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- ✗ Troy held Sam Houston to just 38 rushing yards on 24 carries ... it was the fewest rushing yards by an opponent in a season opener since Marshall rushed for 25 yards in the 2004 opener
- ✗ Fabian Rogosch's first quarter touchdown reception against Sam Houston came on the first catch and target of his career; he also caught the game-clinching pass on third down allowing Troy to kneel out the clock
- ✗ Troy has held 47 of its last 61 opponents to 375 yards of total offense or less; 17-of-27 in the Gerad Parker era
- ✗ Troy has recorded multiple sacks in 36 games since the start of the 2022 season (27-9), the 17th most in the country. Troy has four or more sacks 19 times (17-2), the second most nationally, and five or more sacks 11 times (10-1), the sixth most in the country



GAME INFORMATION

Date Sept. 12, 2026
 Time 3 P.M.
 Location Troy, Ala.
 Stadium Veterans Memorial (30,000)
 Television ESPN+
 Talent Will Kollmeyer (PxP)
 Ben Stanfield (Color)
 Rosie Langelo (Sideline)
 Gavan Baxley (Sideline)
 Radio Troy Sports Radio Network
 Talent Barry McKnight (PxP)
 Jerry Miller (Analyst)
 Chris Blackshear (Sideline)

TROY vs. ALABAMA STATE

TROY
 Record 1-0, 0-0 SBC
 Last Game Sam Houston
 W, 24-21
 Head Coach Gerad Parker
 Troy Record 13-14 (3rd Season)
 Overall Record 13-20 (3rd Full Season)

ALABAMA STATE
 Record 2-0, 1-0 SWAC
 Last Game Lane College
 W, 34-0
 Head Coach Eddie Robinson Jr.
 ASU Record 32-16 (5th Season)
 Overall Record 32-16 (5th Season)

SERIES HISTORY

Overall 14-2
 In Troy 7-0
 Away 4-2
 Neutral 0-0

 Gerad Parker vs. Alabama State 0-0
 Eddie Robinson Jr. vs. Troy 0-0



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Gate 1 - 1 P.M. until halftime.

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

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

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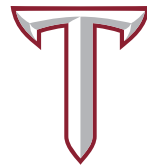
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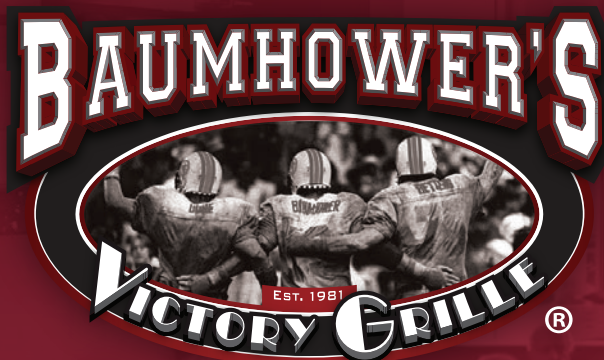
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JUSTIN POWE

JUSTIN POWE: FROM WALK-ON TO LEADER

By: Hanna Cooper



A walk-on turned scholarship player who will play all five seasons at the same university — an anomaly in modern-day college football.

Justin Powe, a Mobile, Alabama, native, traveled up I-65 in the fall of 2022 to join the Trojans. After a redshirt year, he began seeing action on special teams in 2023, playing in 10 games.

He made headlines around the Troy, Alabama, area before the start of the 2024 season when he received a scholarship during fall camp. That season, he went on to start all 12 games, finishing third on the team with 67 tackles while adding two tackles for loss, a sack, two interceptions and four pass breakups.

However, 25 games and countless snaps since earning that scholarship, the mentality that earned him that scholarship hasn't changed.

"It's really not that much of a change to me because you're still working to get a bigger goal," Powe said. "It is less of a weight now that school is paid for, but I feel like it's still the same — the job is not done."

Coming to Troy, Powe wasn't certain what football would look like, especially considering he was moving positions. In high school, he was a running back.

"I played at Davidson High School, and I actually mostly played offense. I was a running back, an all-state honorable mention."

However, the move to defense was a welcome change.

"I like the defensive side more; it's more reactive. I feel like it's more of a challenge — with the formations, learning all the different positions, and you have to play off everybody instead of being more of an individual like on the offense."

The senior learned to handle adversity and the ebbs and flows of football early on from his parents.

"I definitely lean on my parents. My dad has been through a lot of adversity, and my mom as well. They both have pushed through, stayed positive, and looked for brighter days through any adversity."

The one constant, though, has been his love for Troy and his competitive spirit. He initially came to Troy because of the opportunities he saw.

"I was excited about opportunity, knowing Troy's a good school. Just opportunity to play, further my college career, learn from great coaches and add to the legacy."

Similarly, the safety's drive to compete can be seen throughout every facet of his life. Off the field, he enjoys playing video games and bowling — so much so that he can bowl a 180.

Yes, you read that right. The defensive back who has recorded nearly 150 tackles, picked off a trio of passes and recovered a pair of footballs throughout his career can also bowl a 180.

"I'm about a 180 bowler, and I beat the couple of guys I have played with. I'm just a competitor, and bowling is another thing to compete at."

That competitive drive has propelled Powe to three trips to the Sun Belt title game, back-to-back seasons as the third-best tackler on the team and a double-digit tackle game in last year's IS4S Salute to Veterans Bowl.

As he looks ahead to his final season at The Vet, the fundamental elements that have shaped his career are the same elements that build the legacy he wants to leave.

"It hasn't really sunk in, but I feel like as the season goes on, it's going to hit me that it's my last collegiate year competing. But I want people to remember me as a hard worker, a great team player, and a guy that you could depend on; I want to be the guy you could come to, and somebody who was about their business."



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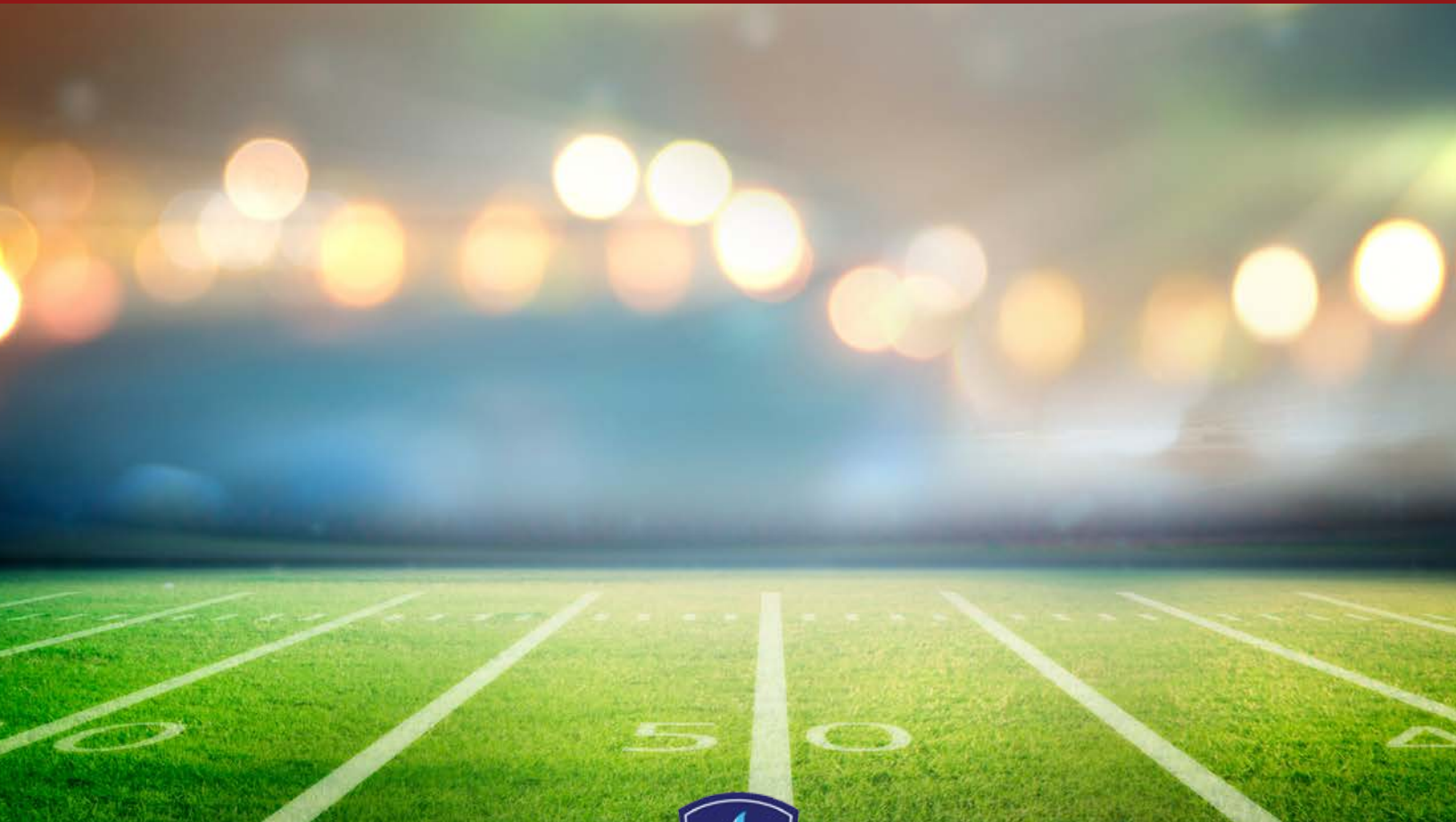


