TEXAS A&M

2012 AGGIE FOOTBALL

Official Game Notes

THREE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS · 681 VICTORIES · 18 CONFERENCE TITLES · 33 BOWL GAMES · 57 FIRST-TEAM ALL-AMERICANS

SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Thursday, Aug. 30 • 6:30 p.m.	**LOUISIANA TECH** (ESPNU) *Independence Stadium, Shreveport, La.*
Saturday, Sept. 8 • 2:30 p.m.	**FLORIDA** (ESPN) *Kyle Field, College Station*
Saturday, Sept. 15 • 2:30 pm	**@SMU** (FSN) *Ford Stadium, Dallas, Texas*
Saturday, Sept. 22 • TBA	**SOUTH CAROLINA ST.** *Kyle Field, College Station*
Saturday, Sept. 29 • TBA	**ARKANSAS** *Kyle Field, College Station*
Saturday, Oct. 6 • TBA	**@OLE MISS** *Vaught-Hemingway Stadium, Oxford, Miss.*
Saturday, Oct. 20 • TBA	**LSU** *Kyle Field, College Station*
Saturday, Oct. 27 • TBA	**@AUBURN** *Jordan-Hare Stadium, Auburn, Ala.*
Saturday, Nov. 3 • TBA	**@MISSISSIPPI ST.** *Davis Wade Stadium, Starkville, Miss.*
Saturday, Nov. 10 • TBA	**@ALABAMA** *Bryant-Denny Stadium, Tuscaloosa,*
Saturday, Nov. 17 • TBA	**SAM HOUSTON ST.** *Kyle Field, College Station*
Saturday, Nov. 24 • TBA	**MISSOURI** *Kyle Field, College Station*

FB MEDIA RELATIONS CONTACTS

ALAN CANNON, Associate A.D./Media Relations
office ... (979) 862-5447 **cell** ..... (979) 777-4200
email ..... acannon@athletics.tamu.edu

BRAD MARQUARDT, Associate Director
office ... (979) 862-5448 **cell** ..... (979) 229-8651
email ..... bmarquardt@athletics.tamu.edu

MEREDITH COLLIER, Assistant Director
office ... (979) 862-5443 **cell** ..... (979) 777-6112
email ..... mcollier@athletics.tamu.edu

ADAM QUISENBERRY, Assistant Director
office ... (979) 862-5453 **cell** ..... (713) 582-5135
email ..... aquisenberry@athletics.tamu.edu

JACKIE THORNTON, Office Assistant
office ... (979) 845-5725
email jackiet@athletics.tamu.edu

GAME #1

TEXAS A&M
(0-0, 0-0 vs. SEC)

vs.

LOUISIANA TECH
(0-0, 0-0 vs. WAC)

KICKOFF/DATE: .. 6:30 p.m. (CT), Thursday, Aug. 30, 2012

SITE..... **INDEPENDENCE STADIUM, SHREVEPORT, LA. (CAP. 49,555)**

TELEVISION ..... **ESPNU (NATIONAL)**
Clay Matvick, play-by-play
Matt Stinchcomb, commentary
Allison Williams, sideline reporter

RADIO..... **TEXAS A&M SPORTS NETWORK**
Dave South, play-by-play
Dave Elmendorf, commentary
Will Johnson, sidelines

RANKINGS **TEXAS A&M** (RV - **AP TOP 25** / RV - **USA TODAY POLL**)
LOUISIANA TECH (RV - **AP TOP 25** / RV - **USA TODAY POLL**)

SERIES HISTORY.. Texas A&M leadS 9-0-0

LIVE AUDIO ..... aggieathletics.com, radioaggieland.com
LIVE STATS ..... aggieathletics.com

SUMLIN ERA OPENS IN SHREVEPORT

The Aggies will battle Louisiana Tech in the first game of the Kevin Sumlin era at Texas A&M when the two schools open their respective 2012 seasons at Independence Stadium in Shreveport, La., on Thursday, Aug. 30. With a ESPNU national television audience watching, the neutral site game will kick off at 6:30 p.m. (CT).

Texas A&M is coming off a 7-6 campaign in 2011 which included a victory over Big Ten opponent Northwestern in the Meinecke Car Care Bowl of Texas. Louisiana Tech won the Western Athletic Conference crown in 2011 and finished the year with an 8-5 record that included a narrow loss to TCU in the Poinsettia Bowl.

Sumlin, a former A&M assistant under R.C. Slocum in 2001-02, was hired as the Aggies' head coach in December 2011 after a highly successful four-year stint at the University of Houston. He compiled a 35-17 record at the helm of the Cougars and led the program to a school record 13 wins in 2011. In his time as an assistant at A&M, Sumlin coached the wide receivers and took over the offensive play-calling in 2002.

The Bulldogs are a familiar opponent for Sumlin, whose Houston Cougars rallied for a 35-34 victory over Louisiana Tech in Ruston, La., last season. The Cougars trailed 34-7 with five minutes remaining in the third quarter, but scored the game's final 28 points for the victory.

AGGIES-BULLDOGS SERIES HISTORY

- Texas A&M has a 9-0-0 record in the series against Louisiana Tech, although A&M vacated a 28-7 victory over the Bulldogs in 1998 because of the use of an ineligible player.
- The two teams have faced off once previously in Shreveport with the Aggies winning a 37-17 game in Independence Stadium in 1999.
- In the most recent contest between the schools, the Aggies posted a 48-16 at Kyle Field in the second game of 2010. .

2012 QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION: College Station, Texas 77842
FOUNDED: 1872 (opened 1876)
ENROLLMENT: 50,054 (fall 2011)
PRESIDENT: Dr. R. Bowen Loftin (Texas A&M '71)
CHANCELLOR: John Sharp (Texas A&M '72)
FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE: Dr. Tom Adair (Texas A&M '57)
DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Eric Hyman --(North Carolina)
ATHLETIC DEPT PHONE: (979) 845-5129
CONFERENCE: Southeastern Conference
AFFILIATION: NCAA Division I
NICKNAME: Aggies
MASCOT: Reveille (American Collie)
COLORS: Maroon (Pantone 505) and White

STADIUM INFORMATION

STADIUM: Kyle Field
CAPACITY: 82,589
LARGEST CROWD: 90,079 (vs. Nebraska, Nov. 20, 2010)
PLAYING SURFACE: Natural grass
FIRST YEAR OF FOOTBALL: 1905
STADIUM BUILT: 1927 and 1929

COACHING STAFF

HEAD COACH:
KEVIN SUMLIN (Purdue, '88)
Years at Texas A&M: First
Years as head coach: 5th (35-17 record in 4 years)

ASSISTANT COACHES:
KLIFF KINGSBURY, Offensive Coordinator/ Quarterbacks (Texas Tech, '01)
MARK SNYDER, Defensive Coordinator (Marshall, '88)
MARCEL YATES, Co-Defensive Coordinator/ Secondary (Boise State, '00)
B.J. ANDERSON, Offensive Line (Stephen F. Austin, '97)
DAVID BEATY, Wide Receivers (Lindenwood, '94)
CLARENCE MCKINNEY, Running Backs/ Recruiting Coordinator (Mary, '94)
BRIAN POLIAN, Tight Ends/ Special Teams Coordinator (John Carroll, '97)
TERRY PRICE, Defensive Line (Texas A&M, '90)
MATT WALLERSTEDT, Linebackers (Kansas State, '88)
LARRY JACKSON, FB Sports Performance (Texas A&M, '95)

TEAM INFORMATION

BASIC OFFENSE: Multiple
BASIC DEFENSE: Multiple 4-3
2011 OVERALL RECORD: 7-6
2011 CONFERENCE RECORD (FINISH): 4-5 (t6th in Big 12)
2011 BOWL: Meineke Car Care Bowl of Texas (Win 33-22)
2011 RANKING: Not ranked
LETTERMEN RETURNING: 47
(18 offense, 27 defense, 2 specialists)
LETTERMEN LOST: 33
(15 offense, 14 defense, 4 specialists)

STARTERS RETURNING: 14
OFFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING: 8
DEFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING: 6
SPECIAL TEAMS STARTERS RETURNING: 2

STARTERS LOST: 8
OFFENSIVE STARTERS LOST: 3
DEFENSIVE STARTERS LOST: 5
SPECIAL TEAMS STARTERS LOST: 3

MEDIA RELATIONS INFORMATION

OFFICE PHONE: ..... (979) 845-5725
OFFICE FAX: ..... (979) 845-6825
WEBSITE: ..... aggieathletics.com/media

ASSOCIATE AD: ..... **ALAN CANNON**
E-MAIL: ..... acannon@athletics.tamu.edu
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR: ..... **BRAD MARQUARDT**
E-MAIL: ..... bmarquardt@athletics.tamu.edu
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: ..... **ADAM QUISENBERRY**
E-MAIL: ..... aquisenberry@athletics.tamu.edu

MAILING ADDRESS: .....
P.O. Box 30017, College Station, TX 77842-3017
OVERNIGHT ADDRESS: .....
161 Wellborn Rd., Kyle Field Room W127
College Station, TX 77840

NEW FACES SET TO DEBUT IN SHREVEPORT

Texas A&M's depth chart for the Aggies' 2012 season-opener against Louisiana Tech is brimming with first-year players ready to make their maroon and white debuts. The two-deep chart features 17 that are new to the team or redshirted last season, including 10 true freshmen.

