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Dear Coogs,

Being a former Cougar, it gives me tremendous pride to represent the University of Houston Football Program, this community and the great city of Houston. It is with much enthusiasm and anticipation that we enter the 2005 Football season. On behalf of the entire football staff, I would like to thank our families and friends for their everlasting support throughout the year. A special thank you is also in order for our athletics department led by Dave Maggard, our loyal supporters, and our players' families. Your support is greatly appreciated.

We encourage you to visit our great university. Our beautiful campus has twelve colleges to choose from and awards more than 6,500 degrees each year. The University of Houston and the City of Houston are among the most culturally diverse in the nation. The commitment of learning and leading is what makes the University of Houston an outstanding stepping-stone to building a life of personal and professional success. Academic success is a vital part of our ultimate goal in graduating each student-athlete that passes through our halls. This media guide contains information on our rich athletics tradition, past and present. Last, but not least, thank you coaches and support staff for all the exceptional work and preparation you put forth for this season.

We look forward to seeing you this fall. Thank you for your interests in the University of Houston and the Cougar Football Family. Please contact us with any questions or concerns. Our doors are always open.

Athletically,

Art Briles
Head Football Coach



ART BRILES HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

9 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS • 1989 HESMAN TROPHY WINNER • 1978 LOMBARDI TROPHY • 15 BOWL GAME APPEARANCES



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Houston Directory

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Assistant A.D./Facilities & Operations: TBA 743-9387

Cougar Football Coaches 743-9388

Head Coach: Art Briles (Texas Tech, 1979)
Record: Third Year at Houston, Third Year Overall, 10-14 (.417)
Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Line: Ron Harris
Assistant Coach/Wide Receivers: Rodney Blackshear
Assistant Coach/Offensive Line: Randy Clements
Assistant Coach/Safeties: Clay Jennings
Assistant Coach/Backs: Philip Montgomery
Assistant Coach/Cornerbacks: Jason Phillips
Assistant Coach/Outside Linebackers: Erik Slaughter
Assistant Coach/Offensive Line: Mike Spradlin
Assistant Coach/ILBs/Special Teams: Alan Weddell
Assistant Director of Football Operations: Joe Alcoser
Graduate Assistant/Offense: Rafe Mata
Graduate Assistant/Defense: Jon Loudermilk
Administrative Assistants: Brian Gamble & Sterlin Gilbert
Secretaries: Pam Wright & Stephanie Gomez

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Head Athletics Trainer: Mike O'Shea 743-0782
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Assistant Athletics Trainer: Julie Tuttle 743-0783

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2005 Quick Facts

Name of School: University of Houston
City/ZIP: Houston, Texas 77204-6742
Founded: 1927
Enrollment: 35,400
Nickname: Cougars
School Colors: Scarlet and White with Navy Trim
Stadium: John O'Quinn Field at Robertson Stadium
Capacity: 32,000
Surface: Grass
Affiliation: NCAA Division I-A
Conference: Conference USA
President: Dr. Jay Gogue
Alma Mater: Auburn '69
Athletics Director: Dave Maggard
Alma Mater: California '62
Internet Address: www.UHcougars.com

HISTORY

First Year of Football: 1946
Seasons Played: 59
All-Time Record: 323-304-15 (.515)
All-Time Bowl Record: 7-7-1
Last Postseason Appearance: 2003 Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl
Result: Lost to Hawai'i, 54-48 (3OT)

TEAM INFORMATION

2004 Record: 3-8
Conference Record/Finish: 3-5/T6th
Final Ranking (Poll): NA
Basic Offense: Multiple
Basic Defense: 3-4
Lettermen Returning: 43
 Offense: 21; Defense: 21; Specialists: 1
Lettermen Lost: 23
 Offense: 9; Defense: 11; Specialists: 3
Starters Returning: 16
 Offense: 8; Defense: 8; Specialists: 0
Starters Lost: 9
 Offense: 3; Defense: 3; Specialists: 3
All-Star Candidates:
 IB Anthony Evans, S Will Gulley, LB Wade Koehl, QB Kevin Kolb, DT Kade Lane, WR Vincent Marshall, LB Brenden Pahulu, OL SirVincent Rogers, S Rocky Schwartz
Newcomers to Watch:
 LB Trent Allen, DB Sean Bailey, OL Jake Ebner, DB Kenneth Fontenette, DL Phillip Hunt, LB Cody Lubojasky, DL Chris Pilot, LB Rodney Rideau

