



2016 LOUISIANA TECH FOOTBALL PROSPECTUS

56 ALL-AMERICANS

25 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
2014 C-USA WEST DIVISION CHAMPIONS

2 NATIONAL TITLES

QUICK FACTS

Location: Ruston, La.
Founded: 1894
Nickname: Bulldogs
Colors: Blue and Red
Enrollment: 12,414
Conference: Conference USA (West Division)
Stadium (Capacity): Joe Aillet Stadium (28,019)
Surface: FieldTurf
President: Dr. Les Guice (Louisiana Tech, 1976)
Athletics Director: Tommy McClelland (Northwestern State, 2004)
Athletic Office: 318-257-4827
Football Office: 318-257-4547
Ticket Office: 318-257-3631

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Skip Holtz
 Alma Mater, Year: Notre Dame, 1986
 Overall Record: 110-88 (.556)/16 Years
 School Record: 22-17 (.564)/Three Years

Offensive Coordinator/WRs: Todd Fitch
 Alma Mater, Year: Ohio Wesleyan, 1986

Defensive Coordinator/Safeties: Blake Baker
 Alma Mater, Year: Tulane, 2008

Cornerbacks: Kevin Curtis
 Alma Mater, Year: Texas Tech, 2002

Linebackers: Lanier Goethie
 Alma Mater, Year: Ole Miss, 2003

Running Backs: Mickey Joseph
 Alma Mater, Year: Nebraska, 1993

Offensive Line: Robert McFarland
 Alma Mater, Year: McNeese State, 1985

Defensive Line: Rick Petri
 Alma Mater, Year: Missouri-Rolla, 1976

Quarterbacks: Tim Rattay
 Alma Mater, Year: Louisiana Tech, 2001

Inside Receivers: Joe Sloan
 Alma Mater, Year: East Carolina, 2008

Graduate Assistant (Offense): Ashton Green
 Alma Mater, Year: Grambling State, 2012

Graduate Assistant (Offense): Keegan McDaniel
 Alma Mater, Year: N/A

Graduate Assistant (Defense): Mike Schrang
 Alma Mater, Year: Louisiana Tech, 2014

Graduate Assistant (Defense): Bryson Abraham
 Alma Mater, Year: Louisiana Tech, 2016

Head Strength & Conditioning Coach: Kurt Hester
 Alma Mater, Year: Tulane, 1995

Asst. AD/Character Education: Ed Jackson
 Alma Mater, Year: Louisiana Tech, 1983

ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

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TEAM INFORMATION

Offense:Multiple
 Defense:Multiple
 2015 Record:9-4
 2015 Conference Record/Finish:.....6-2/2nd (West)
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost:.....44/24
 Starters Returning:.....12
 Offense6
 Defense3
 Special Teams.....3
 Starters Lost:.....13
 Offense5
 Defense8
 Special Teams.....0
 2016 Newcomers:18

2016 RETURNEES

Offensive Starters Returning (6)

OL Darrell Brown	6-4	300	R-Sr.	3L
OL O'Shea Dugas	6-5	294	So.	1L
WR Carlos Henderson	5-11	185	R-Jr.	2L
OL David Mahaffey	6-4	310	Sr.	2L
WR Kam McKnight	6-2	217	R-So.	1L
WR Trent Taylor	5-8	175	Sr.	3L
C Kirby Wixson**	6-4	325	R-Sr.	1L

Defensive Starters Returning (3)

DT Aaron Brown	6-1	270	R-Sr.	2L
DE Deldrick Canty	6-2	250	Jr.	2L
S Xavier Woods	5-11	188	Sr.	3L

Special Team Starters Returning (3)

K Jonathan Barnes	5-9	168	R-Jr.	2L
P Gerald Shouse	6-1	182	R-Sr.	1L
DS Darrell Travis	5-11	258	R-Jr.	2L

** - denotes injured in 2015

LOSSES

Defensive Starters Lost (8)















CB Bryson Abraham	5-9	174	4L
CB Adairius Barnes	5-11	183	4L
S Kentrell Brice	5-11	198	4L
DT Vernon Butler	6-3	309	4L
LB CJ Cleveland	6-1	197	3L
DE Vontarrius Dora	6-4	243	3L
LB Beau Fitte	6-0	217	4L
LB Nick Thomason	3-1	237	2L

Offensive Starters Lost (5)

OT Jens Danielsen	6-4	289	3L
QB Jeff Driskel	6-4	234	1L
RB Kenneth Dixon	5-10	214	4L
OL Josh Robinson	6-2	301	2L
WR Paul Turner	5-11	191	2L

Special Team Starters Lost (0)
 N/A

2016 SCHEDULE / RESULTS All times CT

	Sept. 3	at ARKANSAS	SEC Network	-	-	3 p.m.
Fayetteville, Ark. / Razorback Stadium (72,000) / Arkansas leads series, 1-0; Tech edged ,17-13, in last mtg (1997)						
	Sept. 10	SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	-	-	-	6 p.m.
Ruston, La. / Joe Aillet Stadium (28,019) / LA Tech leads series, 1-0; Only meeting came in 1982 I-AA Playoffs						
	Sept. 17	at TEXAS TECH	FSN	-	-	6 p.m.
Lubbock, Texas / Jones AT&T Stadium (60,454) / Texas Tech leads series, 1-0; Only meeting came in 1933						
	Sept. 24	at MIDDLE TENNESSEE*	ASN	-	-	6 p.m.
Murfreesboro, Tenn. / Johnny 'Red' Floyd Stadium (30,788) / LA Tech leads series, 4-1; 'Dogs won 45-16 in '15						
	Oct. 1	UTEP*	ASN	-	-	6 p.m.
Ruston, La. / Joe Aillet Stadium (28,019) / LA Tech leads series, 9-2-1; 'Dogs edge out 17-15 win in El Paso last yr						
	Oct. 6	WKU*	CBSSN	-	-	7 p.m.
Ruston, La. / Joe Aillet Stadium (28,019) / LA Tech leads series, 3-2; Fell 41-38 at WKU in 2015						
	Oct. 15	at UMASS	-	-	-	TBA
Foxboro, Mass. / Gillette Stadium (68,756) / First meeting between two teams						
	Oct. 22	at FIU*	-	-	-	6 p.m.
Miami, Fla. / FIU Stadium (20,000) / LA Tech leads series, 2-0; All meetings came in C-USA play						
	Oct. 29	RICE*	-	-	-	6 p.m.
Ruston, La. / Joe Aillet Stadium (28,019) / LA Tech leads series, 5-4; Won 42-17 at Rice last year						
	Nov. 5	at NORTH TEXAS*	-	-	-	4:30 p.m.
Denton, Texas / Apogee Stadium (30,850) / LA Tech leads series, 8-6; Bulldogs have won 4 of last 5						
	Nov. 12	UTSA*	-	-	-	2:30 p.m.
Ruston, La. / Joe Aillet Stadium (28,019) / LA Tech leads series, 3-1; Bulldogs have won two straight						
	Nov. 25	at SOUTHERN MISS*	ESPN/ESPN2/ESPNU	-	-	TBA
Ruston, La. / Joe Aillet Stadium (28,019) / Rivalry in Dixie game; USM leads series, 32-15						
	Dec. 3	vs. TBD (C-USA CHAMPIONSHIP GAME)	ESPN/ESPN2	-	-	TBA
TBD / TBD (TBD) / Tech looks to return to Conference USA Championship Game after a year's hiatus						
	TBA	vs. TBD (TBD BOWL GAME)	-	-	-	TBA
TBD / TBD (TBD) / Bulldogs look for three-straight bowl appearances for first time in school history						

BRAND NEW DEFENSE?

