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Time 7 P.M.
Location Troy, Ala.
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Television ESPN2
Talent Clay Matvick (PxP)
..... Rocky Boiman (Color)

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Talent Barry McKnight (PxP)
..... Jerry Miller (Analyst)
..... Chris Blackshear (Sideline)

Record 2-2, 0-0 SBC
Last Game Utah State
L, 10-21
Head Coach Gerad Parker
Troy Record 14-16 (3rd Season)
Overall Record 14-22 (3rd Full Season)

Record 1-3, 0-0 SBC
Last Game Tulane
L, 21-24
Head Coach Blake Anderson
USM Record 1-4 (5th Season)
Overall Record 75-58 (5th Season)

Overall	7-8
In Troy	2-2
Away	5-4
Neutral	0-0

Gerad Parker vs. Southern Miss 2-0
Blake Anderson vs. Troy 2-2



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Upon providing proper identification at the point of sale, a band will be placed on the customer's wrist, identifying that individual is of legal drinking age.

Customers are permitted to purchase no more than two beers at a time.

Beer sales will be halted at the end of the third quarter.

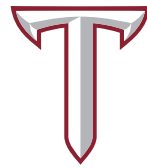
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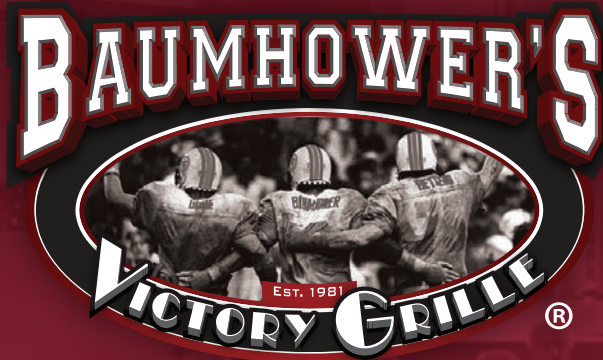
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LUKE HODGE

LUKE HODGE: HOMEGROWN THROUGH AND THROUGH

By: Hanna Cooper



From his childhood days in Oneonta, Alabama, to his college years at Troy University, Luke Hodge just might be the truest definition of the word “homegrown.”

Hodge grew up in a quiet town about 35 miles northeast of Birmingham. With a population of fewer than 7,000 people, Hodge is accustomed to being surrounded by people he has known since his earliest days.

“I knew the people that I grew up with. I tell people all the time, when we went to the state championship my senior year, it was with guys I literally went to kindergarten with,” Hodge said. **“It wasn’t like nowadays, how people transfer and go in and out. We were just a bunch of buddies that happened to be decent at football, you know what I mean?”**

There is no doubt that his tight-knit community has meant a lot to him. The small-town atmosphere created a close bond with his friends, teammates and family.

“It’s crazy. My mom’s parents live two minutes away from me. I live on top of a mountain, and they live right down the hill. We share the same driveway. I can just walk down there and have breakfast with my grandparents. Even my other set of grandparents are only 20-25 minutes away.”

The then-195-pound linebacker excelled in high school. Despite baseball being his first love, he picked up football in seventh grade and quickly fell in love with the sport. He went on to lead the Redskins to a 13-2 record and a berth in the Alabama Class 4A State Championship Game. Over his four seasons, the Redskins posted a combined 38-13 record.

However, it was during the COVID-19 pandemic that Hodge realized college football might be in his future. It took an unlikely Oneonta gym-goer to help push him to the next level.

“His name is Edouard Ndecky, and he’s originally from Senegal. He went to the Olympic trials for Senegal in track and field, but he couldn’t go because he was a Christian. So, he ended up coming to America and somehow ended up in Oneonta, Alabama. He told me I could be a Division I athlete and said he could train me. I started training with him and got my 40 down from a 4.9 to a 4.6 and gained 20 pounds.”

With Ndecky’s help, Hodge did, in fact, go on to become a Division I athlete. During his junior year of high school, the now-220-pound linebacker received his first and only offer to play college football. That offer came from Troy.

“By April of my junior year, right before my senior year, I decided I liked Troy and wanted to come here. I’d come on a couple of visits; it was close to home, and it’s been the best decision I ever made.”

Now, less than three hours from home, Hodge’s life doesn’t look much different than it did back home. His parents attend every home game and travel to many of the away games. He also has had the same roommate all five years.

“I came in with Tucker Kilcrease in 2022, and he’s been my roommate for five years. It’s crazy to think about stuff like that nowadays.”

As he looks ahead, Hodge has entered a period of life filled with a lot of “lasts,” with many of the same guys by his side — similar to how he walked into his state championship game years ago.

On Tuesday, he will take the field for his last first conference game, and the realization isn’t lost on him.

“When I drove down from home back to Troy for fall camp, I was like, ‘Dang, this is my last fall camp.’ Now, I’m like, ‘This is my last first conference game.’ I feel like I check off a box every game, but I try not to look too far into the future and stay in today.”



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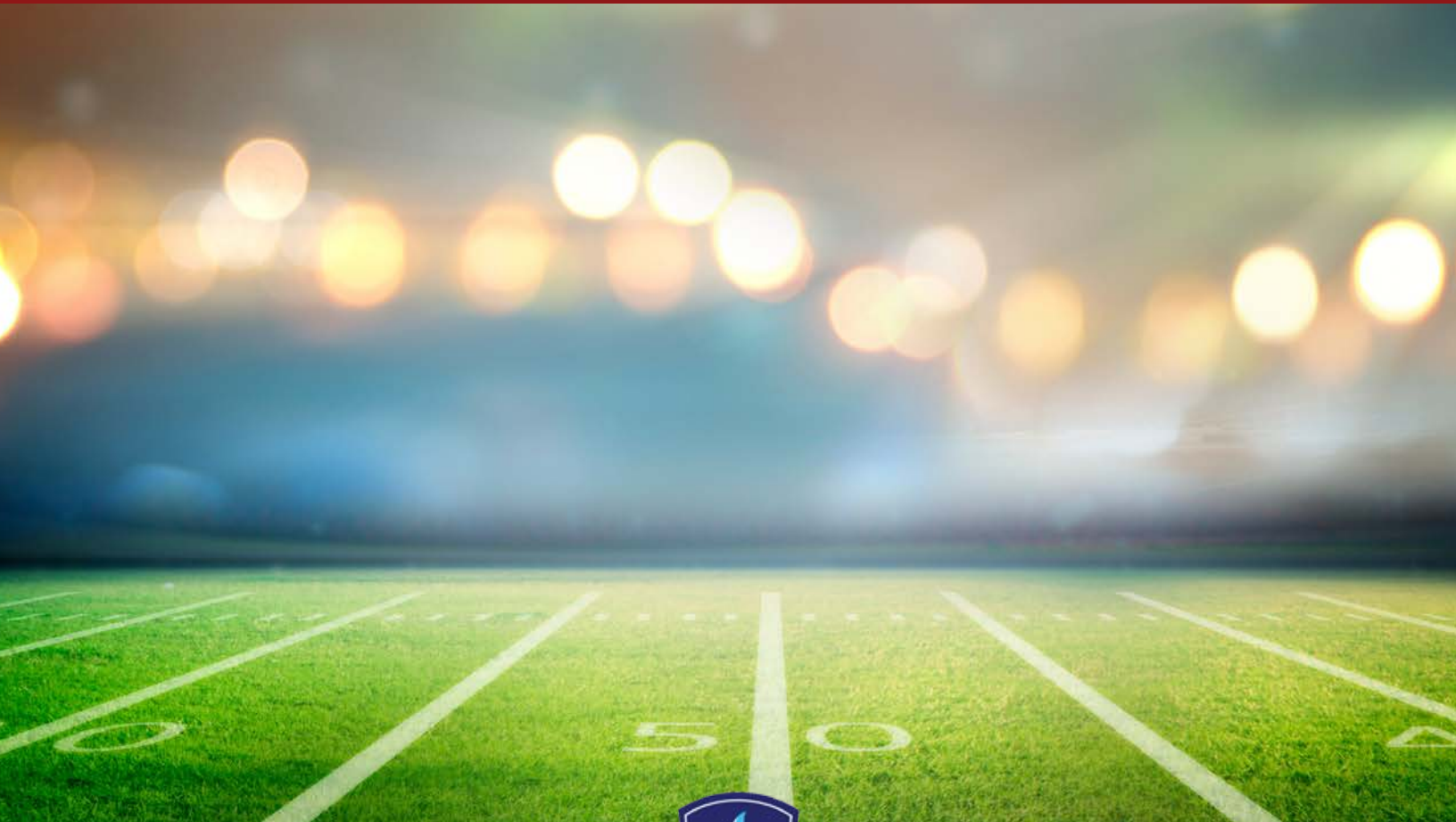


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JORDON JONES

JORDON JONES: NO STARS. NO OFFERS. JUST OPPORTUNITY AND THE GRIND

By: Jacob Thomas Haney



Everything has always started with family for Jordon Jones, the son of Nerria and Eric. Troy's fifth-year offensive tackle spoke about the support he has received throughout his career as a student-athlete, especially from his mother.

"She is the reason why I do all this in the first place. She's a big reason why I even got into college," Jones said.

Jones excelled on the football field at Paul G. Blazer High School in Ashland, Kentucky, helping his team go undefeated and capture a state championship while earning all-state recognition. Despite that success, the future Trojan did not attract the level of college attention one might expect.

"I had no stars or offers. Ohio University was the only Division I school that showed serious interest, so I took it and ran with it," Jones said.

Ohio gave Jones an opportunity as a walk-on, but two years passed before he saw significant game action or earned a scholarship. During his first two seasons, Jones remained committed to working hard and learning as much as possible while redshirting and appearing in just one game.

"I had a lot of good people around me, so I was a little sponge, waiting for an opportunity," Jones said.

In his third season at Ohio, Jones saw action in 11 games with two starts, allowing no sacks while splitting time between left and right tackle. That experience set him up for a breakout fourth season, when he earned the full-time starting job and Second Team All-Mid-American Conference honors for his role in the Bobcats' conference-leading rushing attack.

Being part of such a successful offense taught Jones the importance of consistency.

"You have to give it your all every single day, or you are going to lose it. Attacking every day with the mindset of trying to be the best," Jones said.

In his final season of collegiate football, No. 55 chose to come to Troy to start at right tackle. The offensive line was a weak point for the Trojans in 2025, but fellow transfer and team captain Luke Petit joins Jones in an effort to rejuvenate the unit.

"We are not going to be the reason why we are not successful. We want to be an offensive line-led team," Jones said.

The trenches are brutal, but they often determine a football game's outcome. Success there requires dedication and passion. Jones spoke to the character of Troy's offensive line, which he believes will be an asset this season.

"We're a bunch of tough guys who want to get it done by any means possible. We are always learning and playing for each other," Jones said.

One might expect an athlete's favorite part of football to be the games or travel, but Jones looks forward to something different.

"The work we put in is what I am a sucker for, especially the hard things in football like the workouts. I would definitely say my favorite part is the grind," Jones said.

That mentality helped Jones become a state champion, a starter on a team that won four consecutive bowl games and an all-conference player. His mindset and drive have not changed as Troy begins Sun Belt Conference play. He sets lofty goals for himself and his team because he has seen firsthand what hard work can produce.

"Our focus is to win every game, one by one, by coming ready to work every day and winning the day. I want to leave a championship here at Troy, and that takes daily effort and building a bond with everyone"

LUKE PETIT

LUKE PETIT: BUILT TO WIN

By: Gavan Baxley



Winning has always been a part of Luke Petit's career. From high school titles to conference championships at his previous school, Petit has built a career around winning. Now, in his final season, he hopes to add one more championship at Troy.

Attending Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, Ohio, Petit developed a winning mindset while watching his brother, Jacob, win four consecutive state championships. While Petit began playing football in eighth grade, his main focus was wrestling.

"I loved wrestling way more than football," Petit said. "I carry so much from that time — work ethic, how to leverage your body, spatial awareness. It made me a better player."

Petit suffered a broken rib during his junior year of high school, prompting him to turn his focus toward football. He eventually received an offer to play at Furman in 2021.

Petit did not see the field during his first two seasons at Furman. In 2023, he earned the starting left guard position before an injury sidelined him for the remainder of the Paladins' Southern Conference championship season.

"Dealing with injuries was a learning curve for me," Petit said. "There are things you can't control within this game, and this taught me how to handle those things."

Petit returned to earn All-SoCon honors in each of his final two seasons at Furman. After graduating, he chose to pursue his master's degree while continuing his playing career under Troy head coach Gerad Parker.

Petit partially chose Troy because of a recommendation from his former offensive line coach, Matt McCuthan, who was a teammate of Parker's at Kentucky.

"Knowing that someone I trust also had trust in Coach Parker and the staff was a big deal for me," Petit said. "Once I got here, it was made clear by the quality of relationships that they really wanted me here."

Upon his arrival, Petit quickly developed a leadership role within the offensive line room. He was named a team captain over the summer following a vote by his teammates. Petit has used his years of experience to help guide the players behind him.

"I don't just want to have a relationship with the four other linemen I start with, I want to have relationships with the younger guys too," Petit said. "Promoting competition within the room helps make me better and everyone else better too."

As a captain, Petit has been a vocal part of the effort to right the ship following recent nonconference losses as the team prepares for Sun Belt Conference play.

"It's important to understand the big picture and that everything is not lost," Petit said. "There's a thin line between winning and losing, and the more we continue to do the right things daily, the more we'll reap those rewards."

After being forced to sit out Furman's conference championship game a few years ago, Petit has maintained the same drive to reach that level of success at Troy.

"I just want to win a championship every year," Petit said. "I've won and lost before and regardless have come back wanting to win another one."

With Petit entering his final season of college football, he has one more opportunity to add another championship to his résumé. Along with his focus on winning, he hopes to leave a lasting impact on his younger teammates.

"I want to come here and be able to have a great year and win the conference," Petit said. "I want to help this team reach its full potential and go as far as we can go with that."

"Beyond that, I hope to give it all to my teammates by giving it my all every day. If I leave anything, I hope it's that I'm giving everything to the team."

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TY CLEMONS

TY CLEMONS: 'C' STANDS FOR COMMUNITY

By: Jaycie Smith



Ty Clemons might be somewhat new to Troy, but you would never know it by looking at the "C" that marks his jersey. For Clemons, a transfer from Boston College, being named a team captain means more than simply wearing a letter on his chest.

Clemons grew up in Decatur, Alabama, where he was raised on a foundation built on faith and family. Having a community that would be there for him through anything was critical to Clemons. Those key aspects of his life, he says, helped shape him into the person he is today.

"I've been blessed to come from a family that kept me in church from a young age and taught me that hard work is mandatory if you want to be successful in this world."

After his career at Sparkman High School, where he helped lead his team to the Class 7A state playoffs and was rated as a three-star recruit, Clemons signed with Boston College to live out a dream of his: playing college football. However, after redshirting his freshman year, that dream was temporarily derailed by a season-ending injury during his sophomore year.

Clemons made his return to the gridiron after receiving a medical redshirt, but the following season was again cut short by a season-ending injury. While the circumstances throughout his career at Boston College were less than ideal, the community that rallied around Clemons made all the difference.

"I've had a lot of injuries, and luckily, I had people around me that helped me through those tough times and reminded me that hard times don't last always, and these setbacks will make me stronger in the end, which they have."

With one final season of eligibility remaining, Clemons made the move from Massachusetts back home to Alabama, settling in at Troy, where he found a deep-rooted community once again.

After arriving as a transfer, Clemons quickly became a leader during preseason practices. His teammates developed a high level of trust and respect for him, so much so that they voted him a team captain for the season.

