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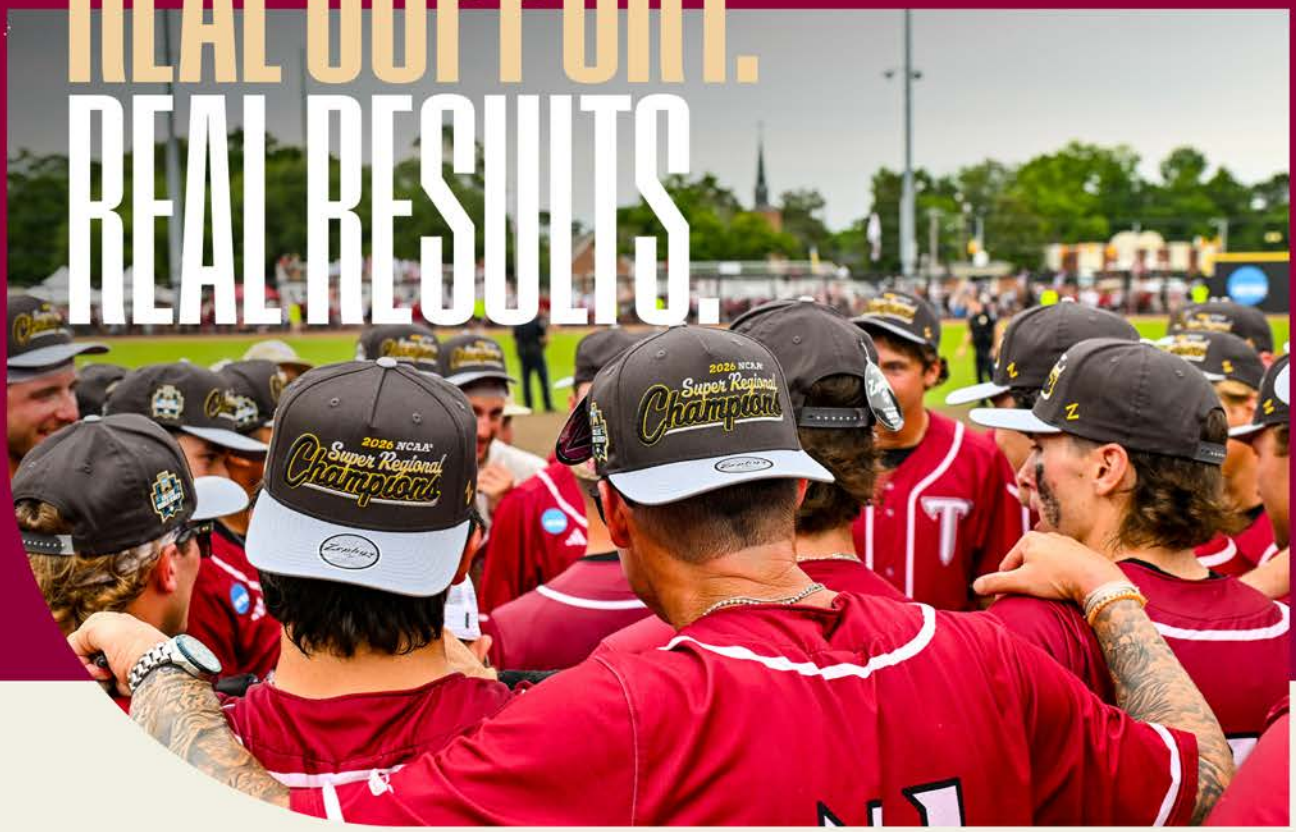
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DID YOU KNOW?

- Donnie Smith is tied for 10th nationally (PFF) with 25 quarterback hurries. Among players with 175 snaps, ranks 15th nationally with a 13.4 win percentage and 11th with a 14.3 pressure percentage (plays with pressure generated/pass rush snaps)

- Jabari Strait has allowed receptions on just 39.4 percent of targets against him (13-of-33); that ranks 10th among FBS players with at least 30 targets. He also ranks 10th nationally with just six first downs allowed in coverage (min. 30 targets)

- Troy's 437 rushing yards against Southern Miss were the most in a SBC game since Georgia Southern rushed for 507 yards against New Mexico State on Oct. 17, 2015, and the most by a Troy squad since 2002

- Justin Powe is the first player since Louisiana Tech's Amik Robertson (Oct. 19, 2019) to have three interceptions and two pass break ups in a game. He is the first player since App State's Tae Hayes (Oct. 7, 2017) to have three interceptions, two pass break ups and a touchdown





GAME INFORMATION

Date	Nov. 7, 2026
Time	3 P.M.
Location	Troy, Ala.
Stadium	Veterans Memorial (30,000)
Television	ESPN+
Talent	Will Kollmeyer (PxP)
	Ben Stanfield (Color)
	Rosie Langello (Color)
	Gavan Baxley (Color)
Radio	Troy Sports Radio Network
Talent	Barry McKnight (PxP)
	Jerry Miller (Analyst)
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TROY

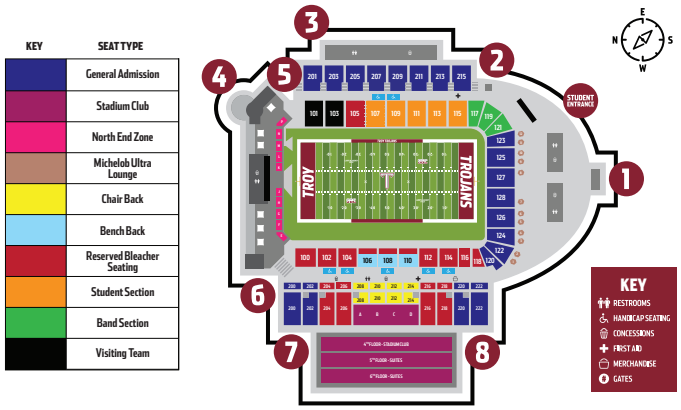
Record	4-4, 2-2 SBC
Last Game	James Madison W, 24-21 (OT)
Head Coach	Gerad Parker
Troy Record	16-18 (3rd Season)
Overall Record	16-24 (3rd Full Season)

LOUISIANA TECH

Record	6-2, 4-0 SBC
Last Game	South Alabama W, 35-20
Head Coach	Sonny Cumbie
LA TECH Record	25-33 (5th Season)
Overall Record	27-36 (6th Season)

SERIES HISTORY

Overall	0-0
In Troy	0-0
Away	0-0
Neutral	0-0
Gerad Parker vs. LA Tech	0-0
Sonny Cumbie vs. Troy	0-0



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EVAN CRENSHAW

EVAN CRENSHAW: THE BROTHER WHO TAUGHT HIM TO SEE DIFFERENTLY

By: Adam Prendergast



For all the hours spent on the practice field, the pressure of game day and the recognition that followed a breakthrough season, Evan Crenshaw's biggest source of motivation has little to do with football.

It starts at home. It starts with Taylor.

Nine years older and born blind, his half-brother has spent his life navigating circumstances he never chose. He lives independently, goes to the gym, plays the drums and makes his way through the world on his own terms. His younger brother has watched all of it, seeing Taylor find independence where others might expect dependence and embrace life without letting circumstances beyond his control dictate what he can do. Along the way, those lessons have shaped the way Crenshaw views his own opportunities.

"He's basically like my why," Crenshaw said.

Taylor is one part of that why. Their mother, Rose, and Evan's father, Robert, are the others. Together, they form the foundation behind a football career that has taken their son from a baseball-heavy childhood to a position he never initially planned to play and eventually to national recognition as one of the country's top punters.

The awards and attention that came with last season were new. The motivation was not. Crenshaw's perspective was shaped long before he became an All-American.

Taylor grew up alongside him in Greenville, South Carolina, after the family moved there from Florida when Crenshaw was 4 years old. The two brothers were never in school at the same time because of their nine-year age difference, but Taylor was always present as his younger brother grew up. And now, he is there on Saturdays.

Taylor attends every home football game, sitting beside their mother and taking in the atmosphere. He cannot see what is happening on the field, so Rose provides a running commentary, giving him the information he needs to follow the game.

"He gets every kind of information he needs," Crenshaw said.

Taylor has also learned football through years of listening, talking and asking questions. On the road, he can follow along through the broadcast. At home, he sits next to Rose and absorbs the game through her descriptions and everything his brother has told him over the years. For Taylor, being at the games is about more than keeping up with a scoreboard. He loves the crowd, the atmosphere and being part of it.

That makes the family ritual after games even more meaningful. After every home game, the family goes to dinner together, talking about what happened, how the team played and how the game felt. The next morning, they go to breakfast, giving the brothers more time together.

They do not spend breakfast breaking down every punt or analyzing every snap. They talk about how the game felt, what happened and everything surrounding it. Taylor also likes hearing about the parts of college football spectators never see: the locker room, the fans, the media attention and the stories that come with being a college athlete.

Taylor is interested in plenty of things beyond football, too. He plays the drums, loves music, is fascinated by military aircraft and follows politics closely. According to his brother, once Taylor finds a subject he enjoys, he can talk about it for as long as anyone will listen.

That relationship has given the younger brother something that can be difficult to maintain in college athletics: perspective. He knows he has been given abilities that are outside his control. He also knows his brother has faced circumstances outside his control. Watching Taylor respond to his circumstances has made Crenshaw more grateful for his own.

That same lesson has come from his father. Robert has battled lymphoma twice. His most recent fight came only a few months ago, and he is now in remission. Through both battles, his son has watched his father approach difficult circumstances with the same philosophy that has shaped the rest of the family: Make the best of what life gives you.

Then there is Rose.