If it seems like you don't recognize hardly anyone on Louisiana Tech's defense this year, you probably won't be the only one. The Bulldogs will not only be replacing eight starters on the defensive side of the ball but two assistant coaches as well. Only DT Aaron Brown, DE Deldrick Canty and S Xavier Woods were primary starters in 2015 that are back for the 2016 season.

NEW FACES ON THE COACHING STAFF AS WELL

Louisiana Tech will have three new faces and one familiar, but recently new, face on its coaching staff entering the 2016 season. Todd Fitch (offensive coordinator/outside receivers), Lanier Goethie (linebackers) and Mickey Joseph (running backs) all have joined the Louisiana Tech staff. Kevin Curtis, who was on the LA Tech staff from 2010-12, returns to Ruston after a three-year stint in Lubbock, Texas with his alma mater, Texas Tech.

TWO IS NICE BUT THREE IS BETTER

"OK, we won a game yesterday. If we win today, it's called 'two in a row.' And if we win again tomorrow, it's called a 'winning streak' ... It has happened before!" Louisiana Tech may be channeling its inner Lou Brown (Major League II) as the Bulldogs look to reach (and win) three consecutive bowl games for the first time in school history.

Last year's 47-28 dismantling of Sun Belt Conference Champion Arkansas State in the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl marked two straight bowl wins for the Bulldogs (another program first) as that came after a 35-18 win over Illinois in the 2014 Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl.

LOU GROZA SEMIFINALIST RETURNS TO RUSTON

Louisiana Tech placekicker Jonathan Barnes is returning to Ruston for his senior season after a successful junior campaign led him to Lou Groza Award Semifinalist honors. After ranking 12th in the nation and leading Conference USA in field goals made per game and 14th nationally (leading C-USA) in points scored per game among all players, Barnes is looking to continue that success into the 2016 season.

SO DO TWO FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICANS

Not only does the sure-footed Barnes return to Ruston but two Freshman All-Americans are back for their sophomore seasons. DE Jaylon Ferguson and OL O'Shea Dugas both received Freshman All-America honors and are only two of the three Bulldogs ever to get a Freshman All-America award (the third being outgoing RB Kenneth Dixon).

