

101 NFL Draft Picks
 61 All-Americans
 4 Pro Football Hall Of Famers
 4 College Football Hall Of Famers



3 HBCU National Championships

1962 • 1985 • 1996

18 SWAC Championships

1961 • 1962 • 1972 • 1973 • 1975 • 1980
 1981 • 1982 • 1985 • 1986 • 1987 • 1988
 1990 • 1995 • 1996 • 2007 • 2021 • 2022



2023 JACKSON STATE FOOTBALL

vs Alcorn State Braves / Saturday, Nov. 18 | Jackson, Miss. | Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium

2023 Schedule

(6-3 overall, 4-2 SWAC)

Date	Opponent/TV	Time (CT)
Aug. 26	South Carolina St.! (ABC)	W, 37-7
Sept. 3	Florida A&M*^ (ESPN)	L, 10-28
Sept. 9	Southern (ESPN+)	W, 27-14
Sept. 16	Texas St. (ESPN+)	L, 34-77
Sept. 23	Bethune-Cookman*# (ESPN+)	W, 22-16
Oct. 7	Alabama A&M*@ (ESPN+)	W, 45-30
Oct. 14	Alabama St.* & (ESPN+)	L, 19-24
Oct. 21	Miss. Valley St.* (ESPN+)	W, 21-6
Oct. 28	Arkansas-Pine Bluff* (ESPN+)	W, 40-14
Nov. 4	Texas Southern* (ESPN+)	W, 21-19
Nov. 18	Alcorn* (ESPN+)	2 p.m.

*SWAC Game Home Games in **Bold** All Times Central
 !MEAC-SWAC Challenge Kickoff (Atlanta)

^Orange Blossom Classic (Miami)

#W.C. Gorden Classic

@Gulf Coast Challenge (Mobile) & Homecoming

2022 Schedule

(12-1 overall, 8-0 SWAC)

Date	Opponent/TV	Result
Sept. 4	Florida A&M*^ (ESPN2)	W, 59-3
Sept. 10	Tennessee St.!	W, 16-3
Sept. 17	Grambling St.# (ESPN3)	W, 66-24
Sept. 24	Mississippi Valley St.* (ESPN+)	W, 49-7
Oct. 8	Alabama St.* (ESPN3)	W, 26-12
Oct. 15	Bethune-Cookman* (ESPN+)	W, 48-8
Oct. 22	Campbell & (ESPN+)	W, 22-14
Oct. 29	Southern* (ESPN+)	W, 35-0
Nov. 5	Texas Southern* (ESPN+)	W, 41-14
Nov. 12	Alabama A&M*@ (ESPN+)	W, 27-13
Nov. 19	Alcorn* (ESPN+)	W, 24-13
Dec. 3	Southern\$ (ESPN2)	W, 43-24
Dec. 17	North Carolina Central+ (ABC)	L, 34-41 (ot)

*SWAC Game ^Orange Blossom Classic (Miami)

!Southern Heritage Classic (Memphis)

#W.C. Gorden Classic

& Homecoming @Gulf Coast Challenge (Mobile)

\$ SWAC Championship + Celebration Bowl

Home Games in **Bold**

TIGERS VERSUS ALCORN STATE BRAVES

- This will be the 88th meeting between Jackson State and Alcorn State dating back to 1927, with the Tigers winning last year's contest 24-13 in Lorman, Miss. at Jack Spinks-Marino Casem Stadium. From 1985 to 2011 the two teams played in Lorman just once all the other 26 meetings were all played in Jackson, Miss. at Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium.

THE SOUL BOWL

- The Soul Bowl is an American college football rivalry between Jackson State and Alcorn State. The states two largest Historically Black Colleges and Universities have played over 80 times in the game dating back to the late 1920s. The game has carried the unofficial moniker "the Soul Bowl" since the late 1970s. Jackson State currently holds a 48-37-2 lead in the series which has included some of the greatest names in college football. From 1993 to 2011, the game was dubbed the "Capital City Classic" and held in Jackson annually before it was moved to an alternating schedule between Jackson and Lorman in 2012. During the 2020 season, Alcorn State, after choosing to forgo its season, the SWAC ruled that all their scheduled games would result in forfeits.

ARMENTA MAKES HERSTORY

- Jackson State kicker Leilana Armenta made HERstory in the game against the University of Arkansas - Pine Bluff when she kicked a PAT in the second quarter of the game and became the first female at an HBCU to score in a football game.
- Armenta would go on to make two more PATs in the Tigers' win over UAPB on the road.

LAST GAMES RECAP

- Jackson State starting quarterback Jacobian Morgan accounted for all of his team's scores as the Tigers improved to 7-3 overall and 5-2 in the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) with a 21-19 win over Texas Southern.
- Morgan first got Jackson State on the board with a seven-yard run that capped an eight-play 45-yard drive in just under 3:15 to take a 7-0 lead in the opening quarter.
- Morgan would follow that run up with a short pass right to Seven McGee for a three-yard touchdown to put Jackson State up 14-0 early in the second quarter.
- After Texas Southern scored to make the score 14-7, JSU would add another score right before the half to take a 21-7 lead into the break.

COLLAPSE THE POCKET, TAKE THE ROCK

- The Jackson State defense continues to take the ball away from others. They had two interceptions against Texas Southern their last outing to bring the total to 16 for the season. The number is good enough to tie all of FCS in interceptions along with Nicholls State. The Tigers are eight in the FCS in turnovers gained with 21, while also second in the SWAC. The defense continues the trend of having at least one take-a-way in each game this season.

A DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH

- The Tigers' head coach, T.C. Taylor, found a diamond in the rough in Daylan Wasson, who was just taking classes at Jackson State before deciding to try out for the football team during walk-on tryouts. Coach Taylor was in need of a kicker, and that is what he found in Wasson.
- Wasson was a kicker at Gulf Coast Community College and was 10-of-14 on field goals and 34-of-35 on PATs for 64 points in his time there.
- In the game against Alabama State, Wasson made a career-long 46-yard field goal and followed that up with one from 45 yards away. He has accounted for 26 points for the Tigers.

SCOUTING THE BRAVES

- Alcorn State comes into the game following a tough road loss to Texas Southern which snapped a five game win streak and placed them in a tie atop the SWAC Western Division with Prairie View A&M.
- Offensively, they are led by Aaron Allen who has 2098 yards passing and averaging 209.8 yards per game and has accounted for 14 touchdowns.
- Terrence Ellis leads the defense with 82 total tackles. He has 7.5 tackles for a loss of 30 yards, four sacks, two fumble recovery and two force fumbles.

#THEEILOVE #GUARDTHEYARD



2023 JACKSON STATE FOOTBALL QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Founded / Location1877 / Natchez, Miss.
Enrollment / Mascot.....7,000 / Tigers
Colors..... Navy and White
AffiliationNCAA Division I FCS
Conference..... Southwestern Athletic
Acting President Dr. Elaine H. Anthony
Vice President / Director of Athletics Ashley Robinson
Alma Mater..... Miss. Valley St., 2002
Associate Vice President / Senior Woman Administrator .. Alyse Wells-Kilbert
Alma Mater Belhaven, 1991
Assistant AD for Sports MediaMaurice D. Williams
Alma Mater Livingstone, 2005
Faculty Athletics Representative Open
Stadium.....Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium
Year Opened / Capacity.....1950 / 60,000
Surface Natural Grass

COACHING STAFF

Head CoachT.C. Taylor
Alma Mater.....Jackson St.
Season at JSU / Overall Record / SWAC..... 1st / 4-2 / 2-1
Assistant Head Coach / Tight EndsOtis Riddley
Alma Mater.....Mississippi St.
Offensive Coordinator Maurice Harris
Alma Mater.....Arkansas St.
Co-Offensive Coordinator / Offensive Line Jason Onyebugu
Alma Mater.....Northern Illinois
Defensive Coordinator / Defensive Line Jonathan Bradley
Alma Mater.....Arkansas St.
Special Teams Coordinator / LinebackersTyQuan Hammock
Alma Mater.....Michigan State
QuarterbacksQuinn Billerman
Alma Mater.....North Carolina Central
Running Backs Brandon Morton
Alma Mater.....Charleston Southern
Wide Receivers..... Bryson Abraham
Alma Mater.....Louisiana Tech
Defensive Backs / Defensive Passing Game CoordinatorTorenzo Quinn
Alma Mater.....Memphis
Cornerbacks Mario Magana Jr.
Alma Mater.....William Jewel
Assistant Athletic Director / Football Operations Jashell Mitchell
Alma Mater.....Bethune-Cookman
Director of Sports PerformanceJaylon Watson
Alma Mater.....Wyoming

FOOTBALL HISTORY

First Year 1911
Black College Championships..... 3 (1962, 1985, 1996)
SWAC Championships 18 (1961, 1962, 1972, 1973, 1975, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1990, 1995, 1996, 2007, 2021, 2022)
SWAC Eastern Division Championships7 (1999, 2007, 2008, 2012, 2013, 2021, 2022)
SWAC Championship Game Record.....(3-4)
2022 Record / SWAC Record (finish).....12-1 / 8-0 (1st, SWAC East)
Postseason Won SWAC Championship 43-24 over Southern; lost Celebration Bowl 41-34 (ot) vs. North Carolina Central

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KEY RETURNERS

RB J.D. Martin36 car, 173 yds, 1 TD: 14 rec, 129 yds, 2 TD
DL Devonta Davis..... 32 tackles, 3.0 sacks, 3.0 TFL
TE D.J. Stevens..... 37 rec, 376 yds, 4 TD

KEY LOSSES

QB Shedeur Sanders 344-488, 3,758 yds, 40 TD, 6 INT
LB Aubrey Miller Jr...... 112 tackles, 2.0 sacks, 12.0 TFL, 5 FF
CB Isaiah Bolden..... 44 tackles, 7 PBU, 1 FR, 2.5 TFL





JACKSON STATE VERSUS ARKANSAS - PINE BLUFF

LAST MEETING | TIGERS 24 - TEXAS SOUTHERN 13 | NOV. 19, 2022

WR/ CB Travis Hunter returned an interception for a touchdown and caught a touchdown pass to power Jackson State football to a 24-13 win over Alcorn at Jack Spinks / Marino Casem Stadium.

Hunter returned a second-quarter interception 44 yards for a touchdown and made a 19-yard touchdown catch in the fourth quarter to power JSU football to its first 11-0 regular season in program history and second consecutive 8-0 Southwestern Athletic Conference record.

Leading 17-13 in the fourth quarter, Hunter made both of his receptions on a key drive after Alcorn cut the JSU lead to four. Hunter made a 30-yard reception on the Tigers' sideline to move JSU to the Alcorn 17-yard line. Two plays later, Hunter's toe-drag catch in the far corner of the end zone, initially ruled incomplete, was overturned after a replay challenge for a touchdown with 11:26 remaining.

QB Shedeur Sanders (18-29, 216 yards, one TD, one INT) set two single-season passing records for completions in a season (now at 284) and touchdown passes (32). RB Sy'veon Wilkerson (21 carries, 63 yards, 1 TD) surpassed the 1,000-yard rushing mark on the season.

Defensively, JSU held its 10th opponent to 14 points or fewer, recording seven sacks in the game and holding Alcorn to 4 of 17 on third-down conversions.

