

SOUTH ALABAMA JAGUARS



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POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2012

QUARTERBACKS - South Alabama's first ever football game was on Sept 5, 2009 as they played a prep school schedule (see '09 results). Three QB's split time comb for 1,205 (65%, 11-4). In '10 true frosh CJ Bennett (PS#84) took the starting job away from the 2 returnees down the stretch starting the last 3 and throwing for 1,189 (61%, 9-2) with 163 rush. LY they had to replace Brennan Sim (532, 67%, 6-2). Bennett started all 10 and threw for 1,640 (54.9%, 7-17) vs upgraded opp's. Myles Gibbon (6'2" 220, PS#422), who had 2 sts in '10 (325, 61%, 2-1), hit 6-15-82 yds. TY both return and not listed below are Logan Rogers (5'10" 200 Sr, PS#343) and Kolt Peavy (6'0" 180 rFr, PS#246). They also add in Virginia transfer Ross Metheny (PS#59) who hit 15-19 (79%) for 207 yds with a 3-1 ratio in 7 gms over 2 years for the Cavs. While their numbers might not improve much with another step up in competition, they switch to the spread offense and Bennett is an HT that now has 2 years under his belt.

RUNNING BACKS - In '09 Memphis trans Brandon Ross (PS#270) led with 594 (7.9) with 13 td's in their 7 games. Santuan McGee had 350 (7.1). In '10 while Ross (274, 7.6) and McGee (234, 5.7) both made sts, the leader was PS#207 Fr Kendall Houston (891, 6.4) who had been at Ark St during the spg but transferred here in the summer. LY everyone was back and they added in UGA transfer Demetre Baker (PS#52LB, 4.45 spd). Houston led again with 558 (4.6) while Baker was #2 with 491 (4.8). JJ Keels (PS#127), who orig committed to Vandy, started 3 and was #3 with 142 (3.8). TY all 3 return along with Ellis Hill (5'9" 205 Jr, PS#311) who has a comb 253 (4.9) in 3Y and Ross (6'0" 240) who DNP LY. Not listed in the PSL are Desmond Jones (5'11" 230 So), Terrance Timmons (5'7" 175 rFr, PS#363) and Julien Valentin (5'9" 200 Jr). This will be one of the SBC's top RB corps.

RECEIVERS - LY the Jaguars had to replace their top rec who had 592 (15.6) in '10 with the top returnees being Corey Waldon (291, 20.8), Bryant Lavender (276, 17.2), TJ Glover (155, 11.1) and Jeremé Jones (142, 9.5). This time the top rec only had 370 (13.2) and that was Lavender. Waldon improved some to 294 (12.8) and Jones added 205 (9.8). TY they lose Lamontis Gardner (6 st, 246, 12.3), TE Kevin Helms (10 st, 216, 15.4) and TE Paul Bennett (8 st, 38 yds). Not listed in the PSL are TE's Ethan Stokley (6'2" 190 rFr), Jared Palmer (6'2" 205 Jr), Devin Robinson (6'1" 215 rFr) and Ryan Onkka (6'4" 240 So). While they basically lose 2 starters from this unit, the top 2 are back and with the move to a spread offense they can only improve upon last year's production.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In their first season ('09) USA rushed for 267 ypg (6.1) vs very weak opp's in a 7 game schedule. In '10 they rushed for 232 ypg (5.7) in a 10 gm schedule with 6 lower division teams. LY 4 full-time starters returned but USA was facing a tougher schedule and slipped to 155 ypg rush (4.0) while allowing 21 sacks (8.3%). TY they lose LT Brian Krauskopf (10 st, 3Y st'r), LG Jon Griffin (10 st, 2Y st'r), RT Chris Brunson (10 st, 1.5Y st'r) and Ryan Norris (2nd string). They add in Alabama transfer Darius McKeller (PS#84) who is 6'6" 350 and gives them an upgrade inside. This unit will be taking on tougher opponents yet again so their numbers may not rise, but they should be equal or even better than LY's group.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Jaguars run a 3-4 D, and similar to the offensive ones these numbers are skewed due to their strength of schedule. In '09 they allowed 61 ypg rush and only 1.8 ypc and in '10 they allowed 81 ypg and 2.8 ypc. LY all 3 starters returned but facing a much tougher schedule they yielded 143 ypg rush (3.4) while recording just 15 sks. Not listed in the PSL are Justin Walker (5'10" 265, Jr), Trevor Barry (5'11" 250) and Byron Sneed (6'4" 240 Jr). TY they take another step up in competition but the good news is that the entire 3 deep returns led by 2Y st'r NT Montavious Williams (27 tkl, 5 tfl) and could stop the trend of weaker rush D numbers.

