



2009 Nicholls Colonels Football

Nicholls Colonels (1-6, 0-3 SLC) vs. McNeese State Cowboys (5-2, 2-1 SLC)
 Saturday, October 31, 2009 • 1:00 p.m. CST
 Cowboy Stadium (10,500) • Thibodaux, La.

Gameday Weather Forecast



Isolated T-Storms
 NNW Wind
 at 9 mph

High 77 • Kickoff Temp. 68
 Low 61 • Sunset 5:17 p.m.

Colonel Football History

First Year..... 1972
 All-time Record..... 175-233-3
 Home Record..... 104-86-3
 Away Record..... 71-147-0
 Last NCAA Appearance..2005
 Joined the SLC..... 1991
 All-time SLC Record.....38-79
 Last Conference Title2005
 Victories over D-I FBS.....2
 Last (opponent)..... Rice ('07)



McNeese State Cowboys
 Lake Charles, La.

- Head Coach Matt Viator (McN '86)
- McN Record 29-9/4th season
- Career..... 29-9/4th season
- Career vs. NICH 2-1
- Offense Multiple Pro I
- Defense 4-2-5

2009 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Passing - Derrick Fourroux
 201-127-4/1635 Yds/15 TD/ 68 Lng
Rushing - Toddrick Pendland
 89-566/7 TD/ 70 Lng
Receiving - Toddrick Pendland
 25-213/2TD/31 Lng
Tackles - Malcolm Bronson
 24-20/44/2.5 TFL/0 SACKS/1 INT



Nicholls Colonels
 Thibodaux, Louisiana

- Head Coach .. Jay Thomas (USM '87)
- NICH Record 25-33/6th season
- Career..... 25-33/6th season
- Career vs. McN 2-3
- Offense Triple-Option
- Defense Multiple 4-3

2009 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Passing - LaQuintin Caston
 54-22-2/375 Yds/3 TD/68 Lng
Rushing - A.J. Williams
 39-275/1 TD/77 Lng
Receiving - Antonio Robinson
 19-292/2 TD/68 Lng
Tackles - Yashua Willis
 30-29/59/8.0 TFL/0 SACKS/1 FF

2009 Nicholls Colonels Schedule & Results

Date	Opponent (TSN Rankings)	Time/Results	Series/Last Meeting/Winner	Notes
9/5	at U.S. Air Force Academy	L/ 0-72	1-0 Air Force Academy	Worst loss in school history; largest defeat margin
9/12	DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY	W/14-7	1-0 Nicholls	Moore's fake punt TD run lifts Colonels to win
9/19	at Louisiana Tech	L/13-48	0-4/LA Tech	Robinson had 101 yards receiving in the loss
9/26	JACKSONVILLE STATE	L/10-60	6-9/Jacksonville State	Colonels suffered worst loss at home in its history
10/10	at Sam Houston State*	L/21-44	10-14-1/SHSU	SHSU has claimed the last four contests
10/17	TEXAS STATE*	L/28-34	14-14/Texas State	Williams rushes for 100-plus in the loss.
10/24	at Central Arkansas*	L/13-42	2-2/Central Arkansas	Robinson scored two TD's in the defeat.
10/31	McNEESE STATE*	1 p.m.	11-22/W 38-35	Won in Lake Charles in '08 for first time since '98
11/7	at Stephen F. Austin*	6 p.m.	7-18/L 50-39	Led 29-14 at halftime in the '08 loss to SFA
11/14	NORTHWESTERN STATE*	1 p.m.	12-23/ L 28-36	Led 22-21 at halftime; faltered in the 2nd half
11/19	at Southeastern La.*	6 p.m.	10-8/ W 35-28	Game to be televised on Cox;NICH won in '08

*- SLC game



Media Information

Post-Game

Director of Media Relations Brandon Rizzuto will accompany the Colonels on every road trip to handle any day-of-game needs that may arise. Following the NCAA-mandated 10-minute cooling off period, Jay Thomas and selected Colonel student-athletes will be made available to the media in the offensive meeting room located in the Barker Hall for home games. For away games, Rizzuto will follow host SID procedures in how they handle post game interviews. With five minutes remaining in the game, Rizzuto will poll the media as to who they want to interview after the game. The Nicholls lockerroom is closed to all media members.

ABSOLUTELY NO INTERVIEWS WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE FIELD. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

During the Week

The Nicholls football team practices Tuesday through Thursday on the practice fields across the parking lot from Guidry Stadium. Practice will generally take place from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. All practices are open to the media and public with the understanding the strategy, formations, plays and personnel adjustments are to remain private.

Interviews with Nicholls head coach Jay Thomas and Colonel student-athletes can be conducted after practice. All interviews **MUST** be conducted on the practice field. The Nicholls locker room and training room are off limits to members of the media at all times.

Coach Thomas will hold a weekly press conference in his Barker Hall Office on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. He will also take part in the SLC's Weekly Teleconference. He will be on at 10:47 a.m. Dial (877) 393-3856 and enter access code 3947522. This service is available to accredited media members only.

On the Internet

Nicholls football information can be accessed through the University's official athletics website, www.geauxcolonels.com. Updated statistics, rosters, bios and game notes can be found at the site as well as other information pertaining to Nicholls football.

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..... 106.3 FM KXOR (Houma, La.)
..... 640 AM KTIB (Thibodaux, La.)
..... 1600 AM KLEB (Golden Meadow, La.)
Internet Live Streaming.....
..... www.klrzfm.com
..... www.kbze.com



Southland Conference Players of the Week

Offense - Jeremy Moses, Stephen F. Austin

Stephen F. Austin quarterback Jeremy Moses guided the Lumberjacks to a 42-3 victory against Sam Houston State in the Battle of the Piney Woods. It was Stephen F. Austin's sixth consecutive victory and kept the Lumberjacks perfect in Southland Conference play. The junior from Baytown, Texas (Lee High School), connected with nine different receivers on 27-of-38 aim for 372 yards and five touchdowns against the Bearkats. Moses became only the second Lumberjack to pass for at least 7,500 career yards.

Defense - Devin Ducote, Stephen F. Austin

Stephen F. Austin linebacker Devin Ducote led a Lumberjack defense that limited Sam Houston State to just a field goal in a 42-3 victory last Saturday. The sophomore from Baton Rouge, La. (Parkview Baptist), recorded a career-high 16 tackles, including a tackle for loss. The defensive effort marked the first time this season the Lumberjacks held their opponent to less than 200 yards of total offense. Ducote leads the Southland with 67 tackles this season, an average of 9.6 tackles per game which is tied for 27th nationally

Nicholls' SLC P.O.W. Awards

Special Teams - Justin Garelick, Texas State

Texas State kicker Justin Garelick connected on a 21-yard field goal attempt with 1:55 left to play to give Texas State a 20-17 victory at Northwestern State on Saturday. He had tied the game at 17 after connecting on a 29-yard field goal with 7:26 to play. The freshman from Pflugerville, Texas (Pflugerville High School), made both of his two extra-point attempts. The 29-yard field goal is the second-longest of his collegiate career. With his two field goals at Northwestern State, he has made five consecutive field goal attempts and has made 6-of-7 this season.

Inside the Southland Conference....

2009 Southland Conference Standings

Team	All games			SLC only			Streak
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
No. 11 Stephen F. Austin	6	1	.857	3	0	1.000	W6
No. 15 Central Arkansas	5	2	.714	2	1	.667	W1
No. 13 McNeese State	5	2	.714	2	1	.667	W2
Southeastern La.	4	3	.571	2	1	.667	L1
Texas State	4	3	.571	2	1	.667	W2
Sam Houston State	3	4	.429	1	2	.333	L2
Nicholls	1	6	.143	0	3	.000	L5
Northwestern State	0	7	.000	0	3	.000	L7

Saturday Oct. 31 Schedule

McNeese State at Nicholls, 1 p.m.
 Central Arkansas at Southeastern La., 2 p.m.
 Stephen F. Austin at Texas State, 2 p.m.
 Northwestern State at Northwestern State, 6 p.m.



Head Coach Jay Thomas

Jay Thomas begins his sixth season as head coach at Nicholls State University and his 13th season overall on the Colonel staff.

Thomas came to Nicholls State from Southeast Missouri State, where he was defensive line coach from 1993-98. During his time as part of the Indian program, he directed a defensive line that was part of a nationally ranked defensive unit. He coached 11 All-Ohio Valley selections and he had two defensive line-men selected Players of the Year in the OVC. For his career, Thomas has worked with 12 different players who earned All-Conference accolades along the defensive line.

Prior to his stint at Southeast Missouri State, Thomas worked for the Colonels and was part of a nationally ranked defense in two of his three seasons.

From 1988-89, Thomas worked as a graduate assistant at Louisiana State. At LSU, he was an assistant coach of linebackers and defensive line. He also handled all scouting of opponents and video exchange and was part of the Tigers' 1988 coaching staff that won the SEC Championship.

Thomas also served as an assistant football coach in the Hattiesburg Public Schools system for three seasons.

Thomas biggest accolades came in 2005 when he was named Southland Conference Coach of the Year and a finalist for the Eddie Robinson National Coach of the Year Award after leading Nicholls to a 6-4 overall record that included being SLC co-Champions and advancing to the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs for only the third time in school history where they dropped a heartbreaking 14-12 decision to eventual semifinalists, Furman.

In 2007, Thomas and his coaching staff pulled off the biggest upset in school history when the Colonels defeated Rice 16-14 on September 1 to open up the season. Rice, a Division I-FBS school, was coming off of a bowl appearance the year prior.

Originally from Baker, La., Thomas received his bachelor's degree from Southern Miss. in 1988 in Athletic Administration and Coaching. He is the son of Larry Thomas, a 33-year coaching veteran of high school football. Larry spent 29 years at Baker (La.) High School.

Married to the former Jan Fairbanks, Thomas resides in Thibodaux with his wife and two daughters Hannah (8) and Haley (6).



The Thomas File

In his own words...

