



The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Vaqueros (0-0, 0-0 SLC)
vs. Sul Ross State Lobos (0-0, 0-0 LSC)
Game #1 • Home Game #1 at Robert & Janet Vackar Stadium
Saturday, August 30, 2025 at 7 p.m. (CT)



Date	Opponent	Broadcast/Result	Time/Record
August (0-0)			
8/30	Sul Ross State	ESPN+ SLC International Ultra 90.1 FM Pure Country 95.7 FM KYWW 1530 AM Puro Tejano KGBT-FM 98.5 La Preferida	7 p.m.
September (0-0, 0-0 SLC)			
9/6	at Prairie View A&M	SWAC TV Ultra 90.1 FM Pure Country 95.7 FM	6 p.m.
9/13	Langston	ESPN+ SLC International Ultra 90.1 FM Pure Country 95.7 FM KYWW 1530 AM Puro Tejano KGBT-FM 98.5 La Preferida	7 p.m.
9/20	Texas Wesleyan	ESPN+ SLC International Ultra 90.1 FM Pure Country 95.7 FM KYWW 1530 AM Puro Tejano KGBT-FM 98.5 La Preferida	7 p.m.
9/27	at (RV) Southeastern*	ESPN+/SLC International Ultra 90.1 FM Pure Country 95.7 FM	6 p.m.
October (0-0, 0-0 SLC)			
10/4	HCU*	ESPN+ SLC International Ultra 90.1 FM Pure Country 95.7 FM KYWW 1530 AM Puro Tejano KGBT-FM 98.5 La Preferida	7 p.m.
10/18	at (RV) Lamar*	ESPN+/SLC International Ultra 90.1 FM Pure Country 95.7 FM	3 p.m.
10/25	No. 4 Incarnate Word*	ESPN+ SLC International Ultra 90.1 FM Pure Country 95.7 FM KYWW 1530 AM Puro Tejano KGBT-FM 98.5 La Preferida	7 p.m.
November (0-0, 0-0 SLC)			
11/1	at No. 24 Stephen F. Austin*	ESPN+/SLC International Ultra 90.1 FM Pure Country 95.7 FM	6 p.m.
11/8	Nicholls*	ESPN+ SLC International Ultra 90.1 FM Pure Country 95.7 FM KYWW 1530 AM Puro Tejano KGBT-FM 98.5 La Preferida	5 p.m.
11/15	at McNeese*	ESPN+/SLC International Ultra 90.1 FM Pure Country 95.7 FM	6 p.m.
11/22	East Texas A&M*	ESPN+ SLC International Ultra 90.1 FM Pure Country 95.7 FM KYWW 1530 AM Puro Tejano KGBT-FM 98.5 La Preferida	5 p.m.
NCAA Tournament			
11/29	First Round (If Nec.)	ESPN+ Ultra 90.1 FM Pure Country 95.7 FM	
December (0-0)			
12/6	Second Round	ESPN+ Ultra 90.1 FM Pure Country 95.7 FM	
12/13	Quarterfinals	ABC/ESPN/ESPN+ Ultra 90.1 FM Pure Country 95.7 FM	
12/20	Semifinals	ABC Ultra 90.1 FM Pure Country 95.7 FM	
January (0-0)			
1/5	Championship Game	ESPN Ultra 90.1 FM Pure Country 95.7 FM	
Home games in bold			All times CT
*Southland Conference game			
Broadcast Announcers			
ESPN+ SLC International			
Mark May (Play-by-Play), Aaron Saenz (Color), Jaeda Rael (Sideline)			
Ultra 90.1 FM Pure Country 95.7 FM			
Joe Bowling (Play-by-Play), Jonathan Medina (Color), Jonah Goldberg (Sideline)			
KYWW 1530 AM Puro Tejano KGBT-FM 98.5 La Preferida			
Pedro Leija (Play-by-Play), Nicolás Quintero (Color)			

