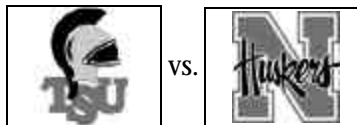


TROY STATE 2003 Football

GAME 6: Troy State (3-2) at #8 Nebraska (4-0)

Oct. 4, 2003 • 12:30 p.m. CT • Lincoln, Neb. • Memorial Stadium (73,918)

Game Capsule



THE HEAD COACHES

Troy State - Larry Blakeney
Alma Mater: Auburn '70
Record at TSU: 105-44-1 (13th year)
Career Record: Same

Nebraska - Frank Solich
Alma Mater: Nebraska '66
Record at Nebraska: 53-16 (6th year)
Career Record: Same

THE SERIES

Nebraska leads, 2-0

LAST MEETING

Nebraska defeated Troy State, 31-16, in Lincoln on Aug. 31, 2002

OFFENSIVE/DEFENSIVE SETS

Troy State:
Offense, Multiple; Defense, 4-3

Nebraska:
Offense, I-formation; Defense, 4-3

QUICK FACTS

Troy State:
Location: Troy, Ala.
Population: 29,965 (Pike County)
Founded: 1887
Enrollment: 18,222

Nebraska:
Location: Lincoln, Neb.
Population: 257,513
Founded: 1869
Enrollment: 25,000

Trojans travel west to face nationally ranked Huskers

The Troy State football program will make its third trip to Lincoln, Neb., in as many seasons this weekend when the Trojans travel to face nationally ranked Nebraska (No. 8 Coaches/No. 12 AP) at Memorial Stadium. The Trojans have lost the first two meetings between the schools, 31-16 last season and 42-14 in 2001. Last season, Husker return specialist DeJuan Groce returned two punts for touchdowns to key the Huskers past the Trojans, despite TSU outgaining Nebraska, 347-313.

The Trojans are coming off a 33-24 win over Marshall on Saturday at Movie Gallery Stadium, when they rallied from a brief 17-13, third-quarter deficit with a pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns. The first came on a 70-yard interception return for a touchdown by defensive back Derrick Ansley. The Tallassee, Ala., native is now tied for the national lead in interceptions with five (1.0 average).

Winning vs. Losing:

A Troy State win on Saturday:

- Would give the Trojans their first four-game winning streak since 2000, when they won six straight games from Oct. 14 to Nov. 18.

- Would improve the Trojans to 4-2 overall, their best start since moving to Division I-A in 2001.

- Would be the Trojans' first win over a Big 12 opponent
- Would be the Trojans' first win over a ranked opponent
- Would mark the Trojans' second win against a I-A team on the road this season, tying a school record (2001 vs. La-Monroe and Miss. State)

- Would be even bigger than last week's win over Marshall

A Troy State loss on Saturday:

- Would snap Troy State's three-game winning streak, its longest since 2001.

- Would mark the first time the Trojans have lost three straight games to an opponent since falling to Stephen F. Austin three times from 1996-98.

- Would drop the Trojans to 0-6 against Big 12 opponents all time

- Would be the Trojans' 14th loss in their last 18 games played away from Movie Gallery Stadium.

- Would drop the Trojans to 0-7 against ranked opponents since moving to Division I-A in 2001.

On The Air

RADIO (TSU Sports Network)

Air time: Noon CT

Play-by-Play: Barry McKnight

Analyst: Roger Shultz

Sideline: Jerry Miller

Affiliates: See Page 2 for complete list

TELEVISION

Halftime Highlights Uplink

Time: 2:30-2:45 CDT

Satellite: Galaxy 10R @ 123' W

Transponder: 23 (KU Band)

Downlink Freq.: 12,160 MHz Vertical

Postgame Highlights Uplink

Time: 5-5:30 CDT

Satellite: Galaxy 10R @ 123' W

Transponder: 23 (KU Band)

Downlink Freq.: 12,160 MHz Vertical

WEB (www.troystate.com)

Audio: Air time 12:30 p.m. CT

Live Stats: On line at 12:30 p.m. CT

2003 Troy State Schedule/Results

Date	Opponent (AP/Coaches)	TV	Result/Time	Opp. Rec.	Note
Aug. 30	at Kansas State (7/5)	-	L, 41-5	4-1	The Wildcats will play their first game at an opponent's stadium this week
Sept. 6	at Minnesota (RV/RV)	ESPN+	L, 48-7	5-0	The Gophers are 5-0 for the first time since 1987
Sept. 13	at UAB (-/-)	-	W, 20-9	1-3	Has only scored 55 points in four games while committing 13 turnovers
Sept. 20	SOUTHEASTERN LA. (-/-)	Cox Sports	W, 28-0	2-3	Surrendered 579 yards total offense to Texas State (formerly SW Texas State)
Sept. 27	MARSHALL (RV/RV)	ESPN-Reg	W, 33-24	2-3	Thundering Herd is off to a 2-3 start for the first time since 2000
Oct. 4	at Nebraska (12/8)	-	12:30 p.m.	4-0	QB Jamaal Lord threw Nebraska's first two TD passes of the season in win
Oct. 18	FLA. INTERNATIONAL (HC)	-	2 p.m.	0-4	Lost 55-33 to Carson-Newman in the highest-scoring game in school history
Oct. 25	at Virginia	-	2 p.m.	3-1	Has won 19 of their last 20 games vs. Wake Forest
Oct. 30	at North Texas	ESPN-Reg	6 p.m.	2-3	Forced an NCAA-record tying three safeties in 44-23 win over La.-Lafayette
Nov. 8	at Middle Tennessee	ESPN-Reg	6 p.m.	0-4	Will play host to first Big East team in school history vs. Temple this week
Nov. 15	at Utah State	-	2 p.m.	1-3	Won battle of winless teams against Louisiana-Monroe
Nov. 22	LOUISIANA-MONROE	-	6 p.m.	0-5	Has lost 33 of last 39 games played; started 0-2 for fourth consecutive year

National rankings shown in parentheses are when game was played - ALL TIMES CENTRAL - All televised games to be available on WRIM UPN-67 (Montgomery), WWSW UPN-66 (Columbus, Ga.), WFGX TV-35 (Fort Walton Beach, Fla.) and either WTTO WB-21 or WABM UPN-68 in Birmingham.

Weekly Press Conference

Coach Blakeney will hold his weekly press luncheon at 12:30 p.m. on Mondays at the Tine Davis Field House. A Q&A session with Blakeney will begin at 12:30 p.m., with lunch to follow. Players will then be available for interviews at 1:15 p.m. Please notify the Athletics Media Relations office on Sunday if you have any specific player requests.

Weekly Information Schedule

Sunday

- Updated cumulative statistics posted on University website at www.troystate.com by 4 p.m.

Monday

- Updated preliminary notes/stats posted on www.troystate.com
- Weekly release available for pick-up at weekly press luncheon
- Press luncheon and conference at Movie Gallery Stadium at 12:30 p.m.
- Press conference transcript posted on www.troystate.com by 3 p.m.
- Press conference audio transcript archived on www.troystate.com by 6 p.m.
- Post-practice report filed by the TSU Athletics Media Relations.

Tuesday-Wednesday

- Coach Blakeney and requested players available for post-practice interviews
- Players may return phone calls to out-of-town media following practice
- Post-practice report filed by the TSU Athletics Media Relations Office

Thursday-Friday

- Players and coaches off-limits to interviews until following that week's game.

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On The World Wide Web

Find information about the Troy State football team and other TSU athletics teams on the department's official Web site. Fans can also listen to all Troy State football, basketball and baseball games live through the site:

WWW.TROYSTATE.COM

MEDIA INFORMATION

WEEKLY INTERVIEWS: The Troy State Athletics Media Relations office encourages media contact and interaction with Troy State coaches and athletes and will coordinate all interviews. Before or after practice is the best time to catch players and coaches at the same time. The Trojans practice from 5:30-8 p.m. on Mondays and 2:30-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, except when playing on the road. Sundays are a scheduled off day for the team.

Coach Blakeney will hold his weekly press luncheon at 12:30 p.m. on Mondays at the Tine Davis Field House, during which time several players and assistant coaches will be present. Although a select group of players will be present at each press conference, specific player interview requests should be made by 6 p.m. on Sundays.

POST-GAME PROCEDURES: Following each game, Coach Blakeney will be made available to the media following the NCAA-mandated "cooling off" period. Coach Blakeney will appear in the interview room first, followed by Troy State players and assistant coaches who have been requested. Ask Troy State Athletics Media Relations Director Tom Strother regarding access to the Troy State locker room following the game.

TROJAN TALK: Listen to head coach Larry Blakeney's weekly call-in show, "Trojan Talk," every Tuesday night on the Troy State Network. Blakeney is joined by host Barry McKnight to take calls and discuss the upcoming game. The show is aired locally on WTBF, 94.7 FM and can be heard via the world wide web at www.troystate.com.

TSU TO STREAM HOME GAMES ON WEB: Troy State recently signed an agreement with MAXVU Sports in Houston, Texas, to stream video of live events on the Troy State campus.

TSU will offer video streaming at 24k, 48k and 300k connection speeds for all home football, basketball, volleyball, baseball and softball games via the service, which can be obtained by visiting the Troy State website at www.troystate.com.

Also included in the streaming schedule will be the football program's weekly press conference, which is held each Monday at 12:30 p.m.

TROY STATE FOOTBALL REVIEW: Join Troy State head coach Larry Blakeney and host Phil Paramore each week as they break down the previous game and preview next week's contest. The show features game highlights, analysis from Coach Blakeney, as well as locker room interviews. Catch the 30-minute show on the following stations across the Southeast:

- WRJM-67 (Troy).....Sunday, 10:30 p.m.
- WSFA-12 (Montgomery)Sunday, 11 p.m.
- Sunshine NetworkThursday, 2:30 p.m.
- Comcast -Charter Sports SEThursday, 2:30 p.m.

Teleconference Info

WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE (Listen only)
Day: Mondays
Time: 12:30 p.m. CT
Mode: Phone (Listen-only)
Call: (212) 812-4494
Access Code: 5395 7911
Web Access: troystate.com
 WEEKLY TELECONFERENCE
Day: Tuesdays
Time: 11 a.m. CT
Mode: Phone (Q&A)
Call: (212) 812-4494
Access Code: 5395 7911

Satellite Uplink

WEEKLY SATELLITE UPLINK
***Part of Sun Belt Conference uplink*
Day: Wednesdays
Time: 2 to 2:15 p.m. CT
Satellite: AMC 1 (C-Band Analog)
Transponder: C-17
Downlink Freq: 4040 mhz
Audio: 6.2 - 6.8
Trouble: (225) 336-2268

2003 TV Schedule

Date	Opponent	Kickoff
9/6	at Minnesota (1)	7:10 p.m.
9/20	Southeastern La. (2)	6 p.m.
9/27	Marshall (3)	6 p.m.
10/30	at North Texas (3)	6 p.m.
11/8	at Middle Tenn. (3)	6 p.m.
<i>(1) ESPN-Plus (2) Cox Sports Television</i>		
<i>(3) ESPN-Regional</i>		
<i>All games to be available on WRJM UPN-67 (Montgomery), WSWS UPN-66 (Columbus, Ga.), WFGX TV-35 (Fort Walton Beach, Fla.) and either WTTO WB-21 or WABM UPN-68 in Birmingham.</i>		
<i>ALL TIMES CENTRAL</i>		

TSU Sports Network

2003 FOOTBALL AFFILIATES	
Auburn/Opelika	WANA-AM 1400
Birmingham	WAPI-AM 1070
Clanton	WEZZ-FM 97.7 or WKLF AM-980
Dothan	WRJM-FM 93.7
Elba	WZTZ-FM 101.1
Eufaula	WRVX-FM 97.9 or WULA-AM 1240
Foley	WHEP-AM 1310
Mobile	WNTM-FM 710
Monroeville	WMCF-FM 99.3 or WMCF-AM 1360
Montgomery	FM 96.1
Opp	WOPP-AM 1290
Pensacola, Fla.	WASG-AM 550
Phenix City	WDAK-AM 540
Selma	WHBB-AM 1490
Sylacauga	WFEB-AM 1340
Troy	WTBF-FM 94.7
Union Springs	WQSI-FM 94.1

SCOUTING THE CORNHUSKERS

Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich

Frank Solich is in his sixth season as head coach at Nebraska. During his time at the helm, the Cornhuskers have a 53-16 record. Solich entered the 2003 season ranked sixth in winning percentage among active Division I-A coaches (.754). After a 4-0 start this season, he currently ranks fourth with a .768 winning percentage.

The 1966 Nebraska alum has been named "Big 12 Coaches Coach of the Year" twice (1999, 2001) and was named "Associated Press Big 12 Coach of the Year" in 1999.

In 1997, Solich faced the daunting task of replacing hall-of-fame coach Tom Osborne, which he met by winning 49 games in five years, a school record for a coach in his first five seasons. Solich has led Nebraska to nine-win seasons four of the last five years, and five consecutive bowl appearances, including a bid to his first national championship game as a head coach in the 2002 Rose Bowl.

Prior to being named head coach, Solich served as the Huskers' running backs coach for 15 years, after serving four years as the freshman head coach. In 1991, he was promoted to assistant head coach.

The Huskers' Last Time Out

Jammal Lord threw two long touchdowns less than two minutes apart in the third quarter and No. 15 Nebraska surprised Southern Mississippi with its passing game in a 38-14 victory Thursday night. They were Nebraska's first two TD passes of the season. Lord was 6-for-14 for a season-high 124 yards and no interceptions. He also ran for a score.

Playing in front of a record home crowd of 36,125, the Golden Eagles never gave themselves a chance to pull the upset. Southern Miss (2-2) committed five turnovers and the Cornhuskers (4-0) turned the first three into touchdowns.

The Cornhuskers ran for 141 yards, less than half of what they had been averaging per game. Southern Miss, which was averaging 14 points a game coming in, managed just 144 yards, eight first downs and one score against Nebraska's starters.

Troy State vs. The Cornhuskers, The Series

Nebraska leads the all-time series in football, 2-0, including a 31-16 victory in Lincoln on Aug. 31 last season. The teams first met on Sept. 1, 2001, in Lincoln, with the Huskers winning, 42-14. Troy State leads the series in softball, 4-3, after defeating the then-No. 3 ranked Lady Huskers in 2003. Nebraska leads the series in women's basketball, 1-0.

Troy State vs. The Cornhuskers, The Last Time

Nebraska punt return specialist DeJuan Groce and the Huskers' special teams unit proved to be the difference in the Trojans' 2002 season opener. The All-America candidate returned a pair of punts for touchdowns, from 83 and 72 yards, and also added a pair of interceptions from his cornerback position, to help turn a close game into a comfortable 31-16 win for the Huskers before 77,831 at Memorial Stadium.

The Trojans (0-1) outgained Nebraska 347-313 in total yardage and closed to within 14-10 early in the third quarter. But Groce's second return, which set a Nebraska mark and tied a NCAA record, effectively put a dagger in any hopes the Trojans had of pulling an upset a short time later.

TSU quarterback Hansell Bearden finished 9-of-26 with two interceptions for 153 yards in his first career start.

2003 Nebraska Individual Statistical Leaders

RUSHING LEADERS	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg/C	TD	Avg/G
Josh Davis	76	388	9	379	5.0	0	94.8
Jammal Lord	76	355	87	268	3.5	3	67.0
PASSING LEADERS	Att	Cmpl	INT	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg/G
Jammal Lord	48	26	2	347	2	44	86.8
Joe Dailey	6	4	1	47	0	15	23.5
RECEIVING LEADERS	No.	Yds	TD	Long	Avg/G		
Ross Pilkington	11	155	1	44	38.8		
Matt Herian	9	136	0	39	34.0		
DEFENSIVE LEADERS	UT	AT	Total	TFL-Yds	Sacks	INT	
Barrett Ruud	13	23	36.0	1.0-1	0-0	0	
Demorrio Williams	24	11	35.0	6.0-34	4.0-30	0	



2003 Schedule/Results

Aug. 30	* Oklahoma State	W, 17-7
Sept. 6	Utah State	W, 31-7
Sept. 13	Penn State	W, 18-10
Sept. 25	at Southern Miss.	W, 38-14
Oct. 4	Troy State	12:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	* at Missouri	TBA
Oct. 18	* Texas A&M	TBA
Oct. 25	* Iowa State	TBA
Nov. 1	* at Texas	TBA
Nov. 8	* at Kansas	TBA
Nov. 15	* Kansas State	TBA
Nov. 28	* at Colorado	11 a.m.

Big 12 Conference game - ALL TIMES CENTRAL

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Nebraska Teleconference

Out-of-town media may interview Coach Solich by dialing 1-877-229-1563 and entering the weekly pass code. The pass code may be obtained by contacting the Sports Information Office at (402) 472-2263.

Nebraska Connections

- Troy State junior DL Bryan Snell and Nebraska junior OL Darren DeLone were teammates at Mt. San Antonio CC.
- Troy State junior DL Tagarius Spikes and Nebraska sophomore CB Fabian Washington were teammates at Bayshore High School in Bradenton, Fla.
- The Huskers boast one player from the state of Alabama on their roster, freshman offensive lineman Brett Byford from Hartselle HS.

