



SAM HOUSTON

2016 BASEBALL



IN DECEMBER, SAM HOUSTON BASEBALL COMPLETED A \$1.4 MILLION INSTALLATION OF ASTROTURF AT 'THE DON.' THE NEW 183,040-SQUARE FOOT SURFACE IS THE LATEST IN UPGRADES TO ONE OF THE STATE'S PREMIER FACILITIES.



NEW BASEBALL ASTROTURF DON SANDERS STADIUM



#EATEMUPKATS

Quick Facts

School.....Sam Houston State University
 Location.....Huntsville, Texas
 Founded1879
 Enrollment.....20,181
 Nickname.....Bearkats
 President..... Dr. Dana G. Hoyt
 Athletics Director..... Bobby Williams
 Affiliation NCAA Division I
 Conference..... Southland
 Colors.....Orange and White
 Facility.....Don Sanders Stadium
 Year Opened..... 2006
 Capacity 1,164 (AstroTurf)
 Field Dimensions (LF-LC-CF-RC-RF)
 330-375-400-375-330
 Record at Stadium..... 194-105

Team Information

Head Coach Matt Deggs
 Alma MaterNorthwood University (1994)
 Record at SHSU 31-28 (1 Year)
 Career Record 31-28 (1 Year)
 Assistant Coach.....Jay Sirianni
 Alma MaterNebraska (2001)
 Assistant Coach..... Lance Harvell
 Alma MaterTexas A&M (2006)
 Assistant Coach..... Shane Wedd
 Alma MaterKansas (2001)
 Operations Coordinator.....Gary Miller
 Student Manager.....Ryan Farney
 Alma MaterSam Houston (2015)
 2015 Record.....31-38
 SLC Record/Finish..... 17-12/5th Overall
 Returning Letterwinners..... 9
 Positional Starters Returning 4
 Starting Pitchers Returning 3
 Other Pitchers Returning.....3
 Players Lost 19
 Newcomers..... 29
 Transfers..... 10
 Freshmen..... 19
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TRADITION

A background image of a baseball game. In the foreground, a player in an orange jersey with the number 21 is seen from behind. In the middle ground, a player in a white jersey is sliding into a base. In the background, another player in an orange jersey is visible. The scene is set on a baseball field with a green outfield fence and trees in the distance.

21

NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP

8

SOUTHLAND
TITLES

12

NCAA REGIONAL
APPEARANCES

16

ACTIVE PRO
PLAYERS

53

PLAYERS TAKEN
IN MLB DRAFT

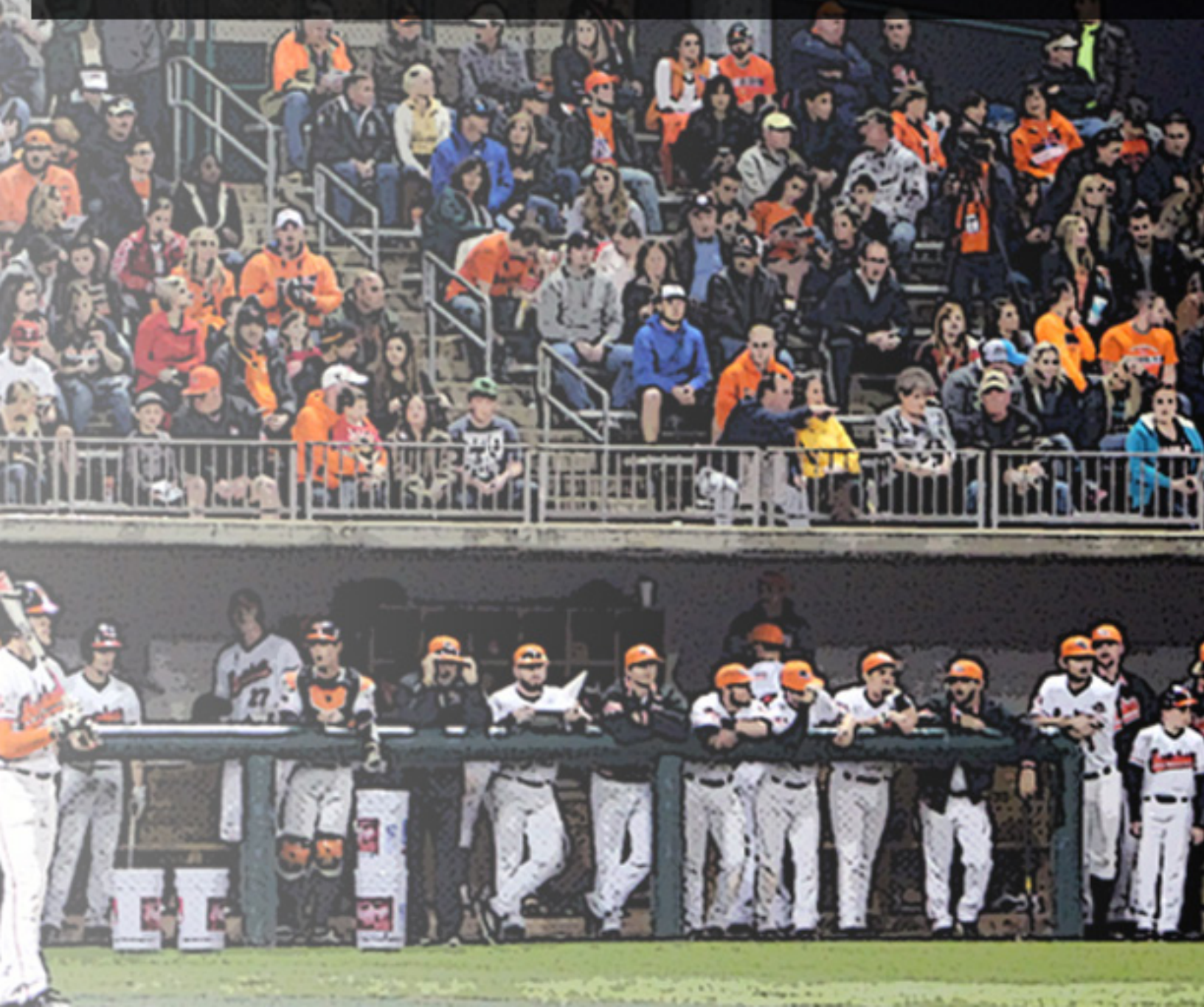


GAMEDAY AT DON SANDERS

- >> ALL-TIME STADIUM RECORD OF 194-105
- >> 10 CROWDS OF 1,000 OR MORE IN 2015
- >> \$5.5 MILLION FACILITY OPENED IN 2006
- >> \$300,000 VIDEO BOARD UNVEILED IN 2014
- >> RECORD ATTENDANCE 2,036 (MAY 1, 2012)



LEFT: SAM HOUSTON BOASTS A STRONG HOME SCHEDULE INCLUDING VISITS FROM TEXAS TECH, OKLAHOMA, BAYLOR, RICE AND HOUSTON IN 2016. RIGHT: THE KATS' \$300,000 VIDEO BOARD MADE ITS DEBUT IN 2014.



NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Cl./Exp.	Hometown/Previous School
1	Jake Vasquez	INF	R/R	5-9	165	Fr./HS	League City/Clear Springs H.S.
2	Riley McKnight	INF	R/R	6-1	180	Fr./HS	Spring/Oak Ridge H.S.
3	Jaxxon Grisham	OF	L/R	6-2	175	Fr./HS	College Station/College Station H.S.
4	Walker Davis	OF	R/R	5-10	180	Fr./HS	College Station/College Station H.S.
5	Lance Miles	INF	S/R	6-0	185	RJr./TR	The Woodlands/Kansas State
6	Zach Smith	INF	L/R	6-1	180	Sr./1L	Cypress/Angelina J.C.
7	Andrew Fregia	INF	R/R	6-0	170	Fr./HS	Liberty/Liberty H.S.
8	Hunter Hearn	OF	R/R	6-1	200	Fr./HS	Crosby/Crosby H.S.
9	Robie Rojas	C	R/R	5-8	200	Jr./TR	Jersey Village/Blinn J.C.
10	Greg Belton	RHP	R/R	6-0	190	Sr./1L	Montgomery/Angelina J.C.
11	Seth Ballew	LHP	L/L	5-10	180	RSo./TR	Sugar Land/Blinn J.C.
12	Hayden Nixon	LHP	L/L	6-2	190	Sr./1L	Leonard/Panola J.C.
13	Matt Broadbent	INF	R/R	5-10	210	Jr./TR	Cypress/Texas Tech
15	Nate VanDyke	INF	R/R	5-9	175	So./1L	Montgomery/Montgomery H.S.
16	Garrett Miller	LHP	L/L	6-3	160	Fr./HS	Friendswood/Friendswood H.S.
17	Taylor Beene	INF	R/R	6-0	170	Jr./TR	Humble/Galveston H.S.
18	Heath Donica	RHP	R/R	6-2	200	Jr./TR	Corsicana/Navarro J.C.
19	Cody Brown	RHP	R/R	6-2	190	Jr./TR	Fulshear/Tyler J.C.
21	Miles Manning	INF	R/R	5-9	180	Sr./1L	Victoria/McClennan J.C.
23	Evian Benjamin	OF	R/R	5-10	165	Fr./HS	Houston/Episcopal H.S.
24	Riley Gossett	RHP	R/R	6-1	175	Fr./HS	Cypress/Cy-Ranch H.S.
25	Jordan Cannon	C/RHP	R/R	6-2	185	Fr./HS	Centerville/Centerville H.S.
26	Dane Lovejoy	LHP	L/L	6-1	180	Jr./TR	Lorena/Navarro J.C.
27	Spence Rahm	INF	R/R	6-5	245	Sr./2L	Tomball/Tomball H.S.
29	Mac Odom	OF	S/R	5-10	170	Fr./HS	Klein/Klein H.S.
30	Jordan Church	RHP	R/R	6-7	215	Sr./2L	Round Rock/Stony Point H.S.
32	Kyrell Miller	RHP	R/R	6-5	200	Fr./HS	Buffalo/Buffalo H.S.
33	Sam Odom	RHP	R/R	6-2	225	Jr./2L	Klein/Klein H.S.
34	Colin Cameron	RHP	R/R	6-3	190	Fr./HS	The Woodlands/College Park H.S.
36	Lane Fritz	RHP	R/R	6-3	185	RFr./HS	Spring/Klein H.S.
37	Austin Woyt	RHP	R/R	6-1	185	RFr./HS	Kingwood/Kingwood H.S.
39	Riley Cooper	LHP	L/L	5-10	150	RSo./TR	Texas City/Louisiana-Lafayette
40	Hunter Southerland	C	S/R	6-0	195	Jr./TR	Fort Worth/Texas Tech
41	Dakota Mills	RHP	R/R	6-2	220	Jr./TR	Meadows Place/Blinn J.C.
42	Josh Biles	OF	R/R	6-3	225	Fr./HS	Sugar Land/Dulles H.S.
43	Ty Ewart	LHP	L/L	5-10	165	RFr./TR	Porter/Louisiana-Lafayette
44	Bryce Johnson	OF	S/R	6-2	180	So./1L	Cypress/Cy-Ranch H.S.
45	Barrett Koerselman	INF	R/R	5-11	210	Fr./HS	Huntsville/Huntsville H.S.
47	Clayton Harp	OF	L/R	6-4	170	Fr./HS	El Campo/El Campo H.S.

Coaches and Support Staff

Head Coach:	28	Matt Deggs, 2nd Season (Northwood, 1994)
Assistant Coach:	31	Jay Sirianni, 2nd Season (Nebraska, 2001)
Assistant Coach:	22	Lance Harvell, 2nd Season (Texas A&M, 2006)
Assistant Coach:	38	Shane Wedd, 2nd Season (Kansas, 2001)
Ops. Coordinator:	46	Gary Miller, 2nd Season
Student Manager:	14	Ryan Farney, 1st Season (Sam Houston 2015)

2016 Bearkat Pronunciation Guide

Andrew Fregia	FREE-jay
Seth Ballew	buh-loo
Evian Benjamin	Ev-ee-an
Spence Rahm	RAM
Ty Ewart	E-wart
Barrett Koerselman	KORE-sel-man
Jay Sirianni	Seer-ee-ani

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Cl./Exp.	Hometown/Previous School
11	Seth Ballew	LHP	L/L	5-10	180	RSo./TR	Sugar Land/Blinn J.C.
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10	Greg Belton	RHP	R/R	6-0	190	Sr./1L	Montgomery/Angelina J.C.
23	Evian Benjamin	OF	R/R	5-10	165	Fr./HS	Houston/Episcopal H.S.
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25	Jordan Cannon	C/RHP	R/R	6-2	185	Fr./HS	Centerville/Centerville H.S.
30	Jordan Church	RHP	R/R	6-7	215	Sr./2L	Round Rock/Stony Point H.S.
39	Riley Cooper	LHP	L/L	5-10	150	RSo./TR	Texas City/Louisiana-Lafayette
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18	Heath Donica	RHP	R/R	6-2	200	Jr./TR	Corsicana/Navarro J.C.
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3	Jaxxon Grisham	OF	L/R	6-2	175	Fr./HS	College Station/College Station H.S.
47	Clayton Harp	OF	L/R	6-4	170	Fr./HS	El Campo/El Campo H.S.
8	Hunter Hearn	OF	R/R	6-1	200	Fr./HS	Crosby/Crosby H.S.
44	Bryce Johnson	OF	S/R	6-2	180	So./1L	Cypress/Cy-Ranch H.S.
45	Barrrett Koerselman	INF	R/R	5-11	210	Fr./HS	Huntsville/Huntsville H.S.
26	Dane Lovejoy	LHP	L/L	6-1	180	Jr./TR	Lorena/Navarro J.C.
21	Miles Manning	INF	R/R	5-9	180	Sr./1L	Victoria/McClennan J.C.
2	Riley McKnight	INF	R/R	6-1	180	Fr./HS	Spring/Oak Ridge H.S.
5	Lance Miles	INF	S/R	6-0	185	RJr./TR	The Woodlands/Kansas State
16	Garrett Miller	LHP	L/L	6-3	160	Fr./HS	Friendswood/Friendswood H.S.
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29	Mac Odom	OF	S/R	5-10	170	Fr./HS	Klein/Klein H.S.
33	Sam Odom	RHP	R/R	6-2	225	Jr./2L	Klein/Klein H.S.
27	Spence Rahm	INF	R/R	6-5	245	Sr./2L	Tomball/Tomball H.S.
9	Robie Rojas	C	R/R	5-8	200	Jr./TR	Jersey Village/Blinn J.C.
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37	Austin Woyt	RHP	R/R	6-1	185	RFr./HS	Kingwood/Kingwood H.S.

**Roster Breakdown
BY CLASS**

Seniors	6
Belton, Church, Manning, Nixon Rahm, Smith	
Redshirt Juniors	1
Miles	
Juniors	9
Beene, Broadbent, Brown, Donica, Lovejoy, Mills, S. Odom, Rojas, Southerland	
Redshirt Sophomores	2
Ballew, Cooper	
Sophomores	2
Johnson, VanDyke	
Redshirt Freshmen	3
Ewart, Fritz, Woyt	
Freshmen	16
Benjamin, Biles, Cameron, Cannon, Davis, Fregia, Gossett, Grisham, Harp, Hearn, Koerselman, McKnight, G. Miller, K. Miller, M. Odom, Vasquez	

ROSTER BY POSITION**CATCHERS**

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Cl./Exp.	Hometown/Previous School
9	Robie Rojas	C	R/R	5-8	200	Jr./TR	Jersey Village/Blinn J.C.
25	Jordan Cannon	C/RHP	R/R	6-2	185	Fr./HS	Centerville/Centerville H.S.
40	Hunter Southerland	C	S/R	6-0	195	Jr./TR	Fort Worth/Texas Tech

INFIELDERS

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Cl./Exp.	Hometown/Previous School
1	Jake Vasquez	INF	R/R	5-9	165	Fr./HS	League City/Clear Springs H.S.
2	Riley McKnight	INF	R/R	6-1	180	Fr./HS	Spring/Oak Ridge H.S.
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21	Miles Manning	INF	R/R	5-9	180	Sr./1L	Victoria/McClennan J.C.
27	Spence Rahm	INF	R/R	6-5	245	Sr./2L	Tomball/Tomball H.S.
45	Barrrett Koerselman	INF	R/R	5-11	210	Fr./HS	Huntsville/Huntsville H.S.

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47	Clayton Harp	OF	L/R	6-4	170	Fr./HS	El Campo/El Campo H.S.

PITCHERS

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10	Greg Belton	RHP	R/R	6-0	190	Sr./1L	Montgomery/Angelina J.C.
11	Seth Ballew	LHP	L/L	5-10	180	RSo./TR	Sugar Land/Blinn J.C.
12	Hayden Nixon	LHP	L/L	6-2	190	Sr./1L	Leonard/Panola J.C.
16	Garrett Miller	LHP/OF	L/L	6-3	160	Fr./HS	Friendswood/Friendswood H.S.
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1
Jake Vasquez
Fr. • 5-9 • 185 • R/R
INF • League City



2
Riley McKnight
Fr. • 6-1 • 180 • R/R
INF • Spring



3
Jaxxon Grisham
Fr. • 6-2 • 175 • L/R
OF • College Station



4
Walker Davis
Fr. • 5-10 • 180 • R/R
OF • College Station



5
Lance Miles
RFr. • 6-0 • 185 • S/R
INF • The Woodlands



6
Zach Smith
Sr. • 6-1 • 180 • L/R
INF • Cypress



7
Andrew Fregia
Fr. • 6-0 • 170 • R/R
INF • Liberty



8
Hunter Hearn
Fr. • 6-1 • 200 • R/R
OF • Crosby



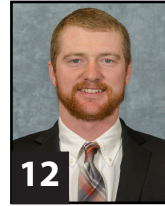
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Robie Rojas
Jr. • 5-8 • 200 • R/R
C • Jersey Village



10
Greg Belton
Sr. • 6-0 • 190 • R/R
RHP • Montgomery



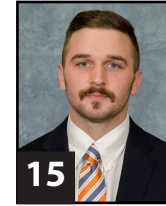
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RSo. • 5-10 • 180 • L/L
LHP • Sugar Land



12
Hayden Nixon
Sr. • 6-2 • 190 • L/L
LHP • Leonard



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Matt Broadbent
Jr. • 5-10 • 210 • R/R
INF • Cypress



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Nate VanDyke
So. • 5-9 • 175 • R/R
INF • Montgomery



16
Garrett Miller
Fr. • 6-3 • 160 • L/L
LHP • Friendswood



17
Taylor Beene
Jr. • 6-0 • 170 • R/R
INF • Humble



18
Heath Donica
Jr. • 6-2 • 200 • R/R
RHP • Corsicana



19
Cody Brown
Jr. • 6-2 • 190 • R/R
RHP • Fulshear



21
Miles Manning
Sr. • 5-9 • 180 • R/R
INF • Victoria



23
Evian Benjamin
Fr. • 5-10 • 165 • R/R
OF • Houston



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Riley Gossett
Fr. • 6-1 • 175 • R/R
RHP • Cypress



25
Jordan Cannon
Fr. • 6-2 • 185 • R/R
C/RHP • Centerville



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Jr. • 6-1 • 180 • L/L
LHP • Lorena



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Spence Rahm
Sr. • 6-5 • 245 • R/R
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Fr. • 5-10 • 170 • S/R
OF • Klein



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Jordan Church
Jr. • 6-7 • 215 • R/R
RHP • Round Rock



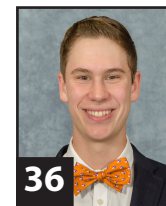
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Fr. • 6-5 • 200 • R/R
RHP • Buffalo



33
Sam Odum
Jr. • 6-2 • 225 • R/R
RHP • Klein



34
Colin Cameron
Fr. • 6-3 • 190 • R/R
RHP • The Woodlands



36
Lane Fritz
RFr. • 6-3 • 185 • R/R
RHP • Spring



37
Austin Woyt
RFr. • 6-1 • 185 • R/R
RHP • Kingwood



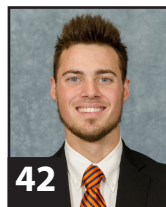
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Riley Cooper
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LHP • Texas City



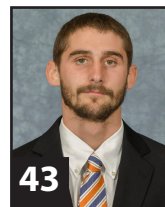
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Hunter Southerland
Jr. • 6-0 • 195 • S/R
C • Fort Worth



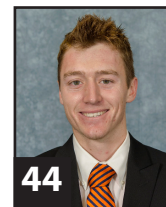
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RHP • Meadows Place



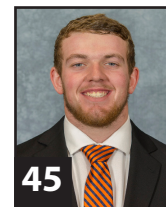
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INF • Huntsville



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OF • El Campo



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Head Coach
2nd Season



Jay Sirianni
Assistant Coach
2nd Season



Lance Harvell
Assistant Coach
2nd Season



Shane Wedd
Volunteer Assistant
2nd Season



Gary Miller
Operations Coordinator
2nd Season



Ryan Farney
Student Manager
1st Season



2016 BEARKATS



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MATT DEGGS

#28

2ND SEASON
NORTHWOOD, 1994

HEAD COACH

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES APP.



