

# BULLDOG FOOTBALL

# 2021



## GAME EIGHT

Saturday, Oct. 30 | 2:30 p.m. (CT) | Norfolk, Va.  
S.B. Ballard Stadium (21,944) | AstroTurf

### TUNE IN

#### TV: CBS SPORTS NETWORK

Chris Hassel (PxP)  
Sed Bonner (Analyst)



#### RADIO: LA Tech Sports Network

Malcolm Butler (PxP)  
Teddy Allen (Analyst)



#### SOCIAL MEDIA

Twitter: @LATechFB  
Instagram: @LATechFB  
Facebook: LATechFootball  
YouTube: Louisiana Tech Athletics  
Live Stats: Sidarm

### SERIES HISTORY

Overall	Old Dominion leads, 1-0
Ruston	N/A
Norfolk	Old Dominion leads, 1-0
Neutral	N/A
First Meeting	ODU 30, LA Tech 27 (OT, Norfolk, 2014)
Last Meeting	ODU 30, LA Tech 27 (OT, Norfolk, 2014)
Streak	ODU 1

### LA TECH QUICK FACTS

Location	Ruston, La.
Founded	1894
Nickname	Bulldogs
Colors	Blue and Red
Enrollment	11,197 (As of Fall 2020)
Conference	Conference USA (West Division)
Stadium (Capacity)	Joe Aillet Stadium (28,562)
Stadium Record	170-71-2
Surface	FieldTurf Revolution
President	Dr. Les Guice (Louisiana Tech, 1976)
Director of Athletics/Vice President	Dr. Eric A. Wood (Sacred Heart University, 1998)
Athletic Office	318-257-4827
Football Office	318-257-4547
Ticket Office	318-257-3631



#### LA Tech Bulldogs

2-5, 1-2 C-USA  
H: 2-2, A: 0-3, N: 0-0

Head Coach: Skip Holtz  
Career: 151-117 (22)  
LA Tech: 63-46 (9)

#### TEAM COMPARISON

26.57	Points/Game	23.1
33.00	Points Allowed/Game	31.4
114.0	Rush Yards/Game	169.7
153.4	Rush Yards Allowed/Game	129.9
277.43	Pass Yards/Game	189.4
297.00	Pass Yards Allowed/Game	227.7
391.4	Total Offense/Game	359.1
28:30	Time of Possession	29:56
38-97	3rd Down Conversions	45-110
4-8	4th Down Conversions	7-16
17-23	Red Zone: Attempts-Scores	21-25
10-23	Red Zone: Touchdowns	14-25



#### Old Dominion Monarchs

1-6, 0-3 C-USA  
H: 1-2, A: 0-4, N: 0-0

Head Coach: Ricky Rahne  
Career: 1-6 (1)  
ODU: Same

### SATURDAY KICKOFF

- >> Louisiana Tech will look to break a three-game losing streak on Saturday as the Bulldogs take on Old Dominion at 2:30 p.m. CT in Norfolk, Va.
- >> Saturday's game will mark just the second meeting between the Bulldogs and the Monarchs in program history.
- >> For the first time in program history, LA Tech's first five games of the 2021 campaign were decided by a single possession.
- >> Louisiana Tech head coach **Skip Holtz** earned his 150th career win as a FBS head coach in the 45-42 victory over Southeastern (Sept. 11).
- >> Two Tech seniors have appeared in at least 50 career games as Louisiana Tech Bulldogs in linebacker **Ezekiel Barnett** and defensive back **Zeno Hannibal**.
- >> Since joining the league in 2013, Louisiana Tech leads Conference USA with 209 forced turnovers.
- >> Four Bulldog wide receivers have registered over 200 receiving yards this season in sophomore **Smoko Harris** (392), redshirt freshman **Bub Means** (315), freshman **Tre Harris** (293) and graduate **Samuel Emilus** (248).
- >> Two Bulldogs have posted a 100-yard reception game in 2021 in **S. Harris** (108 vs. #24 UTSA, Oct. 23) and **T. Harris** (102 vs. SMU, Sept. 18).
- >> LA Tech's three starting linebackers have each registered double-digit stops in a game this season as freshman **Tyler Grubbs** had 13 tackles against SMU (Sept. 18), senior **Trey Baldwin** had 12 at UTEP (Oct. 16) and 11 at No. 23 NC State (Oct. 2), and senior **Ezekiel Barnett** had 10 against SMU (Sept. 18).
- >> Brothers **Levi Bell** and **Ben Bell** have combined for six of the LA Tech's 10 sacks this season. **L. Bell** has registered 3.0 sacks for a loss of 25 yards, while **B. Bell** has 3.0 total sacks for a loss of 13 yards.
- >> Graduate running back **Marcus Williams Jr.** had a combined 102 yards rushing and receiving against No. 24 UTSA (Oct. 23). It marked the third time this season he had over 100 all-purpose yards in a game.
- >> Graduate kicker/punter **Cesar Barajas** averages 42.9 punting yards per game. He has logged four punts over 50 yards, including a 71-yarder at UTEP (Oct. 16) and a 62-yarder against No. 24 UTSA (Oct. 23).

#### WE ARE ... "LOUISIANA TECH"

We are excited you are covering Louisiana Tech Football this year. We ask that you please refer to us by our correct name and abbreviation. Thanks and Go Bulldogs!

#### CORRECT

Louisiana Tech  
LA Tech (pronounced: Lah Tech)  
Bulldogs or 'Dogs

#### INCORRECT

LT or LTU  
LaTech or La. Tech  
Dawgs

### 2021 SCHEDULE



MISSISSIPPI STATE  
Sept. 4  
Starkville, Miss.  
ESPN  
L, 34-35



SOUTHEASTERN  
Sept. 11  
Ruston, La.  
ESPN3  
W, 45-42



SMU  
Sept. 18  
Ruston, La.  
CBS SPORTS NETWORK  
L, 37-39



NORTH TEXAS\*  
Sept. 25  
Ruston, La.  
STADIUM  
W, 24-17



#23 NC STATE  
Oct. 2  
Raleigh, N.C.  
ESPN+  
L, 27-34



UTEP\*  
Oct. 16  
El Paso, Texas  
ESPN+  
L, 3-19



#24 UTSA\*  
Oct. 23  
Ruston, La.  
STADIUM  
L, 16-45



OLD DOMINION\*  
Oct. 30  
Norfolk, Va.  
2:30 p.m. CT  
CBSSN



UAB\*  
Nov. 6  
Birmingham, Ala.  
11 a.m. CT  
CBSSN



CHARLOTTE\*  
Nov. 13  
Ruston, La.  
2:30 p.m. CT  
STADIUM



SOUTHERN MISS\*  
Nov. 19  
Ruston, La.  
7 p.m. CT  
CBSSN



RICE\*  
Nov. 27  
Houston, Texas  
Noon CT  
ESPN NETWORKS

# MEDIA INFORMATION

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## TEAM INFORMATION

<b>First Year of Football</b> .....	1901
<b>Record (Years)</b> .....	645-475-38 (119)
<b>Conference USA Record (Years)</b> .....	41-23 (9)
<b>Conference Championships (Last)</b> .....	25 (WAC, 2011)
<b>All-Time Bowl Record</b> .....	8-4-1 (.615)
<b>2020 Record</b> .....	5-5
<b>2020 Conference USA Record/Finish</b> .....	4-2 / 3rd (West)
<b>Lettermen Returning</b> .....	53
<b>Lettermen Lost</b> .....	18
<b>Starters Returning</b> .....	18
<b>Starters Lost</b> .....	9
<b>Offensive Starters Returning (5):</b> OL Abraham Delfin; OL Joshua Mote; WR Isaiah Graham; WR Griffin Hebert; QB Luke Anthony	
<b>Defensive Starters Returning (10):</b> DL Deshon Hall; DL Eric Kendzior; DL Keivie Rose; LB Trey Baldwin; LB Ezekiel Barnett; LB Tyler Grubbs; DB Zeno Hannibal; DB Khalil Ladler; DB BeeJay Williamson; DB Cedric Woods	
<b>Special Teams Starters Returning (3):</b> DS Reeves Blankenship; K/P Jacob Barnes; PR Smoke Harris	

## COACHING STAFF

<b>Head Coach</b> .....	Skip Holtz
.....	Alma Mater, Year: Notre Dame, 1986
.....	Overall Record: 151-117 (.563)/22 Years
.....	School Record: 63-46 (.578)/9 Years
<b>Offensive Coordinator/QBs</b> .....	Joe Sloan
.....	(East Carolina, 2008)
<b>Defensive Coordinator/LBs</b> .....	David Blackwell
.....	(East Carolina, 1997)
<b>Special Teams Coordinator/Outside LBs</b> .....	Dennis Smith
.....	(Miami, 2005)
<b>Outside Receivers</b> .....	John Allen
.....	(James Madison, 1994)
<b>Inside Receivers</b> .....	Trey Holtz
.....	(Texas, 2016)
<b>Offensive Line</b> .....	Dave DeGuglielmo
.....	(Boston University, 1990)
<b>Running Backs</b> .....	Brock Hays
.....	(Grambling State, 2009)
<b>Defensive Line</b> .....	Anthony Camp
.....	(McNeese State, 2007)
<b>Cornerbacks</b> .....	Perry Carter
.....	(Southern Miss, 1994)
<b>Safeties</b> .....	David Mackie
.....	(Georgia, 2005)
<b>Head Strength &amp; Conditioning Coach</b> .....	Kurt Hester
.....	(Tulane, 1995)
<b>Defensive Analyst</b> .....	Paul Turner
<b>Graduate Assistant</b> .....	Teddy Veal
<b>Graduate Assistant</b> .....	James Roberson
<b>Graduate Assistant</b> .....	Rodney Brown
<b>Graduate Assistant</b> .....	Hussam Ouri

## MEDIA SCHEDULE - OLD DOMINION WEEK

25 MON	26 TUES	27 WED	28 THURS	29 FRI	30 SAT	31 SUN
Inside Bulldog Football with Skip Holtz The Dawg House Sports Grill 6 p.m.	LA Tech Zoom Press Conference Holtz/Players 1 p.m.  Interviews available upon request	Interviews available upon request	No Availability	No Availability	LA Tech Game Day  POSTGAME Coach Holtz will be available following the game over Zoom.	No Availability

### TUESDAY MEDIA PRESSERS

Head coach Skip Holtz and select student-athletes will meet with the media every Tuesday prior to a game. The press conference begins at 1 p.m. with Coach Holtz and selected players over Zoom. Video and audio of each presser will be uploaded to Box and YouTube.

### PRACTICE COVERAGE

Practices this week will be closed to the media. Interviews are available upon request. All interview requests must be directed to the Louisiana Tech Athletic Communications Office at least 24 hours in advance. Please send all requests via email to [aspring@latech.edu](mailto:aspring@latech.edu).

### COLLEGEPRESSBOX.COM

CollegePressBox.com is the official media website for Conference USA and Louisiana Tech Football. Access and download weekly game notes, quotes, statistics, media guides, headshots, logos and more for Louisiana Tech, Conference USA and each of its member schools. Login information will be distributed to accredited media or you can apply for a password by sending an email to [password@collegepressbox.com](mailto:password@collegepressbox.com).

### DAILY MEDIA AVAILABILITY

Above is a general weekly schedule of media availability for the Louisiana Tech football team. Members of the media are expected to adhere to these policies at all times. All interview requests should be made to Louisiana Tech Assistant Director of Athletic Communications Ashley Springer in advance. All media availability times are subject to change. Please contact Ashley Springer for any changes in the schedule. (Note: First year players are not available to the media unless by special request.)

For games in Ruston, all Louisiana Tech postgame press conferences will be held over Zoom after each game following a 10-minute cooling off period. No interviews will be allowed on the field with players and/or coaches immediately following games. Coach Holtz and select Louisiana Tech players will be available over Zoom following games.

### COACH/PLAYER AVAILABILITY

All members of the Louisiana Tech coaching staff are available during the designated days and times throughout the year. All returning players are available during the designated days and times, but newcomers are not available to the media unless under special request that access is granted.

### SOCIAL MEDIA

Louisiana Tech fans can access the most in-depth information regarding all the University's programs through social media opportunities available online.

Twitter – Members of the Louisiana Tech Athletic Communications department will be tweeting throughout the year with the latest news and in-game score updates. To follow them, simply find them on [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com).

@LATechFB – Direct reports from football practices and games

@LATechSports – General athletic department information

## 2021 RECORD BOOK



# 2021 LOUISIANA TECH DEPTH CHART

GAME 8 (ODU)

## OFFENSE

<b>X-WR</b>	83	Tre Harris (6-2, 204, Fr., 1L)
	19	Samuel Emilius (6-1, 198, Gr., TR)
	88	Kyle Maxwell (6-3, 190, R-Fr., 1L)
<b>Z-WR</b>	13	<b>Isaiah Graham (6-0, 189, Sr., 2L)</b>
	15	Bub Means (6-2, 204, R-Fr., RS)
	14	Praise Okorie (5-10, 173, Sr., 2L)
<b>H-WR</b>	6	Smoke Harris (5-6, 189, So., 2L)
	89	Tahj Magee (5-11, 187, So., 2L)
	86	Solomon Lewis (5-10, 166, Fr., HS)
<b>A-WR</b>	5	<b>Griffin Hebert (6-3, 223, Jr., 3L)</b>
	45	Jacob Adams (6-0, 234, Jr., 2L)
	87	Carson Rieder (6-2, 224, R-Fr., 1L)
	82	Ivan Thomas (6-4, 213, R-So., TR)
<b>RT</b>	57	Chris Fournier (6-4, 289, Gr., TR)
	77	Demarcus Gordon (6-5, 320, So., TR)
<b>RG</b>	55	Kellton Hollins (6-3, 305, Gr., TR)
	72	Samuel Williams (6-7, 319, Gr., TR)
<b>C</b>	62	<b>Abraham Delfin (6-1, 313, Jr., 3L)</b>
	59	Ray Kelly (6-1, 301, Fr., 1L)
<b>LG</b>	64	<b>Joshua Mote (6-3, 291, Jr., 2L)</b>
	75	Jerren Gilbert (6-3, 304, Fr., SQ)
	79	Bert Hale (6-2, 332, Fr., 1L)
<b>LT</b>	76	Biron Rossell (6-4, 300, So., 2L)
	68	Dakota White (6-4, 295, Fr., 1L)
<b>RB</b>	7	Marcus Williams Jr. (5-10, 204, Gr., TR)
	25	Greg Garner (6-0, 211, Jr., 1L)
	21	Keyon Henry-Brooks (6-1, 207, So., TR)
	23	Harlan Dixon (6-0, 201, Fr., 1L)
	24	Kevin Dominique (6-1, 218, R-Jr., TR)
<b>QB</b>	10	Austin Kendall (6-2, 215, Gr., TR)
	3	Aaron Allen (6-1, 200, So., 2L)
-or-	2	JD Head (6-2, 181, Fr., SQ)

## DEFENSE

<b>N</b>	94	<b>Keivie Rose (6-3, 301, R-Fr., 1L)</b>
	90	DJ Jackson (6-0, 315, R-So., 1L)
	99	Malik Wells (6-3, 290, R-Jr., 1L)
<b>DT</b>	97	Levi Bell (6-1, 276, Jr., 1L)
	43	Tristan Allen (6-4, 263, Jr., 3L)
	95	Rasheed Lyles (6-2, 267, Jr., TR)
<b>DE</b>	93	<b>Deshon Hall (6-3, 246, So., 2L)</b>
	96	Ben Bell (6-2, 238, Fr., SQ)
	51	Joseph Mason (6-2, 257, Fr., 1L)
<b>DE</b>	56	Mykol Clark (6-4, 256, R-Fr., 1L)
	85	Willie Baker (6-3, 250, Sr., 3L)
	20	Kershawn Fisher (6-2, 230, Fr., 1L)
<b>LB</b>	46	<b>Ezekiel Barnett (6-2, 218, Sr., 4L)</b>
	17	Brodrick Calhoun (5-10, 192, So., 2L)
	42	Joren Dickey (6-3, 211, Jr., 1L)
<b>LB</b>	52	<b>Tyler Grubbs (6-1, 224, Fr., 1L)</b>
	44	Maki Carabin (6-1, 230, R-Fr., 1L)
	48	CJ Calhoun (6-5, 229, Fr., HS)
<b>LB</b>	3	<b>Trey Baldwin (6-2, 235, Sr., 4L)</b>
	32	Kody Fulp (6-2, 238, R-Jr., RS)
-or-	54	Allen Walker (6-2, 227, R-Fr., 1L)
<b>S</b>	4	<b>BeeJay Williamson (6-1, 195, So., 2L)</b>
	1	<b>Khalil Ladler (5-11, 192, Gr., 1L)</b>
	28	Jamison Kelly (6-1, 201, Fr., 1L)
<b>S</b>	7	Jaiden Cole (6-0, 197, Jr., 3L)
	18	Myles Mason (6-2, 205, Jr., TR)
	26	Marquallius Turner (5-9, 176, Jr., 2L)
<b>CB</b>	0	Baylen Buchanan (5-11, 188, Gr., TR)
	9	Elijah Hamilton (6-2, 205, Gr., TR)
<b>CB</b>	11	<b>Cedric Woods (5-10, 171, Fr., 1L)</b>
	2	<b>Zeno Hannibal (6-0, 184, Sr., 4L)</b>
	27	DJ Brown (5-10, 175, R-Jr., SQ)

## SPECIALISTS

<b>K</b>	35	<b>Jacob Barnes (5-9, 193, R-Fr., 1L)</b>
	30	Cesar Barajas (6-1, 215, Gr., TR)
<b>P</b>	30	Cesar Barajas (6-1, 215, Gr., TR)
	34	Austin McCready (6-1, 195, Fr., TR)
<b>DS</b>	41	<b>Reeves Blankenship (6-4, 211, Jr., 3L)</b>
	66	Noah White (6-3, 198, So., 1L)
<b>KO</b>	30	Cesar Barajas (6-1, 215, Gr., TR)
	35	<b>Jacob Barnes (5-9, 193, R-Fr., 1L)</b>
<b>H</b>	66	Noah White (6-3, 198, So., 1L)
	34	Austin McCready (6-1, 195, Fr., TR)
<b>PR</b>	6	<b>Smoke Harris (5-6, 189, So., 2L)</b>
	19	Samuel Emilius (6-1, 198, Gr., TR)
<b>KR</b>	15	Bub Means (6-2, 204, R-Fr., RS)
	19	Samuel Emilius (6-1, 198, Gr., TR)

**BOLD = Returning Starter**

## CAREER LA TECH GAMES PLAYED/STARTED

46 Ezekiel Barnett, Sr., LB.....	52/20	52 Tyler Grubbs, Fr., LB.....	17/17	57 Chris Fournier, Gr., OL.....	7/6	37 Caleb Knighten, R-Fr., DB.....	1/0
2 Zeno Hannibal, Sr., DB.....	51/10	11 Cedric Woods, Fr., DB.....	17/17	15 Bub Means, R-Fr., WR.....	7/1	19 Taz Marshall, Fr., DB.....	1/0
62 Abraham Delfin, Jr., OL.....	43/17	66 Noah White, So., DS.....	17/0	30 Cesar Barajas, GR., K/P.....	7/0	98 Calvin Rhines, So., DL.....	1/0
5 Griffin Hebert, Jr., WR.....	42/21	91 Steven Shaw, So., DL.....	15/0	9 Elijah Hamilton, Gr., DB.....	7/0	73 Kenneth Bannister, Fr., OL.....	0/0
41 Reeves Blankenship, Jr., DS.....	42/0	1 Khalil Ladler, Gr., DB.....	16/10	95 Rasheed Lyles, Jr., DL.....	7/0	84 Jonathan Barrows, So., WR.....	0/0
7 Jaiden Cole, Jr., DB.....	40/10	68 Dakota White, Fr., OL.....	15/4	18 Myles Mason, Jr., DB.....	7/0	53 Erron Bean, Fr., OL.....	0/0
43 Tristan Allen, Jr., DL.....	37/7	54 Allen Walker, R-Fr., LB.....	15/3	10 Austin Kendall, Gr., QB.....	6/6	78 John Bolding, So., OL.....	0/0
47 Eric Kendzior, R-Sr., DL.....	35/10	88 Kyle Maxwell, R-Fr., WR.....	15/0	19 Samuel Emilius, Gr., WR.....	6/3	88 Jerrell Boykins Jr., DL.....	0/0
64 Joshua Mote, Jr., OL.....	34/21	87 Carson Rieder, R-Fr., WR.....	15/0	21 Keyon Henry-Brooks, So., RB.....	6/0	38 Arlind Bengu, Fr., P.....	0/0
4 BeeJay Williamson, So., DB.....	34/21	83 Tre Harris, Fr., WR.....	14/4	82 Ivan Thomas, R-So., TE.....	6/0	33 Marquis Crosby, Fr., RB.....	0/0
3 Trey Baldwin, Sr., LB.....	33/17	42 Joren Dickey, Jr., LB.....	14/0	74 Jonah Brewster, R-Fr., OL.....	5/0	29 Carlos Dunovant, Fr., DB.....	0/0
85 Willie Baker, Sr., DL.....	33/11	25 Greg Garner, Jr., RB.....	14/0	27 DJ Brown, R-Jr., DB.....	5/0	85 Logan Farrell, Fr., WR.....	0/0
6 Smoke Harris, So., WR.....	32/13	97 Levi Bell, Jr., LB.....	13/3	75 Jerren Gilbert, Fr., OL.....	5/0	34 Marcus Harris, Fr., WR.....	0/0
17 Brodrick Calhoun, So., DB.....	32/1	23 Harlan Dixon, Fr., RB.....	13/0	72 Samuel Williams, Gr., OL.....	5/0	16 Caleb Holstein, Fr., QB.....	0/0
45 Jacob Adams, Jr., FB.....	30/7	51 Joseph Mason, Fr., LB.....	12/0	65 Carson Bruno, Fr., OL.....	4/0	80 Julien Lewis, Fr.....	0/0
13 Isaiah Graham, Sr., WR.....	27/25	20 Kershawn Fisher, Fr., LB.....	11/0	10 Khiry Morrison, R-Fr., DB.....	4/0	86 Solomon Lewis, Fr., WR.....	0/0
14 Praise Okorie, Sr., WR.....	26/0	28 Jamison Kelly, Fr., DB.....	11/0	99 Malik Wells, R-Jr., DL.....	4/0	36 Matthew McCallister, Fr., WR.....	0/0
93 Deshon Hall, So., DL.....	25/16	96 Ben Bell, Fr., DL.....	10/0	39 Eric Barnes, Fr., DB.....	3/0	34 Austin McCready, Fr., K/P.....	0/0
26 Marquallius Turner, Jr., DB.....	25/0	79 Bert Hale, Fr., OL.....	10/0	24 Kevin Dominique, R-Jr., RB.....	3/0	81 CJ McWilliams, Fr., LB.....	0/0
89 Tahj Magee, So., WR.....	24/0	59 Ray Kelly, Fr., OL.....	10/0	77 Demarcus Gordon, So., OL.....	3/0	36 Caleb Phillips, Fr., K/P.....	0/0
76 Biron Rossell, So., OL.....	23/9	22 Charvis Thornton, R-Fr., DB.....	10/0	2 JD Head, Fr., QB.....	3/0	63 Gavin Soniat, Fr., OL.....	0/0
3 Aaron Allen, So., QB.....	23/5	9 Luke Anthony, Gr., QB.....	9/8	32 Kody Fulp, R-Jr., LB.....	2/0	40 Keveion'ta Spears, Fr., DL.....	0/0
90 DJ Jackson, So., DL.....	23/0	8 Jawaun Johnson, R-Jr., WR.....	9/1	45 Tyler Mansfield, Fr., DB.....	2/0	21 Dallas Taylor-Cortez, So., DB.....	0/0
56 Mykol Clark, R-Fr., DL.....	19/7	31 Christian Archangel, R-Fr., DB.....	8/0	60 Brett Pope, R-Fr., OL.....	2/0	49 Dylan Turner, Fr., LB.....	0/0
94 Keivie Rose, R-Fr., DL.....	18/15	0 Baylen Buchanan, Gr., DB.....	7/7	98 J'Dan Burnett, Fr., DL.....	1/0	38 Qua'veon Turner, R-Fr., DB.....	0/0
35 Jacob Barnes, R-Fr., K/P.....	18/0	55 Kellton Hollins, Gr., OL.....	7/7	48 CJ Calhoun, Fr., LB.....	1/0	25 Bryant Wade, Fr., DB.....	0/0
4 Maki Carabin, R-Fr., LB.....	18/0	7 Marcus Williams Jr., Gr., RB.....	7/7	92 Dontrell Cobbs, Fr., DL.....	1/0	50 Antonio Whitaker, Jr., LB.....	0/0

## ROSTER BREAKDOWN

<b>Squad Breakdown (108)</b>	
Graduates.....	11
Seniors.....	7
Juniors.....	19
Sophomores.....	17
Freshmen.....	54
<b>Returners (72)</b>	
Starters.....	18
Offense.....	5
Defense.....	10
Specialists.....	3
Lettermen.....	53
Offense.....	21
Defense.....	29
Specialists.....	3
Squadmen.....	17
Offense.....	7
Defense.....	10
Specialists.....	0
Redshirts.....	2
Offense.....	1
Defense.....	1
Specialists.....	0
<b>Newcomers (36)</b>	
Offense.....	20
Defense.....	12
Specialists.....	4





# PLAYER NOTABLES



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## TREY BALDWIN

- Preseason All-Conference USA (C-USA, Athlon Sports and Phil Steele)
- Named to Rotary Lombardi Award Watch List and NFLPA Collegiate Bowl Preseason Big Board
- Two-time team captain (2021 & 2020)
- Leads the team in solo tackles (27), and is second in total tackles (55) and pass breakups (four)

SENIOR  
LINEBACKER



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## SMOKE HARRIS

- Preseason All-Conference USA (C-USA, Athlon Sports and Phil Steele)
- Second Team All-Conference USA (punt returner) and All-Conference USA Honorable Mention (wide receiver) in 2020
- Elected 2021 team captain
- Leads LA Tech with 392 receiving yards on a team-best 37 receptions, averaging 56.00 receiving yards per game

SOPHOMORE  
WIDE RECEIVER/PUNT RETURNER



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## AUSTIN KENDALL

- Was working in Dallas doing medical sales for five months before he joined the 2021 Louisiana Tech squad
- Registered the most total yards by a quarterback in his first start as a Bulldog since 2000, posting 337 total yards at Mississippi State on Sept. 4
- For LA Tech quarterbacks in their first four games, Kendall ranked second in passing yards with 1,178, third in passing touchdowns with 10 and tied for the most total touchdowns with 13.