A STATISTICAL COMPARISON



Troy State (5 Games)

Statistic	Troy State	Opp
SCORING	93	122
Points Per Game	18.6	24.4
FIRST DOWNS	79	96
Rushing	46	38
Passing	26	50
Penalty	7	8
RUSHING YARDAGE	891	604
Yards gained rushing	1072	742
Yards lost rushing	181	138
Rushing Attempts	213	175
Average Per Rush	4.2	3.5
Average Per Game	178.2	120.8
TDs Rushing	6	8
PASSING YARDAGE	626	1246
Att-Comp-Int	118-50-6	182-106-9
Average Per Pass	5.3	6.8
Average Per Catch	12.5	11.8
Average Per Game	125.2	249.2
TDs Passing	4	5
TOTAL OFFENSE	1517	1850
Total Plays	331	357
Average Per Play	4.6	5.2
Average Per Game	303.4	370.0
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	17-301	15-421
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	11-101	18-170
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS	9-135	6-33
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	17.7	28.1
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	9.2	9.4
INT RETURN AVERAGE	15.0	5.5
FUMBLES-LOST	11-7	13-8
PENALTIES-YARDS	34-282	35-287
Average Per Game	56.4	57.4
PUNTS-YARDS	32-1316	22-883
Average Per Punt	41.1	40.1
Net punt average	35.8	35.5
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	30:17	29:43
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	16/70	28/71
3rd-Down Pct	23%	39%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	5/7	1/10
4th-Down Pct	71%	10%
SACKS BY-YARDS	11-61	14-112
MISC YARDS	0	2
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	11	15
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	5-8	6-7
PAT-ATTEMPTS	10-11	14-14
ATTENDANCE	45889	91421
Games/Avg Per Game	2/22944	3/30474

Scoring By Quarters

	1	2	3	4	F
Troy State	26	20	21	26	93
Opponents	20	53	21	28	122



Nebraska (4 Games)

Statistic	Nebraska	Opp
SCORING	104	38
Points Per Game	26.0	9.5
FIRST DOWNS	75	57
Rushing	57	20
Passing 14	34	
Penalty 4	3	
RUSHING YARDAGE	1019	298
Yards gained rushing	1151	392
Yards lost rushing	132	94
Rushing Attempts	246	110
Average Per Rush	4.1	2.7
Average Per Game	254.8	74.5
TDs Rushing	8	2
PASSING YARDAGE	394	645
Att-Comp-Int	54-30-3	138-64-7
Average Per Pass	7.3	4.7
Average Per Catch	13.1	10.1
Average Per Game	98.5	161.2
TDs Passing	2	3
TOTAL OFFENSE	1413	943
Total Plays	300	248
Average Per Play	4.7	3.8
Average Per Game	353.2	235.8
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	5-129	16-359
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	17-188	7-70
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS	7-41	3-29
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	25.8	22.4
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	11.1	10.0
INT RETURN AVERAGE	5.9	9.7
FUMBLES-LOST	11-4	11-8
PENALTIES-YARDS	30-222	24-167
Average Per Game	55.5	41.8
PUNTS-YARDS	17-709	25-1038
Average Per Punt	41.7	41.5
Net punt average	37.6	34.0
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	35:55	24:05
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	27/66	19/55
3rd-Down Pct	41%	35%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	5/6	1/4
4th-Down Pct	83%	25%
SACKS BY-YARDS	7-58	5-25
MISC YARDS	18	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	11	5
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	10-13	1-3
PAT-ATTEMPTS	8-9	5-5
ATTENDANCE	233350	36125
Games/Avg Per Game	3/77783	1/36125

Scoring By Quarters

	1	2	3	4	F
Nebraska	29	15	47	13	104
Opponents	14	17	0	7	38

HEAD COACH LARRY BLAKENEY (13th year)

Blakeney Breakdown

CATEGORY	RECORD
Overall Record:	105-44-1
As Division II School:	15-7
As Division I-AA School:	76-23-1
As Division I-A School:	14-14
In Playoffs:	5-7
At Home:	56-8-1
Away:	47-36
Neutral:	2-0
Day:	45-25-1
Night:	60-19
When Scoring 35+ points:	40-1
When Scoring Less Than 20 points:	12-33
vs. Division I-A teams:	10-17
On Television:	26-17
vs. AP Ranked Teams:	0-6
vs. AP Top 10 Teams:	0-4
vs. I-A Unranked Teams:	10-11
vs. ACC teams:	0-1
vs. Big East teams:	0-1
vs. Big 10 teams:	0-1
vs. Big 12 teams:	0-5
vs. Conference USA teams:	5-3
vs. I-A Independents:	4-1
vs. Mid American teams:	1-3
vs. Mountain West teams:	0-0
vs. Pac 10 teams:	0-0
vs. SEC teams:	1-2
vs. Sun Belt teams:	6-3
vs. WAC teams:	0-0
vs. Division I-AA teams:	91-27
vs. Division II teams:	4-0
vs. NAIA teams:	0-0-1
vs. Teams From Alabama:	28-4
August:	3-3
September:	34-12
October:	39-10-1
November:	26-16
December:	3-3

- Is the all-time winningest coach in school history with a 105-44-1 record. With the 105 career wins, Blakeney has shattered the previous school record of 44, set by Billy Atkins in the late 1960s and early 1970s. He is the 20th head coach in school history.

- This season is Blakeney's 13th, the longest tenure by a head coach at the school.

- Blakeney has guided the Trojans to eight winning seasons, including four seasons with 10 or more wins.

- Blakeney's success at Troy State has come under changing conditions. He began his career at TSU in the Trojans' final two seasons in Division II, and led the Trojans to seven Division I-AA playoff appearances in eight seasons. In 2001, he led Troy State through a transition season, as the Trojans moved to Division I-A, finishing with a 7-4 record and wins over Sun Belt Conference champion North Texas and Southeastern Conference foe Mississippi State.

- Was a three-year letterwinner under Ralph "Shug" Jordan at Auburn.

- Blakeney began his collegiate coaching career at his alma mater, serving as an assistant coach from 1977 until coming to Troy in 1991. While at Auburn, he helped lead the Tigers to four SEC titles and coached in nine bowl games, serving as wide receivers coach and offensive play-caller.

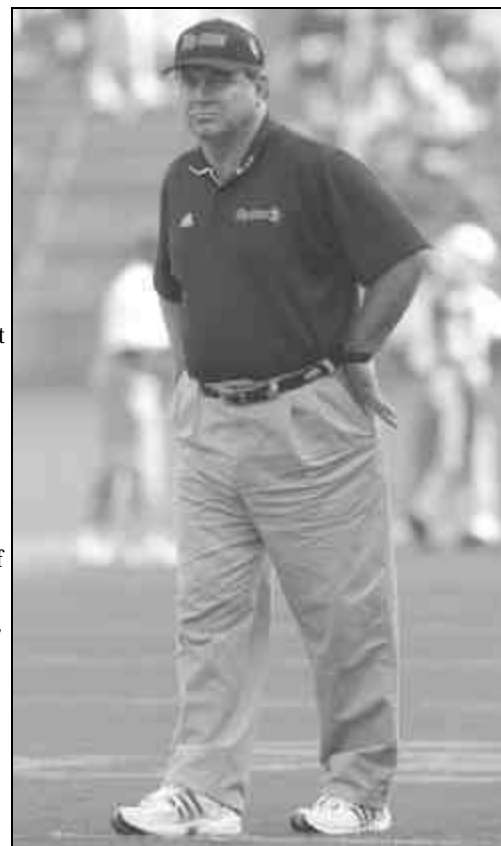
- Has twice been named as AFCA Regional Coach of the Year.

- Was named Southland Football League Coach of the Year in 1999 and 2000.

- Winner of the 2000 Johnny Vaught Lifetime Achievement Award by the All-American Football Foundation.

- Is 56-8-1 in games played at Movie Gallery Stadium.

- Coached in his 150th game as TSU's coach this season against Marshall.



Blakeney Year-By-Year at Troy State

Year	W-L	Pct.	Key Facts
1991	5-6	.454	First season as head coach
1992	10-1	.909	Transition year from Division II to I-AA
1993	12-1-1	.893	Advanced to I-AA Semifinals
1994	8-4-0	.667	Advanced to I-AA Playoffs, falling in first round
1995	11-1-0	.917	Undefeated regular season
1996	12-2-0	.857	Southland Football League Champs/I-AA Semis
1997	5-6-0	.454	Four losses by seven points or less
1998	8-4-0	.667	Advanced to I-AA Playoffs, falling in first round
1999	11-2-0	.846	Southland Football League Champs/I-AA Quarters
2000	9-3-0	.750	Southland Football League Champs/I-AA Playoffs
2001	7-4-0	.636	First season at Division I-A level
2002	4-8-0	.333	Earned 100th career victory vs. APSU
2003	3-2-0	.600	Coached 150th career game at TSU vs. Marshall
TOTAL	105-44-1	.703	Winningest coach in school history

OFFENSIVE BREAKDOWN

OFFENSIVE FODDER: Saturday marked the first time the Trojans have scored in all four quarters since Sept. 14, 2002, in a 40-15 win over Southern Utah ... Sophomore Marrio Fraser scored his third career touchdown against Marshall on a 27-yard run in the fourth quarter ... The Trojans were 2-of-2 in the red zone against Marshall and are now 10-for-11 inside the 20-yard line on the year ... Junior Jermaine Richardson's touchdown catch in the first quarter on Saturday was the first receiving touchdown of his career ... DeWhitt Betterson's 52-yard run in the third quarter against Marshall was Troy State's longest rush of the season and matched Betterson's career long ... The Trojans have posted 300 yards or more in total offense in three straight games, the first time that has happened since TSU did so in six straight games to open the 2002 season ... The Trojans have converted their last four attempts on fourth down ... the Trojans are now 54-1 under Larry Blakeney when scoring more than 30 points ... the Trojans have scored 20 or more points in three straight games, the first time that has happened since 2001 when TSU did so against Mississippi State, Cal State Northridge and Southern Utah ... the last time TSU scored 20 or more in four straight games came in 1999, when the Trojans did so in nine straight to open the season.

BETTERSON ROLLING: Junior DeWhitt Betterson rushed for 100 yards against Marshall, his fourth career 100-yard rushing performance. Below is a list of all 100-yard games by current Trojans:

Date	Player	Opponent	Yards
Sept. 14, 2002	DeWhitt Betterson	Southern Utah	120
Sept. 14, 2002	Marrio Fraser	Southern Utah	124
Oct. 6, 2002	DeWhitt Betterson	Austin Peay	131
Nov. 16, 2002	DeWhitt Betterson	Utah State	107
Sept. 20, 2003	Jermaine Richardson	Southeastern La.	110
Sept. 27, 2003	DeWhitt Betterson	Marshall	114

Sizing Up The Huskers

Average Height/Weight of Starters		
OFFENSE		
Position	TSU	Nebraska
Flanker/Split End	6-0/192	6-0/190
Quarterback	6-3/220	6-2/220
Running Back	6-0/218	5-11/200
Fullback	5-8/210	6-0/245
Offensive Line	6-3/294	6-3/312
Tight End	6-1/237	6-5/235
DEFENSE		
Position	TSU	Nebraska
Defensive End	6-4/239	6-4/253
Defensive Tackle	6-1/283	6-3/300
Linebackers	6-0/219	6-1/223
Defensive Backs	5-11/183	5-11/188

1,000 YARDS AND COUNTING: Two members of the 2003 Trojans have eclipsed the 1,000-yard mark in their careers this season. Junior running back DeWhitt Betterson has 358 yards on the season, giving him 1,352 yards in his career at Troy State. Junior wide receiver Jason Samples has 302 yards receiving on the year, giving him 1,219 yards in his career. Samples has 99 catches in his career, leaving him just one shy of the 100-catch mark.

SAMPLES ONE SHY OF 100th CATCH: Wide receiver Jason Samples needs just one more reception to reach the 100-catch mark in his career. He currently has 99 catches for 1,219 yards in his career.

HAMMERING IT OUT: The Trojans' had an 80-yard scoring drive against Marshall, giving them five scoring drives of at least 80 yards in 2003. That eclipses their total from all of 2002 (four) and is six shy of the 11 drives of over 80 yards in 2001, the Trojans' first season in Division I-A.

THREE-HEADED RUSHING MONSTER: In the Trojans' five games in 2003, three different players have led the team in rushing. Marrio Fraser led the team with 42 and 57 yards in the Kansas State and Minnesota games, respectively, while DeWhitt Betterson led the Trojans against UAB with 90 yards and against Marshall with 114 yards. Jermaine Richardson's 110 yards led the way against Southeastern Louisiana.

Richardson suffered torn knee ligaments in the third quarter against Marshall, however, and will not return this season. Redshirt freshman Marlo East will move into the No. 3 spot on the depth chart.

RUNNING ATOP THE INDEPENDENTS: Three Trojans rank in the top seven in rushing yardage per game among Division I-A Independents. Junior DeWhitt Betterson ranks third with 71.60 yards per game, sophomore Marrio Fraser is sixth with 51.40 yards per game and junior Jermaine Richardson is seventh with 50.75 yards per game. Junior quarterback Aaron Leak ranks 13th with 25.40 yards per game.

Charting The Opposition

Opponent	Record	Last Week	This Week
Kansas State	4-1	IDLE	at Texas
Minnesota	5-0	Def. Penn State, 20-14	at Northwestern
UAB	1-3	IDLE	at Memphis
Southeastern Louisiana	2-3	Lost to Texas State, 38-17	vs. McNeese State
Marshall	2-3	Lost to Troy State, 33-24	OPEN
Nebraska	4-0	Def. Southern Mississippi,	vs. Troy State
Florida International	0-4	Lost to Carson Newman, 55-33	at Georgia Southern
Virginia	3-1	Def. Wake Forest, 27-24	at North Carolina
North Texas	2-3	Def. La.-Lafayette, 44-23	OPEN
Middle Tennessee	0-4	IDLE	vs. Temple
Utah State	1-3	Def. Louisiana-Monroe, 28-10	at New Mexico
Louisiana-Monroe	0-5	Lost to Utah State, 28-10	at Arkansas State
SEASON RECORD	24-30	LAST WEEK: 5-4	

Measuring TSU's Offense

TOTAL OFFENSE	Gms	Record
500-plus	0	0-0
400-499	1	1-0
300-399	2	2-0
200-299	0	0-0
199 or Less	2	0-2
RUSHING	Gms	Record
200-plus	3	3-0
150-199	0	0-0
100-149	1	0-1
50-100	0	0-0
Less than 50	1	0-1
PASSING	Gms	Record
300-plus	0	0-0
200-299	1	1-0
100-199	1	1-0
0-99	3	1-2

Measuring TSU's Defense

OPP. OFFENSE	Gms	Record
400-plus	2	1-1
300-399	2	1-1
200-299	1	1-0
100-200	0	0-0
OPP. RUSHING	Gms	Record
200-plus	1	0-1
150-199	0	0-0
100-149	1	0-1
50-99	2	2-0
Less than 50	1	1-0
OPP. PASSING	Gms	Record
300-plus	1	1-0
201-299	3	2-1
101-201	1	0-1
0-100	0	0-0

Turning Turnovers To Points

Opponent	Takeaways (+) (Pts)	Giveaways (-) (Pts)
at Kan. St. (8/30)	+3 (3)	-3 (0)
at Minn. (9/6)	+2 (0)	-2 (3)
at UAB (9/13)	+5 (13)	-3(6)
vs. SE La. (9/20)	+3 (0)	-4 (0)
vs. Mar. (9/27)	+4 (10)	-1 (7)
at Neb. (10/4)		
vs. FIU (10/18)		
at Va. (10/25)		
at N. Texas (10/30)		
at M. Tenn. (11/8)		
at Utah St. (11/15)		
vs. ULM (11/22)		
TOTAL	+17 (+26)	-13 (-16)
Season Ratio (Points Diff.):	+4 (+10 pts)	

Flipping The Coin

Opponent	Coin Toss	Result
at Kan. St. (8/30)	Won	Defer/KO
at Minn. (9/6)	Lost	Receive
at UAB (9/13)	Lost	Receive
vs. SE La. (9/20)	Won	Defer/KO
vs. Mar. (9/27)	Lost	Kickoff
at Neb. (10/4)		
vs. FIU (10/18)		
at Va. (10/25)		
at N. Texas (10/30)		
at M. Tenn. (11/8)		
at Utah St. (11/15)		
vs. ULM (11/22)		

IRON O-LINE: In the Trojans' win over Marshall, the same five offensive linemen played every offensive snap for TSU. The combination of senior right tackle Branden Hall, junior left guard Donnie Bostian, junior center Lee Milliner, junior left guard Junior Louissaint and junior left tackle Henry Tellis led the Trojan offense to its third consecutive game with over 200 yards rushing.

RED HOT IN THE RED ZONE: In the Trojans' win over Marshall, the offense was 2-for-2 inside the red zone, making them 10-for-11 inside the 20-yard line on the season for a 91-percent success rate.

SECOND-HALF SUCCESS: The Trojan offense put the game away in the second half of Saturday's win over Marshall. The Trojans recorded 225 yards of the 349 yards total offense in the second half of the 33-24 victory, with all 225 yards coming on the ground. The Trojans also had possession of the ball for 18:06 to Marshall's 11:54 in the game's final 30 minutes.

SAMPLES THE PASSER: Junior wide receiver Jason Samples threw his second career touchdown pass in the Trojans' win over Marshall, a 36-yard strike to Jermaine Richardson. Samples' first career touchdown pass was to Heyward Skipper on Nov. 10, 2001, against Louisiana-Monroe, the last time a Trojan has achieved the feat.

Samples two receptions in the Marshall game also marked the first time since the Louisiana-Monroe game in 2001, that a TSU non-quarterback has thrown and caught a pass in the same game, when Samples accomplished it in that game also.

200 YARDS ON THE GROUND, AGAIN: With 254 yards rushing against Marshall, along with 217 yards rushing against Southeastern Louisiana and the 256 yards on the ground against UAB, the Trojans have rushed for more than 200 yards in three consecutive games for the first time since 1999, when they ran for 239 yards against Sam Houston State on Oct. 23, 249 yards against Nicholls State on Oct. 30 and 390 yards rushing against Stephen F. Austin on Nov. 6.

CLOCK MAINTENANCE: Entering the fourth quarter of the Trojans' win at UAB, TSU intended to control the ball and run out the clock. They did just that. TSU held the ball for 13:51 of the 15-minute final quarter, allowing the Blazers to have the ball for just 1:09 in an attempt at a comeback. It marked the second-straight game in which the Trojans possessed the ball for more than 11 minutes in the game's final 15 minutes. In the loss at Minnesota on Sept. 6, TSU had possession for 11:06 in the fourth quarter.

I'S IN, SPREAD'S OUT: The 2003 Trojans are featuring several new looks in 2003, with one being a completely new offense. With new offensive coordinator Mark Fleetwood comes a completely different offensive scheme. The Trojans will line up in a Multiple-I formation in 2003, replacing the "Trojan Spread" of the last two seasons.

The Trojans' new offensive scheme is the same one that brought Fleetwood success running the offense as assistant head coach at The Citadel and offensive coordinator at Tennessee-Chattanooga. In 2002, Fleetwood's offense at The Citadel averaged 25.4 points per game while tallying 2,638 yards passing and 1,829 yards rushing in 2002.

DEFENSIVE BREAKDOWN

DEFENSIVE FODDER: Marshall's 33-yard field goal in the first quarter marked the first time the Trojans have given up a score on the opponent's opening possession this season ... Stan Hill's 79-yard touchdown pass to Josh Davis in the third quarter for Marshall was the longest touchdown pass the Trojans have given up since allowing an 84-yard touchdown pass to Alabama State on Sept. 16, 2000 ... The Troy State defense had played nine consecutive quarters without giving up a touchdown before Marshall's touchdown in the second quarter ... The Trojans' win over Marshall marked the third-straight game that the Trojans have not allowed a rushing touchdown ... The TSU defense has forced at least one turnover in 38 of its last 42 games ... The Trojans have intercepted at least one pass in seven of their last eight games and have intercepted two or more passes in five of their last six games ... The Trojans' 28-0 shutout of Southeastern Louisiana marked the first shutout by a TSU team since they defeated Nicholls State, 26-0, on Sept. 22, 2001.

RUNNING THE WRONG WAY: The Trojan defense set a school record against Southeastern Louisiana when they held the Lions to minus-22 yards rushing, crushing the previous record of minus-10 yards by Southwest Texas in 1998. It also marked the first time a team rushed for negative yards against TSU since Alabama State had minus-one yard on Sept. 16, 2000.