About this season: "We have high hopes for this season, and even though our non-conference schedule has not been kind to us, we still honestly feel like we have a very talented football team when healthy. It is just going to take sometime; we have a lot of young guys at key positions, and we know that a learning curve will take place." *On this year's team:* "We have emphasized accountability to our team; everyone is accountable for their own actions. If we have that kind of mentality, we can not fail. So far this season, I have really seen our team buy into that kind of mentality. Our seniors are guiding our young guys along." *On the Central Arkansas game:* "I think, single-handedly, that first half was the worst first half that I had ever seen a defense play in my 11 years coaching here. It was tough to take one like that on the chin, and we have been working hard all week to fix the mistakes that we made. We are very young, and have a lot of inexperience out there on the field." *On the upcoming game versus McNeese State:* "McNeese State is as usual: really good. They went to Appalachian State and beat them there, and played well enough to

beat Tulane. They have the fire power on offense and the players on defense to really put a game away. Our guys are going to have to get their heads on straight and put last week's loss behind them because this game requires all the attention it deserves. We know that it will be a good game, we always come to play against one another."

The Thomas Facts

Thomas' career mark/years 25-33/6

Year-by-Year

2004..... 5-5
 2005..... 6-4
 2006..... 4-7
 2007..... 6-5
 2008..... 3-6
 2009..... 1-6

Thomas' career SLC record 15-19

Year-by-Year

2004..... 2-3
 2005..... 5-1
 2006..... 2-4
 2007..... 3-4
 2008..... 3-4
 2009..... 0-3

Thomas' record at home..... 17-9

Thomas' SLC record at home 10-7

Thomas' record away 7-23

Thomas' SLC record away..... 5-14

Thomas' record in NCAA Playoffs 0-1

Last 2005, L 14-12 at Furman

Thomas' record against D-I FBS 1-6

Last 2009, 13-48 at Louisiana Tech

Thomas' record in August..... 1-0

Thomas' record in September..... 6-11

Thomas' record in October 9-13

Thomas' record in November 9-9



2009 NICHOLLS NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl./Exp.	Hometown/Previous School
1	A.J. Williams	RB	5-8	180	Sr./1L	Jackson, Miss./Gulf Coast CC
2	Tyson Andrus	DB	6-1	180	Sr./TR	Lafayette, La./LSU
3	LaQuintin Caston	QB	5-10	180	Fr./RS	Baton Rouge, La./Scotlandville
4	Jesse Turner	RB	5-7	170	Fr./RS	Houma, La./Ellender
5	Hosea Chatman	QB	6-2	210	Fr./RS	Houma, La./Ellender
6	Neil Robertson	QB	6-0	185	Fr./HS	Houma, La./Terrebonne
7	Brandon Johnson	RB	5-10	190	Jr./TR	Columbia, Miss./Gulf Coast CC
8	Kerry Guidry	DB	6-0	210	Fr./RS	Houma, La./H.L. Bourgeois
9	Jordan Nevels	DB	5-10	175	Sr./1L	Fort Thomas, Ky./Kentucky
10	Jacob Witt	QB	6-1	190	Fr./RS	Denton, Texas/Denton Guyer
11	Drey Trosclair	ATH	5-10	195	So./Sq.	Thibodaux, La./E.D. White
12	Earvin Moore	RB	5-10	205	Jr./TR	Stone County, Miss./Gulf Coast CC
13	Dominique Daniels	DB	6-2	190	Sr./3L	Tampa, Fla./East Bay
14	Donovan Tate	WR	6-3	195	Jr./TR	Hattiesburg, Miss./East Central CC
15	Leroy Trahan	DB	5-10	185	Jr./TR	Rialto, Calif./San Bernardino JC
16	Nolan Dumas	QB	6-1	170	Jr./Sq.	Thibodaux, La./E.D. White Catholic
17	Jarrell Johnson	RB	5-11	195	Fr./HS	Kenner, La./Archbishop Rummel
18	Jamal Simmons	DB	6-2	200	Sr./3L	New Orleans, La./Karr Magnet
19	Kenny Owens	RB	5-10	175	Jr./Sq.	Theodore, Ala./Theodore
21	Bobby Felder	DB	5-11	195	So./1L	McComb, Miss./McComb
22	Byron Jones	RB	5-10	195	So./1L	Houma, La./Terrebonne
23	Troy Matthews	DB	6-2	195	Fr./RS	New Orleans, La./Jesuit
24	Chucky Nichols	ATH	5-11	180	Jr./TR	Laurel, Miss./Northeast Jones CC
25	Troy Godfrey	DB	6-3	205	Fr./HS	Eunice, La./Eunice
26	Ed James	LB	6-1	215	Jr./TR	Miami, Fla./Ventura CC
27	Kyle Hughes	DL	6-5	215	Sr./3L	Orange, Texas/Little Cypress-Mauriceville
28	Jeremy Garrett	DB	5-7	185	Jr./TR	Rancho Curamonga, Calif./Citrus Col.
29	Tarbbaris Hicks	DB	6-1	205	Sr./1L	Monroe, La./Homes CC
30	Jordan Ogletree	DB	5-10	190	Sr./3L	Houston, Texas/Langham Creek
31	Shaun Jones	DL	6-3	245	So./1L	New Orleans, La./LA Tech
32	Marlin Meeks	FB	5-7	210	Sr./1L	Grenada, Miss./Coahoma CC
33	Jordan Piper	LB	5-10	220	Fr./RS	Ponchatoula, La./Ponchatoula
34	Tyler Collins	RB	5-7	185	Fr./HS	Eunice, La./Eunice
35	Patrick Dolan	P	6-1	172	Jr./1L	Mobile, Ala./McGill Toolen
36	Justin McCreay	FB	5-9	250	Fr./HS	Irvington, Ala./Theodore
37	Billy Foret	K	5-8	150	Fr./RS	Thibodaux, La./E.D. White
38	Corey Buchanan	RB	5-8	183	Jr./2L	Kingsville, Texas/H.M. King
39	DeQuincey Brown	WR	5-9	195	Fr./HS	Baton Rouge, La./Central
40	Isaac Crawford	LB/TE	6-1	215	Fr./RS	Livingston, Texas/Livingston
41	Stefan Bergeron	LB	6-0	195	So./1L	Pierre Port, La./Assumption
42	Kendrex Salter	RB	6-0	180	So./Sq.	Orange, Texas/Little-Cypress
44	Yashua Willis	LB	5-11	206	Sr./2L	Napoleonville, La./Assumption
45	Trey Hopson	FB	5-10	240	Sr./1L	Pascagoula, Miss./Gulf Coast CC
46	Russ Gisclair	FB	5-8	225	Fr./HS	Cut Off, La./John Curtis
47	Kevin Persick	LB	6-2	215	So./Sq.	Zachary, La./Zachary
48	Anri Stewart	LB	6-1	185	So./1L	Plaquemine, La./Plaquemine
49	Garrick Spain	LB	6-0	205	Sr./3L	Franklin, La./Hanson
50	Anthony Sparks	LB	6-0	240	Jr./HS	New Orleans, La./West Jefferson
52	Charles McDade	OL	6-0	298	So./1L	Friendswood, Texas/Clear Brook
53	Jarrod Fanguy	LB	5-10	225	Sr./3L	Houma, La./H.L. Bourgeois
54	Michael Walker	LB	6-1	230	Fr./RS	Metairie, La./John Curtis



55	Brandon McDowell	OL	6-5	280	Fr./RS	McComb, Miss./McComb
56	John McClinton	LB	6-2	220	RsSo./TR	Central, La./LSU
57	Jesse Montero	LB	5-9	188	Jr./Sq.	Puincourville, La./Assumption
58	Franklin Nduku	DL	6-2	280	Fr./RS	Houston, Texas/George Bush
60	Brandon Spurlock	OL	6-3	270	Fr./HS	Slaughter, La./Clinton
61	Tyler Hebert	OL	5-11	270	Fr./HS	Gailiano, La./East Ascension
64	Edet Udoh	DL	6-1	310	Fr./HS	Houston, Texas/George Bush
65	Gerald Gruenig	DL	6-2	265	Fr./HS	Covington, La./Fontainebleau
66	Bart Roussel	OL	6-2	280	So./Sq.	Gramercy, La./Riverside Academy
67	Aric Flowers	OL	6-2	280	Sr./2L	Plano, Texas/Plano
68	Ren Cheramie	OL	6-1	270	Jr./Sq.	Cut Off, La./South Lafourche
70	Corey Johnston	OL	6-5	270	Fr./RS	Collierville, Tenn./Rossville Aca 70
71	Drew Knight	OL	6-1	245	RsJr./2L	Zachary, La./Redemptorist
72	Oliver Thierry	DL	6-5	270	Fr./RS	Opelousas, La./Opelousas
73	Justin Daniels	OL	6-4	300	Fr./RS	Mobile, Ala./Murphy
75	Brandon Ward	OL	6-3	288	Jr./2L	Conroe, Texas/Oak Ridge
76	Josh Green	OL	6-7	300	RsJr./TR	Modesto, Calif./Modesto JC
78	Spenser Langthorn	OL	6-3	284	Jr./2L	Kingwood, Texas/Kingwood
80	Brennan Nora	DL	6-4	265	Fr./HS	Destrehan, La./Destrehan
81	Mike Barba	WR	6-2	180	Fr./HS	Houma, La./South Terrebonne
82	Ross Schexnayder	K	5-10	175	Sr./2L	Houma, La./H.L. Bourgeois
83	Andrew Wynn	WR	6-0	175	Fr./HS	Rayne, La./Rayne
84	Ben Landry	K	6-1	170	RsFr./TR	Houma, La./Northwestern State
85	Rashar Knight	DL	6-3	225	Fr./HS	Macon, Ga./Central
87	Marquis Russell	DL	6-2	250	Jr./TR	Miami, Fla./Ventura CC
88	Kyle Tizzard	K	5-6	150	Sr./2L	Destrehan, La./Destrehan
89	Anotnio Robinson	WR	6-3	195	Sr./1L	Miami, Fla./Rainy River CC
90	Zac Reddix	DE	6-1	224	Sr./3L	Prairieville, La./Dutchtown
91	Paul Wallace	LB	6-1	220	Fr./HS	Jefferson, La./Riverdale
92	Fernandez Garner	DE	6-3	250	Fr./HS	New Orleans, La./Holy Cross
93	A.J. Carter	DL	6-3	285	So./1L	Thibodaux, La./Thibodaux
94	Marshall Crawford	DL	6-3	240	Fr./RS	Bellville, Texas/Bellville
95	Chad Alfaro	DL	6-4	290	Fr./HS	Mandeville, La./Mandeville
96	Darrell Brown	DL	6-2	270	Fr./HS	Covington, La./Fontainebleau
98	Quenton Mims	DL	5-11	285	Sr./3L	Boni Fay, Fla./Vernon
99	Henry Perez	DT	5-11	285	Sr./1L	Orange, Calif./Yuba College

