

### POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2013

**QUARTERBACKS** - Vince Young lead Texas to a National Title then Colt McCoy took over and was a 4Y st'r from '06-'09. In '10 Garrett Gilbert, who replaced an inj'd McCoy in the championship gm, was the clear starter and struggled throwing for 2,744 (59%, 10-17). Gilbert began '11 as a str but soph Case McCoy (PS#51, Colt's brother) and true frosh David Ash (PS#16) took over. McCoy st'd 5 and threw for 1,045 (61%, 7-4). Ash, who is more of a mobile QB st'd 6 (1068, 57%, 4-8) and rushed for 103 (1.4) and ply'd the entire bowl. Ash (2699, 67.3%, 19-8) st'd every game in '12 until he suffered some bruised ribs vs TCU (gm 11). McCoy st'd vs Kan St and hit 26-34-314 incl 17 str comp (#2 UT hist to Colt's 18) but he also had 2 int's that resulted in td's. They RS a pair of true frosh in Connor Brewer (6'2" 195, PS#9) and Jalen Overstreet (6'2" 212, PS#50). TY they add in PS#10 Tyrone Swoopes who was the talk of the spring gm. With everyone back, I would expect their best QB play s/'09.

INING RACKS - Texas has had a terrific RB tradition. (2 Heisman winners) but has not produced a 1,000 yd rusher in the L5Y with the leading RB rusher having 376 (4.3), 552 (4.8) and 592 (4.4) from '08-'10. In '11 I projected true frosh Malcolm Brown (PS#1) to top 1,000 and he was on his way (#1 rusher each of 1st 6) but missed 3. Brown (742, 4.3) and Joe Bergeron (PS#36) became the first pair of UT frosh RB's to top 100 in a gm (vs KU) and Bergeron then had 191 vs TT finishing #2 (463, 6.4). LY Bergeron had 5 td's vs Baylor (all 16 of his td's in first 9 gm). Bergeron finished #2 with 567 (4.5). Even in a loaded backfield, true frosh Daje Johnson (5'10" 184, PS#29, susp Wk 1) was #4 (203, 7.5) with an 84 yd td run vs BU while adding 287 rec (15.1). Brown missed basically 6 gm w/inj and after having 238 the first 3 only finished with 324 (5.3). True frosh Johnathan Gray (PS#1) became the 8th Texas frosh RB to post B2B 100 yd gms joining the likes of Earl Campbell ('74), Ricky Williams ('95) and Cedric Benson ('01). Gray led with 701 (4.7, 151 rec, 13.7). This year they lose Jeremy Hills (33, 4.7, 130 rec, 8.1), and FB Ryan Roberson (3 st, 37 ttl yd) but have one of the nation's best RB corps if they maintain better health.

RECEIVERS - In '10 Mike Davis' 47 rec's set a school frosh record (BJ Johnson, 41 in '00) and he was the #2 rec (478, 10.2). In '11 they had to replace their #1, #3 and #4 rec's. Marguise Goodwin (324, 10.5 in '10) was going to RS (Olympics) but ret'd in Wk 2. True frosh Jaxon Shipley (Jordan's bro) was having a fine year but missed 3 (inj) and finished #2 (607, 13.8). Davis had drop issues vet led with 609 (13.5) and Goodwin was #3 (421, 12.8). Last year Davis still had some drops but again led

with 939 (16.5). Shipley led in rec (59) and finished #2 (737 12.5). TY they lose Goodwin (6 st, 340, 13.1, #3DC BUF), TE DJ Grant (3 st, 125, 8.9), DJ Monroe (2 st, 6 rec) and TE Barrett Matthews (2 st). They have 13 VHT's in the unit including a JUCO TE. I look for more production in 2013.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Surprisingly UT has not had an OL drafted s/'08 (Tony Hills). In '11 they had just 2 st'rs back (36 car st) but improved to 203 ypg rush (4.5) while allowing 28 sks (7.8%). The unit lacked depth w/7 schlp OL and had a new OL cch. They finished with 2 Fr and 2 So st'rs. LY they had to replace 2 OL (comb 19 st) but had 4 st'rs back (63 car st). They added in PS#9JC LT Donald Hawkins. They only lost 2 sts to inj all year and allowed just 16 sks (4.0%) but the ypg dropped to 171 (4.5). TY they lose their "6th OL" in Luke Poehlmann (3 st) and bkp RG Thomas Ashcraft but have 8 of the top 10 back (124 car st) and should have one of the strongest O-lines in the country. The 5 bkps are all PS#18 or better!