I-A Independent Overview

Records of I-A Independents

Team	Overall	Pct.
Troy State	3-2	.600
Connecticut	3-2	.600
Navy	2-2	.500
Notre Dame	1-3	.250

This Week's Games

Lehigh at Connecticut
Air Force at Navy
Notre Dame at Pittsburgh (Oct. 11)
Troy State at Nebraska

Coaches Poll (9/28)

Rk	Team	Record	Pts	Last
1.	Oklahoma (49)	4-0	1,557	1
2.	Miami (8)	4-0	1,513	2
3.	Ohio State (6)	5-0	1,433	4
4.	Virginia Tech	4-0	1,369	5
5.	Florida State	5-0	1,315	6
6.	LSU	5-0	1,260	7
7.	Tennessee	4-0	1,193	8
8.	Nebraska	4-0	968	11
9.	Arkansas	4-0	969	14
10.	USC	3-1	953	3
11.	Michigan	4-1	950	10
12.	Georgia	3-1	923	12
13.	Texas	3-1	892	13
14.	Kansas State	4-1	618	16
15.	Washington State	4-1	546	21
16.	Minnesota	5-0	504	20
17.	Washington	3-1	489	18
18.	Pittsburgh	3-1	477	19
19.	Iowa	4-1	448	9
20.	Northern Illinois	4-0	413	22
21.	TCU	4-0	404	17
22.	Oregon	4-1	215	15
23.	Purdue	3-1	166	NR
24.	Florida	3-2	133	25
25.	Air Force	5-0	132	NR

Associated Press Poll (9/28)

Rk	Team	Record	Pts	Last
1.	Oklahoma (57)	4-0	1,615	1
2.	Miami (3)	4-0	1,554	2
3.	Ohio State (5)	5-0	1,457	4
4.	Virginia Tech	4-0	1,382	5
5.	Florida State	5-0	1,347	6
6.	LSU	5-0	1,332	7
7.	Tennessee	4-0	1,267	8
8.	Arkansas	4-0	1,133	9
9.	Michigan	4-1	982	11
10.	USC	3-1	975	3
11.	Georgia	3-1	973	12
12.	Nebraska	4-0	897	15
13.	Texas	3-1	880	14
14.	Washington State	4-1	738	21
15.	Pittsburgh	3-1	559	17
16.	Kansas State	4-1	544	16
17.	Northern Illinois	4-0	524	20
18.	Washington	3-1	501	18
19.	Oregon	4-1	389	10
20.	TCU	4-0	383	19
21.	Minnesota	5-0	378	24
22.	Purdue	3-1	337	22
23.	Iowa	4-1	310	13
24.	Florida	3-2	129	25
25.	Michigan State	4-1	128	NR

ANSLEY VS. THE NATION: Junior safety Derrick Ansley has intercepted five passes in five games this season, tying him for first nationally in interceptions per game (1.00) with Jason Shivers (Arizona State), Marvin Godbolt (TCU), Ryan Adcock (Texas Tech) and Josh Bullocks (Nebraska).

Ansley intercepted two passes in the Trojans' win over Marshall, returning one for 70 yards and a touchdown. That gives him 10 career interceptions and four games with two interceptions, two in 2003 (Sept. 27, 2003 vs. Marshall, Sept. 6, 2003 at Minnesota, Nov. 16, 2002 vs. Utah State and Dec. 1, 2001 vs. North Texas).

Ansley is now second on the team in career picks, one behind senior Rayshun Reed, who has 11. Ronnie Shelley (1966-69) holds the school record (36 career interceptions.)

PLAYING TAKEAWAY/SECOND IN THE NATION: The Trojans have now forced 17 turnovers in five games in 2003, ranking them second nationally in takeaways. They trail only Washington State, who forced nine turnovers against Oregon to give them a total of 22 on the year.

In fumbles recovered, the Trojans rank ninth nationally with eight. TSU ranks fifth in the nation in passes intercepted with nine. In turnover margin, the Trojans rank 28th nationally with a .80 margin. The Trojans have now forced at least one turnover in their last eight games and in 38 of their last 42 games.

KOENNING AND GUNNING DEFENSE: The Trojans have a new man in charge of the TSU defense, a unit that finished fourth in the nation in total defense in 2002. Vic Koenning spent three seasons as the head coach at Wyoming before coming to TSU. Prior to that, he served as the Cowboys' defensive coordinator from 1997-99.

In 1997, Wyoming's defense ranked second nationally in quarterback sacks, sixth in pass defense, 17th in scoring defense and set a school record for interceptions with 24. In 1998, his defense ranked 28th in the country in scoring defense.

REED AND WHITE RETURN: Senior cornerback Rayshun Reed and junior corner Freeman White will return to the Trojans' secondary in 2003 after sitting out the 2002 season with knee injuries. White went down in the preseason, while Reed was injured in the fourth quarter of the season opener at Nebraska. Reed, who was a senior a year ago, returns once again for his final season after receiving a medical redshirt for 2002.

NATIONAL DEFENSE: The Trojans defense was one of the best in the country in 2002. The Trojans ranked fourth in the nation in total defense, holding their opponents to a mere 277 yards total offense per game. The unit also ranked 13th in rushing defense (105 ypg), 11th in passing defense (171 ypg) and 30th in scoring defense (21 ppg).

The Trojans were also well-represented in the individual rankings a year ago, with the defensive end tandem of Osi Umenyiora and Demarcus Ware each recording 19.5 sacks for a loss, tying them for ninth in the nation. Umenyiora finished second nationally in sacks with 16, while Ware finished 15th in the same category with nine.

HEISMAN CONTENDERS: Troy State has faced two Heisman Trophy candidates this season in Kansas State's Ell Roberson and Minnesota's Asad Abdul-Khaliq. The Trojans also faced Iowa State's Seneca Wallace and Marshall's Byron Leftwich in 2002 and Miami's Ken Dorsey in 2001, along with Heisman Trophy winner Eric Crouch of Nebraska. Here is how each fared against the TSU defense:

Player	A-C-I	Yds.	TD	Rushes	Yds.	TD	Sacks
Ell Roberson, KSU	23-9-2	234	1	15	82	3	3
Asad Abdul-Khaliq, Minnesota	16-10-1	171	1	7	54	1	0
Seneca Wallace, ISU (2002)	25-17-0	295	3	5	-12	1	1-9
Byron Leftwich, Marshall (2002)	35-23-0	275	2	4	-8	1	2-11
Eric Crouch, Nebraska (2001)	15-8-1	109	0	15	48	1	1-8
Ken Dorsey, Miami (2001)	30-18-1	299	2	1	8	0	0-0

REED REMAINS STINGY: Senior Rayshun Reed, who is playing in his fifth season at TSU after receiving a medical redshirt after a knee injury in the season opener in 2002, picked off an Ell Roberson pass against Kansas State in the season-opener. That gave the Phenix City, Ala., native at least one interception in each of his five seasons with the Trojans.

Reed, who has recorded statistical data in each of those five seasons at TSU, is just the second player in school history to do so. Kurt Smeltzer, a defensive lineman from 1982-

TSU 2003 Record When:

Leading After:	
First Quarter:	3-0
Second Quarter:	2-0
Third Quarter:	3-0
Trailing After:	
First Quarter:	0-2
Second Quarter:	1-2
Third Quarter:	0-2
Tied After:	
First Quarter:	0-0
Second Quarter:	0-0
Third Quarter:	0-0
TSU Scores:	
40+:	0-0
30-39:	1-0
20-29:	2-0
Less Than 20:	0-2
First:	2-1
With 100-yard Rusher:	2-0
With 100-yard Passer:	2-0
Allow 100-yard Rusher:	0-1
Allow 100-yard Passer:	3-2
Playing On TV:	0-1
ESPN-Plus:	0-1
ESPN-Regional:	1-0
Overtime:	0-0
Come-From-Behind:	2-0
August:	0-1
September:	3-1
October:	0-0
November:	0-0
vs. Top 25 Teams:	0-1
vs. Non-Ranked Teams:	2-1
Playing Day Games:	0-0
Playing Night Games:	3-2
On Natural Grass:	1-0
On Artificial Turf:	2-2
Wearing Black Uniforms:	0-0
Wearing White Uniforms:	1-2
Wearing Cardinal Uniforms:	2-0
Total Offense:	
500+:	0-0
400-499:	1-0
300-399:	2-0
200-299:	0-0
Under 200:	0-2
Higher than opponent:	2-0
Rushing Yards:	
200 or more:	3-0
150-199:	0-0
100-149:	0-1
0-99:	0-1
Negative yards:	0-0
Higher than opponent:	2-0
Passing Yards:	
300 or more:	0-0
200-299:	1-0
Under 200:	1-2
Under 100:	1-2
Higher than opponent:	0-0
Penalties:	
10 or more:	1-0
5-9:	2-1
0-4:	0-1
More than opponent:	0-0
Time of Possession:	
35:00 or more:	0-1
30:00-34:59:	1-0
25:00-29:59:	2-1
Under 25:00:	0-0
Turnovers:	
3 or more:	2-1
1-2:	1-1
None:	0-0

86, is the only other player in school history to record statistics in five different seasons at TSU.

The NCAA is currently researching to see if Reed is the only player in NCAA history to record an INT in five seasons. In 2003, he has broken up five passes and intercepted one.

SPECIAL TEAMS BREAKDOWN

GHENT-LY BLOCKING PUNTS: Sophomore defensive back Adrian Ghent blocked the second punt of the season and his career in the Trojans' win over Marshall. His first blocked punt came in the Trojans' season opener at Kansas State.

OLMSTED PUNTING AWAY: Sophomore punter/placekicker Thomas Olmsted punted eight times for a 42.4-yard average in the Trojans' win over Marshall. The Lake City, Fla., native now has a 42.45-yard average on the year, ranking him 33rd nationally.

TROJANS IN GENERAL

- This season the Troy State football program is welcoming new offensive and defensive coordinators in Mark Fleetwood (from The Citadel) and Vic Koenning (from Wyoming), respectively. Also joining the staff in 2003 are offensive line coach Jeff Fela (The Citadel) and tight ends coach Brian Turner (North Alabama).
- The 2003 season will mark the Trojans' second as a full Division I-A member.
- This season, the Trojans will play 10 Division I-A opponents, the most in school history.
- The Trojans will take six flight trips in 2003, the most in school history. TSU will fly to play at Kansas State, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Texas, Virginia and Utah State. The six flights eclipse the 2002 record of five flights.
- The Trojans will be one of only four I-A Independents this season, joining Notre Dame, Navy and UConn.
- Troy State will only play on natural grass three times in 2003 (UAB, Virginia and Utah State).
- The Trojans will play eight road games for the second consecutive season. It is the highest away game total in school history.
- The Trojans will play games in Utah, Minnesota and Kansas for the first time in school history.
- The Trojans will face four first-time opponents in 2003 - Florida International, Kansas State, Minnesota and Virginia.
- Before winning at UAB on Sept. 13, the Trojans had dropped nine straight road games and 13 of their last 15 at their opponent's home stadium.
- TSU's roster boasts players from 11 states, including 38 from Alabama, 25 from Florida and 23 from Georgia.
- The Trojans' game against North Texas on Oct. 30 will mark TSU's first Thursday game since facing Southwest Texas State on Thursday, Oct. 12, 2000 (a 31-17 win). Under Blakeney, the Trojans are 7-1 in Thursday night contests.
- The Trojans are scheduled to play eight of their 12 games at night this season, the most since also playing eight at night in 2000.
- TSU's three straight road games to start the season is the most since the Trojans played four straight on the road to open the 1993 season. TSU has played two straight road games to open the season each year since 1999. TSU has only played 10 of its last 26 games at home.
- The Trojans will face five teams that won bowl games in 2002 this season: Kansas State, Minnesota, Marshall, Virginia and North Texas.
- TSU has scored first only 12 times in its last 28 games, but have done so three times in 2003. The Trojans scored first against Kansas State in their Aug. 30, again against UAB on Sept. 13 and then in a 28-0 shutout of Southeastern Louisiana on Sept. 20.
- TSU freshman running back Sean Dawkins lost for the first time since he was in eighth grade when the Trojans lost at KSU on Aug 30. At Parkview HS outside of Atlanta, Dawkins was 45-0 with four AAAAA state championships during his high school career.
- Senior tight end Adrian Moore graduated in the spring with a bachelor's degree in business and is currently pursuing his MBA.
- The Minnesota game marked Troy State's first against an opponent from the Big Ten Conference. TSU has already faced teams from seven Division I-A conferences since its move to I-A began in 2001 (ACC, 0-1; Big 10, 0-1; Big 12, 0-5; Big East, 0-1; C-USA, 1-1; MAC, 1-1; SEC, 1-2; Sun Belt, 2-2).
- TSU's Sept. 6 game at the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome marked just the second time Troy State played in a domed stadium. The Trojans also faced South Dakota in the Dakota Dome on Dec. 6, 1986, in a Division II playoff game. The Coyotes won the game, 42-28.
- The Minnesota game ended a streak of seven straight games the Trojans had played in the rain. The season opener at Kansas State continued a streak that covered the final five games of 2002, beginning

TSU In The NCAA Rankings

Category	Rank	Avg.
Rushing Offense (ypg)	35	178.20
Passing Offense (ypg)	112	125.20
Passing Efficiency	109	87.98
Total Offense (ypg)	100	303.40
Scoring Offense (ppg)	92	18.60
Rushing Defense (ypg)	40	120.80
Passing Defense Rating (ypg)	87	249.20
Pass Efficiency Defense	53	114.88
Total Defense (ypg)	70	370.00
Scoring Defense (ppg)	69	24.40
Net Punting (avg/punt)	61	31.81
Punt Returns (avg/return)	59	9.18
Kickoff Returns (avg/return)	99	17.71
Turnover Margin/Game	28	0.80
Fumbles Recovered	t-9	8
Passes Intercepted	t-5	9
Fumbles Lost	t-93	7
Passes Had Intercepted	t-77	6
Turnovers Gained	2	17
Turnovers Lost	t-95	13

NU In The NCAA Rankings

Category	Rank	Avg.
Rushing Offense (ypg)	5	254.75
Passing Offense (ypg)	115	98.50
Passing Efficiency	73	118.00
Total Offense (ypg)	77	323.25
Scoring Offense (ppg)	61	26.00
Rushing Defense (ypg)	9	74.50
Passing Defense Rating (ypg)	17	161.25
Pass Efficiency Defense	3	82.69
Total Defense (ypg)	1	235.75
Scoring Defense (ppg)	4	9.50
Net Punting (avg/punt)	33	37.59
Punt Returns (avg/return)	34	11.06
Kickoff Returns (avg/return)	58	21.33
Turnover Margin/Game	2	2.00
Fumbles Recovered	t-9	8
Passes Intercepted	t-17	7
Fumbles Lost	t-43	4
Passes Had Intercepted	t-25	3
Turnovers Gained	t-7	15
Turnovers Lost	t-28	7

Trojans In The NCAA Rankings

RUSHING	Rank	Avg.
DeWhitt Betterson	63	71.60
RECEPTIONS	Rank	Avg.
Jason Samples	69	4.80
RECEIVING YPG	Rank	Avg.
Jason Samples	82	66.00
PUNTING	Rank	Avg.
Thomas Olmsted	33	42.45
FIELD GOALS	Rank	Avg.
Thomas Olmsted	49	1.00
KICK RETURNS	Rank	Avg.
Jermaine Richardson	100	18.00
PUNT RETURNS	Rank	Avg.
Rayshun Reed	72	8.50
INTERCEPTIONS	Rank	Avg.
Derrick Ansley	t-1	1.00

at Marshall on Oct. 19. The Trojans have now played their last three games in perfect weather.

- Troy State's 48-7 loss (41 points) at Minnesota on Sept. 6 was the worst defeat for TSU since Dec. 14, 1996, when the Trojans fell to Montana, 70-7 (63 points) in the Division I-AA semifinals.
- The UAB game at Legion Field is the only game the Trojans have played on natural grass in 2003.
- The Trojans were 0-2 for the third-straight season, the first time that has happened in school history. Of the six losses, two were to Nebraska, one to Kansas State and one to Minnesota.
- Under Blakeney, the Trojans are 28-15 in games played following a loss since he became head coach in 1991.
- The Trojans have now won 17 straight home openers, including 13 straight under Blakeney.
- The Trojans are 16-1 in September home games under Larry Blakeney since he became head coach in 1991, including a streak of 15 consecutive victories.
- The Trojans' win at UAB snapped the team's 10-game skid against Division I-A opponents. They have now won two straight against Division I-A foes and are 14-14 since moving to Division I-A status in 2001.
- The Trojans' win over UAB at Legion Field marked the first time that TSU has won in an opponent's home stadium since Nov. 10, 2001. The Trojans had lost eight-straight away from home going into the game with the Blazers.
- The Trojans are now 3-0 this season against teams wearing green.
- This week's game against Nebraska will be the Trojans' fourth against a team that played in a bowl game last season (Kansas State, Minnesota, Marshall, Nebraska)
- This week's game will be Troy State's first under the sun this season, with each of its first five games coming under the lights.

INJURY REPORT: Running back Jermaine Richardson (knee) suffered torn ligaments during the third quarter of Saturday's game and will miss the remainder of the season. He is scheduled to undergo surgery later this week. Linebacker David Johnson (leg) is still recovering from surgery and is likely to miss the remainder of the 2003 season. Linebacker Ronald Harper (knee) is expected to be evaluated further this week but will not play on Saturday. Defensive end Shawn Todd (shoulder) will miss the 2003 season.

WELCOME I-A OPPONENTS: Following the Trojans' win over Marshall in Movie Gallery Stadium, Troy State is now 2-1 all-time against Division I-A foes in Troy. The Trojans defeated North Texas in Movie Gallery Stadium, 18-16, on Dec. 1, 2001, and fell to Utah State in overtime, 19-16, on Nov. 16, 2002. TSU will welcome one more I-A team to Troy in 2003, when Louisiana-Monroe comes calling on Nov. 22.

FULL HOUSE AT MOVIE GALLERY STADIUM: The crowd of 26,000 at the Marshall game marked the largest crowd to ever watch a game in Movie Gallery Stadium. The previous record was the 21,316 that watched the Trojans defeat Alabama State, 62-19, on Sept. 16, 2000. In TSU's 2003 home opener against Southeastern Louisiana, 19,889 watched the Trojans shutout the Lions, 28-0.

Largest Crowds in Movie Gallery Stadium History

Date	Opponent (Score)	Attendance
Sept. 27, 2003	Marshall (W, 33-24)	26,000
Sept. 16, 2000	Alabama State (W, 62-19)	21,316
Sept. 20, 2003	Southeastern La. (W, 28-0)	19,889
Sept. 5, 1998	Alabama State (W, 26-0)	18,845
Sept. 22, 2001	Nicholls State (W, 26-0)	18,154

Largest Crowds Ever To Watch Troy State Play

Date	Opponent (Score)	Attendance
Aug. 31, 2002	at Nebraska (L, 31-16)	77,831
Sept. 1, 2001	at Nebraska (L, 42-14)	77,812
Sept. 28, 2002	at Missouri (L, 44-7)	50,220
Oct. 12, 2002	at Mississippi State (L, 11-8)	49,546
Sept. 21, 2002	at Iowa State (L, 42-12)	44,896

DEFEATING THE CANDIDATES: The Trojans' win over Marshall marked the first time they have defeated a team that received votes in the Top 25 poll. The Thundering Herd received 24 votes in the Associated Press poll last week, along with 68 votes for the coaches' poll. It also marked the first time a team receiving votes has played in Movie Gallery Stadium.

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SID SPOTLIGHT: Each week, the TSU sports information department will spotlight one player in each of the game's three phases that stood out in the Trojans' previous game. Following the Trojans' win over Marshall, the spotlight is on:

Offense: Junior running back DeWhitt Betterson led the Trojans in rushing with 119 yards on 17 carries for an average of 6.7 yards per carry. Betterson also scored a touchdown late in the third quarter to regain the lead for TSU for good.

Defense: Junior defensive back Derrick Ansley intercepted two Stan Hill passes, both in the fourth quarter. He returned the first 70 yards for a touchdown that gave TSU a nine-point lead and dove to pick off the second with less than three minutes to play to seal the deal for TSU.

Special Teams: Sophomore linebacker Bernard Davis stood Marshall punt returner Chris Royal in the first quarter and then recovered a fumble when Royal muffed a punt early in the second quarter.