She has been the constant. She has been at every visit and every camp, following her son's athletic career wherever it has taken him. She has never missed a game in any sport. If there is a home game, she is there. If the family can make the trip, she is there.

"She's just been kind of the workhorse of the family," he said.

It is a description that explains more than the logistics of getting everyone to football games. The family's story has involved medical decisions, athletic sacrifices and the daily work of supporting one another.

Football, meanwhile, was not always supposed to be the main attraction. Baseball was his first sport. He played it for as long as he could remember and continued through his junior year of high school. Soccer lasted much less time. He tried it when he was around 4 and quickly decided he did not like getting kicked in the shins.

Football eventually became the sport that stuck. Even then, punter was not where he started.

As a freshman, he played strong safety. The following year, his high school's starting kicker and punter graduated, leaving an opening. He had occasionally experimented with kicking after practice, and one of his coaches, Coach Canterbury, noticed.

That moment changed the trajectory of his athletic career.

Canterbury connected him with a local trainer in Jacksonville. From there, the work accelerated. Summers became filled with training, the position became a serious pursuit and eventually football took over as baseball faded into the background.

The transition required an unusual level of attention to detail. At the college level, punting can look simple from the stands. A player catches the snap, takes a few steps and kicks the ball. The reality is much more precise.

According to Crenshaw, the margin between a good punt and a bad one can be measured in inches. The drop has to be right. The contact point has to be right. The steps have to be right. The direction has to be right. He estimates there is roughly a 5- to 6-inch window for ideal contact. Miss that window, and the result can change quickly.

That is why he spends so much time working on things spectators rarely notice, including his hands. He has spent countless hours on drills designed to improve his ability to catch and control the ball. Good hands and a good drop form the foundation. Everything else builds from there.

That precision became increasingly visible last season. Crenshaw knew he was capable of having a strong year. He did not know whether everything would align for the national recognition that eventually followed.

It did.

He earned first team All-America honors and found himself dealing with a level of attention that was unfamiliar. Awards came in. People reached out. Other punters' performances became part of the conversation. For him, the hardest part was not necessarily performing. It was maintaining focus while everything around the performance grew louder.

"There's some things that just have to go your way," he said.

The season became a test of more than his leg. It became a test of his ability to stay mentally locked in.

One of the defining moments came against Buffalo. Late in the game, with the outcome still in doubt, the coaching staff sent the punt team onto the field. Crenshaw delivered, pinning Buffalo deep near its own goal line. The defense forced a three-and-out. The offense eventually scored. Troy won.

For the punter, the play carried significance beyond the statistics. It was evidence that the trust between him and the coaching staff was real. It was confidence made visible in a moment that mattered. And for the team, it became part of a larger stretch defined by a refusal to quit.

The lesson carried forward. The following conference championship game against James Madison provided a different lesson. Things did not go according to plan, and Crenshaw walked away believing he could have performed better. But the experience reinforced something he now teaches younger kickers: Things are going to go wrong. The important part is what happens next.

"You don't want your mind to be clouded over the last thing and have it compound and build," he said.

That mentality continues to shape the way he approaches his career. As the current season progresses, Crenshaw hopes to build on the foundation he established a year ago. He jokes about still punting at 60, but eventually there will be a life after football.

He is majoring in economics and sees himself somewhere in the financial world, potentially as an analyst or adviser. The common thread is people. He likes numbers, but he does not picture himself sitting alone at a desk all day. He wants to talk with people, build relationships and work in a field where he can combine those skills.

For now, though, the focus remains on football. And behind that focus is the family that has been there from the beginning.

Taylor will continue to be in the stands, listening to Rose explain what is happening on the field. Robert will be there when he can, continuing his recovery and showing his son what resilience looks like. Rose will be there because, by now, that is what she does.

She has never missed a game.

And after the final whistle, the family will gather around a dinner table and talk about what happened.

For everyone else, the game may be measured in yards, scores, wins, losses and statistics. For Crenshaw, football carries something more personal.

Every punt is part of a career he has worked hard to build. Every Saturday is another opportunity to do something with abilities he knows he did not create for himself. And every time he looks toward the stands, he is reminded of the people who taught him how to respond to circumstances he cannot control.

That is why Taylor matters. That is why Rose matters. That is why Robert matters.

They are the reason behind the work. The reason he keeps pushing. The reason the journey means more than what happens on the scoreboard.



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(L-R) Brooklyn Moran, Jeffrey Knight, Erikka Knight, T-Roy, and Mark Jordan

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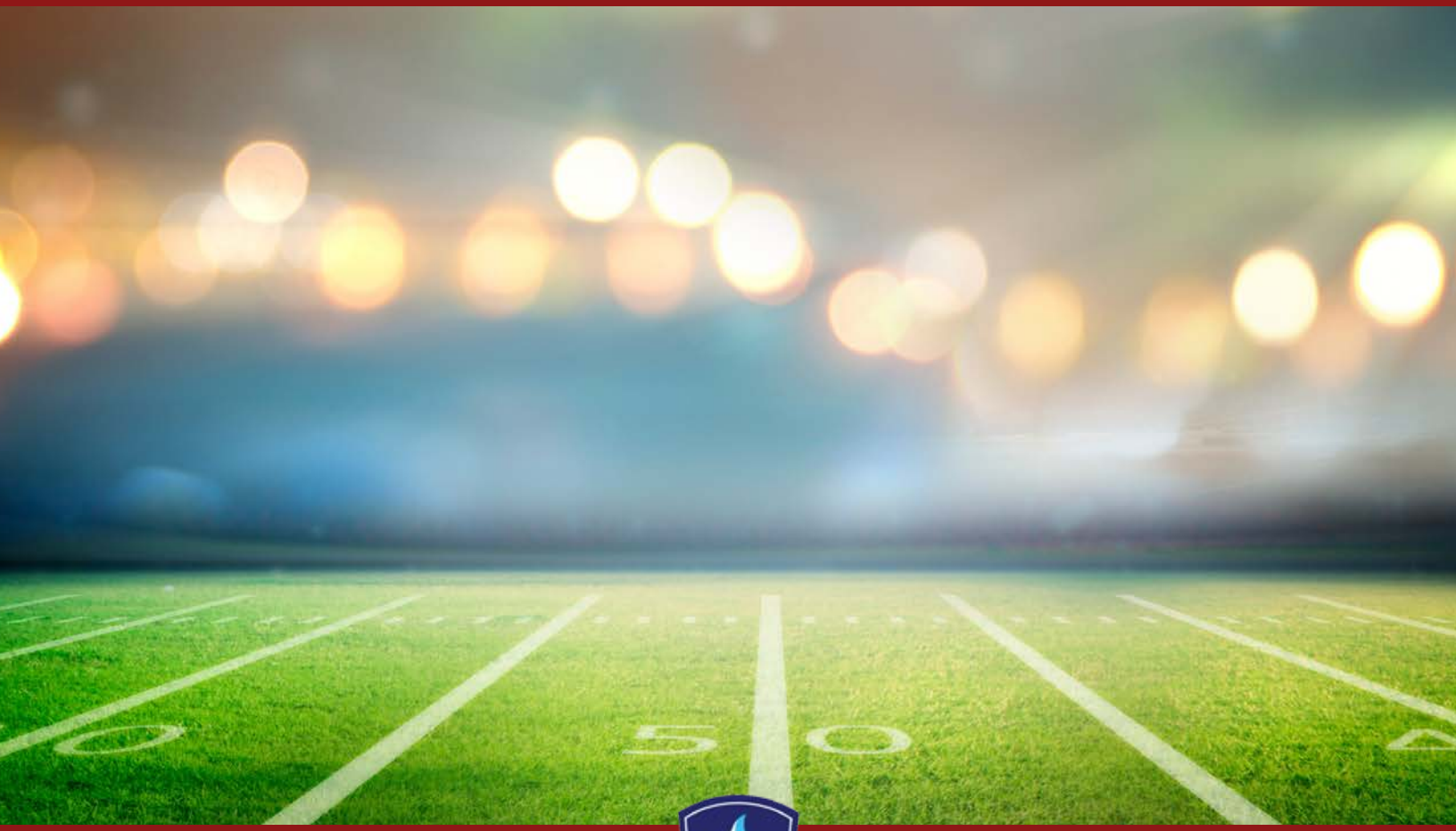
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KINNICK MANLEY

KINNICK MANLEY: THE RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

By: Gavan Baxley



For two years, if a Troy football player needs nutrition advice, his teammate Kinnick Manley has been the man to call. The fifth-year long snapper joined the team entering the 2025 season and has since found a passion for nutrition and kinesiology.

Spending time at Dodge City Community College, Sacramento State, FIU, Southern Miss and finally Troy allowed the Firestone, Colorado, native to learn plenty about taking care of his body and how to help take care of others, too.

"I've been around a lot of different strength coaches and strength staffs and what they can provide their athletes from that angle," Manley said. "I've always had a passion for weightlifting and working out, and eating healthy for me is a big deal."

Originally, it began with Manley meal prepping for himself and posting it on social media. Soon after, his teammates began reaching out for similar plans.

"A couple teammates noticed, and then would ask, 'Well, would you cook for me?'" Manley said. "I helped out a lot of guys, and they definitely appreciate it and they've helped me out. So definitely a win-win for everyone."

With an athletic family featuring a mother who committed to play volleyball for North Dakota State and a father who played football at Simpson College, health and fitness have always been a part of Kinnick's life. Then, with the help of strength and performance coaches Ben Sowders and Tommy McChesney, Kinnick realized he'd found his calling.

"It's just been implemented in my brain since I was a kid," Manley said. "I come from a super athletic family, so nutrition and health have definitely been a huge staple in my life, and I definitely understand it super well. I didn't really know that was the route I wanted to take, though, until last summer. Then, the more I talked to Coach Tommy and Coach Sowders, I realized that's what I want to do."

