rated class that ranked No. 2 by the publication.

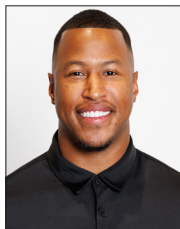
Prior to joining the Texas Tech staff, Kenney was a recruiting specialist for the Alabama football program where he assisted in all areas of the Crimson Tide's personnel operation. As part of his duties, Kenney assisted with on-campus visits for future student-athletes and was also responsible for creating travel plans for coaches and team personnel, updating the Alabama recruiting database and preparing scouting reports.

Alabama regularly signed a top-five recruiting class throughout Kenney's tenure in Tuscaloosa as the Crimson Tide went on to win two College Football Playoff National Championships during that span as well as four SEC titles. The Crimson Tide appeared in the College Football Playoff in all but one of Kenney's six seasons on staff.

In addition to his time at Alabama, Kenney also attended the prestigious Phil

Savage Scout School in 2019, one of the top clinics in the country for prospective college and professional scouts. The school, which focuses on learning NFL team rating scales and recruiting best practices, is led by Savage, a longtime NFL executive and general manager.

Kenney earned his bachelor's degree from Alabama in commerce and business administration in 2020 and then his master's in hospitality management with a concentration in sports hospitality in 2021.

**CHASE ADAMS**

Associate Director of
College Scouting
First Season
UT-Arlington '13

Chase Adams enters his first season on the Texas Tech personnel staff where he serves as an associate director for college scouting.

In his role, Adams assists general manager James Blanchard with identifying the top prospects who either enter the NCAA transfer portal or sign with the Red Raiders through the junior college ranks. He was hired in February 2026, adding to Texas Tech's personnel staff that annually brings in the nation's top recruits.

Adams joined the Texas Tech staff from Richardson ISD in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex where he was most recently the quarterbacks coach for Richardson High School. He began his tenure at Richardson in 2019, helping push the Eagles to multiple district championships in football, while also contributing to the basketball and

track and field programs.

Adams is the latest in a long line of one-time Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) members now on the Texas Tech staff as he arrived with 10-plus years of experience in education with stops at Grand Prairie ISD, Desoto ISD and Dallas ISD. He was named Richardson's junior high coach of the year for the 2021-22 academic year.

Adams attended the University of Texas at Arlington where he earned his bachelor's in university studies in December 2013.

**FREDDIE JOHNSON**

Associate Director of
H.S. Scouting
First Season
Oklahoma Panhandle St. '18

Freddie Johnson enters his first season on the Texas Tech personnel staff where he serves as an associate director for high school scouting.

Johnson joined the Texas Tech program in February 2026 with a similar background as several other members of Joey McGuire's staff as a one-time member of the Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA). Now, Johnson will experience the recruiting process from the other side after previously helping numerous high school prospects find scholarship offers throughout his career.

Johnson arrived at Texas Tech after previously serving as the defensive coordinator, defensive backs coach and recruiting coordinator at Legacy School of Sport Science in the Houston area. Johnson, who had been promoted to head coach in the months leading up to his hiring at Texas Tech, helped push the Titans to a 36-21 record the past four seasons, including an 8-1 mark during the 2023 season.

The Titans had more than 50 players sign with college programs during Johnson's tenure from 2020-25, establishing Legacy SSS as one of the state's hotbeds for talent. The list of signees included five that were ranked in the ESPN300.

Johnson previously began his career at the college level as a defensive quality control coach in charge of the cornerbacks at Oklahoma Panhandle State from 2015-18 and then as the secondary coach and assistant recruiting coordinator at Langston University from 2018-19. Langston won the Sooner Athletic Conference in both of his seasons where he was vital to the program's recruiting efforts.

Johnson played college football collegiately at Blinn Junior College and Grandview University before eventually earning his bachelor's in education from Oklahoma Panhandle State in 2018. He and his wife, Dajia, are parents to a son, Kingston, and a daughter, Alani.

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**ALAYSHIA GREEN**

Dir. of On-Campus Recruiting
Second Season
Florida Atlantic '20, UCF '21

Alayshia Green enters her second full season on the Texas Tech personnel staff where she serves as Director of On-Campus Recruiting Operations.

In her role, Green helps oversee the planning and execution of campus visits by prospective student-athletes throughout the calendar year, particularly with transfer prospects and during the summer official visit period. She also helps coordinate travel for Texas Tech's coaching staff to visit prospective student-athletes.

