

SOUTHERN UTAH THUNDERBIRDS

Cedar City, Utah
Enrollment: 8,066

Ed Lamb (Career 15-18)
4th Year at Southern Utah
Lamb's record at Southern Utah 15-18

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2011

QB's - In '09 Cade Cooper (PS#5JC) took control after sitting out due to transferring from Oregon and BYU. He flourished throwing for 2,988 (65%) with a 31-12 ratio. Last year they again turned to a transfer as 6'5" Brad Sorensen (BYU/San Bernardino Valley College) took over throwing for 3,163 (66.9%, 21-6) earning 1st tm GWC. Sorensen returns for his junior season and should continue right where he left off. This unit looks stronger in '11.



RB's - In 2008, Deckard Alexander led, but with only 384 (2.7) and while he ret'd in '09, he only played in 3 gms (inj). The dynamic Austin Minefee led with 544 (5.5) making just 5 st and the #2 rusher was Major Gray (490, 4.0). All 3 ret'd LY and they finished #1 (Minefee, 764, 5.7, 1st tm GWC), #2 (Alexander, 420, 5.5) and #3 (Gray, 77, 3.2). This year they lose Gray (1st) and FB Tui Siliva (9st, 1 carry). With their top 2 back and healthy, this is a deep and talented unit.

Rec's - LY the Thunderbirds ret'd B2B 1st tm GWC Tysson Poots and 2nd tm GWC Fesi Sitake plus 12 of the 13 players who made a reception. Poots had 1,081 (12.7) with 15 td's in '09 and topped that with 1,230 (14.5) and 11 td's earning 1st tm AA and GWC OPOY. Sitake had 848 (10.7) in '09 and finished with 877 (10.7) LY also earning 1st tm GWC. Both depart TY as does #3 rec Robert Ah Sue (317, 14.4). This year they the toughest position in the conf to rebuild as the leading returnee at WR is Jared Ursua (1st, 8 rec). Much will also be expected of Fatu Moala who made 2 st at Utah LY before transferring.

O-Line - The '08 OL had 2 st's back and with a change in the scheme opened holes for a paltiry 61 ypg (2.2). In '09 they had to replace 1st and 2nd tm GWC players but had 3 st's back and improved to 123 (3.8). LY I wrote HC Ed Lamb was pleased with the positive signs and tremendous work ethic he saw and the unit again improved, this time to 135 ypg (4.1). Not only did all 5 starters start all 11 gms, but all 5 return incl the GWC OL POY, soph C Gavin Farr. Two others earned 1st tm GWC honors and another earned 2nd tm. This unit should set new standards here.

D-Line - In '09 this unit lost a pair of 1st tm GWC DL (DT and a DE). They allowed 202 ypg (over 200 yds 7 times on the yr) and the 5.4 ypc was the 4th worst in the FCS. LY they lost 2 starters incl a 1st tm GWC but cut their total almost in half allowing 116 ypg and improved by over 2 ypc (3.3). This year the unit returns intact and is led by a pair of GWC 1st teamers in DE Tyler Osborne (7 sk, 11.5 tfl) and NT Cody Larsen (11st). The other 2 spots were filled by 3 players LY in Nick Witzmann (5st), Cody Heinrich (5st) and Jeff Tukuafu (8st). It will be tough to improve on LY's numbers but they not only have exp but also have depth.

LB's - The defense allowed 31.9 ppg in 2008 with 2 starting LB's back and while those were poor numbers, they were actually 5.4 ppg better than '07. In '09 the unit was on par with '08 allowing 30.9 ppg but that included 88 pts to a pair of FBS teams. LY they lost their #1 tk'r who took home B2B 1st tm GWC awards but I wrote they would still be improved and they only allowed 19.2 ppg (1st time under 20 ppg since '02). This year they lose their #2 and #3 tacklers and both were multi-year starters and earned 1st or 2nd tm GWC honors LY. Blake Fenn (#1 tk'r, 2nd tm GWC) returns but the replacements have little game experience. This unit will be down a notch or two.

DB's - The secondary had either 2 or 3 starters back from '07-'09 yet allowed over 200 ypg passing and at least 61% completions. LY they returned all 8 players that made starts and while they improved to 193 ypg they allowed 61.4% for a second straight ssn. This year they lose their star in CB Colin Pretlow (3x 1st tm GWC) but return 6 that made starts. Two other CB's started 6 gms in 1st tm GWC Dion Turner and Marlon Hoggins. SS Erron Vonner (#4 tk'r) was the 3rd DB to earn 1st tm GWC honors and the FS spot will be manned by either Tyson Turley (8st in '09) or Cameron Morgan (1st LY, 1st in '09). Despite losing their shutdown CB they should clearly keep opponents below the 60% mark TY.