STARTING HOT: The Trojans' 3-2 start marks their best start since moving to Division I-A in 2001, when they started off 1-3, only to rally and win six of their next seven. In 2002, the Trojans began 1-4. This season marks the team's best start since 2000, when they began the year 3-0. Also with the 2-2 record, the Trojans are at the .500 mark for the first time since 2001.

THE TROJANS ARE STREAKING: The Trojans' win over the Thundering Herd on Saturday marks a three-game winning streak and the first since 2001, when TSU closed the season with wins over Louisiana-Monroe, Jacksonville State and North Texas.

BIG CROWDS, BAD RESULTS: When playing before crowds of 30,000 or larger, the Trojans are 0-11 all time.

BLAKENEY COACHES IN 150TH TSU GAME: Trojans' Head Coach Larry Blakeney is already the all-time winningest coach in TSU history and the longest-serving head coach in his 13th season.

He reached the 100-win plateau in 2002 and coached in his 150th game with TSU against Marshall at Movie Gallery Stadium. In his career at all levels, including high school and his career as an assistant coach at Auburn, Blakeney has coached in 390 total contests, posting a combined record of 269-114-7, for a .699 winning percentage.

BLAKENEY MILESTONE GAMES

Game	Opponent	Result
1	at Central Florida	L, 10-21
10	at Arkansas State	L, 17-20
25	at Nicholls State	W, 24-17
50	Northwestern State	W, 34-17
75	at Alcorn State	W, 30-0
100	South Florida	W, 41-24
123	^at Nebraska	L, 42-14
125	Nicholls State	W, 26-0
150	Marshall	W, 33-24

^ First Division I-A game

HOME SWEET HOME: The Trojans hold a 159-70-4 record at Movie Gallery Stadium all-time and have not lost to a Division I-AA foe at home in the regular season in 17 games. The last time a I-AA team defeated TSU in the regular season at Movie Gallery Stadium was on Nov. 14, 1998, a 23-3 loss to McNeese State.

Overall, the Trojans have won 20 of their last 23 games at home,

In The Red Zone

Troy State

OPPONENT	TIMES IN 20	TIMES SCORED	TOTAL PTS	TDS	RUSH TDS	PASS TDS	FGS MADE	----- FAILED TO SCORE INSIDE 20 -----				
								FGA	DOWNS	INT	FUMB	HLF/GM
at Kansas State (8/30)	1	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0/0
at Minnesota (9/6)	1	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0
at UAB (9/13)	3	3	13	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0/0
vs. SE Louisiana (9/20)	4	3	21	3	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0/0
vs. Marshall (9/27)	2	2	10	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0/0
at Nebraska (10/4)												
vs. Florida Intl. (10/18)												
at Virginia (10/25)												
at North Texas (10/30)												
at Middle Tenn. St. (11/8)												
at Utah State (11/15)												
vs. La.-Monroe (11/22)												
SEASON TOTAL	11	10	54	6	4	2	4	1	0	0	0	0

Opponents

OPPONENT	TIMES IN 20	TIMES SCORED	TOTAL PTS	TDS	RUSH TDS	PASS TDS	FGS MADE	----- FAILED TO SCORE INSIDE 20 -----				
								FGA	DOWNS	INT	FUMB	HLF/GM
at Kansas State (8/30)	6	4	27	4	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0/1
at Minnesota (9/6)	6	5	31	4	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	0/0
at UAB (9/13)	3	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0/0
vs. SE Louisiana (9/20)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0/0
vs. Marshall (9/27)	3	3	17	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0/0
at Nebraska (10/4)												
vs. Florida Intl. (10/18)												
at Virginia (10/25)												
at North Texas (10/30)												
at Middle Tenn. St. (11/8)												
at Utah State (11/15)												
vs. La.-Monroe (11/22)												
SEASON TOTAL	20	13	78	10	8	2	33	0	2	2	2	0/1

with two losses coming in postseason games in 1999 (Florida A&M) and 2000 (Appalachian State). The Trojans haven't lost at home in the month of September since Sept. 21, 1991, in a 25-17 defeat to Nicholls State.

TRADITION IN LINCOLN: When the Trojans face Nebraska in Lincoln on Saturday, it will mark the third consecutive season in which TSU has traveled to play the Huskers. It will mark just the 11th time in school history that the Trojans have played in an opponent's home stadium in three straight seasons, including a seven-year run at Tampa from 1954-60. Listed below are the opponents the Trojans have played on the road for three consecutive seasons.

School	Years
Alabama State	3 (1974-76)
Central Florida	3 (1990-92)
Delta State	3 twice (1937-39, 1975-77)
Louisiana-Lafayette	3 (1948-50)
Nebraska	3 (2001-03)
North Alabama	3 (1972-74)
Spring Hill	3 (1934-36)
Tampa	7 (1954-60)
Tennessee-Martin	3 (1972-74)
West Alabama	3 (1975-77)

BLUE-GRAY COMES TO TSU: The Blue Gray Association announced that the Blue-Gray Classic will return this year after a one-year hiatus and that this year's game, the 65th Blue-Gray Classic, will be played at Movie Gallery Stadium on the Troy State University campus. In conjunction with the new venue, the Blue-Gray Association announced partnerships with the City of Troy, Ala., and Troy State University, which will host the annual gridiron all-star event in the newly renovated, state-of-the art facility.

The Blue-Gray Association also announced that this year's game will be broadcast on ESPN2 with a 2 p.m. kickoff on Christmas Day.

A HOMESTAND?: The Trojans' back-to-back home games against Southeastern Louisiana and Marshall marked the first time the Trojans have played back-to-back home games since 2001, when they closed the season by defeating Jacksonville State and North Texas in Movie Gallery Stadium.

STORMING BACK: The Trojans' 21-9 win at UAB snapped a 13-game losing streak in games that the Trojans trailed at the half. Down 9-7 at the game's intermission, TSU did all of the scoring in the game's final 30 minutes to pull away for the win. Before that game, the last time TSU won a game in which it trailed at halftime was against McNeese State on Nov. 11, 2000, when MSU led 10-0 at intermission and TSU won, 20-16.

NO WAY I-AA: The Trojans are undefeated against Division I-AA foes since moving to Division I-A in 2001. In the past two seasons, TSU has faced nine teams from Div. I-AA and has outscored them 265-82 in the eight victories (average 29-9). The last I-AA team to defeat the Trojans was Appalachian State, 33-30, in the first round of the 2000 Division I-AA playoffs.

TROJANS ON THE TUBE: All-time, the Trojans are 28-19 on television. Since moving to full-time Division I-AA status in 1993, the Trojans have been televised 43 times and are 26-17 during that stretch. The team has been televised regionally 27 times in the last five seasons, posting a record of 16-12. TSU is 21-6 all-time in games televised at Movie Gallery Stadium. TSU has lost nine of its last 13 tele-

vised games, including the Minnesota game this season. They have won two straight televised games in the last two weeks, against Southeastern Louisiana, which was televised by Cox Sports, and Marshall, which was televised by ESPN Regional television.

TSU FARES WELL AGAINST ALABAMA FOES: The Trojans' win over UAB improved its record to 119-78-4 all-time against teams from the state of Alabama (four-year schools still competing in the NCAA). TSU has won 10 of its last 11 games against in-state foes. Blakeney has never lost to an in-state foe at Movie Gallery Stadium, posting a 15-0 record. He is 13-4 all-time now on the road, with two losses coming at Samford (1991, 1997), one at Alabama State (1991) and the other against UAB in 2001.

**THE TROJANS AGAINST ALABAMA SCHOOLS
IN THE MODERN ERA**

School	Record vs.	Last Meeting
Alabama A&M	1-0	2000, Won 28-13
Alabama-Birmingham	3-1	2003, Won 20-9
Alabama State	12-2	2000, Won 62-19
Jacksonville State	28-33-2	2001, Won 21-3
North Alabama	21-23	1992, Won 24-10
Samford	14-11	1998, Won 27-23
West Alabama	40-8-2	1990, Won 31-6
TOTAL		119-78-4 (.602)

LARRY BLAKENEY vs. IN-STATE OPPONENTS

School	Record vs.	Last Meeting
Alabama A&M	1-0	2000, Won 28-13
Alabama-Birmingham	3-1	2003, Won 20-9
Alabama State	9-1	2000, Won 62-19
Jacksonville State	7-0	2001, Won 21-3
North Alabama	2-0	1992, Won 24-10
Samford	6-2	1998, Won 27-23
TOTAL		28-4 (.875)

OVER 20 POINTS: The Trojans have scored at least 20 points in each of their last three games. All time under Blakeney, the Trojans are 51-28-1 when scoring 20 points or more. The following is a breakdown of Blakeney's record at TSU by how many points the offense scores and defense allows:

TSU Points Scored	W-L-T
0-10	1-15-0
11-20	16-21-0
21-30	34-7-1
31-40	32-0-0
41-50	12-1-0
51+	10-0-0
TSU Points Allowed	W-L-T
0-11	43-5-0
11-21	39-8-0
21-31	18-17-1
31-41	5-5-0
41-51	0-7-0
51+	0-2-0

HOLDING A LEAD: The loss to Kansas State marked just the second time the Trojans have lost a game in which they scored first since moving to Division I-A in 2001. The first came in on Sept. 1, 2001, when the Trojans led 7-0 and eventually lost, 42-14, at Nebraska.

TSU ON TV FIVE TIMES IN 2003: ESPN Regional will televise the Trojans' games against North Texas on Oct. 30 in Denton, Marshall on Sept. 27 in Troy and Middle Tennessee on Nov. 8 in Murfreesboro. Kickoff for all three games is set for 6 p.m. CT. The Troy State-Minnesota game on Sept. 6 aired on TV, on ESPN-Plus, at 7:10 p.m. CT. All four games can be seen on WRJM UPN-67 in Montgomery, WSWS UPN-66 in Columbus, Ga., and WFGX-TV 35 in Fort Walton Beach, Fla. WTTO-WB 21 in Birmingham will also carry the game. The Minnesota game will also be aired as part of the ESPN Game Plan package. The final three games are part of Troy State's agreement with ESPN Regional, under which the network has all national and regional cable television rights to TSU football through the 2004 season.

Cox Sports also televised TSU's game with Southeastern Louisiana for tape delay broadcast a day later.

HOME SWEET HOME: Larry Blakeney is in his 13th season at TSU, which ties him for seventh in the NCAA among Division I-A active head coaches for the longest tenure at the current school. The only coaches ahead of Blakeney are Penn State's Joe Paterno (38th year), Florida State's Bobby Bowden (28th year), Air Force's Fisher DeBerry (20th year), Virginia Tech's Frank Beamer (17th year), Kansas State's Bill Snyder (15th year) and Wisconsin's Barry Alvarez (14th year). Blakeney is tied with Paul Pasqualoni of Syracuse, Jeff Bower of Southern Miss and Jackie Sherrill of Mississippi State, who are all in their 13th season at their current schools.

ALABAMA'S BEST: Since Larry Blakeney became head coach at Troy State in 1991, the Trojans are the state's winningest program, having posted a .710 winning percentage with 106 wins (including a forfeit against Northwestern State in 2000).

Troy State	106-43-1 (.710)
North Alabama	93-48-1 (.658)
Alabama	98-54-0 (.645)
Auburn	90-52-2 (.632)
Tuskegee	84-51-2 (.620)
Samford	79-58-0 (.577)
UAB	70-61-2 (.534)
Alabama State	68-66-3 (.507)
Alabama A&M	65-66-1 (.496)
Jacksonville State	65-72-0 (.474)
West Alabama	39-87-1 (.311)

ELITE COMPANY: Blakeney is in some elite company when it comes to active Division I-A head coaches and wins at their current institution. Blakeney has won 105 games in his 13 seasons at Troy State, placing him seventh in the nation in that category. The five coaches ahead of Blakeney are Penn State's Joe Paterno (338 wins), Florida State's Bobby Bowden (264 wins), Air Force's Fisher DeBerry (154 wins), Kansas State's Bill Snyder (120 wins), Virginia Tech's Frank Beamer (122 wins) and Tennessee's Phillip Fulmer (107).

HEADING WEST: The Trojans will play five games west of the Mississippi River in 2003, which is the most in school history. The Trojans will travel to Kansas State (Manhattan, Kan.), Minnesota (Minneapolis, Minn.), Nebraska (Lincoln, Neb.), North Texas (Denton, Texas) and Utah State (Logan, Utah). TSU played four games west of the mighty Mississippi in 2002, which was tied for the previous high.

WHERE HAVE THE STARTERS GONE?: When the Trojans boast just 10 returning starters from 2002, tying them for the second-fewest number of returning starters in the nation. California returns nine starters from a year ago, which is the fewest.

BEEN THERE, DONE THAT: The Trojans will be led by the most experienced coaching staff in school history in 2003. The 10 full-time coaches have a combined 132 years of coaching experience at the college level. Six coaches, Larry Blakeney (26 years), Jeff Fela (24 years), Mark Fleetwood (18 years), Vic Koenning (18 years), Mike Turk (15 years) and Arlington Nunn (12 years), have been in the business for more than 10 years.

Aside from Blakeney, two other members of the Trojans' staff have head coaching experience. Koenning served as Wyoming's head coach for three seasons prior to coming to TSU, while Fleetwood was at the helm for Habersham Central HS for two seasons (1995-96).

THE TROJANS BY CLASS: Of the 107 players that began the season on the Troy State roster, 63 are underclassmen. The 2003 Trojans began with only 13 seniors (now just 10), with just five on the offensive side of the ball (FB Chris Cox, TE Adrian Moore, TE Garrett Anderson, TE Josh Bailey and OL Branden Hall). There are 31 juniors, 32 sophomores and 31 freshmen on the roster.

EAST ALABAMA CONNECTION: The East Alabama region has been particularly kind to the Trojans in recent years. Currently, the Trojans are led by three products of East Alabama high schools. Junior defensive end and preseason Lombardi candidate Demarcus Ware and sen-

Offensive Line Breakdown

(Plays - Grade)

OPPONENT	Bodiford	Bostian	Hall	Louissaint	Milliner	Tellis	Edwards	Griffin
at Kansas State (8/30)	30 - 43%	39 - 72%	69 - 74%	69 - 82%	69 - 78%	69 - 82%	DNP	DNP
at Minnesota (9/6)	DNP	73 - 66%	65 - 80%	73 - 79%	73 - 71%	73 - 66%	8 - 88%	DNP
at UAB (9/13)	24 - 69%	44 - 60%	66 - 88%	68 - 80%	68 - 76%	68 - 78%	2 - None	DNP
SE Louisiana (9/20)	26 - 73%	35 - 80%	61 - 86%	61 - 83%	61 - 81%	49 - 59%	DNP	12 - 82%
Marshall (9/27)	DNP	62 - 77%	62 - 82%	62 - 81%	62 - 71%	62 - 76%	DNP	DNP
at Nebraska (10/4)								
Fla. International (10/18)								
at Virginia (10/25)								
at North Texas (10/30)								
at Middle Tenn. (11/8)								
at Utah State (11/15)								
Louisiana-Monroe (11/22)								

ior All-Independent offensive lineman Branden Hall are both graduates of Auburn High School, while senior All-Independent defensive back Rayshun Reed played prep ball at Russell County High School less than 20 miles from Auburn. Former Trojan defensive end Osi Umenyiora (56th overall selection in 2003 NFL Draft by the New York Giants) and former tight end Jonathan Tomlin, recent TSU graduates, also came to TSU from Auburn High School.

THE FEW, THE PROUD, THE SENIORS: The Trojans came into the 2003 season in markedly different condition than they were a year ago, when the squad boasted 27 seniors, 22 of whom had started at some point during their careers. This season, the Trojans had just 13 seniors to start the season, and now have just 10, of which only nine are letterwinners and only six have started a game during their career.

TROJANS EARN PRESEASON HONORS: Seven members of the Troy State football team earned preseason All-Independent honors from *College Football News*.

Senior offensive lineman Branden Hall, senior defensive back Rayshun Reed and junior defensive lineman Demarcus Ware were named to the preseason All-Independent team at their positions, while four other Trojans were recognized in the positional rankings. Hall, a right tackle from Auburn, Ala., is rated as the top offensive lineman and the ninth-best overall player among I-A independents. Reed, a defensive back from Phenix City, Ala., returns for his fifth season with the Trojans after receiving a medical redshirt in 2002. He is ranked as the No. 4 defensive back and the 14th-best overall player among independents.

Ware, also an Auburn, Ala., native, is the Trojans' lone returning starter on the defensive line from a year ago. The defensive end is ranked as the third-best defensive lineman and the No. 10 overall player among independents.

Other Trojans earning recognition were junior Jason Samples (third-ranked receiver), junior Derrick Ansley (fifth-ranked defensive back), sophomore Thomas Olmsted (fourth-ranked kicker) and junior Hansell Bearden (fifth-ranked quarterback).

WARE NAMED TO LOMBARDI WATCH LIST: Defensive end Demarcus Ware was named to the 2003 Lombardi Award preliminary watch list.

One of the most prestigious awards in college football, the Lombardi Award has been awarded to the nation's top lineman, offense or defense, every season since 1970. Ware was included in a list of 39 Division I-A players who are considered preliminary candidates as the 34th annual recipient of the award.

TROJANS IN THE NFL: The Trojans had two players selected in the NFL Draft this past spring. The New York Giants selected former Troy State defensive end Osi Umenyiora in the second round and as the 56th overall pick on the first day of the NFL Draft on April 26, making Umenyiora the highest-drafted Trojan in school history. Defensive tackle Davern Williams was also drafted, taken by the Miami Dolphins in the seventh round. TSU has had 24 players taken in the NFL Draft since 1969 and currently has eight players on active NFL rosters: OL Kerry Jenkins (Tampa Bay), DL Marcus Spriggs (Houston), DL Rod Walker (Green Bay), OL Mookie Moore (Atlanta), WR Jonathan Carter (NY Jets), FB Thad Buttone (Washington), LB Jimmy McClain (Houston) and Umenyiora. Williams is currently on Miami's injured reserve list.

BLAKENEY NO STRANGER TO TRANSITION TIME: The 2001 campaign was Troy State's transition year from Division I-AA to Division I-A.

It was not the first time that Troy State, or head coach Larry Blakeney, faced a transition year, however. The Trojans first transition season came in 1992, when Troy State moved from Division II to Division I-AA. That season, the Trojans went 10-1 in their second year under Blakeney. The next season, Troy State advanced to the Division I-AA playoffs in their first year of eligibility, advancing all the way to the semifinals, going 12-1-1.

TSU VS. TOP 5 OPPONENTS: TSU's Sept. 6 game against Kansas State was the third top-five opponent the Trojans have faced since moving to Division I-A in 2001. TSU also faced Nebraska (No. 4 Coaches & AP) and Miami (No. 1 Coaches & AP) in 2001.