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TYLER CAPPI

TYLER CAPPI: BELIEF AND HARD WORK

By: Jacob Thomas Haney



The journey from a walk-on to a Division I season-opening starter is not an easy one. However, Tyler Cappi proved through belief and hard work that it can be done.

Troy's fifth-year player is a rare archetype in today's college sports landscape. Where many players play at five schools in five years, the former walk-on has stayed committed to Troy throughout his entire career, through championships and coaching changes.

"Whenever there are new recruits coming in, I'll say, 'This is the place. I've been here five years, and I don't want to leave. I don't want to go anywhere else.'"

Cappi may have played his high school ball in Priceville, Alabama, to get noticed by Troy, but his story starts much farther away.

The son of Tony and Yangyoung Cappi was born in Uijeongbu, South Korea. While many collegiate football players have had a football in their hands since they were young, the future starter for the Troy Trojans had never watched football during the first decade of his life.

Moving to America from a small town in South Korea also brought a massive culture shock, all of which helped shape who Cappi is today.

"It just humbles me because I've never even watched football until I came to the U.S., and I had to learn a lot of stuff. Also, having to get integrated back into a normal life here, I was like, 'This is crazy.' The food and the culture, everything is so much different."

The South Korean native found success at the high school level in many sports, including basketball, soccer, track and field and, of course, football.

However, the walk-on still had a long way to go before seeing real game action for the Trojans. But with belief and plenty of hard work, not much is impossible.

"Coach Popovich believed in me and said, 'You can do it if you work on it for a long time; you can be a center here.' Then Coach Carbine came in, and he really believed in me because he was a former walk-on center. That belief and camaraderie with my coach just pretty much tied the knot. I know he is here for me, and I am here for him, and I will die for that guy."

No. 65 is holding down the center position as one of two returners starting on Troy's revamped offensive line.

The unit saw a flurry of injuries in 2025, forcing many players into roles they might not have expected to start the year. Cappi took advantage of the opportunity, making five starts, including the final four games of the season, when he allowed only two sacks in 277 passing situations.

The upperclassman learned the value of depth throughout a season, especially on the offensive line.

"Next man up! The twos and even threes have got to be ready to play ... We are such a critical role, and those five guys never come out of the game with personnel changes. So, you have to maintain your body, being able to perform 70-plus snaps."

With such importance placed on the offensive line, Troy has implemented a coaching adjustment rarely seen outside the NFL and major college football programs. This will be the first year the Trojans will have multiple offensive line coaches.

"It is game-changing. Coach Reihner understands the game at such a different level, helping everyone out with all the details, and he gets us fired up. Coach Carbine is such an analytical and detail-oriented coach, while also being a great motivator. We are going to be elite this year."

With his final year of eligibility ahead of him, the Troy graduate has not overlooked his future.

Cappi graduated with a degree in cybersecurity that, paired with his work ethic, will help him succeed after football.

"Graduation really means everything, especially for my mom, because that is all she worried about. It can direct me in the right course to take care of my family, my girlfriend and everyone I need to. Because football is great, but what is most important is what comes after football."

DEWHITT BETTERSON

DEWHITT BETTERSON: A TROJAN THROUGH BLOOD, HISTORY AND CHOICE

By: Jaxon Leverette



Even before wearing a Troy uniform, DeWhitt Betterson was a Trojan.

The sport of football was introduced into Betterson's life at a young age by his father, who simply wanted to make sure his son got involved in sports. At the time, Betterson didn't know whether football was right for him. But over the years, things began to change.

He learned the game, developed his skills and, eventually, fell in love with football.

What began as a decision made by his father became Betterson's passion.

"It's the sport where I ended up falling in love with the game as I grew older and improved my skills and what comes along with it," Betterson said.

Now, Betterson has the chance to fulfill his childhood dream of playing football in college. When he steps onto the field for games or practices, he feels the presence of the little kid he used to be, dreaming about being where he is today.

"I play football because of that little kid that fell in love with the game and said he would play ball in college," Betterson said. "It's a dream come true."

For Betterson, however, playing at Troy goes beyond a lifelong goal. It is about carrying on a family tradition at a university that has been a part of his life for as long as he can remember.

Betterson's father played college football at Troy, graduated from the university and became a member of the Troy Athletics Hall of Fame. He also held a Troy football record for many years before

Kimani Vidal broke it during Betterson's sophomore year.

That history gives Betterson's recruitment to Troy a different meaning than that of other players.

"I bet many people don't know that, but I have been a Trojan all my life," Betterson said.

The legacy left by Betterson's father stretches well beyond football records or statistics. He has always been the greatest influence, mentor and encourager in Betterson's life.

There have been many instances when Betterson gave up and felt like quitting. But his father always pushed him to keep going, sometimes in ways he may not have even realized.

"He has pushed me in ways that maybe even he does not realize," Betterson said. "And even when I felt ready to quit, he encouraged me to move forward and keep pushing."

Those principles now inform the way Betterson plays football and lives his life. He does not see failure as simply being beaten. For him, failure comes from giving up.

Instead of taking the easy way out, Betterson sees value in turning something difficult into something that becomes easier through effort.

That mindset has shaped the man and player Betterson has become. Regardless of what happens in his life, he hopes to remain tough and keep moving forward, no matter the result of his best efforts.

He may find his motivation to play in his family, but his father stands at the center of it all.

"Just as much as he was proud of me being his son, I was proud to be able to call him my father," Betterson said.

Now, Betterson has the opportunity to add his own pages to the family narrative his father has already written in Troy football. He does not just want to emulate what his father did. He wants to build his own legacy and identity.

As for his goals this year, they are simple.

"My personal goals for this year are to make plays on the field, whether it's on special teams or offense," Betterson said.

It goes without saying that the opportunity is precious to Betterson — one not everyone gets to experience.

The little boy who dreamed of playing college football is finally fulfilling that dream, dressed in a Troy jersey.

