



NORTHWESTERN STATE DEMONS

2017 Football

Northwestern State (1-10 in 2016)

9/2	at Louisiana Tech (ESPN3)	6:00
9/9	at Grambling	6:00
9/16	* Lamar (CST)	6:00
9/30	* Southeastern Louisiana (CST)	6:30
10/7	* at Nicholls (CST)	6:30
10/14	* at Sam Houston State	6:00
10/21	* Central Arkansas (Homecoming)	6:00
10/28	* at Houston Baptist	6:00
11/4	* Abilene Christian	6:00
11/11	* at McNeese	6:00
11/18	* Stephen F. Austin	3:00

*denotes Southland Conference game

Louisiana Tech (9-5 in 2016)

9/2	Northwestern State	6:00
9/9	Mississippi State	6:30
9/16	*at Western Ky.	6:00
9/23	at South Carolina	TBA
9/30	South Alabama	6:00
10/7	* at UAB	TBA
10/21	* Southern Mississippi	6:00
10/28	* at Rice	2:30
11/4	* North Texas	2:30
11/11	* Florida Atlantic	2:30
11/18	* at UTEP	2:00
11/25	* UTSA	TBA

*denotes C-USA game

Northwestern State Quick Facts

Location	Natchitoches, Louisiana
Founded	1884
Athletic Affiliation	NCAA Division I FCS
Enrollment	10,235 (projected)
Colors	Purple & White, orange trim
All-Time Record	528-458-35 (.534)
2016 Record	1-10 (0-9 SLC)
Starters Returning/Lost	14 (13 O&D)/12 (9)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	46/31
Southland Conference Championships/last ...	4, 2004
NCAA D I Playoff Appearances/last	4, 2004
Offensive Scheme	Multiple
Defensive Scheme	4-3-4
Head Coach.....	Jay Thomas
Record at NSU....	17-29 (12-9 at home, 14-23 v. FCS)
Record Overall	44-64 (.407, 11th year)

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Northwestern State Demons

at

Louisiana Tech Bulldogs



6:00 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 2
Joe Aillet Stadium (28,019)
Ruston, Louisiana



Radio: The Demon Sports Network

(Patrick Netherton, Play-by-Play • Richard deVargass, Analyst • Tony Taglavore, Sideline)

Video Stream: KPXJ Shreveport, KBCA Alexandria—WatchESPN3.com

(Lyn Rollins, Play-by-Play • Stan Humphries, Analyst • Tatum Everett, Sideline)

No need to wait another 20 years: neighborhood rivalry revived

NSU-Tech is the most tradition-laden rivalry for both schools, thanks to 50 years of State Fair Classic matchups in Shreveport (1937-87) with weeklong pageantry and mischief around and at the games in Shreveport.

The schools initially met in football in the first-ever contest for NSU (then Louisiana Normal) in 1907, making the series 110 years old. When the Bulldogs hosted the Demons in 2014, it was the first meeting in 20 years and the first NSU visit to Ruston since Joe Aillet was a Demon assistant coach under Harry Turpin.

The last meeting was the first NSU win in the series since 1979, a 30-27 victory fueled by a 20-point fourth quarter by the visitors, ending with a last-play 47-yard field goal by Chris Moore following the last of five turnovers forced by the Demons. Going in, the Bulldogs had won eight and the teams tied in 1986. Overall, Tech owns a 53-20-5 lead in the ancient rivalry, which stalled after 1987 as the Bulldogs moved to what's now known as the Football Bowl Subdivision, then "Division I-A."

Series has inspired artwork, a book, and indelible memories

There have been many memorable showdowns. The 1968 42-39 Tech triumph, on a last-minute Terry Bradshaw bomb to Ken Liberto, is generally considered the pinnacle of the State Fair Classic, and there's even artwork that sprung out of that fabled game.

The most recent meeting's dramatic finish in front of 26,004 at Aillet Stadium on the fourth playing date of 2014 assured that contest a place high in the history of the series (recap is in this notes package).

The rivalry has spawned at least one book — "Beat TECH! Inside the Louisiana State Fair Football Classics, 1940-42" by Mark and Jacqueline Scott, family members of standout Demon back Theophile Scott, sharing perspectives from both sides of the fence. Scott and his 43 Demon teammates from the 1942 Louisiana Intercollegiate Conference team were all in the U.S. Armed Forces a year later, in World War II.

A compelling passage from the book, a quote from the elder Scott: "As early as 1940, the rivalry between Normal and Tech was growing to mean much more than just us versus them. (Tech head coach, former Demon assistant Joe) Aillet and (Demon assistant Alvin "Cracker") Brown taught us how to become smart football players, good teammates and men. They also taught us how to respect our opponent, so that one day Demon and Bulldog can sit together and reminisce."

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The Demons - Bulldogs Series

Series	20-53-5
Last Meeting	Northwestern won 30-27
.....	Sept. 20, 2014 at Louisiana Tech
At Louisiana Tech	3-12-2
At Northwestern State	4-5-1
Neutral Site - Shreveport	13-36-2
Louisiana Tech's Longest Streak	9, 1945-52
NSU's Longest Streak	3, 1917-20, 1938-40
Current Streak	NSU, 1

1907	L	43-6	at Tech	10/19/57	L	20-13	Neutral
1909	L	45-0	at Tech	10/18/58	W	18-14	Neutral
1910	L	32-0	at Tech	10/24/59	L	27-14	Neutral
1911	L	39-0	at Tech	10/22/60	L	13-7	Neutral
1913	L	40-0	at Tech	10/21/61	W	19-7	Neutral
11/6/15	L	20-7	Neutral	10/20/62	W	19-2	Neutral
11/4/16	L	24-0	Neutral	10/18/63	L	27-13	Neutral
11/3/17	W	6-0	Neutral	10/23/64	L	42-14	Neutral
1919	W	27-0	at Tech	10/23/65	L	42-14	Neutral
1920	W	12-0	at Tech	10/22/66	W	28-7	Neutral
11/19/21	L	14-0	at Tech	10/21/67	W	7-0	Neutral
10/19/22	T	0-0	at NSU	10/19/68	L	42-39	Neutral
11/10/23	L	33-2	at NSU	10/18/69	L	42-21	Neutral
10/02/26	L	28-0	at Tech	10/24/70	W	20-17	Neutral
10/15/27	L	33-0	at NSU	10/23/71	L	33-21	Neutral
10/13/28	W	6-0	at NSU	10/21/72	L	20-16	Neutral
11/1/29	T	0-0	at Tech	10/20/73	L	26-7	Neutral
10/31/30	W	19-14	at NSU	10/19/74	L	34-0	Neutral
10/20/31	L	18-2	at Tech	10/18/75	L	41-14	Neutral
10/28/32	W	33-0	at NSU	10/23/76	L	35-6	Neutral
10/28/33	L	6-0	at Tech	10/22/77	L	30-8	Neutral
10/26/34	W	6-0	at NSU	10/20/78	L	45-20	Neutral
10/26/35	L	32-0	at Tech	10/20/79	W	25-21	Neutral
10/23/36	L	32-0	at NSU	10/18/80	L	27-23	Neutral
10/23/37	L	14-0	Neutral	10/24/81	L	37-33	Neutral
10/22/38	W	7-6	Neutral	10/23/82	L	33-0	Neutral
10/21/39	W	26-0	Neutral	10/22/83	L	21-10	Neutral
10/19/40	W	13-0	Neutral	10/20/84	L	5-0	Neutral
10/18/41	L	10-0	Neutral	10/26/85	L	33-17	Neutral
10/24/42	W	10-6	Neutral	10/25/86	T	13-13	Neutral
10/28/44	L	21-7	at NSU	10/24/87	L	23-0	Neutral
11/11/44	T	0-0	at Tech	11/5/94	L	38-28	at Tech
10/27/45	L	18-7	at Tech	9/20/2017	W	30-27	at Tech
11/10/45	L	7-2	at NSU				
10/26/46	L	14-7	Neutral				
10/25/47	L	24-0	Neutral				
10/23/48	L	10-7	Neutral				
10/21/49	L	28-21	Neutral				
10/21/50	L	15-7	Neutral				
10/21/51	L	21-6	Neutral				
10/18/52	L	22-0	Neutral				
10/23/53	W	15-7	Neutral				
10/23/54	L	13-3	Neutral				
10/22/55	L	21-20	Neutral				
10/20/56	T	0-0	Neutral				

NSU fraternity honoring Tech RB with game-ball run for St. Jude

The NSU chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity did a game-ball run for charity from Natchitoches to Ruston on game day in 2014, accepting donations for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis. They're doing it again and showing the best of this neighborhood rivalry by paying tribute to now cancer-free sophomore Bulldog RB Jaqwis Dancy.

The funds raised (target is \$10,000) by Saturday's run will be donated to St. Jude in Dancy's name. In February, he was declared cancer-free four months after being diagnosed with stage 3 Hodgkin lymphoma and enduring chemotherapy treatments.

A special date for two superstars in the State Fair Classic

Sept. 2 is the birthday for two of the greatest players ever in this rivalry, standouts who became Super Bowl champion teammates with the Pittsburgh Steelers: Terry Bradshaw for the Bulldogs, and 1976 Blue-Gray Classic MVP Sidney "Thundering Bull" Thornton, a gifted and powerful running back for the Demons.

Bradshaw, born in 1948, is six years older than Thornton, a Baton Rouge native who lives in Bradshaw's hometown of Shreveport.