LINEBACKERS - In South Alabama's first 2 years they were very stingy allowing points as in '09, vs prep schools, they yielded just 5.9 ppg with 2 shutouts. In '10 they played 4 FCS teams in their 10 game schedule and yielded 13.0 ppg with shutouts of Pikeville, Edward Waters and Lamar. LY they had to replace their #2 and #6 tkl'rs, returning their #1, #5 and #7 tkl'rs while adding Va Tech trans Jake Johnson (PS#85). Now facing 2 FBS opponents and 6 FCS teams, their numbers slipped as you would expect to yielding 21.7 ppg and 310 ypg. Not listed in the PSL are Andrew Philon (5'11" 205 rFr), Robert Terrell (6'0" 260 rFr) PS#217, Ramon Lewis (5'10" 245 rFr, PS#540) and Dylan Hutto (6'0" 190 rFr). TY they only lose Ken Barefield (10 st, #4 tkl'r, 2 sk). They ret 3 st'rs in MLB Johnson (#1 tkl'r, 6.5 tfl), WLB Enrique Williams (#3, 4.5 tfl) and SLB Clifton Crews (#6, 5 tfl) along with 2 that tied for #11. Even with the step up in competition, they could improve upon LY's numbers.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In their inaugural season the secondary allowed 173 ypg and 50% completions. In '10 with a more exp'd unit, even against a tougher schedule they allowed 173 ypg again, but only 49%. LY they had to replace 1 st'r but added in VHT Alabama transfer BJ Scott (PS#16). Once again, increasing their strength of opponents, they still allowed a respectable 167 ypg (55%, 14-8). TY they lose Anton Graphenreed (9 st, 29 tkl) and Diamond Smith (4 st, 18 tkl). They return 4 who combined for 27 sts LY incl all-conf cand SS Charles Harris (#2 tkl'r), the anchor off the unit FS Scott (#5, out L3 inj) and CB Gabe Loper (#7, 2 int) who moved to SS in spring. They also add in PS#337 JUCO Darius Morrow who was IFS. This should be one of the SBC's better secondaries.

SPECIAL TEAMS - South Alabama had a pretty good ST unit in '10 as K Lawson McGlon hit 12-17 (L40) while P Scott Garber avg'd 40.4 (tm net 35.3). TJ Glover was the top KR (30.3) and a main PR (13.7). Jeremé Jones avg 19.4 on PR's vs light competition. LY McGlon lost his starting spot to Alabama transfer Jordan Means who hit 13-15 FG's with a long of 48. Garber improved his punting to 41.7 (34.1 tm net). Against tougher competition their PR numbers dropped (16.0 in '10 to 8.8) but their KR's improved (22.7 in '10 to 23.9). This year they lose their top guy in Means and take another step up in their level of competition.

COACHES - South Alabama hired Joey Jones to be their 1st HC. He had a unique situation as they were unclassified

their first 2 seasons and he guided them to a 17-0 record vs overmatched foes. LY he led them in a step-up in competition with an FCS schedule and this yr leads them to another step up to the Sun Belt. Jones was an All-SEC WR at Alabama before becoming a HS HC for 14Y and spending 2Y as the HC at DIII Birmingham-Southern. Robert Matthews is in his 1st season as OC and was most recently the TE cch and recruiting coor at Southern Miss ('10-'11). DC Bill Clark was also a HS HC ('99-'07) before getting hired in 2008 to help to start this program.