How To Say It	16 Nolan Do-Mus	42 Ken-drex Salter	64 Eddie U-Dough-A
3 La-Quint-N Caston	37 Billy Fore-A	44 Yau-shu-a Willis	65 Franklin Na-Do-Koo
5 Ho-Say-A Chatman	40 Scott Set-ton	53 Jarrod Fun-Gee	82 Ross Shex-Nay-Der
11 Drey Tros-claire	41 Stefan Berg-R-on	61 Tyler A-Bear	

BREAKDOWN BY STATE

Louisiana (49) - Andrus, Caston, Turner, Chatman, Robertson, Guidry, Trosclair, Dumas, Johnson, Simmons, Jones, Mathews, Godfrey, Hicks, Jones, Piper, Collins, Foret, Brown, Deq., Settoon, Bergeron, Willis, Gisclair, Persock, Stewart, Spain, Sparks, Fanguy, Walker, McClinton, Spurlock, Hebert, Roussel, Cheramie, Knight, Thierry, Nora, Barba, Schexnayder, Landry, Wynn, Tizzard, Reddix, Wallace, Garner, Carter, Alfaro, Brown, D., Gruenig. **Texas (14)** - Witt, Hughes, Buchanan, Salter, Marhsall, McDade, Nduku, Crawford, I., Udoh, Flowers, Ward, Langthorn, Crawford, M. **Mississippi (9)** - Williams, Johnson, Moore, Tate, Felder, Nichols, Meeks, Hopson, McDowell. **Alabama (4)** - Owens, Dolan, McCreary, Daniels, J. **Florida (5)** - Daniels, James, Russell, Robinson, Mims. **California (4)** - Trahan, Garrett, Green, J., Perez. **Kentucky (1)** - Nevels. **Tennessee (1)** - Johnston. **Georgia (1)** - Knight.



2009 NICHOLLS COLONELS DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

LT	78	Spenser Langthorn	6-3	280	Jr.
	55	Brandon McDowell	6-5	280	RsFr.
LG	58	Franklin Nduku	6-2	280	RsFr.
	66	Bart Roussel	6-2	280	So.
C	52	Charles McDade	6-0	300	Jr.
	65	Gerald Gruenig	6-2,	265	Fr.
RG	67	Aric Flowers	6-2	280	Sr.
	68	Ren Cheramie	6-1	270	Jr.
RT	75	Brandon Ward	6-3	290	Jr.
	70	Corey Johnston	6-5	270	RsFr.
QB	3	LaQuintin Caston	5-10	180	RsFr.
	16	Nolan Dumas	6-1	170	Jr.
WR	89	Antonio Robinson	6-3	195	Sr.
	83	Andrew Wynn	6-0	175	Fr.
FB	32	Malrin Meeks	5-7	220	Sr.
	36	Justin McCreary	5-8	255	Fr.
RB	1	A.J. Williams	5-8	180	Sr.
	12	Earvin Moore	5-9	205	Jr.
RB	7	Brandon Johnson	5-10	190	Jr.
	42	Kendrex Salter	6-0	180	So.
WR	14	Donovan Tate	6-3	195	Jr.
	81	Mike Barba	6-2	180	Fr.

DEFENSE

DE	90	Zac Reddix	6-1	224	Sr.
	85	Rashar Knight	6-3	225	Fr.
DT	80	Brennan Nora	6-4	265	Fr.
	99	Henry Perez	5-11	285	Sr.
DT	98	Quenton Mims	5-11	290	Sr.
	76	Josh Green	6-7	300	Sr.
DE	87	Marquis Russell	6-2	250	Jr.
	96	Darrell Brown	6-2	270	Fr.
SLB	27	Kyle Hughes	6-5	215	Sr.
	26	Ed James	6-1	215	Jr.
MLB	44	Yashua Willis	5-11	206	Sr.
	53	Jarrood Fanguy	5-10	225	Sr.
WLB	33	Jordan Piper	5-10	220	RsFr.
	49	Garrick Spain	6-0	205	Sr.
CB	21	Bobby Felder	5-11	195	So.
	4	Jesse Turner	5-7	180	RsFr.
CB	13	Dominique Daniels	6-2	190	Sr.
	24	Chucky Nichols	5-11	180	Jr.
FS	2	Tyson Andrus	6-1	185	Sr.
	25	Troy Godfrey	6-3	205	Fr.
SS	9	Jordan Nevels	5-10	175	Sr.
	30	Jordan Ogletree	5-10	200	Sr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

PK	82	Ross Schexnayder	5-10	175	Sr.	H	88	Kyle Tizzard	5-6	160	Sr.
	35	Patrick Dolan	6-1	172	Jr.		35	Patrick Dolan	6-1	172	Jr.
P	35	Patrick Dolan	6-1	172	Jr.	KR	89	Antonio Robinson	6-3	195	Sr.
	88	Kyle Tizzard	5-7	160	Sr.		1	A.J. Williams	5-8	180	Jr.
LS	16	Nolan Dumas	6-1	170	Jr.	PR	13	Dominique Daniels	6-2	190	Sr.
	71	Drew Knight	6-1	245	Sr.		81	Mike Barba	6-2	180	Fr.



NOTE-A-RAMA

SEC Safety Tandem

Seniors Tyson Andrus, formerly of LSU, and Jordan Nevels, formerly of Kentucky, will headline the Colonels secondary this season. Andrus transferred into Nicholls last season, but due to NCAA rules, lost a year of eligibility due to transferring from Ole Miss to LSU then to Nicholls. Nevels came to Nicholls last season, starting in two games and receiving playing time on special teams.

Simmons Forced To Give It Up

Senior DB Jamal Simmons was poised for an outstanding final campaign, but on December 27, Simmons was involved in a head-on collision car accident that hospitalized him for several months. Simmons' girlfriend and daughter walked away with minor injuries. The New Orleans, La. native will more than likely not be able to suit up again.

Gulf Coast CC backfield

The Gulf Coast CC transfer duo of Brandon Johnson and Earvin Moore helped bolster an already stacked offensive backfield. In fact, they joined former Gulf Coast CC teammates A.J. Williams and Trey Hopson at Nicholls. Williams has accounted for 275 yards on 39 carries from the running back position, while Hopson has muscled out 65 yards on 26 carries from the fullback position in 2009. Moore has eight carries for 104 yards, while Johnson has 76 on 27 carries.

New Lights and Scoreboard

John L. Guidry Stadium received a much needed face lift over the summer. After Hurricane Gustav damaged the lighting structure, the lights were removed and replaced this summer with a state of the art lighting system. Also, thanks to Gustav, the scoreboard in the north end zone was replaced with a fully operational video board with replay options and graphics. All of these upgrades were made possible by FEMA.

New Coaches

Nicholls welcomed three new coaches to the staff in the offseason, including Kevin Carey, Rashad Watson, and Dustin Gisclair. Carey will coach the offensive line and serve as the recruiting coordinator, while Watson will assume defensive back coaching duties and serve as the team's pro liaison. Gisclair, a former player at Nicholls, returns to his Alma mater as the defensive line coach. Gisclair lettered three seasons at Nicholls and was on the Colonels 2005 SLC Championship team.

A Family Tradition

Defensive line coach Dustin Gisclair won't be the only Gisclair representing Nicholls, as his little brother Russ enters his freshman year as a Colonel. Russ comes to Nicholls by way of John Curtis in River Ridge, La., but is originally from Cut Off, La. like his older brother. Russ will more than likely redshirt this season at the fullback position. Tommy Gisclair, father of Dustin and Russ, is a long time high school coach for South Lafourche. Dustin played for his father at South Lafourche.

The 2009 Campaign

The 2009 schedule features a challenging non-conference slate with the Colonels opening at Air Force Academy before coming home to face Duquense on Sept. 12. Nicholls will then travel to Louisiana Tech before coming home to face Jacksonville State on Sept. 26. After they play Jacksonville State, Nicholls will have a bye week before opening conference play at Sam Houston State on Oct. 10. Nicholls first home game in conference will be against Texas State the following weekend, Oct. 17, and will take to the road the following week to play at Central Ark. The Colonels will then host McNeese State on Halloween before taking to the road to play Stephen F. Austin. Senior Day will be Nov. 14 against Northwestern State, while a trip to Southeastern La. on Thursday Nov. 19 will close out the 2009 regular season slate.



NOTE-A-RAMA

Scouting McNeese State...

McNeese State enters the game against Nicholls ranked No.13 in the nation, and has put together a pretty impressive season so far with its biggest win coming at then ranked No.3 Appalachian State, 38-35. The Cowboys fought off a much improved Southeastern La. squad with a 36-35 victory at Cowboy Stadium, and find themselves in a three-way tie for second place. The Cowboys are ranked in the Top-10 nationally in three categories offensively: scoring offense (36.43 pts/game), total offense (457.43 yards/game) and rushing offense (210.71 yards/game). Their offense is under the direction of senior quarterback Derrick Fourroux with the tempo being set by two-time All-SLC running back Toddrick Pendland, leading the team in rushing (566) and receiving (213).

Remembering 2008...

Nicholls went into Cowboy Stadium last year and defeated McNeese State on its home turf for the first time in 10 years. In the game, then junior wide receiver Antonio Robinson caught two passes, both going for scores in Nicholls huge upset over McNeese State.

We Must Protect This House!

Nicholls is 4-11 lifetime against McNeese State in John L. Guidry Stadium, and have not beat the Cowboys at home since the 2005 SLC Championship season when the Colonels walked away with a 39-26 victory.

