



2006 USF Football Game Notes



GAME TWO

►►USF-FIU GAME FACTS



vs.

**USF
BULLS**

**FIU
GOLDEN PANTHERS**

(1-0, 0-0)

(0-1, 0-1)

Date: Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006 **Time:** 7 p.m. **Site:** Tampa, Fla.
Stadium: Raymond James Stadium **Opened:** 1998 **Surface:** Natural Grass
Capacity: 65,000
National Rankings: Neither USF or FIU are ranked in this week's AP of ESPN/USA Today polls
Internet Broadcast: ESPN 360 with Al Keck (play-by-play) and Doug Graber (color analyst)
Television Re-Broadcast: None
USF Radio: The Bulls' Network (WFLA-AM 970/flagship station, WORL-AM 660 in Orlando, and WHNR-AM 1360 in Winter Haven) with Jim Louk (play-by-play), Mark Robinson (color analyst), Mike Pepper (sideline), Jim Lighthall (studio host), and Jeff Fisher (studio host). The broadcast begins one hour prior to kick-off while the postgame show features USF coach Jim Leavitt.
Satellite Radio: None
Internet: Live audio on www.GoUSFBulls.com
Tickets: Call the USF athletic ticket office at 1-800-GoBulls.

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USF LOOKS FOR SECOND STRAIGHT WIN IN BATTLE WITH FIU

The USF football team (1-0, 0-0 BIG EAST) looks to win its second-straight game Saturday when it faces in-state foe Florida International at 7 p.m. at Raymond James Stadium ... The game will be broadcast live on ESPN 360, ESPN's broadband internet service, with Al Keck (play-by-play) and Doug Graber (color analyst) calling the action ... In addition, the game will can be heard live on WFLA-AM 970, and also in the internet through www.GoUSFBulls.com, with Jim Louk (play-by-play) and Mark Robinson (color analyst) ... The game between the Bulls and Golden Panthers is the second of two-straight home games to start the season for USF, and the first of two-consecutive meetings with a team from the Sunshine State ... The Bulls will face UCF on Sept. 16 at 2:30 p.m. at the Citrus Bowl in Orlando ... USF comes into Saturday's game looking for just its third 2-0 start to a season in the program's history ... The Bulls also jumped out to a 2-0 beginning during the 1998 and 2002 campaigns ... USF is coming off a 41-10 win over its only I-AA opponent of the season, McNeese State ... The win ended a three-game losing streak - dating back to last season - which was the second longest in school history ... Redshirt freshman quarterback Matt Grothe saw his first collegiate action, when he replaced Pat Julmiste in the second quarter, and proceeded to throw for 171 yards on 9-of-13 passing and two touchdowns ... The Lake Gibson native also rushed for one TD ... Walt Smith rushed for 70 yards on seven carries and tallied two TD's ... Marcus Edwards was one of three players - along with Amarri Jackson (3-31) and Ean Randolph (3-24, 1 TD) - to record three receptions, pulling in the trio for 62 yards and a touchdown ... Defensively, Butkus Award and Bronco Nagurski Trophy candidate, Stephen Nicholas paced the team with a team-high seven tackles, including six solo, and a pass broken up.

►►2006 USF FOOTBALL SCHEDULE/RESULTS

| Day, Date | Opponent | Time/Result | TV | Series | Last Meeting (Site)/Notes |
|----------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|--|
| Sat., Sept. 2 | McNeese State | W, 41-10 | ABC-28 WFTS | USF 1-0 | .2006 USF 41-10/Moved its record in home openers to 10-0 |
| Sat., Sept. 9 | Florida International | 7 p.m. | ESPN 360 | 0-0 | .First meeting/One of just two I-A programs younger than USF |
| Sat., Sept. 16 | at UCF | 2:30 p.m. | CSTV | USF 1-0 | .2005 USF 31-14/Look for second straight win vs. UCF |
| Sat., Sept. 23 | at Kansas | 7 p.m. (ET) | | 0-0 | .First meeting/First Big 12 foe since Oklahoma in Sept. 2002 |
| Fri., Sept. 29 | Rutgers* | 8 p.m. | ESPN2 | USF 1-0 | .2005 USF 45-31/Look to win second straight BIG EAST opener |
| Sat., Oct. 7 | Connecticut* | 7 p.m. | | USF 2-1 | .2005 UConn 15-10/Huskies look to recover from 5-6 season |
| Sat., Oct. 14 | at North Carolina | TBA | | 0-0 | .First meeting/Third game vs. ACC in the last two years |
| Sun., Oct. 22 | at Cincinnati* | 8 p.m. | ESPN | USF 2-1 | .2005 USF 31-16/USF's first ever Sunday night game |
| Sat., Nov. 4 | Pittsburgh* (HC) | Noon | ABC-28 WFTS | Pitt 2-1 | .2005 Pitt 31-17/USF is 6-3 in Homecoming games |
| Sat., Nov. 11 | Syracuse* | TBA | | USF 1-0 | .2005 USF 27-0/USF handed Syracuse its worst loss in 2005 |
| Sat., Nov. 18 | at Louisville* | TBA | | USF 2-1 | .2005 USF 45-14/Bulls look for repeat of 2005 result |
| Sat., Nov. 25 | at West Virginia* | Noon | WVU | 1-0 | .2005 WVU 45-14/USF makes first trip to Morgantown |

* BIG EAST Conference Game
(HC) Homecoming 2005
All times are Eastern and subject to change

►USF QUICK FACTS

LocationTampa, Fla.
 StadiumRaymond James Stadium
 Capacity65,000
 SurfaceTiftway Bermuda 419
 First Year of Football1997
 Enrollment41,392
 Founded1956
 ColorsGreen (PMS 343), Gold (PMS 4515)
 NicknameBulls
 ConferenceBIG EAST
 PresidentDr. Judy Genshaft
 Faculty RepresentativeDr. John T. Romeo
 Director of AthleticsDoug Woolard
 Head CoachJim Leavitt
 Alma MaterMissouri/1978
 Record at USF62-39 (.614)/nine seasons
 Overall Record62-39 (.614)/nine seasons
 Assistant CoachesWally Burnham (defensive coordi-nator/linebackers), Lawrence Dawsey (receivers), Carl Franks (running backs), Greg Frey (offensive line), Greg Gregory (tight ends) Troy Douglas (defensive secondary), Bernard Clark (defensive line), Rich Rachel (cornerbacks), Rod Smith (offensive coordinator), Steve White (graduate assistant, defense), Larry Scott (graduate assistant, offense), Mike Simmonds (graduate assistant, defense), Travis Larimore (strength and conditioning), Ronnie McKeefery (strength and conditioning)
 Basic OffenseNo Huddle-Spread
 Basic Defense4-3
 Final 2005 Overall Record6-6
 Final 2005 BIG EAST Conference Record4-3
 Final 2005 BIG EAST Conference FinishT-3rd

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USF'S PROBABLE STARTERS

ON OFFENSE ...

| Pos. | No. | Name (Yr., Ht., Wt.) | Player Notes |
|------|-----|---------------------------------|--|
| X | 11 | Marcus Edwards (So., 5-11, 175) | Had three rec. for 62 yds. and one TD last Saturday |
| H | 89 | Taurus Johnson (So., 6-1, 190) | Was one of five true freshmen to play for USF in 05 |
| LT | 70 | Jared Carnes (Jr., 6-7, 310) | Big OT who transferred from D-II Concord College |
| LG | 77 | Jake Griffin (So., 6-4, 305) | Highly decorated local product played 11 games in 2005 |
| OC | 69 | Nick Capogna (Jr., 6-3, 275) | Is a converted tight end with good talent at center |
| RG | 75 | Walter Walker (Jr., 6-5, 305) | Versatile lineman who will move to right guard |
| | 71 | Matt Huners (So. 6-3, 290) | Versatile lineman who can play either guard spots |
| RT | 78 | Marc Dile (So., 6-4, 310) | Another young but talented offensive lineman |
| TE | 44 | Devin Gordon (Sr., 6-3, 240) | Transfer from Missouri Valley College gets his first start |
| Y | 80 | Ean Randolph (Sr., 5-9, 175) | Had three rec. for 24 yds. and one TD vs. McNeese |
| Z | 81 | S.J. Green (Sr., 6-3, 220) | Most experienced of USF's receivers with 29 starts (34 GP) |
| QB | 8 | Matt Grothe (Fr., 6-0, 200) | Projected to get his first career start against FIU |
| RB | 25 | Walt Smith (sr., 5-10, 175) | Gets the start in place of the injured Moise Plancher |

ON DEFENSE ...

| Pos. | No. | Name | Player Notes |
|------|-----|----------------------------------|--|
| LE | 52 | Treco Bellamy (Jr., 6-3, 240) | JUCO transfer was named teams top scout player in 05 |
| NT | 94 | Allen Cray (Jr., 6-0, 295) | Had three tackles and a half of a sack against McNeese |
| DT | 96 | Woody George (Jr., 6-3, 265) | Expected to make his biggest impact to date in 06 |
| RE | 95 | George Selvie (Fr., 6-4, 255) | Two tackles and a half of a sack vs. McNeese |
| SAM | 51 | Stephen Nicholas (Sr., 6-3, 225) | Butkus Award and Nagurski Trophy candidate |
| MIKE | 59 | Ben Moffitt (Jr., 6-2, 240) | Teams leading tackler in 2005 with 96 stops |
| WILL | 54 | Pat St. Louis (Sr., 6-1, 230) | Second in tackles in 2005 including 9.5 TFL for 31 yards |
| LC | 21 | Trae Williams (Jr., 5-10, 185) | Started 11 out of 12 games last year at cornerback |
| RC | 4 | Mike Jenkins (Jr., 6-0, 200) | Dangerous cornerback who led USF with five PBR |
| SS | 33 | Jeremy Burnett (Sr., 6-1, 190) | Second on the team in tackles with 6 vs. McNeese |
| FS | 17 | Danny Verpaele (So., 5-11, 200) | Returns after suffering broken leg in 2005 |
| NB | 32 | Carlton Williams (So., 6-4, 205) | Was named a Freshman All-American (HM) in 2005 |

SPECIALISTS...

| Pos. | No. | Name | Player Notes |
|------|-----|----------------------------------|---|
| PK | 28 | Mike Benzer (Fr., 5-8, 185) | Was 2-3 last year in PAT attempts; This year is 5-5 |
| KO | 27 | Justin Teachey (So., 5-11, 170) | Had 50 kick offs with 11 touchbacks in 05 |
| P | 24 | Delbert Alvarado (Fr., 6-0, 175) | Will get his first start at punter |
| LS | 66 | Ryan Bourdeau (Sr., 6-2, 250) | Second and final year as long snapper |
| KR | 80 | Ean Randolph (Sr., 5-9, 175) | Looks to use his athleticism and field vision for returns |
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THE SERIES VS. THE GOLDEN PANTHERS

• Saturday's game marks the first-ever meeting between USF and Florida International ... It is the second-straight game that the Bulls are taking on a first time foe and the second of four this season ... USF will also play Kansas (Sept. 23) and North Carolina (Oct. 14) for the first time ever.

A LOOK AT FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL

• Like USF, Florida International has been led during its brief history by just one head coach ... Former Miami Dolphin QB Don Strock is in his fifth year at the helm of the Golden Panthers.

• FIU is, in fact, one of only two I-A teams - along with Florida Atlantic (in sixth season) - whose program is younger than USF's, which is celebrating it's 10th anniversary this season ... This year marks the Golden Panthers' fifth year of competition.

►THIS WEEK IN USF FOOTBALL (SEPT. 4-10)

| MONDAY 4 | TUESDAY 5 | WEDNESDAY 6 | THURSDAY 7 | FRIDAY 8 | SATURDAY 9 | SUNDAY 10 |
|--------------------|--|--------------------|---|----------|-----------------------|-----------|
| 7 p.m. Practice | 12:30 p.m. Media luncheon, BIG EAST Room 4 p.m. Practice | 4 p.m. Practice | 4 p.m. Practice 7 p.m. Jim Leavitt Radio Show at the Bull Ring, Fowler Ave., and on WHNZ 1250 AM | | 7 p.m. USF vs. FIU | |

►THE TALE OF THE TAPE

The following is a statistical breakdown of USF and Florida International following each team's season opener last weekend. Conference and NCAA rankings are also included.

| USF | (BIG EAST/NCAA Rank) | Category | (Sun Belt/NCAA Rank) | FIU |
|-------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------|
| 286.0 | (3/9) | Rushing Offense | (5/78) | 97.0 |
| 209.0 | (3/48) | Passing Offense | (3/80) | 150.0 |
| 495.0 | (2/12) | Total Offense | (5/90) | 247.0 |
| 41.0 | (3/22) | Scoring Offense | (6/T99) | 6.0 |
| 82.0 | (3/42) | Rushing Defense | (4/47) | 92.0 |
| 81.0 | (1/11) | Passing Defense | (2/14) | 83.0 |
| 51.56 | (1/5) | Pass Efficiency Defense | (5/27) | 88.72 |
| 163.0 | (1/13) | Total Defense | (3/16) | 175.0 |
| 10.0 | (3/T28) | Scoring Defense | (5/18) | 7.0 |
| 20.0 | (6/100) | Net Punting | (6/72) | 33.25 |
| 11.75 | (2/24) | Punt Returns | (8/105) | -1.67 |
| 17.67 | (5.67) | Kickoff Returns | (5/82) | 15.50 |
| -1.0 | (7/71) | Turnover Margin | (2/T39) | 0.0 |

• FIU comes into Saturday's game following a 7-6 loss at Middle Tennessee State on Aug. 31 ... The game was not just the season opener for the Golden Panthers, but the Sun Belt opener as well.

• FIU jumped out to a 6-0 lead on a 12-yard run by Julian Reams with 7:12 left in the first quarter, however the PAT was no good ... The Blue Raiders would get what would ultimately be the game-tying score on a 33-yard scamper by Eugene Gross with one minute left in the first half ... Colby Smith would get the game winning PAT, which would also end the day's scoring.

• The Golden Panthers ran for just 97 yards on 25 carries in the contest, however, also held Middle Tennessee to just 92 yards rushing on 35 carries ... FIU threw for 150 yards in the loss.

• FIU returns senior quarterback Josh Padrick as the Sun Belt Conference's top passer from 2005 ... Padrick led the league in passing yards per game with 223.7 yards per outing ... His impressive pass attack guided the Golden Panthers the top of the Sun Belt Conference in passing offense averaging 235.9 yards per contest ... For Padrick's efforts, he was named a Second Team All-Sun Belt selection.

• Defensively, FIU returns Keyonvis Bouie who led the Sun Belt in tackles last season with 118 stops, including 65 solo ... Like USF's Stephen Nicholas, Bouie was named to the Butkus Award and Bronco Nagurski preseason watch lists coming into the 2006 season.

VS. THE SUN BELT CONFERENCE

• Saturday's game is the seventh meeting between USF and a current member of the Sun Belt Conference ... The Bulls enter the FIU game with a 4-2 record all-time with their last meeting being a 24-17 victory over North Texas on Oct. 5, 2002 in Denton Texas.

• In their last three wins over Sun Belt foes, the Bulls have outscored the opposition 103-37 (34.3 ppg-12.3 ppg).

| Date | Opponent | Result | Location |
|----------------|-------------------------|----------|--|
| Sept. 25, 1999 | Troy (I-AA at the time) | L, 41-24 | Movie Gallery Veterans Stadium, Troy, Ala. |
| Sept. 30, 2000 | Troy (I-AA at the time) | W, 20-10 | Raymond James Stadium, Tampa, Fla. |
| Nov. 11, 2000 | Middle Tennessee State | L, 45-9 | Johnny Floyd Stadium, Murfreesboro, Tenn. |
| Sept. 29, 2001 | North Texas | W, 28-10 | Raymond James Stadium, Tampa, Fla. |
| Aug. 29, 2002 | Florida Atlantic | W, 51-10 | Raymond James Stadium, Tampa, Fla. |
| Oct. 5, 2002 | North Texas | W, 24-17 | Fouts Field, Denton, Texas |

USF VS. THE SUNSHINE STATE

• Saturday's game is the first of two straight games, this year, that USF will play against teams from the State of Florida ... The Bulls come into the contest with the Golden Panthers with a 3-1 record all-time against state teams ... Three of the four games came in 2005 ... Following the meeting with FIU, the Bulls will hit the road for just their second in-state road contest in its history ... The only other Sunshine State road game for the Bulls was at Miami last season.

►MEDIA SERVICES

USF Weekly Football Media Luncheon

USF head coach Jim Leavitt's weekly press luncheon is held every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in the BIG EAST Conference Room in the USF Intercollegiate Athletic Complex. Leavitt will speak at 1 p.m. followed by requested players at 1:30 p.m. Player requests should be made through the Sports Information Office by noon on Monday.

BIG EAST Weekly Football Teleconference

The BIG EAST football coaches will hold a weekly teleconference for the media taking place each Monday during the season and concluding on November 27. Each coach will be available for approximately 10 minutes. Media representatives may contact the USF sports information office to get the telephone number. The schedule of coaches is as follows (all times Eastern):

- 11:10 a.m. Bobby Petrino, Louisville
- 11:20 a.m. Dave Wannstedt, Pittsburgh
- 11:30 a.m. Rich Rodriguez, West Virginia
- 11:40 a.m. Randy Edsall, Connecticut
- 11:50 a.m. Greg Robinson, Syracuse
- Noon Jim Leavitt, USF
- 12:10 p.m. Mark Dantonio, Cincinnati
- 12:20 p.m. Greg Schiano, Rutgers

BIG EAST Weekly Satellite Feed

The BIG EAST will begin its weekly football satellite feed on Wednesday, Sept. 6. The feed will be available each Wednesday during the season, concluding on Nov. 29. Approximately three and a half minutes of highlights and interviews are available for each team in the conference. Information on the feed is as follows:

- Dates Sept. 6-Nov. 29
- Time 3 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Coordinates Galaxy 16C, T 12

Postgame Interviews

The USF locker room is closed following the game. Player interview requests should be directed to assistant SID Michael Hogan by the middle of the fourth quarter. Player interviews can not be conducted on the field following the game.

Practice Schedule

All USF practices are closed. Coach Leavitt is available at the conclusion of each practice.



►THE BIG EAST

2006 Standings

| | Conf. | Pct. | Over. | Pct. |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| Cincinnati |0-0 |000 |1-0 |1.000 |
| Connecticut |0-0 |000 |1-0 |1.000 |
| Louisville |0-0 |000 |1-0 |1.000 |
| Pittsburgh |0-0 |000 |1-0 |1.000 |
| Rutgers |0-0 |000 |1-0 |1.000 |
| USF |0-0 |000 |1-0 |1.000 |
| West Virginia |0-0 |000 |1-0 |1.000 |
| Syracuse |0-0 |000 |0-1 |000 |

2006 USF Non-Conference Opponents

| Opponent | Record | This Week's Game/ | Next Game |
|----------------|----------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| McNeese State | . . .0-1 | . . .West Virginia Tech (9/9)/ |at Toledo (9/23) |
| FIU | . . .0-1 |at USF (9/9)/ |Bowling Green (9/16) |
| UCF | . . .1-0 |at Florida (9/9)/ |USF (9/16) |
| Kansas | . . .1-0 | . . .Louisiana-Monroe (9/9)/ |at Toledo (9/16) |
| North Carolina | . . .0-1 |Virginia Tech (9/9) |Furman (9/16) |

Preseason BIG EAST Media Poll

1.West Virginia (18)
2.Louisville (6)
3.Pittsburgh
4.Rutgers
5.USF
6.Connecticut
7.Cincinnati
8.Syracuse

This Week In The BIG EAST

Friday, September 8

Pittsburgh at Cincinnati (ESPN2)

Saturday, September 9

Illinois at Rutgers (ESPN2)

Louisville at Temple

Eastern Washington at West Virginia

Iowa at Syracuse (ABC)

FIU at USF (ESPN 360)



| Date | Opponent | Result | Location |
|----------------|------------------|----------|------------------------------------|
| Aug. 29, 2002 | Florida Atlantic | W, 51-10 | Raymond James Stadium, Tampa, Fla. |
| Sept. 10, 2005 | Florida A&M | W, 37-3 | Raymond James Stadium, Tampa, Fla. |
| Sept. 17, 2005 | UCF | W, 31-14 | Raymond James Stadium, Tampa, Fla. |
| Oct. 1, 2005 | Miami | L, 27-7 | The Orange Bowl, Miami, Fla. |

LAST TIME OUT

• USF ended a three-game losing streak, that dated back to last season, last Saturday with what turned out to be a decisive 41-10 win over McNeese State at Raymond James Stadium ... The three-game skid was tied for the second longest in school history.

• The victory also raised the Bulls' record in home openers to a perfect 10-0, 8-0 at Raymond James Stadium ... It also improved its record to 6-4 in season openers.

• USF would fall behind 7-0 and would eventually tie the game on a one-yard Matt Grothe scamper with 10:25 left in the first half ... The Cowboys, however, would regain the lead on a 22-yard field goal and take a 10-7 lead into the locker room at the intermission ... The Bulls would get seven more, and seemed to find their rhythm, after Grothe and Marcus Edwards hooked up on a 47-yard pass with 2:04 left in the third quarter ... USF would then proceed to put 27 points on the board in the final stanza to run away with the game.

• USF's 27 points scored in the fourth quarter of the game against McNeese State were the most scored in a single stanza since Nov. 3, 2004 when the Bulls put 28 points on the board in the fourth quarter against UAB to erase a 20-17 Blazer lead after three ... The 28 points scored against UAB is the most ever scored in a single quarter for USF ... Interestingly enough, with the exception of a new NCAA rule barring extra points if they are not needed after time has expired, the Bulls would have had the opportunity to tie that 28-point mark.

• USF's 27-point output in the fourth quarter was also more points scored than in the final three games combined for the Bulls last season.

• Although no USF rusher reached the 100-yard mark against the Cowboys, four players ran for better than 50 yards, and two more added 20-or-more yards ... Walt Smith paced the way with 70 yards on seven carries and two touchdowns ... Matt Grothe and Ben Williams added 58 and 54 yards respectively.

• USF logged 286 rushing yards on 42 carries and 209 passing yards on 21 passing attempts marking the first time since Nov. 13, 2004, against East Carolina, that the Bulls have recorded 200 or more yards in each category in a single game ... In addition, the teams 495 total yards are the most since USF logged 509 against the Pirates on the same afternoon.

FIRST TIME'S A CHARM

• Matt Grothe, in his first collegiate game, recorded his first career touchdown pass on a 47-yard pass to Marcus Edwards in the third quarter ... The TD was Edwards' first career score as well.

