



**2023 UTSA FOOTBALL SPRING PROSPECTUS**

# « 2023 UTSA QUICK FACTS »

## General Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ The University of Texas at San Antonio  
Nickname \_\_\_\_\_ Roadrunners  
Colors \_\_\_\_\_ Orange (PMS 1665), Navy Blue (289) and White  
Founded \_\_\_\_\_ 1969  
Enrollment \_\_\_\_\_ 34,300  
President \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Taylor Eighmy (Tufts '80)  
Athletics Director \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Lisa Campos (Colorado State)  
Athletics Department Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (210) 458-8149  
Ticket Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (210) 458-8872  
Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision  
Conference \_\_\_\_\_ Conference USA (West Division)  
Stadium (Capacity) \_\_\_\_\_ Alamodome (34,984)  
Playing Surface \_\_\_\_\_ FusionH XP2 Synthetic Turf  
Press Box Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (210) 704-6200

## Coaching Staff

Head Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Jeff Traylor (Stephen F. Austin '90)  
Career Record (Years) \_\_\_\_\_ 30-10 (3)  
Assistant Coaches \_\_\_\_\_ Justin Burke (Offensive Coordinator/Tight Ends), Jess Loepp (Defensive Coordinator/Safeties), Jarrett Anderson (Assistant Offensive Line), Sean Davis (Quarterbacks), Nick Graham (Defensive Pass Game Coordinator/Cornerbacks), Julian Griffin (Running Backs/NFL Liaison), Siddiq Haynes (Defensive Line), Joe Price III, (Associate Head Coach/Pass Game Coordinator/Wide Receivers), Brad Sherrod (Linebackers), Kurt Traylor (Run Game Coordinator/Offensive Line)  
Senior Analyst (Offense) \_\_\_\_\_ Colton Traylor  
Analysts (Offense) \_\_\_\_\_ Aaron Green, Pavit Patel  
Analysts (Defense) \_\_\_\_\_ Zak Sauve, Steven Stadler  
Analyst (Special Teams) \_\_\_\_\_ Chris Roberts, Dylan Sams  
Graduate Assistants \_\_\_\_\_ Elijah McQueen (Defense), Tyler Preston (Offense), Tim Yoder (Offense)  
Chief of Staff \_\_\_\_\_ Matt Turner  
Coordinator of Football Operations \_\_\_\_\_ Andrew Acosta  
Operations Assistant \_\_\_\_\_ Josh Alvarez  
Director of Player Personnel \_\_\_\_\_ Zach Brown  
Assistant Director of Player Personnel \_\_\_\_\_ Jermial Ashley  
Director of High School Relations \_\_\_\_\_ Hunter Rittmann  
Player Development Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_ Damon Williams  
Video Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_ Alex Nicasio  
Video Production Assistants \_\_\_\_\_ Joshua Guerra, Allison Maguire  
Assistant AD/Equipment Operations \_\_\_\_\_ Anthony Fortier  
Assistant AD/Sports Performance \_\_\_\_\_ Ryan Filo  
Head Football Trainer \_\_\_\_\_ Nik Turner  
Senior Administrative Assistant \_\_\_\_\_ James Gellido  
Football Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (210) 458-5011

## Team Information

2022 Record \_\_\_\_\_ 11-3 (.786)  
2022 C-USA Record/Finish \_\_\_\_\_ 8-0 (1.000)/1st  
Letterwinners Returning/Lost \_\_\_\_\_ 56/16  
Starters Returning (O/D/ST) \_\_\_\_\_ 19 (10/7/2)  
Starters Lost (O/D/ST) \_\_\_\_\_ 9 (3/4/2)  
Offensive Formation \_\_\_\_\_ Multiple  
Defensive Formation \_\_\_\_\_ 3-4

## Program History

First Year \_\_\_\_\_ 2011  
All-Time Record \_\_\_\_\_ 75-71 (.514)  
All-Time Home Record \_\_\_\_\_ 44-29 (.603)  
All-Time Road Record \_\_\_\_\_ 31-39 (.443)  
All-Time Neutral Record \_\_\_\_\_ 0-3 (.000)  
All-Time Conference Record \_\_\_\_\_ 48-37 (.565)  
\_\_\_\_\_ WAC: 3-3 (.500), 2012  
\_\_\_\_\_ C-USA: 45-34 (.570), 2013-22

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## « 2023 UTSA FOOTBALL SCHEDULE »

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TV	TIME (CT)
Sept. 2	at Houston	Houston, Texas	TBD	TBA
Sept. 9	Texas State	San Antonio, Texas	TBD	TBA
Sept. 15	Army	San Antonio, Texas	TBD	TBA
Sept. 23	at Tennessee	Knoxville, Tenn.	TBD	TBA
Oct. 7	at Temple*	Philadelphia, Pa.	TBD	TBA
Oct. 14	UAB*	San Antonio, Texas	TBD	TBA
Oct. 21	at Florida Atlantic*	Boca Raton, Fla.	TBD	TBA
Oct. 28	East Carolina*	San Antonio, Texas	TBD	TBA
Nov. 4	at North Texas*	Denton, Texas	TBD	TBA
Nov. 11	Rice*	San Antonio, Texas	TBD	TBA
Nov. 17	USF*	San Antonio, Texas	TBD	TBA
Nov. 24 or 25	at Tulane*	New Orleans, La.	TBD	TBA
Dec. 2	American Football Championship	TBD	ABC or ESPN	TBA

*schedule is subject to change • home games in blue and played at Alamodome • road games in orange*

*\*American Athletic Conference game*

### UTSA FOOTBALL TEAM NOTES

- UTSA finished the 2022 season with an 11-3 overall record and a perfect 8-0 mark in Conference USA play.
- The Roadrunners captured their second straight conference title after defeating North Texas, 48-27, in the 2022 C-USA Championship Game at the Alamodome.
- UTSA played in a bowl game for the third consecutive season, dropping an 18-12 decision to No. 23 Troy in the Duluth Trading Cure Bowl in Orlando, Florida.
- The Roadrunners were ranked in the top 25 of all three major polls during the year.
- UTSA owns a combined 23 wins over the last two seasons, the fourth-best total among all FBS teams behind only Georgia (29), Michigan (25) and Alabama (24).
- Two-time C-USA Coach of the Year Jeff Traylor is 30-10 (.750) through his first three seasons at the helm, the most wins and best winning percentage for a head coach in program history.
- UTSA welcomes back 56 letterwinners and 19 starters for the 2023 campaign, their first season as a member of the American Athletic Conference.
- Senior quarterback Frank Harris, who owns more than 30 school records, was one of four finalists for the Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award and he was named 2022 C-USA Most Valuable Player, first-team all-conference and MVP of the C-USA Championship Game.
- Sophomore outside linebacker Trey Moore returns following a campaign that saw him break Marcus Davenport's school record for tackles for loss with 18 en route to earning FWAA Freshman All-America honors last fall.