BIG 12 CHAMPIONSHIPS



SEC CHAMPS



SUN BELT CHAMPS



NCAA SUPER REGIONALS



Matt Deggs enters his second season at the helm of Sam Houston State baseball after being hired as the program's eighth head coach on June 27, 2014.

During his inaugural campaign, Deggs helped guide the Bearkats to the Southland Conference Championship game, falling just one win shy of advancing to the program's fourth straight NCAA Regional.

With a sense of excitement surrounding the program in 2015, the Bearkats logged a pair of all-time attendance records (No. 4 – vs. Baylor: 1,729; No. 7 – vs. Wichita State: 1,257) and re-wrote four of the top five attendance marks when facing Southland foes.

On the field, Deggs helped tutor a program-record tying five players selected in the 2015 Major League Baseball Draft, bringing the total of active players in professional baseball to 16.

The 2015 squad etched its way into the Sam Houston record books, highlighted by a pitching staff that ranked third in team lore with 433 strikeouts. Leading the charge were Andrew Godail and Alex Bisacca whose ERA's of 2.30 and 2.35 respectively placed them fourth and fifth in school history.

Offensively, Deggs' team stifled Southland pitchers, ranking second in runs scored (160), third in average (.299), third in hits (304) and third in on base percentage (.369) against league foes.

Prior to Sam Houston, the Texas City native served as the Louisiana-Lafayette hitting coach and third base coach, while also overseeing team personnel and recruiting. The Cajuns were a game away from the College World Series in 2014, while the squad posted the most wins in both Sun Belt and program history, finishing the season with 58 victories.

For the second straight season Deggs guided an offense that was revered as the best in college baseball. Louisiana-Lafayette finished the season ranked in the top 10 in the nation in 14 offensive categories and had an OPS of .902.

After starting the season with its highest pre-season ranking in school history at No. 14 in the Baseball America poll, the Cajuns cracked the Top 10 for the first time since 2000 three weeks into the season. On March 24, the Ragin' Cajuns became the first team in the history of UL-Lafayette athletics to earn top billing in the nation in any sport with a No. 1 ranking in the Collegiate Baseball weekly poll.

The No. 1 ranking marked the third time in Deggs' ca-

reer that he was a member of a program that was ranked inside of the top 5 during a season (UL-Lafayette, Texas A&M, Arkansas) including two teams that ascended to the No. 1 spot in the nation (UL-Lafayette, Texas A&M). Following the program's second Sun Belt Tournament championship, the Cajuns were tabbed as the unanimous No. 1 team headed into the NCAA Tournament.

After hitting just .263 with 18 home runs in 2012, the Cajuns exploded under Deggs' direction in 2013. At the conclusion of the regular season the Cajuns were ranked inside the Top 5 in the NCAA in eight offensive categories.

With the improved production, the Cajuns once again found themselves in postseason play. ULL was awarded the No. 2 seed at the Baton Rouge Regional where the Cajuns rallied from an opening loss to Sam Houston, to ultimately fall in the regional final to host LSU.

In two full seasons with the Ragin' Cajun baseball program, Deggs and his aggressive "Pack Mentality" offensive style has helped the Cajuns in amassing a 101-30 overall record, a Sun Belt Conference regular season championship, a Sun Belt Conference Tournament championship and a regional championship.

The squads also produced two trips to the NCAA





tournament, the school's first ever national seed, 15 all-conference athletes, a Sun Belt player of the year, a conference tournament MVP, the program's first ever member of Team USA (Blake Trahan) and three All-Americans and two Freshmen All-Americans.

Most impressive however is the fact that with all the wins, the Cajuns also won the award for best team grade point average in the Sun Belt Conference with a 3.30 GPA.

Prior to joining the Cajuns staff, Deggs previously served as associate head coach at Texas A&M for Rob Childress from 2006-11. While in College Station, Deggs coached third base, oversaw, and ran the Aggie offense in addition to overseeing team personnel.

His aggressive approach was one of the key components of the Aggies' success. During a five-year stretch, Deggs helped in building and coaching teams that played in the NCAA College World Series, appeared in three NCAA Super Regionals, five NCAA Regionals, capture five Big 12 Championships (regular season/conference tournament), break a school record with five consecu-

tive trips to the NCAA Tournament, produce the biggest turnaround in the NCAA from 2006 to 2007, set a Big 12 record with 16 consecutive wins in conference play, set the Big 12 record with 151 stolen bases in a season and in 2009 Texas A&M achieved the school's first ever preseason national No. 1 ranking by Baseball America.

During Deggs time at Texas A&M, the Aggies produced two Big 12 Players of the Year, nine All-Americans and 15 First-Team All-Big 12 performers.

Deggs utilized an aggressive offensive attack that he describes as a "Pack Mentality" approach to help Texas A&M capture back-to-back Big 12 titles in 2007 and 2008.

"Every hitter inside 'The Pack' has a job, duty or function," Deggs said. "Some of them run, some produce runs, some hit for power and some do all three ... but they all know their role, they all function together as a Pack and they all play with the four pillars of 'The Pack': Attitude, Approach, Intensity and Toughness."

The Pack Philosophy paid big dividends for Texas A&M. Over a three year stretch (2007-09), the Aggies hit .309 with 232 home runs and over 2,000 hits while driving in nearly 1,300 runs—the best three-year totals in a decade. In addition, Texas A&M swiped over 300 bases at nearly a 75 percent success rate.

One of only a handful of coaches in the nation to have won both SEC and Big 12 titles in their careers, Deggs spent three seasons at the University of Arkansas as the hitting coach and recruiting coordinator for Dave Van Horn from 2003 to 2005. He coached three All-SEC players and three Freshman All-Americans while helping the Hogs to the SEC Championship and a trip to the College World Series in 2004.

Deggs was a key figure in the Razorbacks return to national prominence, as the Hogs' offense steadily improved to one of the best in the SEC. The team saw its batting average increase from .278 prior to Deggs' arrival to .303 in 2005 – the best by a Razorback team in eight seasons.

The Razorbacks also finished 2005 with the fourth best slugging percentage (.451) in the SEC and fifth in on-base percentage (.382). The Hogs' 133 doubles tied for third most in the league and seventh most in school history. Arkansas finished second in the league with 108 stolen bases.

GET TO KNOW: MATT DEGGS

Personal Information

- Date of Birth: Aug. 20, 1971
- Wife: Kathy
- Children: Kyler, Klaire, Khloe

Alma Mater

- Master of Education, Northwestern State, 1996
- Northwood University, 1994

Head Coaching Experience

- Sam Houston State: 2015-Present
- Texarkana College: 1998-2002

Assistant Coaching Experience

- Louisiana-Lafayette: 2012-2014
- Texas A&M: 2006-2011
- Arkansas: 2003-2005
- Northwestern State: 1996-1997

Playing Experience

- Tennessee Tomahawks: 1996
- Mobile Baysharks: 1994-1995
- Northwood University: 1993-1994
- Alvin Junior College: 1991-1992

Team Accomplishments

- College World Series appearances: 2004 (Arkansas), 2011 (Texas A&M), 2001 (JUCO/Texarkana)
- Louisiana-Lafayette ranked No. 1 nationally for first time in athletic department history
- Ragin' Cajuns boasted Sun Belt record 58 wins behind nation's top offense, finishing one win shy of College World Series
- 101-30, two Sun Belt titles, one Regional title at ULL
- Five Big 12 championships, 5 NCAA Regionals, 3 Super Regionals, 1 College World Series appearance with Texas A&M
- Aggies hit .309, 232 home runs, 1,300 RBI, 2,000 hits between 2009-2011
- Coached three All-SEC players, three All-Americans at Arkansas
- Helped Razorbacks to best batting average in eight seasons, improving from .278 prior to .303 in 2005



Prior to his stint at Arkansas, Deggs tallied a record of 187-100 as the head coach at Texarkana College. In his five-year stay at Texarkana, Deggs led the team to two Texas Eastern Athletic Conference runner-up finishes, a pair of TEAC Titles (2001-2002), and the school's first ever trip to the Junior College World Series.

While at Texarkana, Deggs coached five All-Americans and 25 all-conference players in his five seasons, while sending 35 players to Division I programs. In addition, Deggs signed and coached current San Francisco Giant outfielder and 2012 World Series Champion Hunter Pence.

Deggs spent the 1996 and 1997 seasons as the hitting and infield coach at Northwestern State under Van Horn, helping the Demons to the Southland Conference Title in 1997. His infield units ranked among the top infield groups in the country in both seasons.

During his coaching career, Deggs has helped to sign seven future first round draft picks – with Clayton Kershaw being most notable among them – and has currently coached 10 players that have played in the big leagues, Pence being the most notable.

Deggs was an infielder at Alvin Junior College from 1991-92 and at Northwood University from 1993-94. Deggs received his master's degree from Northwestern State in December of 1996.

He played professionally for three years for the Mobile (Ala.) Baysharks and the Tennessee Tomahawks, two of which were spent as a player/coach under former Boston Red Sox manager Butch Hobson and former Red Sox catcher Mike O'Berry.

Deggs is married to the former Kathy Saldua and the couple has a son, Kyler, and two daughters, Klaire and Khloe.

DEGGS: YEAR-BY-YEAR

Year	School	Record	Pct.	Conf.	Place	Tourn.	Postseason
1996	Northwestern State	34-27	.557	14-16	2nd (Div.)	2nd (3-2)	
1997	Northwestern State	35-23	.603	19-9	1st	DNP (0-2)	
	<i>Totals</i>	<i>69-50</i>	<i>.579</i>	<i>33-25</i>		<i>2 (3-4)</i>	
1998	Texarkana CC						
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2000	Texarkana CC						
2001	Texarkana CC					TEAC Champs	NJCAA CWS
2002	Texarkana CC					TEAC Champs	
	<i>Totals</i>	<i>187-100</i>	<i>.651</i>	<i>N/A</i>			
2003	Arkansas	35-22	.612	14-16	6th West	T-7th (0-2)	NCAA (1-2)
2004	Arkansas	45-24	.652	19-11	T-1st Overall	4th (2-2)	CWS (6-3)
2005	Arkansas	39-22	.636	13-17	T-5th West	T-7th (0-2)	NCAA (2-2)
	<i>Totals</i>	<i>119-68</i>	<i>.636</i>	<i>46-44</i>		<i>3 (2-6)</i>	<i>3 (9-7)</i>
2006	Texas A&M	25-30-1	.455	6-20-1	10th		
2007	Texas A&M	48-19	.716	13-13	5th	1st (3-1)	NCAA (4-3)
2008	Texas A&M	46-19	.708	19-8	1st	T-5th (1-2)	NCAA (3-3)
2009	Texas A&M	37-24	.607	14-13	6th	T-3rd (2-1)	NCAA (1-2)
2010	Texas A&M	43-21-1	.669	14-12-1	4th	1st (4-0)	NCAA (3-2)
2011	Texas A&M	47-22	.681	19-8	T-1st	1st (4-0)	CWS (5-4)
	<i>Totals</i>	<i>246-135-2</i>	<i>.644</i>	<i>85-74-2</i>		<i>5 (14-4)</i>	<i>5 (16-14)</i>
2012	Louisiana-Lafayette	23-30	.433	11-19	10th		
2013	Louisiana-Lafayette	43-20	.682	19-11	3rd	2nd (3-1)	NCAA (2-2)
2014	Louisiana-Lafayette	58-10	.852	26-4	1st	1st (4-0)	NCAA (5-3)
	<i>Totals</i>	<i>124-60</i>	<i>.673</i>	<i>56-34</i>		<i>2 (7-1)</i>	<i>2 (7-5)</i>
2015	Sam Houston State	31-28	.525	17-12	5th	2nd (3-2)	



JAY SIRIANNI

#31

**2ND SEASON
NEBRASKA, 2001**

PITCHING COACH

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES APP.



BIG 12 CHAMPIONSHIPS



SOUTHLAND CHAMPS



WAC CHAMPS



NCAA REGIONALS



Jay Sirianni served as pitching coach and recruiting coordinator at UT Arlington for 10 seasons. He mentored more than 21 pitchers that were drafted or signed free agent contracts with MLB organizations.

During Sirianni's tenure, the UT Arlington pitching staff was consistently one of the best in its conference. He helped lead the Mavericks to three conference titles and two NCAA Regional appearances.

"We are very fortunate to get Jay (Sirianni) from UTA," head coach Matt Deggs said. "I've admired his work for a long time and he's got 15-plus years of experience. He's recruited, coached and played at the highest levels. I've watched him develop some really good arms over the years so we're very fortunate to get him here."

Under Sirianni's guidance, UT Arlington won a conference title in back-to-back years for the first time in program history. The Mavs made conference tournament

appearances in seven of ten seasons.

The 2012 UTA pitching staff finished the season with a 3.89 ERA, the program's best ERA since 1992. His staff led the Southland in ERA in 2009 and followed up to lead the league in strikeouts in 2010.

During his stay in Arlington, the Mavericks posted 26 wins over top-25 nationally-ranked opponents with six victories over top-10 ranked teams.

All three of Sirianni's weekend starters were drafted in the top-17 rounds of the 2010 MLB Draft – a first in Southland Conference history.

Before his arrival at UT Arlington, Sirianni spent three seasons as the pitching coach at Barton County Community College in Great Bend, Kan. While at Barton County, Sirianni helped lead the Cougars to a 113-56 record and qualified for three consecutive NJCAA Region VI Tournaments.

Prior to his time at BCCC, Sirianni spent the summer of 2001 as an assistant coach for the Liberal (Kan.) Bee Jays of the Jayhawk League.

He began his collegiate playing career at Texas A&M before transferring to Nebraska to play for head coach Dave Van Horn.

Following his career at Nebraska, Sirianni was signed as a free agent by the Cleveland Indians. Sirianni began his professional career with the Burlington Indians (Rookie League) and also spent time with the Mahoning Valley Scrappers (New York-Penn League) and Kingston Indians (Carolina League).

After finishing his pro career in January 2001, Sirianni returned to Nebraska for his final semester and earned a bachelor's degree in history in May 2001. He served as a graduate assistant on the baseball coaching staff and helped the team make it to the College World Series.

Sirianni is a native of Indianola, Iowa, and played his prep career at Indianola High School. He earned 10 varsity letters with four coming in baseball and three each in track and field and football. He was a two-time All-State selection and a three-time All-Conference pick.

Sirianni's father, John, is the Director of Athletics at Division III Simpson College in Indianola after spending 20 years as the school's head baseball coach. His brother, Mike, is a high school baseball coach in Jonesboro, Ark.

Sirianni married the former Erin McKernan on Sept. 2, 2006. The couple celebrated the birth of their first child, Mia, in September of 2010.





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BEARKAT COUNTRY

#22

LANCE HARVELL

2ND SEASON

TEXAS A&M, 2006

HITTING COACH

BIG 12 CHAMPIONSHIPS



SUN BELT CHAMPS



NCAA REGIONALS



Lance Harvell joined Matt Deggs' staff prior to the 2015 season after two years as the volunteer assistant at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette. Harvell helped guide the Ragin' Cajuns to national prominence and the best offense in the country two straight years. The 2014 team finished the season with a 58-10 record, the third best record in NCAA history, and the best record and most wins in school and Sun Belt Conference history.

At the end of the regular season the Cajuns were the consensus no. 1 by every poll, earned the no. 6 national seed, had a school record seven players taken in the MLB draft, and led the country with three first-team All-Americans. The Cajuns offense finished ranked in the top three nationally in 26 of the 29 offensive categories, including first in slugging (.506), OPS (.916) and triples (26); second in batting avg. (.319), runs scored (448), total bases (975), home runs (61), doubles (125), RBI (407); as well as fourth in stolen bases (109).

Along the way to winning the Sun Belt regular season and tournament championships, several Cajuns players earned postseason recognition. Jace Conrad was named first-team All American, Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year, Dick Howser Award Semi-Finalist (National Player of the Year), Gregg Olson Award Candidate (Breakout Player of the Year), and was a 13th round selection by the Tampa Bay Rays.

Blake Trahan earned first-team All-American accolades, first-team All-Conference honors, selected to play short stop for the Team USA Collegiate National team, and was a Brooks Wallace Award Finalist (Best College Short Stop).

Caleb Adams (who also played for Harvell at Texarkana JC) earned first-team All-American honors, first-team All-Conference, Golden Spikes Award Candidate, Dick Howser Award Semi-Finalist, and was drafted by the Anaheim Angels in the 10th round.