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Horns generally allow under 100 ypg rush. In '10 they had to replace 2.5 st'rs (2 DC's). Surprisingly the rush D all'd its highest ypg s/'03 (139, 3.5) They had to replace 2 st'rs in '11 and they trimmed that to 96 ypg (3.1, 29 sk). LY they had to replace two DT's (#7DC). They did return 1st Tm AA Alex Okafor and DE Jackson Jeffcoat. Naturally the unit is loaded with VHT's and true frosh Malcom Brown (PS#4) had 25 tkls and they took the RS off Shiro Davis (PS#14) in Oct. Jeffcoat was lost after 6 sts to inj. Okafor earned 1st Tm B12 (68 tkl, 12.5 sk was most s/84, 5.5 tfl, 20 gbh). TY they lose Okafor (12 st, #4DC ARZ) and DT Brandon Moore (5 st. 18 tkl. 8 tfl) but Jeffcoat returns. They also add in Zeke Riser who had 9 sts at Houston in '12 (38 tkl, 3 sk) while Alex Norman (6'4" 275 rFr. PS#58), Paul Boyette (6'4" 295 rFr. PS#45) and Bryce Cottrell (6'3" 230 rFr, PS#139) add depth. Ly's unit surprisingly yielded 192 ypg (4.6) but perhaps that had more to do with an inexp'd LB corps and I would expect this unit to be more on par with the 2010 version.

INEBACKERS - It's very surprising that from '95-'09 UT had just 2 LB's drafted. LY they had to replace 1st Tm B12 Emmanuel Acho (131 tkl, #6DC) and 2nd Tm B12 Keenan Robinson (106 tkl, #4DC). They ret'd Jordan Hicks (PS#1) and Steve Edmond (PS#5, 16 tkl as true) who is 255 lbs and fast. Unfortunately, Texas' D went south when Hicks suffered a hip inj vs Miss. He was the #1 tkl'r after 2.5 gms w/23 and 3 tfl. Edmond finished #2 in tkls w/103, soph Kendall Thompson (PS#22) was #5 w/60 and Demarco Cobbs (PS#8) missed the final 2 and still tallied 35. TY they are much more exp'd as the entire 2 deep returns incl their star, Hicks. I know UT all'd 29.2 ppg LY but talent-wise, this is one of the top LB corps in the country.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Texas was #15 in my PDR in '10 and moved up to #5 in '11 and appeared to be in great shape LY, only losing their FS (#3 tkl'r). The CB combo of Quandre Diggs and Carrington Byndom gave up a lot of big plays, especially in the 1H of they year. They did get better down the stretch but Texas surprisingly dropped to #36 (59.3%, 16-15). This year they lose 1st Tm B12 FS Kenny Vaccaro (13 st, #1 tkl'r, 2 int, 5 pbu, #1DC NO) but have 7 of the top 8 back and are close to the same talent that they had 2 years ago.

IAL TEAMS - With Brown's recruiting success, most of the bkps have been VHT's and contribute on ST. Since '00 they have had 8 top 20 finishes. In '11 they finished #23 as K/P Justin Tucker hit a super 17-21 fg's (L52) with a 35.5 net. LY they had to replace Tucker and KR Fozzy Whittaker (10 KR, 42.4, 2td). Anthony Fera hit 14-17 fg's (L46) in '11 at Penn St but missed the start of LY winj. Fera hit just 2-4 fg's (L42) and the Longhorns didn't even att a fg in 4 of 5 gms (Wks 4-8). True frosh Nick Jordan (PS#7) hit 9-15 (L40). Those 2 both return. LS Nate

Boyer (Bronze Star recipient), was the inaugural winner of the FWAA Armed Forced Merit Award. Duke transfer Alex King avg 45.3 (#4 FBS net 40.8). True frosh Nick Rose had 30 TB on 82 KO. Monroe avg 24.5 on KR's (Goodwin 25.2) while the tm avg was -1.3 yds on PR's. TY they lose King, Monroe and Goodwin but they should improve upon a #31 finish w/better health from their K's.