# « 2023 UTSA ALPHABETICAL SPRING ROSTER »

Name	#	Pos.	Height	Weight	Yr.-Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous School[s])
Demetris Allen	73	OL	6-3	295	R-Jr.-2L	Hattiesburg, Miss. (Hattiesburg HS)
Ernesto Almaraz	64	OL	6-2	295	Sr.-2L	Los Angeles, Calif. (Salesian HS/East Los Angeles College)
David Amador II	22	WR	5-11	175	Fr.-HS	Houston, Texas (North Shore HS)
Nnanna Anyanwu	33	OLB	6-6	240	So.-TR	Hampton, Ga. (Lovejoy HS/Coffeyville [Kan.] CC)
Kevorian Barnes	31	RB	5-9	215	R-So.-1L	San Augustine, Texas (San Augustine HS)
Walker Baty	67	OL	6-3	300	R-Jr.-2L	Liberty Hill, Texas (Liberty Hill HS)
Trumane Bell II	15	DL	6-2	265	R-Sr.-4L	Dallas, Texas (Lake Highlands HS)
Ty Bentley	69	OL	6-1	315	So.-SQ	Mansfield, Texas (Legacy HS)
Nick Booker-Brown	16	DL	6-1	275	Jr.-1L	Houston, Texas (Westfield HS/NC State)
Brandon Brown	90	DL	6-2	305	Jr.-2L	Katy, Texas (Morton Ranch HS/Tulane)
Kaleb Brown	43	ILB	6-1	210	Fr.-RS	Austin, Texas (LBJ HS)
Pig Cage	38	OLB	5-10	200	Jr.-1L	Kenner, La. (Archbishop Rummel HS/Nicholls/LSU)
Oscar Cardenas	84	TE	6-4	285	R-Sr.-3L	San Antonio, Texas (Brandeis HS)
Chris Carpenter	15	WR	5-11	155	Jr.-1L	Jacksonville, Texas (Jacksonville HS/Colorado)
Zach Causey	52	DL	6-2	280	R-Jr.-RS	Madison, Miss. (Madison Central HS/Jones College)
Joshua Cephus	12	WR	6-3	185	Sr.-4L	Houston, Texas (Dekaney HS)
Juan Chapa	53	DL	6-5	260	Jr.-HS	Mesquite, Texas (Poteet HS)
Alejandro Chavarria	96	PK	5-9	160	Jr.-SQ	San Antonio, Texas (Central Catholic HS/UTEP)
De'Corian Clark	88	WR	6-3	210	Sr.-4L	Fort Worth, Texas (Wyatt HS)
Christian Clayton	95	DL	6-2	310	R-Sr.-3L	Fort Worth, Texas (South Hills HS)
Kaedric Cobbs	17	RB	5-10	205	R-Jr.-1L	Denton, Texas (Guyer HS)
Cade Collenback	52	LS	6-2	240	R-Sr.-2L	San Antonio, Texas (O'Connor HS/Tyler JC)
Camron Cooper	33	TE	6-2	255	Fr.-RS	Dayton, Texas (Dayton HS)
Mason Culton	41	RB	5-9	205	Fr.-HS	Cypress, Texas (Bridgeland HS)
Je'Yaun Dabon	28	S	6-1	185	R-Jr.-2L	Houston, Texas (Cypress Ridge HS)
Chace Davis	99	DL	6-4	280	So.-TR	Long Beach, Calif. (La Serna HS/Nevada/East Los Angeles College)
Isaiah Davis	14	WR	6-1	190	R-Jr.-1L	El Paso, Texas (Pebble Hills HS)
Elliott Davison	29	S	6-0	180	Sr.-TR	Flint, Texas (Tyler Lee HS/UIW)
Lucas Dean	35	P	6-2	220	Sr.-4L	Dunsborough, Australia (St Mary MacKillop College)
Dan Dishman	80	TE	6-5	235	R-Jr.-2L	Seabrook, Texas (Clear Falls HS)
Chu-Chu Doe	85	WR	6-0	200	Jr.-TR	Mays Landing, N.J. (Oakcrest HS/City College of San Francisco)
Kyle Eaves	29	WR	5-9	150	R-Jr.-1L	Austin, Texas (Lake Travis HS)
Joe Evans	94	DL	6-3	340	Sr.-1L	Haynesville, La. (Haynesville HS/LSU)
Nicktroy Fortune	10	CB	6-0	195	Sr.-1L	Roswell, Ga. (Central Gwinnett HS/West Virginia)
Zakhari Franklin	18	WR	6-1	185	Sr.-4L	Cedar Hill, Texas (Cedar Hill HS)
Zah Frazier	11	CB	6-3	180	Jr.-1L	Cedartown, Ga. (Cedartown HS/Coffeyville [Kan.] CC)
Martavius French	34	ILB	6-3	235	Jr.-1L	Memphis, Tenn. (Whitehaven HS/Hutchinson [Kan.] CC)
Joel Garcia	97	LS	6-0	195	So.-TR	San Antonio, Texas (Brennan HS/Lawrence Tech)
Karch Gardiner	16	WR	5-8	180	R-Sr.-1L	El Paso, Texas (Del Valle HS/Arkansas)
Ronnie Garza	79	OL	6-6	310	R-So.-1L	Edinburg, Texas (Vela HS)
Jackson Gilkey	16	QB	6-2	220	Fr.-HS	Ennis, Texas (Ennis HS)
Bryan Gilmore	38	TE	6-2	220	Sr.-TR	(Prosper HS/Midwestern State)
Cory Godinet	53	OL	6-5	355	R-So.-TR	Leone, American Samoa (Leone HS/Trinity Valley [Texas] CC)
River Gordon	72	OL	6-4	310	R-So.-SQ	Mansfield, Texas (Mansfield HS)
Dywan Griffin	14	CB	5-11	170	R-Sr.-3L	New Orleans, La. (Landry-Walker HS)
Rocko Griffin	24	RB	5-10	200	R-So.-TR	Rincon, Ga. (South Effingham HS/Vanderbilt)
Mason Hall	45	ILB	5-11	215	R-Fr.-SQ	Missouri City, Texas (Ridge Point HS)
Frank Harris	11	QB	6-0	205	R-Sr.-3L	Schertz, Texas (Clemens HS)
Makai Hart	77	OL	6-4	295	R-Sr.-2L	Clinton, Iowa (Clinton HS/Trinity Valley [Texas] CC)
Terrell Haynes	58	OL	6-3	340	R-Sr.-4L	Arlington, Texas (Seguin HS)
Payne He'Bert	74	OL	6-4	305	R-Sr.-1L	Pearland, Texas (Dawson HS/Northwestern)
Robert Henry	20	RB	5-10	195	Jr.-TR	Lumberton, Miss. (Lumberton HS/Jones [Miss.] College)
Caleb Hernandez	54	OL	6-3	295	R-Jr.-SQ	Palmer, Texas (Palmer HS/Trinity Valley CC)
Brandon High	28	RB	5-11	210	Fr.-HS	Spring, Texas (Grand Oaks HS)
Chris Hill	57	DL	5-10	235	Fr.-HS	San Antonio, Texas (Stevens HS)
Timothy Huff Jr.	61	DL	6-0	220	Fr.-HS	San Antonio, Texas (East Central HS)
JaCorey Hyder	89	TE	6-3	240	R-So.-1L	Woodville, Texas (Woodville HS)
RaShaun Jackson	87	WR	6-2	185	So.-HS	Houston, Texas (MacArthur HS)
Dalessandro Johnson Jr.	47	CB			Sr.-HS	San Antonio, Texas (Warren HS)
Devin Jones	46	ILB	6-0	195	Fr.-HS	Round Rock, Texas (Cedar Ridge HS)
Malik Jones	18	OLB	6-2	190	Sr.-2L	Grenada, Miss. (Grenada HS/Mississippi Gulf Coast CC)
Alpha Khan	26	CB	6-1	165	Fr.-RS	Katy, Texas (Mayde Creek HS/Houston Baptist)