Prior to arriving at Troy, Manley had already connected with cornerback Jabari Strait, who was his teammate at Dodge City, and later punter Evan Crenshaw, who remains a close connection for Manley.

"[Jabari] was one of the first guys I reached out to when I came to Troy," Manley said. "And I reached out to Evan right away. Him being directly in my position group made a big impact and helped me get here. He definitely put a good word in for me with the coaching staff."

Manley originally saw plenty of playing time during his year at Dodge City but has not seen in-game action since 2022. Despite this, he remains ready for his opportunity whenever that moment arrives.

"I've prepared the last four years to this point to be ready for when my name's called," Manley said. "Until then, I'm more focused on just being a good teammate and definitely a leader to the younger guys."

Manley will graduate this spring with a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies. He plans to pursue a master's degree in nutrition and kinesiology and hopes to one day be a nutritionist for a Division I college football program.

With only a handful of games remaining in his collegiate career, whether he hears his name called in a game will not deter his experience and takeaways from being a student-athlete.

"College football has taught me more than just who I was on the field," Manley said. "I think it's more important who I am off the field than who I am on it, because once your career is over, they're not really going to remember who you were on the field. It's who you were outside of football and off the field, I think, is the biggest thing for me."

BRYCE STEELE

BRYCE STEELE: FIND A WAY

By: Jaycie Smith



Bryce Steele is well-versed in the world of football. A sixth-year athlete who was ranked as a four-star recruit in high school, Steele continued his career at the Power Five level before transferring to continue playing at the Division I level. His passion and love for the game can be seen not only through his accomplishments but also through his dedication to the sport despite the trials and tribulations he has faced.

When diagnosed with thymoma, a rare form of cancer, just before his junior year of high school, Steele's football journey took a different path. For years, Steele battled annual cancer relapses. Each time his scans showed the tumors had returned, he underwent surgery to remove them and returned to the weight room as soon as possible to get stronger and continue his football career.

"People always ask me mentally how that felt, but for me, it was kind of routine. Let's just get this stuff over with and have surgery so I can get back to training and get back to doing what I do – playing football."

When the cancer returned for the fourth time and spread even further throughout his body, Steele's doctors told him the surgery he needed would mean he could never play a contact sport again. Steele refused to let his circumstances define him or take away the thing he was most passionate about. Instead, he looked at the doctors and told them to "find another way."

To understand why football means so much to Steele, you have to go back to where his love for the game began. Steele has always been an athlete. He excelled in several sports throughout his childhood – basketball, baseball and track – but one sport always stood out. Growing up, Steele's most vivid memories are connected by one common thread: football.

"My true love and passion was always for the game of football. Ever since I was about seven or eight years old, every college or NFL game I remember sitting in the living room with my mom and my dad watching the game and aspiring to be like the guys that are on television. My family grew up Dallas Cowboys fans, and every Halloween when I was growing up, I was a Dallas Cowboys football player."

Steele began his football career at a local private school in Raleigh, North Carolina, before transferring to a boarding school in Virginia to further elevate his opportunities to play football at a higher level. After his sophomore year of high school, Steele had earned offers from around 40 schools, including Texas, Notre Dame, Michigan and Ohio State. However, he knew he still needed to prove himself through his performances in his junior and senior seasons. Just before his junior year, though, everything took a turn for the worse.

In August 2019, Steele began experiencing a persistent cough and sharp pain throughout his chest. Initially, he believed it was the result of a hard hit during fall camp, but as the issues continued, Steele and his family began visiting doctors to find answers. After another hard hit during a game forced him to the sideline, Steele underwent scans that revealed something behind his heart. A biopsy later confirmed it was a cancerous tumor.

"I interrupted her [the doctor] and said, 'I have a game in a couple of days. Am I going to be able to play?' She said no. That's really all I cared about at the time because I was gearing up to have a pretty big season and accomplish those goals that I had written down for myself prior to the season starting."

Following his diagnosis, Steele returned home to North Carolina for further evaluation at Duke Hospital, where he underwent surgery to remove the cancerous tumor. He was then transferred to Georgetown University, where he underwent one month of proton radiation. Because of his cancer treatments, Steele missed his entire junior football season, significantly impacting his recruiting at a pivotal moment.

"Unfortunately, my health played a huge factor in my recruiting. A lot of those schools that I originally had offers from ended up no longer recruiting me."

After many ups and downs during the recruiting process, Steele signed with Boston College in January 2021. However, shortly after arriving, Steele returned to the hospital for routine scans and was met with bad news: His cancer had returned.

Steele refused to let his health stop him from pursuing his dream of playing college football. After undergoing another surgery to remove the cancer, Steele was sidelined for only a couple of weeks before pushing himself to get back into shape and earn playing time as a freshman.

Unfortunately, this would not be the last time Steele's cancer returned. In spring 2022, Steele underwent his routine scans once again and was met with the same bad news. Following the same protocol as before, Steele persevered, returning to the field to play his sophomore season at Boston College.

The following year, Steele returned for another round of scans, expecting the same results, but was met with a worst-case scenario. Doctors told Steele the cancer had spread even further and that this time was different. The cancer was more invasive and would require a more extensive procedure that involved opening his sternum.

"They told me once they stitched me back up and put staples in my chest that I wouldn't be able to take brute force to that area anymore and I wouldn't be able to play a contact sport. I told them to find another way. I'm not letting you take the game of football away from me. I don't care what you have to do, but there's got to be another way."

"In 2023, I physically was in the best shape possible. I was big, strong, fast – I felt great. I was gearing up for a great junior season. I felt like I was Superman at the time, so for them to say this cancer has spread all throughout your body, I was like how is that possible because I felt amazing. It didn't make any sense to me."

Steele's medical team pivoted and developed another plan: a couple of rounds of chemotherapy, followed by the possibility of a less invasive surgery. On Oct. 3, Steele underwent surgery to remove the cancer. He remained in the hospital for nearly two months following the procedure, including two weeks in the intensive care unit.

"It was definitely a tough time mentally. I hadn't smelled fresh air for a month and a half. I hadn't been outside. I was fortunate enough to have my mom and my girlfriend visiting me every day."

Steele's relationship with his mother is what motivates him to keep going, even when things get difficult. He always thinks about her when he steps onto the field and finds comfort in knowing that when he plays, she is smiling and proud. She instilled a mindset centered on ambition and work ethic in Steele as a child, and he has carried those values throughout his life. They are evident in how he approaches every adversity he faces.

"I bring that mindset and approach with me on everything I do, whether that's in the classroom or on the field. I try to give as much effort as I possibly can and do the best job on anything no matter what it is."

Regardless of the battles Steele has fought, both those seen and those behind the scenes, he remains positive and aims to be a motivator and encourager for others. He reminds himself not to take anything for granted and to appreciate life, regardless of the circumstances.

"One lesson I've learned throughout everything is that there's always light at the end of the tunnel. No matter how hard things get, eventually you'll break through and when you break through it'll be that much more victorious given everything that you've gone through."

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Troy University was founded in 1887 as a college to train educators for Alabama's schools under the founding motto "Educate the mind to think, the body to act and the heart to feel."

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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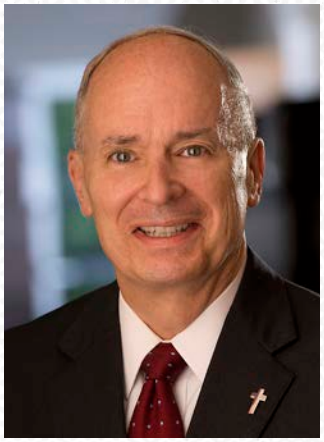
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DR. JACK HAWKINS, JR.

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.

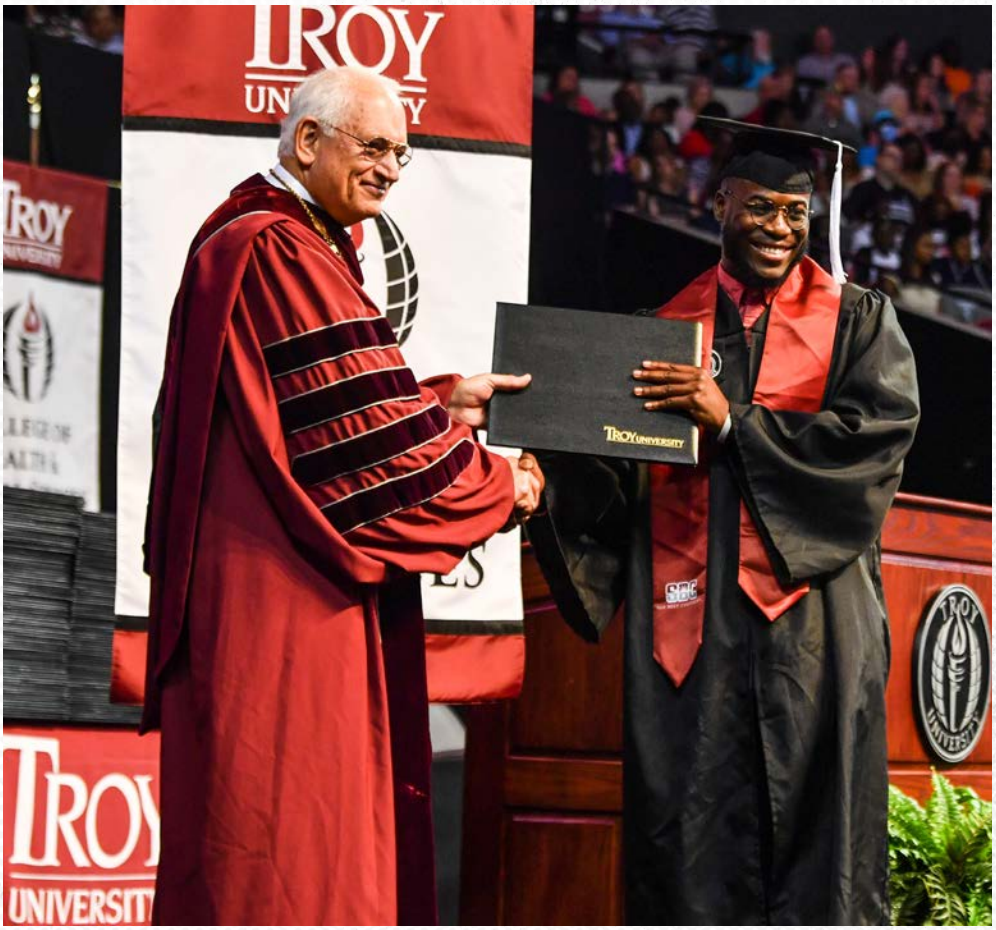
Hawkins' professional background includes his service as an assistant dean at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (1971-1979) and as president of the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind in Talladega (1979-1989).