• In addition, Grothe would rush for his first career touchdown, a one-yard run, on his first collegiate series.

• Grothe registered his first-career completion with a 6-yard pass to sophomore wide receiver Amp Hill during the second quarter. The catch was also Hill's first-career catch.

• Ean Randolph recorded his first-career touchdown reception with a 12-yard catch from Grothe at the beginning of the fourth quarter.

• Randolph recorded his first-career reception with a 6-yard catch during the first quarter.

• Keeley Dorsey scored his first-career rushing touchdown with a 52-yard run as time expired.

• Twenty-two players made their USF debut during this evening's game. Moise Plancher, Jerome Murphy, Nate Allen, Amp Hill, Matt Grothe, Keeley Dorsey, Ryan Gillman, Delbert Alvarado, Colby Erskin, Ilia Petrov, Houston Hess, Devin Gordon, Joshua Smiley, Ean Randolph, Jarriett Buie, George Selvie, Chris Robinson, Julian Riley, Danny Tolley, Ben Busbee, Grant Gregory, Jason Fox, Antwon Hanks.

• On offense, Moise Plancher, Jared Carnes, Nick Capogna, Jake Griffin and Will Bleakley each registered their first-career starts.

• On defense, Treco Bellamy, Allen Cray, George Selvie and Jeremy Burnett each registered their first-career starts.

• USF utilized five different running backs, looking to fill the void left by former Bull Andre Hall ... On USF's first offensive play of the game, Plancher recorded his first-career carry with a rush for four yards ... Sophomore Benjamin Williams recorded his first-career carry with a 10-yard rush during the first quarter ... Freshman Colby Erskin recorded his first-career carry during the first quarter ... Walt Smith recorded his first-career carry with a six-yard carry during the second play of the second quarter ... Running back Keeley Dorsey registered his first-career carry during the second quarter.

A USF WIN WOULD ...

• Would give a 2-0 record for just the third time in the program's 10-year history ... The Bulls also started the 1998 season 2-0 with wins over Slippery Rock, 39-10, on Sept. 5 and Valparaiso, 51-0, on Sept. 12; and the 2002 campaign with victories over Florida Atlantic, 51-10, on Aug. 29 and Northern Illinois, 37-6, on Sept. 7.

• Raise USF's games against Florida teams to 4-1 ... It would also mark the Bulls first-ever win over Florida International ... A victory would also raise USF's record to 4-0 at home against state foes.

• Improve USF's all-time record at home to 47-12 and 41-9 at Raymond James Stadium ... In addition it would give the Bulls an 18-7 record over their last 25 home games.

• Bring the Bulls' record against Sun Belt Conference schools to 5-2, and extend their winning streak against the league to four games.

A USF LOSS WOULD ...

• Be USF's second-straight loss to a Florida school and drop its record to 3-2 against in-state foes ... The Bulls lost to Miami 27-7 on Sept. 10, 2005 at the Orange Bowl ... In addition it would be USF's first loss to a Sunshine State foe at home.

• Drop USF's record against the Sun Belt Conference to 4-3 and end its three-game winning streak against Sun Belt foes.

• Drop USF's all-time record at home to 46-13 and 40-10 at Raymond James Stadium ... In addition it would give the Bulls an 17-8 record over their last 25 home games.

FAMILIAR FACES

• In addition to the numerous player connections between USF and FIU there are a few that hit a little closer to home.

• USF defensive line coach Bernard Clark is in his first year with the Bulls after spending two seasons as the defensive coordinator at FIU ... Clark, a Tampa native, was a standout at Miami where he played for the 1987 and 1989 National Championship teams ... While at FIU, Clark helped to improve a defense that allowed 478 yards against a I-AA schedule in 2005 to a unit that allowed 375 against I-A competition in 2005.

• FIU defensive lineman Roland Clark began his collegiate career at USF in going through spring drills in 2003 ... He originally signed with the Bulls as an offensive guard before transferring to FIU and being moved to the defensive side of the ball ... Saw his first action on the field last year recording two tackles and a fumble recovery ... Played on both sides of the ball at times in 2005.

• FIU senior kicker/wide receiver Chris Patullo is the brother of former Bull Kevin Patullo ... Last season Chris punted 43 times for an average of 36.2 yards per punt with his longest being 52 yards ... Kevin played for the Bulls until 2002.

• Lloyd Moss is the brother of former University of Miami duo Santana and Sinorice, who play for the Washington Redskins and New York Giants respectively.

▶ INSTANT RELPAY

THE OBJECTIVE

The Big East's instant replay system is designed to allow for specific types of officiating calls to be immediately reviewed and corrected during all Conference and non-conference home games.

THE STANDARD

There must be indisputable video evidence for an officiating call to be changed by a Replay Official working from the press box. The replay system will not guarantee that all officiating mistakes are corrected.

THE SOURCE

During televised games, all reviewable video will come directly from the television network broadcasting the game (ABC Sports, ESPN, ESPN2, ESPN Plus Television, etc.). In non-televised games, all reviewable video will come directly from four in-house video cameras. The review process will never use both television and in-house cameras in any one game.

THE PROCESS

The BIG EAST Conference Instant Replay System is not the NFL Model. A review can be triggered by the Replay Official in the press box, or the head coach on the field. The Replay Officials will have available to them the video coming directly from the television network broadcasting the game or from four in-house video cameras. The DVSPORT Digital Replay software will be used for all reviews. Unlike the NFL, there is no limit to the number of plays that can be reviewed by the replay official. Coaches, however, are limited to one challenge per game. A team is subject to a loss of timeout if the coaches' challenge is upheld.

THE PLAYS

Reviewable

The following plays are subject to review under Big East instant replay:

1. Plays governed by Sideline, Goal Line, End Zone, and End Line:
 - a. Scoring Plays, including a runner breaking the plane of the goal line.
 - b. Pass complete/incomplete/intercepted at side line, goal line and end line.
 - c. Runner/receiver in or out of bounds.
 - d. Recovery of loose ball in or out of bounds.
 - e. A loose ball touching a sideline, goal line or an end line.
2. Passing Plays:
 - a. Pass ruled complete/incomplete/intercepted in the field of play and end zones.
 - b. Touching of a forward pass by an ineligible receiver.
 - c. Touching of a forward pass by a defensive player.
 - d. Quarterback (Passer) forward pass or fumble (if ruled incomplete, the play is finalized).
 - e. Illegal forward pass beyond the line of scrimmage.
 - f. Illegal forward pass or illegal handling after change of possession.
 - g. Forward or backward pass thrown from behind the line of scrimmage
3. Other Detectable Infractions:
 - a. Runner ruled not down.
 - b. Forward progress with respect to first down.
 - c. Touching of a kick.
 - d. Number of players on field.
 - e. Kicker beyond line of scrimmage on a kick.
 - f. Clock adjustments
 - g. Fourth-down/try fumble plays

NOT REVIEWABLE

Examples:

1. Holding.
2. Offside/encroachment.
3. Pass interference.
4. Personal fouls (e.g., late hits).
5. Illegal blocks.
6. Illegal formations.
7. Face mask.
8. Taunting / excessive celebration.
9. False starts.
10. Roughing passer / kicker.
11. Fighting participants.

►USF'S RECORD WHEN...

| | |
|--|------|
| At home | .1-0 |
| On the road | .0-0 |
| Against BIG EAST opponents | .0-0 |
| Against non-conference opponents | .1-0 |
| On natural grass | .1-0 |
| On field turf | .0-0 |
| On other surfaces | .0-0 |
| In day games | .0-0 |
| In home day games | .0-0 |
| In road day games | .0-0 |
| In night games | .1-0 |
| In home night games | .1-0 |
| In road night games | .0-0 |
| In September | .1-0 |
| In October | .0-0 |
| In November | .0-0 |
| Leading after 1st quarter | .0-0 |
| Leading after 2nd quarter | .0-0 |
| Leading after 3rd quarter | .1-0 |
| Tied after 1st quarter | .0-0 |
| Tied after 2nd quarter | .0-0 |
| Tied after 3rd quarter | .0-0 |
| Trailing after 1st quarter | .1-0 |
| Trailing after 2nd quarter | .1-0 |
| Trailing after 3rd quarter | .0-0 |
| In overtime | .0-0 |
| USF scores first | .0-0 |
| Opponent scores first | .1-0 |
| USF has the first possession | .1-0 |
| Opponent has the first possession | .0-0 |
| USF scores 0-10 points | .0-0 |
| USF scores 11-20 points | .0-0 |
| USF scores 21-30 points | .0-0 |
| USF scores 31-40 points | .0-0 |
| USF scores 41-50 points | .1-0 |
| USF scores 50-plus points | .0-0 |
| Opponent scores 0-10 points | .1-0 |
| Opponent scores 11-20 points | .0-0 |
| Opponent scores 21-30 points | .0-0 |
| Opponent scores 31-40 points | .0-0 |
| Opponent scores 41-50 points | .0-0 |
| Opponent scores 50-plus points | .0-0 |
| USF has over 200 yards rushing | .1-0 |
| USF has less than 200 yards rushing | .0-0 |
| Opponent has over 200 yards rushing | .0-0 |
| Opponent has less than 200 yards rushing | .1-0 |
| USF has over 200 yards passing | .1-0 |
| USF has less than 200 yards passing | .0-0 |
| Opponent has over 200 yards passing | .0-0 |
| Opponent has less than 200 yards passing | .1-0 |
| USF gains 0-100 net yards | .0-0 |
| USF gains 101-200 net yards | .0-0 |
| USF gains 201-300 net yards | .0-0 |
| USF gains 301-400 net yards | .0-0 |
| USF gains 401-500 net yards | .1-0 |
| USF gains 501-plus net yards | .0-0 |
| Opponent gains 0-100 net yards | .0-0 |
| Opponent gains 101-200 net yards | .1-0 |
| Opponent gains 201-300 net yards | .0-0 |
| Opponent gains 301-400 net yards | .0-0 |
| Opponent gains 401-500 net yards | .0-0 |
| Opponent gains 501-plus net yards | .0-0 |
| USF commits 0-5 penalties | .0-0 |
| USF commits 6-10 penalties | .1-0 |
| USF commits 10-plus penalties | .0-0 |
| Opponent commits 0-5 penalties | .0-0 |
| Opponent commits 6-10 penalties | .1-0 |
| Opponent commits 10-plus penalties | .0-0 |
| USF leads in time of possession | .1-0 |
| USF trails in time of possession | .0-0 |
| USF commits more turnovers | .0-0 |
| Opponent commits more turnovers | .1-0 |

QB BATTLE

• USF's quarterback situation coming into the 2006 season has certainly been up in the air ... Pat Julmiste got the start last Saturday against McNeese State, however gave away to redshirt freshman Matt Grothe in the second quarter and played until the final series of the game when transfer Grant Gregory saw his first collegiate action.

• Of the three, Julmiste, Grothe, and Gregory, Julmiste is the only one that had collegiate experience, entering last weekend's game against the Cowboys ... Through the McNeese State game, Julmiste started in 24 of 30 games for the Bulls including 22 of 24 over the past two years ... He has thrown for 3,499 career yards and has completed 273-of-566 passes with 16 touchdowns and 23 interceptions.

• Grothe redshirted last season and served as a scout team QB, and Gregory transferred to USF after redshirting his freshman year at Indiana.

JUST FOR STARTERS

• With the anticipation of Matt Grothe getting his first career start against FIU on Saturday, here is what other USF quarterbacks have done in their first career starts:

Chad Barnhardt

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|------|----|------|
| Passing | W/L | Att | Cmp | Int | Yds. | TD | Long |
| Kentucky Wesleyan (9/6/97) | W, 80-3 | 28 | 14 | 0 | 255 | 2 | 52 |

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|-------------------|-----|-----|----|------|
| Rushing | Att | Net | TD | Long |
| Kentucky Wesleyan | 1 | -7 | 0 | -7 |

Glen Gauntt

| | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|------|----|------|
| Passing | W/L | Att | Cmp | Int | Yds. | TD | Long |
| Cumberland (1/7/98) | W, 69-3 | 19 | 13 | 0 | 266 | 3 | 56 |

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|----------------|-----|-----|----|------|
| Rushing | Att | Net | TD | Long |
| Cumberland | 3 | -16 | 0 | 0 |

Marquel Blackwell

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|------|----|------|
| Passing | W/L | Att | Cmp | Int | Yds. | TD | Long |
| at Western Kentucky (9/18/99) | W, 21-6 | 27 | 16 | 0 | 169 | 3 | 48 |

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|---------------------|-----|-----|----|------|
| Rushing | Att | Net | TD | Long |
| at Western Kentucky | 8 | -8 | 0 | -8 |

Ronnie Banks

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|----------|-----|-----|-----|------|----|------|
| Passing | W/L | Att | Cmp | Int | Yds. | TD | Long |
| at Alabama (8/30/03) | L, 40-17 | 33 | 17 | 1 | 199 | 1 | 40 |

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|----------------|-----|-----|----|------|
| Rushing | Att | Net | TD | Long |
| at Alabama | 3 | -8 | 1 | 1 |

Brian Fisher

| | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|------|----|------|
| Passing | W/L | Att | Cmp | Int | Yds. | TD | Long |
| Charleston Southern (10.18/03) | W, 55-7 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 7 |

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|---------------------|-----|-----|----|------|
| Rushing | Att | Net | TD | Long |
| Charleston Southern | 4 | 6 | 1 | 3 |

Pat Julmiste

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------------|-----|-----|-----|------|----|------|
| Passing | W/L | Att | Cmp | Int | Yds. | TD | Long |
| at East Carolina (11/8/03) | W, 38-37 (ot) | 6 | 4 | 0 | 15 | 1 | 10 |

| | | | | |
|------------------|-----|-----|----|------|
| Rushing | Att | Net | TD | Long |
| at East Carolina | 10 | 3 | 0 | 9 |

Courtney Denson

| | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|----------|-----|-----|-----|------|----|------|
| Passing | W/L | Att | Cmp | Int | Yds. | TD | Long |
| at Penn State (9/3/05) | L, 23-13 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| | | | | |
|----------------|-----|-----|----|------|
| Rushing | Att | Net | TD | Long |
| at Penn State | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 |

Grothe replaced starting QB Pat Julmiste last Saturday in the second quarter ... The following are his stats against McNeese State:

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------|-----|-----|-----|------|----|------|
| Passing | W/L | Att | Cmp | Int | Yds. | TD | Long |
| vs. McNeese State (9/2/06) | W, 41-10 | 13 | 9 | 0 | 171 | 2 | 64 |

| | | | | |
|----------------|-----|-----|----|------|
| Rushing | Att | Net | TD | Long |
| McNeese State | 10 | 58 | 1 | 16 |

•Should Grothe get the start on Saturday against Florida International it will come as a belated birthday present ... Grothe celebrated his birthday on Friday turning 20 years old ... He was born on Sept. 8, 1986.

A LACK OF SENIORITIS

•Whether you measure by fewest seniors or most first-year USF players, the Bulls may have their youngest team ever ... The only one that compares is the 1997 team, USF's first-ever season ... In looking at the senior class, only seven of the 11 players arrived at USF with a scholarship, while the remaining five enrolled as walk-ons (This does not account for Tavarious Robinson, who may use a redshirt season) ... That ranks among the fewest scholarship players for a senior class in the nation.

| School | Fewest Recruited Scholarship Players |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Kentucky | 6 |
| Florida State | 6 |
| South Carolina | 6 |
| USF | 7 |
| Duke | 7 |
| Utah State | 7 |
| Virginia | 7 |

Looking at the USF roster from the first-time player perspective, it is noteworthy that 22 players saw their first-ever action for the Bulls in the season opener against McNeese State ... Nine players earned their first-ever collegiate start, including five on offense and four on defense ... The following is a list of USF's senior class:

| No. | Name | Pos. |
|-----|--------------------|------|
| 84 | Will Bleakley | TE |
| 66 | Ryan Bordeau | LS |
| 33 | Jeremy Burnett | DB |
| 44 | Devin Gordon | TE |
| 81 | S.J. Green | WR |
| 3 | Pat Julmiste | QB |
| 51 | Stephen Nicholas | LB |
| 80 | Ean Randolph | WR |
| 46 | Tavarious Robinson | DT |
| 25 | Walt Smith | RB |
| 54 | Patrick St. Louis | LB |
| 55 | Thed Watson | OT |

THED WATSON NAMED TO OUTLAND TROPHY WATCH LIST

•Offensive tackle Thed Watson is the first player at USF to be named to the Outland Trophy Watch List which is given to the best interior lineman in college football ... Watson enters his second, and final year at USF - after transferring from Northwest Mississippi Community College prior to the 2005 season - had a stellar junior campaign en route to All-BIG EAST Conference honors ... He earned a starting job at left tackle with an impressive back-up effort in the season opener at Penn State on Sept. 3 ... The first of eight starts came a week later against Florida A&M.

•The award is chosen by the Football Writers Association of America and is the third oldest trophy in college football behind the Heisman Trophy and the Maxwell Award ... Lee Roy Selmon, President, USF Foundation Partnership for Athletics, won the 1975 Outland Trophy at the conclusion of his senior year at the University of Oklahoma ... He was then the No. 1 overall pick by the expansion Tampa Bay Buccaneers and would go on to be the only player in Bucs history to be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

NICHOLAS READY FOR A BIG, BIG EAST SEASON

•Stephen Nicholas enters his senior campaign as a force to be reckoned with on the defensive side of the ball ... He was third on the team last year in tackles with 79 (49 UT, 30 AT).

•Nicholas also comes into the 2006 season after leading the team last season in tackles for losses ... He registered 15.5 for negative 69 yards ... He was one-half a tackle ahead of teammate Ben Moffitt (15 TFL, negative 47 yards) ...Nicholas was third in the BIG EAST in 2005 in TFL.

•Nicholas paced the Bulls in tackles against McNeese State with seven including six solo ... He

►AP TOP 25

| No. | Team (1st) | Record | Points |
|-----|-------------------|--------|--------|
| 1. | Ohio State (39) | 1-0 | 1,568 |
| 2. | Texas (7) | 1-0 | 1,453 |
| 3. | USC (3) | 1-0 | 1,410 |
| T4. | Notre Dame (8) | 1-0 | 1,408 |
| T4. | Auburn (3) | 1-0 | 1,408 |
| 6. | West Virginia (5) | 1-0 | 1,356 |
| 7. | Florida | 1-0 | 1,191 |
| 8. | LSU | 1-0 | 1,185 |
| 9. | Florida State | 1-0 | 1,130 |
| 10. | Michigan | 1-0 | .841 |
| 11. | Tennessee | 1-0 | .839 |
| 12. | Georgia | 1-0 | .836 |
| 13. | Louisville | 1-0 | .820 |
| 14. | Iowa | 1-0 | .800 |
| 15. | Oklahoma | 1-0 | .725 |
| 16. | Virginia Tech | 1-0 | .673 |
| 17. | Miami | 0-1 | .624 |
| 18. | Clemson | 1-0 | .564 |
| 19. | Penn State | 1-0 | .467 |
| 20. | Oregon | 1-0 | .436 |
| 21. | Nebraska | 1-0 | .358 |
| 22. | California | 0-1 | .212 |
| 23. | TCU | 1-0 | .198 |
| 24. | Texas Tech | 1-0 | .196 |
| 25. | Arizona State | 1-0 | .134 |

Others receiving votes: Alabama 96, Wisconsin 35, UCLA 29, Georgia Tech 27, Boise State 25, South Carolina 13, Boston College 11, Texas A&M 11, Pittsburgh 9, Purdue 9, Rutgers 7, Tulsa 7, Arizona 6, Fresno State 3, Missouri 3, UTEP 2.

►ESPN/USA TODAY TOP 25

| No. | Team (1st) | Record | Points |
|-----|-----------------|--------|--------|
| 1. | Ohio State (41) | 1-0 | 1,534 |
| 2. | Texas | 1-0 | 1,475 |
| 3. | USC | 1-0 | 1,436 |
| 4. | Auburn | 1-0 | 1,272 |
| T5. | Notre Dame | 1-0 | 1,248 |
| T5. | West Virginia | 1-0 | 1,248 |
| 7. | Florida | 1-0 | 1,112 |
| 8. | LSU | 1-0 | 1,096 |
| 9. | Florida State | 1-0 | 1,074 |
| 10. | Oklahoma | 1-0 | 1,019 |
| 11. | Georgia | 1-0 | .899 |
| 12. | Louisville | 1-0 | .820 |
| 13. | Michigan | 1-0 | .786 |
| 14. | Virginia Tech | 1-0 | .700 |
| 15. | Iowa | 1-0 | .647 |
| 16. | Miami | 0-1 | .605 |
| 17. | Tennessee | 1-0 | .579 |
| 18. | Clemson | 1-0 | .570 |
| 19. | Penn State | 1-0 | .459 |
| 20. | Oregon | 1-0 | .458 |
| 21. | Nebraska | 1-0 | .313 |
| 22. | TCU | 1-0 | .265 |
| 23. | California | 0-1 | .194 |
| 24. | Texas Tech | 1-0 | .178 |
| 25. | Alabama | 1-0 | .156 |

Others receiving votes: Arizona State 92, UCLA 56, Boise State 31, Boston College 31, South Carolina 21, Fresno State 19, Wisconsin 15, Maryland 9, Pittsburgh 9, Texas A&M 7, Rutgers 6, Tulsa 6, Georgia Tech 5, Purdue 5, Utah 5, Arizona 4, Iowa State 4, Minnesota 4, Oregon State 2, Northwestern 1.

Opponents in BOLD

▶▶USF BIG PLAYS (25+ YDS)

| Oppt. | Yds. | Play | Qtr. | Player(s) |
|-------|------|--------|------|----------------|
| MSU | 64 | Pass | 3rd | Grothe-C. Hill |
| MSU | 52 | Run | 4th | Keeley Dorsey |
| MSU | 47 | Pass | 3rd | Grothe-Edwards |
| MSU | 34 | P Ret. | 4th | Ean Randolph |

▶▶USF SCORING DRIVES

| Game | Qtr. | Pts. | P-Y-TOP | Player(s) |
|------|------|------|------------|----------------------|
| MSU | 2 | TD | 13-66-5:10 | Matt Grothe 1-yd |
| MSU | 3 | TD | 5-87-2:10 | Grothe-Edwards 47-yd |
| MSU | 4 | TD | 2-12-0:48 | Grothe-Randolph 1-yd |
| MSU | 4 | TD | 4-48-1:21 | Walt Smith 3-yd |
| MSU | 4 | TD | 4-36-2:17 | Walt Smith 24-yd |
| MSU | 4 | TD | 5-80-3:27 | Keeley Dorsey 52-yd |

also had one tackle for a loss and a pass broken up.