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Name	#	Pos.	Height	Weight	Yr.-Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous School[s])
Buffalo Kruize	50	OL	6-5	300	Sr.-TR	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Moanalua HS/City College of San Francisco)
Xion LaGrant	42	S	5-10	165	Fr.-RS	San Antonio, Texas (Cornerstone Christian HS)
Ethan Laing	91	P	5-11	200	R-So.-SQ	Boerne, Texas (Champion HS)
Luke Lapeze	76	OL	6-4	320	R-So.-1L	Humble, Texas (Summer Creek HS)
Tai Leonard	98	DL	6-4	255	So.-1L	Houston, Texas (North Shore HS)
Caleb Lewis	54	OLB	6-3	235	R-So.-SQ	Cibolo, Texas (Steele HS)
De'Anthony Lewis	30	RB	6-1	195	R-So.-SQ	Converse, Texas (Judson HS)
Jamal Ligon	88	ILB	6-2	220	Sr.-3L	Tyler, Texas (Lee HS)
Ronald Link-Milam Jr.	37	S	6-3	180	Jr.-SQ	San Antonio, Texas (Reagan HS)
Jaylon Lott	36	ILB	6-0	215	R-Jr.-1L	Carrollton, Texas (Hebron HS)
Eddie Lee Marburger	12	QB	6-1	210	R-So.-1L	McAllen, Texas (Sharyland Pioneer HS)
Deandre Marshall	70	OL	6-7	330	Fr.-RS	San Antonio, Texas (Central Catholic HS)
Frankie Martinez	68	OL	6-3	290	R-Jr.-2L	San Antonio, Texas (East Central HS)
Brandon Matterson	99	DL	6-2	290	R-Sr.-4L	San Antonio, Texas (Brandeis HS)
Owen McCown	13	QB	6-2	175	So.-TR	Rusk, Texas (Rusk HS/Colorado)
Willie McCoy	27	WR	6-1	180	Jr.-TR	Houston, Texas (Bellaire HS/Kilgore College)
Grayson Medford	23	WR	5-9	160	Fr.-RS	Katy, Texas (Seven Lakes HS)
Maliqui Moore	81	WR	5-9	150	Jr.-TR	San Antonio, Texas (Taft HS/Texas Lutheran)
Trey Moore	31	OLB	6-3	230	R-So.-1L	San Antonio, Texas (Smithson Valley HS)
Avery Morris	25	ILB	6-2	220	Sr.-3L	Atascocita, Texas (Atascocita HS)
Tanner Murray	15	QB	6-2	190	Fr.-RS	Houston, Texas (Langham Creek HS)
Kelechi Nwachuku	11	S	6-0	210	R-Sr.-4L	McAllen, Texas (Memorial HS)
Matthew O'Brien	92	PK	5-9	175	R-So.-SQ	New Braunfels, Texas (New Braunfels HS/Tyler JC)
Tykee Ogle-Kellogg	11	WR	6-5	210	R-Sr.-4L	Alcoa, Tenn. (Alcoa HS)
Daniel Ogundipe	71	OL	6-5	285	R-So.-TR	Upper Darby, Pa. (Imhotep Institute/Iowa Central CC)
Alec Alexander Patterson	48	ILB	5-10	180	Fr.-HS	Copperas Cove, Texas (Copperas Cove HS)
Owen Pewee	13	OLB	6-2	195	Fr.-RS	Katy, Texas (Cypress Park HS)
Jalen Rainey	24	S	6-5	205	R-So.-SQ	San Antonio, Texas (Brandeis HS)
Jaren Randle	82	WR	6-2	190	R-Jr.-SQ	San Antonio, Texas (Johnson HS)
Robert Rigsby	62	OL	6-4	315	R-So.-SQ	Converse, Texas (Judson HS)
Ben Rios	57	OL	6-6	295	Fr.-RS	San Antonio, Texas (Central Catholic HS)
Jimmi Robinson	40	OLB	6-6	240	R-Jr.-1L	Alexandria, Va. (Hayfield Secondary HS/Monroe [N.Y.] College)
Ken Robinson	21	DB	5-11	180	R-Sr.-3L	Grand Prairie, Texas (South Grand Prairie HS)
Malik Robinson	35	CB	5-6	175	Sr.-SQ	San Antonio, Texas (Taft HS)
Jakevian Rodgers	27	CB	6-2	150	Fr.-HS	Daingerfield, Texas (Daingerfield HS)
Justin Rodriguez	21	RB	5-7	180	R-Jr.-SQ	San Antonio, Texas (Johnson HS)
Ezekiel Saldana	36	RB	5-11	185	Fr.-HS	Pecos, Texas (Pecos HS)
Tate Sandell	47	PK	5-10	170	Fr.-RS	Port Neches, Texas (Port Neches-Groves HS)
Kamron Scott	65	OL	6-3	340	R-So.-SQ	Converse, Texas (Judson HS)
Asyrus Simon	17	DL	6-4	250	Sr.-3L	Humble, Texas (Atascocita HS)
Xavier Spencer	23	CB	6-0	190	Sr.-3L	Converse, Texas (Judson HS)
Travon Sylvester	51	OL	6-1	295	Fr.-RS	St. Johns, Fla. (Bartram Trail HS)
Venly Tatafu	75	OL	6-4	335	R-Jr.-1L	Portland, Ore. (Cleveland HS/Independence [Kan.] CC)
Donyai Taylor	12	OLB	6-1	205	Sr.-3L	Shiner, Texas (Shiner HS)
Diego Tello	10	QB	6-1	195	Fr.-RS	Austin, Texas (Bowie HS)
Brandon Tennison	17	QB	5-10	175	Fr.-HS	Gilmer, Texas (Gilmer HS)
Houston Thomas	88	TE	6-6	225	Fr.-RS	College Station, Texas (College Station HS)
Jaanai Thompson	67	DL	6-2	280	Fr.-HS	Fort Worth, Texas (Western Hills HS)
Ronald Triplette	44	DL	6-2	255	R-So.-1L	Houston, Texas (Shadow Creek HS/Kansas State)
Kyle Wakefield	39	ILB	6-0	200	R-Sr.-2L	Austin, Texas (Lake Travis HS/Trinity Valley CC)
Cameron Wilkins	20	ILB	6-1	225	R-Sr.-SQ	Austin, Texas (Del Valle HS/Missouri)
Cinque Williams	32	S	5-9	185	Jr.-1L	Southlake, Texas (Carroll HS/North Texas)
Julon Williams	19	RB	5-9	195	R-Sr.-1L	Converse, Texas (Judson HS/Houston)
Jace Wilson	83	WR	6-4	210	Fr.-RS	Denton, Texas (Guyer HS)
Rashad Wisdom	39	S	5-9	210	Sr.-4L	Converse, Texas (Judson HS)

The NCAA provided a blanket waiver for 2020 fall sports student-athletes due to the COVID-19 pandemic, providing them with an extra year of eligibility regardless if they competed in 2020 or not.