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



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 of 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 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.



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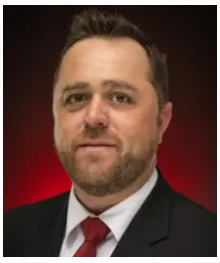
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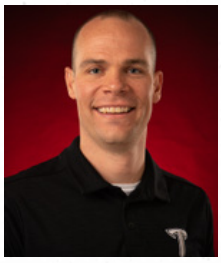
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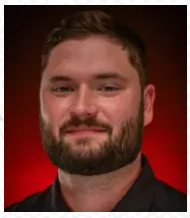
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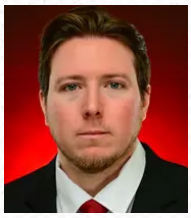
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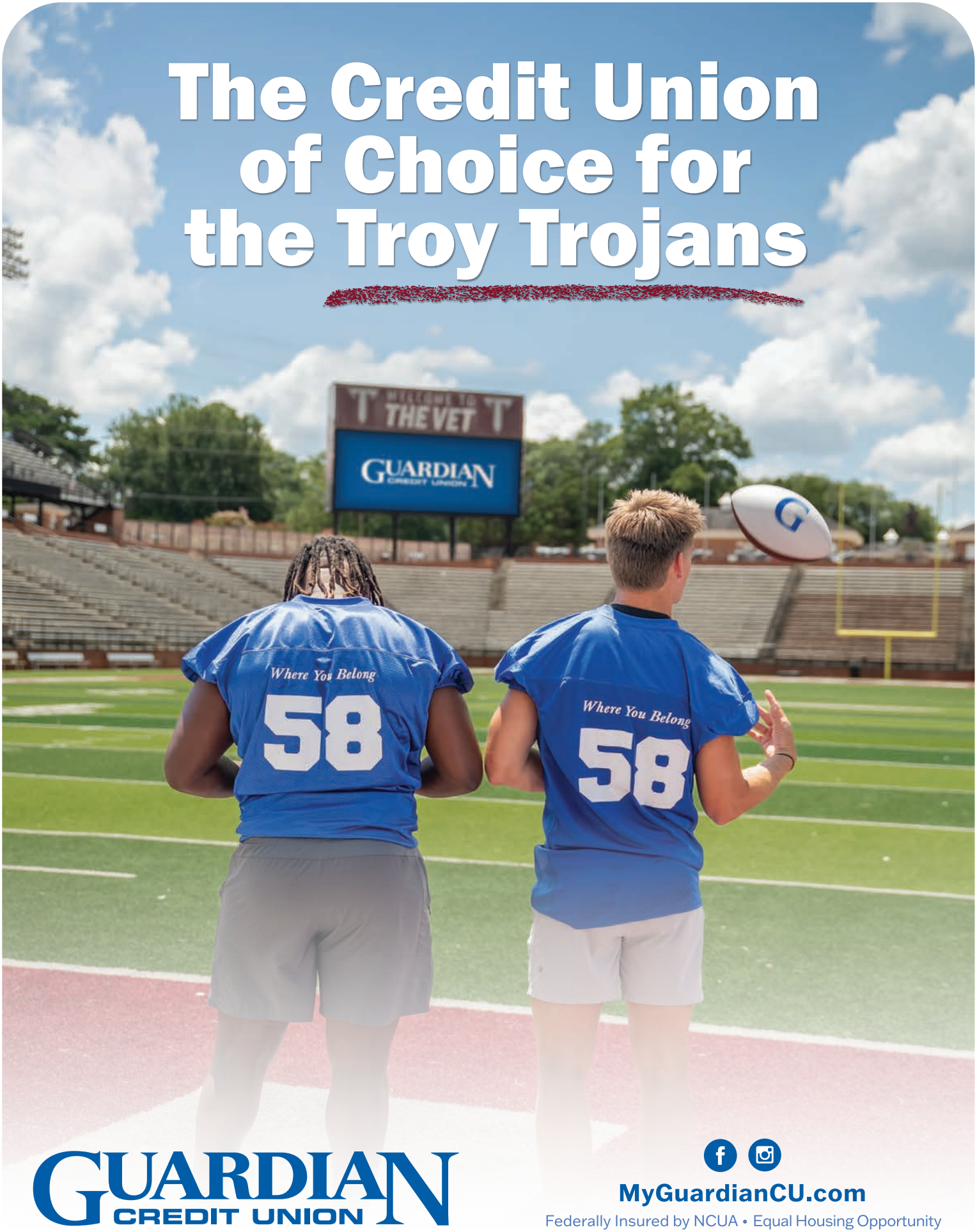


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HEAD COACH GERAD PARKER

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)**	**4-4**
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 Lafeytte 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.

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.

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.

Troy also ranked 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 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, Jyonel



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 Estime 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.

Donnie Smith led the Sun Belt and ranked eighth nationally with 11 sacks; he 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.

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.

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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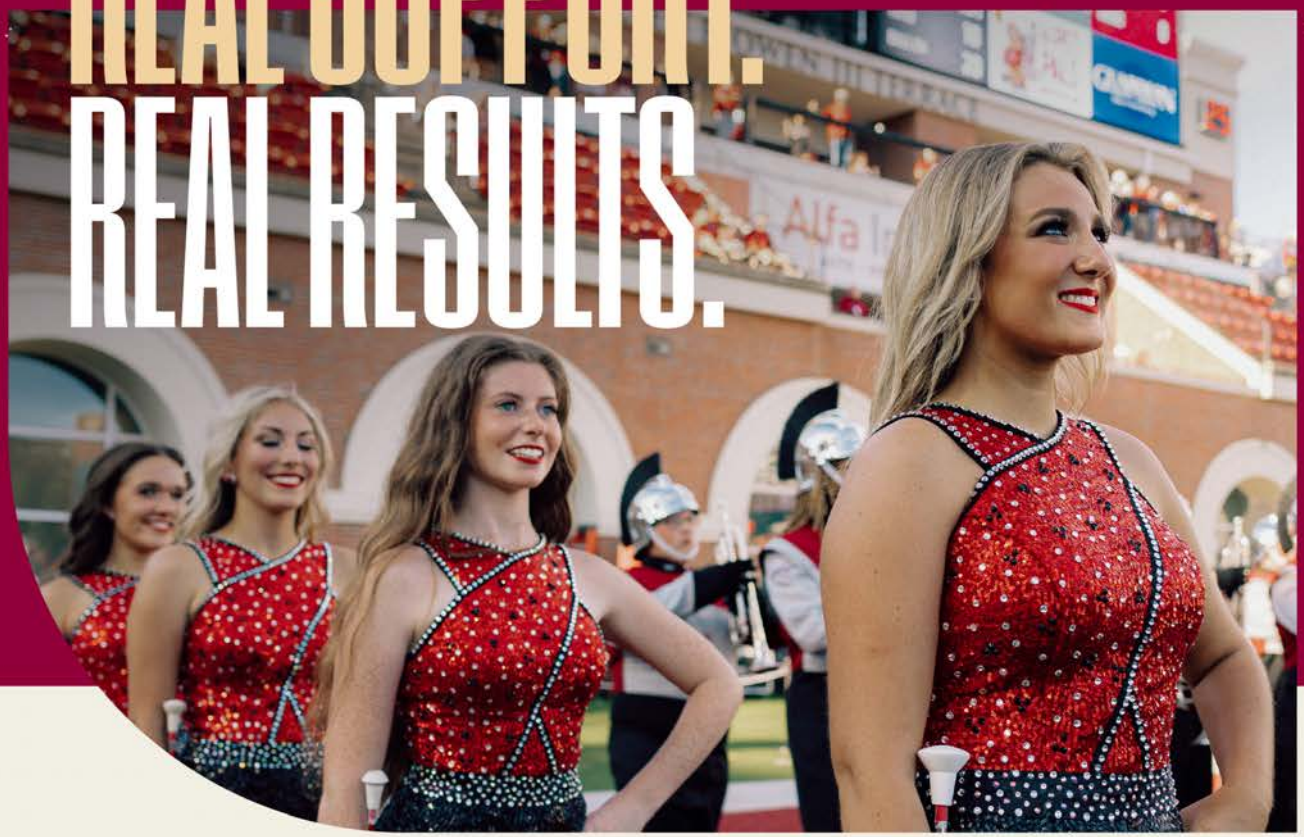
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Keyshawn Campbell
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#65



Ty Clemons
6th • DT
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Knai Cook
3rd • S
#10



Evan Crenshaw
5th • P
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Goose Crowder
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#78