That level of trust from his coaches and teammates has motivated Clemons and helped him reignite his passion for the game despite the setbacks he has faced.

"I have a level of gratitude so high for the coaching staff of Troy for accepting me and my teammates for voting me to be a captain."

Looking back on his football career and reflecting on the challenges he has faced, it's clear that Clemons recognizes the setbacks helped shape his current success. None of it, he says, would have been possible without the people who helped him through the tough times.

"My football journey has been an experience I'm very grateful for. Obviously, I've had a lot of injuries in my past, but this game has allowed me to meet people and go places that I probably wouldn't have otherwise without it."

Regardless of the amount of time Clemons has spent at Troy, his dedication to Trojan Nation has already been evident through his work ethic both on and off the field. His highest priority this season is simple: Make his team and every Trojan fan proud.

"Everything that I do is for Troy. My teammates have put a certain level of belief in me, and that's why I do what I do."

As he plays his final season of college football wearing a cardinal jersey and a captain's "C," Clemons remains focused on the impact he can make both on and off the field — an impact made possible by the community that has supported him every step of the way.

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Today, nearly 140 years later, TROY has grown into a dynamic, international university with an emphasis on academic excellence, technological advancement, outreach and research. However, that motto remains at the core of TROY's student-center philosophy. With an average student to teacher ratio of 19 to 1, students benefit from a setting where they are known not by a number but by name. That personalized attention helps to ensure that students are prepared with the skills and tools necessary to be successful in the global marketplace.

TROY's educational excellence has been recognized by national publications such as Forbes magazine, U.S. News & World Report, Niche.com, and The Princeton Review, among others. In 2025, TROY was named among the best colleges and universities in the Southern U.S. by The Princeton Review for the 21st consecutive year. TROY's commitment to serving the military has also been consistently recognized by publications such as G.I. Jobs magazine, Military Times and Military Advanced Education.

Recent capital improvements, new academic programs and an increased focus on research and innovation has only further enhanced the University's standing on the international stage.

In 2023, the Alabama Commission on Higher education approved an instructional role change for TROY, designating the University as a doctoral institution and allowing for the addition of other doctoral degree options. In 2025, TROY advanced to the highest level of degree classification by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and was also achieved Doctoral Classification in the modernized 2025 Carnegie Institutional Classifications.

"From our beginnings as a teacher's college to our recognition today as a doctoral institution at the highest level, Troy University's story is one of steady growth and success," said Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., Chancellor. "Achieving Level VI recognition affirms the hard work of our faculty and staff, the vision of our leadership team, and the dedication of our students and alumni. It is a milestone that not only reflects how far we have come but also paves the way for even greater achievements in the years ahead."

In 2025, TROY has added a Ph.D. in Criminology and a concentration in Global Healthcare Leadership in the Global Leadership Ph.D. program. Those new options



join the University's portfolio of doctoral degree programs that include the Doctor of Nursing Practice and the Ph.D. in Sport Management.

Earlier this year, TROY became only the second public university in the nation to be approved to offer the Doctor of Chiropractic. The program, which will be housed at the University's Dothan Campus, is expected to welcome its first cohort of students in Fall 2027.

"This historic addition to our academic portfolio represents Troy University's continued commitment to expanding access to quality healthcare education," Hawkins said. "By becoming only the second public institution in the nation to offer this program, we are not only breaking new ground in higher education but also addressing a critical need for healthcare professionals in our region. This program exemplifies our mission to provide innovative, affordable education that serves our communities."

Academic excellence took center stage in 2025 as TROY launched its University Honors Global Scholars program. Consisting of students distinguished by exceptional academic achievement, leadership and community engagement, the inaugural class represented all academic colleges and brought together students from more than 23 majors. The class boasted a median unweighted GPA of 4.2 and a median ACT score of 32, and 10 percent of students ranked in the top 5 percent of their graduating high school class.

"This inaugural class of Global Scholars represents the future of Troy University," Hawkins said. "These students embody the values of excellence, leadership and service that have defined our institution from its founding, and we are proud to welcome them into the Trojan Family."

TROY's Sorrell College of Business also launched the Sorrell Society of International Fellows, an initiative aimed at identifying and nurturing the most academically gifted students to become global business leaders and global citizens. Fellows are selected through a competitive application process as an entering freshman and participate in a curriculum that seamlessly integrates with existing standards of AACSB-accredited programs across the various majors of the Sorrell College. A series of international experiences are designed to enrich the students' educational journey and global perspectives. In addition to celebrating academic achievement and excellence, the University also has focused on preparing students for careers in much needed career fields that are currently experiencing shortages of qualified workers.

The University's Trojans Teaching Trojans scholarship program more than doubled in size, placing students in area elementary and middle schools. Trojans Teaching Trojans continues as a promising strategy for confronting teacher shortages while cultivating dedicated future educators for local communities. Several new developments in the University's College of Health Sciences are aimed at helping provide highly prepared and qualified job candidates within the field of healthcare.

In 2025, TROY's Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion transitioned to the School of Allied Health – a change that reflects both the department's remarkable growth and ambitious vision for the future.

Over the past three years, the department has experienced tremendous expansion. The university has successfully launched three new degree programs: the BS in Sport Coaching, BS in Nutrition, and BS in Interprofessional Health Science. These exciting additions join the established programs in exercise physiology, sport pedagogy (BS/MS Physical Education), Kinesiology (MS program), and sports medicine (MS Athletic Training).

The College of Health Sciences also launched academic programs and partnerships to help address the dire need for qualified candidates in the field of nursing.

The Accelerated Master of Science in Nursing, launched in December of 2025, provides an innovative pathway designed for individuals who hold a bachelor's degree in a non-nursing field and seek to transition into a professional nursing career.

TROY also partnered with Baptist Health to launch a new LPN-to-RN Bridge Program within its Associate of Science in Nursing program. The program creates a new pathway for licensed practical nurses to advance their education and help meet Alabama's growing demand for registered nurses.

With new partnerships and academic programs, its focus on academic excellence and research, and its continued growth as an institution, the University appropriately launched a new brand campaign in 2025 that celebrates the authentic, transformative experiences that make being a Trojan special. Titled "All Ways Real. Always TROY," the campaign highlights the values of discovery, exploration, persistence, leadership and mutual support that define the Trojan experience.

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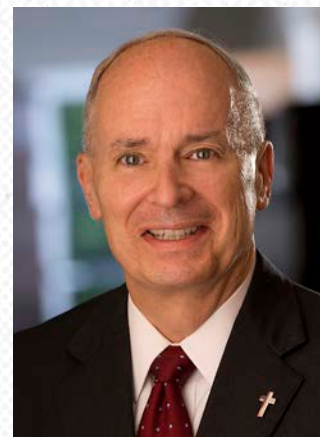
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DR. JACK HAWKINS, JR.

UNIVERSITY CHANCELLOR

37TH YEAR

UNIVERSITY OF MONTEVALLO, '67

Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., a native of Mobile, Alabama, was named Chancellor of Troy University Sept. 1, 1989. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Montevallo and his doctorate from the University of Alabama. Dr. Hawkins is the longest-serving chief executive officer of a public university in the United States.

Upon completion of his bachelor's degree in 1967, Hawkins was commissioned a lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps and served as a platoon leader during the Vietnam War. For his combat duty, he received the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart and a citation from the Korean Marine Corps.

Hawkins has overseen an era of change and growth at TROY, as he led the merger of the worldwide Troy State University System into the unified Troy University, an initiative called "One Great University." More than \$375 million has been invested in capital improvements by the Hawkins Administration, including new academic buildings on each of TROY's Alabama campuses. Chancellor Hawkins served as the catalyst for the University's evolution to an international institution, as TROY has attracted record numbers of students from other nations and established teaching sites around the world. During his tenure, academic standards for admission have been increased, new degree programs were established in all academic colleges, and intercollegiate athletics joined the highest level of NCAA competition.

Hawkins' professional background includes his service as an assistant dean at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (1971-1979) and as president of the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind in Talladega (1979-1989).

In 1985, he was honored by the University of Montevallo as Distinguished Alumnus of the Year, and was the recipient of the 2003 All-American Football Foundation's "Top College President" Award. In 2005 he was inducted into the Hall of Fame of Murphy High School in Mobile, Alabama. In 2007 he was recognized as the "Alabama Citizen of the Year" by the Alabama Broadcasters Association. In 2011, Dr. Hawkins was recognized with the Chief Executive Leadership Award presented by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and as the March of Dimes River Region Citizen of the Year. In 2012 he received the Distinguished Public Service Award from the Secretary

of the Air Force for his service on the Air University Board of Visitors from 2004-2012. In 2014 he was one of nine university presidents/chancellors worldwide—and the only one in North America—to receive the World Confucius Institute's Individual Performance Excellence Award. In October 2016 Dr. Hawkins was inducted into the Alabama Academy of Honor. In 2024, Dr. Hawkins was the recipient of the Armed Forces Merit Award, presented by the Football Writers Association of America.

Three buildings are named in his honor: the "Jack and Janice Hawkins Chapel" at the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind, the "Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor" and "Jack Hawkins, Jr. Hall" which serves the College of Education of Troy University. Hawkins was profiled as part of two books published in 2004: "Above and Beyond: Former Marines Conquer the Civilian World" by Rudy Socha and Carolyn Darrow and "The Entrepreneurial College President" by James L. Fisher and James V. Koch.

Hawkins serves on the board of directors of the Daniel Foundation, the Bennie Adkins Foundation, Business Council of Alabama, the American Village Trust, College Football Playoff Board of Managers,

and Troy Bank and Trust Company. He has served as chairman of the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Disabled, Board of Visitors of Marine Corps University, Better Business Bureau of Central Alabama, and past President of the Sun Belt Conference. He has also served on the Board of Directors of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), as Chairman of the Council of University Presidents in Alabama, as President of the Southland Football League, as chairman of the Air University Board of Visitors, as a trustee of Talladega College, the Helen Keller Eye Research Foundation, and the American Foundation for the Blind. He is a member of the Troy Rotary Club.

Dr. Hawkins is married to Janice Hawkins, and they have two daughters, Katie, a former officer in the USAF who is married to Air Force Col. Dan Beall; and Kelly, an attorney and member of the Troy University faculty who is married to Adam Godwin, a former professional baseball player and a member of the Troy University baseball staff. Dr. and Mrs. Hawkins are the proud grandparents of Noah and Ellyotte, who live in Maryland, and Micah Mae and Griffey Jack, who live in Troy.





KYLE GEORGE

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

2ND YEAR

SAMFORD UNIVERSITY, '11

to open the 2031 season; it will be the first-ever meeting against either Auburn or Alabama.

George also made three key hires during his first year as Athletics Director. He hired Adam Howard to lead the men's basketball program, Jake Wyman to take over soccer and J.D. Lamm for women's golf.

In his role as Deputy Director of Athletics, George had oversight of marketing, communications, development, revenue share, NIL activations, advertising, ticket sales, Troy Sports Properties, broadcasting, promotions, fan engagement, fan experience, branding, licensing and trademarks. He also served as the sport administrator for the baseball program and was responsible for football scheduling.

Troy has continued to set numerous benchmarks during his tenure, including record-breaking attendance numbers for Troy football, men's basketball, women's basketball, baseball and softball. The Troy brand has continued to grow under his watch, with licensing revenues increasing by nearly 140 percent during his time overseeing the licensing program.

Football scheduling has been one of the key portions of his responsibilities with the Trojans. In total, George has negotiated more than \$8M in game guarantees for the Troy football program. He has also secured home-and-home future football series against Army, BYU, UAB, Middle Tennessee, Buffalo, Nevada and Sam Houston State.

George has negotiated long-term business partnerships for the athletics department that will continue to drive revenue for years to come. Within the last year, he has negotiated fruitful extensions with Playfly Sports Properties, Affinity Licensing and Learfield AMPLIFY

that will continue to pave the way for revenue growth for the department.

As Deputy Director of Athletics, George played a key role in the hiring process for three of the most recent successful coaches to join the athletics department. The selection of Gerad Parker (football), Skylar Meade (baseball) and Clay Bounds (men's golf) took place with George assisting heavily in the identification and interview process.

In his role overseeing the external units for the athletics department, the Trojans have experienced record revenues over the last five years. Each of the previous five years has resulted in new records established in terms of ticket revenue, sponsorship revenue, licensing revenue and philanthropic donations.

Prior to arriving at Troy, George served in various roles within the athletics department at Southern Mississippi. He began his career with the Golden Eagles in August of 2011 as a graduate assistant. Over the course of six and a half years, George was promoted several times before being elevated to his final role as Associate Athletics Director of Marketing and Communications at Southern Miss. Along the way, he primarily oversaw the marketing efforts for the Golden Eagles and helped establish numerous attendance and revenue records.

A native of Hoover, Ala., George graduated from Samford University with his bachelor's degree and earned his master's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi.

His wife, Lynne, serves as the Director of the IDEA Bank at Troy University. They have two young boys, Grayson and Graham.

Kyle George was named Troy University's Director of Athletics on Nov. 5, 2025, after a three-month tenure as Interim Director of Athletics. Prior to his time as Interim Director of Athletics, George served as Deputy Director of Athletics for External Operations and has been a member of the Troy Athletics Department for nearly nine years.

In his short term as Athletics Director, Troy Athletics has reached new levels of athletic success.

Troy Baseball finished the 2026 season ranked No. 6 nationally by Baseball America and the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association of America after winning the Gainesville Regional, Troy Super Regional and advancing to the Men's College World Series in Omaha, where the Trojans eliminated Ole Miss from the tournament.

Troy Athletics hosted the Troy Super Regional on three days notice as Riddle-Pace Field welcomed almost 14,000 fans for the two games; capacity for Riddle-Pace Field is just 2,000.

Additionally, Troy men's basketball returned to March Madness for a second straight season after rolling through the Sun Belt, winning both the regular season and tournament championships.

Troy Football won the Sun Belt West Division for a third time in the last four years, one again advancing to the Sun Belt Championship Game and then the IS4S Salute to Veterans Bowl in Montgomery.

Back on the hardwood, Troy women's basketball made history, earning an at-large berth in the WBIT, where the Trojans played Kansas in historic Allen Fieldhouse.

Off the field, Troy student-athletes posted a 3.20 grade-point-average, with 13-of-15 programs finishing the spring semester with a team GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Nearly 75 percent of Troy's student-athletes finished the spring with a 3.0 GPA or higher, while 57 student-athletes posted a perfect 4.0 GPA in the spring.

George helped secure a 7-year deal with Troy Regional Medical Center for logo placement on the apron at Veterans Memorial Stadium.

One of George's first announcements as Troy's Athletics Director was the addition of a football game at Auburn



TROY HEAD COACHES



SKYLAR MEADE
BASEBALL



ADAM HOWARD
MEN'S BASKETBALL



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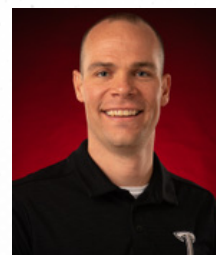
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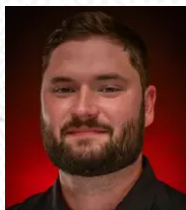
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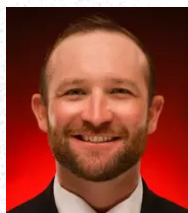


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SOFTBALL



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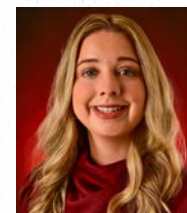
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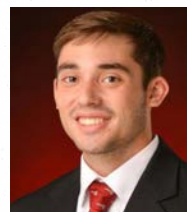
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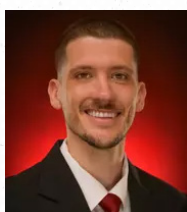
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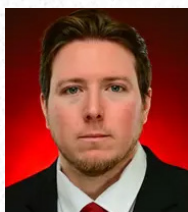
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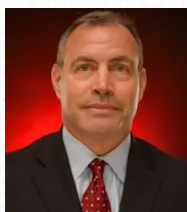
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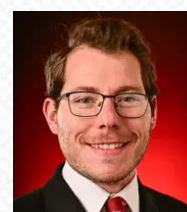
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HEAD COACH GERAD PARKER

Gerad Parker, who led Troy to its third Sun Belt Championship Game appearance in the last four seasons, returns as Troy's head coach in 2026. Parker led the Trojans to a four-win improvement in 2025, including a five-win streak and a victory over South Alabama in the "Battle for the Belt".