Close ties have several involved with both institutions

Plenty of common ground between NSU and Louisiana Tech staff and coaches. Some of the more prominent connections:

- New NSU president Dr. Chris Maggio's son, Scott, is a sophomore distance runner for the Bulldogs, competing in cross country and track. Maggio's wife Jennifer is a second-generation Tech alumnae.
- Demons' OC and QB coach Kyle Manley coached for the Bulldogs, under OC Tony Franklin on Spike Dykes' staff in 2008-09.
- Demons DC and safeties coach Brad Laird worked almost across the street from Aillet Stadium the last four years, as head football coach and AD at Ruston High School. Laird, a Ruston native, is NSU's career passing leader (6,037 yards, 1991-95) and a member of the N-Club Hall of Fame.
- Demons' head basketball coach Mike McConathy is an icon at both schools. He starred for the Bulldogs from 1973-77, scoring 2,033 points, and is in the Tech Athletic Hall of Fame. He will begin his 19th season at NSU as the winningest college hoops coach in state history.
- Joe Aillet Stadium is deservedly named for the Bulldogs' great head coach who won 152 games in 26 seasons, after taking the Tech head coaching post for the 1940 season. He was the Demons' chief assistant under Harry "Rags" Turpin in the late 1930s, capped by the unbeaten 1939 (11-0) Demons.
- Tech athletics director Tommy McClelland and wife Jessica are both NSU alumni. He was a deep snapper for the Demons' 2004 Southland Conference champions as a senior, earning his fourth letter, and also threw the javelin for the NSU track & field team. He was a graduate assistant in athletics administration under NSU AD Greg Burke in 2005.
- Tech head coaches Lane Burroughs (baseball) and Brooke and Scott Stoeck (women's basketball) held the same posts previously at NSU. Much of the Lady Techster basketball staff was at NSU, including at least two alumni (Chelsea Rogers, Nick Long).
- Bulldogs' longtime track & field coach Gary Stanley was an assistant at NSU when the Demons' 4x100 relay team won the 1981 NCAA title.

Teammates before college collide Saturday

At least nine Demon players have former teammates who play at Tech.

- 2017 redshirt WR Jazz Ferguson's brother Jaylon Ferguson is a Bulldog star at DE.
- Sophomore S Ryan Reed was teammates with the Ferguson brothers at West Feliciana HS
- Senior QB J.D. Almond played with Tech RB Jarred Craft at Haughton HS
- Senior WR Bryson Bourque and Bulldogs JC transfer CB Michael Sam were New Iberia HS Yellow Jackets together. They will likely match up Saturday night.
- Senior DE Lyn Clark, at New Orleans' O. Perry Walker HS, was teammates with late Bulldogs RB Tyrone Duplessis, who tragically perished from a heart condition in college.
- Redshirt freshman QB Kenny Sears and backup long snapper Brandon Eberts were Covington-St. Paul's HS teammates with Tech slot receiver Marcus Gaines.
- Junior CB Ike Warren and Tech LB Brandon Durman were middle school teammates in Tyler, Texas for the undefeated Hubbard Middle School Huskies.
- Junior OL Andrew McCalister played at Alexandria Senior High with Bulldog LB Dae'Von Washington.

FCS vs. FBS: the differences

FBS (Football Bowl Subdivision, formerly Division I-A) programs typically have more scholarships, more coaches, bigger stadiums and typically more resources than do their FCS (Football Championship Subdivision, formerly I-AA) counterparts.

NSU and Louisiana Tech operate NCAA Division I athletic programs. The FBS and FCS subdivisions exist only in football.

Major rules differences: FBS teams offer more scholarships (85, to 63 for FCS teams) and larger coaching staffs (FCS programs have staff limitations).

There are no differences in academic eligibility standards for student-athletes.

Demons have 11 wins vs. FBS foes, last in 2014

Northwestern is 11-37 overall against FBS foes since 1977, when the subdivision system in Division I football was created.

The 2014 win at Tech, which was the Conference USA runner-up and won the Heart of Dallas Bowl, snapped a 17-game losing skid by NSU against FBS foes. The previous victory was nearby in 2005, a 27-23 win in the season opener at UL Monroe (ironically, six days after Hurricane Katrina made landfall).

The long string of FBS defeats included Baylor (4), Ole Miss and Texas Tech (each twice), LSU, Air Force, SMU, Kansas,



JAY THOMAS

Head Coach

Southern Miss., 1984

17 - 29 overall at NSU

44 - 64 career, 11th year

28 - 43 in Southland games

1-0 vs. Louisiana Tech as HC at NSU

As he prepares to open his fifth season as head football coach at Northwestern State, Jay Thomas isn't worried. He's excited.

That may seem odd considering the Demons didn't win a Southland Conference game last season and are picked 10th in an 11-team league in the Southland's official preseason poll. But,

- 1) Worrying is not how Coach T rolls;
- 2) He knows last year wasn't the meltdown the record suggests. The Demons were very close to 4-5 conference wins, games settled in the fourth quarter, some in the final seconds;
- 3) He likes what he saw in spring practice and what has been added to the mix with new faces in preseason camp;
- 4) He really likes WHO will be wearing the purple and white, with orange trim, on the field and on the sidelines this fall.

There was no panic last season. There was a lot of pain, but nobody got thrown under the proverbial bus. That's not how Coach T rolls. And his team responded. Wins didn't result, but the effort was relentless and the esprit de corps was strong.

That's because the 2016 seniors were part of a rock-solid foundation established in his first three seasons as head coach. They helped guide almost three dozen newcomers through tough times, and strengthened a culture that has Thomas, and the 2017 team, bursting at the seams for this fall's competition.

After he produced the best back-to-back seasons in a decade, and much more, for Demon football during his first two years in charge, Thomas received a two-year contract extension from veteran athletics director Greg Burke. The third season in 2015, front-loaded with a brutal opening month, began unsuccessfully. But there was no panic, reflective of the steady leadership by Thomas, and success followed once again. That's another indication that his fifth NSU squad will surprise skeptics.

With very strong recruiting classes each of the last two years, Thomas believes the Demons are on the path to challenging for the Southland Conference title and FCS playoff berths.

A key: his deep knowledge of the Southland gained through 17 seasons in the league, including six (2004-09) as head coach at Nicholls. He was finalist for national coach of the year honors in a 2005 playoff season by the Colonels.

Key No. 2: a focus on academic achievement by his players, including a significant surge in academic performance with a school-record 975 single-year APR for 2015-16 — tops in the Southland -- following a 969 in 2014-15 and a 960 for 2013-14. A combined 91 players graduated in NSU's last five commencement exercises going back to 2014.

The 2014 season included noteworthy wins over Conference USA runner-up Louisiana Tech and FCS semifinalist and Southland co-champion Sam Houston State. Three one-score losses in league play and another in the season opener denied the 2014 squad a breakthrough season against a schedule ranked 10th strongest in the country.

Thomas, 56, had been defensive coordinator and assistant head coach in 2012 at Division II Missouri Southern, following two seasons as the Demons' defensive line coach and assistant head coach in 2010 and 2011.

He and wife Dr. Jan Thomas, a nurse who earned her doctoral degree and teaches online, are parents of teenage daughters Hannah and Haley, students at St. Mary's HS.

DEMON FOOTBALL STAFF

Head Coach/Defensive Line

..... Jay Thomas (7th season, 5th as HC)
..... Southern Mississippi, 1988

Assoc. Head Coach/ Defensive Coordinator/Safeties

..... Brad Laird (8th season, 1st since 2011)
..... NSU, 1988

Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks

..... Kyle Manley (5th season)
..... Georgia Tech, 2008

Special Teams Coordinator

..... August Mangin (5th season, 4th since 2014)
..... LSU, 2010

Offensive Line

..... Jeff Bowen (3rd season, 1st since 2015)
..... Clarion (PA), 1999

Cornerbacks

..... De'Von Lockett (8th season)
..... Northwestern State, 2002

Linebackers

..... Jake Olsen (1st season)
..... Saint Mary, 2006

Wide Receivers

..... Alvin Slaughter (2nd season)
..... Clarion (PA), 1999

Running Backs/ Tight Ends

..... Will Weaver (5th season)
..... Valdosta State, 2006

Head Strength and Conditioning Coach

..... Jared Myatt (1st season)
..... Louisiana College, 2015

Head Athletic Trainer

..... Jason Drury (13th season)
..... Idaho State, 1999 & Northwestern State, 2001

Director of Football Operations

..... Dan Korn (14th season)
..... Northwestern State, 1994

Administrative Graduate Assistants

..... Will Anglin (Northwestern State, 2016, 2nd season)
..... Nick Campbell (Elon, 2006, 1st season)
..... Virgil Hart (San Diego, 2014, 3rd season)
..... Steele Henry (LSU, 2016, 2nd season)
..... Taylor James (Louisiana College, 2016, 2nd season)
..... Jamaal Lewis (Southwestern Oklahoma St. 2014, 1st season)
..... Alec Osborne (ULM, 2015, 1st season)
..... Mikey Sabzevari (Texas, 2016, 1st season)
..... Josh Snow (Sam Houston State, 2016, 1st season)

Head Equipment Manager

..... Joe Tolbert (1st season)
..... South Alabama, 2014

Football Administrative Assistant

..... Elizabeth Holloway (20th season, 16th with football)

Cincinnati, UAB, Nevada, Houston and UL Lafayette. The closest call: 38-31 at Ole Miss in 2007.

Among NSU's FBS wins, other than 2014: at TCU (27-24, OT, 2001), Boise State (20-16, 1996), and Southern Miss (22-0, 1984).

New coordinators, staff changes revitalize Demons

Staff changes after last season have energized the NSU program. QB coach Kyle Manley, entering his fifth season on staff, was promoted to offensive coordinator. Brad Laird returned to his alma mater for his third stint as defensive coordinator.

New on the offensive staff: line coach Jeff Bowen.

New to the defensive side: linebackers coach Jake Olsen, Laird, and head coach Jay Thomas serving as defensive line coach. Only cornerbacks coach De'Von Lockett returns from last year on defense.

Also new and impactful: strength coach Jared Myatt.

Seven new faces starting, 35 lettermen on the depth chart

NSU will have 7 new faces starting Saturday night, 4 on offense — players who weren't on the team last year (6 transfers, plus converted baseball outfielder Kwan Adkins).

Among 24 offensive players listed, 16 are returning lettermen. Three are freshmen, including true freshman Kenny Sheldon, a backup right guard. Adkins hasn't played football in three years, since Brusly HS.

There are 19 lettermen listed among the 32 on the defensive depth chart. Three true freshmen are backups (DT Damien Thompson, DE Braylon Daigle, LB Isaiah Longino), along with two more redshirt freshmen (one, FS Hayden Bourgeois, didn't practice with the Demons last year).

True freshman Xavier Bell is the kickoff return man. Redshirt freshman Hayden Bourgeois will return punts. Punter/kicker Eric Piccione is the only veteran filling the same role as last year (other than backup punter Parker Pasterello), surrounded by 11 players new to the special teams depth chart. One is backup long snapper McKane Kinchen, a true freshman whose dad Brian snapped for the game-winning field goal (Patriots) in Super Bowl XXXVIII.