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#79



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Keivay Foster
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#30



Parks Glaze
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#75



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3rd • S
#8



Makel Green
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#41



Gavin Griffin
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#0



Nick Hampton
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#19



Marquis Harris
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#14



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3rd • K
#33



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#25



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5th • LB
#44



Hayden Jackson
4th • WR
#12



Jah'Marren Jackson
2nd • WR
#81



Hank James
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#36

Jack James
2nd • QB
#6

Jordon Jones
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#55

Keno Jones
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#9

TK Keyes
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#8

Howard Kinchen
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#18

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#10

Chris King
2nd • OL
#59

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2nd • WR
#84

Austin Lewis
2nd • P
#49

Joe Lott
3rd • S
#29

TJ Lott
4th • WR
#15

Jordan Lovett
4th • RB
#1

Kinnick Manley
5th • LS
#68

Jermaine McCree
1st • CB
#32

Ky McNulty
3rd • WR
#13

Noah Mercer
4th • OL
#57

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3rd • RB
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Marlin Odom
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#17



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3rd • RB
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Jermaine Paramore
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#28



Jonathan Pennix
4th • CB
#14



Jordan Perry
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#18



Luke Petit
6th • OL
#51



Jace Petty
5th • WR
#17



Sharvon Pierre
2nd • OL
#56



Justin Powe
5th • S
#6



Elijah Prather
4th • OL
#58



Trinton Pritchett
1st • OL
#67



KD Reynolds
1st • SPR
#35



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#77



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#5



Antonious Steele
2nd • S
#16



Bryce Steele
6th • LB
#2



Jabari Strait
5th • CB
#1



JT Tang
4th • TE
#80



Kristian Tate
4th • WR
#7



Tai Terrell
3rd • CB
#21



TJ Thomas
5th • LB
#4



Tra'jon Townsend
3rd • OL
#74



Jordan Turner
4th • CB
#7



Jaden Tynes
2nd • K
#20



OJ Vaughan Jr.
3rd • S
#27



Jaxon Villegez-Williams
1st • DT
#99



Rodge Waldrop
3rd • QB
#11



Colton Walls
4th • LS
#52



AC Walters
2nd • RB
#21



Shemar Welch
3rd • CB
#12



Delvin Whitaker
4th • DE
#98



Noreel White
3rd • WR
#4

Jacorey Whitted
3rd • TE
#89

Ronald Wilder
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#31

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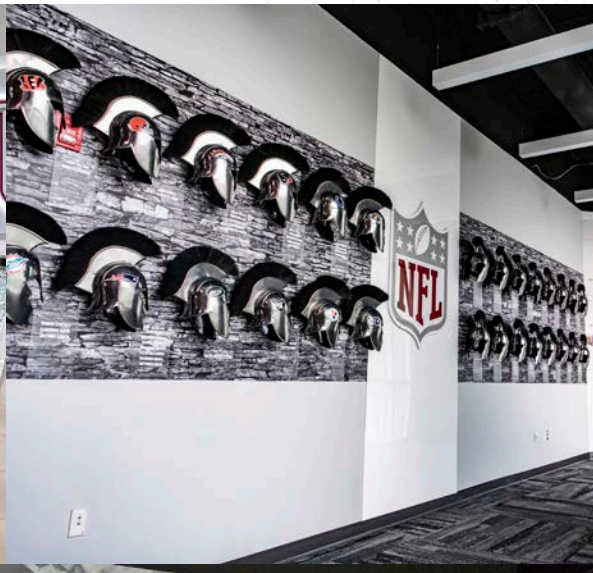
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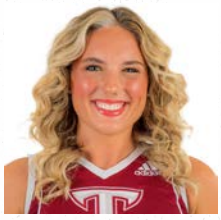

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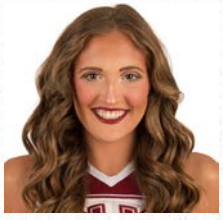

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LOUISIANA TECH (0-6, 0-2 SBC)

2026 SCHEDULE

9/5	Northwestern State	W, 80-6
9/12	at LSU	L, 14-45
9/19	at Baylor	L, 19-36
10/3	Army	W, 31-29
10/10	Louisiana	W, 32-31
10/17	at ULM	W, 24-0
10/24	Old Dominion	W, 26-0
10/31	at South Alabama	W, 35-20
11/7	at Troy	3 p.m.
11/14	Southern Miss	4 p.m.
11/21	Arkansas State	TBD
11/28	at Georgia Southern	TBD

2026 TEAM STATS	LA TECH	OPP
Points	261	167
Points/Game	32.6	20.9
Total Offense	3110	2661
Yards/Game	388.8	332.6
Yards/Play	5.9	5.1
Rushing Yards	1175	1083
Rushing Yards/Game	146.9	135.4
Rushing Yards/Att.	4.0	3.6
Passing Yards	1935	1578
Passing Yards/Game	241.9	197.3
Passing Yards/Comp.	11.9	12.3
First Downs	162	151
Field Goals	5-13	7-8
Punting Average	44.3	40.3
Punt Returns	12-202	11-79
Yards/Return	16.8	7.2
Kickoff Returns	16-289	7-158
Yards/Return	18.0	22.6
Penalties	51-444	63-586
Average/Game	55.5	73.3
Third Down Conversion	46-107	42-111
Time of Possession/Game	30:12	29:29
Sacks/Yardage	22-139	19-86

RUSHING

Player	Car.	Yards	Avg.	TD	YPG
Andrew Burnette	94	365	3.9	2	45.6
Trey Kukuk	43	209	4.9	2	29.9
Louisiana Tech	**297**	**1175**	**4.0**	**15**	**146.9**
Opponents	**303**	**1083**	**3.6**	**13**	**135.4**

PASSING

Player	Cm.	Att.	Yards	Int.	TD	YPG
Blake Baker	106	149	1327	1	13	189.6
Trey Kukuk	50	76	494	2	4	70.6
Louisiana Tech	**162**	**232**	**1935**	**3**	**19**	**241.9**
Opponents	**128**	**223**	**1578**	**11**	**8**	**197.3**

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	TD	YPG
Jalen Mickens	43	618	14.4	4	77.3
Eli Finley	41	477	11.6	5	59.6
Marcus Calwise Jr.	19	247	13.0	2	30.9
Louisiana Tech	**162**	**1935**	**11.9**	**19**	**241.9**
Opponents	**128**	**1578**	**12.3**	**8**	**197.3**

DEFENSE

Player	Tac.	TFL	Sacks	Int.
Alonzo Jackson Jr.	58	13-43	7-33	1
Jadon Mayfield	53	9-37	3-23	0
Kolbe Fields	49	8-26	1-12	0
Zheric Hill	47	8-24	0.5-4	1
Louisiana Tech	**567**	**67-244**	**22-139**	**11**
Opponents	**606**	**48-148**	**19-86**	**3**



Hayden Wolfe played hero in overtime over James Madison, making the game-winning field goal, 24-21.



Justin Powe earned SBC Defensive Player of the Week after a three-interception game to beat James Madison on the road.

TROY (4-4, 2-2 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	W, 55-34
10/17	at Louisiana	L, 6-33
10/24	ULM	L, 14-21
10/29	at James Madison	W, 24-21 (OT)
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	184	195
Points/Game	23.0	24.4
Total Offense	2965	2752
Yards/Game	370.6	344.0
Yards/Play	5.3	5.4
Rushing Yards	1551	1067
Rushing Yards/Game	193.9	133.4
Rushing Yards/Att.	4.7	4.0
Passing Yards	1414	1685
Passing Yards/Game	176.8	210.6
Passing Yards/Comp.	11.3	11.3
First Downs	155	155
Field Goals	8-15	6-7
Punting Average	44.4	40.6
Punt Returns	8-35	15-119
Yards/Return	4.4	7.9
Kickoff Returns	14-256	13-186
Yards/Return	18.3	14.3
Penalties	55-546	51-415
Average/Game	68.3	51.9
Third Down Conversion	38-117	38-107
Time of Possession/Game	32:44	27:16
Sacks/Yardage	15-102	18-120

RUSHING

Player	Car.	Yards	Avg.	TD	YPG
Gavin Griffin	98	436	4.4	3	54.5
Jaheim Merriweather	71	386	5.4	5	48.3
Troy	**331**	**1551**	**4.7**	**12**	**193.9**
Opponents	**266**	**1067**	**4.0**	**9**	**133.4**

PASSING

Player	Cmp.	Att.	Yards	Int.	TD	YPG
Goose Crowder	102	183	1162	5	9	145.3
Tucker Kilcrease	23	45	252	0	1	63.0
Troy	**125**	**229**	**1414**	**5**	**10**	**176.8**
Opponents	**149**	**244**	**1685**	**7**	**15**	**210.6**

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	TD	YPG
Jace Petty	18	209	11.6	0	26.1
TK Keyes	16	252	15.8	0	31.5
Howard Kinchen	16	174	10.9	2	29.0
Troy	**125**	**1414**	**11.3**	**10**	**176.8**
Opponents	**149**	**1685**	**11.3**	**15**	**210.6**

DEFENSE

Player	Tkl.	TFL	Sacks	Int.
Keno Jones	66	7.5-26	1.5-8	0
Justin Powe	54	2.5-4	0-0	3
Jordan Perry	46	3-11	1-9	0
TJ Thompson	42	2.5-6	0-0	1
Troy	**537**	**46-173**	**15-102**	**7**
Opponents	**639**	**42-193**	**18-120**	**5**

LOUISIANA TECH

RECORD: 6-2 (4-0 SBC)

SCHEDULE

NORTHWESTERN STATE
9/5 - W, 80-6

AT LSU
9/12 - L, 14-45

AT BAYLOR
9/19 - L, 19-36

ARMY
10/3 - W, 31-29

LOUISIANA
10/10 - W, 32-31

AT ULM
10/17 - W, 24-0

OLD DOMINION
10/24 - W, 36-0

AT SOUTH ALABAMA
10/31 - W, 35-20

AT TROY
11/7 - 3 P.M.