Games against top-five opponents:

Date	Opponent	Coaches	AP	Score
Sept. 1, 2001	at Nebraska	4	4	L, 42-14
Oct. 6, 2001	at Miami (Fla.)	1	1	L, 38-7
Aug. 30, 2003	at Kansas State	5	7	L, 41-5

TROJANS AGAINST TOP 25 COMPETITION: In its first season of I-A football, Troy State faced three Top 25 opponents, losing all three games. They were 0-2 in 2002, falling to eighth-ranked Nebraska on Aug. 31 and to Iowa State on Sept. 21, and are 0-1 this season. A breakdown:

Date	Opponent	AP	Coaches	Score
Sept. 1, 2001	at Nebraska	4	4	L, 42-14
Oct. 6, 2001	at Miami	1	1	L, 38-7
Nov. 3, 2001	at Maryland	15	16	L, 47-14
Aug. 31, 2002	at Nebraska	8	9	L, 31-16
Sept. 21, 2002	at Iowa State	21	24	L, 42-12
Aug. 30, 2003	at Kansas State	5	7	L, 41-5

TURK LONGEST-SERVING TSU ASSISTANT IN HISTORY: Mike Turk is beginning his 13th season as a full-time assistant coach at TSU and his 21st year overall with the program. He is the longest-serving TSU assistant in school history and has been with head coach Larry Blakeney since he arrived in 1991. Turk also played four seasons for the Trojans from 1984-87 at quarterback, leading the squad to the 1984 and 1987 Division II national titles. After the conclusion of his playing career, he remained at TSU as a graduate assistant coach. Turk has played or coached in 20 of TSU's 22 playoff games. He was promoted to assistant head coach in January.

COMING IN 2004: TSU IN THE SUN BELT CONFERENCE: Troy State accepted an invitation to move its athletic programs to the Sun Belt Conference on Friday, May 23, 2003. The Sun Belt Presidents Council voted to extend the invitation during its spring meetings in Destin, Fla. Troy State, which currently competes in the Atlantic Sun Conference in all sports but football, will become a full Sun Belt member in fall 2005, while the school's football program will begin play in fall 2004. TSU head coach Larry Blakeney and AD Johnny Williams both participated in the Sun Belt Football Media Days on July 22-23 in New Orleans.

SUN BELT TITLE COMES THROUGH TROJANS: The Trojans will not be in the Sun Belt Conference this season but may have an impact on who wins the league title. The Trojans' games against Utah State, Middle Tennessee and Louisiana-Monroe all count as "designated" conference games for those schools.

TSU & MOVIE GALLERY JOIN FORCES: Movie Gallery, one of the nation's leading video retailers, announced a marketing alliance with Troy State University on May 9, 2003. Under the 20-year, \$5 million agreement, Troy State's newly expanded football stadium was renamed Movie Gallery Veterans Stadium.

Movie Gallery Veterans Stadium is one of only four Division I-A college football stadiums nationwide to carry the name of a corporate partner, joining Syracuse (Carrier Dome), Louisville (Papa John's Stadium) and Texas Tech (Jones SBC Stadium). Pittsburgh, San Diego State and South Florida play in city-owned stadiums that bear a corporate investor's name.

WHAT DOES \$18 MILLION BUY?: Troy State has completed construction on an \$18 million renovation of Movie Gallery Stadium, which rates as the most expensive construction project in TSU athletics history. Below are bullet-point details about the stadium's additions:

- Expanded seating from 17,500 to 30,000
- A new Daktronics scoreboard with a ProStar video display (same system that will be used in 2004 Summer Olympics). A fully interactive graphics package will be introduced at the team's first home game on Sept. 20. The system will also include an auxiliary scoreboard to be placed on the upper façade of the east side of the stadium, delay of game clocks and locker room clocks. Two Galaxy® 32,000-color marquee displays and a multi-sport track and soccer scoreboard are also included in the project.
- A new Bose audio system
- An 800-seat Trojan Stadium Club, the only level of its kind at a football stadium in Alabama, where fans can dine in a sports-bar atmosphere overlooking the playing field and still retain the best seat in the house just a few short steps away.
- 27 luxury suites
- A 65-seat press box area
- A fan pavilion area
- AstroPlay artificial surface
- New stadium lighting that exceeds television broadcast specs
- In-stadium merchandise center
- Three floors dedicated to support services: Academic Center, sports medicine clinic, weight room and sports information offices.

TROY STATE PLAYING 83RD SEASON: Troy State is playing its 83rd season of college football at its fourth competitive division. Troy State has a 432-318-27 (.573 pct.) overall record.

Here are some other tidbits about Trojan history:

- Troy State has won three national championships in its history. TSU claimed the 1968 NAIA title and won the Division II title twice, in 1984 and 1987.
- This is the fourth level of competitive football for Troy State. The Trojans participated as an NAIA member until 1972. TSU then joined NCAA Division II ranks. The Trojans remained there until 1992, when they made the move to the Division I-AA level.
- The Trojans have claimed 15 conference championships in their history. TSU claimed the Alabama Collegiate Conference crown six times (1939, 1941, 1942, 1967, 1968, 1969), the Gulf South Conference title six times (1971, 1973, 1976, 1984, 1986, 1987) and the Southland Football League title three times (1996, 1999, 2000).
- Troy State has advanced to postseason play 11 times, including seven times under Blakeney. TSU appeared in the NAIA playoffs in 1968, the Division II playoffs in 1984, 1986 and 1987 and the I-AA playoffs seven times, 1993-1996 and 1998-2000.

TRAVELING THE ROADWAYS: This season, the Trojans will travel 7,211 miles to play eight games on the road. Their longest trip will be to face Utah State on Nov. 15, a whopping 1,997 miles from Troy. In 2002, the Trojans traveled 4,754 miles to play eight road games.

Date	Location	Miles
Aug. 30	Manhattan, Kan.	1,007
Sept. 6	Minneapolis, Minn.	1,288
Sept. 13	Birmingham, Ala.	144
Oct. 4	Lincoln, Neb.	1,089
Oct. 25	Charlottesville, Va.	659
Nov. 1	Denton, Texas	694
Nov. 8	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	333
Nov. 15	Logan, Utah	1,997
	2003 Total	7,211

Troy State Depth Chart

Offense (I-Formation)

QB	7 - Aaron Leak (6-3, 220, Jr., JC) 18 - Hansell Bearden (6-2, 202, Jr., 2L) 1 - Franco Johnson (6-1, 198, Jr., JC)
TB	9 - DeWhitt Betterson (6-0, 218, Jr., 2L) 29 - Marrio Fraser (5-10, 185, So., 1L) 23 - Marlo East (5-11, 198, R-Fr., SQ)
FB	6 - Chris Cox (5-8, 210, 5-Sr., 3L) 33 - Sean Dawkins (5-10, 225, Fr., HS)
RT	76 - Branden Hall (6-3, 329, Sr., 2L) 73 - James Edwards (6-5, 297, So., 1L) 77 - Will Cook (6-6, 290, Fr., HS)
RG	70 - Donnie Bostian (6-6, 321, Jr., 1L) 69 - Kirbie Bodiford (6-4, 279, R-Fr., SQ) 74 - Joe Fowler (6-6, 307, Jr., JC)
C	59 - Lee Milliner (6-3, 275, Jr., 1L) 72 - James Gardner (6-3, 308, Fr., HS) 63 - Zach Yenser (6-2, 280, R-Fr., TR)
LG	79 - Junior Louissaint (6-1, 277, Jr., JC) 66 - Brandon McCloud (6-3, 310, So., SQ)
LT	60 - Henry Tellis (6-5, 309, Jr., 2L) 53 - Kenny Griffin (6-3, 302, R-Fr., SQ) 75 - Dallas Sikes (6-6, 297, Fr., HS)
TE (Y)	13 - Adrian Moore (6-1, 237, 5-Sr., 3L) 44 - Jordan Lesley (6-2, 238, Jr., 2L) 46 - Joe Munson (6-4, 230, Jr., JC)
SE (Z)	5 - Jason Samples (6-0, 196, Jr., 2L) 80 - Zsan Robinson (6-1, 191, R-Fr., SQ) 87 - Eugene Hampton (6-2, 175, R-Fr., HS) 82 - Jamaal Smith (5-10, 167, So. 1L)
FL (X)	4 - Toris Rutledge (6-0, 187, So., 1L) -or- 2 - Bryant Stewart (5-11, 204, Jr., JC) 22 - Blake Broadhurst (5-9, 170, So., 1L) -or- 85 - Martin Teal (6-5, 210, R-Fr., SQ)

SPECIAL TEAMS

PK	20 - Thomas Olmsted (6-3, 218, So., 1L) 40 - Greg Whibbs (5-9, 175, Fr., HS)
P	20 - Thomas Olmsted (6-3, 218, So., 1L) 49 - Jason Wright (6-1, 224, R-Fr., SQ)
KO	20 - Thomas Olmsted (6-3, 218, So., 1L) 40 - Greg Whibbs (5-9, 175, Fr., HS)
LS	63 - Zach Yenser (6-2, 280, R-Fr., TR) 44 - Jordan Lesley (6-2, 238, Jr., 2L)

Defense (4-3)

LE	86 - Cedric Phillips (6-3, 254, Sr., 3L) 92 - Jamaal Holt (6-1, 258, Jr., 1L) 97 - Tagarius Spikes (6-3, 283, Jr., JC)
NT	91 - Torre Lankford (6-1, 276, So., 1L) 77 - Franklin Lloyd (5-10, 302, So., SQ) 95 - Scott Jobe (6-5, 295, Jr., JC)
DT	78 - Eric Thomas (6-0, 289, Jr., 2L) 90 - David Tramble (6-4, 271, So., 1L) 93 - Bryan Snell (6-2, 300, Jr., JC)
RE	94 - Demarcus Ware (6-4, 224, Jr., 2L) 99 - Cedric Sullivan (6-3, 237, Jr. TR) 54 - Larry Brown (6-3, 239, So., 1L)
MLB	30 - Leverne Johnson (6-0, 232, So., 1L) 35 - Keith Staple (6-0, 222, So., 1L)
WLB	27 - Bernard Davis (6-1, 215, So., 1L) 26 - Neal Oates (6-0, 215, Sr., 3L)
SLB	42 - Robby Farmer (6-1, 227, Jr., 2L) 11 - Torrence Smith (6-0, 226, R-Fr., SQ)
LCB	24 - Freeman White (5-10, 167, Jr., 2L) 34 - Jermaine Miller (6-0, 165, So., 1L)
RCB	8 - Johnny Faulk (5-10, 167, So., 1L) 3 - Adrian Ghent (5-10, 175, So., 1L) 38 - Erick Wright (5-11, 160, Jr., SQ)
SS	16 - Rayshun Reed (5-10, 182, 5-Sr., 3L) 32 - Arthur Adams (5-9, 212, Jr., 2L)
FS	10 - Derrick Ansley (6-1, 171, Jr., 2L) 28 - Brannon Condren (6-1, 191, R-Fr., SQ) 36 - Marcus Richardson (6-0, 190, Fr., HS)

HLD	17 - Josh Russell (6-0, 190, So., 1L) 12 - Bragg Knott (6-3, 221, R-Fr., SQ)
PR	16 - Rayshun Reed (5-10, 182, 5-Sr., 3L) 4 - Toris Rutledge (6-0, 187, So., 1L) 2 - Bryant Stewart (5-11, 204, Jr., TR)
KR	4 - Toris Rutledge (6-0, 187, So., 1L) 9 - DeWhitt Betterson (6-0, 218, Jr., 2L) 29 - Marrio Fraser (5-10, 185, So., 1L)

Pronunciations

Derrick Ansley ANS-lee
Dominique Bacon dom-in-EEK
DeWhitt Betterson duh-WITT
Kirbie Bodiford BOD-uh-ford
Donnie Bostian Boston (like the city)
Clint Coe (Like go)
Sean Dawkins Shawn
Jeff Fela FEE-luh
Marrio Fraser FRAY-sure
Adrian Ghent JINT
Guy Goodlow Guy
Vic Koenning CONE-ing
Torre Lankford TORE-ee
Romanique Lewis Row-mun-EEK
Junior Louissaint LEWIS-aint
Lee Milliner MILL-ner
Michael Niemeyer KNEE-myer
Thomas Olmsted OHLM-sted
Zsan Robinson (Like Parmesan cheese)
Eddy Ruiz rue-EEZ
Toris Rutledge TOAR-is
Tagarius Spikes tug-AIR-ee-us
Cedric Sullivan SEE-drick
Joel Whingthter WING-ter
Zach Yenser YIN-sur

Troy State Starters By Game

OFFENSE

OPPONENT	QB	TB	FB	SE	FL	TE
at Kansas State (8/30)	Bearden	Betterson	Cox	Samples	Rutledge	Moore
at Minnesota (9/6)	Bearden	Betterson	Lesley (TE)	Samples	Stewart	Moore
at UAB (9/13)	Leak	Betterson	Cox	Samples	Stewart	Moore
Southeastern La. (9/20)	Leak	Betterson	Cox	Samples	Rutledge	Lesley
Marshall (9/27)	Leak	Betterson	Cox	Samples	Stewart	Moore
at Nebraska (10/4)						
Fla. International (10/18)						
at Virginia (10/25)						
at North Texas (10/30)						
at Middle Tennessee (11/8)						
at Utah State (11/15)						
Louisiana-Monroe (11/22)						

OPPONENT	LT	LG	C	RG	RT
at Kansas State (8/30)	Tellis	Louissaint	Milliner	Bodiford	Hall
at Minnesota (9/6)	Tellis	Louissaint	Milliner	Bostian	Hall
at UAB (9/13)	Tellis	Louissaint	Milliner	Bostian	Hall
Southeastern La. (9/20)	Tellis	Louissaint	Milliner	Bostian	Hall
Marshall (9/27)	Tellis	Louissaint	Milliner	Bostian	Hall
at Nebraska (10/4)					
Fla. International (10/18)					
at Virginia (10/25)					
at North Texas (10/30)					
at Middle Tennessee (11/8)					
at Utah State (11/15)					
Louisiana-Monroe (11/22)					

DEFENSE

OPPONENT	LE	DT	NT	RE	MLB	WLB
at Kansas State (8/30)	Phillips	Thomas	Lankford	Ware	Farmer	Davis
at Minnesota (9/6)	Phillips	Thomas	Lankford	Ware	Farmer	Davis
at UAB (9/13)	Phillips	Thomas	Lankford	Ware	Farmer	Davis
Southeastern La. (9/20)	Phillips	Thomas	Lankford	Ware	L. Johnson	Davis
Marshall (9/27)	Phillips	Thomas	Lankford	Ware	L. Johnson	Davis
at Nebraska (10/4)						
Fla. International (10/18)						
at Virginia (10/25)						
at North Texas (10/30)						
at Middle Tennessee (11/8)						
at Utah State (11/15)						
Louisiana-Monroe (11/22)						

OPPONENT	SLB	LCB	FS	SS	RCB
at Kansas State (8/30)	Harper	Faulk	Ansley	Reed	White
at Minnesota (9/6)	Harper	Faulk	Ansley	Reed	White
at UAB (9/13)	Harper	Faulk	Ansley	Reed	White
Southeastern La. (9/20)	Farmer	Faulk	Ansley	Reed	White
Marshall (9/27)	Farmer	Faulk	Ansley	Reed	White
at Nebraska (10/4)					
Fla. International (10/18)					
at Virginia (10/25)					
at North Texas (10/30)					
at Middle Tennessee (11/8)					
at Utah State (11/15)					
Louisiana-Monroe (11/22)					

The Last Time

Troy State ...

Shut out an opponent:	Sept. 20, 2003
vs. Southeastern Louisiana (28-0)	
Rushed for more than 300 yards:	Oct. 5, 2002
vs. Austin Peay (52 rushes, 336 yards)	
Rushed for more than 400 yards:	Sept. 14, 2002
vs. Southern Utah (52 rushes, 464 yards)	
Passed for more than 300 yards:	Oct. 20, 2001
vs. Cal State Northridge (339 yards)	
Had more than 500 yards total offense:	Sept. 14, 2002
vs. Southern Utah (464 rushing, 58 passing, 522 total)	
Had more than 600 yards total offense:	Sept. 24, 1994
vs. Alabama State (424 rush, 211 pass for 635 total)	
Scored more than 50 points:	Sept. 16, 2000
vs. Alabama State (62-19)	
Scored On The Game's First Play:	Nov. 18, 2000
vs. Jacksonville State (65-yard pass, Brock Nutter to Jonathan Carter)	
Scored On First Possession:	Oct. 26, 2002
vs. Florida Atlantic (7-yard LeBarron Black run)	
Scored On First Two Offensive Plays:	Nov. 18, 2000
vs. Jacksonville State (65-yard pass, Brock Nutter to Jonathan Carter; 33-yard pass from Thad Buttone to Jonathan Carter)	
Failed to rush for more than 100 yards:	Aug. 30, 2003
vs. Kansas State (37 rushes, 39 yards)	
Failed to pass for more than 100 yards:	Sept. 27, 2003
vs. Marshall (17-6-0, 95 yards)	
Failed to record 200 yards total offense:	Sept. 6, 2003
vs. Minnesota (125 rush, 64 pass, 189 total)	
Failed to record 100 yards total offense:	Oct. 9, 1982
vs. Southeastern Louisiana (27 rushing, 48 passing, 75 total)	
Failed to score a touchdown and lost:	Aug. 30, 2003
vs. Kansas State (41-5 loss)	
Failed to score a touchdown and won:	Nov. 4, 2000
vs. Stephen F. Austin (6-0 win via two field goals)	
Failed to score an extra point after multiple TDs:	Dec. 1, 2001
vs. North Texas (2 TD, both PAT missed - 1 kick, 1 pass)	
Held an opponent to less than 100 yards rushing:	Sept. 27, 2003
vs. Marshall (27 rushes, 98 yards)	
Held an opponent to negative yards rushing:	Sept. 20, 2003
vs. Southeastern Louisiana (22 rushes, minus-22 yards)	
Held an opponent to less than 100 yards passing:	Nov. 2, 2002
vs. Arkansas (16-7-1, 60 yards)	
Held an opponent to less than 50 yards passing:	Sept. 14, 2002
vs. Southern Utah (5-for-14, 37 yards)	
Held an opponent to less than 10 yards passing:	Oct. 27, 2001
vs. Southern Utah (1-for-8, 6 yards)	
Held opponent to less than 200 yards total offense:	Nov. 2, 2002
vs. Arkansas (65 rush, 60 pass, 125 total)	
Returned a kickoff for a touchdown:	Oct. 27, 2001
Demontray Carter vs. Southern Utah (94 yards)	
Returned a punt for a touchdown:	Nov. 25, 2000
Heyward Skipper vs. Appalachian State (81 yards)	
Blocked an opponent's punt:	Sept. 27, 2003
vs. Marshall (Adrian Ghent)	
Blocked two opponent punts in a game:	Oct. 26, 2002
vs. Florida Atlantic (David Philyaw & Team)	
Blocked an opponent's field goal attempt:	Sept. 20, 2003
vs. Southeastern Louisiana (Martin Teal)	
Blocked an opponent's PAT attempt:	Oct. 26, 2002
vs. Florida Atlantic (Derrick Ansley)	
Returned an interception for a TD:	Sept. 27, 2003
Derrick Ansley vs. Marshall (70 yards)	
Returned a fumble for a touchdown:	Nov. 10, 2001
David Philyaw vs. Louisiana-Monroe (8 yards)	
Attempted a two-point conversion:	Oct. 12, 2002
vs. Miss. State (Hansell Bearden pass to Eric Felton, good)	
Attempted a Fake Field Goal:	Sept. 28, 1991
vs. Alabama State (Failed)	
Recorded a safety:	Aug. 30, 2003
Team vs. Kansas State (Snap through endzone)	
Returned a PAT attempt for two points:	Nov. 25, 2000
Chris Archie vs. Appalachian State (INT, 102 yards)	
Player rushed for more than 100 yards in a game:	Sept. 27, 2003
DeWhitt Betterson vs. Marshall (17 carries, 114 yards)	

Two players rushed for 100 yards in a game:	Sept. 14, 2002
vs. Southern Utah: Marrio Fraser (17 car., 125 yds); DeWhitt Betterson (7 car., 122 yds); LeBarron Black (16 car, 100 yds)	
Three players rushed for more than 100 yards in a game:	Sept. 14, 2002
vs. Southern Utah: Marrio Fraser (17 car., 125 yds); DeWhitt Betterson (7 car., 122 yds); LeBarron Black (16 car, 100 yds)	
A player rushed for 100 yards in back-to-back games:	2002
LeBarron Black: vs. UAB on Sept. 7 (25 carries, 105 yards, 2 TD) and Southern Utah on Sept. 14 (16 carries, 100 yards, 2 TD)	
A player rushed for more than 200 yards in a game:	Nov. 29, 1986
Eddie Brundidge vs. Virginia Union (226 yards)	
A player recorded 40 carries in a game:	Oct. 26, 2002
LeBarron Black, vs. Florida Atlantic (41 carries, 189 yards)	
A player rushed for three TD in a game:	Oct. 5, 2002
DeWhitt Betterson (32, 34, 4) vs. Austin Peay	
Made three field goals in a game:	Nov. 16, 2002
Thomas Olmsted vs. Utah State (23, 24, 27)	
Played an overtime game:	Nov. 16, 2002
vs. Utah State (USU 19, TSU 16)	
Punted on third down:	Oct. 12, 2002
vs. Mississippi State (third-and-16 from the TSU 4-yard line)	

An Opponent ...