Parker's second season was another in which he had to navigate serious injuries on the offensive side of the ball. Quarterback Goose Crowder suffered an injury on the fourth snap in Week 3 that cost him the following six games, while Troy's offensive line had multiple season-ending injuries, and the unit ended the year with just one of the original starting five still in the lineup.

Defensive and special teams led the way for the Trojans as Evan Crenshaw earned a trio of First Team All-America honors (FWAA, Sporting News, Phil Steele), Troy's first First Team All-American since 2007, while Donnie Smith led the Sun Belt in sacks – both players returned for the 2026 season.

Troy finished third nationally with five defensive touchdowns and 22nd with 2.64 sacks per game. Crenshaw was the first-ever Sun Belt Special Teams Player of the Year, and Smith became the second Trojan in the last three years to lead the league in sacks.

Parker's squad led No. 8 Clemson, 16-3, at halftime in Week 2, won big road games at Buffalo, Texas State and Southern Miss – the win over the Golden Eagles came on the final Saturday of the season and was a winner-take-all battle to represent the Sun Belt West in the SBC Championship Game.

Troy's momentum carried over to the offseason, where Parker and company signed the top recruiting class in the Sun Belt, second-ranked in the G5 (Boise State) and best in program history per On3. Additionally, the class ranked ahead of Penn State, Wisconsin, Colorado and others.

In his first season at Troy, the Trojans produced the first 1,000-yard rushing and receiving duo in more than a decade and just the third in program history as Damien Taylor rushed for 1,010 yards and Devonte Ross recorded 1,043 receiving yards; Troy's first since 2012.

Parker guided Troy to one of the best months of November in the country, as the Trojans won three of their final four games of the season and ranked as the nation's 19th-best offense and 25th-best defense that month.

His first season saw him inherit one of the most inexperienced teams in the country and then the loss of his starting quarterback after just 11 quarters of play. Troy's 12 players in their final year of eligibility were the fewest in the country, while Troy's 46 scholarship newcomers ranked as the third most nationally.

Ross finished the regular season fifth nationally with 11 touchdown catches and 15th in receiving yards. Additionally, Troy was one of the most efficient teams in the country, ranking second in the red zone and fifth on third downs.



Ten Trojans landed on All-Sun Belt Teams, highlighted by Ross' inclusion thrice, as a first team receiver and all-purpose selection and as the return specialist on the second team. Eight of Troy's 10 All-SBC picks had remaining eligibility.

The Trojans landed the Sun Belt's top recruiting class in Dec. 2024, signing 15 players with an 83.54 average per industry leader On3.

Parker led a Notre Dame offense in 2023 that ranked eighth nationally, averaging 39.1 points per game, in addition to ranking 12th in passing efficiency and 29th in total offense. Audric Estime was one of the nation's elite running backs, ranking third in rushing touchdowns (18), eighth in rushing yards per game (111.8) and ninth in rushing yards (1,341).

Behind Parker's offense, the Fighting Irish posted a 9-3 record against one of the nation's most challenging schedules, including four straight games against ranked opponents. Offensive tackle Joe Alt was a consensus All-America selection, while Estime was named to the Associated Press All-America Team.

Notre Dame's offense increased production across the board in Parker's lone season calling the plays in South Bend. The Irish improved their scoring by more than a touchdown per game, in addition to seeing increases in yards per game, passing yards per game, yards per play and red zone scoring.

In his first season at Notre Dame, Parker coached the Irish tight ends and helped guide Michael Mayer to a consensus All-America season, as Mayer finished his career as the most prolific pass catching end in school history. Mayer led the Irish with 67 catches for 809 yards and nine touchdowns in 2022, finishing his time at Notre Dame first on the program charts for tight end catches (180), receiving yards (2,099) and touchdowns (18).

Parker joined the Notre Dame staff following two seasons with former Troy head coach Neal Brown at West Virginia, where he was the offensive coordinator and receivers coach.

In his final season with the Mountaineers, WVU knocked off Texas and No. 15 Virginia Tech en route to an appearance in the Guaranteed Rate Bowl. In 2020, despite having to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, West Virginia had one of the most improved offenses in the nation in terms of total yards, showing gains of more than 60 yards rushing per game, almost 30 yards passing a game, more than 90 yards of total offense and almost seven more points a game.

The offensive line had a productive year, with Leddie Brown rushing for 1,010 yards and nine touchdowns and Jarret Doege throwing for more than 2,500 yards and 14 touchdowns.

As Penn State's receivers coach and passing game coordinator in 2019, the Nittany Lions' offense averaged 35.8 points per game, ranking 15th nationally. Additionally, Penn State ranked 21st in red zone offense (90.4) and averaged 13.3 yards per completion, ranking No. 33 nationally.

Parker spent two years on the football staff at Duke (2017-18). During the 2018 season, his wide receivers accounted for 2,252 passing yards of the Blue Devils' 3,199 total offensive yards (70.4%).

He served his first year as the football operations assistant working with the offense in 2017. The Blue Devils offense had three All-ACC selections and, for the first time in program history, had three players with 500 or more rushing yards and a quarterback throw for more than 2,500 yards. Parker spent the spring as the running backs coach at Cincinnati before heading to Duke.

Prior to that, Parker spent four seasons at Purdue, where he coached the tight ends (2013-14) and wide receivers (2015-16). He was the recruiting coordinator and served as the interim head coach for the final six weeks of the 2016 season.

Parker spent two years as the wide receivers coach at Marshall (2011-12). The Thundering Herd led the nation in passing offense, averaging 365.1 yards per game. Receiver Tommy Shuler led the country and set the school record for receptions (110), ranking 18th nationally in yards per game (94.8).

Parker spent three seasons at UT-Martin as the running backs coach (2008), wide receivers coach (2009-10) and the passing game coordinator and recruiting coordinator (2010). He started his coaching career at Raceland High School in Raceland, Kentucky, and spent the 2007 season as a graduate assistant coach at Kentucky.

Parker earned two degrees from Kentucky, his bachelor's degree in business management in 2003 and his master's in education in 2005. He was a four-year letterwinner for the Wildcats, where he was a Southeastern Conference Scholar Athlete Honor Roll selection (2002-03) and CoSIDA Academic All-District IV Second Team honoree (2004).

A native of Louisa, Kentucky, Parker played at Lawrence County High School and set state receiving records with 238 catches, 4,814 yards and 52 touchdowns.

He and his wife, Kandi, have three daughters, Kolbi, Gwyneth and Rosalyn, and a son, Oliver.



PERSONAL

Birthday: January 4, 1981
Age: 45
Hometown: Louisa, Kentucky
Education: Kentucky, '03 (BS - Business Management)
Kentucky, '05 (MS - Education)
Wife: Kandi
Children: Kolbi, Gwyneth, Rosalyn, Oliver

YEAR-BY-YEAR

2026	Troy (Head Coach)	2-2
2025	Troy (Head Coach)	8-6
2024	Troy (Head Coach)	4-8
2023	Notre Dame (Offensive Coordinator / TE)	10-3
2022	Notre Dame (Tight Ends)	9-4
2021	West Virginia (Offensive Coordinator / WR)	6-7
2020	West Virginia (Offensive Coordinator / WR)	6-4
2019	Penn State (Wide Receivers)	11-2
2018	Duke (Wide Receivers)	8-5
2017	Duke (Offensive Analyst)	7-6
2016	Purdue (Interim HC / Wide Receivers)	3-9
2015	Purdue (Wide Receivers)	2-10
2014	Purdue (Tight Ends)	3-9
2013	Purdue (Tight Ends)	1-11
2012	Marshall (Wide Receivers)	5-7
2011	Marshall (Wide Receivers)	7-6
2010	UT-Martin (Wide Receivers)	6-5
2009	UT-Martin (Wide Receivers)	5-6
2008	UT-Martin (Running Backs)	8-4
2007	Kentucky (Graduate Assistant)	8-5
2006	Raceland-Worthington HS (WR/DB)	11-2
2005	Raceland-Worthington HS (WR/DB)	7-4

BOWL HISTORY

Year	Bowl	Opponent	Result
2025	Salute to Veterans	Jax State	L, 13-17
2023	Sun	Oregon State	W, 40-8
2022	Gator	South Carolina	W, 45-38
2021	Guaranteed Rate	Minnesota	L, 6-18
2020	Liberty	Army	W, 24-21
2019	Cotton	Memphis	W, 53-39
2018	Independence	Temple	W, 56-27
2017	Quick Lane	Northern Illinois	W, 35-14
2011	Beef O'Brady's	FIU	W, 20-10
2007	Music City	Florida State	W, 35-28



ADAM AUSTIN

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR / QUARTERBACKS

- ✗ First Season at Troy
- ✗ 18th Season Overall
- ✗ Arizona, '07 / Marshall, '10

Adam Austin begins his first season as Troy's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach in 2026 after he was the architect of the highest-scoring offense in the FCS ranks in 2025.

Austin just completed his second season as the offensive coordinator at Tarleton State, where the Texans led the FCS, averaging 42.4 points per game, while ranking ninth in total offense (457.6), 16th in passing yards (263.6) and 18th in rushing (193.9). In his two seasons calling plays, Tarleton averaged 36.6 points and 436.7 yards per game.

Tarleton finished the 2025 season as the top-scoring team at the FCS level and second-ranked scoring team across all Division I football, averaging 42.4 points per game. The Texans topped the 50-point mark five times during the season, including a stretch of four straight games. Additionally, Tarleton defeated Army during the second week of the season; the Black Knights defeated Kansas State the following week and won the Fenway Bowl at the end of the season.

The Texans finished the 2025 season tying a program record with 12 wins, earning the No. 4 seed in the FCS Playoffs and winning a United Athletic Conference regular season title. Tarleton became the first program since Troy in 1993 to make the quarterfinals of the FCS Playoffs in its first two years of playoff eligibility.

Austin played quarterback at Arizona in 2005-06, where he led the Wildcats to wins over Stephen F. Austin and Stanford as a senior starter and helped Arizona become bowl eligible for the first time in eight years.

A native of Mundelein, Illinois, Austin graduated from Arizona in 2007 with a degree in interdisciplinary studies. He earned a master's degree in adult and technical education from Marshall in 2010. He is married to the former Aubri Billman.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE / EDUCATION

Played five seasons with Arizona from 2002 to 2006, where he earned his bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies in 2007. He later earned his master's degree in 2010 at Marshall

COACHING EXPERIENCE

Troy ('26-Pres.) ... Tarleton State ('21-25) ... Missouri Southern State ('21) ... Garden City CC ('20) ... Eastern Kentucky ('19) ... Midwestern State ('11-18) ... Marshall ('09-10) ... Grambling State ('08)

PERSONAL

Has two children, AJ and Luke ... Married to Aubri



GARY BANKS

WIDE RECEIVERS

- ✗ Sixth Season at Troy
- ✗ 16th Season Overall
- ✗ Troy, '08

Trojan great Gary Banks begins his sixth season on the Troy staff in 2026 and fifth coaching the Trojan receivers after coaching the outside receivers in 2021. Banks won a pair of Sun Belt titles and played in two bowl games during his playing career for the Trojans before going on to a career in the NFL.

Troy has won a pair of Sun Belt championships and played for another during his five-year tenure. Additionally, four of his players have earned All-SBC honors, all while the Trojans having to replace their leading receiver in four of his five seasons.

Under Banks' leadership, Trojan receivers have totaled at least 999 yards in two of the last three seasons, with Jabre Barber finishing with 999 yards in 2023 and Devote Ross becoming just the sixth Trojan to reach the 1,000-yard threshold when he did it in 2024.

Entering the 2025 season, Troy lost four of its top five receivers from the previous year, and Banks mentored DJ Epps (who caught one pass in 2024) and RaRa Thomas (who hadn't played in over a year) into a duo who caught 10 touchdown passes and finished with a combined 1,141 yards. The Trojans won the Sun Belt West Division title and played in the IS4S Salute to Veterans Bowl.

Ross finished the 2024 regular season leading the Sun Belt and ranking fifth nationally with 11 touchdown reception; he finished the season with 76 catches for 1,043 yards, the sixth most and fourth most in a season in Troy history, respectively.

Banks was a member of Troy's first Division I bowl team (2004 Silicon Valley Classic) and led the Trojans in receiving in both 2006 and 2007, the first two of Troy's five straight Sun Belt Conference titles. Banks caught the game-winning touchdown pass with 14 seconds remaining in the "Miracle at Murfreesboro" in 2006 as Troy rallied from a 13-point deficit late in the fourth quarter against Middle Tennessee and No. 20 in the USA Today/Coaches Poll.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE / EDUCATION

Played three seasons ('00-03) with the Chicago Cubs Organization before heading to Troy for four seasons and becoming a three-time All-Sun Belt selection from 2004 to 2007

COACHING EXPERIENCE

Troy ('21-Pres.) ... Choctaw HS ('19-20) ... Foley HS ('18) ... Florence HS ('14-17) ... Miles College ('13) ... Spain Park HS ('11-12)

PERSONAL

Has four children, Kimora, Braylon, Carter and Austin ... Married to Shaundra



CHRIS BOONE

OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS / AST. HEAD COACH OF DEFENSE

- ✕ Third Season at Troy
- ✕ 31st Season Overall
- ✕ Southern Miss, '95

Chris Boone begins his third season as Troy's outside linebackers coach in 2026, in addition to assuming the role of assistant head coach for defense.

He joined the Troy staff following a successful two-year run as defensive coordinator and safeties coach at Samford, where the Bulldogs won 17 games, the most by Samford in consecutive seasons since the 1991-92 campaigns.

Boone oversees both the Trojans' bandits and spear positions, which produced at a high level in each of his first two seasons.

In 2025, bandit Donnie Smith led the Sun Belt and ranked eighth nationally with 11 sacks, while spear Devin Lafayette was a two-time All-SBC selection, including a first team pick in 2025.

Smith finished second nationally with a sack in nine games and tied for fourth nationally with a half tackle for loss in 12 games. He was one of just 13 players nationally with at least 10 sacks, 10 tackles for loss and 40 tackles.

Troy ranked third nationally with five defensive touchdowns, 26th in red zone defense (77.8 percent), 22nd in sacks (2.64) and 33rd in tackles for loss (6.2) as the Trojans won the Sun Belt West Division title and played in the IS4S Salute to Veterans Bowl.