NICHOLAS NAMED TO BUTKUS AWARD WATCH LIST

• For the third consecutive year, Stephen Nicholas has been named to the Butkus Award Watch List compiled by the Downtown Athletic Club of Orlando ... Nicholas is one of just six players from the BIG EAST to be named to the list ... In addition to the Bulls' senior linebacker, H.B. Blades (Pittsburgh), Nate Harris (Louisville), Kevin McLee (West Virginia), Corey Smith (Cincinnati), and Kelvin Smith (Syracuse) from the BIG EAST were also included on the list.

• Nicholas is the sixth USF player who has been a Butkus candidate ... Maurice Jones in 2003 and Kawika Mitchell - twice in 2001 and 2002 ... Demetrius Woods and Vassay Marc also made the list in 1998 and 2000 respectively.

• The list is trimmed to 10 finalists on Oct. 19, with that list being cut to three on Nov. 9 ... The three semifinalists will be announced via national teleconference that will include players, coaches, Butkus Award officials, and media members ... The winner will be announced on Dec. 9 at the Butkus Award Gala in Orlando.

AND ALSO THE NAGURSKI LIST

• Nicholas also became the first player at USF to be named to the preseason Bronco Nagurski Watch List ... The award, sponsored by the Charlotte Touchdown Club and chosen by the Football Writers Association of America, is given to the best defensive player in college football ... Ben Moffitt was added to the list last season after his play in the Bulls win over Louisville.

BULLS LIKE TO WORK OVERTIME

• Entering this season, USF boasts an impressive 5-0 record in overtime games, with four of the five extra session outings coming in the last three years ... The Bulls' last overtime game was a 45-44, double OT thriller at TCU on Sept. 25, 2004.

• USF is 3-0 at home in overtime games and 2-0 on the road ... The Bulls' last two extra session games have been road contests ... The following are USF's five overtime games:

| Date | Opponent | Result | Location |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|--|
| Oct. 23, 1999 | New Hampshire | W, 42-41 (ot) | Raymond James Stadium, Tampa, Fla. |
| Oct. 2, 2003 | Louisville | W, 38-21 (2ot) | Raymond James Stadium, Tampa, Fla. |
| Oct. 31, 2003 | Cincinnati | W, 24-17 (2ot) | Raymond James Stadium, Tampa, Fla. |
| Nov. 8, 2003 | East Carolina | W, 38-37 (2ot) | Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, Greenville, N.C. |
| Sept. 25, 2004 | TCU | W, 45-44 (2ot) | Amon G. Carter Stadium, Ft. Worth, Texas |

THE DYNAMIC DUO

• It's no secret that USF linebackers Stephen Nicholas and Ben Moffitt are forces to be reckoned with in the BIG EAST Conference ... The two enter the 2006 season as the top returning duo in the BIG EAST in tackles for losses ... Last season Nicholas was third in the league in TFL's with 15.5 for 69 yards (1.29 TPG) ... Moffitt also recorded 15 hits behind the line of scrimmage for 47 yards (1.25 TPG) ... The following are the BIG EAST's 2005 leaders in tackles for losses:

| Name | Team | G | TFL | Yds. | Avg/G. |
|------------------|------------|----|------|------|--------|
| Elvis Dumervil | Louisville | 12 | 23.0 | 171 | 1.92 |
| Ryan Neill | Rutgers | 12 | 21.5 | 95 | 1.79 |
| Stephen Nicholas | USF | 12 | 15.5 | 69 | 1.29 |
| Ben Moffitt | USF | 12 | 15.0 | 47 | 1.25 |
| Ramel Meekins | Rutgers | 12 | 15.0 | 105 | 1.25 |

• Nicholas and Moffitt were two of the top three tacklers for the Bulls against McNeese State ... Nicholas finished the game with seven stops while Moffitt had four, including three solo.

VERPAELE RETURNS TO LINE UP

• Danny Verpaele will be a welcome sight to an already solid defensive secondary ... Verpaele was tabbed a third team freshman All-American by The Sporting News at the conclusion of his rookie campaign ... He looked forward to a banner year as a sophomore, however suffered a broken foot in August 2005 which ended his season.

• Verpaele started in seven of 11 games as a freshman and finished fourth on the team in tackles with 57, including six for losses, and two sacks.

• Last Saturday against McNeese State, Verpaele was tied for fifth on the team in tackles with three.

THE HEIR APARENTS

• There will be some extremely big shoes to fill this season in the Bulls backfield with the loss of USF's all-time leading rusher Andre Hall ... Although Hall played just two seasons for the Bulls he amassed an impressive 2,731 career yards and 24 rushing touchdowns (27 career TD's) in just 23 collegiate games.

• Moise (pronounced Moses) Plancher came into the McNeese State game, last Saturday, No. 1 on the depth chart despite never taking a live snap in a game after redshirting the 2005 campaign ... He unfortunately left the game prior to the end of the Bulls' first series with a knee injury ... He had just carried the ball four times rushing for 26 yards, including a 16-yard scamper for his longest of the game ... Plancher would find out on Tuesday, Sept. 5 that he would likely miss the remainder of the 2006 season with a ACL tear in his right knee.

• The backfield, however stepped up after Plancher's exit as three other Bulls rushed for better than 50 yards ... USF also scored four of its six touchdowns by way of the ground attack.

• Walt Smith finished the McNeese State game leading the Bulls in rushing yards with 70 on seven carries and two TD's ... Smith was a late addition to the 2005 roster after a junior college career at Ellsworth Community College ... Smith saw action in all 12 games last year, mostly on special teams and some spot time at cornerback where he recorded five tackles on the year.

• Benjamin Williams and Keeley Dorsey also impressed ... Williams ran for 54 yards on nine carries ... Dorsey rushed for 53 yards on two carries and scored a touchdown on the final play of the game.

FOR THE RECORD

• USF is 49-25 in night games and has won 26 of the last 37 and 35 of the last 51 ... USF is 13-14 in day games and has won just six of its last 15 ... USF is 2-2 in home day games.

• USF is 16-26 all-time on the road ... The Bulls lost their first three road games in 1997 (at The Citadel, 10-7, on Sept. 13 1997; at Western Kentucky, 31-3, on Sept. 27; and at Elon, 41-13, on Oct. 11) and are 14-18 since ... USF was 1-3 in 1997, 2-2 in 1998, 1-3 in 1999, 1-4 in 2000, 1-3 in 2001, 3-2 in 2002, 3-2 in 2003, 2-3 on the road during the 2004 season, and 2-4 away from home last year ... USF lost five straight road games - at Troy State (41-24) on Sept. 25, 1999, James Madison (13-3) on Oct. 30, 1999, Kentucky (27-9) on Sept. 9, 2000, Baylor (28-13) on Sept. 23, 2000, and Southern Miss (41-7) on Oct. 7, 2000 - prior to a win at UConn (21-13) on Oct. 28, 2000 ... Since then, Bulls have won nine of their last 16 road games.

• USF is 23-11 when the temperature is 80 degrees or higher at kickoff ... USF is 20-2 at home when the temperature is 80 degrees or better ... The Bulls are 18-1 at Raymond James Stadium when it is 80 degrees, losing only to Southern Miss (30-27), Oct. 2, 2004 ... Only 11 of USF's 33 games played in 80-degree heat or better were played on the road ... The Bulls are 4-7 away from home in 80-plus degrees.

• USF is 46-12 all-time at home and 40-9 at Raymond James Stadium ... The Bulls have won 26 of the last 32, 34 of the last 41, and 39 of the last 47 at home ... Hofstra was the first team to defeat the Bulls at Raymond James Stadium, handing USF a 42-23 loss Nov. 13, 1999 ... The only other teams to defeat the Bulls at Raymond James Stadium were:

| Date | Opponent | Result |
|---------------|------------------|----------|
| Oct. 17, 1998 | Western Kentucky | L, 31-24 |
| Oct. 10, 2003 | TCU | L, 13-10 |
| Nov. 22, 2003 | UAB | L, 22-19 |
| Oct. 2, 2004 | Southern Miss | L, 27-20 |
| Oct. 16, 2004 | Army | L, 42-35 |
| Nov. 27, 2004 | Memphis | L, 31-15 |
| Dec. 3, 2005 | West Virginia | L, 28-13 |

• USF is 26-13 all-time following a loss and 23-8 following a loss since losing at Hofstra (50-30) on Oct. 24, 1998.

▶▶ OPPT. BIG PLAYS

(25+YDS)

| Oppt. | Yds. | Play | Qtr. | Player(s) |
|-------|------|----------|------|--------------|
| MSU | 33 | Int Ret. | 1st | Bryant Mason |

▶▶ OPPT. SCORING DRIVES

| Game | Qtr. | Pts. | P-Y-TOP | Player(s) |
|------|------|------|------------|-----------------------------|
| MSU | 1 | TD | | Jarred Dolan FR in end zone |
| MSU | 2 | FG | 13-67-5:33 | Blake Bercegeay 22-yd |

►►2006 USF KUDOS

Stephen Nicholas

- Butkus Award Watch List
- Bronco Nagurski Trophy Watch List
- Honorable Mention All-American, *Street & Smith Magazine*
- All-BIG EAST Conference, *The Sporting News*
- All-BIG EAST Conference *Blue Ribbon College Football Yearbook*

Thed Watson

- Outland Trophy Watch List
- Honorable Mention All-American, *Street & Smith Magazine*
- All-BIG EAST Conference *The Sporting News*
- All-BIG EAST Conference *Blue Ribbon College Football Yearbook*

►►PLAYERS OF THE GAME

OffenseName (Of Note ...)

- McNeese State
- Florida International
- UCF
- Kansas
- Rutgers
- Connecticut
- North Carolina
- Cincinnati
- Pittsburgh
- Syracuse
- Louisville
- West Virginia

DefenseName (Of Note ...)

- McNeese State
- Florida International
- UCF
- Kansas
- Rutgers
- Connecticut
- North Carolina
- Cincinnati
- Pittsburgh
- Syracuse
- Louisville
- West Virginia

• USF is 44-9 when it scores first ... The first two losses were to Western Kentucky (31-3) in 1997 and 1998 (31-24) ... The Bulls took a 7-0 lead in the loss at Baylor (28-13) in 2000 when Marquel Blackwell connected with Scott McCready for a 29-yard catch and run ... USF took a 7-0 lead at Northern Illinois in the first week of the 2001 season before falling 20-17 on a field goal as time expired ... USF opened the 2003 season with a 7-0 lead at Alabama but lost 40-17 and led UAB 3-0, Nov. 22, 2003, but fell 22-19 ... This year USF scored on its first possession against Pittsburgh before the dropping the decision to the Panthers.

• USF is 39-7 when leading after the first quarter, 48-5 when leading at the half, and 52-3 when leading after the third quarter ... Pittsburgh was the most recent team to come back and defeat the Bulls outscoring USF 31-7 from the second quarter on - on Oct. 15, 2005 - after USF led 10-0 following one quarter ... Army came back in the fourth quarter, on Oct. 16, 2004, rebounding from a 28-14 deficit to defeat the Bulls 42-35 ... Drake (23-22) on Sept. 20, 1997, and Northern Illinois (20-17) on Aug. 30, 2001 in the season opener are the only other two teams to do that against USF.

• USF is 14-26 when it trails after the first quarter, 14-32 when trailing at the half, and 5-34 when trailing after the third quarter ... The Bulls won two games in 2004 when trailing after three quarters - at TCU (45-44, 2ot) on Sept. 25 and at UAB (45-20) on Nov. 3 ... The remaining three wins when trailing after three quarters were at Connecticut (21-13) on Oct. 28, 2000, against Southern Miss (16-13) on Oct. 12, 2002, and against Cincinnati (24-17, ot) on Oct. 31, 2003.

• USF is 44-9 when its offense outgains the opponent ... The Bulls are 42-6 when rushing for more yards (the losses were to Hofstra, Baylor, Oklahoma, UAB and Army) and 36-17 when passing for more yards.

USF VS. RANKED OPPONENTS

• Of USF's 12 opponents this season, three enter the season either ranked or receiving votes in the preseason Associated Press or ESPN/USA Today Top 25 polls ... In the AP Top 25, West Virginia is No. 5, while Louisville is No. 13 ... In the ESPN/USA Today poll, the Mountaineers are No. 7 with the Cardinals following at No. 13 ... Rutgers received two votes.

• Since 2000 (USF moved into I-A in 2001), the Bulls have played nine ranked I-A teams and own a 2-7 record ... The Bulls pulled out a decisive 29-7 victory over No. 25 (ESPN/USA Today) Bowling Green on Oct. 10, 2003 when the Falcons were coached by current Florida Gator head man Urban Meyer.

• Last season USF defeated its highest ranked I-A opponent with a dominating 45-14 win over No. 9 (Associated Press) Louisville on Sept. 24, 2005 in both schools' BIG EAST opener.

• Oklahoma remains the highest-ever ranked opponent USF has faced ... The Sooners were No. 2 in the AP Poll when they defeated USF 31-14 on Sept. 28, 2002 in Norman, Okla.

• USF met nine nationally ranked teams as a I-AA program between 1997-2000 and went 4-5, including a 20-10 win over No. 1 ranked Troy State, Sept. 30, 2000 in Tampa.

WHO'S UP & WHO'S DOWN

• Nine USF assistant coaches control the action on the field from the press box ... The offensive coaches in the press box include tight ends coach Greg Gregory and offensive coordinator Rod Smith ... Offensively on the field will be running backs coach Carl Franks, offensive line coach Greg Frey, and receivers coach Lawrence Dawsey ... on the defensive side of the ball in the press box are cornerbacks coach Rich Rachel and defensive graduate assistant Mike Simmonds ... On the field is safeties coach Troy Douglas, defensive line coach Bernard Clark, and defensive coordinator Wally Burnham.

LORDS OF THE RING

• When Lawrence Dawsey and Carl Franks joined the USF coaching staff last season, it doubled the number of coaches on the staff who have a national championship ring ... Co-defensive coordinator Wally Burnham and offensive line coach Greg Frey each picked up a ring in 1993 at Florida State, when Burnham was linebacker coach and Frey was an offensive lineman on the team ... In 1996, Franks was the assistant offensive coordinator and running backs coach at Florida when the Gators won the national title ... Dawsey, who was an All-American at Florida State prior to their 1993 National Championship, picked up a ring as a graduate assistant coach at LSU during the 2004 season.

• Defensive line coach Bernard Clark adds two national championship rings to the coaching staff ... The Tampa native was a standout performer in the defensive secondary at the University of Miami when the Hurricanes won the national title in 1987 and 1989 ... In addition, during that 1987 championship campaign, Clark was named Most Valuable Player of the Orange Bowl which the Hurricanes won en route to the title.

• Sophomore wide receiver Amp Hill earned a national championship ring with LSU in 2004 before transferring to USF ... With the addition of Clark and Hill, USF now has six national championship rings.

PACKIN' EM IN

• USF had a banner season in terms of attendance during the 2005 season ... The Bulls established record crowds in four games last year ... Following the 99,235 that saw USF play at Penn State on Sept. 3, the most people to ever see a USF game, the Bulls set a new Raymond James Stadium record with 43,122 against Florida A&M on Sept. 10 ... USF would turn right around and break that figure as 45,139 saw the Bulls take on UCF on Sept. 17 ... The Bulls would surpass that mark with 45,274 coming through the turnstiles in the regular season finale against West Virginia on Dec. 3.

• The Sept. 3, 2005 match up at Penn State set a new road attendance record for USF, surpassing the most people that the Bulls have ever played in front of, 78,900 at South Carolina on Sept. 18, 2004 ... USF has set a new road attendance mark in each of the last four seasons (78,900 at South Carolina, 76,780 at Alabama, Aug. 30, 2003, and 74,432 at Oklahoma, Sept. 28, 2002) ... The following is a breakdown (home, away, all-time) of USF's top attendance's entering tonight:

At Home

| Attnd. | Opponent | Date | Location |
|--------|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| 49,212 | Kentucky Wesleyan | Sept. 6, 1997 | Tampa Stadium |
| 45,274 | No. 12/12 West Virginia | Dec. 3, 2005 | Raymond James Stadium |
| 45,139 | UCF | Sept. 17, 2005 | Raymond James Stadium |
| 43,122 | Florida A&M | Sept. 10, 2005 | Raymond James Stadium |
| 36,549 | Army | Oct. 16, 2004 | Raymond James Stadium |
| 36,044 | Louisville | Oct. 4, 2003 | Raymond James Stadium |
| 34,432 | Southern Illinois | Oct. 18, 1997 | Tampa Stadium |
| 33,827 | Drake | Sept. 20, 1997 | Tampa Stadium |
| 33,586 | No. 9/8 Louisville | Sept. 24, 2005 | Raymond James Stadium |
| 33,368 | TCU | Oct. 10, 2003 | Raymond James Stadium |
| 32,770 | Memphis | Nov. 9, 2002 | Raymond James Stadium |
| 32,711 | Houston | Nov. 3, 2001 | Raymond James Stadium |
| 32,598 | The Citadel | Oct. 3, 1998 | Raymond James Stadium |
| 31,104 | Western Kentucky | Nov. 4, 2000 | Raymond James Stadium |
| 30,470 | Georgia Southern | Nov. 15, 1997 | Tampa Stadium |
| 30,216 | UAB | Nov. 22, 2003 | Raymond James Stadium |

At Raymond James Stadium

| Attnd. | Opponent | Date | Notes |
|--------|-------------------------|----------------|---|
| 45,274 | No. 12/12 West Virginia | Dec. 3, 2005 | Rescheduled due to Hurricane Francis |
| 45,139 | UCF | Sept. 17, 2005 | First ever meeting with UCF |
| 43,122 | Florida A&M | Sept. 10, 2005 | FAMU's first appearance in Tampa since 96 |
| 36,549 | Army | Oct. 16, 2004 | Homecoming |
| 36,044 | Louisville | Oct. 4, 2003 | First-ever C-USA home game |
| 33,586 | No. 9/8 Louisville | Sept. 24, 2005 | First-ever BIG EAST Conference game |
| 33,368 | TCU | Oct. 10, 2003 | First-ever Friday night game |
| 32,770 | Memphis | Nov. 9, 2002 | Homecoming |
| 32,711 | Houston | Nov. 3, 2001 | Homecoming |
| 32,598 | The Citadel | Oct. 3, 1998 | USF's first game at RJS |
| 31,272 | Cumberland (Tenn.) | Nov. 7, 1998 | Homecoming |
| 31,104 | Western Kentucky | Nov. 4, 2000 | Homecoming |
| 30,216 | UAB | Nov. 22, 2003 | -- |
| 30,083 | Western Kentucky | Oct. 17, 1998 | -- |
| 30,049 | Southern Miss | Oct. 2, 2004 | -- |

▶▶ 2006 USF KUDOS

►USF AMONG THE BIG EAST LEADERS (IND.)

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Category | Player, Rank (Avg) |
| Rushing | Walt Smith, 8th (70.0) |
| Passing Efficiency | Matt Grothe, 1st (230.5) |
| Passing Avg/Game | Matt Grothe, 3rd (171.0) |
| Total Offense | Matt Grothe, 3rd (229.0) |
| Receptions/Game | Marcus Edwards, T8th (3.0) |
| Receiving Yards/Game | Cedric Hill, 5th (69.0) |
| | Marcus Edwards, 6th (62.0) |
| Interceptions | Trae Williams, T2nd (1.0) |
| | Louis Gachette, T2nd (1.0) |
| Punting | None |
| Punt Returns | Ean Randolph, 2nd (11.3) |
| Kickoff Returns | Ean Randolph, 2nd (20.0) |
| Field Goals | None |
| Scoring | Walt Smith, T3rd (12.0) |
| Scoring (TD) | Walt Smith, T3rd (2.0) |
| Scoring (Kicking) | Mike Benzer, 6th (5.0) |
| PAT Kicking | Mike Benzer, T1st (100.0) |
| All-Purpose Runners | Ean Randolph, 9th (98.0) |
| Tackles | Stephen Nicholas, T15th (7.0) |
| | Jeremy Burnett, T19th (6.0) |
| | Ben Moffitt, T37th (4.0) |
| | Patrick St. Louis, T37th (4.0) |
| Sacks | None |
| Tackles For Loss | None |
| Forced Fumbles | None |
| Fumbles Recovered | None |
| Passes Defended | Trae Williams, T1st (3.0) |
| | Jeremy Burnett, T8th (1.0) |
| | Stephen Nicholas, T8th (1.0) |

►USF AMONG THE BIG EAST LEADERS (TEAM)

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Category | Rank (Avg) |
| Scoring Offense | .4th (41.0) |
| Scoring Defense | .3rd (10.0) |
| Pass Offense | .4th (209.0) |
| Pass Defense | .1st (81.0) |
| Kickoff Returns | .5th (17.7) |
| Punting | .7th (20.0) |
| Turnover Margin | .8th (-1.0) |
| Rushing Offense | .4th (286.0) |
| Rushing Defense | .4th (82.0) |
| Total Offense | .3rd (495.0) |
| Total Defense | .1st (163.0) |
| Punt Returns | .2nd (11.8) |
| Passing Efficiency | .4th (172.2) |
| Passing Efficiency Defense | .1st (51.6) |

On The Road

| Attn. | Opponent | Date | Location |
|--------|-------------------|----------------|---|
| 99,235 | at Penn State | Sept. 3, 2005 | Beaver Stadium, State College, Pa |
| 78,900 | at South Carolina | Sept. 18, 2004 | Williams-Brice Stadium, Columbia, S.C. |
| 76,780 | at Alabama | Aug. 30, 2003 | Legion Field, Birmingham, Ala. |
| 74,432 | at Oklahoma | Sept. 28, 2002 | Memorial Stadium, Norman, Okla. |
| 63,821 | at Kentucky | Sept. 9, 2000 | Commonwealth Stadium, Lexington, Ky. |
| 58,308 | at Miami (Fla.) | Oct. 1, 2005 | The Orange Bowl, Miami, Fla. |
| 55,817 | at Arkansas | Sept. 14, 2002 | War Memorial Stadium, Little Rock, Ark. |
| 47,875 | at Memphis | Nov. 29, 2003 | Liberty Bowl, Memphis, Tenn. |
| 40,144 | at Syracuse | Nov. 12, 2005 | Carrier Dome, Syracuse, N.Y. |
| 40,000 | at Connecticut | Nov. 26, 2005 | Rentschler Field, East Hartford, Conn. |
| 39,542 | at Pittsburgh | Sept. 8, 2001 | Heinz Field, Pittsburgh, Pa. |
| 33,497 | at Pittsburgh | Oct. 15, 2005 | Heinz Field, Pittsburgh, Pa. |