Shut Out Troy State:	Nov. 2, 2002
vs. Arkansas (23-0)	
Rushed for more than 300 yards:	Sept. 8, 2001
vs. Middle Tennessee (55 carries, 313 yards)	
Passed for more than 300 yards:	Sept. 27, 2003
vs. Marshall (33-of-52, 319 yards)	
Had more than 500 yards total offense:	Nov. 3, 2001
vs. Maryland (509 yards, 277 rushing, 232 passing)	
Had more than 600 yards total offense:	Sept. 8, 2001
vs. Middle Tennessee (641 yards, 313 rushing, 328 passing)	
Scored more than 50 points:	Sept. 8, 2001
vs. Middle Tennessee (54-17)	
Returned a kickoff for a touchdown:	Sept. 6, 2003
Laurence Maroney at Minnesota (88 yards)	
Returned a punt for a touchdown:	Sept. 21, 2002
Todd Miller, Iowa State (45 yards)	
Returned two punts for touchdowns in a game:	Aug. 31, 2002
DeJuan Groce, Nebraska (83 and 72 yards)	
Returned a blocked punt for a touchdown:	Aug. 30, 2003
Danny Morris, Kansas State	
Blocked a Troy State punt:	Aug. 30, 2003
Ted Sims, Kansas State	
Blocked two Troy State punts:	Nov. 2, 2002
Tom Crowder and Bo Mosley, Arkansas	
Blocked a Troy State field goal attempt:	Sept. 20, 2003
Southeastern Louisiana Team	
Blocked a Troy State field goal and returned for TD:	Never
Has not happened since moving to Division I-AA	
Blocked a Troy State PAT Attempt:	Sept. 27, 2003
vs. Marshall (Olmsted attempt)	
Returned an interception for a TD:	Nov. 2, 2002
Bo Mosley, vs. Arkansas (50 yards)	
Returned a fumble for a touchdown:	Sept. 7, 2002
Chris Brown, vs. UAB (91 yards)	
Returned a fumble and an INT for touchdowns:	Sept. 7, 2002
UAB (Chris Brown, 91-yard fumble; Gaylon Black, 30-yard INT)	
Scored a safety:	Dec. 1, 2001
North Texas	
Returned a missed PAT attempt for two points:	Never
Has never happened	
Player rushed for more than 100 yards in a game:	Nov. 16, 2002
James Samuel, vs. Utah State (26 carries, 159 yards)	
A player rushed for 200 yards in a game:	Nov. 26, 1994
Kevin Jeter, James Madison (25 carries, 240 yards)	
Attempted a Fake Punt (Successful):	Sept. 20, 2003
vs. Southeastern Louisiana (Brian Sheppard, 30 yards, first down)	
Attempted a Fake Punt (Failed):	Sept. 22, 2001
vs. Nicholls State (Brian Thomas 3-yard run)	
Attempted a 2-point conversion:	Aug. 30, 2003
vs. Kansas State (Ell Roberson pass failed)	
A player recorded three interceptions in a game:	Oct. 12, 2002
vs. Mississippi State (Darren Williams)	

Troy State Drives

Kansas State

Ply-Yds	Time	Result	Score
3-1	1:07	Punt	0-2
5-16	2:42	Field Goal	0-5
5-(-2)	3:58	Punt	7-5
3-(-8)	1:50	Punt	14-5
3-3	1:48	Punt	21-5
3-(-11)	1:08	Punt	27-5
4-17	1:24	Punt	34-5
5-11	2:50	Punt	34-5
0-0	0:18	End Half	34-5
11-49	4:20	Downs	34-5
3-(-2)	1:44	Punt	34-5
2-(-2)	1:05	Interception	34-5
3-7	2:20	Punt	34-5
3-7	1:04	Interception	34-5
2-(-12)	0:48	Fumble	34-5
13-34	6:57	Downs	41-5

Minnesota

Ply-Yds	Time	Result	Score
3-9	1:35	Punt	0-0
6-35	1:42	Fumble	0-0
1-12	0:09	Fumble	0-0
5-13	1:25	Punt	0-3
3-6	0:29	Punt	0-10
5-7	3:21	Punt	0-13
6-10	2:41	Punt	0-20
5-(-6)	2:21	Punt	0-27
3-8	1:06	Punt	0-34
3-6	2:24	Punt	0-34
3-0	0:23	Punt	0-34
20-80	7:45	Touchdown	7-41
8-24	3:21	Punt	7-48

UAB

Ply-Yds	Time	Result	Score
4-18	2:02	Punt	0-0
5-32	2:17	Interception	0-0
9-78	4:44	Touchdown	7-0
4-40	1:16	Fumble	7-3
4-14	1:12	Interception	7-6
3-7	1:03	Punt	7-9
4-26	0:45	End Half	7-9
3-1	1:49	Punt	7-9
7-56	3:42	Touchdown	14-9
17-80	8:27	Field Goal	17-9
9-29	4:56	Field Goal	20-9
2-(-9)	0:54	End Game	20-9

Southeastern Louisiana

Ply-Yds	Time	Result	Score
5-37	1:58	Fumble	0-0
8-39	2:08	Missed FG	0-0
6-83	2:31	Touchdown	7-0
7-33	3:34	Touchdown	14-0
3-6	0:52	Fumble	14-0
4-77	0:55	Touchdown	21-0
3-80	1:17	Touchdown	28-0
7-52	2:10	Missed FG	28-0
5-7	2:26	Interception	28-0
3-(-13)	1:52	Punt	28-0
4-34	1:36	Interception	28-0
3-7	2:33	Punt	28-0
3-(-3)	1:25	End of Half	28-0

Marshall

Ply-Yds	Time	Result	Score
3-8	1:40	Punt	0-3
3-74	1:24	Touchdown	7-3
3-(-10)	1:35	Punt	7-3
5-18	1:59	Punt	7-3
4-0	0:28	Field Goal	10-3
4-4	1:27	Field Goal	13-3
5-21	1:33	Missed Field Goal	13-3
1-(-1)	0:20	End Half	13-10
3-9	0:50	Punt	13-10
3-0	1:08	Punt	13-10
8-41	4:10	Punt	13-10
5-80	1:58	Touchdown	20-17
3-5	1:26	Punt	20-17
--	--	Touchdown (INT)	27-17
3-13	1:31	Fumble	27-17
5-71	2:20	Touchdown	33-24
3-8	1:32	Punt	33-24
7-4	2:52	End Game	33-24

Opponent Drives

Kansas State

Ply-Yds	Time	Result	Score
4-(-20)	1:17	Safety	0-2
3-9	0:41	Fumble	0-2
9-83	3:27	Touchdown	7-5
8-58	2:47	Touchdown	14-5
4-51	1:21	Touchdown	21-5
3-59	0:34	Touchdown	27-5
0-0	0:00	Touchdown	34-5
3-4	0:58	Punt	34-5
5-23	1:50	Punt	34-5
3-0	1:41	Punt	34-5
3-(-11)	1:42	Punt	34-5
2-(-1)	0:47	Interception	34-5
5-3	1:28	Punt	34-5
4-4	1:30	Interception	34-5
3-57	0:21	Touchdown	41-5
8-43	4:13	End Game	41-5

Minnesota

Ply-Yds	Time	Result	Score
11-50	4:47	Interception	0-0
3-4	1:28	Punt	0-0
4-3	1:04	Field Goal	3-0
7-80	2:36	Touchdown	10-0
12-69	4:44	Field Goal	13-0
10-61	3:59	Touchdown	20-0
0-0	0:00	End of Half	20-0
10-65	4:30	Touchdown	27-0
1-55	0:09	Touchdown	34-0
3-6	1:29	Punt	34-0
6-19	2:38	Interception	34-0
2-22	0:34	Touchdown	41-0
0-0	0:00	Touchdown	48-7
6-35	3:09	End Game	48-7

UAB

Ply-Yds	Time	Result	Score
9-85	3:14	Fumble	0-0
1-0	0:16	Interception	0-0
12-58	4:16	Field Goal	3-7
5-29	2:02	Field Goal	6-7
10-41	3:49	Field Goal	9-7
5-9	2:45	Punt	9-7
5-16	1:53	Interception	9-7
5-17	2:42	Punt	9-7
11-69	4:28	Fumble	9-14
2-8	0:18	Fumble	9-17
4-5	0:38	Downs	9-20

Southeastern Louisiana

Ply-Yds	Time	Result	Score
3-5	1:37	Punt	0-0
2-6	2:21	Punt	0-0
7-28	4:24	Punt	0-0
3-11	2:28	Punt	0-7
3-(-5)	1:13	Punt	0-14
10-32	4:39	Missed FG	0-14
4-22	1:07	End Half	0-21
2-(-1)	0:41	Fumble	0-28
6-10	1:34	Fumble	0-28
8-24	4:47	Fumble	0-28
8-36	3:20	Downs	0-28
6-3	2:56	Punt	0-28
11-60	6:05	Downs	0-28

Marshall

Ply-Yds	Time	Result	Score
13-69	6:47	Field Goal	3-0
7-27	3:29	Downs	3-0
3-3	1:37	Punt	3-7
0-(-5)	0:00	Fumble	3-7
5-17	2:21	Punt	3-7
1-0	0:06	Interception	3-10
9-35	2:43	Downs	3-13
9-72	1:58	Touchdown	10-13
3-8	1:30	Punt	10-13
4-16	2:04	Punt	10-13
3-80	0:55	Touchdown	17-13
3-(-1)	1:02	Punt	17-20
8-36	3:12	Interception	17-27
3-(-2)	0:29	Punt	17-27
4-39	1:30	Touchdown	24-27
3-3	0:54	Punt	24-33
2-0	0:10	Interception	24-33

2003 Trojan Football Statistics

(5 Games)

Overall: 3-2 (Home: 2-0, Road 1-2, Neutral 0-0)

RESULTS/ATTENDANCE

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	TV	ATT.
Aug 30	at Kansas State	L	41-5	-	41,812
Sept. 6	at Minnesota	L	48-7	ESPN+	31,393
Sept. 13	at UAB	W	20-9	-	18,216
Sept. 20	SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA	W	28-0	Cox Sports	19,889
Sept. 27	MARSHALL	W	33-24	ESPN+	26,000
Oct. 4	at Nebraska				
Oct. 18	FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL				
Oct. 25	at Virginia				
Nov. 1	at North Texas				
Nov. 8	at Middle Tennessee				
Nov. 15	at Utah State				
Nov. 22	LOUISIANA-MONROE				

Home Games in ALL CAPS

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Troy State	26	20	21	26	-	93
Opponents	20	53	21	28	-	122

TEAM STATISTICS

	Troy State	Opponents
SCORING	93	122
Points Per Game	18.6	24.4
FIRST DOWNS	79	96
Rushing	46	38
Passing	26	50
Penalty	7	8
RUSHING YARDAGE	891	604
Yards gained rushing	1072	742
Yards lost rushing	181	138
Rushing Attempts	213	175
Average Per Rush	4.2	3.5
Average Per Game	178.2	120.8
TDs Rushing	6	8
PASSING YARDAGE	626	1246
Att-Cmp-Int	118-50-6	182-106-9
Average Per Pass	5.3	6.8
Average Per Catch	12.5	11.8
Average Per Game	125.2	249.2
TDs Passing	4	5
TOTAL OFFENSE	1517	1850
Total Plays	331	357
Average Per Play	4.6	5.2
Average Per Game	303.4	370.0
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	17-301	15-421
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	11-101	18-170
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS	9-135	6-33
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	17.7	28.1
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	9.2	9.4
INT RETURN AVERAGE	15.0	5.5
FUMBLES-LOST	11-7	13-8
PENALTIES-YARDS	34-282	35-287
Average Per Game	56.4	57.4
PUNTS-YARDS	32-1316	22-883
Average Per Punt	41.1	40.1
Net punt average	35.8	35.5
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	30:17	29:43
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	16/70	28/71
3rd-Down Pct	23%	39%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	5/7	1/10
4th-Down Pct	71%	10%
SACKS BY-YARDS	11-61	14-112
MISC YARDS	0	2
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	11	15
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	5-8	6-7
PAT-ATTEMPTS	10-11	14-14

RUSHING

Player	G	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Lg	Avg/G
DeWhitt Betterson	5	65	372	14	358	5.5	2	52	71.6
Marrio Fraser	5	52	265	8	257	4.9	2	27	51.4
Jermaine Richardson	4	29	206	3	203	7.0	0	37	50.8
Aaron Leak	5	45	211	84	127	2.8	2	16	25.4
Franco Johnson	1	3	11	2	9	3.0	0	9	9.0
Zsan Robinson	4	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	0	0	-0.5
TEAM	5	9	0	19	-19	-2.1	0	0	-3.8
Hansell Bearden	2	9	7	49	-42	-4.7	0	5	-21.0
Total	5	213	1072	181	891	4.2	6	52	178.2
Opponents	5	175	742	138	604	3.5	8	19	120.8

PASSING

Player	G	Effic	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg/G
Aaron Leak	5	91.34	84-36-5	42.9	486	3	62	97.2
Hansell Bearden	2	63.66	31-13-1	41.9	104	0	19	52.0
Franco Johnson	1	0.00	1-0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Jason Samples	5	732.40	1-1-0	100.0	36	1	36	7.2
DeWhitt Betterson	5	0.00	1-0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	5	87.95	118-50-6	42.4	626	4	62	125.2
Opponents	5	114.93	182-106-9	58.2	1246	5	79	249.2

RECEIVING

Player	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Jason Samples	5	24	302	12.6	2	47	60.4
Bryant Stewart	5	5	140	28.0	1	62	28.0
Adrian Moore	4	5	47	9.4	0	19	11.8
DeWhitt Betterson	5	4	22	5.5	0	11	4.4
Toris Rutledge	4	3	29	9.7	0	15	7.2
Zsan Robinson	4	2	19	9.5	0	10	4.8
Chris Cox	5	2	15	7.5	0	12	3.0
Marrio Fraser	5	2	6	3.0	0	4	1.2
Jermaine Richardson	4	1	36	36.0	1	36	9.0
Jamaal Smith	3	1	8	8.0	0	8	2.7
Jordan Lesley	5	1	2	2.0	0	2	0.4
Total	5	50	626	12.5	4	62	125.2
Opponents	5	106	1246	11.8	5	79	249.2

SCORING

Player	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Points
Thomas Olmsted	0	5-8	10-11	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	25
Aaron Leak	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Marrio Fraser	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Jason Samples	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
DeWhitt Betterson	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Bryant Stewart	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Jermaine Richardson	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Derrick Ansley	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
TEAM	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	1	2
Total	11	5-8	10-11	0-0	0	0-0	0	1	93
Opponents	15	6-7	14-14	0-0	0	0-1	0	0	122

TOTAL OFFENSE

Player	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Aaron Leak	5	129	127	486	613	122.6
DeWhitt Betterson	5	66	358	0	358	71.6
Marrio Fraser	5	52	257	0	257	51.4
Jermaine Richardson	4	29	203	0	203	50.8
Hansell Bearden	2	40	-42	104	62	31.0
Jason Samples	5	1	0	36	36	7.2
Franco Johnson	1	4	9	0	9	9.0
Zsan Robinson	4	1	-2	0	-2	-0.5
TEAM	5	9	-19	0	-19	-3.8
Total	5	331	891	626	1517	303.4
Opponents	5	357	604	1246	1850	370.0

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PUNTING

Player	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Thomas Olmsted	31	1316	42.5	56	4	4	5	1
TEAM	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	32	1316	41.1	56	4	4	5	1
Opponents	22	883	40.1	60	2	2	5	1

FIELD GOALS

Player	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Thomas Olmsted	5-8	62.5	0-0	3-4	2-2	0-2	0-0	38	1
Opponent	6-7	100.0	0-0	2-2	2-3	1-1	1-1	52	1

FIELD GOAL SEQUENCE

Opponent	Troy State	OPPONENTS
Kansas State	(26)	-
Minnesota	-	(52),(26)
UAB	(27),(21)	(38),(46),(22)
Southeastern La.	44,21	39
Marshall	(38),(36),45	(33)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

INTERCEPTIONS

Player	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Derrick Ansley	5	70	14.0	1	70
Johnny Faulk	1	12	12.0	0	12
Bernard Davis	1	5	5.0	0	5
Arthur Adams	1	0	0.0	0	0
Rayshun Reed	1	48	48.0	0	48
Total	9	135	15.0	1	70
Opponents	6	33	5.5	0	18

PUNT RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Rayshun Reed	10	85	8.5	0	43
Adrian Ghent	1	16	16.0	0	0
Total	11	101	9.2	0	43
Opponents	18	170	9.4	1	50