Starting snappers pulling double duty

Starting middle linebacker Nick Pierotti sees his role as deep snapper giving him the chance to make a few more tackles.

Backup left offensive tackle Dustin Burns gets his hands on the ball for a change. He's used to unique roles. Back in high school, he was a guest performer for the Beaumont (Texas) Civic Ballet.

After solid start, Almond stays in the saddle as QB

Demons' senior QB J.D. Almond gets his seventh career start Saturday night, and his fourth straight. He opened the last three games of 2016. Almond drew his first 2016 start at Abilene Christian and got out of the gate great. After a near-miss on a deep ball to open the game, he completed

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10 in a row in the first quarter, the fifth-best string of consecutive completions in school history.

Consecutive completions

1. 19, Zach Adkins, 2014 at Southern
2. 13, Brad Henderson, 2011 vs. Delta State
3. 11, Brooks Haack, 2016 vs. Kentucky Wesleyan
11, Paul Harris, 2010 vs. Southeastern Louisiana
5. **10, J.D. Almond, 2016 at Abilene Christian**

In his fourth career start (he got three in 2015) Almond was 22 of 33 for 225 passing yards, with 1 interception. He led NSU to 446 total yards while playing a full game for the first time since Haughton HS.

Almond got no work in the 2016 preseason. He had a nasty case of poison ivy, after working in his grandmother's garden the day before reporting to camp, that forced him to miss all of August.

His grandfather, Mike Almond, was among the finest receivers in NSU history. He had 95 receptions from 1975-78 for 1,562 yards, and was drafted by the Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers. Problem was, Pittsburgh had Pro Football Hall of Fame WRs Lynn Swann and John Stallworth, so Almond didn't make the 1979 roster (a team that won Pittsburgh's 4th Super Bowl). J.D.'s uncle, Dustin Almond, was a three-year starting QB at Southern Mississippi from 2003-05.

Bourque followed his brother to NSU

Senior receiver Bryson Bourque is the younger brother of former Demon linebacker Blake Delcambre, who led NSU with 94 tackles as a senior in 2009.

Adkins has been catching baseballs, not footballs as a Demon

Junior receiver Kwan Adkins is a three-year letterman for the NSU baseball team in the outfield. His speed and athleticism makes him a defensive gem for coach Bobby Barbier.

He is on the football field for the first time this season since high school. Adkins was recruited by the Demons football staff as a DB out of Brusly HS, but chose to play baseball. He plans to do so again next spring.

Dual role for Piccione, and he's doing both well

Last season, senior Eric Piccione was the first to kick and punt for the Demons since Jason Fernandez, a Parade All-American as a DFW prep star, did both in 1992-93.

Piccione had five 40+ FGs last season, with a long of 47 (3 times). He was 11-15 on FGs and averaged 40.3 yards overall on 49 punts, with 10 downed inside the 20 and 14 fair caught. He had 5 touchbacks on kickoffs.

Piccione was better in the Southland with a 42.1 punting average in conference games, and in FG aim (85%, 11-13).

NSU owns Southland APR bragging rights

The Demon football team had a 975 (of a possible 1,000) Academic Progress Rate score for 2015-16, leading all 11 Southland Conference

Demon Sports Network Radio Affiliates

- 100.7 FM KZBL, Natchitoches (flagship)
- 710 AM KEEL Shreveport
- 105.5 FM KBUCK, Alexandria
- 103.1 KWLA, Many/Leesville

Online free/live at NSUDemons.com and BDCRadio.com

Weekday Interview Policy

Player interviews must be set up through SID Doug Ireland at least one day in advance to minimize demands on the student-athletes' busy schedule. Brief face-to-face post-practice interviews may be conducted if time permits. Interviews with Coach Thomas or any assistant coach can be arranged by calling football secretary Elizabeth Holloway at (318) 357-5252.

Television FTP Services

Northwestern State provides weekly interviews with head coach Jay Thomas and selected players each Monday afternoon to television outlets through the NSU Demons FTP folder. They are also posted on NSUDemons.com.

New HD content is available between 3-5 each Monday afternoon. For access information, e-mail SID Doug Ireland at ireland@nsula.edu.

Quarterback Club Luncheons

Wednesday noon, Natchitoches - Stroud Room at NSU Athletic Fieldhouse. \$10 buffet style luncheon.

Thursdays prior to home games, Shreveport - Superior's Steakhouse, corner of Line and Pierremont. \$20 menu.

Coach Jay Thomas will attend these luncheons, open to the public. Players will also attend the Natchitoches luncheon. Interviews are done after the luncheon in Natchitoches, and upon arrival about 11:45 at the Shreveport Luncheon. Media meals are complimentary.

Demon Huddle Radio Show

Thursday evenings from 6-7 at Cane River Grill in Natchitoches, the Demon Huddle talk show broadcast airs on 100.7 FM, KZBL, the flagship station of the Demons Sports Network. Patrick Netherton and Dustin Cross co-host. Davey Antille produces the show.

This Week's Games

Thursday, Aug. 31

- McNeese at Nicholls, 7:00 p.m., ESPN3

Saturday, Sept. 2

- Northwestern State at Louisiana Tech, 6:00 p.m., ESPN3
- Lamar at North Texas, 6:00 p.m., ESPN3
- Southeastern Louisiana at UL Lafayette, 6:00 p.m., ESPN3
- Stephen F. Austin at SMU, 6:00 p.m., ESPN3
- Houston Baptist at Texas State, 6:00 p.m., ESPN3
- Central Arkansas at Kansas State, 6:10 p.m., ESPN3
- UIW at Fresno State, 9:00 p.m.
- Abilene Christian at New Mexico, 7:00 p.m.

programs.

NSU football's four-year APR under coach Jay Thomas is 957, right at the national average for all D-I programs involving over 240 FBS and FCS teams.

Five Demons with degrees in hand

Seniors J.D. Almond, Bobby Chan-Chan, Dannie Harmon, Chris Jones, and Isaiah Wheeler, are NSU alumni, having earned undergraduate degrees in the past academic year.

Graduation is the end game for Demon players

The culture in the Demon football program has one destination: graduation. An impressive total of 91 players have earned undergraduate degrees since the end of the 2014 season. There were 28 Demons who graduated either last winter, this spring or summer (J.D. Almond, Bobby Chan-Chan, Dannie Harmon among them)

Academic emphasis paying off

During the 2015-16 academic year, the nearly 400 competitors in 14 NCAA Division I sports at Northwestern State compiled a cumulative grade point average of 3.13 on a 4.0 scale.

Contributing to that was a cumulative 2.89 GPA posted by the 115 NSU football players. Nearly half (54 players) of the team logged a 3.0 or better last season.

NSU continues to shine in the NCAA's two annual assessments of academic achievement, the Academic Progress Rate review each May and the Graduation Success Rate issued each October. Northwestern State is among an elite group of Division I programs to have never received any warnings or penalties such as postseason bans from substandard APR performance by teams.

The Southland Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll spotlights student-athletes who, during their competitive seasons, earn at least a 3.0 GPA. This spring, 103 NSU competitors qualified, 18 with perfect 4.0 averages.

Last fall, when football was included, NSU had 101 student-athletes on the list, best by any of the five Louisiana-based members and second among the 13 Southland institutions. NSU had 22 competitors with perfect 4.0 GPAs, second in the conference.

Among the 22: 13 football players, including returners DB Lionel Williams, DE Desmond Prejean, DB Tevyn Johnson and WR Gavin Landry.

Game captains are strong senior leaders

Coach Jay Thomas and his coaching staff typically choose the weekly game captains to lead the team in practice and handle the coin toss and other in-game captain duties with officials. This year, he put it to team vote last week.

The captains are QB J.D. Almond, DE Lyn Clark, and P/K Eric Piccione. That trio will head out for the coin toss.

Fifteen serve as Demon Deacons leadership council

Each year, players at each position group elect Demon Deacons to represent them as liaisons with the coaching staff. The Demon Deacons meet with head coach Jay Thomas, often in brief post-practice huddles, to handle the issue of the moment.

The six offensive Demon Deacons: QB J.D. Almond, RB Chris Jones, WR Cameron Lazare, TE Lucas Morgan, OL Korliss Johnson and Chris Zirkle.

Eight defensive players are Demon Deacons: DL Christian Blueitt, Lyn Clark, Isaiah Wheeler and Dannie Harmon, LB Chrishard Buhl and Peyton Guidry, CB Ike Warren, and S Austin Balthazor.

P/K Eric Piccione represents special teams.

Coaching from upstairs

Working from the press box during games: RB/TE coach Will Weaver and GA's Jamaal Lewis and Josh Snow, and for the defense, LB coach Jake Olsen and GA's Taylor James and Alec Osborne.

Demon players impacted by Harvey's wicked weather

Several NSU competitors have roots in the Houston area and some are coping with flood damage and sadly, one death, the beloved high school track coach of redshirt freshman running back Da'Von Smith. His family has some water in their house, but all is relatively OK.

Others include:

- Senior WR Bobby Chan-Chan's aunt's house, and many homes of his friends where he stays when he goes home to Cypress, are flooded. His parents moved to Minnesota, so when there's a break from classes at NSU, 2Chans usually goes to visit his friends in the Houston metroplex.

- Junior QB Clay Holgorsen is from Katy. His family has been trapped in their cul de sac, but they're fine, while countless friend are beset by flood damage.

- Houston-area Demons include junior OL Chris Zirkle, senior P/K Eric Piccione, junior DE Zak Krolczyk, sophomore S Malik Sonnier, true freshman LBs Isaiah Longino and Rashaud Powell and true freshman DT Savon Gibson are from Houston. Piccione said flood waters are 100 yards away from his family's home in League City.

At the end of Tuesday's practice, senior DE Lyn Clark, who endured Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans when he was little, encouraged teammates to donate whatever they could to help. Kneeling in front of him was senior LB Chrishard Buhl, whose family was also struck by Katrina and relocated to Waco, Texas, where he grew up.

NFL Alumni chapter has 7 active members

There are 7 Northwestern State alumni, 5 players including a rookie, and 2 coaches, who are taking the field for NFL teams.