GRADUATE  
QUARTERBACK



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## JOSHUA MOTE

- Preseason All-Conference USA (C-USA, Athlon Sports and Phil Steele)
- Named to 2021 Wuerffel Trophy Watch List
- 2020 All-Conference USA Honorable Mention last season, starting in all 10 games at left guard
- Elected 2021 team captain

JUNIOR  
OFFENSIVE LINEMAN



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## BEEJAY WILLIAMSON

- Preseason All-Conference USA (C-USA, Athlon Sports and Phil Steele)
- Named to Paycom Jim Thorpe Award Watch List
- Third on the team with 34 tackles and leads Tech with two interceptions
- Named the the C-USA and LSWA Defensive Player of the Week after registering six tackles, two interceptions (including a pick six) and two forced fumbles against SLU (Sept. 11).

SOPHOMORE  
DEFENSIVE BACK



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## MARCUS WILLIAMS JR.

- Preseason All-Conference USA (C-USA, Athlon Sports and Phil Steele)
- Named to 2022 Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List and NFLPA Collegiate Bowl Preseason Big Board
- Transfer from Appalachian State, totaling 2,216 rushing yards and 14 touchdowns for Mountaineers
- Leads LA Tech with 420 rushing yards on 97 carries this season. Averages 60.00 rushing yards per game

GRADUATE  
RUNNING BACK



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## TYLER GRUBBS

- Preseason All-Conference USA (Athlon Sports and Phil Steele)
- Named to Rotary Lombardi Award, Bronko Nagurski Trophy and Chuck Bednarik Award Watch Lists
- Freshman All-American after starting all 10 games last season, registering a team-best 99 tackles
- Second on the team with 56 total tackles, including 23 solo, 2.0 sacks and a team-best 4.0 tackles for loss

FRESHMAN  
LINEBACKER



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## BEN BELL

- Second on the team in tackles for loss (3.5-14) and sacks (3.0-13)
- Registered a TFL in each of the first three games in the 2021 campaign
- Posted two quarterback hurries and two forced fumbles in 2021

FRESHMAN  
DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

## FOURTH-STRING TO ALL-AMERICAN

In his true freshman campaign in 2020, linebacker **Tyler Grubbs** was a fourth-string linebacker during fall camp. Due to various health-related issues within the team, he started in the season-opener against Southern Miss and never looked back. The New Orleans, La., native led the team with 99 total tackles and was second on the team in both solo stops (45) and tackles for loss (9.5). **Grubbs** was named a Freshman All-American by the FWAA, ESPN and 247Sports.com.

## OUT OF RETIREMENT

Louisiana Tech graduate quarterback **Austin Kendall** had been working in Dallas doing medical sales for five months before he joined the 2021 Louisiana Tech squad.

## OUT OF RETIREMENT - PART II

Graduate quarterback **Austin Kendall** registered the most total yards by a quarterback in his first start as a Bulldog since 2000:

<b>Austin Kendall</b>	2021	337 total yards	9/4/21 at MSU
<b>Luke Anthony</b>	2020	325 total yards	9/26/20 vs. Houston Baptist
<b>Ryan Higgins</b>	2013	294 total yards	9/21/13 at Kansas
<b>Jeff Driskel</b>	2015	289 total yards	9/5/15 vs. Southern
<b>Taylor Bennett</b>	2008	239 total yards	10/18/08 vs. Idaho

## OUT OF RETIREMENT - PART III

For LA Tech quarterbacks in their first four games, graduate quarterback **Austin Kendall** ranked second in passing yards with 1,178, third in passing touchdowns with 10 and tied for the most total touchdowns with 13.

## BRINGING THE TALENT BACK

Louisiana Tech returns 10 of its 11 defensive starters from the 2020 campaign in linebackers **Trey Baldwin**, **Ezekiel Barnett** and **Tyler Grubbs**, defensive backs **Zeno Hannibal**, **Khalil Ladler**, **BeeJay Williamson** and **Cedric Woods**, and defensive linemen **Deshon Hall**, **Eric Kendzior** and **Keivie Rose**. The only 2020 defensive starter not returning is defensive lineman **Milton Williams** who was selected as the 73rd overall pick by the Philadelphia Eagles in the 2021 NFL Draft.

## BRINGING THE TALENT BACK - PART II

LA Tech returns 15 of its 16 leading tacklers from the 2020 campaign, including its top four tacklers in freshman linebacker **Tyler Grubbs** (99), senior linebacker **Trey Baldwin** (85), sophomore defensive back **BeeJay Williamson** (56) and senior linebacker **Ezekiel Barnett** (49).

## JOINING THE SQUAD

Louisiana Tech added 19 total transfers this offseason with 11 on offense, six on defense and two on special teams:

### Offense

**John Bolding** (Offensive Lineman / ULM)  
**Kevin Dominique** (Running Back / Grambling)  
**Samuel Emilus** (Wide Receiver / UMass)  
**Chris Fournier** (Offensive Lineman / Lehigh)  
**Demarcus Gordon** (Offensive Lineman / Copiah-Lincoln CC)  
**Keyon Henry-Brooks** (Running Back / Vanderbilt)  
**Kellton Hollins** (Offensive Lineman / TCU)  
**Austin Kendall** (Quarterback / West Virginia)  
**Ivan Thomas** (Tight End / Hutchinson CC)  
**Marcus Williams Jr.** (Running Back / App State)  
**Samuel Williams** (Offensive Lineman / ULM)

### Defense

**Baylen Buchanan** (Defensive Back / Tennessee)  
**Elijah Hamilton** (Defensive Back / Vanderbilt)  
**Rasheed Lyles** (Defensive Lineman / Trinity Valley CC)  
**Myles Mason** (Defensive Back / Arkansas)  
**Qua'veon Turner** (Defensive Back / ULM)  
**Antonio Whitaker** (Linebacker / Louisiana College)

### Special Teams

**Cesar Barajas** (Kicker/Punter / Southern University)  
**Austin McCready** (Kicker/Punter / Memphis)

## RECORD BREAKDOWN

	2021	Streak	Under Holtz
Overall	2-5	L3	63-46
Home	2-2	L1	33-14
Road	0-3	L4	24-29
Overtime	0-0	W2	2-3
Neutral	0-0	L1	6-3
C-USA	1-2	L2	42-23
C-USA Home	1-1	L1	22-11
C-USA Road	0-1	L1	20-12

## HOW TECH FARES AGAINST

### ...C-USA

OPPONENT	RECORD
Charlotte.....	0-0
FIU.....	4-0
Florida Atlantic.....	1-1
Marshall.....	1-3
Middle Tennessee.....	4-2
North Texas.....	13-7
<b>Old Dominion.....</b>	<b>0-1</b>
Rice.....	9-4
Southern Miss.....	17-35
UAB.....	6-3
UTEP.....	14-3-1
UTSA.....	7-3
WKU.....	5-4
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>81-65-1</b>

## SERIES BUSINESS

<b>Series Record</b> .....	Old Dominion leads, 1-0
<b>in Ruston</b> .....	N/A
<b>in Norfolk</b> .....	Old Dominion leads, 1-0
<b>Neutral Site</b> .....	N/A
<b>in Postseason Play</b> .....	N/A
<b>Most LA Tech Points</b> .....	27 (Old Dominion, 30-27, OT, 2014)
<b>Most Old Dominion Points</b> .....	30 (Old Dominion, 30-27, OT, 2014)
<b>Most Combined Points</b> .....	57 (Old Dominion, 30-27, OT, 2014)
<b>Biggest LA Tech Win</b> .....	N/A
<b>Biggest Old Dominion Win</b> .....	3 (Old Dominion, 30-27, OT, 2014)
<b>Current Streak</b> .....	Old Dominion 1

## INDIVIDUAL COMPARISON

### LOUISIANA TECH LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT.	NET	AVG.	TD	YPG
WILLIAMS JR., MARCUS	97	467	4.3	2	60.00
KENDALL, AUSTIN	54	258	3.0	3	26.67

PASSING	C-A-I	YARDS	TD	YPG
KENDALL, AUSTIN	126-207-9	1,621	12	270.17
ALLEN, AARON	18-24-1	196	0	39.20

RECEIVING	REC.	YARDS	AVG.	TD	YPG
HARRIS, SMOKE	37	392	10.59	2	56.00
MEANS, BUB	18	327	18.17	2	46.71

DEFENSE	U-A-TT	TFL	INT	PBU
GRUBBS, TYLER	23-33-56	4.0-27	—	1
BALDWIN, TREY	27-28-55	3.0-4	1	4

### OLD DOMINION LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT.	NET	AVG.	TD	YPG
WATSON, BLAKE	89	443	5.0	2	88.6
DAVIS, ELIJAH	59	324	5.5	3	46.3

PASSING	C-A-I	YARDS	TD	YPG
MACK JR., D.J.	86-167-7	859	5	143.2
WOLFF, HAYDEN	42-66-2	467	1	116.8

RECEIVING	REC.	YARDS	AVG.	TD	YPG
KUNTZ, ZACK	35	376	10.7	2	53.7
JENNINGS, ALI	29	383	13.2	2	54.7

DEFENSE	U-A-TT	TFL	PBU	QBH
HENRY, RYAN	17-32-49	1-3	—	—
YOUNG, JORDAN	17-30-47	2.5-14	—	3

# GAME NOTES

## NCAA RANKINGS

NCAA Category	LA Tech	Old Dominion
Total Offense	73 (391.4)	96 (359.1)
Rushing Offense	106 (114.0)	60 (169.7)
Passing Offense	25 (277.4)	105 (189.4)
Team Passing Efficiency	60 (140.04)	123 (103.51)
Scoring Offense	81 (26.6)	103 (23.1)
Total Defense	118 (450.4)	52 (357.3)
Rushing Defense	74 (153.4)	40 (130.0)
Passing Yards Allowed	126 (297.0)	67 (227.3)
Team Passing Eff. Defense	103 (146.20)	109 (148.20)
Scoring Defense	111 (33.0)	99 (30.6)
Turnover Margin	55 (0.14)	122 (-1.00)
3rd Down Conversion %	77 (0.388)	61 (0.409)
4th Down Conversion %	70 (0.500)	95 (0.438)
3rd Down Conversion % Def.	57 (0.383)	83 (0.404)
4th Down Conversion % Def.	18 (0.333)	51 (0.467)
Red Zone Offense	115 (0.739)	77 (0.840)
Red Zone Defense	120 (0.935)	92 (0.880)
Net Punting	84 (37.91)	119 (35.29)
Punt Returns	36 (10.57)	33 (11.22)
Kickoff Returns	40 (22.69)	58 (21.42)
First Downs Offense	86 (144)	65 (153)
First Downs Defense	104 (171)	50 (143)
Fewest Penalties Per Game	81 (6.86)	119 (8.14)
Fewest Penalty Yards Per Game	57 (53.00)	120 (72.86)
Time of Possession	98 (28:31)	60 (29:56)

## C-USA STANDINGS

EAST	C-USA	OVERALL
Florida Atlantic	2-1	4-3
Charlotte	2-1	4-3
Marshall	2-1	4-3
WKU	2-1	3-4
Middle Tennessee	1-2	3-4
FIU	0-3	1-6
Old Dominion	0-3	1-6

WEST	C-USA	OVERALL
#23 UTSA	4-0	8-0
UTEP	3-0	6-1
UAB	3-1	5-3
Rice	2-1	3-4
<b>LA Tech</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>2-5</b>
North Texas	0-3	1-6
Southern Miss	0-3	1-6

### THIS WEEK'S GAMES (All Times Central)

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

North Texas at Rice (ESPN Networks)	1 p.m.
FIU at Marshall (Stadium)	2:30 p.m.
Southern Miss at Middle Tennessee (ESPN Networks)	2:30 p.m.
<b>LA Tech at Old Dominion (CBSSN)</b>	<b>2:30 p.m.</b>
Charlotte at WKU (ESPN Networks)	3 p.m.
UTEP at Florida Atlantic (ESPN Networks)	5 p.m.

## RESUME FULL OF EXPERIENCE

LA Tech leads the FBS with 13 players on its roster who could play in at least one Division I game (FBS or FCS) for a fifth year in the 2021 campaign in graduate quarterback **Luke Anthony**, senior linebacker **Trey Baldwin**, senior linebacker **Ezekiel Barnett**, junior defensive back **Jaiden Cole**, graduate offensive lineman **Chris Fournier**, senior wide receiver **Isaiah Graham**, graduate defensive back **Elijah Hamilton**, senior defensive back **Zeno Hannibal**, graduate offensive linemen **Kellton Hollins**, graduate quarterback **Austin Kendall**, graduate defensive back **Khalil Ladler**, graduate running back **Marcus Williams Jr.** and graduate offensive lineman **Samuel Williams**.

## DEGREE 'DOGS

LA Tech is tied for fourth in the FBS with 26 graduates on its 2021 roster. The 2021 Bulldogs who have already earned at least a bachelor's degree include:

**Jacob Adams, Jr.,** FB  
**Willie Baker, Sr.,** DL  
**Cesar Barajas, Gr.,** K/P  
**Reeves Blankenship, Jr.,** DS  
**Baylen Buchanan, Gr.,** DB  
**Abraham Delfin, Jr.,** OL  
**Samuel Emilus, Gr.,** WR  
**Isaiah Graham, Sr.,** WR  
**Zeno Hannibal, Sr.,** DB  
**Kellton Hollins, Gr.,** OL  
**Eric Kendzior, Sr.,** DL  
**Joshua Mote, Jr.,** OL  
**Marcus Williams Jr., Gr.,** RB

**Luke Anthony, Gr.,** QB  
**Trey Baldwin, Sr.,** LB  
**Ezekiel Barnett, Sr.,** LB  
**DJ Brown, R-Jr.,** DB  
**Jaiden Cole, Jr.,** DB  
**Kevin Dominique, R-Jr.,** RB  
**Chris Fournier, Gr.,** OL  
**Elijah Hamilton, Gr.,** DB  
**Griffin Hebert, Jr.,** WR  
**Austin Kendall, Gr.,** QB  
**Khalil Ladler, Gr.,** DB  
**Noah White, So.,** DS  
**Samuel Williams, Gr.,** OL

## LEADING THE LEAGUE IN TAKEAWAYS

Since joining the league in 2013, Louisiana Tech leads Conference USA with 209 forced turnovers.

## TAKING IT AWAY

Louisiana Tech has forced at least one turnover in 93 of 109 games played under the direction of head coach **Skip Holtz**:

- » Have forced at least one turnover in 93 of 109 games (85.3 percent)
- » Have forced multiple turnovers in 61 of 109 games (56.0 percent)
- » Have forced 3+ turnovers in 35 of 109 games (32.1 percent)
- » Have forced 4+ turnovers in 17 of 109 games
- » 22 Pick 6's
- » 28 defensive touchdowns

## TAKING IT AWAY - PART II

LA Tech has forced four turnovers twice this season at Mississippi State (Sept. 4) and at UTEP (Oct. 16).

## PICK SIX-U

Since 2017, seven Bulldogs have combined to record 15 pick-sixes which is the most in the country during that span.

<b>2017</b>	Darryl Lewis (2)	<b>2020</b>	Ezekiel Barnett (1)
	Amik Robertson (1)		Khalil Ladler (1)
	DaMarion King (1)	<b>2021</b>	Trey Baldwin (1)
	Trey Spencer (1)		BeeJay Williamson (1)
<b>2018</b>	L'Jarius Sneed (1)		
<b>2019</b>	Amik Robertson (2)		
	Ezekiel Barnett (1)		
	L'Jarius Sneed (1)		
	James Jackson (1)		

## PICK SIX-U - PART II

Louisiana Tech registered a pick six in its first two games of the 2021 season (**Trey Baldwin** at Mississippi State; **BeeJay Williamson** vs. Southeastern).



## SITUATIONALLY

	2021	Holtz
Playing at home	2-2	33-14
Playing at home (Ruston)	2-2	33-14
Playing at home (Shreveport)	0-0	0-0
Playing on the road	0-3	24-29
Playing on a neutral field	0-0	6-3
Playing at night	2-3	40-22
Playing during the day	0-2	23-24
Tech scores on first possession	1-1	33-15
Opponent scores on first possession	0-2	17-21
Tech scores first	2-2	45-17
Opponent scores first	0-3	18-29
Tech leads after 1st quarter	2-1	48-10
Opponent leads after 1st quarter	0-3	7-29
Tied after 1st quarter	0-1	8-7
Tech leads at halftime	2-2	54-14
Opponent leads at halftime	0-3	7-30
Tied at halftime	0-0	2-2
Tech leads after 3rd quarter	2-1	57-12
Opponent leads after 3rd quarter	0-4	4-33
Tied after 3rd quarter	0-0	2-1
Games goes to overtime	1-0	2-3
Tech has more total yards	0-1	46-10
Opponent has more total yards	2-4	16-35
Tech has more rushing yards	1-2	46-10
Opponent has more rushing yards	1-3	17-36
Teams have even rushing yards	0-0	0-0
Tech has more passing yards	1-2	43-22
Opponent has more passing yards	1-3	20-24
Tech has more turnovers	0-3	4-26
Opponent has more turnovers	1-2	38-13
Teams have equal turnovers	1-0	20-7
Tech has more penalties	0-2	13-19
Opponent has more penalties	2-1	6-19
Teams have equal penalties	0-2	9-8
Tech has more time of possession	1-2	38-15
Opponent has more time of possession	1-3	25-31
Tech has 100-yard rusher	0-0	24-11
Opponent has 100-yard rusher	1-1	10-23
Tech scores at least 20 points	2-3	61-24
Opponent scores at least 20 points	1-4	33-41
Tech throws for 300 yards	0-3	24-16
Opponent throws for 300 yards	1-2	10-14
Playing on natural grass	0-1	6-11
Playing on artificial surface	2-4	57-34
Tech defense scores	1-1	20-6
Opponent defense scores	0-2	2-6
Tech returns KO/Punt for TD	0-0	6-0
Opponent returns KO/Punt for TD	0-0	5-3
Blue on Blue (Last: vs. #24 UTSA, 10/23/21)	0-2	9-5
Blue on White (Last: vs. SLU, 9/11/21)	1-0	16-6
Red on White (Last: vs. UNT, 9/25/21)	1-0	8-3
Red on Blue (Last: N/A)	0-0	0-0
Red on Red (Last: vs. FIU, 9/20/19)	0-0	3-2
White on Blue (Last: at NOL Bowl, 12/23/20)	0-1	7-11
White on White (Last: at MSU, 9/4/21)	0-1	17-16
White on Red (Last: at NCS, 10/2/21)	0-1	2-3
Red Helmet	0-0	17-18
White Helmet	2-5	45-28

## PICKING IT OFF

Louisiana Tech has posted an interception in 15 of its last 21 games. Three Bulldogs have registered at least one interception this season in junior defensive back **Jaiden Cole** (1 at UTEP, Oct. 16), senior linebacker **Trey Baldwin** (1 at Mississippi State, Sept. 4) and sophomore defensive back **BeeJay Williamson** (2 vs. Southeastern, Sept. 11).

## BULLDOG BROTHERS

LA Tech redshirt freshman kicker/punter **Jacob Barnes** is the younger brother of **Jonathan Barnes** who played for Louisiana Tech from 2014-17 as a kicker. **Jonathan Barnes** ranks first in career field goals made (81), field goals attempted (103), extra points made (219) and extra points attempted (226).

## BULLDOG BROTHERS - PART II

Junior defensive lineman **Levi Bell** and freshman defensive lineman **Ben Bell** have competed for the Bulldogs in both the 2020 and 2021 seasons. The Bells are the first pair of brothers on a LA Tech squad since **Jon** and **Richard Greenwalt** during the 2012 and 2013 seasons.

## BELL BROTHERS CO.

Brothers **Levi Bell** and **Ben Bell** have combined for six of the LA Tech's 10 sacks this season. **L. Bell** has registered 3.0 sacks for a loss of 25 yards, while **B. Bell** has 3.0 total sacks for a loss of 13 yards.

## BULLDOG COUSINS

Louisiana Tech junior offensive lineman **Joshua Mote** and sophomore offensive lineman **John Bolding** are cousins.

## O CANADA

Louisiana Tech has two Canadians on its 2021 roster in graduate wide receiver **Samuel Emilus** (Montreal, Quebec) and graduate offensive lineman **Chris Fournier** (Ottawa, Ontario).

## SKIP REACHES 150

With the 45-42 victory over Southeastern, Louisiana Tech head coach **Skip Holtz** notched his 150th career win as a FBS head coach.

## MOST WINS BY AN ACTIVE FBS COACH

Louisiana Tech head coach **Skip Holtz** is in the top-10 for most wins by an active FBS coach with 151 total wins, including 63 at the helm of LA Tech.

1.	Mack Brown (North Carolina)	263
	Nick Saban (Alabama)	263
3.	Brian Kelly (Notre Dame)	257
4.	Willie Fritz (Tulane)	184
5.	Gary Patterson (TCU)	181
6.	Kirk Ferentz (Iowa)	174
	Chris Creighton (Eastern Michigan)	174
8.	<b>Skip Holtz (Louisiana Tech)</b>	<b>151</b>
9.	Mike Leach (Mississippi State)	147
	Lance Leipold (Kansas)	147
10.	Craig Bohl (Wyoming)	146

## RUNS IN THE FAMILY

**Trey Holtz**, the eldest son of head coach **Skip Holtz**, is in his second season with LA Tech as the inside receivers coach. **Skip Holtz** worked on the offensive staff under his father, the legendary Lou Holtz, at Notre Dame from 1990-93, and at South Carolina from 1999-2004.