CHES - In Mack Brown's first season here ('98) Ricky Williams rushed for 2,124 yds and Major Applewhite was the QB. UT ripped off 12 straight seasons with 9 or more wins and

9 straight with DD wins before going 5-7 in '10. Applewhite joined as a coach in '08 and has been co-OC s/'11 but will call the plays this season. Bryan Harsin took the Ark St HC job so Darrell Wyatt (3rd ssn here) was promoted to co-OC prior to the bowl. Third year DC Manny Diaz was the DC at Miss St ('10) and Middle Tenn ('06-'09)

# PHIL'S FORECAST

Texas beat defending Nat'l Champ #1 USC in the Rose Bowl in '05 to win their first National Title s/'70. In '08 they had just 11 ret sts but the young team came together quickly and they moved to #1. They gave up a td with :01 left and lost to #6 TT on the road and with a 3-way tie were excluded from the B12 Title game. Denied a shot at the Nat'l Title a disappointed UT still beat #10 Ohio St (Fiesta) and finished #4. In '09 I projected the Horns to play in the Nat'l Title gm and in the B12 Title game they needed a 46 yd FG with :01 left to get there. Unfortunately leading 6-0 they lost QB Colt McCoy and despite a 276-263 yd edge, were done in by 5 TO's and lost to Alabama 37-21. In '10 I mentioned that they had just 8 sts lost in '09, were +9 in TO's and had an off ypp of 10.7. UT moved from the spread to more of a pro-style attack despite not having a feature RB on the roster. got beaten up pretty good in the preseason by Texas fans as I did not have the Horns in my Preseason Top 10. They entered the season at #5 AP but when the dust settled they had their first losing ssn s/97 and finished last in their div for the first time s/56. Prior to '10, Mack Brown had led UNC and UT to winning records for 20 str yrs (longest FBS streak). In '11 naturally UT made my Most Improved List and bounced back to 8-5, beating Cal 21-10 in the Holiday Bowl. LY they opened the season with 3 blowout wins but then their best def player (LB Hicks) was OFY. They survived OKSt 41-36 but were upset at home by WV 48-45. They were noncompetitive vs OU (outgained 407-65 1H). They led 56-43 with Baylor getting a 94 yd td drive with 1:57 left. UT had drives to the KU 32, 1 and 17 end in zero pts. The game was played in 41° temps and UT needed a 69 yd drive for a td with :12 left to escape with a 21-17 win. They opened up with 71, 75 and 75 yd td drives for a 21-10 lead vs TT and won 31-22. Former HC Darrell Royal died and UT honored him by running out of the wishbone on the first play vs Iowa St. An enthused UT team rolled 33-7. On Thanksgiving they lost to TCU at home due to 4 TO's as they had a 22-15 FD edge (two 25 yd fg). They once again outgained K-St but lost by 18, snapping a 5 gm road winning streak. UT overcame a 20-10 HT deficit in the bowl and won 31-27 over #15 Oreg St to finish 9-4 and #19. Mack Brown was on a 1-10 slump vs ranked teams prior to the bowl. Surprisingly UT was -24.8 ypg in the B12 (8th best) but their 19 ret sts are the most in the league. Texas' D had the fewest missed tkls in '11 but the most in the B12 LY. With just 12 lett lost, Texas is a top Surprise Team this year.