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

#	LEADERS	GP	UT	AT	Total	TFL-Yds	Sacks-Yds	Int-Yds	PBU	QBH	FR-Yds	FF	Kick	Saf
10	Derrick Ansley	5	21	18	39	.	.	5-70	6	.	.	.	.	.
16	Rayshun Reed	5	25	9	34	.	.	1-48	5	2	1-0	2	.	.
24	Freeman White	5	26	7	33	1-0-3	.	.	4	.	1-0	1	.	.
42	Robby Farmer	5	19	8	27	1.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Neal Oates	5	19	6	25	3-0-10	1-5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
94	Demarcus Ware	5	19	5	24	5-0-13	2-10	.	.	11	1-0	2	.	.
27	Bernard Davis	5	12	10	22	.	.	1-5	2	1	2-0	.	.	.
32	Arthur Adams	5	13	8	21	1-0-5	.	1-0	3	.	.	.	.	.
30	Leverne Johnson	5	11	9	20	1-0-1	.	.	1	1	1-0	.	.	.
91	Torre Lankford	5	11	9	20	1-0-4	1-4	.	.	4	.	.	.	.
86	Cedric Phillips	5	11	9	20	5-0-19	2-12	.	.	9	.	1	.	.
8	Johnny Faulk	5	14	5	19	1-0-2	.	1-12	3	1	.	.	.	.
3	Adrian Ghent	5	15	1	16	1-0-3	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	.
99	Cedric Sullivan	5	9	5	14	2-0-11	2-11	.	.	4	.	.	.	.
78	Eric Thomas	5	7	4	11	2-0-10	1-6	.	.	3	.	.	.	.
41	Ronald Harper	3	6	5	11	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
11	Boo Smith	5	5	5	10	2-0-6	.	.	.	1	1-0	.	.	.
92	Jamaal Holt	5	6	4	10	2-0-10	2-10	.	.	4	1-0	.	.	.
77	Franklin Lloyd	4	7	1	8	1-0-3	1-3	.	1	2	.	1	.	.
90	David Tramble	5	2	5	7	1-0-3	1-3	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
35	Keith Staple	5	3	3	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
22	Blake Broadhurst	5	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34	Jermaine Miller	5	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Joel Whinghter	4	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	Dominique Bacon	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Chris Cox	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	Brannon Condren	5	.	1	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
59	Lee Milliner	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Thomas Olmsted	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
54	Larry Brown	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
TM	TEAM	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
57	Chase Carlton	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
85	Martin Teal	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
Total	5	273	139	412	30-105	11-61	9-135	29	49	8-0	8	2	1	1
Opponents	5	-	-	-	-	14-112	6-33	14	3	7-2	8	2	2	1

ALL-PURPOSE YARDS

Player	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Total	Avg/G
DeWhitt Betterson	5	358	22	0	117	0	497	99.4
Jermaine Richardson	4	203	36	0	90	0	329	82.2
Jason Samples	5	0	302	0	6	0	308	61.6
Marrio Fraser	5	257	6	0	40	0	303	60.6
Bryant Stewart	5	0	140	0	5	0	145	29.0
Rayshun Reed	5	0	0	85	0	48	133	26.6
Aaron Leak	5	127	0	0	0	0	127	25.4
Toris Rutledge	4	0	29	0	43	0	72	18.0
Derrick Ansley	5	0	0	0	0	70	70	14.0
Adrian Moore	4	0	47	0	0	0	47	11.8
Zsan Robinson	4	-2	19	0	0	0	17	4.2
Adrian Ghent	5	0	0	16	0	0	16	3.2
Chris Cox	5	0	15	0	0	0	15	3.0
Johnny Faulk	5	0	0	0	0	12	12	2.4
Franco Johnson	1	9	0	0	0	0	9	9.0
Jamaal Smith	3	0	8	0	0	0	8	2.7
Bernard Davis	5	0	0	0	0	5	5	1.0
Jordan Lesley	5	0	2	0	0	0	2	0.4
TEAM	5	-19	0	0	0	0	-19	-3.8
Hansell Bearden	2	-42	0	0	0	0	-42	-21.0
Total	5	891	626	101	301	135	2054	410.8
Opponents	5	604	1246	170	421	33	2474	494.8

KICKOFF RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
DeWhitt Betterson	5	117	23.4	0	35
Jermaine Richardson	5	90	18.0	0	29
Toris Rutledge	3	43	14.3	0	26
Marrio Fraser	2	40	20.0	0	21
Jason Samples	1	6	6.0	0	6
Bryant Stewart	1	5	5.0	0	5
Total	17	301	17.7	0	35
Opponents	15	421	28.1	1	88

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GAME-BY-GAME TEAM STATISTICS

Game	Score	Score By Quarters					First Downs			Rushing			Passing			Total Off.		Ret. Yds	Punt No-Avg	Fumbles No-Lost	Penalty No-Yds	3rd Dwn	Avg. F.Pos.	Total ToP
		1	2	3	4	Tot	Ru	Pa	Pn	Att	Yds	TD	A-C-I	Yds	TD	Att	Yds							
Troy State	5	5	0	0	0	5	10	5	5	37	39	0	30-11-2	99	0	67	138	49	9-33.6	1-1	7-45	2-16	T27	35:23
Kan. St.	41	7	27	0	7	41	11	8	0	43	147	4	24-10-2	245	1	67	392	37	5-46.0	1-1	3-40	6-14	K39	24:37
Troy State	7	0	0	0	7	7	8	5	2	40	125	1	31-10-0	64	0	71	189	150	10-44.1	3-2	2-20	3-17	T20	28:42
Minn.	48	10	10	14	14	48	16	9	1	55	292	4	18-11-2	176	1	73	468	185	2-42.5	0-0	5-40	7-11	M46	31:18
Troy State	20	7	0	7	6	20	12	7	0	51	256	2	18-11-2	131	0	69	387	60	3-47.0	2-1	6-65	8-14	T32	33:21
UAB	9	0	9	0	0	9	4	11	4	28	89	0	38-20-2	248	0	66	337	103	2-36.5	5-3	6-65	6-15	U27	26:39
Troy State	28	7	14	7	0	28	13	6	3	37	217	1	22-12-2	237	3	59	454	5-62	2-46.5	3-2	12-114	2-8	T33	25:17
SE La.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	3	22	-22	0	50-32-0	258	0	72	236	6-112	6-38.5	5-3	15-88	4-16	S31	34:43
Troy State	33	3	7	7	7	33	8	3	2	48	254	2	17-6-0	95	1	65	349	7-93	8-42.4	2-1	7-38	1-15	T36	28:43
Marshall	24	7	6	7	13	24	7	11	0	27	98	0	52-33-3	319	3	79	417	9-163	7-37.7	2-1	6-54	5-15	M29	31:17
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GAME-BY-GAME RUSHING

Player	No-Yds/TD	KSU	MIN	UAB	SELU	MAR	NEB	FIU	UVA	UNT	MTSU	USU	ULM
DeW. Betterson	65-358/2	13-40/0	11-36/0	18-90/1	6-78/0	17-114/1							
Marrjo Fraser	52-257/2	11-42/0	13-57/0	8-32/0	8-45/1	12-81/1							
Jer. Richardson	29-203/0	DNP	5-24/0	10-62/0	11-110/0	3-7/0							
Aaron Leak	45-127/2	7--19/0	5-17/1	13-81/1	8--11/0	12-59/0							
Franco Johnson	3-9/0	DNP	3-9/0	DNP	DNP	DNP							
Zsan Robinson	1--2/0	-	-	DNP	1--2/0	-							
TEAM	9--19/0	-	-	2--9/0	3--3/0	4--7/0							
Hansell Bearden	9--42/0	6--24/0	3--18/0	DNP	DNP	DNP							

GAME-BY-GAME RECEIVING

Player	No-Yds/TD	KSU	MIN	UAB	SELU	MAR	NEB	FIU	UVA	UNT	MTSU	USU	ULM
Jason Samples	24-302/2	5-40/0	3-19/0	6-92/0	8-113/2	2-38/0							
Bryant Stewart	5-140/1	-	-	1-9/0	3-114/1	1-17/0							
Adrian Moore	5-47/0	1-19/0	3-15/0	1-13/0	DNP	-							
Jer. Richardson	1-36/1	DNP	-	-	-	1-36/1							
Toris Rutledge	3-29/0	1-15/0	DNP	2-14/0	-	-							
DeW. Betterson	4-22/0	2-14/0	1-8/0	-	-	1-0/0							
Zsan Robinson	2-19/0	1-9/0	-	DNP	1-10/0	-							
Chris Cox	2-15/0	-	1-12/0	1-3/0	-	-							
Jamaal Smith	1-8/0	-	1-8/0	DNP	-	DNP							
Marrjo Fraser	2-6/0	1-2/0	-	-	-	1-4/0							
Jordan Lesley	1-2/0	-	1-2/0	-	-	-							

GAME-BY-GAME PUNT RETURNS

Player	No-Yds	KSU	MIN	UAB	SELU	MAR	NEB	FIU	UVA	UNT	MTSU	USU	ULM
Rayshun Reed	10-85	1-0	1-7	1-0	5-62	2-16							
Adrian Ghent	1-16	-	-	-	-	1-16							

GAME-BY-GAME KICKOFF RETURNS

Player	No-Yds	KSU	MIN	UAB	SELU	MAR	NEB	FIU	UVA	UNT	MTSU	USU	ULM
DeW. Betterson	5-117	-	4-94	-	-	1-23							
Jer. Richardson	5-90	DNP	2-49	1-8	-	2-33							
Toris Rutledge	3-43	3-43	DNP	-	-	-							
Marrjo Fraser	2-40	-	-	2-40	-	-							
Jason Samples	1-6	1-6	-	-	-	-							
Bryant Stewart	1-5	-	-	-	-	1-5							

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GAME-BY-GAME PASSING

#7 Aaron Leak	Att	Comp	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sack	Yds
Kansas State	13	3	1	23.1	30	0	15	3	35
Minnesota	16	5	0	31.2	29	0	8	1	5
UAB	18	11	2	61.1	131	0	47	0	0
Southeastern La.	22	12	2	54.5	237	3	62	2	14
Marshall	15	5	0	33.3	59	0	30	1	7
TOTALS	84	36	5	42.9	486	3	62	7	61
#18 Hansell Bearden	Att	Comp	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sack	Yds
Kansas State	17	8	1	47.1	69	0	19	4	26
Minnesota	14	5	0	35.7	35	0	12	2	23
TOTALS	31	13	1	41.9	104	0	19	6	49
#5 Jason Samples	Att	Comp	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sack	Yds
Marshall	1	1	0	100.0	36	1	36	0	0
TOTALS	1	1	0	100.0	36	1	36	0	0
#9 DeW. Betterson	Att	Comp	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sack	Yds
Marshall	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
#1 Franco Johnson	Att	Comp	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sack	Yds
Minnesota	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	1	2
TOTALS	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	1	2

GAME-BY-GAME INTERCEPTION RETURNS

Player	No.-Yds	KSU	MIN	UAB	SELU	MAR	NEB	FIU	UVA	UNT	MTSU	USU	ULM
Derrick Ansley	5-70	-	2-0	1-0	-	2-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bernard Davis	1-5	-	-	-	-	1-5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rayshun Reed	1-48	1-48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Johnny Faulk	1-12	-	-	1-12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arthur Adams	1-0	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

GAME-BY-GAME SACKS

Player	No.-Yds	KSU	MIN	UAB	SELU	MAR	NEB	FIU	UVA	UNT	MTSU	USU	ULM
Jamaal Holt	2-10	-	-	-	2-10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Demarcus Ware	2-10	1-4	-	-	1-6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cedric Sullivan	2-11	1-5	-	-	1-6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cedric Phillips	2-12	-	-	-	2-12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Neal Oates	1-5	-	-	1-5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eric Thomas	1-6	-	-	-	-	1-6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Franklin Lloyd	1-3	-	-	DNP	1-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
David Tramble	1-3	-	-	-	1-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Torre Lankford	1-4	1-4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

GAME-BY-GAME TACKLES FOR LOSS

Player	No.-Yds	KSU	MIN	UAB	SELU	MAR	NEB	FIU	UVA	UNT	MTSU	USU	ULM
Demarcus Ware	5-13	2.0-5	1.0-1	-	1.0-6	1.0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cedric Phillips	5-19	-	1.0-1	2.0-6	2.0-12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Neal Oates	2.5-10	-	1.0-4	1.0-5	-	1.0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Boo Smith	2-6	-	-	1.0-3	-	1.0-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eric Thomas	2-10	-	1.0-4	-	-	1.0-6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jamaal Holt	2-10	-	-	-	2.0-10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cedric Sullivan	2-11	1.0-5	-	-	1.0-6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Robby Farmer	1.5-2	-	-	-	1.0-1	0.5-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
David Tramble	1-3	-	-	-	1.0-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Leverne Johnson	1-1	-	1.0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Torre Lankford	1-4	1.0-4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Franklin Lloyd	1-3	-	-	DNP	1.0-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Freeman White	1-3	-	-	-	-	1.0-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adrian Ghent	1-3	-	-	-	1.0-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arthur Adams	1-5	-	1.0-5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Johnny Faulk	1-2	-	-	-	1.0-2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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GAME-BY-GAME TACKLES

Player	U-A-T	KSU	MIN	UAB	SELU	MAR	NEB	FIU	UVA	UNT	MTSU	USU	ULM
Derrick Ansley	21-18-39	7-2	6-5	4-3	1-3	3-5							
Rayshun Reed	25-9-34	4-1	6-1	4-1	3-5	8-1							
Freeman White	26-7-33	4-1	5-2	5-2	6-1	6-1							
Robby Farmer	19-8-27	3-0	5-0	1-0	4-4	6-4							
Neal Oates	19-6-25	2-0	4-1	2-0	6-2	5-3							
Demarcus Ware	19-5-24	6-0	5-4	3-0	1-1	4-0							
Bernard Davis	12-10-22	-	1-2	1-3	6-3	4-2							
Arthur Adams	13-8-21	2-1	3-0	0-2	3-4	5-1							
Torre Lankford	11-9-20	4-2	5-1	1-3	-	1-3							
Cedric Phillips	11-9-20	0-1	4-1	3-1	4-3	0-3							
Leverne Johnson	11-9-20	1-2	2-1	2-2	0-2	6-2							
Johnny Faulk	14-5-19	2-2	2-1	3-1	2-0	5-1							
Adrian Ghent	15-1-16	1-0	1-1	6-0	6-0	1-0							
Cedric Sullivan	9-5-14	1-0	1-1	3-1	2-1	2-2							
Ronald Harper	6-5-11	4-2	1-2	1-1	DNP	DNP							
Eric Thomas	7-4-11	3-1	1-0	1-1	-	2-2							
Jamaal Holt	6-4-10	2-0	2-0	-	2-2	0-2							
Boo Smith	5-5-10	-	-	2-2	2-3	1-0							
Franklin Lloyd	7-1-8	2-0	2-0	DNP	1-0	2-1							
David Tramble	2-5-7	-	2-1	0-1	0-1	0-2							
Keith Staple	3-3-6	-	0-1	2-0	0-2	1-0							
Bla. Broadhurst	3-1-4	1-0	-	1-0	-	1-1							
Jermaine Miller	2-1-3	-	-	1-1	1-0	-							
Dominique Bacon	2-0-2	DNP	2-0	DNP	DNP	DNP							
Joel Whinghter	2-0-2	1-0	-	DNP	1-0	-							
Lee Milliner	1-0-1	1-0	-	-	-	-							
Chris Cox	1-0-1	1-0	-	-	-	-							
Brannon Condren	0-1-1	-	-	0-1	-	-							
Thomas Olmsted	1-0-1	-	-	-	1-0	-							

GAME-BY-GAME KICKING

THOMAS OLMSTED

Opponent	PAT	FG	Long	Pts	KICKOFFS			
					Blkd	No	TB	OB
at Kansas State (8/30)	0-0	1-1	26	3	0	2	1	0
at Minnesota (9/6)	1-1	0-0	0	1	0	2	0	1
at UAB (9/13)	2-2	2-2	27	8	0	5	1	0
Southeastern La. (9/20)	4-4	0-2	-	4	1	5	1	0
Marshall (9/27)	3-4	2-3	38	9	0	7	2	0
at Nebraska (10/4)								
Fla. Int. (10/18)								
at Virginia (10/25)								
at North Texas (10/30)								
at Middle Tenn. (11/8)								
at Utah State (11/15)								
La.-Monroe (11/22)								
Totals	10-11	5-8	38	25	1	21	5	1

GAME-BY-GAME PUNTING

THOMAS OLMSTED

Opponent	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lg.	Blk	TB	FC	50+	
								1	20
at Kansas State (8/30)	8	302	37.8	51	1	0	2	1	2
at Minnesota (9/6)	10	441	44.1	52	0	1	1	3	1
at UAB (9/13)	3	141	47.0	51	0	0	0	1	2
Southeastern La. (9/20)	2	93	46.5	50	0	0	0	1	0
Marshall (9/27)	8	339	42.4	56	0	3	0	1	0
at Nebraska (10/4)									
Fla. Int. (10/18)									
at Virginia (10/25)									
at North Texas (10/30)									
at Middle Tenn. (11/8)									
at Utah State (11/15)									
La.-Monroe (11/22)									
Totals	31	1316	42.5	56	1	4	3	7	5

Game 1:

#5 Kansas State	41
Troy State	5

Aug. 30, 2003 - KSU Stadium - Manhattan, Kan.

MANHATTAN, Kan. - The Troy State football team led nationally ranked Kansas State 5-0, but the excitement didn't last long.

Kansas State (No. 5 Coaches/No. 7 AP) came into the game complete with an arsenal of Heisman Trophy hopefuls, and used them to quickly dispel any potential drama and send the crowd of 41,812 home happy with a 41-5 win on a rainy night at KSU Stadium. The loss marked the worst opening game loss by TSU since 1961, when they lost 39-0 to Louisiana College.

The Wildcats (2-0) rolled up an impressive 392 yards total offense and tallied 27 points in a second-quarter blitz, the most against the Trojans (0-1) in a quarter in modern school history, as KSU won its 37th consecutive game against non-conference opposition.

KSU quarterback Ell Roberson, an All-America candidate and an early leader in the Heisman race, did most of the damage, tallying 234 yards and one touchdown passing and 69 yards and three touchdowns rushing. Running back Darren Sproles, the team's other Heisman hopeful, did his part as well - tallying 63 yards and a touchdown on 11 carries before a second-quarter injury ended his night.

TSU dropped to 0-5 all-time against Big 12 opponents and 0-6 against ranked opponents since moving to Division I-A in 2001.

Troy State tallied just 138 yards total offense, the fewest by the Trojans since the had only 103 on Nov. 1, 1997, when they lost to Northwestern State, 14-13. TSU could only muster 39 yards rushing, most of which came in the fourth quarter, the fewest by a Trojan team since Nov. 3, 2001, at Maryland.

The TSU defense did rally by holding the Wildcats to only one touchdown in the second half.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Score
Troy State (0-1)	5	0	0	0	5
Kansas State (2-0)	7	27	0	7	41

SCORING SUMMARY:

First Quarter

13:43 TSU TEAM safety, . TSU 2 - KSU 0
 09:13 TSU Thomas Olmsted 26 yd field goal, 5-16, 2:42
 05:46 KSU Sproles, Darren 5 yd run (Rheem, Joe kick), 9-83, 3:27

Second Quarter

14:01 KSU Roberson, Ell 1 yd run (Rheem, Joe kick), 8-58, 2:47
 10:50 KSU Roberson, Ell 10 yd run (Rheem, Joe kick), 4-51, 1:21
 08:28 KSU Roberson, Ell 1 yd run (Roberson, Ell pass failed), 3-59, 0:34
 07:20 KSU Morris, Danny 1 yd blocked punt return (Rheem, Joe kick)

Fourth Quarter

11:10 KSU Dennis, Davin 57 yd pass from Roberson (Rheem, Joe kick), 3-57 0:21

TEAM STATISTICS:

	TSU	KSU
FIRST DOWNS	10	19
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	37-39	43-147
PASSING YDS (NET)	99	245
Passes Att-Comp-Int	30-11-2	24-10-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	67-138	67-392
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1-2
Punt Returns-Yards	1-0	4-20
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-49	1-17
Interception Returns-Yards	2-48	2-24
Punts (Number-Avg)	9-33.6	5-46.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	7-45	3-40
Possession Time	35:23	24:37
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 16	6 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 3	0 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	4-6
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-13	7-61

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS:

RUSHING: Troy State-Marrío Frasier 11-42; DeWhitt Betterson 13-40; Aaron Leak 7-minus 19; Hansell Bearden 6-minus 24. Kansas State-Roberson, Ell 15-69; Sproles, Darren 12-49; Schwinn, Jeff 4-24; Moriera, Jerm. 1-11; Saba, Ayo 2-10; Morris, Danny 4-4; Alsop, Carlos 2-4; Wilson, Travis 1-4; TEAM 2-minus 28.