## 20-YEAR REUNION

Louisiana Tech head coach **Skip Holtz** announced the addition of longtime NFL veteran **Dave DeGuglielmo** as LA Tech's offensive line coach on Feb. 3, 2021. **Holtz** and **DeGuglielmo** had previously coached together for seven seasons as **DeGuglielmo** served as the offensive line coach for **Holtz** at Connecticut in the 1997 and 1998 seasons. The pair then coached at South Carolina from 1999 to 2003 under Hall of Fame coach, and father of **Skip**, Lou Holtz.

# GAME NOTES

## 2021 RANKINGS

TEAM	C-USA	NCAA
<b>OFFENSE</b>		
Pass Offense (277.4).....	4	25
Turnover Margin (0.14).....	5	55
4th Down Conversions (.500).....	7	70
Fewest Penalties Per Game (6.86).....	7	81
Scoring Offense (26.6).....	7	81
3rd Down Conversions (.383).....	8	57
Total Offense (391.4).....	8	73
First Downs (144).....	8	86
Pass Efficiency (140.05).....	10	60
Rushing Offense (114.0).....	10	106
Red Zone Offense (.739).....	10	115
Time of Possession (28:31).....	11	98
<b>DEFENSE</b>		
4th Down Conversion Defense (.333).....	2	18
Rushing Defense (153.4).....	6	74
3rd Down Conversion Defense (.383).....	8	57
Interceptions (4).....	8	87
Sacks Against (2.71).....	9	99
Passing Defense Efficiency (146.20).....	9	103
Scoring Defense (33.0).....	10	111
First Down Defense (171).....	12	104
Team Sacks (1.43).....	13	113
Total Defense (450.4).....	13	118
Red Zone Defense (.935).....	13	120
Pass Defense (297.0).....	13	126
<b>SPECIAL TEAMS</b>		
Punt Return Average (10.57).....	5	36
Kickoff Returns (22.69).....	5	40
Net Punting (37.91).....	8	84
<b>INDIVIDUAL</b>		
<b>AVG. C-USA NCAA</b>		
<b>Trey Baldwin (LB)</b>		
Tackles.....	7.9	8
67		
<b>Cesar Barajas (K/P)</b>		
Punting.....	41.7	9
65		
<b>Jacob Barnes (K/P)</b>		
Field Goals Per Game.....	1.29	5
36		
Field Goal Percentage.....	75.0	6
55		
Scoring.....	6.9	6
91		
Total Points Scored.....	48	8
95		
<b>Baylen Buchanan (DB)</b>		
Fumbles Recovered.....	2	3
4		
Tackles.....	4.7	50
470		
<b>Samuel Emilus (WR)</b>		
Yards Per Reception.....	16.86	9
60		
<b>Tyler Grubbs (LB)</b>		
Tackles.....	8.0	7
61		
<b>Smoke Harris (WR/PR)</b>		
Punt Returns.....	10.6	2
15		
Receptions Per Game.....	5.3	7
49		
<b>Austin Kendall (QB)</b>		
Total Offense.....	296.8	3
17		
Completions Per Game.....	21.00	3
21		
Passing Yards Per Game.....	270.2	4
19		
Passing Yards Per Completion.....	12.87	5
41		
Passing Yards.....	1,621	6
50		
Passing TDs.....	12	7
37		
Points Responsible For Per Game.....	15.0	7
39		
Points Responsible For.....	90	7
39		
Completion Percentage.....	60.9	8
69		
Yards Per Pass Attempt.....	7.83	9
54		
Passing Efficiency.....	137.1	10
70		
<b>Bub Means (WR/KR)</b>		
Kickoff Returns.....	21.4	6
43		
Yards Per Reception.....	18.17	7
33		
Combined Kick Returns.....	214	9
71		
<b>Marcus Williams Jr. (RB)</b>		
Rushing Yards Per Game.....	60.0	9
96		
Rush Yards Per Carry.....	4.33	9
111		
Rushing Yards.....	420	10
106		
<b>BeeJay Williamson (DB)</b>		
Total Interceptions.....	2	2
37		
Tackles.....	5.1	37
372		

## BULLDOGS IN THE NFL

(as of Oct. 24, 2021)

There are currently 11 former Bulldogs in the NFL:

- » Baltimore Ravens – **Jaylon Ferguson, Justin Ellis**
- » Buffalo Bills – **Vernon Butler**
- » Cincinnati Bengals – **Trent Taylor**
- » Houston Texans – **Jeff Driskel**
- » Kansas City – **L'Jarius Sneed**
- » Las Vegas Raiders – **Amik Robertson**
- » Minnesota Vikings – **Xavier Woods**
- » New Orleans Saints – **Jordan Mills**
- » Philadelphia Eagles – **Boston Scott, Milton Williams**

## BULLDOGS DRAFTED

The Bulldogs have had the most draft picks of any C-USA team since joining the league in 2013. WKU is second with 10.

LA Tech has had a player drafted in each of the last six NFL Drafts. No other C-USA school has an active streak longer than one.

Louisiana Tech (13)

2021	<b>Milton Williams</b>	3rd round (73)	Philadelphia Eagles
2020	<b>L'Jarius Sneed</b>	4th round (138)	Kansas City Chiefs
	<b>Amik Robertson</b>	4th round (139)	Las Vegas Raiders
2019	<b>Jaylon Ferguson</b>	3rd round (85)	Baltimore Ravens
2018	<b>Boston Scott</b>	6th round (201)	New Orleans Saints
2017	<b>Carlos Henderson</b>	3rd round (82)	Denver Broncos
	<b>Trent Taylor</b>	5th round (177)	San Francisco 49ers
	<b>Xavier Woods</b>	6th round (191)	Dallas Cowboys
2016	<b>Vernon Butler</b>	1st round (30)	Carolina Panthers
	<b>Kenneth Dixon</b>	4th round (134)	Baltimore Ravens
	<b>Jeff Driskel</b>	6th round (207)	San Francisco 49ers
2015	----	----	----
2014	<b>Justin Ellis</b>	4th round (107)	Oakland Raiders
	<b>IK Enemkpali</b>	6th round (210)	New York Jets

## EIGHT IS GREAT

LA Tech will look to appear in its eighth-straight bowl game this season. Tech has made seven-straight bowl appearances as one of just 13 FBS programs, and one of just two non-Power 5 schools, to have an active streak of playing in at least seven-straight bowl games.

2014	Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl	<b>LA Tech 35</b> , Illinois 18
2015	R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl	<b>LA Tech 47</b> , Arkansas St. 28
2016	Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl	<b>LA Tech 48</b> , Navy 45
2017	DXL Frisco Bowl	<b>LA Tech 51</b> , SMU 10
2018	SoFi Hawaii Bowl	<b>LA Tech 31</b> , Hawaii 14
2019	Walk On's Independence Bowl	<b>LA Tech 14</b> , Miami (Fla.) 0
2020	R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl	GA Southern 38, <b>LA Tech 3</b>

## QUARTERBACKS BEWARE

In the last five years, Louisiana Tech is second in Conference USA with 164 total sacks. Since joining the league in 2013, LA Tech is second in total sacks with 248.

## Most sacks in C-USA in last six years

Marshall	183
<b>Louisiana Tech</b>	<b>164</b>

## Most sacks in C-USA since joining league (nine years)

Marshall	283
<b>Louisiana Tech</b>	<b>248</b>
Florida Atlantic	242
North Texas	242

## TOP OF THE LEAGUE

Since joining the league in 2013, Louisiana Tech is in the top three for best overall conference record and best home conference record, while leading the league on the road with an overall road conference record of 20-12 since the 2013 campaign.

### Best overall conference records (since 2013)

Marshall	43-20
<b>Louisiana Tech</b>	<b>41-23</b>
Middle Tennessee	39-26

### Best home conference records (since 2013)

Middle Tennessee	25-7
Marshall	24-7
<b>Louisiana Tech</b>	<b>22-11</b>
WKU	20-8 (joined in 2014)
North Texas	19-15

### Best road conference records (2013)

<b>Louisiana Tech</b>	<b>20-12</b>
Marshall	18-14
WKU	17-13 (joined in 2014)
UAB	13-10 (didn't play in 2015 or 2016)

## CONFERENCE LEADERS

LA Tech has the second most all-conference players (first or second team) in C-USA since 2013 with 57. In the 2020 season, Kody Russey, Wayne Toussant, Milton Williams and **BeeJay Williamson** were first team selections, while **Reeves Blankenship**, **Trey Baldwin**, **Tyler Grubbs**, Adrian Hardy and **Smoke Harris** earned second team honors for the Bulldogs.

TEAM	TOTAL	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Marshall	67	12	11	7	8	--	8	12	9
<b>Louisiana Tech</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>
WKU	45	6	7	2	3	14	8	5	--
Southern Miss	37	2	7	4	6	5	10	2	1
UAB	35	12	4	7	3	--	--	7	2
Florida Atlantic	34	1	6	5	8	1	5	4	4
North Texas	33	3	4	8	4	2	--	4	8
Middle Tennessee	29	2	1	6	2	6	6	4	2
Rice	26	3	2	1	4	1	1	4	10
FIU	24	1	2	4	5	2	5	4	1
UTSA	23	7	--	1	3	3	3	4	2
Old Dominion	22	--	3	5	3	6	3	2	--
UTEP	14	2	2	1	1	4	--	3	1
Charlotte	12	1	3	5	--	1	2	--	--

## COLLECTING THE C-USA AWARDS

Louisiana Tech and Houston are the only two teams that have garnered every individual award in Conference USA history. The Bulldogs have had at least one specialty award winner in each of the last seven seasons.

- Luke Anthony** – 2020 Newcomer of the Year
- J'Mar Smith** – 2019 Offensive Player of the Year
- Jaylon Ferguson** – 2018 Defensive Player of the Year
- Teddy Veal** – 2017 Newcomer of the Year
- Skip Holtz** – 2016 Coach of the Year
- Carlos Henderson** – 2016 Offensive Player of the Year, 2016 Special Teams Player of the Year
- Ryan Higgins** – 2016 Most Valuable Player
- Jeff Driskel** – 2015 Newcomer of the Year
- Cody Sokol** – 2014 Newcomer of the Year

## PLENTY OF OPTIONS

Fifteen different Bulldogs have recorded at least one reception in the 2021 campaign, with eight different players registering at least one touchdown reception. Sophomore wide receiver **Smoke Harris** has caught a team-best 37 receptions followed by freshman wide receiver **Tre Harris** with 22.

## PRESEASON HONORS

**Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch List** – Tyler Grubbs  
**CFL Scouting Bureau Top-20 Prospects** – Samuel Emilus  
**Chuck Bednarik Watch List** – Tyler Grubbs  
**Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award Preseason Watch List** – Luke Anthony  
**Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Watch List** – Jacob Barnes  
**NFLPA Collegiate Bowl Preseason Big Board** – Trey Baldwin, Marcus Williams Jr.  
**Paul Hornung Watch List** – Jacob Adams  
**Patrick Mannelly Award Watch List** – Reeves Blankenship  
**Paycom Jim Thorpe Watch List** – BeeJay Williamson  
**Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List** – Levi Bell, Elijah Hamilton, Marcus Williams Jr.  
**Rotary Lombardi Award Watch List** – Trey Baldwin, Tyler Grubbs  
**Wuerffel Trophy Watch List** – Reeves Blankenship, Joshua Mote

### ATHLON SPORTS (Preseason All-Conference USA)

First Team – Tyler Grubbs, Smoke Harris  
 Second Team – Trey Baldwin, BeeJay Williamson  
 Third Team – Jacob Barnes, Marcus Williams Jr.  
 Fourth Team – Willie Baker, Joshua Mote

### PHIL STEELE (Preseason All-Conference USA)

First Team – Trey Baldwin, Reeves Blankenship, Smoke Harris, BeeJay Williamson  
 Second Team – Tyler Grubbs  
 Third Team – Marcus Williams Jr.  
 Fourth Team – Willie Baker, Jacob Barnes, Joshua Mote

### CONFERENCE USA PRESEASON WATCH LIST

Trey Baldwin, Smoke Harris, Joshua Mote, Marcus Williams Jr., BeeJay Williamson, Abraham Delfin (academic)

## 2021 WEEKLY HONORS

### C-USA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

BeeJay Williamson, Defense - Sept. 13

### LSWA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Smoke Harris, Co-Special Teams - Sept. 27  
 BeeJay Williamson, Defense - Sept. 13  
 Trey Baldwin, Defense - Sept. 7

## 2020 POSTSEASON HONORS

**C-USA Newcomer of the Year** - Luke Anthony  
**C-USA Football All-Academic Team** - Abraham Delfin; Kody Russey  
**Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year Semi-Finalist** - Eric Kendzior  
**Third Team Pro Football Focus All-American** - Milton Williams  
**247Sports.com Freshman All-American** - Tyler Grubbs  
**ESPN True Freshman All-American** - Tyler Grubbs  
**FWAA Freshman All-American** - Tyler Grubbs

### C-USA Football All-Conference First Team

Kody Russey, Wayne Toussant, Milton Williams, BeeJay Williamson

### C-USA Football All-Conference Second Team

Reeves Blankenship, Trey Baldwin, Tyler Grubbs, Adrian Hardy, Smoke Harris

### C-USA Football All-Freshman Team

Jacob Barnes, Maki Carabin, Tyler Grubbs, Dakota White, Cedric Woods

### C-USA Football All-Conference Honorable Mention

Jacob Barnes, Ezekiel Barnett, Abraham Delfin, Zach Hannibal, Smoke Harris, Eric Kendzior, Khalil Ladler, Joshua Mote, Cee Jay Powell, Israel Tucker

# GAME NOTES

## GRAB AND GO

Seven Bulldogs have registered over 100 receiving yards this season in sophomore wide receiver **Smoke Harris** (392), redshirt freshman receiver **Bub Means** (315), freshman wide receiver **Tre Harris** (293), graduate wide receiver **Samuel Emilus** (248), junior wide receiver **Griffin Hebert** (161), graduate running back **Marcus Williams Jr.** (150) and senior wide receiver **Isaiah Graham** (111).

Two Bulldogs have posted a 100-yard reception game in 2021 in **S. Harris** (108 vs. #24 UTSA, Oct. 23) and **T. Harris** (102 vs. SMU, Sept. 18).

## BYE-BYE FINGERNAILS

The first three Louisiana Tech football games in the 2021 campaign went down to the wire as each contest was decided by three points or less. Five of LA Tech's last 10 games have been decided by three points or less.

## BYE-BYE FINGERNAILS - PART II

For the first time in program history, LA Tech's first five games of the 2021 campaign were decided by a single possession.

## STRENGTH OF SCHEDULE

Louisiana Tech had one of the toughest non-conference schedules in the FBS this season as its non-conference foes hold a combined 22-6 record:

4-3	Mississippi State
6-1	Southeastern (8th in FCS - Oct. 25)
7-0	SMU (19th - Oct. 24)
5-2	NC State (RV - Oct. 24)

## PUTTING POINTS ON THE BOARD

The point totals from the first five Louisiana Tech games this season added up to 167-167. The Bulldogs' 33.4 points per game was the best since 2016.

## PUTTING POINTS ON THE BOARD - PART II

Louisiana Tech scored 30-plus points in each of its first three games in 2021. It was the first time the Bulldogs scored 30-plus in their first three games since 2015 and is only the third in program history.

## OFFENSE, OFFENSE, OFFENSE

Louisiana Tech put up 480 yards of total offense against nationally-ranked NC State in Tech's 34-27 loss on Oct. 2. The Wolfpack came into the game ranked seventh in the country in total defense and the Bulldogs' 27 points were, at the time, the most scored on then-No. 23 NC State this season.

## SMOKING

Sophomore wide receiver/punt returner **Smoke Harris** registered a 67-yard punt return, the longest of his career, in LA Tech's 24-17 conference-opening victory over North Texas on Sept. 25. It was the longest punt return by a Bulldog since 2011 when **Craig Johnson** had an 82-yard punt return.

## PUNT INTO THE RECORD BOOKS

Graduate kicker/punter **Cesar Barajas** recorded a season-long 71-yard punt at UTEP on Oct. 16. It was only the eighth time in program history LA Tech has had a punt of 70-plus yards.

## GOING THE DISTANCE

Graduate quarterback **Austin Kendall** led the Bulldogs on a 13-play scoring drive that went the full 99 yards in the second quarter of LA Tech's game against SMU (Sept. 18). It marked the first time LA Tech has had a 99-yard drive since Kenneth Dixon ran a 99-yard touchdown at UL-Lafayette in 2014.

## NOT IN TECH'S HOUSE

Junior defensive lineman **Tristan Allen** blocked a PAT attempt by SMU in the first half (Sept. 18). It was the first blocked PAT for LA Tech since the 2018 season opener at South Alabama.

## TACKLING TANDEM

Freshman linebacker **Tyler Grubbs** and senior linebacker **Eze-kiel Barnett** became the first Bulldogs to record double-digit tackles in a game this season with 13 and 10 stops, respectively, against SMU (Sept. 18). **Grubbs'** 13 tackles marked the second most in his career while **Barnett's** 10 tied his career best.

## COMPETING IN THE POSTSEASON

LA Tech was one of only 12 teams in the country — and one of only two non-P5 — to play postseason in football, men's basketball and baseball during the 2020-21 campaign. Football played in the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl, Men's Basketball competed in the National Invitation Tournament and Baseball hosted an NCAA Regional.

## PRODUCING THE MVP

Louisiana Tech is one of seven universities with MVPs in both the NFL (**Terry Bradshaw**, 1978) and the NBA (**Karl Malone**, 1997 and 1999). Only Auburn, Louisville, LSU, Michigan State, North Carolina and Texas have also produced MVPs in both the NFL and NBA.

## OCTOBER SPECIAL

Louisiana Tech is 20-8 in C-USA games played during the month of October. Tech is a combined 28-11 in C-USA games played in the months of September and October.

## NO-PLAY NOVEMBER

Louisiana Tech did not play a game during the month of November in 2020 after having its four games against North Texas, Rice, ULM and FIU postponed and/or canceled due to injuries, COVID-19 positive cases and contact tracing. The Bulldogs had a gap of 33 days between games as they defeated UAB, 37-34, on Oct. 31, and next won at North Texas, 42-31, on Dec. 3. The 33 days between the UAB game (Oct. 31) and the North Texas game (Dec. 3) was the longest stretch without LA Tech football since 2001 when the Bulldogs ended the regular season on Nov. 24 and played in a bowl game on Dec. 31.



Sophomore wide receiver **Smoke Harris**

# THE LAST TIME THAT...

## LA TECH INDIVIDUAL

### OFFENSE

Rushed for 100 yards	123, Israel Tucker vs. Georgia Southern (12/23/20)
Rushed for 200 yards	207, Kenneth Dixon vs. Southern Miss (11/9/13)
Rushed for 3 touchdowns	3, Justin Henderson vs. UMass (10/12/19)
Rushed for 4+ touchdowns	6, Kenneth Dixon vs. North Texas (11/7/15)
Had a 70-yard run from scrimmage	74, Justin Henderson vs. UMass (10/12/19)
Had an 80-yard run from scrimmage	99, Kenneth Dixon at UL-Lafayette (9/6/14)
Had 20 carries	20, Israel Tucker vs. Georgia Southern (12/23/20)
Had 25 carries	37, Israel Tucker at North Texas (12/3/20)
Had 30 carries	37, Israel Tucker at North Texas (12/3/20)
Passed for 300 yards	341, Austin Kendall at #23 NC State (10/2/21)
Passed for 400 yards	409, Ryan Higgins vs. Navy (12/23/16)
Passed for 500 yards	502, Ryan Higgins at WKU (12/3/16)
Threw for 3 touchdowns	3, Austin Kendall at #23 NC State (10/2/21)
Threw for 4+ touchdowns	4, Austin Kendall vs. SMU (9/18/21)
Had a 70-yard pass from scrimmage	72, Austin Kendall at Mississippi State (9/4/21)
Had an 80-yard pass from scrimmage	80, J'Mar Smith vs. North Texas (11/9/19)
Had 30 completions	34, J'Mar Smith at Texas (8/31/19)
Had 35 completions	36, Ryan Higgins at Middle Tennessee (9/24/16)
Had 40 completions	44, Colby Cameron vs. Texas A&M (10/13/12)
Had 50 pass attempts	51, J'Mar Smith at Texas (8/31/19)
Had 60 pass attempts	60, Colby Cameron vs. Utah State (11/1/12)
Had 100 yards receiving	108, Smoke Harris vs #24 UTSA (10/23/21)
Had 200 yards receiving	212, Malik Stanley vs. Southern Miss (9/24/19)
Caught 2 touchdown passes	2, Tre Harris vs. SMU (9/18/21)
Caught 3+ touchdown passes	4, Carlos Henderson at North Texas (11/5/16)
Had 10 receptions	11, Adrian Hardy at Southern Miss (11/17/18)
Had 15 receptions	7, Trent Taylor at Middle Tennessee (9/24/16)

### DEFENSE

Intercepted 2 passes	2, BeeJay Williamson vs. Southeastern (9/11/21)
Intercepted 3 passes	3, Amik Robertson vs. Southern Miss (10/19/19)
Recorded 2 sacks	2, Levi Bell vs. Southeastern (9/11/21)
Recorded 3+ sacks	4, Willie Baker at Hawai'i (12/22/18)
Had 10 tackles	12, Trey Baldwin at UTEP (10/16/21)
Had 15 tackles	18, Trey Baldwin at UTSA (10/24/20)
Had 20 tackles	20, Quincy Stewart at Texas A&M (9/12/98)
Had 3 tackles for loss	3, Milton Williamson vs. UAB (10/31/20)
Had 4+ tackles for loss	5, Willie Baker at Hawai'i (12/22/18)
Returned an interception for a TD	BeeJay Williamson vs. Southeastern (9/11/21)
Returned a fumble for a TD	DeJuwon Oliver (26 yards) vs. Northwestern State (9/2/17)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

Made 3 field goals	3, Jacob Barnes vs. UAB (10/31/20)
Made 4+ field goals	4, Jacob Barnes at UTSA (10/24/20)
Made a 50-yard field goal	51, Jacob Barnes vs. Houston Baptist (9/26/20)
Had a 60-yard punt	62, Cesar Barajas vs. #24 UTSA (10/23/21)
Returned a punt for a TD	Teddy Veal (66 yards) vs. Northwestern State (9/2/17)
Returned a kickoff for a TD	Amik Robertson (30 yards) vs. FIU (9/20/19)
Returned a blocked punt for a TD	Alex Anderson (2 yards) vs. New Mexico State (11/22/08)
Returned a blocked field goal for a TD	LeVander Liggins (54 yards) vs. UTEP (10/4/14)
Returned a blocked PAT for a safety	Amik Robertson vs. Mississippi State (9/9/17)

## LA TECH TEAM

### OFFENSE

300 yards rushing	383 vs. UMass (10/12/19)
400 yards rushing	408 vs. Idaho (10/20/12)
Rushed for 5 touchdowns	5 vs. North Texas (11/9/19)
Rushed for 6+ touchdowns	7 vs. North Texas (11/7/15)
Had 50 rushing attempts	50 at North Texas (12/12/20)
Had 60 rushing attempts	61 vs. San Jose State (10/29/11)
400 yards passing	427 vs. Southern (9/8/18)
500 yards passing	502 at WKU (12/3/16)
600 yards passing	602 vs. Boise State (10/3/98)
Threw for 5 touchdowns	6 vs. Houston Baptist (9/26/20)
Threw for 6+ touchdowns	6 vs. Houston Baptist (9/26/20)
500 yards total offense	542 vs. Houston Baptist (9/26/20)
600 yards total offense	689 vs. UMass (10/12/19)
700 yards total offense	735 vs. Rice (10/29/16)
Scored 50 points	66 vs. Houston Baptist (9/26/20)
Scored 60 points	66 vs. Houston Baptist (9/26/20)
Scored 70 points	76 vs. Rice (11/29/14)
Recorded 30 first downs	32 vs. Houston Baptist (9/26/20)
Recorded 35 first downs	37 vs. North Texas (11/9/19)