## **OFFENSE**

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**DEFENSE** 

QB 14 DAVID ASH JR. 6-3 223 PS#16.6 st, 13 gm, 1068 (57%, 4-8) true. 12 st, 2699 (67%, 19-8) LY. Case DE 88 Cedric Reed Jr. true. 5 st, 11 gm, 1045 (61%, 7-4) '11. 1 st, 8 gm, 722 (71%, 6-3) LY. Tyrone Swoopes IFS. RB 32 JOHNATHAN GRAY SO. 5-11 207 PS#1.5 st, 13 gm, 701 (4.7) true. 28 Malcolm Brown (60° 223 Jr) PS#1. 6 st, 10 gm, 742 (4.3) true. 1 st, 324 (5.3) LY. 24 Joe Bergeron (61° 240 Jr) PS#36. 11 gm, 463 (6.4) true. 6 st, 567 (4.5) LY. 3) LY. 24 Joe Bergeron (61 240 Jr) PS#36. 11 gm, 463 (6.4) true. 6 st, 567 (4.5) LY. 12 gm, 10 tkl, 2 sk true. 11 st, 33 tkl, 6-0 183 PS#20. 11 gm, 2 rec true. 4 Cayleb Jones (63 200 So) PS#5. 11 gm, 2 rec WR 2 Kendall Sanders So. true. FB Chet Moss (6'2" 255 Jr) PS#30. 1 st LY. Alex De La Torre (6'1" 230 So) PS#54LB. Dominic Cruciani (5'11" 230 Jr). 1 MIKE DAVIS SR. 16 Bryant Jackson (6'2" 199 Jr) PS#41. 8 gm rFr. 13 gm, 140 (17.5) LY. Marcus Johnson (6'1" 189 So) PS#82. 8 gm true. WR 8 JAXON SHIPLEY JR. 6-1 192 **PS#16.** 5 st, 607 (13.8) true. 10 st, 737 (12.5) LY.2 x HM B12. John Harris **SLB 19 PETER JINKENS SO.** Miles Onyegbule (6'4" 235 Jr) PS#40. 20 gm, 4 rec 2Y. Duke Thomas also DB. (6'3" 218 Jr) PS#45. 10 gm, 4 red TE 85 MJ McFARLAND SO. 6-6 245 PS#10.4 st, 125 (15.6) rFr. 81 Greg Daniels (6'5" 258 Jr) PS#55DL. 3 MLB 33 STEVE EDMOND JR. gm rFr. 8 st, 90 (18.0) LY. 82 Geoff Swaim PS#32JC. IFS. Michael Wheeler (5'10" 191 Jr). Cade McCrary (6'4" 193 Sr). 55 DOMINIC ESPINOSA JR. 6-4 300 PS#22.26 st C 2Y. Garrett Porter (6'6' 315 Sr) PS#18.38 gm 3Y. Darius WLB 3 JORDAN HICKS JR. James PS#4. LS Nate Boyer (5'11" 190 Jr) 12 gm LY. Kyle Ashby (6'1" 235 So) 13 gm true. Tom Newman (6'2" 230 Jr). RG 72 MASON WALTERS SR. 6-6 320 PS#3. 12 st RG rFr. 13 st RG, HM B12 '11. 13 st RG, HM B12 LY. 62 Curtis Riser (6'4" 305 rFr) PS#18. 74 Taylor Doyle (6'5" 290 So) PS#72. 1 gm rFr. 58 Frank Lopez (6'2" 235 Fr). LG 75 TREY HOPKINS SR. 6-4 300 PS#10. L/4 st LG, 12 gm true. 13 st RT '11. 12 st LG, 2nd Tm B12 LY. 66 Sedrick Flowers (6'3" 313 So) PS#6. 5 gm rFr. 65 Marcus Hutchins (6'5" 280 So) PS#64. 57 Clark Orren (6'0" 240 rFr). LG 75 TREY HOPKINS SR. RT 78 JOSH COCHRAN JR. 6-6 299 PS#38. 7 st LT, 12 gm, 2nd Tm Fr AA true. 13 st OT LY. 76 Garrett Greenlea (6'7" 305 So) PS#12. 1 gm rFr. Desmond Harrison (6'7" 310 Jr) PS#38JC. Kent Perkins (6'5" 300 Fr) PS#3. LT 51 DONALD HAWKINS SR. 6-5 310 PS#9JC. 11 st LT, 12 gm here LY. 68 Kennedy Estelle (6'7" 300 So) PS#10. 3 gm true. 71 Camrhon Hughes (6'7" 320 rFr) PS#16. ACL LY. Rami Hammad (6'5" 320 Fr) PS#61. 28 NIČK JORDAN SO. 6-1 175 PS#7. 9-15 fg, L/40, 31-32 PAT true. 9 Anthony Fera (6'2" 220 Sr) PS#3. 2-4, L/42, 23-25 PAT LY. 23 Nick Rose (6'3" 192 So) 82 KO/30TB true. Ben Pruitt (6'1" 200 So) PS#18.