Bowl Games

| Attn. | Opponent | Date | Bowl Game/Location |
|--------|----------------------|---------------|--|
| 57,937 | North Carolina State | Dec. 31, 2005 | Meineke Car Care Bowl/ Bank of America Stadium, Charlotte, N.C. |

BULLS IMPRESSIVE AT RAY JAY SINCE 2000

• The Bulls enter the 2006 season after coming off another stellar home record last year ... During the 2005 campaign USF recorded a 4-1 record at Raymond James Stadium ... The Bulls, undefeated at home for three consecutive seasons from 2000 through 2002, has compiled a 29-6 (.828) record at Raymond James Stadium since 2000 ... USF won 21 consecutive before falling to TCU, 13-10 on Oct. 10, 2003 ... During that 21-game stretch, USF held the nation's second longest home winning streak with only Miami (Fla.) winning 25 straight in the Orange Bowl being longer ... The following are the Bulls' results at Raymond James Stadium since the 2000 season:

| Date | Opponent | W/L | Score |
|---------------------|---------------------|-----|--------------|
| 2000 - (6-0) | | | |
| Sept. 2 | Jacksonville State | W | 40-0 |
| Sept. 16 | James Madison | W | 26-7 |
| Sept. 30 | Troy State | W | 20-10 |
| Oct. 21 | Liberty | W | 44-6 |
| Nov. 4 | Western Kentucky | W | 30-24 |
| Nov. 18 | Austin Peay | W | 59-0 |
| 2001 - (7-0) | | | |
| Sept. 29 | North Texas | W | 28-10 |
| Oct. 13 | Connecticut | W | 40-21 |
| Oct. 20 | Southern Utah | W | 42-12 |
| Oct. 27 | Liberty | W | 68-37 |
| Nov. 3 | Houston | W | 45-6 |
| Nov. 10 | Western Illinois | W | 48-17 |
| Nov. 24 | Utah State | W | 34-13 |
| 2002 - (6-0) | | | |
| Aug. 29 | Florida Atlantic | W | 51-10 |
| Sept. 7 | Northern Illinois | W | 37 -6 |
| Oct. 12 | Southern Miss | W | 16-13 |
| Nov. 2 | Charleston Southern | W | 56-6 |
| Nov. 9 | Memphis | W | 31-28 |
| Nov. 16 | Bowling Green | W | 29-7 |
| 2003 - (4-2) | | | |
| Sept. 6 | Nicholls State | W | 27-17 |
| Oct. 4 | Louisville | W | 31-28 (2 ot) |
| Oct. 10 | TCU | L | 10-13 |
| Oct. 18 | Charleston Southern | W | 55-7 |
| Oct. 31 | Cincinnati | W | 24-17 (2 ot) |
| Nov. 22 | UAB | L | 19-22 |
| 2004 - (2-3) | | | |
| Sept. 11 | Tennessee Tech | W | 21-7 |
| Oct. 2 | Southern Miss | L | 27-20 |
| Oct. 16 | Army | L | 42-35 |

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|---------------------|-------------------------|---|-------|
| Nov. 13 | East Carolina | W | 41-17 |
| Nov. 27 | Memphis | L | 31-15 |
| Dec. 4 | Pittsburgh | L | 43-14 |
| 2005 - (4-1) | | | |
| Sept. 10 | Florida A&M | W | 37-3 |
| Sept. 17 | UCF | W | 31-14 |
| Sept. 24 | No. 9/8 Louisville | W | 45-14 |
| Nov. 19 | Cincinnati | W | 31-16 |
| Dec. 3 | No. 12/12 West Virginia | L | 28-13 |
| 2006 - (1-0) | | | |
| Sept. 2 | McNeese State | W | 41-10 |

Composite Score - 1222-574
Average Score - 33.9-15.9

**►►USF AMONG THE
 NCAA LEADERS (IND.)**

| Category | Player, Rank (Avg) |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Total Offense | .Matt Grothe, 36th (229.0) |
| Punt Returns | .Ean Randolph, 23rd (11.3) |
| Kickoff Returns | .Ean Randolph, 39th (20.0) |
| Scoring | .Walt Smith, T13th (12.0) |
| Passes Defended | .Trae Williams, T2nd (3.0) |

**►►USF AMONG THE
 NCAA LEADERS (TEAM)**

| Category | Rank (Avg) |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Rushing | .9th (286.0) |
| Passing Offense | .48th (209.0) |
| Total Offense | .12th (495.0) |
| Scoring Offense | .22nd (41.0) |
| Rushing Defense | .42nd (82.0) |
| Pass Defense | .11th (81.0) |
| Passing Efficiency Defense | .5th (51.56) |
| Total Defense | .13th (163.0) |
| Scoring Defense | .T28th (10.0) |
| Net Punting | .100th (20.0) |
| Punt Returns | .24th (11.75) |
| Kickoff Returns | .67th (17.67) |
| Turnover Margin | .71st (-1.0) |
| Fumbles Recovered | .T60th (0) |
| Fumbles Lost | .T83rd (2) |
| Interceptions | .T6th (2) |
| Turnovers Gained | .T3rd (2) |
| Turnovers Lost | .7th (3) |
| Passing Efficiency | .18th (172.2) |
| Sacks | .T4th (1) |

► 2006 USF OPPONENTS SCHEDULES & RESULTS

MCNEESE STATE (0-1)

| Date | Opponent | Result |
|----------|-------------------------|----------|
| Sept. 2 | at USF | L, 41-10 |
| Sept. 9 | West Virginia Tech | |
| Sept. 23 | at Toledo | |
| Sept. 30 | South Dakota State | |
| Oct. 7 | Southern Utah | |
| Oct. 14 | Texas State* | |
| Oct. 21 | Stephen F. Austin* | |
| Oct. 28 | at Sam Houston State* | |
| Nov. 4 | Southeastern Louisiana* | |
| Nov. 11 | at Northwestern State* | |
| Nov. 18 | Nicholls State* | |

* Southland Conference game

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL (0-1)

| Date | Opponent | Result |
|----------|----------------------|--------|
| Aug. 31 | at Middle Tennessee* | L, 7-6 |
| Sept. 9 | at USF | |
| Sept. 16 | Bowling Green | |
| Sept. 23 | at Maryland | |
| Sept. 30 | Arkansas State* | |
| Oct. 7 | North Texas* | |
| Oct. 14 | at Miami (Fla.) | |
| Oct. 28 | at Alabama | |
| Nov. 4 | Louisiana-Monroe* | |
| Nov. 18 | Louisiana-Lafayette* | |
| Nov. 25 | Florida Atlantic* | |
| Dec. 2 | Troy* | |

* Sun Belt Conference game

UCF (1-0)

| Date | Opponent | Result |
|----------|----------------|----------|
| Sept. 2 | Villanova | W, 35-16 |
| Sept. 9 | at Florida | |
| Sept. 16 | USF | |
| Sept. 26 | Southern Miss* | |
| Oct. 4 | at Marshall* | |
| Oct. 13 | Pittsburgh | |
| Oct. 21 | Rice* | |
| Oct. 28 | at Houston* | |
| Nov. 4 | East Carolina* | |
| Nov. 11 | at Memphis* | |
| Nov. 18 | at Tulane* | |
| Nov. 25 | UAB* | |

* Conference USA game

KANSAS (1-0)

| Date | Opponent | Result |
|----------|---------------------|----------|
| Sept. 2 | Northwestern State | W, 49-18 |
| Sept. 9 | Louisiana-Monroe | |
| Sept. 16 | at Toledo | |
| Sept. 23 | USF | |
| Sept. 30 | at Nebraska* | |
| Oct. 7 | Texas A&M* | |
| Oct. 14 | Oklahoma State* | |
| Oct. 21 | at Baylor* | |
| Oct. 28 | Colorado* | |
| Nov. 4 | at Iowa State* | |
| Nov. 18 | Kansas State* | |
| Nov. 25 | at Missouri* | |
| Dec. 2 | Big 12 Championship | |

* Big 12 Conference game

RUTGERS (1-0, 0-0)

| Date | Opponent | Result |
|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Sept. 2 | at North Carolina | W, 21-16 |
| Sept. 9 | Illinois | |
| Sept. 16 | Ohio | |
| Sept. 23 | Howard | |
| Sept. 29 | at USF* | |
| Oct. 14 | at Navy | |
| Oct. 21 | at Pittsburgh* | |
| Oct. 29 | Connecticut* | |
| Nov. 9 | Louisville* | |
| Nov. 18 | at Cincinnati* | |
| Nov. 25 | Syracuse* | |
| Dec. 2 | at West Virginia* | |

* BIG EAST Conference game

CONNECTICUT (1-0, 0-0)

| Date | Opponent | Result |
|----------|----------------|---------|
| Aug. 31 | Rhode Island | W, 52-7 |
| Sept. 16 | Wake Forest | |
| Sept. 23 | at Indiana | |
| Sept. 30 | Navy | |
| Oct. 7 | at USF* | |
| Oct. 14 | Army | |
| Oct. 20 | West Virginia* | |
| Oct. 28 | at Rutgers* | |
| Nov. 11 | Pittsburgh* | |
| Nov. 18 | at Syracuse* | |
| Nov. 25 | Cincinnati* | |
| Dec. 2 | at Louisville* | |

* BIG EAST Conference game

NORTH CAROLINA (0-1)

| Date | Opponent | Result |
|----------|-----------------|----------|
| Sept. 2 | Rutgers | L, 21-16 |
| Sept. 9 | Virginia Tech* | |
| Sept. 16 | Furman | |
| Sept. 23 | at Clemson* | |
| Oct. 7 | at Miami (Fla.) | |
| Oct. 14 | USF | |
| Oct. 19 | at Virginia* | |
| Oct. 28 | Wake Forest* | |
| Nov. 4 | at Notre Dame | |
| Nov. 11 | Georgia Tech* | |
| Nov. 18 | N.C. State* | |
| Nov. 25 | at Duke | |

* Atlantic Coast Conference game

CINCINNATI (1-0, 0-0)

| Date | Opponent | Result |
|----------|-------------------|---------|
| Sept. 2 | Eastern Kentucky | W, 31-0 |
| Sept. 8 | Pittsburgh* | |
| Sept. 16 | at Ohio State | |
| Sept. 23 | at Virginia Tech | |
| Sept. 30 | Miami (Ohio) | |
| Oct. 7 | Akron | |
| Oct. 14 | at Louisville* | |
| Oct. 22 | USF* | |
| Oct. 28 | Syracuse* | |
| Nov. 11 | at West Virginia* | |
| Nov. 18 | Rutgers* | |
| Nov. 25 | at Connecticut* | |

* BIG EAST Conference game

PITTSBURGH (1-0, 0-0)

| Date | Opponent | Result |
|----------|----------------|----------|
| Sept. 2 | Virginia | W, 38-13 |
| Sept. 8 | at Cincinnati* | |
| Sept. 16 | Michigan State | |
| Sept. 23 | The Citadel | |
| Sept. 30 | Toledo | |
| Oct. 7 | at Syracuse* | |
| Oct. 13 | at UCF | |
| Oct. 21 | Rutgers* | |
| Nov. 4 | at USF* | |
| Nov. 11 | at UConn* | |
| Nov. 16 | West Virginia* | |
| Nov. 25 | Louisville* | |

* BIG EAST Conference game

SYRACUSE (0-1, 0-0)

| Date | Opponent | Result |
|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Sept. 2 | at Wake Forest | L, 20-10 |
| Sept. 9 | Iowa | |
| Sept. 16 | at Illinois | |
| Sept. 23 | Miami (Ohio) | |
| Sept. 30 | Wyoming | |
| Oct. 7 | Pittsburgh* | |
| Oct. 14 | at West Virginia* | |
| Oct. 21 | Louisville* | |
| Oct. 28 | at Cincinnati* | |
| Nov. 11 | at USF* | |
| Nov. 18 | UConn* | |
| Nov. 25 | at Rutgers* | |

* BIG EAST Conference game

LOUISVILLE (1-0, 0-0)

| Date | Opponent | Result |
|----------|--------------------------|----------|
| Sept. 2 | Kentucky | W, 59-28 |
| Sept. 9 | at Temple | |
| Sept. 16 | Miami (Fla.) | |
| Sept. 23 | at Kansas State | |
| Oct. 6 | vs. Middle Tennessee St. | |
| Oct. 14 | Cincinnati* | |
| Oct. 21 | at Syracuse* | |
| Nov. 2 | West Virginia* | |
| Nov. 9 | at Rutgers* | |
| Nov. 18 | USF* | |
| Nov. 25 | at Pittsburgh* | |
| Dec. 2 | Connecticut* | |

* BIG EAST Conference game

WEST VIRGINIA (1-0, 0-0)

| Date | Opponent | Result |
|----------|----------------------|----------|
| Sept. 2 | Marshall | W, 42-10 |
| Sept. 9 | Buffalo | |
| Sept. 14 | Maryland | |
| Sept. 23 | at East Carolina | |
| Oct. 7 | at Mississippi State | |
| Oct. 14 | Syracuse* | |
| Oct. 20 | at UConn* | |
| Nov. 2 | at Louisville* | |
| Nov. 11 | Cincinnati* | |
| Nov. 16 | at Pittsburgh* | |
| Nov. 25 | USF* | |
| Dec. 2 | Rutgers* | |

* BIG EAST Conference game

►► **USF DEPTH CHART VS. FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL**

BULLS OFFENSE

| P | No. | Name | Yr. | Ht. | Wt. |
|----|-----|--------------------|-----|------|-----|
| X | 11 | Marcus Edwards | So. | 5-11 | 175 |
| | 18 | Amarri Jackson | Jr. | 6-5 | 195 |
| H | 89 | Taurus Johnson | So. | 6-1 | 190 |
| | 87 | Jessie Hester, Jr. | So. | 6-0 | 170 |
| LT | 70 | Jared Carnes | Jr. | 6-7 | 310 |
| | 55 | Thed Watson | Sr. | 6-5 | 295 |
| LG | 77 | Jake Griffin | So. | 6-4 | 305 |
| | 71 | Matt Huners | So. | 6-3 | 290 |
| OC | 69 | Nick Capogna | Jr. | 6-3 | 275 |
| | 77 | Jake Griffin | So. | 6-4 | 305 |
| RG | 75 | Walter Walker | Jr. | 6-5 | 305 |
| | 71 | Matt Huners | So. | 6-3 | 290 |
| RT | 78 | Marc Dile | So. | 6-4 | 310 |
| | 73 | Danny Tolley | Fr. | 6-6 | 310 |
| TE | 44 | Devin Gordon | Sr. | 6-3 | 240 |
| | 9 | Cedric Hill | So. | 6-3 | 240 |
| Y | 80 | Ean Randolph | Sr. | 5-9 | 175 |
| | 2 | Jackie Chambers | Jr. | 5-11 | 185 |
| Z | 81 | S.J. Green | Sr. | 6-3 | 220 |
| | 6 | Amp Hill | So. | 6-3 | 205 |
| QB | 8 | Matt Grothe | Fr. | 6-0 | 200 |
| | 3 | Pat Julmiste | Sr. | 6-3 | 220 |
| RB | 25 | Walt Smith | Sr. | 5-10 | 175 |
| | 10 | Keeley Dorsey | Fr. | 5-11 | 210 |

BULLS DEFENSE

| P | No. | Name | Yr. | Ht. | Wt. |
|------|-----|-------------------|-----|------|-----|
| LE | 52 | Treco Bellamy | Jr. | 6-3 | 240 |
| | 98 | Aaron Harris | Fr. | 6-4 | 255 |
| NT | 94 | Allen Cray | Jr. | 6-0 | 295 |
| | 99 | Julian Riiley | Jr. | 6-3 | 290 |
| DT | 96 | Woody George | Jr. | 6-3 | 265 |
| | 76 | Richard Clebert | Jr. | 6-1 | 295 |
| RE | 95 | George Selvie | Fr. | 6-4 | 255 |
| | 49 | Chris Robinson | Fr. | 6-3 | 240 |
| SAM | 51 | Stephen Nicholas | Sr. | 6-3 | 225 |
| | 40 | Houston Hess | Fr. | 6-3 | 220 |
| MIKE | 59 | Ben Moffitt | Jr. | 6-2 | 240 |
| | 53 | Brouce Mompremier | So. | 6-1 | 225 |
| WILL | 54 | Pat St. Louis | Sr. | 6-1 | 230 |
| | 56 | Sam Miller | Jr. | 5-11 | 200 |
| LC | 21 | Trae Williams | Jr. | 5-10 | 185 |
| | 34 | Jerome Murphy | Fr. | 6-1 | 185 |
| RC | 4 | Mike Jenkins | Jr. | 6-0 | 200 |
| | 22 | Ryan Gilliam | Jr. | 5-10 | 175 |
| SS | 33 | Jeremy Burnett | Sr. | 6-1 | 190 |
| | 7 | Louis Gachette | So. | 6-3 | 205 |
| FS | 17 | Danny Verpaele | So. | 5-11 | 200 |
| | 5 | Nate Allen | Fr. | 6-2 | 190 |
| NB | 32 | Carlton Williams | So. | 6-4 | 205 |
| | 26 | Tyller Roberts | So. | 6-1 | 190 |

BULLS SPECIALISTS

| P | No. | Name | Yr. | Ht. | Wt. |
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| PK | 28 | Mike Benzer | Fr. | 5-8 | 185 |
| | 27 | Justin Teachey | So. | 5-11 | 170 |
| KO | 27 | Justin Teachey | So. | 5-11 | 170 |
| | 28 | Mike Benzer | Fr. | 5-8 | 185 |
| P | 24 | Delbert Alvarado | Fr. | 6-0 | 175 |
| | 36 | Ilia Petrov | Fr. | 5-11 | 190 |

| P | No. | Name | Yr. | Ht. | Wt. |
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| LS | 66 | Ryan Bourdeau | Sr. | 6-2 | 250 |
| | 58 | Darryl Dudding | So. | 6-2 | 250 |
| KR | 80 | Ean Randolph | Sr. | 5-9 | 175 |
| | 89 | Taurus Johnson | So. | 6-1 | 190 |
| PR | 80 | Ean Randolph | Sr. | 5-9 | 175 |

►► **2006 OFFENSIVE STARTERS**

| Opponent | WR | WR | TE | LT | LG | OC | RG | RT | WR | QB | RB |
|----------------|---------|----------|----------|--------|---------|---------|--------|------|-------|----------|----------|
| McNeese State | Edwards | Randolph | Bleakley | Carnes | Griffin | Capogna | Walker | Dile | Green | Julmiste | Plancher |
| FIU | | | | | | | | | | | |
| at UCF | | | | | | | | | | | |
| at Kansas | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rutgers | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Connecticut | | | | | | | | | | | |
| at N. Carolina | | | | | | | | | | | |
| at Cincinnati | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pittsburgh | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Syracuse | | | | | | | | | | | |
| at Louisville | | | | | | | | | | | |
| at W. Virginia | | | | | | | | | | | |

►► **2006 DEFENSIVE STARTERS**

| Opponent | LE | DT | NT | RE | SLB | MLB | WLB | CB | CB | FS | SS |
|----------------|---------|--------|------|--------|----------|---------|-----------|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| McNeese State | Bellamy | George | Cray | Selvie | Nicholas | Moffitt | St. Louis | Williams | Jenkins | Verpaele | Burnett |
| FIU | | | | | | | | | | | |
| at UCF | | | | | | | | | | | |
| at Kansas | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rutgers | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Connecticut | | | | | | | | | | | |
| at N. Carolina | | | | | | | | | | | |
| at Cincinnati | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pittsburgh | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Syracuse | | | | | | | | | | | |
| at Louisville | | | | | | | | | | | |
| at W. Virginia | | | | | | | | | | | |