### DEFENSE

Registered 5+ sacks	9 at Hawai'i (12/22/18)
Forced 4+ turnovers	4 at UTEP (10/16/21)
Scored a safety	vs. WKU (11/24/18)
Posted a shutout	14-0 vs. Miami (12/26/19)
Held an opponent under 250 total yards	227 vs. Miami (12/26/19)
Scored multiple defensive touchdowns	2 (2 INT returns) vs. SMU (12/20/17)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

Blocked a punt	vs. WKU (11/24/18)
Blocked an extra point attempt	vs. SMU (9/18/21)
Blocked a field goal attempt	at UTSA (10/24/20)

## OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL

### OFFENSE

Rushed for 100 yards	116, Sincere McCormick, UTSA (10/23/21)
Rushed for 200 yards	209, Anthony Wales, WKU (12/3/16)
Rushed for 3 touchdowns	3, Sincere McCormick, UTSA (10/23/21)
Rushed for 4+ touchdowns	4, Anthony Wales, WKU (12/3/16)
Had a 70-yard run from scrimmage	75, Zach Evans, TCU (12/12/20)
Had an 80-yard run from scrimmage	89, Kendre Miller, TCU (12/12/20)
Had 20 carries	23, Sincere McCormick, UTSA (10/23/21)
Had 25 carries	26, DeAndre Torrey, North Texas (9/25/21)
Had 30 carries	37, Sincere McCormick, UTSA (10/24/20)
Passed for 300 yards	395, Tanner Mordecai, SMU (9/18/21)
Passed for 400 yards	495, Cole Kelley, Southeastern (9/11/21)
Passed for 500 yards	580, David Piland, Houston (9/8/12)
Threw for 3 touchdowns	5, Tanner Mordecai, SMU (9/18/21)
Threw for 4+ touchdowns	5, Tanner Mordecai, SMU (9/18/21)
Had a 70-yard pass from scrimmage	75, Frank Harris, UTSA (10/23/21)
Had an 80-yard pass from scrimmage	83, Ryan Metz, UTEP (11/18/17)
Had 30 completions	36, Tanner Mordecai, SMU (9/18/21)
Had 35 completions	44, Cole Kelley, Southeastern (9/11/21)
Had 40 completions	44, Cole Kelley, Southeastern (9/11/21)
Had 50 pass attempts	59, Cole Kelley, Southeastern (9/11/21)
Had 60 pass attempts	77, David Piland, Houston (9/8/12)
Had 100 yards receiving	118, Zakhari Franklin, UTSA (10/23/21)
Had 200 yards receiving	216, Royce Pollard, Hawai'i (10/11/11)
Caught 2 touchdown passes	2, Zakhari Franklin, UTSA (10/23/21)
Caught 3+ touchdown passes	3, Jaelon Darden, North Texas (12/3/20)
Had 10 receptions	10, Makai Polk, Mississippi State (9/4/21)
Had 15 receptions	18, Kealoha Pilaes, Hawai'i (10/2/10)

### DEFENSE

Intercepted 2 passes	2, Justin Birdsong, Georgia Southern (12/23/20)
Intercepted 3 passes	3, Bene Benwikere, San Jose State (11/24/12)
Recorded 2 sacks	2.5, Clarence Hicks, UTSA (10/23/21)
Recorded 3+ sacks	3.5, Jadrian Taylor, UTEP (10/16/21)
Had 10 tackles	10, Isaiah Morre; 10, Drake Thomas, NC State (10/2/21)
Had 15 tackles	15, Alvin Jones, UTEP (11/18/17)
Had 20 tackles	21, Matt Castelo, San Jose State (11/17/07)
Had 3 tackles for loss	3.5, Jadrian Taylor, UTEP (10/16/21)
Had 4+ tackles for loss	4.0, Sammy Brown, Houston (9/17/11)
Returned an interception for a TD	Dadrian Taylor (51 yards), UTSA (10/23/21)
Returned a fumble for a TD	Jeffery Simmons (90 yards), Mississippi State (9/9/17)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

Made 3 field goals	3, Andrew Stein, Southern Miss (10/19/19)
Made 4+ field goals	4, Parker Shaunfield, Southern Miss (10/21/17)
Made a 50-yard field goal	51, Trevor Moore, North Texas (11/5/16)
Had a 60-yard punt	62, Joshua Sloan, UTEP (10/16/21)
Returned a punt for a TD	Quan Bray (76 yards), Auburn (9/27/14)
Returned a kickoff for a TD	Duron Lowe (100 yards), UTEP (10/10/20)
Returned a blocked punt for a TD	Jeffery Simmons (0 yards), Mississippi State (9/9/17)
Returned a blocked field goal for a TD	Micael Egwuagu (82 yards), UTSA (11/21/16)

## OPPONENT TEAM

### OFFENSE

300 yards rushing	322, Georgia Southern (12/23/20)
400 yards rushing	415, Rice (11/16/13)
Rushed for 5 touchdowns	6, TCU (12/12/20)
Rushed for 6+ touchdowns	6, TCU (12/12/20)
Had 50 rushing attempts	57, Georgia Southern (12/23/20)
Had 60 rushing attempts	69, Rice (11/16/13)
400 yards passing	495, Southeastern (9/11/21)
500 yards passing	580, Houston (9/8/12)
600 yards passing	630, Houston (8/31/91)
Threw for 5 touchdowns	5, SMU (9/18/21)
Threw for 6+ touchdowns	6, Fresno State (10/3/92)
500 yards total offense	578, SMU (9/18/21)
600 yards total offense	656, WKU (12/3/16)
700 yards total offense	733, Rice (11/29/03)
Scored 50 points	52, TCU (12/12/20)
Scored 60 points	61, Hawai'i (11/11/06)
Scored 70 points	73, Houston (8/31/91)
Negative yards rushing	-31, at Southern Miss (10/25/14)
Recorded 30 first downs	31, SMU (9/18/21)
Recorded 40 first downs	40, Houston (9/8/12)

### DEFENSE

Registered 5+ sacks	6, UTSA (10/23/21)
Forced 4+ turnovers	4, Georgia Southern (12/23/20)
Scored a safety	UTEP (10/16/21)
Posted a shutout	29-0 vs. Kansas (9/6/08)
Held Tech under 250 total yards	232, Georgia Southern (12/23/20)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

Blocked a punt	North Texas (9/25/21)
Blocked an extra point attempt	Mississippi State (9/9/17)
Blocked a field goal attempt	Mississippi State (9/4/21)

# LOUISIANA TECH HEAD COACH



## HEAD COACH SKIP HOLTZ

**NOTRE DAME, 1986**

**CAREER RECORD (YEARS): 151-117 (22)**

**SCHOOL RECORD (YEARS): 63-46 (9)**



Skip Holtz enters his ninth year as the head coach at Louisiana Tech after former Louisiana Tech University President Dr. Dan Rneau introduced him as the 33rd head football coach of the Bulldogs during a press conference on Friday, Dec. 14, 2012 in the Jarrell Room of the Charles Wyly Athletic Center.

During his tenure, Holtz has built not just a winning program, but a consistent winning program as the Bulldogs have made seven straight bowl appearances, including a streak of six winning seasons and six bowl victories (2014-19).

In 2020, Holtz oversaw a season unlike any before as the world was faced with the COVID-19 pandemic. During the season, Tech had four games canceled and one postponed to finish the season with a 5-5 overall mark. Holtz led Louisiana Tech to its seventh straight bowl appearance as the Bulldogs competed in the 2020 R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl.

Holtz guided defensive lineman Milton Williams to be named a third team All-American by Pro Football Focus, while linebacker Tyler Grubbs was named a freshman All-American by the FWAA, ESPN and 247Sports.com. In total, Holtz saw nine players earn first or second team all-Conference USA honors during the 2020 season and coached quarterback Luke Anthony to be named the 2020 C-USA Newcomer of the Year. Defensive lineman Eric Kendzior was named a Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year Semi-Finalist, while kicker Jacob Barnes was a Lou Groza National Collegiate Place-Kicker Award Semifinalist.

In 2019, Holtz guided LA Tech to a 10-win season which marked the first time since 1984 that the program produced double-digit victories. The 10th win came in the 2019 Walk On's Independence Bowl as the Bulldogs shut out the Miami Hurricanes, 14-0, in Shreveport. It was the first shutout in Independence Bowl history and the only shutout of the 2019 bowl season. With the victory, the Bulldogs became the only team in the nation to win six consecutive bowl games from 2014 to 2019 (tied for fifth longest in FBS history).

LA Tech won all six games at Joe Aillet Stadium as well, marking the first time since 1973 that the program produced an undefeated season of 6-0.

In 2018, Holtz guided the Bulldogs to an 8-5 overall record and a 31-14 victory over Hawaii in the 2018 SoFi Hawaii Bowl. This was followed by a 2017 season when the team closed out the regular season with two victories to become bowl eligible and then overpowered SMU, 51-10, in the inaugural DXL Frisco Bowl. In 2016, Holtz earned Conference USA Coach of the Year honors after he guided the Bulldogs to yet another highly successful campaign as LA Tech finished the season with a 9-5 overall record, a Conference USA West Division title and a thrilling 48-45 victory over No. 25 Navy in the Lockhead Martin Armed Forces Bowl. It marked the Bulldogs' first win over a Top 25 team since 2005.

The 2016 team had arguably the greatest offensive in school history, producing a program-record 620 total points and 7,206 total yards. The Bulldogs averaged 44.3 points per game that year, the second most in FBS. Holtz led another potent offensive team in 2015 to a 9-4 record after dismantling Arkansas State, 47-28, in the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl.

It was in his second season at the helm that the program started its winning streak as Holtz and the Bulldogs enjoyed a five-win improvement, going 9-5 and taking the Conference USA West Division title in the program's second year as a member of the league. The season was capped off with a 35-18 win over Big Ten opponent Illinois in the Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl at Cotton Bowl Stadium.

In 2014, Holtz engineered an offense that was ranked fourth most improved with an average of 37.4 points per game, while Louisiana Tech was the national leader in points off of turnovers on the defensive side of the ball.

In his first season, Holtz inherited a team that lost 35 seniors with seven being invited to NFL camps (two through the NFL Draft) and brought together the team as it entered a new conference (Conference USA) under a new President and new Athletics Director, going 4-8.

In his eight years at LA Tech, Holtz has amassed 61 victories as head coach which is the third most in program history. He has had 13 players selected in the NFL Draft, the most in C-USA. Among them are defensive tackle Vernon Butler who was selected in the first round of the 2016 NFL Draft by the Carolina Panthers with the 30th overall selection as well as defensive backs L'Jarius Sneed and Amik Robertson who were taken with back-to-back picks in the fourth round of the 2020 NFL Draft by the Kansas City Chiefs and Las Vegas Raiders, respectively.

Holtz has coached seven All-Americans and 57 All-Conference USA selections (first or second team) while having eight players garner specialty awards -- Cody Sokol (2014 C-USA Newcomer of the Year), Jeff Driskel (2015 C-USA Newcomer of the Year), Ryan Higgins (2016 C-USA Most Valuable Player), Carlos Henderson (2016 C-USA Offensive Player of the Year and Special Teams Player of the Year), Teddy Veal (2017 C-USA Newcomer of the

Year), Jaylon Ferguson (2018 C-USA Defensive Player of the Year), J'Mar Smith (2019 C-USA Offensive Player of the Year) and Luke Anthony (2020 C-USA Newcomer of the Year).

Holtz had spent the past three seasons as the head football coach at the University of South Florida. He also served as the head coach at the University of Connecticut and East Carolina University where he won back-to-back Conference USA titles with the Pirates in 2008 and 2009. He also led his teams to five consecutive post-season bowl games between 2006 and 2010.

Holtz has participated in 21 postseason games in his coaching career, including 13 as a head coach and eight as an assistant coach. Of the 13 games as head coach, 11 occurred in the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) and two occurred in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS).

In his first season at South Florida, Holtz promptly led the Bulls to their fifth consecutive eight-win season, making them one of just 15 teams nationally that had won at least eight games during that time span and one of only 10 teams in BCS leagues to accomplish the feat. In addition, USF played in its sixth consecutive bowl game, a 31-26 victory over Clemson in the Meineke Car Care Bowl. At the time, USF was one of just six programs nationally that had reached postseason play in each year as a BCS league member. In addition, with the victory, USF was one of just four programs that had won three consecutive bowl games.

In 2010, USF accomplished numerous firsts under Holtz. The Bulls won at Cincinnati and at Louisville for the first time in program history and beat Rutgers in Tampa for the first time. In addition, USF traveled to Miami and defeated the Hurricanes in an overtime thriller, 23-20, marking the Bulls first win over Miami in program history.

The 2011 season showed major improvement on the field, if not in the record, as USF finished 5-7 thanks to numerous heartbreaking defeats. After starting 4-0, including a huge win at Notre Dame to open the season, the Bulls dropped six of their final seven games by a combined 28 points or 4.7 points per game. Included in those six losses were four 3-point defeats, three of which came on the final play of the game. USF was the only team in the nation that lost three games at the final gun.

Looking passed the wins and losses, the Bulls improved in virtually every statistical category, especially on offense. USF improved its national ranking in total offense 75 spots from 2010 to 2011, the largest jump of any school in the country. The biggest improvement came in the passing game, where USF improved by 85 yards per game. Only two teams saw a greater jump in the passing offense national rankings. In addition, the Bulls improved 39 spots in rushing offense. Defensively, the Bulls finished second nationally in TFL and fourth in sacks and in the top 40 in run defense, total defense and scoring defense.

Holtz went to USF after five seasons at East Carolina, where he won back-to-back Conference USA Championships in 2008 and '09 and finished with a 38-27 record. Holtz also spent five years as head coach at Connecticut, where he amassed a 34-23 record.

Holtz led ECU to unprecedented heights, including four-straight winning seasons, a quartet of bowl game appearances and the back-to-back league crowns. A once-proud program, Holtz quickly revived the Pirates, which had stumbled to record just three wins in a 25-game period in the two-plus seasons prior to his arrival in 2005.

He promptly instilled a sense of pride, commitment, character and discipline into a Pirate team that went on to reward its loyal and passionate fan base with the school's first-ever run of four consecutive bowl invitations and the program's first four-year streak of winning seasons since the 1970s.

The drastic turnaround at ECU, which included a 7-6 finish in 2006, an 8-5 ledger in 2007, a 9-5 mark in 2008 and another nine-win campaign in 2009, coincided with dramatic school-record attendance increases at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

While the initial success in 2005 relied heavily on a wide-open offensive assault, it was a no-nonsense and fundamentally-sound defensive effort that launched the Pirates back into college football's competitive arena a year later.

Holtz followed by using a combination of both in 2007, offering a well-balanced offense and a run-stopping, ball-hawking defense to lead East Carolina to its highest Conference USA win total in school history at that time. The Pirates ended up just one victory shy of earning a berth in the league championship game, despite playing one of the toughest schedules in program history, which was loaded with four Bowl Championship Series members.

In addition to guiding ECU to its first postseason win since 2000 with a 41-38 victory over No. 24 Boise State in the Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl, Holtz fine-tuned the efforts of running back Chris Johnson, who was college football's national statistical champion in all-purpose yards. Johnson also became the program's second first-round draft choice (first since 1992) when the Tennessee Titans selected him

# LOUISIANA TECH HEAD COACH

with their initial pick in April, 2008. Johnson went on to be named the 2009 NFL Offensive Player of the Year.

In 2008, Holtz' Pirates earned a spot in the Conference USA Championship game. ECU defeated Tulsa to claim the program's first conference title in 32 years, earning a bid to the AutoZone Liberty Bowl. During that season, Holtz led the Pirates to a No. 14 ranking in the polls and victories over No. 17 Virginia Tech and No. 8 West Virginia.

Holtz continued his success at East Carolina in 2009, leading the Pirates to a second consecutive Conference USA Championship. They became the first team in C-USA Championship game history to post consecutive victories.

Prior to his time in Greenville, Holtz spent six seasons at South Carolina. He wore several hats during his tenure with the Gamecocks, coaching the quarterbacks his first four seasons, before handling the tight ends in 2003 and then returning to guide the signal-callers in '04. He displayed his all-around abilities as a coach in working closely with the Gamecock offense in addition to handling a variety of duties as assistant head coach under his father, the legendary Lou Holtz.

While at South Carolina, Holtz was recognized as an Assistant Coach-of-the-Year in 2001 by the All-American Football Foundation. That year, the Gamecocks ranked second in the Southeastern Conference in rushing offense, and under Holtz's tutelage, senior Phil Petty went on to lead South Carolina to 17 victories in his last 23 starts, including back-to-back Outback Bowl wins over Ohio State in 2001 (24-7) and '02 (31-28).

Holtz went to South Carolina after a successful five-year stint as head coach at fellow BIG EAST school, Connecticut. While at UConn, he led the Huskies to their best season in school history, up to that point, in 1998 and was recognized as one of the top young coaching talents in the country.

Holtz has been credited for developing high-powered and prolific offenses throughout his coaching career. During his last season at Connecticut, he led the Huskies to a then-school-record 10 victories and an appearance in the quarterfinal round of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs. His team ranked 11th nationally in scoring offense and averaged nearly 36 points per game.

During his five-year tenure as head coach at UConn, Holtz guided the Huskies' program to national top 25 rankings the last four seasons and unprecedented success in the school's 100-year football history, which provided a firm foundation for the school's eventual move to the FBS level in 2002.

The success Holtz earned on the field at Connecticut during his first head coaching tenure was matched by his involvement in the community as a successful speaker, clinician and humanitarian - often donating his time and effort to many charitable and educational organizations. He served as the honorary chairman for Camp Courant in Hartford for four consecutive years, helping fund-raising efforts to send more than 1,000 under-privileged area children to recreational and educational camps during the summer. Holtz was also actively involved with the American Diabetes Association, serving as an honorary chairman and member of the Board of Trustees for two years.

Holtz was honored in 1996 with the National Football Foundation Man-of-the-Year Award and was a member of the Foundation's ethics committee. He was also the recipient of the Franciscan Life Center's St. Francis Award in 1995, an honor given for his dedication and support of Christian values and outstanding athletic achievements.

Prior to taking the head coaching job at UConn, Holtz worked on the offensive staff under his father at Notre Dame. He spent four years at Notre Dame and served as the Fighting Irish's offensive coordinator during the 1992 and '93 seasons.

During those years, Holtz was in charge of one of the country's most potent offensive attacks - a period in which the Irish compiled a 21-2-1 record. The 1992 Notre Dame offense ranked third nationally in total offense, averaging better than 470 yards per game. The 1993 Irish offense, despite the loss of All-America running backs Jerome Bettis and Reggie Brooks, ended the season ranked No. 9 in scoring offense (36.6 points per game). During Holtz's two seasons as offensive coordinator at Notre Dame, the Irish offense averaged nearly 37 points per game.

Holtz has also served on the coaching staffs at Florida State and Colorado State. While serving on Bobby Bowden's FSU staff in 1987 and '88, the Seminoles rolled to a 22-2 record, captured the Sugar and Fiesta Bowl titles and earned a No. 2 and No. 3 national rank, respectively.

In all, he has been involved in eight New Year's Day bowl games during his coaching career. Prior to his stint at South Carolina, the overall record of teams he had been associated with as an assistant coach was an impressive 67-15-2.

Born March 12, 1964, in Willimantic, Connecticut, Louis "Skip" Holtz spent the first two years of his life in Connecticut, while his father served as the top football assistant on the Huskies' staff from 1964-65. He was a prep quarterback at Fayetteville (Ark.) High School, while his father was the head coach at the University of Arkansas.

He attended Holy Cross Junior College in South Bend, Ind., for two years before transferring to Notre Dame in 1984. Holtz earned his bachelor's degree in business management in 1986 and was a football letterwinner for the Irish that same year, appearing in all 11 games as a special teams member and backup flanker.

Skip and his wife, Jennifer, are the parents of three children: Louis Leo (Trey) Holtz III (currently on staff as the inside receivers coach), Chad Fitzgerald Holtz and Hailey Elizabeth Holtz.



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### BOWL/POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE

Year	Bowl/Postseason Round	Final Score
1988	Fiesta Bowl	<b>Florida State 31</b> , Nebraska 28 (No. 2 final national rank)
1989	Sugar Bowl	<b>Florida State 13</b> , Auburn 7 (No. 3 final national rank)
1991	Orange Bowl	Colorado 10, <b>Notre Dame 9</b> (No. 6 final national rank)
1992	Sugar Bowl	<b>Notre Dame 39</b> , Florida 28 (No. 13 final national rank)
1993	Cotton Bowl	<b>Notre Dame 28</b> , Texas A&M 3 (No. 4 final national rank)
1994	Cotton Bowl	<b>Notre Dame 24</b> , Texas A&M 21 (No. 2 final national rank)
1998	NCAA Division I-AA Playoffs	<b>UConn 42</b> , Hampton 34
2001	Outback Bowl	Georgia Southern 52, <b>UConn 30</b>
2002	Outback Bowl	<b>South Carolina 24</b> , Ohio State 7 (No. 19 final national rank)
2006	PapaJohns.com Bowl	<b>South Carolina 31</b> , Ohio State 28 (No. 13 final national rank)
2007	Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl	South Florida 24, <b>East Carolina 7</b>
2008	AutoZone Liberty Bowl	<b>East Carolina 41</b> , Boise State 38
2009	AutoZone Liberty Bowl	Kentucky 25, <b>East Carolina 19</b>
2010	Meineke Car Care Bowl	Arkansas 20, <b>East Carolina 17</b> (OT)
2014	Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl	<b>South Florida 31</b> , Clemson 26
2015	R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl	<b>Louisiana Tech 35</b> , Illinois 18
2016	Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl	<b>Louisiana Tech 47</b> , Arkansas State 28
2017	DXL Frisco Bowl	<b>Louisiana Tech 48</b> , Navy 45
2018	SoFi Hawai'i Bowl	<b>Louisiana Tech 51</b> , SMU 10
2019	Walk On's Independence Bowl	<b>Louisiana Tech 31</b> , Hawai'i 14
2020	R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl	<b>Louisiana Tech 14</b> , Miami (Fla.) 0
		Georgia Southern 38, <b>Louisiana Tech 3</b>

### COACHING RECORDS

Years	School	Record (Pct.)/Years	Position
1987-88	Florida State	22-2 (.917)/2 Years	Graduate Assistant Coach
1989	Colorado State	5-5-1 (.500)/1 Year	Assistant Coach
1990-93	Notre Dame	40-8-1 (.827)/4 Years	Assistant Coach
1994-98	Connecticut	34-23 (.596)/5 Years	Head Coach
1999-2004	South Carolina	33-37 (.471)/6 Years	Assistant Coach
2005-09	East Carolina	38-27 (.584)/5 Years	Head Coach
2010-12	South Florida	16-21 (.432)/3 Years	Head Coach
2013-Present	Louisiana Tech	63-46 (.578)/9 years	Head Coach
<b>Totals</b>	<b>Head Coach</b>	<b>151-117 (.563)/22 years</b>	
	<b>Assistant Coach</b>	<b>100-52-2 (.656)/13 Years</b>	
	<b>Collegiate Coach</b>	<b>251-169-2 (.595)/35 years</b>	

### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Years	School	Years Lettered (Position)
1979-82	Fayetteville HS, Fayetteville, Ark.	4 (QB)
1986	Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind.	1 (special teams/flanker)

### EDUCATION

Years	School	Degree
1986	University of Notre Dame	B.S. in business management

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

**Full Name:** Louis Leo "Skip" Holtz  
**Born:** March 12, 1964 in Willimantic, Conn.  
**Wife:** the former Jennifer Fitzgerald of Port Charlotte, Fla.  
**Children:** Louis Leo "Trey" Holtz, III; Chad Fitzgerald Holtz; Hailey Elizabeth Holtz

# JOEAILLET STADIUM



## JOEAILLET IS A TOUGH PLACE TO PLAY

It's always nice to be home and Louisiana Tech has experienced recent success in the confines of Joe Aillet Stadium. LA Tech has posted a 107-44 record at home since joining the ranks of Division I-A/FBS in 1988, a winning percentage of 70.9 percent.