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (Previous School)
1	Carlos Henderson	WR	5-11	191	R-Jr.	2L	New Orleans, La. (McDonogh 35 HS)
2	Jack Abraham	QB	6-0	198	Fr.	HS	Oxford, Miss. (Oxford HS)
2	Secdrick Cooper	S	6-0	210	Jr.	2L	Marrero, La. (Archbishop Shaw HS)
3	Jarred Craft	RB	6-0	213	Jr.	2L	Haughton, La. (Haughton HS)
4	Michael Mims	LB	5-11	216	R-Jr.	2L	West Monroe, La. (West Monroe HS)
5	Dalton Santos	LB	6-2	261	R-Sr.	TR	Van, Texas (Texas)
5	Trent Taylor	WR	5-8	178	Sr.	3L	Shreveport, La. (Evangel Christian Academy)
6	Jordan Harris	LB	6-0	225	R-Sr.	TR	Clarksdale, Miss. (Iowa State)
6	Boston Scott	RB	5-6	199	R-Jr.	1L	Zachary, La. (Zachary HS)
7	Xavier Woods	S	5-11	197	Sr.	3L	West Monroe, La. (West Monroe HS)
8	DaMarion King	S	5-11	203	Jr.	JC	Muscle Shoals, Ala. (Allan Hancock College)
8	J'mar Smith	QB	6-1	222	R-Fr.	RS	Meridian, Miss. (Meridian HS)
9	Conner Smith	WR	6-3	217	R-Sr.	1L	Covington, La. (Fontainebleau HS)
10	Jonathan Barnes	K	5-9	172	R-Jr.	2L	Baton Rouge, La. (Woodlawn HS)
10	Price Wilson	QB	6-1	241	R-So.	SQ	Marietta, Ga. (Walton HS)
11	Jon Randall Belton	QB	6-3	220	R-Fr.	HS	Monroe, La. (West Monroe HS)
11	Lloyd Grogan	S	6-1	217	R-Sr.	3L	Morgan City, La. (Central Catholic HS)
13	Marlon Watts	WR	6-2	185	Jr.	2L	New Orleans, La. (St. Augustine HS)
14	Ryan Higgins	QB	6-2	207	R-Sr.	2L	Hutto, Texas (Hutto HS)
14	Ronald Lewis	DB	5-11	194	R-Jr.	SQ	Harvey, La. (Arizona State)
15	Kam McKnight	WR	6-2	222	R-So.	1L	Ethel, La. (East Feliciana HS)
16	Marcus Gaines	WR	5-6	156	Jr.	2L	Covington, La. (St. Paul's HS)
17	DeJawn Oliver	WR	5-11	187	Sr.	1L	Napoleonville, La. (Assumption HS)
18	Zach Hannibal	DB	6-0	171	Fr.	HS	Monroe, La. (Ouachita HS)
19	Alex Woodall	WR	6-3	257	R-So.	SQ	Summit, Miss. (McComb HS)
20	Jaqwis Dancy	RB	5-11	197	So.	1L	Junction City, Ark. (Junction City HS)
21	Alfred Smith	WR	5-9	191	R-Fr.	RS	Destrehan, La. (Destrehan HS)
22	Israel Tucker	RB	5-8	190	Fr.	HS	Metairie, La. (Archbishop Rummel HS)
23	Jay Gafford	RB	5-11	215	Sr.	SQ	Dallas, Texas (Rockford)
23	Prince Sam	CB	6-2	205	Sr.	TR	Allen, Texas (Houston Baptist)
24	L'Jarius Sneed	ATH	6-1	172	Fr.	HS	Minden, La. (Minden HS)
25	Theron Williams	S	5-10	194	So.	1L	New Orleans, La. (St. Augustine HS)
26	Eriel Dorsey	DB	5-9	175	R-Fr.	RS	Alexandria, La. (Peabody HS)
27	Tony Griffin	DB	5-11	185	Sr.	SQ	Shreveport, La. (C.E. Byrd HS)
28	Gerald Shouse	P	6-1	195	R-Sr.	1L	Shreveport, La. (Evangel Christian Academy)
30	Aaron Roberson	CB	5-9	195	So.	1L	Shreveport, La. (Huntington HS)
31	Gavin Englade	WR	6-0	170	R-Fr.	RS	Lutcher, La. (Lutcher HS)
31	Russell Farris	LB	5-11	224	Jr.	2L	Ventress, La. (Livonia HS)
32	Trey Spencer	CB	5-11	178	So.	1L	Orange, Texas (West Orange-Stark HS)
32	Chris Williams	RB	5-7	175	R-So.	SQ	Bossier City, La. (Bossier HS)
33	Taylor Perron	ATH	5-10	182	R-Fr.	RS	Jonesville, La. (Block HS)
33	Dae'Von Washington	LB	5-10	202	R-So.	1L	Alexandria, La. (Alexandria HS)
34	Reggie Cleveland	DB	6-0	212	Fr.	HS	Baton Rouge, La. (Scotlandville HS)
35	Wes Gresham	WR	6-0	176	R-Fr.	RS	Ruston, La. (Cedar Creek HS)
35	Collin Scott	LB	6-0	225	R-Fr.	RS	Houston, Texas (Manvel HS)
36	Jarrell Jackson	DB	6-0	191	R-So.	RS	Haynesville, La. (Hawai'i)
37	Ephraim Kitchen	CB	5-10	180	So.	SQ	Batesville, Miss. (South Panola HS)
38	Darryl Lewis	DB	5-11	195	So.	SQ	New Orleans, La. (Lusher HS)
38	Kaylon Melancon	WR	5-8	170	R-Sr.	TR	Manvel, Texas (West Texas A&M)
39	Peyton Bush	DB	6-0	180	R-Fr.	RS	Bossier City, La. (Parkway HS)
39	Kyle Fischer	K	5-11	211	R-Sr.	2L	Frisco, Texas (Frisco HS)
40	Roland Dunn	CB	5-10	167	Jr.	2L	Shreveport, La. (Evangel Christian Academy)
41	Bobby Holly	RB	6-1	234	R-Fr.	RS	Farmerville, La. (Union Parish HS)
41	John Shirley	DB	5-10	164	R-Fr.	RS	Dallas, Texas (Ashcreek Academy)
42	James Jackson	S	5-11	210	R-Fr.	RS	Haynesville, La. (Haynesville HS)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (Previous School)
42	Roderick Jackson	WR	5-0	165	R-Fr.	RS	Monroe, La. (Ouachita Parish HS)
43	Logan McPherson	P	5-10	184	Sr.	3L	Fort Payne, Ala. (Fort Payne HS)
44	Brandon Durman	LB	6-2	224	So.	1L	Tyler, Texas (Tyler Lee HS)
45	Jaylon Ferguson	DE	6-5	255	R-So.	1L	St. Francisville, La. (West Feliciana HS)
46	Donald Freeman	LB	6-3	208	R-Fr.	RS	Baton Rouge, La. (Scotlandville HS)
47	Eric Kendzior	DE	6-3	242	Fr.	HS	Deer Park, Texas (La Porte HS)
48	Kirkland McCulloch	CB	6-0	190	R-So.	SQ	Shreveport, La. (C.E. Byrd HS)
49	Elliot Blankenship	DB	6-0	200	Jr.	1L	Jonesboro, La. (Missouri Southern)
49	Will Parker	P	6-3	218	R-So.	SQ	Denison, Texas (Denison HS)
50	Deldrick Canty	DE	6-2	261	Jr.	2L	Baton Rouge, La. (Scotlandville HS)
51	Dante Williams	LB	6-1	222	R-Fr.	RS	Bossier City, La. (Parkway HS)
52	Quanta Moore	LB	6-1	228	R-So.	SQ	New Orleans, La. (Edna Karr HS)
53	Darrell Travis	DS	5-11	244	R-Sr.	2L	McKinney, Texas (McKinney North HS)
54	Devin Hamilton	LB	5-11	209	Fr.	HS	Lake Charles, La. (Washington-Marion HS)
55	Frasier Hogan	LB	5-10	220	R-Jr.	1L	Centreville, Miss. (Mississippi College)
55	David Mahaffey	OL	6-4	291	Sr.	2L	Strang, Miss. (East Mississippi CC)
57	DeVante Lovett	OL	6-6	274	R-Fr.	RS	Brandon, Ark. (Strong HS)
57	Drake Vincent	LB	5-11	215	R-So.	SQ	Opelousas, La. (Westminster Christian Acad.)
58	Charles Adeola	DE	6-3	246	R-Fr.	RS	Slidell, La. (Northshore HS)
58	Shuhua Outlaw	OL	6-6	305	R-Jr.	JC	Lithonia, Ga. (Tyler JC)
59	Hakim Gray	OL	6-3	298	R-Jr.	1L	Keachi, La. (North Desoto HS)
60	Keon Johnson	DL	6-2	270	R-So.	SQ	Ruston, La. (Ruston HS)
61	Ethan Reed	OL	6-4	295	R-Fr.	RS	Orange, Texas (Little Cypress-Mauriceville HS)
62	Joseph Brunson	OL	6-4	314	R-Sr.	2L	Ruston, La. (Louisiana-Lafayette)
63	Deontae McCrady	OL	6-3	297	So.	1L	Arlington, Texas (Lamar HS)
64	Dominique Williams	DE	6-1	240	R-So.	SQ	Gonzales, La. (Louisiana College)
65	Kody Russey	OL	6-1	284	Fr.	HS	Burleson, Texas (Burleson HS)
66	Shane Carpenter	OL	6-6	309	R-So.	1L	Walker, La. (Walker HS)
67	Tyler Spears	DL	6-1	270	R-So.	SQ	Winnabur, La. (Franklin Parish HS)
69	Drew Melancon	OL	6-4	306	Fr.	HS	Des Allemands, La. (Hahnville HS)
70	Michael Rodriguez	OL	6-6	268	R-So.	SQ	La Porte, Texas (La Porte HS)
73	Kirby Wixson	OL	6-4	321	R-Sr.	1L	Pearl, Miss. (Hinds CC)
74	O'Shea Dugas	OL	6-5	329	So.	1L	Lafayette, La. (Northside HS)
75	Darrell Brown	OL	6-4	305	R-Sr.	3L	Abilene, Texas (Cooper HS)
76	Clayton Landry	OL	6-5	278	R-Sr.	1L	Denham Springs, La. (Live Oak HS)
77	Gewhite Stallworth	OL	6-8	320	Jr.	JC	Houston, Texas (Navarro JC)
78	Taylor Fondal	OL	6-1	307	Fr.	HS	New Iberia, La. (Westgate HS)
82	Jonathan Hughes	WR	5-10	192	R-So.	SQ	Lake Charles, La. (Barbe HS)
83	Teddy Veal	WR	6-0	192	Jr.	TR	Bridge City, La. (Tulane)
84	Javonte Woodard	WR	6-0	192	R-Fr.	RS	Haughton, La. (Haughton HS)
85	Willie Baker	DE	6-3	240	Fr.	HS	New Roads, La. (Livonia HS)
86	Rhashid Bonnette	WR	6-0	171	R-Fr.	RS	Loreauville, La. (Loreauville HS)
87	Peyton Braswell	TE	6-4	241	R-So.	SQ	Monroe, La. (St. Frederick's HS)
87	Sherrod Lewis	WR	6-2	164	R-So.	SQ	Shreveport, La. (Loyola HS)
88	Zach Cousar	TE	6-4	218	Fr.	HS	Oxford, Miss. (Oxford HS)
89	Kalan Ritchie	DE	6-6	235	Jr.	JC	Goose Creek, S.C. (Georgia Military College)
90	Courtney Wallace	DT	6-2	320	So.	1L	Monroe, La. (Neville HS)
91	Cedric Johnson	DT	6-2	306	R-So.	SQ	Rowlett, Texas (Rowlett HS)
92	La'Dante Davenport	DT	6-3	272	R-Fr.	RS	Shreveport, La. (Northwood HS)
93	Immanuel Turner	DE	6-3	268	So.	1L	Magnolia, Ark. (Magnolia HS)
94	Jordan Bradford	DT	6-2	284	So.	1L	Bay St. Louis, Miss. (St. Stanislaus HS)
95	Matthew Ydarraga	DE	6-3	241	R-So.	1L	Central, La. (Catholic HS)
96	Ka'Derrion Mason	DL	6-4	289	Fr.	HS	McComb, Miss. (McComb HS)
97	Brandon Brinson	DE	6-3	243	R-Fr.	RS	Houma, La. (Ellender HS)
98	Aaron Brown	DL	6-1	272	R-Sr.	2L	Carrollton, Texas (Creekview HS)
99	Keonaty Garner	DL	6-4	270	So.	JC	Jackson, Miss. (Copiah-Lincoln JC)

(as of July 11, 2016)