Closer Look at the Depth Chart

OFFENSE (8): WR Mike Evans, WR Derel Walker, WR Sabian Holmes, WR Thomas Johnson, OL Germain Ifedi, OL Mike Matthews, OL Joseph Cheek, QB Johnny Manziel
DEFENSE (6): DL Julien Obioha, DE Tyrone Taylor, LB Michael Richardson, DB De'Vante Harris, DB Tremaine Jacobs, DB Johntel Franklin
SPECIALISTS (3): PK Taylor Bertolet, PK Davis Plowman, KOR Trey Williams

FRESHMAN MANZIEL SET TO MAKE HISTORIC START

Redshirt freshman Johnny Manziel (pronounced MAN-zell as in "yell") won the Aggies' starting quarterback job in August camp and is set to become the first freshman QB to start an A&M season-opener since 1944. The Aggies have not had a freshman QB starter in the season-opener since freshmen became eligible in 1972, but used freshman signal-callers during World War II.

According to the *Associated Press* story that ran in the Sept. 24 edition of the *Dallas Morning News*, freshman Jimmie Cashion of College Station started at quarterback and helped the Aggies overcome seven fumbles on the way a 39-0 win over the Bryan Army Airfield Ducks. The AP said of Cashion: ***"Born on the Aggie campus and an unofficial member of the Aggies all his life, Cashion looked exceptionally good at quarterback and his passing left nothing to be desired."*** The Aggies also used a freshman QB in 1943 when James Hallmark helped the famed "Kiddie Corps" to a berth in the Orange Bowl against LSU.

Manziel, a record-setting schoolboy QB at Kerrville Tivy High School, was an early enrollee to A&M and joined the Aggies in January 2011 and went through spring drills that year. He also earned a spot on A&M's travel roster while redshirting last year.

FRESHMAN QB STARTERS SINCE 1972

Texas A&M has had 11 quarterbacks start games as freshman (none in the season-opener) since freshmen became eligible in 1972.

FRESHMAN QB	YEAR	GAME	RESULT
David Walker	1973	6th	W, 35-16 at TCU
Mike Mosley	1977	9th	W, 52-23 at TCU
Gary Kubiak	1979	3rd	*W, 27-14 at Penn State
Kevin Murray	1983	5th	W, 30-7 vs. Houston
Craig Stump	1984	4th	L, 30-12 vs. Texas Tech
Lance Pavlas	1987	3rd	W, 27-14 at Southern Miss (@Jackson, MIss.)
Bucky Richardson	1987	6th	W, 34-10 at Baylor
Jeff Granger	1991	2nd	L, 35-34 at Tulsa
Corey Pullig	1992	9th	W, 40-18 vs. Louisville
Reggie McNeal	2002	11th	L, 33-27 (2OT) vs. Missouri
Stephen McGee	2005	11th	L, 40-29 vs. Texas

**Kubiak left the game after injuring his elbow on the first play of the game.*

RECORD-SETTING OFFENSE MEETS KEVIN SUMLIN

The 2011 edition of the Texas A&M offense demolished its season records for passing, total and scoring. The 2012 edition, which returns eight starters from 2011, is now directed by first-year Aggie head coach Kevin Sumlin, whose University of Houston offenses have been dominating the NCAA statistical rankings the past four seasons. Sumlin's Cougars led the NCAA FBS in total, passing and scoring offense in two of his four seasons, and ranked in the top five of the three categories nine times (of a possible 12).

Record-Setting 2011 Aggie Offense

CATEGORY	2011	OLD RECORD, YEAR
Passing Offense	291.1	281.6, 2009
Total Offense	490.2	471.1, 1990
Scoring Offense	39.1	36.7, 1993

Sumlin's High-Flying Offenses at UH

	PASSING	TOTAL	SCORING
2008	#2 (401.6)	#2 (562.8)	#10 (40.6)
2009	#1 (433.7)	#1 (563.4)	#1 (42.2)
2010	#5 (327.3)	#11 (480.5)	#13 (37.8)
2011	#1 (450.1)	#1 (599.1)	#1 (49.3)

BIG CROWDS AT KYLE FIELD

Texas A&M enters SEC play with an eight-game streak of sellouts at Kyle Field, which is a school record. A&M's sellout streak dated back to the 2010 Nebraska game, which set the Kyle Field record with an attendence of 90,079. Kyle Field was filled to 105.0 percent capacity in 2011 and the average attendance of 87,183 broke the previous high by over 4,000 fans per game.

2011 NCAA Attendance Leaders

RK.	SCHOOL	STADIUM	AVERAGE
1.	Michigan	Michigan	112,179
2.	Ohio State	Ohio	105,231
3.	Alabama	Bryant-Denny	101,821
4.	Penn State	Beaver	101,427
5.	Texas	Royal-Memorial	100,524
6.	Tennessee	Neyland	94,642
7.	LSU	Tiger	92,868
8.	Georgia	Sanford	92,613
9.	Florida	Florida Field	89,061
10.	**TEXAS A&M**	Kyle Field	87,183

SWOPE SETS SIGHTS ON RECEIVING RECORDS

After breaking A&M's single season receptions record in back-to-back seasons, senior wide receiver **RYAN SWOPE** enters 2012 in range of most of the career receiving standard in the Aggies' record book. For his career, Swope has 180 catches for 2,204 yards and 16 touchdowns. He is within 53 catches and 888 yards of his receiving counterpart the past three years **JEFF FULLER**, who grabbed 233 receptions for 3,092 yards and 34 touchdowns from 2008-11.

As a sophomore in 2010, Swope (along with Fuller) broke A&M's long-standing school record for catches in a season with 72 (old record of 65 by **ROD BERNSTINE** in 1986). Swope improved the school record of 89 catches as a junior and added the season receiving yards record to his resumé with 1,207 yards.

Swope posted a school record with six 100-yard receiving games last season, and has nine for his career. He set another school record with four touchdown receptions against Baylor in 2011. His 206 receiving yards (on 11 catches) against the Bears was the fifth 200-yard game in A&M history.

Chart Chaser

Career Receptions

PLAYER	REC.	YEARS
Jeff Fuller	233	2008-11
RYAN SWOPE	180	2009-
Terrence Murphy	172	2001-04
UZOMA NWACHUKWU	126	2009-
Bethel Johnson	117	1999-02

Career Receiving Yards

PLAYER	YARDS	YEARS
Jeff Fuller	3,092	2008-11
Terrence Murphy	2,600	2001-04
RYAN SWOPE	2,204	2009-
UZOMA NWACHUKWU	1,754	2009-
Bethel Johnson	1,740	1999-02

Career Touchdowns

PLAYER	TDs	YEARS
Jeff Fuller	34	2008-11
Bob Long	19	1966-68
RYAN SWOPE	16	2009-
Tony Harrison	14	1990-93
Albert Connell	13	1995-96

PASS-RUSHERS ON THE PROWL

The Aggies posted a NCAA FBS-best 51 quarterback sacks (3.92 per game) in 2011, and the top two pass rushers are back for the Aggies' first season in the Southeastern Conference. Senior **SEAN PORTER**, a first-team All-Big 12 pick by the Associated Press, ranked No. 16 nationally with .73 sacks per game (9.5 total), while junior **DAMONTRE MOORE** ranked No. 21 with .71 per game (8.5). Texas A&M is the only team in the nation with two returning players that ranked in the top 25 in QB sacks last year.