## WINNING AT THE JOE

Louisiana Tech won eight straight games inside The Joe between the 2019 and 2020 seasons after defeating Houston Baptist (66-38) and UTEP (21-17) during the 2020 campaign. LA Tech was undefeated at Joe Aillet Stadium in the 2019 season after posting wins over Grambling State (20-14), FIU (43-31), UMass (69-21), Southern Miss (45-30), North Texas (52-17) and UTSA (41-27).

## JOEAILLET STADIUM FUN FACT

NFL Hall of Famer and four-time Super Bowl Champion Terry Bradshaw threw the first touchdown pass in the history of Joe Aillet Stadium connecting with Buster Herren from five yards out against East Carolina on Sept. 28, 1968. Tech went on to win the game 35-7.

## HOME OPENERS AT THE JOE

Since Joe Aillet Stadium opened in 1968, Louisiana Tech has won 45 home openers at "The Joe" with a record of 45-8-1 over that span. If you go back to 1988 when the Bulldogs made the transition to Division I, LA Tech has dominated when playing on its home turf with a record of 30-4 in home openers.

## ATTENDANCE HISTORY AND RECORDS

Year	Attendance	Games	Avg.	In Ruston	Games	Avg.
1989	57,900	3	19,300	57,900	3	19,300
1990	85,430	5	17,086	85,430	5	17,086
1991	69,125	4	17,281	69,125	4	17,281
1992	70,450	4	17,613	70,450	4	17,613
1993	44,400	4	11,100	44,400	4	11,100
1994	70,368	5	14,074	70,368	5	14,074
1995	66,260	4	16,565	47,565	3	15,855
1996	96,185	5	19,237	66,716	4	16,679
1997	105,866	5	21,173	81,054	4	20,264
1998	83,738	5	16,748	83,738	5	16,748
1999	101,633	4	25,408	61,305	3	20,435
2000	66,542	4	16,636	66,542	4	16,636
2001	81,730	4	20,432	59,225	3	19,742
2002	92,383	5	18,477	51,725	3	17,242
2003	103,890	5	20,778	60,611	4	15,153
2004	87,740	5	17,548	80,027	4	20,007
2005	82,080	5	16,416	82,080	5	16,416

## TOP DOG WATCHERS AT THE JOE

### HOME GAMES AT JOEAILLET STADIUM

28,714	UL-Monroe	Sept. 13, 1997
28,100	Mississippi State	Sept. 9, 2007
27,905	Southern	Sept. 5, 2015
27,360	UL-Monroe	Dec. 13, 1999
26,910	UL-Lafayette	Oct. 3, 2015
26,004	Northwestern State	Sept. 20, 2014
25,614	Utah State	Nov. 17, 2012
25,224	Mississippi State	Aug. 30, 2008
25,212	Hawai'i	Oct. 2, 2011
24,975	UL-Monroe	Sept. 12, 1987





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## SCORING

Player	TD	FGs	PATs				DXP	Saf	Pts
			Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass			
BARNES, Jacob	0	9-12	21-21	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	48
KENDALL, Austin	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-2	0	0	18
HARRIS, Tre	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
WILLIAMS, M.	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
GARNER, Greg	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
EMILIUS, Samuel	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
HARRIS, Smoke	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
MEANS, Bub	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
WILLIAMSON, B.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
BALDWIN, Trey	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
ADAMS, Jacob	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
HEBERT, Griffin	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
BARAJAS, Cesar	0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>9-13</b>	<b>21-21</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>186</b>
<b>Opponents.....</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>7-8</b>	<b>28-29</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>225</b>

## TOTAL OFFENSE

Player	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
KENDALL, Austin	6	261	160	1621	1781	296.8
WILLIAMS, M.	7	97	420	0	420	60.0
ALLEN, Aaron	5	30	-4	196	192	38.4
GARNER, Greg	5	31	109	0	109	21.8
DIXON, Harlan	5	22	81	0	81	16.2
HEAD, JD	1	12	-6	70	64	64.0
HENRY-BROOKS, K	6	14	42	0	42	7.0
MAXWELL, Kyle	4	1	0	33	33	8.2
MEANS, Bub	7	1	0	22	22	3.1
DOMINIQUE, K.	3	2	1	0	1	0.3
TEAM	7	5	-5	0	-5	-0.7
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>1942</b>	<b>2740</b>	<b>391.4</b>
<b>Opponents.....</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>1077</b>	<b>2076</b>	<b>3153</b>	<b>450.4</b>

## FIELD GOAL SEQUENCE

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

Game	Louisiana Tech	Opponents
at Mississippi St.	(20),(33),46	52
SOUTHEASTERN	(44)	-
SMU	(47)	(29),(24)
NORTH TEXAS*	(21), 50	(33)
at #23 NC State	(21),(38)	(36),(29)
at UTEP*	40,(25)	(41)
#24 UTSA*	(35),46	(38)
at Old Dominion*		
at UAB*		
CHARLOTTE*		
SOUTHERN MISS*		
at Rice*		

## FIELD GOALS

Player	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
BARNES, Jacob	9-12	75.0	0-0	4-4	3-3	2-5	0-0	47	1
BARAJAS, Cesar	0-1	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0

## PUNTING

Player	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	50+	Blkd
BARAJAS, Cesar	34	1460	42.9	71	2	11	15	4	0
TEAM	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1460</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Opponents.....</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1353</b>	<b>45.1</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>

## KICKOFFS

Player	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net	YdLn
BARAJAS, Cesar	32	1862	58.2	8	1	-	-	-
BARNES, Jacob	8	362	45.2	0	0	-	-	-
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>2224</b>	<b>55.6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>38.8</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Opponents.....</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>2652</b>	<b>63.1</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>39.0</b>	<b>26</b>

## ALL-PURPOSE

Player	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Total	Avg/G
WILLIAMS, M.	7	420	150	0	0	0	570	81.4
MEANS, Bub	7	0	315	0	233	0	548	78.3
HARRIS, Smoke	7	0	392	148	0	0	540	77.1
HARRIS, Tre	7	0	293	0	0	0	293	41.9
EMILIUS, Samuel	6	0	248	0	19	0	267	44.5
HEBERT, Griffin	7	0	161	0	0	0	161	23.0
KENDALL, Austin	6	160	0	0	0	0	160	26.7
GARNER, Greg	5	109	37	0	0	0	146	29.2
GRAHAM, Isaiah	4	0	111	0	16	0	127	31.8
DIXON, Harlan	5	81	11	0	0	0	92	18.4
MAGEE, Tahj	6	0	40	0	46	0	86	14.3
HENRY-BROOKS, K	6	42	29	0	0	0	71	11.8
WILLIAMSON, B.	7	0	0	0	0	62	62	8.9
MAXWELL, Kyle	4	0	55	0	0	0	55	13.8
RIEDER, Carson	6	0	48	0	0	0	48	8.0
ADAMS, Jacob	7	0	48	0	0	0	48	6.9
BALDWIN, Trey	7	0	0	0	0	35	35	5.0
COLE, Jaiden	7	0	0	0	0	28	28	4.7
OKORIE, Praise	5	0	4	0	0	0	4	0.8
DOMINIQUE, K.	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.3
ALLEN, Aaron	5	-4	0	0	0	0	-4	-0.8
TEAM	7	-5	0	0	0	0	-5	-0.7
HEAD, JD	1	-6	0	0	0	0	-6	-6.0
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>1942</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>3327</b>	<b>475.3</b>
<b>Opponents.....</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1077</b>	<b>2076</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>3785</b>	<b>540.7</b>

# 2021 DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

## DEFENSE

No.	Defensive Leaders	GP	-----Tackles-----			TFL/Yds	--Sacks--		---Pass Def---		QBH	--Fumbles--		Blkd Kick	Saf
			Solo	Ast	Total		No-Yards	Int	BrUp	FR		FF			
52	GRUBBS, Tyler	7	23	33	56	4.0-27	2.0-24	.	1	2	1-0	.	.	.	
3A	BALDWIN, Trey	7	27	28	55	3.0-4	.	1-35	4	1	.	1	.	.	
4	WILLIAMSON, B.	7	19	17	36	1.0-3	.	2-62	1	.	.	2	.	.	
0	BUCHANAN, B.	7	24	9	33	.	.	.	1	.	2-0	.	.	.	
7A	COLE, Jaiden	7	16	12	28	1.0-1	.	1-28	.	.	.	1	.	.	
46	BARNETT, E.	7	12	15	27	0.5-2	.	.	1	.	1-0	1	.	.	
1	LADLER, Khalil	7	19	7	26	1.0-3	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	
93	HALL, Deshon	7	15	10	25	3.0-8	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	
56	CLARK, Mykol	7	9	15	24	1.0-2	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	
11	WOODS, Cedric	7	20	4	24	.	.	.	5	1	1-0	.	.	.	
96	BELL, Ben	7	7	15	22	3.0-14	3.0-13	.	.	2	.	2	.	.	
18	MASON, Myles	7	5	14	19	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	
44	CARABIN, Maki	7	9	10	19	1.0-0	.	.	.	1	.	2	.	.	
9	HAMILTON, E.	7	9	3	12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
90	JACKSON, DJ	7	4	7	11	1.0-3	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	
43	ALLEN, Tristan	7	7	4	11	1.0-7	1.0-7	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	
2	HANNIBAL, Zeno	7	6	5	11	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	
95	LYLES, Rasheed	7	1	9	10	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	
20	FISHER, K.	5	3	6	9	0.5-3	1.0-3	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	
94	ROSE, Keivie	7	4	5	9	1.0-2	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	.	
17	CALHOUN, B.	7	4	5	9	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	1	.	.	
54	WALKER, Allen	7	2	7	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
97	BELL, Levi	4	5	3	8	3.0-25	3.0-25	.	.	3	1-0	.	.	.	
85	BAKER, Willie	5	4	4	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
51	MASON, Joseph	7	.	8	8	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	
32	FULP, Kody	2	4	3	7	1.0-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
42	DICKEY, Joren	5	1	4	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
28	KELLY, Jamison	4	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
23	DIXON, Harlan	5	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
14	OKORIE, Praise	5	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
26	TURNER, M.	5	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
89	MAGEE, Tahj	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
6	HARRIS, Smoke	7	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
30	BARAJAS, Cesar	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
62	DELFIN, Abraham	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
47	KENDZIOR, Eric	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	
98	BURNETT, J'Dan	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
25	GARNER, Greg	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
83	HARRIS, Tre	7	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
<b>Total.....</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>26-109</b>	<b>10-72</b>	<b>4-125</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>8-0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>.</b>	
<b>Opponents.....</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>42.0-168</b>	<b>19-111</b>	<b>10-38</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	



## LA TECH INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	18	WILLIAMS, M. vs Southeastern La. (Sep 11, 2021)
Yards Rushing	94	WILLIAMS, M. vs Southeastern La. (Sep 11, 2021)
TD Rushes	2	GARNER, Greg vs Southeastern La. (Sep 11, 2021)
Long Rush	59	WILLIAMS, M. vs North Texas (Sep 25, 2021)
Pass attempts	43	KENDALL, Austin at Mississippi St. (Sep 04, 2021)
Pass completions	26	KENDALL, Austin at #23 NC State (Oct 02, 2021)
Yards Passing	351	KENDALL, Austin vs SMU (Sep 18, 2021)
TD Passes	4	KENDALL, Austin vs SMU (Sep 18, 2021)
Long Pass	72	KENDALL, Austin at Mississippi St. (Sep 04, 2021)
Receptions	7	HARRIS, Smoke vs North Texas (Sep 25, 2021)
Yards Receiving	108	HARRIS, Smoke vs #24 UTSA (Oct 23, 2021)
TD Receptions	2	HARRIS, Tre vs SMU (Sep 18, 2021)
Long Reception	72	MEANS, Bub at Mississippi St. (Sep 04, 2021)
Field Goals	2	BARNES, Jacob at Mississippi St. (Sep 04, 2021)
Long Field Goal	47	BARNES, Jacob vs SMU (Sep 18, 2021)
Punts	7	BARAJAS, Cesar at Mississippi St. (Sep 04, 2021)
Punting Avg	50.8	BARAJAS, Cesar at UTEP (Oct 16, 2021)
Long Punt	71	BARAJAS, Cesar at UTEP (Oct 16, 2021)
Punts inside 20	3	BARAJAS, Cesar at UTEP (Oct 16, 2021)
Long Punt Return	67	HARRIS, Smoke vs North Texas (Sep 25, 2021)
Long Kickoff Return	46	MAGEE, Tahj vs Southeastern La. (Sep 11, 2021)
Tackles	13	GRUBBS, Tyler vs SMU (Sep 18, 2021)
Sacks	2.0	BELL, Levi vs Southeastern La. (Sep 11, 2021)
Tackles For Loss	2.0	BELL, Levi vs Southeastern La. (Sep 11, 2021)
		BALDWIN, Trey vs North Texas (Sep 25, 2021)
		GRUBBS, Tyler at UTEP (Oct 16, 2021)
Interceptions	2	WILLIAMSON, B. vs Southeastern La. (Sep 11, 2021)

## OPPONENT TECH INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	26	Torrey,DeAndre, vs North Texas (Sep 25, 2021)
Yards Rushing	119	Torrey,DeAndre, vs North Texas (Sep 25, 2021)
TD Rushes	3	McCormick,Since, vs #24 UTSA (Oct 23, 2021)
Long Rush	47	McCormick,Since, vs #24 UTSA (Oct 23, 2021)
Pass attempts	59	Kelley,Cole, vs Southeastern La. (Sep 11, 2021)
Pass completions	44	Kelley,Cole, vs Southeastern La. (Sep 11, 2021)
Yards Passing	492	Kelley,Cole, vs Southeastern La. (Sep 11, 2021)
TD Passes	5	Mordecai,Tanner, vs SMU (Sep 18, 2021)
Long Pass	75	Harris,Frank, vs #24 UTSA (Oct 23, 2021)
Receptions	10	Polk,Makai, at Mississippi St. (Sep 04, 2021)
Yards Receiving	166	Cowing,Jacob, at UTEP (Oct 16, 2021)
TD Receptions	2	Rice,Rashee, vs SMU (Sep 18, 2021)
Long Reception	75	Franklin,Zakhar, vs #24 UTSA (Oct 23, 2021)
Field Goals	2	Maxza,Blake, vs SMU (Sep 18, 2021)
Long Field Goal	41	Dunn,Christophe, at #23 NC State (Oct 02, 2021)
Punts	6	Baechle,Gavin, at UTEP (Oct 16, 2021)
Punting Avg	51.2	Gill,Trenton, at #23 NC State (Oct 02, 2021)
Long Punt	62	Gill,Trenton, at #23 NC State (Oct 02, 2021)
Punts inside 20	2	Sloan,Joshua, at UTEP (Oct 16, 2021)
Long Punt Return	36	Gill,Trenton, at #23 NC State (Oct 02, 2021)
Long Kickoff Return	72	Dean,Lucas, vs #24 UTSA (Oct 23, 2021)
Tackles	12	Garrett,Justin, at UTEP (Oct 16, 2021)
Sacks	3.5	Bentley IV,Ulys, vs SMU (Sep 18, 2021)
Tackles For Loss	3.5	Nixon III,Larry, vs North Texas (Sep 25, 2021)
Interceptions	1	Taylor,Jadrian, at UTEP (Oct 16, 2021)
		Taylor,Jadrian, at UTEP (Oct 16, 2021)
		Wheat,Tyrus, at Mississippi St. (Sep 04, 2021)
		Alexander,Zy, vs Southeastern La. (Sep 11, 2021)
		Slade-Matautia,, vs SMU (Sep 18, 2021)
		Harris,Jakeen, at #23 NC State (Oct 02, 2021)
		White,Aydan, at #23 NC State (Oct 02, 2021)
		Richardson,Tore, at UTEP (Oct 16, 2021)
		Knight,Tyrice, at UTEP (Oct 16, 2021)
		Wilson,Tyson, at UTEP (Oct 16, 2021)
		Taylor,Dadrian, vs #24 UTSA (Oct 23, 2021)
		Preston,Jarrett, vs #24 UTSA (Oct 23, 2021)

## LA TECH TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	43	vs Southeastern La. (Sep 11, 2021)
Yards Rushing	193	vs Southeastern La. (Sep 11, 2021)
Yards Per Rush	4.5	vs Southeastern La. (Sep 11, 2021)
TD Rushes	3	vs Southeastern La. (Sep 11, 2021)
Pass attempts	44	at #23 NC State (Oct 02, 2021)
Pass completions	26	at #23 NC State (Oct 02, 2021)
Yards Passing	351	vs UTSA (Oct 23, 2021)
Yards Per Pass	9.0	vs SMU (Sep 18, 2021)
TD Passes	4	vs SMU (Sep 18, 2021)
Total Plays	79	at #23 NC State (Oct 02, 2021)
Total Offense	483	vs SMU (Sep 18, 2021)
Yards Per Play	7.0	vs SMU (Sep 18, 2021)
Points	45	vs Southeastern La. (Sep 11, 2021)
Sacks By	3	at Mississippi St. (Sep 04, 2021)
		vs Southeastern La. (Sep 11, 2021)
First Downs	25	at #23 NC State (Oct 02, 2021)
Penalties	8	vs SMU (Sep 18, 2021)
		at #23 NC State (Oct 02, 2021)
		vs #24 UTSA (Oct 23, 2021)
Penalty Yards	78	vs #24 UTSA (Oct 23, 2021)
Turnovers	3	at UTEP (Oct 16, 2021)
		vs #24 UTSA (Oct 23, 2021)
Interceptions By	2	vs Southeastern La. (Sep 11, 2021)
Punts	7	at Mississippi St. (Sep 04, 2021)
Punting Avg	50.8	at UTEP (Oct 16, 2021)
Long Punt	71	at UTEP (Oct 16, 2021)
Punts inside 20	3	at UTEP (Oct 16, 2021)
Long Punt Return	67	vs North Texas (Sep 25, 2021)

## OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	49	vs North Texas (Sep 25, 2021)
Yards Rushing	241	vs North Texas (Sep 25, 2021)
Yards Per Rush	5.4	at #23 NC State (Oct 02, 2021)
TD Rushes	3	vs Southeastern La. (Sep 11, 2021)
		vs #24 UTSA (Oct 23, 2021)
Pass attempts	59	vs Southeastern La. (Sep 11, 2021)
Pass completions	44	vs Southeastern La. (Sep 11, 2021)
Yards Passing	492	vs Southeastern La. (Sep 11, 2021)
Yards Per Pass	10.2	vs #24 UTSA (Oct 23, 2021)
TD Passes	5	vs SMU (Sep 18, 2021)
Total Plays	88	vs SMU (Sep 18, 2021)
Total Offense	598	vs Southeastern La. (Sep 11, 2021)
Yards Per Play	7.0	vs Southeastern La. (Sep 11, 2021)
Points	42	vs Southeastern La. (Sep 11, 2021)
Sacks By	6	vs #24 UTSA (Oct 23, 2021)
First Downs	32	vs Southeastern La. (Sep 11, 2021)
Penalties	12	at Mississippi St. (Sep 04, 2021)
Penalty Yards	96	at Mississippi St. (Sep 04, 2021)
Turnovers	4	at Mississippi St. (Sep 04, 2021)
		at UTEP (Oct 16, 2021)
Interceptions By	3	at UTEP (Oct 16, 2021)
Punts	6	at #23 NC State (Oct 02, 2021)
Punting Avg	51.2	at #23 NC State (Oct 02, 2021)
Long Punt	62	at UTEP (Oct 16, 2021)
Punts inside 20	2	at #23 NC State (Oct 02, 2021)
		vs #24 UTSA (Oct 23, 2021)
Long Punt Return	36	at UTEP (Oct 16, 2021)

# 2021 INDIVIDUAL GAME-BY-GAME STATS

## RUSHING GAME-BY-GAME

RUSHING	No-Yds	MSU	SLU	SMU	UNT	NCSU	UTEP	UTSA	ODU	UAB	UNCC	USM	RICE
WILLIAMS, M. RB	97-420/2	13-21/0	18-94/0	13-65/0	17-73/2	16-59/0	7-42/0	13-66/0					
KENDALL, AUSTIN QB	54-160/3	5-68/1	7-10/1	6-20/1	DNP	15-71/0	11-20/0	10--29/0					
GARNER, GREG RB	31-109/2	4-11/0	7-29/2	7-42/0	DNP	DNP	8-26/0	5-1/0					
DIXON, HARLAN RB	22-81/0	1-0/0	7-57/0	3-5/0	10-19/0	1-0/0	DNP	DNP					
HENRY-BROOKS, K RB	14-42/0	2-1/0	2-5/0	DNP	3-2/0	2-8/0	2-4/0	3-22/0					
DOMINIQUE, K. RB	2-1/0	-	DNP	1-0/0	DNP	1-1/0	DNP	DNP					
ALLEN, AARON QB	6--4/0	-	DNP	-	4--6/0	-	DNP	2-2/0					
TEAM	5--5/0	-	2--2/0	-	3--3/0	-	-	-					
HEAD, JD QB	3--6/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	3--6/0	DNP	DNP	DNP					

## RECEIVING GAME-BY-GAME

RECEIVING	No-Yds	MSU	SLU	SMU	UNT	NCSU	UTEP	UTSA	ODU	UAB	UNCC	USM	RICE
HARRIS, Smoke WR	37-392/2	4-52/1	4-45/0	6-55/0	7-53/0	6-39/0	3-40/0	7-108/1					
MEANS, Bub WR	17-315/2	2-94/1	3-37/0	2-43/0	2-13/0	5-67/1	-	3-61/0					
HARRIS, Tre WR	22-293/3	2-7/0	4-72/1	5-102/2	4-34/0	3-52/0	3-12/0	1-14/0					
EMILUS, Samuel WR	15-248/3	-	4-34/0	3-57/1	2-69/1	4-55/0	DNP	2-33/1					
HEBERT, Griffin WR	16-161/1	3-20/0	-	3-14/0	3-33/0	2-45/1	3-25/0	2-24/0					
WILLIAMS, M. RB	13-150/1	3-25/0	1-7/0	2-19/1	1-5/0	1--1/0	2-59/0	3-36/0					
GRAHAM, Isaiah WR	10-111/0	3-41/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-24/0	2-20/0	4-26/0					
MAXWELL, Kyle WR	5-55/0	DNP	1-2/0	1-9/0	DNP	DNP	2-30/0	1-14/0					
RIEDER, Carson FB	1-48/0	-	-	1-48/0	-	-	-	DNP					
ADAMS, Jacob FB	3-48/1	-	-	-	-	3-48/1	-	-					
MAGEE, Tahj WR	3-40/0	1-12/0	1-16/0	DNP	-	1-12/0	-	-					
GARNER, Greg RB	2-37/1	-	1-33/1	1-4/0	DNP	DNP	-	-					
HENRY-BROOKS, K RB	3-29/0	1-10/0	-	DNP	-	-	-	2-19/0					
DIXON, Harlan RB	3-11/0	2-7/0	1-4/0	-	-	-	DNP	DNP					
OKORIE, Praise WR	1-4/0	-	DNP	DNP	-	-	-	1-4/0					

## PASSING GAME-BY-GAME

#10 KENDALL, Austin	Att	Comp	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sack	Yds	Effic
Mississippi St.	36	20	1	55.6	269	2	72	1	9	131.1
Southeastern La.	27	19	1	70.4	217	1	21	1	5	142.7
SMU	39	24	1	61.5	351	4	62	1	8	165.9
#23 NC State	43	26	2	60.5	341	3	34	3	17	140.8
UTEP	28	14	3	50.0	164	0	50	4	14	77.8
#24 UTSA	34	23	1	67.6	279	2	47	6	44	150.1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>60.9</b>	<b>1621</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>137.1</b>

#3 ALLEN, Aaron	Att	Comp	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sack	Yds	Effic
Mississippi St.	1	1	0	100.0	-1	0	0	0	0	91.6
North Texas	18	14	0	77.8	137	0	35	2	7	141.7
#23 NC State	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
#24 UTSA	4	3	1	75.0	60	0	42	0	0	151.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>75.0</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>135.3</b>