Student-athletes who were on the UTSA roster in 2020 are listed without the extra year reflected in their classification until they reach their final year of eligibility.

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#	Name	Pos.	Height	Weight	Yr.-Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous School[s])
10	Nickroy Fortune	CB	6-0	195	Sr.-1L	Roswell, Ga. (Central Gwinnett HS/West Virginia)
10	Diego Tello	QB	6-1	195	Fr.-RS	Austin, Texas (Bowie HS)
11	Zah Frazier	CB	6-3	180	Jr.-1L	Cedartown, Ga. (Cedartown HS/Coffeyville [Kan.] CC)
11	Frank Harris	QB	6-0	205	R-Sr.-3L	Schertz, Texas (Clemens HS)
11	Kelechi Nwachuku	S	6-0	210	R-Sr.-4L	McAllen, Texas (Memorial HS)
11	Tykee Ogle-Kellogg	WR	6-5	210	R-Sr.-4L	Alcoa, Tenn. (Alcoa HS)
12	Joshua Cephus	WR	6-3	185	Sr.-4L	Houston, Texas (Dekaney HS)
12	Eddie Lee Marburger	QB	6-1	210	R-So.-1L	McAllen, Texas (Sharyland Pioneer HS)
12	Donyai Taylor	OLB	6-1	205	Sr.-3L	Shiner, Texas (Shiner HS)
13	Owen McCown	QB	6-2	175	So.-TR	Rusk, Texas (Rusk HS/Colorado)
13	Owen Pewee	OLB	6-2	195	Fr.-RS	Katy, Texas (Cypress Park HS)
14	Isaiah Davis	WR	6-1	190	R-Jr.-1L	El Paso, Texas (Pebble Hills HS)
14	Dywan Griffin	CB	5-11	170	R-Sr.-3L	New Orleans, La. (Landry-Walker HS)
15	Trumane Bell II	DL	6-2	265	R-Sr.-4L	Dallas, Texas (Lake Highlands HS)
15	Chris Carpenter	WR	5-11	155	Jr.-1L	Jacksonville, Texas (Jacksonville HS/Colorado)
15	Tanner Murray	QB	6-2	190	Fr.-RS	Houston, Texas (Langham Creek HS)
16	Nick Booker-Brown	DL	6-1	275	Jr.-1L	Houston, Texas (Westfield HS/NC State)
16	Karch Gardiner	WR	5-8	180	R-Sr.-1L	El Paso, Texas (Del Valle HS/Arkansas)
16	Jackson Gilkey	QB	6-2	220	Fr.-HS	Ennis, Texas (Ennis HS)
17	Kaedric Cobbs	RB	5-10	205	R-Jr.-1L	Denton, Texas (Guyer HS)
17	Asyrus Simon	DL	6-4	250	Sr.-3L	Humble, Texas (Atascocita HS)
17	Brandon Tennison	QB	5-10	175	Fr.-HS	Gilmer, Texas (Gilmer HS)
18	Zakhari Franklin	WR	6-1	185	Sr.-4L	Cedar Hill, Texas (Cedar Hill HS)
18	Malik Jones	OLB	6-2	190	Sr.-2L	Grenada, Miss. (Grenada HS/Mississippi Gulf Coast CC)
19	Julon Williams	RB	5-9	195	R-Sr.-1L	Converse, Texas (Judson HS/Houston)
20	Robert Henry	RB	5-10	195	Jr.-TR	Lumberton, Miss. (Lumberton HS/Jones [Miss.] College)
20	Cameron Wilkins	ILB	6-1	225	R-Sr.-SQ	Austin, Texas (Del Valle HS/Missouri)
21	Ken Robinson	DB	5-11	180	R-Sr.-3L	Grand Prairie, Texas (South Grand Prairie HS)
21	Justin Rodriguez	RB	5-7	180	R-Jr.-SQ	San Antonio, Texas (Johnson HS)
22	David Amador II	WR	5-11	175	Fr.-HS	Houston, Texas (North Shore HS)
23	Grayson Medford	WR	5-9	160	Fr.-RS	Katy, Texas (Seven Lakes HS)
23	Xavier Spencer	CB	6-0	190	Sr.-3L	Converse, Texas (Judson HS)
24	Rocko Griffin	RB	5-10	200	R-So.-TR	Rincon, Ga. (South Effingham HS/Vanderbilt)
24	Jalen Rainey	S	6-5	205	R-So.-SQ	San Antonio, Texas (Brandeis HS)
25	Avery Morris	ILB	6-2	220	Sr.-3L	Atascocita, Texas (Atascocita HS)
26	Alpha Khan	CB	6-1	165	Fr.-RS	Katy, Texas (Mayde Creek HS/Houston Baptist)
27	Willie McCoy	WR	6-1	180	Jr.-TR	Houston, Texas (Bellaire HS/Kilgore College)
27	Jakevian Rodgers	CB	6-2	150	Fr.-HS	Daingerfield, Texas (Daingerfield HS)
28	Je'Vaun Dabon	S	6-1	185	R-Jr.-2L	Houston, Texas (Cypress Ridge HS)
28	Brandon High	RB	5-11	210	Fr.-HS	Spring, Texas (Grand Oaks HS)
29	Elliott Davison	S	6-0	180	Sr.-TR	Flint, Texas (Tyler Lee HS/UIW)
29	Kyle Eaves	WR	5-9	150	R-Jr.-1L	Austin, Texas (Lake Travis HS)
30	De'Anthony Lewis	RB	6-1	195	R-So.-SQ	Converse, Texas (Judson HS)
31	Kevorian Barnes	RB	5-9	215	R-So.-1L	San Augustine, Texas (San Augustine HS)
31	Trey Moore	OLB	6-3	230	R-So.-1L	San Antonio, Texas (Smithson Valley HS)
32	Cinque Williams	S	5-9	185	Jr.-1L	Southlake, Texas (Carroll HS/North Texas)
33	Nnanna Anyanwu	OLB	6-6	240	So.-TR	Hampton, Ga. (Lovejoy HS/Coffeyville [Kan.] CC)
33	Camron Cooper	TE	6-2	255	Fr.-RS	Dayton, Texas (Dayton HS)
34	Martavius French	ILB	6-3	235	Jr.-1L	Memphis, Tenn. (Whitehaven HS/Hutchinson [Kan.] CC)
35	Lucas Dean	P	6-2	220	Sr.-4L	Dunsborough, Australia (St Mary MacKillop College)
35	Malik Robinson	CB	5-6	175	Sr.-SQ	San Antonio, Texas (Taft HS)
36	Jaylon Lott	ILB	6-0	215	R-Jr.-1L	Carrollton, Texas (Hebron HS)
36	Ezekiel Saldana	RB	5-11	185	Fr.-HS	Pecos, Texas (Pecos HS)
37	Ronald Link-Milam Jr.	S	6-3	180	Jr.-SQ	San Antonio, Texas (Reagan HS)
38	Pig Cage	OLB	5-10	200	Jr.-1L	Kenner, La. (Archbishop Rummel HS/Nicholls/LSU)
38	Bryan Gilmore	TE	6-2	220	Sr.-TR	(Prosper HS/Midwestern State)
39	Kyle Wakefield	ILB	6-0	200	R-Sr.-2L	Austin, Texas (Lake Travis HS/Trinity Valley CC)
39	Rashad Wisdom	S	5-9	210	Sr.-4L	Converse, Texas (Judson HS)
40	Jimmori Robinson	OLB	6-6	240	R-Jr.-1L	Alexandria, Va. (Hayfield Secondary HS/Monroe [N.Y.] College)
41	Mason Culton	RB	5-9	205	Fr.-HS	Cypress, Texas (Bridgeland HS)
42	Xion LaGrant	S	5-10	165	Fr.-RS	San Antonio, Texas (Cornerstone Christian HS)
43	Kaleb Brown	ILB	6-1	210	Fr.-RS	Austin, Texas (LBJ HS)