Seth Harrison was named to the second-team, Golden Spikes Award Candidate, and was a seventh round pick by the San Francisco Giants. Also earning second-team All-Conference recognition were Ryan Leonards (21st round pick of the Chicago White Sox) and catcher Mike Strentz, a free agent signee of the Anaheim Angels.

Before going to Louisiana-Lafayette, Harvell spent three years (2010-2012) as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Texarkana Junior College. In his time there the Bulldogs produced some of the best offenses in

their conference and region in terms of production, leading the conference in batting in 2011 and 2012. Under his tutelage Texarkana never finished lower than second in team batting and over 25 position players moved on to play Division I baseball.

In 2011 and 2012 Texarkana led the conference in batting average, hits, runs scored, stolen bases, doubles, and triples, hitting .310 and .314 respectively. In 2010, the Bulldogs won the conference championship and finished in the top four of every major offensive category.

Between 2010 and 2012, Texarkana hitters claimed more postseason honors than any other school, including the 2011 and 2012 conference players of the year and the 2011 freshman of the year.

Harvell spent the 2008 and 2009 seasons as a graduate assistant coach at Texas A&M. During the 2009 season he was the team's strength and conditioning coach. In 2008 he served as pitching assistant, helping the Aggies to a Big 12 regular season championship, NCAA Regional championship, and an NCAA Super Regional berth.

He was an All-Conference and All-Region catcher at Richland Community College in Dallas. In 2003 and 2004 he led his team to back-to-back NJCAA National Championships, hitting .351, highlighted by a home run in the national championship game. Harvell then moved on to Texas A&M where he walked on as a catcher in 2005 and 2006.

Harvell graduated from Texas A&M in 2006 with a B.S. in sport management and earned his master's degree in the same field in 2009. He and his wife Courtney (A&M class of '05) are both natives of College Station.





Shane Wedd serves as volunteer assistant for the Sam Houston baseball program and coaches the infielders, assists with the hitters, and runs the Bearkat Baseball Camps.

Wedd was an assistant coach at Northeast Texas Community College from 2012-2014. He served as the recruiting coordinator and ran the Eagles' offense. Wedd helped develop 12 NTCC hitters into all-conference players during his three years at Northeast. The 2012 offense featured the team's speed, as the Eagles led Region 14 with 128 stolen bases.

The Eagles finished the season 33-17, including a 26-10 record in the conference. Northeast was ranked as high as no. 10 in the national polls. The Eagles clinched the conference championship on the last day of the regular

season by sweeping a doubleheader from Navarro College, the defending national champions. The conference championship was the program's first since 2003.

Prior to his start at Northeast Texas, Wedd served as the recruiting coordinator/hitting coach at Pratt (KS) Community College from 2008-2011. While at Pratt, Wedd mentored four All-Jayhawk Conference hitters. In 2009, first baseman Ryan Laing broke the school's home run record and was named All-Region VI and Honorable Mention All-American. In 2011 Wedd helped the Beavers reach their highest season win total and first playoff victory since 2004.

From 2007-2011, Wedd spent his summers as an assistant coach for the Falmouth Commodores in the prestigious Cape Cod Baseball League. In 2007 he coached third base and worked with the Commodores' hitters and helped them reach the league's championship series. From 2008-2011 he was the pitching coach for the Commodores. The 2011 pitching staff held the league's lowest ERA, and helped Falmouth reach the championship series.

Prior to his time in Falmouth, Wedd was the general manager of the Kansas City Sluggers Baseball Club. Wedd was hired by the Sluggers in 2000 as director of baseball operations and was promoted to general manager in 2005. The Sluggers qualified for the AABC Connie Mack Regional five times and the Premier World Series in 2006.

Between his time with the Kansas City Sluggers, Pratt Community College, and NTCC, Wedd has helped over 50 players reach Division I baseball. He has coached more than 120 players who have been drafted into professional baseball, including 10 first round picks and 21 players who have played in the big leagues.

Wedd played collegiately at the University of Kansas, lettering for the Jayhawks from 1997-2000. He primarily played catcher and first base for the Jayhawks while being voted team captain his junior and senior seasons by his teammates. He finished his career in the top 10 for career home runs at KU. He was a three-time honorable mention Academic All-Big 12 performer, and was named first-team Academic All-Big 12 in 2000. He was named the recipient of the 2000 Ron MacDonald Coaches Award, given by the coaching staff at KU, for his leadership contributions on and off the field.

Wedd was raised in Lawrence, Kansas. He attended Lawrence High School where he lettered in football and baseball. He was named First Team All-State in both football and baseball while helping the Lions win the state championship in both sports his senior year.





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BEARCAT COUNTRY

#46

GARY MILLER

2ND SEASON

OPERATIONS COORDINATOR

Gary Miller was given the opportunity to follow his passion for baseball as the volunteer operations coordinator for the Bearkat baseball program.

The operations position allows Miller to use his 35 years of business experience of which the last 15 were spent as the COO of a privately held company. In that role, he was responsible for the overall company strategy, business segment management, eBusiness development, IT, marketing, communications, sales and marketing operations, customer relations, product distribution and renewals.

"Gary (Miller) is what I call a baseball lifer," head coach Matt Deggs said. "He has been in the business world for the past 35 years and doing baseball in his spare time. That's the type of diversity we're looking for. He'll have his fingerprint on everything we do."

Gary's passion for baseball reaches back more than

30 years. He has coached many teams over the years and recently was the head coach of the HCYA Eagles varsity baseball team. During this time he also worked as a hitting, catching and outfield instructor teaching the fundamentals and proper techniques of the game.

His understanding of the various hitting and catching techniques and his ability to effectively communicate with players of all ages and ability levels, leads to a high success rate in those who train hard. He has studied and worked with some of the area's best coaches and teachers with a focus on learning the proper techniques for developing a strong baseball foundation for today's ball players.

Gary's knowledge and ongoing research in biomechanics, mental/emotional training and "vision mechanics" is outstanding and has produced proven results.







**RYAN
FARNEY**

#14

1ST SEASON

SAM HOUSTON, 2015

STUDENT MANAGER

SOUTHLAND CHAMPS



NCAA REGIONALS



Ryan Farney joins the Sam Houston State baseball staff following a decorated four-year playing career with the Bearkats that included 145 games played and 101 starts between 2012-15.

The Houston native batted a career .277, while raking in 108 hits and 43 RBIs. While manning the infield, Farney helped the Bearkats to three straight Southland Conference Championships and as many NCAA Tournament appearances between 2012-14. During that span, Sam Houston boasted a 121-63 record including a 66-24 mark in league play.

As a junior, Farney touted a career-high 150 at-bats, 25 runs, 44 hits, 14 RBI and nine doubles. He provided the walk-off sacrifice fly to center field to top Cal-State Northridge, 3-2, in 13 innings, also moving the Bearkats to their 13th win in 16 games to open the season.

Playing in front of 10,752 fans at the 2013 Baton Rouge Regional, the second baseman helped Sam Houston jump out to a 5-0 lead against LSU with an RBI single

to right field. As an encore, he launched his only home run against Louisiana-Lafayette, at the time providing Sam Houston a 3-0 lead against the Ragin' Cajuns.

As a freshman in 2012, Farney made a big impact in limited playing time. He hit .305 during 22 games and 13 starts, logging seven RBI, two doubles and a triple. Two of the RBIs came on a fourth-inning single against A&M-Corpus Christi on April 29, helping provide the No. 22 ranked Bearkats their eighth Southland Conference series win.

In one season under current skipper Matt Deggs, Farney hit .226 in 35 games including 16 starts. The senior helped open the Deggs' era in a big way, driving the go-ahead run in on a drive up the middle as part of a four-run eighth-inning that sealed an 8-5 opening day win.

At Lamar High School, Farney was a two-time all-district selection for coach Mike McGilvray, playing shortstop as a junior and left field as a senior. On top of helping the squad to a district championship, Farney also played for the Houston Heat club team.






TREVOR WILLIAMS

**1ST SEASON
DELAWARE, 2008**

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

Trevor Williams came to Sam Houston strength and conditioning in August 2015 after two stints at the University of Delaware.

He rejoined his alma mater in June 2012 as assistant strength and conditioning coach after spending more than a year with Georgetown University.

Williams provides the Bearkat student-athletes with a sound program that includes strength, power, explosiveness, plyometrics, speed, agility, work capacity and coaching.

While at Georgetown, he was responsible for writing and implementing strength and conditioning programs for several varsity athletic squads. Williams worked mostly with the Hoya baseball team, specifically working with the pitchers and freshmen developmental program.

In conjunction with his duties at Georgetown, Williams assumed the role of head strength and conditioning coach at The Potomac School. While there, he was in charge of 20 varsity sports, as well as their respective junior varsity programs. Williams cites his greatest accomplishment at The Potomac School as spearheading the development of strong foundations for young student-athletes on and off the field.

In the spring of 2012, Williams received the inaugural Lance Vermeil Scholarship award from the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association for his dedication, passion and commitment to the field.

Williams, a 2008 graduate of the University of Delaware, was a student-athlete with the Blue Hens football team that won the 2003 national championship. He continued to play through the 2005 season until injury cut his career prematurely.

Following his undergraduate career, he interned with the strength and conditioning staff for a year before being hired as a full-time assistant in 2009.

During his first stint with the Blue Hens, Williams assisted with the football squads that made two post-season appearances, including the 2010 FCS national championship game. He has attributed this success to his readiness to lead a championship caliber program to new heights.

Williams holds numerous certifications and is a member of the National Strength and Conditioning Association and Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association. He is also a consultant for SiSu Systems in Washington, D.C.




AMY VAN HORN

**6TH SEASON
KANSAS STATE, 2006**

ATHLETIC TRAINER

Amy Van Horn joined the Sam Houston State University staff as assistant athletic trainer in February 2011.

Her responsibilities include the evaluation, treatment and rehabilitation of athletic injuries for the baseball program.

She came to Huntsville from Abilene Christian University where she served two years as assistant athletic trainer for the sports of men's and women's cross country and track field, football, baseball and men's and women's tennis.

From January 2007 to May 2009 Van Horn was a grad-

uate assistant athletic trainer at the University of North Alabama. She was responsible for the sports of baseball, women's volleyball, softball, football and cheerleading.

In December 2008, Van Horn received her Masters of Arts in Human Performance and Health Promotion for the University of North Alabama.

While earning her Bachelor of Science in athletic training at Kansas State University, Van Horn served as a student athletic trainer for KSU. She worked with women's crew, equestrian, women's tennis and football.





**GREG
BELTON**

#10

SR · 6-0 · 190 · R/R
ANGELINA JC/CONROE HS
MONTGOMERY, TEXAS

RHP

2015 (Junior)

Posted a 2.19 ERA and 1-1 record in 37 innings on the mound as junior ... made 15 appearances including two starts, holding opponents to a .222 batting average while striking out 34 ... earned the win in three-inning performance, striking out five of 13 batters faced against Central Arkansas on May 28 ... made two starts including Southland Tournament Championship against Houston Baptist, holding the Huskies to two earned runs in 7 2-3 innings while striking out six.

2014 & 2013 (Angelina College)

First-team All-Conference player in 2013 and 2014 ... batted .365 with 23 RBI and 21 runs scored ... hit 12 doubles and five home runs.

Conroe High School

First-team All-District player for head coach Manny Trujillo in 2009, 2010 and 2011.



Belton's Career Statistics

Year	ERA	W-L	App-GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	BF	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
2015	2.19	1-1	15-2	0	0/1	0	37.0	30	11	9	14	34	2	2	0	135	.222	2	1	0	1	3





**JORDAN
CHURCH**

#30

SR. · 6-7 · 215 · R/R
STONY POINT HS
ROUND ROCK, TEXAS

RHP

2015 (Junior)

Finished 2-1 with 3.49 in 19 relief appearances during 2015 junior season ... struck out 26 hitters in 28 1-3 innings while holding opponents to a .235 average ... allowed just two hits over five innings while striking out four helping the Bearkats blank Texas, 5-0, in Austin ... logged one scoreless inning at Texas A&M on March 31.

2014 (Sophomore)

Made just two appearances for the Kats in 2014 ... tossed 1 1/3 scoreless innings and faced five batters.

2013 (Freshman)

Pitched in four games as a true freshman.

Stony Point High School

All-District pitcher for coach Tom Collins at Stony Point ... led team to district championship ... played club baseball for Action Baseball ... also lettered in basketball.



Church's Career Statistics

Year	ERA	W-L	App-GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	BF	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
2013	13.50	0-0	4-0	0	0/0	0	2.2	4	4	4	4	4	1	0	0	10	.400	0	2	0	0	0
2014	0.00	0-0	2-0	0	0/0	0	1.1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	.400	0	0	0	0	0
2015	3.49	2-1	19-0	0	0/2	0	28.1	27	15	11	9	26	2	2	1	115	.235	4	6	1	1	1
TOTAL	4.17	2-1	25-0	0	0/2	0	32.1	33	19	15	14	30	3	2	1	130	.311	4	8	1	1	1





**BRYCE
JOHNSON**

#44

SO. · 6-2 · 180 · S/R
CY-RANCH HS
CYPRESS, TEXAS

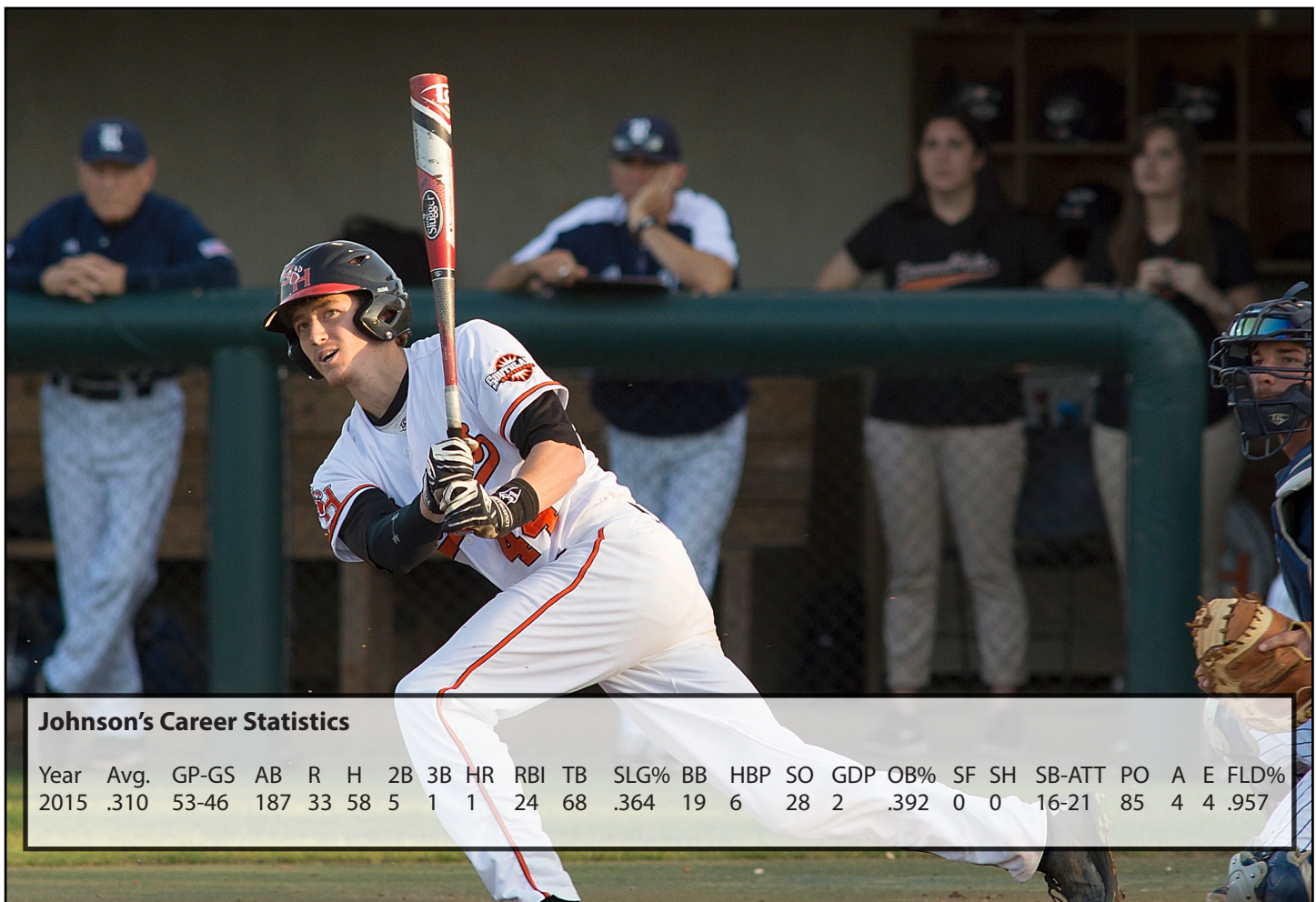
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2015 (Freshman)

Southland Conference Honorable Mention outfielder that started 24 games in left, 19 games in right and three games in center as freshman in 2015 ... led team with 16 stolen bases in 21 tries ... second on team with 33 runs scored and third with 58 hits ... hit .310, tallying 24 RBIs in 53 games played and 46 starts ... third on team with 16 multi-hit games and fourth with five multi-RBI games ... ended season on 13-game hitting streak and 14-game reached-base streak ... went 5-for-16 (.312) and scored three runs in four games at Southland Conference Tournament.

Cy-Ranch High School

All-District and All-State player for head coach John Pope at Cy-Ranch High School ... member of district championship team ... played for 2012 state championship ... all-greater Houston area ... THSB 5A Top 50 player ... also an all-district and all-state football player.



Johnson's Career Statistics

Year	Avg.	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
2015	.310	53-46	187	33	58	5	1	1	24	68	.364	19	6	28	2	.392	0	0	16-21	85	4	4	.957





**MILES
MANNING**

BEARKAT COUNTRY

#21

SR · 5-9 · 180 · R/R
MCCLENNAN/VICTORIA WEST HS
VICTORIA, TEXAS

INF

2015 (Junior)

Started 53 games at shortstop and hit .277 ... tied for second on squad with 11 steals in 12 attempts ... recorded 10 multi-hit games ... reached base safely in 14 straight games ... hit .310 in 84 at-bats with runners on base ... went 3-for-5 adding three RBIs and scoring two runs in 11-4 win against Rice on March 25 ... finished 3-for-4 with three RBIs in 9-3 win at Northwestern State ... returned to Sam Houston after one year at McClennan CC.