2004 IN REVIEW

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	ATTEN.
Sept. 5	#Rice	L, 10-7	28,726
Sept. 11	Oklahoma (TBS)	L, 63-13	84,280
SEPT. 18	*ARMY	W, 35-21	18,687
SEPT. 23	#MIAMI, Fla. (ESPN)	L, 38-13	36,698
Oct. 2	*Memphis	L, 41-14	35,297
Oct. 7	*Southern Miss (ESPN)	L, 35-29 (OT)	28,625
Oct. 23	*TCU	L, 34-27	36,276
OCT. 30	*TULANE	W, 24-3	17,204
NOV. 6	*EAST CAROLINA	W, 34-24	13,069
Nov. 13	*UAB	L, 20-7	13,240
NOV. 20	*LOUISVILLE	L, 65-27	20,176

*Conference USA game; #Game played at Reliant Stadium; **BOLD CAPS** indicates home contests played in John O'Quinn Field at Robertson Stadium.



Media Information

Introduction

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The University of Houston is an equal opportunity institution whose programs, services, activities and operations are without discrimination as to sex, color, or national origin and are not opposed to qualified handicapped persons.

Sports Information Assistance

The University of Houston Sports Information Office is at your service to assist you with your coverage of Cougar Football. UH Sports Information Director (SID) Chris Burkhalter and assistants Vicki Cassidy, Jeff Conrad, Rick Poulter will be happy to serve you during the 2005 season. For information regarding credentials, team and player information, interviews, statistics, travel plans, pictures, video highlights, press conferences and satellite feeds, please call the UH SID Office (713-743-9404).

To assist you during the season, please take time to read the media information found on the next three pages. Brief interviews must be arranged through the sports information office one day in advance. Photographers and videographers are allowed to shoot during practice at Coach Briles' discretion. Please contact the Sports Information Office for the exact time and place of each day's practice.

Sports Information Office

The University of Houston Sports Information Office is in the Ted Nance Suite (#2008) on the second floor of the Athletics/Alumni Center.

The Athletics/Alumni Center is located on Cullen Boulevard between Cougar Field and Hofheinz Pavilion. If available, parking will be provided in the front lot of the Athletics/Alumni Center.

Stadium Directions

John O'Quinn Field at Robertson Stadium is located on Cullen Boulevard between Holman and Wheeler streets. **To reach it from Bush Intercontinental Airport**, take Highway 59 South through downtown until the Interstate 45 exchange. Take I 45 South (Galveston) and proceed for about one mile. Take the Cullen Exit and stay on the feeder road to the light. Take a right on Cullen and proceed into the University. The stadium is approximately 3/4 of a mile on your right-hand side. **To reach it from Hobby Airport**, take Airport Drive to Interstate 45. Take I-45 North (toward downtown). Exit Cullen Blvd/Elgin St. and go through the first light until you reach Cullen Blvd. Take a left and follow the same directions above.

Credential Requests

All requests for working press, radio, television, photography or scouting credentials

should be mailed or faxed on letterhead to Associate Athletics Director Chris Burkhalter **AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE GAME**. Season credential requests should be sent at least two weeks prior to the first game. Seating in the press box at Robertson Stadium is for **working** media and scouts only.

All space for the working press, radio and television is allocated by the UH Sports Information Office, which reserves the right to deny credentials to any outlet. Freelance and/or non-daily writers may be asked to produce copies of actual publications in which their work has appeared. Admission to the press box is by pass only.