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- Skip Holtz - Head Coach
- Blake Baker - Defensive Coordinator/Safeties
- Kevin Curtis - Cornerbacks
- Todd Fitch - Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers
- Lanier Goethie - Linebackers
- Kurt Hester - Head Strength & Conditioning Coach
- Ed Jackson - Assistant AD/Character Education Coordinator
- Mickey Joseph - Running Backs
- Robert McFarland - Offensive Line
- Rick Petri - Defensive Line
- Tim Rattay - Quarterbacks
- Joe Sloan - Assistant Head Coach/Inside Receivers
- Ashton Green - Graduate Assistant (Offense)
- Keegan McDaniel - Graduate Assistant (Offense)
- Mike Schrang - Graduate Assistant (Defense)
- Bryson Abraham - Graduate Assistant (Defense)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Rhashid Bonnette	rah-SHEED	Ephraim Kitchen	ehf-FROM
Darrell Brown	DARE-uhl	David Mahaffey	mah-HAFF-EE
Deldrick Canty	CAN-TEE	Quanta Moore	KWAN-TAY
Secdrick Cooper	SED-RICK	DeJawn Oliver	duh-zhohn
Jaqwis Dancy	jah-QUEESE	Jamarius "J'mar" Smith	juh-MAIR-ee-us (JAY-mar)
La'Dante Davenport	LUH-dahn-tay	Dae'Von Washington	DAY-vonn
O'Shea Dugas	OH-SHAY DOO-GAHS	Theron Williams	THAIR-UHN
Jaylon Ferguson	JAY-luhn	Javonte Woodard	juh-von-tay
Jay Gafford	gah-FORD	Matthew Ydarraga	EEE-darga
Hakim Gray	huh-KEEM		

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (Previous School)
2	Jack Abraham	QB	6-0	198	Fr.	HS	Oxford, Miss. (Oxford HS)
58	Charles Adeola	DE	6-3	246	R-Fr.	RS	Slidell, La. (Northshore HS)
85	Willie Baker	DE	6-3	240	Fr.	HS	New Roads, La. (Livonia HS)
10	Jonathan Barnes	K	5-9	172	R-Jr.	2L	Baton Rouge, La. (Woodlawn HS)
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94	Jordan Bradford	DT	6-2	284	So.	1L	Bay St. Louis, Miss. (St. Stanislaus HS)
87	Peyton Braswell	TE	6-4	241	R-So.	SQ	Monroe, La. (St. Frederick's HS)
97	Brandon Brinson	DE	6-3	243	R-Fr.	RS	Houma, La. (Ellender HS)
98	Aaron Brown	DL	6-1	272	R-Sr.	2L	Carrollton, Texas (Creekview HS)
75	Darrell Brown	OL	6-4	305	R-Sr.	3L	Abilene, Texas (Cooper HS)
62	Joseph Brunson	OL	6-4	314	R-Sr.	2L	Ruston, La. (Louisiana-Lafayette)
39	Peyton Bush	DB	6-0	180	R-Fr.	RS	Bossier City, La. (Parkway HS)
50	Deldrick Canty	DE	6-2	261	Jr.	2L	Baton Rouge, La. (Scottlandville HS)
66	Shane Carpenter	OL	6-6	309	R-So.	1L	Walker, La. (Walker HS)
34	Reggie Cleveland	DB	6-0	212	Fr.	HS	Baton Rouge, La. (Scotlandville HS)
2	Secdrick Cooper	S	6-0	210	Jr.	2L	Marrero, La. (Archbishop Shaw HS)
88	Zach Cousar	TE	6-4	218	Fr.	HS	Oxford, Miss. (Oxford HS)
3	Jarred Craft	RB	6-0	213	Jr.	2L	Haughton, La. (Haughton HS)
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74	O'Shea Dugas	OL	6-5	329	So.	1L	Lafayette, La. (Northside HS)
40	Roland Dunn	CB	5-10	167	Jr.	2L	Shreveport, La. (Evangel Christian Academy)
44	Brandon Durman	LB	6-2	224	So.	1L	Tyler, Texas (Tyler Lee HS)
31	Gavin Englade	WR	6-0	170	R-Fr.	RS	Lutcher, La. (Lutcher HS)
31	Russell Farris	LB	5-11	224	Jr.	2L	Ventress, La. (Livonia HS)
45	Jaylon Ferguson	DE	6-5	255	R-So.	1L	St. Francisville, La. (West Feliciana HS)
39	Kyle Fischer	K	5-11	211	R-Sr.	2L	Frisco, Texas (Frisco HS)
78	Taylor Fondal	OL	6-1	307	Fr.	HS	New Iberia, La. (Westgate HS)
46	Donald Freeman	LB	6-3	208	R-Fr.	RS	Baton Rouge, La. (Scotlandville HS)
23	Jay Gafford	RB	5-11	215	Sr.	SQ	Dallas, Texas (Rockford)
16	Marcus Gaines	WR	5-6	156	Jr.	2L	Covington, La. (St. Paul's HS)
99	Keonatyne Garner	DL	6-4	270	So.	JC	Jackson, Miss. (Copiah-Lincoln JC)
59	Hakim Gray	OL	6-3	298	R-Jr.	1L	Keachi, La. (North Desoto HS)
35	Wes Gresham	WR	6-0	176	R-Fr.	RS	Ruston, La. (Cedar Creek HS)
27	Tony Griffin	DB	5-11	185	Sr.	SQ	Shreveport, La. (C.E. Byrd HS)
11	Lloyd Grogan	S	6-1	217	R-Sr.	3L	Morgan City, La. (Central Catholic HS)
54	Devin Hamilton	LB	5-11	209	Fr.	HS	Lake Charles, La. (Washington-Marion HS)
18	Zach Hannibal	DB	6-0	171	Fr.	HS	Monroe, La. (Ouachita HS)
6	Jordan Harris	LB	6-0	225	R-Sr.	TR	Clarksdale, Miss. (Iowa State)
1	Carlos Henderson	WR	5-11	191	R-Jr.	2L	New Orleans, La. (McDonogh 35 HS)
14	Ryan Higgins	QB	6-2	207	R-Sr.	2L	Hutto, Texas (Hutto HS)
55	Frasier Hogan	LB	5-10	220	R-Jr.	1L	Centerville, Miss. (Mississippi College)
41	Bobby Holly	RB	6-1	234	R-Fr.	RS	Farmerville, La. (Union Parish HS)
82	Jonathan Hughes	WR	5-10	192	R-So.	SQ	Lake Charles, La. (Barbe HS)
42	James Jackson	S	5-11	210	R-Fr.	RS	Haynesville, La. (Haynesville HS)
36	Jarrell Jackson	DB	6-0	191	R-So.	RS	Haynesville, La. (Hawai'i)
42	Roderick Jackson	WR	5-0	165	R-Fr.	RS	Monroe, La. (Ouachita Parish HS)
91	Cedric Johnson	DT	6-2	306	R-So.	SQ	Rowlett, Texas (Rowlett HS)
60	Keon Johnson	DL	6-2	270	R-So.	SQ	Ruston, La. (Ruston HS)
47	Eric Kendzior	DE	6-3	242	Fr.	HS	Deer Park, Texas (La Porte HS)
8	DaMarion King	S	5-11	203	Jr.	JC	Muscle Shoals, Ala. (Allan Hancock College)
37	Ephraim Kitchen	CB	5-10	180	So.	SQ	Batesville, Miss. (South Panola HS)

(as of July 11, 2016)