What You Need to Know
Sul Ross State (8/30)
•This is the first NCAA Division I football game to ever be held in the Rio Grande Valley.
Program Starters
•After hiring head coach Travis Bush in Dec. 2022, using 2023 to recruit and 2024 to both recruit and practice, UTRGV is set for its first season of competition.
•UTRGV is the only new college football program at the NCAA Division I level this season and one of four overall along with Marine Maritime Academy (NCAA DII), Roanoke College (NCAA DIII), and University of Rio Grande (NAIA).
•The last time a team joined DI was 2022, when Stonehill transitioned from DII to FCS. The last time a brand new program debuted at the DI level was 2015, when Kennesaw State launched from scratch and East Tennessee State returned from a 12-year hiatus. The last new program in the Southland Conference was Houston Christian University, which launched at the DI level from scratch in 2014.
•UTRGV head coach Travis Bush was the Offensive Coordinator/QB Coach on the inaugural UTSA team, which launched in 2011. Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line Coach Jeff Bowen was a graduate assistant coach on that team. Director of Football Operations & Administration John Simmons was a quarterback on that team. Bush and Simmons were present for the practice season in 2010.
•UTRGV Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers Coach Brian Gamble helped Incarnate Word start a new program as the Defensive Line Coach, joining the program in 2008 ahead of its inaugural season in 2009.
Quick Facts
Institution Name: The University of Texas Rio Grande [grand] Valley
Shortened Name: UT Rio Grande Valley
Abbreviation: UTRGV
Nickname: Vaqueros [vuh-CARE-ohs]
School Colors: Orange and Gray
Athletics Location: Edinburg [EH-din-berg], Texas
Founded: 2015
Fall 2024 Enrollment: 34,343
National Affiliation: NCAA Division I
Conference: Southland Conference
President: Dr. Guy Bailey
Senior Vice President and Director of Athletics: Chasse Conque
Home Stadium: Robert & Janet Vackar Stadium
On-Campus Practice Facility: Vaqueros Performance Center
Please do not refer to us as:
Texas-Rio Grande Valley, Rio Grande Valley, U of Texas RGV, UT Rio Grande, Rio Grande, Texas RGV, TX-RGV, UT-RGV, RGV
Please do not use a dash in our name , whether full length, shortened or abbreviated.
Note: The Rio Grande Valley is the region of Texas in which UTRGV is located.