► 2006 USF NUMERICAL ROSTER

| No. | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Yr. | Hometown/High School (College) |
|-----|--------------------|------|------|-----|-----|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | Moise Plancher | RB | 5-9 | 190 | Fr. | Naples, Fla./Barron Collier |
| 2 | Jackie Chambers | WR | 5-11 | 185 | Jr. | Miami, Fla./Edison |
| 2 | Dylan Douglas | DB | 5-10 | 175 | Fr. | Jacksonville, Fla./Jackson |
| 3 | Pat Julmiste | QB | 6-3 | 220 | Sr. | Miramar, Fla./Miramar |
| 3 | Jerome Murphy | DB | 6-1 | 185 | Fr. | Elizabeth, N.J./Elizabeth |
| 4 | Mike Jenkins | DB | 6-0 | 200 | Jr. | Bradenton, Fla./Southeast |
| 5 | Nate Allen | DB | 6-2 | 190 | Fr. | Cape Coral, Fla./Cape Coral |
| 5 | Ricky Ponton | RB | 5-10 | 205 | So. | Tampa, Fla./Hillsborough |
| 6 | Amp Hill | WR | 6-3 | 205 | So. | Jacksonville, Fla./First Coast (LSU) |
| 7 | Louis Gachette | DB | 6-3 | 205 | So. | Immokalee, Fla./Immokalee |
| 8 | Courtney Denson | DB | 5-11 | 190 | Jr. | Miami, Fla./Central (Auburn) |
| 8 | Matt Grothe | QB | 6-0 | 200 | Fr. | Lakeland, Fla./Lake Gibson |
| 9 | Cedric Hill | TE | 6-3 | 240 | So. | Valdosta, Ga./Valdosta |
| 10 | Keeley Dorsey | RB | 5-11 | 210 | Fr. | Tallahassee, Fla./Lincoln |
| 10 | A.J. Love | WR | 6-2 | 185 | Fr. | Bradenton, Fla./Southeast |
| 11 | Marcus Edwards | WR | 5-11 | 175 | So. | Mayo, Fla./Lafayette |
| 12 | Antonio Cox | DB | 6-0 | 170 | Fr. | Miami, Fla./Killian |
| 12 | Anthony Severino | QB | 6-2 | 185 | Jr. | Tampa, Fla./Jesusuit |
| 14 | David Cozzo | WR | 5-10 | 170 | Fr. | Miami, Fla./Palmetto |
| 15 | Grant Gregory | QB | 6-1 | 205 | So. | Athens, Ohio/Athens (Indiana) |
| 16 | Edner Alcin | WR | 6-2 | 180 | Fr. | Tampa, Fla./Chamberlain |
| 17 | Danny Verpaele | DB | 5-11 | 200 | So. | Merritt Island, Fla./Merritt Island |
| 18 | Amarri Jackson | WR | 6-5 | 195 | Jr. | Sarasota, Fla./Sarasota Riverview |
| 19 | Antwane Cox | DB | 6-0 | 170 | Fr. | Miami, Fla./Killian |
| 19 | Antwon Hanks | WR | 6-3 | 210 | Fr. | Lake Weir, Fla./Lake Weir |
| 20 | Aston Samuels | RB | 5-10 | 190 | Fr. | Belle Glade, Fla./Glades Central |
| 21 | Trae Williams | DB | 5-10 | 185 | Jr. | Plant City, Fla./Durant |
| 22 | Ryan Gilliam | DB | 5-10 | 175 | Jr. | Tallahassee, Fla./Lincoln (Oregon) |
| 23 | Jamaal Jenkins | DB | 5-11 | 190 | So. | Belle Glade, Fla./Glades Central |
| 23 | Jason Sherman | WR | 6-4 | 200 | Fr. | Jacksonville, Fla./First Coast |
| 24 | Delbert Alvarado | P | 6-0 | 175 | Fr. | Tampa, Fla./Robinson |
| 25 | Walt Smith | RB | 5-10 | 175 | Sr. | Bartow, Fla./Bartow |
| 26 | Tyller Roberts | DB | 6-1 | 190 | So. | Orlando, Fla./Edgewater |
| 27 | Justin Teachey | PK | 5-11 | 170 | So. | Palmetto, Fla./Palmetto |
| 28 | Mike Benzer | PK | 5-8 | 185 | So. | Altamonte Springs, Fla./Lyman |
| 29 | Colby Erskin | RB | 5-9 | 185 | Fr. | Seminole, Fla./Seminole |
| 30 | Benjamin Williams | RB | 5-7 | 190 | So. | Lake Wales, Fla./Lake Wales |
| 31 | William Criswell | PK | 5-9 | 160 | So. | St. Petersburg, Fla./St. Petersburg |
| 32 | Carlton Williams | DB | 6-4 | 205 | So. | Valdosta, Ga./Valdosta |
| 33 | Jeremy Burnett | DB | 6-1 | 190 | Sr. | Tampa, Fla./Jefferson (Purdue) |
| 35 | LeBrandon Glover | LB | 6-1 | 215 | Fr. | Pensacola, Fla./Pensacola |
| 36 | Ilia Petrov | P | 5-11 | 190 | Fr. | Tampa, Fla./Tampa Bay Tech |
| 37 | Christopher Ellick | DB | 5-10 | 190 | So. | Tampa, Fla./Wharton |
| 38 | Mike Padilla | FB | 6-0 | 230 | So. | Cape Coral, Fla./Cape Coral |
| 39 | Shawn Cannon | RB | 5-11 | 180 | Jr. | Pensacola, Fla./Tate |
| 40 | Houston Hess | LB | 6-3 | 215 | Fr. | Oswego, Ill./Oswego |
| 41 | Nick Schuyler | DT | 6-3 | 265 | Jr. | Chardon, Ohio/Chardon |
| 42 | Marvin Peoples | LB | 6-2 | 230 | Fr. | Apopka, Fla./Apopka (Maryland) |
| 43 | Sabbath Joseph | LB | 6-0 | 215 | Fr. | Miami, Fla./Central |
| 44 | Devin Gordon | TE | 6-3 | 240 | Sr. | Hawthorne, Fla./Hawthorne |
| 45 | Frank D'Amico | DT | 6-2 | 255 | Fr. | Plant City, Fla./Durant |
| 46 | Tavarious Robinson | DT | 6-4 | 290 | Sr. | Goulds, Fla./Homestead |

| No. | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Yr. | Hometown/High School (College) |
|-----|--------------------|------|------|-----|-----|--|
| 47 | Brandon Peguese | LB | 6-1 | 220 | Fr. | Greensboro, N.C./Grimsley |
| 48 | Joshua Smiley | LB | 6-3 | 220 | Fr. | Milton, Fla./Milton |
| 49 | Chris Robinson | LB | 6-3 | 230 | Fr. | Bunnell, Fla./Flagler Palm Coast |
| 50 | Bradley Chancey | LB | 6-0 | 210 | Fr. | St. Petersburg, Fla./Boca Ciega |
| 51 | Stephen Nicholas | LB | 6-3 | 225 | Sr. | Jacksonville, Fla./Lee |
| 52 | Treco Bellamy | DE | 6-3 | 240 | Jr. | Monticello, Fla./Jefferson County |
| 53 | Brouce Mompremier | LB | 6-1 | 225 | So. | Miami, Fla./Edison |
| 54 | Patrick St. Louis | LB | 6-1 | 230 | Sr. | Miami, Fla./Washington |
| 55 | Quincy Okolie | DE | 6-6 | 220 | Fr. | West Palm Beach, Fla./Palm Beach Central |
| 55 | Thed Watson | OT | 6-5 | 295 | Sr. | St. Petersburg, Fla./Lakewood |
| 56 | Sam Miller | LB | 5-11 | 200 | Jr. | Bushnell, Fla./South Sumter |
| 57 | Alonzo McQueen | LB | 6-1 | 220 | Fr. | Jacksonville, Fla./Lee |
| 58 | Matt Aycox | DE | 6-1 | 220 | Fr. | Gainesville, Fla./Gainesville |
| 58 | Darryll Dudding | LS | 6-2 | 250 | So. | St. Petersburg, Fla./Indian Rocks Christian |
| 59 | Ben Moffitt | LB | 6-2 | 240 | Jr. | Bushnell, Fla./South Sumter |
| 60 | Luke Birge | LS | 6-2 | 230 | Fr. | Sebring, Fla./Sebring |
| 61 | Zach Hermann | OG | 6-3 | 315 | Fr. | Oldsmar, Fla./East Lake |
| 62 | Jason Fox | OC | 6-0 | 255 | Fr. | Valrico, Fla./Durant |
| 63 | Larry Lindsey | OG | 6-3 | 300 | Jr. | St. Petersburg, Fla./Boca Ciega |
| 64 | Jacob Sims | OT | 6-5 | 245 | Fr. | Winter Park, Fla./Winter Park |
| 65 | Ryan Schmidt | OC | 6-5 | 305 | So. | Boca Raton, Fla./Boca Raton (Kansas State) |
| 66 | Ryan Bourdeau | LS | 6-0 | 250 | Sr. | Seminole, Fla./Seminole |
| 67 | Eric Setser | LS | 6-1 | 240 | So. | Richwood, Ohio/North Union |
| 68 | Jeffrey Ide | OT | 6-6 | 260 | Fr. | Bradenton, Fla./Southeast |
| 69 | Nick Capogna | OC | 6-3 | 275 | Jr. | Clearwater, Fla./Clearwater Catholic |
| 70 | Jared Carnes | OT | 6-7 | 310 | Jr. | St. Petersburg, Fla./St. Petersburg Catholic |
| 71 | Matt Huners | OG | 6-3 | 290 | So. | Palm Harbor, Fla./Palm Harbor University |
| 72 | Joe Herzhauser | OT | 6-4 | 250 | Fr. | St. Petersburg, Fla./Lakewood |
| 73 | Danny Tolley | OG | 6-6 | 310 | Fr. | Wesley Chapel, Fla./Wesley Chapel |
| 75 | Walter Walker | OG | 6-5 | 305 | Jr. | Ft. Lauderdale, Fla./South Plantation |
| 76 | Richard Clebert | NT | 6-1 | 295 | Jr. | Miami, Fla./Edison |
| 77 | Jake Griffin | OC | 6-4 | 290 | So. | Seffner, Fla./Armwood |
| 78 | Marc Dile | OT | 6-4 | 305 | So. | Miami, Fla./Edison |
| 79 | Morgan Mathis | OG | 6-4 | 295 | Fr. | Windermere, Fla./Olympia |
| 80 | Ean Randolph | WR | 5-9 | 175 | Sr. | Plant City, Fla./Durant |
| 81 | S.J. Green | WR | 6-3 | 220 | Sr. | Brandon, Fla./Brandon |
| 82 | Ben Busbee | TE | 6-3 | 240 | Fr. | Mobile, Ala./McGill-Toolen |
| 83 | Carlton Mitchell | WR | 6-4 | 190 | Fr. | Lutz, Fla./Gaither |
| 84 | Will Bleakley | TE | 6-3 | 240 | Sr. | Crystal River, Fla./Crystal River |
| 85 | Andrew Ketchel | TE | 6-5 | 225 | Fr. | Shalimar, Fla./Choctowhatchee |
| 87 | Jessie Hester, Jr. | WR | 6-0 | 170 | So. | Belle Glade, Fla./Glades Central |
| 89 | Taurus Johnson | WR | 6-1 | 190 | So. | Cape Coral, Fla./Cape Coral |
| 90 | Jarriett Buie | DE | 6-4 | 240 | Jr. | Tampa, Fla./Armwood |
| 91 | Josh Julmiste | DE | 6-6 | 265 | So. | Miramar, Fla./Miramar |
| 92 | Bryan Hall | NT | 6-2 | 280 | So. | Dade City, Fla./Pasco |
| 93 | Siaosi Uhatafe | NT | 6-2 | 260 | Jr. | St. Petersburg, Fla./Gibbs |
| 94 | Allen Cray | DT | 6-0 | 295 | Jr. | Lake City, Fla./Columbia |
| 95 | George Selvie | DE | 6-4 | 255 | Fr. | Pensacola, Fla./Pine Forest |
| 96 | Woody George | DT | 6-3 | 265 | Jr. | Belle Glade, Fla./Glades Central |
| 97 | Shane McElwain | DE | 6-4 | 240 | Fr. | Palm Beach, Fla./Central |
| 98 | Aaron Harris | DE | 6-3 | 240 | Fr. | Williston, Fla./Williston |
| 99 | Julian Riley | NT | 6-3 | 290 | Jr. | St. Petersburg, Fla./Lakewood (Florida) |

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| No. | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Yr. | Hometown/High School (College) |
|-----|--------------------|------|------|-----|-----|--|
| 16 | Edner Alcin | WR | 6-2 | 180 | Fr. | Tampa, Fla./Chamberlain |
| 5 | Nate Allen | DB | 6-2 | 190 | Fr. | Cape Coral, Fla./Cape Coral |
| 24 | Delbert Alvarado | P | 6-0 | 175 | Fr. | Tampa, Fla./Robinson |
| 58 | Matt Aycox | DE | 6-1 | 220 | Fr. | Gainesville, Fla./Gainesville |
| 52 | Treco Bellamy | DE | 6-3 | 240 | Jr. | Monticello, Fla./Jefferson County |
| 28 | Mike Benzer | PK | 5-8 | 185 | So. | Altamonte Springs, Fla./Lyman |
| 60 | Luke Birge | LS | 6-2 | 230 | Fr. | Sebring, Fla./Sebring |
| 84 | Will Bleakley | TE | 6-3 | 240 | Sr. | Crystal River, Fla./Crystal River |
| 66 | Ryan Bordeau | LS | 6-0 | 250 | Sr. | Seminole, Fla./Seminole |
| 90 | Jarriett Buie | DE | 6-4 | 240 | Jr. | Tampa, Fla./Armwood |
| 33 | Jeremy Burnett | DB | 6-1 | 190 | Sr. | Tampa, Fla./Jefferson (Purdue) |
| 82 | Ben Busbee | TE | 6-3 | 240 | Fr. | Mobile, Ala./McGill-Toolen |
| 39 | Shawn Cannon | RB | 5-11 | 180 | Jr. | Pensacola, Fla./Tate |
| 69 | Nick Capogna | OC | 6-3 | 275 | Jr. | Clearwater, Fla./Clearwater Catholic |
| 70 | Jared Carnes | OT | 6-7 | 310 | Jr. | St. Petersburg, Fla./St. Petersburg Catholic |
| 2 | Jackie Chambers | WR | 5-11 | 185 | Jr. | Miami, Fla./Edison |
| 50 | Bradley Chancey | LB | 6-0 | 210 | Fr. | St. Petersburg, Fla./Boca Ciega |
| 76 | Richard Clebert | NT | 6-1 | 295 | Jr. | Miami, Fla./Edison |
| 12 | Antonio Cox | DB | 6-0 | 170 | Fr. | Miami, Fla./Killian |
| 19 | Antwane Cox | DB | 6-0 | 170 | Fr. | Miami, Fla./Killian |
| 14 | David Cozzo | WR | 5-10 | 170 | Jr. | Miami, Fla./Palmetto |
| 94 | Allen Cray | DT | 6-0 | 295 | Jr. | Lake City, Fla./Columbia |
| 31 | William Criswell | PK | 5-9 | 160 | So. | St. Petersburg, Fla./St. Petersburg |
| 45 | Frank D'Amico | DT | 6-2 | 255 | Fr. | Plant City, Fla./Durant |
| 8 | Courtney Denson | DB | 5-11 | 190 | Jr. | Miami, Fla./Central (Auburn) |
| 78 | Marc Dile | OT | 6-4 | 305 | So. | Miami, Fla./Edison |
| 10 | Keeley Dorsey | RB | 5-11 | 210 | Fr. | Tallahassee, Fla./Lincoln |
| 2 | Dylan Douglas | DB | 5-10 | 175 | Fr. | Jacksonville, Fla./Jackson |
| 58 | Darryl Dudding | LS | 6-2 | 250 | So. | St. Petersburg, Fla./Indian Rocks Christian |
| 11 | Marcus Edwards | WR | 5-11 | 175 | So. | Mayo, Fla./Lafayette |
| 37 | Christopher Ellick | DB | 5-10 | 190 | So. | Tampa, Fla./Wharton |
| 29 | Colby Erskin | RB | 5-9 | 185 | Fr. | Seminole, Fla./Seminole |
| 62 | Jason Fox | OC | 6-0 | 255 | Fr. | Valrico, Fla./Durant |
| 7 | Louis Gachette | DB | 6-3 | 205 | So. | Immokalee, Fla./Immokalee |
| 96 | Woody George | DT | 6-3 | 265 | Jr. | Belle Glade, Fla./Glades Central |
| 22 | Ryan Gilliam | DB | 5-10 | 175 | Jr. | Tallahassee, Fla./Lincoln (Oregon) |
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| 77 | Jake Griffin | OC | 6-4 | 290 | So. | Seffner, Fla./Armwood |
| 8 | Matt Grothe | QB | 6-0 | 200 | Fr. | Lakeland, Fla./Lake Gibson |
| 92 | Bryan Hall | NT | 6-2 | 280 | So. | Dade City, Fla./Pasco |
| 19 | Antwon Hanks | WR | 6-3 | 210 | Fr. | Lake Weir, Fla./Lake Weir |
| 98 | Aaron Harris | DE | 6-3 | 240 | Fr. | Williston, Fla./Williston |
| 61 | Zach Hermann | OG | 6-3 | 315 | Fr. | Oldsmar, Fla./East Lake |
| 72 | Joe Herzhauser | OT | 6-4 | 250 | Fr. | St. Petersburg, Fla./Lakewood |
| 40 | Houston Hess | LB | 6-3 | 215 | Fr. | Oswego, Ill./Oswego |
| 87 | Jessie Hester, Jr. | WR | 6-0 | 170 | So. | Belle Glade, Fla./Glades Central |
| 6 | Amp Hill | WR | 6-3 | 205 | So. | Jacksonville, Fla./First Coast (LSU) |
| 9 | Cedric Hill | TE | 6-3 | 240 | So. | Valdosta, Ga./Valdosta |
| 71 | Matt Huners | OG | 6-3 | 290 | So. | Palm Harbor, Fla./Palm Harbor University |

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| 68 | Jeffrey Ide | OT | 6-6 | 260 | Fr. | Bradenton, Fla./Southeast |
| 18 | Amarri Jackson | WR | 6-5 | 195 | Jr. | Sarasota, Fla./Sarasota Riverview |
| 23 | Jamaal Jenkins | DB | 5-11 | 190 | So. | Belle Glade, Fla./Glades Central |
| 4 | Mike Jenkins | DB | 6-0 | 200 | Jr. | Bradenton, Fla./Southeast |
| 89 | Taurus Johnson | WR | 6-1 | 190 | So. | Cape Coral, Fla./Cape Coral |
| 43 | Sabbath Joseph | LB | 6-0 | 215 | Fr. | Miami, Fla./Central |
| 91 | Josh Julmiste | DE | 6-6 | 265 | So. | Miramar, Fla./Miramar |
| 3 | Pat Julmiste | QB | 6-3 | 220 | Sr. | Miramar, Fla./Miramar |
| 85 | Andrew Ketchel | TE | 6-5 | 225 | Fr. | Shalimar, Fla./Choctowhatchee |
| 10 | A.J. Love | WR | 6-2 | 185 | Fr. | Bradenton, Fla./Southeast |
| 63 | Larry Lindsey | OG | 6-3 | 300 | Jr. | St. Petersburg, Fla./Boca Ciega |
| 79 | Morgan Mathis | OG | 6-4 | 295 | Fr. | Windermere, Fla./Olympia |
| 97 | Shane McElwain | DE | 6-4 | 240 | Fr. | Palm Beach, Fla./Central |
| 57 | Alonzo McQueen | LB | 6-1 | 220 | Fr. | Jacksonville, Fla./Lee |
| 56 | Sam Miller | LB | 5-11 | 200 | Jr. | Bushnell, Fla./South Sumter |
| 83 | Carlton Mitchell | WR | 6-4 | 190 | Fr. | Lutz, Fla./Gaither |
| 59 | Ben Moffitt | LB | 6-2 | 240 | Jr. | Bushnell, Fla./South Sumter |
| 53 | Brouce Mompremier | LB | 6-1 | 225 | So. | Miami, Fla./Edison |
| 3 | Jerome Murphy | DB | 6-1 | 185 | Fr. | Elizabeth, N.J./Elizabeth |
| 51 | Stephen Nicholas | LB | 6-3 | 225 | Sr. | Jacksonville, Fla./Lee |
| 55 | Quincy Okolie | DE | 6-6 | 220 | Fr. | West Palm Beach, Fla./Palm Beach Central |
| 38 | Mike Padilla | FB | 6-0 | 230 | So. | Cape Coral, Fla./Cape Coral |
| 47 | Brandon Peguese | LB | 6-1 | 220 | Fr. | Greensboro, N.C./Grimsey |
| 42 | Marvin Peoples | LB | 6-2 | 230 | Fr. | Apopka, Fla./Apopka (Maryland) |
| 36 | Ilia Petrov | P | 5-11 | 190 | Fr. | Tampa, Fla./Tampa Bay Tech |
| 1 | Moise Plancher | RB | 5-9 | 190 | Fr. | Naples, Fla./Barron Collier |
| 5 | Ricky Ponton | RB | 5-10 | 205 | So. | Tampa, Fla./Hillsborough |
| 80 | Ean Randolph | WR | 5-9 | 175 | Sr. | Plant City, Fla./Durant |
| 99 | Julian Riley | NT | 6-3 | 290 | Jr. | St. Petersburg, Fla./Lakewood (Florida) |
| 26 | Tyller Roberts | DB | 6-1 | 190 | So. | Orlando, Fla./Edgewater |
| 49 | Chris Robinson | LB | 6-3 | 230 | Fr. | Bunnell, Fla./Flagler Palm Coast |
| 46 | Tavarious Robinson | DT | 6-4 | 290 | Sr. | Goulds, Fla./Homestead |
| 20 | Aston Samuels | RB | 5-10 | 190 | Fr. | Belle Glade, Fla./Glades Central |
| 65 | Ryan Schmidt | OC | 6-5 | 305 | So. | Boca Raton, Fla./Boca Raton (Kansas State) |
| 41 | Nick Schuyler | DT | 6-3 | 265 | Jr. | Chardon, Ohio/Chardon |
| 95 | George Selvie | DE | 6-4 | 255 | Fr. | Pensacola, Fla./Pine Forest |
| 67 | Eric Setser | LS | 6-1 | 240 | So. | Richwood, Ohio/North Union |
| 12 | Anthony Severino | QB | 6-2 | 185 | Jr. | Tampa, Fla./Jesuit |
| 23 | Jason Sherman | WR | 6-4 | 200 | Fr. | Jacksonville, Fla./First Coast |
| 64 | Jacob Sims | OT | 6-5 | 245 | Fr. | Winter Park, Fla./Winter Park |
| 48 | Joshua Smiley | LB | 6-3 | 220 | Fr. | Milton, Fla./Milton |
| 25 | Walt Smith | RB | 5-10 | 175 | Sr. | Bartow, Fla./Bartow |
| 54 | Patrick St. Louis | LB | 6-1 | 230 | Sr. | Miami, Fla./Washington |
| 27 | Justin Teachey | PK | 5-11 | 170 | So. | Palmetto, Fla./Palmetto |
| 73 | Danny Tolley | OG | 6-6 | 310 | Fr. | Wesley Chapel, Fla./Wesley Chapel |
| 93 | Siaosi Uhatafe | NT | 6-2 | 260 | Jr. | St. Petersburg, Fla./Gibbs |
| 17 | Danny Verpaele | DB | 5-11 | 200 | So. | Merritt Island, Fla./Merritt Island |
| 75 | Walter Walker | OG | 6-5 | 305 | Jr. | Ft. Lauderdale, Fla./South Plantation |
| 55 | Thed Watson | OT | 6-5 | 295 | Sr. | St. Petersburg, Fla./Lakewood |
| 30 | Benjamin Williams | RB | 5-7 | 190 | So. | Lake Wales, Fla./Lake Wales |
| 32 | Carlton Williams | DB | 6-4 | 205 | So. | Valdosta, Ga./Valdosta |
| 21 | Trae Williams | DB | 5-10 | 185 | Jr. | Plant City, Fla./Durant |

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL MEDIA WEEKEND
TAMPA MARRIOTT WATERSIDE, TAMPA, FLA.
JULY 30, 2006**

Opening comments ... "It's great to be here. This is always a fun event for me. I can remember when I was first hired 10 years ago, I was 39 years old, and years go by pretty fast. I can remember the first time I came to this, I was just so excited to be a head coach - I had never been a head coach - and a head coach in the state where I grew up. To come to this was real exciting, and it still is. I really enjoy this and I think it's great. To me, it is just one of the things you do when you get close to the season starting. Our guys come in a week from today (Aug. 7) and this is always one of the last things you do before the guys come in."

On this season ... "I'm excited about this year. I'm excited about another year in the BIG EAST. We're very fortunate to be in this conference. I don't know how good our team will be, we'll find out. We have some decent players but until we get them going we'll just have to wait and see. That's the great thing about college football."

On what Moise Plancher has done this year to make an impression on the staff ... "Well he's hung onto the ball more than all the other guys. He has good balance, he runs pretty good, he's a great guy, plays hard. We're going to have about three or four guys and none of them have played college football, that's pretty interesting - and exciting. I think it's kind of neat to see who is going to step up. But that's the reason he's up there right now."