Lafayette earned All-Sun Belt honors in his first season with the program in 2024, while Phillip Lee and Jah-Mal Williams combined for 13 tackles for loss and six sacks from the bandit spot, as the Trojans won three of their final four games of the season and finished November as a top 25 defense nationally.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE / EDUCATION

Earned his bachelor's degree in education at Southern Miss in 1996 after playing one season ... Before transferring, he played two seasons at Jones County JC

COACHING EXPERIENCE

Troy ('24-Pres.)... Samford ('22-23) ... East Mississippi CC ('21) ... Southern Miss ('18-20)... Murray State ('15-17)... Samford ('14)... Northwestern State ('13)... Jacksonville State ('11-12)... UT Martin ('06-10)... East Central CC ('04-05)... Nicholls State ('02-03)... Arkansas Monticello ('00-01)... UAB ('99) ... Wayne County (Miss.) HS ('98)... Pearl River CC ('97)... Southern Miss ('96)

PERSONAL

Married to Coco ... Has three children, Cameron, Cassidee and Colton

RE'QUAN BOYETTE

RUNNING BACKS / AST. HEAD COACH OF OFFENSE

- ✕ Third Season at Troy
- ✕ 15th Season Overall
- ✕ Duke, '09

Re'quan Boyette returns for his third season as Troy's running backs coach in 2026 following two seasons at East Carolina and a 10-year career at Duke, where he was a two-time team captain as a player for the Blue Devils.

Boyette navigated injuries in his room throughout the 2025 season, including the loss of starter Trey Cooley three days before the start of the season. Tae Meadows and Jordan Lovett combined to rush for more than 1,000 yards and eight touchdowns; Meadows' 186 yards in the opener against Nicholls was the third-most in a season opener in program history.

The Trojans won the Sun Belt West Division title and played in the IS4S Salute to Veterans Bowl.

In his first season, Damien Taylor burst on to the scene as one of the nation's top running backs as he became the 11th player in program history (13th overall time) to reach the 1,000-yard mark. After rushing for 376 yards and two touchdowns in his career, Taylor finished as the Sun Belt's second-leading rusher with 1,010 yards and seven touchdowns in 2023.

Taylor ranked 12th in the country (min. 170 carries), averaging 3.99 yards after contact (third among G5 backs). Additionally, Gerald Green rushed for 545 yards and three touchdowns, as the pair combined to top the 100-yard mark seven times on the season.

Boyette coached the Pirates' outside receivers in 2022 and mentored a group that tallied 134 receptions for 1,689 yards (12.6 ypc) with 10 touchdowns before coaching ECU's running backs in 2023.

He worked his way up the ranks at Duke, beginning as a graduate assistant in 2012 before moving into a full time role in 2013 and eventually the co-offensive coordinator in 2021.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE / EDUCATION

Played running back at Duke for four seasons from 2005-09, where he earned a degree in sociology

COACHING EXPERIENCE

Troy ('24-Pres.) ... East Carolina ('22-23) ... Duke ('12-21)

PERSONAL

Married to Kristen with three kids, Makenna, Mathia and Makai



NATHAN BURTON

CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR / INSIDE LINEBACKERS

- ✕ Third Season at Troy
- ✕ 22nd Season Overall
- ✕ Georgia Tech, '05

Nathan Burton returns Troy in 2026 for his third season as the Trojans' co-defensive coordinator and inside linebackers coach.

Troy linebackers have earned All-Sun Belt honors in both his seasons, including Jordan Stringer's first team selection in 2025 after he finished the year as one of just six players in the country to record at least 120 tackles and 11 tackles for loss. Stringer recorded 123 tackles, 11.5 tackles for loss, 2.5 sacks and four pass break ups.

Troy ranked third nationally with five defensive touchdowns, 26th in red zone defense (77.8 percent), 22nd in sacks (2.64) and 33rd in tackles for loss (6.2) as the Trojans won the Sun Belt West Division title and played in the IS4S Salute to Veterans Bowl.

In his inaugural campaign, Brendan Jackson led all Sun Belt linebackers with 16 tackles for loss, ranking third overall in the league, while Stringer added 7.5 from his weakside linebacker position.

The pair finished with identical tackle totals to finish tied for 15th in the league and both earned All-Sun Belt honors. Jackson recorded 4.5 tackles for loss at South Alabama, 0.5 off the single-game record, and added four in the finale victory over Southern Miss.

Burton came to Troy with more than 16 years of coaching experience after spending a season at Kennesaw State, plus stops at Georgia Tech, Temple, NC State and Oklahoma State. Additionally, he has experience in the state coaching at West Alabama and began his career under head coach Chan Gailey, who won a National Championship at Troy, as a graduate assistant at Georgia Tech.

Burton spent five seasons as a defensive coordinator at the Division II level from 2012-2016 before joining the coaching staff at NC State.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE / EDUCATION

Four-year letterwinner at Georgia Tech ... Graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology in 2005 from the Yellow Jackets

COACHING EXPERIENCE

Troy ('24-Pres.) ... Kennesaw State ('23)... New Orleans Breakers ('22)... Georgia Tech ('19-21)... Temple ('18)... NC State ('17)... West Alabama ('14-16)... Shorter ('12-13)... UT Martin ('10-11)... Oklahoma State ('09) ... Georgia Tech ('05-08)

PERSONAL

Married to Britney ... Has four children, Charlie, Grady, Isaac and William



CALEB CARBINE

OFFENSIVE LINE

- ✕ Sixth Season at Troy
- ✕ 11th Season Overall
- ✕ Troy, '15

Former Troy offensive lineman Caleb Carbine returns to his alma mater for his third season coaching the Trojan offensive line in 2026.

Carbine had one of the most challenging coaching jobs in the country in his first two seasons, as the Trojans deployed six different starting OL units both seasons due to injuries.

The 2025 unit was led by a pair of All-Sun Belt selections as Eli Russ took home second team honors and Matt Henry earned third team honors. The Trojans won the Sun Belt West Division title and played in the IS4S Salute to Veterans Bowl.

His first season saw the six different lineups come in the first eight weeks of the season. Once able to field a stable unit, Carbine's offensive line gelled into one of the tops in the Group of Five.

The Trojans allowed just four sacks in November, the fewest in the Sun Belt, and the offensive line paved the way for Damien Taylor to rush for 1,010 yards, the 13th 1,000-yard season in program history.

Carbine's unit blocked for three different starting quarterbacks throughout the 2024 season and allowed for just the third 1,000-yard rushing/receiving combo in program history, as Devonte Ross joined Taylor in the 1,000-yard club.

Daniel King earned All-Sun Belt honors after moving from guard to tackle, where he finished as the Sun Belt's second-best run blocker in addition to allowing just two sacks.

Carbine joined the Troy staff following one season as a senior offensive analyst at Notre Dame under Troy head coach Gerad Parker.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE / EDUCATION

Played one season at North Alabama before transferring to Troy for four seasons, graduating in 2015 with a bachelor's degree in sport & fitness management

COACHING EXPERIENCE

Troy ('24-Pres.) ... Notre Dame ('23) ... North Alabama ('22)... West Virginia ('19-21) ... Troy ('16-18)

PERSONAL

Married to Laura Beth with one son, Calhoun



BRANDON COOPER

CORNERBACKS

- ✕ Second Season at Troy
- ✕ 18th Season Overall
- ✕ UT Martin, '07

Brandon Cooper begins his second season at Troy coaching the cornerbacks in 2026; he joined the Troy staff following three seasons at Samford.

In his first season, Cooper was tasked with replacing both starting cornerbacks and mentored a pair of transfers – one from the FCS ranks and the other from NCAA Division II – into two of the top corners in the Sun Belt.

Jaquez White earned All-Sun Belt second team honors, while Kaleno Levine played 876 snaps, the third-most by a cornerback in the Sun Belt and held opponents to a 61.2 percent completion percentage (30-of-49), the 11th best in the SBC by a corner with 500 or more snaps. White ranked seventh in the country with 14 passes defended and 15th with 11 pass break ups.

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Cooper has coordinator responsibility on his resume, serving as the defensive coordinator at Samford and Austin Peay, in addition to roles as co-defensive coordinator for three seasons at Charlotte and two seasons at Austin Peay.

At Samford, Cooper was promoted to defensive coordinator in January 2025, following three seasons coaching the Bulldogs' linebackers.

The Bulldogs ranked fourth nationally in sacks, 10th in tackles for loss, ninth in first downs allowed and 11th in rushing defense during Cooper's final season in Birmingham.

A four-year letterwinner at UT-Martin, Cooper got his coaching start at his alma mater. He played from 2003-06 and coached from 2008-10.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE / EDUCATION

Four-year letterwinner at UT Martin, where he earned a degree in health and human performance

COACHING EXPERIENCE

Troy ('25-Pres.)... Samford ('22-24)... Charlotte ('19-21)... Austin Peay ('16-18)... Murray State ('15)... Chattanooga ('13-14)... Jacksonville State ('11-12)... UT Martin ('08-10)

PERSONAL

Married to Natasha ... Has three children: Trey, Braedyn and Neveah



JUSTIN MANNING

DEFENSIVE LINE / DEFENSIVE RUN GAME COORDINATOR

- ✕ Third Season at Troy
- ✕ 15th Season Overall
- ✕ NC Central, '11 / Fayetteville St., '13 / Boston College '14

Justin Manning begins his third season as Troy's defensive line coach, following two seasons as the defensive coordinator at Tufts College and a four-year stint at Duke. He added the title of defensive run game coordinator ahead of the 2026 season.

In his second season, Troy's primary interior defensive linemen combined for 29 tackles for loss and 12 sacks, led by All-Sun Belt selection Luis Medina. Additionally, Medina and Taleeq Robbins both found the end zone for the Trojans, as Troy ranked third nationally with five defensive touchdowns on the season.

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In his first season, the Trojans finished the season winning three of their final four games and ranked as a top 25 defense in November. The Trojans closed out his first season third in the Sun Belt, allowing just 143.3 rushing yards per game and led the league, allowing 122.5 rushing yards in league contests.

Manning's defense ranked 14th nationally in 2023 at Tufts, allowing just 250.8 yards per game, 13th yielding just 145.2 yards per game through the air and fifth in first down defense. The Jumbos allowed 19 or fewer points in 8-of-9 games during regulation; one game went into five overtimes.

Tufts' 2022 season allowed 13 or fewer points in 40 percent of its games and Manning led a defense that feature five all-conference selections. During the summer of 2023, Manning was selected for the NFL Bill Walsh Diversity Coaching Fellowship and worked with the Atlanta Falcons' linebacker position group.

It was Manning's second run at Tufts as he spent the 2016 season as a cornerbacks coach, helping the Jumbos to a 7-1 record, the program's best record since 1998.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE / EDUCATION

Four-year letterwinner at NC Central, where he earned his bachelor's degree in business administration ... Followed it with a master's degree in criminology at Fayetteville State in 2013 and master's degree in educational leadership & administration in 2014

COACHING EXPERIENCE

Troy ('24-Pres.)... Tufts ('22-23)... Duke ('21)... Eastern Illinois ('20)... Duke ('17-19)... Tufts ('16)... Boston College ('14-15)... Fayetteville State ('12-13)

PERSONAL

Married to Marisvette with one son, Jyonei



KEVIN REIHNER

OFFENSIVE LINE

- ✗ Third Season at Troy
- ✗ 10th Season Overall
- ✗ Stanford, '14

Kevin Reihner begins his third season at Troy and first coaching the offensive line; he coached the tight ends and tackles in his first two seasons. Reihner joined the Troy staff following one year as the senior offensive analyst at Notre Dame and three seasons as the offensive line coach at Old Dominion.

Ethan Conner became the first tight end in program history to earn All-Sun Belt Conference honors, taking second team distinction following the 2025 season. Conner caught 31 passes for 397 yards and three touchdowns; it was the fourth-most receptions, second-most yards and second-most touchdowns among tight ends in the Sun Belt.

The Trojans won the Sun Belt West Division title and played in the IS4S Salute to Veterans Bowl.

Troy's tight end play was at an elite level in 2024 with the Trojans rolling as many as four on the field the majority of the season. The unit combined for 35 catches, 375 yards and six touchdowns. All six of the touchdowns from the tight end position came in Troy's final five games of the season.

Reihner's work with the offensive tackles helped the Trojans allow just four sacks in November, the fewest in the Sun Belt, and the offensive line paved the way for Damien Taylor to rush for 1,010 yards, the 13th 1,000-yard season in program history.

The Fighting Irish put together one of their best offensive seasons in program history in 2023 with Parker as the offensive coordinator and Reihner on staff. Notre Dame ranked seventh nationally, averaging 39.2 points per game, in addition to ranking ninth in passing efficiency and 29th in total offense. Audric Esteime was one of the nation's elite running backs, ranking third in rushing touchdowns (18) and eighth in rushing yards per game (111.8).

PLAYING EXPERIENCE / EDUCATION

Four-year letterwinner at Stanford, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in engineering management ... Transferred for his fifth season at Penn State in 2015

COACHING EXPERIENCE

Troy ('24-Pres.) ... Notre Dame ('23)... Old Dominion ('20-22)... Penn State ('19)... Delaware ('18)... Wake Forest ('17)... Fordham ('16)

PERSONAL

Married to Jo ... Has one daughter, Georgia



DONTAE WRIGHT

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR / SAFETIES

- ✗ Third Season at Troy
- ✗ 19th Season Overall
- ✗ Miami (Ohio), '07

Dontae Wright begins his third season as Troy's defensive coordinator and safeties coach in 2026, following four seasons on Neal Brown's staff at West Virginia, where he coached the Mountaineers' safeties.

In his second season, Troy ranked third nationally with five defensive touchdowns, 26th in red zone defense (77.8 percent), 22nd in sacks (2.64) and 33rd in tackles for loss (6.2) as the Trojans won the Sun Belt West Division title and played in the IS4S Salute to Veterans Bowl.

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Brendan Jackson led all Sun Belt linebackers with 16 tackles for loss in his first season with the program as Wright had to replace 10 starters on defense from the 2023 squad.

Additionally, the Trojans led the Sun Belt allowing just 32 third-down conversions during league play and allowed just 13 passing touchdowns all season, the second fewest in the league and 24th fewest nationally.

