

SAM HOUSTON STATE BEARKATS

Huntsville, Texas
Enrollment: 17,214

Willie Fritz (Career 103-52)
2nd Year at Sam Houston State
Fritz' record at Sam Houston St 6-5

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2011

QB's - Former Oklahoma QB Rhett Bomar departed as SHSU's all-time leading passer (5,564) and was a #5 DC (NYG) in '09. Houston transfer Blake Joseph arrived in Aug and he won the job. Joseph threw for 2,440 (61%, 14-8) in '09 but departed LY. Bryan Randolph started 1 gm, but for the season was just 15-35 for 97 yds. Randolph ret'd in '10 and started the first 2 gms before being replaced by true frosh Brian Bell, who started the final 9 and finished with 1,381 yds (53.7%, 7-4). Bell was also the #3 rusher with 269 (3.8). While Randolph (193, 60%, 1-0) departs, Bell returns and is backed up by two JC transfers in Si'Darius Blackshire and Greg Sprowls. This unit is much more exp'd than LY and Bell should have better numbers in his 2nd year.

RB's - In '09 SHSU returned #1 rusher James Aston (PS#183) and '07's leading rusher, Chris Poullard, who sat out '08. Poullard led with 573 (4.0, 6 td) while Aston was #2 with 566 (5.2, 8 td) and had 235 rec (10.5). LY they lost their top 4 rushers with the top returnee being backup QB Randolph (33, 2.1). Kansas St transfer Tim Flanders (PS#85) arrived in Aug and led the Bearkats with 948 (5.5, 13 td) and set a school record with seven 100-yd gms, while earning 1st tm SLC honors. WR Richard Sincere was #2 with 282 (6.7, 5 td) while Ryan Wilson 148 (3.4) and Ridgeway Frank 132 (4.0) were #3 and #4. This year all 4 return and this is a much more exp'd unit and one of the SLC's best.

RB Tim Flanders

(319, 13.9) ret'd. Madkins led with 1,073 (19.2, 8 td) while earning 1st tm SLC honors and Lucas was #2 with 451 (11.9). LY they lost their top 6 receivers and their top returning receiver had just 3 receptions. W Mich transfer Seth Patterson (PS#320) led with 370 (10.6) while Kevin Matthews was #2 with 274 (13.7) and Melvis Pride was #3 with 256 (18.3). With TE TJ Jones 49 (7.0) back they return their top 8 and needless to say this unit is much more experienced than LY.

O-Line - In '09 the Bearkats ret'd 2 OL who combined for 19 st in '08. They ran for 17 more ypg (119-136) and they allowed 3 fewer sacks (21, 6.3%). Last year they lost 4 who combined for 38 starts including a 1st tm SLC OG. They ret'd 2 st's in OT Kaleb Hopson and OG Cameron Pound and also got back Travis Watson, who st'd 10 in '08. Despite having to learn new schemes the OL paved the way for 186 ypg (4.2) and allowed just 13 sacks. This year the top 6 return including Watson (2nd tm SLC), Chris Crockett (9 st) and Missouri transfer OT Daniel Jenkins (9 st). This is one of the SLC's best OL.

D-Line - The DL ret'd two 10 gm st's in '09 incl a PS#26 DE Chris Brown (#4 tk/r), who led with 9 sk and earned 1st tm SLC honors. Surprisingly, their ypc jumped from 3.9 to 4.7 and the D's sack t/d dropped from 24 to 15. LY they lost all 4 st's incl 2nd tm SLC Brown. They did return 3 players who earned starting time in '09. Shockingly they gave up just 100 ypg (3.4, #8 FCS) and the D's sack t/d jumped to 31. TY they return 3 st's including 2nd tm SLC DT JT Cleveland (#5 tk/r, 4.5 sk) and Eddie DeCambre (#9 tk/r, 3 sk). The only loss is Coty Gatewood (18 tk/l, 10 st) but it will still be tough to match LY's outstanding numbers.

