



The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Vaqueros (0-0, 0-0 SLC)
 vs. Sul Ross State Lobos (0-0, 0-0 LSC)
 Game #1 • Home Game #1 at Robert & Janet Vackar Stadium
 Saturday, August 30, 2025 at 7 p.m. (CT)



Date	Opponent	Broadcast/Result	Time/Record
August (0-0)			
8/30	Sul Ross State	ESPN+ SLC International Ultra 90.1 FM Pure Country 95.7 FM KYWW 1530 AM Puro Tejano KGBT-FM 98.5 La Preferida	7 p.m.
September (0-0, 0-0 SLC)			
9/6	at Prairie View A&M	SWAC TV Ultra 90.1 FM Pure Country 95.7 FM	6 p.m.
9/13	Langston	ESPN+ SLC International Ultra 90.1 FM Pure Country 95.7 FM KYWW 1530 AM Puro Tejano KGBT-FM 98.5 La Preferida	7 p.m.
9/20	Texas Wesleyan	ESPN+ SLC International Ultra 90.1 FM Pure Country 95.7 FM KYWW 1530 AM Puro Tejano KGBT-FM 98.5 La Preferida	7 p.m.
9/27	at (RV) Southeastern*	ESPN+/SLC International Ultra 90.1 FM Pure Country 95.7 FM	6 p.m.
October (0-0, 0-0 SLC)			
10/4	HCU*	ESPN+ SLC International Ultra 90.1 FM Pure Country 95.7 FM KYWW 1530 AM Puro Tejano KGBT-FM 98.5 La Preferida	7 p.m.
10/18	at (RV) Lamar*	ESPN+/SLC International Ultra 90.1 FM Pure Country 95.7 FM	3 p.m.
10/25	No. 4 Incarnate Word*	ESPN+ SLC International Ultra 90.1 FM Pure Country 95.7 FM KYWW 1530 AM Puro Tejano KGBT-FM 98.5 La Preferida	7 p.m.
November (0-0, 0-0 SLC)			
11/1	at No. 24 Stephen F. Austin*	ESPN+/SLC International Ultra 90.1 FM Pure Country 95.7 FM	6 p.m.
11/8	Nicholls*	ESPN+ SLC International Ultra 90.1 FM Pure Country 95.7 FM KYWW 1530 AM Puro Tejano KGBT-FM 98.5 La Preferida	5 p.m.
11/15	at McNeese*	ESPN+/SLC International Ultra 90.1 FM Pure Country 95.7 FM	6 p.m.
11/22	East Texas A&M*	ESPN+ SLC International Ultra 90.1 FM Pure Country 95.7 FM KYWW 1530 AM Puro Tejano KGBT-FM 98.5 La Preferida	5 p.m.
NCAA Tournament			
11/29	First Round (If Nec.)	ESPN+ Ultra 90.1 FM Pure Country 95.7 FM	
December (0-0)			
12/6	Second Round	ESPN+ Ultra 90.1 FM Pure Country 95.7 FM	
12/13	Quarterfinals	ABC/ESPN/ESPN+ Ultra 90.1 FM Pure Country 95.7 FM	
12/20	Semifinals	ABC Ultra 90.1 FM Pure Country 95.7 FM	
January (0-0)			
1/5	Championship Game	ESPN Ultra 90.1 FM Pure Country 95.7 FM	
Home games in bold			All times CT
*Southland Conference game			
Broadcast Announcers			
ESPN+ SLC International			
Mark May (Play-by-Play), Aaron Saenz (Color), Jaeda Rael (Sideline)			
Ultra 90.1 FM Pure Country 95.7 FM			
Joe Bowling (Play-by-Play), Jonathan Medina (Color), Jonah Goldberg (Sideline)			
KYWW 1530 AM Puro Tejano KGBT-FM 98.5 La Preferida			
Pedro Leija (Play-by-Play), Nicolás Quintero (Color)			

What You Need to Know

Sul Ross State (8/30)

•This is the first NCAA Division I football game to ever be held in the Rio Grande Valley.