West Virginia was coming off its first nine-win season since 2016, highlighted by a victory over North Carolina in the Duke's Mayo Bowl, where West Virginia yielded just 10 points to a Tar Heel team that entered the game with the nation's seventh-best offense.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE / EDUCATION

Four-year letterwinner at Miami (Ohio) - 2004-06 ... Earned his bachelor's degree in physical education from Miami (Ohio) ('06)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

Troy ('24-Pres.) ... West Virginia ('20-23) ... Western Michigan ('18-19) ... Tennessee Tech ('16-17) ... Morehead State ('13-15) ... Centre College ('12) ... North Alabama ('10-11) ... Kentucky ('07-09)

PERSONAL

Married to Jillian ... Has one son, Joseph

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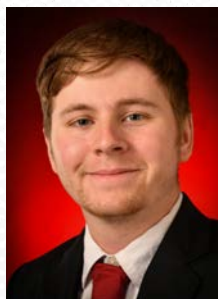


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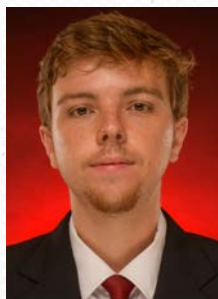
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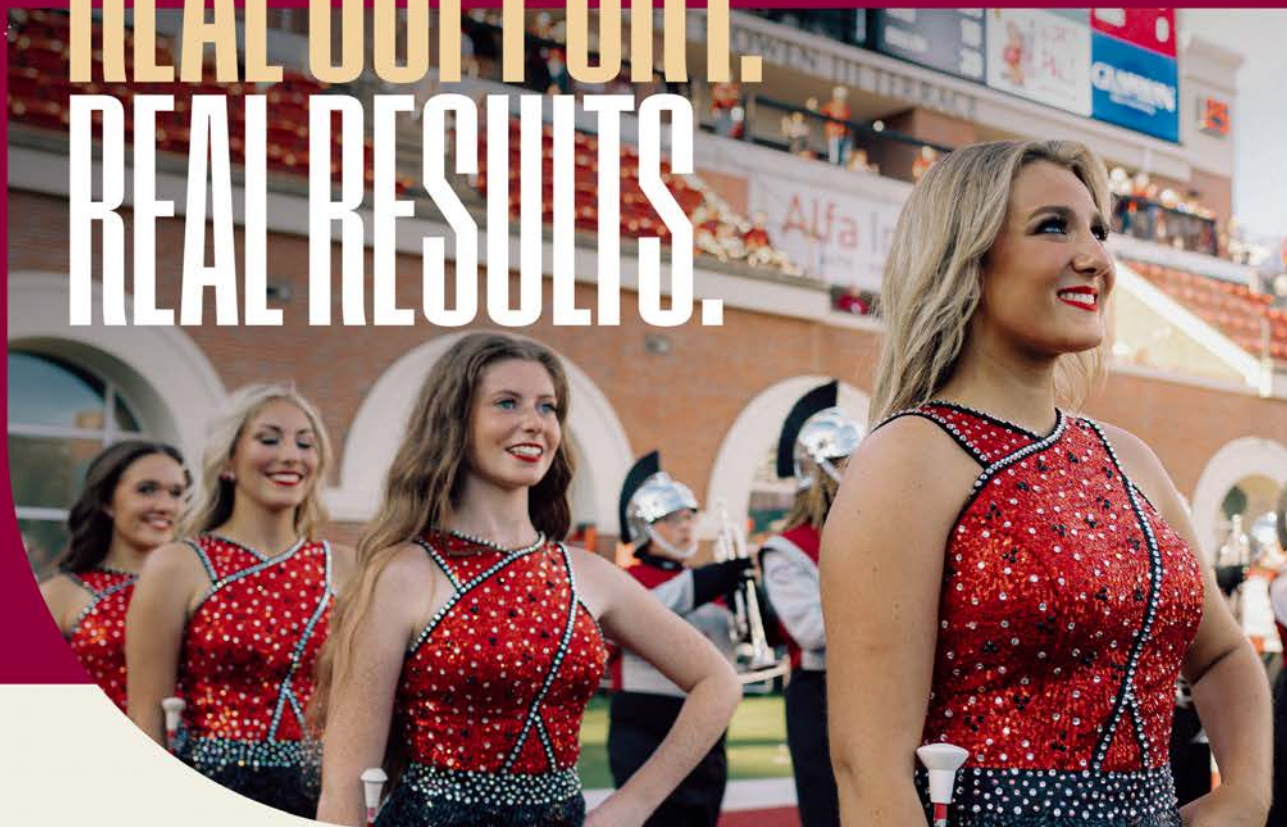


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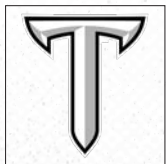
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5TH • WR
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SHARVON PIERRE
2ND • OL
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JUSTIN POWE
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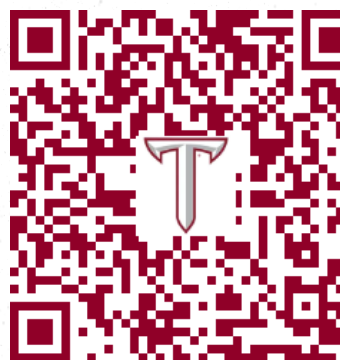
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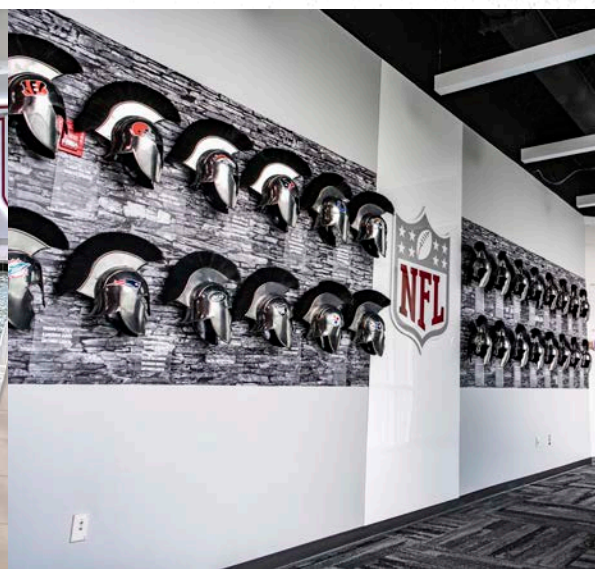
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STATISTICS



SOUTHERN MISS (1-4, 0-0 SBC)

2026 SCHEDULE

9/5	Alcorn State	W, 49-3
9/12	at (RV) Auburn	L, 8-43
9/19	UConn	L, 20-48
9/26	at Tulane	L, 21-24
10/6	at Troy	7 p.m.
10/17	Arkansas State	TBD
10/24	Louisiana	TBD
10/31	at ULM	TBD
11/5	James Madison	7 p.m.
11/14	at Louisiana Tech	4 p.m.
11/21	South Alabama	TBD
11/28	at Old Dominion	TBD

2026 TEAM STATS

	USM	OPP
Points	98	118
Points/Game	24.5	29.5
Total Offense	1566	1714
Yards/Game	391.5	428.5
Yards/Play	5.5	5.9
Rushing Yards	600	941
Rushing Yards/Game	150.0	235.3
Rushing Yards/Att.	4.2	5.2
Passing Yards	966	773
Passing Yards/Game	241.5	193.3
Passing Yards/Comp.	11.4	11.5
First Downs	84	86
Field Goals	2-5	6-6
Punting Average	40.1	47.4
Punt Returns	4-23	7-1
Yards/Return	5.8	0.1
Kickoff Returns	1-27	11-205
Yards/Return	27.0	18.6
Penalties	29-269	31-276
Average/Game	67.3	69.0
Third Down Conversion	18-54	25-59
Time of Possession/Game	28:26	31:34
Sacks/Yardage	8-47	9-49

RUSHING

Player	Car.	Yards	Avg.	TD	YPG
Steven Robinson	72	319	4.4	4	79.8
Jamarice Wilder	33	180	5.5	2	45.0
Southern Miss	143	600	4.2	7	150.0
Opponents	180	941	5.2	6	235.3

PASSING

Player	Cm.	Att.	Yards	Int.	TD	YPG
Landry Lyddy	38	62	508	1	4	127.0
Ethan Hampton	45	75	419	4	2	139.7
Southern Miss	85	141	966	5	6	241.5
Opponents	67	110	773	5	6	193.3

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	TD	YPG
Mario Sanders	20	302	15.1	3	75.5
AJ Little	15	176	11.7	0	44.0
MJ Johnson	9	120	13.3	0	33.0
Southern Miss	85	320	11.4	6	241.5
Opponents	67	267	11.5	6	193.3

DEFENSE

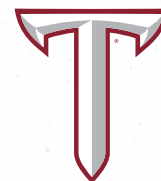
Player	Tac.	TFL	Sacks	Int.
Mathis Haywood	29	2.5-4	0.5-1	0
Michael Robinson III	29	0-0	0-0	0
Wesley Edison	20	0.5-1	0-0	0
Laquan Robinson	20	0-0	0-0	0
Southern Miss	321	21-75	8-47	5
Opponents	292	18-59	9-49	5



Gavin Griffin enters conference play as the team's leading rusher with 259 yards and 4.8 per carry. He's tied for 34th nationally with 18 missed tackles forced.



Jamarion Keyes intercepted his first career pass at Utah State. He also sits fourth in tackles at 17.



TROY (2-2, 0-0 SBC)

2026 SCHEDULE

9/6	Sam Houston	W, 24-21
9/12	Alabama State	W, 37-17
9/19	at No. 20/22 Missouri	L, 17-27
9/26	at Utah State	L, 10-21
10/6	Southern Miss	7 p.m.
10/17	at Louisiana	TBD
10/24	ULM	3 p.m.
10/29	at James Madison	6:30 p.m.
11/7	Louisiana Tech	3 p.m.
11/14	at South Alabama	TBD
11/21	Georgia Southern	3 p.m.
11/28	at Arkansas State	2 p.m.

2026 TEAM STATS

	TROY	OPP
Points	85	86
Points/Game	21.3	21.5
Total Offense	1487	1237
Yards/Game	371.8	309.2
Yards/Play	5.2	5.2
Rushing Yards	665	447
Rushing Yards/Game	166.2	111.8
Rushing Yards/Att.	4.4	3.8
Passing Yards	822	790
Passing Yards/Game	205.5	197.5
Passing Yards/Comp.	11.9	11.0
First Downs	81	70
Field Goals	5-9	3-4
Punting Average	44.7	41.3
Punt Returns	6-120	9-124
Yards/Return	20.0	13.8
Kickoff Returns	3-5	7-88
Yards/Return	1.7	12.6
Penalties	31-310	32-260
Average/Game	75.0	65.0
Third Down Conversion	20-59	16-50
Time of Possession/Game	33:26	26:34
Sacks/Yardage	9-61	8-62

RUSHING

Player	Car.	Yards	Avg.	TD	YPG
Gavin Griffin	54	259	4.8	0	64.8
Jaheim Merriweather	35	209	6.0	3	52.3
Troy	152	665	4.4	3	166.3
Opponents	118	447	3.8	3	111.8

PASSING

Player	Cmp.	Att.	Yards	Int.	TD	YPG
Goose Crowder	69	132	822	4	7	205.5
Evan Crenshaw	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
Troy	69	132	822	4	7	205.0
Opponents	72	118	790	2	7	197.5

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	TD	YPG
TK Keyes	12	270	22.0	3	67.5
Howard Kinchen	11	138	12.5	2	69.0
Noreel White	10	122	12.2	0	30.5
Troy	69	822	11.9	7	205.5
Opponents	72	790	11.0	7	197.5

DEFENSE

Player	Tkl.	TFL	Sacks	Int.
Keno Jones	27	5-19	1.5-8	0
Justin Powe	26	2-3	0-0	0
TJ Thompson	20	1.5-5	0-0	1
Jamarion Keyes	17	0-0	0-0	1
Troy	242	28-110	9-61	2
Opponents	310	21-93	8-62	4



SOUTHERN MISS

RECORD: 1-4 (0-0 SBC)

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ALCORN STATE
9/5 - W, 49-3

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11/14 - 4 P.M.

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11/21 - TBA

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11/28 - TBA

TEAM NOTES

- Southern Miss opens its fifth season of Sun Belt Conference play with a Tuesday night game at Troy. The Golden Eagles are 1-3 in SBC league openers and have posted a 11-21 record in conference play since joining this league. Southern Miss is looking to win its second consecutive league opener after registering a 38-22 win over App State at home on Sept. 13, last season. In its first-ever SBC contest, the program dropped a 27-10 decision at Troy on Oct. 8, 2022.

- This will be the second trip to the state of Alabama in less than a month as Southern Miss plays in the Heart of Dixie twice for the first time since the 2022 season. Southern Miss dropped a 43-8 at Auburn last month at Jordan-Hare Stadium.

- This game marks the 15th time Southern Miss has played on Tuesday during its 110 seasons. Southern Miss is 5-9 all-time on Tuesdays. The last time the Golden Eagles played on a Tuesday was during the 2023. Southern Miss dropped a 55-3 decision at South Alabama (Oct. 17).

- The 2026 Golden Eagle schedule features eight schools that reached either the CFP Playoffs (JMU and Tulane) or bowl games last season (UConn, Troy, Arkansas State, Louisiana, Louisiana Tech and Old Dominion). The '26 slate registered a composite 88-67 (.568) record a season ago. Three of those schools, JMU, Tulane, and Old Dominion, each finished with at least 10 victories a season ago.