COACHING STAFF

- Skip Holtz - Head Coach
- Blake Baker - Defensive Coordinator/Safeties
- Kevin Curtis - Cornerbacks
- Todd Fitch - Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers
- Lanier Goethie - Linebackers
- Kurt Hester - Head Strength & Conditioning Coach
- Ed Jackson - Assistant AD/Character Education Coordinator
- Mickey Joseph - Running Backs
- Robert McFarland - Offensive Line
- Rick Petri - Defensive Line
- Tim Rattay - Quarterbacks
- Joe Sloan - Assistant Head Coach/Inside Receivers
- Ashton Green - Graduate Assistant (Offense)
- Keegan McDaniel - Graduate Assistant (Offense)
- Mike Schrang - Graduate Assistant (Defense)
- Bryson Abraham - Graduate Assistant (Defense)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Rhashid Bonnette	rah-SHEED	Ephraim Kitchen	ehf-FROM
Darrell Brown	DARE-uhl	David Mahaffey	mah-HAFF-EE
Deldrick Canty	CAN-TEE	Quanta Moore	KWAN-TAY
Secdrick Cooper	SED-RICK	DeJawn Oliver	duh-zhoir
Jaqwis Dancy	jah-QUEESE	Jamarius "J'mar" Smith	Juh-MARR-ee-us (JAY-mar)
La'Dante Davenport	LUH-dahn-tay	Dae'Von Washington	DAY-vonn
O'Shea Dugas	OH-SHAY DOO-GAHS	Theron Williams	THAIR-UHN
Jaylon Ferguson	JAY-luhn	Javonte Woodard	juh-von-tay
Jay Gafford	gah-FORD	Matthew Ydrarra	EEE-darga
Hakim Gray	huh-KEEM		

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (Previous School)
76	Clayton Landry	OL	6-5	278	R-Sr.	1L	Denham Springs, La. (Live Oak HS)
38	Darryl Lewis	DB	5-11	195	So.	SQ	New Orleans, La. (Lusher HS)
14	Ronald Lewis	DB	5-11	194	R-Jr.	SQ	Harvey, La. (Arizona State)
87	Sherrod Lewis	WR	6-2	164	R-So.	SQ	Shreveport, La. (Loyola HS)
57	DeVante Lovett	OL	6-6	274	R-Fr.	RS	Strong, Ark. (Strong HS)
55	David Mahaffey	OL	6-4	291	Fr.	2L	Brandon, Miss. (East Mississippi CC)
96	Ka'Derrion Mason	DL	6-4	289	Fr.	HS	McComb, Miss. (McComb HS)
63	Deontae McCrady	OL	6-3	297	So.	1L	Arlington, Texas (Lamar HS)
48	Kirkland McCulloch	CB	6-0	190	R-So.	SQ	Shreveport, La. (C.E. Byrd HS)
15	Kam McKnight	WR	6-2	222	R-So.	1L	Ethel, La. (East Feliciana HS)
43	Logan McPherson	P	5-10	184	Sr.	3L	Fort Payne, Ala. (Fort Payne HS)
69	Drew Melancon	OL	6-4	306	Fr.	HS	Des Allemands, La. (Hahnville HS)
38	Kaylon Melancon	WR	5-8	170	R-Sr.	TR	Manvel, Texas (West Texas A&M)
4	Michael Mims	LB	5-11	216	R-Jr.	2L	West Monroe, La. (West Monroe HS)
52	Quanta Moore	LB	6-1	228	R-So.	SQ	New Orleans, La. (Edna Karr HS)
17	DeJawn Oliver	WR	5-11	187	Sr.	1L	Napoleonville, La. (Assumption HS)
58	Joshua Outlaw	OL	6-6	305	R-Jr.	JC	Lithonia, Ga. (Tyler JC)
49	Will Parker	P	6-3	218	R-So.	SQ	Denison, Texas (Denison HS)
33	Taylor Perron	ATH	5-10	182	R-Fr.	RS	Jonesville, Va. (Block HS)
61	Ethan Reed	OL	6-4	295	R-Fr.	RS	Orange, Texas (Little Cypress-Mauriceville HS)
89	Kalan Ritchie	DE	6-6	235	Jr.	JC	Goose Creek, S.C. (Georgia Military College)
70	Aaron Roberson	CB	5-9	195	So.	1L	Shreveport, La. (Huntington HS)
30	Michael Rodriguez	OL	6-6	268	R-So.	SQ	La Porte, Texas (La Porte HS)
65	Kody Russey	OL	6-1	284	Fr.	HS	Burleson, Texas (Burleson HS)
23	Prince Sam	CB	6-2	205	Sr.	TR	Allen, Texas (Houston Baptist)
5	Dalton Santos	LB	6-2	261	R-Sr.	TR	Van, Texas (Texas)
6	Boston Scott	RB	5-6	199	R-Jr.	1L	Zachary, La. (Zachary HS)
35	Collin Scott	LB	6-0	225	R-Fr.	RS	Houston, Texas (Manvel HS)
41	John Shirley	DB	5-10	164	R-Fr.	RS	Dallas, Texas (Ashcreek Academy)
28	Gerald Shouse	P	6-1	195	R-Sr.	1L	Shreveport, La. (Evangel Christian Academy)
21	Alfred Smith	WR	5-9	191	R-Fr.	RS	Destrehan, La. (Destrehan HS)
9	Conner Smith	WR	6-3	217	R-Sr.	1L	Covington, La. (Fontainebleau HS)
8	J'mar Smith	QB	6-1	222	R-Fr.	RS	Meridian, Miss. (Meridian HS)
24	L'Jarvis Sneed	ATH	6-1	172	Fr.	HS	Minden, La. (Minden HS)
67	Tyler Spears	DL	6-1	270	R-So.	SQ	Winnsboro, La. (Franklin Parish HS)
32	Trey Spencer	CB	5-11	178	So.	1L	Orange, Texas (West Orange-Stark HS)
77	Gewhite Stallworth	OL	6-8	320	Jr.	JC	Houston, Texas (Navarro JC)
5	Trent Taylor	WR	5-8	178	Sr.	3L	Shreveport, La. (Evangel Christian Academy)
53	Darrell Travis	DS	5-11	244	R-Sr.	2L	McKinney, Texas (McKinney North HS)
22	Israel Tucker	RB	5-8	190	Fr.	HS	Metairie, La. (Archbishop Rummel HS)
93	Immanuel Turner	DE	6-3	268	So.	1L	Magnolia, Ark. (Magnolia HS)
83	Teddy Veal	WR	6-0	192	Jr.	TR	Bridge City, La. (Tulane)
57	Drake Vincent	LB	5-11	215	R-So.	SQ	Opelousas, La. (Westminster Christian Acad.)
90	Courtney Wallace	DT	6-2	320	So.	1L	Monroe, La. (Neville HS)
33	Dae'Von Washington	LB	5-10	202	R-So.	1L	Alexandria, La. (Alexandria HS)
13	Marlon Watts	WR	6-2	185	Jr.	2L	New Orleans, La. (St. Augustine HS)
32	Chris Williams	RB	5-7	175	R-So.	SQ	Bossier City, La. (Bossier HS)
51	Dante Williams	LB	6-1	222	R-Fr.	RS	Bossier City, La. (Parkway HS)
64	Domonique Williams	DE	6-1	240	R-So.	SQ	Gonzales, La. (Louisiana College)
25	Theron Williams	S	5-10	194	So.	1L	New Orleans, La. (St. Augustine HS)
10	Prince Wilson	QB	6-1	241	R-So.	SQ	Marietta, Ga. (Walton HS)
73	Kirby Wixson	OL	6-4	321	R-Sr.	1L	Pearl, Miss. (Hinds CC)
19	Alex Woodall	WR	6-3	257	R-So.	SQ	Summit, Miss. (McComb HS)
84	Javonte Woodard	WR	6-0	192	R-Fr.	RS	Haughton, La. (Haughton HS)
7	Xavier Woods	S	5-11	197	Sr.	3L	West Monroe, La. (West Monroe HS)
95	Matthew Ydrarra	DE	6-3	241	R-So.	1L	Central, La. (Catholic HS)



SKIP HOLTZ

Head Coach Fourth Season

Skip Holtz enters his fourth year as the head coach at Louisiana Tech after former Louisiana Tech University President Dr. Dan Reneau introduced former University of South Florida coach Skip Holtz as the 33rd head football coach of the Bulldogs during a press conference on Friday, Dec. 14, 2012 in the Jarrell Room of the Charles Wly Athletic Center.