6-6 250 PS#30. 7 gm, 3 tkl true. L/6 st, 13 gm, 46 tkl, 8 tfl LY. 1 Shiro Davis (6'3" 236 So) PS#14. L/7 gm, 3 tkl true. Caleb Bluiett (6'3" 250 rFr) PS#85. 47 Chris Terry (6'4" 241 Sr). Logan Mills (6'3" 215 So). DT 90 MALCOM BROWN SO. 6-4 315 PS#4. 13 gm, 25 tkl true. 99 Desmond Jackson (6'1" 300 Jr) PS#9 , 7 tfl LY. Zeke Riser (6'4" 255 Sr) 27 st, 91 tkl, 6 sk, 8 tfl, 8 qbh 3Y at Houston. 6-2 295 **PS#20**. 4 st. 21 am. 26 tkl. 7 tfl. 6 abh 2Y. 2 st. 9 am. 28 tkl. 10 tfl LY. **96 Chris** Whaley (6'3" 292 Sr) PS#14. 12 gm rFr. 1 st, 13 gm, 5 tkl '11. 9 st, 22 tkl, 4 tfl LY. Hassan Ridgeway (6'4" 300 rFr) PS#28. 6-2 193 PS#10.5 st, 478 (10.2) true. 11 st, 609 (13.5) '11. 11 st, 939 (16.5) LY. DE 44 JACKSON JEFFCOAT SR. 6-5 245 PS#2.14 st, 86 tkl, 10.5 sk, 16.5 tfl 2Y.6 st (OFY), 31 tkl, 11 tfl, 6 qbh, HM B12 LY. 92 Reggie Wilson (6'3" 259 Sr) PS#7. 15 gm, 14 tkl 2Y. 1 st, 31 tkl, 2 sk, 5 qbh LY. Jake Raulerson PS#15. iFS. SLB 19 PETER JINKENS SO. 6-1 213 PS#12. 3 st, 13 gm, 29 tkl, 3 tfl true. 35 Kendall Thompson (6'3" 239 Jr) PS#22. 13 gm, 9 tkl true. 7 st, 12 gm, 60 tkl, 8 tfl LY. 8 Aaron Benson (6'2" 233 Jr) PS#19. 12 gm, 2 tkl 2Y. 6-3 255 PS#5. 12 gm, 16 tkl, 2 sk true. 12 st, 13 gm, 103 tkl, 6 tfl, HM B12 LY. 55 Dalton Santos (6'3" 235 PS#42. 1 st, 13 gm, 26 tkl, 3 tfl true. 24 Timothy Cole (6'2" 225 rFr) PS#22. 6-2 235 PS#1.25 gm, 88 tkl, 5 tfl 2Y.3 st (OFY), 23 tkl LY. Tevin Jackson (6'2" 233 Jr), 6 tfl LY. 7 Demarco Cobbs (6'2" 218 Sr) PS#8. 19 gm, 9 tkl 2Y. 6 st, 11 gm, 35 tkl LY. PS#7. 12 am true. 2 st, 13 gm, 30 tkl 6 QUANDRE DIGGS JR. 5-10 200 **PS#8**. 11 st, 51 tkl, 4 int, B12 Fr DPOY true. 13 st, 59 tkl, 7 pbu, 4 int, HM B12 LY. 21 Duke Thomas (5'11" 175 So) PS#26. 13 gm, 12 tkl true. 31 Leroy Scott (5'10" 193 Jr) PS#19. 15 tkl 2Y. CB 23 CARRINGTON BYNDOM SR. 6-0 180 PS#29. 12 gm, 20 tkl true. 13 st, 58 tkl, 1st Tm B12 '11. 13 st, 55 tkl, 9 pd, 1 IR td LY. 29 Sheroid Evans (6'0" 185 Jr) PS#13. 13 gm true. 9 gm, 5 tkl LY. 16 Bryson Echols (5'10" 180 rFr) PS#24. SS 17 ADRIAN PHILLIPS SR. 5-11 201 PS#43. 12 gm, 9 tkl true. 5 st, 12 gm, 43 tkl, 4 tfl, 7 pd '11. 10 st, 13 gm, 72 tkl, 3 tfl, 4 pd LY. 18 Kevin Vaccaro (5'10" 180 So) PS#178. 12 gm, 4 tkl true. Adrian Colbert (6'2" 200 rFr) PS#132. FS 25 Josh Turner Jr. (6'2" 183 Jr) PS#44. 13 gm, 6-0 177 PS#6. 13 gm, 7 tkl true. 2 st, 13 gm, 49 tkl, 4 pd LY. 2 Mykkele Thompson tkl true. 6 st, 13 gm, 59 tkl, 2 blk'd P LY. Erik Huhn PS#59. Devin Huffines (6'0" 193 Sr). 9 Anthony Fera Sr. 6-2 220 **PS#3**. 46 punts (41.4) rFr. 64 (42.0), 36.2 tm net Penn St 11. No punts here LY. 23 Nick Rose (6'3" 192 So). 82 KO (60.4), 30 TB true. 14 William Russ (6'4" 185 Jr) PS#40. 4 KO, 0 TB 2Y.

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