Press Credentials

Requests for press credentials are screened with care due to the demand for credentials and to ensure a working press box. Traditional print, television and radio (media agency) regularly assigned to cover the University of Houston and the visiting school will receive first priority, as well as national news-gathering agencies. Credentials for Internet sites will be granted to University of Houston-operated Web sites, the visit-



Media Information

ing team's official Web site and Conference USA's official Web site.

Requests should be made in writing on company letterhead at least 10 days prior to the game to guarantee consideration. Requests should be directed to Chris Burkhalter, Associate A.D./Communications. Requests the week of the game will be honored on a space-available basis and will be left at the Will Call window at John O'Quinn Field at Robertson Stadium if they cannot be mailed.

Spouses, dates, children, equipment carriers and non-workers are restricted from the press box, sidelines and locker rooms. Any abuse of a working credential will result in the media agency losing credential privileges.

In some instances due to space limitations, meeting the criteria identified below does not guarantee credentials for every game.

Accreditation Guidelines

• Only full-time, salaried employees intending to provide actual game coverage may receive credentials.

• A requesting media agency must represent a collective, organizational editorial voice, not simply the offerings of a single individual.

• Membership in a writer's association does not automatically qualify an agency for credentials.

• A media agency may assign one of its credentials to its on-line entity.

• An on-line entity, not associated with a traditional media agency, may qualify for one credential, subject to the following conditions:

1. An on-line entity may receive a credential only if its own full-time staff writes a majority of that site's material.

2. On-line entities that focus primarily on University of Houston Athletics and sponsor message boards or chat rooms, may receive credentials provided they adhere to a policy that requires that a posted message or opinion is identified with the actual name and city of the individual posting the message.

3. Any on-line service that is recognized as an outlet intended primarily for the purpose of delivering news related to the recruitment of student-athletes will not qualify for credentials.

4. On-line entities will not receive photography credentials.

5. On-line entities (other than those identified above) registering 20,000 legitimate unique users per month in each of the past 12 months will be given first consideration.

"Real-time" transmission of digital images, audio and data, including live game play-by-play and statistics, of any home game is the exclusive property of the University of Houston and/or its

HOUSTON ISP SPORTS NETWORK



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Assistant Vice
President



Mark Josephson
Asst. General
Manager



Josh Tessar
Account Executive



Tom Franklin
Play-by-Play



Tony Fitzpatrick
Color Analyst



Chuck Brown
Sideline Reporter

Now in its fourth year as the exclusive multimedia rightsholder for UH Athletics, ISP Sports is regarded as one of the America's foremost collegiate sports marketing companies, and brings a national presence to the overall marketing of Cougar athletics.

Headquartered in Winston-Salem, N.C., ISP Sports is also the exclusive rightsholder for Auburn, Baylor, Boston College, Cal Berkeley, the University of Central Florida, Cincinnati, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Marshall, Ohio, Pittsburgh, Southern Mississippi, Syracuse, Tulane, UCLA, Vanderbilt, Villanova, Virginia Tech and Wake Forest.

Additionally, ISP is a joint venture partner with Learfield Communications as the sports marketing representative for Alabama, Clemson, Miami (FL) and South Carolina.

ISP Sports produces and markets a variety of sponsorship opportunities surrounding Cougar Athletics, including radio play-by-play, advertising in various athletics department publications and on the official athletics department Web site (www.UHcougars.com), signage in university athletic facilities, and at-event promotions.

The ISP General Manager for sales at UH is Stacy Hall, who joined the Cougars after serving in a similar capacity at Florida State.

Hall graduated from East Carolina in 1991 and taught and coached on the high school level

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for five years. He attended graduate school first at Georgia Southern, then at Florida State, where he coupled training in sports marketing with his doctorate work.

Serving as Assistant General Manager on the UH staff is Mark Josephson, who worked in the Cougar Athletics Department for two years in group tickets sales and marketing before joining ISP.