Green arrived at Texas Tech at the start of the 2025 season, helping the Red Raiders close the top high school class in the Big 12 and the second-ranked transfer portal class in the country. Texas Tech ended the 2026 recruiting cycle with a class ranked as high as No. 13 nationally by ESPN and No. 15 by 247Sports, its highest finish ever among online recruiting services thanks in part to two five-star signees in offensive lineman Felix Ojo and outside linebacker LaDamon Guyton.

Green joined the Red Raiders after previously serving as a recruiting intern at UCF during the 2021 season and again during the 2025 football offseason. She moved to Orlando after previously assisting Florida Atlantic as a recruiting and operations student assistant throughout her undergraduate career with the OWLs where she handled many of the same responsibilities as in her current position at Texas Tech.

Greene earned her bachelor's degree in business administration from Florida Atlantic in 2020 and then added two master's in both business administration and sport business management from Central Florida a year later. She was elected the president of the FAU Athletic Ambassadors organization during her time as an undergrad, also serving as the social media chair and as a vice president.

In addition to her roles at both schools, she has also served in various capacities with the Orange Bowl Committee, Florida Citrus Sports as well as NCSA and IMG Academy. She was IMG Academy's recruiting coordinator prior to her hire at Texas Tech, serving as the first point of contact for student-athletes at one of the nation's top hotbeds for talent.

**KATIE MEADE**

On-Campus Recruiting Coord.
Second Season
Texas Tech '24

Katie Meade enters her second season as a full-time member of the Texas Tech football staff where she serves as a coordinator for on-campus recruiting.

Meade, a Lubbock native, assists in all areas of Texas Tech's recruiting operation, namely assisting in the planning and execution of campus visits by prospective student-athletes. The position is a familiar one for Meade, who was a student assistant in the Texas Tech football office over the course of the 2021-24 seasons where she assisted with the execution of recruiting visits each summer and on gameday.

Meade was only a freshman when head coach Joey McGuire was hired as Texas Tech's head coach. Since then, Meade has had a first-hand

view of Texas Tech's rise as one of the top personnel departments in the country as the Red Raiders have landed two top-25 recruiting classes and then the top transfer portal class in the country this past offseason.

Texas Tech landed its highest-ranked class ever during Meade's first season as a full-time staff member. The Red Raiders closed the 2026 recruiting cycle with the Big 12's highest-rated high school class and the second-ranked transfer portal class in the country. The high school class ranked as high as No. 13 by ESPN and No. 15 by 247Sports.

Meade earned her bachelor's degree in sport management with a minor in general business from Texas Tech in December 2024. She was pursuing her master's in sport management prior to her full-time hiring.

**GENTRY HICKS WOMACK**

Assistant A.D. / FB Nutrition
Fourth Season
Texas Tech '20, '22

Gentry Hicks Womack enters her fourth season as a full-time member of the Texas Tech sports nutrition staff and her second as the Director of Football Nutrition. She was promoted to an Assistant A.D. role prior to the 2026 season.

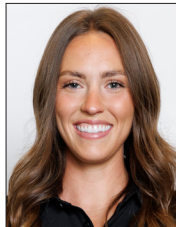
In her role, Womack oversees the nutritional needs for more than 100 football student-athletes, planning out team meals while assisting with in-game and practice fueling. Additionally, Womack helps guide each Red Raider during the offseason to target weights through proper nutrition and education.

Womack is no stranger around the football program as she previously served as a fueling station intern for the 2019-20 seasons as an undergraduate student. She rejoined the program as

a master's dietetic intern prior to the 2022 football season before being named an assistant football dietitian for the 2023-24 seasons.

Womack, a Lubbock native, has two degrees from Texas Tech University, earning a bachelor's in nutritional sciences and dietetics in 2020 before adding a master's of science in nutrition and dietetics with a concentration in sports dietetics in 2022.

Womack married her husband, Landry, in May 2026 in Italy.

**LEXEY PRICE**

Associate Sports Dietitian
First Season
Texas Tech '23, '24

Former All-Big 12 sprinter Lexey Price enters her first season working the Texas Tech football program as an associate sports dietitian.

Price returned to her alma mater this offseason after previously spending the 2025 calendar year at Auburn. She served the first six months of her tenure on the plains as a sports nutrition intern before being promoted to a full-time sports dietitian role, working with Auburn's swimming and diving, equestrian and baseball programs.