His father was the one who first showed him football. Eventually, though, the sport became Betterson's own passion.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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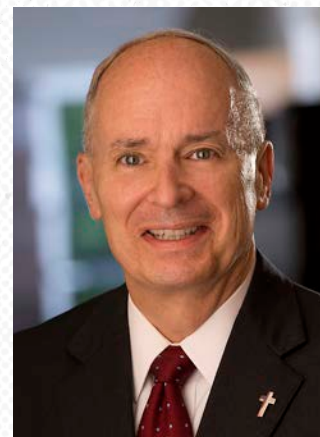
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37TH YEAR

UNIVERSITY OF MONTEVALLO, '67

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





KYLE GEORGE

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

2ND YEAR

SAMFORD UNIVERSITY, '11

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



TROY HEAD COACHES



SKYLAR MEADE
BASEBALL



ADAM HOWARD
MEN'S BASKETBALL



CHANDA RIGBY
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



NIC LARACUENTE
CHEERLEADING



CLAY BOUNDS
MEN'S GOLF



JD LAMM
WOMEN'S GOLF



JAKE WYMAN
SOCCER



ERIC NEWELL
SOFTBALL



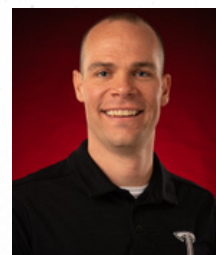
ROLANDO VARGAS
MEN'S TENNIS



RAWIA ELSISI
WOMEN'S TENNIS



MARC DAVIS
TRACK & FIELD



JOSH LAUER
VOLLEYBALL

TROY ATHLETICS STAFF



SHELBY ADAMS
TICKETING



KEANAN AINGE
SOCCER



SANDY ATKINS
ADMINISTRATION



DIANA AVERY
ATHLETIC TRAINING



RYAN BECKNER
ADMINISTRATIVE



SHERREL BEES
ELIGIBILITY



JOE BIALKOSKI
BASEBALL



LOGAN BLACKMON
BASEBALL



NATALIE CARACENA
ACADEMICS



MICHELLE CLAYTON
T&F / XC



LARRY CORDARO
BASKETBALL (M)



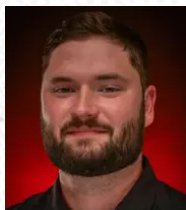
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CROSS COUNTRY



GRACE DANIELS
BASKETBALL (W)



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FACILITIES



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ATHLETIC TRAINING



DR. JEFFREY DUGAS
MEDICINE



JONNY ELLIS
SOCCER



MICHAEL FIORE
DEVELOPMENT



MIKE FRIGGE
OPERATIONS



ADAM GODWIN
DEVELOPMENT



JENNIFER GRAF
BASKETBALL (W)



ALYSON GRAMLEY
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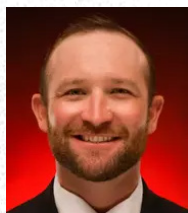


ELIZABETH HIGHTOWER
SOFTBALL



AARON HITCHCOCK
TROY SPORTS PROPERTIES

TROY ATHLETICS STAFF



RUSH HIXON
BASEBALL



HOLLIS JACKSON
COMPLIANCE



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BUSINESS



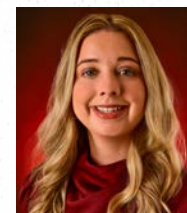
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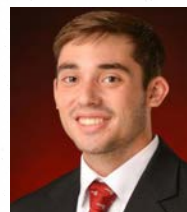
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DR. ERIC LAW
MEDICINE



KRISTY LAWRENCE
SOFTBALL



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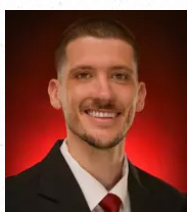
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BARRY MCKNIGHT
BROADCASTING



JOEY MEREDITH
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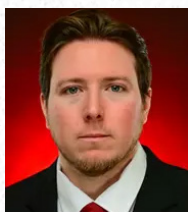
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BASKETBALL (M)



BRIAN MUESENFECHTER
VOLLEYBALL



STEPHANIE MURPHY
BASKETBALL (W)



HUNTER NEEL
CREATIVE



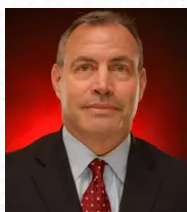
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ACADEMICS



ZEKE PINKHAM
BASEBALL



MACKENZIE PUCKETT
SOFTBALL



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BASKETBALL (M)



JACOB ROYSE
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ATHLETIC TRAINING



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ATHLETIC TRAINING



BRYEN SPRIGGS
BASKETBALL (M)



ROBERT STEVENS IV
COMMUNICATIONS



NATE TOMPKINS
SOFTBALL



TIFFANY VARGAS
ACADEMICS



CHRIS WEIL
TICKETING



LANE WHITSELL
GOLF (M/W)



GARY WILBERT II
DEVELOPMENT



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BASKETBALL (M)



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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)	1-0
2025	Troy (Head Coach)	8-6
2024	Troy (Head Coach)	4-8
2023	Notre Dame (Offensive Coordinator / TE)	10-3
2022	Notre Dame (Tight Ends)	9-4
2021	West Virginia (Offensive Coordinator / WR)	6-7
2020	West Virginia (Offensive Coordinator / WR)	6-4
2019	Penn State (Wide Receivers)	11-2
2018	Duke (Wide Receivers)	8-5
2017	Duke (Offensive Analyst)	7-6
2016	Purdue (Interim HC / Wide Receivers)	3-9
2015	Purdue (Wide Receivers)	2-10
2014	Purdue (Tight Ends)	3-9
2013	Purdue (Tight Ends)	1-11
2012	Marshall (Wide Receivers)	5-7
2011	Marshall (Wide Receivers)	7-6
2010	UT-Martin (Wide Receivers)	6-5
2009	UT-Martin (Wide Receivers)	5-6
2008	UT-Martin (Running Backs)	8-4
2007	Kentucky (Graduate Assistant)	8-5
2006	Raceland-Worthington HS (WR/DB)	11-2
2005	Raceland-Worthington HS (WR/DB)	7-4

BOWL HISTORY

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



ADAM AUSTIN

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR / QUARTERBACKS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PLAYING EXPERIENCE / EDUCATION

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

COACHING EXPERIENCE

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

PERSONAL

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



GARY BANKS

WIDE RECEIVERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PLAYING EXPERIENCE / EDUCATION

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

COACHING EXPERIENCE

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

PERSONAL

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



CHRIS BOONE

OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS / AST. HEAD COACH OF DEFENSE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PLAYING EXPERIENCE / EDUCATION

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

COACHING EXPERIENCE

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

PERSONAL

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



RE'QUAN BOYETTE

RUNNING BACKS / AST. HEAD COACH OF OFFENSE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PLAYING EXPERIENCE / EDUCATION

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

COACHING EXPERIENCE

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

PERSONAL

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



NATHAN BURTON

CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR / INSIDE LINEBACKERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PLAYING EXPERIENCE / EDUCATION

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

COACHING EXPERIENCE

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

PERSONAL

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



CALEB CARBINE

OFFENSIVE LINE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PLAYING EXPERIENCE / EDUCATION

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

COACHING EXPERIENCE

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

PERSONAL

Married to Laura Beth with one son, Calhoun



BRANDON COOPER

CORNERBACKS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PLAYING EXPERIENCE / EDUCATION

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

COACHING EXPERIENCE

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

PERSONAL

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



JUSTIN MANNING

DEFENSIVE LINE / DEFENSIVE RUN GAME COORDINATOR

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

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

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

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, Jyonei



KEVIN REIHNER

OFFENSIVE LINE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PLAYING EXPERIENCE / EDUCATION

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

COACHING EXPERIENCE

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

PERSONAL

Married to Jo ... Has one daughter, Georgia



DONTAE WRIGHT

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR / SAFETIES

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

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

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

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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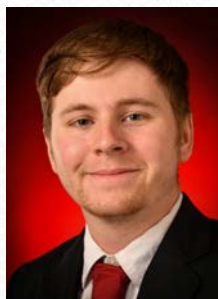