Josephson first became involved with collegiate athletics as a participant, attending Lenoir-Rhyne College in North Carolina on a cross country scholarship. He worked in the school's sports information office while earning his undergraduate degree, then gained a master's degree in sports administration from Northwestern State in Louisiana.

The third member of the ISP sales team is Josh Tessar, who joined the company in fall of 2004. While completing his undergraduate degree at Virginia Tech, Tessar worked as an intern for the Virginia Tech ISP Sports Network.

To contact the ISP Sports office in Houston, call 713-743-1446.

COUGARS ON THE AIR

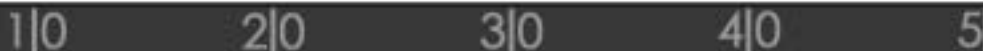
The Houston ISP Sports Radio Network recently expanded outside the Houston metro area to include four additional major markets, with ESPN 790 again serving as the Cougar flagship station.

Additional network affiliates include KSTV-FM (93.1) in Stephenville, KBW-AM (1010) in Waco and KTX-AM (1360) in Corpus Christi. Affiliates in other Texas cities could be announced later this summer.

Serving as play-by-play announcer for all Cougar broadcasts this fall is well-known Houston area sports radio personality Tom Franklin.

In addition to his play-by-play duties, Franklin will host the popular call-in show, "Cougar Talk with Art Briles," which originates from Irma's Southwest Grill and airs weekly on ESPN 790 (and on the web at UHCougars.com).

Joining Franklin on the game broadcasts are two other UH alums, color analyst Tony Fitzpatrick and sideliners reporter Chuck Brown.





Media Information

Introduction

rights holder(s). "Real-time" is defined as "live continual coverage or description of an event."

Media Will Call

In most cases, credentials will be mailed. Credentials may be picked up through Friday on a game week from secretary Karon Harper at the Sports Information Office. Credentials not mailed or picked up will be held at the Will Call window located a few steps from the main entrance to the west stands of John O'Quinn Field at Robertson Stadium.

Photo Credentials

The NCAA has established a control policy to keep the field free from congestion. Only photographers on assignment and members of the television media are given photo credentials. In addition to a media credential, field photographers must obtain an armband that allows access to the sideline. Armbands will be available on the first level of the press box. This armband must be worn in plain sight at all times. All personnel not actually shooting the game, including grips, runners and sideline reporters, are asked to remain behind the photographers. Freelance or amateur photographers will not be issued creden-

tials, unless approved by Associate A.D. Chris Burkhalter. All photographers must work outside the 30-yard lines as prescribed by the NCAA. Photographers are not permitted in the bench area.

For those who need to transmit photos electronically, phone lines will be available. The University of Houston is, and shall be, the sole owner of any and all copyrights, intellectual property rights and proprietary rights for images, sounds and data arising from or during UH home athletics contests.

Failure to follow this rule will result in removal from the sideline. To ensure the best possible working conditions for media photographers, uniformed security personnel will patrol the sidelines. Anyone holding a media pass who is not actively involved in coverage of the game will be escorted from the sideline. Similar procedures will be in effect in the press box.

The use of photographs, video and/or audio for purposes other than traditional news coverage is forbidden. No redistribution is permitted.

Press Parking

Separate parking passes **WILL** be needed to enter the media parking lot located at the corner of Wheeler and Scott streets with the entrance off of Scott Street.

Press Box

The Robertson Stadium press box is accessible through an elevator located on the west side of the stadium. The first level of the press box is reserved for print, radio and television reporters while the upper level holds broadcast booths, coaching booths and stadium operations. Television broadcasts will originate from the roof of the press box. Enter Robertson Stadium through the gate at the southwest corner of the stadium.

Will Call

Robertson Stadium Press Will Call is clearly identified on the west side (press box side) of the stadium. Will Call credentials may also be picked up in the Sports Information Office in the Athletics/Alumni Center on Fridays before 4 p.m.