Auburn was Price's first full-time position in the field following her time at Texas Tech where she worked with the Red Raider football program as a sports nutrition intern. She later served an eight-month dietetic internship in 2024, completing more than 1,000 hours across each of Texas

Tech's athletic programs.

Price began her professional career not long after stepping off the track for the final time during an impressive career with the Lady Raiders. Price earned 11 total Big 12 Conference medals during her career as a Lady Raider, including three top-three finishes as part of Texas Tech's 4x400-meter relay. Price also competed in the 400-meter hurdles and the 600 meters, while also earning Academic All-Big 12 honors as well as the prestigious Dr. Gerald Lage Award from the conference office in 2022.

Price earned her bachelor's degree in nutritional sciences and dietetics from Texas Tech in 2023. She added her master's in nutritional sciences and dietetics with a concentration in sports nutrition from the university in December 2024, graduating with a perfect 4.0 GPA.

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**ZANE PERRY**

Asst. Athletics Director
Equipment Operations
27th Season
Texas Tech '05

Zane Perry enters his 27th season working with the Texas Tech football program and sixth in the role of Assistant Athletics Director for Equipment Operations.

Perry, a Lubbock native, joined the full-time equipment staff after graduating from Texas Tech with a degree in exercise and sport science in 2005. During his tenure as a student equipment manager, Perry served as an NFL intern for two summer camps for the Carolina Panthers equipment staff. After his graduation from Monterey High School in 1999, Perry received a scholarship to join the student equipment staff with the Texas Tech football program.

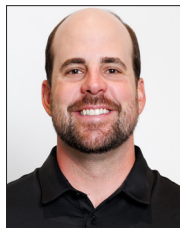
During his 26 seasons on the Red Raider sideline, Perry has risen from a student manager to assistant equipment manager all the way to the

head football equipment manager and now his current role.

Perry oversees a staff of six full-time equipment managers as well as numerous student managers who work directly with each of Texas Tech's athletics programs. He is the point-person for Texas Tech's new apparel provider in adidas, managing all equipment requests as well as uniform designs specifically for the Red Raider football program. Perry and his team worked alongside adidas in quickly designing Texas Tech's uniforms beginning with the 2024 season, giving the Red Raiders a modern look that also respects many historical elements.

Perry was promoted to Director of Equipment Operations in 2018 after previously serving over a decade as the Red Raiders' head football equipment manager. He was voted as the 2024 Knight-Pickard District 7 Equipment Manager of the Year.

Perry and his wife, Erica, have two daughters, Presley and Finlay, and a son, Walker.

**CAYMAN ANCELL**

Head Equipment Manager
10th Season
Texas Tech '16

Cayman Ancell enters his 10th season with the Texas Tech football program and his sixth as the head equipment manager for the Red Raiders.

Ancell, a Lubbock native, was promoted to his current position following the 2020 season from his role as an assistant equipment manager. He is responsible for the equipment of all football student-athletes and making sure each player is properly equipped.

Ancell's other responsibilities include issuing all protective and workout gear, preparation of team uniforms, ordering of all team gear including helmets, shoulder pads and other equipment such as adidas apparel. He also oversees the issuing of practice and game clothing for coaches, full-time staff and student staff and making sure the

equipment is loaded in advance of away games and bowl games. He also oversees the equipment needs for both of Texas Tech's golf programs.

Prior to being named to Texas Tech's full-time equipment staff, Ancell was a student manager for two seasons beginning with the 2015 campaign. He was hired as an assistant equipment manager shortly after earning his bachelor's degree in sports management from Texas Tech in December 2016.

In addition to his duties at Texas Tech, Ancell has worked on the professional level, serving a summer internship with the Miami Dolphins during its 2016 training camps.

Ancell and his wife, Kayla, were married in July 2020.

**ROGER LIRA**

Asst. Equipment Manager
11th Season
Texas Tech '13, '15

The 2025 football season will mark Roger Lira's 11th on the Texas Tech sidelines as an assistant equipment manager. This is Lira's second stint on the Texas Tech after returning to the equipment staff in 2021.

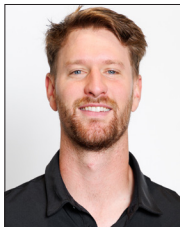
Lira assists with all aspects of Texas Tech's equipment operations, including issuing of official adidas apparel and helping coordinate headset communications on gameday. He is also part of the advance team that prepares the Red Raiders' arrival for any road trip. Lira also oversees the equipment operations for the softball program.