2014 (McClennan College)

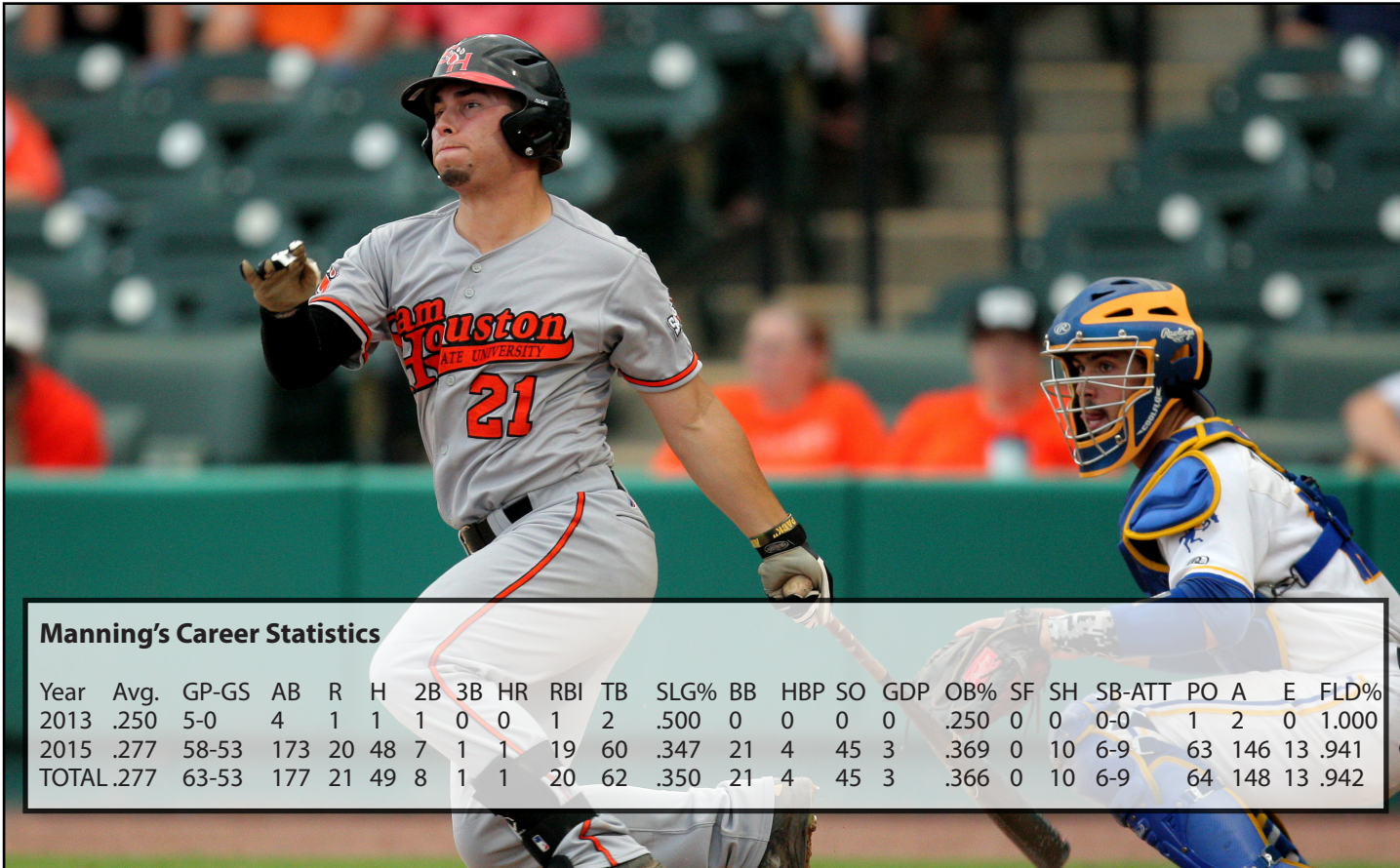
Batted .330 with 21 RBIs and 25 runs scored in 2014 ... six doubles, three triples and five stolen bases ... also logged 7 2-3 innings on the mound with 12 strikeouts.

2013 (Freshman)

Recorded a .250 batting average and a 4.50 ERA while appearing in five games as a Bearkat in 2013.

Victoria West High School

South Texas Pre-Season High School All-Star Team ... Rawlings second-team all-region ... District 30-4A MVP, area MVP and team MVP ... 9-2 record in 57 innings pitched with 72 strikeouts ... batted .507 with 12 doubles, one triple, four homers, 27 RBIs and 10 stolen bases with .624 OBP and .884 slugging percentage.



Manning's Career Statistics

Year	Avg.	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
2013	.250	5-0	4	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	.500	0	0	0	0	.250	0	0	0-0	1	2	0	1.000
2015	.277	58-53	173	20	48	7	1	1	19	60	.347	21	4	45	3	.369	0	10	6-9	63	146	13	.941
TOTAL	.277	63-53	177	21	49	8	1	1	20	62	.350	21	4	45	3	.366	0	10	6-9	64	148	13	.942





**HAYDEN
NIXON**

#12

SR. · 6-2 · 190 · L/L

PANOLA JC/FRISCO WAKELAND HS
LEONARD, TEXAS

LHP

2015 (Junior)

Limited hitters to .247 average while boasting 3.09 ERA in 23 1-3 innings during 2015 junior season ... posted 14-4 strikeout-to-walk ratio in 14 appearances including one start ... tossed 8 1-3 innings of relief, allowing just two hits while blanking Nicholls on March 22 ... struck out three while keeping Baylor scoreless in 3 1-3 innings on March 18.

2014 (Panola Junior College)

Logged 74 innings on the mound as a sophomore ... compiled a 7-2 record in 16 appearances ... struck out 49 batters.

2013 (Kansas State)

Redshirted as a freshman.

Wakeland High School

Lettered three years under head coach Barry Rose ... led team to at least 30 wins all three seasons, three district championships and a state runner-up finish in 2010 ... named 2011 district pitcher of year and 2010 co-pitcher of the year.



Nixon's Career Statistics

Year	ERA	W-L	App-GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	BF	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
2015	3.09	0-1	14-1	0	0/1	0	23.1	22	11	8	4	14	4	1	4	89	.247	3	0	1	0	2





**SAM
ODOM**

#33

JR. · 6-2 · 225 · R/R
KLEIN HS
KLEIN, TEXAS

RHP

2015 (Sophomore)

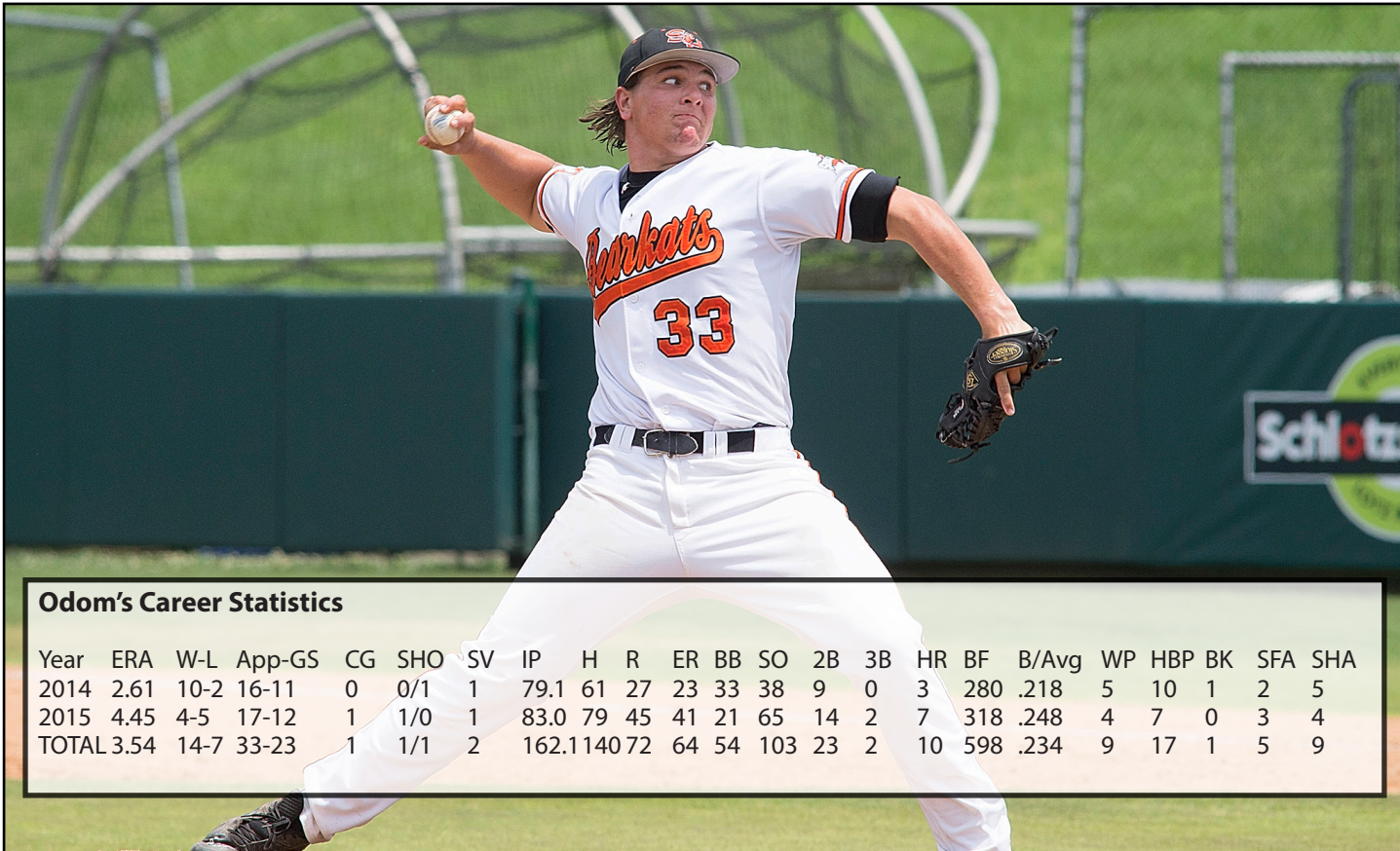
Sunday starter who finished 4-5 with 4.45 ERA as sophomore ... held opponents to .248 average in 17 appearances ... second on squad with 65 strikeouts in 83 innings of work ... registered season-high 10 strikeouts in four-hit complete-game shutout victory against UIW on April 11 ... tossed 7 1-3 innings, striking out six and allowing two earned runs in 8-5 series-clinching win at Oklahoma.

2014 (Freshman)

Became Sam Houston's first Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American and first 10-game winner since 2007 ... first Bearkat freshman to log 10 wins and just the fifth SHSU pitcher to win 10 or more games at the Division I level ... went 10-2 with a 2.61 earned run average in 16 appearances ... logged a total of 79 1-3 innings in 11 starts ... struck out 38, while opposing batters managed to hit just .218 off him ... five relief appearances with one save ... last start came in NCAA Regional play against Siena where he tossed 5 2-3 innings and allowed just two runs on six hits while striking out two and picking up the win.

Klein High School

Right-handed pitcher who produced a 6-2 record with a 2.50 ERA and two saves in 48 innings at Klein High School ... 49 strikeouts to nine walks ... very aggressive pitcher who throws a lot of strikes ... also played linebacker on the football team.



Odom's Career Statistics

Year	ERA	W-L	App-GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	BF	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
2014	2.61	10-2	16-11	0	0/1	1	79.1	61	27	23	33	38	9	0	3	280	.218	5	10	1	2	5
2015	4.45	4-5	17-12	1	1/0	1	83.0	79	45	41	21	65	14	2	7	318	.248	4	7	0	3	4
TOTAL	3.54	14-7	33-23	1	1/1	2	162.1	140	72	64	54	103	23	2	10	598	.234	9	17	1	5	9





**SPENCE
RAHM**

#27

SR · 6-5 · 245 · R/R
TOMBALL HS
TOMBALL, TEXAS

INF

2015 (Junior)

Third-team All-Southland Conference member who started all 59 games at first base and hit .295 during 2015 junior season ... team-leader with 34 runs, 69 hits, 13 doubles, six home runs, 37 RBIs, 100 total bases and 21 walks (tied with Colt Atwood and Miles Manning) ... second on squad with .427 slugging percentage ... led squad with 20 multi-hit games including seven three-hit performances ... second on team with nine multi-RBI games ... went combined 7-for-10 with eight RBIs in consecutive games against A&M-Corpus Christi and Prairie View A&M on Feb. 22 and 24.

2014 (Sophomore)

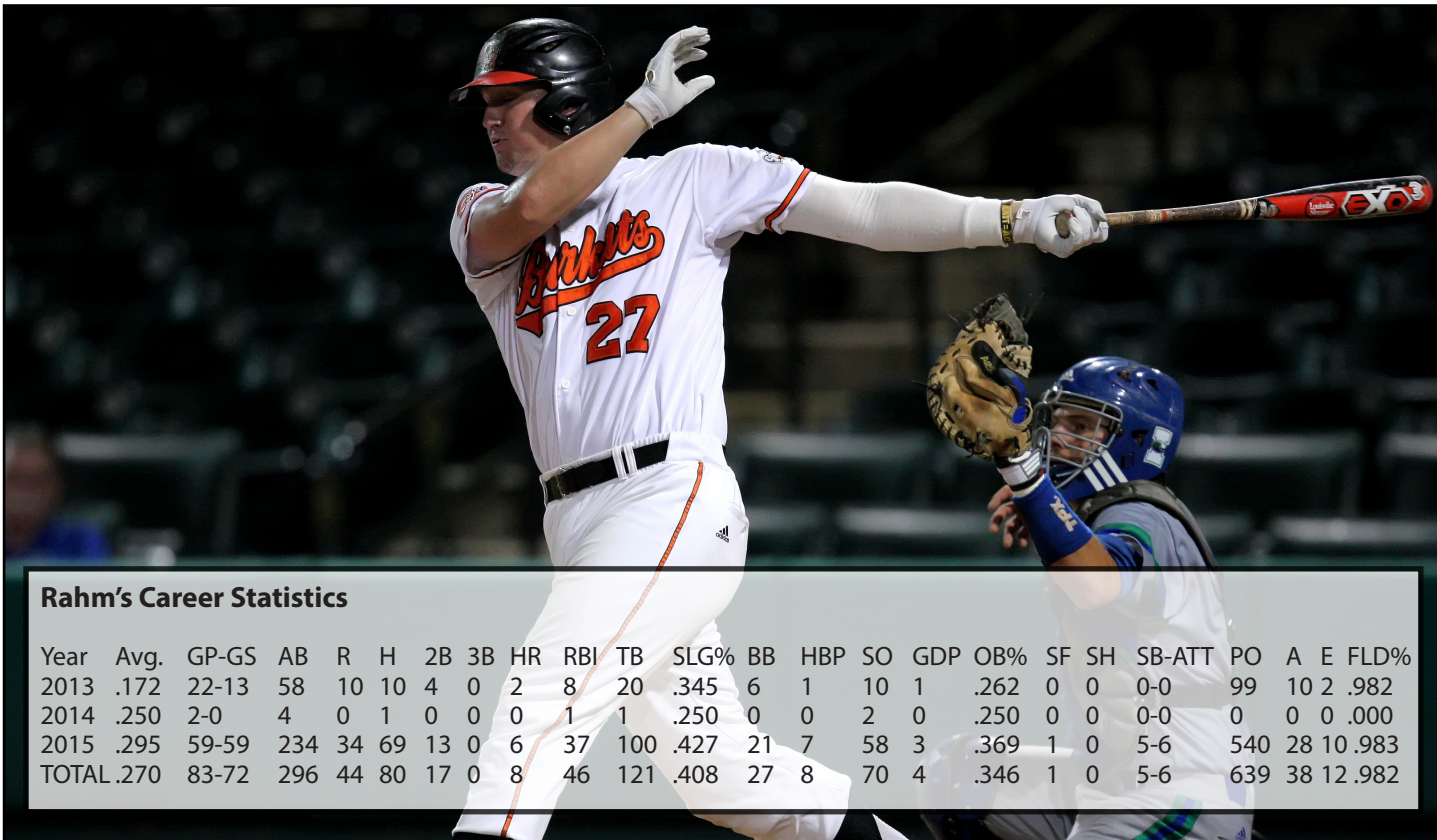
Only appeared twice in 2014 while dealing with injuries ... had one hit in four at-bats but drove in a run with an RBI-single.

2013 (Freshman)

Played in 22 games with 13 starts as a true freshman ... batted .172 with four doubles and two home runs ... blasted a homer in the Bearkats win over ranked Texas in Austin.

Tomball High School

All-District first baseman for coach Douglas Rush at Tomball ... All-Tournament at Team Texas Sun Belt Classic ... hit .416 with 18 RBIs and posted 2.62 earned run average for bi-district finalist squad ... played club baseball for Houston Ban-ditos ... also lettered in basketball.



Rahm's Career Statistics

Year	Avg.	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
2013	.172	22-13	58	10	10	4	0	2	8	20	.345	6	1	10	1	.262	0	0	0-0	99	10	2	.982
2014	.250	2-0	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	.250	0	0	2	0	.250	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
2015	.295	59-59	234	34	69	13	0	6	37	100	.427	21	7	58	3	.369	1	0	5-6	540	28	10	.983
TOTAL	.270	83-72	296	44	80	17	0	8	46	121	.408	27	8	70	4	.346	1	0	5-6	639	38	12	.982





**ZACH
SMITH**

#6

SR · 6-1 · 180 · L/R
ANGELINA JC/CY-RANCH HS
CYPRESS, TEXAS

INF

2015 (Junior)

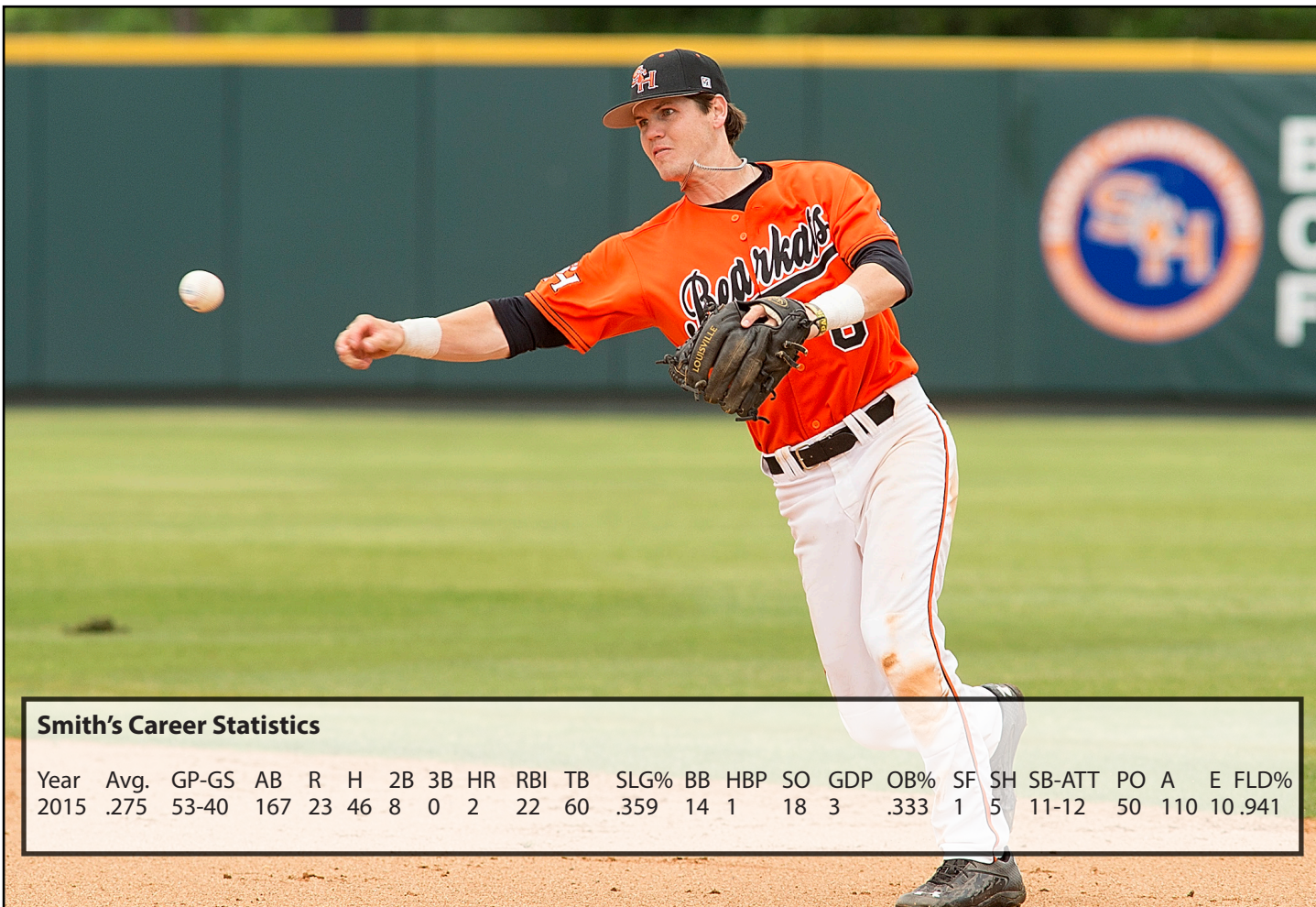
Started 31 games at second base and nine games at third ... tied for second on team with 22 RBIs and 11 stolen bases in 12 tries ... hit .275 with 22 RBIs and 12 runs scored ... third on team with six multi-RBI games ... tied for second in program history with three swipes against UIW on April 11 ... one of two Bearkats to walk three times in a game doing so on April 10 vs. UIW ... belted three-run homer as part of 2-for-3 day against SFA on April 4.