# « 2023 UTSA NUMERICAL SPRING ROSTER »

#	Name	Pos.	Height	Weight	Yr.-Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous School[s])
44	Ronald Triplette	DL	6-2	255	R-So.-1L	Houston, Texas (Shadow Creek HS/Kansas State)
45	Mason Hall	ILB	5-11	215	R-Fr.-SQ	Missouri City, Texas (Ridge Point HS)
46	Devin Jones	ILB	6-0	195	Fr.-HS	Round Rock, Texas (Cedar Ridge HS)
47	Dalessandro Johnson Jr.	CB			Sr.-HS	San Antonio, Texas (Warren HS)
47	Tate Sandell	PK	5-10	170	Fr.-RS	Port Neches, Texas (Port Neches-Groves HS)
48	Alec Alexander Patterson	ILB	5-10	180	Fr.-HS	Copperas Cove, Texas (Copperas Cove HS)
50	Buffalo Kruize	OL	6-5	300	Sr.-TR	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Moanalua HS/City College of San Francisco)
51	Travon Sylvester	OL	6-1	295	Fr.-RS	St. Johns, Fla. (Bartram Trail HS)
52	Zach Causey	DL	6-2	280	R-Jr.-RS	Madison, Miss. (Madison Central HS/Jones College)
52	Cade Colenback	LS	6-2	240	R-Sr.-2L	San Antonio, Texas (O'Connor HS/Tyler JC)
53	Juan Chapa	DL	6-5	260	Jr.-HS	Mesquite, Texas (Poteet HS)
53	Cory Godinet	OL	6-5	355	R-So-TR	Leone, American Samoa (Leone HS/Trinity Valley [Texas] CC)
54	Caleb Hernandez	OL	6-3	295	R-Jr.-SQ	Palmer, Texas (Palmer HS/Trinity Valley CC)
54	Caleb Lewis	OLB	6-3	235	R-So.-SQ	Cibola, Texas (Steele HS)
57	Chris Hill	DL	5-10	235	Fr.-HS	San Antonio, Texas (Stevens HS)
57	Ben Rios	OL	6-6	295	Fr.-RS	San Antonio, Texas (Central Catholic HS)
58	Terrell Haynes	OL	6-3	340	R-Sr.-4L	Arlington, Texas (Seguin HS)
61	Timothy Huff Jr.	DL	6-0	220	Fr.-HS	San Antonio, Texas (East Central HS)
62	Robert Rigsby	OL	6-4	315	R-So.-SQ	Converse, Texas (Judson HS)
64	Ernesto Almaraz	OL	6-2	295	Sr.-2L	Los Angeles, Calif. (Salesian HS/East Los Angeles College)
65	Kamron Scott	OL	6-3	340	R-So.-SQ	Converse, Texas (Judson HS)
67	Walker Baty	OL	6-3	300	R-Jr.-2L	Liberty Hill, Texas (Liberty Hill HS)
67	Jaanai Thompson	DL	6-2	280	Fr.-HS	Fort Worth, Texas (Western Hills HS)
68	Frankie Martinez	OL	6-3	290	R-Jr.-2L	San Antonio, Texas (East Central HS)
69	Ty Bentley	OL	6-1	315	So.-SQ	Mansfield, Texas (Legacy HS)
70	Deandre Marshall	OL	6-7	330	Fr.-RS	San Antonio, Texas (Central Catholic HS)
71	Daniel Ogundipe	OL	6-5	285	R-So.-TR	Upper Darby, Pa. (Imhotep Institute/Iowa Central CC)
72	River Gordon	OL	6-4	310	R-So.-SQ	Mansfield, Texas (Mansfield HS)
73	Demetris Allen	OL	6-3	295	R-Jr.-2L	Hattiesburg, Miss. (Hattiesburg HS)
74	Payne He'Bert	OL	6-4	305	R-Sr.-1L	Pearland, Texas (Dawson HS/Northwestern)
75	Venly Tatafu	OL	6-4	335	R-Jr.-1L	Portland, Ore. (Cleveland HS/Independence [Kan.] CC)
76	Luke Lapeze	OL	6-4	320	R-So.-1L	Humble, Texas (Summer Creek HS)
77	Makai Hart	OL	6-4	295	R-Sr.-2L	Clinton, Iowa (Clinton HS/Trinity Valley [Texas] CC)
79	Ronnie Garza	OL	6-6	310	R-So.-1L	Edinburg, Texas (Vela HS)
80	Dan Dishman	TE	6-5	235	R-Jr.-2L	Seabrook, Texas (Clear Falls HS)
81	Maliqui Moore	WR	5-9	150	Jr.-TR	San Antonio, Texas (Taft HS/Texas Lutheran)
82	Jaren Randle	WR	6-2	190	R-Jr.-SQ	San Antonio, Texas (Johnson HS)
83	Jace Wilson	WR	6-4	210	Fr.-RS	Denton, Texas (Guyer HS)
84	Oscar Cardenas	TE	6-4	285	R-Sr.-3L	San Antonio, Texas (Brandeis HS)
85	Chu-Chu Doe	WR	6-0	200	Jr.-TR	Mays Landing, N.J. (Oakcrest HS/City College of San Francisco)
87	RaShaun Jackson	WR	6-2	185	So.-HS	Houston, Texas (MacArthur HS)
88	De'Corian Clark	WR	6-3	210	Sr.-4L	Fort Worth, Texas (Wyatt HS)
88	Jamal Ligon	ILB	6-2	220	Sr.-3L	Tyler, Texas (Lee HS)
88	Houston Thomas	TE	6-6	225	Fr.-RS	College Station, Texas (College Station HS)
89	JaCorey Hyder	TE	6-3	240	R-So.-1L	Woodville, Texas (Woodville HS)
90	Brandon Brown	DL	6-2	305	Jr.-2L	Katy, Texas (Morton Ranch HS/Tulane)
91	Ethan Laing	P	5-11	200	R-So.-SQ	Boerne, Texas (Champion HS)
92	Matthew O'Brien	PK	5-9	175	R-So.-SQ	New Braunfels, Texas (New Braunfels HS/Tyler JC)
94	Joe Evans	DL	6-3	340	Sr.-1L	Haynesville, La. (Haynesville HS/LSU)
95	Christian Clayton	DL	6-2	310	R-Sr.-3L	Fort Worth, Texas (South Hills HS)
96	Alejandro Chavarria	PK	5-9	160	Jr-SQ	San Antonio, Texas (Central Catholic HS/UTEP)
97	Joel Garcia	LS	6-0	195	So.-TR	San Antonio, Texas (Brennan HS/Lawrence Tech)
98	Tai Leonard	DL	6-4	255	So.-1L	Houston, Texas (North Shore HS)
99	Chace Davis	DL	6-4	280	So.-TR	Long Beach, Calif. (La Serna HS/Nevada/East Los Angeles College)
99	Brandon Matterson	DL	6-2	290	R-Sr.-4L	San Antonio, Texas (Brandeis HS)