Lira has risen from a student assistant to graduate assistant to a full-time role in his decade-plus on the equipment staff. Lira began his tenure at Texas Tech as a student assistant prior

to the 2009 season. He was tabbed a graduate assistant in 2013 and then was hired to a full-time role the following season.

In between his two stints, Lira was an assistant coach and teacher at nearby Brownfield High School from 2018 until his return prior to spring practices in 2021. Lira, who was also the career and technical education (CTE) department head, oversaw the linebackers room while with the Cubs and was the offensive coordinator during his final season. He also assisted with the Brownfield basketball and track and field programs over his nearly three years.

Lira, a native of nearby Shallowater, earned his bachelor's degree in exercise and sports science and a minor in secondary education from Texas Tech in 2013. He added a master's in instructional and educational technology in 2015.

**AUSTIN NETTLES**

Asst. Equipment Manager
Fourth Season
Texas Tech '20

Austin Nettles enters his fourth season as an assistant equipment manager for the Red Raider football program.

In his role, Nettles assists with the daily equipment upkeep of more than 100 football student-athletes, issuing all protective and workout gear and helping oversee the weekly packing of the equipment truck for road games. He also oversees all the equipment needs for the Red Raider soccer program.

Nettles was a student equipment manager for the Red Raider football program as an undergraduate student. He later served as an equipment intern for the Dallas Cowboys over the course of the 2020-22 seasons and was the home clubhouse attendance and equipment manager

for the Texas Rangers for the 2021-22 campaigns.

Nettles, a native of Cypress, Texas, earned his degree from Texas Tech in 2020, graduating magna cum laude in sports management. He is certified through the Athletic Equipment Managers Association (AEMA).

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ERIC GERALD
Director of Video
11th Season
Texas Tech '15

Eric Gerald enters his 11th season with the Texas Tech athletics department and his fourth in the role of Director of Football Video.

Gerald oversees all the video needs for the Texas Tech coaching staff, including filming and editing of practice and game film in addition to breaking down opponent film. He previously served as a video coordinator for the Red Raider football program for the previous seven seasons prior to his promotion.

Gerald was a student assistant in the Texas Tech sports broadcasting department throughout his time as an undergraduate student. He was a key student assistant for the football team video staff, traveling to many road games, while also contributing to video board and live television coverage during both basketball and baseball season.

Prior to rejoining the athletics department, Gerald was a video journalist for KCBD-TV in Lubbock where he assisted in both news and sports coverage. It was his first full-time position after graduating from Texas Tech in December of 2015 with a degree in electronic media and communications.

Gerald was an offensive lineman for Coronado High School in his hometown of El Paso. He also got his start in creating highlights during that time, too, as he assisted the Coronado staff with coaches video.

Gerald and his wife, the former Katlyn Cook, were married in June 2022.



JACOB CHAVARRIA
Video Coordinator
Fifth Season
Texas Tech '22, '24

Jacob Chavarria enters his fifth season as a full-time member of the Texas Tech video staff and his third in the role of video coordinator.

Chavarria is no stranger to the Texas Tech video staff as he was a student assistant from 2018-21 before being hired as a post-grad intern prior to the 2022 season. He was promoted to his current role ahead of the 2023 season.

In his role, Chavarria assists Director of Football Video Eric Gerald in overseeing all the video needs for the Red Raider coaching staff, namely the filming and editing of practice and game film. Through its partnership with Catapult, Chavarria and the Red Raider video staff are able to ensure video breakdowns are available shortly after each practice and game.

Chavarria, a native of nearby Floydada, earned his bachelor's degree in creative media industries from Texas Tech in 2022 and added his master's in mass communications following the 2024 spring semester.



IYANNA ALSTON-HASSELVANDER
Asst. Video Coordinator
First Season
Tarleton State '21, '22

Iyanna Alston-Hasselvander enters her first season on the Texas Tech video staff as an assistant video coordinator, bringing with her experience in both college football and the NFL.

In her role, Alston-Hasselvander helps oversee 10-plus students each semester in providing the video needs for the football staff. This includes the filming and editing of practice and game film, utilizing Texas Tech's partnership with Catapult to ensure a quick turnaround.

Alston-Hasselvander arrived at Texas Tech after spending the 2025 football season as a seasonal video intern with the Los Angeles Chargers. It represented her second position at the NFL level after previously serving an internship with the New England Patriots leading up to the 2024 season. In between, she was an assistant video coordinator for Georgia State during the 2024 football season.