Telephones

The Sports Information Office will provide four telephones on press row on a first-come, first-served basis at all UH home games. These phones will accept only credit card, collect or third-party long distance calls. To order a separate phone line, contact the UH Sports Information Office. *Phone lines at Robertson Stadium must be ordered at least three weeks in advance.*

Visiting Radio Information

The official radio broadcast network for the opposing team must be designated in writing by the visiting team's athletics director or sports information director. For information on radio lines, contact Chris Burkhalter, Associate Athletics Director, at (713) 743-9404.

Statistical Services

Play-by-play, quarter, halftime and complete final statistics will be provided. Post-game quotes from UH Head Coach Art Briles, UH players and the visiting coach will be distributed after the game. Statistics will be faxed to those media who request such service following the game, and will be posted on the Conference USA fax-on-demand. To make a fax request, please see a member of the Sports Information Staff in the press box.

Refreshments

A pre-game meal will be available to the media at Robertson Stadium. A meal ticket is attached to the bottom of the press pass. Sodas and snacks will be available throughout the game.

Post-Game Interviews

Houston maintains an open locker room policy. With approximately five minutes remaining in the game, members of the media will be escorted to the field by a member of the UH Sports Information Staff and/or the opposing team SID. Following a brief cooling off period, Houston Head Coach Art Briles and UH players will be made available at Robertson Stadium in the Cougar locker area.

Each visiting team will set its own post-game interview policy, which will be announced on the press box public address system in the fourth quarter of the game. Check with the opposing team SID in the press box.

Coach Interviews

Interviews with Houston Head Coach Art Briles are coordinated by the Sports Information Office. In general, Briles is available for interviews Monday-Thursday between 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and again before practice. Please contact the SID Office at 713/743-9404 to set up an interview.

Practice

All members of the working press are welcome to attend University of Houston practices, which are held inside the Athletics/Alumni Center or on the adjacent practice fields outside. Please notify the UH SID Office when you will be attending practice so that we may inform the coaching staff. Practice may be closed subject to the coach's request.

HOUSTON TICKET INFORMATION

Season Ticket Prices

Sidelines	\$125
Lower End Zone	\$115
Faculty/Staff (Sidelines)	\$105
"H" Association (Sidelines)	\$105
Faculty/Staff (Lower End Zone)	\$95
"H" Association (Lower End Zone)	\$95
GA (Upper End Zone)	\$55

Individual Game Prices**

Sideline/Lower End Zone	\$20
Faculty/Staff & "H" Association	\$16/\$8
Upper End Zone	\$10
***Youth	\$10/\$5

**_excludes Oregon game (\$25/\$15)
 ***-18 and under

Ticket Office Information

The University of Houston Ticket Office is located on the first floor of the Athletics/Alumni Center inside the UH Gift Shop. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. All major credit cards are accepted. The phone number is **713 743-9444**. The address is: Houston Ticket Office, 3100 Cullen Blvd., Houston, TX 77204. Tickets can also be purchased on-line by clicking on the official Houston web site at www.UHCougars.com.





Media Information

Player Interviews

Houston student-athletes are available for media interviews, either in person or on the phone, prior to meetings (Noon-2 p.m.), following practice and at different hours during the day depending on class and meeting schedules. Please contact the UH Sports Information Office to arrange all player interviews. The locker room, training room and weight room inside the UH Athletics/Alumni Center are off-limits to reporters.

For phone interviews, please call the UH Sports Information Office at 743-9404 at least one day in advance of the day you would like to talk to the player. A staff member will fill out a card asking the player to return the call. The UH SID Office does not release student-athletes' phone numbers.