The NCAA provided a blanket waiver for 2020 fall sports student-athletes due to the COVID-19 pandemic, providing them with an extra year of eligibility regardless if they competed in 2020 or not.

Student-athletes who were on the UTSA roster in 2020 are listed without the extra year reflected in their classification until they reach their final year of eligibility.

## 2023 UTSA FOOTBALL SPRING PROSPECTUS

# « 2023 UTSA STARTERS BREAKDOWN »

## STARTERS RETURNING (19)

### OFFENSE (10)

Pos.	#	Name (2022 games/starts)	Height	Weight	Year-Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
QB	0	Frank Harris (14/14)	6-0	205	R-Sr.-3L	Schertz, Texas (Clemens HS)
WR	1	De'Corian Clark (9/9)	6-3	210	Sr.-4L	Fort Worth, Texas (Wyatt HS)
WR	2	Joshua Cephus (13/12)	6-3	185	Sr.-4L	Houston, Texas (Dekaney HS)
WR	4	Zakhari Franklin (14/14)	6-1	185	Sr.-4L	Cedar Hill, Texas (Cedar Hill HS)
TE	9	Oscar Cardenas (14/14)	6-4	285	R-Sr.-3L	San Antonio, Texas (Brandeis HS)
OL	58	Terrell Haynes (14/12)	6-3	340	R-Sr.-3L	Arlington, Texas (Seguin HS)
OL	64	Ernesto Almaraz (10/8)	6-2	295	Sr.-2L	Los Angeles, Calif. (Salesian HS/East Los Angeles College)
OL	67	Walker Baty (13/7)	6-3	300	R-Jr.-2L	Liberty Hill, Texas (Liberty Hill HS)
OL	75	Venly Tatafu (12/7)	6-4	335	R-Jr.-1L	Portland, Ore. (Cleveland HS/Independence [Kan.] CC)
OL	77	Makai Hart (12/12)*	6-4	295	R-Sr.-2L	Clinton, Iowa (Clinton HS/Trinity Valley [Texas] CC)

### DEFENSE (7)

Pos.	#	Name (2022 games/starts)	Height	Weight	Year-Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
DE	17	Asyrus Simon (13/13)	6-4	250	Sr.-3L	Humble, Texas (Atascocita HS)
DL	9	Brandon Brown (14/14)	6-2	305	Jr.-2L	Katy, Texas (Morton Ranch HS/Tulane)
OLB	31	Trey Moore (14/14)	6-3	230	R-So.-1L	San Antonio, Texas (Smithson Valley HS)
ILB	8	Jamal Ligon (14/13)	6-2	220	Sr.-3L	Tyler, Texas (Lee HS)
S	0	Rashad Wisdom (14/13)*	5-9	210	Sr.-4L	Converse, Texas (Judson HS)
S	6	Kelechi Nwachuku (13/7)	6-0	210	R-Sr.-4L	McAllen, Texas (Memorial HS)
CB	10	Nicktroy Fortune (14/14)	6-0	195	Sr.-1L	Roswell, Ga. (Central Gwinnett HS/West Virginia)

### SPECIAL TEAMS (2)

Pos.	#	Name (2022 games)	Height	Weight	Year-Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
P	35	Lucas Dean (14)	6-2	220	Sr.-4L	Dunsborough, Australia (St Mary MacKillop College)
LS	52	Cade Collenback (14)	6-2	240	R-Sr.-2L	San Antonio, Texas (O'Connor HS/Tyler JC)

(x/x)\* denotes 2021 games/starts

## STARTERS LOST (9)

### OFFENSE (3)

Pos.	#	Name (2022 games/starts)	Height	Weight	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
RB	5	Brenden Brady (12/12)	5-11	215	Cibolo, Texas (Steele HS)
C	55	Ahofitu Maka (14/14)	6-3	325	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Punahou HS/Independence [Kan.] CC)
OL	61	Kevin Davis (14/13)	6-3	335	Angleton, Texas (Angleton HS)

### DEFENSE (4)

Pos.	#	Name (2022 games/starts)	Height	Weight	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
ILB	1	Trevor Harmanson (14/14)	6-3	225	Dickinson, Texas (Dickinson HS/Blinn CC)
OLB	7	Dadrian Taylor (13/13)	5-11	185	Shiner, Texas (Shiner HS)
S	4	Clifford Chattman (14/14)	6-5	195	New Orleans, La. (McDonogh 35 HS/Texas A&M)
CB	2	Corey Mayfield Jr. (14/13)	5-11	190	Forney, Texas (North Forney HS)

### SPECIAL TEAMS (2)

Pos.	#	Name (2022 games)	Height	Weight	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
PK	42	Jared Sackett (14)	6-1	190	Fort Worth, Texas (Timber Creek HS/Arkansas/USF)
LS	53	Caleb Cantrell (14)	5-11	225	Hurst, Texas (Birdville HS/Wyoming)

2022 roster numbers used





# JEFF TRAYLOR



**Head Coach**  
**Fourth Season**  
**(Stephen F. Austin '90)**  
**@CoachTraylor**

**N**amed UTSA's third head coach on Dec. 9, 2019, Jeff Traylor has had an immediate impact on the program, university and city of San Antonio in a short period of time.