History of College Football in the Rio Grande Valley						<ul style="list-style-type: none">•After a hiatus due to the Great Depression and World War II, football returned in 1947 at Edinburg Junior College, which had changed its name from Edinburg College in 1933. Bobby Cannon became head coach as Edinburg Junior College competed in the South Texas Junior College Conference against teams that included Brownsville Junior College, which changed its name from The Junior College of the Lower Rio Grande Valley in 1931. The 1947 Edinburg Junior College squad featured 35 players while the 1948 team had a 28-player roster.		
Palm Bowl						<ul style="list-style-type: none">•After another name change, the football team continued to compete from 1948-50 as Edinburg Regional College before the board of trustees voted to drop the program on May 9, 1951.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•McAllen Memorial Stadium previously played host to the Palm Bowl seven times from 1978 through 1985. The first two games, in 1978 and 1979, were the NAIA National Championship Game. The last five games, held from 1981 through 1985, were the NCAA Division II Championship Game.						<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Jim Brooks was initially hired as the head football coach at Edinburg Regional College, the predecessor to UTRGV legacy institution Pan American College, in 1950, coaching the team's final season before becoming the department chair of health and physical education during the transition to becoming a baccalaureate college. Brooks was then hired as the first athletic director in university history, spending 31 years in that role and as athletic director emeritus (1973-83) at Pan American College and Pan American University.		
Date	Winner		Loser		Attn.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Brownsville Junior College put its football team on hiatus in 1933 due to the Great Depression but brought it back for the 1938 and 1939 seasons before again halting the program until 1947 due to World War II. Brownsville Junior College changed its name to Texas Southmost College in 1950 and is known to have fielded a football team in the 1950s. It is unclear when Texas Southmost College dropped football.		
NAIA Championship						2025 Preseason Notes		
12/16/78	Angelo State	34	Elon	14	8,443	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•UTRGV has one of the highest concentrations of Texas high school football alumni in the nation, with 86 student-athletes (76.11%) who played Texas high school football, including 12 from the Rio Grande Valley.		
12/15/79	Texas A&M-Kingsville	20	Central State (OK)	14		<ul style="list-style-type: none">•UTRGV was picked to finish 10th by the head coaches and communications contacts:		
NCAA DII Championship						2025 Southland Football Preseason Poll		
12/12/81	Texas State	42	North Dakota State	13	9,415	Rank	Team (First Place Votes)	Points
12/11/82	Texas State	34	UC Davis	9	8,000	1.	Incarnate Word (15)	158
12/10/83	North Dakota State	41	Central State (OH)	21	5,275	2.	Stephen F. Austin (3)	137
12/8/84	Troy	18	North Dakota State	17	4,500	3.	Southeastern (1)	136
12/14/85	North Dakota State	35	North Alabama	7	6,000	4.	Lamar (1)	112
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•UTRGV head coach Travis Bush attended his first college football game at the Palm Bowl, witnessing one of Texas State's NCAA Division II Championships.						5.	Nicholls	91
Junior Colleges						6.	McNeese	85
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•The Rio Grande Valley once had two junior college football teams, with the first known meetings between the two occurring in 1928, when Edinburg College defeated The Junior College of the Lower Rio Grande Valley, in Edinburg and the Junior College of the Lower Rio Grande Valley beating Edinburg College in Brownsville. The Junior College of the Lower Rio Grande Valley was formed and began sponsoring football in 1926.						T-7.	East Texas A&M	59
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Edinburg College was formed as a junior college in Edinburg in 1927 and competed in football under head coach J.D. Foster from 1927-30, with known records of 4-2-3 in 1927 and 5-2 in 1928.						T-.	Houston Christian University	59
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Among the players on the inaugural Edinburg College squad was Lou Hassell, a tackle who served as team captain as a sophomore before earning a scholarship to Rice and earning All-Southwest Conference honors. He later returned to the Valley to serve on the Pan American Board of Regents. A 2014 inductee into the UTRGV Athletics Hall of Honor, Hassell established an endowed scholarship that goes to the male student-athlete with the highest GPA each year. Although Hassell has passed on, the scholarship is still given in his name today.						9.	Northwestern State	39
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Another player on the inaugural Edinburg College squad was John McCauley, a triple-threat fullback who played for the team from 1927-28 and went on to earn All-American honors while leading Rice to the 1934 Southwest Conference Championship.						10.	UTRGV	24
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•In 1930, Edinburg College and The Junior College of the Lower Rio Grande Valley met in the Texas Junior College Championship Game at Brownsville High School's Tucker Field. The Junior College of the Lower Rio Grande Valley won 63-0 to complete an undefeated season, with their lone non-win coming in a 6-6 tie again Texas A&M's freshmen team.						(Points are awarded on a 9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis as coaches and communicators are not allowed to vote for their own teams).		
Tracking UTRGV's Opponents								
Opponent		Result	Opp. Record	Opp. Last Game		Opp. Next Game		
Sul Ross State			0-0	L 75-7 vs. UT Permian Basin (11/16/24)		@ UTRGV (8/30)		
Praire View A&M			0-0	L 9-6 @ Alabama State (11/23/24)		vs. Texas Southern (8/30)		
Langston			0-0	W 21-20 vs. Wayland Baptist (11/16/24)		@ Grambling State (8/30)		
Texas Wesleyan			0-1	L 45-10 @ Lindsey Wilson (8/28)		@ Texas College (9/13)		
(RV) Southeastern			0-0	W 19-16 @ Nicholls (11/21/24)		@ Louisiana Tech (8/30)		
Houston Christian University			1-0	W 69-0 vs. Arkansas Baptist (8/28)		@ Eastern Kentucky (9/6)		
(RV) Lamar			0-0	W 26-24 @ McNeese (11/23/24)		@ North Texas (8/30)		
#4 Incarnate Word			0-1	L 20-6 @ Nicholls (8/23)		vs. Eastern Washington (8/30)		
#24 Stephen F. Austin			0-1	L 27-0 @ Houston (8/28)		@ Abilene Christian (9/6)		
Nicholls			1-0	W 20-6 vs. #4 Incarnate Word (8/23)		@ Troy (8/30)		
McNeese			0-0	L 26-24 vs. Lamar (11/23/24)		vs. Louisiana Christian (8/30)		
East Texas A&M			0-0	L 38-24 vs. #6 Incarnate Word (11/23/24)		@ #16 SMU (8/30)		