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LINEBACKER

STARTING LINEUPS

TROY

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/ Prev School
0	Kam Curry	DT	6-2	302	5th	Midland, Texas / Tyler JC
0	Gavin Griffin	RB	5-10	198	3rd	Canton, Miss. / East Mississippi CC
1	Jordan Lovett	RB	5-10	186	4th	Statesboro, Ga. / Statesboro HS
1	Jabari Strait	CB	6-2	175	5th	Birmingham, Ala. / NE Oklahoma A&M
2	Jywon Boyd	WR	6-0	178	3rd	Troy, Ala. / Charles Henderson HS
2	Bryce Steele	LB	6-1	227	6th	Raleigh, N.C. / Boston College
3	Jaheim Merriweather	RB	6-2	210	3rd	Jackson, Tenn. / Purdue
3	Doug Nelson	SPR	6-3	213	3rd	Hazlehurst, Miss. / Copiah-Lincoln CC
4	TJ Thompson	LB	6-0	219	5th	Bolton, Miss. / East Central CC
4	Noreel White	WR	6-1	195	3rd	Moss Point, Miss. / East Mississippi CC
5	Mojo Dortch	WR	6-0	167	5th	Lucedale, Miss. / California
5	Lonnice Smith	BAN	6-2	240	3rd	Jackson, Miss. / Copiah-Lincoln CC
6	Jack James	QB	6-0	208	2nd	Paducah, Ky. / Paducah Tilghman HS
6	Justin Powe	S	6-0	210	5th	Mobile, Ala. / Davidson HS
7	Kristian Tate	WR	6-2	171	4th	Seat Pleasant, Md. / Delaware State
7	Jordan Turner	CB	6-2	186	4th	Goose Creek, S.C. / Georgia Military
8	Marcus Goree Jr.	S	6-1	185	3rd	Chattanooga, Tenn. / Tennessee
8	TK Keyes	WR	6-2	207	3rd	Taylorsville, Miss. / Jones College
9	Goose Crowder	QB	6-2	214	6th	Gardendale, Ala. / West Virginia
9	Jamarion Keyes	S	6-1	205	3rd	Laurel, Miss. / NW Mississippi CC
10	Knai Cook	S	6-2	203	3rd	Duncan, S.C. / Charleston Southern
10	Tucker Kilcrease	QB	6-1	208	5th	Brantley, Ala. / Brantley HS
11	Ty Clemons	DT	6-3	296	6th	Decatur, Ala. / Boston College
11	Rodge Waldrop	QB	6-5	216	3rd	Thomasville, Ga. / East Mississippi CC
12	Hayden Jackson	WR	5-11	162	3rd	Douglasville, Ga. / East Central CC
12	Shemar Welch	CB	6-1	162	4th	Mobile, Ala. / McGill-Toolen HS
13	Ky McNulty	WR	6-4	201	3rd	Bay Minette, Ala. / Baldwin County HS
13	DayDay Nelson	SPR	6-3	203	5th	South Phoenix, Ariz. / Hutchinson CC
14	Marquis Harris	TE	6-5	264	5th	Shreveport, La. / Grambling State
14	Jonathan Pennix	CB	6-0	178	4th	Concord, Va. / Southern Miss
15	Keno Jones	LB	6-2	228	4th	Rocky Mount, N.C. / Barton College
15	TJ Lott	WR	5-11	163	4th	Pahokee, Fla. / Old Dominion
16	Jalen Ballard	K	6-2	194	5th	Brandon, Miss. / Ole Miss
16	Antionius Steele	S	6-1	192	2nd	Centerville, Ala. / Bibb County HS
17	Marlin Odum	CB	6-2	179	3rd	Lucedale, Miss. / George County HS
17	Jace Petty	WR	5-11	180	5th	Frisco, Texas / Arkansas
18	Howard Kinchen	WR	6-3	190	4th	Lafayette, La. / Pearl River CC
18	Jordan Perry	SPR	6-2	219	5th	Jefferson, Ga. / Kansas State
19	Jon Bocchino	S	6-0	201	2nd	Niceville, Fla. / Niceville HS
19	Nick Hampton	TE	6-3	225	1st	Gulf Shores, Ala. / Gulf Shores HS
20	Keyshawn Campbell	LB	6-0	213	4th	Vero Beach, Fla. / Vero Beach HS
20	Jaden Tynes	K	6-3	178	2nd	Kansas City, Mo. / Rockhurst HS
21	AC Walters	RB	5-10	199	2nd	Montgomery, Ala. / Alabama Christian
21	Tai Terrell	CB	6-1	181	3rd	St. Rose, La. / Destrehan HS
22	Bryce Burgess	RB	5-7	163	3rd	Houston, Texas / Tyler JC
22	Donnie Smith	BAN	6-4	234	4th	Greenville, Miss. / East Central CC
23	JT Alvis	LB	6-1	215	2nd	Helena, Ala. / Helena HS
24	Jeremiah Roux	LB	6-3	217	1st	Jonesboro, Ga. / Mundy's Mill HS
25	Kavion Henderson	DE	6-2	256	3rd	Leeds, Ala. / Arkansas
25	Dennis Palmer	RB	5-10	197	3rd	Jensen Beach, Fla. / Bethune-Cookman
26	DeWhitt Betterton Jr.	RB	6-0	214	5th	Ocala, Fla. / Vanguard HS
27	OJ Vaughan Jr.	S	5-9	189	3rd	Brooklyn, N.Y. / Wakulla (Fla.) HS
28	Evan Crenshaw	P	6-4	184	5th	Ponte Vedra, Fla. / Coastal Carolina
28	Jaxon Penn	CB	5-10	191	1st	Florence, Ala. / Mars Hill Bible School
29	Joe Lott	S	6-3	192	3rd	Mobile, Ala. / UMS-Wright Prep
30	Keivay Foster	S	6-4	191	1st	Muscle Shoals, Ala. / Muscle Shoals HS
31	Ronald Wilder	LB	6-0	233	1st	Eutaw, Ala. / Greene County HS
32	Jermaine McCree	CB	5-11	166	1st	Mobile, Ala. / Williamson HS
33	Ethan Head	K	6-1	186	3rd	Glen Ellyn, Ill. / West Virginia
34	Dontaye Bush	DE	6-4	245	1st	Mobile, Ala. / Williamson HS
35	Kendarius Reynolds	SPR	6-3	181	1st	Montgomery, Ala. / Carver HS
36	Hank James	S	6-0	182	1st	Paducah, Ky. / Paducah Tilghman HS
38	Hayden Wolfe	K	5-9	161	3rd	Clinton, Miss. / NW Mississippi CC
40	RJ Shamberger	DT	6-4	301	2nd	Monroeville, Ala. / Excel HS
41	Makel Green	BAN	6-2	242	2nd	Phenix City, Ala. / Central HS
44	Luke Hodge	LB	6-1	220	5th	Oneonta, Ala. / Oneonta HS
45	Jordan Ferrell	BAN	6-4	221	4th	Lawrenceville, Ga. / Central Ga. Tech College
46	Gavyn Baker	LB	6-1	222	3rd	Moody, Ala. / Moody HS
49	Austin Lewis	P	5-11	184	2nd	Helena, Ala. / Helena HS
51	Luke Petit	OL	6-3	299	6th	Akron, Ohio / Furman
52	Kendall Roseberry	DT	6-3	287	1st	Conyers, Ga. / Rockdale County HS
52	Colton Walls	LS	6-3	237	4th	Millbrook, Ala. / Stanhope Elmore HS
53	Ashton Diggs	DE	6-3	220	2nd	Loganville, Ga. / Georgia Military
54	Caleb Ash	OL	6-6	301	3rd	Atlanta, Ga. / Langston Hughes HS
55	Jordon Jones	OL	6-3	315	5th	Ashland, Ky. / Ohio
56	Sharvon Pierre	OL	6-3	283	2nd	Waycross, Ga. / Ware County HS
57	Noah Mercer	OL	6-3	308	4th	Marianna, Fla. / Marianna HS
58	Elijah Prather	OL	6-4	291	4th	LaVergne, Tenn. / LaVergne HS
59	Chris King	OL	6-2	295	2nd	Lanett, Ala. / Iowa Western CC
65	Tyler Cappi	OL	6-3	295	5th	Priceville, Ala. / Priceville HS
66	Jatorian Blackmon	OL	6-5	320	2nd	LaGrange, Ga. / Troup County HS
67	Trinton Pritchett	OL	6-6	308	1st	Auburn, Ala. / Auburn HS
68	Kinnick Manley	LS	6-2	201	5th	Firestone, Colo. / FIU
69	Jermaine Paramore	DT	6-2	290	3rd	Saraland, Ala. / Saraland HS
71	Antwone Breland	OL	6-6	299	3rd	Hattiesburg, Miss. / SW Mississippi CC
72	Patrick Screws Jr.	OL	6-5	320	4th	Eufaula, Ala. / Georgia Tech
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/ Prev School

73	Tyler Bell	OL	6-2	319	4th	Memphis, Tenn. / Lausanne Collegiate HS
74	Tra'jon Townsend	OL	6-6	292	3rd	Los Angeles, Calif. / Trinity Valley CC
75	Parks Glaze	OL	6-6	295	1st	Fairhope, Ala. / Fairhope HS
77	Darion Rivers	OL	6-6	323	4th	Charlotte, N.C. / NC State
78	Hayden Dozier	OL	6-2	290	4th	Amory, Miss. / Itawamba CC
79	Corey Dudley	OL	6-5	353	1st	Marrero, La. / John Ehret HS
80	JT Tang	TE	6-5	260	4th	Melbourne, Australia / Laney College
81	Jah'Marren Jackson	WR	6-5	201	2nd	McKenzie, Ala. / McKenzie HS
82	Dylan Denson	WR	5-10	183	1st	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. / American Heritage HS
84	Andrew Leslie	WR	5-11	199	2nd	Conyers, Ga. / Memphis
85	Fabian Rogosch	TE	6-5	243	5th	Hamburg, Germany / Hamburg
86	Jayvin Bennett	TE	6-2	232	2nd	Buford, Ga. / Georgia Military
88	Will Norman	DE	6-4	297	4th	Camden, N.J. / Iowa Central CC
88	Jackson Worley	TE	6-4	236	4th	West Palm Beach, Fla. / The King's Academy
89	Jacorey Whitted	TE	6-6	278	3rd	McCalla, Ala. / Georgia Military
93	RaKeem Davis	DT	6-3	313	3rd	Port Gibson, Miss. / Copiah-Lincoln CC
95	Miquon Merriweather	DT	6-2	306	4th	Columbus, Ga. / SW Mississippi CC
98	Delvin Whitaker	DE	6-3	300	4th	St. Francisville, La. / East Central CC
99	Jaxon Villeguez-Williams	DT	6-2	293	1st	Mobile, Ala. / Faith Academy

DEFENSE

Pos.	#	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
DE	11	Ty Clemons	6-3	296	6th
DT	93	RaKeem Davis	6-3	313	3rd
NT	0	Kam Curry	6-2	302	5th
BAN	22	Donnie Smith	6-4	234	4th
WLB	4	TJ Thompson	6-0	222	5th
MLB	15	Keno Jones	6-2	228	4th
SPEAR	3	Doug Nelson	6-3	213	3rd
CB	12	Shemar Welch	6-1	162	3rd
CB	21	Tai Terrell	6-1	181	3rd
SS	9	Jamarion Keyes	6-1	205	3rd
FS	6	Justin Powe	6-0	210	5th

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	#	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
K/KOS	33	Ethan Head	6-1	186	3rd
P/H	28	Evan Crenshaw	6-4	184	5th
LS	52	Colton Walls	6-3	237	4th
PR	4	Noreel White	6-1	195	3rd
KR	17	Jace Petty	5-11	180	5th

OFFENSE

Pos.	#	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB	9	Goose Crowder	6-2	214	6th
RB	1	Jordan Lovett	5-10	186	4th
WR-X	18	Howard Kinchen	6-3	190	4th
WR-H	17	Jace Petty	5-11	180	5th
WR-Z	8	TK Keyes	6-2	207	3rd
TE	85	Fabian Rogosch	6-4	243	5th
LT	74	Tra'jon Townsend	6-6	292	3rd
LG	51	Luke Petit	6-3	299	6th
C	65	Tyler Cappi	6-3	295	5th
RG	72	Patrick Screws Jr.	6-5	320	4th
RT	55	Jordon Jones	6-3	315	5th

STARTING LINEUPS

SOUTHERN MISS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
0	Caleb Triplett	LB	6-0	219	Fr.	D'Iberville, Miss. / D'Iberville HS
0	Elijah Singleton	WR	5-10	190	R-Jr.	Tampa, Fla. / East Central CC (Miss.)
1	Champ Lewis	DB	6-0	183	R-Jr.	New Orleans, La. / Tulsa
1	Mario Sanders	WR	5-10	191	R-Sr.	Minneapolis, Minn. / Illinois
2	Tyler Lassiter	LB	6-3	230	R-So.	Raleigh, N.C. / Hutchinson CC (Kan.)
2	Robert Briggs	RB	5-7	183	R-Sr.	New Orleans, La. / Utah State
3	Jyaire Brown	DB	5-11	180	R-Sr.	New Orleans, La. / UCF
3	MJ Johnson	WR	5-10	180	R-Jr.	Enterprise, Ala. / Northwest Mississippi CC
5	Nasim Cairo	DL	6-2	280	Sr.	Edwardsville, Ill. / Southeast Missouri State
5	Ethan Hampton	QB	6-3	220	R-Sr.	Elburn, Ill. / Illinois
6	Andrew Martin	LB	6-0	212	Sr.	McDonough, Ga. / Stetson
6	Jamarice Wilder	RB	5-9	184	R-Fr.	Sarasota, Fla. / Louisville
7	Kameron Cyprien	DL	6-3	250	Jr.	Lafayette, La. / Coffeyville CC (Kan.)
7	Kaden Saunders	WR	5-10	175	R-Jr.	Columbus, Ohio / Penn State
8	Ishmael Ibraheem	CB	6-0	178	R-Sr.	Dallas, Texas / Marshall
8	AJ Little	WR	5-11	200	R-Jr.	Macon, Miss. / Chattanooga
9	Jaylen Himes	WR	5-9	185	So.	Statesville, N.C. / Wingate
9	Jaameer Lewis	DL	6-2	230	Gr.	McComb, Miss. / Southwest Mississippi CC
11	A'mari Wilson	DL	6-6	265	R-Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla. / Campbell
11	Davis Dalton	WR	6-3	207	R-Sr.	Madison, Miss. / Madison-Ridgeland Academy
12	Laquan Robinson	DB	6-1	210	R-Sr.	Greenville, Ala. / Kansas
12	John White	QB	6-0	193	R-So.	West, Miss. / Madison-Ridgeland Academy
13	Mathis Haygood	LB	6-4	230	R-Jr.	Fayetteville, Ga. / Marshall
13	Grant Page	WR	6-3	200	R-Sr.	Boulder, Colo. / Utah State
14	Jordan Pride	DB	6-1	210	R-So.	Blountstown, Fla. / Texas A&M
14	Steven Robinson	RB	5-9	208	R-Jr.	Baltimore, Md. / Coffeyville CC (Kan.)
15	Jeffery Rush Jr.	DL	6-1	265	R-So.	Pascagoula, Miss. / Ole Miss
15	Hugh Price	QB	6-6	204	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Montgomer Bell Academy
16	Jonah Martinez	DB	6-0	180	R-Jr.	Orange County, Calif. / TCU
16	Maddox McCrory	QB	6-1	185	Fr.	Cabot, Ark. / Cabot HS
17	Ramon Pernas	DL	6-3	237	R-So.	Tomball, Texas / Navarro College (Texas)
18	Malik Caswell	S	6-0	185	R-So.	Midway, Ga. / Marshall
18	Landry Lyddy	QB	6-0	208	R-Sr.	Stonewall, La. / UAB
19	Malakai Murphy	CB	6-1	195	R-So.	High Springs, Fla. / Colorado
19	Cace Reed	WR	5-10	170	R-So.	Hammond, La. / Marshall
20	Kolby Peavy	DB	5-11	193	R-Jr.	Monroeville, Ala. / Alabama
21	Sammy Anderson Jr.	DB	6-1	190	Sr.	Dayton, Ohio / Austin Peay
21	Robert Henderson	RB	5-10	195	So.	Atlanta, Ga. / Hapeville Charter Career Academy
22	Kobi Albert	DB	5-11	175	R-Jr.	Birmingham, Ala. / Connecticut
22	Jaylen Foster	RB	5-11	190	R-Jr.	Greenwood, S.C. / Itawamba CC (Miss.)
23	Hiroshi Carr	DB	6-1	186	R-Jr.	Stafford, Va. / Morgan State
23	Trey Horne	WR	6-3	200	R-Jr.	Columbia, S.C. / Georgia Tech
24	Michael Robinson III	DB	6-0	190	R-Jr.	Columbus, Ohio / Connecticut
25	Landon Sylvie	DB	5-10	183	Jr.	Shreveport, La. / Missouri State
25	Josiah Basten	RB	5-9	190	R-Jr.	Bonduel, Wis. / Wisconsin-Platteville
26	Baron Taylor	DB	6-0	190	Jr.	Sacramento, Calif. / Southern Utah
26	Brandon Hood	RB	5-10	200	R-So.	Conyers, Ga. / Massachusetts
27	John Ford	RB	5-9	180	Fr.	Birmingham, Ala. / Center Point HS
27	Chauncey Davis Jr.	S	6-1	195	Fr.	Suwanee, Ga. / North Gwinnett HS
28	Kelby Hampton	DB	6-1	189	So.	Philadelphia, Pa. / New Hampshire
29	Jeremiah Dillon	WR	6-2	193	Gr.	Tylertown, Miss. / Vanderbilt
30	Trevor Winton	DB	5-11	170	R-Fr.	Olive Branch, Miss. / Center Hill HS
30	Andrew Tate	LS	5-11	203	Jr.	Kosciusko, Miss. / Hinds CC (Miss.)
31	Zachariah Keith	DL	6-6	280	R-Jr.	Atlanta, Ga. / West Virginia
33	Avery Sledge	LB	6-2	220	R-Sr.	Hattiesburg, Miss. / Mississippi State
34	Marrio Williams Jr.	LB	6-1	220	So.	Reno, Nev. / Snow College (Utah)
35	Wesley Edison	LB	6-3	230	So.	Lawrence, Kan. / Coffeyville CC (Kan.)
36	Dusty Zimmer	P	6-3	230	So.	Gold Coast, Australia / Washington
37	Aidan Horne	S	6-3	187	Fr.	Columbia, S.C. / Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School (Ga.)
38	Nehemiah Taylor	WR	5-11	190	So.	Hattiesburg, Miss. / Hinds CC (Miss.)
39	Johnnie Evans	DB	5-11	195	Jr.	Hattiesburg, Miss. / Alcorn State
40	Creighton Wilbanks	K	5-10	176	So.	Mandeville, La. / Mandeville HS
41	Will Smith	DL	6-2	240	R-So.	Choctaw, Okla. / Choctaw HS / North Texas
42	Melvin Spriggs	LB	6-2	220	R-Jr.	Landstuhl, Germany / Akron
43	KJ Washington	DL	6-3	235	Fr.	D'Iberville, Miss. / D'Iberville HS
46	Luke Beard	LS	6-1	218	R-Jr.	Ackerman, Miss. / Mississippi State
47	Cannon McClain	DB	6-2	184	R-Jr.	Hattiesburg, Miss. / Delta State
48	Colin Kapilovic	LS	6-0	212	So.	Chapel Hill, N.C. / Northridge HS (Ala.)
49	BJ Mitchell	LB	5-9	218	Jr.	Hattiesburg, Miss. / Southwest Mississippi CC
50	Joe Rounds	OL	6-0	315	R-Sr.	Suffolk, Va. / Virginia Union
51	Ricky Harding	LB	6-1	220	Jr.	Bushnell, Fla. / New Mexico Military Institute
52	Xavier McIver	DL	6-0	305	R-Sr.	Cheraw, S.C. / East Carolina
53	Toby Mealer	OL	6-5	325	R-Fr.	Eugene, Ore. / Louisiana Tech
54	Dante Devine	OL	6-7	325	Jr.	Orlando, Fla. / Coffeyville CC (Kan.)
55	Zerian Hudson	OL	6-3	334	R-Sr.	Brookhaven, Miss. / Troy
56	Brayden Warner	OL	6-3	311	Jr.	Brandon, Miss. / Jones College (Miss.)
57	Jeramie Posey	DL	6-2	266	R-Jr.	Hattiesburg, Miss. / Oak Grove HS
61	Kendrick Watkins	OL	6-2	310	R-Sr.	Edwards, Miss. / Arkansas-Monticello
62	Aloali'i Maui	OL	6-1	310	Gr.	Pago Pago, American Samoa / Utah State
64	Camden Myers	OL	6-3	300	R-So.	Irmo, S.C. / Western Carolina
66	Greg Nunnery	OL	6-4	320	Gr.	McComb, Miss. / Mississippi Gulf Coast CC
68	Grant Kitchens	OL	6-7	329	Fr.	Louisville, Miss. / Nanhi Waiya HS
70	Braden Cain	OL	6-4	310	Jr.	Houston, Texas / Texas Southern
71	Jahmir Davis	OL	6-5	301	So.	Cincinnati, Ohio / La Salle HS
72	Will Burgess	OL	6-6	275	So.	Birmingham, Ala. / Pearl River CC (Miss.)
73	Hayden Breal	OL	6-0	281	R-Fr.	Mobile, Ala. / UMS-Wright Preparatory School