Sixth-year cornerback Jeremy Lane (Northwestern 2008-11) is starting in Seattle. Lane bounced back in the second half of 2015 after being injured following his interception at the end of the first quarter in Seattle's last-second Super Bowl loss to New England.

After being drafted in the 7th round in 2015, Deon Simon made the New York Jets 53-man roster on the defensive front and is pushing for a starting job in year three at nose tackle.

OT Pace Murphy, an undrafted free agent in 2016, made the 53-man roster of the Los Angeles Rams last year and is battling to stay around.

WR Ed Eagan, a 2015 senior and 2016 UDFA, is with the New York Giants after spending last season on the Buffalo Bills' practice squad.

UDFA Shakeir Ryan, a returner and receiver, has shined in his rookie effort to make the Rams roster.

Two NSU NFLers are coaches. Bill Johnson, a Demon center from 1975-78, is the defensive line coach for the Rams. He helped the Saints win the 2009 Super Bowl. Barry Rubin, a Northwestern tight end from 1978-1980, is the head strength coach with the Chiefs, moving over with Andy Reid from the Eagles for the 2013 season.

Currently active in the Canadian Football League is 2014 senior receiver Bryant Mitchell (Edmonton Eskimos).

Natchitoches, Best Small Town in the South

In May 2015, USA Today readers considered 20 great communities across the south and voted, over nearly a month, that Natchitoches is America's "Best Small Town in the South." The city celebrated its tri-centennial in 2014. The downtown historic district and fabled Front Street are nationally acclaimed. The Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History Museum is internationally recognized for its architecture, with the building winning Azure Magazine's "Best New Project for 2013" as the only structure in North America on the global top 10. Second was an addition to the Louvre in Paris.

Natchitoches may be best known for the 1989 movie "Steel Magnolias" starring Julia Roberts, Sally Field, Dolly Parton, Darryl Hannah, Olympia Dukakis and Shirley MacLaine, based on a 1987 play written by NSU grad Robert Harling about the death of his sister. It was the breakout role of Roberts' career.

Two years later, "Man in the Moon" was released, filmed around Natchitoches, as another Academy Award-winning actress, Reese Witherspoon made her film debut in a starring role. More Oscar

winners were integral parts of the 1959 movie "The Horse Soldiers" filmed just north of Natchitoches: John Wayne, William Holden and director John Ford.

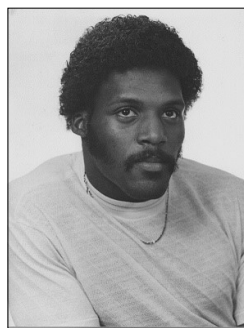
College Football Hall has Reasons, Delaney

The sparkling 2-year-old College Football Hall of Fame museum in Atlanta includes two Demon greats, linebacker Gary Reasons (1980-83) and running back Joe Delaney (1977-80).

Jackie Smith represents NSU in Canton

Kentwood native Jackie Smith came to NSU mostly to run track as a hurdler, but also played football as a tight end and punter. A 10th-round 1963 NFL Draft pick by St. Louis, Smith was a 1994 inductee in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

ESPN '30 For 30' short film on Joe Delaney



The 20-minute film "Delaney" became available in August 2015 on ESPN.com, in 20 minutes telling the remarkable story of the life of Demons' legend Joe Delaney, who drowned in a 1983 attempt to save 3 kids, 1 who survived.

The short film for the ESPN "30 For 30" documentary series was produced and directed by Grant Curtis, whose other credits include producing the "Spider-Man" trilogy and "Oz the Great and Powerful." Other producers were Jeremy Wheeler, who also works for NFL Films; Randy Brewer, an Abilene Christian alumnus who spent some of his youth in Shreveport and now has produced music videos for artists including Justin Bieber, Taylor Swift, Kelly Clarkson and Carrie Underwood; and co-producer Zach Prichard.

It is easily available through a Google search for Delaney 30 For 30.

DEMONS NICKNAMES

#	First Last Name	Pos.	Nickname	#	First Last Name	Pos.	Nickname
16	Kwan Adkins	WR	Kwan	94	Zak Krolczyk	DE	Krolo
5	J.D. Almond	QB	JD	42	Gavin Landry	WR	Gee
13	Stadford Anderson	RB	Show	85	Cameron Lazare	WR	Killa Cam
65	Jean-Pierre Arceneaux	C	JP	14	Cameron Lewis	CB	Camm
11	Tanner Ash	WR	Tweezy	2	D'Ronne Littleton	CB	D-Ron
10	Austin Balthazar	S	Auboo, AB	33	Isaiah Longino	LB	Gino
76	Andrew Bluiett	OL	Drew, Big Blu	81	Kalen Meggs	TE	Meggzy, Meggs
42	Christian Bluiett	DL	T-Blu	86	Lucas Morgan	TE	Luke
57	Timmis Bonner III	OL	T-Bonn	88	Tyler O'Donoghue	TE	OD
58	William Bordelon	OL	Wil	3	Zachary Perry	OL	Zach
61	Frank Boudreaux III	OL	Dirty Frank	37	Eric Piccione	PK/P	Piccione
75	Dustin Burns	OL	D-Burns	47	Rashuad Powell	LB	Shuad, Turtle
39	Tyreik Campbell	RB	Thunder Man	52	Desmond Prejean	DE	Dez
1	Bobby Chan-Chan	WR	2-Chans, Chan-man, BCC	18	Kendrick Price JR.	WR	Tank
5	Lyn Clark	LB	Poppa	60	Tyler Rapp	OL	Trapp, Rapper
6	Rashaun Croney	CB	Gametime	7	Kevin Ratliff	S	Tutu
17	Braylon Daigle	DE	Daigle	32	Darian Raymond	CB	Kidd
91	Duke Dantzler	DT	Duke	71	Josh Roberts	OL	Jrob
77	Terrell Davis	OL	TD, Rashon	90	Jalon Sangster	DT	Sangster, Saint
24	Ian Edwards	S	Big-E	56	Kenneth Sheldon	OL	Captain Ken
89	Jazz Ferguson	WR	Jazz	30	Ronald Sims	DE	Dooda
21	Deshon Ficklin	S	Fick	22	Da'Von Smith	RB	Scrap
84	Parker Fink	TE	Fink	20	Malik Sonnier	S	Lucky
98	Keith Ford	DT	KJ, Jr.	99	Damian Thompson	DT	D
23	Nicholas Forde	S	Nick	31	Charles Vaughn III	TE	King Chuck
7	Chris Fuller	WR	Full House	26	Keldrick Ward Jr.	CB	Kel
45	Dez Gray	LB	Disko	4	Isaac Warren Jr.	CB	Ike
97	LaTerrion Green	DT	Big Green	8	Jaylen Watson	WR	Jwatt
22	Dazarie Hall	CB	Daz	40	Koby Welch	LB	Whitedragon
51	Dannie Harmon	DE	DJ	21	Jared West	RB	J. West, 21 Savage, Bam Bam
96	Cameron Heil	LB	Cam	95	Isaiah Wheeler	DT	Zay
4	Clay Holgorsen	QB	Clay	92	Tremaine Whittley	DE	Tree
70	Jonathan Hubbard	OL	Hubb	9	Lionel Williams	S	Leo, Ltrain
46	Obinna Iheoma	LB	Obi	29	Trey Williams	CB	Twill
19	Tevyn Johnson	S	TJ	28	Dylan Wilson	CB	D. Will
20	Chris Jones	RB	Sweet Feet	67	Stanley Woodley	DT	T-Country, Bull, Stan
35	Landon King	LB	Lando	74	Chris Zirkle	OL	Beef
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DEMONS BY THEIR NICKNAMES

Nickname	#	Player	Pos.	Nickname	#	Player	Pos.
2-Chans, Chan-man, BCC	1	Bobby Chan-Chan	WR	Kidd	32	Darian Raymond	CB
Auboo, AB	10	Austin Balthazar	S	Killa Cam	85	Cameron Lazare	WR
Beef	74	Chris Zirkle	OL	King Chuck	31	Charles Vaughn III	TE
Big Green	97	LaTerrion Green	DT	KJ, Jr.	98	Keith Ford	DT
Big-E	24	Ian Edwards	S	Krolo	94	Zak Krolczyk	DE
Cam	96	Cameron Heil	LB	Kwan	16	Kwan Adkins	WR
Camm	14	Cameron Lewis	CB	Lando	35	Landon King	LB
Captain Ken	56	Kenneth Sheldon	OL	Leo, Ltrain	9	Lionel Williams	S
Clay	4	Clay Holgorsen	QB	Lucky	20	Malik Sonnier	S
D	99	Damian Thompson	DT	Luke	86	Lucas Morgan	TE
D. Will	28	Dylan Wilson	CB	Meggzy, Meggs	81	Kalen Meggs	TE
Daigle	17	Braylon Daigle	DE	Nick	23	Nicholas Forde	S
Daz	22	Dazarie Hall	CB	Obi	46	Obinna Iheoma	LB
D-Burns	75	Dustin Burns	OL	OD	88	Tyler O'Donoghue	TE
Dez	52	Desmond Prejean	DE	Piccione	37	Eric Piccione	PK/P
Dirty Frank	61	Frank Boudreaux III	OL	Poppa	5	Lyn Clark	LB
Disko	45	Dez Gray	LB	Sangster, Saint	90	Jalon Sangster	DT
DJ	51	Dannie Harmon	DE	Scrap	22	Da'Von Smith	RB
Dooda	30	Ronald Sims	DE	Show	13	Stadford Anderson	RB
Drew, Big Blu	76	Andrew Bluiett	OL	Shuad, Turtle	47	Rashuad Powell	LB
D-Ron	2	D'Ronne Littleton	CB	Sweet Feet	20	Chris Jones	RB
Duke	91	Duke Dantzler	DT	Tank	18	Kendrick Price JR.	WR
Fick	21	Deshon Ficklin	S	T-Blu	42	Christian Bluiett	DL
Fink	84	Parker Fink	TE	T-Bonn	57	Timmis Bonner III	OL
Full House	7	Chris Fuller	WR	T-Country, Bull, Stan	67	Stanley Woodley	DT
Gametime	6	Rashaun Croney	CB	TD, Rashon	77	Terrell Davis	OL
Gee	42	Gavin Landry	WR	Thunder Man	39	Tyreik Campbell	RB
Gino	33	Isaiah Longino	LB	TJ	19	Tevyn Johnson	S
Hubb	70	Jonathan Hubbard	OL	Trapp, Rapper	60	Tyler Rapp	OL
Ike	4	Isaac Warren Jr.	CB	Tree	92	Tremaine Whittley	DE
J. West, 21 Savage, Bam Bam	21	Jared West	RB	Tutu	7	Kevin Ratliff	S
Jazz	89	Jazz Ferguson	WR	Tweezy	11	Tanner Ash	WR
JD	5	J.D. Almond	QB	Twill	29	Trey Williams	CB
JP	65	Jean-Pierre Arceneaux	C	Whitedragon	40	Koby Welch	LB
Jrob	71	Josh Roberts	OL	Wil	58	William Bordelon	OL
Jwatt	8	Jaylen Watson	WR	Zach	73	Zachary Perry	OL
Kel	26	Keldrick Ward Jr.	CB	Zay	95	Isaiah Wheeler	DT