2025 UTRGV Football Roster

No.	Name	POS	HT	WT	YR	Hometown	Last School / High School
0	Jaxson Maynard	LB	6-2	232	R-Fr.	Bulverde, Texas	Smithson Valley HS
1	Gunner Naivar	WR	6-0	186	R-Fr.	Converse, Texas	Prestonwood Christian Academy
1	Alijah Prosser	DB	5-10	164	R-Fr.	Manor, Texas	Manor HS
2	Atzel Chavez Jr.	QB	6-1	205	R-Fr.	Laredo, Texas	United HS
2	TJ Neal	DB	5-10	200	R-Jr.	Wichita, Kan.	Independence CC / Wichita South HS
3	Logic Hudgens	DB	6-1	195	R-Sr.	Glen Burnie, Md.	FAU / Archbishop Spalding HS
3	Aidan Jakobsohn	QB	6-0	188	R-Fr.	Ingleside, Texas	Ingleside HS
4	Marcus Heard Jr.	DB	5-10	196	R-Jr.	Bryan, Texas	Davidson / Rudder HS
4	Xayvion Noland	WR	5-6	160	R-So.	San Diego, Calif.	Texas State / Canyon HS
5	Ty Bush	P	5-9	195	Fr.	Boerne, Texas	Boerne HS
5	Justin Herman	WR	5-8	170	R-So.	Montgomery, Texas	UT Permian Basin / Montgomery HS
6	Keion Bryant	DB	6-0	185	R-Jr.	College Park, Ga.	Savannah State / Fayette County HS
6	Brennan Carroll	RB	5-8	180	R-Fr.	San Antonio, Texas	Roosevelt HS
7	Braden Baize	WR	5-11	202	R-So.	Boerne, Texas	Oklahoma State / Boerne HS
7	DC Thompson	DE	6-1	252	R-Fr.	Fort Worth, Texas	North Crowley HS
8	Elijah Graham	DB	6-1	205	R-Sr.	Federal Way, Wash.	Mercyhurst / Federal Way HS
8	Ismael Smith Flores	TE	6-5	255	R-So.	Crowley, Texas	Nebraska / Crowley HS
9	Jaxon Baize	QB	6-0	192	Fr.	Borne, Texas	Boerne HS
9	Ian Box	DE	6-3	236	R-Jr.	Seguin, Texas	Lamar / Seguin HS
10	Jaden Adkins	DB	5-10	173	R-Fr.	Coppell, Texas	Coppell HS
10	Cameron Glenn	WR	6-0	173	R-Fr.	Humble, Texas	Atascocita HS
11	Tavian Cord	WR	5-11	193	R-Jr.	Pflugerville, Texas	Tyler JC / Weiss HS
12	Eddie Lee Marburger	QB	6-2	215	R-Sr.	Mission, Texas	UTSA / Sharyland Pioneer HS
13	Jordan Ford	DB	6-1	184	R-Jr.	Tyler, Texas	Navarro College / Tyler Legacy HS
14	Tony Diaz	WR	5-11	176	R-Fr.	San Marcos, Texas	San Marcos HS
15	Hunter Luke	WR	5-10	180	R-So.	Austin, Texas	Kansas / Westlake HS
16	Austin Trimble	CB	6-0	188	Gr.	Canton, Ga.	Marist / Cherokee HS
17	Keamonie Archie	WR	6-4	180	R-So.	Hays, Kan.	Fort Hays State / Hays HS
17	Jayden Paluseo	QB	5-11	191	Fr.	Corpus Christi, Texas	Flour Bluff HS
18	Kyran Lee	WR	5-9	176	R-Fr.	Humble, Texas	Atascocita HS
19	Javien Cuff	WR	6-1	185	Gr.	Vero Beach, Fla.	Buffalo / Vero Beach HS
20	TJ Dement	RB	5-8	190	R-Fr.	Boerne, Texas	Boerne HS
21	Nolan White	DB	6-0	177	R-Fr.	Port Arthur, Texas	Port Arthur Memorial HS
22	Dorian Blackwell	DB	6-2	178	R-Sr.	Folsom, Calif.	Maine / Spanish Springs HS
23	Jaiden Haygood	LB	6-0	215	R-Fr.	Converse, Texas	Judson HS
24	Fabian Garcia	RB	5-8	180	R-Fr.	San Benito, Texas	San Benito HS
25	Marcus Malvoisin	DB	5-10	185	Gr.	New Orleans, La.	Southern / Archbishop Rummel HS
26	Broderick Taylor	RB	5-9	175	Fr.	Corpus Christi, Texas	Roy Miller HS
26	Shane Werner	DB	5-11	178	R-Fr.	Round Rock, Texas	Stony Point HS
27	Andrew Earls	DB	5-11	177	Fr.	Murphy, Texas	Plano East HS
28	Jaden Pettway	DB	6-2	197	R-Fr.	Rosharon, Texas	North Texas / Angleton HS
28	Jamal Polley	RB	5-8	196	R-Fr.	Edinburg, Texas	Robert Vela HS
29	Oscar Nnanna	DB	5-10	173	R-Fr.	Cypress, Texas	Bridgeland HS
30	Tyler Day	LB	6-2	230	R-Fr.	Houston, Texas	Rice / St. Thomas HS
31	Gavin Collins	DB	5-9	187	R-Fr.	League City, Texas	Clear Springs HS
32	Nathan Denney	RB	5-10	205	Gr.	Georgetown, Texas	Yale / Georgetown HS
33	Landen Gaskamp	LB	6-0	230	R-Fr.	Mont Belvieu, Texas	Barbers Hill HS
34	Djouvensky Schlenbaker	RB	6-0	216	R-Jr.	Bellingham, Wash.	Washington State / Squalicum HS
35	Carter Hewitt	DB	5-10	177	R-Fr.	Castroville, Texas	Medina Valley HS
36	Nicholas Peace	DB	5-11	191	R-Fr.	Texas City, Texas	Dickinson HS
37	Troop O'Neal	K	6-0	183	R-Fr.	Plano, Texas	Tulsa / Prestonwood Christian Academy
38	Jarius Williams	DB	6-3	190	R-Fr.	Galveston County, Texas	Clear Springs HS
39	Brysen Gardner	K	5-7	175	R-So.	Peoria, Ariz.	Adams State / Centennial HS
40	Caleb Warren	LB	6-3	236	R-Fr.	Lake Jackson, Texas	Barzoswood HS
41	Connor Carrigan	DE	6-5	235	R-So.	Houston, Texas	Navarro College / Cypress Springs HS
42	Nathan Huerta	DL	6-0	270	R-Jr.	Harlingen, Texas	Texas State / Harlingen HS
43	Kayden Cooper	DB	6-1	198	R-Fr.	Houston, Texas	New Caney HS
43	Will Rogalinski	P	5-11	222	R-Fr.	San Antonio, Texas	Sandra Day O'Connor HS
44	Warren Shankle	LB	6-0	230	Gr.	Houston, Texas	Prairie View A&M / Shadow Creek HS
45	Spencer Rich	LB	6-2	232	Gr.	Nashville, Tenn.	Utah Tech / Brentwood HS
46	Michel Lucien	LB	6-1	234	Gr.	Union, N.J.	UAlbany / Union HS
47	Brendon Ray	TE	6-3	240	Fr.	Bishop, Texas	Bishop HS
48	Trey Bright	LB	6-2	230	R-Fr.	Mont Belvieu, Texas	Barbers Hill HS
49	Ja'Marcus Anderson	DE	6-2	243	R-Fr.	Galveston County, Texas	Dickinson HS
50	Luis Gonzalez	OL	6-4	290	Sr.	Duncanville, Texas	Nichols College / Duncanville HS
51	Tayshaun Davis	DE	6-2	230	Fr.	Farmersville, Texas	Farmersville HS
52	Connor Cortez	LS	6-0	218	R-So.	College Station, Texas	Blinn College / A&M Consolidated HS
53	Seyyid Smith	DE	6-3	265	Jr.	Vallejo, Calif.	Laney College / Dixon HS
54	Lathan Morse	DL	6-5	250	Jr.	Leonia, N.J.	Hudson Valley CC / Leonia HS
55	Abram Nicklas	OL	6-3	272	Jr.	Tomball, Texas	Blinn College / Tomball HS
56	Jackson Waid	LB	6-0	230	R-Fr.	League City, Texas	Clear Falls HS
57	Nick Hughes	OL	6-4	311	R-Fr.	San Antonio, Texas	Central Catholic HS
58	Abdon Mata	DE	6-3	262	R-Fr.	Cibolo, Texas	Byron P. Steele II HS
59	TK Mina	OL	6-3	293	R-Jr.	Arlington, Texas	Navarro College / Bowie HS
60	Vernon Green	DL	6-1	298	R-Fr.	McKinney, Texas	Kilgore College / Allen HS
61	Abram Garcia	DL	6-0	307	R-Fr.	La Joya, Texas	Palmview HS
62	Jose Gonzalez-Vargas	OL	6-2	290	R-Fr.	Laredo, Texas	United HS

