

ALABAMA A&M FOOTBALL  
BULLDOG LEGACY



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# 2023 ALABAMA A&M BULLDOGS QUICK FACTS



## ALABAMA A&M UNIVERSITY

Location: Huntsville, Ala. 35762

Founded: 1875

Enrollment: 6,000

Nickname: Bulldogs

School Colors: Maroon & White

Affiliation: NCAA Division I/FCS for Football

President: Dr. Daniel Wims

Director of Athletics: Dr. Paul A Bryant

Conference: Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC)

Website: [www.AAMUSports.com](http://www.AAMUSports.com)

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## COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Connell Maynor

- Alma Mater: North Carolina A&T '95

- Record at Alabama A&M: 29-20 (Five Years)

- Overall Record: 94-51 (13 Years, Three Schools)

Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers Coach:

Duane Taylor

Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers Coaches:

Kienus Boulware

Quarterbacks Coach: Jason Mai

Running Backs Coach/Recruiting Coordinator:

Fred Farrier

Tight Ends Coach: Bobby Turner

Offensive Line Coach: Markus Lawrence

Safeties Coach: Marvin Bohannon

Defensive Tackles Coach: Cedric Pearl

Defensive Ends Coach: Adam Goggans

Cornerbacks Coach: Bryant Foster

Kicking Coach: Richard Wilson

Defensive Graduate Assistant: Elgie Hurd

Equipment Manager: Hank Harris

Strength and Conditioning Coach: Dedrick Bartie

## TEAM INFORMATION

Fall 2022 Overall Record: 4-7 (.364)

Fall 2022 Conference Record: 4-4 (.500)

Conference Finish: Third in East

## HISTORICAL TEAM INFORMATION

First Recorded Year of Football: 1912

First Year of NCAA Division I Competition: 1998

Overall Program Record: 445-425-33 (.492)

- 100 Available Seasons

NCAA Division I Overall Record: 143-124 (.535)

- 23 Seasons

NCAA Division I Championships: 1

(HBCU, Spring 2021)

NCAA Division II Postseason: 1979, 1989

Winningest Coach (By Percentage):

Ray Greene (.653 - 8 Years, 1979-83, 1986-88)

Winningest Coach (By Wins):

Louis Crews (94 - 16 Years, 1960-75)

Longest Tenured Head Coach:

George Hobson (16 Years, 1942-59)

Louis Crews (16 Years, 1960-75)

Most Wins in a Season: 9 (2006 - 9-3, 2005 - 9-3)

Highest Winning Percentage in a Season: 1.000  
(Spring 2021 - 5-0, 1966 - 8-0)





Coach Connell Maynor enters his 6th season as the coach of Alabama A&M and looks to bounce back in 2023 after the Bulldogs had a 4-7 record in 2022. The team brings in experience at all positions around the roster. A&M looks to get back to a winning style of football in 2023 and bring in some magic similar to a few years ago in 2020. The challenge of the upcoming 11-game slate will be an exciting test. With three games being broadcasted to the National audience. The Bulldogs are ready for the challenge with all the variables they have in Normal, Alabama.

## Quarterbacks

The quarterback room for the Alabama A&M Bulldogs enters the 2023 season with both junior Quincy Casey and Xavier Lankford returning to the hill leading the way and battling for the starting position. Both QB's played ten games in 2022 and threw 10 touchdowns for just over 1000 yards. The redshirt freshman Ashley Tucker Jr. from Los Angeles California returns as well. Cornelius Brown IV is coming from UT Martin and freshman Corey Chavis coming from Redford, Michigan are new additions to add depth to the position. The quarterbacks will be coached by Jason Mai who is entering his 6th season on the staff. The Bulldogs averaged 220 yards passing game in 2022 and look to take a step forward in 2023.

## Wide Receivers

The passing attack of AAMU will have a mixed bag of returning and new faces at the wide receiver position. The wide receivers are coached by the offensive coordinator and Duane Taylor are the Bulldogs coming into 2023 losing three receivers, four returning and four new faces to Huntsville. It all starts with junior wideout Keenan Hambrick leading the way, who had 29 catches for 370 yards, and 2tds last season. Followed by senior wideouts Cameron Young who had 360 yards and 2tds, and Terrell Gardner who had 25 catches for 292 yards. Alabama A&M welcomes four new faces in Nigel Fitzgerald who is coming from UCONN, senior Lavar Gumm joining the program from Central Michigan, Jacolby Hewitt from FIU, and Jeremiah Shack

## Running Backs:

If there was one thing that caught the attention of many defenses it was AAMU's running game. Coached by Fred Farrier the Bulldogs running attack put up over 1700 yards rushing last season. Losing only one player in this group, it returns All-SWAC 2nd teamer in Donovan Eaglin. Eaglin who started all 11 games had 897 yards rushing and 6tds while averaging 5 yards a carry in last season. It also helps that Alabama A&M returns their 2nd option in Harold Jemison Jr who ran for 302 yards and 4tds. Followed by DJ Moffett (Redshirt junior) and Ryan Marrow (Sophomore).

## Tight Ends

The tight ends in 2022 were led by junior Bryson Clark who played in eight games last season as the backup TE and had a stat line of 14 catches for 191 yards. He will headline the TE position in 2023 in addition returns Donovan Payne a junior from Denton, Texas, and redshirt sophomore Kobe Brown. New faces come in to add depth to this position with freshman Tyshawn Tate, and senior transfer Kameron Williams from FIU. Coaching the TE's is Bobby Turner who also coaches the full-backs for Alabama A&M.

## Offensive Line

The offensive line, coached by Markus Lawrence helped the Bulldogs put up good rushing numbers in 2022. AAMU lose three linemen but have seven-experienced O-Linemen returning to the hill. Names like junior left tackle Carson Vinson, senior Jonathan Williams, junior center Cameron Williams, junior right guard Nevell Brown, senior Josh Anderson, redshirt freshman Ramir Lewis, and redshirt freshman Christian Anderson round out those coming back while two freshmens, Camren Lindsey and Khristian Cotton join the experienced unit.



## Defensive Linemen

Alabama A&M lost four defensive linemen from the 2022 campaign. Coach Adam Goggans has ten returners on the D-Line entering 2023. With names like starting redshirt senior and All-SWAC 2nd team performer Zareon Hayes, senior Hayden Guilford, red-shirt junior Thomas Douglas, senior Rashad Colson, senior nose guard Dorian Wesley, junior defensive tackle Liston Richardson, redshirt junior Malik Pertee, junior CJ Dunn, and Demetrie Morgan.

Six transfers come to the hill to help add depth to stopping the run. Jamarion Ellis (Georgia State), Shykiem Pace-Gloster (FIU), Dorian Pickett (Appalachian State), Gregory Green (Eastern Kentucky), and Jonathan King (Indiana).

## Linebackers

The Linebackers are coached by Defensive Coordinator Kienus Bowlware, and enter 2023 with a lot of fresh faces. A&M has two returning linebackers in junior Dimitris Biamby who finished last season with 13 tackles along senior linebacker Xavier Billingsley. The Bulldogs are bringing in five new faces at the LB position in 2023. Joining the corps are Jordan Mitchell a redshirt junior from Appalachian State, Cortez Andrews from Florida State, Tony Overstreet from LA Pierce Community College, Evan Craig is coming in from Samford, while Orin Wilson Jr is the only freshman joining the group.

## Safeties

Alabama A&M lost six safeties from the 2022 team that is coached by Marvin Bohannon. Returning safeties Avian Rice, Chancellor Smith, redshirt freshman Marvin Smith, junior Khalil Griffin, and Cardelle Patrick. Seven new faces are arriving on the hill in 2023. Jordan Mitchell joins the team from Appalachian State, Cortez Andrews (Florida State), Tony Overstreet (LA Pierce Community College, Evan Craighead from Samford, and Wilson Jr the is the only freshman.

## Cornerbacks

Staying with the secondary the defensive backs who are coached by Bryant Foster look to make it tough on opposing receiving corps. The unit gave up a total of seven yards per catch in 2022. In 2023 five corners will be returning for the upcoming season. Starting with redshirt Junior Marquez Benson who started 10 games for the Bulldogs and finished with 16 tackles in 2022. Anthony Fielding a redshirt junior played seven games last season and tallied nine tackles. Elijah Eberhardt who played in nine games last season ended the campaign with one interception and two passes deflected, Teirphil Bein-Aimethe sophomore, and KC Eziumumethe red-shirt sophomore. Two new faces to the cornerback group are Tochi Nnoruka the junior joining AAMU from American River College and Andre Emilus a freshman from Auburn, Alabama.







## DR. DANIEL WIMS, PRESIDENT



**Dr. Daniel K. Wims** has been appointed the 12th president of Alabama A&M University on October 2, 2021, effective January 1, 2022. Dr. Wims has over 25 years of progressive administrative experience in various governmental and higher education organizations. Formerly, he served as Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Research, and Professor of Agricultural Sciences at the University. He has also served as Vice-President for Academic Affairs at the Fort Valley State University in Fort Valley, GA, and prior to assuming that role he served as Executive Vice-President and Vice-President for Academic Affairs, and Professor of Agricultural Sciences. In that position, he acted as chief operational officer with all Vice-Presidents and academic deans as direct reports.

Prior to moving to Fort Valley State, he served as Assistant Vice-President for Student Affairs at South Carolina State University.

Previously, he served as Director of the Division of Agricultural Sciences and Associate Professor at Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, FL.

Prior to Florida A&M, Dr. Wims served as the Director of Institutional Research and Assessment and Assistant Professor at Alcorn State University in Alcorn State, MS.

Before venturing to Alcorn, Dr. Wims served as an Assistant Professor and Director of the Small Farm Research and Resource Development Center at Southern University in Baton Rouge, LA.

Dr. Wims received the Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy in June of 1987 from Fort Valley State College, and the Master of Science degree in Agricultural Extension Education from the Ohio State University in 1989. His terminal degree, the Doctor of Philosophy degree, was received from the University of Maryland - College Park, in August of 1994. He is a graduate of Harvard University's Management and Leadership in Education, the American Association of State Colleges and Universities Millennium Program and Hampton University's Executive Leadership Development Program, and has completed a continuing education program at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, GA.

Dr. Wims has received several honors and awards from USDA, and fellowships for study and research at both the Ohio State University and the University of Maryland, College Park. He has been Omega Man of the Year and recognized as an outstanding young alumnus of Fort Valley State University. His professional, social and religious affiliations include serving as an Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, memberships in the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. (Life Member), Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, and the Fort Valley State University Alumni Association (Life Member).





# DR. PAUL A. BRYANT, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS



**Dr. Paul A. Bryant** was named Alabama A&M Director of Athletics on August 20, 2022, bringing with him an established track record as a champion of academics, a fundraiser and developer of championship programs and facilities.

In June 2023 Bryant created a A&M Athletics task force which is Charged to provide input on all aspects of management, promotion, and engagement activities surrounding major AAMU athletics events and provide recommendations to ensure maximum AAMU brand success, the task force will assist the University in evaluating current and future opportunities including the 2024 and 2026 Magic City Classic events.

He is also someone who is extremely familiar with the culture of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's), having led four such departments over the course of eight years. He became just the fourth full-time AD in the program's 24-year NCAA Division I history.

## **EDWARD WATERS (2019-22, ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS)**

In his three years at EWU, Bryant led the program to a successful beginning of a transition to NCAA Division II, backed by significant facility upgrades that helped change the trajectory of Tigers Athletics along with bringing in new programs to expand the program's footprint with both fans and recruits.

Efforts such as those increased the Department's profile to the point Edward Waters hosted multiple conference championships and had one sport claim its first league title.

vin that span nearly every facility would see improvements made to it, including locker room and stadium renovations at James P. Small Memorial Baseball Park and J. Gardner "Nip" Sams Softball Park and renovations to the Adams-Jenkins Community Sports & Music Complex, home of men's and women's basketball and women's volleyball.

One of those facility projects benefited both EWU's most high profile sport and one of its newest as Community Field & Stadium, home to football and the new women's soccer program (2021), now has 5,000 seats, a pair of grand stands, two press boxes, a large video board and State-of-the-Art artificial turf designed to provide a cooler surface in the Florida heat.

In addition to women's soccer, the Tigers also added men's volleyball to the spring slate in 2022, making it the only such program in the State of Florida.

The Gulf Coast Athletic Conference (GCAC) would also become very familiar with Edward Waters during Bryant's time in Jacksonville as they hosted the 2021 track & field and basketball championships. The latter would produce the first GCAC title for women's basketball since joining the league in more than a decade prior in 2010.

## **GRAMBLING (2016-18, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS)**

Prior to the move to EWU, he spent two seasons as the AD at Grambling, producing numerous Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) championships while successfully navigating financial challenges, facility needs and pre-existing NCAA sanctions.

Those efforts would be highlighted by a 2017-18 campaign that would see football and both men's and women's basketball claim league titles. For men's basketball it was their first such championship in 30 years while women's soccer also reached the SWAC Championship that year.

## **SOUTH CAROLINA STATE (2014-17, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS)**

A proven fundraiser, those skills would be on display during Bryant's three years at South Carolina State from 2014-17. While in Orangeburg, South Carolina he doubled the number of donations to the program over the first two years on campus while generating significant increases in single game and season ticket sales, attendance and alumni engagement.

That would help lead to the Bulldogs' football program earning a share of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) regular season title and men's tennis qualifying for the NCAA Tournament.





# DR. PAUL A. BRYANT, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS



That success would continue in 2015-16 with men's and women's tennis MEAC Championships, a runner-up finish for men's basketball and the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) Athletic Director's Association Most Improved APR Award. He would also be one of just 15 recipients of the FCS ADA Stipend Award nationwide that year.

S.C. State would also produce generational talent in that three-year span as Javon Hargrave earned MEAC Defensive Player of the Year twice and would go onto be drafted in the third round of the 2016 National Football League (NFL) Draft. Darius Leonard, a star linebacker with the Indianapolis Colts, would then continue the trend with 2016 MEAC Defensive Player of the Year honors before embarking on an illustrious pro career.

## STILLMAN (2013-14, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS)

In one season at then Division II Stillman in 2013-14 Bryant changed the culture with the creation of the Athletic Director's Honor Roll, Athletic Hall of Fame and a Fifth-Year athletic work program. He also raised funds for an on-campus fitness center as well as initiating upgrades to the baseball and track & field facilities and increasing department staff in key areas. All of these efforts led to division and tournament championships for men's and women's tennis and baseball and eight track & field student-athletes earning berths in the NCAA Division II Outdoor Championships.

## EUREKA (2008-13, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS)

Bryant got his first full-time opportunity at the AD level with Eureka College from 2008-13 where he led an 18-sport program. While there he aided in the development of the institution's strategic plan, instituted branding guidelines and oversaw a record number of student-athletes making the AD Honor Roll.

## URBANA (2004-08, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS, HEAD MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH)

A men's basketball coach by trade early in his career, he served in that capacity as well as Associate Director of Athletics at Urbana from 2004-08. He would go on to earn American Midwest Conference (AMC) and South Division Coach of the Year honors as a result of his direct work with student-athletes, one of whom garnered league Player of the Year recognition.

## SINCLAIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE (1997-2003, HEAD MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH)

An impressive coaching career would begin in 1997 at Sinclair Community College and would see Bryant earn Ohio Community College Athletic Conference (OCCAA) and Great Lakes Region Coach of the Year honors over his six seasons. Those would include four trips to the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) and a National Runner-Up finish in 1998.

## NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND CONFERENCE POSITIONS

In addition to his administration acumen and knowledge on the court, Bryant was also sought after for a number of positions of leadership outside the institutional level.

While with Edward Waters he served as a member of the NAIA Athletic Director's Association Board of Directors and chairman of the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Athletic Directors and was on the Hillcrest Golf Course Commission during his time in Orangeburg.

Additionally, he was a featured speaker at Emerging AD in Morrow, Georgia in 2014. The latter is a well-established organization founded on helping individuals eventually reach the head AD chair through interactions with successful individuals throughout the collegiate athletic landscape.

## EDUCATION

Bryant holds a bachelor's degree from Alaska Pacific, earned his Masters from Urbana and a Doctorate of Education in Athletic Administration from North Central University in 2020.







# CONNELL MAYNOR, HEAD COACH



One of the most successful coaches over the past two decades, **Connell Maynor** was named head coach at Alabama A&M on January 16, 2018, bringing with him an extensive background at both the collegiate and professional levels as a player and coach.

Upon his hiring that included being part of 10 championship teams with six of those rings coming as a player and four as a coach. He currently enters the 2023 season with a 94-51 (.648) overall record as a head coach in 13 years at three institutions.

## ALABAMA A&M (2018-PRESENT, HEAD COACH)

Since taking the reins of the Bulldogs in 2018 Maynor has compiled an 29-20 overall record, 21-12 mark in the Southwestern Athletic Conference and accomplished things no other coach has at A&M.