Jackson State got on the board on its second drive of the first quarter. A 10-play, 38-drive ended with Alejandro Mata's 38-yard field goal to give the Tigers a 3-0 lead with just over four minutes to play in the opening period.

After Alcorn took a 7-3 lead in the second quarter, the Jackson State defense came up big. Justin Ragin's sack and forced fumble deep in Alcorn territory was recovered by JSU's Jeremiah Brown and returned to the Braves' 2-yard line. RB Sy'Veon Wilkerson scored on the next play to give Jackson State a 10-7 lead with 8:09 to play until halftime.

On the ensuing possession, Hunter's pick six gave Jackson State a 17-7 lead it would take to the half.

SERIES HISTORY

First Meetings: 1927 • Alcorn A&M 25-12

Total Meetings: 88th Meeting

All-Time Record: Jackson State leads, 48-37-2

Longest Jackson State Win Streak: 9 (1955-1963)

Longest Alcorn State Win Streak: 4 (2x) (1991-1994 & 2003-2006)

Largest Margin of Victory: 63 (69-6, 1958) | **Largest Margin of Defeat:** 52 (0-52, 1932)

Note: From 1985 to 2011 the two teams played in Lorman just once all the other 26 meetings were all played in Jackson, Miss. at Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium.



YEAR	WINNER	SCORE	YEAR	WINNER	SCORE
2022	Jackson State	24-13	1979	Alcorn State	9-7
2021	Jackson State	24-10	1978	Jackson State	38-8
2020	Jackson State	2-0	1977	Jackson State	23-16
2019	Alcorn State	6-41	1976	Alcorn State	19-7
2018	Alcorn State	3-24	1975	Alcorn State	12-6
2017	Jackson State	7-3	1974	Jackson State	19-13
2016	Alcorn State	16-35	1973	Jackson State	21-7
2015	Alcorn State	10-14	1972	Jackson State	28-14
2014	Jackson State	34-14	1971	Jackson State	35-29
2013	Alcorn State	33-48	1970	Alcorn State	30-11
2012	Jackson State	37-11	1969	Alcorn State	50-8
2011	Jackson State	51-7	1968	Alcorn State	30-6
2010	Jackson State	27-14	1967	Jackson State	7-6
2009	Alcorn State	14-7	1966	Tie	25-25
2008	Jackson State	26-21	1965	Jackson State	21-6
2007	Jackson State	31-19	1964	Alcorn State	27-8
2006	Alcorn State	32-31	1963	Jackson State	22-13
2005	Alcorn State	31-14	1962	Jackson State	34-0
2004	Alcorn State	16-14	1961	Jackson State	28-20
2003	Alcorn State	49-25	1960	Jackson State	27-0
2002	Jackson State	34-20	1959	Jackson State	21-14
2001	Jackson State	52-28	1958	Jackson State	69-6
2000	Jackson State	30-14	1957	Jackson State	40-0
1999	Jackson State	58-6	1956	Jackson State	37-8
1998	Jackson State	56-26	1955	Jackson State	14-0
1997	Jackson State	54-15	1954	Alcorn State	19-13
1996	Jackson State	27-17	1953	Jackson State	19-0
1995	Jackson State	28-7	1952	Alcorn State	13-0
1994	Alcorn State	52-34	1951	Alcorn State	18-6
1993	Alcorn State	31-22	1950	Alcorn State	19-14
1992	Alcorn State	42-35	1949	Alcorn State	6-0
1991	Alcorn State	18-16	1948	Jackson State	12-0
1990	Jackson State	38-20	1947	Alcorn State	13-0
1989	Jackson State	23-20	1946	Jackson State	6-0
1988	Jackson State	7-0	1939	Tie	0-0
1987	Jackson State	19-10	1938	Alcorn State	29-0
1986	Jackson State	23-17	1934	Alcorn State	7-6
1985	Jackson State	31-20	1933	Alcorn State	6-0
1984	Alcorn State	17-13	1932	Alcorn State	19-7
1983	Alcorn State	24-17	1931	Jackson State	19-6
1982	Jackson State	20-16	1929	Alcorn State	17-12
1981	Jackson State	13-10	1928	Alcorn State	12-0
1980	Jackson State	37-16	1927	Alcorn State	25-12



2023 JACKSON STATE FOOTBALL



2023 Southwestern Athletic Conference Standings

SWAC Overall

Eastern Division

	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Florida A&M	7	0	1.000	226	102	9	1	.900	309	150
Alabama State	5	2	.714	141	104	6	3	.667	172	135
JACKSON STATE	5	2	.714	178	137	7	3	.700	276	235
Bethune-Cookman	2	5	.286	144	152	3	7	.300	196	262
Alabama A&M	2	5	.286	174	217	4	6	.400	296	280
Miss. Valley State	1	6	.143	80	164	1	9	.100	111	268

Western Division

	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Prairie View A&M	5	2	.714	183	181	5	5	.500	199	325
ALCORN STATE	5	2	.714	177	142	6	4	.600	218	223
Grambling State	4	3	.571	195	158	5	5	.500	294	287
Southern	4	3	.571	159	142	5	5	.500	228	201
Texas Southern	2	5	.286	192	188	3	7	.300	254	325
Arkansas - Pine Bluff	0	7	.000	90	252	1	9	.100	132	338

2023 SWAC Football Schedule

WEEK 9 - Saturday, Oct. 28

Miss. Valley State 3, Alcorn State 24*
Jackson State 40, Arkansas - Pine Bluff 14*
 Bethune-Cookman 14, Grambling 28*
 Alabama A&M 16, Alabama State 31*
 Prairie View A&M 7, Florida A&M 45*
 Texas Southern 17, Southern 23 (OT)*