2014 (Angelina Junior College)

Infielder transferred to Sam Houston from Angelina College ... second-team all-conference player at Angelina in 2014 ... named to the TX-NM NJCAA All-Star team ... batted .323 in 49 games with 14 doubles, two triples and one home run while driving in 30 runs and scoring 25.

Cy-Ranch High School

First-team all-district player for head coach John Pope at Cy-Ranch High School ... played for 2012 State Championship ... drove in the winning run with a sacrifice fly in the state title game.



Smith's Career Statistics

Year	Avg.	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
2015	.275	53-40	167	23	46	8	0	2	22	60	.359	14	1	18	3	.333	1	5	11-12	50	110	10	.941





**NATE
VANDYKE**

#15

SO · 5-9 · 175 · R/R
MONTGOMERY HS
MONTGOMERY, TEXAS

INF

2015 (Freshman)

Played in 21 games, making one start at third base during 2015 freshman season ... went 3-for-13 (.231) at the plate ... registered first collegiate hit and accounted for three putouts in 10-3 win vs. Prairie View A&M on Feb. 24 ... drove home first collegiate RBI in sixth inning against Texas A&M on March 31.

Montgomery High School

All-State player for coach Chris Morris at Montgomery High School ... member of state semifinalist team ... played in the playoffs all four years all-district player twice ... named all-greater Houston Area ... a middle infielder by trade, but has the versatility to play third base and outfield if needed ... possesses a strong compact swing from the right side ... plans to major in business.



VanDyke's Career Statistics

Year	Avg.	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
2015	.231	21-1	13	1	3	0	0	0	1	3	.231	0	0	4	0	.231	0	1	0-0	8	10	7	.720



2015 (Blinn College)

Recorded 9-4 record, helping the Bucs to the JUCO World Series ... majoring in finance at Sam Houston.

Fort Bend Travis High School

Played for Rodney Hernandez at Fort Bend Travis High School ... also played for Houston Heat Silver ... named all-district in 2011 and 2013 as well as sophomore sun-belt in 2011 ... led William B. Travis to the playoffs in 2011 and '13 ... also played football.

2014 & 2015 (Galveston Junior College)

Played at Galveston for two seasons.

Atascocita High School

2013 Perfect Game Texas Region Honorable Mention ... all-district honoree ... also played football and basketball.



Episcopal High School

Outfielder for head coach Matt Fox's Episcopal program ... hit .464 and senior and .474 as junior ... helped lead team to pair of conference championships as all-conference honoree ... played for Houston Kyle Chapman Baseball team that won Premier National Championship in 2013.

Dulles High School

All-State and all-district member of Dulles program ... hit .402 with eight doubles, two triples and 13 RBIs as senior ... belted six home runs as junior, five as sophomore and four as freshman ... played for Kyle Chapman Baseball program ... also played football ... majoring in criminal justice at Sam Houston.



2015 (Alvin Community College)

All-Conference third baseman at Alvin.

2014 (Texas Tech)

Academic All-Big 12 Rookie Team ... played in 34 games (20 starts) starting 12 games at designated hitter, four at third base, three at shortstop and one at first base ... batted .228 (18-for-79) with seven runs, six doubles, 11 RBI, nine walks, .315 on-base percentage.

Cy-Woods High School

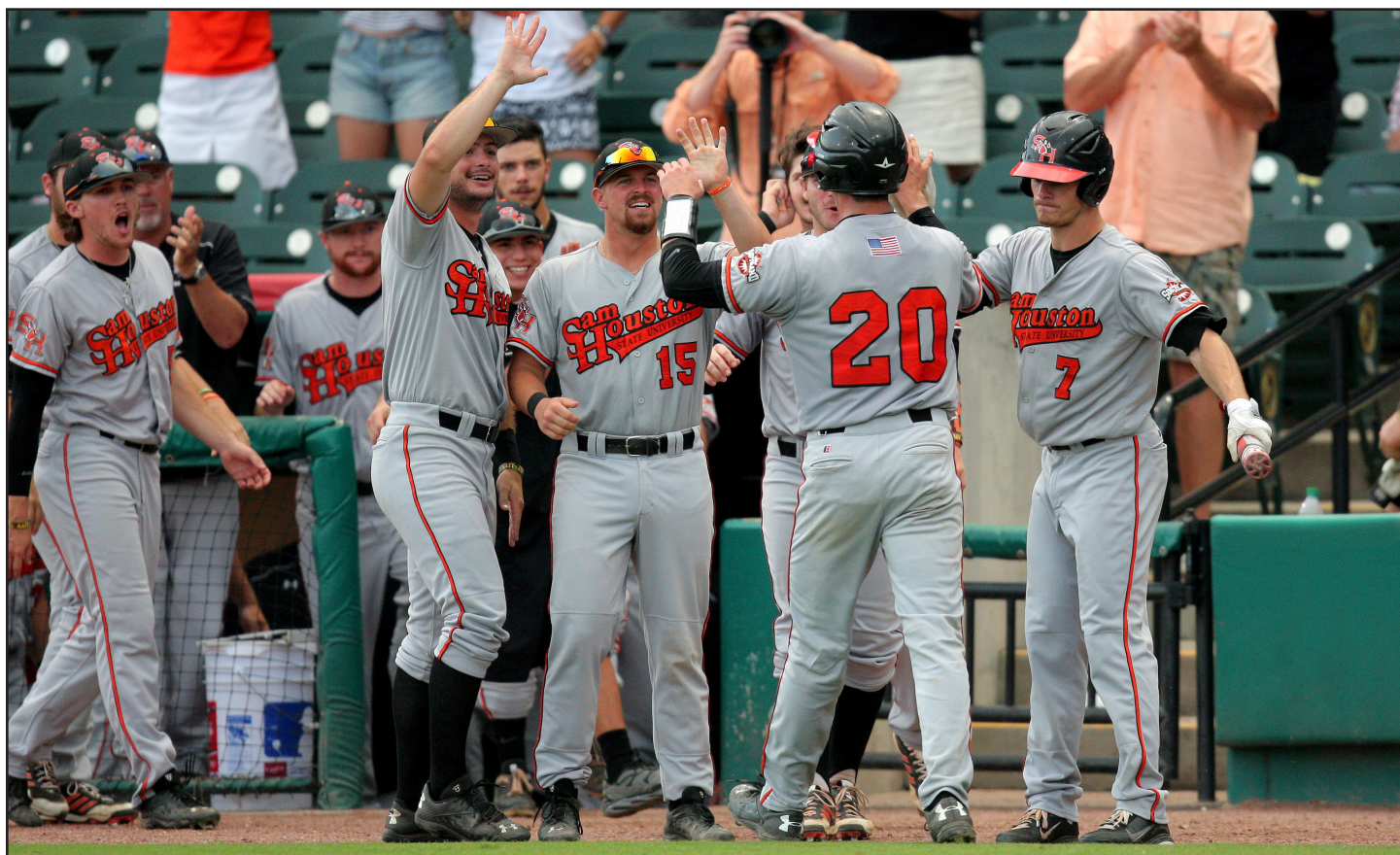
First team all-district and named All-Greater Houston (shortstop)... Perfect Game Honorable Mention Preseason High School Underclassmen All-America.

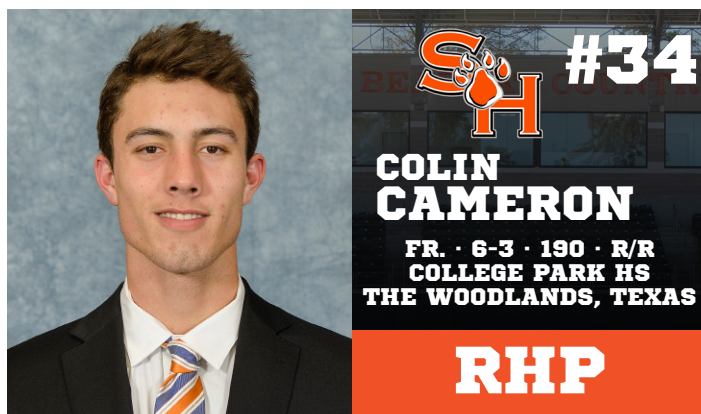
2014 & 2015 (Tyler Junior College)

Helped program to back-to-back national championships ... World Series most valuable player in 2015 ... posted 6-0 record with three saves and 1.82 ERA while striking out 61 hitters in 59 1-3 innings ... majoring in public health at Sam Houston.

Austin High School

Right-handed pitcher at Austin High School.



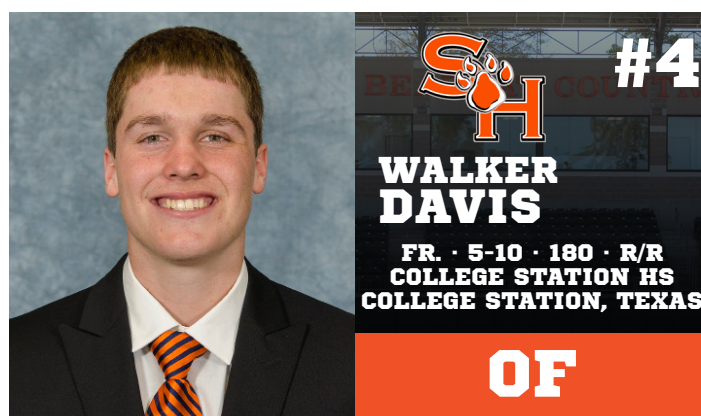


College Park High School

All-district honorable mention for head coach Jason Washburn at College Park ... helped team to third round of playoffs ... 2015 Perfect Game Honorable Mention All-American Texas - All Region 2nd Team ... 2014 Perfect Game Underclass High Honorable Mention ... member of College Station 12 program ... also played football ... majoring in criminal justice at Sam Houston.

Centerville High School

Helped lead Centerville to district championship in 2013 and 2015 as well as 2014 runner-up ... all-state pitcher and district MVP in 2015 ... district MVP in 2014 ... all-state catcher and All-Brazos Valley in 2013 ... played for Texas Stix program ... also competed in football and track ... 2013 all-district quarterback and outside line-backer.



2014 & 2015 (Louisiana-Lafayette)

Spent two season with Ragin' Cajuns program that earned consecutive Sun Belt championships and Regional championships before bowing out in Super Regionals ... posted 2-0 record in five appearances, holding opponents scoreless in three innings as sophomore ... made 15 appearances as freshman, tossing 10 1-3 innings for 3.48 ERA ... majoring in kinesiology and minoring in health at Sam Houston.

Cy-Woods High School

Helped team to state playoffs as freshman and junior ... all-district and all-county pitcher of the year ... hit .348 with 16 RBIs while earning 1.04 ERA and 9-1 record.

College Station High School

Helped head coach Scott Holder's team to state championship victory ... member of College Station 12 team ... 2015 Perfect Game Texas Region Honorable Mention ... majoring in business at Sam Houston.




SH #18

HEATH DONICA

JR. · 6-2 · 200 · R/R
 NAVARRO JC/CORSICANA HS
 CORSICANA, TEXAS

RHP

2015 (Navarro Junior College)

Named 2015 conference pitcher of the year and first-team all-region at Navarro ... majoring in business at Sam Houston.

Corsicana High School

All-District member for head coach Heath Autrey at Corsicana ... tossed no-hitter in area round of playoffs ... helped team to 2012 district championship ... also played for DBAT Mustangs.



SH #43

TY EWART

RFR. · 5-10 · 165 · L/L
 UL-LAFAYETTE/PORTER HS
 PORTER, TEXAS

LHP

2015 (Louisiana-Lafayette)

Member of Sun Belt championship Ragin' Cajuns squad that went 42-23 and swept Houston Regional before falling in Super Regional at LSU.

Porter High School

Captain all four years at Porter ... raked in all-district honors as freshman and junior ... hit .500 as junior and .366 as freshman ... competed on Houston Heat baseball program ... also played football.



Liberty High School

All-District shortstop for Willard Joiner's Liberty program ... hit .585 as senior with three home runs ... batted .410 with seven long balls as junior ... posted .395 average as sophomore and .362 average as freshman ... member of Houston Heat team ... also played basketball, football, track and golf ... all-district wide receiver and defensive back ... majoring in business at Sam Houston.

2015 (Freshman)

Redshirted during freshman season at Sam Houston.

Spring High School

All-State pitcher for head coach Barry Smith at Klein High School ... has a large lean frame with good strength ... nice easy delivery with good repeatable mechanics ... has good command of his pitches ... quick feet on the infield with a good glove ... also played football ... majoring in general business.



Cy-Ranch High School

Pitcher on John Pope's 6A State Championship squad at Cy-Ranch ... named 6A All-District, All-State and All-State academics ... 2015 Houston 5A Baseball Pitcher of the Year ... H5AB All-Houston First Team ... Houston Hotstove Top 16 player 2015 ... 6A All-Tournament Pitcher 2015 ... posted 0.96 ERA as senior and 0.76 ERA as junior ... majoring in business at Sam Houston.

College Station High School

Two-time all-state honoree ... member of all-state tournament team ... helped lead College Station to state championship ... also played football ... member of College Station 12 club team ... majoring in business finance at Sam Houston.



El Campo High School

Texas Sports Writers Association 4A First-Team All-State ... career .382 hitter with a .472 on base percentage and 100 RBIs ... majoring in business at Sam Houston.

Crosby High School

First-Team All-District Outfielder all four years for Chris Wiggins' Crosby program ... named first-team all-state and second-team all-state while helping team to district championship ... hit .440 with 12 doubles, one triple, four home runs and 34 RBIs as senior ... boasted .361 average with six doubles, 14 RBIs as junior ... hit .356 with 10 doubles and 13 RBIs as sophomore380 and five doubles and 17 RBIs as freshman ... second-team all-district in football while helping team to 2014 district championship ... also ran track ... member of Houston Heat baseball team ... majoring in business at Sam Houston.





Huntsville High School

First-team all-district honoree as sophomore, junior and senior for Brad Bohannon's club ... team captain junior and senior years ... second-team all-district as freshman ... first baseman and outfielder ... hit .396 with six doubles, one triple, seven home runs and 30 RBIs as senior ... batted .390 with seven doubles, one triple, three home runs and 25 RBIs as junior ... posted .415 average with seven doubles, one triple, two home runs and 30 RBIs as sophomore ... member of Houston Heat baseball team that was WWBA 2013 P6 BCS Championships ... majoring in finance at Sam Houston.

2015 (Navarro Junior College)

Posted 1.78 ERA over 19 innings during one season at Navarro ... majoring in business management at Sam Houston.

Lorena High School

Captain and multi-position player ... all-state as pitcher and all-district in right field ... also named defensive MVP ... logged 0.26 ERA and 5-1 record as senior while hitting .365 alongside seven doubles, four triples and 24 RBIs ... posted 2-0 record and 3.02 ERA as junior while batting .357, six doubles, two triples, 11 RBIs and 10 stolen bases ... career-high .381 as sophomore with four doubles, six triples and 22 RBIs along with 5-1 record on mound.



Oak Ridge High School

First-Team All-State at second base for head coach Mike Pirtle at Oak Ridge ... also named First-Team All-District, First-Team All-Houston and Montgomery County Defensive MVP while helping team to district championship and regional finals ... hit .404 with five triples and 30 RBIs alongside 13 stolen bases to help team to 29-4 mark as senior ... named Texas Sports Writers Association All-State second baseman ... played football and basketball, including first team wide receiver as junior and senior ... member of Columbia Angels club team ... majoring in general business at Sam Houston.

2015

Redshirted following transfer from Kansas State.

2013 & 2014 (Kansas State)

Hit .247 (18-for-73) with 3 doubles, 13 RBIs, four walks, and two stolen bases in 31 games in 2014 ... went 3-for-9 (.333) as a pinch hitter ... five of his 13 RBIs were with two outs ... had a season-high three hits on April 9 at Nebraska ... went 3-for-4 with an RBI, a stolen base, and two runs scored ... drove in a season-high four runs on March 1 vs. Grand Canyon ... Had two doubles and a walk to go along with his four RBIs as a freshman in 2013.

The Woodlands High School

All-district three times and all-state as senior... selected as all-county defensive player of year at shortstop after setting The Woodlands' career fielding percentage record.



Friendswood High School

Hit .345 as senior member of Friendswood Mustangs program ... majoring in business at Sam Houston.

Buffalo High School

Second-team all-district pitcher as sophomore and junior for head coach Bryan Pouler ... all-state academic senior year ... multi-position athlete who also played first base and third base ... hit over .400 all four years at Buffalo ... also played basketball ... competed for College Station 12 club team ... majoring in business management at Sam Houston.