Alston-Hasselvander received her first experience while as an undergrad at South Carolina, working with both the Gamecocks' live productions department and football video staff. She was also a photographer as an undergrad for The Daily Gamecock student newspaper as well as the South Carolina Hockey Club as part of a social media internship.

Alston-Hasselvander earned her bachelor's degree in sport and entertainment management in May 2024.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT STAFF



KEVIN ASHWELL
Facilities & Operations



DASNII CURTIS
Asst. Academic Advisor



STEPHEN HERRERA
Training Table Manager



KEENAN JOHNS
Assoc. A.D. / Compliance



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Asst. Academic Advisor



DR. ASHLEY SPEARS
Sports Psychology



BREVEN TOBOLA
Equipment Grad Assistant

ACADEMIC STAFF

**AARON TEBO**

Associate A.D./Academics
Fifth Season
Nebraska '07

Aaron Tebo joined the Texas Tech athletics department in April 2022 where he serves as an Associate Athletics Director and the Executive Director for Academic Excellence as well as the sport supervisor for the Red Raider men's golf program.

In his role, Tebo leads the day-to-day operations of the Marsha Sharp Center for Student-Athletes and the academic progress of Texas Tech's more than 400 student-athletes across all sports. He oversees all departmental awards and scholarships and serves as departmental liaison for the Office of Student Conduct, Office of International Affairs and IT/Technology.

Additionally, Tebo is the academic advisor for the men's track and field team and a member of

the Marsha Sharp Center for Student-Athletes Executive and Leadership Teams.

A seasoned administrator of 15-plus years with supervisory, budget, policy creation, and implementation experience prior to his arrival at Texas Tech, Tebo was named in August 2021 the Assistant Athletic Director for Academic Services at fellow Big 12 member Baylor. Within that role, he served as the secondary sport administrator for the women's basketball team and as a member of the Student-Athlete Center for Excellence Leadership Team. He also served as the academic coach for the men's and women's basketball, soccer, and men's golf teams.

In December 2016, Tebo was named Director of Academic Services at Baylor. Within this role, Tebo had full academic oversight of the women's basketball, women's soccer, men's golf and women's tennis teams. Prior to being named Director of Academic Services, Tebo was the Academic Advisor for the football (defense) and men's golf programs at Baylor. He previously served in that role from May 2011 to December 2016.

Before his arrival at Baylor, Tebo served as the academic counselor for the football and women's softball teams at Florida State. He began his career at Florida State in August 2011 as an assistant academic counselor, eventually working his way into his full-time role there.

Tebo is a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he received his undergraduate degree in business marketing. He completed his graduate work at the University of Oklahoma with a masters in adult and higher education with a concentration in intercollegiate athletics administration.

While at Oklahoma, he also served as a graduate assistant and the football academic support team leader within the Student-Athlete Academic Services department. He also served a summer working at the University of Nebraska athletics department as the football summer bridge program coordinator.

Tebo and his wife, Shannon (TTU College of Health and Human Sciences, Director of Advising & Retention), are parents to three sons: Miller, Jones, and Foster.

**MARISSA TIDWELL**

Assistant A.D./Academics
Fourth Season
Colorado State '09
Fresno State '12

Marissa Tidwell enters her fourth season as an Assistant Athletics Director in the Marsha Sharp Center for Student-Athletes where she oversees the academic progress for the more than 100 student-athletes in the Red Raider football program.

The Red Raiders have excelled not only on the field but also in the classroom with Tidwell, who arrived at Texas Tech shortly before the 2023 season following two years in a similar role at UTSA. The football program posted a 3.28 term GPA this past spring, its highest on record, raising its cumulative GPA to a similar 3.28, which again marked the highest on record in program history. Texas Tech has now recorded at least a 3.0 GPA in each of the previous five semesters. During this span, Texas Tech has continually reset its highest

football team GPA on record.

Tidwell joined the UTSA staff after previously serving for seven years in various positions at Big 12 member Kansas State. She began her tenure with the Wildcats as an academic counselor, working with the volleyball, men's and women's track and field, cross country and rowing programs from 2015-19 before being promoted to director of football academics in 2019.

While working with the K-State football program, Tidwell helped the Wildcats to the highest semester GPA in program history (3.406), also sporting an APR score of .994 for the 2019-20 athletics season. K-State football ranked first in the Big 12 Conference with a GSR score of 91 and an FGR score of 74 in 2019-20. She also helped lead the men's track & field program to the highest semester GPA in program history in the spring of 2017 (3.278).