On USF's quarterback situation this year ... "I new Pat (Julmiste) was always there. That's has never been out of my mind, really. We've had a lot of people try to beat Pat out - Courtney Denson and Carlton Hill, and those different guys. But it's nice having a quarterback back who has started for you and been the starting quarterback when you've a number of games. People will say all they want. We had a guy, Marquel Blackwell, who was 29-2 as a starter at home. That's kind of a good record for a starting quarterback, so everybody is always comparing him to that. We're playing a strong schedule, a little bit different than when Pat played here. Pat has been done awfully well, he's been inconsistent, but there is a lot more than just Pat. Receivers need to catch the ball, we've got to get a run game going, all those things. With all that being said, he still has been the guy. He has started in some big, big wins for us, and I'd rather have somebody back like that that somebody not like we're looking at running back. So I'm excited about Pat. It's his senior year, I know he's been working hard, he's really focused, and he has had a very good summer. So I'm excited about him, he knows our offense."

On the possibilities of playing UCF after this season ... "Well, it seems like an awfully good game. It's kind of fun to have people that want to play you. We've played FAU, we're playing FIU, we've played Miami, we've played Central Florida, Florida A&M. We've played a lot of teams in this state and I don't want to take anything away from those games. To be honest with you, I used to get really, really involved in scheduling during the first six or seven years, but (USF Director of Athletics) Doug Woolard handles all of that now. And I'm not trying to pass that off, but the truth of the matter is, that is going to be between Doug and Keith (Keith Tribble, UCF's Director of Athletics). It's just that those people have to make a decision. They have done an awfully good job at UCF. They struggled a year ago and then took off after our game. They had the

Conference USA championship in there hands, playing an awfully good team in Tulsa, a great game. Central Florida has done extremely well. They are awfully good. We all know that. But I would imagine that this year will be an awfully good game. We're a little bit younger, but you are looking at two teams with a lot of Florida guys that are very close. I imagining it will be a heck of a game. I hope it is from our standpoint."

On the series with Miami and possible game in the future ... "I know going down to Miami was year was pretty powerful because Miami has won more National Championships than anyone else in the state of Florida along with their tradition and where they are on the national scene. That along with going down there after our Louisville game there was a lot of attention on our program. So that was a pretty powerful time for program and I really enjoyed that. And now Miami is going to come back up and play us, and now that's something that is being talked about, is us playing Miami in the future. You know, BCS against BCS and that kind of deal. I would imagine that is why Miami has some interest. I don't think that they would have had as much interest if we weren't in a BCS conference. I think the fact that we are allows them - if it is a political step or whatever - that game has a chance to be played every year."

On the impact of playing in a bowl game last year ... "It seems like it had a lot of impact. You are before the media for another 15 practices, you are playing another BCS team - a North Carolina State team from the ACC - and certainly there is so much talk about the SEC and the ACC. You know our bowl game along with what happened with West Virginia beating Georgia in the Sugar Bowl, and all of those kinds of things really helped the BIG EAST and helped the University of South Florida. So I would tie that in with all of it. I'm not saying that last year was the best team we've had at South Florida. We've had some pretty good teams that won a lot of games but never went to a bowl game. But I think us playing an ACC team carried a little weight."

On some of USF's newcomers not qualifying hurting its incoming recruiting class ... "Well, I had 24 scholarships to give this year and we signed 29. So tell me, on signing day do you think I'm going to lose six? Now that is not always reported. We had a number of people placed in junior colleges on signing day. So we lost one guy that I really wanted, and I'd imagine that eventually he'll get there. Sometimes people will over sign. I've seen in the past people will talk about Florida signing 32. Well, everybody knows that the most you can sign is 25. So it's not always the way it appears because it not always shared like that. But the truth is we just lost one guy that I'd really thought we'd get and the others were placed in other places. Now will we get them back, I don't know. You have to wait for two years and there are so many variables. But sometimes there are it's hard to know in signing day who is going to make clearing-house and who's not. You want to make sure that you're solid, so if you have 23 you want to make sure that you're solid on 21 or 22. So you know that those guys are going to make it. Then you go out - and I don't know if it is right or wrong, and sometimes perception hurts you - then you go out and reach out to some guys that you know and you want start a relationship with."

On the state of the BIG EAST in 2006 ... "Well, everybody is talking about West Virginia and Louisville, and they should, because West Virginia and what they did (in the Sugar Bowl), they had a great year. We had a great game with them. I really enjoyed the game, other than I didn't like to lose, but 28-13 and we had the ball twice at the six and the three. If

we score two touchdowns that last drive at the end might be for the game. But they have so many back. Everybody looks at the quarterback (Patrick White), and they have a tremendous quarterback and they beat Georgia. Georgia and the SEC and everything is so well thought of in this part of the country that when West Virginia went in, and the way they beat them, really made a statement I think for that team. Louisville goes in and plays Virginia Tech with their backup quarterback and almost beat them. So you have to look at those two teams because Louisville has almost everybody back. And then you have to look at Pittsburgh, because they supposedly such a good recruiting class and they beat us. Then you look at Rutgers, because they have a lot of people back, and Connecticut, and then we're down there somewhere. I'm not saying that because we're trying to tell our guys, hey look what they're doing and all that. It's every team's new year. We may win a bunch of games and we may not this year. I don't know because you don't know how your team is going to come together. I do know one thing, I know we're going to go out and compete. We're going to go after it."

On the status of Jerome Springfield, Mike Padilla, Taurus Johnson, and Nate Allen ... "No, I don't think that Jerome is going to transfer anywhere, that's not true, as far as I know, and I know Jerome pretty good. Mike Padilla is a great young man. That young man is ... I can't say enough about him. How much he plays for us - he doesn't play a lot - his character, I tell you, you wish you could write headlines and stories about Mike Padilla. But that's not going to happen. He's just such a great individual. Taurus Johnson had a great summer. He has a chance to be a big time player. He can run, he's big, he's 6-1, 200 pounds, he can run a 4.4, he's just a tremendous player. I'm excited about Nate Allen. Nate Allen can play, and I don't have any doubt about that. We're excited about him coming in a quarterback and we'll see what he can do."

On Louis Gachette ... "Louis is a 6-3, 220, strong safety. He's an outstanding player who played a lot for us last year. He's a big guy and is a hitter. He came in as a quarterback, so you know he's an athlete and he has ball skills. I think that Louis has been a leader, he doesn't follow anybody else. He's his own guy. So I think he's done a good job."

On USF's history of moving quarterbacks to the defensive secondary ... "I was a quarterback and I played free safety. I wasn't very good. When I went to college we recruited a lot of free safeties as quarterbacks. I just think that they are very smart and know the game. You have to find out if they will hit you. If you find a guy that's smart, knows the game, and can run decent, and hit you, I don't care if it's a quarterback or not, they are just good athletes. They love the game, they're obviously leaders. Your not going to play quarterback and have some success if your not a good leader. And at safety you need that. You need to be a good to be a good communicator, you have to be able to talk to your corners, the other people on the team right in the middle."

On his staying at USF and whether he thought he would be here for 10 years ... "You really don't know the future. The main reason I wanted to be here - to be a head coach certainly was big, but you can be a head coach in other places. I remember talking with (former BYU head coach) LaVell Edwards when I took the job. He told me, Jim, your going to go down the University of South Florida, your going to go down to Tampa, and he said your never going to leave. I thought that was interesting. It was during our bowl game when we (Kansas State) were playing in the Holiday Bowl. He said, I've had a lot of opportunities to leave BYU, in

Provo. I've had a chance to go to the NFL, a chance to go to a number of college programs, but this is home for me. He said, you're going to find the same thing out. You're going to see that it's hard to leave your home. And that's really the truth. To be away from here for 16 years and to be able to come back here and walk though the youth center where you grew up, and walk through the baseball fields, and little leagues, or high schools and junior highs, and have family here, that's hard to leave. And I understand that the grass isn't greener, and it certainly hasn't been because of money. And that isn't to say that South Florida hasn't done a great job because they have, obviously with the last contract. They've done things that I never thought I see. I don't feel important that much, I mean I don't. But to be able to live here is priceless, and we're in the BIG EAST now. We have a chance at a national championship. Now, will it happen, or won't it happen, well I don't know but we're in that room, and that is powerful. I was talking to some coaches down in Miami, and they were talking about what a great job FAU, FIU, and South Florida, and everybody has done, and I said that there was one difference; we are now in the same room with Florida, Florida State, and Miami. We're in the same room. Now, they may be in the front rows, they might be out there in front and we may be back there. But we're in the same room. We're hearing the same things, we have the same opportunity, and that is one of the most powerful steps that the University of South Florida has ever made. I did not think, when I was hired I always thought we would try to work through Conference USA, and the Conference USA would make that incredible leap. I was told by head coaches in Conference USA that there is no way that would ever happen, it just can't, you just don't understand this world. Being the optimist that I was I just didn't want to hear it. I talked to coaches that have been in this league for ever. So joining the BIG EAST, growing up here, and being apart of this university, why would you leave? You have a great stadium, you play at Raymond James Stadium, and having a stadium like that certainly hasn't slowed down Miami, they've won a bunch of national championships and they don't have their own stadium, and Pittsburgh, I think that they've won nine national championships and they don't have their own stadium, and USC they're not bad and they don't have their own stadium. That fact hasn't slowed down those teams. I just sounds to me that I'm fortunate to have a pretty good job."

On the differences of recruiting now compared to 10 years ago ... "Well there are great athletes everywhere, I don't think that is much different. Probably in recruiting the biggest difference is fatherless homes. That has been big, because a lot of times you're dealing with mom and the grandmother. That probably, when I go into home is the biggest thing, you don't go in with mom and dad. I think that young people haven't changed a lot. They want to be loved, they want to feel important, they want to perform, sometimes they might have to understand the discipline of it all because they don't always have that, and that's a big thing. But love and discipline go hand and hand and I think that the biggest thing we work on in our program, so I'd say that is almost the biggest difference."

On playing games on days other than Saturday ... "Well it doesn't matter what my thoughts are. I would prefer not to play on Sunday. We don't practice on Sunday. I know a lot of teams practice on Sunday and take Monday off. I always felt like Sunday was for church and I'll always feel that way, but it's just a day. What happens is when you start playing to many times different during the mid-week - even the Tuesday and Wednesday's - it is just so hard for these guys. You want a certain way of doing things and it just kind of disrupts it. We played UAB a number of

years ago on a Wednesday night and you know that they aren't going to be focused on class. It was a national TV game on a Wednesday night. Do you think that they are going to be focused on class on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday? That's hard, that's very difficult. We won the game, but I still didn't like doing it. But you do what you got to do."

On Chris Robinson ... "Oh I love him, love him. He's going to play a lot of football this year. He's about 6-4, 240, ran about a 10.9 100 meters in high school, we're real, real excited about him, and he's a great young man. He'll back up a pretty good player now in Stephen Nicholas. He is big, he can run, he's physical, we've been trying to get him on the field more. We may move him to the corner because right now he's behind a guy that could be an all-american in Stephen Nicholas. They are both from that Jacksonville area. (assistant coach) Lawrence Dawsey has done a good job recruiting in the Jacksonville area. He going to play a lot this year if everything works out."

On the state of the offensive line ... "We're unsure right now, we don't know. We're excited about a lot of different guys. I really don't know the starting lineup right now. I mean you have two or three guys competing at left tackle, two or three guys competing at left guard, right guard, right tackle. There are probably about seven or eight guys in all competing."

On the decision to move Carlton Hill from quarterback to wide receiver ... "I just think that different things are happening with him and I just feel that, to be the quarterback and have that leadership position I just thought that - and I'm not saying that someday he won't be our quarterback - but for right now he needs to get focused on other things and go out and play receiver and be focused on that."

On the possibility of Carlton Hill redshirting this season ... "Yes, very much so. In fact we're looking at that very hard. In fact that is an incredibly strong possibility, it really is. He probably needs to get away, get a year away. What would be great would be to get him a year away and let him play somewhere. That would be the ultimate to be honest with you. Either to get him somewhere where he can play more quarterback or to redshirt him at our place, one of the two. Cause your looking at the big picture down the road."

On whether Carlton Hill would go to a junior college and whether he has been receptive to that ... "That's possible. Maybe place him at a junior college, let him play and bring him back. That's a possibility. Right now, though he's just focused on classes, he's got some other things off the field that he has to deal with. I think the world of the young man, but some of the decisions he's made haven't been the best. That doesn't mean that I don't love this guy, and care deeply for him as I do with all of our players. I just want to make sure that it is understood that there is a lot more than just football for my standpoint, and I really mean that. I don't want football to be the priority, I want you to focus in and have a life."

On being concerned that if he goes to a junior college that he may not come back ... "I'm don't really worry about that because I would be involved in him doing that, and I'm the same always if, at the time he always has the opportunity to come back here provided everything works out if that case happens. But that is the direction we're leaning towards. I think it would be good for him. He'll keep playing and I think it makes a

lot of sense. Maybe he can keep playing quarterback at another place and get focused, and to be honest with you it doesn't have anything to do with academics, you can take that right out. It just has to do with him getting squared away with things. He's a good young man, he needs to make better decisions, but he is a good young man."

► JIM LEAVITT LUNCHEON QUOTES BIG EAST ROOM, USF ATHLETIC FACILITY TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2006

Opening comments ... "We're anxious to play. We're playing a very good team in McNeese State and we're going to have to play awfully, awfully well to have a chance to win. They are ranked as one of the best teams in I-AA and they have a great tradition, they have their entire team back. They are very big and they are very physical. They are very good."

On distractions with the team over the past couple of weeks and with them being so close to the season opener ... "We've had distractions for 10 years, since I was hired. We just keep moving forward. I just go out and get ready for practice. I really don't change much."

On how important it is, for the condition of this team, to get a win in the season opener ... "Well you always want to win, regardless of who you play. I'm not focused on winning as much as I am playing good football, seeing if we can play good. You know, we have a pretty young team, a lot of new faces. I just hope these guys go out and play well, play hard. We're going to make mistakes, but hopefully they won't be effort mistakes."

On what he's been most pleased with through camp ... "The effort, the character of our guys. We have a great group of guys. I really love being around these players."

► MCNEESE STATE POSTGAME QUOTES RAYMOND JAMES STADIUM, TAMPA, FLA. SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2006,

Opening statement ... "We weren't very good. Your worst nightmares really came true. Out punter Iliia (Petrov), you know he's a good kid, a good guy, and it's hard to put him in that position. So I felt bad that we put him in that position. I thought our punt return team did very well. I really felt bad for the last one. Ean (Randolph) makes that run back and we get called for a block in the back. We just did so many foolish things. We looked like a young undisciplined team, we really did, and that's what we are. It's not because these guys are not real good guys, they are. I love this football team. We probably have half the guys on that football team have never taken a college snap before, and it looked like it. We made a lot of mistakes. But I'm proud of the way we came back, and kept battling. It doesn't surprise me that it was a close game. I thought it would be down to the last play. I told everybody that and fully expected it, but we kind of broke it open at the end there. We have a ways to go, obviously. We do have talent; you can see that, we do have some talented guys. It's just that we're not really a team yet. But when you have that many young people that's probably the way it is."

On the play of Matt Grothe ... "He did a great job, we all saw that. We had planned on playing Pat the first half and Matt was going to play the second half, because Matt has done so well in practice, and we need them all, we really do. But Matt started off slow, he had some rough moments, but at the end he really showed what he had been doing in

practice. It's not unlike he's been doing it in practice. So Matt did an outstanding job, and I thought our offensive line did a little bit better."

On the play of the offensive line ... "Jared Carnes was struggling. That 93 (Bryan Smith), that defensive end is one of the best. He can play at a lot of places. He's really good. I saw him play earlier and I really worried about him, and Jared struggled with him, but Jared never played a college game. He had never played a college game, and I'm really proud of Jared for trying and getting in there. We played Thed Watson. We got him in there and he played pretty good, even though he did hurt his ankle. He played pretty good I thought. He neutralized 93 a bit. We don't have our depth on our offensive line. So when you have Thed go down, and (Mark) Dile go down, your two starting tackles who are the only two guys on the offensive line that played last year at all. So think about the offensive line. We had already lost John Miller, and Frank (Davis), and (Chris) Carothers, and Dile and Watson are out. There is your whole five, so it's a whole new group, and it was interesting."

On the possibility of playing both Pat Julmiste and Matt Grothe against FIU on Sept. 9 ... "I don't know. I really don't like to make do many decisions until I go back and look at film and talk to our coaches. Matt did pretty good. I really don't know how bad Pat (Julmiste) is, I really don't. (Head trainer) Steve Walz said that he had a thigh bruise, but I don't know how bad it is. It's not a knee or anything like that."

On the injury to Moise Plancher ... "That was very disappointing. Moise is a very good running back. You know it's interesting; Walt Smith did tonight what he did last spring. You know we put Walt on a scholarship and I'm glad we did, for his senior year, because he did a pretty good job running tonight."

On the defensive line ... "We are so young on that defensive line. We have to look at it very hard. We didn't have much rotation. I thought Chris Robinson made some pretty good plays, ran pretty well. Treco Bellamy is really a converted linebacker, and that's the first time he has played college football. Chris Robinson never played a college game, (George) Selvie never played a college game, that's pretty young. Woody George has never really played a college game, Julian Riley never has, Siaosi (Uhatafe) never has. None of those guys have ever played a college football game. That's our front four, and that's not a lot of experience."

On what he like about the play of Matt Grothe and when he knew he was going to play ... "Just his demeanor, the way he handled the offense, he kept things in check. He hit the open receiver. He's just a confident guy, and he's been doing that, he's been doing that all along. I'm a pretty loyal guy. It was my call, not anyone else's to start Pat (Julmiste) because it's his senior year, and that's just the way I am. But I thought Matt has done so well and Matt knew he was going to start the second half, regardless of what the game was like. Whether we were up, behind, or anything, he was going to start the second half. We had told Matt that, really about a week ago and we told Pat about a week ago that he was going to start. He had known that. I would never tell a quarterback the day before. They usually get about a week advance, so they can prepare, and the offense knows who is going to start. That's real important."

On USF's blocked punt ... "I didn't see it, I think it was a low snap. (Ryan) Gilliam can run and we brought him from the back side. We really had a return on with that one. We weren't going for the block but we always

bring Gilliam and he (punter) didn't have much time. Gilliam did a great job, he really helped us. He did some good things."

On the new one-inch kicking tee ... "One thing I thing we did notice was our kick offs. Our kick offs were tougher with a one-inch tee. When you had the two-inch tees you could get it up (in the air), because (Justin) Teachey is a pretty good kicker, and I could tell that is really noticeable. You really have to work on your kickoff team, because there are going to be more returns this year, your going to see a lot more returns this year."

► JIM LEAVITT LUNCHEON QUOTES BIG EAST ROOM, USF ATHLETIC FACILITY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2006

Opening comments ... "Last night we had a pretty good practice, although we got cut from rain. We're going to go out early today. We're going to go out at 3 p.m. today, because I'm worried about the rain that is coming in again, and we need to get a good practice in today. FIU is a really good football team. The last time we went to Middle Tennessee and played we got beat by 30 or 35 points. They just handed it to us. FIU had to deal with a hurricane (Eduardo) last week, has to go up (to Murfreesboro, Tenn.) early, goes into Middle Tennessee and nearly beats them, which is pretty impressive when you really look at it. That's hard to do. They showed to me that they have great focus and great composure to be able to do that. They have a defensive end, (Antwan) Barnes, who can absolutely destroy an offense. I've seen nobody stop him. He is the real deal. He is that good, and it's hard to stop that guy. I think their team speed on defense is very good. I think they run extremely well, their secondary, I thought, was outstanding. They have some real good players. Offensively, their tight end is supposed to be an NFL candidate, he is one of the top in the country right now in catches, and their quarterback (Josh Padrick) is very impressive. I think he's an outstanding player. I saw him play last year and thought he did a great job. He can run, he can throw, he can beat you. I think the receivers do a good job, the offensive line is big, and the running backs run hard. This is going to be a tough challenge for us. I imagine it will be like last week. I told everyone last week that game would come down to the wire, and it was true, and you saw it. We have a young team that we are trying to develop. Our main focus is trying to get better as a football team this week. Injury-wise the only thing that I will make a comment on, Moise Plancher we'll find out more about him later this afternoon. Thed Watson and Mark Dile, they're getting better, where they'll be at, we won't really know for a couple of days, whether we'll have them or not. Everybody else is fine."

On whether he thinks someone will emerge at quarterback or whether it will be decided on a weekly basis ... "I don't have a crystal ball. I don't know. I just know right now that we will start Matt (Grothe) and go from there. Pat (Julmiste) is a pretty good quarterback. He threw and ran extremely well. It wasn't his fault that we had illegal procedure, or illegal formation, it wasn't his fault we got the holding calls. Every drive he was in there we got penalties. Pat did real well, and that was encouraging because Pat can play. It was good to get Grant (Gregory) in also. We're going to need all three. I talked to (Anthony) Severino yesterday to, and I'm really proud of him. He works hard. He's works the scout team right now, because he needs to be throwing the football, so he's doing that. But I don't know how it's going to play. I think you're going to see them all play. I mean, it's a long season, a physical tough season. They will all be involved."

On whether he will use five running backs, like last weekend, this

week against FIU ... "I don't know. I'm sure they'll all play. I'll tell you after the game, I really don't know. I know that they will all play, but I don't know who's going to play the most. Carl (running backs coach Carl Franks) does all that, putting them in there. I think they all did some good things. I thought Walt (Smith) did some good things, Keeley (Dorsey) did some good things, I thought B (Benjamin) Williams ran for some tough yards.

On his philosophy on whether injured players get their starting positions back when they are healthy ... "I don't have any philosophy on it. If it's a guy that has been established, he's probably going to get back into the hunt right away. If a guy hasn't proven much, he better hope the other guy not come in a play. This isn't like the NFL and an injury can't take a starter out. We're going to play who we think is doing the best."

On what stood out about Matt Grothe's performance after watching film of the game ... "I thought he handled adversity pretty well. He didn't do real well right away. He had a fumble, there were some mistakes. I think he just stayed focused on the game. With some guys, when you bring them in like that, they're mistakes there, and they may not continue to go after it. I think that was important to me. I thought he was pretty calm. He went out and just directed the offense. There wasn't any yelling, or calling it this way or that way, or any of those kind of things that you have with a young quarterback sometimes. All of our quarterbacks did a pretty good job with that. So I thought he was pretty efficient, but it was one game, we'll see. How good of a player he is, is certainly a test over time. He did some good things last game. We'll see as the year goes. I think we'll need them all."

On whether Matt Grothe played better than he had played in practice ... "No. I read in The Oracle (USF student newspaper) this morning, I read a comment that he had, that he thought he played than he though he would play. I thought he played like he practices."