PRO DADS

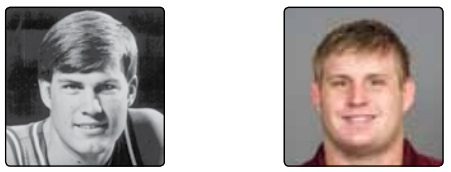
Multiple players on the Aggies' 2012 roster have fathers that were accomplished professional athletes in the NFL or the NBA

BRUCE MATTHEWS / SONS JAKE AND MIKE



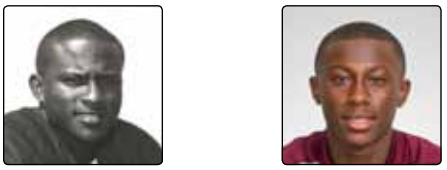
The father of Aggie offensive linemen Jake and Mike Matthews, Bruce, was a perennial All-Pro offensive lineman for the Houston Oilers and Tennessee Titans, and was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2007. The elder Matthews currently coaches Jake and Mike's older brother, Kevin, with the Tennessee Titans. Kevin Matthews was the Aggies' starter at center in 2008 and 2009.

ED NEALY / SON SPENCER



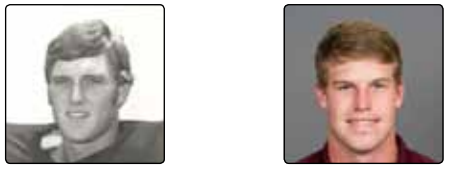
Senior defensive lineman Spencer Nealy's dad, Ed, was an All-Big Eight forward at Kansas State and played 10 seasons in the NBA, including with the 1992-93 Chicago Bulls that won the NBA title.

ROD HARRIS / DE'VANTE HARRIS



True freshman cornerback De'Vante Harris' father, Rod, was an accomplished return specialist for three NFL teams and compiled over 150 punt and kickoff returns during his pro career..

LOUIS CHEEK / JOSEPH CHEEK



Redshirt freshman lineman Joseph Cheek's dad, Louis, saw action in 49 games in four seasons in the NFL.

Aggie Legacies

The 2012 Texas A&M football roster has several players whose father were Aggie lettermen:

WR Rod Harris 1985-88 / CB De'Vante Harris, Fr-HS

OT Louis Cheek 1984-87 / OT Joseph Cheek, Fr-RS

DB Lynn Honeycutt 1978-79 / DB Clay Honeycutt, So-1L

QB Craig Stump 1984-87 / QB Joshua Stump, Fr-HS

QB Mark McQueen 1981-82 / QB Conner McQueen, Fr-HS

PROTECTING THE PASSER

Texas A&M was one of the nation's best at protecting the passer last season with just nine take-downs of future NFL first-round pick Ryan Tannehill in 13 games, which ranked No. 4 in the NCAA FBS. Four of the five members of the Aggies' 2011 offensive front return in 2012, including All-America candidate bookend tackles **LUKE JOECKEL** and **JAKE MATTHEWS** and veteran center **PATRICK LEWIS** (team-high 35 starts).

Despite attempting an average of over 41 passes per game last season, the Aggie offensive front was flagged for holding just twice and haven't been called for holding since the second game of 2011.

HARRIS TO THE HOUSE

Two the nation's most dangerous punt returners in 2011 resided in the SEC with Joe Adams of Arkansas and Tyrann Mathieu of LSU, but the NCAA leader was in College Station. Senior **DUSTIN HARRIS** was the NCAA statistical champ with an average of 18.6 yards on 18 punt returns with one touchdown. Harris also set a school record for single game punt return yards when he gained 162 yards on three tries against Kansas, including a 72-yard TD burst.

2011 NCAA Punt Return Leaders

1	**DUSTIN HARRIS, TEXAS A&M**	18.6
2	Joe Adams, Arkansas	16.9
3	Jared Abbrederis, Wisconsin	15.8
4	Tyrann Mathieu, LSU	15.6
5	Devon Wylie, Fresno State	15.4

A&M Season Punt Return Average

1	**DUSTIN HARRIS, 2011**	18.6
2	Aaron Glenn, 1993	19.9
3	Yale Lary, 1951	16.2
4	Carl Roaches, 1972	15.1
5	Kevin Smith, 1991	14.5

A&M Game Punt Return Yards

1	**DUSTIN HARRIS**	162 vs. Kansas, 2011
2	Aaron Glenn	131 vs. Mizzou, 1993
3	Rod Harris	123 vs. La. Tech, 1987
4	Billy Mitchell	116 at Houston, 1994
5	Rod Harris	108 vs. Arkansas, 1987

AGGIES ON THE WATCH LISTS

Doak Walker Award (Best Running Back):
Christine Michael, RB, Beaumont, Texas

Maxwell Award (Most Outstanding Player):
Christine Michael, RB, Beaumont, Texas

Bednarik Award (Top Defensive Player):
Sean Porter, LB, Schertz, Texas

Rimington Trophy (Most Outstanding Center):
Patrick Lewis, C, Reserve, La.

Outland Award (Best Interior Lineman):
Luke Joeckel, OT, Arlington, Texas
Jake Matthews, OT, Missouri City, Texas

Nagurski Trophy (Best Defensive Player):
Sean Porter, LB, Schertz, Texas

Butkus Award (Best Linebacker):
Sean Porter, LB, Schertz, Texas
Damontre Moore, DE, Rowlett, Texas

Rotary Lombardi Award (Best Lineman or Linebacker):
Sean Porter, LB, Schertz, Texas
Luke Joeckel, OT, Arlington, Texas
Jake Matthews, OT, Missouri City, Texas

Biletnikoff Award (Best Receiver):
Uzoma Nwachukwu, WR, Allen, Texas
Ryan Swope, WR, Austin, Texas

Paul Hornung Award (Most Versatile Player):
Dustin Harris, DB/RS, Livingston, Texas

Ted Hendricks Award (Premier Defensive End):
Damontre Moore, Rush DE, Rowlett, Texas)

2012 STANDINGS

Eastern

Team	All	SEC
Florida	0-0	0-0
Georgia	0-0	0-0
Kentucky	0-0	0-0
Missouri	0-0	0-0
South Carolina	0-0	0-0
Tennessee	0-0	0-0
Vanderbilt	0-0	0-0

Western

Team	All	SEC
Alabama	0-0	0-0
Arkansas	0-0	0-0
Auburn	0-0	0-0
LSU	0-0	0-0
Mississippi State	0-0	0-0
Ole Miss	0-0	0-0
TEXAS A&M	0-0	0-0

Week 1 Schedule
(All Times Central)

Aug. 30
South Carolina at Vanderbilt ..... 6 pm/ESPN
TEXAS A&M vs. Louisiana Tech ..... 6:30 pm/ESPNU
(Shreveport, La.)

Aug. 31
Tennessee vs. N.C. State (Atlanta, Ga.) ... 6:30 pm/ESPNU

Sept. 1
Buffalo at Georgia ..... 11 am/SEC Network
Bowling Green at Florida ..... 2:30 pm/ESPN
Jacksonville State at Arkansas ..... 6 pm/PPV
North Texas at LSU ..... 6 pm/ESPNU
Central Arkansas at Ole Miss ..... 6 pm/PPV
Jackson State at Mississippi State ..... 6 pm/FSN
Auburn vs. Clemson (Atlanta, Ga.) ..... 6 pm/ESPN
Southeastern Louisiana at Missouri ..... 6 pm/PPV
Alabama vs. Michigan (Arlington, Texas) ..... 7 pm/ABC

Sept. 2
Kentucky at Louisville ..... 2:30 pm/ESPN

SCHEDULE BREAKDOWN -- RANKINGS / TV / RADIO

Date	AP/HC	Opponent (AP/HC)	TV	Play-by-Play, Analyst (s), Sideline	National Radio	Play-by-Play, Analyst, Sideline
8/30	RV/RV	Louisiana Tech (RV/RV)	ESPNU (National)	Clay Matvick, Matt Stinchcomb, Allison Williams	none	
9/8		Florida	ESPN (National)			
9/15		at SMU	FSN			
9/22		South Carolina St.				
9/29		Arkansas				
10/6		at Ole Miss				
Open						
10/20		LSU				
10/27		at Auburn				
11/3		at Mississippi St.				
11/10		at Alabama				
11/17		Sam Houston St.				
11/24		Missouri				