LB Jake Johnson

PHIL'S FORECAST

On Dec 6, 2007 the USA Board of Trustees approved the addition of football. They hired Joey Jones on Feb 15, 2008 and won their inaugural game on Sep 5, 2009. The start up of this program is certainly unique as they had no league affiliation their first 2 seasons playing a mixture of FCS, DII, NAIA and prep teams. They went 7-0 in their inaugural season winning by a combined 321-41. In 2010 they played 10 games, again running the table. They played 6 lower div teams and 4 FCS opp's. Against the FCS they beat a Nicholls St team that finished 4-7, (39-21) then shut out Lamar who finished 5-6 on the year. They traveled to UC Davis (6-5) and got a 3 pt win and knocked off Georgia St 39-34 who was in their 1st season (6-5). Not only did they outgain all 4 but they did so by 138 ypg. The NCAA did not recognize USA as a varsity program in '09 and '10, so players were able to basically compete for two ssns which equalled one RS ssns. Their 1st two seasons they were a PERFECT 17-0 and last year they played 6 FCS teams and also faced Kent St and NCST. They opened with an expected 20-10 win over Div II West Alabama. They moved to 19-0 in their history with an impressive 30-8 win over Lamar (finish 4-7). Their streak finally ended at NCST despite outrushing the Wolfpack 104-95 and only having 1 less FD (lost by 22). They were done in by 1H turnovers at Kent St as they trailed 26-0 at the half and lost 33-25 despite finishing with a 374-281 yd edge. Down by one score they had the ball twice at the end but were int'd and their last drive got to the KSU 23 but they ran out of time. USA travelled to face UTSA (1st yr football) and needed to block a 26 yd FG at the end of reg to win 30-27 in 2OT as they were outgained 409-352. UT Martin came into their game leading the FCS in scoring (45.2 ppg) and tfl off (512 ypg) but USA held them to 325 yds and led 33-13 at one point with a commanding 239-64 yd edge at the half (held on for the 33-30 win). In a 2nd straight road game they needed a late score (td :04 left) to force OT, this time vs Georgia St (2nd yr football) but after blocking a 24 yd FG in the 1st OT to stay alive, they lost in the 2nd OT 27-20 (outgained 429-323). In the 1H they were int'd deep in GSt territory and also fumbled at the 10 and were int'd at the 1 in OT. They forced a school record 7 TO's in their 28-3 win over Div II Henderson St (375-210 yd edge). Miss Valley St (which finished just 1-10, was no match as USA won 35-3. In their home and season finale they took on a much tougher Cal Poly team that runs the triple option and were thrashed 41-10 to finish 6-4 and 23-4 in their history. This year they face 11 teams that were in the FBS LY making it a much tougher schedule. While they will be competitive in the Sun Belt, I will call for a team that has won 85% of their games to have their first losing season in school history.