LB's - In '09 SHSU only ret'd MLB Luke McCall (#7 tk/r) as they lost their #1 and #3 tk/r's but went back to a 4-2-5. LY they lost 1 st'r in McCall (#3 tk/r, 8.5 tfl) but ret'd Will Henry (#2 tk/r, 10.5 tfl) along with backup Eric Fiello (17 tk/l, 3.5 tfl). Henry (#3 tk/r, 11.5 tfl) earned 2nd tm SLC honors while Kash David (#10 tk/r, 6.5 tfl) and Fiello (#11 tk/r, 5.5 tfl) helped the defense improve its ppg significantly from 33.7 to 23.4. This year all three are back and this unit is even more experienced than last year.

DB's - The Bearkats lost all 4 st's in '09 incl two 2nd tm SLC and went back to 5 DB's. As expected they all'd a poor 28-11 ratio. LY they ret'd 7 who comb for 54 st's in '09 incl WS Kenneth Jenkins (#1 tk/r, 9 pd), FS Victor Carmichael (#4 tk/r), SS Darnell Taylor (#5 tk/r) and CB Jarvis Pippins (#6 tk/r). With much more experience the unit all'd an 18-9 ratio and the comp % dropped from 57.3% to just 50.2%. TY they only lose Carmichael (#6 tk/r, 3.5 sk, 11 pd) and Pippins (11 tk/l) and return 1st tm SLC FS Jenkins (#2 tk/r, 4 pd), Taylor (#1 tk/r, 7 pbu), CB Daxton Swanson (#8 tk/r, 2 int, 8 pbu) and CB Bookie Sneed (#7 tk/r 16 pbu). This is one of the SLC's best secondaries.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In '09 P Michael Capparelli (41.0 avg in '07) ret'd along with K Taylor Wilkins, who hit 12 of 17 FG (L/45) but K Miguel Antonio took over in '09 hitting 12-20 FG (L/48) and ret'd LY. They did lose Capparelli (40.0) along with their top PR

2011 SCHEDULE

9/1	W Illinois (Thurs)
9/10	
9/17	Central Arkansas
9/24	at New Mexico
10/1	UTSA
10/8	SF Austin (Houston)
10/15	Nicholls St (HC)
10/22	at McNeese St
10/29	Lamar
11/5	at SE Louisiana
11/12	Northwestern St
11/19	at Texas St



2010 RECORD:
(6-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 11*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (22,19,5)
Lost: 11 (5,5,1)
2010 AVG ATTENDANCE:
6,337 (#77)

SOUTHLAND

and KR. Matt Foster took over the punting duties (38.8) and Antonio hit 14-22 FG (L/46). Top RM Brandon Clossner avg'd 25.8 on KR and 11.5 on PR and all 3 return this year.

COACHES - HC Willie Fritz enters his 2nd season after coming from Central Missouri where he compiled a 97-47 record in 13 years. OC Bob DeBesse was the HC at (then SW) Texas St from 1997-2002 (27-39) and DC Scott Stoker was the HC at NWST from 2002-2008 (43-38).

FORECAST - Despite learning a brand new offensive scheme and returning just 9 starters, Sam Houston State improved to 6-5 last year under new coach Fritz. After an expected loss to Baylor in the opener, they were trounced by FCS playoff bound Western Illinois on the road, 56-14. The next four games would see dramatic improvement as the Bearkats outscored their opponents by a combined 151-38 to move to 4-2! With the conference crown and a FCS playoff berth in their sights they dropped their next 3 games by a combined 11 pts only to finish the season with close wins over Central Arkansas and Texas St. The Bearkats have several factors in their favor this year. The offense should be much improved with all 11 starters back and being in the 2nd year of the new schemes. The defense returns 9 starters from one of the most improved units in the entire FCS last year. SHSU also has 6 home games TY (just 4 LY). The Bearkats should contend for the SLC crown and their first playoff birth since 2004!