74	Luke Rogers	OL	6-3	305	R-Jr.	Brandon, Miss. / Brandon HS
75	Casey Jean-Baptiste	OL	6-5	320	Jr.	West Palm Beach, Fla. / Butler CC (Kan.)
76	Larry Edwards	OL	6-5	290	Jr.	Belzoni, Miss. / Humphreys County HS
77	Chase Malamala	OL	6-6	297	R-So.	Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. / UCF
78	Christian Young	OL	6-4	335	R-Sr.	Fredericksburg, Va. / Emory & Henry
79	Liam Cassidy	OL	6-5	320	Jr.	Vancouver, Wash. / Coffeyville CC (Kan.)
80	King David Aboya	WR	6-3	195	Fr.	Milton, Fla. / Milton HS
81	Preston Kilgore	TE	6-4	240	R-Jr.	Terrell, Texas / East Texas A&M
82	Connor Gooding	TE	6-4	230	So.	Gilbert, S.C. / Gilbert HS
83	Dillon Rowley	WR	5-10	174	So.	Columbia, Miss. / Columbia HS
84	Broderick Peters	TE	6-4	245	Fr.	Hammond, La. / McComb HS (Miss.)
85	Javery Mayberry	TE	6-3	245	R-So.	Chandler, Ariz. / Pasadena City College (Calif.)
86	Israel Leamon	WR	5-11	180	Fr.	Greer, S.C. / Riverside HS
87	Caston Brown	TE	6-2	228	R-So.	Hattiesburg, Miss. / Oak Grove HS
88	Darrell Gross	DL	6-1	292	Jr.	Madison, Miss. / East Mississippi CC
88	Jeremiah Beck	TE	6-2	237	R-Jr.	Fontana, Calif. / Arkansas
89	Drew Bilderback	TE	6-3	235	Fr.	Columbia, Miss. / Columbia HS
90	JR Stegall	DL	6-2	326	Jr.	Fort Worth, Texas / Towson
92	David Griffin	DL	6-1	299	R-Jr.	New Orleans, La. / Holy Cross HS
93	Travis Bendolph	DL	6-1	285	Jr.	Mobile, Ala. / Delta State
94	Talik Parkman	DL	6-3	295	Fr.	Sumrall, Miss. / Sumrall HS
95	Josh Johnson	DL	6-0	320	R-Jr.	New Orleans, La. / Nicholls
96	Reed Harradine	K	6-4	225	R-Jr.	Birmingham, Ala. / Grambling
97	Ari Slocum	DL	6-3	305	Fr.	Farmerville, La. / Union Parish HS
98	Kei'shaun Mashburn	DL	6-2	300	Jr.	Quincy, Fla. / Allen
99	Kam'ron Hoyte	DL	6-4	295	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla. / Texas College

DEFENSE

Pos.	#	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
DE	31	Zachariah Keith	6-6	280	R-Jr.
NT	88	Darrell Gross	6-1	292	Jr.
DT	5	Nasim Cairo	6-2	280	Sr.
JACK	7	Kameron Cyprien	6-3	250	Jr.
LB	13	Mathis Haygood	6-4	230	R-Jr.
LB	35	Wesley Edison	6-3	230	So.
NKL	3	Jyaire Brown	5-11	180	R-Sr.
CB	22	Kobi Albert	5-11	175	R-Jr.
CB	1	Champ Lewis	6-0	183	R-Jr.
FLD	25	Landon Sylvie	5-10	183	Jr.
BDry	12	Laquan Robinson	6-1	210	R-Sr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	#	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
P/H	36	Dusty Zimmer	6-3	230	So.
PK	40	Creighton Wilbanks	5-10	176	So.
KO	96	Reed Harradine	6-4	225	R-Jr.
LS	46	Luke Beard	6-1	218	R-Jr.
PR	8	AJ Little	5-11	200	R-Jr.
KR	3	MJ Johnson	5-10	180	R-Jr.

OFFENSE

Pos.	#	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
LT	70	Braden Cain	6-4	310	Jr.
LG	66	Greg Nunnery	6-4	320	Gr.
C	50	Joe Rounds	6-0	315	R-Sr.
RG	62	Aloali'i Maui	6-1	310	Gr.
RT	54	Dante Devine	6-7	325	Jr.
TE	81	Preston Kilgore	6-4	240	R-Jr.
WR	11	Davis Dalton	6-3	207	R-Sr.
WR	1	Mario Sanders	5-10	191	R-Sr.
WR	8	AJ Little	5-11	200	R-Jr.
QB	18	Landry Lyddy	6-0	208	R-Sr.
RB	2	Robert Briggs	5-7	183	R-Sr.

SBC



2026 SUN BELT SCHEDULES / STANDINGS



APP STATE (3-1, 0-0 SBC)

9/5	Maine	W, 55-3
9/12	at East Carolina	W, 27-24
9/19	Charlotte	W, 26-21
9/26	at NC State	L, 31-41
10/10	Old Dominion	12 p.m.
10/16	at Coastal Carolina	7 p.m.
10/22	James Madison	6 p.m.
10/31	at Georgia Southern	TBD
11/7	Georgia State	TBD
11/14	at Marshall	TBD
11/21	ULM	TBD
11/27	at South Alabama	2 p.m.



ARKANSAS STATE (2-3, 0-1 SBC)

9/5	at (RV) Memphis	L, 24-42
9/12	West Georgia	W, 52-7
9/19	at TCU	L, 7-31
9/26	Kennesaw State	W, 17-14
10/3	at Louisiana	L, 20-23
10/8	South Alabama	6:30 p.m.
10/17	at Southern Miss	TBD
10/24	Georgia State	6 p.m.
11/7	ULM	2 p.m.
11/14	at Coastal Carolina	TBD
11/21	at Louisiana Tech	TBD
11/28	at Troy	2 p.m.



COASTAL CAROLINA (1-4, 0-1 SBC)

9/5	at West Virginia	L, 24-31
9/12	Fordham	W, 45-7
9/19	at Delaware	L, 14-22
9/24	Liberty	L, 17-34
10/3	Georgia Southern	L, 24-31
10/10	at Marshall	6 p.m.
10/16	App State	7 p.m.
10/31	at Georgia State	TBD
11/7	Old Dominion	TBD
11/14	Arkansas State	TBD
11/21	at Louisiana	TBD
11/28	James Madison	TBD



GEORGIA SOUTHERN (2-3, 1-0 SBC)

9/5	Charleston Southern	W, 31-0
9/12	at Clemson	L, 7-22
9/19	at Jacksonville St.	L, 27-31
9/26	#25 Houston	L, 28-42
10/3	at Coastal Carolina	W, 31-24
10/10	James Madison	6:30 p.m.
10/15	at Old Dominion	6:30 p.m.
10/31	App State	TBD
11/7	Marshall	TBD
11/14	at Georgia State	TBD
11/21	at Troy	3 p.m.
11/28	Louisiana Tech	TBD



GEORGIA STATE (4-1, 1-0 SBC)

9/4	NC A&T	W, 59-10
9/12	at Kennesaw St.	W, 31-17
9/19	at UCF	L, 30-44
9/26	North Illinois	W, 35-14
10/3	Old Dominion	W, 42-10
10/17	at James Madison	TBD
10/24	at Arkansas State	6 p.m.
10/31	Coastal Carolina	TBD
11/7	at App State	TBD
11/14	Georgia Southern	TBD
11/21	at Marshall	TBD
11/28	Louisiana	TBD



JAMES MADISON (5-0, 2-0 SBC)

9/5	Liberty	W, 20-13
9/12	Wagner	W, 87-3
9/19	at San Diego St.	W, 26-13
9/26	at Old Dominion	W, 46-20
10/3	Marshall	W, 45-17
10/10	at Georgia Southern	6:30 p.m.
10/17	Georgia State	TBD
10/22	at App State	7 p.m.
10/29	Troy	7:30 p.m.
11/5	at Southern Miss	8 p.m.
11/14	at UConn	12 p.m.
11/28	Coastal Carolina	TBD



LOUISIANA (4-1, 1-0 SBC)

9/5	Lamar	W, 38-7
9/12	at #14 USC	L, 30-49
9/19	UAB	W, 21-14
9/26	at Charlotte	W, 34-7
10/3	Arkansas State	W, 23-20
10/10	at Louisiana Tech	6:30 p.m.
10/17	Troy	TBD
10/24	at Southern Miss	TBD
11/7	South Alabama	TBD
11/12	at ULM	8 p.m.
11/21	Coastal Carolina	TBD
11/28	at Georgia State	TBD



LOUISIANA TECH (2-2, 0-0 SBC)

9/5	Northwestern St.	W, 80-6
9/12	at #8 LSU	L, 14-45
9/19	at Baylor	L, 19-36
10/3	Army	W, 31-29
10/10	Louisiana	6:30 p.m.
10/17	at ULM	TBD
10/24	Old Dominion	TBD
10/31	at South Alabama	TBD
11/7	at Troy	3 p.m.
11/14	Southern Miss	TBD
11/21	Arkansas State	TBD
11/28	at Georgia Southern	TBD



MARSHALL (3-2, 0-1 SBC)

9/5	at #18 Penn State	L, 0-45
9/12	Middle Tennessee	W, 28-26
9/19	at Missouri State	W, 30-24
9/26	Gardner-Webb	W, 36-35
10/3	at James Madison	L, 17-45
10/10	Coastal Carolina	TBD
10/20	South Alabama	7:30 p.m.
10/31	at Old Dominion	TBD
11/7	at Georgia Southern	TBD
11/14	App State	TBD
11/21	Georgia State	TBD
11/28	at ULM	TBD



OLD DOMINION (1-4, 0-2 SBC)

9/5	Norfolk State	W, 31-10
9/12	at (RV) Virginia Tech	L, 21-44
9/19	East Carolina	L, 17-20
9/26	James Madison	L, 20-46
10/3	at Georgia State	L, 10-42
10/10	at App State	12 p.m.
10/15	Georgia Southern	7:30 p.m.
10/24	at Louisiana Tech	TBD
10/31	Marshall	TBD
11/7	at Coastal Carolina	TBD
11/21	at UConn	3:30 p.m.
11/28	Southern Miss	TBD

SUN BELT STANDINGS

East

	SBC	Overall
JAMES MADISON	2-0	5-0
GEORGIA STATE	1-0	4-1
GEORGIA SOUTHERN	1-0	2-3
APP STATE	0-0	3-1
MARSHALL	0-1	3-2
COASTAL CAROLINA	0-1	1-4
OLD DOMINION	0-2	1-4

West

LOUISIANA	1-0	4-1
SOUTH ALABAMA	1-0	3-2
TROY	0-0	2-2
LOUISIANA TECH	0-0	2-2
SOUTHERN MISS	0-0	1-3
ARKANSAS STATE	0-1	2-3
ULM	0-1	0-5

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FALL SPORTS



VOLLEYBALL (8-5, 3-1 SBC)

Aug. 28	Mercer #	Troy, Ala.	W, 3-0
Aug. 29	North Alabama #	Troy, Ala.	L, 0-3
Aug. 30	Alabama State #	Troy, Ala.	W, 3-0
Sept. 6	South Carolina	Columbia, S.C.	L, 1-3
Sept. 12	Florida Atlantic %	Gainesville, Fla.	L, 1-3
Sept. 13	#10 Florida %	Gainesville, Fla.	L, 0-3
Sept. 17	Murray State &	Troy, Ala.	W, 3-0
Sept. 18	Citadel &	Troy, Ala.	W, 3-0
Sept. 19	Northwestern State &	Troy, Ala.	W, 3-0
Sept. 25	Louisiana*	Troy, Ala.	L, 2-3
Sept. 26	Louisiana*	Troy, Ala.	W, 3-1
Oct. 2	Southern Miss*	Hattiesburg, Miss.	W, 3-1
Oct. 3	Southern Miss*	Hattiesburg, Miss.	W, 3-1
Oct. 9	ULM*	Troy, Ala.	6 p.m.
Oct. 10	ULM*	Troy, Ala.	2 p.m.
Oct. 16	Louisiana Tech*	Ruston, La.	6 p.m.
Oct. 17	Louisiana Tech*	Ruston, La.	1 p.m.
Oct. 22	South Alabama*	Troy, Ala.	6 p.m.
Oct. 23	South Alabama*	Troy, Ala.	6 p.m.
Oct. 30	Arkansas State*	Jonesboro, Ark.	6 p.m.
Oct. 31	Arkansas State*	Jonesboro, Ark.	1 p.m.
Nov. 5	Coastal Carolina*	Conway, S.C.	TBD
Nov. 6	Coastal Carolina*	Conway, S.C.	TBD
Nov. 13	App State*	Troy, Ala.	6 p.m.
Nov. 14	App State*	Troy, Ala.	2 p.m.
Nov. 19-22	Sun Belt Tournament	Foley, Ala.	N/A

SOCCER (2-8-2, 1-3-0 SBC)

Aug. 13	Middle Tennessee	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	L, 0-2
Aug. 20	Southeastern Louisiana	Hammond, La.	L, 0-1
Aug. 23	Stetson	Troy, Ala.	W, 2-0
Aug. 27	Alabama	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	L, 0-3
Aug. 30	Jacksonville State	Jacksonville, Ala.	L, 3-4
Sept. 4	Kennesaw State	Troy, Ala.	T, 2-2
Sept. 7	West Florida	Troy, Ala.	L, 1-3
Sept. 13	Alcorn State	Troy, Ala.	T, 3-3
Sept. 17	South Alabama*	Mobile, Ala.	L, 0-2
Sept. 24	Marshall*	Troy, Ala.	L, 1-2
Sept. 27	Louisiana*	Lafayette, La.	L, 0-5
Oct. 3	Coastal Carolina*	Troy, Ala.	W, 1-0
Oct. 8	Louisiana Tech*	Troy, Ala.	5 p.m.
Oct. 11	Southern Miss*	Hattiesburg, La.	1 p.m.
Oct. 17	ULM*	Troy, Ala.	5 p.m.
Oct. 22	Georgia Southern*	Statesboro, Ga.	4 p.m.
Oct. 25	Arkansas State*	Troy, Ala.	12:30 p.m.
Nov. 1	App State*	Boone, N.C.	1 p.m.
Nov. 8-15	Sun Belt Tournament	Foley, Ala.	N/A

BOLD - Home Game

* Sun Belt Conference Game

BOLD - Home Game

- Troy Invitational | % - Florida Tournament | & - Trojan Invitational

* Sun Belt Conference Game \$SBC Tournament

FALL SPORTS



WOMEN'S GOLF

Sept. 6-8	Golfweek Challenge	8th of 23
Sept. 14-15	Pirate Collegiate Classic	8th of 13
Oct. 12-13	Lady Red Wolves Classic	Jonesboro, Ark.
Oct. 26-27	Pat Bradley Invitational	Miami, Fla.