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#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.-Ex.	Hometown/Previous School
1	Bobby Chan-Chan	WR	6-0	185	Sr.-2L	Cypress, Texas/Cypress Creek HS (Georgetown College)
2	Xavier Bell	WR	5-9	160	Fr.-HS	Baton Rouge, La./Southern Lab
2	D'Ronne Littleton	CB	6-0	168	So.-1L	Carencro, La./Carencro HS
3	Marquisian Chapman	WR	5-10	190	Jr.-TR	Jackson, Miss./Murrell HS (Northwest Mississippi CC)
4	Clay Holgorsen	QB	6-0	200	Jr.-HS	Katy, Texas/Katy HS (Memphis/NW Mississippi CC)
4	Isaac Warren Jr.	CB	6-1	191	Jr.-2L	Tyler, Texas/John Tyler HS
5	J.D. Almond	QB	6-0	205	Sr.-2L	Bossier City, La./Houghton HS
5	Lyn Clark	LB	6-2	228	Sr.-3L	New Orleans, La./O. Perry Walker HS (Louisville)
6	Rashaun Croney	CB	6-0	180	Jr.-TR	Pahokee, Fla./Everglades Prep Acad. (Elsworth CC/Garden City CC)
6	Kaleb Fletcher	QB	5-11	187	Fr.-HS	Mesquite, Texas/Poteet HS
7	Chris Fuller	WR	6-4	214	Fr.-RS	Eros, La./IMG Academy (Fla.)/West Ouachita HS
7	Kevin Ratliff	S	6-0	197	Jr.-TR	Canton, Miss./Canton HS (Hinds CC)
8	Ryan Reed	S	6-0	193	So.-1L	St. Francisville, La./West Feliciana HS
8	Jaylen Watson	WR	6-0	192	Jr.-TR	Los Angeles, Calif./St. Anthony's HS (Long Beach City College)
9	Kenny Sears	QB	6-2	215	Fr.-RS	Covington, La./St. Paul's HS
9	Lionel Williams	S	6-0	209	Sr.-1L	Chesterfield, Va./Lloyd C. Bird HS (LSU)
10	Austin Balthazor	S	6-0	188	Sr.-1L	Collins, Miss./Seminary HS (East Central CC)
10	Myles Ward	WR	5-10	172	Fr.-HS	Harvey, La./De La Salle
11	Tanner Ash	WR	6-2	205	Fr.-HS	Benton, La./Evangel Christian Academy
13	Stadford Anderson	RB	6-1	213	Fr.-HS	Baton Rouge, La./Glen Oaks HS
14	Bryson Bourque	WR	5-11	190	Sr.-3L	New Iberia, La./New Iberia Senior HS
14	Cameron Lewis	CB	5-7	165	Fr.-HS	Clinton, Miss./Clinton HS
15	Nick Pierotti	LB	6-3	244	Sr.-1L	Pacifica, Calif./Terra Nova HS (City College of San Francisco)
16	Kwan Adkins	WR	6-4	210	Jr.-HS	Port Allen, La./Brusly HS
17	Braylon Daigle	DE	6-5	230	Fr.-HS	Breaux Bridge, La./Cecilia HS
18	Ronald Malbrough	S	6-1	185	So.-SQ	Opelousas, La./Cecilia HS
18	Kendrick Price Jr.	WR	6-2	195	Fr.-RS	Lindale, Texas/Lindale HS
19	Tevyn Johnson	S	5-10	194	Fr.-RS	Gray, La./H.L. Bourgeois
19	McKane Kinchen	LS	6-2	185	Fr.-HS	Baton Rouge, La./Parkview Baptist
20	Chris Jones	RB	5-9	193	Sr.-1L	Tylertown, Miss./Tylertown HS (Southwest Mississippi CC)
20	Malik Sonnier	S	6-0	177	Fr.-RS	Friendswood, Texas/Clearbrook HS
21	Deshon Ficklin	S	6-2	217	So.-1L	Natchitoches, La./Natchitoches Central HS
21	Jared West	RB	5-10	200	So.-1L	New Orleans, La./Brother Martin HS
22	Dazarie Hall	CB	5-11	170	Fr.-RS	Leesville, La./Leesville HS
22	Da'Von Smith	RB	5-9	184	Fr.-RS	League City, Texas/Clear Creek HS
23	Nicholas Forde	S	5-11	195	So.-1L	Desoto, Texas/Life School Red Oak HS
24	Ian Edwards	S	6-1	180	So.-1L	Denton, Texas/Denton Guyer HS
25	Hayden Bourgeois	S	5-11	190	Fr.-RS	Crowley, La./Notre Dame HS
26	Keldrick Ward Jr.	CB	5-11	178	Fr.-HS	Monroe, La./Wossman HS
27	Trent Franklin	S	6-2	185	Fr.-HS	Haynesville, La./Haynesville HS
28	Dylan Wilson	CB	6-3	200	Jr.-TR	Gretna, La./West Jefferson HS (Arkansas Baptist)
29	Trey Williams	CB	5-11	177	Fr.-HS	Plaquemine, La./Plaquemine HS
30	Brandon Eberts	LS	5-10	220	Fr.-RS	Mandeville, La./St. Paul's HS
30	Ronald Sims	DE	6-2	280	Fr.-HS	Baker, La./St. Francisville HS
31	Charles Vaughn III	TE	5-11	263	Jr.-2L	Baton Rouge, La./McKinley HS
32	Darian Raymond	CB	5-10	168	So.-1L	Natchitoches, La./Natchitoches Central HS
33	Isaiah Longino	LB	6-1	240	Fr.-HS	Humble, Texas/Humble HS
35	Landon King	LB	6-1	220	Fr.-HS	Pineville, La./Pineville HS
35	Parker Pastorello	P	5-11	187	So.-1L	Mandeville, La./Mandeville HS
36	Corban James	LB	6-0	235	Fr.-RS	Arlington, Texas/Arlington Heights HS
37	Eric Piccione	PK/P	5-11	188	Sr.-1L	League City, Texas/Clear Springs HS (Blinn JC)
38	Chrishard Buhl	LB	6-2	214	Sr.-1L	Woodway, Texas/Waco Midway HS (Northeastern Okla. A&M)
39	Tyreik Campbell	RB	5-10	195	Fr.-RS	Carencro, La./Carencro HS
40	Koby Welch	LB	6-4	216	Sr.-1L	Ojai, Calif./Nordhoff HS (Los Angeles-Pierce College)
42	Christian Bluiett	DL	5-11	269	So.-1L	Beaumont, Texas/West Brook HS
42	Gavin Landry	WR	5-6	186	Fr.-RS	White Castle, La./St. John's HS
43	Peyton Guidry	LB	6-0	235	Sr.-3L	Cut Off, La./South Lafourche HS
45	Dez Gray	LB	6-0	222	So.-SQ	Lafayette, La./Acadiana HS
46	Obinna Iheoma	LB	6-2	245	Jr.-TR	Grand Prairie, Texas/South Grand Prairie HS (Tyler JC)
47	Rashad Powell	LB	6-3	225	Fr.-HS	Houston, Texas/George Bush HS
50	Ricky Chatman	LB	5-11	231	Fr.-RS	Baton Rouge, La./West Feliciana HS
51	Dannie Harmon	DE	6-1	272	Sr.-3L	Rayne, La./Rayne HS
52	Desmond Prejean	DE	6-3	239	So.-1L	Scott, La./Lafayette Christian Academy
53	Brice Borgeson	LB	6-2	230	So.-1L	Brownsboro, Texas/Van HS
54	Jackson Carroll	LB	5-11	210	Fr.-HS	Natchez, La./St. Mary's Catholic School

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16	Kwan Adkins	WR
5	J.D. Almond	QB
13	Stadford Anderson	RB
65	Jean-Pierre Arceneaux	C
11	Tanner Ash	WR
10	Austin Balthazor	S
2	Xavier Bell	WR
76	Andrew Bluiett	OL
42	Christian Bluiett	DL
57	Timmis Bonner III	OL
58	William Bordelon	OL
53	Brice Borgeson	LB
61	Frank Boudreaux III	OL
68	Demetrius Boulieu	OL
25	Hayden Bourgeois	S
14	Bryson Bourque	WR
38	Chishard Buhl	LB
75	Dustin Burns	OL
39	Tyreik Campbell	RB
54	Jackson Carroll	LB
1	Bobby Chan-Chan	WR
3	Marquisian Chapman	WR
50	Ricky Chatman	LB
5	Lyn Clark	LB
6	Rashaun Croney	CB
17	Braylon Daigle	DE
91	Duke Dantzler	DT
77	Terrell Davis	OL
30	Brandon Eberts	LS
24	Ian Edwards	S
93	Austyn Fendrick	K/P
89	Jazz Ferguson	WR
21	Deshon Ficklin	S
84	Parker Fink	TE
6	Kaleb Fletcher	QB
98	Keith Ford	DT
23	Nicholas Forde	S
27	Trent Franklin	S
7	Chris Fuller	WR
62	Jake Gore	OL
45	Dez Gray	LB
97	LaTerrian Green	DT
43	Peyton Guidry	LB
22	Dazarie Hall	CB
51	Dannie Harmon	DE
59	Jalen Haydel	OL
96	Cameron Heil	LB
4	Clay Holgorsen	QB
70	Jonathan Hubbard	OL
46	Obinna Iheoma	LB
36	Corban James	LB
72	Korliss Johnson	OL
19	Tevyn Johnson	S
20	Chris Jones	RB
19	McKane Kinchen	LS
35	Landon King	LB
63	Jacob Kiser	C
94	Zak Krolczyk	DE
42	Gavin Landry	WR
85	Cameron Lazare	WR
83	Guy LeCompte	TE
14	Cameron Lewis	CB
2	D'Ronne Littleton	CB
33	Isaiah Longino	LB
18	Ronald Malbrough	S