#2A HEAD, JD	Att	Comp	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sack	Yds	Effic
North Texas	9	5	0	55.6	70	1	34	1	7	157.6
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>55.6</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>157.6</b>

#15 MEANS, Bub	Att	Comp	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sack	Yds	Effic
UTEP	1	1	0	100.0	22	0	22	0	0	284.8
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>284.8</b>

#88 MAXWELL, Kyle	Att	Comp	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sack	Yds	Effic
Southeastern La.	1	1	0	100.0	33	1	33	0	0	707.2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>707.2</b>

# 2021 INDIVIDUAL GAME-BY-GAME STATS

## PUNT RETURNS GAME-BY-GAME

PUNT RETURNS	No-Yds	MSU	SLU	SMU	UNT	NCSU	UTEP	UTSA	ODU	UAB	UNCC	USM	RICE
HARRIS, Smoke	14-148	3-24	2-8	-	3-81	2-11	1-1	3-23					

## KICK RETURNS GAME-BY-GAME

KICK RETURNS	No-Yds	MSU	SLU	SMU	UNT	NCSU	UTEP	UTSA	ODU	UAB	UNCC	USM	RICE
MEANS, Bub	10-233	1-18	3-58	-	2-46	1-21	-	3-90					
MAGEE, Tahj	1-46	-	1-46	DNP	-	-	-	-					
EMILUS, Samuel	1-19	-	-	-	1-19	-	DNP	-					
GRAHAM, Isaiah	1-16	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	1-16					

## INTERCEPTION RETURNS GAME-BY-GAME

INT RETURNS	No-Yds	MSU	SLU	SMU	UNT	NCSU	UTEP	UTSA	ODU	UAB	UNCC	USM	RICE
WILLIAMSON, B.	2-62	-	2-62	-	-	-	-	-					
BALDWIN, Trey	1-35	1-35	-	-	-	-	-	-					
COLE, Jaiden	1-28	-	-	-	-	-	1-28	-					

## FUMBLE RETURNS GAME-BY-GAME

FUMBLE RETURNS	No-Yds	MSU	SLU	SMU	UNT	NCSU	UTEP	UTSA	ODU	UAB	UNCC	USM	RICE
N/A													

## ALL-PURPOSE YARDS GAME-BY-GAME

ALL-PURPOSE YARDS	No-Yds	MSU	SLU	SMU	UNT	NCSU	UTEP	UTSA	ODU	UAB	UNCC	USM	RICE
WILLIAMS, M.	570	46	101	84	78	58	101	102					
MEANS, Bub	548	112	95	43	59	88	-	141					
HARRIS, Smoke	540	76	53	55	134	50	41	131					
HARRIS, Tre	293	7	72	102	34	52	12	14					
EMILUS, Samuel	267	-	34	57	88	55	DNP	33					
HEBERT, Griffin	161	20	-	14	33	45	25	24					
KENDALL, Austin	160	68	10	20	DNP	71	20	-29					
GARNER, Greg	146	11	62	46	DNP	DNP	26	1					
GRAHAM, Isaiah	127	41	DNP	DNP	DNP	24	20	42					
DIXON, Harlan	92	7	61	5	19	-	DNP	DNP					
MAGEE, Tahj	86	12	62	DNP	-	12	-	-					
HENRY-BROOKS, K	71	11	5	DNP	2	8	4	41					
WILLIAMSON, B.	62	-	62	-	-	-	-	-					
MAXWELL, Kyle	55	DNP	2	9	DNP	DNP	30	14					
RIEDER, Carson	48	-	-	48	-	-	-	DNP					
ADAMS, Jacob	48	-	-	-	-	48	-	-					
BALDWIN, Trey	35	35	-	-	-	-	-	-					
COLE, Jaiden	28	-	-	-	-	-	28	-					
OKORIE, Praise	4	-	DNP	DNP	-	-	-	4					
DOMINIQUE, K.	1	-	DNP	-	DNP	1	DNP	DNP					
ALLEN, Aaron	-4	-	DNP	-	-6	-	DNP	2					
TEAM	-5	-	-2	-	-3	-	-	-					
HEAD, JD	-6	DNP	DNP	DNP	-6	DNP	DNP	DNP					

# 2021 DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME STATS

## TOTAL TACKLES GAME-BY-GAME

TOTAL TACKLES	UA-A	TOT	MSU	SLU	SMU	UNT	NCSU	UTEP	UTSA	ODU	UAB	UNCC	USM	RICE
GRUBBS, Tyler LB	23-33	56	3-3	4-4	5-8	2-5	2-3	5-4	2-6					
BALDWIN, Trey LB	27-28	55	3-3	5-4	2-3	4-4	3-8	8-4	2-2					
WILLIAMSON, B. DB	19-17	36	2-4	7-1	1-4	3-0	2-4	3-1	1-3					
BUCHANAN, B. DB	24-9	33	5-3	5-1	4-1	3-0	2-3	1-0	4-1					
COLE, Jaiden DB	16-12	28	3-5	4-1	0-1	6-1	0-2	3-2	-					
BARNETT, E. LB	12-15	27	4-0	2-4	5-5	0-1	1-3	-	0-2					
LADLER, Khalil DB	19-7	26	1-2	2-1	4-2	4-1	3-0	5-1	-					
HALL, Deshon DL	15-10	25	2-1	2-0	2-2	4-3	4-1	-	1-3					
WOODS, Cedric DB	20-4	24	4-2	2-0	4-2	-	3-0	5-0	2-0					
CLARK, Mykol DL	9-15	24	0-2	-	1-4	2-3	0-3	4-3	2-0					
BELL, Ben DL	7-15	22	3-2	4-2	0-2	0-5	0-1	-	0-3					
CARABIN, Maki LB	9-10	19	1-1	3-3	1-1	2-0	1-0	1-2	0-3					
MASON, Myles DB	5-14	19	0-2	0-2	1-6	1-1	1-1	-	2-2					
HAMILTON, E.	9-3	12	1-0	2-0	2-0	1-2	-	3-1	-					
HANNIBAL, Zeno DB	6-5	11	2-1	0-2	1-0	2-0	1-0	0-2	-					
JACKSON, DJ DL	4-7	11	0-1	0-1	1-2	-	0-2	1-1	2-0					
ALLEN, Tristan DL	7-4	11	-	0-1	1-0	3-1	2-0	0-2	1-0					
LYLES, Rasheed DL	1-9	10	0-2	0-1	1-2	0-1	0-1	-	0-2					
ROSE, Keivie DL	4-5	9	-	-	0-1	0-2	1-0	2-2	1-0					
WALKER, Allen LB	2-7	9	0-2	0-1	0-1	1-1	1-0	-	0-2					
FISHER, K. DL	3-6	9	DNP	DNP	1-1	0-3	1-2	-	1-0					
CALHOUN, B. DB	4-5	9	1-0	1-1	1-0	0-2	0-1	1-0	0-1					
BELL, Levi DL	5-3	8	1-2	3-0	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-1					
MASON, Joseph DL	0-8	8	-	0-2	0-2	0-1	-	0-1	0-2					
BAKER, Willie DL	4-4	8	DNP	DNP	1-0	1-2	-	1-2	1-0					
FULP, Kody DB	4-3	7	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	2-0					
DICKEY, Joren LB	1-4	5	1-1	-	0-2	0-1	DNP	DNP	-					
KELLY, Jamison DB	1-2	3	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	1-1	-	0-1					
DIXON, Harlan	2-0	2	-	-	-	2-0	-	DNP	DNP					
OKORIE, Praise	1-1	2	-	DNP	DNP	1-0	-	-	0-1					
TURNER, M. DB	2-0	2	-	DNP	-	-	2-0	DNP	-					
KENDZIOR, Eric DL	0-1	1	0-1	-	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	-					
GARNER, Greg	1-0	1	-	1-0	-	DNP	DNP	-	-					
BARAJAS, Cesar	1-0	1	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-					
BURNETT, J'Dan DL	1-0	1	1-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP					
DELFIN, Abraham	1-0	1	DNP	-	1-0	-	-	-	-					
MAGEE, Tahj	1-0	1	-	-	DNP	-	-	1-0	-					
HARRIS, Tre	0-1	1	-	-	-	-	-	0-1	-					
HARRIS, Smoke	0-1	1	-	-	-	-	-	0-1	-					



# 2021 DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME STATS

## TOTAL TACKLES FOR LOSS GAME-BY-GAME

TACKLES FOR LOSS	UA-A	TOT	MSU	SLU	SMU	UNT	NCSU	UTEP	UTSA	ODU	UAB	UNCC	USM	RICE
GRUBBS, TYLER LB	4-0	4.0	1.0-13	-	-	-	-	2.0-12	1.0-2	-	-	-	-	-
BELL, LEVI DL	3-0	3.0	1.0-10	2.0-15	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	-
BALDWIN, TREY LB	3-0	3.0	-	-	-	2.0-3	1.0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HALL, DESHON DL	3-0	3.0	1.0-2	-	1.0-4	1.0-2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BELL, BEN DL	2-2	3.0	1.0-6	1.0-4	0.5-1	0.5-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COLE, JAIDEN DB	1-0	1.0	-	-	-	1.0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WILLIAMSON, B. DB	1-0	1.0	1.0-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ROSE, KEIVIE DL	1-0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-2	-	-	-	-	-	-
JACKSON, DJ DL	1-0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-3	-	-	-	-	-
LADLER, KHALIL DB	1-0	1.0	-	-	-	1.0-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CARABIN, MAKI LB	0-2	1.0	-	-	0.5-0	-	-	0.5-0	-	-	-	-	-	-
CLARK, MYKOL DL	0-2	1.0	-	-	-	-	0.5-1	0.5-1	-	-	-	-	-	-
ALLEN, TRISTAN DL	1-0	1.0	-	-	-	-	1.0-7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FULP, KODY DB	1-0	1.0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	1.0-5	-	-	-	-
BARNETT, E. LB	0-1	0.5	-	-	-	-	0.5-2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FISHER, K. DL	0-1	0.5	DNP	DNP	-	0.5-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

## SACKS GAME-BY-GAME

SACKS	UA-A	TOT	MSU	SLU	SMU	UNT	NCSU	UTEP	UTSA	ODU	UAB	UNCC	USM	RICE
BELL, LEVI DL	3-0	3.0	1.0-10	2.0-15	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	-
BELL, BEN DL	2-2	3.0	1.0-6	1.0-4	-	1.0-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRUBBS, TYLER LB	2-0	2.0	1.0-13	-	-	-	-	1.0-11	-	-	-	-	-	-
FISHER, K. DL	0-2	1.0	DNP	DNP	-	1.0-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ALLEN, TRISTAN DL	1-0	1.0	-	-	-	-	1.0-7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

## FUMBLES FORCED GAME-BY-GAME

FUMBLES FORCED	#	MSU	SLU	SMU	UNT	NCSU	UTEP	UTSA	ODU	UAB	UNCC	USM	RICE
CARABIN, Maki	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BELL, Ben	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WILLIAMSON, B.	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BALDWIN, Trey	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COLE, Jaiden	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
CALHOUN, B.	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
BARNETT, E.	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JACKSON, DJ	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

## FUMBLES RECOVERED GAME-BY-GAME

FUMBLES RECOVERED	#	MSU	SLU	SMU	UNT	NCSU	UTEP	UTSA	ODU	UAB	UNCC	USM	RICE
BUCHANAN, B.	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MASON, Joseph	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BARNETT, E.	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
CALHOUN, B.	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
WOODS, Cedric	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BELL, Levi	1	1	-	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRUBBS, Tyler	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

# 2021 LONG PLAYS

## 20-YARD PLUS PLAYS

Yards	Type	Player(s)	Opponent
* 72	Pass	MEANS, Bub from KENDALL, Austin	Mississippi St.
67	PR	HARRIS, Smoke	North Texas
*62	Pass	HARRIS, Tre from KENDALL, Austin	SMU
*59	Rush	KENDALL, Austin	Mississippi St.
50	Pass	WILLIAMS, M. from KENDALL, Austin	UTEP
48	Pass	RIEDER, Carson from KENDALL, Austin	SMU
*47	Pass	HARRIS, Smoke from KENDALL, Austin	UTSA
46	KR	MAGEE, Tahj	Southeastern La.
*45	INT	WILLIAMSON, B.	Southeastern La.
42	Pass	MEANS, Bub from ALLEN, Aaron	UTSA
*42	Rush	WILLIAMS, M.	North Texas
37	Pass	HARRIS, Smoke from KENDALL, Austin	UTSA
35	Pass	EMILUS, Samuel from ALLEN, Aaron	North Texas
*35	INT	BALDWIN, Trey	Mississippi St.
34	Pass	ADAMS, Jacob from KENDALL, Austin	#23 NC State
*34	Pass	EMILUS, Samuel from HEAD, JD	North Texas
34	Rush	WILLIAMS, M.	SMU
*33	Pass	GARNER, Greg from MAXWELL, Kyle	Southeastern La.
32	Pass	EMILUS, Samuel from KENDALL, Austin	SMU
31	Pass	HEBERT, Griffin from KENDALL, Austin	#23 NC State
31	Pass	HARRIS, Tre from KENDALL, Austin	#23 NC State
29	Pass	GRAHAM, Isaiah from KENDALL, Austin	Mississippi St.
28	Pass	EMILUS, Samuel from KENDALL, Austin	#23 NC State
28	INT	COLE, Jaiden	UTEP
27	KR	MEANS, Bub	UTSA
27	Pass	MEANS, Bub from KENDALL, Austin	SMU
27	KR	MEANS, Bub	North Texas
*24	Pass	HARRIS, Smoke from KENDALL, Austin	Mississippi St.
24	Pass	GRAHAM, Isaiah from KENDALL, Austin	#23 NC State
*23	Pass	MEANS, Bub from KENDALL, Austin	#23 NC State
23	KR	MEANS, Bub	Southeastern La.
23	KR	MEANS, Bub	UTSA
22	Pass	WILLIAMS, M. from KENDALL, Austin	UTSA
22	Pass	MEANS, Bub from KENDALL, Austin	Mississippi St.
22	Pass	HARRIS, Smoke from KENDALL, Austin	Mississippi St.
22	Rush	DIXON, Harlan	Southeastern La.
22	Pass	HARRIS, Smoke from MEANS, Bub	UTEP
21	KR	MEANS, Bub	UTSA
21	KR	MEANS, Bub	#23 NC State
*21	Pass	HARRIS, Tre from KENDALL, Austin	Southeastern La.
21	Pass	MEANS, Bub from KENDALL, Austin	#23 NC State
*21	Pass	EMILUS, Samuel from KENDALL, Austin	UTSA
21	Rush	GARNER, Greg	Southeastern La.
20	Pass	HEBERT, Griffin from KENDALL, Austin	UTSA
20	Rush	WILLIAMS, M.	#23 NC State
20	Rush	WILLIAMS, M.	Southeastern La.
20	Pass	HARRIS, Tre from KENDALL, Austin	Southeastern La.

\* touchdown scored on play

## LONG PLAYS BY THE NUMBERS

Long Plays By Yards	No.	TD
100+	0	0
90-99	0	0
80-89	0	0
70-79	1	1
60-69	2	1
50-59	2	1
40-49	6	3
30-39	10	3
20-29	26	4

Long Plays By Type	No.	TD
Rushing	7	2
Passing	29	9
Punt returns	1	0
Kick returns	7	0
Interceptions	3	2
Fumble returns	0	0
Other	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>13</b>

## 20-YARD PLUS BY PLAYER

Player	No.	TD	R	P	KR	PR	IR	FR
MEANS, Bub	12	2	0	6	6	0	0	0
HARRIS, Smoke	6	2	0	5	0	1	0	0
WILLIAMS, M.	6	1	4	2	0	0	0	0
EMILUS, Samuel	5	2	0	5	0	0	0	0
HARRIS, Tre	4	2	0	4	0	0	0	0
GARNER, Greg	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
GRAHAM, Isaiah	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
HEBERT, Griffin	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
BALDWIN, Trey	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
WILLIAMSON, B.	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
KENDALL, Austin	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
DIXON, Harlan	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
COLE, Jaiden	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
MAGEE, Tahj	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
RIEDER, Carson	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
ADAMS, Jacob	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>

## LONGEST PLAYS OF THE YEAR

### Rushing

59.....KENDALL, Austin vs Mississippi St. (9/4/2021)

### Rushing Touchdown

59.....KENDALL, Austin vs Mississippi St. (9/4/2021)

### Passing

72.....MEANS, Bub from KENDALL, Austin vs Mississippi St. (9/4/2021)

### Passing Touchdown

72.....MEANS, Bub from KENDALL, Austin vs Mississippi St. (9/4/2021)

### Punt Return

67.....HARRIS, Smoke vs North Texas (9/25/2021)

### Kick Return

46.....MAGEE, Tahj vs Southeastern La. (9/11/2021)

### Interception Return

45.....WILLIAMSON, B. vs Southeastern La. (9/11/2021)

### Fumble Return

N/A

### Punt

71.....BARAJAS, Cesar vs UTEP (10/16/2021)

### Field Goal

47.....BARNES, Jacob vs SMU (9/18/2021)

# 2021 MONEY PLAYS

Money plays are defined as plays resulting in first down or a touchdown

<b>MONEY RUSHERS</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Att</b>
WILLIAMS, M.	18	2	19	97
KENDALL, Austin	11	3	13	38
GARNER, Greg	4	2	6	31
DIXON, Harlan	3	0	3	22
HENRY-BROOKS, K	2	0	2	14
ALLEN, Aaron	1	0	1	4
HEAD, JD	1	0	1	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>215</b>

<b>MONEY RECEPTIONS</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Rec</b>
HARRIS, Smoke	16	2	16	37
MEANS, Bub	14	2	14	18
HARRIS, Tre	14	3	14	22
HEBERT, Griffin	10	1	10	16
EMILUS, Samuel	9	3	9	14
GRAHAM, Isaiah	5	0	5	10
WILLIAMS, M.	4	1	5	13
MAGEE, Tahj	3	0	3	3
MAXWELL, Kyle	3	0	3	5
ADAMS, Jacob	2	1	3	3
HENRY-BROOKS, K	2	0	2	3
GARNER, Greg	1	1	1	2
RIEDER, Carson	1	0	1	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>151</b>

## 1ST DOWN

<b>MONEY RUSHERS</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Att</b>
WILLIAMS, M.	4	1	5	52
KENDALL, Austin	3	1	4	15
GARNER, Greg	2	1	3	18
HENRY-BROOKS, K	1	0	1	5
DIXON, Harlan	1	0	1	11
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>107</b>

## 1ST DOWN

<b>MONEY RECEPTIONS</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Rec</b>
HARRIS, Smoke	8	0	8	19
HARRIS, Tre	5	0	5	10
EMILUS, Samuel	4	2	4	5
MEANS, Bub	3	0	3	6
HENRY-BROOKS, K	2	0	2	3
MAXWELL, Kyle	2	0	2	3
ADAMS, Jacob	2	0	2	2
RIEDER, Carson	1	0	1	1
MAGEE, Tahj	1	0	1	1
HEBERT, Griffin	1	0	1	1
GARNER, Greg	1	1	1	1
WILLIAMS, M.	1	0	1	4
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>59</b>

## 2ND DOWN

<b>MONEY RUSHERS</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Att</b>
WILLIAMS, M.	10	1	10	35
KENDALL, Austin	3	1	4	13
GARNER, Greg	2	0	2	9
ALLEN, Aaron	1	0	1	2
DIXON, Harlan	1	0	1	8
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>76</b>

## 2ND DOWN

<b>MONEY RECEPTIONS</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Rec</b>
HARRIS, Tre	8	3	8	11
HARRIS, Smoke	4	1	4	10
MEANS, Bub	4	2	4	5
HEBERT, Griffin	4	1	4	8
GRAHAM, Isaiah	2	0	2	4
EMILUS, Samuel	2	0	2	5
WILLIAMS, M.	1	1	2	4
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>49</b>

## 3RD DOWN

<b>MONEY RUSHERS</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Att</b>
KENDALL, Austin	4	1	4	9
WILLIAMS, M.	3	0	3	8
HENRY-BROOKS, K	1	0	1	3
HEAD, JD	1	0	1	2
GARNER, Greg	0	1	1	3
DIXON, Harlan	1	0	1	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>27</b>

## 3RD DOWN

<b>MONEY RECEPTIONS</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Rec</b>
MEANS, Bub	7	0	7	7
HEBERT, Griffin	5	0	5	7
HARRIS, Smoke	4	1	4	8
EMILUS, Samuel	3	1	3	4
WILLIAMS, M.	2	0	2	5
GRAHAM, Isaiah	2	0	2	3
HARRIS, Tre	1	0	1	1
MAGEE, Tahj	1	0	1	1
ADAMS, Jacob	0	1	1	1
MAXWELL, Kyle	1	0	1	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>41</b>

## 4TH DOWN

<b>MONEY RUSHERS</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Att</b>
WILLIAMS, M.	1	0	1	2
KENDALL, Austin	1	0	1	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>

## 4TH DOWN

<b>MONEY RECEPTIONS</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Rec</b>
GRAHAM, Isaiah	1	0	1	1
MAGEE, Tahj	1	0	1	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

# 2021 START CHART

## OFFENSE

OPPONENT	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	WR (FB)	WR (FB)	WR	WR	RB	QB
at Mississippi State	Rossell	Mote	Delfin	Hollins	Fournier	Hebert	S. Harris	Graham	Emilus	M. Williams Jr.	Kendall
SOUTHEASTERN	Rossell	Mote	Delfin	Hollins	Fournier	Hebert	S. Harris	Means	Emilus	M. Williams Jr.	Kendall
SMU	Rossell	Mote	Delfin	Hollins	Fournier	Adams (FB)	S. Harris	Means	T. Harris	M. Williams Jr.	Kendall
NORTH TEXAS	Rossell	Mote	Delfin	Hollins	Fournier	Hebert	S. Harris	Graham	T. Harris	M. Williams Jr.	A. Allen
at #23 NC State	Rossell	Mote	Delfin	Hollins	Fournier	Hebert	Adams (FB)	Graham	Emilius	M. Williams Jr.	Kendall
at UTEP	Rossell	Mote	Delfin	Hollins	Fournier	Hebert	S. Harris	Graham	T. Harris	M. Williams Jr.	Kendall
#24 UTSA	Rossell	Mote	Delfin	Hollins	White	Adams (FB)	S. Harris	Graham	T. Harris	M. Williams Jr.	Kendall
at Old Dominion											
at UAB											
CHARLOTTE											
SOUTHERN MISS											
at Rice											

## DEFENSE

OPPONENT	DL	DL	DL	DL	LB	LB	LB	CB	S	S	CB
at Mississippi State	Clark	Hall	Rose	L. Bell	Baldwin	Barnett	Grubbs	Buchanan	Williamson	Cole	Woods
SOUTHEASTERN	Clark	Hall	Rose	L. Bell	Baldwin	Barnett	Grubbs	Buchanan	Williamson	Cole	Woods
SMU	Clark	Hall	Rose	L. Bell	Baldwin	Barnett	Grubbs	Buchanan	Williamson	Ladler	Woods
NORTH TEXAS	Clark	Hall	Rose	T. Allen	Baldwin	Barnett	Grubbs	Buchanan	Williamson	Ladler	Woods
at #23 NC State	Clark	Hall	Rose	T. Allen	Baldwin	Barnett	Grubbs	Buchanan	Williamson	Cole	Woods
at UTEP	Clark	Hall	Rose	T. Allen	Baldwin	Barnett	Grubbs	Buchanan	Williamson	Cole	Woods
#24 UTSA	Clark	Hall	Rose	T. Allen	Baldwin	Barnett	Grubbs	Buchanan	Williamson	Cole	Woods
at Old Dominion											
at UAB											
CHARLOTTE											
SOUTHERN MISS											
at Rice											



## GAME ONE: MISSISSIPPI STATE 35, LA TECH 34 Davis Wade Stadium | Starkville, Miss. | September 4, 2021

**STARKVILLE, Miss.** – In a game of runs, Louisiana Tech had its game-winning field goal attempt blocked in the final seconds, falling 35-34 to Mississippi State in the 2021 season opener on Saturday afternoon at Davis Wade Stadium.