Program Starters

•After hiring head coach **Travis Bush** in Dec. 2022, using 2023 to recruit and 2024 to both recruit and practice, UTRGV is set for its first season of competition.

•UTRGV is the only new college football program at the NCAA Division I level this season and one of four overall along with Marine Maritime Academy (NCAA DII), Roanoke College (NCAA DIII), and University of Rio Grande (NAIA).

•The last time a team joined DI was 2022, when Stonehill transitioned from DII to FCS. The last time a brand new program debuted at the DI level was 2015, when Kennesaw State launched from scratch and East Tennessee State returned from a 12-year hiatus. The last new program in the Southland Conference was Houston Christian University, which launched at the DI level from scratch in 2014.

•UTRGV head coach **Travis Bush** was the Offensive Coordinator/QB Coach on the inaugural UTSA team, which launched in 2011. Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line Coach **Jeff Bowen** was a graduate assistant coach on that team. Director of Football Operations & Administration **John Simmons** was a quarterback on that team. Bush and Simmons were present for the practice season in 2010.

•UTRGV Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers Coach **Brian Gamble** helped Incarnate Word start a new program as the Defensive Line Coach, joining the program in 2008 ahead of its inaugural season in 2009.

Quick Facts

Institution Name: The University of Texas Rio Grande [grand] Valley

Shortened Name: UT Rio Grande Valley

Abbreviation: UTRGV

Nickname: Vaqueros [vuh-CARE-ohs]

School Colors: Orange and Gray

Athletics Location: Edinburg [EH-din-berg], Texas

Founded: 2015

Fall 2024 Enrollment: 34,343

National Affiliation: NCAA Division I

Conference: Southland Conference

President: Dr. Guy Bailey

Senior Vice President and Director of Athletics: Chasse Conque

Home Stadium: Robert & Janet Vackar Stadium

On-Campus Practice Facility: Vaqueros Performance Center

Please do not refer to us as:

Texas-Rio Grande Valley, Rio Grande Valley, U of Texas RGV, UT Rio Grande, Rio Grande, Texas RGV, TX-RGV, UT-RGV, RGV

Please do not use a dash in our name, whether full length, shortened or abbreviated.

Note: The Rio Grande Valley is the region of Texas in which UTRGV is located.

History of College Football in the Rio Grande Valley

Palm Bowl

•McAllen Memorial Stadium previously played host to the Palm Bowl seven times from 1978 through 1985. The first two games, in 1978 and 1979, were the NAIA National Championship Game. The last five games, held from 1981 through 1985, were the NCAA Division II Championship Game.

Date	Winner	Loser	Attn.
NAIA Championship			
12/16/78	Angelo State	34	Elon 14 8,443
12/15/79	Texas A&M-Kingsville	20	Central State (OK) 14
NCAA DII Championship			
12/12/81	Texas State	42	North Dakota State 13 9,415
12/11/82	Texas State	34	UC Davis 9 8,000
12/10/83	North Dakota State	41	Central State (OH) 21 5,275
12/8/84	Troy	18	North Dakota State 17 4,500
12/14/85	North Dakota State	35	North Alabama 7 6,000

•UTRGV head coach **Travis Bush** attended his first college football game at the Palm Bowl, witnessing one of Texas State's NCAA Division II Championships.

Junior Colleges

•The Rio Grande Valley once had two junior college football teams, with the first known meetings between the two occurring in 1928, when Edinburg College defeated The Junior College of the Lower Rio Grande Valley, in Edinburg and the Junior College of the Lower Rio Grande Valley beating Edinburg College in Brownsville. The Junior College of the Lower Rio Grande Valley was formed and began sponsoring football in 1926.

•Edinburg College was formed as a junior college in Edinburg in 1927 and competed in football under head coach **J.D. Foster** from 1927-30, with known records of 4-2-3 in 1927 and 5-2 in 1928.

•Among the players on the inaugural Edinburg College squad was **Lou Hassell**, a tackle who served as team captain as a sophomore before earning a scholarship to Rice and earning All-Southwest Conference honors. He later returned to the Valley to serve on the Pan American Board of Regents. A 2014 inductee into the UTRGV Athletics Hall of Honor, Hassell established an endowed scholarship that goes to the male student-athlete with the highest GPA each year. Although Hassell has passed on, the scholarship is still given in his name today.