On whether he has a plan for the quarterbacks like he had last Saturday (starting Pat Julmiste and replacing him with Matt Grothe to start the second half) ... "Well, if we did have one I wouldn't tell you, but we don't. I don't have any plan that this guy is going to play one quarter, this guy's is going to play 18 minutes, it doesn't matter. Pat's going to be ready to go, and Grant's going to be ready to go, and Severino's going to be ready to go."

On what Pat Julmiste does to keep his confidence up ... "I don't know, he just goes out and does what he does. Like any position player. He practices a lot. I hope all our guys are confident, we work hard. You gain confidence with success, obviously, and the first place is in practice. If you have success in practice, you feel that you might have a shot."

On who may start at running back if Moise Plancher is not able to start against FIU ... "You know, I don't know. I think what we'll do is let Carl (running backs coach Carl Franks) make that decision. I always let my coaches make that decision unless I see something that I really don't like. I imagine Carl will play who practices the best this week."

On whether it's productive to go against a team like FIU that is going through the same things that USF is going through with youth ... "I don't think about those things. I really don't. To me, we're so concerned about seeing if we can play any better, I really don't think about any of

those other thoughts other than going out and practicing really well today and seeing if we can improve. I don't even think like that. I know FIU's can beat us if we don't play really well. That I know. Just like I knew McNeese could beat us. There was no doubt that they could beat us. And they had a shot. I know FIU is the same thing. We've got to play better and if we don't then we're going to struggle. It's as simple as that. We're going to practice hard, and hopefully our guys will have enough focus so we can get a little bit better today. If we can improve and keep that going, then we have a chance to be competitive this year. I don't think ahead that much. I just think about today and this game."

On how special this game is to Bernard Clark who, prior to coming to USF, spent two years as defensive coordinator at FIU ... "I don't know. I haven't asked him."

On whether he is going to go with the hot running back ... "I don't know, I mean I really don't. I just go into a game and watch people play. I don't know, you know. I just always think about positive things. And if people are going to go in there and play well, I hope they do. I don't go in there thinking, if this is going to happen I'm going to do this, If this is going to happen I'm going to do this. I don't ever think like that. I just go in hope everybody plays well and see how it goes."

On who will probably get the start at punter ... "(Delbert) Alvarado. Delbert is going to go in first. Ilia's really got a great leg. Obviously he does. He did in practice. He hit some really great balls. He'll be fine, he'll be fine. Both of those guys are going to be important to us in punting. They both have good legs. I'm not as concerned about the punters as making sure that the ball is snapped there, and that we go down and we cover during our punting. We didn't cover real well last week."

On why he named a starting quarterback after keeping it so quiet during the opening week ... "I just felt like it. No other reason than that."



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SEPTEMBER 2, 2006 · 7 P.M.
USF 1-0, McNEESE STATE 0-1

► **SCORING BY QUARTERS**

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | F |
|---------------|---|---|---|----|----|
| USF | 0 | 7 | 7 | 27 | 41 |
| McNeese State | 7 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 10 |

Attendance: 26,351

Time: 3:10

FIRST QUARTER

MSU - Dolan fumble recovery in end zone (Bercegeay kick). Time left: 0:35. (MSU 7, USF 0).

SECOND QUARTER

USF - Grothe one-yard run (Benzer kick). Time left: 10:25. Drive: 13 plays, 66 yards, 5:10 (USF 7, MSU 7).

MSU - Bercegeay 22-yard field goal. Time left: 4:52. Drive: 13 plays, 67 yards, 5:33. (MSU 10, USF 7).

THIRD QUARTER

USF - Edwards 47-yard pass from Grothe (Benzer kick). Time left: 2:04. Drive: 5 plays, 87 yards, 2:10. (USF 14, MSU 10).

FOURTH QUARTER

USF - Randolph 10-yard pass from Grothe (Benzer kick). Time left: 14:06. Drive: 2 plays, 12 yards, 0:48. (USF 21, MSU 10).

USF - Smith 3-yard run (Benzer kick). Time left: 9:47. Drive: 4 plays, 48 yards, 1:21. (USF 28, MSU 10).

USF - Smith 24-yard run (Benzer kick). Time left: 6:19. Drive: 4 plays, 36 yards, 2:17. (USF 35, MSU 10).

USF - Dorsey 52-yard run (no kick attempted). Time left: 0:00. Drive: 5 plays, 80 yards, 3:27. (USF 41, MSU 10).

Holding onto a four-point lead heading into the fourth quarter, USF exploded for 27 points in the final 15 minutes that led to a 41-10 rout of McNeese State.

Out-gaining McNeese State 495-163, USF racked up 286 yards on the ground. Walt Smith led the Bulls with 70 yards on seven carries and two touchdowns. Both of Smith's scores came in the fourth quarter. Matt Grothe, who was making his first-career appearance, threw for 171 yards, completing 9-of-13 passes and two touchdowns. He also ran one touchdown in.

The Bulls' defense held the Cowboys to just 163 yards of total offense, forcing two fumbles and two interceptions.

McNeese State took an early 7-0 lead following a fumble recovery by Jared Dolan with 35 seconds left in the first. A fumble snap in the end zone by punter Ilia Petrov resulted in the first-ever fumble recovery in the end zone by a USF opponent.

USF tied the game on the ensuing drive. A 13-play, 66-yard drive, which lasted 5:10, was capped off by a 1-yard quarterback sneak by Grothe. The score, which was the first of his USF career, tied the game at 7-all with 10:25 left in the half. During the drive, Grothe registered his first-ever completion with a 6-yard pass to sophomore Amp Hill. The catch was the first of Hill's career.

A 22-yard field goal by Blake Bercegeay gave McNeese State a 10-7 lead with 4:52 left in the half. The Cowboys chewed up 5:33 with a 13-play, 67-yard drive, leading to the McNeese State field goal. The drive was highlighted by a trick play which resulted in a 35-yard gain for the Cowboys. On an end-around by Carlese Franklin, the McNeese State senior completed the long strike to Quinten Lawrence down to the USF 10-yard line.

Despite out-gaining the Cowboys 153-94, the Bulls entered halftime trailing by three.

Grothe's first-career touchdown pass gave USF its first lead of the game, 14-10 with 2:04 left in the third quarter. Grothe connected with Marcus Edwards on a post play down the middle of the field. The completion was good for 47 yards finished off a 5-play, 87-yard drive which lasted 2:10.

A botched punt by McNeese State at the start of the fourth quarter gave USF excellent field position at the Cowboy 12-yard line. Two plays later Grothe connected with Ean Randolph for a 10-yard touchdown pass to extend USF's lead to 21-10. Randolph, who recorded his first-career reception during the first quarter (six yards), finished the night with three catches for 24 yards and a touchdown.

Smith added a pair of touchdowns in the fourth quarter, to give USF a 25-point cushion, his first on a 3-yard run with 9:47 left in the game, made the score 28-10. An interception by Luis Gachette set up Smith's second rushing touchdown of the quarter. The ensuing drive resulted in Smith extending USF's lead to 35-10 on a 24-yard scamper with 6:19 left in the game.

The Bulls added one final score as freshman running back Keeley Dorsey ran for a 52-yard touchdown with time winding down.

| Team Statistics | MSU | USF |
|-------------------------|--------|---------|
| First Downs | 12 | 25 |
| Rushes-Yards | 37-82 | 42-286 |
| Passing Yards | 81 | 209 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 7-19-2 | 14-21-1 |
| Total Yards | 163 | 495 |
| Punts-Avg. | 6-28.8 | 2-28.5 |
| Punt Returns | 1-17 | 4-47 |
| Kickoff Returns | 6-112 | 3-53 |
| Interception Returns | 1-33 | 2-2 |
| Penalties-Yards | 7-60 | 10-82 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 2-0 | 3-2 |
| Sacks By | 0-0 | 1-9 |
| Third Down Conversions | 3-12 | 5-9 |
| Fourth Down Conversions | 1-2 | 0-1 |
| Time of Possession | 29:49 | 30:11 |

McNEESE STATE

| Rushing | Att | Yds | TD | Lg |
|------------------|-----|-----|----|----|
| Derrick Fourroux | 16 | 70 | 0 | 12 |
| Chris Thomas | 9 | 19 | 0 | 6 |
| Kris Bush | 3 | 8 | 0 | 3 |
| Jordy Johnson | 2 | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| Jamie Leonard | 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Steve Whitehead | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Terez Jackson | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mark Fontenot | 2 | -9 | 0 | 0 |
| Blake Bercegeay | 1 | -14 | 0 | 0 |

| Passing | Att | Cmp | Yds | TD | Int | Lg |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|----|
| Derrick Fourroux | 16 | 6 | 46 | 0 | 1 | 18 |
| Mark Fontenot | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Carlese Franklin | 1 | 1 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 35 |

| Receiving | No | Yds | TD | Lg |
|------------------|----|-----|----|----|
| Steve Whitehead | 4 | 39 | 0 | 18 |
| Quinten Lawrence | 2 | 24 | 0 | 35 |
| Carlese Franklin | 1 | 8 | 0 | 8 |

| Punting | No | Yds | Avg | Lg |
|-----------------|----|-----|------|----|
| Blake Bercegeay | 5 | 173 | 34.6 | 46 |
| Team | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 |

| Punt Returns | No | Yds | Lg |
|-----------------|----|-----|----|
| Steve Whitehead | 1 | 17 | 17 |

| Kickoff Returns | No | Yds | Lg |
|------------------|----|-----|----|
| Steve Whitehead | 4 | 72 | 22 |
| Quinten Lawrence | 2 | 40 | 23 |

Defensive Leaders

Unassisted Tackles: 6 - Janelle Juneau, Assisted Tackles: 2 - Janelle Juneau, Jonatha Walker, Total Tackles: 8 - Janelle Juneau, Sacks: None, Interceptions: 1 - Bryant Mason

USF

| Rushing | Att | Yds | TD | Lg |
|-------------------|-----|-----|----|----|
| Walt Smith | 7 | 70 | 2 | 24 |
| Matt Grothe | 10 | 58 | 1 | 16 |
| Benjamin Williams | 9 | 54 | 0 | 14 |
| Keeley Dorsey | 2 | 53 | 1 | 52 |
| Moise Plancher | 4 | 26 | 0 | 16 |
| Pat Julmiste | 3 | 23 | 0 | 18 |
| Grant Gregory | 1 | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| Colby Erskin | 5 | 5 | 0 | 5 |

| Passing | Att | Cmp | Yds | TD | Int | Lg |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|----|
| Matt Grothe | 13 | 9 | 171 | 2 | 0 | 64 |
| Pat Julmiste | 8 | 5 | 38 | 0 | 1 | 9 |

| Receiving | No | Yds | TD | Lg |
|----------------|----|-----|----|----|
| Marus Edwards | 3 | 62 | 1 | 47 |
| Amarri Jackson | 3 | 31 | 0 | 12 |
| Ean Randolph | 3 | 24 | 1 | 10 |
| Cedric Hill | 2 | 69 | 0 | 64 |
| Amp Hill | 2 | 17 | 0 | 11 |
| S.J. Green | 1 | 6 | 0 | 6 |

| Punting | No | Yds | Avg | Lg |
|------------------|----|-----|------|----|
| Ilia Petrov | 1 | 25 | 25.0 | 25 |
| Delbert Alvarado | 1 | 32 | 32.0 | 32 |

| Punt Returns | No | Yds | Lg |
|---------------|----|-----|----|
| Ean Randolph | 3 | 34 | 32 |
| Trae Williams | 1 | 13 | 13 |

| Kickoff Returns | No | Yds | Lg |
|-----------------|----|-----|----|
| Ean Randolph | 2 | 40 | 31 |
| Sam Miller | 1 | 13 | 13 |

Defensive Leaders

Unassisted Tackles: 6 - Stephen Nicholas, Jeremy Burnett, Assisted Tackles: 1 - Seven players, Total Tackles: 7 - Stephen Nicholas, Sacks: 0.5 Alan Cray, George Selvie, Interceptions: Trae Williams, Louis Gachette

USF Overall Team Statistics (as of Sep 04, 2006)
All games

| TEAM STATISTICS | USF | OPP |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|
| SCORING..... | 41 | 10 |
| Points Per Game..... | 41.0 | 10.0 |
| FIRST DOWNS..... | 25 | 12 |
| Rushing..... | 17 | 7 |
| Passing..... | 7 | 3 |
| Penalty..... | 1 | 2 |
| RUSHING YARDAGE..... | 286 | 82 |
| Yards gained rushing..... | 308 | 116 |
| Yards lost rushing..... | 22 | 34 |
| Rushing Attempts..... | 42 | 37 |
| Average Per Rush..... | 6.8 | 2.2 |
| Average Per Game..... | 286.0 | 82.0 |
| TDs Rushing..... | 4 | 0 |
| PASSING YARDAGE..... | 209 | 81 |
| Att-Comp-Int..... | 21-14-1 | 19-7-2 |
| Average Per Pass..... | 10.0 | 4.3 |
| Average Per Catch..... | 14.9 | 11.6 |
| Average Per Game..... | 209.0 | 81.0 |
| TDs Passing..... | 2 | 0 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE..... | 495 | 163 |
| Total Plays..... | 63 | 56 |
| Average Per Play..... | 7.9 | 2.9 |
| Average Per Game..... | 495.0 | 163.0 |
| KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS..... | 3-53 | 6-112 |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS..... | 4-47 | 1-17 |
| INT RETURNS: #-YARDS..... | 2-2 | 1-33 |
| KICK RETURN AVERAGE..... | 17.7 | 18.7 |
| PUNT RETURN AVERAGE..... | 11.8 | 17.0 |
| INT RETURN AVERAGE..... | 1.0 | 33.0 |
| FUMBLES-LOST..... | 3-2 | 2-0 |
| PENALTIES-YARDS..... | 10-82 | 7-60 |
| Average Per Game..... | 82.0 | 60.0 |
| PUNTS-YARDS..... | 2-57 | 6-173 |
| Average Per Punt..... | 28.5 | 28.8 |
| Net punt average..... | 20.0 | 17.7 |
| TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME..... | 30:11 | 29:49 |
| 3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS..... | 5/9 | 3/12 |
| 3rd-Down Pct..... | 56% | 25% |
| 4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS..... | 0/1 | 1/2 |
| 4th-Down Pct..... | 0% | 50% |
| SACKS BY-YARDS..... | 1-9 | 0-0 |
| MISC YARDS..... | 0 | 0 |
| TOUCHDOWNS SCORED..... | 6 | 1 |
| FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS..... | 0-1 | 1-1 |
| ON-SIDE KICKS..... | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| RED-ZONE SCORES..... | 3-6 50% | 1-1 100% |
| RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS..... | 3-6 50% | 0-1 0% |
| PAT-ATTEMPTS..... | 5-5 100% | 1-1 100% |
| ATTENDANCE..... | 26351 | 0 |
| Games/Avg Per Game..... | 1/26351 | 0/0 |
| Neutral Site Games..... | | 0/0 |

| SCORE BY QUARTERS | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Total |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| USF..... | 0 | 7 | 7 | 27 | 41 |
| Opponents..... | 7 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 10 |

USF Overall Individual Statistics (as of Sep 04, 2006)
All games

| RUSHING | GP | Att | Gain | Loss | Net | Avg | TD | Long | Avg/G |
|-----------------|----|-----|------|------|-----|------|----|------|-------|
| SMITH, Walt | 1 | 7 | 70 | 0 | 70 | 10.0 | 2 | 24 | 70.0 |
| GROTHER, Matt | 1 | 10 | 66 | 8 | 58 | 5.8 | 1 | 16 | 58.0 |
| WILLIAMS, B. | 1 | 9 | 57 | 3 | 54 | 6.0 | 0 | 14 | 54.0 |
| DORSEY, Keeley | 1 | 2 | 53 | 0 | 53 | 26.5 | 1 | 52 | 53.0 |
| PLANCHER, Moise | 1 | 4 | 26 | 0 | 26 | 6.5 | 0 | 16 | 26.0 |
| JULMISTE, Pat | 1 | 3 | 23 | 0 | 23 | 7.7 | 0 | 18 | 23.0 |
| GREGORY, Grant | 1 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 6.0 | 0 | 6 | 6.0 |
| ERSKIN, Colby | 1 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 1.0 | 0 | 5 | 5.0 |
| PETROV, Ilia | 1 | 1 | 0 | 9 | -9 | -9.0 | 0 | 0 | -9.0 |
| Total..... | 1 | 42 | 308 | 22 | 286 | 6.8 | 4 | 52 | 286.0 |
| Opponents..... | 1 | 37 | 116 | 34 | 82 | 2.2 | 0 | 12 | 82.0 |

| PASSING | GP | Effic | Cmp-Att-Int | Pct | Yds | TD | Lng | Avg/G |
|----------------|----|--------|-------------|------|-----|----|-----|-------|
| GROTHER, Matt | 1 | 230.49 | 9-13-0 | 69.2 | 171 | 2 | 64 | 171.0 |
| JULMISTE, Pat | 1 | 77.40 | 5-8-1 | 62.5 | 38 | 0 | 9 | 38.0 |
| Total..... | 1 | 172.17 | 14-21-1 | 66.7 | 209 | 2 | 64 | 209.0 |
| Opponents..... | 1 | 51.60 | 7-19-2 | 36.8 | 81 | 0 | 35 | 81.0 |

| RECEIVING | GP | No. | Yds | Avg | TD | Long | Avg/G |
|-----------------|----|-----|-----|------|----|------|-------|
| EDWARDS, Marcus | 1 | 3 | 62 | 20.7 | 1 | 47 | 62.0 |
| JACKSON, Amarri | 1 | 3 | 31 | 10.3 | 0 | 12 | 31.0 |
| RANDOLPH, Ean | 1 | 3 | 24 | 8.0 | 1 | 10 | 24.0 |
| HILL, Cedric | 1 | 2 | 69 | 34.5 | 0 | 64 | 69.0 |
| HILL, Amp | 1 | 2 | 17 | 8.5 | 0 | 11 | 17.0 |
| GREEN, S.J. | 1 | 1 | 6 | 6.0 | 0 | 6 | 6.0 |
| Total..... | 1 | 14 | 209 | 14.9 | 2 | 64 | 209.0 |
| Opponents..... | 1 | 7 | 81 | 11.6 | 0 | 35 | 81.0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | No. | Yds | Avg | TD | Long |
|----------------|-----|-----|------|----|------|
| RANDOLPH, Ean | 3 | 34 | 11.3 | 0 | 32 |
| WILLIAMS, Trae | 1 | 13 | 13.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total..... | 4 | 47 | 11.8 | 0 | 32 |
| Opponents..... | 1 | 17 | 17.0 | 0 | 17 |

| INTERCEPTIONS | No. | Yds | Avg | TD | Long |
|-----------------|-----|-----|------|----|------|
| GACHETTE, Louis | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| WILLIAMS, Trae | 1 | 2 | 2.0 | 0 | 2 |
| Total..... | 2 | 2 | 1.0 | 0 | 2 |
| Opponents..... | 1 | 33 | 33.0 | 0 | 33 |

| KICK RETURNS | No. | Yds | Avg | TD | Long |
|----------------|-----|-----|------|----|------|
| RANDOLPH, Ean | 2 | 40 | 20.0 | 0 | 31 |
| MILLER, Sam | 1 | 13 | 13.0 | 0 | 13 |
| Total..... | 3 | 53 | 17.7 | 0 | 31 |
| Opponents..... | 6 | 112 | 18.7 | 0 | 23 |

| FUMBLE RETURNS | No. | Yds | Avg | TD | Long |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|----|------|
| Total..... | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Opponents..... | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |

USF Overall Individual Statistics (as of Sep 04, 2006)
All games

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

| SCORING | TD | FGs | Kick | Rush | Rcv | Pass | DXP | Saf | Points |
|-----------------|----|-----|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|--------|
| SMITH, Walt | 2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| RANDOLPH, Ean | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| DORSEY, Keeley | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| EDWARDS, Marcus | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| GROTHER, Matt | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| BENZER, Mike | 0 | 0-1 | 5-5 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Total..... | 6 | 0-1 | 5-5 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 41 |
| Opponents..... | 1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |

| TOTAL OFFENSE | G | Plays | Rush | Pass | Total | Avg/G |
|-----------------|---|-------|------|------|-------|-------|
| GROTHER, Matt | 1 | 23 | 58 | 171 | 229 | 229.0 |
| SMITH, Walt | 1 | 7 | 70 | 0 | 70 | 70.0 |
| JULMISTE, Pat | 1 | 11 | 23 | 38 | 61 | 61.0 |
| WILLIAMS, B. | 1 | 9 | 54 | 0 | 54 | 54.0 |
| DORSEY, Keeley | 1 | 2 | 53 | 0 | 53 | 53.0 |
| PLANCHER, Moise | 1 | 4 | 26 | 0 | 26 | 26.0 |
| GREGORY, Grant | 1 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 6.0 |
| ERSKIN, Colby | 1 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 5.0 |
| PETROV, Ilia | 1 | 1 | -9 | 0 | -9 | -9.0 |
| Total..... | 1 | 63 | 286 | 209 | 495 | 495.0 |
| Opponents..... | 1 | 56 | 82 | 81 | 163 | 163.0 |

| FIELD GOALS | FGM-FGA | Pct | 01-19 | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50-99 | Lg | Blk |
|--------------|---------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----|-----|
| BENZER, Mike | 0-1 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |

FG SEQUENCE USF OPPONENTS

 McNeese State 40 (22)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

| PUNTING | No. | Yds | Avg | Long | TB | FC | I20 | Blkd |
|----------------|-----|-----|------|------|----|----|-----|------|
| ALVARADO, D. | 1 | 32 | 32.0 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PETROV, Ilia | 1 | 25 | 25.0 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total..... | 2 | 57 | 28.5 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Opponents..... | 6 | 173 | 28.8 | 46 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

| KICKOFFS | No. | Yds | Avg | TB | OB | Retn | Net | YdLn |
|-----------------|-----|-----|------|----|----|------|------|------|
| TEACHEY, Justin | 6 | 358 | 59.7 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Total..... | 6 | 358 | 59.7 | 0 | 0 | 112 | 41.0 | 24 |
| Opponents..... | 3 | 164 | 54.7 | 0 | 0 | 53 | 37.0 | 28 |