STADIUM: ELLIOTT T. BOWERS STADIUM (14,000) (#57) PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (RealGrass-Pro)

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	9Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	2-9	11-3	3-7	6-5	7-4	4-6	5-6	6-5	48-52
Home	3-2	2-3	8-0	3-1	2-3	4-1	2-3	5-1	3-2	32-16
Away	1-5	0-6	3-3	0-6	4-2	3-3	2-3	0-5	3-3	16-36
Playoffs	0-0	0-0	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1
Conf	2-4	1-4	4-1	2-4	4-3	5-2	2-5	3-4	4-3	27-30
Non Conf	2-3	1-5	7-2	1-3	2-2	2-2	2-1	2-2	2-2	21-22

2010 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG	PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Tim Flanders	172	989	41	948	13	5.5	Darnell Taylor	64	2	2	7	0
Richard Sincere	42	316	34	282	5	6.7	Kenneth Jenkins	58	0.5	3.5	1	3
Brian Bell	71	359	90	269	2	3.8	Will Henry	44	4	7.5	1	0
Ryan Wilson	44	167	19	148	0	3.4	Robert Shaw	44	0	0	4	2
Ridgeway Frank	33	140	8	132	2	4.0	JT Cleveland	43	4.5	2.5	1	0
Cameron Brown	38	114	5	109	0	2.9	Victor Carmichael	38	3.5	1	10	1
DJ Morrow	45	120	19	101	1	2.2	Bookie Sneed	36	0	1	16	1
Torrance Williams	10	64	4	60	0	6.0	Daxton Swanson	34	0	0	8	2
Bryan Randolph	16	44	28	16	1	1.0	Ed Decambre	33	3	2	0	0
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	Kash David	33	2	4.5	1	0
Brian Bell	205	110	53.7	1381	7	4	Eric Fiello	32	3	2.5	0	0
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	Darius Taylor	31	2	3.5	0	0	0
Seth Patterson	35	370	10.6	3	26	Coty Gatewood	18	1	3	0	0	0
Kevin Matthews	20	274	13.7	2	38	Mike Littleton	16	0.5	0	1	0	0
Melvis Pride	14	256	18.3	1	64	Gary Lorraine	15	1	0	1	0	0
Richard Sincere	8	192	24.0	1	60	Chuck Obi	15	2	0	1	0	0
Torrance Williams	13	169	13.0	0	28	Preston Sanders	12	1	0	0	0	0
Grant Merritt	5	63	12.6	0	23	Jarvis Pippens	11	0	0	0	0	0
Ridgeway Frank	6	59	9.8	0	23	Randy Stewart	8	0	1	0	0	0
TJ Jones	7	49	7.0	0	17	Brandon Bruce	7	0	0	0	0	0
Bryan Randolph	1	45	45.0	0	45	EJ Nduka	7	1	1	0	0	0
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	INT	PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Matt Foster	60	2326	38.8	13	36.8	0	22	Brandon Clossner	33	380	11.5	1
KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Miguel Antonio	33-33	6-7	5-8	3-7	0-0	14-22	46	Brandon Clossner	38	981	25.8	0

OFFENSE - LAST 7 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	PTS	TOTAL	OFF	RUSH	OFF	PASS	OFF	SKS	TOTAL		RET	PTS	TOTAL	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF	SKS
STS		OFF	YPC	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	VS	TURN		STS		DEF	RUSH	YPC	YPC	%	YPP	BY
3	26.8	336	186	4.2	150	53.8	12.5	13	+4	2010	6	23.4	361	100	3.4	261	50.2	15.5	31
7	27.4	368	136	3.9	233	58.9	13.5	21	+3	2009	3	33.7	423	170	4.7	253	57.3	12.6	15
5*	35.3	457	119	4.0	338	55.7	13.0	24	+3	2008	6	33.1	406	145	3.9	261	60.7	12.3	24
6*	26.6	419	154	4.4	265	58.5	15.7	13	+4	2007	4	23.9	405	192	4.7	213	60.5	16.9	14
8	23.9	345	146	4.8	199	55.3	14.4	10	-3	2006	8	25.9	354	152	3.7	202	58.4	13.7	8
-	27.0	350	115	3.7	234	55.8	13.0	23	-4	2005	-	28.8	405	185	4.2	220	52.3	14.1	22
10	37.0	471	133	3.8	359	62.9	12.7	12	-3	2004	8	24.1	378	165	4.0	213	60.0	15.7	17