•Another player on the inaugural Edinburg College squad was **John McCauley**, a triple-threat fullback who played for the team from 1927-28 and went on to earn All-American honors while leading Rice to the 1934 Southwest Conference Championship.

•In 1930, Edinburg College and The Junior College of the Lower Rio Grande Valley met in the Texas Junior College Championship Game at Brownsville High School's Tucker Field. The Junior College of the Lower Rio Grande Valley won 63-0 to complete an undefeated season, with their lone non-win coming in a 6-6 tie again Texas A&M's freshmen team.

•After a hiatus due to the Great Depression and World War II, football returned in 1947 at Edinburg Junior College, which had changed its name from Edinburg College in 1933. **Bobby Cannon** became head coach as Edinburg Junior College competed in the South Texas Junior College Conference against teams that included Brownsville Junior College, which changed its name from The Junior College of the Lower Rio Grande Valley in 1931. The 1947 Edinburg Junior College squad featured 35 players while the 1948 team had a 28-player roster.

•After another name change, the football team continued to compete from 1948-50 as Edinburg Regional College before the board of trustees voted to drop the program on May 9, 1951.

•**Jim Brooks** was initially hired as the head football coach at Edinburg Regional College, the predecessor to UTRGV legacy institution Pan American College, in 1950, coaching the team's final season before becoming the department chair of health and physical education during the transition to becoming a baccalaureate college. Brooks was then hired as the first athletic director in university history, spending 31 years in that role and as athletic director emeritus (1973-83) at Pan American College and Pan American University.

•Brownsville Junior College put its football team on hiatus in 1933 due to the Great Depression but brought it back for the 1938 and 1939 seasons before again halting the program until 1947 due to World War II. Brownsville Junior College changed its name to Texas Southmost College in 1950 and is known to have fielded a football team in the 1950s. It is unclear when Texas Southmost College dropped football.

2025 Preseason Notes

•UTRGV has one of the highest concentrations of Texas high school football alumni in the nation, with 86 student-athletes (76.11%) who played Texas high school football, including 12 from the Rio Grande Valley.

•UTRGV was picked to finish 10th by the head coaches and communications contacts:

2025 Southland Football Preseason Poll

Rank	Team (First Place Votes)	Points
1.	Incarnate Word (15)	158
2.	Stephen F. Austin (3)	137
3.	Southeastern (1)	136
4.	Lamar (1)	112
5.	Nicholls	91
6.	McNeese	85
T-7.	East Texas A&M	59
T-.	Houston Christian University	59
9.	Northwestern State	39
10.	UTRGV	24

(Points are awarded on a 9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis as coaches and communicators are not allowed to vote for their own teams).

Tracking UTRGV's Opponents

Opponent	Result	Opp. Record	Opp. Last Game	Opp. Next Game
Sul Ross State		0-0	L 75-7 vs. UT Permian Basin (11/16/24)	@ UTRGV (8/30)
Praire View A&M		0-0	L 9-6 @ Alabama State (11/23/24)	vs. Texas Southern (8/30)
Langston		0-0	W 21-20 vs. Wayland Baptist (11/16/24)	@ Grambling State (8/30)
Texas Wesleyan		0-0	@ Lindsey Wilson (8/28)	@ Texas College (9/13)
(RV) Southeastern		0-0	W 19-16 @ Nicholls (11/21)	@ Louisiana Tech (8/30)
Houston Christian University		0-0	@ Arkansas Baptist (8/28)	@ Eastern Kentucky (9/6)
(RV) Lamar		0-0	W 26-24 @ McNeese (11/23)	@ North Texas (8/30)
#4 Incarnate Word		0-1	L 20-6 @ Nicholls (8/23)	vs. Eastern Washington (8/30)
#24 Stephen F. Austin		0-0	@ Houston (8/28)	@ Abilene Christian (9/6)
Nicholls		1-0	W 20-6 vs. #4 Incarnate Word (8/23)	@ Troy (8/30)
McNeese		0-0	L 26-24 vs. Lamar (11/23/24)	vs. Louisiana Christian (8/30)
East Texas A&M		0-0	L 38-24 vs. #6 Incarnate Word (11/23/24)	@ #16 SMU (8/30)