Holtz led the 2015 team to several firsts in school history including the first time the Bulldogs have won back-to-back bowl games behind one of the most potent offenses in school history. Louisiana Tech recorded more than 400 offensive yards through its first 10 games of the season, the first time any Bulldog team has achieved such a feat. Tech went on to a 9-4 record after dismantling Arkansas State, 47-28, in the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl.

In just his second season at the helm of the Bulldogs, Holtz enjoyed a five-win improvement from his inaugural campaign as the 15-year coaching veteran led LA Tech to a 9-5 record and a Conference USA West Division title in the team's second year as a member of the league. Holtz and the Bulldogs capped off the 2014 season with a 35-18 win over Big Ten opponent Illinois in the Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl at Cotton Bowl Stadium on Dec. 26, 2014.

In 2014, Holtz engineered an offense that was ranked fourth most improved with an average of 37.4 points per game, while Louisiana Tech was the national leader in points off of turnovers on the defensive side of the ball.

In his first season, Holtz inherited a team that lost 35 seniors with seven being invited to NFL camps (two through the NFL Draft) and brought together the team as it entered a new conference (Conference USA) under a new President and new Athletics Director, going 4-8.

Holtz had spent the past three seasons as the head football coach at the University of South Florida. He has also served as the head coach at the University of Connecticut and East Carolina University where he won back-to-back Conference USA titles with the Pirates in 2008 and 2009. He also led his teams to five consecutive post-season bowl games between 2006 and 2010.

"I am extremely excited about the opportunity to have a coach of the caliber and experience of Skip Holtz leading our football program into the future," said Reneau during the introductory press conference. "The success he has had throughout his career as a head coach is solid and will offer a unique opportunity for our student-athletes to learn from one of the best."

"It's a privilege to welcome Coach Holtz and his family to Louisiana Tech and to the Louisiana Tech Family."

Holtz was hired following a national search led by then Louisiana Tech President-Elect Dr. Les Guice.

"Coach Holtz is a talented coach with a solid record of success and experience," said Guice. "He has great knowledge of the game, tremendous character, exceptional leadership abilities, and a professional approach that will serve him well as head coach at Louisiana Tech."

Holtz has participated in 16 postseason games in his coaching career, including eight as a head coach and eight as an assistant coach. Of the eight games as head coach, six occurred in the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) and two occurred in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS).

In his first season at South Florida, Holtz promptly led the Bulls to their fifth consecutive eight-win season, making them one of just 15 teams nationally that had won at least eight games during that time span and one of only 10 teams in BCS leagues to accomplish the feat. In addition, USF played in its sixth consecutive bowl game, a 31-26 victory over Clemson in the Meineke Car Care Bowl. At the time, USF was one of just six programs nationally that had reached postseason play in each year as a BCS league member. In addition, with the victory, USF was one of just four programs that had won three consecutive bowl games.

In 2010, USF accomplished numerous firsts under Holtz. The Bulls won at Cincinnati and at Louisville for the first time in program history and beat Rutgers in Tampa for the first time. In addition, USF traveled to Miami and defeated the Hurricanes in an overtime thriller, 23-20, marking the Bulls first win over Miami in program history.

The 2011 season showed major improvement on the field, if not in the record, as USF finished 5-7 thanks to numerous heartbreaking defeats. After starting 4-0, in-

cluding a huge win at Notre Dame to open the season, the Bulls dropped six of their final seven games by a combined 28 points or 4.7 points per game. Included in those six losses were four 3-point defeats, three of which came on the final play of the game. USF was the only team in the nation that lost three games at the final gun.

Looking past the wins and losses, the Bulls improved in virtually every statistical category, especially on offense. USF improved its national ranking in total offense 75 spots from 2010 to 2011, the largest jump of any school in the country. The biggest improvement came in the passing game, where USF improved by 85 yards per game. Only two teams saw a greater jump in the passing offense national rankings. In addition, the Bulls improved 39 spots in rushing offense. Defensively, the Bulls finished second nationally in TFL and fourth in sacks and in the top 40 in run defense, total defense and scoring defense.

Holtz went to USF after five seasons at East Carolina, where he won back-to-back Conference USA Championships in 2008 and '09 and finished with a 38-27 record. Holtz also spent five years as head coach at Connecticut, where he amassed a 34-23 record.

Holtz led ECU to unprecedented heights, including four-straight winning seasons, a quartet of bowl game appearances and the back-to-back league crowns.

A once-proud program, Holtz quickly revived the Pirates, which had stumbled to record just three wins in a 25-game period in the two-plus seasons prior to his arrival in 2005.

He promptly instilled a sense of pride, commitment, character and discipline into a Pirate team that went on to reward its loyal and passionate fan base with the school's first-ever run of four consecutive bowl invitations and the program's first four-year streak of winning seasons since the 1970s.

The drastic turnaround at ECU, which included a 7-6 finish in 2006, an 8-5 ledger in 2007, a 9-5 mark in 2008 and another nine-win campaign in 2009, coincided with dramatic school-record attendance increases at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

While the initial success in 2005 relied heavily on a wide-open offensive assault, it was a no-nonsense and fundamentally-sound defensive effort that launched the Pirates back into college football's competitive arena a year later.

Holtz followed by using a combination of both in 2007, offering a well-balanced offense and a run-stopping, ball-hawking defense to lead East Carolina to its highest Conference USA win total in school history at that time. The Pirates ended up just one victory shy of earning a berth in the league championship game, despite playing one of the toughest schedules in program history, which was loaded with four Bowl Championship Series members.

In addition to guiding ECU to its first postseason win since 2000 with a 41-38 victory over No. 24 Boise State in the Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl, Holtz fine-tuned the efforts of running back Chris Johnson, who was college football's national statistical champion in all-purpose yards. Johnson also became the program's second first-round draft choice (first since 1992) when the Tennessee Titans selected him with their initial pick in April, 2008. Johnson went on to be named the 2009 NFL Offensive Player of the Year.

In 2008, Holtz earned Conference USA Coach of the Year honors, while leading the Pirates to a spot in the Conference USA Championship game. ECU defeated Tulsa to claim the program's first conference title in 32 years, earning a bid to the AutoZone Liberty Bowl. During that season, Holtz led the Pirates to a No. 14 ranking in the polls and victories over No. 17 Virginia Tech and No. 8 West Virginia.

Holtz continued his success at East Carolina in 2009, leading the Pirates to a second consecutive Conference USA Championship. They became the first team in C-USA Championship game history to post consecutive victories.

Prior to his time in Greenville, Holtz spent six seasons at South Carolina. He wore several hats during his tenure with the Gamecocks, coaching the quarterbacks his first four seasons, before handling the tight ends in 2003 and then returning to guide the signal-callers in '04. He displayed his all-around abilities as a coach in working closely with the Gamecock offense in addition to handling a variety of duties as assistant head coach under his father, the legendary Lou Holtz.