Last Meeting in Thibodaux

The last time these two schools met in Thibodaux was in the 2007 campaign with both coming into highly touted amongst the nation as McNeese State was ranked No.7 while Nicholls was the highest it has ever been in the Sports Network poll as No.13. However, McNeese State climbed even further in the polls after its 28-7 victory, as Nicholls began its slow decent out of the Top-25.

Getting His Work In

Junior Patrick Dolan sure got his work in against Air Force, punting seven times for a total of 327 yards. Dolan finished with an average of 46.7 yards per punt in the loss, while having three punts over 50 yards. His long of 59 yards was a new career mark at the time that pinned the Falcons on their own 4-yard line. The punt surpassed his previous best of 57 yards set at Memphis in 2008. The Mobile, Ala. native was awarded with Honorable Mention recognition by the Southland Conference for Special Teams Player of the Week.

Preseason All-Americans

Nicholls has two players that were honored with preseason All-American status, with both being specialist. Senior place kicker Ross Schexnayder and junior punter Patrick Dolan were given the honors. Dolan was a First Team selection by Lindy's Football Magazine, while both he and Schexnayder were Honorable Mention picks by the Sports Network.

One To Forget

Nicholls 72-0 loss at Air Force was the worse defeat in school history. It was also the largest margin of victory for Air Force in its history, and also the second most points scored in a game. Prior to the loss, Nicholls worse defeated came at the hands of Stephen F. Austin, 56-3, in 1995.

Impressing Coaches In Debut

In the loss to Air Force, some positives did emerge, and one of those was the play of true freshman defensive tackle Darrell Brown. Brown burst on the scene for the Colonels, recording seven total stops in the second half.

3rd And Trouble

The Colonels had their trouble on third down in 2008, only converting 38-of-107, and have had their fair share of trouble so far this season by only converting 18-of-88 attempts. However, the Colonels are 7-of-13 on fourth down.



NOTE-A-RAMA

Hot Hands

If the Colonels do decide to throw the ball, they will have nothing to fear as they feature two imposing specimens at wide receiver in senior Antonio Robinson and junior wide receiver Donovan Tate. Robinson, who entered this season on NFL scouts radar, has 19 catches for 292 yards this season, while Tate has hauled in seven passes for 70 yards with a long of 19. Tate's previous long of 19 yards came against Air Force and kept a Colonel drive moving, granting the squad its only third-down conversion in the game.

Leading the Colonels

Senior linebacker Yashua Willis was selected as a team captain by the coaching staff this season, and he has not disappointed so far by leading the team in tackles. Other team captains include senior offensive lineman Aric Flowers, senior wide receiver Antonio Robinson and senior defensive back Tyson Andrus. The team's academic captain is Jarrod Fanguy.

Safety First at Strong Safety

Senior Jordan Nevels found his way back on to the football field after sitting out against Louisiana Tech, Jacksonville State, and Sam Houston State recovering from a shoulder injury. Nevels played against Texas State, his first game action since Duquense. He finished with three tackles (two solo), two for a loss, and a forced fumble in limited action.

Mathews Has Football In His Blood

Redshirt freshman Troy Mathews has the pedigree in his family for the game of football with his older brother Gwayne being the head coach at Arkansas-Monticello. Gwayne led AMU to a 7-4 record overall, including a 5-3 mark in the Gulf South Conference in 2008. Unfortunately, Mathews has to put the pads and cleats up due to having one too many concussions. Mathews has remained with the team as a student assistant, and will follow his passion through coaching the game he loves.

Hurricanes And Nicholls

The Colonels and hurricanes have had their bouts over the years, including last year with back-to-back hurricanes either hitting the area or affecting the area enough to cancel two games. Hurricane Gustav forced the Colonels to cancel their game at New Mexico State and Hurricane Ike caused enough concern to make Bowie State cancel its visit to Thibodaux. In the 2008 campaign, Nicholls did not play its first game of the 2008 season until September 20 at Memphis, making them the last Division I, non-Ivy League school to play a game. In 2005, Thibodaux, home of Nicholls and roughly 65 miles southwest of New Orleans, was affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and had the 2005 season cut short with games against Utah State and Western Carolina cancelled. The 2009 season looks spared, so far (fingers-crossed), from Mother Nature's wrath with no major hurricanes reaching the Gulf of Mexico.

Guidry Stadium Damages

Due to damage caused by Hurricane Gustav, the Colonels played all of their home games in 2008 on Saturday afternoons. The Category 2 winds severely damaged the light poles in John L. Guidry Stadium, making it hazardous to play games until they were removed. The light poles were subsequently removed, and replaced this summer. Due to not knowing the timing of when the lights were going to be replaced, Nicholls 2009 home schedule has the Colonels slated to play all afternoon games again. Every home contest is slated for 1 p.m. with the exception of Nicholls' home coming against Jacksonville State at 3 p.m.

A True Homecoming

In 2008, Nicholls did not play at home until October 18 due to cancelled games and the lay-out of the schedule. Their first game in John L. Guidry Stadium was against conference foe Stephen F. Austin. Nicholls was the last Division I, non-Ivy League school to play a home game in the 2008 season.

NOTE-A-RAMA

Don't Touch That Dial

The Colonels will play six of their 12 games this season in front of a television audience. Nicholls has a local television deal in place with WHNO-TV Channel 20 in New Orleans, La. to have all the home games replayed that day or the following Sunday, and the last game of the season at Southeastern La. is set to be televised by the Southland Conference.

Second Chances Don't Come Often

Senior linebacker Garrick Spain entered the 2009 season with the understanding that he would not be able to play due to academics, however, Spain took care of his work in the classroom this summer, and joined the Colonel football team a week into fall camp. Spain, an All-SLC selection as a sophomore in 2007, led the Colonels in tackles with 60 in 2008.

Playing On Sundays

Nicholls has had back-to-back-to-back NFL Draft selections with Jacob Bender getting the call from the New York Jets in 2007, Kareem Moore getting the same opportunity in 2008 with the Washington Redskins, and Lardarius Webb most recently with the Baltimore Ravens in 2009. Bender is now with the New York Giants, while Moore has made the Redskins roster and is a mainstay on special teams. Webb made the Ravens roster, and has found his way on to the field in NFL games this season. In NFL Preseason action, Web made a huge splash with his game winning pass deflection on a two-point conversion attempt by the Jets on Aug. 24. Webb's selection in the NFL Draft made it only the second time in school history that Nicholls had three players taken back-to-back-to-back (1985, 1986, 1987).

Familiar Faces From Old Places

Senior Antonio Robinson has been fortunate at Nicholls to have a familiar face to play on the gridiron with. Last year, he joined former Rainy River CC teammate Chris Bunch at Nicholls, and this season, former high school teammate Marquis Russell. Russell and Robinson were teammates at South Dade Senior High in Miami, Fla.

Swerving Earvin

In the Colonels 14-7 win over Duquesne, 'Swervin' Earvin Moore, a junior college transfer from Mississippi Gulf Coast, put the moves on, and scored on a 63-yard fake punt. Moore ran through an open whole, and shock the last two defenders to score what proved to be the game-winning touchdown.

Shades of Ogletree

Senior defensive back Jordan Ogletree had an outstanding game against Duquesne, racking up six total tackles, an interception, a sack, and a forced fumble. Ogletree, who graduated last spring, is the brother of former Colonel stand-out Joe Ogletree who was an All-Conference safety that helped lead the Colonels to their first conference championship in school history in 2005.

Caston Running the Show

Redshirt freshman LaQuintin Caston started at Sam Houston State, and didn't relinquish his position by going the distance. Caston finished the game 8-of-15 passing for 172 yards and a score, and also had eight yards rushing. His most important stat: no turnovers committed by Caston in 57 plays on the field. After his performance against the Bearkats, Caston improved against Texas State by leading the team to a season-high 28 points. The Scotlandville High standout finished with two rushing touchdowns in the game, and threw for another one in the loss.

NOTE-A-RAMA

Felder Feeling It

Sophomore Bobby Felder has been stepping up for the Colonels banged-up secondary, and enters this week's game second on the team with 37. Felder led the Colonels in their loss at Sam Houston State with eight tackles (five solo), three pass breakups, 3.0 tackles for a loss, and two forced fumbles. He currently is second on the team in solo take downs with 26.

Dolan Doing It Big

Through seven games this season, junior punter Patrick Dolan is living up to his preseason All-American selection, currently ranking No.6 in the nation with a 43.46 yards per punt average. Dolan has punted 39 times this season with 17 of them going 44 yards or more, including 10 sailing over 50. He established a career long at Air Force of 59 yards before shattering that against Jacksonville State with a 64-yard boot. He has 12 downed inside the 20-yard line.

Ranking No.7 in Net Punting

The Colonels were first in the nation in net punting coming into the game against Sam Houston State, but fell to No.5 following the contest. Now, Nicholls comes into their game against McNeese State ranked No.7 in the FCS in Net Punting with a 38.46 mark. Their total is in large part due to the strong play of junior Patrick Dolan and strong special teams play.

Not Only Kicking, But Tackling

The Colonels have not gotten the stops on special teams that they have wanted to, leaving it up to the kickers to make the tackles so far this season. On the 2009 campaign, Ross Schexnayder has three tackles, and Patrick Dolan currently has two.

You Don't Score Until You Score

Senior Antonio Robinson's first touchdown of the year probably didn't come the way he thought it would, but thanks to his hustle and following the play, he recovered a fumble in the end zone for the Colonels to put six on the board against Sam Houston State. Robinson followed A.J. Williams on his 77-yard rush to the 2-yard line before he fumbled, and Robinson fell on it and held onto it under the pile. Robinson did also score later in the game via a 68-yard touchdown reception.

Buchanan Hurt; Rehabbing

Junior fullback Corey Buchanan is officially done for the 2009 season. Buchanan, who entered the season as the team's starting fullback, injured his ACL, the same one he did as a freshman. The Kingsville, Texas native will be sidelined indefinitely.