UTRGV Record When...					<i>When Recording</i>	<i>Home</i>	<i>Away</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Overall</i>
<i>By Quarter</i>	<i>Home</i>	<i>Away</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Overall</i>	More Touchdowns	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Leading after first quarter	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Less Touchdowns	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Trailing after first quarter	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Same Touchdowns	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Tied after first quarter	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	More Field Goals	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Leading after second quarter	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Less Field Goals	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Trailing after second quarter	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Same Field Goals	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Tied after second quarter	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	More First Downs	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Leading after third quarter	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Less First Downs	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Trailing after third quarter	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Same First Downs	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Tied after third quarter	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	More Third Down Conversions	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Leading after fourth quarter	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Less Third Down Conversions	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Tied after fourth quarter	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Same Third Down Conversions	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
<i>By Margin</i>	<i>Home</i>	<i>Away</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Overall</i>	More Fourth Down Conversions	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
1-7 points	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Less Fourth Down Conversions	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
8-14 points	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Same Fourth Down Conversions	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
15-21 points	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	More Passing TDs	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
22-28 points	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Less Passing TDs	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
29+ points	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Same Passing TDs	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
<i>When UTRGV Scores</i>	<i>Home</i>	<i>Away</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Overall</i>	More Passing First Downs	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
0 Points	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Less Passing First Downs	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
1-7 Points	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Same Passing First Downs	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
8-14 Points	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	More Passing Yards	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
15-21 Points	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Less Passing Yards	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
22-28 Points	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Same Passing Yards	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
29-35 Points	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-99 Passing Yards	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
36-42 Points	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	100-199 Passing Yards	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
43-49 Points	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	200-299 Passing Yards	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
50-56 Points	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	300+ Passing Yards	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
57-63 Points	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	More Completions	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
64+ Points	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Less Completions	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
<i>When Opp. Scores</i>	<i>Home</i>	<i>Away</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Overall</i>	Same Completions	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
0 Points	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	UTRGV has a 100 yd receiver	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
1-7 Points	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Opp. has a 100 yd receiver	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
8-14 Points	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0					
15-21 Points	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0					
22-28 Points	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0					
29-35 Points	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0					
36-42 Points	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0					
43-49 Points	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0					
49-56 Points	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0					
57-63 Points	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0					
64+ Points	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0					

<i>When Recording</i>	<i>Home</i>	<i>Away</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Overall</i>	<i>Time of Possession</i>	<i>Home</i>	<i>Away</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Overall</i>
More Rushing TDs	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	More Second Quarter	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Less Rushing TDs	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Less Second Quarter	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Same Rushing TDs	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Same Second Quarter	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
More Rushing First Downs	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	More Third Quarter	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Less Rushing First Downs	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Less Third Quarter	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Same Rushing First Downs	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Same Third Quarter	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
More Rushing Yards	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	More Fourth Quarter	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Less Rushing Yards	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Less Fourth Quarter	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Same Rushing Yards	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Same Fourth Quarter	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
0-99 Rushing Yards	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	<i>By Conference</i>	<i>Home</i>	<i>Away</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Overall</i>
100-199 Rushing Yards	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Lone Star	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
200-299 Rushing Yards	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	SAC	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
300+ Rushing Yards	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Southland	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
More Rushes	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	SWAC	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Less Rushes	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	<i>By Time</i>	<i>Home</i>	<i>Away</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Overall</i>
Same Rushes	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3 p.m.	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
UTRGV has a 100 yd rusher	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	5 p.m.	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Opp. has a 100 yd rusher	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	6 p.m.	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
More Interceptions	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	7 p.m.	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Less Interceptions	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	<i>By Month</i>	<i>Home</i>	<i>Away</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Overall</i>
Same Interceptions	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	August	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
More Tackles	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	September	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Less Tackles	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	October	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Same Tackles	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	November	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
More Sacks	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	December	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Less Sacks	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	January	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Same Sacks	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	<i>By Uniform</i>	<i>Home</i>	<i>Away</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Overall</i>
More Forced Fumbles	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	White Helmets	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Less Forced Fumbles	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Orange Helmets	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Same Forced Fumbles	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Gray Helmets	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
<i>Time of Possession</i>	<i>Home</i>	<i>Away</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Overall</i>	White Tops	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
More Overall	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	White Bottoms	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Less Overall	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Orange Tops	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Same Overall	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Orange Bottoms	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
More First Quarter	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0					
Less First Quarter	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0					
Same First Quarter	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0					