MEN'S GOLF

Sept. 6-8	Golfweek Fall Challenge	2nd of 16
Sept. 27-29	Argent Financial Classic	1st of 13
Oct. 5-6	West Bay Collegiate	Estero, Fla.
Oct. 12-14	Bryson Invitational	Miami, Fla.
Oct. 19-20	Quebin Cup	Greensboro, N.C.



WOMEN'S TENNIS

Oct. 2-4	River State Shoot-Out	Completed
Oct. 8-12	Mercer Gridiron Classic	Baton Rouge, La.
Oct. 30-31	West Florida Fall Invitational	Pensacola, Fla.
Nov. 6-8	Samford Fall Invitational	Birmingham, Ala.



MEN'S TENNIS

Sept. 19-27	ITA All-American	Completed
Oct. 2-4	Mercer Tournament	Completed
Oct. 9-13	ITA Regionals	Auburn, Ala.
Oct. 29 - Nov. 1	UTR College Invitational	Rome, Ga.



CROSS COUNTRY

Sept. 4	JSU Foothills Invitational	Men - 5th / Women - 7th
Sept. 18	Falcon Classic	Men - 1st / Women - 2nd
Sept. 23	Azalea City Classic	Men - 1st / Women - 2nd
Oct. 9	FSU XC Invite	Tallahassee, Fla.
Oct. 30	Sun Belt Championships	Foley, Ala.

WINTER SPORTS



MEN'S BASKETBALL (0-0, 0-0 SBC)

Nov. 2	UMass !	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Nov. 6	Florida State	Tallahassee, Fla.	TBD
Nov. 10	LMU	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Nov. 13	NC State	Raleigh, N.C.	TBD
Nov. 17	CSUN	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Nov. 21	Valparaiso \$	Pensacola, Fla.	TBD
Nov. 22	Nicholls \$	Pensacola, Fla.	TBD
Nov. 28	Chattanooga	Chattanooga, Tenn.	TBD
Dec. 1	Furman	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Dec. 5	UAB	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Dec. 12	MUW	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Dec. 16	Louisiana Tech *	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Dec. 19	Coastal Carolina*	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Dec. 21	William Cary	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Dec. 31	App State *	Boone, N.C.	TBD
Jan. 2	James Madison *	Harrisonburg, Va.	TBD
Jan. 6	Georgia State *	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Jan. 9	Georgia Southern *	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Jan. 13	Southern Miss *	Hattiesburg, Miss.	TBD
Jan. 16	ULM *	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Jan. 21	Louisiana Tech *	Ruston, La.	TBD
Jan. 23	Louisiana *	Lafayette, La.	TBD
Jan. 27	South Alabama *	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Jan. 30	Arkansas State *	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Feb. 3	ULM *	Monroe, La.	TBD
Feb. 6	MAC-SBC Challenge !	TBD	TBD
Feb. 10	Louisiana *	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Feb. 13	Arkansas State *	Jonesboro, Ark.	TBD
Feb. 18	South Alabama *	Mobile, Ala.	TBD
Feb. 20	Southern Miss *	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Feb. 26	Marshall *	Huntingdon, W.V.	TBD
Mar. 2-6	Sun Belt Tournament	Pensacola, Fla.	

Home Games

*SBC Games

! MAC-SBC Challenge

\$ Pensacola Invitational (Pensacola, Fla.)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (0-0, 0-0 SBC)

Nov. 2	Kent State !	Kent, Ohio	TBD
Nov. 5	Thomas	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Nov. 11	Mississippi State	Starkville, Miss.	TBD
Nov. 13	Belmont	Nashville, Tenn.	11 a.m.
Nov. 16	LSU	Baton Rouge, La.	TBD
Nov. 19	Longwood	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Nov. 27	UC Davis \$	Reno, Nev.	5:30 p.m.
Nov. 29	Nevada \$	Reno, Nev.	3 p.m.
Dec. 5	Alabama State	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Dec. 12	Colorado State %	San Diego, Calif.	3:15 p.m.
Dec. 13	Oral Roberts %	San Diego Calif.	1 p.m.
Dec. 16	ULM *	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Dec. 19	Georgia State *	Atlanta, Ga.	TBD
Dec. 30	Marshall *	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Jan. 2	James Madison *	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Jan. 6	Coastal Carolina *	Conway, S.C.	5 p.m.
Jan. 9	Georgia Southern *	Statesboro, Ga.	1 p.m.
Jan. 13	Southern Miss *	Hattiesburg, Miss.	5 p.m.
Jan. 16	Arkansas State *	Jonesboro, Ark.	TBD
Jan. 23	App State *	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Jan. 28	ULM *	Monroe, La.	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 30	Louisiana Tech *	Ruston, La.	TBD
Feb. 3	South Alabama *	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Feb. 6	MAC-SBC Challenge !	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Feb. 11	Louisiana *	Lafayette, La.	6 p.m.
Feb. 13	South Alabama *	Mobile, Ala.	TBD
Feb. 17	Southern Miss *	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Feb. 20	Arkansas State *	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Feb. 23	Louisiana Tech *	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Feb. 26	Louisiana *	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Mar. 2-6	Sun Belt Tournament	Pensacola, Fla.	

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Additionally, the "Sound" has been featured on all major broadcast and sports networks including ESPN, Fox Sports South and USA television networks. Other honors which the "Sound of the South" has received is the representation of the State of Alabama at the Inaugural Parades of President Richard Nixon (1969 and 1973), President Ronald Reagan (1985), and President George Bush (1989). The "Sound" has also performed halftime shows with Grammy Award-winning artists Brian McKnight, Lee Greenwood, The Temptations and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame member, Chubby Checker.

The "Sound of the South" Pep Band performs at all men's and women's basketball home games. Comprised of 30 musicians from all academic disciplines, the pep band entertains the home crowd with great music and irreverent, energetic cheering. This group travels with men's and women's basketball to the Sun Belt Conference Tournament, as well as the NCAA Tournaments. Membership in the basketball pep band is by audition, and it performs from Mid-October to April each academic year. The "Sound of the South" is the largest student organization on campus and

its members have produced leaders in academics, student government, and athletics, as well as other areas of campus life.

For information regarding band scholarships auditions, please contact Dr. Mark Walker, Director of Bands at Troy University, Troy, AL 36082. Dr. Walker may be reached by phone at (334) 670-3281, or by email at troyband@troy.edu. You may also log on to the internet at www.troysoundofthesouth.org for information about scholarship auditions, special events, upcoming "Sound" schedules and general information about the "Sound of the South." SO SIT BACK AND RELAX, HERE'S THE "SOUND OF THE SOUTH!"

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No. 25 Central Michigan 44, Troy 41 (2OT)

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New Orleans, La. - December 18, 2010
Troy 48, Ohio 21

DOLLAR GENERAL BOWL

Mobile, Ala. - December 23, 2016
Troy 28, Ohio 23

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New Orleans, La. - December 26, 2017
Troy 50, North Texas 30

DOLLAR GENERAL BOWL

Mobile, Ala. - December 22, 2018
Troy 42, Buffalo 32

CURE BOWL

Orlando, Fla. - December 16, 2022
Troy 18, No. 22 UTSA 12

76 BIRMINGHAM BOWL

Birmingham, Ala. - December 23, 2023
Duke 17, Troy 10

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Montgomery, Ala. - December 16, 2025
Jacksonville State 17, Troy 13



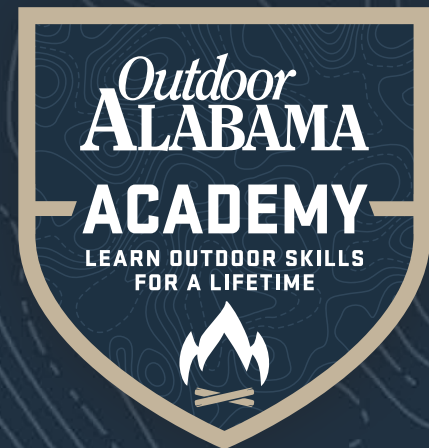
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Reddy STEWARD, Cowboys (2)



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Marcus JONES, Patriots (5)



Kimani VIDAL, Chargers (2)



Dell PETTUS, Patriots (2)



Caleb RANSAW, Jaguars (1)

TROJANS IN THE



DeMarcus WARE, Retired



Osi UMENYIORA, Retired



Lawrence TYNES, Retired



Ethan CONNER, Jaguars (R)

PROS

TROY PLAYERS IN NFL DRAFT

Year	Rd	Pick	Player	Team	Pos
1969	14	349	Glen Thompson	Miami	T
1970	13	316	Ronnie Shelley	New England	DB
1971	6	133	Jack Smith	Philadelphia	
1973	6	147	Wade Brantley	NY (Giants)	DT
1977	5	116	Perry Griggs	NY (Jets)	WR
1978	11	287	Willie McCray	San Francisco	DE
1980	10	270	Virgil Seay	Denver	WR
1981	8	217	Willie Tullis	Houston	WR
1982	9	224	Kelvin Murdock	New England	WR
1985	9	247	Mitch Geier	Washington	G
1986	9	234	Anthony Henton	Pittsburgh	LB
1988	11	286	Greg Harris	NY (Giants)	WR
1989	6	153	Titus Dixon	NY(Jets)	WR
1992	3	84	Leonard Wheeler	Cincinnati	DB
	8	217	Reggie Dwight	Atlanta	TE
1994	4	117	Orlando Parker	NY (Jets)	WR
1997	4	107	Pratt Lyons	Houston	DE
1998	6	155	Clifford Ivory	San Diego	DB
1999	6	174	Marcus Spriggs	Cleveland	DT
2000	4	129	Michael Moore	Washington	G
	6	172	Mareno Philyaw	Atlanta	WR
2001	5	162	Jonathan Carter	NY (Giants)	WR
2003	2	56	Osi Umenyiora	NY (Giants)	DE
	7	248	Davern Williams	Miami	DT
2005	1	11	DeMarcus Ware	Dallas	DE
2007	4	131	Brannon Condren	Indianapolis	DB
2008	1	11	Leodis McKelvin	Buffalo	DB
2009	2	59	Sherrod Martin	Carolina	DB
2010	5	142	Cameron Sheffield	Kansas City	LB
	6	201	Jorrick Calvin	Arizona	DB
	7	209	Levi Brown	Buffalo	QB
2011	3	83	Jerrel Jernigan	NY (Giants)	WR
2012	5	164	Jonathan Massaquoi	Atlanta	DE
2017	3	85	Antonio Garcia	New England	T
2023	4	107	Jake Andrews	New England	C
2024	5	168	Javon Solomon	Buffalo	DE
	6	181	Kimani Vidal	Los Angeles	RB

NOTABLE

- DeMarcus Ware and Leodis McKelvin
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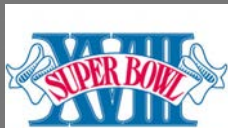
DEMARCUS WARE, DENVER BRONCOS, #94



SUPER BOWL XVII ('83)

Pasadena, Calif. - Redskins 27, Dolphins 17

Virgil Seay (WR) - Washington Redskins



SUPER BOWL XVIII ('84)

Tampa, Fla. - Raiders 38, Redskins 9

Virgil Seay (WR) - Washington Redskins



SUPER BOWL XXII ('88)

San Diego, Calif. - Redskins 42, Broncos 10

Jack Peavey (C) - Denver Broncos



SUPER BOWL XXXVII ('03)

San Diego, Calif. - Buccaneers 48, Raiders 21

Kerry Jenkins (G) - Tampa Bay Buccaneers



SUPER BOWL XLII ('08)

Glendale, Ariz. - Giants 17, Patriots 14

Osi Umenyiora (DE) - New York Giants
Lawrence Tynes (K) - New York Giants



SUPER BOWL XLV ('11)

Arlington, Texas - Packers 31, Steelers 25

Steve McLendon (NT) - Pittsburgh Steelers



SUPER BOWL XLVI ('12)

Indianapolis, Ind. - Giants 21, Patriots 17

Osi Umenyiora (DE) - New York Giants
Lawrence Tynes (K) - New York Giants
Jerrel Jernigan (WR) - New York Giants



SUPER BOWL 50 ('16)

Santa Clara, Calif. - Broncos 24, Panthers 10

DeMarcus Ware (LB) - Denver Broncos
Mario Addison (DE) - Carolina Panthers



SUPER BOWL LV ('21)

Tampa Bay, Fla. - Buccaneers 31, Chiefs 9

Steve McLendon (DT) - Tampa Bay Buccaneers



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Barry McKnight is celebrating his 25th season as the play-by-play "Voice of the Trojans" in 2026. A veteran of the broadcast industry, McKnight served as the co-host of a sports talk radio show on WMSP-740 AM in Montgomery for 27 years. McKnight was selected as the 2011 recipient of the Sun Belt Conference Broadcaster of the Year award. He also works in television broadcasting, where he served as the primary play-by-play announcer for College Sports Southeast's football, basketball and baseball coverage from 1997 until 2001. In the summer of 2025, McKnight was recognized as the Alabama Sportscaster of the Year.

Jerry Miller is entering his 34th year with the Troy Sports Network and his 21st as the network's color analyst. Miller spent his first 12 years providing interviews, insight and analysis from the sideline. A Troy alum and longtime supporter of the athletic program, he also serves as the color analyst for Trojan men's basketball and baseball games. Miller is also a 2013 inductee into the Troy Baseball Hall of Fame.

Chris Blackshear is in his 19th season with the Troy Sports Network, working the sidelines for Trojan games and providing postgame interviews. Blackshear is a native of Phenix City, Alabama. He served as Vice President of Account Management in the North American Issuing Division at TSYS, a payments processing company in Columbus, Georgia, until his retirement in May 2021. Blackshear is also in his second term as an Alabama State Representative for District 80 which include portions of Lee and Russell Counties.

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TROJAN TALK

The weekly Gerad Parker call-in show, Trojan Talk, originates from Baumhower's on Highway 231 in Troy weekly from 6-7 p.m. The fast-paced show hosted by Barry McKnight, the Voice of the Trojans, features Troy players, coaches and fans.

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