SOUTHERN MISS
11/14 - 4 P.M.

ARKANSAS STATE
11/21 - TBA

AT GEORGIA SOUTHERN
11/28 - TBA

TEAM NOTES

• Louisiana Tech gave themselves bowl eligibility with their 35-20 win at South Alabama on Halloween, giving the Jaguars a second-half shutout to mark 10 of the last 12 quarters played as scoreless for the LA Tech defense. The Bulldogs have taken control with a two-game lead in the Sun Belt West Division, as well as the last undefeated team remaining in SBC play. It is the second-straight year the Bull- dogs have reached legitimate bowl eligibility--the Bulldogs went 5-7 in 2024, yet made a bowl game after Marshall withdrew from the Independence Bowl, making LA Tech the only 5-7 team to make a bowl game that season. The last time LA Tech had consecutive years of legitimate bowl eligibility were the 2018 and 2019 seasons.

• Blake Baker has been one of the most steady quarterbacks in the conference at this point in the season, leading the Sun Belt with a 173.4 passing efficiency and a 71.1 completion percentage, along with an SBC-best 13-1 TD:INT ratio. His overall completion percentage is the eighth-best rate and his passing efficiency is the seventh-best at the FBS level. In SBC-only contests, Baker has nine passing touchdowns and no interceptions, an SBC-best 75.2 completion percentage and the third-most passing yards with 967.

• Louisiana Tech's 36 offensive team touchdowns are the second-most in the conference behind James Madison's 45, and the Bulldog defense has allowed 21 touchdowns--tied for the third-least.



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BLAKE BAKER - #5
QUARTERBACK



ALONZO JACKSON JR. - #24
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	Lonnie 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	Antonious Steele	S	6-1	192	2nd	Centreville, Ala. / Bibb County HS
17	Marlin Odom	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 Betterson 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 Tilgham 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
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 Villegez-Williams	DT	6-2	293	1st	Mobile, Ala. / Faith Academy

DEFENSE

Pos.	#	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
DE	25	Kavion Henderson	6-2	256	3rd
DT	11	Ty Clemons	6-3	296	6th
NT	0	Kam Curry	6-2	302	5th
BAN	22	Donnie Smith	6-4	234	5th
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	1	Jabari Strait	6-2	175	5th
SS	8	Marcus Goree Jr.	6-1	185	3rd
FS	6	Justin Powe	6-0	210	5th

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	#	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
K	38	Hayden Wolfe	5-9	161	3rd
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	15	TJ Lott	5-11	163	4th

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	4	Noreel White	6-1	195	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	58	Elijah Prather	6-4	291	4th
RT	55	Jordon Jones	6-3	315	5th

STARTING LINEUPS

LOUISIANA TECH

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
0	Jordan McRae	DB	5-11	180	3rd	McRae, Ga. / Georgia Military College
0	Jaden Miller	RB	6-0	202	4th	Miami, Fla. / Keiser
1	Sam Fongang	DB	6-2	195	4th	Mansfield, Texas / Tyler JC
1	Andrew Burnette	RB	6-2	238	5th	Stuart, Fla. / Keiser University
2	Amari Butler	DB	5-10	186	4th	Petal, Miss / Pearl River CC
2	Trey Kukuk	QB	6-1	201	4th	Mission Veijo, Calif. / Saddleback College
3	Kameron Carter	DB	6-1	175	4th	Natchez, Miss / Southwest Mississippi CC
3	Dedrick Latulas	WR	5-7	165	4th	New Iberia, La. / Westgate HS
4	Kam Franklin	DB	6-2	211	4th	Oak Grove, La. / Oklahoma State
5	Blake Baker	QB	6-5	220	4th	Cypress, Texas / Cypress Ranch HS
5	Ahkhari Johnson	DB	5-11	191	3rd	Texarkana, Texas / Arkansas
6	Marcus Calwise Jr.	WR	5-11	190	3rd	Youngstown, Ohio / Eastern Kentucky
7	Jackson Bradley	QB	6-3	220	2nd	Oak Grove, La. / Oak Grove HS
7	Janard Lockhardt	DB	6-1	180	4th	Baltimore, Md. / Tyler JC
8	David Pierro	WR	5-11	185	4th	Fresno, Calif. / Diablo Valley College
9	Joshua Brantley	TE	6-4	220	2nd	Ruston, La. / Tulane
10	Kolbe Fields	LB	6-0	225	6th	New Orleans, La. / LSU
11	Jalen Mickens	WR	5-9	187	2nd	Willis, Texas / Willis HS
11	Emmanuel Oguns	DL	6-5	260	5th	Alief, Texas / Tyler JC
13	MJ Moultrie II	DB	5-11	195	4th	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. / Hampton
13	Michael Kirby	QB	6-2	200	1st	Zachary, La / Zachary HS
14	Brady Vodicka	QB	6-2	215	1st	Englewood, Calif. / Cherry Creek HS
14	Damien Richard II	DB	6-0	170	1st	Destrehan, La. / Destrehan HS
15	Luke Watkins	WR	6-4	205	2nd	Prosper, Texas / Walnut Grove HS
15	Franklin Morgan Jr.	DB	5-10	170	1st	Amite, La. / Amite HS
16	Taeden Rogers	DB	6-0	170	2nd	Los Alamitos, Calif. / Golden West College
17	Dane Benedix	WR	6-0	195	4th	Mission Viejo, Calif. / Saddleback College
17	Demario Bookhart	DB	6-1	175	3rd	Spartanburg, S.C. / South Carolina State
18	Jaitlin Hampton	DB	5-11	170	4th	Lancaster, Texas / Coastal Carolina
19	Mason Welch	QB	6-5	227	4th	Shreveport, La. / Kilgore JC
19	AJ Tarvin	DB	6-1	175	1st	Hattiesburg, Miss. / Hattiesburg HS
20	Ty Jones	DB	6-2	200	4th	Hollywood, Fla. / Norfolk State
20	Rayshun Hurt	RB	5-10	185	1st	San Antonio, Texas / Johnson HS
21	Zheric Hill	LB	6-0	230	2nd	Grambling, La. / Ruston HS
22	Jadon Mayfield	LB	5-11	225	3rd	Ruston, La. / Ruston HS
22	Demarcus Belton	RB	5-11	200	1st	Alvarado, Texas / Alvarado HS
23	Sergio Snider	RB	5-11	200	3rd	Fort Worth, Texas / Navarro College
23	Javari Lockhart	DB	6-1	170	2nd	Monroe, La. / Neville HS
24	Alonzo Jackson Jr.	LB	6-1	227	3rd	Haynesville, La. / Haynesville HS
24	Kenny Thomas	RB	5-9	170	1st	Stonewall, La. / North Desoto HS
25	Colton Deckard	LB	6-2	220	4th	Muenster, Texas / Muenster HS
26	Dylone Brooks	RB	5-10	200	2nd	Ruston, La. / Ruston HS
26	Nathan Green	DB	5-11	175	1st	Shreveport, La. / Huntington HS
27	Grayson Hardy	LB	6-3	215	1st	Sulphur Springs, Texas / Sulphur Springs HS
28	Jeremiah Smith	LB	6-1	220	1st	Katy, Texas / Katy HS
28	Harrison Williams	RB	6-0	185	2nd	Celina, Texas / Harding
29	Lexington Matthews	P	6-3	196	4th	Atlanta, Ga. / Savannah State
30	Zander Hayes	LB	5-10	194	2nd	Ruston, La. / Ruston HS
30	Reuben Edwards	P	6-6	240	1st	Melbourne, Australia
31	Brayden Curry	WR	5-7	161	3rd	Shreveport, La. / Evangel Christian Academy
31	Hunter Rioux	K	5-10	170	4th	Austin, Texas / Butler CC
32	Emanual Collins	DB	5-11	170	1st	Youngsville, La. / Southside HS
33	Jaylon Parnell	LB	5-11	224	2nd	Pascagoula, Miss. / Pascagoula HS
35	Cole Watson	LB	6-0	220	3rd	Marshall, Texas / Tatum HS
36	Riley Small	RB	5-10	190	3rd	Gonzales, La. / University Lab
37	Zachary Jackson	DB	5-10	170	3rd	Monroe, La. / Ouachita Parish HS
38	Kaegan Kent	K	5-8	160	2nd	Shreveport, La. / Evangel Christian Academy
39	Jacoryian Crowe	DB	5-10	175	3rd	Ruston, La. / Ruston HS
40	Ayden Combs	LB	6-2	220	1st	Cypress, Texas / Cypress Ranch HS
41	Ean Burch	LS	6-0	215	6th	Shreveport, La. / Loyola College Prep
41	Jake Kim	DB	5-11	175	1st	Englewood, Colo. / Cherry Creek HS
43	Justin Thomas	DB	5-11	165	1st	Blanchard, La. / Northwood HS
44	Kaleb Coleman	DL	6-4	255	3rd	Trophy Club, Texas / East Texas A&M
45	Skylar Kirk	TE	6-3	235	1st	Aledo, Texas / Aledo HS
46	Daylin Page	DL	6-4	236	2nd	Hattiesburg, Miss. / North Forrest HS
46	Hunter Fox	K	6-1	185	1st	West Monroe, La. / West Monroe HS
47	Jay Wilkerson	WR	6-1	175	5th	Midlothlan, Texas / Navarro College
48	Kaden McIver	DL	6-3	230	3rd	Oakland, Calif. / Diablo Valley College
49	James Predtechenskis	LB	6-1	200	3rd	Richardson, Texas / The Covenant School
50	Tazio Rosso	OL	6-1	271	2nd	St. Marys, Ga. / Camden County HS
51	Amery Edwards	DL	6-2	285	3rd	Alexandria, La. / Co-Lin CC
52	Troy Smith III	OL	6-3	301	4th	New Orleans, La. / St. Augustine HS
53	Austin Ellis	OL	6-4	305	3rd	Whitehouse, Texas / Bullard HS
54	Justice Williams	DL	6-3	310	6th	Wesley Chapel, Fla. / West Florida
56	Andrew Richard	OL	6-3	304	3rd	Central, La. / Central HS
57	Tadan Bingham	OL	6-5	290	1st	Houma, La. / Terrebonne HS
58	Tye Hylton	OL	6-5	290	3rd	Ovledo, Fla. / Florida State
59	Jake Riggs	LS	5-11	188	3rd	Dallas, Texas / Prestonwood Christian Academy
60	Roy Brackins III	OL	6-3	308	4th	Baton Rouge, La. / Woodlawn HS
61	Ervin Smith	OL	6-1	292	2nd	Baton Rouge, La. / Catholic HS
63	Kaleb Campbell	OL	6-7	305	1st	Lafayette, La. / Lafayette Christian Academy
66	Will Hutchens	OL	6-3	305	4th	Lindale, Texas / Sam Houston
69	Trent Sims	LS	6-3	210	3rd	Sanford, Fla. / FIU
72	Hayden Christman	OL	6-6	331	4th	Tioga, La. / Tioga HS
73	Jackson Speer	OL	6-5	280	1st	Shreveport, La. / Evangel Christian Academy
74	Jamon Lee Jr.	OL	6-3	300	4th	New Iberia, La. / Tyler JC
75	Jacob McRae	OL	6-5	285	1st	Allen, Texas / Allen HS
76	Cyler Corn	OL	6-4	314	3rd	Groesbeck, Texas / Groesbeck HS
77	Aric Adcock	OL	6-3	290	1st	Fort Worth, Texas
79	Ashanti Cole	OL	6-3	312	5th	Coushatta, La. / Grambling State
80	Deven Muniz	TE	6-3	223	4th	West Covina, Calif. / Pasadena City College
81	William Mayes	TE	6-6	240	1st	Katy, Texas / Tompkins HS
82	Luke Seib	TE	6-4	220	4th	Blue Springs, Mo. / UTEP
83	Carter Harris	WR	6-4	190	1st	Allen, Texas / Allen HS
84	Eli Finley	TE	6-6	246	4th	Heath, Texas / Rockwall-Heath HS
85	Johnny Casey Jr.	WR	5-9	165	1st	Shreveport, La. / Evangel Christian Academy
86	Talyn Shettron	WR	6-2	195	5th	Edmond, Okla. / Oklahoma State
87	Brayden Bockler	TE	6-4	237	3rd	San Juan Capistrano, Calif. / Saddleback College
88	Johnnie Thiel IV	WR	5-11	175	2nd	Destrehan, La. / Destrehan HS
89	Chase Grosfeld	WR	6-2	200	4th	Cypress, Calif. / Cerritos College
90	Jojo Odom	DL	6-4	265	2nd	Parrish, Ala. / Jasper HS
91	Za'Qwaun Nunn	DL	6-1	285	1st	Houston, Texas / North Shore HS
92	Lane Condry	DL	6-4	270	3rd	Broken Arrow, Okla. / Northeastern Oklahoma A&M
93	Jacob Bradford	DL	6-2	305	3rd	Pass Christian, Miss. / St. Stanislaus HS
94	Amari Wilks	DL	6-3	240	1st	Pearland, Texas / Pearland HS
96	Ashton Dawson	DL	6-2	285	1st	Shreveport, La. / Evangel Christian Academy
98	Donovan Rieman	DL	6-4	265	5th	Enid, Okla. / Kansas State
99	Judd Rouyea	DL	6-2	267	4th	St. Amant, La. / Catholic HS