SPECIAL TEAMS - K Brock Miller RS here in '09 and stepped in LY hitting 12-17 FG (L/50). P Trevor Ward departed after leading the FCS with an incredible 45.1 net in '09. Trent Barney

2011 SCHEDULE

9/3	at South Dakota St
9/10	Sacramento St
9/17	UTSA (HC)
9/24	at UNLV
10/1	North Dakota
10/8	at South Dakota
10/15	at Cal Poly
10/22	at Weber St
10/29	UC Davis
11/5	
11/12	at Northern Iowa
11/19	at Northern Arizona



2010 RECORD:
(6-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 47

Lost: 14

2010 AVG ATTENDANCE:

7,077 (#67)

GREAT WEST

(who also made 4st at DE) and Ryan McNamara combined to avg 35.8. This year it will be one of 2 true frosh or perhaps Miller will be called upon to do double duty.

COACHES - Ed Lamb is in his 4th year here. He has given the program hope as they went 4-7 in '08, 5-6 in '09 and 6-5 LY. He spent 3 yrs ('05-'07) at San Diego and was Idaho's DC ('02-'03). OC Steve Clark is also in his 4th season and spent 3 yrs at BYU ('05-'07) as the OL cch. Justin Ena was promoted to DC LY after working with ST's and LB's in his first year here.

FORECAST - Lamb came here after an 0-11 season in 2007 with the team in a 19 game losing streak. The 4 wins in 2008 matched the total from the previous 3 years and the 11 wins over the L2 years is the best since 1999-2000. They won the GWC with a 4-0 record LY but even more impressive might have been 3 of their losses. They opened the ssn with an 8 pt loss at Wyoming but outgained them by 29 yds. After beating San Diego handily they again outgained an FBS foe (334-250) with a 21-16 FD edge at San Jose St leading until the Spartans scored the GW td with 1:10 left. They lost at #23 Texas St and then lost again late vs Northern Arizona allowing a 65/8pt td drive with 3:07 left. They reeled off 5 straight wins including sweeping conference foes by 18 ppg. In the season finale they outgained eventual National Champion Eastern Washington 484-366 but lost 31-24 in a game that was tied at 7, 17 and 24. This year they play only one FBS team (UNLV) and if they can improve for a 4th straight year, the playoffs are a possibility.

STADIUM: ECCLES COLISEUM (8,500) (#94)

PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	4-7	6-5	1-9	3-8	0-11	4-7	5-6	6-5	30-68
Home	1-5	3-2	4-1	1-3	3-2	0-5	2-3	4-1	4-1	22-23
Away	0-5	1-5	2-4	0-6	0-6	0-6	2-4	1-5	2-4	8-45
Playoffs	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Conf	-	-	2-3	1-4	0-4	0-4	1-3	2-2	4-0	10-20
Non-Conf	1-10	4-7	4-2	0-5	3-4	0-7	3-4	3-4	2-5	20-48

2010 STATISTICAL LEADERS

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG	PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
RUSHING	133	798	34	764	5	5.7	Blake Fenn	97	0	2	1	1
Deckard Alexander	77	435	15	420	1	5.5	Akeem Anifowoshe	87	1	11	2	1
Major Gray	24	78	1	77	3	3.2	Troy Bunting	68	0	5	1	0
Brian Wilson	20	72	6	66	1	3.3	Erron Vonner	60	0	4.5	7	0
Zack Olsen	11	60	0	60	1	5.5	Colin Pretlow	56	0	3.5	4	1
Henna Brown	15	52	1	51	0	3.4	Dion Turner	54	0	2.5	4	1
Daryl Brown	4	29	0	29	0	7.2	Tyler Osborne	52	7	11.5	1	0
Brad Sorensen	64	163	156	7	2	0.1	Matt Holley	41	0	1.5	3	3
PASSING	390	261	66.9	3163	21	6	Cody Larsen	29	4	2.5	0	0
Brad Sorensen	7	63.6	86	1	0	0	Marlon Hoggins	27	1	0	4	0
JJ Mayer	11	7	53.6	86	1	0	Trent Barney	21	4.5	1.5	1	0
RECEIVING	85	1230	14.5	11	51	1	Drew Willard	20	0	1	0	0
Tysson Poots	82	877	10.7	5	36	1	Jeff Tukuafu	19	2.5	0.5	0	0
Fesi Sitake	22	317	14.4	1	42	1	Tyson Turley	17	0	0.5	0	0
Robert Ah Sue	10	157	15.7	1	30	1	Nick Witzmann	15	1	1	0	0
Austin Minefee	8	116	14.5	2	70	1	Myles Crawford-Harris	15	0	0	3	0
Daryl Brown	11	90	8.2	0	24	0	Cody Heinrich	14	4	2	1	0
Jared Ursua	9	83	9.2	2	15	0	Mike Tagliaferri	11	0	0	0	0
Deckard Alexander	7	93	13.3	1	15	0	Herman Sword	10	0	0	0	0
Abbel Aiono	7	93	13.3	1	15	0	Tommy Collett	10	0	0	0	0
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	INT	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Trent Barney	21	759	36.1	10	32.2(t)	0	3	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Ryan McNamara	18	718	39.9	4	-	0	7	125	269	10.8	0	
KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Brock Miller	27-28	5-7	5-7	1-1	1-2	12	50	Fesi Sitake	14	317	22.6	0
								Henna Brown	9	221	24.6	0

