

WEEK TEN
SOUTH ALABAMA at TEXAS ST

SOUTH ALABAMA FOOTBALL DROPS TWO-POINT DECISION AT TEXAS STATE

SAN MARCOS, Texas – Joshua Rowland kicked a 31-yard field goal with just over six minutes remaining in regulation on Saturday, and when the University of South Alabama's field-goal attempt from 28 yards out with a little more than a minute to go sailed wide left Texas State earned a 30-28 Sun Belt Conference football victory over the Jaguars at Bobcat Stadium.

It was the third field goal of the day for Rowland, who also connected from 20 and 41 yards in the first half. In between, Tyler Vitt threw for 373 yards and three scores with Hutch White catching 10 passes for 165 yards to help the Bobcats improve to 3-6 overall and 2-3 in the league.

Desmond Trotter was 13-of-17 passing for 164 yards and two touchdowns, and both Tra Minter and Carlos Davis scored while combining to record 149 rushing yards for the Jags (1-8, 0-5 Sun Belt). Nick Mobley paced South's defense with 10 total stops, Travis Reed added seven along with an interception and Jeffery Whatley was credited with 2½ tackles for loss as well.

GAME FACTS

- The Bobcats opened the scoring on a 20-yard Rowland field goal, but the Jags led at the end of the opening quarter after Davis' three-yard touchdown run with just under two minutes to go in the period.
- Another late touchdown – this time on a 22-yard pass from Trotter to Davyn Flenord – gave the Jaguars a 14-13 lead at the break.
- Texas State scored a touchdown on each of its first two possessions of the third quarter, finishing with 186 yards in the period after posting 245 in the opening half.
- Minter gave USA its last lead on a six-yard touchdown run with 10 minutes left in the contest, but the Bobcats answered less than three minutes later with Rowland's final field goal.
- Texas State finished with 415 total yards, but the Jag defense limited the Bobcats to just 42 yards on 34 attempts.
- South posted 348 yards, with Trotter accounting for 198 after adding 34 yards on the ground.

NOTES

- TXST has won all three meetings between the two schools in San Marcos, regaining a 3-2 advantage in the all-time series with the Jaguars.
- It marked the second time this season that South's offense has put together four or more touchdown marches covering at least 70 yards.
- The 42 rushing yards allowed by the Jag defense were the fewest the unit has surrendered since New Mexico State recorded 40 in the 2017 season finale.
- The Bobcats' first touchdown march of the game in the second quarter was the first scoring drive put together by an opponent of 90 or more yards since Troy did it on Oct. 23 last season.
- With the performance – his sixth in a row leading the team on the ground this fall after ending up with 87 yards – Minter moved up to fifth on the school's season rushing record list as he now has 744 yards on the year.
- Not only did Davis score his first touchdown as a Jag, he posted a career-high 63 yards rushing and had multiple receptions in a game for the first time as well.
- Reed's interception was his team-leading third of the season, and his seven tackles surpassed a career high set at ULM earlier this season.
- It was the first time in his career that Riley Cole has been credited with a sack in back-to-back contests; he has now finished with five or more stops in each of the last four outings.
- Flenord's touchdown in the second quarter was his first since the Jaguars' opener at Nebraska.
- Trotter was making the first start of his career for the Jaguars.
- Mobley has recorded 10 or more tackles four times this fall – although it was his first game in double figures in the category since USA played Georgia Southern on Oct. 3 – while it was the fifth occasion this season that he has led the team in the category.
- Jack Brooks posted the highest average of his career with a 47.8 mark on five punts, which included a pair that ended up inside the TXST-20.

THEY SAID IT

South Alabama head coach Steve Campbell
Opening statement: "It's a very disappointing loss. We gave ourselves a chance to win the game; a play here or a play there and it could have been a different outcome for us. Obviously we didn't [make one of those plays] so we've got to keep grinding, keep pushing and find a way to make one more play."
On the offense's performance today: "We went with Desmond today. Cephus [Johnson] has been toughing it out on a bad ankle. Desmond definitely gave us a spark and I thought he threw the ball well. I know we completed some balls and we were able to get some touchdowns in the red zone. I wish we could've gotten one more touchdown; we shouldn't have left it to a field goal. Once we were in field goal range though, I definitely thought we were going to make it and win the game, but we're not quite there yet."
On Texas State's big plays on third downs: "Going into the game, we knew that Texas State was a big screen team and they hurt us with that. They popped us with a screen on the first series which kept their drive alive and led to a field goal, which was the difference in the final score. We had a hard time getting off the field on third down."