Tidwell was an advisor for K-State's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee from 2017-21, helping manage the end-of-year awards show for the department, organizing a Hurricane Harvey relief drive that raised over 46,000 pounds of donations, coordinated a National Girls and Women in Sports Day for over 300 girls in the community and more 70 female student-athletes and helped lead 'Cats Across Continents,' a service abroad trip to build a multipurpose sports court in partnership with Courts for Kids.

She was honored in June of 2020 with the N4A Professional Excellence Award by the National Association of Academic and Student-Athlete Development professionals. In June of 2021, she began a three-year term on the N4A Board of Directors as the Region IV Director and is now in the first year of a two-year term as the board's parliamentarian.

Tidwell is an active member of the of the Women Leaders in College Sports since 2016 and was on the leadership committee for a pair of seasons for the Women of K-State organization.

Before joining the Wildcats staff, Tidwell worked as the assistant counselor for Cincinnati's student-athlete support services from 2014-15, working as the lead academic coach for football and men's basketball. She opened her athletics career at Ohio University as the assistant academic advisor and learning specialist in the department of NCAA eligibility and student-athlete success.

Tidwell, who competed in water polo as an undergraduate student-athlete, earned her bachelor's of science in health and exercise science from Colorado State in 2009. She later earned her master's degree in sports administration from Fresno State in 2012.

Tidwell (formerly Edwards), a native of Hanford, California, married her husband, Troy, in March 2025.

SPORTS MEDICINE



GRANT STOVALL
Senior Associate AD
14th Season
Texas Tech '94, '98

Grant Stovall joined the Texas Tech athletics department in June 2013 as Senior Associate Athletics Director for Student-Athlete Health and Wellness.

In his role, Stovall is a member of Kirby Hocutt's executive staff where he oversees the sports medicine unit, both as a primary administrator and a hands-on athletic trainer. In addition, Stovall also have oversight of the Texas Tech strength and conditioning, nutrition and sport psychology units.

Stovall joined the athletics department after spending nine years as Director of Clinical Services at Lubbock Sports Medicine. While at LSM, he worked alongside numerous orthopedic surgeons that provide care for the 400-plus student-athletes at Texas Tech.

He oversaw the day-to-day operations of the clinic while managing the durable medical bracing business, sports medicine outreach contracts and marketing.

Prior to joining Lubbock Sports Medicine, Stovall spent eight years as the Sports Medicine Manager at Covenant Health Systems where he oversaw the day-to-day operations of the sports medicine department.

His experience in athletic training included two clinical stops while he was pursuing his master's degree in physical therapy at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

From 1994-'98, he served as an athletic trainer at Rehabilitation Sports Medicine Network and at Methodist Hospital SportsCare. During that time, he provided coverage as an athletics trainer at a number of area high schools.

Stovall earned a Bachelor of Science from Texas Tech in 1994 and a Master of Physical Therapy from the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in 1998. He holds athletic training certifications from the Texas Advisory Board of Athletics Trainers, the NATA Board of Certification as well as the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.

Stovall lives in Lubbock with his wife, Denise. They are parents to a daughter, Kassidee, and a son, Kooper.



DR. KEVIN CRAWFORD
Medical Director / Head
Orthopedic Surgeon
21st Season

Lubbock has always been home for Dr. Kevin Crawford. He attended Monterey High School, received his Doctorate of Medicine from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. After his Orthopedic Surgery Residency, he returned to Lubbock to begin his career.

After a successful start to his practice he accepted an invitation to do a Sports Medicine Fellowship with the prestigious Steadman-Hawkins Clinic in Vail, Colorado.

During his year-long fellowship, he received advanced training in arthroscopic knee and shoulder surgery. In 2006, Dr. Crawford was asked to serve as a U.S. Ski and U.S. Snowboard Team Physician. Since that time, he has traveled the world to care for the U.S. athletes.

Dr. Crawford currently oversees the Sports Medicine Department at Texas Tech. He has been involved with Texas Tech Athletics since 2005. He is in private practice at Lubbock Sports Medicine where he serves as Team Physician for several local high schools and area colleges.

Dr. Crawford and his wife, Maura, have three children, Kylie, Colin, and Cadan.



DR. MICHAEL PHY
Head Team Physician
20th Season

Dr. Michael Phy enters his 20th season serving as Head Team Physician with the Texas Tech football team.