OFFENSE - LAST 7 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	PTS	TOTAL	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	SKS	TOTAL	RET	PTS	TOTAL	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF	SKS
STS	FTS	OFF	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	VS	TURN	STS	FTS	DEF	RUSH	YPC	%	YPP	BY	
7	29.7	431	135	4.1	296	65.9	14.5	30	+5	2010	7	19.2	310	116	3.3	193	61.4	16.1
7	33.3	405	123	3.8	282	65.0	12.2	27	+3	2009	7	30.9	432	202	5.4	229	61.4	14.0
5	22.1	311	61	2.2	249	48.9	14.0	26	-9	2008	7	31.9	423	209	4.8	214	61.0	13.2
6*	16.2	329	105	3.2	224	52.9	20.3	30	-19	2007	8	37.3	410	201	4.5	209	61.0	11.0
8	19.5	322	142	4.6	180	56.2	16.4	21	-5	2006	5	25.1	354	173	4.4	181	57.2	14.1
5	12.6	276	71	2.5	205	46.5	21.9	32	-13	2005	6	32.8	380	194	4.4	186	49.3	11.6
-	26.7	413	142	4.0	271	63.6	15.4	32	-6	2004	-	22.5	330	84	2.4	246	56.3	13.1

OFFENSE

SUU 2010	ATT	OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	TURN
20,043	at Wyoming	24	42-191	4.5	22-37	193	4	20	25-36	1.4	26-32	319	3	+2	
9,227	San Diego	19	33-141	4.3	17-30	270	4	11	48-119	2.5	7-21	34	3	-2	
16,739	at San Jose St	21	29-79	2.7	25-48	255	3	16	30-57	1.9	24-35	193	2	+2	
13,742	at Texas St	25	24-155	6.5	29-49	352	0	23	48-224	4.7	15-19	221	0	+1	
7,111	N Arizona	15	35-164	4.7	13-27	154	3	17	33-96	2.9	23-35	244	3	+1	
10,215	at North Dakota	30	40-96	2.4	35-46	413	4	11	20-73	3.7	13-25	100	3	0	
8,219	Cal Poly	15	32-93	2.9	18-22	253	3	21	49-175	3.6	19-32	201	2	+1	
3,821	South Dakota	22	35-241	6.9	22-31	230	2	17	32-81	2.5	19-32	217	3	0	
5,368	at UC Davis	23	27-128	4.7	30-36	397	1	25	40-154	3.9	24-39	291	4	+2	
7,006	Dixie St	24	37-147	4.0	24-29	306	0	12	27-109	4.0	17-35	97	1	+1	
5,357	at E Washington	28	30-50	1.7	34-53	434	6	19	32-155	4.8	21-34	211	3	-3	
TOTALS		246	364-1485	4.1	269-408	3257	30	192	384-1279	3.3	208-339	2128	27	+5	
AVERAGES		22.4	33-135	4.1	24-37	296	2.7	17.5	35-116	3.3	19-31	193	2.5	+0.5	

2010 STATS BY GAME

DEFENSE

2005 RESULTS

OPPONENT	SCORE
at Idaho St	13-38
at Texas St	0-34
at Northern Arizona	7-27
Stephen F Austin	17-40
at UC Davis	21-33
Northern Colorado (OT)	20-17
North Dakota St	21-37
at South Dakota St	7-55
at Cal Poly	10-20
Weber St	10-27

2006 RESULTS

OPPONENT	SCORE
Montana Tech	34-0
Western St	55-3
at Weber St	13-24
Texas St	30-21
at Cal Poly	14-18
at McNeese St	27-30
at Florida Atlantic	7-32
UC Davis	7-27
North Dakota St	7-31
South Dakota St	21-31
at Southern Illinois	0-59

2007 RESULTS

OPPONENT	SCORE
at Montana	17-37
North Dakota	10-37
Southern Illinois	10-44
McNeese St	20-41
at Montana St	3-7
at Youngstown St	22-23
at UC Davis	21-41
at North Dakota St	17-52
Cal Poly	21-28
at South Dakota St	27-52
at Northern Iowa	10-48

2008 RESULTS

OPPONENT	SCORE
at Air Force	7-41
Adams St	38-10
at Montana	10-46
Northern Arizona	14-19
at Texas St	34-20
Youngstown St	14-7
at UC Davis	26-49
at Cal Poly	41-69
at North Dakota	15-14
South Dakota	20-42
Northern Iowa	24-34

2009 RESULTS

OPPONENT	SCORE
Dixie St	36-7
at San Diego St	19-35
at Northern Arizona	39-42
at Utah St	34-53
Texas St	38-16
at Cal Poly	23-24
North Dakota	35-10
UC Davis	56-35
at South Dakota	21-45
Eastern Washington	28-41
at San Diego	37-32

2010 RESULTS

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