WEEK 10 - Thursday, Nov. 2 - Saturday Nov. 4

Miss. Valley State 7, Bethune-Cookman 20*
 Florida A&M 42, Alabama A&M 28*
 Southern 21, Alcorn State 44*
 Arkansas - Pine Bluff 14, Prairie View A&M 38*
Texas Southern 19, Jackson State 21*
 Grambling 6, Alabama State 17*

WEEK 11 - Friday, Nov. 10 - Saturday, Nov. 11

Grambling 42, Arkansas - Pine Bluff 14*
 Alabama A&M 14, Bethune-Cookman 31*
 Alabama State 20, Mississippi Valley State 3*
 Alcorn State 10, Texas Southern 44*
 Prairie View A&M 27, Southern 21*
 Lincoln (Calif.) 0, Florida A&M 28

WEEK 12 - Thursday, Nov. 16 - Saturday, Nov. 18

Mississippi Valley State at Alabama A&M*
 Alabama State at Prairie View A&M*
 Alcorn State at Jackson State*
 Arkansas - Pine Bluff at Texas Southern*
 Bethune-Cookman vs. Florida A&M*

2023 JSU OFFENSIVE NOTES Jackson State is third the SWAC in total offense, averaging 385.3 yards per game. The Tigers rank second in the SWAC in rushing offense, averaging 171.3 yards per game. Jackson State is fourth in the SWAC in scoring, averaging 26.9 points per game.

Jackson State is third the SWAC in first downs, gaining 21.4 per game, and eights in the FCS in first downs gained (172). The Tigers rank first in fourth down conversions at 71.4 percent (10/14). The Tigers are second in the SWAC in red-zone scoring percentage (66.7%; 20 of 30) with 16 TD and 4 FGs.

- **Stevens, Powers Earn SWAC Preseason Honors:** TE D.J. Stevens was named first-team Preseason All-SWAC by the league and Phil Steele, named a BOXTOROW Preseason All-American, and to the Black College Player of the Year Watch List. Stevens caught 37 passes for 376 yards and four touchdowns in earning 2022 second-team all-conference accolades by the SWAC and Phil Steele. Stevens caught at least one pass in every game, including 12 games with multiple receptions and six games with at least three receptions.
- WR Rico Powers was named third-team Preseason All-SWAC by Phil Steele after catching 23 passes for 219 yards and three touchdowns.

2023 JSU DEFENSIVE NOTES Jackson State is second in the SWAC in passing defense, allowing 190.5 yards per game. Jackson State is currently sixth in the SWAC in scoring defense, allowing 25.3 points per game.

Jackson State is fourth in the SWAC in fewest first downs allowed at 18.6 per game. The Tigers are fifth in the SWAC in third down conversions allowed at 34.6 percent (36/104). They allowed just four third-down conversions against Mississippi Valley State. Jackson State ranks fifth in the SWAC in fourth-down conversions allowed at 52.4 percent (7/11). Jackson State is third in red-zone scoring percentage allowed (73.3%; 22/30), allowing 21 touchdowns with one interception, two fourth-down stops, and three field goal attempts with two misses.

- **Guthrie Earns Preseason Honors:** S Esaias Guthrie was named a third-team Preseason All-SWAC selection by Phil Steele, and was named to the inaugural Aeneas Williams Award Preseason Watch list as the top defensive back in HBCU football. The 2021 first-team All-MEAC selection and HERO Sports Freshman All-American from Delaware St. led the league with four interceptions along with 32 tackles (27 solo).

2023 JSU SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES Jackson State ranks fifth in the SWAC in punt returns, averaging 11.0 yards per return. With the addition of Dylan Wasson the Tiger are tied for second in FGs have made 7-of-10 and currently stand at 71.4%. Wasson has made FGs of 40, 45, and 46 yards.

- **Big Leg:** Graduate transfer P Matt Noll leads the league in punting average (47.4), punts downed inside the 20 (eight), and 50+ yard kicks (six), with a conference-long with a 65-yard effort. Noll averaged 49.3 yards on six punts vs. FAMU, with three 50+ yard punts (56, 51, 51) and three downed inside the 20. Noll averaged a season-long 53.2 yards on four punts, including a season-long 65-yard punt at Southern. Noll averaged 42.4 yards on five punts at Texas State with three downed inside the 20.



JACKSON STATE FOOTBALL HEAD COACH T.C. TAYLOR

One of the greatest Jackson State Football Tigers to ever don the Blue and White has ascended to the position of Head Coach at his alma mater.

T.C. Taylor was named the 22nd head coach in JSU Football history on December 13, 2022. He officially took the reins of the program following the conclusion of the Celebration Bowl.

The former JSU quarterback and wide receiver has been a part of the Jackson State football staff since 2019, coaching tight ends and wide receivers, and has played a key role in an historic run over the past two seasons of Tiger football.

JSU has posted a 23-3 record over the past two seasons, winning back-to-back Southwestern Athletic Conference championships and posting consecutive undefeated conference seasons.

As an assistant coach at JSU, Taylor has helped develop some of the best receivers in the SWAC. During the abbreviated Spring 2021 season, he tutored WR Daylen Baldwin, who led the SWAC in receiving yards (540) and touchdowns (seven). During the Fall 2021 season, Malachi Wideman tied for the conference lead with 12 touchdown receptions, while Keith Corbin ranked second in both receptions (69) and yards (921) and tied for seventh in touchdowns.

In 2022, Dallas Daniels ranks second in the SWAC in receptions (60), third in receiving yards (666), and fourth in touchdowns (six). Shane Hooks ranks third in the SWAC in receptions (59) and third in both receiving yards (705) and receiving touchdowns (10). Prior to the 2022 season, Taylor was selected for an NFL coaching fellowship with the Tennessee Titans.