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USA	7	7	7	7	28
TXST	3	10	14	3	30

Scoring Summary -----

	USA	TXST
FIRST QUARTER		
TXST FG 9:49 Joshua Rowland 20 Yd Field Goal		
9 plays, 47 yards, 3:16	0	3
USA TD 1:47 Carlos Davis 3 Yd Run (Frankie Onate Kick)		
9 plays, 77 yards, 4:13	7	3
SECOND QUARTER		
TXST FG 12:03 Joshua Rowland 41 Yd Field Goal		
11 plays, 52 yards, 4:37	7	6
TXST TD 3:09 Javen Banks 40 Yd pass from Tyler Vitt (Joshua Rowland Kick)		
8 plays, 92 yards, 3:51	7	13
USA TD 0:35 Davyn Flenord 22 Yd pass from Desmond Trotter (Frankie Onate Kick)		
9 plays, 78 yards, 2:26	14	13
THIRD QUARTER		
TXST TD 12:24 Trevis Graham Jr. 38 Yd pass from Tyler Vitt (Joshua Rowland Kick)		
6 plays, 75 yards, 2:36	14	20
USA TD 7:07 Jalen Wayne 8 Yd pass from Desmond Trotter (Frankie Onate Kick)		
11 plays, 75 yards, 5:17	21	20
TXST TD 4:36 Trevis Graham Jr. 17 Yd pass from Tyler Vitt (Joshua Rowland Kick)		
6 plays, 60 yards, 2:23	21	27
FOURTH QUARTER		
USA TD 9:57 Tra Minter 6 Yd Run (Frankie Onate Kick)		
12 plays, 73 yards, 5:40	28	27
TXST FG 6:14 Joshua Rowland 31 Yd Field Goal		
7 plays, 21 yards, 3:30	28	30

Team Stats	USA	TXST
First Downs	20	21
Passes for First	8	15
Rushes for First	10	4
Penalties for First	2	2
Third Down Efficiency	6-14	5-11
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-2	0-1
Total Yards	348	415
Total Plays	68	67
Avg Gain Per Play	5.1	6.2
Net Yards Rushing	184	42
Rushes	51	34
Yards Per Rush	3.6	1.2
Net Yards Passing	164	373
Comp-Att	13-17	23-33
Yards Per Pass	9.6	11.3
Times Sacked	2	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	-13	-6
Interceptions	0	1
Punts	5	1
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	5	5
Penalty Yards	33	28
Fumbles	1	1
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Time of Poss	30:00	30:00

Individual Stats

RUSHING

SOUTH ALABAMA	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Tra Minter	21	87	4.1	1	22
Carlos Davis	16	63	3.9	1	15
Desmond Trotter	12	34	2.8	0	9
Jared Wilson	2	0	0.0	0	0
TEXAS ST	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Tyler Vitt	11	42	3.8	0	17
Anthony D. Taylor	11	27	2.5	0	6
Calvin Hill	6	11	1.8	0	5
Hutch White	2	3	1.5	0	2
Kieston Roach	1	-6	-6.0	0	0
Team	2	-10	-5.0	0	0
Seamus O'Kelly	1	-25	-25.0	0	0

PASSING

SOUTH ALABAMA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Desmond Trotter	13	17	164	9.6	2	0	82.3
TEXAS ST	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Tyler Vitt	23	33	373	11.3	3	1	84.6

RECEIVING

SOUTH ALABAMA	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Kawaan Baker	4	34	8.5	0	21
Tre'Veon Hamilton	1	33	33.0	0	33
Davyn Flenord	1	22	22.0	1	22
Jalen Wayne	2	22	11.0	1	14
Jalen Tolbert	2	21	10.5	0	12
Zac Crosby	1	18	18.0	0	18
Carlos Davis	2	14	7.0	0	8
TEXAS ST	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Hutch White	10	165	16.5	0	40
Javen Banks	4	63	15.8	1	40
Calvin Hill	4	61	15.3	0	28
Trevis Graham Jr.	2	55	27.5	2	38
Anthony D. Taylor	1	12	12.0	0	12
Dylan Jantz	1	12	12.0	0	12
Blake Aragon	1	5	5.0	0	5