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63	Jayden House	DL	6-2	275	Jr.	Las Vegas, Nev.	UT Martin / Bishop Gorman HS
64	Cole Molina	OL	6-3	330	Fr.	Cypress, Texas	Langham Creek HS
65	Qai Smith	OL	6-3	322	R-So.	Oakland, Calif.	Idaho State / Oakland Tech HS
66	Vicente Hughes	OL	6-3	305	Gr.	Antioch, Calif.	Idaho State / Heritage HS
68	Blake Zeller	OL	6-5	320	R-Fr.	New Braunfels, Texas	Canyon HS
69	D'Andre Harwell	DL	6-1	298	R-Fr.	College Station, Texas	College Station HS
70	Frank Medina	OL	5-11	318	R-So.	San Benito, Texas	Texas A&M-Kingsville / San Benito HS
71	Kingsley Ejiofor	OL	6-4	317	Gr.	Houston, Texas	Texas A&M-Kingsville / Alief Taylor HS
72	Tate Davis	OL	6-4	300	R-Fr.	New Braunfels, Texas	Canyon HS
73	Gannon Lauer	OL	6-4	303	R-Jr.	Koloa, Hawai'i	Garden City CC / Saint Louis School
74	Grayson Zuma	OL	6-5	250	Fr.	Buda, Texas	Moe & Gene Johnson HS
75	Roman Hernandez	OL	6-7	230	R-Fr.	El Paso, Texas	Eastlake HS
76	Mehkhi Blue	OL	6-6	324	R-Fr.	Harlingen, Texas	Marine Military Academy
77	Thomas Domian	OL	6-3	303	R-So.	McAllen, Texas	Blinn College / McAllen Memorial HS
78	Brenden Jones	OL	6-6	302	R-Fr.	San Marcos, Texas	San Marcos HS
79	Wes Thompson	OL	6-6	324	R-So.	Muscle Shoals, Ala.	East Mississippi CC / Muscle Shoals HS
80	Corey Holmes	WR	6-2	185	Fr.	Corpus Christi, Texas	Roy Miller HS
81	Christian Sabsook	WR	6-0	190	R-Fr.	Corpus Christi, Texas	Air Force / Veterans Memorial HS
82	Keilan Sweeny	WR	5-8	160	Fr.	Richmond, Texas	Dr. Thomas E. Randle High School
83	Sergio Aparicio	WR	5-10	180	R-Fr.	Pharr, Texas	PSJA North HS
84	Zion Brown	WR	6-0	190	R-Fr.	Atascocita, Texas	Atascocita HS
85	Nathan Luschen	TE	6-4	240	R-Fr.	Cuero, Texas	Cuero HS
86	Noah Staples	TE	6-4	235	R-Sr.	Greenville, S.C.	UMass / Wren HS
87	Claudio Torres	WR	6-0	170	Fr.	Brownsville, Texas	Saint Joseph Academy
88	Jaxson Shupe	TE	6-2	218	R-Fr.	Edinburg, Texas	Robert Vela HS
89	Mateo Grajeda	TE	6-4	237	R-Fr.	El Paso, Texas	Coronado HS
90	Jaden Wincher	DL	6-3	270	R-Fr.	Pearland, Texas	Pearland HS
91	Withchiel "Hank" Filamar	DE	6-4	255	Jr.	Orlando, Fla.	Louisiana Tech / Winter Park HS
92	David Nwabuoku	DE	6-2	233	Fr.	Plano, Texas	Plano Senior HS
93	Percy Jackson III	DE	6-3	250	R-Jr.	Los Angeles, Calif.	Compton College / Venice HS
94	Amari Pouncy	DE	6-2	238	Gr.	Perris, Calif.	Utah Tech / Village Christian HS
95	Andrew Arriola	DL	6-1	270	R-So.	Redlands, Calif.	Citrus College / Cirtus Valley HS
96	JJ Contreras	K	5-11	183	R-Fr.	Los Fresnos, Texas	Los Fresnos HS
97	Nathaniel Wallace-Dilling	P	6-2	190	R-Jr.	Grandview Heights, Ohio	UConn / St. Francis DeSales HS
98	Jack Harwell	DL	6-1	283	Fr.	Plano, Texas	Prestonwood Christian Academy
99	Nicholas Fernandez	DL	6-4	306	R-So.	San Pedro, Calif.	Arizona / San Pedro HS

Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Travis Bush (First Season, Texas State)
Assistant Head Coach / Defensive Coordinator / Linebackers Coach: Brian Gamble (First Season, Texas A&M)
Offensive Coordinator / Offensive Line Coach: Jeff Bowen (First Season, Texas State)
Pass Game Coordinator / Safeties Coach / Recruiting Coordinator: Adrian McDonald (First Season, Houston)
Special Teams Coordinator / Cornerbacks Coach: Marcus Coleman (First Season, Texas Tech)
Senior Offensive Assistant: Mike Schultz (First Season, Sam Houston)
Tight Ends Coach: Mike Barela (First Season, North Texas)
Outside Linebackers Coach: James Lockhart IV (First Season, Baylor)
Defensive Line Coach: Nate Langford (First Season, Texas State)
Running Backs Coach / Recruiting Coordinator: Marco Regalado (First Season, Texas State)
Wide Receivers Coach: Gunnar Henderson (First Season, TCU)
Graduate Student Coach – Defense: Micah Lopez (First Season, Texas State)
Graduate Student Coach – Offense: Jack Meyer (First Season, Arkansas)

Support Staff

Director of Football Operations & Administration: John Simmons (First Season, UTSA)
Director of High School Relations: Bruce Bush (First Season, Lamar)
Football Equipment Coordinator: Luis Mendoza (First Season, Texas State)
Football Video Coordinator: Ben Cox (First Season, Utah Tech)
Analyst: Mike Hudson (First Season, UTSA)
Head Football Strength & Conditioning Coach: Don Sommer (First Season, UTEP)
Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach: Elijah Piñon (First Season, Cal State Fullerton)
Director of Football Medicine: Shane Venteicher (First Season, Liberty)
Assistant Athletic Trainer: Paulina Torres (First Season, Texas State)
Assistant Athletic Trainer: Valeria Gonzalez (First Season, Texas A&M)
Administrative Assistant for Football: Alexis Garcia (First Season, Texas State)