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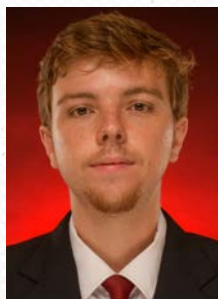
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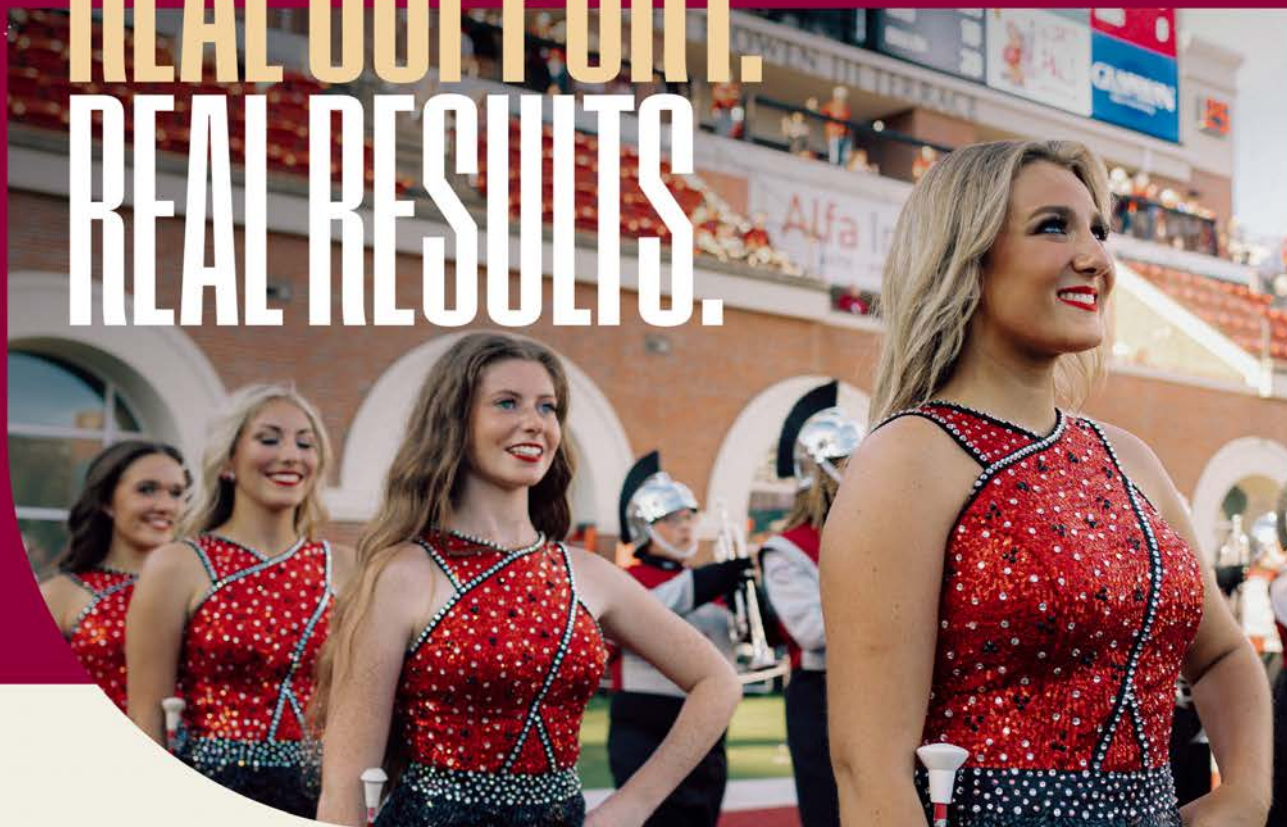


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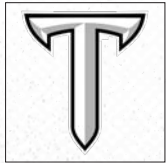
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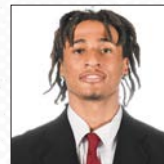
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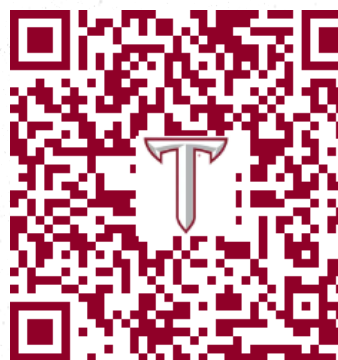
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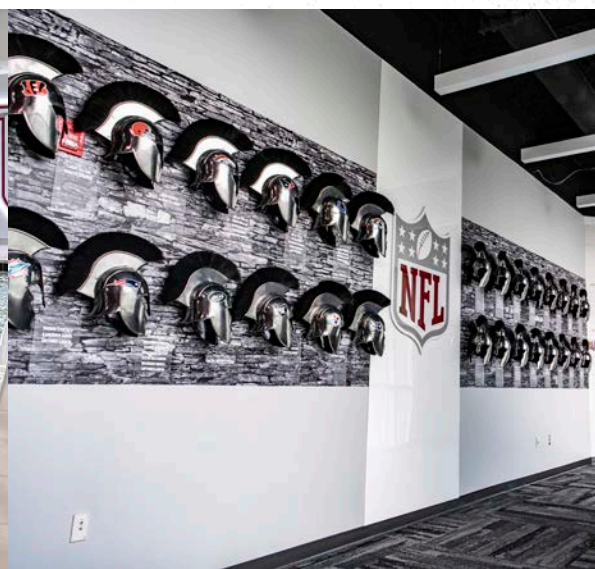
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STATISTICS



ALABAMA STATE (2-0, 0-0 SWAC)

2026 SCHEDULE

8/29	Southern (N)	W, 30-17
9/5	Lane	W, 34-0
9/12	at Troy	3 p.m.
9/26	Mississippi Valley State	5 p.m.
10/3	at Bethune-Cookman	3 p.m.
10/10	Florida A&M	3 p.m.
10/17	at Arkansas-Pine Bluff	2 p.m.
10/31	Alabama A&M (N)	2:30 p.m.
11/7	at Texas Southern	2 p.m.
11/14	Jackson State	2 p.m.
11/21	Prairie View A&M	2 p.m.
11/26	Tuskegee	2 p.m.

2026 TEAM STATS

	ASU	OPP
Points	64	17
Points/Game	32.0	8.5
Total Offense	629	517
Yards/Game	314.5	258.5
Yards/Play	5.5	4.1
Rushing Yards	309	250
Rushing Yards/Game	154.5	125.0
Rushing Yards/Att.	4.2	2.9
Passing Yards	320	267
Passing Yards/Game	160.0	133.5
Passing Yards/Comp.	12.8	10.3
First Downs	32	31
Field Goals	5-5	1-2
Punting Average	36.5	32.3
Punt Returns	6-145	2-0
Yards/Return	24.2	0.0
Kickoff Returns	3-71	13-217
Yards/Return	23.7	16.7
Penalties	12-140	16-125
Average/Game	70.0	62.5
Third Down Conversion	7-23	9-28
Time of Possession/Game	25:52	34:08
Sacks/Yardage	6-37	1-4

RUSHING

Player	Car.	Yards	Avg.	TD	YPG
Jamarié Hostzclaw	22	89	4.0	2	44.5
Andrew Body	12	66	5.8	0	33.0
Alabama State	74	309	4.2	5	154.5
Opponents	85	250	2.9	2	125.0

PASSING

Player	Cm.	Att.	Yards	Int.	TD	YPG
Andrew Body	24	37	305	1	2	152.5
Keegan Anderson	1	1	15	0	0	15.0
Alabama State	25	40	320	1	2	160.0
Opponents	26	42	267	2	0	133.5

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	TD	YPG
Randall King	6	95	15.3	1	47.5
Kareem Keye	6	52	8.7	0	26.0
Jareese Howard	3	29	9.7	0	14.5
Alabama State	25	320	12.8	2	160.0
Opponents	26	267	10.3	0	133.5

DEFENSE

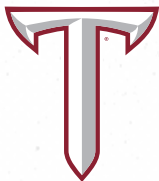
Player	Tac.	TFL	Sacks	Int.
Mitchell Robinson Jr.	13	2-10	0-0	0
Montel Campbell	12	0-0	0-0	0
Ta'Shaun Sims	12	0-0	0-0	0
Brekien Harold	9	0.5-0	0-0	0
Alabama State	144	18-77	6-37	2
Opponents	122	5-10	1-4	1



Fabian Rogosch shined on opening night, catching his first career pass for his first career touchdown. He ended the game with three catches and 37 yards.



Keno Jones helped Troy deny the running game with three TFLs for 10 yards lost for Sam Houston.



TROY (1-0, 0-0 SBC)

2026 SCHEDULE

9/6	Sam Houston	W, 24-21
9/12	Alabama State	3 p.m.
9/19	at Missouri	11:45 a.m.
9/26	at Utah State	6:30 p.m.
10/6	Southern Miss	7 p.m.
10/17	at Louisiana	TBD
10/24	ULM	3 p.m.
10/29	at James Madison	6:30 p.m.
11/7	Louisiana Tech	3 p.m.
11/14	at South Alabama	TBD
11/21	Georgia Southern	3 p.m.
11/28	at Arkansas State	2 p.m.