Mean Josh Green

Senior Josh Green started out the season buried on the two-deep at left tackle, but due to injuries on the defensive line, Green was given the opportunity at defensive tackle. Since his first start at the position against Sam Houston State, Green has eight total tackles with one for a loss and a forced fumble. Green, a 6'7" native of Modesto, California is expected to make his fourth straight start at the position this weekend against McNeese State.

Burner Turner

Also making the move over from offense to defense due to injuries is redshirt freshman Jesse Turner. Turner started out the season at running back, but has now made the transition to defensive back midseason. Turner, the Houma, La. native, played a total of seven plays at defensive back against Texas State.

Playing on Halloween

The Colonels have played a total of four games on Halloween in their football history, and are 1-3 when playing on the holiday. However, Nicholls only win in its history on that date came at home - 27-24 over Southern in 1992 - while all of the others were played away from John L. Guidry Stadium.

The `Barba'-rian

Mike Barba burned his redshirt against Texas State when he got on the field and contributed in the second half. Barba, a Houma, La. native and a product of Terrebonne High, caught his first collegiate pass in the third quarter - a 16-yard strike - to keep the chains moving. Barba went on to catch two more passes against Central Arkansas for 18 yards, giving him 34 yards on the season.

Slow Starts...

Since joining the Southland Conference, Nicholls has started 0-3 six times in league play. The best a Colonel squad has come out of an 0-3 start was in 1992 when Nicholls went 2-2 in its remaining games to finish 2-5. It is also the first 0-3 start in Southland under Head Coach Jay Thomas.



STATISTICAL COMPARISON

Category	NICH	McN
Total Scoring	99.0	255.0
Scoring Average	14.1	36.4
First Downs	83	166
Rushing Yardage	1145	1475
Rushing Yards/game	163.6	210.7
TDs Rushing	10	17
Passing Yardage	603	1727
Att.-Comp.-Int.	98-40-7	210-135-4
Passing Yards/game	86.1	246.7
TDs Passing	3	15
Total Offense	1748	3202
Total Offense/game	249.7	457.4
Kick Returns	43-784	29-611
KR Average	18.2	21.1
Punt Returns	5-56	10-105
PR Average	11.2	10.5
Fumbles-Lost	26-14	13-7
Penalties-Yards	41-336	51-503
Punts-Yards	39-1695	18-616
Punt Average	43.5	34.2
Time of Possession/game	28:26	32:05
3rd Down Conv./pct.	18-88/20.0%	44-94/47%
4th Down Conv./pct.	7-13/54%	13-19/68%
Sacks by-yards	13-84	10-96
TDs scored	13	35
Field Goals/Att.	3-8	4-7
PAT/Att.	12-13	25-29

THE ALL-TIME SERIES

Series Record	22-11/McNeese State
in Thibodaux.....	4-11
in Conway	7-11
First Meeting.....	1972/McNeese State W 24-7
Last Meeting	2008/Nicholls W 38-35
Most Points Scored (by both)	91/2003
Most Points Scored by NICH.....	39/2005
Most Points Scored by McN.....	63/2003

THE ALL-TIME SERIES RESULTS

10/21/72	Thibodaux	L	7-24
10/20/73	Lake Charles, La.	L	7-28
11/2/74	Thibodaux	L	20-26
10/29/77	Lake Charles, La.	W	24-7
10/7/78	Lake Charles, La.	L	10-35
9/20/80	Lake Charles, La.	L	0-21
9/19/81	Thibodaux	L	9-59
9/24/83	Lake Charles, La.	W	30-27
9/15/84	Thibodaux	L	21-24
9/21/85	Lake Charles, La.	W	37-15
9/20/86	Thibodaux	W	34-10
11/14/87	Lake Charles, La.	W	29-7
10/1/88	Thibodaux	W	23-19
9/30/89	Lake Charles, La.	L	14-28
9/1/90	Thibodaux	W	31-24
10/5/91	Lake Charles, La.	L	3-21
9/26/92	Thibodaux	L	17-21
11/20/93	Lake Charles, La.	L	0-27
11/19/94	Lake Charles, La.	L	24-41
11/18/95	Thibodaux	L	6-31
11/23/96	Lake Charles, La.	W	17-16
11/22/97	Thibodaux	L	13-31
11/21/98	Lake Charles, La.	W	31-30
11/20/99	Thibodaux	L	0-38
11/18/00	Lake Charles, La.	L	7-12
11/17/01	Thibodaux	L	27-34
11/23/02	Lake Charles, La.	L	33-21
11/22/03	Thibodaux	L	28-63
11/20/04	Lake Charles, La.	L	30-9
11/19/05	Thibodaux	W	39-26
11/18/06	Lake Charles, La.	L	10-26
10/20/07	Thibodaux	L	28-7
10/25/08	Lake Charles, La.	W	38-35

Nicholls Football 2009
Nicholls Overall Team Statistics (as of Oct. 25, 2009)
All games

TEAM STATISTICS	NICH	OPP			
SCORING	99	307			
Points Per Game	14.1	43.9			
FIRST DOWNS	83	165			
Rushing	39	87			
Passing	30	67			
Penalty	14	11			
RUSHING YARDAGE	1145	1741			
Yards gained rushing	1290	1953			
Yards lost rushing	145	212			
Rushing Attempts	301	323			
Average Per Rush	3.8	5.4			
Average Per Game	163.6	248.7			
TDs Rushing	10	24			
PASSING YARDAGE	603	1685			
Comp-Att-Int	40-98-7	109-183-2			
Average Per Pass	6.2	9.2			
Average Per Catch	15.1	15.5			
Average Per Game	86.1	240.7			
TDs Passing	3	15			
TOTAL OFFENSE	1748	3426			
Total Plays	399	506			
Average Per Play	4.4	6.8			
Average Per Game	249.7	489.4			
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	43-784	16-451			
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	5-56	14-195			
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	2-37	7-50			
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	18.2	28.2			
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	11.2	13.9			
INT RETURN AVERAGE	18.5	7.1			
FUMBLES-LOST	26-14	17-6			
PENALTIES-Yards	41-336	60-603			
Average Per Game	48.0	86.1			
PUNTS-Yards	39-1695	25-997			
Average Per Punt	43.5	39.9			
Net punt average	38.5	36.0			
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	28:26	31:34			
3RD-DOWN Conversions	18/88	51/101			
3rd-Down Pct	20%	50%			
4TH-DOWN Conversions	7/13	7/13			
4th-Down Pct	54%	54%			
SACKS BY-Yards	13-84	9-38			
MISC YARDS	22	0			
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	13	42			
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	3-8	6-8			
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0			
RED-ZONE SCORES	6-8 75%	32-38 84%			
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	6-8 75%	27-38 71%			
PAT-ATTEMPTS	12-13 92%	37-41 90%			
ATTENDANCE	17179	83402			
Games/Avg Per Game	3/5726	4/20850			
Neutral Site Games		0/0			
SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Nicholls	24	23	14	38	99
Opponents	51	110	78	68	307



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Nicholls Overall Individual Statistics (as of Oct. 25, 2009)

All games

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long Avg/G	
Williams, A.J.	7	39	294	19	275	7.1	1	77	39.3
Meeks, Marlin	6	58	261	0	261	4.5	0	28	43.5
Witt, Jacob	4	39	161	29	132	3.4	1	24	33.0
Moore, Earvin	6	8	107	3	104	13.0	1	63	17.3
Johnson, Brando	7	27	87	11	76	2.8	0	21	10.9
Caston, LaQuint	6	56	130	56	74	1.3	3	20	12.3
McCreary, Justi	5	26	73	1	72	2.8	0	6	14.4
Robinson, Anton	7	5	75	4	71	14.2	2	42	10.1
Hopson, Trey	4	26	71	6	65	2.5	2	9	16.2
Hughes, Kyle	7	1	15	0	15	15.0	0	15	2.1
Buchanan, Corey	2	8	13	0	13	1.6	0	6	6.5
Owens, Kenny	3	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	0.7
Turner, Jesse	4	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	0.2
Dumas, Nolan	5	1	0	7	-7	-7.0	0	0	-1.4
TEAM	2	5	0	9	-9	-1.8	0	0	-4.5
Total.....	7	301	1290	145	1145	3.8	10	77	163.6
Opponents.....	7	323	1953	212	1741	5.4	24	52	248.7
PASSING	G	Effic	Cmp-Att-Int		Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Caston, LaQuint	6	110.00	22-54-2	40.7	375	3	68	62.5	
Witt, Jacob	4	61.71	18-44-5	40.9	228	0	36	57.0	
Dumas, Nolan	5	0.00	0-0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	
Total.....	7	88.32	40-98-7	40.8	603	3	68	86.1	



RECEIVING	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Robinson, Anton	7	19	292	15.4	2	68	41.7
Tate, Donovan	7	7	70	10.0	0	19	10.0
Williams, A.J.	7	6	111	18.5	0	35	15.9
Johnson, Brando	7	4	91	22.8	1	44	13.0
Barba, Mike	2	3	34	11.3	0	16	17.0
Buchanan, Corey	2	1	5	5.0	0	5	2.5
Total.....	7	40	603	15.1	3	68	86.1
Opponents.....	7	109	1685	15.5	15	83	240.7

PUNT RETURNS		No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Daniels, Domini	5	56	11.2	0		22
Total.....	5	56	11.2	0		22
Opponents.....	14	195	13.9	0		34

INTERCEPTIONS		No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Hughes, Kyle		1	1	1.0	0	1
Ogletree, Jorda		1	36	36.0	0	36
Total.....		2	37	18.5	0	36
Opponents.....		7	50	7.1	1	32

KICK RETURNS		No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Williams, A.J.	16	285	17.8	0		42
Robinson, Anton	14	276	19.7	0		34
Salter, Kendrex	13	215	16.5	0		30
Turner, Jesse	0	8	0.0	0		8
Total.....	43	784	18.2	0		42
Opponents.....	16	451	28.2	1		95

FUMBLE RETURNS		No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Total.....		0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents.....		2	22	11.0	1	12



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All games

|----- PATs -----|

SCORING	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Points
Robinson, Anton	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
Schexnayder, Ro	0	3-8	12-13	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	21
Caston, LaQuint	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Hopson, Trey	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Witt, Jacob	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Moore, Earvin	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Williams, A.J.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Johnson, Brando	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Total.....	13	3-8	12-13	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	99
Opponents.....	42	6-8	37-41	0-0	0	0-1	0	0	307