Dr. Phy is an Associate Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC). He is also the Chief of General Medicine and the Program Director of the Internal Medicine Residency.

Dr. Phy graduated from Dartmouth College where he played four seasons as a wide receiver for the football team. He then completed medical school at the University of North Texas Health Sciences Center graduating with honors.

Dr. Phy completed his residency in Internal Medicine at TTUHSC in Lubbock and served as

Chief Resident in 2012. He was selected as the first fellow in Hospital Medicine at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., and worked as faculty there for two years. In addition to providing sports medicine coverage for the Texas Tech football and baseball programs, Dr. Phy's practice and research interests center on perioperative medicine and care of the hospitalized patient. He is board certified in internal medicine.

Dr. Phy grew up in San Antonio and graduated from James Madison High School. He is married to Dr. Jennifer Phy and they have a son, Tyler, and a daughter, Sara.



MICHAEL RAMIREZ
Associate A.D.
Head Athletic Trainer
10th Season

Michael Ramirez enters his 10th season on the Texas Tech Sports Medicine staff and his fourth in the role of Associate Athletics Director and head football athletic trainer.

Ramirez oversees the round-the-clock care of more than 100 student-athletes in the Dustin R. Womble Football Center. He directs a staff of four additional athletic trainers who work with team doctors to provide the most up-to-date prevention, treatment and rehabilitation for football student-athletes.

Ramirez joined the Texas Tech athletics department in 2017 as an assistant athletic trainer with the football program before being promoted to associate athletic trainer a year later. In addition to his role as head football athletic trainer,

he also oversees the sports medicine needs for both the men's and women's golf programs.

During his time at Texas Tech, Ramirez has served as a supervisor of undergraduate and master's athletic training students with the football program as well as the athletics department's relationship with Gatorade.

Ramirez also coordinated the athletics department's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, establishing protocols across all sports for testing procedures in compliance with NCAA and Big 12 guidelines as well as securing appropriate testing materials. In response, Ramirez received the Director of Athletics Award of Excellence at Texas Tech's end-of-year department banquet in 2021.

Prior to Texas Tech, Ramirez was the head athletic trainer for Desert Ridge High School in Arizona from 2015-17 and was an athletic trainer for Deer Park High School in Texas from 2013-15. He was previously an athletic training intern for the Houston Texans in the NFL from 2011-13.

Ramirez is a graduate of Arizona State with a bachelor of science degree in kinesiology (2009) as well as the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center where he earned his master's in athletic training in 2011.

Ramirez and his wife, Lizzy, reside in Lubbock with their children, Rory and Banks.

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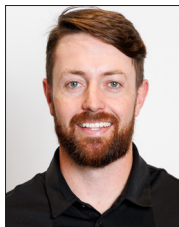
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DILLON BARRON
Associate Athletic Trainer
Second Season
Troy '17, Wichita State '19

Dillon Barron joined the Texas Tech sports medicine staff prior to the 2025 football season as an associate athletic trainer.

In his role, Barron helps oversee the daily medical needs for more than 100 student-athletes in the Red Raider football program as part of a five-person athletic training team. Barron assists with initial diagnosis of injuries and is part of Texas Tech's rehabilitation process to return players back to the field alongside team doctors and the strength and conditioning staff.

Barron arrived at Texas Tech following three years in a similar role at Clemson where he served as an associate director of football athletic training for the 2022-24 seasons. He joined the Tigers after spending one season on the athletic training

staff with the Houston football program. Barron also has experience as a full-time athletic trainer at East Carolina (2019-20) where he worked with the women's soccer program as well as with Jacksonville State's baseball program for its 2021 season.

Barron earned his bachelor's degree in athletic training, graduating magna cum laude from Troy University in 2017. He later served two years as a graduate assistant trainer at Wichita State from 2017-19 where he earned his master's of education in exercise science.



STEVE LAPSO
Associate Athletic Trainer
Sixth Season
Toledo '14, Kent State '16

Steve Lapso joined the Texas Tech sports medicine staff in June 2021 as an assistant athletic trainer with the Red Raider football program. He was promoted to associate athletic trainer prior to the 2024 season.

This will be Lapso's sixth season assisting with the medical care of more than 100 football student-athletes in the football program as well as the rehabilitation and return-to-play procedures. Lapso has also helped coordinate Texas Tech's arrival to each road venue by overseeing team medical travel and advancing each trip.