Pronunciation Guide

Keamonie Archie	[key-MAH-nee]
Andrew Arriola	[æ-ree-OH-luh]
Mehkhi Blue	[meh-KAI]
Atzel Chavez Jr.	[at-SELL] [CHA-vez]
Tavian Cord	[TAY-vee-in]
Thomas Domian	[DOE-me-in]
Kingsley Ejiofor	[EDGE-ih-for]
Withchiel "Hank" Filamar	[WIT-chill]
Mateo Grajeda	[grah-HEH-duh]
Michel Lucien	[MIT-chull]

Roman Hernandez	[roe-MAHN]
Marcus Malvoisin	[MEL-vih-sin]
TK Mina	[ME-nuh]
Oscar Nnanna	[NAH-nah]
David Nwabuoku	[wuh-BOO-koo]
Djouvensky Schlenbaker	[juh-VEN-skee] [SHLEN-bake-er]
Qai Smith	[KAI]
Seyyid Smith	[sai-EED]
Keilan Sweeny	[KEE-lin]
Shane Venteicher	[VEN-tie-ker]

#RallyTheValley
UTRGV has placed an emphasis on recruiting the Valley, with an impressive 12 local student-athletes on the roster:

Sergio Aparicio (PSJA North)
Mehkhi Blue (Marine Military Academy)
JJ Contreras (Los Fresnos)
Thomas Domian (McAllen Memorial)
Abram Garcia (Palmview)
Fabian Garcia (San Benito)
Nathan Huerta (Harlingen)
Eddie Lee Marburger (Sharyland Pioneer)
Frank Medina (San Benito)
Jamal Polley (Vela)
Jaxson Shuper (Vela)
Claudio Torres (Saint Joseph Academy)

How the 2025 Squad Was Built

Spring 2023 (1)	Fall 2024 (51)		Spring 2025 (22)	Fall 2025 (39)	
Zion Brown	Jaden Adkins	Carter Hewitt	Braden Baize	Keamonie Archie	Nathan Huerta
	Ja'Marcus Anderson	Nick Hughes	Jaxon Baize	Andrew Arriola	Vicente Hughes
	Sergio Aparicio	Aidan Jakobsohn	Connor Carrigan	Dorian Blackwell	Percy Jackson III
	Mehkhi Blue	Brenden Jones	Thomas Domian	Keion Bryant	Michel Lucien
	Ian Box	Kyran Lee	Nicholas Fernandez	Ty Bush	Hunter Luke
	Trey Bright	Nathan Luschen	Luis Gonzalez	Javien Cuff	Marcus Malvoisin
	Brennan Carroll	Abdon Mata	Justin Herman	Tayshaun Davis	Cole Molina
	Atzel Chavez Jr.	Jaxson Maynard	Gannon Lauer	Tyler Day	Lathan Morse
	Gavin Collins	Frank Medina	Eddie Lee Marburger	Nathan Denney	Brendon Ray
	JJ Contreras	Gunner Naivar	TK Mina	Andrew Earls	Djouvensky Schlenbaker
	Kayden Cooper	Oscar Nnanna	TJ Neal	Kingsley Ejiofor	Warren Shankle
	Tavian Cord	Xayvion Noland	Abram Nicklas	Withchiel "Hank" Filamar	Qai Smith
	Connor Cortez	Nicholas Peace	David Nwabuoku	Jordan Ford	Seyyid Smith
	Tate Davis	Jamal Polley	Troop O'Neal	Brysen Gardner	Noah Staples
	TJ Dement	Alijah Prosser	Jayden Paluseo	Elijah Graham	Keilan Sweeny
	Tony Diaz	Will Rogalinski	Jaden Pettway	Vernon Green	Broderick Taylor
	Abram Garcia	Jaxson Shupe	Amari Pouncy	Jack Harwell	Claudio Torres
	Fabian Garcia	DC Thompson	Spencer Rich	Corey Holmes	Austin Trimble
	Landen Gaskamp	Jackson Waid	Christian Sabsook	Jayden House	Grayson Zuma
	Cameron Glenn	Caleb Warren	Ismael Smith Flores	Logic Hudgens	
	Jose Gonzalez-Vargas	Shane Werner	Wes Thompson		
	Mateo Grajeda	Nolan White	Nathaniel Wallace-Dilling		
	D'Andre Harwell	Jarius Williams			
	Jaiden Haygood	Jaden Wincher			
	Marcus Heard Jr.	Blake Zeller			
	Roman Hernandez				