2015 (Blinn College)

All-conference honoree who posted 7-2 record behind 3.00 ERA ... fanned 67 batters in 62 innings while walking just 12 ... majoring in finance & banking.

2014 (West Virginia)

Did not play.

Dulles High School

Two-year all-district pitcher ... two-year district player of the year ... 2013 first team all-state ... 2013 Texas High School Coaches player of the year ... 2013 Max Preps first team all-American ... 2013 Houston Chronicle pitcher of the year, all-region pitcher.

Klein High School

Member of head coach Barry Smith's Klein program ... helped team claim 2015 district championship ... first-team all-district in football three straight seasons including most valuable player in 2014 ... majoring in construction management at Sam Houston.



2015 (Blinn Junior College)

Played for Bucs during 2015 season.

2014 (Oklahoma State)

Member of Regional and Super Regional team.

Jersey Village High School

Hit .395 with seven home runs as a senior and was named first-team all-state and all-district ... 2013 All-Texas Region honorable mention by Perfect Game ... 2011 and 2012 Perfect Game Underclassmen Honorable Mention All-American ... led team to WWBA Perfect Game championship in 2012 and was named to the all-tournament team ... won 17U Perfect Game national championship with Houston Banditos.



Clear Springs High School

All-district honoree for Chris Floyd's Clear Springs program ... helped team to three rounds deep in 2015 playoffs and district championship in 2013 ... hit seven home runs as senior ... multi-sport athlete who played football and tennis ... majoring in physical therapy at Sam Houston.



2015 (Texas Tech)

Played in 10 games, making two starts for the Red Raiders ... recorded one hit, walk, hit by pitch and RBI in five at-bats for .429 OBP.

2014 (Northeast Texas Community College)

As a freshman, played in 36 games (33 starts) behind the plate and at first base batting .189 (20-for-106) with 11 runs, four doubles, nine RBI and 10 walks... threw out 44 percent of would-be base stealers (16-for-36).

Northwest High School

A three-year varsity letterwinner ... as a senior batted .306 while earning honorable mention all-district ... three-year member of National Honor Society.



2015 (Freshman)

Redshirted during 2015 freshman campaign.

Kingwood High School

First-team All-District player for head coach Kelly Mead at Kingwood High School ... played in Houston 5A All-Star Game ... member of team that competed in the playoffs ... compiled a 7-1 record with a 1.20 ERA ... served as the team's closer and everyday right fielder as a junior ... fast-ball up to 88 mph with hard tailing action at times as well as a good mid 70's curveball.

DON SANDERS STADIUM



Don Sanders Baseball Stadium, Sam Houston State University's \$5.5 million facility, opened Feb. 11, 2006, with a 16-3 victory over Texas Southern.

The stadium is named to honor Houston entrepreneur and philanthropist Don Sanders who donated \$1 million to establish an endowment fund to enhance the baseball program at Sam Houston State University, Sanders' alma mater.

Sanders is founder and chairman of the investment firm Sanders Morris Harris. He is a former owner of the Houston Sports Association and the Houston Astros Baseball Club and currently, along with Nolan Ryan, is co-owner of Ryan-Sanders Baseball. Ryan-Sanders Baseball owns the Texas Rangers' Class AAA Round Rock Express and the Astros' Class AA Corpus Christi Hooks.

Sanders is a leading figure in Houston in a variety of civic, corporate and financial enterprises. He was the founder and chairman of the Houston Police Foundation and was a member of the University of Houston System Board of Regents and Houston Police Pension System. In 2001, he was named Houston Interfaith Charities' "Sportsman of the Year." His current board affiliations include the Nolan Ryan Foundation, the DePelchin Children's Center and the Houston Museum of Fine Arts.

The facility is located east of the Bowers Stadium football facility and includes not only the stadium, but also spacious dressing areas, indoor hitting cages, lights, and coaches' offices. It is the newest baseball complex in the Southland Conference.

"Our first-class baseball facility will enable our programs to recruit quality student-athletes and provide an excellent atmosphere to watch college baseball," SHSU director of athletics Bobby Williams said. "The facility up-

grade was long overdue and can compete with any of the top baseball programs in the nation."

Sam Houston's Don Sanders Stadium was the site of the 2008 Southland Conference post-season tournament and each spring hosts numerous high school state playoff games.

In 2013, thanks to the generous donations from Don Sanders and Bud Haney, Sam Houston began the installation of a top-of-the-line \$300,000 video board for the 2014 season. The board is 31 feet, 10.4 inches tall by 36 feet wide and features a 20mm video display with 198 lines of resolution by 360 columns of resolution. The feature plays a tremendous role in enhancing the game day experience for players and fans, showing replays, highlights, player information and more.

Most recently, the facility underwent another significant upgrade, as 183,040-square feet of AstroTurf were installed during the fall of 2015, combing the look, feel and performance of a traditional grass and clay diamond, with little maintenance and the ability to play in virtually any weather condition.

The \$1.4 million project, which took roughly 2 ½ months to complete, features logos painted in foul territory as well as the official 'SH Paw' logo placed boldly in center field.

"We are extremely thankful for our partnership with Burnside Services as well as Ryan Sanders, who have each played an integral role in the latest upgrades to our facility," Bobby Williams, director of athletics said. "This project could also have not been possible without generous gifts from an exceptional group as well as the support of our university president, Dana G. Hoyt, university enhancement and numerous others."





“THE BEARKATS MADE MAJOR WAVES IN 2006, WHEN THEY BUILT \$5.5 MILLION DON SANDERS STADIUM, WHICH TO THIS DAY, REMAINS ONE OF THE BETTER MID-MAJOR PARKS IN THE REGION.”



The process began on Sept. 23 with the digging up of the natural grass and dirt playing surface. From there, a layer of dirt was placed down and leveled followed by the piece-by-piece installation of AstroTurf.

The Don, which celebrated its 10th season in 2015, welcomed crowds of 1,000-plus 10 times, including 1,257 against Wichita State on Feb. 13. Combined with success on the field, including three straight NCAA Regional appearances between 2011-2014, the facility has boasted nine of its top 12 crowds during the last four seasons.

In Southland Conference play, Sam Houston saw four of its top five crowds venture into The Don during 2015 including 1,132 faithful when the Bearkats took on Texas A&M-Corpus Christi on May 3. In total, nine of the 10 largest crowds against league foes have come in the past two seasons including five of 1,000 or more.

Backed by its home field advantage, Sam Houston owns an impressive 194-105 (.648) mark during 299 games at The Don. The Bearkats raked in the victories during 2014, touting a 24-6 home mark, the team’s best since moving into the facility. Between 2013-2014, the Bearkats racked up 12 straight wins at Don Sanders.

“We have unparalleled support,” second-year head coach Matt Deggs said. “The amount of people who have come out of Sam Houston and give back is mind blowing. The unbelievable support and facilities were important factors in leading me here.”

Entering 2016, Don Sanders Stadium will once again play host to some of college baseball’s top matchups, with the Bearkats hosting a combined seven games against Texas Tech, Oklahoma, Baylor, Rice and Houston, in addition to another formidable league slate.

Year	Record
2006	14-13
2007	20-13
2008	25-7
2009	21-14
2010	11-19
2011	20-9
2012	22-8
2013	21-9
2014	24-6
2015	16-7
Total	194-105

Don Sanders Stadium Records		
Date	Opponent	Attendance
5/1/12	Texas A&M.....	2,036
5/6/08	Texas A&M.....	1,821
4/6/13	Texas A&M.....	1,752
3/17/15	Baylor.....	1,729
5/4/10	Texas A&M.....	1,517
4/8/14	Baylor.....	1,336
2/13/15	Wichita State.....	1,257
2/14/06	Texas A&M.....	1,253
4/17/12	Houston.....	1,244
4/15/14	Houston.....	1,191

Southland Conference Home Records		
Date	Opponent	Attendance
5/3/15	A&M-Corpus Christi.....	1,132
3/30/14	Northwestern State.....	1,102
5/1/15	A&M-Corpus Christi.....	1,034
5/16/15	Lamar.....	1,015
5/2/15	A&M-Corpus Christi.....	1,001
5/3/14	Stephen F. Austin.....	965
5/2/14	Stephen F. Austin.....	919
5/16/14	A&M-Corpus Christi.....	894
5/17/14	A&M-Corpus Christi.....	870
3/29/14	Northwestern State.....	863



Don Sanders Stadium Details

Physical address 620 Bowers Blvd.
 Baseball seating capacity 1,163
 First game Feb. 11, 2006 (SHSU 16, TSU 3)
 Scoreboard 31 ft, 10.4 inches tall x 36 ft wide
 Scoreboard cost..... \$300,000
 Field AstroTurf
 Ticket office (936) 294-1729

Baseball Field Dimensions:

Left field foul line 330 feet
 Left center..... 375 feet
 Center field..... 400 feet
 Right center..... 375 feet
 Right field foul line 330 feet



BASEBALL FACILITIES



THE BUD AND JOAN HANEY DIAMOND ROOM (ABOVE) OPENED IN 2007, AND PROVIDES MULTI-PURPOSE MEETING AND LOUNGE AREA WITHIN THE BEARKAT BASEBALL FACILITY.





2015 REVIEW



MATT DEGGS ERA BEGINS AT SAM HOUSTON

On June 27, 2014, Sam Houston Athletics Director Bobby Williams announced Matt Deggs, a former hitting coach at Louisiana-Lafayette, Texas A&M and Arkansas, as the eighth head coach in Sam Houston baseball history. Heralded as a 'home run hire' by D1Baseball.com's Aaron Fitt, the Bearkats welcomed Deggs' storied success, family approach and aggressive offensive nature.

Less than eight months following the hire, the Matt Deggs era began in front of the largest Opening Night crowd - 1,257 - in Sam Houston history. On the field, the Bearkats did not disappoint, clawing back from a 5-3 deficit in, scoring one run in the seventh and four more in the the eighth inning to down No. 32 Wichita State. Two days later, the Kats grabbed the series with a decisive 9-3 win.

Staying true to the Deggs' reputation, Sam Houston racked up 34 hits along with 20 runs during the three games. For good measure, two days later, the Kats routed Texas State, 10-0, behind 15 hits, while recording the program's first road shutout since May 12, 2013.

RE-DEFINING MID-MAJOR IN NON-CONFERENCE WINS

Sam Houston's opening season non-conference victories against No. 32 Wichita State and Texas State were just the tip of the iceberg in a recent history of out-of-league wins.

Since the start of the 2012 season, the Bearkats own winning records against Texas (2-1), Rice (4-2), Dallas Baptist (4-3) and Texas Tech (1-0).

The 2015 team did its share to add to the reputation,



In Matt Deggs' first season at the helm, Sam Houston ranked second in the Southland Conference in runs scored.

clawing back from a 4-3, 10-inning loss on March 17 against Baylor to down the Bears by the same tally the following night in Waco. One week later, after falling 4-0 to Rice in Houston, the Bearkats welcomed the Owls to Huntsville, where they proceeded to tee off for 13 hits in an 11-4 drubbing of the visitors.

As the calendar turned to April, big-name opponents found similar luck against the Bearkats. On April 14, Sam Houston visited Austin, shutting out Texas 5-0 at Disch-Falk Field, touting 12 hits to the 'horns three. Ten days later, the Kats traveled to Norman, Okla., rebounding from a 3-2 Game 1 loss, to take the final two against No. 23 OU.

DON SANDERS STADIUM TURNS 10

Sam Houston State's Don Sanders Stadium celebrated its 10th birthday in 2015 with Feb. 11 marking the anniversary of the Kats' ballpark-opening 16-3 win against Texas Southern. The \$5.5 million facility continued to provide a strong home-field advantage with Sam Houston boasting a 16-7 record at the confines including an impressive 11-3 mark against Southland Conference foes.

With a 4-1 win in the final home series against Lamar, Sam Houston upped its record at 'The Don' to its current mark of 194 wins, 105 losses.

FIVE BEARKATS NAMED ALL-SOUTHLAND

At season's end, Sam Houston saw five of its players named to the 2015 All-Southland Conference squad including second-team honoree second baseman Jake MacWilliam and third-team member and first baseman Spence Rahm. Outfielders Hayden Simerly and Bryce Johnson and catcher Collin Yelich earned honorable mention All-Southland selections. Rahm and Johnson, each who return in 2016, raked it in during league play, hitting .310 and .357 respectively.



Sam Houston's Jake MacWilliam (left) and Spence Rahm (right) were honored as All-Southland Conference members.



Pitcher Andrew Godail posted a 0.71 ERA over 12 2-3 innings at the Southland Conference Tournament in Sugar Land.



Colt Atwood assaulted the Bearkat record book, including becoming Sam Houston's all-time hit leader (294).

KATS SUCCESS CONTINUES AT LEAGUE TOURNAMENT

Sam Houston made its 14th appearance in the Southland Conference Baseball Tournament in May, the annual event that decides the league's automatic qualifier. The Bearkats, who had won the tournament four times (1996, 2007, 2008, 2009), moved their opening round overall record to 11-3 with a 5-1 win against McNeese State.

Sam Houston surged with a 6-1 win against A&M-Corpus Christi. The Islanders battled back to force a Game 3 against the Kats, leading to the heroics of Jake MacWilliam, who blasted a walkoff single to deep center in a 3-2 win and vault the Kats to their seventh championship game appearance in 14 trips.

COLT ATWOOD NEW HIT KING

Senior center fielder Colt Atwood needed just two swings of the bat during a league tournament win against A&M-Corpus Christi to become Sam Houston's all-time hit leader, surpassing Braeden Riley's 291 set between 2008-11. After tying the record with a perfectly-placed first-inning bunt, he broke the mark on a first-place liner to the left side in the third inning. Atwood ended his career as the Kats career leader in games played (240), at-bats (987), hits (294) and most starts (238).

PROGRAM RECORD MATCHED AS FIVE KATS DRAFTED

For the second consecutive season, Sam Houston saw five players selected in the Major League Baseball Draft with Logan Boyd (19th round/Boston Red Sox), Andrew Godail (26th round/Philadelphia Phillies), Ryan Brinley (27th round/Washington Nationals), Collin Yelich (29th round/Atlanta Braves) and Alex Bisacca (35th round/New York Yankees) all inking contacts. Over the past two seasons, 12 Bearkats have signed pro contracts, moving the total to 16 active and 53 overall.

BISACCA, GODAIL BOAST SEASON FOR AGES

Right-handed pitcher Alex Bisacca and left hander Andrew Godail wrote their names into the Bearkat record books, finishing the year with a 2.35 ERA and 2.30 ERA respectively. The totals were good enough for fourth and fifth in team history while marking the best seasonal ERA's for a Sam Houston pitcher since Luke Pihoda posted a Bearkat-best 1.61 ERA in 2007.

AGGRESSIVE ON THE BASE PATH

Playing in their fourth home game of the season, Bearkat faithful got another early taste of the Matt Deggs' brand of baseball. Sam Houston successfully stole eight bases in a 10-3 win against Prairie View A&M, a mark that ranks third in team history and is the most since Feb. 27, 2011 against Northern Colorado.



Sam Houston took an aggressive approach to the bases in 2015, swiping 67 bags, ranking third in the Southland.

2015 RECORD: 31-28 | HOME: 16-7 | AWAY: 11-16 | NEUTRAL: 3-5 | SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE: 17-12

Individual Hitting

PLAYER	AVG	GP	GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB	ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
MacWilliam, Jake	.378	43-39	143	20	54	9	0	2	22	69	.483	8	1	28	0	.412	1	4	1	2	27	55	12	.872	
Johnson, Bryce	.310	53-46	187	33	58	5	1	1	24	68	.364	19	6	28	2	.392	0	0	16	21	85	4	4	.957	
Simerly, Hayden	.309	51-47	175	20	54	10	2	1	32	71	.406	14	3	26	1	.368	1	1	11	14	49	2	0	1.000	
Lee, Travis	.304	51-38	148	29	45	3	0	0	13	48	.324	15	5	15	1	.387	0	3	7	11	79	2	3	.964	
Rahm, Spence	.295	59-59	234	34	69	13	0	6	37	100	.427	21	7	58	3	.369	1	0	5	6	540	28	10	.983	
Yelich, Collin	.285	53-41	137	24	39	7	0	0	14	46	.336	15	7	19	0	.381	1	2	2	3	306	28	8	.977	
Manning, Miles	.277	58-53	173	20	48	7	1	1	19	60	.347	21	4	45	3	.369	0	10	6	9	63	146	13	.941	
Smith, Zach	.275	53-40	167	23	46	8	0	2	22	60	.359	14	1	18	3	.333	1	5	11	12	50	110	10	.941	
Atwood, Colt	.264	58-57	231	35	61	8	2	0	17	73	.316	21	1	25	5	.328	0	9	7	7	158	3	1	.994	

Winne, Trevor	.317	30-12	63	5	20	3	1	0	8	25	.397	2	0	8	1	.333	1	1	0	1	50	4	2	.964	
Ebbs, Dylan	.314	27-25	86	16	27	4	0	0	15	31	.360	12	1	15	1	.400	1	0	2	4	7	6	2	.867	
Powell, Wyatt	.257	29-4	35	6	9	0	0	0	4	9	.257	2	2	3	0	.333	0	2	0	0	9	0	0	1.000	
Perry, Dalton	.233	20-4	30	2	7	1	0	0	4	8	.267	4	0	4	1	.324	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1.000	
VanDyke, Nate	.231	21-1	13	1	3	0	0	0	1	3	.231	0	0	4	0	.231	0	1	0	0	8	10	7	.720	
Farney, Ryan	.226	35-16	62	12	14	1	0	0	3	15	.242	4	2	16	0	.294	0	0	2	2	22	27	4	.925	
Brinley, Ryan	.194	35-31	108	14	21	6	0	2	15	33	.306	11	4	26	2	.283	4	3	1	1	20	54	11	.871	
Courson, Hunter	.149	28-18	67	7	10	0	1	3	10	21	.313	3	2	15	1	.205	1	1	0	0	86	16	2	.981	
Godail, Andrew	.000	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	6	22	2	.933	
Totals	.284	59-59	2059	301	585	85	8	18	260	740	.359	186	46	353	24	.355	12	42	72	94	1577	581	96	.957	
Opponents	.257	59-59	2044	270	525	77	13	35	240	733	.359	160	48	433	13	.323	18	38	64	87	1586	663	74	.964	

LOB - Team (458), Opp (466). DPs turned - Team (27), Opp (46). CI - Team (5), Yelich, C. 3, Winne, T. 2. IBB - Team (5), Yelich, C. 1, Rahm, S. 1, Atwood, C. 1, Lee, T. 1, Johnson, B. 1, Opp (9). Picked off - MacWilliam 3, Manning, M. 3, Atwood, C. 2, Johnson, B. 1, Simerly, H. 1, Rahm, S. 1.