The Bulldogs struggled in 2022 in a bit of a rebuilding year, starting 0-3 on the season with losses to UAB, Troy, and Austin Peay. Despite the slow start, A&M won three straight conference games to start the month of October, however fell down the stretch, including the first loss in the Magic City Classic under the watch of Maynor.

After the tremendous spring season, Maynor and his squad went 7-3 during the fall, starting with a three-game win streak to start the year with a home win over South Carolina State, Bethune-Cookman on the road, and Tuskegee in the Gulf Coast Challenge. After a trio of SWAC losses over the next three games, the Bulldogs finished strong to win the last four for the 7-3 mark.

The Spring 2021 season saw him add to not only his personal championship ring collection but to that of his players as he guided Alabama A&M to a perfect 5-0 record and 3-0 league

mark, accomplishing three impressive milestones in one fell swoop on May 1.

That day would see a thrilling 40-33 victory over No. 25 Arkansas-Pine Bluff that delivered the first SWAC Championship in 15 years (and second in program history), the first undefeated season since the 1966 season 53 seasons prior and the first ever Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) National Championship for the program.

Those accomplishments earned him a spot as one of 16 national finalists for the Eddie Robinson Award as the nation's top FCS coach but were fueled by the efforts of the players he recruited.

Headlining that group was quarterback Aqeel Glass (St. Louis, Mo.) as he was named Player of the Year by the Black College Football Hall of Fame, BOXTOROW and the SWAC – all program firsts. He was also a finalist for the prestigious Walter Payton Award as the top player at the FCS level. Those would also be honors that Glass would duplicate in Fall 2021, finishing ninth in the Payton voting.

The accolades from that championship season also included a Division I Era program record 11 All-SWAC selections with seven on the First-Team.

It was also a season marked by 12 All-Americans between post-season and preseason honors, headlined by the first American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) honoree as sophomore wide out Abdul-Fatai Ibrahim (Miramar, Fla.) was named to the Second-Team. That honor made him just the fourth in program history, second in the DI Era and first since 2007.

He was also among six BOXTOROW postseason All-Americans and four preseason honorees for that organization. Additionally, junior defensive end Marcus Cushine (Broward County, Fla.) became the first player in 29 years to earn College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-District and All-America recognition for his work on the field and in the classroom.

Ibrahim would join those ranks in Fall 2021 as he became just the fourth football player to earn CoSIDA Academic All-District honors, doing so out of a district that features schools from Alabama, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

The Spring 2021 season marked a steady improvement for the program from a 6-5 overall record and 5-2 mark in the SWAC in 2018 and 7-5 and 4-3 records, respectively, in 2019. The 2018 campaign also represented the first winning season for the program since 2012.





# CONNELL MAYNOR, HEAD COACH



Most recently, the Fall 2021 campaign would see the Bulldogs go 7-3 overall, see the team earn AFCA Minority Offensive Staff of the Year and offensive coordinator Duane Taylor be named to that role for the National Football League Player's Association (NFLPA) Collegiate Bowl at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California.

In just four seasons at the helm, Maynor has delivered 31 All-SWAC honors with 17 of those being First-Team selections. A total of 21 of those came in 2020 and Spring 2021 with five, including four First-Team, in Fall 2021.

## HAMPTON (2014-17, HEAD COACH)

Maynor came to The Hill following four seasons as head coach at Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) member Hampton from 2014-17.

In that time he posted a 20-25 overall record that included a pair of winning seasons, the program's first since 2011. The first of those was a 2015 campaign that saw a 6-5 overall record and 5-3 mark in the MEAC and those records would be repeated in his final season with the Pirates in 2017.

He would pick up his first victory as a Division I head coach with a 34-30 decision over Miles on September 20, 2014 and also delivered the program's first shutout in five years, and his first at the DI level, with a 23-0 win over Delaware State that first season.

In those four years he also produced 32 All-MEAC performers over three teams, including seven on the First-Team. Those would come with seven in 2014 (two First-Team), 10 in 2015 (4), eight in 2016 (1) and seven in 2017.

## WINSTON-SALEM STATE (2010-13, HEAD COACH)

An established program builder, Maynor inherited a program that went 1-10 against a DI schedule the year before his arrival and immediately turned things around.

That first season would see the Rams deliver a sterling 8-2 record that would be the beginning of a 45-6 stretch over that four-year span and one that would include an incredible 29-2 mark in the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA).

In 2011 Maynor lead WSSU to a 13-1 overall record, a CIAA Championship with a perfect 8-0 record and a berth in the NCAA Division II Semifinals before taking even further in 2012. That year would see them earn a second straight league championship with a 14-1 record before falling in the national championship game.

The 2013 season would make for a third consecutive CIAA title behind a 10-2 overall record and 7-0 mark in league play. It would culminate in a third straight NCAA appearance and include a home 27-20 victory over Slippery Rock in the opening round.

Among the accomplishments over that stretch were a pair of HBCU National Championships in 2011 and 2012, two Super Region One titles and a bevy of personal accolades.

The latter included CIAA Coach of the Year honors in 2011 and 2012, BOXTOROW HBCU Coach of the Year, Pigskin Club of Washington, D.C. CIAA Coach of the Year, Black College Sports Page BAAD Team Coach of the Year and Don Hansen Football Gazette Super Region One Coach of the Year. He was also named the 2011 Sheridan Broadcasting National HBCU Coach of the Year.

## FAYETTEVILLE STATE (2000-09, OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR, QUARTERBACKS COACH)

No stranger to success in the CIAA, Maynor spent a decade in the league as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Division II Fayetteville State.

In that time, he helped lead FSU to four CIAA title game appearances, three of them resulting in championships in 2002, 2003 and 2009.

Additionally, he worked with All-CIAA quarterback selections in the first two of those seasons and his offense led the league in rushing offense, total offense and scoring in 2008. That offense also ranked No. 13 in the country in points per game and helped lead the Broncos to 64 wins in his time in Fayetteville.

## PROFESSIONAL PLAYING CAREER (1995-2006, ARENA FOOTBALL LEAGUE)

A veteran of 12 seasons in the Arena Football League (AFL), Maynor played for seven teams and threw for 9,285 yards and 160 touchdowns against just 33 interceptions.

A versatile player, he concluded his AFL career as the only individual to play quarterback, wide receiver, linebacker and serve as a kick return specialist and is the only player to throw for more than 5,000 yards, accumulate at least 500 yards receiving (795), 400 rushing yards (642) and 400 yards in kick returns (465).

His best season would come in 2003 when he posted career-highs in every passing category, going 235-of-400 for 3,167 yards with 54 touchdowns and only 10 interceptions.

Over the course of his 13-year professional career Maynor was part of four AFL World Championship teams, going back-to-back with the Tampa Bay Storm in 1995 and 1996 and twice with the Orlando Predators in 1998 and 2000. The latter would see him earn Arena Bowl Most Valuable Player honors with a 41-38 victory over the Nashville Kats.

In 2012, as part of the league's Silver Anniversary celebration, he was named as one of the league's 25 greatest quarterbacks.



# CONNELL MAYNOR, HEAD COACH



## PROFESSIONAL COACHING CAREER (2006-08, PHILADELPHIA SOUL - AFL)

Following his prolific playing career, Maynor transitioned into the professional ranks for coaching, moving up stairs to the offensive coordinator role with his final team, the Philadelphia Soul of the Arena Football League.

In that role he guided the Soul to first place statistical rankings in scoring offense (62.0 ppg), touchdowns (132), touchdown passes (102) and red zone efficiency (85-percent) in 2008. That effort led to Philadelphia claiming Arena Bowl XXII as they held off a furious comeback by the San Jose SaberCats for a 59-56 victory.

## COLLEGIATE PLAYING CAREER (1987, WINSTON-SALEM STATE, 1989-91 NORTH CAROLINA A&T)

Prior to his impressive coaching career, Maynor starred at quarterback at Winston-Salem State in 1987 under William "Bill" Hayes, leading the team to a CIAA Championship and earning All-CIAA honors after passing for 1,071 yards.

He would then follow Hayes to North Carolina A&T where he would proceed to become the first Aggie to be named MEAC Offensive Player of the Year, doing so in back-to-back years in 1990 and 1991. Maynor also earned All-MEAC First-Team honors in each of those seasons while leading A&T to the league championship in 1991.

That year he led the club to a 9-2 record while throwing for 1,527 yards, 18 touchdowns and only five interceptions and rushing for 288 yards and eight more scores. It also marked the second straight season that the Aggies posted a nine-win season.

Over the course of his three seasons he accounted for 58 touchdowns with 39 coming through the air and 19 on the ground, a number that currently ranks third in the program's history. Additionally, his 141.82 career passing efficiency rating is the best in Aggie history, as is his .561 completion percentage.

## ADDITIONAL HONORS AND ACCOLADES

As a result of his stellar collegiate and professional playing and coaching careers, Maynor has been inducted into both the MEAC and NC A&T Halls of Fame. The Aggies honored him in 2014 while the MEAC inducted him into their ranks in 2020.

Additionally, he has appeared on the silver screen, serving as Jamie Foxx's stand-in in the movie Any Given Sunday (1999) and did stunt work in the blockbuster Remember The Titans (2000).

## EDUCATION

Maynor holds a Bachelor of Arts in Recreation Administration earned from North Carolina A&T in 1995.







# 2023 ALABAMA A&M BULLDOGS ROSTER



No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Cl	Hometown/Previous School
0	Marquez Beason	CB	5' 11"	185	rJr	Dallas, TX/University of Illinois
1	Terrell Gardner	WR	5' 8"	160	Sr	Birmingham AL/ Ramsay HS
1	Kaleb Dawson	S	5' 11"	200	rSr	Moultrie, GA/Appalachian State
2	Nigel Fitzgerald	WR	6' 3"	230	rSr	Greensboro, NC/UCONN
3	Jacolby Hewitt	WR	6' 1"	210	Sr	Memphis, TN/Fla. International
4	Cameron Young	WR	5' 9"	175	Sr	Mobile, AL/Daphne High School
4	Zareon Hayes	DE	6' 1"	240	rSr	Dillon, SC/Appalachian State
5	Brian Plummer	S	6' 4"	225	rSo	Gaithersburg, MD/Univ of Buffalo
5	Darin Turner	WR	6' 3"	215	rSo	Memphis, TN/Univ of Arkansas
6	Keenan Hambrick	WR	6' 4"	205	Jr	Athens, AL/Western Carolina Univ
6	Emari Pait	S	6' 2"	200	rSo	Culver City, CA/Fresno State
7	Donovan Eaglin	RB	5' 11"	226	rSo	Houston, TX/Michigan State Univ
7	Jamarion Ellis	DE	6' 0"	232	rSo	Eastman, GA/Georgia State Univ
8	Quincy Casey	QB	6' 1"	180	rJr	Memphis, TN/Jackson State Univ
9	Jordan Mitchell	LB	6' 0"	220	rJr	Beulaville, NC/Appalachian State
10	Cornelius Brown IV	QB	6' 5"	210	Jr	Calera, AL/Tennessee-Martin
11	Levar Gummies	WR	6' 2"	195	Sr	New Orleans, LA/Central Michigan
11	Shykiem Gloster-Pace	DE	6' 4"	220	rSo	Opa Locka, FL/Fla. International
12	Cory Chavis	QB	6' 6"	200	Fr	Redford, MI/Redford Union HS
12	Marvin Smith	S	6' 2"	220	rSo	Loganville, GA/Kennesaw State
13	Elijah Eberhardt	CB	5' 10"	180	rJr	Cincinnati, OH/Bowling Green Univ
13	Timothy Mann Jr	WR	6' 0"	165	Fr	South Bay, FL/Inlet Grove
14	Tochukwu Nnoruka	CB	6' 3"	185	Jr	Elk Grove, CA/American River College
16	Xavier Lankford	QB	6' 2"	195	Jr	Pelham, AL/Pelham High School
17	Andre Emilus	CB	6' 3"	175	Fr	Auburn, AL Auburn HS
18	Ashley Tucker Jr	QB	6' 2"	190	rFr	Los Angeles, CA Leuzinger HS
18	Tervae Williams	S	6' 3"	210	Jr	Guthrie, OK/Northeastern Oklahoma
19	Nikobe Myers	S	6' 1"	220	Jr	Walled Lake, MI/Michigan State
20	Kenny Wilkins	RB	5' 11"	230	rSr	Cleveland, OH/Marshall University
21	Anthony Fielding	CB	5' 10"	175	rJr	Apopka, FL/Georgia Southern Univ
23	Isaiah Nwokenkwo	RB	5' 8"	195	rJr	Bradley, IL/College of DuPage
25	Tierphill Bien-Aime	CB	6' 0"	170	So	Ft Lauderdale, FL/St. Thomas Aquinas
26	Ryan Morrow	RB	6' 0"	203	So	Maplesville, AL Maplesville HS
27	Kenechukwu Eziumume	CB	6' 1"	175	rSo	Kennesaw, GA/ North Cobb HS
28	Chancellor Smith	S	5' 11"	190	Jr	Wake Forest, NC/Liberty Univ
29	Lynn Pettway	S	5' 9"	170	rFr	Montgomery, AL/Park Crossing HS
30	Davaryl Moffett	RB	5' 10"	200	rJr	Phenix City, AL/ Smiths Station HS
31	Tristan Graham	WR	5' 11"	160	Fr	Huntsville, AL/Grissom High School
33	Harold Jemison	RB	6' 1"	228	rSo	Nashville, TN/Glencliff High School
34	Cardelle Patrick	S	5' 11"	180	rFr	Semmes, AL/Mary G Montgomery HS
35	Khalli Griffin	S	6' 0"	190	Jr	Madison, AL/Bob Jones High School
39	Miles Gilmore	CB	5' 7"	180	Fr	Detroit, MI/Cass Tech High School
40	Kobe Brown	TE	6' 1"	240	rSo	Jacksonville, FL/Newberry College
41	Evan Craighead	LB	6' 3"	218	rSo	Madison, AL/Samford University
42	Barry White	TE	6' 1"	190	rSo	Pinson, AL/Pinson Valley High School
43	Thomas Douglas	DE	6' 3"	230	rJr	Milledgeville, GA/Georgia Military Acad.
44	Malik Pertee	DT	6' 1"	306	rJr	Ocala, FL/Troy University
45	Orin Wilson Jr	LB	6' 0"	190	Fr	Mobile, AL/Lillie B. Williamson HS
46	Dorian Pickett	DT	6' 2"	255	Sr	Beulaville, NC/Appalachian State
49	Victor Barbosa	K	6' 0"	190	rSo	Hialeah Gardens, FL/Florida Memorial
50	Dimitris Biamby	LB	5' 10"	200	Jr	Miami FL/Coral Gables High School
51	Xaiver Billingsly	LB	6' 2"	205	Sr	Columbus , GA/Central High School
52	Jonathan Williams	OL	6' 2"	270	Sr	Mobile, AL/B.C. Rain High School
53	Christopher Barnes	LB	6' 0"	230	Jr	Chicago, IL/Culber Stockton College
54	Demetrie Morgan	DE	6' 5"	215	rFr	Ft Meyers, FL/Dunbar High School
56	Khristian Cotton	OL	6' 6"	280	Fr	Fayetteville, NC/Seventy First HS
57	Bryce Miller	LS	6' 1"	265	Sr	Woodbridge, VA/Howard University
58	Christian Anderson	OL	6' 4"	255	rFr	Atlanta, GA/Univ of Tenn Chattanooga
59	Austin Taylor	LB	5' 10"	215	rFr	Memphis, TN/DeSoto Central HS
60	Liston Richardson	DT	5' 10"	251	Jr	Prichard, AL/McGill-Toolen HS
61	CJ Dunn	DE	6' 4"	250	Jr	Bourbonnais, IL/Northern Illinois
62	Dwight Harvey	DT	6' 1"	275	rFr	Twinsburg, OH/St Edward HS
63	Joshua Anderson	OL	6' 2"	280	Sr	Gwinnett, GA/South Gwinnett HS
64	Cameron Williams	OL	6' 2"	290	Jr	Montgomery, AL/Park Crossing HS
67	Jabari Stanley	OL	6' 0"	285	rJr	Pleasant Grove, AL/Pleasant Grove HS
69	BJ Maxena	OL	6' 2"	283	rFr	Pelham, AL/Pelham High School
70	Camren Lindsey	OL	6' 2"	285	Fr	Orlando, FL/Jones High School