While at South Carolina, Holtz was recognized as an Assistant Coach-of-the-Year in 2001 by the All-American Football Foundation. That year, the Gamecocks ranked second in the Southeastern Conference in rushing offense, and under Holtz's tutelage,

senior Phil Petty went on to lead South Carolina to 17 victories in his last 23 starts, including back-to-back Outback Bowl wins over Ohio State in 2001 (24-7) and '02 (31-28).

Holtz went to South Carolina after a successful five-year stint as head coach at fellow BIG EAST school, Connecticut. While at UConn, he led the Huskies to their best season in school history, up to that point, in 1998 and was recognized as one of the top young coaching talents in the country.

Holtz has been credited for developing high-powered and prolific offenses throughout his coaching career. During his last season at Connecticut, he led the Huskies to a then-school-record 10 victories and an appearance in the quarterfinal round of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs. His team ranked 11th nationally in scoring offense and averaged nearly 36 points per game.

During his five-year tenure as head coach at UConn, Holtz guided the Huskies' program to national top 25 rankings the last four seasons and unprecedented success in the school's 100-year football history, which provided a firm foundation for the school's eventual move to the FBS level in 2002.

The success Holtz earned on the field at Connecticut during his first head coaching tenure was matched by his involvement in the community as a successful speaker, clinician and humanitarian - often donating his time and effort to many charitable and educational organizations. He served as the honorary chairman for Camp Courant in Hartford for four consecutive years, helping fund-raising efforts to send more than 1,000 under-privileged area children to recreational and educational camps during the summer. Holtz was also actively involved with the American Diabetes Association, serving as an honorary chairman and member of the Board of Trustees for two years.

Holtz was honored in 1996 with the National Football Foundation Man-of-the-Year Award and was a member of the Foundation's ethics committee. He was also the recipient of the Franciscan Life Center's St. Francis Award in 1995, an honor given for his dedication and support of Christian values and outstanding athletic achievements. Prior to taking the head coaching job at UConn, Holtz worked on the offensive staff under his father at Notre Dame. He spent four years at Notre Dame and served as the

Fighting Irish's offensive coordinator during the 1992 and '93 seasons.

During those years, Holtz was in charge of one of the country's most potent offensive attacks - a period in which the Irish compiled a 21-2-1 record. The 1992 Notre Dame offense ranked third nationally in total offense, averaging better than 470 yards per game. The 1993 Irish offense, despite the loss of All-America running backs Jerome Bettis and Reggie Brooks, ended the season ranked No. 9 in scoring offense (36.6 points per game). During Holtz's two seasons as offensive coordinator at Notre Dame, the Irish offense averaged nearly 37 points per game.

Holtz has also served on the coaching staffs at Florida State and Colorado State. While serving on Bobby Bowden's FSU staff in 1987 and '88, the Seminoles rolled to a 22-2 record, captured the Sugar and Fiesta Bowl titles and earned a No. 2 and No. 3 national rank, respectively.

In all, he has been involved in eight New Year's Day bowl games during his coaching career. Prior to his stint at South Carolina, the overall record of teams he had been associated with as an assistant coach was an impressive 67-15-2.

Born March 12, 1964, in Willimantic, Conn., Louis "Skip" Holtz spent the first two years of his life in Connecticut, while his father served as the top football assistant on the Huskies' staff from 1964-65. He was a prep quarterback at Fayetteville (Ark.) High School, while his father was the head coach at the University of Arkansas.

He attended Holy Cross Junior College in South Bend, Ind., for two years before transferring to Notre Dame in 1984. Holtz earned his bachelor's degree in business management in 1986 and was a football letterwinner for the Irish that same year, appearing in all 11 games as a special teams member and backup flanker.

Skip and his wife, Jennifer, are the parents of three children: Louis Leo (Trey) Holtz III, Chad Fitzgerald Holtz and Hailey Elizabeth Holtz.

Bowl/Postseason Experience

Year	Bowl/Postseason Round	Final Score
1988	Fiesta Bowl	Florida State 31, Nebraska 28 (No. 2 final national rank)
1989	Sugar Bowl	Florida State 13, Auburn 7 (No. 3 final national rank)
1991	Orange Bowl	Colorado 10, Notre Dame 9 (No. 6 final national rank)
1992	Sugar Bowl	Notre Dame 39, Florida 28 (No. 13 final national rank)
1993	Cotton Bowl	Notre Dame 28, Texas A&M 3 (No. 4 final national rank)
1994	Cotton Bowl	Notre Dame 24, Texas A&M 21 (No. 2 final national rank)
1998	NCAA Division I-AA Playoffs	UConn 42, Hampton 34
		Georgia Southern 52, UConn 30
2001	Outback Bowl	South Carolina 24, Ohio State 7 (No. 19 final national rank)
2002	Outback Bowl	South Carolina 31, Ohio State 28 (No. 13 final national rank)
2006	PapaJohns.com Bowl	South Florida 24, East Carolina 7
2007	Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl	East Carolina 41, Boise State 38
2008	AutoZone Liberty Bowl	Kentucky 25, East Carolina 19
2009	AutoZone Liberty Bowl	Arkansas 20, East Carolina 17 [OT]
2010	Meineke Car Care Bowl	South Florida 31, Clemson 26
2014	Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl	LA Tech 35, Illinois 18
2015	R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl	LA Tech 47, Arkansas State 28

Coaching Records

Years	School	Record (Pct.)/Years	Position
1987-88	Florida State	22-2 (.917)/2 Years	Graduate Assistant Coach
1989	Colorado State	5-5-1 (.500)/1 Year	Assistant Coach
1990-93	Notre Dame	40-8-1 (.827)/4 Years	Assistant Coach
1994-98	Connecticut	34-23 (.596)/5 Years	Head Coach
1999-2004	South Carolina	33-37 (.471)/6 Years	Assistant Coach
2005-09	East Carolina	38-27 (.584)/5 Years	Head Coach
2010-12	South Florida	16-21 (.432)/3 Years	Head Coach
2013-Present	Louisiana Tech	22-17 (.564)/3 Years	Head Coach
Totals	Head Coach	110-88 (.556)/16 Years	
	Assistant Coach	100-52-2 (.656)/13 Years	
	Collegiate Coach	210-140-2 (.599)/29 Years	

Playing Experience

Years	School	Years Lettered (Position)
1979-82	Fayetteville HS, Fayetteville, Ark.	4 (QB)
1986	Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind.	1 (special teams/flanker)

Education

Years	School	Degree
1986	University of Notre Dame	B.S. in business management

Personal Information

Full Name: Louis Leo "Skip" Holtz
Born: March 12, 1964 in Willimantic, Conn.
Wife: the former Jennifer Fitzgerald of Port Charlotte, Fla.
Children: Louis Leo "Trey" Holtz, III; Chad Fitzgerald Holtz; Hailey Elizabeth Holtz

TOTAL OFFENSE

Player	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
DRISKEL, Jeff	13	542	323	4033	4356	335.1
DIXON, Kenneth	11	197	1070	0	1070	97.3
SCOTT, Boston	11	34	275	0	275	25.0
CRAFT, Jarred	10	58	230	0	230	23.0
HIGGINS, Ryan	7	34	27	138	165	23.6
MARTIN, Blake	12	20	80	0	80	6.7
HENDERSON, C.	11	5	54	0	54	4.9
WILSON, Price	2	4	6	30	36	18.0
JONES, Ricky	13	3	8	0	8	0.6
TURNER, Paul	11	1	7	0	7	0.6
GAINES, Marcus	13	1	2	0	2	0.2
MCKNIGHT, K.	13	1	2	0	2	0.2
SEETS, Marlon	10	1	2	0	2	0.2
DANCY, Jaqwis	13	2	2	0	2	0.2
TEAM	7	6	-13	0	-13	-1.9
Total	13	910	2075	4201	6276	482.8
Opponents	13	924	1555	3335	4890	376.2