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56	Kenny Sheldon	OL	6-2	280	Fr.-HS	Houston, Texas/Langham Creek HS
57	Timmis Bonner III	OL	6-3	296	Jr.-2L	Cedar Hill, Texas/Cedar Hill HS
58	William Bordelon	OL	6-3	305	Fr.-HS	St. Marys, KS/Holy Savior Menard
59	Jalen Haydel	OL	6-2	367	Fr.-RS	LaPlace, La./De La Salle HS
60	Tyler Rapp	OL	6-1	280	Jr.-TR	The Woodlands, Tex./The Woodlands HS (USAF Academy)
61	Frank Boudreaux III	OL	6-4	305	Jr.-2L	Murphy, Texas/Plano East HS
62	Jake Gore	OL	6-2	280	Fr.-HS	Sugar Land, Texas/George Ranch HS
63	Jacob Kiser	C	6-1	300	Fr.-RS	Lake Charles, La./Sam Houston HS
64	Andrew McAlister	OL	6-2	285	Jr.-2L	Alexandria, La./Alexandria Senior HS
65	Jean-Pierre Arceneaux	C	6-1	280	Fr.-HS	Larose, La. /Vandebilt Catholic HS
67	Stanley Woodley	DT	5-10	231	Fr.-RS	Mansfield, La./Mansfield HS
68	Demetrius Boulieu	OL	6-1	300	Fr.-RS	Violet, La./Warren Easton Charter HS
70	Jonathan Hubbard	OL	6-4	291	So.-1L	Kilgore, Texas/Kilgore HS
70	Khalil Sumlin	DT	5-10	307	Fr.-RS	Shreveport, La./Loyola College Prep HS
71	Josh Roberts	OL	6-3	320	Jr.-2L	Hempstead, Texas/Hempstead HS
72	Korliss Johnson	OL	6-2	280	Sr.-3L	Cedar Hill, Texas/Cedar Hill HS
73	Zachary Perry	OL	6-3	281	Fr.-RS	Arlington, Texas/Arlington Heights HS
74	Chris Zirkle	OL	6-2	300	Jr.-2L	League City, Texas/Clear Springs HS
75	Dustin Burns	OL	6-4	295	So.-1L	Beaumont, Texas/West Brook HS
76	Andrew Bluiett	OL	6-3	362	Sr.-3L	Beaumont, Texas/West Brook HS
77	Terrell Davis	OL	6-3	270	Fr.-HS	Arcadia, La./Arcadia HS
81	Kalen Meggs	TE	6-1	245	Jr.-TR	Richton, Miss./Richton HS (East Central CC)
82	Christopher Taylor	WR	6-4	182	Fr.-RS	St. Francisville, La./West Feliciana HS
83	Guy LeCompte	TE	6-4	235	Fr.-HS	Mandeville, La./Mandeville HS
84	Parker Fink	TE	6-3	246	Fr.-HS	Jena, La./Jena HS
85	Cameron Lazare	WR	5-11	202	Sr.-3L	Baton Rouge, La./Woodlawn HS
86	Lucas Morgan	TE	6-3	253	Sr.-1L	Morton, Miss./Morton HS (East Central CC)
87	Ethan Smith	TE	6-2	227	Fr.-RS	Crowley, La./Notre Dame HS
88	Tyler O'Donoghue	TE	6-4	251	So.-1L	Denham Springs, La./Denham Springs HS
89	Jazz Ferguson	WR	6-5	220	Jr.-TR	St. Francisville, La./West Feliciana HS (LSU)
90	Jalon Sangster	DT	6-0	276	Jr.-TR	Louisville, Miss./Louisville HS (East Central CC)
91	Duke Dantzler	DT	6-2	300	Jr.-TR	Lumberton, Miss./Purvis HS (Southwest Miss. CC)
92	Tremaine Whittley	DE	6-4	257	Sr.-1L	Crowley, Texas/O.D. Wyatt HS (Navarro CC)
93	Austyn Fendrick	K/P	6-1	243	Fr.-RS	Tyler, Texas/Chapel Hill HS
94	Zak Krolczyk	DE	6-4	268	Jr.-1L	Conroe, Texas/The Woodlands HS (Blinn JC)
95	Isaiah Wheeler	DT	6-0	310	Sr.-3L	Lake Charles, La./Hamilton Christian HS
96	Cameron Heil	LB	6-2	250	Fr.-HS	Baker, La./Baker HS
97	LaTerrion Green	DT	6-1	300	Fr.-HS	Winnfield, La./Winnfield HS
98	Keith Ford	DT	6-2	290	Jr.-TR	Bluffton, SC/Bluffton HS (James Madison/Orange Coast Coll.)
99	Damian Thompson	DT	6-2	305	Fr.-HS	Gadsden, AL/Gadsden City HS

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64	Andrew McAlister	OL
81	Kalen Meggs	TE
86	Lucas Morgan	TE
88	Tyler O'Donoghue	TE
35	Parker Pastorello	P
73	Zachary Perry	OL
37	Eric Piccione	PK/P
15	Nick Pierotti	LB
47	Rashuad Powell	LB
52	Desmond Prejean	DE
18	Kendrick Price JR.	WR
60	Tyler Rapp	OL
7	Kevin Ratliff	S
32	Darian Raymond	CB
8	Ryan Reed	S
71	Josh Roberts	OL
90	Jalon Sangster	DT
9	Kenny Sears	QB
56	Kenneth Sheldon	OL
30	Ronald Sims	DE
22	Da'Von Smith	RB
87	Ethan Smith	TE
20	Malik Sonnier	S
70	Khalil Sumlin	DL
82	Christopher Taylor	WR
99	Damian Thompson	DT
31	Charles Vaughn III	TE
26	Keldrick Ward Jr.	CB
10	Myles Ward	WR
4	Isaac Warren Jr.	CB
8	Jaylen Watson	WR
40	Koby Welch	LB
21	Jared West	RB
95	Isaiah Wheeler	DT
92	Tremaine Whittley	DE
9	Lionel Williams	S
29	Trey Williams	CB
28	Dylan Wilson	CB
67	Stanley Woodley	DT
74	Chris Zirkle	OL

Demon Pronunciations

Players

Jean-Pierre **ARCENEAX** = ARE-suh-no
 Brice **BORGESON** = BOR-guh-son
 Demetrius **BOULIEU** = BUH-lou
 Frank **BOUDREAUX** = BOO-droh
 Chrishard **BUHL** = BULL
MARQUISIAN Chatman = MAR-quee-zhun
 Nicholas **FORDE** = ford
DEZINARELL Gray = DEZ-uh-neh-rell
DAZARIE Hall = DAH-zuh-ree
OBINNA IHEOMA = O-bee-nuh EE-oh-mah
 Zak **KROLCYZK** = CROHL-check

Cameron **LAZARE** = LUH-zahr
D'RONNE Littleton = DUH-ron
 Isaiah **LONGINO** = Lahn-GEE-no
 Eric **PICCIONE** = puh-CHO-nee
 Nick **PIEROTTI** = PUH-rot-ee
RASHUAD Powell = Rah-shad
 Desmond **PREJEAN** = PRAY-jawn
DA'VON Smith = DAY-vahn
 Malik **SONNIER** = MAH-leek SAHN-yay

Coaches

August **MANGIN** – MANJ-un

Places/Schools

BOSSIER City = BOSE-sure
CARENCRO = CARE-in-cro
GEISMAR = GUYS-mer
LAFAYETTE = LAFF-a-yet
NATCHITOCHES = NACK-uh-dish
OJAI = OH-hi
OUACHITA = WASH-it-taw
 South **LAFOURCHE** = La-FOOSH

DEMON DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE (Multiple)

XWR	8 Jaylen Watson (6-0, 192, Jr.-TR) 1 Bobby Chan-Chan (6-0, 185, Sr.-2L)
ZWR	16 Kwan Adkins (6-4, 210, Jr.-HS) 85 Cameron Lazare (5-11, 202, Sr.-3L)
HWR	3 Marquisian Chapman (5-10, 190, Jr.-TR) 14 Bryson Bourque (5-11, 190, Sr.-3L)
TE	86 Lucas Morgan (6-3, 253, Sr.-1L) 31 Charles Vaughn (5-11, 263, Jr.-2L)
LT	70 Jonathan Hubbard (6-4, 291, So.-1L) 75 Dustin Burns (6-4, 295, So.-1L)
LG	74 Chris Zirkle (6-3, 302, So.-1L) 64 Andrew McAlister (6-2, 285, Jr.-2L)
C	60 Tyler Rapp (6-1, 280, Jr.-TR) 57 Timmis Bonner (6-3, 296, Jr.-2L)
RG	72 Korliss Johnson (6-2, 280, Sr.-3L) 76 Andrew Bluiett (6-3, 364, Jr.-2L) or 56 Kenny Sheldon (6-2, 280, Fr.-HS)
RT	61 Frank Boudreaux (6-4, 305, Jr.-2L) 73 Zachary Perry (6-3, 281, Fr.-RS)
QB	5 J. D. Almond (6-0, 205, Sr.-2L) 4 Clay Holgorsen (6-0, 200, Jr.-TR) 9 Kenny Sears (6-2, 215, Fr.-RS)
RB	20 Chris Jones (5-9, 193, Sr.-1L) 21 Jared West (5-10, 200, So.-1L)

DEFENSE (4-3-4)