2026 TEAM STATS

	TROY	OPP
Points	24	21
Points/Game	24.0	21.0
Total Offense	342	373
Yards/Game	342.0	373.0
Yards/Play	5.2	5.3
Rushing Yards	177	38
Rushing Yards/Game	177.0	38.0
Rushing Yards/Att.	4.2	1.6
Passing Yards	165	335
Passing Yards/Game	165.0	335.0
Passing Yards/Comp.	13.8	11.2
First Downs	18	22
Field Goals	1-1	0-0
Punting Average	43.0	41.1
Punt Returns	0-0	2-11
Yards/Return	0.0	5.5
Kickoff Returns	2-44	2-15
Yards/Return	22.0	7.5
Penalties	6-55	6-35
Average/Game	55.0	35.0
Third Down Conversion	6-15	6-14
Time of Possession/Game	29:09	30:51
Sacks/Yardage	4-32	4-22

RUSHING

Player	Car.	Yards	Avg.	TD	YPG
Gavin Griffin	16	81	5.1	0	81.0
Goose Crowder	9	38	4.2	0	38.0
Troy	42	177	4.2	0	177.0
Opponents	24	38	1.6	0	38.0

PASSING

Player	Cmp.	Att.	Yards	Int.	TD	YPG
Goose Crowder	12	24	165	0	3	165.0
TBD	-	-	-	-	-	-
Troy	12	24	165	0	3	165.0
Opponents	30	46	335	1	3	335.0

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	TD	YPG
Fabian Rogosch	3	37	12.3	1	37.0
TK Keyes	2	48	24.0	1	48.0
Noreel White	2	31	15.5	0	31.0
Troy	12	165	13.8	20	165.0
Opponents	30	335	11.2	16	335.0

DEFENSE

Player	Tkl.	TFL	Sacks	Int.
Doug Nelson	8	0-0	0-0	0
Keno Jones	7	3-10	0-0	0
Ty Clemons	5	2-9	1-7	0
Jordan Perry	5	1.5-10	1-9	0
Troy	68	13-57	4-32	1
Opponents	74	8-30	4-22	0



ALABAMA STATE

RECORD: 0-0 (0-0 SWAC)

SCHEDULE

SOUTHERN
8/29 - W, 30-17

LANE COLLEGE
9/5 - W, 34-0

AT TROY
9/12 - 3 P.M.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY ST.
9/26 - 5 P.M.

AT BETHUNE-COOKMAN
10/3 - 3 P.M.

FLORIDA A&M
10/10 - 3 P.M.

AT ARKANSAS - PINE BLUFF
10/17 - 2 P.M.

ALABAMA A&M
10/31 - 2:30 P.M.

AT TEXAS SOUTHERN
11/7 - 2 P.M.

JACKSON STATE
11/14 - 2 P.M.

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M
11/21 - 2 P.M.

TUSKEGEE
11/26 - 2 P.M.

TEAM NOTES

- The Black SWARM defense pitched its first shutout since a 27-0 win over Mississippi Valley State in 2019. The season is young, but the defense leads the SWAC in total defense (258.5), scoring defense (8.5), red zone defense (40.0), pass efficiency defense (105.78), and fourth down defense (00.0).

- Bama State quarterback Andrew Body upped his career total offense top 10 with 2,820 total offensive yards. The Corpus Christi, Texas, native needs 395 yards to move into ASU's top 10 career total offensive chart and 864 yards to put himself onto the top 10 passing charts.

- Bama State sophomore Andrew Abu-Akel is 5-for-5 with a SWAC long 44-yard field goal. His five field goals made is tied for first in the league. His 100.0 percentage is tied with six other SWAC kickers. He is tied for first with 2.5 field goals per game. His 14 career field goals rank third all-time in ASU history.

- Head Coach Eddie Robinson Jr., attended Alabama State (1988-1992) on an academic scholarship, joining the football team as a walk on. He played as an offensive guard during his first season, but eventually switched to linebacker. Due to his success, Robinson has been partial to taking walk ons and turning them into success stories. The 2026 squad is no different with key contributors such as Elijah Baker (OL), Kareem Keye (WR/QB), Nehemiah Hixon (WR), Garrett Wilemon (LS), Dezmond Penn, Adrian Fitts (DB), Brekien Harold (DL), and Dillyn Blakey (LB). Baker earned All-Conference and All-American Honors in 2025 and is a projected preseason All-SWAC and All-American in 2026.



EDDIE ROBINSON JR.
HEAD COACH



RANDALL KING - #10
WIDE RECEIVER



TA'SHAUN SIMS - #6
SAFETY

STARTING LINEUPS

TROY

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

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

DEFENSE

Pos.	#	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
DE	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	21	Tai Terrell	6-1	181	3rd
SS	29	Joe Lott	6-3	192	3rd
FS	6	Justin Powe	6-0	210	5th

SPECIAL TEAMS

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

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	2	Jywon Boyd	6-0	178	3rd
WR-Z	4	Noreel White	6-1	195	3rd
TE	88	Jackson Worley	6-4	236	4th
LT	77	Darion Rivers	6-6	323	4th
LG	51	Luke Petit	6-3	299	6th
C	65	Tyler Cappi	6-3	295	5th
RG	72	Patrick Screws Jr.	6-5	320	4th
RT	55	Jordon Jones	6-3	315	5th