DEFENSE

Pos.	#	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
DE	98	Donovan Rieman	6-4	265	5th
DT	93	Jacob Bradford	6-1	290	3rd
DE	11	Emmanuel Oguns	6-5	260	5th
LB	10	Kolbe Fields	6-0	225	6th
LB	24	Alonzo Jackson Jr.	6-1	227	3rd
LB	21	Zheric Hill	6-0	230	2nd
CB	7	Janard Lockhardt	6-1	180	4th
STAR	16	Taeden Rogers	6-0	170	2nd
FS	0	Jordan McRae	5-11	180	3rd
SS	1	Sam Fongang	6-2	195	4th
CB	2	Amari Butler	5-10	186	4th

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	#	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
K/KO	31	Hunter Rioux	5-10	170	4th
P/H	29	Lexington Matthews	6-3	196	4th
LS	41	Ean Burch	6-0	215	6th
PR/KR	3	Dedrick Latulas	5-7	165	4th

OFFENSE

Pos.	#	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB	5	Blake Baker	6-5	220	4th
RB	26	Dylone Brooks	5-10	200	2nd
TE	84	Eli Finley	6-6	244	4th
WR-X	47	Jay Wilkerson	6-1	175	5th
WR-H	11	Jalen Mickens	5-9	187	2nd
WR-Z	86	Talyn Shettron	6-2	195	5th
LT	72	Hayden Christman	6-6	331	4th
LG	79	Ashanti Cole	6-3	312	5th
C	60	Roy Brackins III	6-3	308	4th
RG	53	Austin Ellis	6-4	305	3rd
RT	52	Troy Smith III	6-3	301	4th



2026 SUN BELT SCHEDULES / STANDINGS

APP STATE
(5-3, 2-2 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	L, 3-10
10/16	at Coastal Carolina	W, 35-32
10/22	JMU	W, 34-31 (OT)
10/31	at Georgia Southern	L, 3-19
11/7	Georgia State	1:30 p.m.
11/14	at Marshall	5 p.m.
11/21	ULM	TBD
11/27	at South Alabama	2 p.m.

ARKANSAS STATE
(4-4, 2-2 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	L, 49-56
10/17	at Southern Miss	W, 23-13
10/24	Georgia State	W, 38-32
11/7	ULM	2 p.m.
11/14	at Coastal Carolina	12 p.m.
11/21	at Louisiana Tech	TBD
11/28	at Troy	2 p.m.

COASTAL CAROLINA
(3-5, 2-2 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	W, 27-21
10/16	App State	L, 32-35
10/31	at Georgia State	W, 31-20
11/7	Old Dominion	12 p.m.
11/14	Arkansas State	12 p.m.
11/21	at Louisiana	TBD
11/28	James Madison	TBD

GEORGIA SOUTHERN
(4-4, 3-1 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	L, 24-27
10/15	at Old Dominion	W, 23-15
10/31	App State	W, 19-3
11/7	Marshall	2:30 p.m.
11/14	at Georgia State	2:30 p.m.
11/21	at Troy	3 p.m.
11/28	Louisiana Tech	TBD

GEORGIA STATE
(4-4, 1-3 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	L, 22-49
10/24	at Arkansas State	L, 32-38
10/31	Coastal Carolina	L, 20-31
11/7	at App State	1:30 p.m.
11/14	Georgia Southern	2:30 p.m.
11/21	at Marshall	TBD
11/28	Louisiana	TBD

JAMES MADISON
(8-2, 5-2 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	W, 27-24
10/17	Georgia State	W, 49-22
10/22	at App State	L, 31-34 (OT)
10/29	Troy	L, 24-21 (OT)
11/5	at Southern Miss	W, 54-23
11/14	at UConn	11 a.m.
11/28	Coastal Carolina	TBD

LOUISIANA
(5-3, 2-2 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	L, 31-32
10/17	Troy	W, 33-6
10/24	at Southern Miss	L, 31-35
11/7	South Alabama	4 p.m.
11/12	at ULM	8 p.m.
11/21	Coastal Carolina	TBD
11/28	at Georgia State	TBD

LOUISIANA TECH
(6-2, 4-0 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	W, 32-31
10/17	at ULM	W, 24-0
10/24	Old Dominion	W, 26-0
10/31	at South Alabama	W, 35-20
11/7	at Troy	3 p.m.
11/14	Southern Miss	4 p.m.
11/21	Arkansas State	TBD
11/28	at Georgia Southern	TBD

MARSHALL
(5-3, 2-2 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	L, 21-27
10/20	South Alabama	W, 20-13
10/31	at Old Dominion	W, 36-23
11/7	at Georgia Southern	2:30 p.m.
11/14	App State	5 p.m.
11/21	Georgia State	TBD
11/28	at ULM	TBD

OLD DOMINION
(2-7, 1-5 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	W, 10-3
10/15	Georgia Southern	L, 15-23
10/24	at Louisiana Tech	L, 0-26
10/31	Marshall	L, 23-36
11/7	at Coastal Carolina	12 p.m.
11/21	at UConn	2:30 p.m.
11/28	Southern Miss	12 p.m.

SOUTH ALABAMA
(4-4, 2-2 SBC)

9/5	SE Louisiana	W, 39-14
9/12	at Tulane	L, 24-28
9/19	Ohio	W, 41-36
9/26	at (RV) Kentucky	L, 21-45
10/3	ULM	W, 52-35
10/8	at Arkansas State	W, 56-49
10/20	at Marshall	L, 13-20
10/31	Louisiana Tech	L, 20-35
11/7	at Louisiana	4 p.m.
11/14	Troy	6 p.m.
11/21	at Southern Miss	TBD
11/27	App State	2 p.m.