A native of McComb, Miss., Taylor played quarterback and wide receiver at Jackson State from 1998-2001, starting off as a signal caller for two-and-a-half seasons before switching to wide receiver. In just 19 games as a receiver, he amassed 188 catches for 1,793 yards.

As a senior, Taylor set the JSU single-season receptions mark with 84 catches for 1,234 yards and 11 TDs, earning NCAA Division I-AA Third-Team All-America honors from The Sports Network and First-Team Black College All-America recognition from Sheridan Broadcasting Network. He was also the runner-up for the 2001 Conerly Trophy, presented to Mississippi's top college football player, behind Eli Manning.

Prior to returning to JSU as assistant coach in 2019, Taylor coached at North Carolina Central



from 2014-18, where he coached quarterbacks and served as offensive coordinator.

At NCCU, Taylor helped guide the Eagles to three MEAC championships (2014, 2015, 2016), and in 2016 went unbeaten in conference play and qualified for the Air Force Reserve Celebration Bowl.

In 2016 and under Taylor's guidance, NCCU set a record for total offense in a single season (4,614). Also, in 2014, Taylor's unit set a program record for passes completed in a season (227).

From 2014 to 2018, Taylor coached 28 All-MEAC offensive players and five All-Americans. In 2016 and under Taylor's tutoring, Malcolm Bell was a finalist for the 2016 Black College Football Player of the Year. Bell was also a three-time All-MEAC quarterback (2014, 2015, 2016) and set the program record for total offense (7,844 yards) and career completion percentage (56.6 percent) and was second in passing yards (6,340).

Taylor spent the prior two seasons (2012-13) at Texas Southern University as wide receivers coach and recruiting coordinator.

From 2005-11, he coached at Coahoma Community College in Clarksdale, Miss., starting as the quarterbacks and wide receivers coach and spending the final six years as offensive coordinator. His offenses ranked among the top five in Mississippi junior colleges in total yards for four straight seasons from 2007-10.

Taylor signed as a rookie free agent with the New England Patriots in 2002, played wide receiver for the NFL Europe World Bowl XI champion Frankfurt Galaxy in 2003, and participated in the 2003 NFL preseason with the Detroit Lions before a nagging injury ended his playing career.

Taylor graduated from Jackson State with a bachelor's degree in health, physical education and recreation in 2005. He is married to Dawn, and they have two sons, Tre and Tylan.goo





2023 JACKSON STATE FOOTBALL

2023 FOOTBALL HONORS

#1 WR Rico Powers

Phil Steele 3rd Team Preseason All-SWAC
Aeneas Williams Award Preseason Watch List

#4 QB Jason Brown

BOXTOROW HBCU National Player Of The Week (Aug. 28)
Black College Player of the Year Watch List

#5 RB Irv Mulligan

SWAC Newcomer of the Week (Sept. 25)
SWAC Newcomer of the Week (Oct. 9)

#15 QB Jacobian Morgan

SWAC Newcomer of the Week (Oct. 23)
SWAC Offensive Player of the Week (Oct. 30)

#35 K Leilani Armenta

SWAC Specialist of the Week (Oct. 30)

#86 TE D.J. Stevens

1st Team Preseason All-SWAC
Phil Steele 1st Team Preseason All-SWAC
BOXTOROW Preseason All-American
Black College Player of the Year Watch List

WHO'S WHERE? JSU COACHES ON GAMEDAY

SIDELINE

HCT.C. Taylor
AHC/TE Otis Riddley
Co-OC/OL Jason Onyebuagu
STC/LB TyQuan Hammock
WR Bryson Abraham
QB Quinn Billerman
RB Brandon Morton
DB/DFC Torenzo Quinn
OA Kaleb Graham
DA Aaron Jackson

COACHES BOOTH

OC Maurice Harris
DC Jonathan Bradley
CB Mario Magana Jr.
OA Robert Kirk
OF Bobby Mitchell

NEW-LOOK TIGERS

- Jackson State football will have a new look in 2023, as more than 70 players are new to the program.
- The coaching staff has a new look as well, with only Taylor, Otis Riddley (now Assistant Head Coach / Tight Ends), and Brandon Morton (Running Backs) returning from last year's staff.
- New to the program are: Maurice Harris (Offensive Coordinator), Jonathan Bradley (Defensive Coordinator / Defensive Line), Jason Onyebuagu (Co-Offensive Coordinator / Offensive Line), Bryson Abraham (Wide Receivers), Quinn Billerman (Quarterbacks), TyQuan Hammock (Special Teams / Linebackers), Torenzo Quinn (Defensive Backs / Defensive Passing Game Coordinator), Mario Magana Jr. (Cornerbacks), Jaylon Watson (Director of Sports Performance), and Jashell Mitchell (Assistant Athletic Director, Football Operations).

STILL MADE FOR TV

The television lights still shine on the Jackson State football program as the two-time defending SWAC champions opened the T.C. Taylor era with a pair of nationally televised games.