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Caston, LaQuint	6	110	74	375	449	74.8
Witt, Jacob	4	83	132	228	360	90.0
Williams, A.J.	7	39	275	0	275	39.3
Meeks, Marlin	6	58	261	0	261	43.5
Moore, Earvin	6	8	104	0	104	17.3
Johnson, Brando	7	27	76	0	76	10.9
McCreary, Justi	5	26	72	0	72	14.4
Robinson, Anton	7	5	71	0	71	10.1
Hopson, Trey	4	26	65	0	65	16.2
Hughes, Kyle	7	1	15	0	15	2.1
Buchanan, Corey	2	8	13	0	13	6.5
Owens, Kenny	3	1	2	0	2	0.7
Turner, Jesse	4	1	1	0	1	0.2
Dumas, Nolan	5	1	-7	0	-7	-1.4
TEAM	2	5	-9	0	-9	-4.5
Total.....	7	399	1145	603	1748	249.7
Opponents.....	7	506	1741	1685	3426	489.4



FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Schexnayder, Ro	3-8	37.5	0-0	0-1	0-1	3-5	0-1	48	0

FG SEQUENCE	Nicholls	OPPONENTS
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Air Force	47	(23)
Duquesne	53	34
Louisiana Tech	(48),(42)	(24),(44)
Jacksonville State	(48)	-
Sam Houston State	-	52,(42)
Texas State	32,27	(26),(26)
Central Arkansas	45	-

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Dolan, Patrick	39	1695	43.5	64	0	3	12	0
Total.....	39	1695	43.5	64	0	3	12	0
Opponents.....	25	997	39.9	55	2	4	12	0

KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net	YdLn
Schexnayder, Ro	22	1155	52.5	2	3			
Tizzard, Kyle	1	54	54.0	0	0			
Total.....	23	1209	52.6	2	3	451	31.2	38
Opponents.....	55	3401	61.8	7	5	784	45.0	24



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Nicholls Overall Individual Statistics (as of Oct. 25, 2009)

All games

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Williams, A.J.	7	275	111	0	285	0	671	95.9
Robinson, Anton	7	71	292	0	276	0	639	91.3
Meeks, Marlin	6	261	0	0	0	0	261	43.5
Salter, Kendrex	5	0	0	0	215	0	215	43.0
Johnson, Brando	7	76	91	0	0	0	167	23.9
Witt, Jacob	4	132	0	0	0	0	132	33.0
Moore, Earvin	6	104	0	0	0	0	104	17.3
Caston, LaQuint	6	74	0	0	0	0	74	12.3
McCreary, Justi	5	72	0	0	0	0	72	14.4
Tate, Donovan	7	0	70	0	0	0	70	10.0
Hopson, Trey	4	65	0	0	0	0	65	16.2
Daniels, Domini	7	0	0	56	0	0	56	8.0
Ogletree, Jorda	7	0	0	0	0	36	36	5.1
Barba, Mike	2	0	34	0	0	0	34	17.0
Buchanan, Corey	2	13	5	0	0	0	18	9.0
Hughes, Kyle	7	15	0	0	0	1	16	2.3
Turner, Jesse	4	1	0	0	8	0	9	2.2
Owens, Kenny	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.7
Dumas, Nolan	5	-7	0	0	0	0	-7	-1.4
TEAM	2	-9	0	0	0	0	-9	-4.5
Total.....	7	1145	603	56	784	37	2625	375.0
Opponents.....	7	1741	1685	195	451	50	4122	588.9



Nicholls Colonels Overall
Defensive Statistics (as of Oct. 25, 2009)

All games

Player	GP	|-----Tackles-----|			|-Sacks-|		|---Pass Def---|		|-Fumbles-|			Blkd	
		Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	No-Yards	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	Rcv-Yds	FF	Kick	Saf
44 Willis, Yashua	7	30	29	59	8.0-15	.	.	.	2	.	1	.	.
21 Felder, Bobby	7	26	11	37	3.0-7	.	.	5	.	.	2	.	.
33 Piper, Jordan	6	17	11	28	1.0-5	1.0-5	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
49 Spain, Garrick	7	14	11	25	2.0-12	1.0-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26 James, Ed	7	14	10	24	3.0-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30 Ogletree, Jorda	7	18	6	24	1.0-17	1.0-17	1-36	2	.	.	1	.	.
90 Reddix, Zac	7	15	8	23	2.0-7	0.5-3	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
27 Hughes, Kyle	7	12	9	21	1.0-2	.	1-1	1	.	.	.	.	.
13 Daniels, Domini	7	15	6	21	.	.	.	2	.	1-0	.	.	.
87 Russell, Marqui	7	10	11	21	4.0-15	2.5-12	.	1	1	1-0	2	.	.
96 Brown, Darrell	6	7	12	19	1.5-8	1.0-7	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
99 Perez, Henry	6	7	7	14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93 Carter, A.J.	7	8	6	14	0.5-3	.	.	.	1	1-0	.	.	.
9 Nevels, Jordan	5	8	6	14	2.0-5	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
2 Andrus, Tyson	6	7	7	14	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
24 Nichols, Chucky	6	8	5	13	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
85 Knight, Rashar	6	6	7	13	0.5-1	0.5-1	.	.	1	.	1	.	.
48 Stewart, Anri	6	3	9	12	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
15 Trahan, Leroy	7	6	6	12	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
98 Mims, Quenton	7	7	5	12	2.0-6	1.5-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25 Godfrey, Troy	3	4	4	8	1.0-2	.	.	1	.	1-0	1	.	.
53 Fanguy, Jarrod	6	2	6	8	1.0-5	1.0-5	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
80 Nora, Brennan	7	5	3	8	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
76 Green, Josh	5	5	3	8	1.0-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
64 Udoh, Edet	5	2	5	7	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
92 Garner, Fernand	4	2	4	6	2.0-12	2.0-12	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
32 Meeks, Marlin	6	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
82 Schexnayder, Ro	7	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41 Bergeron, Stefa	7	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56 McClinton, Jon	4	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23 Mathews, Troy	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16 Dumas, Nolan	5	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
89 Robinson, Anton	7	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
50 Sparks, Anthony	4	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35 Dolan, Patrick	7	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94 Crawford, Marsh	5	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8 Guidry, Kerry	6	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
54 Walker, Michael	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91 Wallace, Paul	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
84 Landry, Ben	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17 Johnson, Jarrel	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7 Johnson, Brando	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28 Garrett, Jeremy	5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42 Salter, Kendrex	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM TEAM	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
Total.....	7	281	216	497	38-131	13-84	2-37	19	6	6-0	11	2	.
Opponents.....	7	237	226	463	35.0-112		9-38	7-50	18	.	14-22	12	1



Falcons Soar Over Colonels In Season Opener

Colorado Springs, Colo. - Nicholls never found its groove in Saturday's season opener, while Air Force looked polished as the Falcons defeated the Colonels 72-0 on Saturday afternoon in Falcon Stadium.

The margin of victory was the second largest in Falcon history, while the margin of defeat was the greatest in the Colonel record books. The margin of defeat eclipsed the previous record of 53 points, 56-3, set in 1995 in a loss against Stephen F. Austin.

Junior preseason All-American Patrick Dolan punted a total of seven times on the afternoon, and had an average of 46.7 yards per punt. Dolan had three punts over 50 yards, including a career long 59-yard boot that pinned the Falcons on their own four yard line.

"We seen a lot of things that we need to work on and clean up. I have all the confidence that these guys will bounce back," said Head Coach Jay Thomas. "In a game like this, you have to steal some momentum because you have everything going against you, and we were unable to ever get that momentum swing."

Senior Yashua Willis led all tacklers with a career-high 10 (five solo), while true freshman Darrell Brown and junior Marquis Russell turned in seven each in their first collegiate game.

"One positive about today's game is that a lot of young guys, including a lot of freshman got a chance to play. We are a very young football team, and it showed today. We have a lot of football left and we will definitely improve," said Thomas.

Nicholls failed to score on its opening possession to start the game, and Air Force marched right down on its, scoring on a 3-yard touchdown run by Jared Tew. The scoring drive consisted of 8-plays, 63 yards, and used 3:18 of the clock. Erik Soderberg tacked on the point after and the Falcons took a 7-0 lead at the 10:18 mark of the first quarter. Tew finished the game with 57 yards on nine carries with three touchdowns.

The Colonels followed up with what seemed to be another three-and-out, but were given a breath of life with a fake punt that senior running back Marlin Meeks took up the gut from the Nicholls four-yard line to the 32. However on the next play, the Colonels fumbled and the Falcons answered with a 6-play, 24-yard scoring drive that was capped off with a 23-yard field goal by Soderberg. With the field goal, USAFA took a 10-0 lead.

Then it only got worse for the Colonels with another turnover deep in there own territory, and the Falcons wasted no time extending its lead to 17 points with a two-play scoring drive. Jefferson did the honor from 1-yard out, and USAFA led 17-0 with 2:58 left in the first quarter. Jefferson finished with 22 yards on five carries with two touchdowns, while the Colonels finished with a total of four turnovers, all fumbles.

The scoring continued in the second quarter for USAFA, finding the end zone at the 13:31 mark as Jefferson crossed the plain from a yard out. Soderberg went on to add the PAT, and the Falcons led 24-0 early on in the second quarter.

The Falcons went on to score three more touchdowns to close out the half, and take a 45-0 lead to the locker room. USAFA scored on every offensive possession on the first half with the exception of one, while the Colonels sputtered with eight penalties for 52 yards and only 59 yards of total offense.

USAFA continued to score in the second half, but not at as often or as quick as they did in the first. However, the Falcons did put four more touchdowns in the books to cruise to a 72-0 victory.

Nicholls finished with 151 yards of total offense, while its counterpart racked up a total of 571 yards, 474 of which came on the ground. Leading Nicholls in rushing was Meeks with 28 yards on one carry, and senior Antonio Robinson led the Colonels in receiving with 32 yards on four receptions.