Traylor has turned around the UTSA football program by instilling his 210 Triangle of Toughness culture, which has led to positive results on and off the field. The Gilmer, Texas, native took over a team that won a combined seven games in the two seasons prior to his arrival and has led the Roadrunners to a 30-10 record in his first three years at the helm, already the most wins and best winning percentage (.750) by a coach in program history.

In 2022, Traylor guided UTSA to an 11-3 record, a second straight Conference USA title after defeating North Texas 48-27, a top-25 ranking in all three major polls for the second consecutive season and the third bowl appearance in a row with the Cure Bowl matchup against Troy. He repeated as C-USA Coach of the Year and was chosen as a finalist for the Eddie Robinson and Paul "Bear" Bryant Awards Coach of the Year, as well as a semifinalist for the George Munger College Coach of the Year Award.

Under Traylor's guidance, UTSA collected a school-record 30 C-USA postseason honors, as 27 made the 2022 all-conference teams—including six first-team and five second-team selections—while 16 received honorable mention and three landed on the C-USA All-Freshman Team. Frank Harris was voted the league's MVP and Kevorian Barnes was tabbed C-USA Freshman of the Year. Harris (4) and Jared Sackett (5) combined to earn nine C-USA Player of the Week accolades that season.

Also in 2022, wide receiver Zakhari Franklin was named an honorable mention All-American by Phil Steele, the sixth Roadrunner to receive All-America accolades in the Traylor era. Additionally, Harris was named a finalist for the Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award and a semifinalist for the Davey O'Brien Award.

Under Traylor's tutelage, UTSA enjoyed a record-setting campaign in 2021. The Roadrunners won their first 11 games, were nationally ranked (as high as No. 15) for the first time in school history and captured the program's first league title by winning the C-USA Championship with a 49-41 victory over Western Kentucky. UTSA capped the season with its second straight and third overall bowl appearance against San Diego State in the Frisco Bowl.

Traylor was honored as the 2021 C-USA Coach of the Year, the AFCA FBS Regional Coach of the Year for Region 4 and a finalist for the Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award, AFCA National Coach of the Year and George Munger College Coach of the Year Award. A member of the Paul "Bear" Bryant Awards Coach of the Year watch list, he was chosen as the 2021 San Antonio Express-News Sportsman of the Year.

A total of 23 Roadrunners received recognition on the all-conference and C-USA All-Freshman teams in 2021 with Sincere McCormick earning C-USA Offensive Player of the Year accolades for the second straight season.

McCormick garnered All-America accolades from three different organizations in 2021, while Spencer Burford and Clarence Hicks were tabbed honorable mention All-Americans by Phil Steele. McCormick also was an Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award finalist and a semifinalist for the Doak Walker Award for the second straight year. Harris landed on semifinalist lists for the Davey O'Brien and Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Awards, while Hunter Duplessis was a semifinalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy for the second year in a row. Harris and McCormick each collected Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award National Player of the Week honors, while Harris also

was a Manning Award Quarterback of the Week. Additionally, UTSA collected nine C-USA weekly awards during the 2021 season.

Traylor guided the Roadrunners to a 7-5 overall record, a runner-up finish in Conference USA's West Division with a 5-2 mark and an appearance in the 2020 First Responder Bowl in his first season at the helm. The Roadrunners received votes in a national poll (AP Top 25) for the first time in program history after a 3-0 start and the seven wins mark the most by a first-year UTSA head coach.

Lucas Dean, Duplessis and McCormick received All-America accolades, while McCormick also was a finalist for the Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award. Additionally, Duplessis (Campbell Trophy, Lou Groza) and McCormick (Doak Walker) were national award semifinalists, while Harris made the Davey O'Brien QB Class of 2020. Dean was tabbed C-USA Special Teams Player of the Year and McCormick was named C-USA Offensive Player of the Year, while a total of 23 Roadrunners were recognized by the league's head coaches, including 19 as all-conference and four on the all-freshman team. The Roadrunners collected a program-record 11 C-USA Player of the Week certificates and a trio of national player of the week accolades in McCormick (Earl Campbell Tyler Rose National Player of the Week), Dean (Ray Guy Award Punter of the Week) and Rashad Wisdom (Jim Thorpe Award Player of the Week).

Traylor has overseen the development of several Roadrunners who have moved on to the professional ranks. In April 2022, UTSA doubled the number of NFL draft picks on one afternoon, as the 49ers selected Spencer Burford in the fourth round while the Seahawks picked Tariq Woolen one round later. Burford has earned the starting spot at right guard and Woolen has picked off half a dozen passes in his rookie campaign en route to being selected to the Pro Bowl. Additionally, Clarence Hicks (Bengals), Sincere McCormick (Raiders), Charles Wiley (Ravens, Giants) and Leroy Watson (49ers) all signed free-agent deals in 2022.

UTSA student-athletes have been honored for their work in the classroom under Traylor, as well. Ahofitu Maka became the third Roadrunner to be named a finalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy and the second to be selected as a College Sports Communicators (CSC) Academic All-American when he landed on the first team in 2022. He also earned spots on the CSC Academic All-District Team for a third time and the C-USA All-Academic Team for the second straight season. Duplessis was a two-

time C-USA Football Scholar Athlete of the Year, a 2021 CSC Academic All-American, a two-time C-USA All-Academic Team selection and a two-time CSC Academic All-District pick. Dean earned 2021 C-USA All-Academic Team recognition and CSC Academic All-District Team accolades in 2021 and 2022.

Traylor has more than 30 years of coaching experience including a highly successful 15-year career as head coach at Gilmer High School, where he led teams to three state championships and two state runner-up finishes and won more than 87% of his games, a winning percentage that ranks 10th all-time in Texas high school history.

Prior to coming to the Alamo City, the Gilmer native served as associate head coach and running backs coach for two seasons at Arkansas, where he helped sign the school's first top-20 recruiting class. Prior to that, he served in the same role at SMU for the 2017 season. He

began his collegiate coaching career as the special teams coordinator and tight ends coach at Texas in 2015 before becoming the Longhorns' associate head coach for offense and wide receivers coach the following year.

Traylor's impact on the offense was felt immediately in his first season at Arkansas, as his running backs corps racked up 1,721 yards and 11 touchdowns in 2018. The unit was led by Rakeem Boyd, who rushed for more than 100 yards in three different SEC games, including a season-best 113 against Vanderbilt. The Houston Stratford High School product took over the starting tailback role in the fifth game of the season and his most impressive stretch of the season came during a four-game stretch against Alabama, Ole Miss, Tulsa and Vanderbilt, as he topped the century mark three times and totaled 423 yards. His 102 yards against Alabama made him the first Arkansas running back to eclipse 100 yards against the Crimson Tide since Darren McFadden in 2007.

In Traylor's second season coaching the Arkansas running backs, Boyd rushed for 1,133 yards and eight touchdowns on 184 carries (6.2 avg.) to spearhead a ground game that accumulated 1,766 yards. Boyd topped 100 yards in five contests, including a season-best 185 and two scores on just eight attempts against Western Kentucky. He also rushed for 100-plus against Portland State (114), Colorado State (122), Kentucky (134) and Mississippi (114).