Geographical Breakdown by High School Location

Texas (86)				California (8)	New Jersey (2)	Nevada (1)
Jaden Adkins	Nathan Denney	Nathan Huerta	Jaden Pettway	Andrew Arriola	Michel Lucien	Jayden House
Ja'Marcus Anderson	Tony Diaz	Nick Hughes	Jamal Polley	Dorian Blackwell	Lathan Morse	
Sergio Aparicio	Thomas Domian	Aidan Jakobsohn	Alijah Prosser	Nicholas Fernandez		Ohio (1)
Braden Baize	Andrew Earls	Brenden Jones	Brendon Ray	Vicente Hughes	Washington (2)	Nathaniel Wallace-Dilling
Jaxon Baize	Kingsley Ejiofor	Kyran Lee	Will Rogalinski	Percy Jackson III	Elijah Graham	
Mehkhi Blue	Jordan Ford	Hunter Luke	Christian Sabsook	Amari Pouncy	Djouvensky Schlenbaker	South Carolina (1)
Ian Box	Abram Garcia	Nathan Luschen	Warren Shankle	Qai Smith		Noah Staples
Trey Bright	Fabian Garcia	Eddie Lee Marburger	Jaxson Shupe	Seyyid Smith	Alabama (1)	
Zion Brown	Landen Gaskamp	Abdon Mat	Ismael Smith Flores		Wes Thompson	Tennessee (1)
Ty Bush	Cameron Glenn	Jaxson Maynard	Keilan Sweeny	Florida (2)		Spencer Rich
Connor Carrigan	Luis Gonzalez	Frank Medina	Broderick Taylor	Javien Cuff	Arizona (1)	
Brennan Carroll	Jose Gonzalez-Vargas	TK Mina	DC Thompson	Withchiel "Hank" Filamar	Brysen Gardner	
Atzel Chavez Jr.	Mateo Grajeda	Cole Molina	Claudio Torres			
Gavin Collins	Vernon Green	Gunner Naivar	Jackson Waid	Georgia (2)	Hawai'i (1)	
JJ Contreras	D'Andre Harwell	Abram Nicklas	Caleb Warren	Keion Bryant	Gannon Lauer	
Kayden Cooper	Jack Harwell	Oscar Nnanna	Shane Werner	Austin Trimble		
Tavian Cord	Jaiden Haygood	Xayvion Noland	Nolan White		Louisiana (1)	
Connor Cortez	Marcus Heard Jr.	David Nwabuoku	Jarius Williams	Kansas (2)	Marcus Malvoisin	
Tate Davis	Justin Herman	Troop O'Neal	Jaden Wincher	Keamonie Archie		
Tayshaun Davis	Roman Hernandez	Jayden Paluseo	Blake Zeller	TJ Neal	Maryland (1)	
Tyler Day	Carter Hewitt	Nicholas Peace	Grayson Zuma		Logic Hudgens	
TJ Dement	Corey Holmes					

Breakdown by Class

Redshirt Freshmen (51)	Redshirt Sophomores (15)		Freshmen (14)	Redshirt Juniors (12)	Graduate Students (10)
Jaden Adkins	Landen Gaskamp	Oscar Nnanna	Keamonie Archie	Ian Box	Javien Cuff
Ja'Marcus Anderson	Cameron Glenn	Troop O'Neal	Andrew Arriola	Keion Bryant	Nathan Denney
Sergio Aparicio	Jose Gonzalez-Vargas	Nicholas Peace	Braden Baize	Tavian Cord	Kingsley Ejiofor
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Kayden Cooper	Aidan Jakobsohn	Jackson Waid	Frank Medina	TJ Neal	
Tate Davis	Brenden Jones	Caleb Warren	Xayvion Noland	Djouvensky Schlenbaker	
Tyler Day	Kyran Lee	Shane Werner	Ismael Smith Flores	Nathaniel Wallace-Dilling	Redshirt Seniors (5)
TJ Dement	Nathan Luschen	Noaln White	Qai Smith		Dorian Blackwell
Tony Diaz	Abdon Mata	Jarius Williams	Wes Thompson	Juniors (5)	Elijah Graham
Abram Garcia	Jaxson Maynard	Jaden Wincher		Withchiel "Hank" Filamar	Logic Hudgens
Fabian Garcia	Gunner Naivar	Blake Zeller		Jayden House	Eddie Lee Marburger
				Lathan Morse	Noah Staples
				Abram Nicklas	
				Seyyid Smith	