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Cl	Hometown/Previous School
74	Caleb Holsey	OL	6' 2"	290	Fr	Huntsville, AL/Bob Jones HS
75	Ramier Lewis	OL	6' 7"	340	rFr	Clearwater, FL/American Collegiate Acad.
76	Carson Vinson	OL	6' 6"	305	Jr	Morrisville, NC Panther Creek HS
77	Thomas Durisseau	OL	5' 11"	235	rSo	Moorepark, CA
78	Nevell Brown	OL	6' 4"	280	Jr	West Palm Beach, FL/Palm Beach Lakes HS
79	Bruce Crenshaw	OL	6' 0"	270	rFr	Mobile, AL/Blount High School
80	Maurice Marcellus	WR	5' 9"	160	Fr	Miami FL/St Thomas Aquinas HS
81	Jeremiah Shack	WR	6' 6"	207	Fr	Jacksonville, FL/Mandarin HS
82	Devin Herring	WR	6' 0"	175	Fr	Jacksonville, FL/Riverside High School
83	Walter Bowers IV	WR	5' 9"	160	Fr	Hiram, GA/Mt. Juliet High School
84	Donovan Payne	TE	6' 4"	200	Jr	Denton, TX/Univ of Northern Colorado
85	Karmelo Montgomery	WR	6' 5"	205	Fr	Huntsville, AL/Sparkman HS
86	Tyshawn Tate	TE	6' 5"	215	Fr	Memphis, TN/Whitehaven HS
87	Kamareon Williams	TE	6' 3"	240	Sr	Boynton Beach, FL/Fla. International
88	Bryson Clark	TE	6' 2"	210	Jr	Lake Worth, FL/Atlantic High School
89	Courtland Taylor	WR	6' 1"	185	Fr	Gordo, AL/Gordo High School
90	Nicholas Glenn	DT	6' 0"	270	rSo	Deerfield Beach, FL
93	Dorian Wesley	DT	6' 5"	280	rJr	Flat Rock, MI/Univ of Toledo
95	Hayden Aniagor-Gilford	DE	6' 2"	220	Sr	Loganville, GA/Grayson High School
97	Rashad Colson	DT	6' 6"	330	Sr	Opa Locka, FL/Fla. International





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Team Statistics	AAMU	OPP
SCORING	225	353
Points Per Game	20.45	32.09
FIRST DOWNS	227	227
Rushing	90	90
Passing	112	106
Penalty	25	31
RUSHING YARDAGE	1756	1728
Yards gained	2065	2041
Yards lost	309	313
Attempts	435	394
Avg Per Attempt	4.0	4.4
Avg Per Game	159.6	157.1
TDs Rushing	16	18
PASSING YARDAGE	2421	2480
Att-Comp-Int	356-203-15	345-182-9
Avg Per Attempt	6.80	7.19
Avg Per Catch	11.93	13.63
Avg Per Game	220.09	225.45
TDs Passing	11	26
TOTAL OFFENSE	4177	4208
Total Plays	791	739
Avg Per Play	5.3	5.7
Avg Per Game	379.7	382.5
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	28-505	37-548
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	13-76	13-111
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS	9-62	15-249
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	18.04	14.81
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	5.85	8.54
INT RETURN AVERAGE	6.89	16.60
FUMBLES-LOST	16-9	13-9
PENALTIES-YARDS	93-931	102-844
Avg Per Game	84.64	76.73
PUNTS-YARDS	46-1659	47-1857
Avg Per Punt	36.07	39.51
Net Punt Avg	33.65	35.77
KICKOFFS-YARDS	46-2185	65-3701
Avg Per Kick	47.50	56.94
Net Kick Avg	34.72	41.78
TIME OF POSSESSION	06:07:26	05:05:21
Per Game	33:24	27:46
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	42-145	64-150
3rd-Down Pct	28.97 %	42.67 %
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	17-34	10-18
4th-Down Pct	50.00 %	55.56 %
SACKS BY-YARDS	23-161	24-179
MISC YARDS	0	18
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	28	47
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	10-15	9-12
ON-SIDE KICKS	1-1	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	31-39	34-42
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	23-39	30-42
PAT-ATTEMPTS	25-25	42-42
ATTENDANCE	132,279	72,839
Dates-Avg Per Date	6-22,047	5-14,568
Neutral Site #-Avg	-	2-49,916

Conf	Date	Opponent	WL	Score	Record	Time	Attend
	09/01/2022	at UAB	L	0-59	0-1 , 0-0	03:24	32,542
	9/10/2022	at Troy	L	17-38	0-2	3:47	26,189
	9/17/2022	AUSTIN PEAY	L	3-28	0-3	2:59	7,150
*	09/24/2022	at Florida A&M	L	25-38	0-4 , 0-1	04:57	7,595
*	10/1/2022	BETHUNE-COOKMAN	W	35-27	1-4 , 1-1	3:11	18,750
*	10/8/2022	GRAMBLING	W	37-31	2-4 , 2-1	3:49	5,150
*	10/16/2022	at Arkansas Pine Bluff	W	34-31	3-4 , 2-2-1	2:50	4,172
*	10/29/2022	vs Alabama State	L	17-24	3-5 , 3-2	3:25	67,532
*	11/3/2022	at MVSU Delta Devils	L	20-30	3-6 , 3-3	3:27	2,341
*	11/12/2022	vs Jackson St.	L	13-27	3-7 , 3-4	05:37	32,300
*	11/19/2022	TEXAS SOUTHERN	W	24-20	4-7 , 4-4	3:25	1,397

\* = Conference game

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Alabama A&M	50	54	38	70	13	225
Opponents	69	87	108	82	7	353





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#	Rushing	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	AVG	TD	LG	AVG/G
7	Eaglin, Donovan	11	171	897	24	873	5.1	6	26	79.36
16	Lankford, Xavier	10	73	416	136	280	3.8	3	64	28.00
	Ha jemison jr	7	52	232	7	225	4.3	3	21	32.14
3	Quarles, Gary	4	59	200	33	167	2.8	2	14	41.75
	Jemison, Harold	3	17	79	0	79	4.6	1	16	26.33
12	Gardner, Terrell	10	6	66	15	51	8.5	0	23	5.10
4	Young, Cameron	11	2	44	0	44	22.0	0	28	4.00
89	Johnson, Kendric	9	1	15	0	15	15.0	0	15	1.67
7	Bell VI, Charles	9	1	10	0	10	10.0	0	10	1.11
	Vi, Charles bell	9	1	10	0	10	10.0	0	10	1.11
85	Ibrahim, Abdul-Fatai	4	1	9	0	9	9.0	0	9	2.25
88	Clark, Bryson	8	1	8	0	8	8.0	0	8	1.00
70	Herrin, Cortez	8	0	3	0	3	3.0	0	0	0.38
	Lankford, Xavie	1	8	19	16	3	0.4	0	9	3.00
18	Tucker, Jr., Ashley	3	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3	1.00
25	Bien-Aime, Tierphill	1	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	1.00
8	Casey, Quincy	10	31	60	59	1	0.0	1	6	0.10
	Clark, Byron	3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.00
10	Cox, Isiah	11	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.00
	Team	8	9	3	19	-16	-1.8	0	3	-2.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>2075</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>1766</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>160.55</b>
	<b>Opponents</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>2041</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>1728</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>157.09</b>

#	Passing	GP	Rating	COMP-ATT-INT	PCT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/G
8	Casey, Quincy	10	119.80	89-151-8	58.94 %	1088	5	61	108.80
16	Lankford, Xavier	10	116.67	94-166-5	56.63 %	1070	6	45	107.00
	Lankford, Xavie	1	85.28	16-32-2	50.00 %	182	0	47	182.00
18	Tucker, Jr., Ashley	3	157.10	2-4-0	50.00 %	51	0	42	17.00
10	Cox, Isiah	11	226.00	2-2-0	100.00 %	30	0	27	2.73
	Team	8	0.00	0-1-0	0.00 %	0	0	0	0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>115.92</b>	<b>203-356-15</b>	<b>57.02 %</b>	<b>2421</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>220.09</b>
	<b>Opponents</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>132.79</b>	<b>182-345-9</b>	<b>52.75 %</b>	<b>2480</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>225.45</b>

#	Receivng	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	AVG/G
10	Cox, Isiah	11	33	425	12.88	3	46	38.64
4	Young, Cameron	11	29	336	11.59	3	61	30.55
12	Gardner, Terrell	10	26	317	12.19	0	53	31.70
6	Hambrick, Keenan	10	24	288	12.00	2	45	28.80
88	Clark, Bryson	8	11	149	13.55	0	27	18.63
85	Ibrahim, Abdul-Fatai	4	13	138	10.62	0	40	34.50
89	Johnson, Kendric	9	10	136	13.60	0	30	15.11
	Jenkins, Brian	4	12	102	8.50	0	30	25.50
	Ibrahim, Abdul-	3	7	89	12.71	0	40	29.67
	Hambrick, Keena	1	5	82	16.40	0	47	82.00
2	Jenkins Jr., Brian	2	10	76	7.60	0	25	38.00
7	Eaglin, Donovan	11	8	73	9.13	1	20	6.64
	Ha jemison jr	7	4	57	14.25	1	26	8.14
0	Beason, Marquez	10	1	56	56.00	1	56	5.60
	Jenkins jr., Br	1	6	40	6.67	0	15	40.00
3	Quarles, Gary	4	4	37	9.25	0	18	9.25
5	Turner, Darin	6	4	37	9.25	0	14	6.17
	Clark, Byron	3	2	34	17.00	0	29	11.33
8	Casey, Quincy	10	1	27	27.00	0	27	2.70

#	Punt Returns	NO	YRDS	AVG	TD	LG
10	Cox, Isiah	8	53	6.63	0	20
0	Beason, Marquez	1	8	8.00	0	8
12	Gardner, Terrell	2	8	4.00	0	6
8	Casey, Quincy	1	4	4.00	0	4
	Fieldings, Anth	1	3	3.00	0	3
21	Fieldings, Anthony	1	3	3.00	0	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>5.64</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>
	<b>Opponents</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>8.54</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>43</b>

#	Interceptions	NO	YRDS	AVG	TD	LG
24	Rice, Avian	2	23	11.50	0	23
9	Terry, Dre	1	31	31.00	0	31
68	Irby, Jamal	1	6	6.00	1	6
16	Lankford, Xavier	1	2	2.00	0	2
11	Douglass, Moses	1	0	0.00	0	0
13	Eberhardt, Elijah	1	0	0.00	0	0
	Hester ii, Farr	1	0	0.00	0	0
2	Holt, Saeed	1	0	0.00	0	0
	Ii, Farr hester	1	0	0.00	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>6.20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>31</b>
	<b>Opponents</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>16.60</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>78</b>

#	Kick Returns	NO	YRDS	AVG	TD	LG
4	Young, Cameron	10	150	15.00	0	65
12	Gardner, Terrell	7	139	19.86	0	27
10	Cox, Isiah	5	114	22.80	0	68
	Gardner, Terrel	2	50	25.00	0	36
	Jemison, Harold	2	24	12.00	0	12
16	Lankford, Xavier	1	19	19.00	0	19
26	Morrow, Ryan	1	9	9.00	0	9
	<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>18.04</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>68</b>
	<b>Opponents</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>14.81</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>68</b>

#	Fumble Returns	NO	YRDS	AVG	TD	LG
9	Terry, Dre	1	-2	-2.00	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-2.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>Opponents</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>35.50</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>60</b>



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49	Barbosa, Victor	—	9	25-25	—	—	—	—	—	52
7	Eaglin, Donovan	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	42
	Ha jemison jr	4	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	24
10	Cox, Isiah	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18
16	Lankford, Xavier	3	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	18
4	Young, Cameron	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18
6	Hambrick, Keenan	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
3	Quarles, Gary	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
0	Beason, Marquez	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
8	Casey, Quincy	1	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	6
68	Irby, Jamal	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
	Jemison, Harold	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
39	Alvarez, Zach	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
	Team	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>25-25</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>0-2</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>225</b>
	<b>Opponents</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>42-42</b>	<b>0-2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>353</b>

#	Field Goals	FGM-FGA	PCT	I20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LG	BLK
39	Alvarez, Zach	1-1	100.00 %	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	47	0
49	Barbosa, Victor	9-14	64.29 %	0-0	3-3	5-7	1-4	0-0	42	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10-15</b>	<b>66.67 %</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>3-3</b>	<b>5-7</b>	<b>2-5</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>Opponents</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>75.00 %</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>5-6</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>0</b>

FG Sequence	Alabama A&M	Opponents
UAB	-	(51)
Troy	(47)	(30)
Austin Peay	(30),44	-
Florida A&M	(42)	34,(20)
Bethune-Cookman	-	32
Grambling	43,(29)	(31)
Arkansas Pine Bluff	(30),(29)	(42)
Alabama State	38,(37)	(49)
MVSU Delta Devils	44	(34),(48),(46),37
Jackson St.	(30),30,(30)	-
Texas Southern	(24)	-

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

#	Total Offense	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	AVG/G
16	Lankford, Xavier	10	239	280	1070	1350	135.00
8	Casey, Quincy	10	182	1	1088	1089	108.90
7	Eaglin, Donovan	11	171	873	0	873	79.36
	Ha jemison jr	7	52	225	0	225	32.14
	Lankford, Xavie	1	40	3	182	185	185.00
3	Quarles, Gary	4	59	167	0	167	41.75
	Jemison, Harold	3	17	79	0	79	26.33
18	Tucker, Jr., Ashley	3	5	3	51	54	18.00
12	Gardner, Terrell	10	6	51	0	51	5.10
4	Young, Cameron	11	2	44	0	44	4.00
10	Cox, Isiah	11	3	0	30	30	2.73
89	Johnson, Kendric	9	1	15	0	15	1.67
7	Bell VI, Charles	9	1	10	0	10	1.11
	Vi, Charles bell	9	1	10	0	10	1.11
85	Ibrahim, Abdul-Fatai	4	1	9	0	9	2.25
88	Clark, Bryson	8	1	8	0	8	1.00
70	Herrin, Cortez	8	0	3	0	3	0.38
25	Bien-Aime, Tierphill	1	1	1	0	1	1.00
	Team	8	10	-16	0	-16	-2.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>1766</b>	<b>2421</b>	<b>4187</b>	<b>380.64</b>
	<b>Opponents</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>1728</b>	<b>2480</b>	<b>4208</b>	<b>382.55</b>

#	Punting	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TB	FC	I20	50+	BLK
49	Barbosa, Victor	24	880	36.67	59	0	6	6	1	0
15	Lendvay, Troy	20	736	36.80	50	0	10	7	1	0
8	Casey, Quincy	1	43	43.00	43	0	0	1	0	0
	Team	1	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>1659</b>	<b>36.07</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>Opponents</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>1857</b>	<b>39.51</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>

#	Kickoffs	NO	YDS	AVG	TB	OB
39	Alvarez, Zach	18	925	51.4	2	0
49	Barbosa, Victor	28	1260	45.0	0	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>2185</b>	<b>47.5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
	<b>Opponents</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>3701</b>	<b>56.9</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>





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#	All Purpose	G	RUSH	RCV	PR	KR	IR	Total	AVG/G
7	Eaglin, Donovan	11	873	73	0	0	0	946	86.00
10	Cox, Isiah	11	0	425	53	114	0	592	53.82
4	Young, Cameron	11	44	336	0	150	0	530	48.18
12	Gardner, Terrell	10	51	317	8	139	0	515	51.50
16	Lankford, Xavier	10	280	3	0	19	2	304	30.40
6	Hambrick, Keenan	10	0	288	0	0	0	288	28.80
	Ha jemison jr	7	225	57	0	0	0	282	40.29
3	Quarles, Gary	4	167	37	0	0	0	204	51.00
88	Clark, Bryson	8	8	149	0	0	0	157	19.63
89	Johnson, Kendric	9	15	136	0	0	0	151	16.78
85	Ibrahim, Abdul-Fatai	4	9	138	0	0	0	147	36.75
	Jemison, Harold	3	79	23	0	24	0	126	42.00
	Jenkins, Brian	4	0	102	0	0	0	102	25.50
	Ibrahim, Abdul-	3	0	89	0	0	0	89	29.67
	Hambrick, Keena	1	0	82	0	0	0	82	82.00
2	Jenkins Jr., Brian	2	0	76	0	0	0	76	38.00
0	Beason, Marquez	10	0	56	8	0	0	64	6.40
	Gardner, Terrel	1	0	8	0	50	0	58	58.00
	Jenkins jr., Br	1	0	40	0	0	0	40	40.00
5	Turner, Darin	6	0	37	0	0	0	37	6.17
	Clark, Byron	3	0	34	0	0	0	34	11.33
8	Casey, Quincy	10	1	27	4	0	0	32	3.20
9	Terry, Dre	11	0	0	0	0	31	31	2.82
24	Rice, Avian	11	0	0	0	0	23	23	2.09
0	White, Micah	4	0	17	0	0	0	17	4.25
84	Payne, Donovan	6	0	16	0	0	0	16	2.67
81	Thomas, Malik	7	0	15	0	0	0	15	2.14
26	Morrow, Ryan	5	0	4	0	9	0	13	2.60
7	Bell VI, Charles	9	10	0	0	0	0	10	1.11
	Vi, Charles bell	9	10	0	0	0	0	10	1.11
68	Irby, Jamal	10	0	0	0	0	6	6	0.60
70	Herrin, Cortez	8	3	0	0	0	0	3	0.38
	Lankford, Xavie	1	3	0	0	0	0	3	3.00
18	Tucker, Jr., Ashley	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	1.00
	Fieldings, Anth	7	0	0	3	0	0	3	0.43
21	Fieldings, Anthony	8	0	0	3	0	0	3	0.38
25	Bien-Aime, Tierphill	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.00
3	Burns, Diata	9	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.11
	Team	8	-16	0	0	0	0	-16	-2.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1766</b>	<b>2586</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>4998</b>	<b>454.36</b>
	<b>Opponents</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1728</b>	<b>2480</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>5116</b>	<b>465.09</b>