Individual Pitching

PLAYER	ERA	W	L	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/AVG	WP	HBP	BK	SF	ASHA
Belton, Greg	2.19	1	1	15	2	0	0/1	0	37.0	30	11	9	14	34	2	2	0	135	.222	2	1	0	1	3
Godail, Andrew	2.30	5	6	16	16	1	0/0	0	97.2	93	40	25	28	88	11	3	3	373	.249	13	12	0	1	6
Bisacca, Alex	2.35	7	2	28	2	0	0/1	4	69.0	52	24	18	12	57	11	2	1	253	.206	1	11	3	0	8
Nixon, Hayden	3.09	0	1	14	1	0	0/1	0	23.1	22	11	8	4	14	4	1	4	89	.247	3	0	1	0	2
Boyd, Logan	3.49	6	4	15	15	1	1/0	0	87.2	93	43	34	28	71	19	1	6	337	.276	7	5	0	6	10
Church, Jordan	3.49	2	1	19	0	0	0/2	0	28.1	27	15	11	9	26	2	2	1	115	.235	4	6	1	1	1
Hadley, Derrick	3.86	0	0	6	1	0	0/0	0	7.0	9	8	3	9	7	1	0	0	30	.300	0	2	0	1	0
Ebbs, Dylan	4.17	3	1	10	7	0	0/1	0	36.2	52	28	17	11	19	5	0	6	168	.310	3	0	0	0	0
Odom, Sam	4.45	4	5	17	12	1	1/0	1	83.0	79	45	41	21	65	14	2	7	318	.248	4	7	0	3	4
Garrett, Reid	5.40	1	0	5	0	0	0/0	0	1.2	1	2	1	1	3	0	0	0	6	.167	0	0	0	0	0
Holbert, Seth	5.73	1	1	15	1	0	0/1	0	22.0	24	15	14	13	18	4	0	1	85	.282	1	2	1	3	1
Brinley, Ryan	6.43	1	6	19	2	0	0/0	4	28.0	36	23	20	8	26	3	0	3	115	.313	0	1	0	2	2
Cortina, Juan	10.38	0	0	4	0	0	0/0	0	4.1	7	5	5	2	5	1	0	3	20	.350	1	1	0	0	1
Totals	3.53	31	28	59	59	3	4/2	9	525.2	525	270	206	160	433	77	13	35	2044	.257	39	48	6	18	38
Opponents	4.14	28	31	59	59	7	6/1	10	528.2	585	301	243	186	353	85	8	18	2059	.284	51	46	8	12	42

PB - Team (5), Yelich, C. 4, Courson, H. 1, Opp (6). Pickoffs - Team (9), Boyd, L. 4, Yelich, C. 1, Godail, A. 1, Odom, S. 1, Nixon, H. 1, Ebbs, D. 1, Opp (11). SBA/ATT - Yelich, C. (39-50), Godail, A. (7-17), Courson, H. (15-16), Winne, T. (10-14), Boyd, L. (8-13), Holbert, S. (9-9), Bisacca, A. (5-9), Odom, S. (8-9), Ebbs, D. (6-7), Belton, G. (5-6), Church, J. (6-6), Nixon, H. (4-5), Hadley, D. (2-2), Brinley, R. (2-2), Cortina, J. (1-1), Garrett, R. (1-1).

CONFERENCE STATS

2015 SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE : 17-12 | Home: 11-3 | Away: 6-9

Individual Hitting

PLAYER	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
MacWilliam, Jake	.364	22-21	77	13	28	5	0	2	15	39	.506	3	0	14	0	.383	1	1	0-0	18	35	7	.883
Johnson, Bryce	.356	27-23	90	20	32	2	1	1	10	39	.433	11	5	13	0	.453	0	0	8-10	45	2	1	.979
Lee, Travis	.350	25-16	60	11	21	2	0	0	8	23	.383	8	3	6	0	.451	0	1	2-4	23	0	0	1.000
Simerly, Hayden	.345	24-22	84	14	29	6	2	1	19	42	.500	4	2	9	0	.389	0	0	8-9	28	1	0	1.000
Manning, Miles	.341	29-26	88	10	30	6	0	0	11	36	.409	11	3	21	1	.431	0	6	2-4	38	65	7	.936
Smith, Zach	.316	28-22	95	13	30	6	0	2	19	42	.442	9	0	7	3	.371	1	2	6-7	32	65	8	.924
Rahm, Spence	.310	29-29	113	18	35	5	0	3	16	49	.434	13	3	25	3	.392	1	0	1-1	262	15	3	.989
Yelich, Collin	.238	27-18	63	7	15	3	0	0	7	18	.286	6	3	10	0	.329	1	1	0-0	142	13	1	.994
Atwood, Colt	.229	29-29	118	24	27	3	1	0	6	32	.271	10	1	17	3	.295	0	5	4-4	82	1	1	.988

Winne, Trevor	.324	15-8	34	2	11	1	0	0	6	12	.353	2	0	5	1	.361	0	1	0-1	31	4	1	.972
Ebbs, Dylan	.315	15-14	54	9	17	4	0	0	11	21	.389	4	1	11	1	.367	1	0	2-3	0	0	0	.000
Perry, Dalton	.267	10-3	15	0	4	0	0	0	3	4	.267	3	0	0	1	.389	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	1.000
VanDyke, Nate	.250	9-0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.250	0	0	1	0	.250	0	0	0-0	2	5	2	.778
Brinley, Ryan	.229	16-14	48	11	11	4	0	0	7	15	.313	7	2	10	1	.333	3	0	1-1	13	25	2	.950
Farney, Ryan	.200	13-4	20	1	4	0	0	0	0	4	.200	2	0	2	0	.273	0	0	0-0	7	4	3	.786
Powell, Wyatt	.188	16-1	16	3	3	0	0	0	1	3	.188	1	0	2	0	.235	0	0	0-0	4	0	0	1.000
Courson, Hunter	.162	17-11	37	4	6	0	1	1	5	11	.297	1	0	5	0	.179	1	1	0-0	45	11	1	.982
Godail, Andrew	.000	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	3	13	1	.941
Totals	.299	29-29	1016	160	304	47	5	10	144	391	.385	95	23	158	14	.369	9	18	34-44	780	297	40	.964
Opponents	.257	29-29	987	122	254	37	7	15	108	350	.355	74	26	204	7	.324	7	25	26-42	777	310	31	.972

LOB - Team (224), Opp (218). DPs turned - Team (16), Opp (26). CI - Team (1), Winne, T. 1. IBB - Team (3), Johnson, B. 1, Rahm, S. 1, Yelich, C. 1, Opp (3).
 Picked off - Manning, M. 2, MacWilliam 2, Johnson, B. 1, Atwood, C. 1, Rahm, S. 1.

Individual Pitching

PLAYER	ERA	W	L	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/AVG	WP	HBP	BK	SFASHA	
Hadley, Derrick	0.00	0	0	3	0	0	0/0	0	3.1	3	0	0	5	1	0	0	12	.250	0	0	0	0	0	
Garrett, Reid	0.00	0	0	1	0	0	0/0	0	0.0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	
Belton, Greg	1.53	1	0	6	1	0	0/0	0	17.2	11	4	3	7	18	1	1	0	59	.186	2	1	0	1	2
Godail, Andrew	2.02	4	3	10	10	0	0/0	0	58.0	55	26	13	19	50	7	2	0	217	.253	8	11	0	1	4
Church, Jordan	2.08	0	0	8	0	0	0/0	0	13.0	11	6	3	3	13	2	0	1	52	.212	3	1	0	0	1
Bisacca, Alex	2.84	3	0	12	0	0	0/0	3	31.2	32	16	10	5	27	6	1	1	127	.252	0	5	2	0	3
Nixon, Hayden	2.87	0	1	7	1	0	0/0	0	15.2	15	8	5	2	7	3	1	3	60	.250	3	0	1	0	1
Boyd, Logan	3.73	4	3	10	10	1	1/0	0	60.1	70	31	25	17	42	11	1	4	235	.298	4	3	0	4	9
Brinley, Ryan	3.86	1	3	8	2	0	0/0	2	14.0	15	6	6	2	10	0	0	2	54	.278	0	1	0	0	1
Odom, Sam	4.24	3	1	9	5	1	1/0	0	40.1	36	19	19	11	30	7	1	2	148	.243	2	3	0	1	3
Holbert, Seth	4.50	1	1	4	0	0	0/0	0	4.0	3	2	2	2	5	0	0	0	14	.214	0	1	0	0	1
Ebbs, Dylan	9.00	0	0	1	0	0	0/0	0	2.0	3	3	2	0	1	0	0	2	9	.333	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	3.05	17	12	29	29	2	2/0	5	260.0	254	122	88	74	204	37	7	15	987	.257	23	26	3	7	25
Opponents	4.69	12	17	29	29	3	1/0	5	259.0	304	160	135	95	158	47	5	10	1016	.299	27	23	5	9	18

PB - Team (0), Opp (1). Pickoffs - Team (5), Boyd, L. 3, Yelich, C. 1, Odom, S. 1, Opp (7). SBA/ATT - Yelich, C. (7-14), Winne, T. (9-13), Courson, H. (10-10), Godail, A. (2-9), Boyd, L. (6-9), Nixon, H. (4-5), Bisacca, A. (2-5), Odom, S. (2-3), Church, J. (2-2), Hadley, D. (2-2), Holbert, S. (2-2), Belton, G. (1-2), Brinley, R. (2-2), Garrett, R. (1-1).

Record: 31-28 | Home: 16-7 | Away: 11-16 | Neutral: 3-5 | Conference: 17-12

Date	Opponent	Result	r-h-e	r-h-e	Inns	Overall	Conf.	Pitcher of record	Attend.	Time
Feb 13	#32 WICHITA STATE	W 8-5	8-12-1	5-9-3	9	1-0-0	0-0-0	Bisacca, A. (W 1-0)	1257	3:06
Feb 14	#32 WICHITA STATE	L 3-4	3-9-1	4-10-1	9	1-1-0	0-0-0	Odom, S. (L 0-1)	983	2:27
Feb 15	#32 WICHITA STATE	W 9-3	9-13-1	3-11-1	9	2-1-0	0-0-0	Boyd, L. (W 1-0)	1017	3:05
Feb 17	at Texas State	W 10-0	10-15-4	0-5-4	9	3-1-0	0-0-0	Ebbs, D. (W 1-0)	1222	3:08
Feb 20	vs Missouri ¹	L 0-2	0-4-1	2-6-1	9	3-2-0	0-0-0	Godail, A. (L 0-1)	2304	1:41
Feb 21	vs Purdue ¹	L 3-4	3-13-0	4-9-0	12	3-3-0	0-0-0	Brinley, R. (L 0-1)	2612	3:05
Feb 21	vs Purdue ¹	L 7-9	7-8-3	9-12-4	9	3-4-0	0-0-0	Brinley, R. (L 0-2)	2612	3:15
Feb 22	at A&M-Corpus Christi ¹	W 9-5	9-13-2	5-10-0	9	4-4-0	0-0-0	Ebbs, D. (W 2-0)	2371	2:51
Feb 24	PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	W 10-3	10-17-2	3-6-2	9	5-4-0	0-0-0	Garrett, R. (W 1-0)	810	2:40
Feb 28	at ULM-1	L 0-6	0-4-1	6-9-0	9	5-5-0	0-0-0	Godail, A. (L 0-2)	1560	1:51
Feb 28	at ULM	L 5-7	5-5-2	7-8-2	9	5-6-0	0-0-0	Odom, S. (L 0-2)	1560	3:08
Mar 01	at ULM	L 1-9	1-6-4	9-11-0	9	5-7-0	0-0-0	Boyd, L. (L 1-1)	771	2:29
Mar 03	MCNEESE STATE	L 2-5	2-9-3	5-10-3	9	5-8-0	0-0-0	Ebbs, D. (L 2-1)	1025	2:45
Mar 06	NEW ORLEANS*	W 12-4	12-15-5	4-10-4	9	6-8-0	1-0-0	Godail, A. (W 1-2)	730	2:37
Mar 07	NEW ORLEANS-1*	W 11-0	11-14-1	0-6-3	9	7-8-0	2-0-0	Boyd, L. (W 2-1)	758	2:16
Mar 07	NEW ORLEANS-2*	W 3-2	3-11-1	2-6-0	10	8-8-0	3-0-0	Holbert, S. (W 1-0)	758	2:26
Mar 10	#21 HOUSTON	L 7-17	7-5-3	17-19-4	9	8-9-0	3-0-0	Bisacca, A. (L 1-1)	803	3:32
Mar 14	at Northwestern State-1*	L 0-1	0-6-0	1-4-1	9	8-10-0	3-1-0	Godail, A. (L 1-3)	447	2:08
Mar 14	at Northwestern State-2*	L 8-10	8-12-5	10-11-2	9	8-11-0	3-2-0	Boyd, L. (L 2-2)	447	2:53
Mar 15	at Northwestern State*	W 9-3	9-17-1	3-7-0	9	9-11-0	4-2-0	Brinley, R. (W 1-2)	358	2:48
Mar 17	BAYLOR	L 3-4	3-10-1	4-12-1	10	9-12-0	4-2-0	Church, J. (L 0-1)	1729	3:47
Mar 18	at Baylor	W 4-3	4-8-4	3-7-2	9	10-12-0	4-2-0	Ebbs, D. (W 3-1)	1789	2:41
Mar 20	NICHOLLS-1*	W 2-1	2-4-0	1-5-2	9	11-12-0	5-2-0	Bisacca, A. (W 2-1)	640	2:28
Mar 20	NICHOLLS-2*	W 6-1	6-12-1	1-6-1	9	12-12-0	6-2-0	Boyd, L. (W 3-2)	640	2:25
Mar 22	NICHOLLS*	L 3-4	3-11-1	4-6-1	9	12-13-0	6-3-0	Brinley, R. (L 1-3)	739	2:14
Mar 24	at #14 RICE	L 0-4	0-2-1	4-8-0	9	12-14-0	6-3-0	Odom, S. (L 0-3)	2589	2:32
Mar 25	RICE	W 11-4	11-13-2	4-10-0	9	13-14-0	6-3-0	Church, J. (W 1-1)	1107	2:39
Mar 27	at Central Arkansas*	L 3-4	3-4-1	4-10-1	9	13-15-0	6-4-0	Godail, A. (L 1-4)	292	2:47
Mar 28	at Central Arkansas*	W 6-3	6-12-0	3-9-0	13	14-15-0	7-4-0	Belton, G. (W 1-0)	242	3:29
Mar 29	at Central Arkansas*	L 4-6	4-10-2	6-8-1	9	14-16-0	7-5-0	Nixon, H. (L 0-1)	348	3:02
Mar 31	at Texas A&M	L 4-19	4-12-1	19-18-0	9	14-17-0	7-5-0	Odom, S. (L 0-4)	4630	3:25
Apr 02	at Stephen F. Austin*	L 2-3	2-3-2	3-10-1	9	14-18-0	7-6-0	Holbert, S. (L 1-1)	212	2:25
Apr 03	at Stephen F. Austin*	L 7-9	7-10-3	9-16-0	9	14-19-0	7-7-0	Boyd, L. (L 3-3)	255	2:42
Apr 04	at Stephen F. Austin*	W 11-7	11-12-1	7-14-0	9	15-19-0	8-7-0	Odom, S. (W 1-4)	374	3:12
Apr 07	NORTHWESTERN STATE	W 8-5	8-14-2	5-9-0	9	16-19-0	8-7-0	Bisacca, A. (W 3-1)	1081	2:45
Apr 10	INCARNATE WORD*	W 9-2	9-13-1	2-7-3	9	17-19-0	9-7-0	Godail, A. (W 2-4)	0	2:22
Apr 10	INCARNATE WORD*	W 7-5	7-13-1	5-10-1	9	18-19-0	10-7-0	Boyd, L. (W 4-3)	825	3:13
Apr 11	INCARNATE WORD*	W 5-0	5-9-0	0-4-0	9	19-19-0	11-7-0	Odom, S. (W 2-4)	706	2:20
Apr 14	at Texas	W 5-0	5-12-0	0-3-1	9	20-19-0	11-7-0	Church, J. (W 3-1)	4958	2:45
Apr 18	at Abilene Christian-1*	W 6-5	6-13-2	5-7-0	9	21-19-0	12-7-0	Bisacca, A. (W 4-1)	876	4:52
Apr 18	at Abilene Christian-2*	W 8-2	8-12-0	2-11-3	9	22-19-0	13-7-0	Boyd, L. (W 5-3)	300	2:56
Apr 19	at Abilene Christian*	L 2-3	2-6-0	3-8-0	10	22-20-0	13-8-0	Brinley, R. (L 1-4)	1137	2:36
Apr 24	at #23 Oklahoma	L 2-3	2-10-0	3-8-3	9	22-21-0	13-8-0	Godail, A. (L 2-5)	933	2:25
Apr 25	at #23 Oklahoma	W 4-3	4-7-2	3-4-1	11	23-21-0	13-8-0	Bisacca, A. (W 5-1)	1385	3:00
Apr 26	at #23 Oklahoma	W 8-5	8-8-6	5-7-2	9	24-21-0	13-8-0	Odom, S. (W 3-4)	1143	2:43
Apr 28	at Houston	L 0-3	0-5-1	3-7-1	9	24-22-0	13-8-0	Bisacca, A. (L 5-2)	878	2:23
May 01	A&M-CORPUS CHRISTI*	W 3-2	3-8-1	2-5-1	9	25-22-0	14-8-0	Godail, A. (W 3-5)	1034	2:26
May 02	A&M-CORPUS CHRISTI*	L 2-4	2-8-0	4-8-0	9	25-23-0	14-9-0	Boyd, L. (L 5-4)	1001	2:38
May 03	A&M-CORPUS CHRISTI*	W 3-2	3-9-1	2-6-0	9	26-23-0	15-9-0	Odom, S. (W 4-4)	1132	2:00
May 08	at Houston Baptist*	L 5-14	5-8-4	14-14-0	9	26-24-0	15-10-0	Godail, A. (L 3-6)	346	2:48
May 09	at Houston Baptist-1*	W 12-11	12-20-2	11-15-4	10	27-24-0	16-10-0	Bisacca, A. (W 6-2)	-	3:20
May 09	at Houston Baptist-2*	L 5-10	5-9-1	10-13-1	9	27-25-0	16-11-0	Odom, S. (L 4-5)	637	2:00
May 15	LAMAR-1*	W 4-1	4-12-2	1-7-0	9	28-25-0	17-11-0	Godail, A. (W 4-6)	824	
May 16	LAMAR-2*	L 2-3	2-11-1	3-11-1	10	28-26-0	17-12-0	Brinley, R. (L 1-5)	1015	3:01
May 20	vs McNeese State ²	W 5-1	5-11-3	1-8-0	9	29-26-0	17-12-0	Godail, A. (W 5-6)	1511	2:25
May 21	vs A&M-Corpus Christi ²	W 6-1	6-11-3	1-4-0	9	30-26-0	17-12-0	Boyd, L. (W 6-4)	1292	2:40
May 22	vs A&M-Corpus Christi ²	L 4-6	4-8-1	6-12-3	9	30-27-0	17-12-0	Brinley, R. (L 1-6)	1361	3:12
May 23	vs A&M-Corpus Christi ²	W 3-2	3-7-1	2-7-3	9	31-27-0	17-12-0	Bisacca, A. (W 7-2)	0	3:00
May 23	vs Houston Baptist ²	L 0-6	0-10-0	6-12-1	9	31-28-0	17-12-0	Belton, G. (L 1-1)	1421	2:27

* Conference game

¹ Kleberg Bank College Classic - Whataburger Field - Corpus Christi, Texas² Southland Conference Tournament - Constellation Field - Sugar Land, Texas

PRO BEARKATS



With five players selected in the Major League Baseball Draft each of the previous two seasons, Sam Houston baseball upped its total to 53, including 16 active players.