Junior Patrick Dolan tallied seven punts, three over 50 in the loss.

Colonels Defense Steps Up To Secure Win In Home Opener

THIBODAUX, La. - An early defensive struggle gave way to a fourth-quarter shootout as the Nicholls State University football team (1-1) held on for a 14-7 win over the Duquesne Dukes (1-1) in the Colonels' 2009 home opener.

The Colonel defense totaled eight sacks, three turnovers and a blocked field goal on the day and a fourth quarter fake punt touchdown run provided the winning margin as the Colonels rebounded from an opening weekend loss at Air Force and handed the Dukes their first defeat of the season.

"I've got to give hats off to our defense. They really played with a lot of pride today," head coach Jay Thomas said. "We made that (fake punt) call and the opposing team knew it was coming. They just didn't know exactly where it was going to. Earvin was able to get past the first line of defense, made a move and was able to score. I felt like our offense made some progress today, but we are still very young and just need more experience."

Both defenses were busy early on as the Colonels' forced and recovered a fumble on the opening drive of the game. Marquis Russell sacked Duquesne quarterback Kevin Rombach to force a fumble on third and eight. Russell fell on it to give Nicholls the ball on the Duquesne 41.

However, the Dukes got the ball back just two plays later as Duquesne linebacker Nathan Totino forced a fumble of his own. Brandon Johnson coughed it up for Nicholls and Devin Duggan recovered for Duquesne.

Fortunately, for the Colonels, the Duquesne drive stalled and Duke punter Charlie Leventry's first punt of the day traveled just four yards to give the Colonels the ball back at the Duquesne 43.

With excellent field position, the Colonels engineered a ten-play drive for the first score of the game. The Colonels traveled the 43 yards in 3:50.

A 20-yard run by freshman quarterback Jacob Witt on a third-and-seven draw play kept the drive going. Five plays later, fullback Trey Hopson rumbled in from three yards out for the Colonels' first touchdown of the season to make it 7-0 where it stayed for the rest of the half.

Nicholls recorded four of its eight sacks in the first half. Unfortunately, for the Colonels, the Dukes proved equally adept on defense by limiting Nicholls to just five first downs in the first half and forcing a pair of turnovers. The Colonels took a 7-0 lead into the half, and neither side could break through in the third.

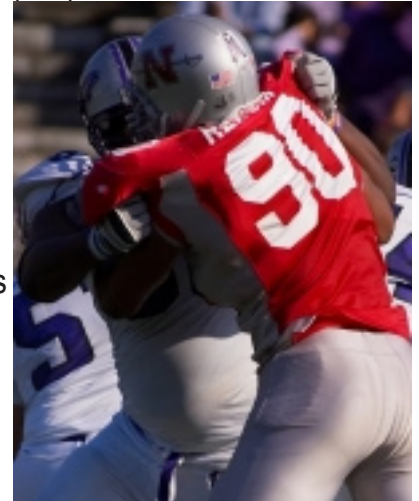
Both offenses broke through in the final ten minutes as Duquesne tied things up with a big-play. Dukes' backup QB Connor Dixon found former Michigan State wide receiver Dave Williams down the right sideline for an 83-yard catch-and-run for the touchdown, tying things up at 7-7.

However, the Colonels wasted no time reclaiming the lead. After the Nicholls' drive stalled on the next possession, the Colonels sent out the punt team. A direct-snap to upback Earvin Moore made for an effective fake as the junior transfer sprung loose down the left side for a 63-yard run for a touchdown to put Nicholls up 14-7 with just over eight minutes left.

The Dukes threatened to even up the score once again on their next drive. A 42-yard kickoff return by Duquesne's Willie Milhouse put the Dukes on their own 45 yard line. Duquesne tried to capitalize on that field position by advancing to Nicholls' 25 yard line, however, the Colonels came up with another big stop as A.J. Carter recovered another Dixon fumble.

After going three-and-out in their next series, the Colonels were forced to punt, and the Dukes tried to put together one last drive. However, after Duquesne reached their 19-yard line, the Colonel defense stiffened. A sack on third and seven, the eighth and final one of the day for the Colonels, led to a fourth and long completion just shy of the first down marker to give Nicholls the ball on downs with just over one minute left.

Seven different Colonels combined for 208 yards rushing on 42 attempts in Nicholls' first game of the season at John L. Guidry Stadium.



Senior Zac Reddix finished with nine tackles in the win.

Strong First Half Not Enough As Colonels Fall To Bulldogs

RUSTON, La. - Nicholls played Louisiana Tech to a tough first half - trailing 13-3 at halftime - but injuries and fatigue caught up with the Colonels as the Bulldogs won 48-13 in Joe Alliet Stadium on Saturday night.

"I feel like we grew up and matured tonight in a lot of areas, but we still have some things to clean up," said Head Coach Jay Thomas. "I told the team in the locker room after the game that we played hard, just did not execute for the entire game. We have to improve and learn from this loss."

True freshman quarterback Jacob Witt took the majority of snaps under center, and finished 9-for-20 with 107 yards through the air while rushing for another 41 on seven carries and a touchdown.

Senior wide receiver Antonio Robinson tallied a total of 131 yards (101 receiving and 30 rushing) for the Colonels, while senior Ross Schexnayder was 2-for-2 on field goals. His two makes were of 48 and 44 yards, while Robinson notched his second 100 yard receiving game of his career.

Louisiana Tech's offense was led by junior quarterback Ross Jenkins, throwing for a career high 357 yards, while completing 21-of-30 passes for two touchdowns.

Nicholls was led defensively by sophomore defensive back Bobby Felder with nine tackles, while Louisiana Tech was led by sophomore linebacker Adrien Cole with nine total takedowns.

The Colonels (1-2, 0-0 SLC) and Bulldogs (1-2, 0-0 WAC) ended the first quarter with a 3-3 tie on the heels of field goals by both teams. Louisiana Tech drew first blood at the 12:03 mark on a 28-yard field goal by Matt Nelson, while Schexnayder responded for the Colonels with a 48-yard field goal on the ensuing drive.

Following a defensive stand by Nicholls forcing a punt, the Colonels drove down the field, converting two fake punts a long the way, to bring the ball to the Louisiana Tech 31 before a Witt fumble. The Bulldogs then drove downfield on 6-plays, covering 81 yards to score the game's first touchdown via a Daniel Porter 2-yard touchdown run to open the second quarter. Nelson added the extra point, and the Bulldogs led 10-3 with 14:55 left in the second quarter.

The Bulldogs' Nelson booted another through the uprights to close out the first half scoring to give Louisiana Tech the 13-3 lead heading into the locker room. Nelson's kick was good from 44 yards, marking the first points scored by the Bulldogs not via Colonel turnovers.

The Colonels only had one penalty - a defensive offside call - in the first half, and despite turning over the ball twice in the first half (a fumble and an interception), trailed by only 10 at the midway point.

"We played smart fundamental football in the first half despite turning over the ball, and our offense had some positive things happen. It was good to have some momentum swing our way in the first half, and we are starting to see some of our younger players mature," said Thomas about the first half.

However, the flood gates opened in the second half, and Louisiana Tech wasted no time in extending its lead - 34-3 - via three touchdowns within in the third quarter. Nicholls was out-gained 232-to-72 yards in the quarter.

The Bulldogs went on to score 34 unanswered points until Witt raced in the end zone from 24 yards out at the 10:47 mark of the fourth quarter to make the score 41-10 after Schexnayder's extra point. It was the Colonels first touchdowns of the game.

Louisiana Tech finished the game with 558 yards of total offense to Nicholls' 271, and controlled the time of possession, 31:09 to 28:51.



Senior wide receiver Antonio Robinson had 131 yards of total offense (101 receiving) in the loss against the Bulldogs.

Colonels Can't Contain Gamecocks

THIBODAUX, La. - Jacksonville State quarterback and Louisiana native Ryan Perrilloux threw for four touchdowns and ran for one more as the Nicholls State University football team (1-3) couldn't find an answer for the No. 22 ranked Gamecocks and fell 60-10 on Saturday afternoon.

The Colonels, who were celebrating homecoming, fell victim to a JSU team that had opened the season with a pair of tough losses to traditional powerhouse NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision programs (37-17 at No. 15 Georgia Tech on Sept. 5, and 19-9 at Florida State on Sept. 12), but has gotten back to .500 on the season with wins over Alabama A&M (45-13 on Sept. 19) and Nicholls.

Perrilloux threw for 250 yards and ran for 58 more, and JSU outgained the Colonels on offense 484 to 210. Nicholls was led defensively by Yashua Willis (eight tackles, two for loss, one forced fumble) and Garrick Spain (four tackles, 1.5 for loss and the Colonels' only sack of the day).

"We knew that we were playing an exceptionally talented team coming in with a really good quarterback. We had a chance to watch him grow up in this area and recruit him, and we knew he could beat you with his arm and his legs."

The first quarter got off to a slow start as neither Nicholls nor Jacksonville State could break through on their opening drives.

However, the Gamecocks managed to strike first as JSU engineered a seven play, 77-yard drive culminating in a 17-yard touchdown pass from former Perrilloux to Justin Howard that put the Gamecocks up 7-0 with 1:40 left in the first.

The Gamecocks increased their lead to 14-0 in their first drive of the second quarter, going 51 yards in eight plays and scoring on a one-yard run by running back Calvin Middleton to put the Colonels down two scores.

Nicholls tried to get back in the game by answering on the following series. Freshman quarterback Jacob Witt connected with A.J. Williams on a 30-yard pass play on third down to keep the drive alive and consecutive 11-yard runs by Marlin Meeks and Williams helped advance the Colonels into field goal range.

Senior place kicker Ross Schexnayder drilled a 48-yard field goal to cap a nine play 42-yard drive and get the Colonels on the board 14-3.

However, that's as close as the Colonels were able to get as the Gamecocks. Jacksonville State went on a roll beginning in the second quarter with Perrilloux touchdown passes on consecutive drives to wrap up the first half.

The Gamecocks extended their lead on the opening kickoff of the second half. Senior Jamal Young fielded the kick and took it 95 yards for a touchdown to extend the JSU lead to 34-3.