FUTURE SCHEDULES

2006

- Sept. 9 Louisiana-Lafayette
- Sept. 16 at New Mexico State
- Sept. 30 at Miami (Fla.)
- TBA Tulane
- TBA Tulsa
- TBA UCF
- TBA UTEP
- TBA at Memphis
- TBA at Rice
- TBA at SMU
- TBA at Southern Miss

2007

- Sept. 1 at Oregon
- Sept. 22 New Mexico State
- Oct. 6 at Alabama
- TBA Rice
- TBA SMU
- TBA at Tulane
- TBA at Tulsa
- TBA at UTEP
- TBA East Carolina*
- TBA Marshall*
- TBA UAB*

2008

- Oct. 4 at Mississippi State
- TBA Tulane
- TBA Tulsa
- TBA UTEP
- TBA at Rice
- TBA at SMU
- TBA East Carolina*
- TBA Marshall*
- TBA UAB*

2009

- Sept. 19 at LSU
- Oct. 10 Mississippi State

*-site is unknown at this time

Video Services

The University of Houston's Sports Information Office has the ability to provide video highlights to networks and television stations through UH Video Coordinator Grant Greene. Greene has editing and studio facilities inside the Athletics/Alumni Center and can reproduce highlights and other materials upon request. In most cases, there is a nominal fee or tape exchange request for these services. Please make requests at least two days in advance. Contact Greene at 713/743-9420.

Art Briles Media Luncheon

Members of the working media are invited to attend a weekly luncheon with Head Coach Art Briles and two members of the UH football squad. The luncheon is held in the Athletics/Alumni Center each Tuesday at noon.

C-USA Weekly Conference Call

The nine coaches of Conference USA will be available on a weekly conference call beginning Monday, Aug. 29 and on every Monday throughout the football season. Coach Briles will be available to take questions for approximately seven to 10 minutes each week on this call, which will take place from 1-2:15 p.m. Central time. Briles is scheduled to be on from 1:37-1:45 p.m. Contact Conference USA or the UH SID Office for the phone number.

Weekly Satellite Feeds

Each Conference USA school will be featured for 6-8 minutes on the C-USA weekly satellite feed. The feed runs each Wednesday during the season, beginning Sept. 7. Satellite coordinates and exact times for the feed will be announced and distributed in August.

Houston on the Web

Houston's athletics home page, featuring information on all 16 varsity sports, can be found at: <http://www.UHcougars.com>, the official web site of the University of Houston Department of Intercollegiate Athletics.



Fax-on-Demand

Due to increasing costs of paper and mailing, the University of Houston no longer mails its football release each week. Instead UH has teamed with Sports Systems Services for an innovative media web site and photo platform at www.sportssystem.com/houston.

UH football releases, including the daily practice trainers, are available on the site. Media simply login using the user name and password provided by UH media relations to access the information 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week. Hi- and low-resolution head shots, action shots and logos are available for download, as well as information and photographs for other UH sports.

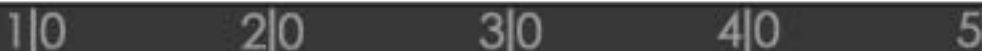
Please contact the UH media relations office for information on how to access the site or for any questions about the UH Media Web Site.

Houston's weekly football release will be updated each Sunday night. Statistics will be available on Sundays after 2 p.m., and game statistics are loaded approximately one hour after each game on Saturday.

Cougar Fall Football Pre-Season Practice Schedule

- Tue., Aug. 2**—All players report
- Wed., Aug. 3**—1st practice for entire team (helmets only)
- Fri., Aug. 5**—1st practice with helmets and shoulder pads
- Sat., Aug. 6**—MEDIA DAY (Lunch at 11:30 a.m.; Briles press conference at noon in Room 2001; player interviews to follow)
- Sun., Aug. 7**—1st practice in full pads
- Sun., Aug. 14**—1st day off
- Mon., Aug. 22**—1st day of classes
- Tue., Aug. 30**—Media Luncheons begin
- Thurs., Sept. 1**—1st home game vs. Oregon (6 pm, CDT kickoff at Reliant Stadium)
- Sat., Sept. 10**—1st home game vs. Sam Houston State at Robertson Stadium (6 pm, CDT)
- Fri., Sept. 16**—1st road game at UTEP (7 pm, CDT)

NOTE: During the season, the team generally practices from approximately 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. on weekdays and takes Monday off.





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