STARTING LINEUPS

ALABAMA STATE

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
0	Darrick Bledsoe III	WR	5-8	185	Sr.	Arlington, Texas / Lamar HS
0	Eric Horn	WR	5-10	162	R-So.	New Orleans, La. / Carver HS
0	Zaquan Patterson	HOR	6-0	195	Jr.	Hollywood, Fla. / Miami (Fla.)
1	Andrew Body	QB	6-0	205	R-Sr.	Corpus Christi, Texas / Texas Southern
2	Jamarie Hostzclaw	RB	5-8	183	Jr.	North Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. / Coconut Creek HS
3	Trent Henry	CB	5-11	194	R-Sr.	Miami, Fla. / Kilgore CC
3	Kareem Keye	WR	5-8	165	R-So.	Adamsville, Ala. / Point University
4	Paxton Genola	K/P	6-1	178	Fr.	Prattville, Ala. / Prattville HS
4	Nehemiah Hixon	WR	5-8	180	So.	Spanish Fort, Ala. / Spanish Fort HS
5	TJ Ramsey	RB	5-10	180	Jr.	Schomburg, Ill. / Aurora University
5	Mitchell Robinson, Jr.	LB	6-0	210	Jr.	Chicago, Ill. / Robert Morris Univ.
6	Ashton Ashford	RB	5-5	184	Jr.	Birmingham, Ala. / Ramsey HS
6	Ta'Shaun Sims	S	6-0	188	Jr.	Chipey, Fla. / Chipey HS
7	Franck Pierre	WR	6-2	205	Gr.	Immokalee, Fla. / Alabama A&M
7	Zach Williams	CB	6-1	170	Jr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Arkansas-Pine Bluff
8	Dillyn Blakey (blay-kee)	LB	6-0	200	So.	South Fulton, Ga. / Creekside HS
8	Te'Sean Smoot	QB	6-0	177	R-So.	Springfield, Ohio / Jacksonville State
9	Aaron Frye (Fry)	QB	6-1	170	Fr.	Pinson, Ala. / Clay-Chalkville HS
10	Kevin Gaines Jr.	CB	6-0	163	Fr.	Mobile, Ala. / Baker HS
10	Randall King	WR	6-2	205	R-So.	Battleboro, N.C. / Campbell
11	Zamari Hall	S	5-11	186	So.	Tampa, Fla. / Armwood HS
11	Aydden Moody-Copeland	RB	6-0	193	So.	Ensley, Ala. / Jackson Olin HS
12	Mekhi Butler (me-KI)	CB	5-10	172	Jr.	Bowie, Md. / Saint Francis University
12	Dylan Vickerson	WR	6-1	210	So.	Miami, Fla. / Western Kentucky
13	Corey Lucius	LB	6-2	208	Sr.	Tampa, Fla. / Texas-San Antonio
13	Landon Vessel	QB	6-0	210	Jr.	League City, Texas / Cisco CC
14	Omari Russell	HOR	6-1	186	Fr.	Fort Meade, Fla. / Fort Meade HS
14	Amir Washington	WR	6-4	188	Fr.	Manor, Texas / Manor New Tech
15	Keegan Anderson	QB	6-2	222	So.	Abilene, Texas / Independence CC
15	Eldridge Shelton	DE	6-3	212	So.	Birmingham, Ala. / Wennonah HS
16	Adrian Fitts	CB	6-0	192	R-Fr.	Acworth, Ga. / Allatoona HS
16	Jordan Woolen	WR	5-11	165	So.	Calera, Ala. / Georgia Southern
17	Aaron Ford Jr.	HOR	6-1	172	R-Fr.	Boca Raton, Fla. / West Boca Raton HS
17	Israel Tate	WR	6-2	185	R-Jr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Lincoln University
18	Tacaris Bozeman	RB	5-10	195	R-Jr.	Montgomery, Ala. / LaGrange College
18	Ricky Nichols	LB	5-11	217	R-Fr.	Mobile, Ala. / BC Rain HS
19	Greg Mangle	CB	5-9	175	R-Jr.	Memphis, Tenn. / White Station HS
19	Kameron Pittman	TE	6-3	230	Jr.	Clarksdale, Miss. / Copiah-Lincoln CC
20	DJ Brown	RB	5-10	186	Sr.	Huntsboro, Ala. / Russell County HS
20	Mark Colbert	S	5-11	185	So.	Jacksonville, Fla. / First Coast HS
21	JR Gardner	RB	6-0	195	R-Fr.	Gulf Shores, Ala. / Alabama
22	Montel Campbell	HOR	6-1	200	R-So.	Louisville, Ky. / Charleston (W. Va.)
23	Vincent Burrell IV	CB	6-2	194	R-Fr.	Midfield, Ala. / Midfield HS
23	Jareese Howard	RB	6-1	220	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo. / Lincoln University
24	Jaxon Lee	DE	6-3	230	R-So.	Frisco, Texas / Tulsa
25	Mark Coaxum II	S	5-8	176	R-Fr.	Powder Springs, Ga. / Hillgrove HS
26	Trevor Bywater	K/P	6-1	185	Jr.	Rockledge, Fla. / Allen University
26	Michael Joiner Jr.	DT	6-1	283	R-So.	Ocala, Ga. / Irwin County HS
27	Eric Tarrant	HOR	6-0	191	Jr.	Birmingham, Ala. / Parker HS
28	Nathan Nwagwu	CB	6-3	162	Jr.	McCalla, Ala. / McAdory HS
29	Dylan Horne	DE	6-3	245	R-So.	Ocoee, Fla. / Tusculum
30	Mikal Purifoye	CB	6-0	175	Fr.	Pike Road, Ala. / BT Washington
32	Rashad Watson	LB	5-11	205	Sr.	Apopka, Fla./Tusculum Univ.
33	Jace McDonald	S	5-11	200	Jr.	Gainesville, Fla. / Minot State
34	Khalid Muhammad	RB	5-11	173	So.	Pontiac, Mich. / West Bloomfield HS
34	Omarion Pinckney	CB	5-11	180	Jr.	Daleville, Ala. / Daleville HS
35	Azariel Todd	LB	6-0	218	So.	Webb, Ala. / Houston County HS
36	Josiah Hixon	S	5-8	195	R-Jr.	Spanish Fort, Ala. / North Alabama
37	Zion Crawford	CB	6-1	183	Fr.	Hapeville, Ga. / Hapeville Academy
38	Stewart McCall II	P/K	6-1	182	R-So.	New Orleans, LA / St. Augustine HS
38	Jonathan Roach	S	6-0	195	Jr.	Milledgeville, Ga. / Georgia Military Institute
39	Andrew Abu-Akel	K/P	5-10	190	R-Fr.	Hollywood, Fla. / Western Michigan
40	Brandon Tanner	FB	6-0	243	Jr.	Madison, Ala. / Madison Academy
41	Nick Harris	FB	5-9	241	Jr.	Kennedy Heights, La. / St. Augustine HS
42	Justin Horne	LB	6-0	225	Jr.	New Orleans, La. / Texas Tech
43	Baylor Cannon	K	5-11	156	R-So.	Marbury, Ala. / Marbury HS
43	Kordell Steele	DT	6-2	250	So.	Birmingham, Ala./Miles College
45	Patrick Smith Jr.	DE	6-2	225	So.	Birmingham, Ala. / Clay-Chalkville HS
46	Bravis Cave Jr.	FB	6-1	247	So.	Birmingham, Ala. / Moody HS
46	Allan Pickens	LB	6-1	210	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga. / Woodward Academy
47	T'Marion Phillips	DT	6-2	290	Jr.	Roanoke, Ala. / Jones College
48	Myles Richardson	DE	6-4	247	R-Sr.	Montgomery, Ala. / Ezekiel Academy
49	Payton Lewis	S	6-0	175	Fr.	Alabaster, Ala. / Kentucky Wesleyan
50	Dezmond Penn	OL	6-2	300	R-Jr.	Delray Beach, Fla. / Atlantic HS
52	Jerimia Collier	LB	6-2	185	Fr.	Jonesboro, Ga. / Jonesboro HS
53	Thomas Lauria	LS	6-3	210	Sr.	Gilbert, Ariz. / Highland HS
54	Melchisedek Mintah	DE	6-3	265	Jr.	Stockholm, Sweden / Reedley (Calif.)
55	Jaylan Jarrett	DT	6-0	281	R-So.	Pike Road, Ala. / Kennesaw State
56	Elijah Walker	OL	6-4	343	R-Fr.	Daytona Beach, Fla. / Mainland HS
57	Garrett Wilemon	LS	5-10	208	Jr.	Prattville, Ala. / Prattville HS
58	Michael Moore Jr.	OL	6-2	296	Jr.	Loganville, Ga. / Parkview HS
59	Quinten Beamon	DE	6-2	230	Jr.	Philadelphia, Miss. / Butte College
62	Jayden Jones	OL	6-3	375	Fr.	Pinson, Ala. / Clay-Chalkville HS
63	Camden Coleman	OL	6-2	297	So.	Atlanta, Ga. / Westlake HS
64	Austin Candler	OL	6-5	285	R-Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla. / Mandarin HS
65	J'vyon Tatum	OL	6-2	284	Jr.	Forsyth, Ga. / Mary Parson HS

66	Adrian McCloud	OL	6-4	295	Fr.	Clemmons, N.C. / West Forsyth HS
68	Tye Tucker	OL	6-2	307	R-Fr.	Mobile, Ala. / Vigor HS
70	Mekhi Blue	OL	6-6	324	R-Fr.	Rio Grande Valley Texas / UT-Rio Grande Valley
72	Ekeem Atehortua	OL	6-4	310	Fr.	SW Ranches, Fla. / Chaminade-Madonna Prep
73	Elijah Baker	OL	6-4	323	R-Sr.	Phoenix, Ariz. / Desert Vista HS
74	Dion Griffith Jr.	DE	6-3	219	So.	New Orleans, La. / Livingston Collegiate HS
75	Marc O'Bannon	OL	6-4	295	Jr.	Gilbert, Ariz. / Ottawa (Ariz.) University
76	Marvin Lee Jr.	OL	6-6	308	R-Jr.	Huntsville, Ala. / Jacksonville State
77	Andrew Hurdle	OL	6-5	335	Fr.	Decatur, Ga. / Decatur HS
79	Phillip McLean	OL	6-5	320	Jr.	Myrtle Beach, S.C. / Carolina Forest HS
80	Jashaun Clarke	WR	5-7	155	So.	Norcross, GA / Norcross HS
81	Mario Andrews	TE	6-6	215	Gr.	Independence, La. / Snead State CC
82	Will Hocutt	LS	6-3	215	R-So.	Moundville, Ala. / Hale County HS
83	Antonio Lewis	WR	6-1	180	R-Fr.	Chipey, Fla. / Hutchinson CC
84	Jaden Moore Jr.	TE	6-6	217	So.	Tuscaloosa, Ala. / Central HS
85	Manny Thompson	TE	6-6	266	Gr.	Warner Robbins, Ga. / Fort Valley State
86	John Austin	WR	6-0	200	Fr.	Mobile, Ala. / Williamson HS
87	DJ Hicks	WR	5-8	160	Fr.	Orlando, Fla. / Jones HS
88	Jordan Brown	TE	6-4	250	Jr.	Euless, Texas / Kilgore CC
90	Amarion Fuller	DE	6-1	252	R-Fr.	Manvel, Texas / Manvell HS
92	Ajani Mason	DT	6-1	263	R-So.	Tallahassee, Fla. / Lincoln HS
94	Christian Williams	DE	6-3	237	So.	Crawfordville, Fla. / St John Paul Catholic HS
95	Cornell Harris Jr.	DT	6-1	309	Jr.	Kennedy Heights, La. / St. Augustine HS
96	Thad Parson	DT	6-2	310	Jr.	Birmingham, Ala. / Indy CC
97	Kendarius Frazier	DE	6-2	260	R-So.	Hollywood, Fla. / West Liberty University
98	Rashawn Watson	DT	6-2	294	Jr.	W. Palm Beach, Fla. / Chaminade Madonna Prep
99	Brekien Harold	DT	6-1	337	So.	Hollywood, Fla. / Chaminade Madonna HS