DE	46 Obinna Iheoma (6-2, 245, Jr.-TR) 5 Lyn Clark (6-2, 228, Sr.-3L) 53 Brice Borgeson (6-2, 230, So.-1L)
NT	90 Jalan Sangster (6-0, 276, Jr.-TR) 91 Duke Dantzler (6-2, 300, Jr.-TR) 98 Keith Ford (6-2, 290, Jr.-TR.)
DT	51 Dannie Harmon (6-1, 265, Jr.-2L) 42 Christian Bluiett (5-11, 269, So.-1L) 99 Damien Thompson (6-2, 305, Fr.-HS)
DE	94 Zak Krolczyk (6-4, 268, Jr.-1L) 52 Desmond Prejean (6-3, 239, So.-1L) 17 Braylon Daigle (6-5, 230, Fr.-HS)
SLB	23 Nic Forde (5-11, 195, So.-1L) 20 Malik Sonnier (6-0, 177, So.-1L) 9 Lionel Williams (6-0, 209, Sr.-1L)
MLB	15 Nick Pierotti (6-3, 244, Sr.-1L) 43 Peyton Guidry (6-0, 235, Sr.-3L)
WLB	38 Chrishard Buhl (6-2, 214, Sr.-1L) 33 Isaiah Longino (6-1, 240, Fr.-HS) 43 Dez Gray (6-0, 222, So.-SQ)
RCB	6 Rashaun Croney (6-0, 180, Jr.-TR) 2 D'Ronne Littleton (6-0, 168, So.-1L) 22 Dazarie Hall (5-11, 170, Fr.-RS)
FS	10 Austin Balthazor (6-0, 188, Sr.-1L) 25 Hayden Bourgeois (5-11, 190, Fr.-RS) 21 Deshon Ficklin (6-2, 217, So.-1L)
WS	8 Ryan Reed (6-0, 193, So.-1L) 24 Ian Edwards (6-1, 180, So.-1L) 7 Kevin Ratliff (6-0, 197, Jr.-TR)
LCB	4 Ike Warren (6-1, 191, Jr.-2L) 32 Darrien Raymond (5-10, 168, So.-1L) 28 Dylan Wilson (6-2, 200, Jr.-TR)

SPECIALISTS

K	37 Eric Piccione (5-11, 188, Sr.-1L) 93 Austyn Fendrick (6-1, 243, Fr.-RS)
P	37 Eric Piccione (5-11, 188, Sr.-1L) 35 Parker Pastorello (5-11, 187, So.-1L)
DS	15 Nick Pierotti (6-3, 244, Sr.-1L) 19 McKane Kinchen (6-2, 185, Fr.-HS)
SS	75 Dustin Burns (6-4, 295, So.1L) 15 Nick Pierotti (6-3, 244, Sr.-1L)

H	5 J.D. Almond (6-0, 205, Sr.-2L) 35 Parker Pastorello (5-11, 187, So.-1L)
KR	2 Xavier Bell (5-9, 160, Fr.-HS) 8 Ryan Reed (6-0, 193, So.-1L)
PR	25 Hayden Bourgeois (5-11, 190, Fr.-RS) 2 D'Ronne Littleton (6-0, 168, So.-1L)

LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

Punt Return for a Touchdown:

NSU: Ed Eagan, 80 yds., at Stephen F. Austin, 11/22/2014
Opponent: Kevin Johnson, Lamar, 52 yards, 11/9/2013

Kickoff Return for a Touchdown:

NSU: Ed Eagan, 97 yds., at. McNeese State, 10/24/2015
Opponent: Xavier Roberson, Southeastern La., 92 yds, 10/19/2013

Interception Return for a Touchdown:

NSU: Leroy Armstrong, 18 yds., Stephen F. Austin, 11/21/2015
Opponent: Jermaine Antione, 70 yds., McNeese, 10/22/2016

Blocked Punt Return for a Touchdown:

NSU: Kedon Franklin, 0 yds., at Texas State, 10/23/2010
Opponent: Jereon McGilvery, McNeese State, 20 yards, 11/16/2013

Fumble Recovery for a Touchdown:

NSU: **Lyn Clark vs. UIW (10/11/2014)**
Opponent: Iziah Perry (SFA), 11/17/2012

Fumble Return for a Touchdown:

NSU: Adam Jones, 95 yards vs. Lamar, 10/17/2015
Opponent: James Barnes (Missouri St.) 12 yds., 8/28/2014

Safety Recorded:

NSU: Team vs. Incarnate Word, 9/8/2016
Opponent: Kevin Harmon, Southeastern La., 10/19/2013

Blocked a Kick:

NSU: **Christian Bluiett at Lamar, 10/15/2016 (PAT)**
Opponent: Alfonzo McMillian, Sam Houston St., 11/12/2016 (PAT)

Blocked a Punt:

NSU: **Ryan Reed at Lamar, 10/15/2016**
Opponent: Deltoine Scott (McNeese State) 11/16/2013

At Least 25 First Downs in a Game:

NSU: 28, Kentucky Wesleyan, 10/8/2016
Opponent: 30, Stephen F. Austin, 11/19/2016

100-Yard Rushing Game:

NSU: **114, De'Mard Llorens vs. Sam Houston State, 11/12/2016**
Opponent: 120, Zach Conque, Stephen F. Austin, 11/19/16
103, Kijana Amous, Stephen F. Austin, 11/19/16

200-Yard Rushing Game:

NSU: De'Mard Llorens at Lamar (211 yards, 25 carries), 10/15/2016
Opponent: Kade Harrington, Lamar (282 yards, 36 carries), 10/17/2015

300-Yard Passing Game:

NSU: Stephen Rivers: 302 (20-30-1), Stephen F. Austin, 11/21/2015
Opponent: 337, (29-43-5) Jeremiah Briscoe, Sam Houston St., 11/12/2016

400-Yard Passing Game:

NSU: None
Opponent: 412, Carson Earp, at Lamar, 10/15/2016

100-Yard Receiving Game:

NSU: **182, Bobby Chan-Chan at Stephen F. Austin, 11/19/2016**
132, Cameron Lazare at Stephen F. Austin, 11/19/2016
Opponent: 142, Tamrick Pace, Stephen F. Austin, 11/19/2016

200-Yard Receiving Game:

NSU: 212 (13 rec.), Ed Eagan vs. Abilene Christian 11/7/2015
Opponent: 223 (6 rec.), K.D. Cannon, Baylor, 11/6/2014

60+ Yard Punt:

NSU: 66 by Andy Wickman at McNeese, 11/16/2013
Opponent: 62 by Nick Bruno, Stephen F. Austin, 11/22/2014

3+ TD's Scored in a Game (Rush, Pass, Receiving):

NSU: 3, Brooks Haack (3 pass) vs. Kentucky Wesleyan, 10/8/2016
Opponent: 3, Zach Conque (3 rush), Stephen F. Austin, 11/19/2016

4+ TD's Scored in a Game (Rush, Pass, Receiving):

NSU: **4, De'Mard Llorens (4 rush) vs. Nicholls, 10/31/2015**
Opponent: 5, Jeremiah Briscoe (5 pass) Sam Houston State, 11/12/2016

Shutout at Turpin Stadium:

NSU: vs. Langston, 37-0, 9/28/2013
Opponent: by SFA, 33-0, 11/19/2011

Shutout on the Road:

NSU: at Nicholls, 34-0, 9/24/2011
Opponent: by Nicholls, 58-0, 10/6/2007

Shutout D-I Opponent:

NSU: at Nicholls, 34-0, 9/24/2011
Opponent: by SFA, 33-0, 11/19/2011

30-point Margin of Victory:

NSU: **42, Kentucky Wesleyan, 49-7, 10/8/2016**
Opponent: **32, Sam Houston State, 48-16, 11/12/2016**

Onside Kick Recovery:

NSU Offense: **Brice Borgeson vs. Nicholls, 10/29/2016**
Opponent: **Caleb Abrom at Lamar, 11/15/2016**

Completed 10 Consecutive Passes:

NSU: **10, J. D. Almond at Abilene Christian, 11/5/2016**
Opponent: N/A

*Bold indicates accomplished by a player on the 2017 team,
Or accomplished this season by an opponent*

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OFFENSIVE PLAYERS WITH STARTING EXPERIENCE

Name	Pos.	Career	2016
Korliss Johnson	OL	31	11
Chris Zirkle	OL	12	11
Lucas Morgan	TE	9	9
Andrew Bluiett	OL	8	8
Frank Boudreaux	OL	8	8
Bobby Chan-Chan	WR	8	8
J.D. Almond	QB	6	3
Cameron Lazare	WR	4	4
Charles Vaughn	TE	3	1
Chris Jones	RB	2	2
Dustin Burns	OL	1	1
Andrew McAllister	OL	1	1

DEFENSIVE PLAYERS WITH STARTING EXPERIENCE

Name	Pos.	Career	2016
Dannie Harmon	DE	10	6
Josh Roberts	DT	11	1
Nick Pierotti	LB	11	11
Koby Welch	LB	11	11
Austin Balthazor	S	10	10
Ike Warren	CB	9	3
Chrishard Buhl	LB	8	8
Lyn Clark	LB	7	0
Nicholas Forde	S	7	7
Ian Edwards	CB	5	5
Zak Krolczyk	DE	5	5
Darian Raymond	S	5	5
Andrew Bluiett	NT	2	0
Peyton Guidry	LB	2	0
Ryan Reed	S	1	1
Isaiah Wheeler	NT	1	0

DEMONS BY CLASS

SENIORS (21)

J.D. Almond, Austin Balthazar, Andrew Bluiett, Bryson Bourque, Chrishard Buhl, Bobby Chan-Chan, Lyn Clark, Peyton Guidry, Dannie Harmon, Korliss Johnson, Chris Jones, Zak Krolczyk, Cameron Lazare, Lucas Morgan, Eric Piccione, Nick Pierotti, Koby Welch, Isaiah Wheeler, Tremaine Whittley, Lionel Williams

JUNIORS (21)

Kwan Adkins, Timmis Bonner, Frank Boudreaux, Marquisian Chapman, Rashaun Croney, Duke Dantzler, Jazz Ferguson, Keith Ford, Clay Holgorsen, Obinna Iheoma, Andrew McAlister, Kalen Meggs, Tyler Rapp, Kevin Ratliff, Josh Roberts, Jalon Sangster, Charles Vaughn, Ike Warren, Jalen Watson, Dylan Wilson, Chris Zirkle