ABOUT SUMLIN'S A&M DEBUT

- In Kevin Sumlin's debut game at the University of Houston, the Cougars logged a 55-3 win over Southern on Aug. 30, 2008.
- R.C. Slocum, the winningest head coach in school history, also debuted as A&M head coach against a team from the Pelican state. Slocum's 1989 Aggies took the opening kickoff back for a touchdown and never looked back in a 28-16 win over No. 7 LSU at Kyle Field on Sept. 2, 1989. Slocum also hired Sumlin as his assistant head coach in 2001.
- Sumlin is the first Aggie head coach to debut away from Kyle Field since 1965 when Gene Stallings took his first A&M squad to face LSU in Baton Rouge, La.
- Dating back to 1965 for Gene Stallings' A&M debut, Aggie coaches are 4-3 in the first games of their careers:

2008	Mike Sherman	vs. Arkansas State	L, 18-14	College Station
2003	Dennis Franchione	vs. Arkansas State	W, 26-11	College Station
1989	R.C. Slocum	vs. LSU	W, 28-16	College Station
1982	Jackie Sherrill	vs. Boston College	L, 38-16	College Station
1978	Tom Wilson	vs. Rice	W, 38-21	College Station
1972	Emory Bellard	vs. Wichita State	W, 36-13	College Station
1965	Gene Stallings	at LSU	L, 10-0	Baton Rouge, La.

A&M IN SEASON OPENERS

- The Aggies have won their last three season-openers, and are 7-3 in their last 10 season lid-lifters.
- First-year Aggie head coach Kevin Sumlin was a perfect 4-0 in season-openers at Houston, and his teams scored 38 or more points in all four wins.
- In season-openers away from Kyle Field, the Aggies have lost three straight contests (to Clemson in 2005, Utah in 2004 and Notre Dame in 2000). A&M's last season-opening win away from Kyle Field was the 37-17 win over Lousiana Tech at Independence Stadium in 1999.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- In addition to breaking in a new quarterback, the Aggies will be using a placekicker not named **RANDY BULLOCK** for the first time since 2008. The 2011 All-American and Lou Groza Placekicker Award winner has attempted A&M's last 80 field goals since winning the job early in his freshman season.
- Senior DT **JONATHAN MATHIS** and senior RB **CHRISTINE MICHAEL** will be seeing his first live action since their 2011 seasons were cut short by injuries. Mathis started the first three games at DE in 2011, while Michael went down in game nine.
- Sophomore **BEN COMPTON** will be making his offensive line debut after doing a solid job on the defensive front last season. Recruited as an OL, Compton lined up at NG in 2011 due to depth concerns.
- Projected OL starters have a combined 92 career starts. Leading the way is senior C **PATRICK LEWIS** with 35, followed by OT **LUKE JOECKEL** (26), OT **JAKE MATTHEWS** (20), OG **CEDRICK OGBUEHI** (6) and OG **JARVIS HARRISON** (5). Backup **SHEP KLINKE** also has three starts under his belt. Lewis, a Rimington Trophy watch lister, reports that the group calls themselves the **MAROON GOONS**.
- Senior linebacker **SEAN PORTER** enters the Louisiana Tech game just five tackles short of 200 career tackles, making him the No. 2 active tackles in the SEC behind **DARREN BATES** of Auburn (222 tackles)
- The Aggies have three players among the SEC's career active statistical leaders: senior RB **CHRISTINE MICHAEL** with 2,374 rushing yards, senior WR **RYAN SWOPE** with 180 catches for 2,204 receiving yards and 16 touchdowns; and senior return specialist **DUSTIN HARRIS** with 553 punt return yards.
- Texas A&M and LSU are the only team in the SEC without a QB on the roster with at least one previous start.
- Texas A&M will start the season on a winning streak for the first time since 2002. The Aggies beat Northwestern 33-22 in the 2011 Meinecke Car Care Bowl of Texas.
- The only Texas A&M QB to throw for 300-plus yards in a season-opener is **JERROD JOHNSON**, who did it twice. He threw for 349 against New Mexico in 2009 and 322 against Stephen F. Austin in 2010. The SEC record for passing yards in a season opener is 498 by Kentucky's **TIM COUCH** against Louisville in 1988.
- A&M's rushing record for a season-opener is 229 by **LEELAND MCELROY** against LSU in 1995. The SEC record is 290 yards by **BO JACKSON** in Auburn's 1985 lidlifter against Louisiana-Lafayette.
- There will be several familiar faces on the Louisiana Tech side of the field, which features a pair of former A&M staffers in **MARK TOMMERDAHL** and **STAN EGGEN**, who served under **DENNIS FRANCHIONE** from 2003-07. Also of note on the LT sideline will be Bulldog assistant coach **PETE PEROT**, who is the father of former A&M TE **JOEY PEROT**.

SEC HEAD COACHES TELECONFERENCE

The Southeastern Conference will host individual telephonic news conferences with each head coach on Wednesdays, starting at 10:10 a.m. (Central time), during the 2012 season. Those media wishing to dial into the conference call should contact Chuck Dunlap (cdunlap@sec.org) in the SEC office for the call-in and replay numbers.

The call will be available live and archived on www.secdigitalnetwork.com.

Teleconferences are scheduled for every Wednesday during the season. Coaches will appear in the following order:

10:10 a.m.	Steve Spurrier	South Carolina
10:20 a.m.	Will Muschamp	Florida
10:30 a.m.	James Franklin	Vanderbilt
10:40 a.m.	Nick Saban	Alabama
10:50 a.m.	Derek Dooley	Tennessee
11:00 a.m.	John L. Smith	Arkansas
11:10 a.m.	Gary Pinkel	Missouri
11:20 a.m.	Hugh Freeze	Ole Miss
11:30 a.m.	**KEVIN SUMLIN**	**TEXAS A&M**
11:40 a.m.	Joker Phillips	Kentucky
11:50 a.m.	Dan Mullen	Mississippi State
12:00 p.m.	Mark Richt	Georgia
12:10 p.m.	Gene Chizik	Auburn

TEAM CAPTAINS, LEADERSHIP COUNCIL SELECTED

- Team captains, selected by player voting, are seniors LB Sean Porter, DB Steven Terrell, OL Patrick Lewis and WR Ryan Swope.
- Leadership Council, also selected by player vote, is comprised of SENIORS: LB Sean Porter, TE Michael Lamothe; JUNIORS: OL Jake Matthews, OL Luke Joeckel; SOPHOMORES: QB Jameill Showers, RB Brandon Williams; FRESHMEN: QB Johnny Manziel, WR Mike Evans.

WILLIAMS WAIVER DENIED

The waiver application submitted by Texas A&M on behalf of sophomore running back Brandon Williams, who transferred to Texas A&M from Oklahoma, was denied by the NCAA on . The initial appeal was submitted and denied by the NCAA staff. Texas A&M appealed the staff decision on August 7 and the subcommittee for legislative relief denied the appeal on August 22.