OFFENSE

JERSEY #
IN RED

2012 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

JERSEY #
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DEFENSE

QB 15 CJ BENNETT SO. 6-0 205 PS#84. 3 st, 9 gm, 1189 (61%, 9-2) '10. 10 st, 1640 (55%, 7-17) LY.
15 Ross Metheny (6'3" 205 Jr) PS#59. 5 gm, 171 (77%, 3-1) '10. 2 gm at Virginia LY. **16** Trey Fentner (6'0" 195 rFr).
RB 33 DEMETRE BAKER SO. 6-1 215 PS#72. Dismissed UGA '10. 4 st, 491 (4.8) LY. **29** Kendall Houston (5'10" 215 So) PS#207. Ark St. spg. 10 gm, 891 (6.4) '10. 4 st, 558 (4.6) LY. **18** JJ Keels (5'10" 175 So) PS#127. 3 st, 142 (3.8) LY.
WR 24 TJ Glover So. 5-9 170 PS#398. 10 gm 155 (11.1) '10. DNP LY. **35** Anthony Ingram (5'9" 165 rFr) PS#447. Cameron Broadnax (6'1" 180 Fr) PS#185. **23** Tyronne Bivins (5'9" 170 So). **88** Ben Whiteside (6'2" 190 So).
WR 81 COREY WALDON JR. 5-10 175 PS#321. 10 gm, 291 (20.8) '10. 10 gm, 294 (12.8) LY. **11** Jeremé Jones (5'8" 160 So). RS '10 2 sts 205 (9.8) PR 155 (8.6) LY. **3** Akeem Appleton (5'9" 175 rFr) PS#314. **28** Austin Powell (5'11" 175 So).
WR 8 BRYANT LAVENDER JR. 6-0 185 PS#714. 276 (17.2) '10. 6 st, 370 (13.2). **93** Corey Besteda (6'3" 190 Jr) PS#251. 46 (15.3) '10. 2 st, 203 (18.5) LY. **68** Jake Howton (6'1" 175 So) PS#137. 9 (4.5) LY. **20** Nathan Sassaman (5'9" 175 rFr).
TE 17 Wes Saxton So. 6-4 225 PS#63JC. IFS. **10** Greg Hollinger (6'4" 225 Jr) PS#337. 8 gm, 76 (19.0) LY.
84 Ryne Baxter (6'1" 220 Sr) PS#510. 4 st, 20 gm LY. **6** Kennedy Helms (6'2" 245 Sr). **12** Rush Hendricks (6'3" 245 So).
C 70 TREY CLARK SR. 6-1 270 10 st 10. 10 st LY. **54** James Elliott (6'2" 300 Jr) PS#191. Kentucky trans.
79 Taylor Malone (5'11" 265 rFr) PS#558. **LS 71** Nick Bear (5'11" 225 Jr) 13 gm LY. **61** Austin Cole (6'3" 220 So) 10 gm LY.
RG 77 MELVIN MEGGS SO. 6-3 300 PS#495. 10 st LY. **68** Shane Doty (6'4" 295 So) 2 gm LY. **78** Kenneth Johnson (6'0" 270 Jr) 5 gm rFr. 2 gm LY. Perry Meiklejohn (6'3" 305 Jr) PS#722JC. **75** Tyler Gordy (5'10" 245 rFr).
LG 62 Darius McKellar Jr. 6-6 350 PS#84. '09 GS. Med Hardship '10. Trans from Bama LY. **72** Drew Dearman (6'3" 310 So) PS#368. 10 gm LY. **63** DaMon Husband (6'1" 365 rFr) PS#444. Steve McKenzie is PS#159.
RT 73 Shaun Artz So. 6-4 290 PS#725. 4 gm LY. **76** Ucambre Williams (6'2" 265 So) PS#737. DNP LY. No spg '12 **60** Ryan Capers (6'1" 300 So) DNP LY. Joseph Scelfo is PS#215. **58** Phillip Wyatt (6'5" 250 rFr).
LY 57 Tremain Smith Sr. 6-4 305 16 gm LY. **55** Chris May (6'4" 280 rFr) PS#233. **66** Josh Terry (6'3" 300 Jr). 2 gm 2Y. Steven Foster (6'3" 305 Fr) PS#263. **91** Ja'Larry Byrd (6'1" 300 So). Clay Machen is PS#258.
K 39 Michael Chapuseaux Sr. 5-8 185 1-2 FG L22, 4-6 PAT, 7 TB on 59 KO '10. 7 gm, 8 TB on 32 KO LY. Aleem Sunanon (5'6" 185 Fr) PS#133. 8-10 FG in HS, 18 of 38 punts inside the 20, 43.7 ypp as a senior in HS.