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#	Defensive Leaders	GP	Tackles				Sacks NO-YDS	Pass Defense			Fumbles		Blocked	
			Solo	ASST	TOT	TFL-YDS		INT-YDS	BU	QBH	RCV-YDS	FF	KICK	SAF
9	Terry, Dre	11	43	42	85.0	12.0-40	1.5-11	1-31	2	5	1--2	1	—	—
11	Douglass, Moses	11	32	29	61.0	—	—	2-0	—	—	1-0	—	—	—
4	Hayes, Zareon	10	30	23	53.0	16.5-54	3.5-18	—	1	6	—	2	—	—
24	Rice, Avian	11	27	24	51.0	4.5-13	—	2-23	2	2	—	—	—	—
53	Hester ii, Farr	8	17	20	37.0	7.5-18	1.5-6	1-0	2	—	1-0	1	—	—
53	Ii, Farr hester	8	17	20	37.0	7.5-18	1.5-6	1-0	2	—	1-0	1	—	—
2	Holt, Saeed	7	18	14	32.0	0.5-0	—	1-0	1	—	—	—	—	—
48	McNeal, JaBraun	10	18	14	32.0	3.5-17	3.0-16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7	Bell VI, Charles	9	12	13	25.0	3.5-14	0.5-4	—	4	1	—	—	—	—
7	Vi, Charles bell	9	12	13	25.0	3.5-14	0.5-4	—	4	1	—	—	—	—
60	Richardson, Liston	11	7	17	24.0	4.0-13	1.5-11	—	1	—	—	1	—	—
3	Burns, Diata	9	11	10	21.0	—	—	—	9	—	—	—	—	—
32	Smith, Marvin	9	15	6	21.0	1.5-4	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
93	Wesley, Dorian	11	13	7	20.0	5.5-20	2.0-14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
0	Beason, Marquez	10	13	6	19.0	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—
43	Douglas, Thomas	9	11	7	18.0	5.5-32	3.0-26	—	—	5	—	1	—	—
60	Richardson, Lis	8	5	13	18.0	3.0-12	1.5-11	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
5	Floyd, De'Gabriel	9	6	10	16.0	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
1	Conner, Aadreekis	8	5	9	14.0	1.0-8	1.0-8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
50	Biamby, Dimitris	9	10	3	13.0	1.0-1	—	—	1	—	1-0	—	—	—
68	Irby, Jamal	10	6	7	13.0	2.0-11	1.0-10	1-6	—	—	2-0	—	—	—
21	Fieldings, Anth	7	6	5	11.0	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—
21	Fieldings, Anthony	8	6	5	11.0	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—
45	Middleton, Trey	7	4	6	10.0	3.0-23	3.0-23	—	—	5	—	2	—	—
13	Eberhardt, Elijah	9	4	5	9.0	0.5-1	—	1-0	1	—	—	—	—	—
95	Gilford, Hayden	6	4	5	9.0	1.0-9	1.0-9	—	—	2	1-0	—	—	—
50	Biamby, Dimitri	1	4	4	8.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
41	Calloway, Rich	5	3	5	8.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
19	Fisher, Dennis	4	5	3	8.0	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
28	Smith, Chancellor	1	6	2	8.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34	Becker, Carlos	3	1	6	7.0	0.5-0	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
53	Hester II, Farrell	3	4	3	7.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
29	Reef, Jahkeel	7	4	2	6.0	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—
7	Bell vi, Charle	1	5	—	5.0	1.0-9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
51	Billingsley, Xa	4	2	2	4.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TM	Team	8	4	—	4.0	—	—	—	—	—	1-0	—	—	1
34	Becker III, Carlos	1	1	2	3.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
27	Eziomume, Kenechukwu	2	2	1	3.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
17	Parra, Jerry	4	1	2	3.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
44	Pertee, Malik	4	1	2	3.0	1.0-3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
91	Taamu, Jericho	2	—	3	3.0	0.5-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6	Tucker, Olen	5	1	2	3.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4	Young, Cameron	11	1	2	3.0	0.5-5	0.5-5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
40	Brown, Kobe	6	1	1	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
41	Calloway, Richa	1	2	—	2.0	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
97	Colson, Rashad	1	1	1	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	1-0	—	—	—
54	Morgan, Demetri	1	2	—	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
94	Wilkins, Kr	2	—	2	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
67	Williams, Ryan	1	—	2	2.0	0.5-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—





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92	Glass, Aleem	1	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
79	Glenn, Nicholas	3	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6	Hambrick, Keena	1	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
57	Hopkins, Phillip	1	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
46	King, Jonathan	4	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
99	McGhee, Jalen	1	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
54	Morgan, Demetrie	1	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26	Morrow, Ryan	5	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
23	Nwokenkwo, Isaiah	1	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
84	Payne, Donovan	6	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65	Sanders, Taylor	5	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
28	Smith, Ch	5	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20	Wilkins, Kenny	1	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
94	Wilkins, Kristopher	1	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
52	Williams, Jonat	7	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
52	Williams, Jonathan	3	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
13	Wright, Donovan	5	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
16	Lankford, Xavier	10	—	—	—	—	—	0-2	—	—	—	—	—
3	Quarles, Gary	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>812.0</b>	<b>91.0-341</b>	<b>26.5-182</b>	<b>10-62</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>10--2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>— 1</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>826.0</b>	<b>67.0-297</b>	<b>24.0-179</b>	<b>15-249</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>9-71</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3 —</b>



# MASSIVE 28-POINT FIRST QUARTER DOWNS ALABAMA A&M AT UAB IN SEASON OPENER



**BIRMINGHAM, Ala.** – Facing one of the top Group of 5 programs in the country, Alabama A&M (0-1, 0-0 SWAC) could not keep pace with the offense of Alabama-Birmingham (1-0, 0-0 C-USA) as they dropped a 59-0 decision in an NCAA Division I football game on Thursday, September 1.

## THE STATS - ALABAMA A&M

Junior quarterback Xavier Lankford (Pelham, Ala.) played the majority of the game in relief, going 12-of-22 for 115 yards and an interception and led the Bulldogs on the ground with 10 carries for 42 yards.

He was joined in the backfield by sophomore running back Donovan Eaglin (Houston, Texas) with 32 yards and senior wide receiver Isiah Cox (Jasper, Ala.) anchored the receiving corps with 54 yards on a pair of catches, including a long of 29. Graduate wide receiver Brian Jenkins, Jr. (Daytona Beach, Fla.) led that group with six catches for 37 yards to round out the top offensive performances.

On the other side of the ball, sophomore safety Chancellor Smith (Wake Forest, N.C.) came away with a team-high eight tackles, six solo, while junior safety Dennis Fisher (Fort Pierce, Fla.) had six tackles, five himself, and a pass breakup. Sophomore cornerback Elijah Eberhardt (Cincinnati, Ohio) came away with an interception and senior defensive tackle Jamal Irby (Mobile, Ala.) got into the backfield for a 10-yard sack.

Junior defensive back Marquez Beason (Dallas, Texas) added a breakup in the secondary, as did junior defensive end Phillip Hopkins (Montgomery, Ala.), and junior defensive end Zareon Hayes (Dillon, S.C.) finished with three tackles, two for loss, and a breakup.

## THE GAME

Benefitting from A&M deferring the opening kick, the Blazers marched 70 yards downfield on their opening possession, taking just eight plays to do so. That stretch included picking up a 3rd and 5 from the Bulldogs 40-yard line and, two plays later, Jermaine Brown, Jr. breaking free for a 19-yard touchdown and a 7-0 lead at the 11:18 mark.

The Bulldogs would go three-and out on their first possession but UAB would not wait to get the ball back to do damage as Charlie Goode broke through to block the punt and Damien Miller scooped it up for a 29-yard touchdown. Following a Matt Quinn extra point, that pushed their margin to 14-0 with 5:28 gone by.

A&M got the ball back after fruitless outings by both clubs over the next two possessions but didn't keep it long as Alabama-Birmingham strip sacked redshirt-sophomore quarterback Quincy Casey (Memphis, Tenn.) on the first play of the next drive. Following a 15-yard penalty for pulling players off the pile by the Bulldogs, they would go straight for the knockout as Dylan Hopkins connected with Bryce Damous from 25-yards out to stretch to a 21-0 advantage midway through the opening frame.

Alabama A&M would have their best stretch of the early going coming off that sudden change as they ran nine plays, one of which was a fake punt to redshirt-junior running back Harold Jemison (Nashville, Tenn.), before faltering at midfield. It would be their turn for the defense step up, however, when UAB got the ball back as sophomore corner Elijah Eberhardt (Cincinnati, Ohio) stepped in front of a Jacob Zeno pass for the interception.

It would not last though as the Blazers would get the ball right back but also not keep it long as Mac McWilliams snatched it out of the air at the UAB 22 and ran it back 78 yards for a TD, making it 28-0 with 19 seconds left in the first quarter.

The second period would see A&M bridge the quarter with an 11-play, 55-yard drive to the UAB 23-yard line. Following a fourth-down stop to end that drive, the Blazers answered with a 29-yard strike by Hopkins to Tejhaun Palmer before Lee Witherspoon made a two-yard plunge on the next play to push to 35-0 at the 8:57 mark.

The defense would take command at that point until Alabama-Birmingham put together a six-play, 31-yard drive at the end of the half that resulted in a 51-yard field goal by Quinn to make it 38-0 at the break.

Coming out of the break the Bulldogs would go 11 plays and 40 yards in 4:27 to reach Blazer territory but that would be the extent of their success in the quarter. From there UAB used a 54-yard run by Brown to setup a four-yard TD run by Hopkins on the next possession and a four-yard TD pass from Zeno to Terrell McDonald several series later to make it 52-0 at 5:44.

Alabama-Birmingham would get the ball back with 2:34 to play in the frame and wasted no time, using just three plays to go 47 yards and capped it with a 33-yard scamper by Witherspoon to the endzone, extending to a 59-0 margin with 1:14 on the clock.

Alabama A&M would then notch a 10-play, 44-yard drive that spanned 3:45 as well as the quarter break before the Blazers stood tall on a fourth down stop. UAB would then mount a massive 15-play, 53-yard drive that demolished 10:19 off the clock and essentially closed out the 59-0 season opening final.

## THE STATS - ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM

Hopkins led the way for the Blazers with 191 yards and a TD on 13-of-18 passing along with a rushing touchdown and Brown anchored the ground attack with 114 yards and a score on 10 carries. Zeno went 5-of-9 with 56 yards, a touchdown and a pic in relief.

Witherspoon found the endzone twice on his eight totes, finishing with 56 yards and Damous and McDonald each had a touchdown. Palmer led the wideouts with four catches for 57 yards and T.J. Jones finished with four grabs for 55 yards.

Defensively, Jayden Key, Xavier Lanier and McWilliams each had interceptions with the latter returning his for a score and Kyle Harrell, Grayson Cash and Reise Collier had a sack apiece. Devodric Bynum notched a pair of break ups and Noah Wilder posted a game-high nine tackles. Reynard Ellis added six stops, four solo, and Tyler Taylor finished with five tackles to round out the top performers.

## UP NEXT

The Bulldogs return to action following several extra days rest on Saturday, September 10 when they play their second straight Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) opponent when they travel to Troy. Kickoff is set for 6 p.m. in Troy, Alabama with the game set to be carried on ESPN+.

## NOTES

The game was the first time that A&M has opened the season with a Thursday Night game and just the fourth time in the program's NCAA Division I history (since 1998).





**TROY, Ala.** – Facing their second straight Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) opponent on the road, Alabama A&M (0-2, 0-0 SWAC) hung with Troy (1-1, 0-0 SBC) for a half before falling 38-17 behind a second half offensive barrage in an NCAA Division I football game on Saturday, September 10.

Due to severe technical issues in the second half of the game full and complete statistics are not available. The release on [www.AAMUSports.com](http://www.AAMUSports.com) will be updated once they are available.

## THE GAME

In a sharp contrast from the opener at Alabama-Birmingham when they surrendered 28 first quarter points, it would be the Bulldogs that would do the scoring in the opening frame – although it would take a bit.

A&M would pick up a first down on their second play of the game as junior quarterback Xavier Lankford (Pelham, Ala.) connected with sophomore wideout Keenan Hambrick (Athens, Ala.) on a nine-yard grab before the drive petered out three plays later. The Trojans, however, would not even get that much as they went three-and-out on their first possession.

The Bulldogs would then put together a sustained drive, covering 71 yards in 10 plays before seeing a throw from the Troy 12-yard line end up in the hands of Taiyon Palmer, who promptly returned it 23 yards. Once again, however, they wouldn't do anything with it as they picked up just four yards before sending it back downfield to A&M.

Lankford and Alabama A&M would capitalize this time as he would connect with Hambrick again, this time on the third play of the drive for a whopping 47 yards down to the Troy 29-yard line. A pair of incompletions and a two-yard loss then setup a 47-yard field attempt for freshman kicker Zach Alvarez (Hialeah, Fla.), who proceeded to bang it through the uprights for a 3-0 lead with 3:37 on the clock.

The Trojans would turn around and move the ball for a first down on their next possession – only to see their first down pass go straight to the mitts of sophomore safety Moses Douglas (Springfield, Ohio) at the A&M 20-yard line.

That would put the ball back in the hands of Lankford, who almost immediately hit senior running back Gary Quarles (Tuscaloosa, Ala.) for 18 yards on a second down play. That drive would stall at the Troy 48-yard line with 13:29 to play in the second, however, and would then see both teams with fruit less possessions.

Troy would get the ball back with 11:37 in the second and use eight plays to go 71 yards down to the A&M nine-yard line, converting a 4th and 2 on a rush by Kimani Vidal. Setup and ready to punch it in, a funny thing happened on the way to the endzone as junior linebacker Thomas Douglass (Milledgeville, Ga.) strip sacked Gunnar Watson six yards in the backfield and senior defensive tackle Jamal Irby (Mobile, Ala.) fell on it for the recovery.

Even with the ensuing three-and-out, that play likely saved A&M points and preserved their narrow three-point advantage with just over nine minutes left in the half. The Trojans' next possession wouldn't go any better as they drove 29 yards down to the Bulldogs 16-yard line. With fourth down rolling up they would line up for a would-be tying field goal attempt only to see a botched snap and a loss of nine yards as sophomore safety Charles Bell VI (Germantown, Md.) brought down punter Mike Rivers deep in the backfield.

Following another lead saving play, it was followed by a drive that went just four yards and handed the ball back to TU – an opportunity they would finally take advantage of. Taking over with 1:30 on the clock, Watson got things going with a 31-yard bullet to Michael Vice on a march down to the A&M 12-yard line. From there he connected with Rajae' Johnson for the TD to go up 7-3 with 38 seconds remaining. The teams would then take that margin to the break.

Coming out of half the Trojans received the ball and stomped on the gas hard, looking to expunge a first half that saw them held to just 173 yards of total offense and seven points. That would take the form of a 40-yard strike by Watson to Deyunkrea Lewis to cap a drive that covered 75 yards in just 1:29 to make it 14-3.

Following a seven-play drive that went only 31 yards, Troy took over on their own 41-yard line but wouldn't stay in that vicinity long. It would be a one-play drive as Watson hit Jabre Barber 13-yards downfield and watched him take it the rest of what would be a 59-yard touchdown, extending to a commanding 21-3 score by the 10:34 mark.

Both team's next possessions would then end in completions – but to the wrong color jersey – as Terry Thomas picked off Lankford while freshman safety Avian Rice (Fort Myers, Fla.) snagged his first career interception on a Watson pass. A&M would not be able to move the ball after getting back but Troy would when they got it back.

Taking over at their own 18-yard line, the Trojans went 69 yards behind four passes of at least 13 yards, the last of which found Deshon Stoudemire in the endzone to stretch to a 28-3 advantage by the 1:47 mark. They would then tack on a 30-yard field goal from Brooks Buce at the 12:19 mark of the fourth quarter before the Bulldogs would scratch the scoreboard again.

That would come in the form of Quarles and redshirt-junior tailback Harold Jemison (Nashville, Tenn.) both finding paydirt in the final frame to pull to within 38-17 but would get no closer as Troy closed out the 21-point victory minutes later.

## UP NEXT

The Bulldogs will return home to the friendly confines of Louis Crews Stadium on Saturday, September 17 for their home opener against Austin Peay. That game is set for 2 p.m. and will also honor the man the stadium is named after with the Louis Crews Classic.