2025 UTRGV Football Roster

No.	Name	POS	HT	WT	YR	Hometown	Last School / High School
0	Jaxson Maynard	LB	6-2	232	R-Fr.	Bulverde, Texas	Smithson Valley HS
1	Gunner Naivar	WR	6-0	186	R-Fr.	Converse, Texas	Prestonwood Christian Academy
1	Alijah Prosser	DB	5-10	164	R-Fr.	Manor, Texas	Manor HS
2	Atzel Chavez Jr.	QB	6-1	205	R-Fr.	Laredo, Texas	United HS
2	TJ Neal	DB	5-10	200	R-Jr.	Wichita, Kan.	Independence CC / Wichita South HS
3	Logic Hudgens	DB	6-1	195	R-Sr.	Glen Burnie, Md.	FAU / Archbishop Spalding HS
3	Aidan Jakobsohn	QB	6-0	188	R-Fr.	Ingleside, Texas	Ingleside HS
4	Marcus Heard Jr.	DB	5-10	196	R-Jr.	Bryan, Texas	Davidson / Rudder HS
4	Xayvion Noland	WR	5-6	160	R-So.	San Diego, Calif.	Texas State / Canyon HS
5	Ty Bush	P	5-9	195	Fr.	Boerne, Texas	Boerne HS
5	Justin Herman	WR	5-8	170	R-So.	Montgomery, Texas	UT Permian Basin / Montgomery HS
6	Keion Bryant	DB	6-0	185	R-Jr.	College Park, Ga.	Savannah State / Fayette County HS
6	Brennan Carroll	RB	5-8	180	R-Fr.	San Antonio, Texas	Roosevelt HS
7	Braden Baize	WR	5-11	202	R-So.	Boerne, Texas	Oklahoma State / Boerne HS
7	DC Thompson	DE	6-1	252	R-Fr.	Fort Worth, Texas	North Crowley HS
8	Elijah Graham	DB	6-1	205	R-Sr.	Federal Way, Wash.	Mercyhurst / Federal Way HS
8	Ismael Smith Flores	TE	6-5	255	R-So.	Crowley, Texas	Nebraska / Crowley HS
9	Jaxon Baize	QB	6-0	192	Fr.	Borne, Texas	Boerne HS
9	Ian Box	DE	6-3	236	R-Jr.	Seguin, Texas	Lamar / Seguin HS
10	Jaden Adkins	DB	5-10	173	R-Fr.	Coppell, Texas	Coppell HS
10	Cameron Glenn	WR	6-0	173	R-Fr.	Humble, Texas	Atascocita HS
11	Tavian Cord	WR	5-11	193	R-Jr.	Pflugerville, Texas	Tyler JC / Weiss HS
12	Eddie Lee Marburger	QB	6-2	215	R-Sr.	Mission, Texas	UTSA / Sharyland Pioneer HS
13	Jordan Ford	DB	6-1	184	R-Jr.	Tyler, Texas	Navarro College / Tyler Legacy HS
14	Tony Diaz	WR	5-11	176	R-Fr.	San Marcos, Texas	San Marcos HS
15	Hunter Luke	WR	5-10	180	R-So.	Austin, Texas	Kansas / Westlake HS
16	Austin Trimble	CB	6-0	188	Gr.	Canton, Ga.	Marist / Cherokee HS
17	Keamonie Archie	WR	6-4	180	R-So.	Hays, Kan.	Fort Hays State / Hays HS
17	Jayden Paluseo	QB	5-11	191	Fr.	Corpus Christi, Texas	Flour Bluff HS
18	Kyran Lee	WR	5-9	176	R-Fr.	Humble, Texas	Atascocita HS
19	Javien Cuff	WR	6-1	185	Gr.	Vero Beach, Fla.	Buffalo / Vero Beach HS
20	TJ Dement	RB	5-8	190	R-Fr.	Boerne, Texas	Boerne HS