OFFENSE

SHSU	ATT	OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	TURN	
42,821	at Baylor	13	39-88	2.3	13-27	107	2	24	25-200	8.0	21-42	263	1	0		
10,965	at W Illinois	17	48-214	4.5	11-23	149	3	21	41-305	7.4	13-28	237	2	-2		
8,030	Gardner-Webb	12	34-150	4.4	6-13	163	2	22	38-57	1.5	19-42	267	5	+1		
17,187	at Lamar	23	53-275	5.2	13-18	171	1	13	9-(-23)	-2.6	22-40	310	3	+3		
4,148	at Nicholls St	16	40-133	3.3	11-24	116	1	7	36-29	0.8	6-14	68	12	+2		
7,457	SE Louisiana	21	51-277	5.4	8-16	120	2	14	32-53	1.7	14-42	234	3	0		
24,685	† SF Austin	19	39-185	4.7	25-40	201	1	20	18-29	1.6	30-54	418	1	-1		
9,151	at Northwestern St	17	52-185	3.6	9-18	109	0	22	35-99	2.8	23-37	290	0	+1		
4,228	McNeese St	14	25-107	4.3	21-36	301	1	22	41-158	3.9	15-30	281	2	-3		
6,214	at C Arkansas	14	48-163	3.4	8-17	114	0	16	24-57	2.4	24-49	275	0	+2		
5,631	Texas St	25	55-274	5.0	9-17	94	0	18	28-137	4.9	16-26	231	2	+1		
TOTALS			191	484-2051	4.2	134-249	1645	13	199	327-1101	3.4	203-404	2874	31	+4	
AVERAGES			17.4	44-186	4.2	12-23	150	1.2	18.1	30-100	3.4	19-37	261	2.8	+0.4	

DEFENSE

PRE	2010 RESULTS	POST
RK	OPPONENT	SCORE
-	at Baylor	3-34
-	at Western Illinois	14-56
-	Gardner-Webb	30-14
-	at Lamar	38-10
-	at Nicholls St	26-7
-	SE Louisiana	57-7
-	† SF Austin - #4	28-31
-	at Northwestern St (OT)	20-23
-	McNeese St	28-33
-	at Central Arkansas	20-13
-	Texas St	31-29

2005 RESULTS		2006 RESULTS		2007 RESULTS	
OPPONENT	SCORE	OPPONENT	SCORE	OPPONENT	SCORE
Bacone	77-7	Arkansas-Monticello	41-3	Angelo St	17-13
at Houston	10-31	at SMU	14-45	Arkansas-Monticello	48-10
at Texas Tech	21-80	at Missouri St	20-17	at North Dakota St	38-41
Northwestern St	6-10	at Texas	3-56	at Oklahoma St	3-39
at Nicholls St	17-37	at Northwestern St	30-20	Central Arkansas	14-35
Stephen F Austin	52-24	Nicholls St	37-7	McNeese St	17-28
at McNeese St	26-31	Central Arkansas	30-38	Northwestern St	42-20
SE Louisiana	35-18	McNeese St	18-31	at Stephen F Austin	45-17
at Northern Colorado	3-24	at Stephen F Austin	21-17	Nicholls St	16-13
at Texas St (OT)	23-26	at SE Louisiana	28-23	at SE Louisiana	20-16
		Texas St	21-28	at Texas St	29-28