MS State (1-0) made the first run, capitalizing on two LA Tech (0-1) turnovers to take a 14-0 lead in the first quarter.

The Bulldogs from Ruston struck back, using big plays to score 34 unanswered points. First was a 72-yard bomb from Austin Kendall to Bub Means. Next was a 59-yard run by Kendall, keeping the ball on a zone read on 3rd-and-short and outracing everyone to the end zone to tie things up at 14-all.

LA Tech took the lead at 21-14 after Kendall hit Smoke Harris over the middle for a 24-yard touchdown.

The run continued into the second half, getting field goals of 20 and 33 yards off the left-footed Jacob Barnes. Those were sandwiched by a 35-yard pick six by Trey Baldwin (the fourth turnover forced by the swarming defense).

The tables turned in the fourth quarter as MS State countered with 21 unanswered points to go up 35-34 with 3:37 to play in the game.

The LA Tech offense, which had gone three-and-out on back-to-back drives, got the ball moving down the field and even converted a 4th-and-11 with Isaiah Graham hauling in a contested catch on the left sideline to put the team in field goal range.

After three straight rushes netting minimal gain, head coach Skip Holtz called a timeout with two seconds left to set up Jacob Barnes for a potential game-winning field goal from 46 yards away. The ball was tipped at the line of scrimmage and fell short.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
LA Tech	7	14	10	3	34
Mississippi State	14	0	0	21	35

Record: 0-1  
Record: 1-0

### Scoring Summary:

Time	Team	Player	Description
08:09	MSU	Marks	1-yd pass from Rogers (Ruiz kick)
00:35	MSU	Calvin	20-yd pass from Rogers (Ruiz kick)
00:00	TECH	Means	72-yd pass from Kendall (Barnes kick)
11:55	TECH	Kendall	59-yd rush (Barnes kick)
30:06	TECH	S. Harris	24-yd pass from Kendall (Barnes kick)
03:06	TECH	Barnes	20-yd field goal
01:50	TECH	Baldwin	35-yd interception return (Barnes kick)
13:11	TECH	Barnes	33-yd field goal
12:01	MSU	Marks	1-yd rush (Ruiz kick)
07:24	MSU	Marks	5-yd rush (Ruiz kick)
03:37	MSU	Walley	15-yd pass from Rogers (Ruiz kick)

TEAM STATISTICS	LA TECH	MSU
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	14	22
<b>NET YARDS RUSHING</b>	101	65
<b>NET YARDS PASSING</b>	268	370
<b>Comp.- Att.- Int.</b>	21-37-1	39-47-1
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS</b>	369	435
<b>Fumbles: Number-Lost</b>	1-1	3-3
<b>Penalties: Number-Yards</b>	7-36	12-95
<b>PUNTS-YARDS/AVG.</b>	7-219/31.3	5-210/42.0
<b>Punt returns: #-Yards-TD/Avg.</b>	3-24-0/8.0	0-0-0/0.0
<b>KICKOFFS-YARDS/AVG.</b>	7-413/59.0	6-385/64.2
<b>Kickoff returns: #-Yds-TD/Avg.</b>	1-18-0/18.0	4-144-0/36.0
<b>Interceptions: #-Yds-TD</b>	1-35-1	1-0-0
<b>Fumble Returns: #-Yds-TD</b>	1-0-0	0-0-0
<b>Possession Time</b>	27:40	32:20
<b>Third-Down Conversions</b>	4-15	2-8
<b>Fourth-Down Conversions</b>	1-1	0-0
<b>Red-Zone Scores-Chances</b>	2-2	5-5
<b>Touchdowns</b>	0-2	5-5
<b>Field goals</b>	2-2	0-5
<b>Sacks By: Number-Yards</b>	3-29	1-9
<b>PAT Kicks</b>	4-4	5-5
<b>Field Goals</b>	2-3	0-1
<b>Points off turnovers</b>	10	14

### Individual Statistics

**RUSHING:** LA Tech: Kendall 5-68; M. Williams 13-21; Garner 4-11; Henry-Brooks 2-1; Dixon 1-0  
MSU: Marks 12-71; Johnson, 2-12; Rogers 5-(-18)

**PASSING:** LA Tech: Kendall 20-36-1-269-2; A. Allen 1-1-0-(-1)-0  
MSU: Rogers 39-47-1-370-3

**RECEIVING:** LA Tech: S. Harris 4-52; Graham 3-41; M. Williams 4-25; Hebert 3-20; Means 2-94; T. Harris 2-7; Dixon 2-7; Magee 2-12; Henry-Brooks 1-10  
MSU: Polk 10-57; Marks 9-27; Williams 5-57; Walley 4-64; Calvin 3-67; Thomas 3-55; Johnson 3-14; Griffin 2-29

**INTERCEPTIONS:** LA Tech: Baldwin 1-35 | MSU: Wheat 1-0

**FUMBLES (FF-FR):** LA Tech: Buchanan 0-1; Baldwin 1-0; B. Bell 1-0; L. Bell 0-1; Carabin 1-0; J. Mason 0-1 | USM: Odum 1-0

**SACKS (#-YDS):** LA Tech: Grubbs 1.0-13; B. Bell 1.0-6; L. Bell 1.0-10  
MSU: Brule 1.0-9

**TACKLES (UA-A-T):** LA Tech: Buchanan 5-3-8; Cole 3-5-8; Woods 4-2-6; Grubbs 3-3-6; Baldwin 3-3-6; Williamson 2-4-6; B. Bell 3-2-5; Barnett 3-0-3; Hall 2-1-3; Hannibal 2-1-3; Ladler 1-2-3; L. Bell 1-2-3; Dickey 1-1-2; Carabin 1-1-2; Clark 0-2-2; M. Mason 0-2-2; Lyles 0-2-2; A. Walker 0-2-2; B. Calhoun 1-0-1; Burnett 1-0-1; Hamilton 1-0-1; Kendzior 0-1-1; DJ Jackson 0-1-1

**Stadium:** Davis Wade Stadium **Attendance:** 44,669

**Kickoff time:** 3:02 p.m. **End of Game:** 6:52 p.m. **Total elapsed time:** 3:49

**Officials:** Referee: James Carter; Line Judge: Walter Flowers; Side Judge: Glen Fucik; Umpire: Russ Pulley; Back Judge: Dax Hill; Linesman: Ronald Tubbs; Field Judge: Jay Brown

**Temperature:** 87 deg **Wind:** SE 3 mph **Weather:** Sunny

# 2021 GAME RECAPS

## GAME TWO: LA TECH 45, SOUTHEASTERN 42 Joe Aillet Stadium | Ruston, La. | September 11, 2021

**RUSTON** – In a game that was full of offense, it was the Louisiana Tech defense that came up a big fumble recovery in the closing minutes to help seal a 45-42 shootout victory over Southeastern on Saturday night inside Joe Aillet Stadium.

It was defense that gave LA Tech (1-1) its first points of the game as BeeJay Williamson picked off Cole Kelley and ran it back for a 45-yard touchdown. It was the second pick six of the season for the Bulldogs and the 15th since 2017, which leads the country.

Kelley, the FCS Walter Payton Award winner, fired back by leading his Lions (1-1) down the field to tie things up at 7-7 on the following drive.

It was a back-and-forth scoring affair from then on out (with very little punting).

The rest of the first-half scoring came on the ground with Greg Garner and Austin Kendall recording rushing touchdowns from four and two yards out, respectively, while SLU's Taron Jones and Kelley each punched one in close to the goal line.

LA Tech took a 24-21 lead into the locker room though with its other score coming off the left foot of Jacob Barnes who drilled a 44-yard field goal.

The home team went up two scores early in the third quarter after a trick play resulted in a TD. Austin Kendall threw behind the line of scrimmage to Kyle Maxwell who launched a 33-yard touchdown to Garner who absorbed a big hit in the end zone for six.

Kelley and the Lions quickly closed the gap about a minute later with a big play of their own, a 47-yard touchdown pass to get back to within three.

Garner followed with his third touchdown of the night, scoring from one yard out on the ground to make it 38-28 with 8:10 still to go in the third quarter.

SLU would not go away though. They punched back with a nine-yard touchdown score, Kelley's third through the air of the game, but LA Tech countered back as Kendall found Tre Harris who went up high for a 50-50 ball in the end zone and came down with the 21-yard TD.

Kelley's second score on the ground with 4:22 to play got the Lions back to within three again, and after forcing a Bulldog punt with 80 seconds still to go, was in possession to drive down and either tie or take the lead.

However, the 'Dogs defense stood tall as Ezekiel Barnett forced a fumble on a Kelley scramble that was picked up by Cedric Woods. It was LA Tech's third takeaway of the game, and its biggest one.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Southeastern	7	14	14	7	42	Record: 1-1
LA Tech	14	10	14	7	45	Record: 1-1

### Scoring Summary:

1st	08:16	LAT	Williamson, BeeJay 45 yd interception (Barnes, Jacob kick)
	04:06	SLU	Wilson Jr., Tim 4 yd pass from Kelley, Cole (Rengifo, Mateo kick)
	00:33	LAT	Garner, Greg 4 yd run (Barnes, Jacob kick)
2nd	12:11	SLU	Jones, Taron 2 yd run (Rengifo, Mateo kick)
	08:04	LAT	Kendall, Austin 2 yd run (Barnes, Jacob kick)
	04:33	LAT	Barnes, Jacob 44 yd field goal 6 plays, 9 yards
	00:22	SLU	Kelley, Cole 1 yd run (Rengifo, Mateo kick)
3rd	12:19	LAT	Maxwell, Kyle 33 yd pass from Maxwell, Kyle (Barnes, Jacob kick)
	11:12	SLU	Turner, CJ 47 yd pass from Kelley, Cole (Rengifo, Mateo kick)
	08:10	LAT	Garner, Greg 1 yd run (Barnes, Jacob kick)
	01:33	SLU	Mitchell, Austin 9 yd pass from Kelley, Cole (Rengifo, Mateo kick)
4th	09:51	LAT	Harris, Tre 21 yd pass from Kendall, Austin (Barnes, Jacob kick)
	04:22	SLU	Kelley, Cole 4 yd run (Rengifo, Mateo kick)

TEAM STATISTICS	SLU	LA TECH
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	32	23
<b>NET YARDS RUSHING</b>	99	198
<b>NET YARDS PASSING</b>	495	250
<b>Comp.- Att.- Int.</b>	44-59-2	20-28-1
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS</b>	594	448
<b>Fumbles: Number-Lost</b>	4-1	0-0
<b>Penalties: Number-Yards</b>	10-100	5-45
<b>PUNTS-YARDS/AVG.</b>	2-101/50.5	3-115/38.3
<b>Punt returns: #-Yards-TD/Avg.</b>	0-0-0/0.0	2-8-0/4.0
<b>KICKOFFS-YARDS/AVG.</b>	6-390/65.0	8-507/63.4
<b>Kickoff returns: #-Yds-TD/Avg.</b>	4-36-0/9.0	4-104-0/26.0
<b>Interceptions: #-Yds-TD</b>	1-3-0	2-62-1
<b>Fumble Returns: #-Yds-TD</b>	0-0-0	1-0-0
<b>Possession Time</b>	32:48	27:12
<b>Third-Down Conversions</b>	7-14	7-13
<b>Fourth-Down Conversions</b>	2-2	2-2
<b>Red-Zone Scores-Chances</b>	5-5	3-4
<b>Touchdowns</b>	5-5	3-4
<b>Field goals</b>	0-5	0-4
<b>Sacks By: Number-Yards</b>	1-5	3-15
<b>PAT Kicks</b>	6-6	6-6
<b>Field Goals</b>	0-0	1-1
<b>Points off turnovers</b>	0	10

### Individual Statistics

**RUSHING:** LA Tech: M. Williams 18-99; Dixon 7-57; Garner 7-29; Kendall 7-10; Henry-Brooks 2-5; Team 2-(-2)  
SLU: Kelley 14-42; Jones 7-23; Dunlap 1-15; Johnson III 2-13; Britt 3-10; Jones 0-(-4)  
**PASSING:** LA Tech: Kendall 19-27-1-217-1; Maxwell 1-1-0-33-1  
SLU: Kelley 44-59-2-495-3  
**RECEIVING:** LA Tech: T. Harris 4-72; S. Harris 4-45; Means 3-37; Emilus 4-34; Garner 1-33; Magee 1-16; M. Williams Jr. 1-7; Dixon 1-4; Maxwell 1-2  
SLU: Turner 8-131; Mitchell 9-89; Wilson 7-72; Jones 5-60; Carter 4-50; Kovacs 3-33; Dawson 2-32; Givan 4-20; Magee 1-6; Johnson 1-2  
**INTERCEPTIONS:** LA Tech: Williamson 2-62 | SLU: Alexander 1-3  
**FUMBLES (FF-FR):** LA Tech: Williamson 2-0; Barnett 1-0; B. Bell 1-0; Woods 0-1  
SLU: N/A  
**SACKS (#-YDS):** LA Tech: L. Bell 2.0-15; B. Bell 1.0-4  
SLU: Gaulua 1.0-5  
**TACKLES (UA-A-T):** LA Tech: Baldwin 5-4-9; Grubbs 4-4-8; B. Bell 4-2-6; Williamson 5-1-6; Barnett 2-4-6; Carabin 3-3-6; Buchanan 5-1-6; Cole 3-1-4; L. Bell 3-0-3; Ladler 2-1-3; Woods 2-0-2; M. Mason 0-2-2; Hamilton 2-0-2; Hall 2-0-2; Hannibal 0-2-2; B. Calhoun 1-1-2; J. Mason 0-2-2; A. Walker 0-1-1; T. Allen 0-1-1; DJ Jackson 0-1-1; Garner 1-0-1; Lyles 0-1-1

**Stadium:** Joe Aillet Stadium **Attendance:** 15,328

**Kickoff time:** 6:05 p.m. **End of Game:** 9:52 p.m. **Total elapsed time:** 3:47  
**Officials:** Referee: Kevin Vicknair; Line Judge: Jordan Whittington; Side Judge: Andy Lebo; Umpire: Chad Craig; Back Judge: Byron Adams; Linesman: Stephen Henley Jr.; Field Judge: Clarence Cotten

**Temperature:** - **Wind:** - **Weather:** Sunny

## GAME THREE: SMU 39, LA TECH 37

Joe Aillet Stadium | Ruston, La. | September 18, 2021

**RUSTON** – Another Louisiana Tech football game, another nail-biting ending.

And Saturday's contest ended in more heartbreak for the Bulldogs as SMU scored the game-winning touchdown on a hail mary pass with no time on the clock to take it 39-37 inside Joe Aillet Stadium.

With only 36 seconds remaining in the contest, Jacob Barnes drilled a 47-yard field goal to up LA Tech's (1-2) lead from one to four at 37-33, which forced SMU (3-0) to have to score a touchdown with no timeouts to win the game.

After three chunk plays and two spikes, the Mustangs drove down to the 33-yard line with enough time to get off one more play. Moving to his left, Tanner Mordecai tossed the football into the end zone, which was batted sideways and found the hands of Reggie Roberson, Jr. for the game-winning score.

LA Tech needed a strong second-half comeback to put itself in a position to win the game. Down 23-14 early in the third quarter, Austin Kendall found Tre Harris for an 11-yard touchdown pass. The two hooked up on the first score of the day, a 62-yard bomb down the left sideline.

After SMU's Blake Mazza connected on a 26-yard field goal, Kendall gave the Bulldogs the lead back at 28-26 with a 3-yard touchdown run.

The advantage swayed back in favor of the Mustangs after Mordecai threw a 5-yard TD to Rashee Rice late in the third quarter, but LA Tech regained the edge with a nine-play, 70-yard drive that culminated in a 6-yard TD pass from Kendall to Marcus Williams, Jr. who broke a tackle and walked into the end zone.

The Bulldog defense stood tall on the next drive, stopping SMU on a fourth down for the second time in the game (first time came at the goal line early in the second quarter).

But, after LA Tech drained 2:42 off the clock and tacked on three points with the made field goal, the Mustangs covered 73 yards in six plays in just 36 seconds to pull out the win.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
SMU	7	9	17	6	39
LA Tech	7	7	14	9	37

Record: 3-0  
Record: 1-2

### Scoring Summary:

Time	Team	Player	Description
1st	LAT	T. Harris	62-yd pass from Kendall (Barnes kick)
	SMU	Rice	41-yd pass from Mordecai (Mazza kick)
2nd	LAT	Emilus	11-yd pass from Kendall (Barnes kick)
	SMU	Gray	17-yd pass from Mordecai
3rd	SMU	Mazza	29-yd field goal
	SMU	Kerley	18-yd pass from Mordecai (Mazza kick)
	LAT	T. Harris	11-yd pass from Kendall (Barnes kick)
	SMU	Mazza	24-yd field goal
	LAT	Kendall	3-yd rush (Barnes kick)
	SMU	Rice	5-yd pass from Mordecai (Mazza kick)
4th	LAT	Williams	6-yd pass from Kendall
	LAT	Barnes	47-yd field goal
	SMU	Roberson	33-yd pass from Mordecai

TEAM STATISTICS	SMU	LA TECH
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	31	26
<b>NET YARDS RUSHING</b>	183	132
<b>NET YARDS PASSING</b>	395	351
<b>Comp.- Att.- Int.</b>	36-50-0	24-39-1
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS</b>	578	483
<b>Fumbles: Number-Lost</b>	0-0	1-0
<b>Penalties: Number-Yards</b>	8-85	8-41
<b>PUNTS-YARDS/AVG.</b>	4-167/41.8	5-193/38.6
<b>Punt returns: #-Yards-TD/Avg.</b>	1-5-0/5.0	0-0-0/0.0
<b>KICKOFFS-YARDS/AVG.</b>	6-390/65.0	7-385/55.0
<b>Kickoff returns: #-Yds-TD/Avg.</b>	6-125-0/20.8	0-0-0/0.0
<b>Interceptions: #-Yds-TD</b>	1-34-0	0-0-0
<b>Fumble Returns: #-Yds-TD</b>	0-0-0	0-0-0
<b>Possession Time</b>	32:37	27:23
<b>Third-Down Conversions</b>	8-16	6-12
<b>Fourth-Down Conversions</b>	0-2	0-0
<b>Red-Zone Scores-Chances</b>	5-6	4-4
<b>Touchdowns</b>	3-6	4-4
<b>Field goals</b>	2-6	0-4
<b>Sacks By: Number-Yards</b>	1-8	0-0
<b>PAT Kicks</b>	3-4	4-4
<b>Field Goals</b>	2-2	1-1
<b>Points off turnovers</b>	7	0

### Individual Statistics

**RUSHING:** LA Tech: M. Williams 13-65; Garner 7-42; Kendall 6-20; Dixon 3-5; Dominique 1-0  
SMU: Bentley IV: 13-61; Mordecai 8-51; Siggers 13-50; Gray 2-13; Lavine 2-8

**PASSING:** LA Tech: Kendall 24-39-1-351-4  
SMU: Mordecai: 36-48-0-395-5; TM 0-2-0-0-0

**RECEIVING:** LA Tech: T. Harris 5-102; Emilus 3-57; S. Harris 6-55; Rieder 1-48; Means 2-43; M. Williams Jr. 2-19; Hebert 3-14; Maxwell 1-9; Garner 1-4  
SMU: Calcaterra 7-103; Rice 4-73; Roberson Jr. 6-71; Gray 7-69; Kerley 3-39; Bentley IV 2-11; Siggers 2-9; McIntyre 1-9; Upshaw 2-6; Matthews-Harris 1-3; Daniels Jr. 1-2

**INTERCEPTIONS:** LA Tech: N/A | SMU: Slade-Matautia 1-35

**FUMBLES (FF-FR):** LA Tech: N/A; | SMU: Paul 1-0

**SACKS (#-YDS):** LA Tech: N/A | SMU: Paul 1-8

**TACKLES (UA-A-T):** LA Tech: Grubbs 5-8-13; Barnett 5-5-10; M. Mason 1-6-7; Ladler 4-2-6; Woods 4-2-6; Buchanan 4-1-5; Baldwin 2-3-5; Williamson 1-4-5; Clark 1-4-5; Hall 2-2-4; DJ Jackson 2-2-4; Lyles 1-2-3; Hamilton 2-0-2; Fisher 1-1-2; Dickey 0-2-2; Carabin 1-1-2; J. Mason 0-2-2; B. Bell 0-2-2; Hannibal 1-0-1; Cole 0-1-1; B. Calhoun 1-0-1; T. Allen 1-0-1. Walker 0-1-1; Delfin 1-0-1; Baker 1-0-1; Rose 0-1-1

**Stadium:** Joe Aillet Stadium **Attendance:** 15,326  
**Kickoff time:** 2:32 p.m. **End of Game:** 6:21 p.m. **Total elapsed time:** 3:39  
**Officials:** Referee: Patrick Foy; Line Judge: Graig Reed; Side Judge: Jonathan Bullock; Umpire: Antonio Barrial; Back Judge: Justin Jordan; Linesman: Matt Mount; Field Judge: Chris Cockrell  
**Temperature:** 83 F **Wind:** - **Weather:** Cloudy

# 2021 GAME RECAPS

## GAME FOUR: LA Tech 24, North Texas 17 Joe Aillet Stadium | Ruston, La. | September 25, 2021

**RUSTON** – Louisiana Tech stopped North Texas on fourth down four times through the first three quarters.

The defense needed to stand tall once more on fourth down with a minute to go in the game, and did just that as the Bulldogs held off the Mean Green by a final score of 24-17 on Saturday night at Joe Aillet Stadium.

LA Tech (2-2, 1-0 C-USA) was cruising in the first half, scoring 24 unanswered points despite being without starting quarterback Austin Kendall who was out due to medical reasons.

The arms of Aaron Allen and JD Head, as well as the legs of Marcus Williams, Jr., gave the Bulldogs that big early cushion thanks in large part to big plays.

Allen led the team on a nine-play, 65-yard opening drive that ended in a powerful 2-yard touchdown run by Williams, Jr. up the middle for his first ground score of the season. The transfer from App State tacked on another in the first quarter, this one a 42-yard gash to give the 'Dogs a 14-0 advantage.

In came Head who on his first drive of the game fired a perfect deep ball down the right sideline to Samuel Emilus for a 34-yard touchdown.

LA Tech would make it four scores on its first five drives as Jacob Barnes added on three more points with a 21-yard chip shot to give the 'Dogs a 24-0 lead with 10:03 to go in the second quarter.

North Texas (1-3, 0-2 C-USA) finally found the end zone just before halftime on a 3-yard rush by DeAndre Torrey.

The Mean Green continued to use the ground game in the second half to chip away at the Bulldogs lead. They got a 33-yard field goal from Ethan Mooney and converted their first fourth down with 5:39 to play, which resulted in an 8-yard touchdown pass to make it 24-17 with 5:39 still remaining.