- The Cricket MEAC-SWAC Challenge Kickoff was on ABC, and last week's game in the Denny's Orange Blossom Classic versus Florida A&M was televised on ESPN.
- No strangers to the big stage, JSU football ended the 2022 season on ABC in the Cricket Celebration Bowl. The Tigers last played on ESPN during the Spring 2021 season against Southern April 3 and Alabama A&M April 10.
- All JSU football games in 2023 will be televised on an ABC/ESPN platform, as the remaining nine games are scheduled for ESPN+.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time (CT)</u>	<u>Network</u>
Aug. 26	South Carolina St.	6:30 p.m.	ABC
Sept. 3	Florida A&M	2 p.m.	ESPN
Sept. 9	Southern	6 p.m.	ESPN+ / Tape Delayed on ESPN
Sept. 16	Texas St.	6 p.m.	ESPN+
Sept. 23	Bethune-Cookman	6 p.m.	ESPN+
Oct. 7	Alabama A&M	3 p.m.	ESPN+
Oct. 14	Alabama St.	2 p.m.	ESPN+
Oct. 21	Miss. Valley	2 p.m.	ESPN+
Oct. 28	Arkansas Pine Bluff	2 p.m.	ESPN+
Nov. 4	Texas Southern	2 p.m.	ESPN+
Nov. 18	Alcorn	2 p.m.	ESPN+

ALL EYEZ ON THEE

In the last two seasons, Jackson State football has set FCS marks for attendance. In 2021, the Tigers averaged 42,293 fans at Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium. Topping that mark last year, JSU averaged 43,563 at #THEEVet.

High attendance wasn't limited to home games. In 2022, JSU Football set stadium attendance records at Alabama St. (31,334), and in the Celebration Bowl (49,670), with a sellout crowd at Texas Southern (21,092).

Already in 2023, Tiger Nation helped set an attendance record for the MEAC-SWAC Challenge Game in Atlanta, with 24,238 fans (third-highest ever).



2023 JACKSON STATE FOOTBALL



SEAN 'DIDDY' COMBS OFFICIALLY PRESENTS \$1 MILLION DONATION TO JACKSON STATE FOOTBALL AT THE CRICKET MEAC-SWAC CHALLENGE KICKOFF"

Sean "Diddy" Combs, one of the most successful entrepreneurs and cultural icons of all-time, presented a check to Jackson State Football during the Cricket MEAC-SWAC Challenge Kickoff in Atlanta.

Combs pledged \$1 million from the Sean Combs Foundation to JSU Football during his Lifetime Achievement Award acceptance speech at the 2022 BET Awards, with details finalized over the past year. Combs will invest in JSU football with installments over the next several years. Combs' initial contribution was given to Jackson State University Acting President Dr. Elayne Hayes-Anthony, and Vice President / Director of Athletics Ashley Robinson at the end of the first quarter of the game.

"As someone who went to Howard University and understands the invaluable experience of attending historically Black colleges and universities, it's important that we all do our part to protect and preserve their legacy," said Sean "Diddy" Combs. "This contribution to Jackson State isn't just about making a financial donation, it's about giving back to a part of our culture that has changed countless lives and assuring HBCU's receive the support they deserve."

"Investing in our students' higher education experience is the key to transforming their lives, and this is why the generous philanthropy of Sean Combs is so important," Dr. Anthony said. "These funds will significantly benefit our student-athletes and encourage them to strive for excellence in all walks of life. We could not be more appreciative of his giving spirit."

"This contribution by one of the world's greatest and most influential entertainers and businessmen is another historic moment in the legendary history of Jackson State University," said Robinson. "Beyond the financial investment, it's what it represents that is paramount - the belief in the value of our football student-athletes both on and off the field, which provides an elite pathway to current and future successes."

Sean "Diddy" Combs, the epitome of a mogul, began his remarkable journey as the Director of A&R at Uptown Records, where he played a crucial role in propelling the careers of iconic artists like Mary J. Blige and Jodeci. Later, he founded Bad Boy Records, a groundbreaking label that not only nurtured talent but also launched the successes of renowned artists such as The Notorious B.I.G., Faith Evans, 112, Mase, Total, Jonelle Monet, French Montana, MGK among others and became sought-after producer of Mariah Carey, Method Man, Boyz II Men, Lil' Kim, and more. In 1997, Combs embarked on his own solo music career with the release of "Can't Nobody Hold Me Down," followed by a Grammy Award-winning debut album that achieved platinum status seven times over.



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Team Results

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
08/26/2023	vs South Carolina St.	W 37-7	24238
* 09/03/2023	vs Florida A&M	L 10-28	24967
09/09/2023	at Southern U.	W 27-14	29986
09/16/2023	at Texas St.	L 34-77	24118
* 09/23/2023	Bethune-Cookman	W 22-16	23681
* 10/07/2023	vs Alabama A&M	W 45-30	19107
* 10/14/2023	Alabama St.	L 19-24	30947
* 10/21/2023	at Mississippi Val.	W 21-6	10000
* 10/28/2023	at Ark.-Pine Bluff	W 40-14	5113
* 11/04/2023	Texas Southern	W 21-19	22819

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Irv Mulligan	7	119	690	22	668	5.6	5	66	95.4
Desmond Moultrie	8	52	252	28	224	4.3	3	18	28.0
Ahmad Miller	10	34	226	10	216	6.4	1	38	21.6
J.D. Martin	3	26	191	17	174	6.7	0	36	58.0
Jacobian Morgan	5	46	202	64	138	3.0	6	32	27.6
Andre Hunt	7	3	91	6	85	28.3	1	75	12.1
Jason Brown	7	48	164	109	55	1.1	1	17	7.9
Zy McDonald	4	17	80	29	51	3.0	0	13	12.8
Joanes Fortilien	8	1	11	0	11	11.0	0	11	1.4
Ezequiel Johnson	8	4	12	4	8	2.0	0	8	1.0
Seven McGee	8	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	0	0	-0.3
Avery Salerno	10	1	0	27	-27	-27.0	0	0	-2.7
Team	10	12	0	14	-14	-1.2	0	0	-1.4
Total	10	364	1919	332	1587	4.4	17	75	158.7
Opponents	10	326	1782	214	1568	4.8	19	56	156.8

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Jason Brown	7	133.4	125-196-2	63.8	1357	8	63	193.9
Jacobian Morgan	5	141.2	72-107-1	67.3	690	7	70	138.0
Zy McDonald	4	185.5	18-25-0	72.0	220	3	66	55.0
Fabian McCray	10	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Team	10	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	10	139.0	215-330-3	65.2	2267	18	70	226.7
Opponents	10	110.8	167-301-16	55.5	1851	13	68	185.1