SOPHOMORES (17)

Chritian Blueitt, Brice Borgeson, Dustin Burns, Ian Edwards, Deshon Ficklin, Nicholas Forde, Dez Gray, Jonathan Hubbard, Gavin Landry, D'Ronne Littleton, Ronald Malbrough, Tyler O'Donoghue, Parker Pastorello, Desmond Prejean, Darian Raymond, Ryan Reed, Jared West

REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (20)

Demetrius Boulieu, Hayden Bourgeois, Tyreik Campbell, Ricky Chatman, Brandon Eberts, Austyn Fendrick, Chris Fuller, Dazarie Hall, Jalen Haydel, Corban James, Tevyn Johnson, Jacob Kiser, Zachary Perry, Kendrick Price, Kenny Sears, Malik Sonnier, Da'Von Smith, Ethan Smith, Khalil Sumlin, Christopher Taylor, Stanley Woodley

TRUE FRESHMEN (26)

Stadford Anderson, J.P. Arceneaux, Tanner Ash, Xavier Bell, William Bordelon, Jackson Carroll, Braylon Daigle, Terrell Davis, Parker Fink, Kaleb Fletcher, Trent Franklin, Jake Gore, LaTerrion Green, Cameron Heil, McKane Kinchen, Landon King, Guy LeCompte, Cameron Lewis, Isiaha Longino, Rashuad Powell, Kenneth Sheldon, Ronald Sims, Damian Thomposn, Kendrick Ward, Myles Ward, Trey Williams



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2014 Northwestern State at Louisiana Tech recap

Resilient Demons defy odd, beat Bulldogs 30-27 on last-play FG

RUSTON — A 20-point fourth quarter, capped by Chris Moore's game-winning 47-yard field goal on the final play, lifted visiting Northwestern State to a stunning 30-27 win over old nemesis Louisiana Tech Saturday night in front of 26,004 at Joe Aillet Stadium.

Moore had tied the game with 1:05 left on a 29-yard field goal. Both kicks were set up by turnovers forced by a resilient Purple Swarm defense, with Marion Chapman's fumble recovery at the Tech 35 coming with 2:45 left and leading to the tying field goal at the 1:05 mark, and Adam Jones scooping up a pass deflected by Imoan Claiborne and making the decisive pickoff, his second of the night, at the NSU 49 with 52 seconds remaining, on the first play after the ensuing kickoff.

The Demons got passes of 13 and 12 yards in the game-winning drive from Zach Adkins to Cody Jones, and calmly had Adkins take a four-yard loss to move the ball to the middle of the field for Moore's attempt with three seconds left. After a Tech timeout, the junior hammered the second longest kick in his two seasons as a Demon and split the uprights, setting off a delirious celebration.

The outcome was the first Northwestern State win over an FBS foe since 2005, ending a 17-game skid in those matchups. In the first meeting in 20 seasons between the ancient rivals, who began playing each other in 1907, the Demons notched their first win in 10 tries, since a 25-21 victory in 1979.

Tech (2-2) suffered five turnovers, three interceptions. NSU (2-2) scored after each one.

"Our guys just battled, and battled," said second-year Demons' coach Jay Thomas. "We beat a real good football team because we made some big-time plays. Our defense came up with the ball again and again, and the offense converted."

Northwestern trailed from the early moments and never led until the last second, but the Demons were never down by more than 10 — at 10-0, 13-3, 20-10 and 27-17 with 8:35 remaining.

From there, NSU drove 58 yards in 10 plays, getting a 14-yard De'Mard Llorens touchdown run one play after Adkins converted a fourth-and-1 on a sneak, after a 15-yard connection with Ed Eagan on third-and-16.

Trying to preserve its 27-24 edge, Tech handed to star running back Kenneth Dixon for three straight plays working on the clock, but on third-and-1 at the Bulldogs' 34, as he dove toward the first down, the ball came loose in the collision, credited to Chapman on the forced fumble.

Chapman won the scramble for the ball and NSU had a chance to tie or win with 2:45

left.

A 9-yard pass from Adkins to Zach White and a 15-yard personal foul penalty on the Bulldogs carried the Demons to the Tech 14, but NSU couldn't get much closer and settled for Moore's middle-of-the-field 29-yarder to tie with 65 seconds left.

On the first play after the kickoff, Tech's Cody Sokol looked toward his sideline, but Claiborne batted the pass up the field and Jones made a diving grab that was upheld on a replay for the interception.

Then after Adkins and Jones hooked up twice, everybody knew it was probably coming down to Moore, who relished the opportunity.

"The rest of the team made big play after big play to give us the chance. I was more anxious about the kickoff after the field goal to tie it, because we were going onsidies and they changed it after we lined up. You don't practice onsidies kicks as much as you do end-of-game field goals," said Moore, who said it was the first such actual game-winner in his career at any level. "Their time out actually helped me relax and focus. Then it was really up to Hunter (Graves, the snapper) and Tuff (McClain, the holder) doing the same perfect work they have done all year, the protection was perfect as always, and I just had no worries.

"It was a blast seeing everybody go crazy," he said. "Everybody won this, I just had the final kick," he said.

Moore also had a 41-yard field goal midway through the second quarter to get NSU on the board. He is now 10 of 12 on field goals this season, 5 of 6 from 40 yards or more.

The Demons got touchdown runs of 4 and 10 yards from Garrett Atzenweiler, who led the Demons with 66 yards on 19 rushes.

Adkins was 21 of 35 for 205 yards and was intercepted twice, sacked three times. Eagan caught six passes for 70 yards as seven Demons had receptions, including McClain with four for 51 yards.

Chapman led the Demons with eight tackles, including a sack. Jones had two of the interceptions and six tackles.

The Bulldogs had a 413-307 advantage in yardage but were hurt by eight penalties for 74 yards and the five turnovers, the second time in as many weeks NSU came up with five.

The Demons have an open date before beginning Southland play Oct. 4 at defending champion Southeastern Louisiana. The Bulldogs, who whipped Louisiana-Lafayette and North Texas on the road in the last two weeks, go to Auburn next Saturday.

Northwestern State	0	3	7	20	-	30
Louisiana Tech	10	3	7	7	-	27

Kickoff: 6:05 p.m. • End of Game: 9:20 p.m. • Duration: 3:15 • Attendance: 26,004

1	12:18	LaTech-Kenneth Dixon 28 pass from Cody Sokol (Jonathan Barnes kick) 6-65, 2:42	0-7
	6:29	LaTech-JBarnes 38 field goal, 7-48, 2:53	0-10
2	6:15	NSU-Chris Moore 41 field goal; 9-47, 3:30	3-10
	0:07	LaTech-Barnes 44 field goal; 13-66, 6:08	3-13
3	4:20	NSU-Garrett Atzenweiler 4 run (Moore kick) 12-54, 4:39	10-13
	1:04	LaTech-Kenneth Dixon 3 run (Barnes kick) 10-60, 3:16	10-20
4	13:42	NSU-Atzenweiler 10 run (Moore kick) 2-27, 0:29	17-20
	8:35	LaTech-Dixon 5 run (Barnes kick) 6-38, 2:00	17-27
	4:20	NSU-DeMard Llorens 14 run (Moore kick) 10-58, 4:15	24-27
	1:05	NSU-Moore 29 field goal; 6-23, 1:40	27-27
	00:00	NSU-Moore 47 field goal; 5-21, 0:52	30-27

Yardstick	NSU	LTU
First Downs	21	22
Rushing Yards	102	133
Passing Yards	205	280
Completions-Attempts-Interceptions	21-35-2	20-34-3
Total Offensive Yards	307	413
Total Offensive Plays	73	67
Average Gain Per play	4.2	6.2
Fumbles: Number-Lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties: Numbers-Yards	3-30	8-74
Punts-Yards-Average	4-151-37.8	2-93-46.5
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-(-)1-0	1-(-)8-0
Average Per Return	-1.0	-8.0
Kickoff Returns: Numbers-Yards-TD	3-72-0	4-83-0
Average Per Return	24.0	20.8
Interceptions: Number-Yards-TD	3-17-0	2-15-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Possession Time	30:11	29:49
Third-Down Conversions	5-15	4-12
Fourth-Down Conversions	2-2	1-1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-4	2-2
Sack by: Number-Yards	3-14	3-9
PAT Kicks	3-3	3-3
Field Goals	3-3	2-2

PLAYER STATS

Rushing: Garrett Atzenweiler 19-66, 2TD; De'Mard Llorens 7-21, 1TD; Zach Adkins 10-15; Daniel Taylor 1-1;

Passing: Zach Adkins 21-35-2, 205

Receiving: Ed Eagan 6-70; Tuff McClain 4-51; Cody Jones 3-41; Zach White 3-29; Bryant Mitchell 2-13; Daniel Taylor 2-3; Shakeir Ryan 1-(-)2

O-Line: Pace Murphy 78/80%; Austin Douglas 78/62%; Delryn Wilson 78/60%; Korliss Johnson 78/49%; Luke Burleson 78/47%; Jonathan Lewis 4/75%

Defense: Marion Chapman 8 hits, 1TFL/5yds, 1sack/5yds, 1FF, 1FR/0yds, 1QH; Wilbur Myers 8 hits, 1sack/7yds 2BrUp; Imoan Claiborne 7 hits, 1FR, 1BrUp; Adam Jones 7 hits, 1TFL/2yds, 2Inct/17yds, 1 BrUp; Tyler Roussel 7 hits; Deon Simon 6 hits, 1TFL/7yds 1sack/2yds; Chase Collins 5 hits; Fred Thomas 5 hits, 1BrUp; WaDerrious Sellers 4 hits, 1 QH; Darius Poullard 3 hits, 1QH; Damon Medcafe 3hits, 1BrUp; Jacob Merriman 2 hits, 1FF; Paxton Cook 2 hits; Leroy Armstrong 2 hits, 2QH; Dannie Harmon 2 hits; Peyton Guidry 1 hit; Lyn Clark 1hit, 1QH; Rico Albert 1 hit, 1Int., 1 BrUp; Cody Jones 1 hit; DeMard Llorens 1 hit; Cornist Broadway 1QH; Chris Cryer 1 QH