DEFENSE

Pos.	#	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
DE	48	Myles Richardson	6-4	247	R-Sr.
DT	99	Brekien Harold	6-1	337	So.
DT	55	Jaylan Jarrett	6-0	281	R-So.
DE	15	Eldridge Shelton	6-3	212	So.
MLB	5	Mitchell Robinson Jr.	6-0	210	Jr.
WLB	13	Corey Lucius	6-2	208	Sr.
HO	0	Zaquan Patterson	6-0	195	Jr.
CB	12	Mekhi Butler	5-10	172	Jr.
FS	6	Ta'Shauna Simms	6-0	188	Jr.
SS	16	Adrian Fitts	6-0	192	R-Fr.
CB	19	Greg Mangle	5-9	173	Jr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	#	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
K	39	Andrew Abu-Akel	5-10	190	R-So.
P	26	Trevor Bywater	6-1	185	Jr.
H	4	Paxton Genola	6-1	178	Fr.
LS	57	Garrett Wilemon	5-10	208	Jr.
KR/PR	4	Nehemiah Hixon	5-8	180	So.

OFFENSE

Pos.	#	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB	1	Andrew Body	6-0	205	R-Sr.
RB	2	Jamarie Hostzclaw	5-8	183	Jr.
FB	46	Bravis Cave Jr.	6-1	247	So.
LT	73	Elijah Baker	6-4	323	R-Sr.
LG	50	Dezmond Penn	6-2	300	R-Jr.
C	58	Michael Moore Jr.	6-2	296	Jr.
RG	65	J'vyon Tatum	6-2	284	Jr.
RT	76	Marvin Lee Jr.	6-6	308	R-Jr.
TE	19	Kameron Pittman	6-3	230	Jr.
XR	17	Israel Tate	6-2	185	R-Jr.
YR	3	Kareem Keye	5-8	165	R-So.
ZR	0	Eric Horn	5-10	162	R-So.

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2026 SUN BELT SCHEDULES / STANDINGS



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

9/5	Maine	W, 55-3
9/12	at East Carolina	12 p.m.
9/19	Charlotte	6 p.m.
9/26	at NC State	TBD
10/10	Old Dominion	TBD
10/16	at Coastal Carolina	8 p.m.
10/22	James Madison	7 p.m.
10/31	at Georgia Southern	TBD
11/7	Georgia State	TBD
11/14	at Marshall	TBD
11/21	ULM	TBD
11/27	at South Alabama	3 p.m.



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

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



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

9/5	at West Virginia	L, 24-31
9/12	Fordham	7:30 p.m.
9/19	at Delaware	11:30 a.m.
9/24	Liberty	7:30 p.m.
10/3	Georgia Southern	TBD
10/10	at Marshall	TBD
10/16	App State	8 p.m.
10/31	at Georgia State	TBD
11/7	Old Dominion	TBD
11/14	Arkansas State	TBD
11/21	at Louisiana	TBD
11/28	James Madison	TBD



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

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



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

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



JAMES MADISON (1-0, 0-0 SBC)

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



LOUISIANA (1-0, 0-0 SBC)

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



LOUISIANA TECH (1-0, 0-0 SBC)

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



MARSHALL (0-1, 0-0 SBC)

9/5	at #18 Penn State	L, 0-45
9/12	Middle Tennessee	7 p.m.
9/19	at Missouri State	6:30 p.m.
9/26	Gardner-Webb	3:30 p.m.
10/3	at James Madison	TBD
10/10	Coastal Carolina	TBD
10/20	South Alabama	7:30 p.m.
10/31	at Old Dominion	TBD
11/7	at Georgia Southern	TBD
11/14	App State	TBD
11/21	Georgia State	TBD
11/28	at ULM	TBD



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

9/5	Norfolk State	W, 31-10
9/12	at Virginia Tech	12 p.m.
9/19	East Carolina	6 p.m.
9/26	James Madison	TBD
10/3	at Georgia State	TBD
10/10	at App State	TBD
10/15	Georgia Southern	7:30 p.m.
10/24	at Louisiana Tech	TBD
10/31	Marshall	TBD
11/7	at Coastal Carolina	TBD
11/21	at UConn	3:30 p.m.
11/28	Southern Miss	TBD

SUN BELT STANDINGS

	SBC	Overall
East		
JAMES MADISON	0-0	1-0
OLD DOMINION	0-0	1-0
GEORGIA SOUTHERN	0-0	1-0
APP STATE	0-0	1-0
GEORGIA STATE	0-0	1-0
COASTAL CAROLINA	0-0	0-1
MARSHALL	0-0	0-1
West		
TROY	0-0	1-0
SOUTHERN MISS	0-0	1-0
LOUISIANA	0-0	1-0
SOUTH ALABAMA	0-0	1-0
LOUISIANA TECH	0-0	1-0
ARKANSAS STATE	0-0	0-1
ULM	0-0	0-1

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FALL SPORTS



VOLLEYBALL (2-2, 0-0 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.	1 p.m.
Sept. 13	Florida %	Gainesville, Fla.	12 p.m.
Sept. 17	Murray State &	Troy, Ala.	6 p.m.
Sept. 18	Citadel &	Troy, Ala.	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	Northwestern State &	Troy, Ala.	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	Louisiana*	Troy, Ala.	6 p.m.
Sept. 26	Louisiana*	Troy, Ala.	2 p.m.
Oct. 2	Southern Miss*	Hattiesburg, Miss.	6 p.m.
Oct. 3	Southern Miss*	Hattiesburg, Miss.	4 p.m.
Oct. 9	ULM*	Troy, Ala.	6 p.m.
Oct. 10	ULM*	Troy, Ala.	2 p.m.
Oct. 16	Louisiana Tech*	Ruston, La.	6 p.m.
Oct. 17	Louisiana Tech*	Ruston, La.	1 p.m.
Oct. 22	South Alabama*	Troy, Ala.	6 p.m.
Oct. 23	South Alabama*	Troy, Ala.	6 p.m.
Oct. 30	Arkansas State*	Jonesboro, Ark.	6 p.m.
Oct. 31	Arkansas State*	Jonesboro, Ark.	1 p.m.
Nov. 5	Coastal Carolina*	Conway, S.C.	TBD
Nov. 6	Coastal Carolina*	Conway, S.C.	TBD
Nov. 13	App State*	Troy, Ala.	6 p.m.
Nov. 14	App State*	Troy, Ala.	2 p.m.
Nov. 19-22	Sun Belt Tournament	Foley, Ala.	N/A

SOCCER (1-5-1, 0-0-0 SBC)