**HUNTSVILLE, Ala.** – In a return to the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS), Alabama A&M (0-3, 0-0 SWAC) faced a team in Austin Peay (3-1, 0-0 ASUN) that had scored over 100 points in their last two games and dropped only a 28-3 decision in an NCAA Division I football game on Saturday, September 17.

## THE STATS - ALABAMA A&M

Junior quarterback Xavier Lankford (Pelham, Ala.) led the way for the Bulldogs, going 15-of-23 for 187 yards with a pick and a long of 40-yards and graduate running back Gary Quarles (Tuscaloosa, Ala.) pounded out 83 yards on 23 carries. Senior wide receiver Abdul-Fatai Ibrahim (Miramar, Fla.), in his first action on the season, led the receiving corps with five catches for 74 yards, hauling in that 40-yard bomb.

Defensively, sophomore defensive tackle Malik Pertee (Ocala, Fla.) notched a sack and forced fumble while senior safety Saaed Holt (Pittsburg, Pa.) registered nine tackles, six solo. He was joined by sophomore safety Charles Bell VI (Germantown, Md.) with nine tackles and senior linebacker Farrell Hester II (Las Vegas, Nev.) with six stops. Junior defensive tackle Malcolm Williams (Miami, Fla.) added a pair of tackles for loss to round out the top defensive outings.

## THE GAME

The Bulldogs would strike first in what would be a war of attrition as they drove 66 yards, largely on the strength of a 30-yard bomb to graduate wide receiver Brian Jenkins, Jr. (Daytona Beach, Fla.) on a 2nd and 16 by Lankford. Three plays and negative-four yards later, sophomore kicker Victor Barbosa (Hialeah Gardens, Fla.) would bang through a 30-yard field goal for a 3-0 lead.

Following fruitless drives by both clubs APSU would deliver a lightning quick, three-play, 63-yard drive in a span of 1:03. The main damage came from a 58-yard strike from Mike Diliello to James Burns to go up 7-3 by the 2:16 mark of the first quarter.

From there neither team would be able to get anything going as the clubs could not sustain a drive beyond six plays and 28 yards until the final five and a half minutes of the half. The two previous drives would both end in turnovers as red-shirt-sophomore quarterback Quincy Casey (Memphis, Tenn.) was intercepted by Demetries Ford and Diliello coughed up the ball on a strip by Pertee.

The ensuing drive would go nine plays but cover only 24 yards and the Governors next possession was no better at seven plays, 17 yards to take the clubs to the half with that four-point margin.

That would change on the third drive of the second half as Austin Peay leaned on CJ Evans with seven straight carries for 41 of their 59 yards. The final 18 would come from the feet of Diliello, who scampered for a touchdown to make it 14-3 by the 9:38 mark. Outside of a missed 44-yard field goal attempt by the Bulldogs, the teams would not have another solid scoring opportunity as they headed to the fourth quarter.

Over the first three series of that frame that trend would continue until APSU's second drive of the fourth. Taking over at the 10:32 mark, they grinded out an 11-play, 39-yard drive that spanned 4:58 and was capped off by a 13-yard TD pass by Diliello to Trey Goodman on a 3rd and 7.

Up 21-3, the Governors would waste no time in finally finding their offense – from their defense. On A&M's next possession Kwame Sutton strip sacked Lankford and Antoi Williams ran it back 60-yards for a scoop-and-score touchdown to reach what would be the eventual final margin of 28-3.

## THE STATS – AUSTIN PEAY

Diliello anchored the offense with a pair of touchdown throws, going just 7-of-22 for 100 yards, but added 11 carries for 72 yards and a score on the ground. He was joined in the backfield by Evans with 18 totes for 76 yards and Burns (72 yards) and Goodman (19 yards) each had a pair of scores through the air.

On the defensive side of the ball they were dominant with four sacks, a forced fumble, two picks and a return for touchdown. Leading the way was Sutton with eight stops, 1.5 sacks and the forced fumble while Williams had nine tackles and the 60-yard run back.

Cedarius Doss was in the backfield almost as much as the running backs, registering a sack among his three stops behind the line of scrimmage as part of his nine total tackles. Shamar Simmons and Ford would then round things would with an interception apiece.

## UP NEXT

After the brief return home to Louis Crews Stadium the Bulldogs hit the road to open Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) play at Florida A&M. Game time is set for 5 p.m. (CST) on Saturday, September 24.

## NOTES

Entering the game, APSU had outscored their last two opponents 104-0, defeating Presbyterian 63-0 and Mississippi Valley State 41-0.





# ALABAMA A&M FALLS 38-25 AS FLORIDA A&M SCORES 31 UNANSWERED IN SWAC OPENER



**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – Alabama A&M (0-4, 0-0 SWAC) held a 12-point lead in the first half but could not weather 31 unanswered points as Florida A&M (2-2, 1-0 SWAC) rallied for a 38-25 victory in an NCAA Division I football game and Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) opener on Saturday, September 24.

## THE STATS - ALABAMA A&M

Junior quarterback Xavier Lankford (Pelham, Ala.) was a threat through the air and on the ground as he went 18-of-28 for 180 yards, a touchdown and two interceptions and notched 81 yards on 11 carries to pace the Bulldogs.

Senior wide receiver Abdul-Fatai Ibrahim (Miramar, Fla.) hauled in six catches for 49 yards and senior wide receiver Cameron Young (Daphne, Ala.) came away with the lone receiving touchdown on the day. In the backfield, graduate running back Gary Quarles (Tuscaloosa, Ala.) and sophomore running back Donovan Eaglin (Houston, Texas) each found the endzone to round out the offensive performances.

Junior punter Troy Lendvay (Montreal, Quebec, Canada) anchored special teams as he drove five punts for 197 yards, including two for fair catches, one for 50-yards and three that were planted inside the 20-yard line.

## THE GAME

After allowing just three plays and negative six yards on FAMU's opening possession, the Bulldogs would take over on the offensive end at the 42-yard line. They would then go six plays and all 42 of those yards, 29 on a catch down the sideline by junior tight end Bryson Clark (Delray Beach, Fla.) and the last two on a dive into the endzone by Quarles at the 9:42 mark.

Trailing 7-0, the Rattlers second time with the ball was about as successful as the first – three plays for negative five yards – and set up a second score for Alabama A&M. Getting the ball on their own 42, they worked their way down to the FAMU 29, extending the drive on a 3rd and 4 on a shovel pass to senior tight end Kendric Johnson (New Market, Ala.), before freshman kicker Zach Alvarez (Hialeah, Fla.) banged through a 35-yarder for a 10-0 lead at 4:38.

Florida A&M would finally gain traction on their next possession and would benefit from a penalty for too many men on the field on a missed field goal. They would take that new life and turn it into a one-yard touchdown run by Terrell Jennings with 14:03 showing on the clock in the second quarter. The drive covered 80 yards in a span of 4:11 and pulled the Rattlers to within 10-7.

It wouldn't take long for the score to change again, however, and this time it would be on the defensive side of the ball. Pinned at their own two-yard line courtesy of a 33-yard punt from Lendvay, FAMU's Jah'Marae Sheread could not get out of his own endzone, being brought down for a safety that stretched it to 12-7 at the 10:10 mark.

Neither team could get anything going over the next several possessions until A&M took over at their own 30-yard line with 3:23 left in the half. Highlighted by a 64-yard scramble by Lankford down to the five-yard line, that drive would hit paydirt as Eaglin went in from one

yard out to push to a 19-7 advantage.

Far from done, the Rattlers answered with a 20-yard touchdown strike from Jeremy Moussa to Xavier Smith with 15 seconds left in the half, sending the clubs to the break with the score at 19-14.

Building off that momentum heading into the locker room, FAMU marched 60 yards down field on nine plays on their second possession of the third quarter. That would be a drive that would once again be capped by Moussa connecting with Smith, this time from 10 yards out to take their first lead of the day at 21-19 with 8:29 on the clock.

Things would continue trending the Rattlers' way as they would squelch A&M's next drive after just seven plays as Nadarius Fagan stepped in front of a Lankford pass to give them the ball right back. It would take just 36 seconds for Florida A&M to capitalize as Jaylen McCloud took it in from six yards out to make it a two-score game at 28-19 with just under five minutes left in the period.

FAMU would then add on a field goal from Jose Romo-Martinez at the 13:54 mark of the fourth and another strike from Moussa to Smith, this time from two yards out, to extend to 38-19 at 10:01. The Bulldogs would snap that stretch of 31 unanswered points with a 29-yard rifle by Lankford to Young with 34 seconds to play. Following a failed two-point attempt, the Rattlers put the finishing touches on the 38-25 victory.

## THE STATS – FLORIDA A&M

Moussa anchored the offense for FAMU as he went 22-of-40 for 323 yards and three touchdowns – every single one of them to Smith who finished with eight grabs for 97 yards. Sheread added seven catches for 138 yards and Jennings had a score and 59 yards on the ground and McCloud found the endzone for the other score on the day.

Defensively Isaiah Major delivered an impressive 13 tackles, nine solo and one for loss, and Fagan and Javan Morgan each had interceptions. Gentle Hunt, Kamari Stephens and Stanley Mentor each produced a sack and Eric Smith added seven tackles to round out the top performers.

## UP NEXT

The Bulldogs return to the friendly confines of Louis Crews Stadium on Saturday, October 1 and plan to bring a bunch of their friends with them as Homecoming 2022 has arrived. They will take on Bethune-Cookman at 2 p.m.

## NOTES

The full and complete boxscore was not available at press time. It will be added here when it is made available.





**HUNTSVILLE, Ala.** – Sophomore running back Donovan Eaglin (Houston, Texas) announced his presence with 200-plus yards from scrimmage and three scores as Alabama A&M (1-4, 1-1 SWAC) downed Bethune-Cookman (1-3, 1-1 SWAC) 35-27 on Homecoming and in an NCAA Division I football game on Saturday, October 1.

## THE STATS - ALABAMA A&M

Eaglin stole the show with 190 yards on the ground with two rushing TDs and two receptions for 12 yards, one for a third score. Setting up the offense was junior quarterback Xavier Lankford (Pelham, Ala.) with 204 yards, three touchdowns and an interception on 16-of-25 passing.

Senior running back Harold Jemison (Nashville, Tenn.) toted the rock 13 times for 55 yards while senior wide receiver Cameron Young (Daphne, Ala.) hauled in three balls for 54 yards and a touchdown. Fellow senior wideout Isiah Cox (Jasper, Ala.) added a TD grab to round out the top offensive performances.

Defensively, senior linebackers Dre Terry (Roanoke Rapids, N.C.) and Farrell Hester II (Las Vegas, Nev.) did damage with the former delivering nine stops, four solo, and the latter notching four tackles and a forced fumble while sharing a sack. Senior safety JaBraun McNeal (Gadsden, Ala.) and junior linebacker Thomas Douglas (Stone Mountain, Ga.) each had full sacks. Sophomore safety Moses Douglass (Springfield, Ohio) added seven stops and an interception.

## THE GAME

After holding B-CU to five plays and 17 yards on their opening drive, Alabama A&M would go to work when they had the ball. Taking over on the Wildcats 41-yard line, the Bulldogs' Eaglin would break a second down run for 23 yards and then add a seven-yard touchdown scamper at the 9:28 mark for an early 7-0 lead.

Bethune would cover nine plays and 41 yards on their next possession, only to see it snuffed out as Hester II stripped Jimmie Robinson III and recovered the fumble at the A&M 34-yard line, squelching the scoring opportunity.

The Bulldogs would then grind out a massive 11-play, 66-yard drive over the next 4:32, one that spanned the quarter break and was capped off by a six-yard Eaglin touchdown run to extend to 14-0 with just six seconds gone in the second period.

Neither team would get anywhere on their next two drives as B-CU stalled across midfield at the 37-yard line while Lankford would be picked off by Omari Hill-Robinson at the Bethune 18-yard line on the ninth play of their possession.

That would be the beginning of the tide turning as the Wildcats went a whopping 93 yards in 11 plays and 2:30 to cut it to 14-7 on a two-yard TD plunge by Jalon Jones with 4:40 showing on the clock. In that drive Kemari Averett hauled in a 30-yard bomb and Daveno Ellington snagged one from 19 yards out to move the sticks.

B-CU's defense would then step up and drop A&M for nine yards on three plays to get the ball right back and knew what to do with it. It would be Averett and Ellington again as Jones hit them for 30- and 20-yard completions, respectively, on back-to-back plays to get the ball down to the Alabama A&M eight-yard line. From there Que'shaun Byrd would drive it home on the ground for the tying score, knotting it up at 14-14 at the 2:17 mark.

A&M would get a 21-yard rush from Eaglin and a 14-yard scamper from Lankford on their ensuing possession but would run out of time as the half got them before they could get past the Bethune 49-yard line.

They would pick up where they left off, however, as they put together a massive 10-play, 75-yard drive spanning 4:34. The drive of a thousand tiny papercuts would come to a close as Lankford found Cox in the endzone from nine yards out to pull back ahead, 21-14, at the 10:26 mark.

Following a pair of fruitless drives the Wildcats got back on their horse as Jones connected with Dylaan Lee for 36 yards down to the A&M 15-yard line. Three plays later Jones drilled a 14-yard pass to Marcus Riley to cut it to 21-20 but it would stay there as Riley could not reach the endzone on a failed two-point attempt.

A&M would answer right back as Young delivered both a key 38-yard reception in the middle of an eight-play, 75-yard drive that would see him cap it with an eight-yard TD grab with 33 seconds left in the third. They would then take that 28-20 advantage and add to it in the fourth.

After forcing a miss on a 32-yard field goal attempt the Bulldogs' Eaglin would do damage with 32 yards of his own, including a third touchdown on a three-yard shovel pass with 8:20 to play. B-CU would then drive down the field, covering 44 yards on 12 plays, but it would be that last play that would be the difference as Douglass stepped in front of a pass for his second interception of the year.

While A&M's next possession wouldn't go beyond three plays, having the ball killed a potential scoring drive and took nearly two minutes off the clock. The Wildcats would get the ball back with two-and-half minutes remaining and would pull off a 38-yard strike from Jones to Corey Reed to setup a one-yard TD plunge from Byrd.

That cut it to what would be the eventual final margin of 35-27 with 12 seconds left but it would be too little, too late as their inside kick attempt would go nowhere, locking up the eight-point victory for Alabama A&M.

## THE STATS - BETHUNE-COOKMAN

Jones erupted for B-CU as he went 24-of-38 for 353 yards and a touchdown under center and added 55 yards and a score on the ground while Byrd had a pair of TDs. Averett snagged a pair of 30-yard receptions among his four grabs to finish with a game-high 83 yards and Lee wasn't far behind with five catches for 71 yards. Riley would round out the offense with his third quarter touchdown.

Amarie Jones went off on defense, registering 10 tackles, two for loss, a sack and a forced fumble while Rosendo Louis recorded 11, seven solo, with one for loss. Devunta Hampton added a pair of TFLs and Mason Hall finished with five tackles, one for loss.

## UP NEXT

The Bulldogs stay at home after being road warriors for much of the season as they host Grambling on Saturday, October 8. Kickoff is slated for 1 p.m. at Louis Crews Stadium.

## NOTES

Official attendance for Homecoming 2022 was 18,750 ... the game was just the second between the programs and first in Huntsville ... the teams met last year in Daytona Beach, Florida with the Bulldogs pulling out a 30-27 last second victory in the rain and on ESPN2.







## EAGLIN PLUNGE, TERRY SACK SEAL ALABAMA A&M'S THRILLING 37-31 DOUBLE OVERTIME VICTORY OVER GRAMBLING



**HUNTSVILLE, Ala.** – In what is becoming a regular occurrence in this series, Alabama A&M (2-4, 2-1 SWAC) rallied in double overtime to take down Grambling (1-5, 0-3 SWAC) 37-31 in an NCAA Division I football game on Saturday, October 8.

### THE STATS - ALABAMA A&M

Sophomore running back Donovan Eaglin (Houston, Texas) delivered another dominating performance, finishing with 126 yards on the ground and a pair of scores, including the eventual game-winner, to lead the Bulldogs.

Redshirt-freshman quarterback Quincy Casey (Memphis, Tenn.) came in relief and went 17-of-25 for 188 yards, a pair of touchdowns and caught a pass for 27 yards while senior wideout Isiah Cox (Jasper, Ala.) caught four balls for 46 yards and a touchdown.

He would also connect with Casey on that 27-yard throw and junior tight end Bryson Clark (Delray Beach, Fla.) finished with a pair of catches and 44 yards. Sophomore wide receiver Keenan Hambrick (Athens, Ala.) would add four grabs for 27 yards and a TD and senior running back Harold Jemison, Jr. (Nashville, Tenn.) notched a score to round out the top offensive performers.

Defensively, senior safety JaBraun McNeal (Gadsden, Ala.) led the way with nine tackles, five solo and 1.5 for loss, to go with a seven-yard sack while senior linebacker Dre Terry (Roanoke Rapids, N.C.) had five stops, two for loss and the biggest one of the game as he picked up a sack to end the game. They were joined by freshman safety Avian Rice (Fort Myers, Fla.) with seven tackles and an interception to round things out.