Perrilloux helped extend the Gamecock lead again with his fourth touchdown pass of the afternoon as a six-yard strike made it 41-3. After the Colonels fumbled the ensuing kickoff and gave up possession to JSU at the Nicholls 22 yard line, the Gamecocks wasted little time finding the end zone for the seventh time on the day as a six play-touchdown drive made it 47-3.

The Gamecocks would add another Perrilloux touchdown, this one a 38-yard run with 14:39 left in the game, before the Colonels finally found the end zone on a two-yard touchdown run by freshman QB LaQuinton Caston made it 53-10.

JSU would produce the final strike with a five-yard touchdown pass from backup QB Marques Ivory to Kevyn Cooper. The Gamecocks failed to convert on three of their nine PAT attempts for the 60-10 margin.

The Colonels will have an open week before returning to action by opening the 2009 Southland Conference season at Sam Houston State on Oct. 10. Kickoff between Nicholls and the Bearkats is set for 2:00 p.m. in Huntsville, Texas.



Garrick Spain produced Nicholls' only sack on the afternoon.

Colonels Effort Comes Up Short Against Bearkats

HUNTSVILLE, Texas - Nicholls played Sam Houston State tough in the first half - trailed 17-14 at halftime - and even took the lead early on in the third quarter, but could not hold on as the Bearkats prevailed 44-21 in Bowers Stadium on an overcast Saturday afternoon.

"Even though it was a loss, I have to give it our team," said Head Coach Jay Thomas. "We had over eight guys playing with the flu and others playing injured, and they never gave up. But we do have improvements to make."

The Colonels were led by redshirt freshmen quarterback Laquintin Caston in the game with 172 yards passing to go along with a touchdown and 18 yards rushing. Assisting in Caston's cause was senior wide receiver Antonio Robinson with 108 yards receiving and a touchdown. Nicholls had its best statistical game of the year on offense, tallying 321 yards that included a balance attack of 149 on the ground and 172 through the air.

Leading the defensive charge for the Colonels was sophomore defensive back Bobby Felder and senior linebacker Yashua Willis with eight tackles each. Felder had a forced fumble and three pass breakups, while Willis had 2.5 tackles for a loss. Senior linebacker Kyle Hughes also recorded his first career interception in the loss.

The Bearkats were led by quarterback Blake Joseph with 269 yards passing and a score, while running back James Aston had 81 on the ground and three touchdowns. SHSU had 442 yards of total offense with 173 of it coming by the ground.

Nicholls trailed 17-14 at halftime, but opened the second half with a 10-play scoring drive to take its first lead of the game, 24-17, on a 1-yard run by senior fullback Trey Hopson. It was the first advantage that the Colonels have had in the second half of a game this season.

However, Sam Houston State followed with back-to-back scoring drives to take a 31-21 lead to end the third quarter, and Nicholls never recovered.

"I felt like we had a little momentum swing in the opening of the half, but we couldn't hold on to it. We have to get better at holding on to the momentum," said Thomas about the opening of the second half.

The Bearkats drew first blood in the game, taking their opening drive for a touchdown that was capped off by a 2-yard run by Aston. The drive went a total of nine plays for 73 yards.

Both teams then traded punts before Nicholls cracked the scoreboard with fumble recovery in the end zone by Robinson at the 1:18 mark of the first quarter. Robinson raced along side of A.J. Williams who scampered down the sideline for 77 yards before fumbling the ball at the 1-yard line. The ball then bounced in the end zone, and coming up with the ball underneath the pile was Robinson.

Senior kicker Ross Schexnayder converted the extra point, and both teams were tied, 7-7.

Nicholls forced a Sam Houston State punt, but after a quick three-plays then a failed fake punt, the Bearkats took over at the Nicholls 31-yard line. It only took four plays for SHSU to find pay dirt with a 16-yard run by Aston. The extra point was good, giving the Bearkats the 14-7 advantage with 11:52 left in the first half.

With 3:56 left in the half, the Colonels responded with its second longest play from scrimmage of the game with a 68-yard touchdown pass from Caston to Robinson. Schexnayder tacked on the PAT to tie up the game once again, this time 14-14.

Just before the half, SHSU added a 42-yard Miguel Antonio field goal to go into the lockerroom with the 17-14 advantage.



Senior Yashua Willis had a team-high tie in tackles with eight in the loss.

Texas State Keeps Paddle; Defeats Nicholls On Saturday

THIBODAUX, La. - Nicholls dug itself an early hole and could not come back from its self inflicted deficit as Texas State kept the coveted paddle that the two schools play for with its 34-28 win in John L. Guidry Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

"We are definitely improving, but still need to work a little harder to get over the hump," said Head Coach Jay Thomas. "The opportunities were there for us, but we failed to take care of the ball, and in the process, took away chances for our offense."

Both defenses started strong as the Colonels halted the Bobcats' opening drive by stopping Texas State on fourth-and-six at midfield. Unfortunately, for Nicholls, the Bobcats responded by forcing and recovering a fumble on the next play.

Texas State took advantage of good field position, advancing to the nine. The Nicholls defense rallied to keep the Bobcats out of the end zone, but Justin Garelick connected on a 26-yard field goal attempt to give Texas State a 3-0 lead with 10:53 left in the first.

After the Colonels and Bobcats traded punts on their next possessions, Nicholls broke through to take the lead. Redshirt freshman quarterback LaQuniton Caston engineered a ten-play, 61-yard, 4:39 drive culminating in touchdown reception by Brandon Johnson.

Nicholls second passing touchdown of the season put the Colonels out in front 7-3 to end the first quarter.

However, the Bobcats reclaimed the lead at the start of the second as Bradley George found DeMarcus Griggs on a ten-yard touchdown pass to make it 10-7 in favor of Texas State 34 seconds into the second period.

The Colonels second fumble of the afternoon would prove costly as the Bobcats forced the ball loose and recovered the ball three plays after the ensuing kickoff at the Nicholls' 20-yard line. Once again, Texas State took advantage of good field position as Karrington Bush capped a four-play drive with a four-yard touchdown run to make it 17-7.

The Colonels third fumble of the day came on the ensuing kick as the Bobcats recovered on the 11. Texas State found the endzone two plays later to go out in front 24-7.

Nicholls rallied, however, as Marquis Russell sacked George and forced a fumble that was recovered by Zac Reddix. The Nicholls offense got to work with a four-play touchdown drive ending with a touchdown run by Caston from 11-yards out to make it 24-14 to end the half.

The Colonels got off to a quick start in the second half as A.J. Williams broke a 70-yard run before getting forced out at the Bobcats' one-yard line on the second play of the third quarter. Caston rushed it in for the second time on the afternoon to bring Nicholls to within three at 24-21 with 13:39 left in the third.

However, the Bobcats began building momentum as George put together a 13-play drive that ended in a 26-yard field goal by Garelick to give Texas State ahead 27-21.

The Colonels threatened to get back in the game as Nicholls advanced from their own 35 to the Texas State 10 on the next drive. However, the Bobcats stalled the Colonels at the ten and Nicholls, battling high winds, missed its second field goal attempt of the afternoon to give the ball back to Texas State with 9:50 left.

Texas State responded by driving 90 yards. As the Bobcats threatened to score, Nicholls forced a fumble at their own one before recovering in the end zone for a touchback. The Colonels took over at their own 20 with just over seven minutes left.

After driving toward midfield, however, Caston was intercepted at the Texas State 48 and it appeared that would put the game on ice. But, Nicholls forced and recovered a fumble on the very next play to stay alive.

The Colonels made the most of their second chance as Williams capped off the drive with a six-yard touchdown run to bring Nicholls to within six points at 34-28 with 2:41 left.



Senior A.J. Williams had 11 carries for 119 yards and a touchdown in the loss against Texas State.

Colonels Get Clawed By Bears In Conway

CONWAY, Ark. - Nicholls could not stop the explosive Central Arkansas offense on Saturday in Estes Stadium, losing 42-13 in front of 10,653 in attendance for the Bears' homecoming game.

The No. 14 Bears (5-2, 2-1 SLC) showed no ill effects of their loss last week to the Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks, putting forth 35 first half points and 400-plus yards in the first two quarters. Of the Bears 405 first half yards, 164 of it was on the ground with Brent Grimes leading the way with 95 yards and two touchdowns on nine carries. Grimes, a Baton Rouge, La. native, finished with 155 rushing yards in the game.

The Colonels (1-6, 0-3 SLC) only had 109 yards of total offense in the first half, and finished the game with 253.

"I'm highly disappointed in the way our defense played the first two quarters, and in my 11 years coaching here, that was the worst I have ever seen us play through two quarters on defense," said Head Coach Jay Thomas. "We are going back to the practice fields this week, and we are going to keep on working to get better."

Nicholls only bright spot of the first half was a 41-yard touchdown pass from redshirt freshman quarterback Laquintin Caston to senior wide receiver Antonio Robinson at the 11:00 mark of the second quarter. The scoring drive was made possible due to a successful fake punt that senior linebacker Kyle Hughes ran 15 yards for the first down.

Senior kicker Ross Schexnayder's point-after-attempt was blocked to make the score 14-6, and that was as close as the Colonels would come in the game.

In the second half, the Bears picked up right where they left off before intermission with a quick scoring drive to open the half that was all done by the legs of Grimes. Grimes rushed twice to get UCA in the endzone with his second carry on the drive going to the house for 42-yards to make the score 42-6 with the extra point.

The only other score in the game for Nicholls was on a reverse that Robinson sprung loose on, and raced 42-yards for the touchdown in the fourth quarter. Robinson finished the game with two touchdowns - one rushing and one receiving - and 83 yards of total offense.

Senior fullback Marlin Meeks led all Colonel rushers with 73 yards on 17 carries, and on the defensive side, the Colonels were led by senior linebacker Yashua Willis with nine total takedowns.

The Bears turned in 287 yards rushing in the win, while Bear quarterback Robbie Park checked out in the third quarter with 245 yards passing and two touchdowns. Park was also 12-of-20 with no turnovers in the game.



Senior Antonio Robinson was responsible for both touchdowns and finished with 83 yards of total offense.