Aug. 13	Middle Tennessee	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	L, 0-2
Aug. 20	Southeastern Louisiana	Hammond, La.	L, 0-1
Aug. 23	Stetson	Troy, Ala.	W, 2-0
Aug. 27	Alabama	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	L, 0-3
Aug. 30	Jacksonville State	Jacksonville, Ala.	L, 3-4
Sept. 4	Kennesaw State	Troy, Ala.	T, 2-2
Sept. 7	West Florida	Troy, Ala.	L, 1-3
Sept. 13	Alcorn State	Troy, Ala.	12:30 p.m.
Sept. 17	South Alabama*	Mobile, Ala.	7 p.m.
Sept. 24	Marshall*	Troy, Ala.	6 p.m.
Sept. 27	Louisiana*	Lafayette, La.	1 p.m.
Oct. 3	Coastal Carolina*	Troy, Ala.	5 p.m.
Oct. 8	Louisiana Tech*	Troy, Ala.	5 p.m.
Oct. 11	Southern Miss*	Hattiesburg, La.	1 p.m.
Oct. 17	ULM*	Troy, Ala.	5 p.m.
Oct. 22	Georgia Southern*	Statesboro, Ga.	4 p.m.
Oct. 25	Arkansas State*	Troy, Ala.	12:30 p.m.
Nov. 1	App State*	Boone, N.C.	1 p.m.
Nov. 8-15	Sun Belt Tournament	Foley, Ala.	N/A

BOLD - Home Game

* Sun Belt Conference Game

BOLD - Home Game

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

* Sun Belt Conference Game \$SBC Tournament

FALL SPORTS



WOMEN'S GOLF

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



MEN'S GOLF

Sept. 6-8	Golfweek Fall Challenge	2nd of 15
Sept. 27-29	Argent Financial Classic	Ruston, La.
Oct. 5-6	West Bay Collegiate	Estero, Fla.
Oct. 12-14	Bryson Invitational	Miami, Fla.
Oct. 19-20	Quebin Cup	Greensboro, N.C.



WOMEN'S TENNIS

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



MEN'S TENNIS

Sept. 19-27	ITA All-American	Tulsa, Okla.
Sept. 28 - Oct. 4	UTF Futures Tournament	Fayetteville, Ark.
Oct. 2-4	Mercer Tournament	Macon, Ga.
Oct. 9-13	ITA Regionals	Auburn, Ala.
Oct. 29 - Nov. 1	UTR College Invitational	Rome, Ga.



CROSS COUNTRY

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

WINTER SPORTS



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

Nov. 2	UMass !	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Dec. 16	Louisiana Tech *	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Dec. 19	Coastal Carolina *	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Dec. 31	App State *	Boone, N.C.	TBD
Jan. 2	James Madison *	Harrisonburg, Va.	TBD
Jan. 6	Georgia State *	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Jan. 9	Georgia Southern *	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Jan. 13	Southern Miss *	Hattiesburg, Miss.	TBD
Jan. 16	ULM *	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Jan. 21	Louisiana Tech *	Ruston, La.	TBD
Jan. 23	Louisiana *	Lafayette, La.	TBD
Jan. 27	South Alabama *	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Jan. 30	Arkansas State *	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Feb. 3	ULM *	Monroe, La.	TBD
Feb. 6	MAC-SBC Challenge !	TBD	TBD
Feb. 10	Louisiana *	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Feb. 13	Arkansas State *	Jonesboro, Ark.	TBD
Feb. 18	South Alabama *	Mobile, Ala.	TBD
Feb. 20	Southern Miss *	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Feb. 26	Marshall *	Huntingdon, W.V.	TBD
Mar. 2-6	Sun Belt Tournament	Pensacola, Fla.	

Home Games

*SBC Games

! MAC-SBC Challenge

% Coconut Hoops Tournament

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

Nov. 3	Kent State !	Kent, Ohio	TBD
Dec. 16	ULM *	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Dec. 19	Georgia State *	Atlanta, Ga.	TBD
Dec. 30	Marshall *	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Jan. 2	James Madison *	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Jan. 6	Coastal Carolina *	Conway, S.C.	TBD
Jan. 9	Georgia Southern *	Statesboro, Ga.	TBD
Jan. 13	Southern Miss *	Hattiesburg, Miss.	TBD
Jan. 16	Arkansas State *	Jonesboro, Ark.	TBD
Jan. 23	App State *	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Jan. 28	ULM *	Monroe, La.	TBD
Jan. 30	Louisiana Tech *	Ruston, La.	TBD
Feb. 3	South Alabama *	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Feb. 6	MAC-SBC Challenge !	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Feb. 11	Louisiana *	Lafayette, La.	TBD
Feb. 13	South Alabama *	Mobile, Ala.	TBD
Feb. 17	Southern Miss *	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Feb. 20	Arkansas State *	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Feb. 23	Louisiana Tech *	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Feb. 26	Louisiana *	Troy, Ala.	TBD
Mar. 2-6	Sun Belt Tournament	Pensacola, Fla.	

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The 2025 - 2026 year marked the 60th Anniversary of The "Sound of the South" Marching Band. Dr. John M. Long created the band in its current form in the fall of 1965. The "Sound of the South" Marching Band entertains audiences regularly at all Troy home games and several away games. Recent away appearances include Troy University's bowl appearances at the Silicon Valley Classic in San Jose, Calif., the GMAC Bowl in Mobile, Ala., and appearances at the New Orleans Bowl in the Louisiana Superdome and the Cure Bowl in Orlando, Florida. In fact, over the past few years, the "South of the South" Marching Band has traveled tens of thousands of miles entertaining audiences literally from coast to coast.

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

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

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

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

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Troy 41, Rice 17

R+L CARRIERS NEW ORLEANS BOWL

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

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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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Jacksonville State 17, Troy 13



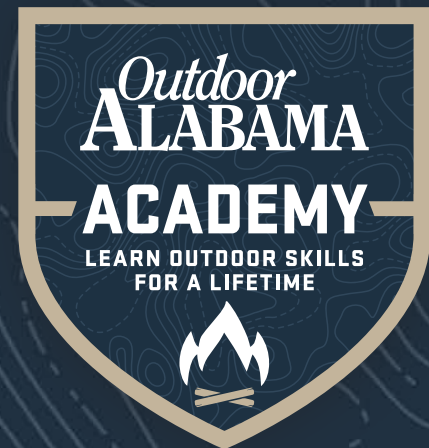
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Reddy STEWARD, Cowboys (2)



Devin LAFAYETTE, Raiders (R)



Javon SOLOMON, Bills (2)



Marcus JONES, Patriots (5)



Kimani VIDAL, Chargers (2)



Dell PETTUS, Patriots (2)



Caleb RANSAW, Jaguars (1)

TROJANS IN THE



DeMarcus WARE, Retired



Osi UMENYIORA, Retired



Lawrence TYNES, Retired



Ethan CONNER, Jaguars (R)

PROS

TROY PLAYERS IN NFL DRAFT

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

NOTABLE

- DeMarcus Ware and Leodis McKelvin
 - Highest overall selections in Sun Belt Conference history



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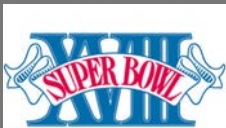
DEMARCUS WARE, DENVER BRONCOS, #94



SUPER BOWL XVII ('83)

Pasadena, Calif. - Redskins 27, Dolphins 17

Virgil Seay (WR) - Washington Redskins



SUPER BOWL XVIII ('84)

Tampa, Fla. - Raiders 38, Redskins 9

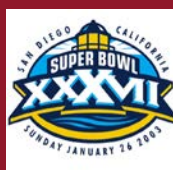
Virgil Seay (WR) - Washington Redskins



SUPER BOWL XXII ('88)

San Diego, Calif. - Redskins 42, Broncos 10

Jack Peavey (C) - Denver Broncos



SUPER BOWL XXXVII ('03)

San Diego, Calif. - Buccaneers 48, Raiders 21

Kerry Jenkins (G) - Tampa Bay Buccaneers



SUPER BOWL XLII ('08)

Glendale, Ariz. - Giants 17, Patriots 14

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



SUPER BOWL XLV ('11)

Arlington, Texas - Packers 31, Steelers 25

Steve McLendon (NT) - Pittsburgh Steelers



SUPER BOWL XLVI ('12)

Indianapolis, Ind. - Giants 21, Patriots 17

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



SUPER BOWL 50 ('16)

Santa Clara, Calif. - Broncos 24, Panthers 10

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



SUPER BOWL LV ('21)

Tampa Bay, Fla. - Buccaneers 31, Chiefs 9

Steve McLendon (DT) - Tampa Bay Buccaneers



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

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

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

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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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