### THE GAME

Grambling would possess the ball for nearly five and a half minutes to start the game but would end up dropping a 32-yard punt after eight plays. They would do more in the next 11 seconds, however, as Chandler Moncrief strip sacked junior quarterback Xavier Lankford (Pelham, Ala.) to get the ball right back.

They would end up losing a yard over six plays but the final one of those would result in a 31-yard field goal from Garrett Urban, giving the Tigers a 3-0 lead at the 5:44 mark.

The Bulldogs would recover right away, however, as Eaglin dominated their next possession, churning up 48 of the 70 yards on the drive, capping it with a 26-yard touchdown run up the gut to pull ahead 7-3 at the very end of the opening frame. He would get that opportunity as A&M converted a 4th and 1 from the GSU 39-yard line as Lankford hit Jemison for a four-yard pick up to keep the drive alive.

If you blinked you would miss Grambling's next possession as it lasted all of two plays and saw the ball end up in the hands of Rice at the Tigers' 45-yard line to set the Bulldogs up. An unsportsmanlike penalty moved them back and stunted that drive and started a trend as the next three possessions were fruitless, maintaining that four-point margin. Alabama A&M would then put together a sustained drive just outside of five minutes, chewing up 4:06 and covering 73 yards in 13 plays. The last of those would be a 43-yard field goal attempt that fell short and gave the ball over to Grambling.

Taking over at their own 26-yard line, Quarterback Hawkins hit Lyndon Rash for 63 yards on the second play of the drive, taking it down to the Bulldogs six. Those two would hook up again on the very next play for a six-yard TD to pull ahead 10-7 with 21 seconds on the clock, a margin they would take to the break following a kneel down.

Neither team would get anywhere with their first possessions in the third but that would change with A&M's second drive. Eaglin would pound away for 30 yards on the ground and Cox would find Casey on a double pass for 27 yards from the GSU 43-yard line.

One play later Casey would return the favor as he dropped the ball into Cox's hands for a 13-yard touchdown that flipped the script and put them up 14-10 with 7:18 on the clock. In lightning quick fashion, that

drive covered 87 yards in nine plays and 3:13.

The momentum would stay with the Bulldogs as a pair of Grayson High School grads in sophomore safety Marvin Smith (Loganville, Ga.) and senior defensive end Hayden Gifford (Loganville, Ga.) combined to force and recover a fumble on GSU's next possession and once again setup the Bulldogs.

That came at the eight-yard line, and while Alabama A&M wouldn't move the ball, they wouldn't have to as redshirt-freshman kicker Victor Barbosa (Hialeah Gardens, Fla.) would connect on a 29-yard field goal to stretch to a 17-10 advantage with 4:10 left in the frame.

The Tigers would then deliver a massive 12-play, 76-yard drive that took 5:05, bridged the quarter gap and resulted in a two-yard touchdown run from Chance Aime to knot it up at 17-17 just over a minute into the fourth.

In a game of can you top this, the Bulldogs would answer right back as senior wide receivers Cameron Young (Daphne, Ala.) and Terrell Gardner (Birmingham, Ala.) scampered for 28 yards and caught a 23-yard pass, respectively, to fuel a nine-play, 75-yard drive. That capped with Jemison pounding his way between the tackles from two yards out to go up 24-17 at the 10:21 mark.

The teams would then trade punts before GSU put together another long drive, this one covering 71 yards and 10 plays in 3:13. That would be a game-tying drive that would see Maurice Washington plunge in from six yard out after the Tigers converted two third downs and a fourth down to tie it up at 24-24 with just 29 seconds on the clock. The Bulldogs would then be content to send it to overtime with a kneel down.

That first possession in the extra session would go to Grambling and Julian Calvez would make the big play, connecting with Noah Bean from 26-yards out for a TD that put them up 31-24. Needing to hit paydirt to keep their hopes alive, it took all of three plays to do just that as he hit Cox for 16 yards on the second play and connected with Hambrick from seven yards out and Barbosa nailed the kick to deadlock at 31-31.

Getting the ball right back on alternating possession, the Bulldogs took advantage with redshirt-senior tight end Kendrick Johnson (New Market, Ala.) hauling in a 20-yard grab on second down to take the ball down to the two. From there it would be the Donovan Eaglin show again as he toted the rock between the tackles for the go-ahead score on the next play.

It would stay at 37-31 with the failed two-point conversion attempt, presenting GSU with the opportunity to pull off the come-from-behind victory. Three straight incompletions would put that in serious doubt and Terry would end all possibility of it as he drilled Calvez when he tried to step up on fourth down, driving him back and down for the game-ending sack to seal the six-point victory.

### THE STATS – GRAMBLING

Hawkins went 4-for-9 under center for 73 yards and a touchdown for the Tigers while Calvez finished 8-of-17 with a touchdown and a pick. On the ground Washington came away with 39 yards and a score and Aime had 38 yards with a TD. Rash, on the strength of his 63-yard catch, finished with four grabs for 86 yards to round out the offense.

Moncrief led the defense with seven tackles, one for loss, a sack and forced and recovered fumble while Sundiata Anderson finished with 11 tackles. Joshua Reed and Chris Daigre each added eight stops to close out the top performances on defense.

### UP NEXT

The Bulldogs will now hit the road for 42 days, beginning with seeing what its like to play on Sunday's for their next game. That will come on Sunday, October 16 when they travel to St. Louis, Missouri for the St. Louis River City HBCU Football Classic against Arkansas-Pine Bluff. Game time is set for 3 p.m. at the Dome at the Center of America.





**PINE BLUFF, Ark.** – In a game of “he who scores last wins”, Alabama A&M (3-4, 3-1 SWAC) pulled out a hard-fought 34-31 victory at Arkansas-Pine Bluff (2-5, 0-4 SWAC) in an NCAA Division I football game on Sunday, October 16.

#### THE STATS - ALABAMA A&M

It's not often that you can say that the defense led the way in a game with 34 points but that is exactly the case as senior linebacker Dre Terry (Roanoke Rapids, N.C.) erupted for 14 tackles and a 31-yard interception. Junior defensive end Zareon Hayes (Dillon, S.C.) wrecked the UAPB offense with 10 tackles, five solo, 1.5 for loss and an eight-yard sack.

Senior safety JaBraun McNeal (Gadsden, Ala.) and junior defensive tackle Liston Richardson each added a sack and senior safety Saeed Holt (Pittsburgh, Pa.) had six tackles and a pick. Sophomore safety Moses Douglass (Springfield, Ohio) and senior linebacker Farrell Hester II (Las Vegas, Nev.) each added seven tackles to cap the top defensive performances.

Junior quarterback Xavier Lankford (Pelham, Ala.) went 12-for-21 with 162 yards and a touchdown through the air and ran nine times for 37 yards and a score. He was joined on the ground by sophomore running back Donovan Eaglin (Houston, Texas) who delivered 126 yards on 19 carries and redshirt-junior running back Harold Jemison, Jr. (Nashville, Tenn.) finished with 69 yards and two scores on 12 carries.

Sophomore wideout Keenan Hambrick (Athens, Ala.) hauled in four catches for 47 yards and a touchdown and redshirt-senior tight end Kendric Johnson (New Market, Ala.) had a key snag for 30 yards.

Sophomore kicker Victor Barbosa (Hialeah Gardens, Fla.) pulled double-duty, punting three times for 119 yards and an average of 39.7 with a long of 43 and connected on a pair of clutch field goals. He would hit from 30-yards in the first to open the scoring and from 29 with 5:59 to play to close it.

#### THE GAME

After forcing a three-and-out on UAPB's opening possession, the Bulldogs put together a sustained 11-play drive that covered 63 yards in 4:06. That would culminate in a 30-yard field goal by Barbosa to go up 3-0 with 9:18 showing on the clock.

Things would get no better for the Golden Lions next time out as they managed just three plays and went negative 12 yards to give the ball right back. It would prove to be yet another unfortunate series of events for Arkansas-Pine Bluff as it resulted in instant offense as Lankford connected on passes of 16-, nine- and 20-yards, the last hitting paydirt to Hambrick to stretch the lead to 10-0.

It would be UAPB's turn to find their offense, however, as tailback Kayvon Britten broke free for a 58-yard touchdown on 3rd and 1 to cut the margin to three by the 4:11 mark.

Their defense would then allow just five plays and 17 yards on A&M's next possession and would see Britten carry them once again – this time breaking off a 78-yard run on first down. Brought down at the two-yard line, he would finish what he started with a two-yard TD to flip the script and pull ahead 14-10 with 43 seconds left in the quarter.

Alabama A&M would then span the quarter break with a lightning quick drive, going 75 yards in six plays in just 1:38. A 30-yard grab by Johnson and a 26-yard rush by Jemison anchored that possession, one that would see the bruising tailback take it in from 10 yards out to retake the lead, 17-14, just under a minute into the second quarter.

The Golden Lions would put together an eight-play drive next time out only to see Terry step in front of a Chance Edwards pass at the A&M 32-yard line and run it back 31 yards. Another big time play would once again set the Bulldogs up for points as they would go 37 yards in just four plays and 1:32, a stretch capped by a 10-yard touchdown run by Lankford.

That scramble put A&M up 24-14 and, once again, the defense would step up on the very next possession. UAPB would get just three plays on that drive – with the third being a pass that ended up in the arms of Holt with 6:10 remaining in the half. While they would not be able to capitalize on that turnover like they had the previous one by Terry it did squelch the Golden Lion's drive.

The Bulldogs would not be so fortunate the next time out as Arkansas-Pine Bluff put together a 12-play, 69-yard drive over the course of 4:21 to pull to within 24-17 behind a 42-yard Cristofer Thompson field goal. Coming with 12 seconds to play, the teams would then take that margin to the break.

Following a three-and-out by A&M to start the second half, UAPB would take advantage with a six-play, 24-yard drive that Britten capped with a one-yard touchdown run to knot it up at 24-24. Not to be outdone, the Bulldogs would answer right back as they took small chunks at a time in their own nine play, 65-yard drive to go back ahead, 31-24, on a five-yard plunge by Jemison with 6:59 on the clock.

The Golden Lions would then mount a mammoth 17-play drive that covered 70 yards and saw Britten do damage again, this time from four yards out to tie it at 31-31 with 11:58 to play. The Bulldogs would come right back with their own 16-play effort, this one ending on the foot of Barbosa from 29-yards out for a 34-31 lead with 5:59 left.

Arkansas-Pine Bluff would get the ball back at their own 35-yard line thanks to a kick out of bounds and would head to the 50 with a facemask penalty. Even given the short field they could only get to the A&M 40-yard line and an Edwards incompleteness essentially ended it as Alabama A&M then ran out the clock with a pair of kneel downs.

#### THE STATS – ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF

UAPB's side of the ledger is dominated by one individual and that would be Britten, who toted the rock 32 times for a whopping 277 yards with four touchdowns. Edwards managed just 39 yards from under center, getting sacked four times and picked twice.

Grant Ewell, Jr. led the defense with 12 stops, half of those solo, and Kyre Williams finished with nine with a sack. Syncere Jones added eight tackles and Rico Dozier and Anas Luqman each had a sack to round out the top performers.

#### UP NEXT

The Bulldogs will now be off for two weeks until their version of Armageddon when they travel to Birmingham, Alabama to face rival Alabama State in the 81st Magic City Classic on Saturday, October 29. Kickoff is set for 2:30 p.m.





**BIRMINGHAM, Ala.** – In the game of the year no matter the records, Alabama A&M (3-5, 3-2 SWAC) surrendered the lead late and fell 24-17 to rival Alabama State (5-3, 3-2 SWAC) in the 81st Magic City Classic in an NCAA Division I football game on Saturday, October 29.

#### THE STATS - ALABAMA A&M

Redshirt-sophomore quarterback Quincy Casey (Memphis, Tenn.) went 16-of-21 on the day for 217 yards and a touchdown while senior wide out Cameron Young (Daphne, Ala.) finished with four grabs for 87 yards.

He was joined by graduate wide receiver Terrell Gardner (Birmingham, Ala.) with five catches and 86 yards and senior wideout Isiah Cox with the lone receiving TD. Sophomore tailback Donovan Eaglin (Houston, Texas) rounded out the top offensive performers with 68 yards on 21 carries.

Defensively, junior defensive end Zareon Hayes (Dillon, S.C.) was a one-man wrecking crew with eight tackles, 4.5 of them for loss as he also picked up a half sack in the process. Senior defensive tackle Jamal Irby (Mobile, Ala.) made the play of the day, however, picking off of a pass at the six-yard line and running it in for the pick six.

#### THE GAME

Both teams would have inauspicious beginnings as ASU went six plays for three yards and the Bulldogs followed with a 13-play, 58-yard drive that ended up in a blocked 38-yard field goal with just under six minutes remaining in the opening frame. The Hornets would capitalize on that, however, as they moved 34 yards in eight plays and Jayden John connected from 49-yards out for a 3-0 lead with 47 seconds on the clock.

Neither club would go anywhere with their next possessions and A&M took over at their own 29-yard line with 11:55 to go in the first half. They wouldn't stay there long, however, as Casey connected with Young on a 61-yard bomb down to the ASU 10-yard line. Three plays later Casey would find Cox in the endzone from two yards out for a 7-3 lead with 9:57 on the clock.

It would take all of one play for them to add to that lead as Irby stepped in front of a Demetrius Davis pass at the Hornets six-yard line and tromped into the endzone for a "Big Man Touchdown" to make it 14-3 just seven seconds later. From there neither team would be able to gain any traction as they headed to the break with that 11-point margin.

They would then alternate the first four possessions of the third quarter with ASU forcing a fumble on a punt after their second drive. Donte Norris fell on the ball at

the A&M 23-yard line to setup Alabama State up with excellent field position. They would take full advantage as it took just five plays to hit paydirt, that coming on a nine-yard strike to Kisean Johnson at 4:51.

The Bulldogs would carry that 14-10 lead into the fourth before ASU flipped the script with an eight-play, 42-yard drive that capped off with a four-yard touchdown plunge by Jacory Merritt to make it 17-14 with 13:56 to play. A&M then answered with a mammoth 15-play, 56-yard drive that included a 4th and 3 conversion and a 37-yard field goal by freshman kicker Zach Alvarez (Hialeah, Fla.) at the 7:28 mark.

Deadlocked at 17-17, the Hornets made the most of their next possession as Davis connected with Darius Edmonds for 42-yards to get them out of a 3rd and 20 at their own nine-yard line. A 14-yard rush combined with a pass interference penalty and a two-yard rush got them down to the 23-yard line. From there Davis found Jeremiah Hixon for the go-ahead touchdown, pulling ahead 24-17 with exactly two minutes left.

Having done more with less before, the Bulldogs took over at their own 30-yard line and worked their way down to the ASU 26. Facing a 4th and 5, Casey connected with junior wide receiver Micah White for 17 yards to keep the drive alive. Following an incompletion, Casey found Young for five yards to the four-yard line but time would expire as he was tackled inbounds to secure the 24-17 decision in favor of Alabama State.

#### THE STATS - ALABAMA STATE

Davis led the way for the Hornets, finishing 11-of-25 for 140 yards, a pair of touchdowns and an interception while Edmonds had 42 yards on one catch and Johnson notched 33 with a TD on four grabs. Hixon rounded out the offense with a score on one of his two catches.

Colton Adams racked up 15 tackles, seven solo, to anchor the defense and Adrian Maddox finished with nine. Brandon Gaddy added eight and a sack and Jaland Lewis-Horton contributed six tackles, 1.5 for loss. The latter also was also all sack totals.

#### UP NEXT

In a short turnaround, the Bulldogs will head to Itta Bena, Mississippi for a Thursday, November 3 game against Mississippi Valley State. That will air on ESPNU as part of their Thursday Night package at 6:30 p.m.





**ITTA BENA, Miss.** – Under the bright lights of ESPN's Thursday Night Football, Alabama A&M (3-6, 3-3 SWAC) fell behind early and could not make up the ground as Mississippi Valley State (1-8, 1-5 SWAC) ran out the clock on a 30-20 victory in an NCAA Division I football game on Thursday, November 3.

Due to severe technical issues with the scoring, full and complete statistics are not available. The release on [www.AAMUSports.com](http://www.AAMUSports.com) will be updated once they are available.

#### THE GAME

Valley would be the first to get on the board towards the end of the first quarter as they put together a seven-play, 57-yard drive culminating in a three-yard touchdown grab by Cameron Gardner to make it 7-0 at the 3:45 mark.

Neither team would gain any traction over the remainder of the period but the Bulldogs would rebound with their first drive of the second. That would see them go 80-yards in just four plays and a minute and a half with the big blow being a 56-yard strike from redshirt-sophomore quarterback Quincy Casey (Memphis, Tenn.) to junior wideout Micah White (Atlanta, Ga.). That would be a house call to knot it up at 7-7 with just under three minutes gone by in the frame.