2012 TEXAS A&M FOOTBALL ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

as of Aug. 20, 2012

	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL-EXP	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC)
41	Alexander, Brandon	DL	6-6	245	So-1L	Brenham, TX (Brenham)
65	Arechiga, John-Albert	OL	6-2	300	Fr-HS	Houston, TX (Jersey Village)
9	Askew, Nate	WR	6-4	220	Jr-2L	San Antonio, TX (Madison)
85	Aubuchon, Kyle	WR	5-10	190	So-TR	Hebron, TX (Hebron/Blinn JC)
36	Baggs, Donnie	LB	6-1	230	So-1L	League City, TX (Clear Springs)
43	Bass, Justin	LB	6-2	217	So-SQ	Plano, TX (West)
83	Beardmore, Colton	WR	5-9	170	Fr-RS	Cypress, TX (Cy Woods)
24	Bertolet, Taylor	PLK	5-9	174	Fr-RS	Reading, PA (Exeter Township)
62	Brown, Nick	DS	6-4	215	Fr-HS	Cumming, GA (West Forsythe)
26	Burns, Devonta	DB	6-0	201	Fr-RS	Arlington, TX (Martin)
2	Campbell, Steven	DB	6-0	201	Sr-3L	Houston, TX (Jersey Village)
21	Carson, Tra	RB	6-0	227	So-TR	Texarkana, TX (Liberty Eylau/Oregon)
79	Cheek, Joseph	OL	6-7	300	Fr-RS	Seguin, TX (Seguin)
68	Compton, Ben	OL	6-4	307	So-1L	Friendswood, TX (Friendswood)
29	Cottonham, D'Cardio	RB	5-9	185	Fr-HS	Dallas, TX (Carter)
6	Davis, Matt	QB	6-2	206	Fr-HS	Houston, TX (Klein Forest)
27	Dolezal, Brice	RB/WR	5-9	170	Fr-HS	Austin, TX (Westlake)
42	Ennis, Kirby	DL	6-4	300	Jr-2L	Huntsville, TX (Huntsville)
48	Epperson, Ryan	P	6-2	195	Sr-3L	Keller, TX (Keller)
13	Evans, Mike	WR	6-5	218	Fr-RS	Galveston, TX (Ball)
29	Everett, Deshazor	DB	6-0	181	So-1L	DeRidder, LA (DeRidder)
30	Franklin, Johntel	DB	6-2	200	Jr-RS	Milwaukee, WI (Madison/Victor Valley (CA) CC)
19	Fritsche, Matt	DB	6-3	171	Fr-RS	Bryan, TX (Rudder)
6	Gardiner, Desmond	DB	5-10	193	Jr-2L	Port Arthur, TX (Memorial)
26	Giamfortone, Sam	RB	6-1	222	So-TR	Friendswood, TX (Friendswood/Incarnate Word)
67	Godwin, Tyler	DL	6-3	280	Fr-HS	Clear Springs, TX (Clear Springs)
37	Graham, Garrett	RB	5-10	197	So-SQ	Mansfield, TX (Mansfield)
78	Gramling, Garrett	OL	6-6	309	So-SQ	Denton, TX (Ryan)
60	Gutekunst, Nathan	OL	6-6	308	Fr-RS	Humble, TX (Atascocita)
57	Guthrie, Dylan	OL	6-3	269	So-SQ	Houston, TX (Memorial)
1	Harris, De'Vante	DB	5-10	175	Fr-HS	Mesquite, TX (Horn)
22	Harris, Dustin	DB	6-0	175	Sr-3L	Livingston, TX (Livingston)
51	Harrison, Jarvis	OL	6-4	320	So-1L	Navasota, TX (Navasota)
98	Hatten, Shayvion	DL	6-4	295	Fr-RS	Daingerfield, TX (Daingerfield)
81	Hicks, Nehemiah	TE	6-4	243	Jr-2L	Hutto, TX (Hutto)
40	Hiddink, Seth	PLK	6-4	200	Fr-HS	Wylie, TX (Wylie)
23	Holmes, Sabian	WR	5-11	175	Fr-HS	Southlake, TX (Carroll)
25	Honeycutt, Clay	DB	6-2	197	So-1L	Dickinson, TX (Dickinson)
4	Hurd Jr., Toney	DB	5-9	180	Jr-2L	Missouri City, TX (Fort Bend Marshall)
74	Ifedi, Germain	OL	6-5	338	Fr-HS	Houston, TX (Westside)
4	Jackson, Brandal	WR	6-1	191	Sr-3L	Navasota, TX (Navasota)
7	Jacobs, Tramain	DB	6-1	190	Jr-TR	Covington, LA (Covington/Mississippi Gulf Coast CC)
45	Jenkins, Steven	LB	6-2	220	Jr-1L	Pensacola, FL (Pine Forest/Coffeyville (KS) CC)
76	Joeckel, Luke	OL	6-6	310	Jr-2L	Arlington, TX (Arlington)
16	Joeckel, Matt	QB	6-4	234	So-SQ	Arlington, TX (Arlington)
58	Johnson, Cody	LB	6-1	220	Fr-RS	Anahuac, TX (Anahuac)
8	Johnson, Thomas	WR	5-11	185	Fr-HS	Dallas, TX (Skyline)
20	Jones, C.J.	DB	6-1	190	Sr-2L	Houston, TX (Klein Forest)
38	Kaser, Drew	P	6-3	220	So-SQ	Strongsville, OH (Walsh Jesuit)
84	Kennedy, Malcome	WR	6-0	200	So-1L	Cayuga, TX (Cayuga)
77	Klinke, Shep	OL	6-7	305	Jr-2L	Katy, TX (Katy)
15	Labhart, Travis	WR	5-9	182	Jr-1L	Dallas, TX (Whitesboro)
88	Lamascus, Gaston	WR	5-6	182	Jr-SQ	Navasota, TX (Navasota)
19	Lamothe, Michael	TE	6-3	235	Sr-3L	New Iberia, LA (New Iberia)
61	Lewis, Patrick	OL	6-2	312	Sr-3L	Reserve, LA (East St. John)
86	Little, Caleb	TE	6-3	235	So-RS	Salado, TX (Salado/Mary Hardin Baylor)
1	Malena, Ben	RB	5-8	195	Jr-2L	Cedar Hill, TX (Cedar Hill)
90	Manukainiu, Polo	DL	6-5	255	Fr-HS	Euless, TX (Trinity)
2	Manziel, Johnny	QB	6-1	200	Fr-RS	Kerrville, TX (Tivy)
15	Marshall, Kenneth	DB	6-0	191	Fr-HS	South Houston, TX (South Houston)
49	Martinez, Taylor	LB	6-0	215	Fr-HS	Fort Bend, TX (Travis)
92	Mathis, Jonathan	DL	6-2	300	Sr-1L	Houston, TX (Westfield/Blinn JC)
31	Matthews, Howard	DB	6-2	206	So-1L	League City, TX (Clear Springs)
75	Matthews, Jake	OL	6-5	305	Jr-2L	Missouri City, TX (Elkins)
56	Matthews, Mike	OL	6-3	260	Fr-HS	Missouri City, TX (Elkins)
5	McNeal, Kenric	WR	6-1	184	Sr-3L	Spring, TX (Spring)
14	McQueen, Conner	QB	5-10	175	Fr-HS	Klein, TX (Klein Oak)
33	Michael, Christine	RB	5-11	220	Sr-3L	Beaumont, TX (West Brook)
44	Moeller, Sam	DB	5-11	186	Fr-RS	San Antonio, TX (Antonian Prep)
94	Moore, Damontre	DL	6-4	250	Jr-2L	Rowlett, TX (Rowlett)
57	Munrose, Alvin	LB	6-1	195	Fr-HS	Baytown, TX (Goose Creek Memorial)
99	Nealy, Spencer	DL	6-5	277	Sr-3L	San Antonio, TX (Reagan)
82	Niederhofer, Boone	WR	6-0	180	Fr-HS	San Antonio, TX (Churchill)
7	Nwachukwu, Uzoma	WR	6-0	194	Sr-3L	Allen, TX (Allen)
95	Obioha, Julien	DL	6-4	255	Fr-HS	New Orleans, LA (Brother Martin)
70	Ogbuehi, Cedric	OL	6-5	295	So-1L	Allen, TX (Allen)
50	Ortega, Justin	OL	5-10	235	So-1L	San Antonio, TX (Reagan)
27	Osadebey, Michael	LB	6-1	215	Sr-SQ	Grapevine, TX (Colleyville Heritage/SE Oklahoma)
23	Patterson, Domonique	LB	6-0	218	Jr-1L	Dallas, TX (Skyline)
36	Plowman, Davis	PLK	5-10	185	Fr-HS	Roswell, GA (Blessed Trinity)
18	Pope, Edward	WR	6-4	170	Fr-HS	Carthage, TX (Carthage)
10	Porter, Sean	LB	6-2	230	Sr-3L	Schertz, TX (Clemens)
14	Raven, Sr., Floyd	DB	6-2	190	So-1L	Kenner, LA (East St. John)
33	Richardson, Michael	LB	6-2	230	Fr-HS	DeSoto, TX (DeSoto)
34	Richmond, Jordan	LB	6-3	225	Fr-HS	Denton, TX (Ryan)
32	Riney, Rylan	DB	5-11	175	Fr-RS	Aledo, TX (Aledo)
89	Robinson, Ivan	DL	6-3	270	So-1L	Longville, LA (South Beauregard)
47	Russell, Caleb	DL	6-2	248	Sr-2L	Midlothian, TX (Midlothian)
46	Russell, Jake	LB	6-2	229	Jr-SQ	Sulphur Springs, TX (Sulphur Springs)
73	Scales, Rhontae	DL	6-6	300	Jr-2L	Killeen, TX (Killeen)
3	Showers, Jameill	QB	6-2	219	So-1L	Killeen, TX (Shoemaker)
53	Smith, Caden	OL	6-3	259	Fr-RS	Roscoe, TX (Roscoe)
72	Stansbury, Gavin	DL	6-4	270	So-1L	Franklin, LA (Franklin)
11	Stewart, Jonathan	LB	6-4	244	Sr-3L	Shreveport, LA (Byrd)
17	Stump, Joshua	QB	5-10	185	Fr-HS	Beaumont, TX (Westbrook)
25	Swope, Ryan	WR	6-0	206	Sr-3L	Austin, TX (Westlake)
39	Taylor, Marvin	DB	5-11	187	Fr-HS	Houston, TX (Lamar)
35	Taylor, Tyrell	LB	6-4	212	So-1L	Houston, TX (Galena Park)
50	Taylor, Tyrone	LB	6-3	210	Fr-HS	Houston, TX (Galena Park)
21	Terrell, Steven	DB	5-10	193	Sr-3L	Allen, TX (Allen)
71	Tipoti, Kimo	OL	6-3	320	Fr-HS	Hurst, TX (L.D. Bell)
11	Walker, Derel	WR	6-2	185	Jr-TR	Hillsboro, TX (Hillsboro/Trinity Valley CC)
40	Ward, Shaun	LB	6-2	244	So-1L	Ft. Lauderdale, FL (Boyd Anderson)
31	Wicks, Seth	PLK	5-10	165	Fr-HS	Keller, TX (Keller)
35	Wilkins, Matt	WR	5-9	185	So-SQ	College Station, TX (A&M Consolidated)
55	Williams, Alonzo	DL	6-4	248	Fr-HS	Long Beach, CA (Polytechnic)
28	Williams, Brandon	RB	6-0	192	So-TR	Brookshire, TX (Brookshire Royal)
10	Williams, LeKendrick	WR	5-8	170	So-SQ	Sharpstown, TX (Sharpstown)
20	Williams, Trey	RB	5-8	185	Fr-HS	Spring, TX (Dekaney)
59	Woodum, Allen	OL	6-3	292	Sr-SQ	Conroe, TX (Conroe)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Name	Pronunciation
ARECHIGA, John-Albert	are-CHE-ga
AUBUCHON, Kyle	o-ba-shawn
ASKEW, Nate	ass-KEW
BERTOLET, Taylor	BURR-toe-let
Burns**, DEVONTA**	dah-VON-tah
Everett, **DESHAZOR**	dee-shay-zor
FRITSCHE, Matt	frit-chee
GUTEKUNST, Nathan	goot-eh-kunst
Hicks, **NEHEMIAH**	NEE-ah-my-ah
HIDDINK, Seth	HID-ink