ALL-PURPOSE

Player	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
DIXON, Kenneth	11	1070	467	0	0	0	1537	139.7
TAYLOR, Trent	13	0	1282	83	0	0	1365	105.0
HENDERSON, C.	11	54	774	0	463	0	1291	117.4
TURNER, Paul	11	7	657	65	0	0	729	66.3
SCOTT, Boston	11	275	1	0	251	0	527	47.9
GAINES, Marcus	13	2	315	0	23	0	340	26.2
DANCY, Jaqwis	13	2	30	0	296	0	328	25.2
DRISKEL, Jeff	13	323	0	0	0	0	323	24.8
CRAFT, Jarred	10	230	60	0	0	0	290	29.0
MCKNIGHT, K.	13	2	268	0	0	0	270	20.8
WATTS, Marlon	11	0	144	0	0	0	144	13.1
MARTIN, Blake	12	80	14	0	28	0	122	10.2
ABRAHAM, Bryson	13	0	0	0	0	109	109	8.4
JONES, Ricky	13	8	25	0	29	0	62	4.8
SEAY, Sanford	6	0	50	0	0	0	50	8.3
WOODS, Xavier	13	0	0	0	0	50	50	3.8
SMITH, Conner	3	0	45	0	0	0	45	15.0
OLIVER, DeJuawn	10	0	37	0	0	0	37	3.7
HIGGINS, Ryan	7	27	0	0	0	0	27	3.9
THOMASON, Nick	12	0	0	0	0	26	26	2.2
FITTE, Beau	13	0	0	0	0	25	25	1.9
BARNES, Adairius	13	0	0	0	4	20	24	1.8
CHILDRESS, Grant	12	0	21	0	0	0	21	1.8
SEETS, Marlon	10	2	11	0	0	0	13	1.3
BRICE, Kentrell	13	0	0	0	0	11	11	0.8
GROGAN, Lloyd	11	0	0	0	0	9	9	0.8
WILSON, Price	2	6	0	0	0	0	6	3.0
TEAM	7	-13	0	0	0	0	-13	-1.9

Total	13	2075	4201	148	1094	250	7768	597.5
Opponents	13	1555	3335	185	1529	224	6828	525.2

PUNTING

Player	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	50+	Blkd
SHOUSE, Gerald	51	2084	40.9	68	2	17	24	8	1
MCPHERSON, Logan	4	133	33.2	47	0	0	1	0	0
TEAM	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	56	2217	39.6	68	2	17	25	8	1
Opponents	76	2980	39.2	69	6	24	27	12	3

KICKOFFS

Player	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net	YdLn
BARNES, Jonathan	88	5230	59.4	22	5			
FISCHER, Kyle	2	117	58.5	0	1			
Total	90	5347	59.4	22	6	1529	36.3	28
Opponents	70	4096	58.5	14	1	1094	37.9	27

FIELD GOALS

Player	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
BARNES, Jonathan	22-26	84.6	2-2	7-7	7-9	4-6	2-2	50	0

FIELD GOAL SEQUENCE

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

Game	Louisiana Tech	Opponents
Southern	(35),(43)	44
WKU	(37)	(39),(25),(46),(29)
Kansas State	33,(25),(39),(45),(32)	(33),(38),(20),(44)
FIU	(39),(45),(28)	(44)
UL-Lafayette	(50),(41)	-
UTSA	(19),(32)	(25)
Mississippi State	(33),(27)	(26)
Middle Tennessee	34,(24)	(23)
Rice	-	(40)
North Texas	40	-
UTEP	(19)	(37),(27),32
Southern Miss	(47)	(21)
Arkansas State	(50),(20),(28),(22)	(36),(37)

DEFENSIVE LEADERS

No.	Defensive Leaders	GP-GS	|-----Tackles-----|			TFL/Yds	|--Sacks--|		|---Pass Def---|		QBH	|--Fumbles--|		Blkd Kick	Saf
			Solo	Ast	Total		No-Yards	Int-Yds	BrUp	Rcv-Yds		FF			
6Z	FITTE, Beau	13	59	45	104	6.0-12	.	2-25	1	1	2-0	1	.	.	
24	THOMASON, Nick	12	42	40	82	12.5-35	0.5-2	1-26	2	3	.	1	.	.	
23	BRICE, Kentrell	13	46	14	60	3.0-13	1.0-11	1-11	8	1	1-0	.	.	.	
29	CLEVELAND, C.J.	13	38	22	60	1.5-3	.	.	3	.	.	2	.	.	
15	ABRAHAM, Bryson	13	39	19	58	2.0-14	1.0-7	3-109	16	.	1-26	2	1	.	
7	WOODS, Xavier	13	37	19	56	7.5-60	.	3-50	3	.	.	2	.	.	
21	BARNES, Adairius	13	39	11	50	1.5-6	.	1-20	11	.	1-0	1	.	.	
9Z	BUTLER, Vernon	13	28	22	50	10.0-26	3.0-11	.	2	8	1-0	.	.	.	
8	DORA, Vontarrius	13	31	17	48	9.5-56	6.0-51	.	1	3	1-0	2	.	.	
45	FERGUSON, J.	12	22	13	35	15.0-65	6.0-49	.	1	8	.	2	.	.	
11	GROGAN, Lloyd	11	20	9	29	0.5-3	.	1-9	3	.	.	.	.	.
98	BROWN, Aaron	11	13	13	26	4.5-7	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
31	FARRIS, Russell	13	14	10	24	1.5-1	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	COOPER, Secdrick	13	12	11	23	1.5-6	0.5-5	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
50	CANTY, Deldrick	11	12	7	19	4.0-17	1.0-8	.	.	3	.	.	.	.
38	ROBERSON, Aaron	11	18	.	18	.	.	1-0	1	.	1-0	1	.	.	
54	DURMAN, Brandon	9	8	2	10	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
96	PORTER, Tyler	12	6	4	10	3.5-11	1.5-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	YDARRAGA, M.	6	4	5	9	2.0-8	0.5-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56	WASHINGTON, D.	9	8	1	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
32	SPENCER, Trey	10	8	.	8	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
5E	HOGAN, Frasier	11	5	3	8	1.5-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
49	BLANKENSHIP, E.	7	6	1	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	MIMS, Michael	4	4	3	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34	WILLIAMS, T.	9	6	1	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	BRADFORD, J.	11	3	3	6	1.0-14	1.0-14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	MARTIN, Blake	12	5	1	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.
89	DUNIGAN, Dolan	10	4	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	TURNER, I.	7	4	1	5	2.0-18	1.0-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	WALLACE, C.	13	2	3	5	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
20	DANCY, Jaqwis	13	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37	KITCHEN, E.	2	4	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1J	BARNES, Jonathan	13	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	CRAFT, Jarred	10	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47	ANDERSON, Darchi	5	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2H	SHOUSE, Gerald	13	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
81	OLIVER, DeJuawn	10	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40	DUNN JR., Roland	8	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
80	MCKNIGHT, K.	13	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
91	JOHNSON, Cedric	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19	WOODALL, Alex	9	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39	FISCHER, Kyle	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
68	ROBINSON, Josh	13	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
53	TRAVIS, Darrell	13	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	MEDFORD, T.	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2G	GRIFFIN, Tony	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM	TEAM	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
3	TURNER, Paul	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
Total		13	563	314	877	91-378	24-179	13-250	55	30	9-26	15	4	1	
Opponents		13	549	282	831	71.0-243	20-121	11-224	48	20	10-31	9	1	1	