DE 90 ROMELLE JONES JR. 6-2 275 PS#981. 9 gm, 19 tkl, 6 tfl '10. L6 st, 23 tkl, 7 tfl LY. **82** Alex Page (6'1" 235 Jr) PS#368. 6 st, 14 tkl, 3 tfl '10. First 4 st, 10 gm, 29 tkl, 4 tfl LY. **86** Will Thompson (6'1" 250 So) 10 gm, 19 tkl, 1.5 tfl LY.
NT 92 MONTAVIOUS WILLIAMS JR. 6-2 265 PS#272. 10 st, 16 tkl, 4 tfl, '10. 10 st, 27 tkl, 5 tfl LY. **98** Andy Dalglish (6'2" 275 Sr) 10 gm, 7 tkl, 4 tfl '10. 10 gm, 25 tkl 4 tfl LY. **95** Rodney Thomas (6'1" 290 So) PS#376. 3 gm, 1 tkl '10. 10 gm LY.
DT 93 DARRAN CARNATHAN JR. 6-1 280 PS#490. 10 gm, 17 tkl 5 tfl '10. 10 st, 20 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **12** Ceasare Johnson (6'5" 260 Jr) PS#508. 70 tkl JC '10. RS LY. Terrance Jones (6'0" 290 Fr) PS#291. **67** Jesse Kelley (5'10" 260 So) 2 tkl, 1 tfl 3 gm LY.
ILB 47 Pat Moore Jr. 6-3 235 PS#700JC. IFS. **43** Anthony Taylor (6'3" 225 Sr) PS#382. 10 st, 19 tkl, 5 tfl '10. 15 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **36** Logan Bennett (6'0" 220 Jr). 10 st, 20 gm, 47 tkl, 8.5 tfl 2Y. **37** Kendall Bagnierie (6'3" 235 Sr) 14 tkl 2Y.
ILB 25 CLIFTON CREWS JR. 6-3 220 PS#621. 10 gm, 12 tkl '10. 10 st, 35 tkl, 5 tfl LY. **20** Maleki Harris (6'1" 200 So) PS#234. 8 gm, 7 tkl LY. Davison Stuarts (5'10" 205 Fr). **35** David Hawkins (5'9" 205 Jr). **39** Colton Carlisle (5'10" 205 rFr).
MLB 42 JAKE JOHNSON SR. 6-1 230 PS#85. 8 st, 55 tkl, 4.5 tfl '09 at Va Tech. Trans '10. 10 st, 83 tkl, 6.5 tfl LY.
50 Ben Giles (6'0" 220 Jr) PS#360. ULM trans '10. 25 tkl LY. **30** Cordivido Grice (6'0" 200 rFr) PS#281. Philip Press (6'1" 220 Sr).
WLB 28 ENRIQUE WILLIAMS JR. 6-0 235 PS#368. 10 gm, 48 tkl '10. 10 st, 62 tkl 4.5 tfl LY. **55** Desmond LaVelle (5'11" 230 So) PS#343. 10 gm, 25 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **38** Bryson James (6'2" 230 Jr) 33 tkl LY. **22** OFS. **15** Josh Chestang (5'11" 240 Jr).
CB 4 DARRIUS MORROW JR. 5-10 170 PS#337JC. IFS. **8** Charles Watson (6'1" 195 Jr) PS#593JC. IFS. Tyrell Pearson (5'8" 150 Jr) PS#697JC. **27** Eddy Cabrera (5'9" 170 Jr). **13** Terrell Brigham (6'0" 170 So) PS#366. **25** Lorenzo Ferguson (5'11" 190 Jr).
CB 22 QUDARIUS FORD SO. 5-7 165 PS#946. 10 gm, 6 tkl LY. **2** Jonathan Cameron (6'2" 185 Sr). 6 st, 21 tkl, 6 pd '10. DNP LY. Anthony Harris (6'1" 175 Jr) PS#268JC. IFS. **7** EJ May (5'10" 190 rFr) PS#343. **14** Jeremy Jones (5'6" 165 So).
SS 21 CHARLES HARRIS SR. 6-1 200 PS#439. 10 st, 81 tkl, 2 pd LY. **6** Gabe Loper (6'2" 190 Sr) PS#559. 7 st at CB, 34 tkl, 5 pd LY. **11** Davin Hawkins (6'2" 210 So) PS#326. **19** Cori Barnett (5'9" 190 Sr) 10 tkl, 2.5 tfl '10. 10 gm, 4 tkl LY.
FS 1 BJ Smith Jr. 5-11 205 PS#16. 10 gm as true '08. RS '09 6 gm, 6 tkl '10. Trans from Bama LY. 7 st, 48 tkl, 4 pbu then int'd. **17** Alonzo Long (5'10" 195 Jr) L3 st, 9 gm, 9 tkl LY. **23** Dionte McDuffy (5'10" 190 rFr) PS#271.
P 40 SCOTT GARBER JR. 5-9 195 PS#68. RS '09. 34 punts, 40.4 ypp, 35.4 net, L60, 16 120, 4 of 50+, 4 FC, 1 blocked '10. 9 gm, 38 punts, 41.7 ypp, 34.1 team net, L64, 10 120, 5 of 50+, 4 FC, 1 blocked last year.