Name	Pronunciation
IFEDI, Germain	IF-eddie
JOECKEL, Luke/Matt	JOKE-ell
KASER, Drew	KAY-ser (as in laser)
KLINKE, Shep	KLINK
LAMOTHE, Michael	la-MOTH
MALENA, Ben	mah-LEAN-uh
MANUKAINIU, Polo	MANA-canu
MANZIEL, Johnny	man-ZELL (as in yell).
Michael, **CHRISTINE**	kristin
NWACHUKWU, UZOMA	WATCH-ah-coo, ooh-ZOME-uh

Name	Pronunciation
OBIOHA, Julien	o-BEE-o-ha
OGBUEHI, Cedric	ah-BOO-hee
OSADEBEY, Michael	o-sa-da-boy
Showers, **JAMEILL**	jah-MEAL
SWOPE, Ryan	swope (as in hope)
Taylor, **Tyrell**	TIE-rell
TERRELL, Steven	TAIR-ell
TIPOTI, Kimo	TEE-po-ti

2012 TEXAS A&M FOOTBALL NUMERICAL ROSTER

as of Aug. 20, 2012

	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL-EXP	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC)
1	Harris, De'Vante	DB	5-10	175	Fr-HS	Mesquite, TX (Horn)
1	Malena, Ben	RB	5-8	195	Jr-2L	Cedar Hill, TX (Cedar Hill)
2	Campbell, Steven	DB	6-0	201	Sr-3L	Houston, TX (Jersey Village)
2	Manziel, Johnny	QB	6-1	200	Fr-RS	Kerrville, TX (Tivy)
3	Showers, Jameill	QB	6-2	219	So-1L	Killeen, TX (Shoemaker)
4	Hurd Jr., Toney	DB	5-9	180	Jr-2L	Missouri City, TX (Fort Bend Marshall)
4	Jackson, Brandal	WR	6-1	191	Sr-3L	Navasota, TX (Navasota)
5	McNeal, Kenric	WR	6-1	184	Sr-3L	Spring, TX (Spring)
6	Davis, Matt	QB	6-2	206	Fr-HS	Houston, TX (Klein Forest)
6	Gardiner, Desmond	DB	5-10	193	Jr-2L	Port Arthur, TX (Memorial)
7	Jacobs, Tramain	DB	6-1	190	Jr-TR	Covington, LA (Covington/Mississippi Gulf Coast CC)
7	Nwachukwu, Uzoma	WR	6-0	194	Sr-3L	Allen, TX (Allen)
8	Johnson, Thomas	WR	5-11	185	Fr-HS	Dallas, TX (Skyline)
9	Askew, Nate	WR	6-4	220	Jr-2L	San Antonio, TX (Madison)
10	Porter, Sean	LB	6-2	230	Sr-3L	Schertz, TX (Clemens)
10	Williams, LeKendrick	WR	5-8	170	So-SQ	Sharpstown, TX (Sharpstown)
11	Stewart, Jonathan	LB	6-4	244	Sr-3L	Shreveport, LA (Byrd)
11	Walker, Derel	WR	6-2	185	Jr-TR	Hillsboro, TX (Hillsboro/Trinity Valley CC)
13	Evans, Mike	WR	6-5	218	Fr-RS	Galveston, TX (Ball)
14	McQueen, Conner	QB	5-10	175	Fr-HS	Klein, TX (Klein Oak)
14	Raven, Sr., Floyd	DB	6-2	190	So-1L	Kenner, LA (East St. John)
15	Labhart, Travis	WR	5-9	182	Jr-1L	Dallas, TX (Whitesboro)
15	Marshall, Kenneth	DB	6-0	191	Fr-HS	South Houston, TX (South Houston)
16	Joeckel, Matt	QB	6-4	234	So-SQ	Arlington, TX (Arlington)
17	Stump, Joshua	QB	5-10	185	Fr-HS	Beaumont, TX (Westbrook)
18	Pope, Edward	WR	6-4	170	Fr-HS	Carthage, TX (Carthage)
19	Fritsche, Matt	DB	6-3	171	Fr-RS	Bryan, TX (Rudder)
19	Lamothe, Michael	TE	6-3	235	Sr-3L	New Iberia, LA (New Iberia)
20	Jones, C.J.	DB	6-1	190	Sr-2L	Houston, TX (Klein Forest)
20	Williams, Trey	RB	5-8	185	Fr-HS	Spring, TX (Dekaney)
21	Carson, Tra	RB	6-0	227	So-TR	Texarkana, TX (Liberty Eylau/Oregon)
21	Terrell, Steven	DB	5-10	193	Sr-3L	Allen, TX (Allen)
22	Harris, Dustin	DB	6-0	175	Sr-3L	Livingston, TX (Livingston)
23	Holmes, Sabian	WR	5-11	175	Fr-HS	Southlake, TX (Carroll)
23	Patterson, Domonique	LB	6-0	218	Jr-1L	Dallas, TX (Skyline)
24	Bertolet, Taylor	PLK	5-9	174	Fr-RS	Reading, PA (Exeter Township)
25	Honeycutt, Clay	DB	6-2	197	So-1L	Dickinson, TX (Dickinson)
25	Swope, Ryan	WR	6-0	206	Sr-3L	Austin, TX (Westlake)
26	Burns, Devonta	DB	6-0	201	Fr-RS	Arlington, TX (Martin)
26	Giamfortone, Sam	RB	6-1	222	So-TR	Friendswood, TX (Friendswood/Incarnate Word)
27	Dolezal, Brice	RB/WR	5-9	170	Fr-HS	Austin, TX (Westlake)
27	Osadebey, Michael	LB	6-1	215	Sr-SQ	Grapevine, TX (Colleyville Heritage/SE Oklahoma)
28	Williams, Brandon	RB	6-0	192	So-TR	Brookshire, TX (Brookshire Royal)
29	Cottonham, D'Cardio	RB	5-9	185	Fr-HS	Dallas, TX (Carter)
29	Everett, Deshazor	DB	6-0	181	So-1L	DeRidder, LA (DeRidder)
30	Franklin, Johntel	DB	6-2	200	Jr-RS	Milwaukee, WI (Madison/Victor Valley (CA) CC)
31	Matthews, Howard	DB	6-2	206	So-1L	League City, TX (Clear Springs)
31	Wicks, Seth	PLK	5-10	165	Fr-HS	Keller, TX (Keller)
32	Riney, Rylan	DB	5-11	175	Fr-RS	Aledo, TX (Aledo)
33	Michael, Christine	RB	5-11	220	Sr-3L	Beaumont, TX (West Brook)
33	Richardson, Michael	LB	6-2	230	Fr-HS	DeSoto, TX (DeSoto)
34	Richmond, Jordan	LB	6-3	225	Fr-HS	Denton, TX (Ryan)
35	Taylor, Tyrell	LB	6-4	212	So-1L	Houston, TX (Galena Park)
35	Wilkins, Matt	WR	5-9	185	So-SQ	College Station, TX (A&M Consolidated)
36	Baggs, Donnie	LB	6-1	230	So-1L	League City, TX (Clear Springs)