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Fabian McCray	10	35	475	13.6	2	47	47.5
Duke Miller	8	27	241	8.9	0	29	30.1
Rico Powers	7	25	385	15.4	2	66	55.0
Seven McGee	8	19	136	7.2	4	17	17.0
D.J. Stevens	10	18	208	11.6	4	70	20.8
Isaiah Spencer	10	17	126	7.4	1	17	12.6
Kobe Paul	10	16	224	14.0	0	44	22.4
Desmond Moultrie	8	14	55	3.9	0	11	6.9
Hayden Hagler	9	11	94	8.5	2	28	10.4
Jency Riley, Jr.	6	7	88	12.6	1	35	14.7
J.D. Martin	3	6	66	11.0	0	18	22.0
Andre Hunt	7	5	71	14.2	1	44	10.1
Irv Mulligan	7	5	41	8.2	0	12	5.9
Ahmad Miller	10	5	9	1.8	0	12	0.9
Joanes Fortilien	8	4	33	8.3	1	14	4.1
George McCorley	8	1	4	4.0	0	4	0.5
Total	10	215	2267	10.5	18	70	226.7
Opponents	10	167	1851	11.1	13	68	185.1

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	7-3	2-1	3-1	2-1
CONFERENCE	5-2	2-1	2-0	1-1
NON-CONFERENCE	2-1	0-0	1-1	1-0

Team Statistics

	JSU	OPP
First Downs	211	185
Rushing	90	87
Passing	99	83
Penalty	22	15
Rushing Yardage	1587	1568
Rushing attempts	364	326
Average per rush	4.4	4.8
Average per game	158.7	156.8
TDs Rushing	17	19
Passing Yardage	2267	1851
Comp-Att-Int	215-330-3	167-301-16
Average per pass	6.9	6.1
Average per catch	10.5	11.1
Average per game	226.7	185.1
TDs Passing	18	13
Total offense	3854	3419
Average per play	5.6	5.5
Average per game	385.4	341.9
Kick returns: #-Yards	29-434	34-757
Punt returns: #-Yards	9-87	15-273
Int returns: #-Yards	16-47	3-33
Fumbles-Lost	18-9	10-5
Penalties-Yards	67-605	70-596
Punts-Avg	51-37.6	46-37.7
Time of possession / game	31:25	28:37
3rd-down conversion	56/148	45/130
4rd-down conversion	12/16	12/21
PAT-attempts	(29-32) 91%	(27-30) 90%
2-point conversion-attempts	(1-4) 25%	(2-3) 67%

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jaheem Hazel	3	14	4.7	0	10
B.J. Washington	3	0	0.0	0	0
Tim Steward	3	11	3.7	0	11
John Huggins	2	0	0.0	0	0
Ke'Vric Wiggins Jr.	2	0	0.0	0	0
Anthony Petty	1	22	22.0	0	22
Tru Thompson	1	0	0.0	0	0
Keydrain Calligan	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	16	47	2.9	0	22
Opponents	3	33	11.0	0	33



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Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Dylan Wasson	5-7	71.4	0-0	2-2	0-0	3-5	0-0	46	0
Gerardo Baeza	4-6	66.7	0-0	2-2	2-3	0-1	0-0	38	0
Opponents	2-7	28.6	0-0	1-2	0-1	1-3	0-1	42	2

Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Jacobian Morgan	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Irv Mulligan	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Dylan Wasson	-	5-7	14-15	-	-	-	-	-	29
D.J. Stevens	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	26
Seven McGee	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Gerardo Baeza	-	4-6	8-9	-	-	-	-	-	20
Desmond Moultrie	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Rico Powers	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Andre Hunt	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Hayden Hagler	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Fabian McCray	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Jency Riley, Jr.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jason Brown	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	6
Isaiah Spencer	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Joanes Fortilien	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Ahmad Miller	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Athen Smith	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Matt Noll	-	-	4-5	-	-	-	-	-	4
Lellana Armenta	-	-	3-3	-	-	-	-	-	3
Isaac Peppers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Total	36	9-13	29-32	0	1	1	0	1	276
Opponents	33	2-7	27-30	1	1	1	0	0	235

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Jackson St.	63	101	46	66	0	276
Opponents	59	72	35	69	0	235

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Matt Noll	30	1347	44.9	65	3	1	11	10	0
Avery Salerno	18	454	25.2	43	0	3	5	0	0
Dylan Wasson	3	117	39.0	48	0	0	0	0	0
Total	51	1918	37.6	65	3	4	16	10	0
Opponents	46	1736	37.7	67	5	8	22	6	0

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Duke Miller	4	29	7.3	0	20
Seven McGee	4	53	13.3	0	25
Isaiah Spencer	1	5	5.0	0	5
Total	9	87	9.7	0	25
Opponents	15	273	18.2	0	50

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Rico Powers	11	201	18.3	0	29
Isaiah Spencer	7	112	16.0	0	45
Julian Smith	3	4	1.3	0	4
Andre Hunt	3	38	12.7	0	14
Antonio Doyle Jr.	1	10	10.0	0	10
J.D. Martin	1	17	17.0	0	17
Duke Miller	1	14	14.0	0	14
Jaheem Hazel	1	14	14.0	0	14
Seven McGee	1	24	24.0	0	24
Total	29	434	15.0	0	45
Opponents	34	757	22.3	1	96