SOUTHERN MISS
(3-6, 2-3 SBC)

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	L, 34-55
10/17	Arkansas State	L, 13-23
10/24	Louisiana	W, 35-31
10/31	at ULM	W, 35-21
11/5	James Madison	L, 23-54
11/14	at Louisiana Tech	4 p.m.
11/21	South Alabama	TBD
11/28	at Old Dominion	12 p.m.

TROY
(4-4, 2-2 SBC)

9/5	Sam Houston	W, 24-21
9/12	Alabama State	W, 34-17
9/19	at #20 Missouri	L, 17-27
9/26	at Utah State	L, 10-21
10/6	Southern Miss	W, 55-34
10/17	at Louisiana	L, 6-33
10/24	ULM	L, 14-21
10/29	at JMU	W, 24-21 (OT)
11/7	Louisiana Tech	3 p.m.
11/14	at South Alabama	6 p.m.
11/21	Georgia Southern	3 p.m.
11/28	at Arkansas State	2 p.m.

ULM
(1-7, 1-3 SBC)

9/5	at Mississippi State	L, 13-62
9/12	at UAB	L, 20-26
9/19	SE Louisiana	L, 35-38
9/26	Florida Atlantic	L, 17-45
10/3	at South Alabama	L, 35-52
10/17	Louisiana Tech	L, 0-24
10/24	at Troy	W, 21-14
10/31	Southern Miss	L, 21-35
11/7	at Arkansas State	2 p.m.
11/12	Louisiana	8 p.m.
11/21	at App State	TBD
11/28	Marshall	TBD

SUN BELT STANDINGS

	SBC	Overall
East		
GEORGIA SOUTHERN	3-1	4-4
JAMES MADISON #	5-2	8-2
APP STATE	2-2	5-3
MARSHALL	2-2	5-3
COASTAL CAROLINA	2-2	3-5
GEORGIA STATE	1-3	4-4
OLD DOMINION*	1-5	2-7
West		
LOUISIANA TECH #	4-0	6-2
TROY	2-2	4-4
LOUISIANA	2-2	5-3
SOUTH ALABAMA	2-2	4-4
ARKANSAS STATE	2-2	4-4
SOUTHERN MISS	2-3	3-6
ULM	1-3	1-7

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VOLLEYBALL (13-9, 8-5 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.**	**W, 3-1**
Oct. 10	**ULM***	**Troy, Ala.**	**W, 3-0**
Oct. 16	Louisiana Tech*	Ruston, La.	W, 3-1
Oct. 17	Louisiana Tech*	Ruston, La.	W, 3-0
Oct. 22	**South Alabama***	**Troy, Ala.**	**L, 1-3**
Oct. 23	**South Alabama***	**Troy, Ala.**	**W, 3-2**
Oct. 30	Arkansas State*	Jonesboro, Ark.	L, 1-3
Oct. 31	Arkansas State*	Jonesboro, Ark.	L, 2-3
Nov. 5	Coastal Carolina*	Conway, S.C.	L, 2-3
Nov. 6	Coastal Carolina*	Conway, S.C.	5 p.m.
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

BOLD - Home Game

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

* Sun Belt Conference Game $SBC Tournament

SOCCER (4-10-4, 3-5-2 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.**	**W, 4-2**
Oct. 11	Southern Miss*	Hattiesburg, La.	T, 2-2
Oct. 17	**ULM***	**Troy, Ala.**	**T, 1-1**
Oct. 22	Georgia Southern*	Statesboro, Ga.	L, 1-2
Oct. 25	**Arkansas State***	**Troy, Ala.**	**W, 2-1**
Nov. 1	App State*	Boone, N.C.	L, 0-3

BOLD - Home Game

* Sun Belt Conference Game

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	7th of 13
Oct. 26-27	Pat Bradley Invitational	T10 of 15



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	T3rd of 15
Oct. 12-14	Bryson Invitational	7th of 12
Oct. 19-20	Quebin Cup	5th of 11



WOMEN'S TENNIS

Oct. 2-4	River State Shoot-Out	Completed
Oct. 8-12	Mercer Gridiron Classic	Completed
Oct. 30-31	West Florida Fall Invitational	Completed
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	Completed
Oct. 29 - Nov. 1	UTR College Invitational	Completed
Nov. 5-8	ITA Conference Masters	Rome, Ga.
Nov. 5-8	ITA D-I Sectionals	Tallahassee, Fla.



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	Men - 5th / Women - 7th
Oct. 30	Sun Belt Championships	Men - 6th / Women - 11th

WINTER SPORTS





MEN'S BASKETBALL (0-1, 0-0 SBC)

Nov. 2	**UMass !**	**Troy, Ala.**	**L, 60-71**
Nov. 6	Florida State	Tallahassee, Fla.	6 p.m.
Nov. 10	**LMU**	**Troy, Ala.**	**6 p.m.**
Nov. 13	NC State	Raleigh, N.C.	6 p.m.
Nov. 17	**CSUN**	**Troy, Ala.**	**6 p.m.**
Nov. 21	Valparaiso $	Pensacola, Fla.	7 p.m.
Nov. 22	Nicholls $	Pensacola, Fla.	2 p.m.
Nov. 28	Chattanooga	Chattanooga, Tenn.	1 p.m.
Dec. 1	**Furman**	**Troy, Ala.**	**6 p.m.**
Dec. 5	**UAB**	**Troy, Ala.**	**4:15 p.m.**
Dec. 12	**MUW**	**Troy, Ala.**	**3:33 p.m.**
Dec. 16	**Louisiana Tech ***	**Troy, Ala.**	**7:30 p.m.**
Dec. 19	**Coastal Carolina***	**Troy, Ala.**	**3:33 p.m.**
Dec. 21	**William Cary**	**Troy, Ala.**	**12 p.m.**
Dec. 31	App State *	Boone, N.C.	12 p.m.
Jan. 2	James Madison *	Harrisonburg, Va.	1 p.m.
Jan. 6	**Georgia State ***	**Troy, Ala.**	**6 p.m.**
Jan. 9	**Georgia Southern ***	**Troy, Ala.**	**3:33 p.m.**
Jan. 13	Southern Miss *	Hattiesburg, Miss.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 16	**ULM ***	**Troy, Ala.**	**3:33 p.m.**
Jan. 21	Louisiana Tech *	Ruston, La.	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 23	Louisiana *	Lafayette, La.	4 p.m.
Jan. 27	**South Alabama ***	**Troy, Ala.**	**6 p.m.**
Jan. 30	**Arkansas State ***	**Troy, Ala.**	**3:33 p.m.**
Feb. 3	ULM *	Monroe, La.	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 6	MAC-SBC Challenge !	TBD	TBD
Feb. 10	**Louisiana ***	**Troy, Ala.**	**6 p.m.**
Feb. 13	Arkansas State *	Jonesboro, Ark.	2 p.m.
Feb. 18	South Alabama *	Mobile, Ala.	7 p.m.
Feb. 20	**Southern Miss ***	**Troy, Ala.**	**4:15 p.m.**
Feb. 26	Marshall *	Huntingdon, W.V.	8 p.m.
Mar. 2-6	Sun Belt Tournament	Pensacola, Fla.	

Home Games
*SBC Games
! MAC-SBC Challenge
$ Pensacola Invitational (Pensacola, Fla.)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (2-0, 0-0 SBC)

Nov. 2	Kent State !	Kent, Ohio	W, 89-78
Nov. 5	**Thomas**	**Troy, Ala.**	**W, 104-36**
Nov. 11	Mississippi State	Starkville, Miss.	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 13	Belmont	Nashville, Tenn.	11 a.m.
Nov. 16	LSU	Baton Rouge, La.	7 p.m.
Nov. 19	**Longwood**	**Troy, Ala.**	**6 p.m.**
Nov. 27	UC Davis $	Reno, Nev.	5:30 p.m.
Nov. 29	Nevada $	Reno, Nev.	3 p.m.
Dec. 5	Alabama State	Troy, Ala.	2 p.m.
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.**	**5:15 p.m.**
Dec. 19	Georgia State *	Atlanta, Ga.	TBD
Dec. 30	**Marshall ***	**Troy, Ala.**	**6 p.m.**
Jan. 2	**James Madison ***	**Troy, Ala.**	**3:33 p.m.**
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.**	**3:33 p.m.**
Jan. 28	ULM *	Monroe, La.	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 30	Louisiana Tech *	Ruston, La.	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 3	**South Alabama ***	**Troy, Ala.**	**6 p.m.**
Feb. 6	**MAC-SBC Challenge !**	**Troy, Ala.**	**3:33 p.m.**
Feb. 11	Louisiana *	Lafayette, La.	6 p.m.
Feb. 13	South Alabama *	Mobile, Ala.	2 p.m.
Feb. 17	**Southern Miss ***	**Troy, Ala.**	**6 p.m.**
Feb. 20	**Arkansas State ***	**Troy, Ala.**	**2 p.m.**
Feb. 23	**Louisiana Tech ***	**Troy, Ala.**	**6 p.m.**
Feb. 26	**Louisiana ***	**Troy, Ala.**	**6 p.m.**
Mar. 2-6	Sun Belt Tournament	Pensacola, Fla.	

Home Games
*SBC Games
! MAC-SBC Challenge
$ Nugget Classic (Reno, Nev.)
% University of San Deigo Tournament (San Diego, Calif.)



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

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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

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

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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

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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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Monday, Aug. 31
Monday, Sept. 7
Monday, Sep. 14
Monday, Sep. 21
Monday, Sep. 28
Monday, Oct. 12
Monday, Oct. 19
Monday, Oct. 26
Monday, Nov. 2
Monday, Nov. 9
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