MVSU came right back, however as Jalani Eason led a six-play, 55-yard drive with 18- and 21-yard completions to Jacory Ranking, the latter landing in the endzone for a 14-7 advantage at the 8:52 mark.

The Delta Devils would squelch the A&M's next possession with a Jamiison Lindsey interception on the second play but could do nothing with their own, going three-and-out. They would stretch their lead later in the quarter to 17-7 behind a 34-yard field goal by Orlando Fernandez with 29 seconds remaining and take that margin into the locker room.

Lindsey would get Casey for a second time on the first drive of the second half and this time MVSU would capitalize. Given the short field they

moved the ball 23 yards, clearing just enough real estate for Fernandez to notch a 48-yard field goal with 10:38 on the clock.

The Bulldogs would come right back as they covered 87 yards in 4:51 and 12 plays to pull to within 20-14 as Casey would get them down the field in manageable chunks before plunging in from one yard out to cut the gap to six with 5:47 left in the third.

Any thoughts of pulling closer were dashed four-plus minutes later as Sylvester Campbell hauled in 15-yard strike in the endzone from Eason to extend to a 27-14 margin. MVSU would get the ball right back on a fumble on the ensuing kickoff and promptly turn that into a 40-yard Fernandez field goal for a two-touchdown lead.

A&M would come right back with a seven-play, 75-yard drive that saw Casey connect with graduate wide receiver Terrell Gardner (Birmingham, Ala.) for 34 yards and cap it off with a 15-yard touchdown pass to redshirt-junior running back Harold Jemison, Jr. (Nashville, Tenn.).

Following a failed two-point attempt, that score pulled them to within 30-20 with 12:58 to play but the Delta Devils would eradicate 10:29 of that clock on their way to a 10-point victory and the first over the Bulldogs since 2015.

#### UP NEXT

The Bulldogs are now off until Saturday, November 12 when they head to Mobile, Alabama for the 2022 Gulf Coast Challenge. They will face rival No. 5 Jackson State at 4 p.m. in a game slated to air on ESPN+.





**MOBILE, Ala.** – Taking on rival No. 5/9 Jackson State (10-0, 7-0 SWAC) in the Gulf Coast Challenge, Alabama A&M (3-7, 3-4 SWAC) could not overcome a pair of late first half touchdowns as they fell by a 27-13 score in an NCAA Division I football game on Saturday, November 12.

#### THE GAME

Neither team would be able to gain any traction early on but it would be the Bulldogs that would break through first as sophomore kicker Victor Barbosa (Hialeah Gardens, Fla.) converted a 30-yard field goal for a 3-0 lead midway through the first.

JSU would then come right back with a four-play, 44-yard drive ending in a 20-yard touchdown grab by Travis Hunter to go up 7-3. A&M would answer with their preferred method this season – the ground and pound. On their next drive they would run the ball on six of the eight plays, capping a 58-yard drive with a one-yard touchdown plunge by Eaglin to go up 10-7 with 2:55 on the clock.

The teams would struggle over their next several possessions until the Tigers got their offense going with four minutes to play in the half. Starting at the A&M 33-yard line after a short punt, JSU would see Shedeur Sanders connect with D.J. Stevens from 19 yards out to extend to a 21-10 lead at the 3:06 mark to pull back ahead, this time 14-10.

JSU would then get the ball right back as Aubrey Miller, Jr. forced a fumble and set the offense right back up. The Tigers then continued to get the offense going as they mounted another scoring drive off that turnover. It would take just six plays to go 58 yards, the bulk of that coming on a 35-yard touchdown strike from Sanders to Shane Hooks to push to a 21-10 lead with 13

seconds remaining. The clubs would then take that margin into the break.

The first possession of the third would see Jackson extend the lead again as they delivered a 10-play, 69-yard drive. That would feature a 30-yard grab by Hooks and a 21-yard TD catch from Willie Gaines to make it 27-10.

The Bulldogs would go on to add a field goal by Barbosa in the fourth to make it a two-score game and would immediately have the opportunity to cut that even closer. On the ensuing kickoff the Tigers would flub the catch and the ball bounced right into the waiting arms of senior linebacker Dre Terry (Roanoke Rapids, N.C.), who scooped it up on the hop.

They would not be able to take advantage, however, avoiding a near interception before eventually turning it over to give the ball back to JSU in the shadow of their own goal posts. However, neither the Tigers or Bulldogs would get anything else going the rest of the way as Jackson State closed out the 27-13 decision.

#### UP NEXT

Alabama A&M will close out the 2022 season when they return home for Senior Day against Texas Southern on Saturday, November 19. Game time is set for 1 p.m. at Louis Crews Stadium.





**HUNTSVILLE, Ala.** – Faced with the end of their season after 60 minutes, Alabama A&M (4-7, 4-4 SWAC) gave a preview of things to come as they rallied from down 17 in the fourth to stun Texas Southern (5-6, 4-4 SWAC) 24-20 and ruin their Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) title hopes in an NCAA Division I football game on Saturday, November 19.

With the way that earlier games had broke, TSU had the opportunity to clinch a spot in the league title game, only to have those hopes dashed by a 21-point fourth quarter that brought the Bulldogs to a .500 finish in the conference.

## THE STATS - ALABAMA A&M

Junior quarterback Xavier Lankford (Pelham, Ala.) proved to be a true dual threat as he connected on 6-of-8 passes for 113 yards and a touchdown and devastated the Tigers on the ground, going for 76 yards and a pair of TDs on just seven carries. Redshirt-sophomore quarterback Quincy Casey (Memphis, Tenn.) was one third of that passing attack as he went 12-of-21 for 104 yards and freshman quarterback Ashley Tucker, Jr. (Los Angeles, Calif.) was 2-for-4 for 51 yards.

Sophomore wide receiver Keenan Hambrick (Athens, Ala.) had a career-day being on the receiving end of six of those passes, going for 139 yards. Senior wide out Cameron Young (Daphne, Ala.) added three catches for 36 yards and a key score while sophomore tailback Donovan Eaglin (Houston, Texas) pounded out 120 yards on 20 carries.

On the defensive side of the ball senior linebacker Dre Terry (Roanoke Rapids, N.C.) was an absolute force as he came away with a massive 16 tackles, 10 solo and one in the backfield, along with a forced fumble, pass breakup and quarterback hurry. He was joined by fellow wrecking crew member junior defensive end Zareon Hayes (Dillon, S.C.) with four tackles with half of those for loss and one sack.

## THE GAME

It would be a defensive battle through the first half as the teams traded 10-play drives as part of a scoreless opening frame. The Bulldogs would start what would be a nine-play, 62-yard drive with just under a minute-and-half remaining and culminate in a 24-yard field goal by redshirt-freshman Victor Barbosa (Hialeah Gardens, Fla.) with 12:46 on the clock in the second.

Neither team would convert on their next drives before TSU got their offense rolling. That would take the form of a 10-play, 61-yard drive that saw Kevin Harris cap it with a one-yard plunge. Without their kicker, the Tigers would go for two and Andrew Body would drop the ball right in the breadbasket of AJ Bennett as he was back pedaling into the right corner of the endzone for an 8-3 lead. A&M's ensuing drive would end in a fumble but Texas Southern could do nothing with it as the clubs headed to the break with that eight-point margin.

The Bulldogs would prove turnover prone at the worst time as they opened the third with five plays and 47 yards before a Casey pass landed in the hands of Isaiah Hamilton in the endzone to squelch an opportunity to go ahead. It would be an opportunity that TSU would not allow to pass by as they moved the ball 85 yards in seven plays, including a 37-yard grab by Derek Morton. That drive would wrap with Body drilling Bennett for 20-yards to go up 14-3 following a failed two-point try.

The rest of the period would see no drive beyond seven plays and 30 yards but that would change dramatically in the fourth. Body broke free for a 36-yard run on the first play of their opening possession of the fourth, setting the stage two plays later for a 39-yard touchdown strike to Randy Masters to go up 20-3 following an intercepted two-point attempt. From there their offense would go in the witness protection program as it would not be heard from again.

That onslaught would begin on the very next possession as A&M mounted an eight-play, 67-yard drive that saw Tucker account for 54 yards. That included the big play of the stretch as he connected with Hambrick for 42 yards down to the Texas Southern 13-yard line. Four plays later Lankford would break through from five yards out to cut it to 20-10 with 10:51 to play.

With time not on their side the Bulldogs bought themselves some more six plays into a drive that had taken the Tigers down to the A&M 28-yard line. It would not be lucky number seven as Terry took care of that scoring threat on his own, ripping the ball free at the end of a 26-yard run by Body, sending the ball out of the back of the endzone for a touchdown.

It would be a seminal moment in the game as it went from being put out of reach to A&M having 7:38 to work with. And work with it they did as Lankford lofted a ball to Hambrick that ended up 45-yards down field on a 2nd and 25. Two plays later he rifled a ball out to the flat to Young that went for 34 yards and a TD to cut it down to 20-17.

That drive covered 80 yards in five plays and just 1:23, leaving plenty of time to work with if Alabama A&M could get the ball back. They would manage that in three plays and 2:15, taking back over at their own 19-yard line with 3:57 to play.

Eaglin would open with a 20-yard scamper and the Bulldogs would benefit from a holding penalty as they moved the ball to the TSU 47. Following four plays of dink and dunk to move to the 38-yard line, A&M found themselves facing a game-deciding 4th and 1. It would be game-deciding – but not the way the Tigers had hoped as, instead of just picking up the yard to keep the drive alive, Lankford straight up ended it as he broke free for 38-yards to take a 24-20 lead with 55 seconds left.

Tison Hill, on in relief of Body, would be under constant pressure on that final drive, beginning with a hurry by Terry and ending with a four-yard sack by Hayes on fourth down, clinching the massive come-from-behind victory and ending TSU's SWAC title game hopes in the process.

## THE STATS - TEXAS SOUTHERN

Body echoed Lankford's performance as a dual threat as he went 12-of-24 for 191 yards and a pair of TDs under center and carried the ball 15 times for 149 yards. Morton snagged five balls for 90 yards to lead the receiving corps while Masters and Bennett each added a score. Harris rounded out the offense with a touchdown among his five carries for 33 yards.

Calvin Henderson led the defense with 13 tackles, seven solo, and Tarik Cooper registered eight with an interception and QB hurry. They were joined by Michael Akins with seven tackles, 2.5 in the backfield, and Hamilton with a 15-yard pick.

## UP NEXT

The Bulldogs will now head into the 2023 campaign with strong performances from all three active quarterbacks and one of the most impressive performances during the 2022 season in the books.

## NOTES

Prior to the game, Alabama A&M honored 16 seniors for their contributions to Bulldog football. Those included Aadrekiis Conner (Port Gibson, Miss.), Saeed Holt (Pittsburgh, Pa.), Diata Burns (Columbia, Md.), Terry, Isiah Cox (Jasper, Ala.), Terrell Gardner (Birmingham, Ala.), Jerry Parra (San Diego, Calif.), Richard Calloway (Orlando, Fla.), Farrell Hester II (Las Vegas, Nev.), Taylor Sanders (Livingston, Ala.), Jamal Irby (Mobile, Ala.), Cortez Herrin (Saluda, S.C.), Samson Jackson (Tarpon Springs, Fla.), Anthony Howard (Birmingham, Ala.), Kendrick Johnson (New Market, Ala.) and Kristofer Wilkins (Manvel, Texas).





# ALABAMA A&M FOOTBALL ADDS 17 ON NATIONAL SIGNING DAY



**HUNTSVILLE, Ala.** – Head coach Connell Maynor and staff announced 17 new additions to the 2023 iteration of the Alabama A&M football team on Wednesday, including a mix of FCS transfers, junior-college transfers, and high school prospects that will be added to the roster.

Nine members of the group are currently enrolled in school for the semester after transferring from their respective programs and will participate in spring practice, including Dashawn Brown (York, S.C.), Jamarion Ellis (Eastman, Ga.), Jacolby Hewitt (Memphis, Tenn.), Jordan Mitchell (Beulaville, N.C.), Nikobe Myers (Walled Lake, Mich.), Shykeim Pace (Opa Locka, Fla.), Brian Plummer (Gaithersburg, Md.), Rayquan Williams (Memphis, Tenn.), and Tervae Williams (Guthrie, Okla.).

Fellow transfers Dustin Fletcher (Flint, Mich.) and Tony Overstreet (Mobile, Ala.) will be added over the summer, along with high school recruits Cory Chavis (Redford, Mich.), Khristian Cotton (Fayetteville, N.C.), Andre Emilus (Auburn, Ala.), Camren Lindsey (Orlando, Fla.), Jeremiah Shack (Jacksonville, Fla.), and Tyshawn Tate (Memphis, Tenn.), who will also enroll after this semester.

Both Brown and Mitchell are coming to A&M after playing at Appalachian State, with Mitchell appearing in 26 career games for the Mountaineers at linebacker, including an appearance in the New Orleans Bowl in 2018. Prior to his collegiate career, he attended East Duplin high school where he recorded 142 tackles (96 solos), 19 tackles for loss and eight sacks his senior.

Meanwhile, Brown redshirted as a true freshman after missing much of the shortened 2020 season. When fully healthy as a junior in 2019, the receiver caught seven touchdowns along with scoring a pair on kick returns. He was also named All Region III on the year and was rated a three-star prospect in the class of 2021.

A trio of quarterbacks were added on this cycle, with a pair of transfers and one true freshman. Davis was a two-year starter at Redford Union high school, where he earned numerous accolades such as First Team All-State and All-Region twice after passing for a combined 4,246 yards and 44 touchdowns in his two years at the helm.

Fletcher will also compete at the quarterback position, after coming over from Northern Illinois. The 6'3 gunslinger was a four-year starter at Car-

man-Ainsworth High School, where he set numerous passing records, throwing for over 7,000 yards and 59 touchdowns along with nearly 2,000 yards rushing in his career.

The third quarterback added was Brian Plummer, another dual-threat at the position who transferred from Buffalo. Plummer went 25-2 as a starter at Quince Orchard High School and won a state championship in Maryland as a sophomore.

Adding to the offense will also be Jacolby Hewitt out of Cordova, Tennessee. Hewitt comes in with a combined 28 games of collegiate experience after three years playing at Indiana and a year at Florida International and was an All-State selection out of high school in 2017.

True freshmen Jeremiah Shack and Tyshawn Tate will also add depth on the outside, at receiver and tight end respectively, along with Khristian Cotton and Camren Lindsey, who will both come in to add immediate depth in the trenches on the offensive line.

Jamarion Ellis will help at the linebacker spot going forward, after playing in five games for Georgia State last season. The transfer began his prep career at Dodge County High School before moving to IMG Academy in Florida for his junior and senior years.

Tervae Williams was another add in the defensive front seven, coming over from Northeastern Oklahoma, along with Tony Overstreet out of Mobile, who is transferring from LA Pierce College after playing last season. The final linebacker added also has collegiate experience in Shykeim Pace, who joins the program after starting his career at Florida International.

The Bulldogs added several players to their secondary, highlighted by Rayquan Williams, a transfer from Oregon. The Memphis native earned Second Team All-State honors as a senior while also lettering in basketball during his prep career.

Along with Williams is Andre Emilus, a 6-2 corner who attended Auburn High School, helping them to a 12-2 record in 2022 and Michigan State transfer Nikobe Myers, who was ranked as a top 75 player in the Michigan in the class of 2019.



# ALABAMA A&M FOOTBALL ALL-SWAC SELECTIONS



A member of the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) since transitioning to NCAA Division I in 1999, Alabama A&M has delivered a number of impressive performances in their 24 seasons in the league.

These have included three Player of the Year honorees among 127 All-SWAC selections, most recently quarterback Aqeel Glass repeating as Offensive Player of the Year in Spring 2021 and Fall 2021 and National Football League (NFL) legend Robert Mathis earning Defensive Player of the Year in 2002.

Of the 127 All-SWAC honors, 61 have come on the First-Team with the remaining 66 on the Second-Team. Those include a program record three straight years with at least four First-Team honorees - four each year in 2019, 2021 and 2022 as well as a program record 11 overall selections in Spring 2021.