Cesar Barajas attempted to give LA Tech a two-possession lead, but his 50-yard field goal attempt missed wide right, giving UNT the ball with 1:37 left and a chance to tie or take the lead. After getting four yards on the ground on first down, the Bulldogs forced three straight incompletions to seal the conference victory.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
North Texas	0	7	0	10	17 Record: 1-3, 0-2 C-USA
Louisiana Tech	14	10	0	0	24 Record: 2-2, 1-0 C-USA

### Scoring Summary:

<b>1st</b>	11:14	LAT	Williams 2-yd run (Barnes kick)
	05:47	LAT	Williams 42-yd run (Barnes kick)
<b>2nd</b>	12:54	LAT	Emilus 34-yd pass from Head (Barnes kick)
	10:03	LAT	Barnes 21-yd field goal
	00:34	UNT	Torrey 3-yd run (Mooney kick)
<b>3rd</b>	-	-	-
	13:25	UNT	Mooney 33-yd field goal
<b>4th</b>	05:39	UNT	Ward 8-yd pass from Aune (Mooney kick)

TEAM STATISTICS	NORTH TEXAS	LA TECH
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	24	21
<b>NET YARDS RUSHING</b>	241	79
<b>NET YARDS PASSING</b>	92	207
<b>Comp.- Att.- Int.</b>	15-37-0	19-28-0
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS</b>	333	286
<b>Fumbles: Number-Lost</b>	1-1	3-1
<b>Penalties: Number-Yards</b>	7-60	6-55
<b>PUNTS-YARDS/AVG.</b>	3-134/44.7	4-126/31.5
<b>Punt returns: #-Yards-TD/Avg.</b>	2-24-0/12.0	3-81-0/27.0
<b>KICKOFFS-YARDS/AVG.</b>	4-249/62.3	5-305/61.0
<b>Kickoff returns: #-Yds-TD/Avg.</b>	4-76-0/19.0	3-65-0/21.7
<b>Interceptions: #-Yds-TD</b>	0-0-0	0-0-0
<b>Fumble Returns: #-Yds-TD</b>	0-0-0	0-0-0
<b>Possession Time</b>	29:25	30:35
<b>Third-Down Conversions</b>	7-17	7-14
<b>Fourth-Down Conversions</b>	1-6	0-1
<b>Red-Zone Scores-Chances</b>	3-3	2-2
<b>Touchdowns</b>	2-3	1-2
<b>Field goals</b>	1-3	1-2
<b>Sacks By: Number-Yards</b>	3-14	2-6
<b>PAT Kicks</b>	2-2	3-3
<b>Field Goals</b>	2-2	3-3
<b>Points off turnovers</b>	0	7

### Individual Statistics

**RUSHING:** LA Tech: M. Williams 17-73; Dixon 10-19; Henry-Brooks 3-2; TM 3-(-3); Head 3-(-6); A. Allen 4-(-6)

UNT: Torrey 26-119; Aune 9-56; Ragsdale 8-40; Adeyi 4-18; Ruder 2-8

**PASSING:** LA Tech: A. Allen 14-18-0-137-0; Head 5-10-0-70-1

UNT: Aune 12-27-0-79-1; Ruder 3-10-0-13-0

**RECEIVING:** LA Tech: Emilus 2-69; S. Harris 7-53; T. Harris 4-34; Hebert 3-33; Means 2-13; M. Williams 1-5

UNT: Pirtle 4-26; Jackson 2-20; Burns 5-16; Simpson 1-9; Ward 1-8; Ragsdale 1-4

**INTERCEPTIONS:** LA Tech: N/A | UNT: N/A

**FUMBLES (FF-FR):** LA Tech: Carabin 1-0; Buchanan 0-1 | UNT: Murphy 1-0; Brown 1-0; Novil 0-1

**SACKS (#-YDS):** LA Tech: B. Bell 1-3; Fisher 1-3 | UNT: Brown 1-7; Jackson 1-4; Murphy 1-3

**TACKLES (UA-A-T):** LA Tech: Baldwin 4-4-8; Cole 6-1-7; Grubbs 2-5-7; Hall 4-3-7; B. Bell 0-5-5; Ladler 4-1-5; Clark 2-3-5; T. Allen 3-1-4; Fisher 0-3-3; Buchanan 3-0-3; Williamson 3-0-3; Hamilton 1-2-3; Baker 1-2-3; Carabin 2-0-2; Hannibal 2-0-2; B. Calhoun 0-2-2; M. Mason 1-1-2; Dixon 2-0-2; Walker 1-1-2; Rose 0-2-2; Okorie 1-0-1; Dickey 0-1-1; Barnett 0-1-1; J. Mason 0-1-1; Lyles 0-1-1

**Stadium:** Joe Aillet Stadium **Attendance:** 15,488

**Kickoff time:** 6:06 p.m. **End of Game:** 9:17 p.m. **Total elapsed time:** 3:10

**Officials:** Referee: Scott Hardin; Line Judge: Michael Defee; Side Judge: Adrian Carson;

Umpire: Bryan Liles; Back Judge: Aaron Hochuli; Linesman: Jeff Mikus; Field Judge: Dannye Fowler

**Temperature:** - **Wind:** - **Weather:** Sunny



## GAME FIVE: #23 NC State 34, LA Tech 27 Carter-Finley Stadium | Raleigh, N.C. | October 2, 2021

**RALEIGH, N.C.** – Down 14 midway through the fourth quarter, Louisiana Tech made a late surge and had a chance to tie things up with No. 23 NC State on the last play of regulation but the pass was intercepted in the end zone, resulting in a narrow 34-27 loss on Saturday night at Carter-Finley Stadium.

The nationally-ranked Wolfpack having just defeated top-10 ranked Clemson while statistically having one of the best defenses in the country.

LA Tech (2-3) proved they were not afraid, amassing 480 yards of offense thanks in large part to the arm and legs of Austin Kendall. Despite missing the previous game due to medical reasons and having little practice time to prepare, the quarterback lit up the NC State (4-1) defense.

He threw for 341 yards and three touchdowns while also adding a team-high 71 yards on the ground.

His first touchdown pass went to fullback Jacob Adams who he found all alone in the end zone on a roll out from six yards away to tie things up at 7-7 early in the second quarter.

Field goals produced the next round of points for both teams with Jacob Barnes knocking through a 21-yard chip shot and the Wolfpack getting a 36-yarder as well as a 29-yarder just before halftime to take a 13-10 lead into the locker room.

Barnes' second made field goal in the third quarter was bracketed by NC State touchdowns as the Wolfpack built a 27-13 advantage with 3:02 to play in the stanza.

After going seven straight drives without finding the end zone, Kendall led the Bulldogs on a quick 5-play, 68-yard drive that was finished off by a 23-yard touchdown to Bub Means to get back to within one possession.

The Wolfpack used the ground game again to go up 34-20, but LA Tech countered with a 75-yard drive that resulted in another touchdown pass by Kendall, this one to Griffin Hebert who caught the ball at the 5-yard line and then bulldozed his way in for the score.

After the LA Tech defense forced a three-and-out, the offense was handed the ball on their own 11-yard line with 2:56 still to go in the game. They overcame a sack, a false start penalty and converted a long 4th-down to have one shot at the end zone from 22 yards away, but it was intercepted.

<b>Score by Quarters</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Score</b>	
Louisiana Tech	0	10	3	14	27	Record: 2-3, 1-0 C-USA
#23 NC State	7	6	14	7	34	Record: 4-1, 1-0 ACC

### Scoring Summary:

<b>1st</b>	02:18	NCS	Toutle 6-yd pass from Leary (Dunn kick)
<b>2nd</b>	13:19	LAT	Adams 2-yd pass from Kendall (Barnes kick)
	05:37	NCS	Dunn 36-yd field goal
	02:12	LAT	Barnes 21-yd field goal
	00:02	NCS	Dunn 29-yd field goal
<b>3rd</b>	10:44	NCS	Person 24-yd run (Dunn kick)
	06:17	LAT	Barnes 38-yd field goal
	03:02	NCS	Riley 5-yd pass from Leary
<b>4th</b>	12:10	LAT	Means 23-yd pass from Kendall (Barnes kick)
	07:45	NCS	Knight 4-yd run (Dunn kick)
	04:43	LAT	Hebert 14-yd pass from Kendall (Barnes kick)

<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>	<b>LA TECH</b>	<b>#23 NC State</b>
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	26	23
<b>NET YARDS RUSHING</b>	139	167
<b>NET YARDS PASSING</b>	341	251
<b>Comp.- Att.- Int.</b>	26-44-2	22-36-0
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS</b>	480	418
<b>Fumbles: Number-Lost</b>	1-0	0-0
<b>Penalties: Number-Yards</b>	8-62	4-49
<b>PUNTS-YARDS/AVG.</b>	6-264/44	6-307/51.2
<b>Punt returns: #-Yards-TD/Avg.</b>	2-11-0/5.5	4-42-0/10.5
<b>KICKOFFS-YARDS/AVG.</b>	6-273/45.5	7-450/64.3
<b>Kickoff returns: #-Yds-TD/Avg.</b>	1-21-0/21.0	3-48-0/16.0
<b>Interceptions: #-Yds-TD</b>	0-0-0	2-0-0
<b>Fumble Returns: #-Yds-TD</b>	0-0-0	0-0-0
<b>Possession Time</b>	30:43	29:17
<b>Third-Down Conversions</b>	6-17	4-12
<b>Fourth-Down Conversions</b>	1-1	0-1
<b>Red-Zone Scores-Chances</b>	4-4	5-5
<b>Touchdowns</b>	2-4	3-5
<b>Field goals</b>	2-4	2-5
<b>Sacks By: Number-Yards</b>	1-7	3-17
<b>PAT Kicks</b>	3-3	4-4
<b>Field Goals</b>	2-2	2-2
<b>Points off turnovers</b>	0	0

### Individual Statistics

**RUSHING:** LA Tech: Kendall 15-71; Williams Jr. 16-59; Henry-Brooks 2-8; Dominique 1-1; Dixon 1-0  
NCS: Person 15-90; Knight 13-85; Leary 3-(-8)

**PASSING:** LA Tech: Kendall 26-43-2-341-3; A. Allen 0-1-0-0-0  
NCS: Leary 22-36-0-251-2

**RECEIVING:** LA Tech: Means 5-67; Emilus 4-55; T. Harris 3-52; Adams 3-48; Hebert 2-45; S. Harris 6-39; Graham 1-24; Magee 1-12; Williams Jr. 1-(-1)  
NCS: Emezie 4-67; Carter 3-65; Thomas 5-48; Toutle 2-18; Rooks 2-15; Pennix 1-10; Riley 2-10; Knight 1-9; Lesane 1-5; Parham 1-4

**INTERCEPTIONS:** LA Tech: N/A | NCS: Harris 1-0; White 1-0

**FUMBLES (FF-FR):** LA Tech: N/A | NCS: Joseph 1-0

**SACKS (#-YDS):** LA Tech: T. Allen 1-7 | NCS: Joseph 1.0-8; Moore 1.0-5; Scott 1.0-4

**TACKLES (UA-A-T):** LA Tech: Baldwin 3-8-11; Williamson 2-4-6; Buchanan 2-3-5; Grubbs 2-3-5; Hall 4-1-5; Barnett 1-3-4; Ladler 3-0-3; Woods 3-0-3; Fisher 1-2-3; Clark 0-3-3; T. Allen 2-0-2; Cole 0-2-2; Mason 1-1-2; Turner 2-0-2; J. Kelly 1-1-2; Jackson 0-2-2; Hannibal 1-0-1; B. Calhoun 0-1-1; Barajas 1-0-1; Carabin 1-0-1; Walker 1-0-1; Rose 1-0-1; Lyles 0-1-1; B. Bell 0-1-1

**Stadium:** Carter-Finley Stadium **Attendance:** 51,064

**Kickoff time:** 6:05 p.m. **End of Game:** 9:43 p.m. **Total elapsed time:** 3:37

**Officials:** Referee: Gary Patterson; Line Judge: Brian Sakowski; Side Judge: Jamal Shears; Umpire: Mark Skupe; Back Judge: Pat Ryan; Linesman: John Hoffman; Field Judge: Harry Tyson

**Temperature:** 79 **Wind:** - **Weather:** Sunny

# 2021 GAME RECAPS

## GAME SIX: UTEP 19, LA Tech 3 Sun Bowl Stadium | El Paso, Texas | October 16, 2021

**EL PASO, Texas** – Turnovers, penalties and missed opportunities in the red zone proved costly for Louisiana Tech as they fell to UTEP, 19-3, on Saturday night at Sun Bowl Stadium.

The first conference loss of the season for LA Tech (2-4, 1-1 C-USA) came as a result of three turnovers, two failed fourth down conversions and six penalties. Perhaps the biggest reason for the loss though was the offense scoring only once on five red zone trips (came into the game scoring on 15 of 16).

After allowing touchdowns on the first two possessions by UTEP (6-1, 3-0 C-USA), the LA Tech defense settled in and did what they needed to do to keep the Bulldogs in the ball game.

They ended up forcing four turnovers themselves – three fumbles and an interception; however, the offense was only able to generate three points as a result.

Down 14-0, the first forced fumble came from Brodrick Calhoun, but the ensuing drive ended in Jacob Barnes missing only his second field goal attempt of the season that came from 40 yards away.

Barnes redeemed himself after a nine-play, 56-yard drive that began as a result of the second forced fumble, this one by Jaiden Cole, to make it a 16-3 deficit with 6:56 to go in the second quarter.

That would be the score at halftime, and the Miners were threatening to extend their lead midway through the third quarter before Cole came up big again. He intercepted Gavin Hardison at the one-yard line to keep the 'Dogs within two scores.

Following his INT return of 28 yards, LA Tech drove down into UTEP territory, but were stopped on fourth and one for the second time in the contest.

Not scoring on the fourth forced turnover was toughest one of all. Down 19-3 with still 13:28 to play in the game, the Bulldogs recovered a fumble forced by DJ Jackson at the 5-yard line. However, a personal foul and a holding penalty pushed the team back before Austin Kendall threw an interception near the right side line.

LA Tech had two more chances to put points on the board after that, but both drives ended in interceptions as well.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
Louisiana Tech	0	3	0	0	3 Record: 2-4, 1-1 C-USA
UTEP	14	2	3	0	19 Record: 6-1, 3-0 C-USA

### Scoring Summary:

<b>1st</b>	09:19	UTEP	Hankins 16-yd run (Baechle kick)
	06:02	UTEP	Hankins 6-yd run (Baechle kick)
<b>2nd</b>	11:53	UTEP	Rudolph safety
	06:56	LAT	Barnes 25-yd field goal
<b>3rd</b>	00:38	UTEP	Baechle 41-yd field goal
<b>4th</b>	-	-	-

TEAM STATISTICS	LA TECH	UTEP
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	14	18
<b>NET YARDS RUSHING</b>	92	102
<b>NET YARDS PASSING</b>	186	283
<b>Comp.- Att.- Int.</b>	15-29-3	19-29-1
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS</b>	278	385
<b>Fumbles: Number-Lost</b>	1-0	4-3
<b>Penalties: Number-Yards</b>	6-54	5-50
<b>PUNTS-YARDS/AVG.</b>	5-254/50.8	5-219/43.8
<b>Punt returns: #-Yards-TD/Avg.</b>	1-1-0/1.0	2-36-0/18.0
<b>KICKOFFS-YARDS/AVG.</b>	3-192/64.0	4-260/65.0
<b>Kickoff returns: #-Yds-TD/Avg.</b>	0-0-0/0.0	1-21-0/21.0
<b>Interceptions: #-Yds-TD</b>	1-28-0	3-0-0
<b>Fumble Returns: #-Yds-TD</b>	0-0-0	0-0-0
<b>Possession Time</b>	23:17	36:43
<b>Third-Down Conversions</b>	3-12	5-16
<b>Fourth-Down Conversions</b>	0-2	1-1
<b>Red-Zone Scores-Chances</b>	1-5	2-3
<b>Touchdowns</b>	0-5	2-3
<b>Field goals</b>	1-5	0-3
<b>Sacks By: Number-Yards</b>	1-11	4-14
<b>PAT Kicks</b>	0-0	2-2
<b>Field Goals</b>	1-2	1-1
<b>Points off turnovers</b>	3	0

### Individual Statistics

**RUSHING:** LA Tech: Williams Jr. 7-42; Garner 8-26; Kendall 11-20; Henry-Brooks 2-4  
UTEP: Hankins 15-55; Awatt 8-24; Flores 8-21; Brownholtz 1-9; Tupou 1-0; TEAM 3(-3); Hardison 3(-4)

**PASSING:** LA Tech: Kendall 14-28-3-164-0; Means 1-1-0-22-0

UTEP: Hardison 19-29-1-283-0

**RECEIVING:** LA Tech: Williams Jr. 2-59; S. Harris 3-40; Maxwell 2-30; Hebert 3-25; Graham 2-20; T. Harris 3-12

UTEP: Cowing 9-166; Flores 3-48; Garrett 5-33; Smith 1-27; Hankins 1-9

**INTERCEPTIONS:** LA Tech: Cole 1-28 | UTEP: Richardson 1-0; Knight 1-0; Wilson 1-0

**FUMBLES (FF-FR):** LA Tech: B. Calhoun 1-1; Cole 1-0; Jackson 1-0; Grubbs 0-1; Barnett 0-1

UTEP: N/A

**SACKS (#-YDS):** LA Tech: Grubbs 1.0-11 | UTEP: Taylor 3.5-13; Amaewhule 0.5-1

**TACKLES (UA-A-T):** LA Tech: Baldwin 8-3-12; Grubbs 5-4-9; Clark 4-3-7; Ladler 5-1-6; Cole 3-2-5; Woods 5-0-5; Williamson 3-1-4; Hamilton 3-1-4; Rose 2-2-4; Carabin 1-2-3; Baker 1-2-3; Jackson 1-1-2; Hannibal 0-2-2; Fulp 2-0-2; T. Allen 0-2-2; B. Calhoun 1-0-1; Buchanan 1-0-1; S. Harris 0-1-1; Mason 0-1-1; T. Harris 0-1-1; Magee 1-0-1

**Stadium:** Sun Bowl Stadium **Attendance:** 18,468

**Kickoff time:** 7:05 p.m. **End of Game:** 10:15p.m. **Total elapsed time:** 3:09

**Officials:** Referee: Joe Lehring; Line Judge: Jeremiah Harris; Side Judge: Tony Sands;

Umpire: Anthony Britt; Back Judge: Chris Scott; Linesman: Hugo Cruz; Field Judge: Leroy Jones Jr.

**Temperature:** 73 **Wind:** E 12 mph **Weather:** Sunny

## GAME SEVEN: #24 UTSA 45, LA Tech 16 Joe Aillet Stadium | Ruston, La. | October 23, 2021

**RUSTON** – Louisiana Tech held a 3-point lead at the end of the first quarter, but No. 24 UTSA scored 35 unanswered points to pull away for a final score of 45-16 on Saturday night inside Joe Aillet Stadium.

LA Tech (2-5, 1-2 C-USA) came out swinging as Austin Kendall hit Smoke Harris over the middle. The wide receiver then smoked every one as he raced to the end zone for a 47-yard touchdown.

However, UTSA (8-0, 4-0 C-USA) quickly silenced the crowd as they countered with a 75-yard touchdown on their second offensive play of the game.

After those two offensive sparks, both teams had very little success on each of their next two drives, but the Bulldogs used another big play by Harris – 37-yard reception – that set up a 35-yard field goal by Jacob Barnes to retake the lead at 10-7 late in the first quarter.

The LA Tech defense was about to get the offense the ball right back after forcing a three-and-out, but a personal foul called on a late hit out of bounds gave the Roadrunners new life. Twenty-four more penalty yards by the 'Dogs aided in a two-yard rushing touchdown by Sincere McCormick to give UTSA its first lead of the game early in the second quarter.

The visiting team would never trail again. The Roadrunners went 72 yards on 10 plays to score on their next offensive possession to go up 21-10, which ended up being the halftime score. They ended up tacking on a pick-six, two more rushing touchdowns by McCormick (one coming after a fumbled kickoff return by LA Tech) and a late field goal.

UTSA only outgained LA Tech, 406-381, in total yards, but the Bulldogs tied a season-high in penalties with eight and committed three turnovers.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
#24 UTSA	7	14	7	17	45
Louisiana Tech	10	0	0	6	16

Record: 8-0, 4-0 C-USA  
Record: 2-5, 1-2 C-USA

### Scoring Summary:

<b>1st</b>	12:20	LAT	Harris, S. 47-yd pass from Kendall (Barnes kick)
	11:44	UTSA	Franklin 75-yd pass from Harris (Duplessis kick)
	03:37	LAT	Barnes 35-yd field goal
<b>2nd</b>	14:22	UTSA	McCormick 2-yd run (Duplessis kick)
	03:12	UTSA	Franklin 10-yd pass from Harris Duplessis kick)
<b>3rd</b>	12:44	UTSA	Taylor 51-yd interception (Duplessis kick)
	13:46	UTSA	McCormick 47-yd run (Duplessis kick)
<b>4th</b>	12:38	UTSA	McCormick 1-yd run (Duplessis kick)
	09:31	LAT	Emilus 21-yd pass from Kendall
	01:06	UTSA	Duplessis, Hunter 38-yd field goal

### TEAM STATISTICS

	UTSA	LA TECH
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	21	22
<b>NET YARDS RUSHING</b>	213	62
<b>NET YARDS PASSING</b>	193	339
<b>Comp.- Att.- Int.</b>	12-20-0	26-38-2
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS</b>	406	401
<b>Fumbles: Number-Lost</b>	0-0	2-1
<b>Penalties: Number-Yards</b>	5-67	8-78
<b>PUNTS-YARDS/AVG.</b>	5-215/43.0	5-238/47.6
<b>Punt returns: #-Yards-TD/Avg.</b>	1-13-0/13.0	3-23-0/7.7
<b>KICKOFFS-YARDS/AVG.</b>	8-510/63.8	4-247/61.8
<b>Kickoff returns: #-Yds-TD/Avg.</b>	2-24-0/12.0	5-106/21.2
<b>Interceptions: #-Yds-TD</b>	2-51-1	0-0-0
<b>Fumble Returns: #-Yds-TD</b>	0-0-0	0-0-0
<b>Possession Time</b>	27:18	32:42
<b>Third-Down Conversions</b>	3-10	6-15
<b>Fourth-Down Conversions</b>	0-0	0-1
<b>Red-Zone Scores-Chances</b>	4-4	1-2
<b>Touchdowns</b>	3-4	0-2
<b>Field goals</b>	1-4	1-2
<b>Sacks By: Number-Yards</b>	6-44	0-0
<b>PAT Kicks</b>	6-6	1-1
<b>Field Goals</b>	1-1	1-2
<b>Points off turnovers</b>	7	0

### Individual Statistics

**RUSHING:** LA Tech: Williams Jr. 13-66; Henry-Brooks 3-22; A. Allen 2-2; Garner 5-1; Kendall 10-(-29)  
UTSA: McCormick 23-113; Harris 8-59; Daniels 8-39; Adkins 1-3

**PASSING:** LA Tech: Kendall 23-34-1-279-2; A. Allen 3-4-1-60-0  
UTSA: Harris 12-20-0-193-2

**RECEIVING:** LA Tech: S. Harris 7-108; Means 3-61; Williams Jr. 3-36; Graham 4-26; Emilus 2-33; Hebert 2-24; Henry-Brooks 2-19; T. Harris 1-14; Maxwell 1-14; Okorie 1-4  
UTSA: Franklin 5-118; Ogle-Kellogg 1-34; Clark 2-12; Cephus 2-11; Sharp 1-10; Watson 1-8

**INTERCEPTIONS:** LA Tech: N/A | UTSA: Taylor 1-51; Preston 1-0

**FUMBLES (FF-FR):** LA Tech: N/A | UTSA: Morris 1-0; Nwachuku 0-1

**SACKS (#-YDS):** LA Tech: N/A | UTSA: Hicks 2.5-18; Sam 1.0-9; Henry 1.0-8; Ligon 0.5-3; Simon 0.5-3; Bell II 0.5-3

**TACKLES (UA-A-T):** LA Tech: Grubbs 2-6-8; Buchanan 4-1-5; Fulp 2-3-5; Baldwin 2-2-4; William-son 1-3-4; M. Mason 2-2-4; Hall 1-3-4; Carabin 0-3-3; B. Bell 0-3-3; Woods 2-0-2; Barnett 0-2-2; J. Ma-son 0-2-2; Walker 0-2-2; Clark 2-0-2; Jackson 2-0-2; Lyles 0-2-2; L. Bell 1-1-2; Okorie 0-1-1; B. Calhoun 0-1-1; Fisher 1-0-1; Kelly 0-1-1; T. Allen 1-0-1; Baker 1-0-1; Rose 1-0-1

**Stadium:** Joe Aillet Stadium **Attendance:** 18,314

**Kickoff time:** 6:06 p.m. **End of Game:** 9:20 p.m. **Total elapsed time:** 3:13

**Officials:** Referee: Jon Noli; Line Judge: Jonathan May; Side Judge: Jonathan Bullock; Umpire: John Mitchell; Back Judge: Tom Healey; Linesman: Walter Sloan; Field Judge: Victor Sanchez

**Temperature:** - **Wind:** - **Weather:** Sunny