36	Plowman, Davis	PLK	5-10	185	Fr-HS	Roswell, GA (Blessed Trinity)
37	Graham, Garrett	RB	5-10	197	So-SQ	Mansfield, TX (Mansfield)
38	Kaser, Drew	P	6-3	220	So-SQ	Strongsville, OH (Walsh Jesuit)
39	Taylor, Marvin	DB	5-11	187	Fr-HS	Houston, TX (Lamar)
40	Hiddink, Seth	PLK	6-4	200	Fr-HS	Wylie, TX (Wylie)
40	Ward, Shaun	LB	6-2	244	So-1L	Ft. Lauderdale, FL (Boyd Anderson)
41	Alexander, Brandon	DL	6-6	245	So-1L	Brenham, TX (Brenham)
42	Ennis, Kirby	DL	6-4	300	Jr-2L	Huntsville, TX (Huntsville)
43	Bass, Justin	LB	6-2	217	So-SQ	Plano, TX (West)
44	Moeller, Sam	DB	5-11	186	Fr-RS	San Antonio, TX (Antonian Prep)
45	Jenkins, Steven	LB	6-2	220	Jr-1L	Pensacola, FL (Pine Forest/Coffeyville (KS) CC)
46	Russell, Jake	LB	6-2	229	Jr-SQ	Sulphur Springs, TX (Sulphur Springs)
47	Russell, Caleb	DL	6-2	248	Sr-2L	Midlothian, TX (Midlothian)
48	Epperson, Ryan	P	6-2	195	Sr-3L	Keller, TX (Keller)
49	Martinez, Taylor	LB	6-0	215	Fr-HS	Fort Bend, TX (Travis)
50	Ortega, Justin	OL	5-10	235	So-1L	San Antonio, TX (Reagan)
50	Taylor, Tyrone	LB	6-3	210	Fr-HS	Houston, TX (Galena Park)
51	Harrison, Jarvis	OL	6-4	320	So-1L	Navasota, TX (Navasota)
53	Smith, Caden	OL	6-3	259	Fr-RS	Roscoe, TX (Roscoe)
55	Williams, Alonzo	DL	6-4	248	Fr-HS	Long Beach, CA (Polytechnic)
56	Matthews, Mike	OL	6-3	260	Fr-HS	Missouri City, TX (Elkins)
57	Munrose, Alvin	LB	6-1	195	Fr-HS	Baytown, TX (Goose Creek Memorial)
57	Guthrie, Dylan	OL	6-3	269	So-SQ	Houston, TX (Memorial)
58	Johnson, Cody	LB	6-1	220	Fr-RS	Anahuac, TX (Anahuac)
59	Woodum, Allen	OL	6-3	292	Sr-SQ	Conroe, TX (Conroe)
60	Gutekunst, Nathan	OL	6-6	308	Fr-RS	Humble, TX (Atascocita)
61	Lewis, Patrick	OL	6-2	312	Sr-3L	Reserve, LA (East St. John)
62	Brown, Nick	DS	6-4	215	Fr-HS	Cumming, GA (West Forsythe)
65	Arechiga, John-Albert	OL	6-2	300	Fr-HS	Houston, TX (Jersey Village)
67	Godwin, Tyler	DL	6-3	280	Fr-HS	Clear Springs, TX (Clear Springs)
68	Compton, Ben	OL	6-4	307	So-1L	Friendswood, TX (Friendswood)
70	Ogbuehi, Cedric	OL	6-5	295	So-1L	Allen, TX (Allen)
71	Tipoti, Kimo	OL	6-3	320	Fr-HS	Hurst, TX (L.D. Bell)
72	Stansbury, Gavin	DL	6-4	270	So-1L	Franklin, LA (Franklin)
73	Scales, Rhontae	DL	6-6	300	Jr-2L	Killeen, TX (Killeen)
74	Ifedi, Germain	OL	6-5	338	Fr-HS	Houston, TX (Westside)
75	Matthews, Jake	OL	6-5	305	Jr-2L	Missouri City, TX (Elkins)
76	Joeckel, Luke	OL	6-6	310	Jr-2L	Arlington, TX (Arlington)
77	Klinke, Shep	OL	6-7	305	Jr-2L	Katy, TX (Katy)
78	Gramling, Garrett	OL	6-6	309	So-SQ	Denton, TX (Ryan)
79	Cheek, Joseph	OL	6-7	300	Fr-RS	Seguin, TX (Seguin)
81	Hicks, Nehemiah	TE	6-4	243	Jr-2L	Hutto, TX (Hutto)
82	Niederhofer, Boone	WR	6-0	180	Fr-HS	San Antonio, TX (Churchill)
83	Beardmore, Colton	WR	5-9	170	Fr-RS	Cypress, TX (Cy Woods)
84	Kennedy, Malcome	WR	6-0	200	So-1L	Cayuga, TX (Cayuga)
85	Aubuchon, Kyle	WR	5-10	190	So-TR	Hebron, TX (Hebron/Blinn JC)
86	Little, Caleb	TE	6-3	235	So-RS	Salado, TX (Salado/Mary Hardin Baylor)
88	Lamascus, Gaston	WR	5-6	182	Jr-SQ	Navasota, TX (Navasota)
89	Robinson, Ivan	DL	6-3	270	So-1L	Longville, LA (South Beauregard)
90	Manukainiu, Polo	DL	6-5	255	Fr-HS	Euless, TX (Trinity)
92	Mathis, Jonathan	DL	6-2	300	Sr-1L	Houston, TX (Westfield/Blinn JC)
94	Moore, Damontre	DL	6-4	250	Jr-2L	Rowlett, TX (Rowlett)
95	Obioha, Julien	DL	6-4	255	Fr-HS	New Orleans, LA (Brother Martin)
98	Hatten, Shayvion	DL	6-4	295	Fr-RS	Daingerfield, TX (Daingerfield)
99	Nealy, Spencer	DL	6-5	277	Sr-3L	San Antonio, TX (Reagan)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Name	Pronunciation
ARECHIGA, John-Albert	are-CHE-ga
AUBUCHON, Kyle	o-ba-shawn
ASKEW, Nate	ass-KEW
BERTOLET, Taylor	BURR-toe-let
Burns**, DEVONTA**	dah-VON-tah
Everett, **DESHAZOR**	dee-shay-zor
FRITSCHE, Matt	frit-chee
GUTEKUNST, Nathan	goot-eh-kunst
Hicks, **NEHEMIAH**	NEE-ah-my-ah
HIDDINK, Seth	HID-ink
IFEDI, Germain	IF-eddie
JOECKEL, Luke/Matt	JOKE-ell
KASER, Drew	KAY-ser (as in laser)
KLINKE, Shep	KLINK
LAMOTHE, Michael	la-MOTH
MALENA, Ben	mah-LEAN-uh
MANUKAINIU, Polo	MANA-canu
MANZIEL, Johnny	man-ZELL (as in yell).
Michael, **CHRISTINE**	kristin
NWACHUKWU, UZOMA	WATCH-ah-coo, ooh-ZOME-uh
OBIOHA, Julien	o-BEE-o-ha
OGBUEHI, Cedric	ah-BOO-hee
OSADEBEY, Michael	o-sa-da-boy
Showers, **JAMEILL**	jah-MEAL
SWOPE, Ryan	swope (as in hope)
Taylor, **Tyrell**	TIE-rell
TERRELL, Steven	TAIR-ell
TIPOTI, Kimo	TEE-po-ti