PASSING: Troy State-Hansell Bearden 8-17-1-69; Aaron Leak 3-13-1-30. Kansas State-Roberson, Ell 9-23-2-234; Schwinn, Jeff 1-1-0-11.

RECEIVING: Troy State-Jason Samples 5-40; DeWhitt Betterson 2-14; Adrian Moore 1-19; Toris Rutledge 1-15; Zsan Robinson 1-9; Marrío Frasier 1-2. Kansas State-Moriera, Jerm. 2-42; Dennis, Davin 1-57; Terry, James 1-43; Polite, Antoine 1-36; Casey, Brian 1-22; Sproles, Darren 1-14; Hammond, Thomas 1-11; Magee, Travon 1-11; Wilson, Travis 1-9.

Kickoff time: 6:10 p.m. **End of Game:** 9:18 p.m. **Total elapsed time:** 3:08
Attendance: 41,812 **Temp/Wind:** 64/ENE 6 mph (Raining)

Game 2:

Minnesota	48
Troy State	7

Sept. 6, 2003 - Metrodome - Minneapolis, Minn. (ESPN+)

MINNEAPOLIS - Minnesota quarterback Assad Abdul-Khaliq completed completed 10-of-16 passes for 171 yards and a touchdown, and rushed for 54 yards and another score, to propel Minnesota past Troy State 48-7 at the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome on Saturday.

The game marked Troy State's first contest against a Big 10 team in school history. The Gophers didn't allow the Trojans to enjoy the experience for long, racing to a 20-0 halftime lead before putting the game out of reach with a 14-point blitz early in the third quarter.

Troy State (0-2) dropped consecutive games to open the year for the third consecutive season and suffered the second-worst loss under head coach Larry Blakeney.

Troy State proved to be its own worst enemy early on, turning the ball over twice on a pair of fumbles in the first quarter, the second by Jermaine Richardson inside the TSU 40-yard line. Three plays later, Rhys Lloyd put the Gophers on top 3-0 with a 52-yard field goal at the 4:15 mark.

From there, Abdul-Khaliq took over, engineering drives of 80, 69 and 61 yards, respectively, to help the Golden Gophers pull away. The first was capped by Marion Barber's 8-yard scoring run with 14 seconds to play in the opening quarter.

A 31-yard field goal by Lloyd midway through the second quarter stretched the lead to 13-0, and Abdul-Khaliq capped the first-half scoring with his scrambling 8-yard scoring run to increase the lead to 20-0.

A 15-yard Thomas Tapeh run with 10:30 left in the third quarter capped off a 10-play drive that went 65 yards. Minnesota got the ball right back and Abdul-Khaliq found Aaron Hosack down the left sideline for a 55-yard scoring strike, extending the lead to 34-0.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Score
Troy State (0-2)	0	0	0	7	7
Minnesota (2-0)	10	10	14	14	48

SCORING SUMMARY:

First Quarter

04:15 MINN Lloyd,Rhys 52 yd field goal, 4--3, 1:04
 00:14 MINN Barber III,M. 8 yd run (Lloyd,Rhys kick), 7-80, 2:36

Second Quarter

10:01 MINN Lloyd,Rhys 26 yd field goal, 12-69, 4:44
 02:41 MINN Abdul-Khaliq,Asad 8 yd run (Lloyd,Rhys kick), 10-61, 3:59

Third Quarter

10:30 MINN Tapeh,Thomas 15 yd run (Lloyd,Rhys kick), 10-65, 4:30
 08:00 MINN Hosack,Aaron 55 yd pass from Abdul-Khaliq,Asad (Lloyd,Rhys kick), 1-55, 0:09

Fourth Quarter

14:26 MINN Maroney,Laurence 10 yd run (Lloyd,Rhys kick), 2-22, 0:34
 06:41 TSU Aaron Leak 1 yd run (Thomas Olmsted kick), 20-80, 7:45
 06:30 MINN Maroney,Laurence 88 yd kickoff return (Lloyd,Rhys kick)

TEAM STATISTICS:

	TSU	MINN
FIRST DOWNS	15	26
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	40-125	55-292
PASSING YDS (NET)	64	176
Passes Att-Comp-Int	31-10-0	18-11-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	71-189	73-468
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-7	6-97
Kickoff Returns-Yards	6-143	1-88
Interception Returns-Yards	2-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	10-44.1	2-42.5
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	2-20	5-40
Possession Time	28:42	31:18
Third-Down Conversions	3 of 17	7 of 11
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 2	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	5-6
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	4-30

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS:

RUSHING: Troy State-Marrío Frasier 13-57; DeWhitt Betterson 11-36; Jermaine Richardson 5-24; Aaron Leak 5-17; Franco Johnson 3-9; Hansell Bearden 3-minus 18. Minnesota-Barber III,M. 12-60; Jackson II,T. 16-59; Abdul-Khaliq,A 7-54; Tapeh,Thomas 9-54; Maroney,L. 7-48; Hagen,Brandon 4-17.

PASSING: Troy State-Aaron Leak 5-16-0-29; Hansell Bearden 5-14-0-35; Franco Johnson 0-1-0-0. Minnesota-Abdul-Khaliq,A 10-16-1-171; Tapeh,Thomas 1-1-0-5; Kamrath,Benji 0-1-1-0.

RECEIVING: Troy State-Jason Samples 3-19; Adrian Moore 3-15; Chris Cox 1-12; DeWhitt Betterson 1-8; Jamaal Smith 1-8; Jordan Lesley 1-2. Minnesota-Hosack,Aaron 3-105; Spaeth,Matt 3-31; Tapeh,Thomas 2-25; Ellerson,Jared 1-7; Abdul-Khaliq,A 1-5; Barber III,M. 1-3.

Kickoff time: 7:10 p.m. **End of Game:** 10:10 p.m. **Total elapsed time:** 3:00
Attendance: 31,393 **Temp/Wind:** Indoors (70)

Game 3:

Troy State	20
UAB	9

Sept. 13, 2003 - Legion Field - Birmingham, Ala.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - For the Troy State football team, redemption proved to be sweet.

A year after critical turnovers led to an insurmountable lead and an eventual one-point loss to in-state rival UAB, the Trojans used that same formula to propel themselves to a 20-9 win over the Blazers at Legion Field.

TSU running back DeWhitt Betterson erupted for a 36-yard touchdown run on a fourth-and-1 play in the third quarter to erase a 9-7 halftime deficit, and the Troy State defense forced five turnovers leading to six more points, as the Trojans avenged their 27-26 loss a year ago to the Blazers before a crowd estimated at more than 18,000.

The win also snapped a 10-game losing streak for TSU against Division I-A competition. The Trojans (1-2) improved their record against in-state foes to 28-4 since Larry Blakeney became head coach in 1991.

Betterson rushed 18 times for 90 yards but saved his most impressive running for the second half, erasing TSU's halftime deficit with his dramatic run against a UAB defense that was stacking 11 men near the line of scrimmage. He jumped through a hole on the right side of the line and scampered untouched to the endzone to put the Trojans ahead for good.

After that, the Troy State defense took its cue, forcing a pair of critical turnovers to help put the game away. The first came in the third quarter with UAB at the Troy State 16-yard line, when linebacker Lerverne Johnson recovered a fumble to thwart the Balzer threat. The other came with 6:35 remaining and TSU leading 17-9, when UAB's Dan Burks fumbled at the UAB 25. Defensive back Rayshun Reed recovered it at the UAB 33. Nine plays later, TSU placekicker Thomas Olmsted sealed the final outcome with his 21-yard field, his second of the night, with 1:39 to play.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Score
Troy State (1-2)	7	0	7	6	20
UAB (1-2)	0	9	0	0	9

SCORING SUMMARY:

First Quarter
02:27 TSU Aaron Leak 5 yd run (Thomas Olmsted kick), 9-78 4:44

Second Quarter
13:06 UAB Nick Hayes 38 yd field goal, 12-58 4:16
09:42 UAB Nick Hayes 46 yd field goal, 5-29 2:02
04:33 UAB Nick Hayes 22 yd field goal, 10-41 3:49

Third Quarter
04:54 TSU DeWhitt Betterson 36 yd run (Thomas Olmsted kick), 7-56 3:42

Fourth Quarter
06:59 TSU Thomas Olmsted 27 yd field goal, 17-80 8:27
01:39 TSU Thomas Olmsted 21 yd field goal, 9-29 4:56

TEAM STATISTICS:

	TSU	UAB
FIRST DOWNS	19	19
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	51-256	28-89
PASSING YDS (NET)	131	248
Passes Att-Comp-Int	18-11-2	38-20-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	69-387	66-337
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-0	2-10
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-48	4-84
Interception Returns-Yards	2-12	2-9
Punts (Number-Avg)	3-47.0	2-36.5
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	5-3
Penalties-Yards	6-65	6-65
Possession Time	33:21	26:39
Third-Down Conversions	8 of 14	6 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-3	1-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-5	0-0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS:

RUSHING: Troy State-DeWhitt Betterson 18-90; Aaron Leak 13-81; Jermaine Richardson 10-62; Marrio Fraser 8-32; TEAM 2-minus 9. UAB-MONCUR,Bo 16-48; BURKS,Dan 7-40; HACKNEY,Darell 5-1.

PASSING: Troy State-Aaron Leak 11-18-2-131. UAB-HACKNEY,Darrell. 20-38-2-248.

RECEIVING: Troy State-Jason Samples 6-92; Toris Rutledge 2-14; Adrian Moore 1-13; Bryant Stewart 1-9; Chris Cox 1-3. UAB-COOK,Juhn 4-55; RHODES,Lance 4-32; WHITE,Roddy 3-29; CHAVEZ,Bradly 2-38; DUNCAN,Carl 2-13; HAMPTON,Cedric 1-36; CLEVELAND,C. 1-25; BURKS,Dan 1-11; MONCUR,Bo 1-5; SOUTHALL,Jason 1-4.

Kickoff time: 6 p.m. **End of Game:** 8:50 p.m. **Total elapsed time:** 2:50
Attendance: 18,216 **Temp/Wind:** 83/SE 8 mph (Clear & humid)

Game 4:

Troy State	28
Southeastern Louisiana	0

Sept. 20, 2003 - Movie Gallery Stadium - Troy, Ala.

TROY, Ala. - The Troy State Trojans christened newly renovated Movie Gallery Stadium on Saturday with explosive offense and stifling defense that resulted in a 28-0 win over Southeastern Louisiana.

Troy State junior quarterback Aaron Leak threw for 237 yards and three touchdowns and rushed for 18 yards in his second start of the season to lead the Trojans (2-2) to the victory.

Leak's 237 yards passing is the most by a Troy State quarterback since Brock Nutter threw for 254 yards on Nov. 17, 2001, against Jacksonville State. The shutout was also the Trojans' first since 2001, a 26-0 win over Nicholls State.

Leak's three touchdown passes is the most by a Trojan since junior Hansell Bearden tossed three against Austin Peay on Oct. 5, 2002. Leak and the Troy State offense tallied 22 first downs and 454 yards of total offense. The Trojan-trio of DeWhitt Betterson, Marrio Fraser and Jermaine Richardson combined for 242 yards of Troy State's 260 yards rushing. Richardson's 110 yards on the ground is a career high.

The Trojans got on the board first when Leak capped a six-play, 83-yard scoring drive by completing a 3-yard pass to junior Jason Samples with one second remaining in the first quarter. Sophomore kicker Thomas Olmsted added the extra point to give the Trojans a 7-0 lead. After a Lions' three-and-out, the Trojans put together a seven-play, 33-yard drive that resulted in a 1-yard touchdown run by Fraser. Olmsted added the extra point to give TSU a 14-0 lead with 8:53 remaining in the first half.

The most serious scoring threat for the Lions in the first half came after they marched from their own 46-yard line to the Troy State 22, before the drive stalled. The Lions attempted a 39-yard yard field goal that was blocked by sophomore Torre Lankford. The Trojans recovered the blocked kick on their own 23-yard line and drove 77-yards for their third touchdown of the half. The four-play drive was highlighted by a 17-yard touchdown pass from Leak to Samples.

Olmsted added the extra point to give Troy State a 21-0 lead with 1:07 remaining in the first half. Samples' two touchdown receptions set a career high for the Swainsboro, Ga., native.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Score
Troy State (2-2)	7	14	7	0	28
Southeastern La. (2-2)	0	0	0	0	0

SCORING SUMMARY:

First Quarter
TSU 00:01 Jason Samples 3 yd pass from Aaron Leak (Thomas Olmsted kick), 6-83, 2:31

Second Quarter
TSU 08:58 Marrio Fraser 1 yd run (Thomas Olmsted kick), 7-33, 3:34
TSU 01:14 Jason Samples 17 yd pass from Aaron Leak (Thomas Olmsted kick), 4-77, 0:55

Third Quarter
TSU 13:43 Bryant Stewart 62 yd pass from Aaron Leak (Thomas Olmsted kick), 3-80, 1:17

TEAM STATISTICS:

	SELU	TSU
FIRST DOWNS	14	22
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	22-22	37-217
PASSING YDS (NET)	258	237
Passes Att-Comp-Int	50-32-0	22-12-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	72-236	59-454
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-12	5-62
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-100	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	2-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-38.5	2-46.5
Fumbles-Lost	5-3	3-2
Penalties-Yards	15-88	12-114
Possession Time	34:43	25:17
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 16	2 of 8
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 5	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-2	3-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-14	6-37

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS:

RUSHING: Southeastern La.-Ray Perkins 11-26; Scott Goldberg 1-0; Aaron McDaniel 1-0; TEAM 1-minus 2; Martin Hankins 8-minus 46. Troy State-Jermaine Richardson 11-110; DeWhitt Betterson 6-78; Marrio Fraser 8-45; Zsan Robinson 1-minus 2; TEAM 3-minus 3; Aaron Leak 8-minus 11.

PASSING: Southeastern La.-Martin Hankins 31-48-0-228; Brian Sheppard 1-2-0-30. Troy State-Aaron Leak 12-22-2-237.

RECEIVING: Southeastern La.-Josh Taylor 8-37; Hutch Gonzales 5-55; Jeffrey Howard 4-52; Ray Perkins 3-14; Choni Francis 3-13; Brooks Jordan 2-36; D.J. Jackson 2-27; Aaron McDaniel 2-11; Scott Goldberg 1-7; Felton Huggins 1-5; Brian Sheppard 1-1. Troy State-Jason Samples 8-113; Bryant Stewart 3-114; Zsan Robinson 1-10.

Kickoff time: 6 p.m. **End of Game:** 9 p.m. **Total elapsed time:** 3:00
Attendance: 19,889 **Temp/Wind:** 86/NW 4 mph (Clear & warm)

Game 5:

Troy State 33
 Marshall 24

Sept. 27, 2003 - Movie Gallery Stadium - Troy, Ala.

TROY, Ala. - The Marshall football team entered Troy, Ala., with a full head of steam after defeating then No.6-ranked Kansas State a week earlier, but left Movie Gallery Stadium silently after being defeated by Troy State, 33-24, in front of a school-record 26,000 fans.

Troy State was led by junior DeWhitt Betterson. Betterson rushed for 114 yards and a touchdown. The Trojans finished with 349 yards total offense, including 225 yards in a decisive second half, when they rallied from a brief 17-13 deficit to post their first win over the Thundering Herd in four tries. Junior free safety Derrick Ansley also did his part, recording a pair of fourth-quarter interceptions, the first of which was returned 70 yards for a touchdown to help blow the game open.

The heroics began early for the Trojans.

After Troy State surrendered a field goal on the Thundering Herd's opening drive, the Trojans and junior Jason Samples stole the momentum when the Swainsboro, Ga., native connected with junior Jermaine Richardson for a 36-yard touchdown pass.

The Trojans carried that momentum to the half, adding to their lead with a pair of Thomas Olmsted field goals, leading 13-10 at the intermission.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Score
Marshall (2-3)	3	7	7	7	24
Troy State (3-2)	7	6	7	13	33

SCORING SUMMARY:

First Quarter

MAR 08:13 LEWIS, Ben 33 yd field goal, 13-69, 6:47
 TSU 01:34 Jermaine Richardson 36 yd pass from Jason Samples (Thomas Olmsted kick), 3-74, 1:24

Second Quarter

TSU 08:23 Thomas Olmsted 38 yd field goal, 4-0, 0:28
 TSU 06:43 Thomas Olmsted 36 yd field goal, 4-4, 1:27
 MAR 00:25 RADER, Jason 2 yd pass from HILL, Stan (LEWIS, Ben kick), 9-72, 1:58

Third Quarter

MAR 04:18 DAVIS, Josh 79 yd pass from HILL, Stan (LEWIS, Ben kick), 3-80, 0:55
 TSU 02:20 TSU DeWhitt Betterson 3 yd run (Thomas Olmsted kick), 5-80, 1:58

Fourth Quarter

TSU 11:40 TSU Derrick Ansley 70 yd interception return (Thomas Olmsted kick failed)
 MAR 08:02 MAR WATTS, Darius 15 yd pass from HILL, Stan (LEWIS, Ben kick), 4-39, 1:30
 TSU 05:28 TSU Marrio Fraser 27 yd run (Thomas Olmsted kick), 5-71, 2:20

TEAM STATISTICS:

	MAR	TSU
FIRST DOWNS	18	13
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	27-98	48-254
PASSING YDS (NET)	319	95
Passes Att-Comp-Int	52-33-3	17-6-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	79-417	65-349
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	4-31	3-32
Kickoff Returns-Yards	5-132	4-61
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	3-75
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-37.7	8-42.4
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	6-54	7-38
Possession Time	31:17	28:43
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 15	1 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 2	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-3	2-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-7	1-6

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS:

RUSHING: Marshall-CHARLES, Earl 10-69; WALLACE, Frankl 12-33; TUNSTALL, Tank 2-4; WATTS, Darius 1-0; DAVIS, Josh 1-minus 2; HILL, Stan 1-minus 6. Troy State-DeWhitt Betterson 17-114; Marrio Fraser 12-81; Aaron Leak 12-59; Jermaine Richardson 3-7; TEAM 4-minus 7.
PASSING: Marshall-HILL, Stan 25-39-2-266; GOCHNEAUR, Grah 8-13-1-53. Troy State-Aaron Leak 5-15-0-59; Jason Samples 1-1-0-36; DeWhitt Betterson 0-1-0-0.
RECEIVING: Marshall-DAVIS, Josh 12-177; WATTS, Darius 9-75; BATES, Brad 5-36; RADER, Jason 4-18; CHARLES, Earl 2-7; WALLACE, Frankl 1-6. Troy State-Jason Samples 2-38; Jermaine Richardson 1-36; Bryant Stewart 1-17; Marrio Fraser 1-4; DeWhitt Betterson 1-0.

Kickoff time: 6:06 p.m. **End of Game:** 9:43 p.m. **Total elapsed time:** 3:37
Attendance: 26,000 **Temp/Wind:** 79/SE 2 mph (Clear & cool)