The Bearkats have a streak of at least one player drafted each of the past 10 seasons and have seen players taken in 14 of the previous 16 seasons since the turn of the new millenium. Below is a look at each draft class.

Player	Team	Round
2015		
Logan Boyd	Boston Red Sox	19th
Andrew Godail	Philadelphia Phillies	26th
Ryan Brinley	Washington Nationals	27th
Collin Yelich	Atlanta Braves	29th
Alex Bisacca	New York Yankees	35th
2014		
Tyler Eppler	Pittsburgh Pirates	6th
Ryan O'Hearn	Kansas City Royals	8th
Corey Toups	Kansas City Royals	15th
Carter Burgess	Tampa Bay Rays	28th
Colt Atwood	Oakland Athletics	38th
2013		
Cody Dickson	Pittsburgh Pirates	4th
Caleb Smith	New York Yankees	14th
2012		
Justin Jackson	Miami Marlins	27th
2011		
Brent Powers	Oakland Athletics	18th
Matt Shelton	Los Angeles Dodgers	24th
Chris Andreas	Seattle Mariners	39th
2010		
Dallas Gallant	Minnesota Twins	23rd
2009		
Ryan Tepera	Toronto Blue Jays	19th
2008		
Keith Stein	Detroit Tigers	29th
Bobby Verbick	San Diego Padres	30th
2007		
Luke Pihoda	Arizona Diamondbacks	24th
2006		
Dustin Martin	New York Mets	26th
2004		
Dustin Craig	Pittsburgh Pirates	23rd
2003		
Jordan Tata	Detroit Tigers	16th
2002		
Andy Warren	Detroit Tigers	8th
2000		
Kelly Eddlemon	Tampa Bay Devil Rays	12th

1998		
Greg Kubes	Philadelphia Phillies	14th
Jonathan Harraid	Milwaukee Brewers	27th
1996		
Daniel Jenkins	Cincinnati Reds	28th
1995		
Stephen Pihoda	Kansas City Royals	20th
1994		
Jeff Jensen	Philadelphia Phillies	18th
1990		
Tom Jones	Philadelphia Phillies	33rd
1989		
Chris Burton	Atlanta Braves	28th
1987		
Steve Sparks	Milwaukee Brewers	5th
1985		
Kevin Armstrong	New York Mets	18th
Ray Crone	Baltimore Orioles	21st
Richard Johnson	Houston Astros	30th
1984		
Kevin Renz	Chicago White Sox	2nd
1982		
Paul Robinson	Philadelphia Phillies	34th
1980		
Glenn Wilson	Detroit Tigers	1st
1978		
Don Welchel	Baltimore Orioles	7th
1977		
Billy Smith	Houston Astros	14th



Steve Sparks, an eighth-round pick in 1987, played 11 seasons in the major leagues between 1995-2004.

MLB DRAFT SELECTIONS/MLB PLAYERS

1976

Rick Matula	Atlanta Braves	14th
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1975

Willis Stewart	Chicago Cubs	6th
Frederick Warren	Cincinnati Reds	7th
Ron Kainer	Chicago Cubs	9th
Karl Rieger	St. Louis Cardinals	16th

1971

George Whileyman	Pittsburgh Pirates	7th
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1967

Ronald Matney	New York Mets	5th
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1966

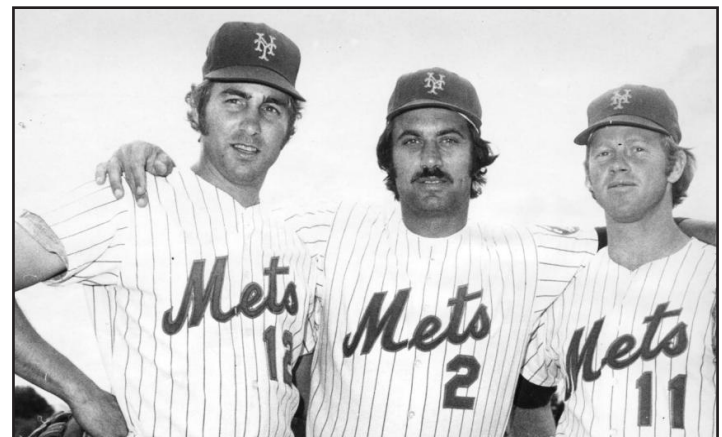
Ken Boswell	New York Mets	4th
Phil Hennigan	Cleveland Indians	4th
Albert Choate	Los Angeles Dodgers	4th
William Barkley	Boston Red Sox	20th

MAJOR LEAGUE PLAYERS

Player	Teams	Years
Ray Benge	Cleveland Indians	1925-26
	Philadelphia Phillies	1928-32
	Brooklyn Dodgers	1933-35
	Boston Bees	1936
	Philadelphia Phillies	1936
	Cincinnati Reds	1938
Ken Boswell	New York Mets	1967-74
	Houston Astros	1975-77
Fred Beene	Baltimore Orioles	1968-70
	New York Yankees	1972-74
	Cleveland Indians	1974-75
Phil Hennigan	Cleveland Indians	1969-72
	New York Mets	1973
Robert Manuel	Cincinnati Reds	2009
	Boston Red Sox	2010
Rick Matula	Atlanta Braves	1979-81
Billy Smith	Houston Astros	1981
Steve Sparks	Milwaukee Brewers	1995-96
	California Angels	1998-99
	Detroit Tigers	2000-03
	Oakland Athletics	2003
	Arizona Diamondbacks	2004
Jordan Tata	Detroit Tigers	2006-07
Ryan Tepera	Toronto Blue Jays	2015
Don Welch	Baltimore Orioles	1982-83
Glenn Wilson	Detroit Tigers	1982-83
	Philadelphia Phillies	1984-87
	Seattle Mariners	1988
	Pittsburgh Pirates	1989-90
	Houston Astros	1989-90; 93



Ryan O'Hearn belted a South Atlantic League-leading 19 home runs in 2015 and ranks as the Royals No. 14 prospect.



Ken Boswell (left) played eight seasons with the Mets and another three with the Astros for a total of 930 games. Robert Manuel (below) pitches for the Red Sox in 2010.





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Logan Boyd
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Kevin Renz



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Sam Houston State University, founded in 1879 and named after Texas' greatest hero, General Sam Houston, is located on a beautiful 316-acre main campus in Huntsville, Texas, with over \$250 million in new and renovated facilities.

While Sam Houston exceeded 20,000 students for the first time in its history during the fall of 2015, with 20,181 total, the university continues to boast a 23:1 student-to-faculty ratio, with an average class size of 25 students.

Sam Houston is consistently one of the top 15 universities nationally for helping students stay on track and graduate and is in USA Today's top 50 for "Commitment to Civic Engagement and Global Awareness on Campus."

As a classified "Doctoral Research University" by the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education, SHSU ranks in the top 7 percent of all U.S. colleges and universities.

The U.S. News and World Report placed Sam Houston

as among the Best Online Graduate Computer Information Technology Programs, Best Online Graduate Education Programs, Best Online Bachelor's Programs (Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice) and Best Online Graduate Business Programs.

Sam Houston State offers a vibrant campus life, highlighted by more than 200 student organizations, recreational sports program with both indoor and outdoor facilities, 32 residence halls, apartments and more.

The campus is also home to the only accredited bachelor's degree in the U.S. for Banking and Financial Institutions and is one of just eight fully accredited Masters in Forensic Science and the 14th largest master's program in history.

For more information, including a full list of majors and programs at Sam Houston State, visit shsu.edu.





General Sam Houston is the only person in United States history to be governor of two states (Tennessee and Texas).

Houston led Texas to independence with the victory over Santa Anna at the Battle of San Jacinto.

He became the first president of the Republic of Texas, senator from the State of Texas and governor of the State of Texas. He is buried in Huntsville not far from the campus named in his honor.

Huntsville, Texas, located in Walker County, is 70 miles north of Houston in the East Texas Piney Woods along Interstate 45. Founded in 1836, the city has grown to 38,548 residents as of the 2010 census.



THE BEARKAT MASCOT

Sam Houston State University's athletic teams have been nicknamed "The Bearkats" since 1923 when the University's name was changed by the Texas State Legislature from Sam Houston Normal Institute to Sam Houston State Teachers College. Prior to 1923, the varsity sports teams were nicknamed "The Normals."

Early references to "Bearkats" spelled the name either "Bearcats", "Bear Cats" or "Bearkats". A bearcat actually is a kinkajou, a carnivorous mammal native to South America 10 to 12 inches in length with whiskers like a cat that sits up on its hind haunches like a bear. A nocturnal creature, it is known to be ferocious if provoked.

It is doubtful those who coined the "Bearkat" nickname had a kinkajou in mind, however. More likely, the name came from a popular local saying of the time, "tough as a Bearkat!" The late Reed Lindsey, who was a student-athlete in the 1920s and later retired as University registrar, once said that "it was a good fighting name of the time."

Since the animal in the saying was thought more mythical than real, the spelling settled upon was "Bearkat." In the late 1940s, then SHSU president Harmon Lowman attempted to change the SHSU mascot from Bearkats to "Ravens" (after General Sam Houston's Cherokee nickname). Mrs. Vernon Schuder reported that the alumni were polled, she voted for the raven but that "all those old Bearkats beat us out!"

SHSU had a live kinkajou mascot in 1952 but the animal did not adapt to captivity and quickly was released from his duties. The current Sammy Bearkat mascot character began appearing at SHSU sports events in 1959.

TREE OF LIGHT

The Tree of Light Ceremony is one of SHSU's oldest traditions, established in 1921. The program has evolved over the years, but several aspects remain constant including the lighting of the tree by the University President, the donation of canned food items, serenading of carols from a vocal group and ending with a rendition of "Jingle Bells" in which the audience takes their keys and "jingles" them to the tune.

BEARKAT CAMP

Bearkat Camp is a four day/three night experience for incoming SHSU freshmen. New students experience the spirit, pride and tradition that have been part of Sam

Houston students since 1879. Incoming freshmen are engaged in learning activities that are interactive and student led. Camp keeps students moving with a variety of group activities like tribal competitions, pride groups, socials and optional activities like sand volleyball, basketball, ropes course and a giant water catapult called the blob. Bearkat Camp provides opportunities for students to build lasting friendships with many other members of the freshman class...friendships that allow students to feel comfortable and at home as they become part of the Sam Houston community.

OFFICIAL UNIVERSITY RING & CEREMONY

The ring ceremony, first held in 2004, was established to create a new tradition for those who purchase the official University ring. The official ring was unveiled during the 2003 homecoming festivities and was designed by a committee comprised of student representatives, alumni and university administrators and faculty. The goal of the committee was to develop a distinctive design that would reflect pride in Sam Houston State University, would be easily identifiable and would stand the test of time.

The ring design comprises, on one side of the ring, a representation of Sam Houston, the year of the student's graduation and "1879," the year Sam Houston Normal Institute was established to educate and train teachers. Austin Hall is depicted on the opposite side, with a bit of the "footprint" of Old Main near its steps. The crest of the ring includes a background star symbolizing the State of Texas, and a raised "SH," the official university logo adopted in 2001. Cast into the inside of the ring is the word "Honor." When Sam Houston joined the U.S. Army in 1813, Elizabeth Houston (Sam's mother) understood her son's decision. She placed a small gold band on his finger with a one-word inscription – HONOR.





HOMECOMING

Homecoming, with its various activities is also one of SHSU's oldest traditions. The King and Queen's Court honors the Homecoming King and Queen. From the 1920s through the 1970s there was a Homecoming Queen, but no King. A King was added during the 1980s. Sam Jam is a newer tradition where students enjoy the carnival night life and can witness the announcement of the King and Queen's Court. The Parade, with few exceptions, has been held annually for many decades, with the University President serving as the Parade Marshall in the lead car. Floats and the Bearkat Marching Band can always be seen at the parade.

FIREFEST

This annual event elevates school spirit in preparation to play Sam Houston's biggest rival, the Lumberjacks of Stephen F. Austin! As students boost their burning desire to beat SFA, they gather with fellow Bearkats to enjoy interactive games and entertainment before the lighting of the bonfire. Firefest also hosts a pep rally with members of the athletic teams as well as performances by the SHSU Cheerleaders, Orange Pride Dance Team, Sammy Bearkat and Airkat.

COMMENCEMENT

Although commencement programs are traditions, they are not unique to Sam Houston State University. However, at least one function included in the commencement programs is distinctive: the singing of Auld Lang Syne, with the clapping of hands on the last verse and the raising of the hands and swaying on the final refrain. This very old custom is usually the final traditional act of students graduating from SHSU, and the image stays with them for many years.

NEW STUDENT CONVOCATION

This is the official induction and welcoming event for new students and their parents. New students are officially inducted into higher education and officially deemed Bearkats by SHSU President Dana Gibson. In attendance are the university vice presidents, deans, faculty, staff, and students. Dinner and music will be provided afterwards on coliseum grounds.

BEARKAT ALLEY

Bearkat Alley is the official tailgate area during football season. For every home game (and for specific away games) the Department of Student Activities hosts a variety of organizations and departments who "camp" out in a designated area at the North side of Bowers Stadium. These groups cook an assortment of foods, which in return is free for all those who attend Bearkat Alley with their Bearkat OneCard. Also, different giveaways are distributed throughout the season, ranging from t-shirts to spirit towels in order to boost Sam Houston pride.

BEARKAT FAMILY WEEKEND

Once known as "Dad's Day," this event is held each fall in conjunction with a football game. Various activities include a continental breakfast, allowing families to meet and mingle with each other and with campus administrators; open houses with the academic colleges; a Bearkat Family luncheon and Bearkat Alley tailgating festivities before the big game!

PRESIDENT'S SPEAKER SERIES

The President's Speaker Series, underwritten by the late Lu Ellen Gibbs, was established to bring prominent leaders to campus. Speakers are chosen for their ability to deliver messages of substance that have the potential to significantly impact our students, many of whom are the first in their families to attend college. This forum gives our students yet another opportunity to learn and grow from people who are living successful and principled lives.



Texas State System

The Texas State University System has a long and illustrious history in Texas. It is the oldest and third largest higher education system in Texas. Beginning as an administrative means to consolidate the support and management of state teacher colleges, the System has evolved into a network of higher education institutions stretching from the Texas–Louisiana border to the Big Bend region of far West Texas.

Today, eight System components offer a broad range of academic and career pathways. Throughout the System, you will find professionals committed to preparing students for working and contributing to an increasingly global society. The academic and professional programs offered will help them learn to make sound decisions in life and become contributors in their communities.

The Texas State University System is governed by a nine-member Board of Regents appointed by the Governor. In addition, a nonvoting student regent is appointed annually to the Board. The administration, which is headed by a board-appointed Chancellor, is based in Austin.

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2016 SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY

2/19	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	6 P.M.
2/20	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	2 P.M.
2/21	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	1 P.M.
2/23	UTSA	6:30 P.M.
2/24	TEXAS TECH	6:30 P.M.
2/26	OKLAHOMA	6:30 P.M.
2/27	OKLAHOMA	3 P.M.
2/28	OKLAHOMA	1 P.M.

MARCH

3/1	BAYLOR	6:30 P.M.
3/2	RICE	6:30 P.M.
3/4	WICHITA STATE	3 P.M.
3/5	WICHITA STATE	2 P.M.
3/6	WICHITA STATE	1 P.M.
3/8	TEXAS	6:05 P.M.
3/11	NEW ORLEANS*	6:30 P.M.
3/12	NEW ORLEANS*	2 P.M.
3/13	NEW ORLEANS*	1 P.M.
3/18	NORTHWESTERN ST.*	6:30 P.M.
3/19	NORTHWESTERN ST.*	3 P.M.
3/20	NORTHWESTERN ST.*	1 P.M.
3/22	PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	6:30 P.M.
3/24	NICHOLLS*	6 P.M.
3/25	NICHOLLS*	6 P.M.
3/26	NICHOLLS*	1 P.M.
3/28	TEXAS STATE	6:30 P.M.
3/29	RICE	6:30 P.M.

BOLD DENOTES HOME GAME
* DENOTES SOUTHLAND GAME

APRIL

4/1	CENTRAL ARKANSAS*	6:30 P.M.
4/2	CENTRAL ARKANSAS*	3 P.M.
4/3	CENTRAL ARKANSAS*	1 P.M.
4/8	STEPHEN F. AUSTIN*	6:30 P.M.
4/9	STEPHEN F. AUSTIN*	3 P.M.
4/10	STEPHEN F. AUSTIN*	1 P.M.
4/12	TEXAS TECH	6:30 P.M.
4/13	TEXAS TECH	2 P.M.
4/15	INCARNATE WORD*	6:30 P.M.
4/16	INCARNATE WORD*	3 P.M.
4/17	INCARNATE WORD*	1 P.M.
4/19	BAYLOR	6:30 P.M.
4/22	ABILENE CHRISTIAN*	6:30 P.M.
4/23	ABILENE CHRISTIAN*	3 P.M.
4/24	ABILENE CHRISTIAN*	1 P.M.
4/26	HOUSTON	6:35 P.M.
4/27	TEXAS SOUTHERN (DH)	3 P.M.

MAY

5/3	HOUSTON	6:30 P.M.
5/4	TEXAS SOUTHERN	6:30 P.M.
5/6	A&M-CORPUS CHRISTI*	6 P.M.
5/7	A&M-CORPUS CHRISTI*	6 P.M.
5/8	A&M-CORPUS CHRISTI*	1 P.M.
5/13	LAMAR*	6 P.M.
5/14	LAMAR*	2 P.M.
5/15	LAMAR*	1 P.M.
5/17	TEXAS A&M	6:35 P.M.
5/19	HOUSTON BAPTIST*	6:30 P.M.
5/20	HOUSTON BAPTIST*	3 P.M.
5/21	HOUSTON BAPTIST*	1 P.M.

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JUNE



NCAA REGIONALS - JUNE 3-7



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