## 2022 (3 - 1/2)

Zareon Hayes, DL, Second-Team  
Donovan Eaglin, RB, Second-Team  
Jonathan Williams, OL, Second-Team

## Fall 2021 (5 - 4/1)

Aqeel Glass, QB, First-Team &  
Gary Quarles, RB, First-Team  
Abdul-Fatai Ibrahim, WR, First-Team  
Odieu Hilaire, WR, First-Team  
Dee Anderson, WR, Second-Team  
& Indicates Player of the Year

## Spring 2021 (11 - 4/7)

Aqeel Glass, QB, First-Team &  
Dexter Fuqua, OL, First-Team  
Abdul-Fatai Ibrahim, WR, First-Team  
Marcus Cushnie, DL, First-Team  
Gary Quarles, RB, Second-Team  
Antearius Harrington, OL, Second-Team  
Jonathan Williams, OL, Second-Team  
Zabrian Moore, WR, Second-Team  
Armoni Holloway, LB, Second-Team  
Amari Holloway, DB, Second-Team  
Spencer Corey, K, Second-Team  
& Indicates Player of the Year

## 2019 (10 - 4/6)

Jordan Bentley, RB, First-Team  
Abdul-Fatai Ibrahim, First-Team#  
Marcus Cushnie, DL, First-Team  
Spencer Corey, K, First-Team  
Aqeel Glass, QB, Second-Team  
Trevoris Butler, OL, Second-Team  
Shonye Reams, OL, Second-Team  
Zabrian Moore, WR, Second-Team  
Kendric Johnson, TE, Second-Team  
Armoni Holloway, LB, Second-Team  
#Indicates Freshman of the Year

## 2018 (5 - 2/3)

Yurik Bethune, DL, First-Team  
Armoni Holloway, LB, First-Team  
Aqeel Glass, QB, Second-Team  
Trevon Walters, RB, Second-Team  
Dylan Hamilton, DB, Second-Team

## 2017 (3 - 3/0)

Kenneth Davis, LB, First-Team  
Vernon Moland, DL, First-Team  
Dylan Hamilton, DB, First-Team

## 2016 (2 - 0/2)

Jordan Bentley, RB, Second-Team#  
Jonathan Dorsey, TE, Second-Team  
#Indicates Freshman of the Year

## 2015 (1 - 0/1)

Octayvious Miles, RS, Second-Team

## 2014 (1 - 0/1)

Anthony Lanier, DL, Second-Team

## 2013 (6 - 2/4)

Johnathan Dorsey, TE, First-Team  
Robert Nelson, LB, First-Team  
Barrington Scott, RB, Second-Team  
Montarius Smith, WR, Second-Team  
Lawrence Barnett, DB, Second-Team  
Derrick Harris, DB, Second-Team

## 2012 (5 - 3/2)

Kaderius Lacey, RB, First-Team  
Jamal Johnson, OL, First-Team  
Vernon Marshall, DB, First-Team  
Bobby Goldsby, TE, Second-Team  
Preston Nelson, DL, Second-Team

## 2011 (8 - 3/5)

Kaderius Lacey, RB, First-Team  
Jamal Johnson, OL, First-Team  
Chance Wilson, K, First-Team  
Corey Hart, DL, Second-Team  
Willie Fuller, LB, Second-Team  
Rico Porch, DB, Second-Team  
Deaunte Mason, QB, Second-Team  
Justin Goodrich, OL, Second-Team

## 2010 (3 - 0/2)

Russell Jackson, OL, Second-Team  
Tony Green, RB, Second-Team  
Frank Kearse, DL, Second-Team

## 2009 (9 - 4/5)

Xavier Manuel, OL, First-Team  
Thomas Harris, WR, First-Team  
Ulysses Banks, RB, First-Team  
Jeremy Maddox, DL, First-Team  
Anquez Jackson, OL, Second-Team  
Jeremy Licea, K, Second-Team  
Frank Kearse, DL, Second-Team  
Afu Okosun, LB, Second-Team  
Korey Morrison, DB, Second-Team

## 2008 (4 - 2/2)

Xavier Manuel, OL, First-Team  
Jeremy Licea, K, First-Team  
Thomas Harris, WR, Second-Team  
Jeremy Maddox, DE, Second-Team

## 2007 (9 - 6/3)

James Sanders, OL, First-Team  
Charles Moody, TE, First-Team  
Ulysses Banks, RB, First-Team  
Kelcy Luke, QB, First-Team  
Jeremy Maddox, DE, First-Team  
Al Donaldson, DB, First-Team  
Darius Turner, OL, Second-Team  
Xavier Manuel, OL, Second-Team  
Jeremy Licea, K, Second-Team

## 2006 (10 - 6/4)

Kristian Smith, OL, First-Team  
Jeffery Johnson, OL, First-Team  
Ulysses Banks, KR, First-Team#







Alabama A&M football has earned numerous All-American honors from multiple organizations over the course of the program's 110-year history. While not a comprehensive list, four of the main organizations have been BOXTOROW (2007), the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) All-American Team (2002), American Football Coaches Association (1987) and the College Sports Information Director of America (1979). Together postseason honors from these organizations have accounted for 43 All-American selections.

**BOXTOROW**

**(28 Selections/22 Individuals,  
15 First-Team/13 Honorable Mention)**

**Fall 2021 (4 – 3/1)**

QB Aqeel Glass, First-Team%  
WR Abdul-Fatai Ibrahim, First-Team  
WR Odieu Hilaire, First-Team  
RB Gary Quarles, Honorable Mention  
%National Player of the Year

**Spring 2021 (6 – 4/2)**

QB Aqeel Glass, First-Team%  
OL Jonathan Williams, First-Team  
WR Abdul-Fatai Ibrahim, First-Team  
DL Marcus Cushnie, First-Team  
RB Gary Quarles, Honorable Mention  
WR Zabrian Moore, Honorable Men- tion  
%National Player of the Year

**2019 (2 – 1/1)**

RB Jordan Bentley, First-Team  
DL Marcus Cushnie, Honorable Mention

**2018 (2 – 1/1)**

DL Yurik Bethune, First-Team  
DB Amari Holloway, Honorable Mention

**2015 (1 – 0/1)**

WR Octayvius Miles, Honorable Mention

**2012 (1 – 0/1)**

OL Jamal Johnson-Webb,  
Honorable Mention

**2011 (2 – 1/1)**

DL Corey Hart, First-Team RB Kaderius Lacey,  
Honorable Mention

**2010**

Unavailable

**2009 (4 – 3/1)**

RB Ulysses Banks, First-Team OL  
Xavier Manuel, First-Team DL  
Jeremy Maddox, First-Team WR  
Thomas Harris, Honorable Mention

**2008 (3 – 1/2)**

K Jeremy Licea, First-Team WR  
Thomas Harris, Honorable Mention  
DL Jeremy Maddox, Honorable Mention

**2007 (3 – 3/0)**

TE Charles Moody, First-Team OL  
James Sanders, First-Team S  
Al Donaldson, First-Team

**AFCA (4)****Spring 2021 (1 – 0/1)**

Abdul-Fatai Ibrahim, WR, Second-Team

**2007 (1)**

Al Donaldson, DB

**1988 (1)**

Fred Garner, DB

**1987 (1)**

Howard Ballard, OL

**FCS (7)****Fall 2021 (1)**

Aqeel Glass, QB, Third-Team

**2019 (1)**

Jordan Bentley, RB, Third-Team

**2011 (1)**

Corey Hart, DE, Third-Team

**2008 (1)**

Jeremy Licea, K, Honorable Mention

**2007 (2)**

Al Donaldson, S, Second-Team  
Jeremy Maddox, DE, Honorable Mention

**2002 (1)**

Robert Mathis, DL, First-Team

**CoSIDA (4)****2020-21**

Marcus Cushnie, Second-Team

**1990-91 (1)**

Tracy Kendall, First-Team

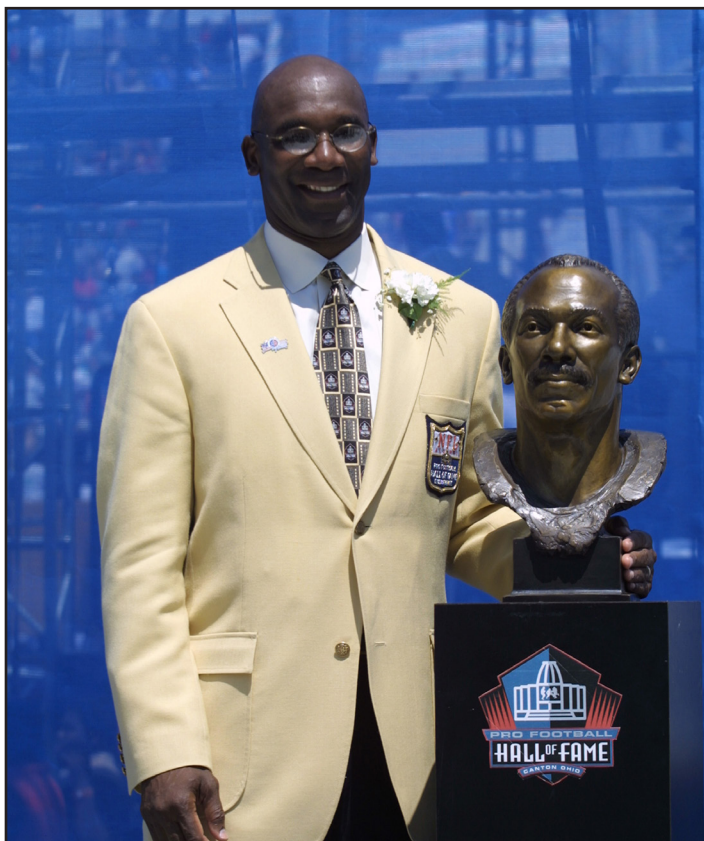
**1989-90 (1)**

Tracy Kendall, First-Team

**1979-80 (1)**

Tim McCannelly, Second-Team





Alabama A&M's football history is not short on talent as some of the sport's brightest stars have donned the Maroon and White.

Since the program's beginning in 1912, a total of 12 Bulldogs have been drafted by NFL franchises with 18 players combining for 85 seasons at the highest level.

Among those individuals who began their careers at A&M, none are more accomplished than Pro Football Hall of Famer John Stallworth who won four Super Bowls with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

He is joined by Howard "House" Ballard and Robert Mathis, both of whom were Pro Bowl selections during their pro careers, with the latter winning a Super Bowl in 2006.

Most recently defensive tackle Anthony Lanier played four years in the NFL with the Washington (2016-18) franchise and Los Angeles Chargers (2018-20) and is currently a member of the Canadian Football League's (CFL) Saskatchewan Roughriders.

Stallworth (14), Mathis (13) and Ballard (11) are joined by fellow Super Bowl winner Mike Hegman (12) as the only Bulldogs to play at least a decade in the NFL.

The other A&M players that have reached the NFL are Johnny Baldwin (2007), Ricky Blake (1991), Ronnie Coleman (1974-81), Ernest French (1982), Thomas Hopkins (1983), Frank Kearse (2011-15), Bill Kindricks (1968), Wayne Mosley (1974), Joe Patton (1994-98), Oliver Ross (1973-76), Franky Smith (1980), Barry Wagner (1992) and Mike Williams (1982-84).

Patton is the highest draft pick in program history, going in the third in 1994 (97th) with Stallworth in the fourth in 1974 (82nd).





# ALABAMA A&M BULLDOGS SELECTED IN THE NFL



## HOWARD BALLARD

TEAMS: Buffalo Bills and Seattle Seahawks

POSITION: OL

YEARS: 1988-98

SUPER BOWLS: 4 (1990, 1991, 1992, 1993)

SUPER BOWL CHAMPIONSHIPS: 0

PRO BOWLS: 2 (1992, 1993)

BIO: Ballard was selected by the Bills in the 11th round of the 1987 NFL Draft and would go on to anchor an offensive line that won four straight AFC Championships and become the only team ever to go to four consecutive Super Bowls (1990-93). He would play for the Bills from 1988-93 and the Seahawks from 1994-98.



## JOHNNY BALDWIN

TEAMS: Kansas City Chiefs

POSITION: LB

YEARS: 2007

BIO: Baldwin was drafted in the fifth round of the 2007 NFL Draft by the Detroit Lions. He would go on to play three games for the Kansas City Chiefs that year.



## MIKE HEGMAN

TEAMS: Dallas Cowboys

POSITION: LB

YEARS: 1976-87

SUPER BOWLS: 2 (1977, 1978)

SUPER BOWL CHAMPIONSHIPS: 1

BIO: Hegman began his career at A&M and would be drafted in the seventh round of the 1975 NFL Draft by the Dallas Cowboys. He would play in 170 games and two Super Bowls during his 12-year career in Dallas, scoring on a fumble recovery off Terry Bradshaw in Super Bowl XIII. He would help the Cowboys win Super Bowl XII over the Denver Broncos in 1978 and play in 16 postseason contests over nine seasons. He finished with seven career interceptions, nine fumble recoveries and a pair of defensive touchdowns.



## THOMAS HOPKINS

TEAM: Cleveland Browns

POSITION: OL

YEAR: 1983

BIO: Hopkins was selected in the 10th round by the Cleveland Browns in the 1983 NFL Draft. He played in two games that season.



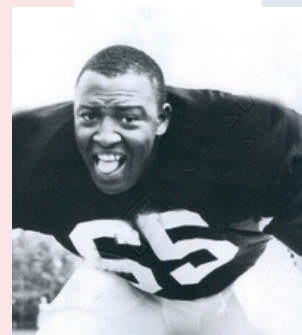
## FRANK KEARSE

TEAMS: Washington Franchise and Carolina Panthers

POSITION: DL

YEARS: 2011-15

BIO: Kears was taken in the seventh round of the 2011 NFL Draft by the Miami Dolphins. In four NFL seasons, Kears, a Savannah, Georgia native, played in 35 games with eight starts. He finished his career with 43 tackles.



## BILL KINDRICKS

TEAM: Cincinnati Bengals

POSITION: DL

YEAR: 1968

BIO: Kindricks became the first Bulldog to be drafted as he was selected in the sixth round by the Cincinnati Bengals in the 1968 NFL Draft. He would play nine games with three starts that season.



# ALABAMA A&M BULLDOGS SELECTED IN THE NFL



## ROBERT MATHIS

TEAM: Indianapolis Colts

POSITION: DE

YEARS: 2003-16

SUPER BOWLS: 1 (2006)

SUPER BOWL CHAMPIONSHIPS: 1 (2006)

PRO BOWLS: 5 (2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013)

BIO: As a senior in 2002, Mathis set a I-AA record with 20 sacks. After finishing his A&M career, he was selected in the fifth round of the NFL Draft by the Indianapolis Colts, where he became one of the league's marquee edge rushers.



## JOE PATTON

TEAM: Washington Franchise

POSITION: OL

YEARS: 1994-98

BIO: Patton was selected by Washington in the third round of the 1994 NFL Draft, becoming the program's highest ever selection. He played six seasons with the team, making 61 appearances as an offensive tackles. Of those, 54 were starts.



## OLIVER ROSS

TEAMS: Denver Broncos and Seattle Seahawks

POSITION: RB

YEARS: 1973-76

BIO: Ross was selected in the 16th round by the Denver Broncos in the 1973 NFL Draft. He played 25 games over three seasons in the Mile High City before closing his career with 10 games with Seattle in 1976.



## FRANKY SMITH

TEAM: Kansas City Chiefs

POSITION: OL

YEAR: 1978-1980

BIO: Smith was selected in the eighth round by the Denver Broncos in the 1978 NFL Draft.



## JOHN STALLWORTH

TEAM: Pittsburgh Steelers

POSITION: WR

YEARS: 1974-87

SUPER BOWLS: 4 (1975, 1976, 1979, 1980)

SUPER BOWL CHAMPIONSHIPS: 4 (1975,

1976, 1979, 1980)

PRO BOWLS: 3 (1979, 1982, 1984)

PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME: 2002

BIO: Stallworth was selected in the fourth round of the epic 1974 NFL Draft by the Pittsburgh Steelers. Widely regarded as the greatest draft ever, Stallworth was one of four Hall of Famers to come from the class. He would go on to win four Super Bowl rings in the Steel City, catching 12 postseason touchdowns and recording a stretch of 17 straight games with a postseason reception. Of those, he notched an NFL record eight straight with a touchdown grab.



## MIKE WILLIAMS

TEAM: Washington Franchise

POSITION: TE

YEARS: 1982-84

BIO: Williams was selected in the fifth round by Washington in the 1982 NFL Draft. He would play 14 games over three seasons in the nation's capitol.





ALABAMA A&M FOOTBALL

# 2023 SCHEDULE

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AT VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY  
SEP. 2 | NASHVILLE, TN



HOME  
LANE COLLEGE  
SEP. 9 | NORMAL, AL  
LOUIS CREWS CLASSIC



AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY  
SEP. 16 | BATON ROUGE, LA



UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS PINE-BLUFF  
SEP. 21 | NORMAL, AL (THURS)  
ESPN U



TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY  
SEP. 30 | NORMAL, AL  
HOMECOMING

HOME



HOME  
VS JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY  
OCT. 7 | MOBILE, AL  
GULF COAST CHALLENGE



AT GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY  
OCT. 14 | GRAMBLING, LA



VS ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY  
OCT. 28 | BIRMINGHAM, AL  
MAGIC CITY CLASSIC



FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY  
NOV. 4 | NORMAL, AL

HOME



AT BETHUNE-COOKMAN UNIVERSITY  
NOV. 11 | DAYTONA BEACH, FL



MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY  
NOV. 18 | NORMAL, AL  
SENIOR DAY

HOME

CONNELL MAYNOR  
HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