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Irv Mulligan	7	668	41	0	0	0	709	101.3
Rico Powers	7	0	385	0	201	0	586	83.7
Fabian McCray	10	0	475	0	0	0	475	47.5
Duke Miller	8	0	241	29	14	0	284	35.5
Desmond Moultrie	8	224	55	0	0	0	279	34.9
J.D. Martin	3	174	66	0	17	0	257	85.7
Isaiah Spencer	10	0	126	5	112	0	243	24.3
Ahmad Miller	10	216	9	0	0	0	225	22.5
Kobe Paul	10	0	224	0	0	0	224	22.4
Seven McGee	8	-2	136	53	24	0	211	26.4
D.J. Stevens	10	0	208	0	0	0	208	20.8
Andre Hunt	7	85	71	0	38	0	194	27.7
Jacobian Morgan	5	138	0	0	0	0	138	27.6
Hayden Hagler	9	0	94	0	0	0	94	10.4
Jency Riley, Jr.	6	0	88	0	0	0	88	14.7
Jason Brown	7	55	0	0	0	0	55	7.9
Zy McDonald	4	51	0	0	0	0	51	12.8
Joanes Fortilien	8	11	33	0	0	0	44	5.5
Jaheem Hazel	9	0	0	0	14	14	28	3.1
Anthony Petty	10	0	0	0	0	22	22	2.2
Evan Henry	9	0	11	0	0	0	11	1.2
Tim Steward	10	0	0	0	0	11	11	1.1
Antonio Doyle Jr.	10	0	0	0	10	0	10	1.0
Ezequiel Johnson	8	8	0	0	0	0	8	1.0
Julian Smith	6	0	0	0	4	0	4	0.7
George McCorley	8	0	4	0	0	0	4	0.5
Avery Salerno	10	-27	0	0	0	0	-27	-2.7
Total	10	1587	2267	87	434	47	4422	442.2
Opponents	10	1568	1851	273	757	33	4482	448.2

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Jason Brown	7	244	55	1357	1412	201.7
Jacobian Morgan	5	153	138	690	828	165.6
Irv Mulligan	7	119	668	0	668	95.4
Zy McDonald	4	42	51	220	271	67.8
Desmond Moultrie	8	52	224	0	224	28.0
Ahmad Miller	10	34	216	0	216	21.6
J.D. Martin	3	26	174	0	174	58.0
Andre Hunt	7	3	85	0	85	12.1
Joanes Fortilien	8	1	11	0	11	1.4
Ezequiel Johnson	8	4	8	0	8	1.0
Seven McGee	8	1	-2	0	-2	-0.3
Avery Salerno	10	1	-27	0	-27	-2.7



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Team Defense

##	Player	gp	Tackles				tfl/yds	Sacks no-yds	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot				int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
13	Isaac Peppers	10	32	30	62	10-36	3.5-17		1	1	1-0	1		1	
15	Khalil Arrington	9	24	26	50	4-7	1-1			1					
6	Esaías Guthrie	10	33	16	49	1-1			3						
99	Jeremiah Williams	10	19	20	39	4.5-18	2-12			2		1			
22	Antonio Doyle Jr.	10	13	25	38	5-14	3.5-11			1	1--3	1			
10	John Huggins	9	21	11	32	2-3			2-0		1		1		
11	Tim Steward	10	15	13	28	3.5-13	1.5-9		3-11	2	1		1		
9	B.J. Washington	8	16	9	25	4-16			3-0	2			1		
4	Solomon Rogers	10	17	8	25	1-5				2					
97	Devonta Davis	10	12	9	21	5-27	2.5-10			2	1-0	1			
39	Phillip Webb	10	13	7	20	6-28	3-10			1	1				
7	Keydrain Calligan	8	14	6	20	2-7			1-0	2					
90	Tru Thompson	10	9	10	19	5-33	3.5-27		1-0		1			1	
24	Anthony Petty	10	7	11	18	0.5-2	0.5-2		1-22	1					
5	Ke'Vric Wiggins Jr.	9	15	2	17	0.5-2			2-0	2					
56	Athen Smith	10	4	13	17	1-2					2	1-0			
3	Jaheem Hazel	9	9	7	16	1-2			3-14	5				2	
0	Allen Walker	10	8	7	15										
98	Tyas Martin	10	11	3	14	5-15	4-12				1				
8	Jalin Hughes	9	9	4	13					3					
23	Javarian Jenkins	6	4	7	11						1				
2	Joshua Clarke	8	5	4	9	1-13	1-13				2				
19	Kobe Paul	10	2	2	4										
95	Julius Reynolds	2	2	2	4										
32	Noah Boulieu	8	1	3	4					1					
12	Greyson Thompson	10	1	2	3										
85	Andre Hunt	7	1	2	3										
16	Joanes Fortilien	8	3		3										
26	Tavarious Jones	4	2	1	3										
14	Hayden Hagler	9	1	1	2										
36	Ezequiel Johnson	8	1	1	2										
42	Jahman McNeil	5	1	1	2										
37	Hunter Burns	7	2		2										
31	Deontae Dixon	2	2		2					2					
17	Emahd Dabney	4	1	1	2					1					
88	Coynis Miller	3	1		1										
86	D.J. Stevens	10	1		1										
71	Evan Henry	9	1		1										
3	Duke Miller	8	1		1										
5	Irv Mulligan	7	1		1										
7	Seven McGee	8	1		1										
15	Jacobian Morgan	5	1		1										
19	Joe Perkins	2	1		1										
27	Ahmad Miller	10	1		1										
41	Avery Salerno	10		1	1										
54	Ashton Taylor	5	1		1										
17	Erick Simmons	2									1-0				
48	Matt Noll	8													
	Totals	10	341	266	607	62-244	26-124	16-47	25	17	5--3	7	3	1	
	Opponents	10	411	240	651	76-303	26-157	3-33	32	12	9-32	13	1	0	