Lapso arrived at Texas Tech following three seasons in a similar position at Youngstown State University. He was previously an athletic training intern at Western Kentucky during the 2017 season and at Central Michigan in 2016. He received his first full-time experience as a graduate assistant, working with the football and wrestling programs at Kent State over the course of the 2014-15 seasons.

Lapso earned his bachelor's in athletic training, graduating magna cum laude from the University of Toledo in 2014. He added his master's in exercise physiology from Kent State in 2016.



ERIKA ROWE
Assistant Athletic Trainer
Fourth Season
Florida '20, Baylor '22

Erika Rowe enters her fourth season as an assistant athletic trainer on the Texas Tech sports medicine staff.

Rowe (formerly Dean) is part of a five-person athletic training staff that manages the round-the-clock healthcare of more than 100 student-athletes in the Red Raider football program. This includes treatment and rehabilitation in consultation with Texas Tech's team doctors and head athletic trainer Michael Ramirez.

Prior to joining the Texas Tech staff, Rowe began her professional career at Baylor as a graduate assistant athletic trainer from 2020-22, assisting with the medical care for its football and women's golf student-athletes. From there, she moved to Denver and served as a seasonal intern

athletic trainer with the Denver Broncos in the NFL for the 2022 season.

A native of Clearwater, Florida, Rowe earned her bachelor's degree in athletic training from the University of Florida in 2020 and added her master's in sport pedagogy from Baylor in 2022.

Rowe and her husband, Dylan, were married in May 2024. Dylan Rowe is also an athletic trainer on the Texas Tech sports medicine staff, working with the men's and women's tennis programs.



ADDISON TROWER
Assistant Athletic Trainer
Second Season
Alabama '22, Clemson '25

Addison Trower enters her second season on the Texas Tech sports medicine staff as an assistant athletic trainer with the Red Raider football program.

Trower arrived at Texas Tech following two seasons as a graduate assistant at Clemson where she worked with the football program. Clemson won the ACC title and played in the College Football Playoff during her final season on staff as Trower assisted with daily medical coverage and oversaw Clemson's student athletic trainers assigned to the football program.

Trower joined the Clemson sports medicine staff after a year as an athletic training intern at the University of Houston. It was her first post-grad position after earning her bachelor's degree in athletic training at Alabama in May 2022. She later added her master's of science in athletic leadership from Clemson in May 2025 prior to her hiring at Texas Tech.

Trower was a student athletic trainer with the Crimson Tide for nearly three complete years prior to earning her degree. She was assigned to the football program for the 2021 season where Alabama played in the College Football Playoff National Championship against Georgia. Prior to that season, she served a summer athletic training internship with the Jacksonville Jaguars.



DR. WESTON DURHAM
Asst. A.D. / Psychological
Health & Performance
Third Season
LCU '11, '14; Oklahoma St. '23

Weston Durham joined the Texas Tech athletics department in February 2024 as an Assistant Athletics Director for psychological health and performance. In his role, Dr. Durham oversees the staff of two other sport psychologists and is the primary sport psychologist for the Red Raider football program.

The opportunity on the Texas Tech medical staff marked a return to West Texas for Dr. Durham, who was a private practice counselor in Lubbock from 2013-19. Dr. Durham founded his own practice with a focus on developing empirically supported treatment for athletes and professionals in high-stress professions. During this time, Dr. Durham contracted with various NCAA athletics departments, local sports leagues and national team athletes for consultation services.

Dr. Durham departed West Texas for the Tulsa area where he was a graduate assistant director at the Al Carlozzi Center for Counseling from August 2019 to May 2022. He was also a clinical intern within the Oklahoma State athletics department during that period, his first position embedded within a Division-I athletics department.

Dr. Durham later served a year-long doctoral internship on the sport psychology team at Lehigh University from August 2022 to July 2023. He was tabbed an assistant director for psychological resources soon after at the University of Oklahoma where he helped oversee the mental health and mental performance services to student-athletes.

Dr. Durham earned a bachelor's in exercise science with a sport psychology track from Lubbock Christian University in 2011 and added a master's in counseling psychology in 2014. He completed his doctorate in counseling psychology from Oklahoma State in 2023.

Dr. Durham is a member of the American Psychological Association (APA) and the Association for Applied Sport Psychology.

A native of Kress, Texas, Dr. Durham, and his wife, Kathryn, are parents to two sons, Wyatt and Benny.