TEXAS A&M DEPTH CHART

As of Aug. 21, 2012

OFFENSE

WR	13	Mike Evans	6-5 • 218 • Fr-RS • Galveston, TX (Ball)
	or 11	Derel Walker	6-2 • 185 • Jr-TR • Hillsboro, TX (Hillsboro/Trinity Valley CC)
	9	Nate Askew	6-4 • 220 • Jr-2L • San Antonio, TX (Madison)
LT	**76**	**LUKE JOECKEL**	6-6 • 310 • Jr-2L • Arlington, TX (Arlington)
	74	Germain Ifedi	6-5 • 338 • Fr-HS • Houston, TX (Westside)
LG	51	Jarvis Harrison	6-3 • 320 • So-1L • Navasota, TX (Navasota)
	77	Shep Klinke	6-7 • 305 • Jr-2L • Katy, TX (Katy)
C	**61**	**PATRICK LEWIS**	6-2 • 312 • Sr-3L • LaPlace, LA (East St. John)
	56	Mike Matthews	6-3 • 260 • Fr-HS • Missouri City, TX (Elkins)
RG	**70**	**CEDRIC OGBUEHI**	6-5 • 295 • So-1L • Allen, TX (Allen)
	68	Ben Compton	6-4 • 307 • So-1L • Friendswood, TX (Friendswood)
RT	**75**	**JAKE MATTHEWS**	6-5 • 305 • Jr-2L • Missouri City, TX (Elkins)
	79	Joseph Cheek	6-7 • 300 • Fr-RS • Seguin, TX (Seguin)
TE	19	Michael Lamothe	6-3 • 235 • Sr-3L • New Iberia, LA (New Iberia)
	81	**NEHEMIAH HICKS**	6-4 • 243 • Jr-2L • Hutto, TX (Hutto)
WR	**7**	**UZOMA NWACHUKWU**	6-0 • 194 • Sr-3L • Allen, TX (Allen)
	23	Sabian Holmes	5-11 • 175 • Fr-HS, Southlake, TX (Carroll)
WR	**25**	**RYAN SWOPE**	6-0 • 206 • Sr-3L • Austin, TX (Westlake)
	84	Malcome Kennedy	6-0 • 200 • So-1L • Cayuga, TX (Cayuga)
WR	5	Kenric McNeal	6-1 • 184 • Sr-3L • Spring, TX (Spring)
	8	Thomas Johnson	5-11 • 185 • Fr-HS • Dallas, TX (Skyline)
QB	2	Johnny Manziel	6-1 • 200 • Fr-RS • Kerrville, TX (Tivy)
	or 16	Matt Joeckel	6-4 • 234 • So-SQ • Arlington, TX (Arlington)
	3	Jameill Showers	6-1 • 219 • So-1L• Killeen, TX (Showmaker)
TB	**33**	**CHRISTINE MICHAEL**	5-11 • 220 • Sr-3L • Beaumont, TX (West Brook)
	1	Ben Malena	5-8 • 195 • Jr-2L • Cedar Hill, TX (Cedar Hill)

DEFENSE

DE	72	Gavin Stansbury	6-4 • 270 • So-1L • Franklin, LA (Franklin)
	95	Julien Obioha	6-4 • 255 • Fr-HS • New Orleans, LA (Brother Martin)
NG	42	Kirby Ennis	6-4 • 300 • Jr-2L • Huntsville, TX (Huntsville)
	92	Jonathan Mathis	6-2 • 300 • Sr-1L • Houston, TX (Westfield/Blinn JC)
DT	**99**	**SPENCER NEALY**	6-5 • 277 • Sr-3L • San Antonio, TX (Reagan)
	89	Ivan Robinson	6-3 • 270 • So-1L • Longville, LA (South Beauregard)
RUSH	**94**	**DAMONTRE MOORE**	6-4 • 250 • Jr-2L • Rowlett, TX (Rowlett)
	50	Tyrone Taylor	6-3 • 210 • Fr-HS • Houston, TX (Galena Park)
WLB	**45**	**STEVEN JENKINS**	6-2 • 220 • Jr-1L • Pensacola, FL (Pine Forest/Coffeyville (KS) CC)
	36	Donnie Baggs	6-1 • 230 • So-1L • League City, TX (Clear Springs)
MLB	**11**	**JONATHAN STEWART**	6-4 • 244• Sr-3L • Shreveport, LA (Byrd)
	43	Justin Bass	6-2 • 217 • So-SQ • Plano, TX (West)
SLB	**10**	**SEAN PORTER**	6-2 • 230 • Sr-3L • Schertz, TX (Clemens)
	33	Michael Richardson	6-2 • 230 • Fr-HS • DeSoto, TX (DeSoto)
CB	29	Deshazor Everett	6-0 • 181 • So-1L • DeRidder, LA (DeRidder)
	22	Dustin Harris	6-0 • 175 • Sr-3L • Livingston, TX (Livingston)
CB	1	De'Vante Harris	5-10 • 175 • Fr-HS • Mesquite, TX (Horn)
	7	Tremaine Jacobs	6-1 • 190 • Jr-TR • Covington, LA (Covington/Mississippi Gulf Coast CC)
BS	2	Steven Campbell	6-0 • 201 • Sr-3L • Houston, TX (Jersey Village)
	30	Johntel Franklin	6-2 • 200 • Jr-TR • Milwaukee, WI (Madison/Victor Valley (CA) CC)
FS	21	Steven Terrell	5-10 • 193 • Sr-3L • Allen, TX (Allen)
	4	Toney Hurd, Jr.	5-9 • 180 • Jr-2L • Missouri City, TX (Fort Bend Marshall)

BOLD *indicates returning 2011 starter.*

SPECIALISTS

K	24	Taylor Bertolet	5-9 • 174 • Fr-RS • Reading, PA (Exeter Township)
	36	Davis Plowman	5-10 • 185 • Fr-HS • Roswell, GA (Blessed Trinity)
P	**48**	**RYAN EPPERSON**	6-2 • 195 • Sr-3L • Keller, TX (Keller)
	or 38	Drew Kaser	6-3 • 220 • So-HS • Strongsville, OH (Walsh Jesuit)
H	48	Ryan Epperson	6-2 • 195 • Sr-3L • Keller, TX (Keller)

SNP	75	Jake Matthews	6-5 • 305 • Jr-2L • Missouri City, TX (Elkins)
	50	Justin Ortega	5-10 • 235 • So-1L • San Antonio, TX (Reagan)
KR	20	Trey Williams	5-8 • 185 • Fr-HS • Spring, TX (Dekaney)
PR	**22**	**DUSTIN HARRIS**	6-0 • 175 • Sr-3L • Livingston, TX (Livingston)

TEXAS A&M FOOTBALL SPEED CHART

ON THE SIDELINE



KEVIN SUMLIN
HEAD COACH



KLIFF KINGSBURY
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
QUARTERBACKS



MARK SNYDER
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR



B.J. ANDERSON
OFFENSIVE LINE



DAVID BEATY
WIDE RECEIVERS



BRIAN POLIAN
SPECIAL TEAMS COOR/TE



TERRY PRICE
DEFENSIVE LINE



MARCEL YATES
CO-DC/SECONDARY

IN THE PRESS BOX



CLARENCE MCKINNEY
RUNNING BACKS



MATT WALLERSTEDT
LINEBACKERS



LARRY JACKSON
FB S&C



JUSTIN MOORE
Assoc. AD/FB



GARY REYNOLDS
Dir. of FB Ops



KENNY BELL
Dir. of Recruiting

MEDIA RELATIONS



ALAN CANNON
SID



BRAD MARQUARDT
Assoc. SID



ADAM QUISENBERRY
Asst. SID