**Jeff Traylor was introduced as UTSA's third head football coach on Dec. 10, 2019.**



**Jeff Traylor led UTSA to the 2021 Conference USA Championship, the first league crown in program history.**

Prior to his time at Arkansas, Traylor spent the 2017 season as associate head coach and running backs coach at SMU under Chad Morris. He also served as the Mustangs' interim coach before joining Morris' staff at Arkansas.

During his one year at SMU, Traylor's running backs piled up 2,223 yards on the ground. Three players rushed for 500-plus yards, with Xavier Jones leading the group at 1,075. The Mustangs topped the 200-yard mark on the ground six times, including a season-best 311 in a win against Arkansas State. SMU ranked in the top 20 nationally in several offensive categories, including 12th in scoring offense and 15th in total offense.

Prior to his time in Dallas, Traylor spent two seasons at Texas. He was the tight ends coach and special teams coordinator in 2015 and then the associate head coach for offense and wide receivers coach in 2016, when the Longhorns boasted the nation's No. 16-ranked offense that averaged 491.3 yards per game. During his time as the lead recruiter, he helped the Longhorns sign the No. 7-ranked recruiting class in the country in back-to-back years and was named Scout.com's Big 12 Recruiter of the Year. He recruited punter Michael Dickson, who went on to earn multiple All-America honors, win Big 12 Conference Special Teams Player of the Year in 2016 and 2017 as well as the 2017 Ray Guy Award, and currently punts for the Seattle Seahawks.

Traylor built his hometown program into a prep powerhouse during his 15-year tenure leading the Buckeyes.

A four-time Texas High School Coach of the Year, he posted a 175-26 record (.871 winning percentage) and led Gilmer to five state championship game appearances, three state titles (2004, '09, '14) and 12 district crowns. The Buckeyes turned in a pair of perfect 16-0 seasons, won 10-or-more games 11 times and registered seven 13-win seasons and three 15-win campaigns during his career.

In 2014, his undefeated Class 4A Division II state championship team boasted one of the most prolific offenses in Texas prep history. Gilmer scored 950 points, the second-most in state history, averaging 59.4 points and 536.1 yards over the 16-game season. The Buckeyes topped 60 points nine times, including two 80-point performances. Gilmer also averaged 536.1 total yards per game (8,577 yards) behind a balanced 293.9 passing yards and 242.1 rushing yards per contest. The defense was equally dominant, allowing only 276 points (17.3) with five single-digit efforts and two shutouts, while recording 23 interceptions and forcing 17 fumbles. Gilmer closed out the season with a win over West Orange-Stark and had eight different players earn 4A All-State honors from either the Associated Press or Texas Sports Writers Association.

Gilmer's two other state titles under Traylor both came in Class 3A in 2004 (Division II) and 2009 (Division I), before the change in class structure in Texas high school football moved the school into 4A. After 15 years on its sidelines, Gilmer renamed Buckeye Stadium to Jeff Traylor Stadium to honor his successful career.

Inducted into the East Texas Coaches Association Hall of Honor in 2019, Traylor has received numerous coaching honors, including being named Coach of the Decade (2000s) by the Tyler Morning Telegraph. He is a 12-time District Coach of the Year, four-time East Texas Coach of the Year and a four-time Ted Jeffries Award winner. He has received the Carl Padilla Coach of the Year, KYKX Coach of the Year and Old Coach Network Coach of the Year awards twice each.

Traylor began his coaching career as an assistant coach at Big Sandy High School in 1990-93 before a seven-year stint (1994-2000) at Jacksonville High School where he served as passing coordinator, defensive backs coach, receivers coach and special teams coordinator. There, he helped coach future NFL quarterbacks Josh McCown and Luke McCown and former Texas A&M standout signal-caller Randy McCown.

A 1986 graduate of Gilmer High School, Traylor earned both undergraduate (1990) and graduate (2002) degrees in education from Stephen F. Austin while playing football as a walk-on.

He and his wife, Cari, have three children: Jordan, Jacob and Jaci.

## THE JEFF TRAYLOR FILE

### Coaching Experience

- 1990-93:** Big Sandy High School (assistant coach)
- 1994-2000:** Jacksonville High School (assistant coach)
- 2001-2014:** Gilmer High School, (head coach)
- 2015:** Texas, (special teams coordinator/tight ends)
- 2016:** Texas, (associate head coach, offense/receivers)
- 2017:** SMU, (associate head coach/running backs)
- 2018-19:** Arkansas (associate head coach/running backs)
- 2020-present:** UTSA (head coach)

### Coaching Record at UTSA

- Overall: 30-10 (.750) | Conference: 20-3 (.870)

### Honors

- 2021 & 2022 Conference USA Coach of the Year
- 2021 & 2022 Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year finalist
- 2021 AFCA Region 4 Coach of the Year
- 2021 AFCA National Coach of the Year finalist
- 2021 George Munger College Coach of the Year finalist
- 2022 George Munger College Coach of the Year semifinalist
- 2021 San Antonio Express-News Sportsman of the Year
- Scout.com 2016 Big 12 Recruiter of the Year
- East Texas Coaches Association Hall of Honor
- Tyler Morning Telegraph Coach of the Decade (2000s)
- 12-time District Coach of the Year
- Four-time Texas High School Coach of the Year
- Four-time East Texas Coach of the Year
- Four-time Ted Jeffries Award recipient
- Carl Padilla Coach of the Year
- KYKX Coach of the Year
- Old Coach Network Coach of the Year

### Playing Experience

- 1986-89: Stephen F. Austin

### Education

- Bachelor's degree in education, Stephen F. Austin, 1990
- Master's degree in education, Stephen F. Austin, 2002

### Hometown

- Gilmer, Texas

### Family

- Wife: Cari
- Children: Jordan, Jacob, Jaci



**The Traylor Family**

« **UTSA ASSISTANT COACHES** »



**JUSTIN  
BURKE**



**Offensive Coordinator/Tight Ends**  
Second Season  
(Louisville '09)



**JESS  
LOEPP**



**Defensive Coordinator/Safeties**  
Fourth Season  
(Central Oklahoma '00)



**JARRETT  
ANDERSON**



**Assistant Offensive Line**  
First Season  
(New Mexico '93)



**SEAN  
DAVIS**



**Quarterbacks**  
First Season  
(Azusa Pacific '06)



**NICK  
GRAHAM**



**Def. Pass Game Coord./Cornerbacks**  
Fourth Season  
(Tulsa '13)



**JULIAN  
GRIFFIN**



**Running Backs/NFL Liaison**  
Fourth Season  
(ULM '12)



**SIDDIQ  
HAYNES**



**Defensive Line**  
Second Season  
(Delaware '11)



**JOE  
PRICE**



**Wide Receivers**  
Second Season  
(Harding '09)



**BRAD  
SHERROD**



**Linebackers**  
Third Season  
(Duke '93)



**KURT  
TRAYLOR**



**Run Game Coordinator/Offensive Line**  
Fourth Season  
(Texas A&M-Commerce '95)