USF Overall Individual Statistics (as of Sep 04, 2006)
All games

| ALL PURPOSE | G | Rush | Rec | PR | KOR | IR | Tot | Avg/G |
|-----------------|---|------|-----|----|-----|----|-----|-------|
| RANDOLPH, Ean | 1 | 0 | 24 | 34 | 40 | 0 | 98 | 98.0 |
| SMITH, Walt | 1 | 70 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 70 | 70.0 |
| HILL, Cedric | 1 | 0 | 69 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 69 | 69.0 |
| EDWARDS, Marcus | 1 | 0 | 62 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 62 | 62.0 |
| GROTHE, Matt | 1 | 58 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58 | 58.0 |
| WILLIAMS, B. | 1 | 54 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 54 | 54.0 |
| DORSEY, Keeley | 1 | 53 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 53 | 53.0 |
| JACKSON, Amarri | 1 | 0 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 31.0 |
| PLANCHER, Moise | 1 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 26.0 |
| JULMISTE, Pat | 1 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 23.0 |
| HILL, Amp | 1 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 17.0 |
| WILLIAMS, Trae | 1 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 2 | 15 | 15.0 |
| MILLER, Sam | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 13 | 13.0 |
| GREGORY, Grant | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 6.0 |
| GREEN, S.J. | 1 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 6.0 |
| ERSKIN, Colby | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5.0 |
| PETROV, Ilia | 1 | -9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -9 | -9.0 |
| Total..... | 1 | 286 | 209 | 47 | 53 | 2 | 597 | 597.0 |
| Opponents..... | 1 | 82 | 81 | 17 | 112 | 33 | 325 | 325.0 |

USF Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Sep 04, 2006)
All games

| DEFENSIVE LEADERS | GP | -----Tackles----- | | | TFL/Yds | -Sacks- | | ---Pass Def--- | | | -Fumbles- | | Blkd | |
|--------------------|----|-------------------|-----|-------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|-----|---------|-----------|------|------|--|
| | | Solo | Ast | Total | | No-Yds | Int-Yds | BrUp | QBH | Rcv-Yds | FF | Kick | Saf | |
| 51 NICHOLAS, S. | 1 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 1.0-1 | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 33 BURNETT, Jeremy | 1 | 6 | . | 6 | 1.0-1 | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 3A MURPHY, Jerome | 1 | 4 | 1 | 5 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 59 MOFFITT, Ben | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 54 ST. LOUIS, Pat | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 94 CRAY, Allen | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0.5-9 | 0.5-9 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 52 BELLAMY, Treco | 1 | 3 | . | 3 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 26 ROBERTS, Tyller | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1.0-8 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 17 VERPAELE, Danny | 1 | 3 | . | 3 | 1.0-1 | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 95 SELVIE, George | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0.5-9 | 0.5-9 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 21 WILLIAMS, Trae | 1 | 2 | . | 2 | . | . | 1-2 | 3 | . | . | . | 1 | . | |
| 53 MOMPRESIER, B. | 1 | 2 | . | 2 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 29 ERSKIN, Colby | 1 | 2 | . | 2 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 23 JENKINS, Jamaal | 1 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 22 GILLIAM, Ryan | 1 | 1 | . | 1 | 1.0-14 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 49 ROBINSON, Chris | 1 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | 1 | . | . | |
| 96 GEORGE, Woody | 1 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 8 GROTHE, Matt | 1 | . | 1 | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 4 JENKINS, Mike | 1 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 90 BUIE, Jarriett | 1 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 48 SMILEY, Joshua | 1 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 80 RANDOLPH, Ean | 1 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 7 GACHETTE, Louis | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | 1-0 | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| Total..... | 1 | 46 | 10 | 56 | 6-43 | 1-9 | 2-2 | 8 | . | . | 1 | 1 | . | |
| Opponents..... | 1 | 46 | 13 | 59 | 3-8 | 0-0 | 1-33 | 2 | . | 2-0 | . | . | . | |

USF Game Results (as of Sep 04, 2006)

All games

| Date | Opponent | Score | Overall Record | Conference Record | Time | Attend |
|--------------|---------------|---------|----------------|-------------------|------|--------|
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| Sep 02, 2006 | MCNEESE STATE | W 41-10 | 1- 0- 0 | 0- 0- 0 | 3:10 | 26351 |

* indicates conference game

**USE Team Game-by-Game (as of Sep 04, 2006)
All games**

TEAM STATISTICS

| Date | Opponent | ---RUSHING--- | | | | --RECEIVING-- | | | | -----PASSING----- | | | | --KICK RET-- | | | | --PUNT RET-- | | | | All Purp | | |
|---------------|--------------------|---------------|-----|----|----|---------------|-----|----|----|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|--------------|----|----|-----|--------------|----|----|-----|-------------|----|-----|
| | | No. | Yds | TD | Lg | No. | Yds | TD | Lg | Cmp | Att | Int | Yds | TD | Lg | No | Yds | TD | Lg | No | Yds | | TD | Lg |
| Sep 02, 2006 | MCNEESE STATE..... | 42 | 286 | 4 | 52 | 14 | 209 | 2 | 64 | 14- | 21- | 1 | 209 | 2 | 64 | 3 | 53 | 0 | 31 | 4 | 47 | 0 | 32 | 597 |
| Totals..... | | 42 | 286 | 4 | 52 | 14 | 209 | 2 | 64 | 14- | 21- | 1 | 209 | 2 | 64 | 3 | 53 | 0 | 31 | 4 | 47 | 0 | 32 | 597 |
| Opponent..... | | 37 | 82 | 0 | 12 | 7 | 81 | 0 | 35 | 7- | 19- | 2 | 81 | 0 | 35 | 6 | 112 | 0 | 23 | 1 | 17 | 0 | 17 | 325 |

Games played: 1
 Avg per rush: 6.8
 Avg per catch: 14.9
 Pass efficiency: 172.17
 Kick ret avg: 17.7
 Punt ret avg: 11.8
 All purpose avg/game: 597.0
 Total offense avg/gm: 495.0

| Date | Opponent | -----TACKLES----- | | | -SACKS- | | -FUMBLE- | | | Pass Blkd | | | -Kicks--XPTS- | | | | | Pts | | | | | |
|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----|-------|---------|-----|----------|-----|----|-----------|-----|-----|---------------|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| | | Solo | Ast | Total | TFL | Yds | No | Yds | FF | FR | Yds | Int | Yds | QBH | Brk | Kick | Att | | Mad | Run | Rcv | Saf | |
| Sep 02, 2006 | MCNEESE STATE..... | 46 | 10 | 56 | 6.0 | 43 | 1.0 | 18 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41 |
| Totals..... | | 46 | 10 | 56 | 6.0 | 43 | 1.0 | 18 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41 |
| Opponent..... | | 46 | 13 | 59 | 3.0 | 8 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 33 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |

| Date | Opponent | -----PUNTING----- | | | | | | --FIELD GOALS-- | | | | -----KICKOFFS----- | | | | | | |
|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----|------|------|------|----|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|--------------------|----|------|-----|------|-----|----|
| | | No | Yds | Avg | Long | Blkd | TB | FC | 50+ | I20 | Att | Made | Lg | Blkd | No | Yds | Avg | TB |
| Sep 02, 2006 | MCNEESE STATE..... | 2 | 57 | 28.5 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 358 | 59.7 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals..... | | 2 | 57 | 28.5 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 358 | 59.7 | 0 | 0 |
| Opponent..... | | 6 | 173 | 28.8 | 46 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 22 | 3 | 164 | 54.7 | 0 | 0 |

USF Opponent Game-by-Game (as of Sep 04, 2006)
All games

OPPONENT STATISTICS

| Date | Opponent | ---RUSHING--- | | | | --RECEIVING-- | | | | -----PASSING----- | | | | --KICK RET-- | | | | --PUNT RET-- | | | | All Purp | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----|----|----|---------------|-----|----|----|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|--------------|----|----|-----|--------------|----|----|-----|----------|----|-----|
| | | No. | Yds | TD | Lg | No. | Yds | TD | Lg | Cmp | Att | Int | Yds | TD | Lg | No | Yds | TD | Lg | No | Yds | | TD | Lg |
| Sep 02, 2006 | MCNEESE STATE..... | 37 | 82 | 0 | 12 | 7 | 81 | 0 | 35 | 7- | 19- | 2 | 81 | 0 | 35 | 6 | 112 | 0 | 23 | 1 | 17 | 0 | 17 | 325 |
| Opponent totals..... | | 37 | 82 | 0 | 12 | 7 | 81 | 0 | 35 | 7- | 19- | 2 | 81 | 0 | 35 | 6 | 112 | 0 | 23 | 1 | 17 | 0 | 17 | 325 |
| USF..... | | 42 | 286 | 4 | 52 | 14 | 209 | 2 | 64 | 14- | 21- | 1 | 209 | 2 | 64 | 3 | 53 | 0 | 31 | 4 | 47 | 0 | 32 | 597 |

Games played: 1
 Avg per rush: 2.2
 Avg per catch: 11.6
 Pass efficiency: 51.60
 Kick ret avg: 18.7
 Punt ret avg: 17.0
 All purpose avg/game: 325.0
 Total offense avg/gm: 163.0

| Date | Opponent | -----TACKLES----- | | | | -SACKS- | | -FUMBLE- | | | Pass Blkd | | | -Kicks--XPTS- | | | | | Pts |
|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----|-------|---------|---------|-----|----------|--------|---------|-----------|-----|------|---------------|-----|-----|-----|--|-----|
| | | Solo | Ast | Total | TFL-Yds | No | Yds | FF | FR-Yds | Int-Yds | QBH | Brk | Kick | Att-Mad | Run | Rcv | Saf | | |
| Sep 02, 2006 | MCNEESE STATE..... | 46 | 13 | 59 | 3.0-8 | 0.0-0 | 0 | 2-0 | 1-33 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | | |
| Opponent totals..... | | 46 | 13 | 59 | 3.0-8 | 0.0-0 | 0 | 2-0 | 1-33 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | | |
| USF..... | | 46 | 10 | 56 | 6.0-43 | 1.0-18 | 1 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 5-5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41 | | |

| Date | Opponent | -----PUNTING----- | | | | | | | --FIELD GOALS-- | | | | -----KICKOFFS----- | | | | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----|------|------|------|----|----|-----------------|-----|----------|----|--------------------|----|-----|------|----|----|
| | | No | Yds | Avg | Long | Blkd | TB | FC | 50+ | I20 | Att-Made | Lg | Blkd | No | Yds | Avg | TB | OB |
| Sep 02, 2006 | MCNEESE STATE..... | 6 | 173 | 28.8 | 46 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1-1 | 22 | 0 | 3 | 164 | 54.7 | 0 | 0 |
| Opponent totals..... | | 6 | 173 | 28.8 | 46 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1-1 | 22 | 0 | 3 | 164 | 54.7 | 0 | 0 |
| USF..... | | 2 | 57 | 28.5 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1-0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 358 | 59.7 | 0 | 0 |

USF Team Game-by-Game Comparison (as of Sep 04, 2006)
All games

| Opponent | Score | -----FIRST DOWNS----- | | | | ---RUSHING--- | -----PASSING----- | | | --TOTAL OFFENSE-- | | Return | Turn- |
|--------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|----------------|--------------------|--------|-----------------|-------------------|-------|--------|-------|
| | | Total | Rush | Pass | Pen | Number-Yards | Comp-Att-Int | Yards | Plays-Yards | Yards | Overs | | |
| ----- | ---- | --/-- | --/-- | --/-- | --/-- | -----/----- | -----/----- | ---- | ----- / ----- | --/-- | --/-- | | |
| MCNEESE STATE..... | 41-10 | 25/12 | 17/7 | 7/3 | 1/2 | 42-286 / 37-82 | 14-21- 1 / 7-19- 2 | 209/81 | 63-495 / 56-163 | 102/162 | 3/2 | | |
| Totals..... | 41-10 | 25/12 | 17/7 | 7/3 | 1/2 | 42-286 / 37-82 | 14-21- 1 / 7-19- 2 | 209/81 | 63-495 / 56-163 | 102/162 | 3/2 | | |

Note: Game totals are displayed in the format TEAM/OPPONENT for each category

| Opponent | 3rd Down | | 4th Down | | Time of | | TOP | Avg | Avg | Avg | Punting | | ----PENALTIES---- | |
|--------------------|-------------|------|-------------|-----|-------------|-------|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------|-------------------|------|
| | Conversions | | Conversions | | Possession | | Margin | Yds/Rush | Yds/Pass | Yds/Play | Number-Avg | | No-Yds / No-Yds | |
| ----- | -----/----- | | -----/----- | | -----/----- | | ----- | -----/----- | -----/----- | -----/----- | -----/----- | | -----/----- | |
| MCNEESE STATE..... | 5-9 | 3-12 | 0-1 | 1-2 | 30:11/ | 29:49 | 0:22 | 6.8/2.2 | 10.0/4.3 | 7.9/2.9 | 2-28.5 | 6-28.8 | 10-82 | 7-60 |
| Totals..... | 5-9 | 3-12 | 0-1 | 1-2 | 30:11/ | 29:49 | 0:22 | 6.8/2.2 | 10.0/4.3 | 7.9/2.9 | 2-28.5 | 6-28.8 | 10-82 | 7-60 |

Note: Game totals are displayed in the format TEAM/OPPONENT for each category

USF Game Results (as of Sep 04, 2006)
All games

| Date | Opponent | Score | Overall Record | Conference Record | Time | Attend |
|--------------|---------------|---------|----------------|-------------------|------|--------|
| ---- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ---- | ----- |
| Sep 02, 2006 | MCNEESE STATE | W 41-10 | 1- 0- 0 | 0- 0- 0 | 3:10 | 26351 |

* indicates conference game

| Opponent | Score | -----FIRST DOWNS----- | | | | ---RUSHING--- | | -----PASSING----- | | | --TOTAL OFFENSE-- | | Return Yards | Turn-Overs |
|--------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------|-------------------|-------|--------------|------------|
| | | Total | Rush | Pass | Pen | Number-Yards | Comp-Att-Int | Yards | Plays-Yards | Yards | | | | |
| ----- | ----- | --/-- | --/-- | --/-- | --/-- | -----/----- | -----/----- | --/-- | ----- / ----- | --/-- | --/-- | --/-- | --/-- | |
| MCNEESE STATE..... | 41-10 | 25/12 | 17/7 | 7/3 | 1/2 | 42-286 / 37-82 | 14-21- 1 / 7-19- 2 | 209/81 | 63-495 / 56-163 | 102/162 | 3/2 | | | |
| Totals..... | 41-10 | 25/12 | 17/7 | 7/3 | 1/2 | 42-286 / 37-82 | 14-21- 1 / 7-19- 2 | 209/81 | 63-495 / 56-163 | 102/162 | 3/2 | | | |

Note: Game totals are displayed in the format TEAM/OPPONENT for each category

All games

INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

| | | |
|----------------------|------|--|
| Rushes..... | 10 | GROTHER, Matt vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Yards Rushing..... | 70 | SMITH, Walt vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| TD Rushes..... | 2 | SMITH, Walt vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Long Rush..... | 52 | DORSEY, Keeley vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Pass attempts..... | 13 | GROTHER, Matt vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Pass completions.... | 9 | GROTHER, Matt vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Yards Passing..... | 171 | GROTHER, Matt vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| TD Passes..... | 2 | GROTHER, Matt vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Long Pass..... | 64 | GROTHER, Matt vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Receptions..... | 3 | EDWARDS, Marcus vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) JACKSON, Amarri vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) RANDOLPH, Ean vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Yards Receiving..... | 69 | HILL, Cedric vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| TD Receptions..... | 1 | EDWARDS, Marcus vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) RANDOLPH, Ean vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Long Reception..... | 64 | HILL, Cedric vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Field Goals..... | 0 | |
| Long Field Goal..... | 0 | |
| Punts..... | 1 | ALVARADO, D. vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) PETROV, Ilia vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Punting Avg..... | 32.0 | ALVARADO, D. vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Long Punt..... | 32 | ALVARADO, D. vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Long Punt Return.... | 32 | RANDOLPH, Ean vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Long Kickoff Return. | 31 | RANDOLPH, Ean vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Tackles..... | 7 | NICHOLAS, S. vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Sacks..... | 0.5 | CRAY, Allen vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) SELVIE, George vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Tackles For Loss.... | 1.0 | VERPAELE, Danny vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) GILLIAM, Ryan vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) ROBERTS, Tyller vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) BURNETT, Jeremy vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) NICHOLAS, S. vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Interceptions..... | 1 | GACHETTE, Louis vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) WILLIAMS, Trae vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |

All games

TEAM GAME HIGHS

| | | |
|----------------------|------|---------------------------------|
| Rushes..... | 42 | vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Yards Rushing..... | 286 | vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Yards Per Rush..... | 6.8 | vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| TD Rushes..... | 4 | vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Pass attempts..... | 21 | vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Pass completions.... | 14 | vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Yards Passing..... | 209 | vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Yards Per Pass..... | 10.0 | vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| TD Passes..... | 2 | vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Total Plays..... | 63 | vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Total Offense..... | 495 | vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Yards Per Play..... | 7.9 | vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Points..... | 41 | vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Sacks By..... | 1 | vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| First Downs..... | 25 | vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Penalties..... | 10 | vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Penalty Yards..... | 82 | vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Turnovers..... | 3 | vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Interceptions By.... | 2 | vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |

All games

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

| | | |
|----------------------|------|---|
| Rushes..... | 16 | Fourroux, Derri, vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Yards Rushing..... | 70 | Fourroux, Derri, vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| TD Rushes..... | 0 | |
| Long Rush..... | 12 | Fourroux, Derri, vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Pass attempts..... | 16 | Fourroux, Derri, vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Pass completions.... | 6 | Fourroux, Derri, vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Yards Passing..... | 46 | Fourroux, Derri, vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| TD Passes..... | 0 | |
| Long Pass..... | 35 | Franklin, Carle, vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Receptions..... | 4 | Whitehead, Stev, vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Yards Receiving..... | 39 | Whitehead, Stev, vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| TD Receptions..... | 0 | |
| Long Reception..... | 35 | Lawrence, Quint, vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Field Goals..... | 1 | Bercegeay, Blak, vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Long Field Goal..... | 22 | Bercegeay, Blak, vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Punts..... | 5 | Bercegeay, Blak, vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Punting Avg..... | 34.6 | Bercegeay, Blak, vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Long Punt..... | 46 | Bercegeay, Blak, vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Long Punt Return.... | 17 | Whitehead, Stev, vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Long Kickoff Return. | 23 | Lawrence, Quint, vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Tackles..... | 8 | Juneau, Jamelle, vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Sacks..... | 0.0 | |
| Tackles For Loss.... | 1.0 | Stevenson, Ivan, vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) Alleyne, Kenton, vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) Smith, Bryan, vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Interceptions..... | 1 | Mason, Bryant, vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |

All games

OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

| | | |
|----------------------|-----|---------------------------------|
| Rushes..... | 37 | vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Yards Rushing..... | 82 | vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Yards Per Rush..... | 2.2 | vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| TD Rushes..... | 0 | |
| Pass attempts..... | 19 | vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Pass completions.... | 7 | vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Yards Passing..... | 81 | vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Yards Per Pass..... | 4.3 | vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| TD Passes..... | 0 | |
| Total Plays..... | 56 | vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Total Offense..... | 163 | vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Yards Per Play..... | 2.9 | vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Points..... | 10 | vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Sacks By..... | 0 | |
| First Downs..... | 12 | vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Penalties..... | 7 | vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Penalty Yards..... | 60 | vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Turnovers..... | 2 | vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |
| Interceptions By.... | 1 | vs McNeese State (Sep 02, 2006) |

USF Red-Zone Results (as of Sep 04, 2006)
All games

USF Inside Opponent Red-Zone

| Date | Opponent | Score | Times | Times | Total | | | | FGs | ---- Failed to score inside RZ ---- | | | | | |
|----------------|--------------------|---------|-------|--------|-------|-----|-----|-----|------|-------------------------------------|-------|-----|------|------|------|
| | | | In RZ | Scored | Pts | TDs | TDs | TDs | Made | FGA | Downs | Int | Fumb | Half | Game |
| Sep 02 | McNeese State..... | W 41-10 | 6 | 3 | 21 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | | | 6 | 3 | 21 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 of 6 (50.0%) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Opponents Inside USF Red-Zone

| Date | Opponent | Score | Times | Times | Total | | | | FGs | ---- Failed to score inside RZ ---- | | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------|-------|--------|-------|-----|-----|-----|------|-------------------------------------|-------|-----|------|------|------|
| | | | In RZ | Scored | Pts | TDs | TDs | TDs | Made | FGA | Downs | Int | Fumb | Half | Game |
| Sep 02 | McNeese State..... | W 41-10 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | | | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 of 1 (100.0%) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

USF By-Quarter Statistics (as of Sep 04, 2006)
All games

3rd-Down Conversions

| Date | Opponent | Score | Overall | 1st Qtr | 2nd Qtr | 3rd Qtr | 4th Qtr | OT | Qtr |
|--------|--------------------|---------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----|------|
| Sep 02 | McNeese State..... | W 41-10 | 5-9 55.6% | 1-3 33.3% | 3-5 60.0% | 0-0 0.0% | 1-1 100.0% | | |
| | USF | | 5-9 55.6% | 1-3 33.3% | 3-5 60.0% | 0-0 0.0% | 1-1 100.0% | 0-0 | 0.0% |
| | Opponents | | 3-12 25.0% | 0-1 0.0% | 0-3 0.0% | 3-6 50.0% | 0-2 0.0% | 0-0 | 0.0% |

4th-Down Conversions

| Date | Opponent | Score | Overall | 1st Qtr | 2nd Qtr | 3rd Qtr | 4th Qtr | OT | Qtr |
|--------|--------------------|---------|-----------|----------|------------|----------|----------|-----|------|
| Sep 02 | McNeese State..... | W 41-10 | 0-1 0.0% | 0-1 0.0% | 0-0 0.0% | 0-0 0.0% | 0-0 0.0% | | |
| | USF | | 0-1 0.0% | 0-1 0.0% | 0-0 0.0% | 0-0 0.0% | 0-0 0.0% | 0-0 | 0.0% |
| | Opponents | | 1-2 50.0% | 0-0 0.0% | 1-1 100.0% | 0-0 0.0% | 0-1 0.0% | 0-0 | 0.0% |

Time of Possession

| Date | Opponent | Score | Overall | 1st Qtr | 2nd Qtr | 3rd Qtr | 4th Qtr | OT | Qtr |
|--------|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------|-----|
| Sep 02 | McNeese State..... | W 41-10 | 30:11 | 11:30 | 7:31 | 3:17 | 7:53 | | |
| | USF | Total | 30:11 | 11:30 | 7:31 | 3:17 | 7:53 | 0:00 | |
| | | Avg. | 30:11 | 11:30 | 7:31 | 3:17 | 7:53 | 0:00 | |
| | Opponents | Total | 29:49 | 3:30 | 7:29 | 11:43 | 7:07 | 0:00 | |
| | | Avg. | 29:49 | 3:30 | 7:29 | 11:43 | 7:07 | 0:00 | |