21	Nolan White	DB	6-0	177	R-Fr.	Port Arthur, Texas	Port Arthur Memorial HS
22	Dorian Blackwell	DB	6-2	178	R-Sr.	Folsom, Calif.	Maine / Spanish Springs HS
23	Jaiden Haygood	LB	6-0	215	R-Fr.	Converse, Texas	Judson HS
24	Fabian Garcia	RB	5-8	180	R-Fr.	San Benito, Texas	San Benito HS
25	Marcus Malvoisin	DB	5-10	185	Gr.	New Orleans, La.	Southern / Archbishop Rummel HS
26	Broderick Taylor	RB	5-9	175	Fr.	Corpus Christi, Texas	Roy Miller HS
26	Shane Werner	DB	5-11	178	R-Fr.	Round Rock, Texas	Stony Point HS
27	Andrew Earls	DB	5-11	177	Fr.	Murphy, Texas	Plano East HS
28	Jaden Pettway	DB	6-2	197	R-Fr.	Rosharon, Texas	North Texas / Angleton HS
28	Jamal Polley	RB	5-8	196	R-Fr.	Edinburg, Texas	Robert Vela HS
29	Oscar Nnanna	DB	5-10	173	R-Fr.	Cypress, Texas	Bridgeland HS
30	Tyler Day	LB	6-2	230	R-Fr.	Houston, Texas	Rice / St. Thomas HS
31	Gavin Collins	DB	5-9	187	R-Fr.	League City, Texas	Clear Springs HS
32	Nathan Denney	RB	5-10	205	Gr.	Georgetown, Texas	Yale / Georgetown HS
33	Landen Gaskamp	LB	6-0	230	R-Fr.	Mont Belvieu, Texas	Barbers Hill HS
34	Djouvensky Schlenbaker	RB	6-0	216	R-Jr.	Bellingham, Wash.	Washington State / Squalicum HS
35	Carter Hewitt	DB	5-10	177	R-Fr.	Castroville, Texas	Medina Valley HS
36	Nicholas Peace	DB	5-11	191	R-Fr.	Texas City, Texas	Dickinson HS
37	Troop O'Neal	K	6-0	183	R-Fr.	Plano, Texas	Tulsa / Prestonwood Christian Academy
38	Jarius Williams	DB	6-3	190	R-Fr.	Galveston County, Texas	Clear Springs HS
39	Brysen Gardner	K	5-7	175	R-So.	Peoria, Ariz.	Adams State / Centennial HS
40	Caleb Warren	LB	6-3	236	R-Fr.	Lake Jackson, Texas	Barzoswood HS
41	Connor Carrigan	DE	6-5	235	R-So.	Houston, Texas	Navarro College / Cypress Springs HS
42	Nathan Huerta	DL	6-0	270	R-Jr.	Harlingen, Texas	Texas State / Harlingen HS
43	Kayden Cooper	DB	6-1	198	R-Fr.	Houston, Texas	New Caney HS
43	Will Rogalinski	P	5-11	222	R-Fr.	San Antonio, Texas	Sandra Day O'Connor HS
44	Warren Shankle	LB	6-0	230	Gr.	Houston, Texas	Prairie View A&M / Shadow Creek HS
45	Spencer Rich	LB	6-2	232	Gr.	Nashville, Tenn.	Utah Tech / Brentwood HS
46	Michel Lucien	LB	6-1	234	Gr.	Union, N.J.	UAlbany / Union HS
47	Brendon Ray	TE	6-3	240	Fr.	Bishop, Texas	Bishop HS
48	Trey Bright	LB	6-2	230	R-Fr.	Mont Belvieu, Texas	Barbers Hill HS
49	Ja'Marcus Anderson	DE	6-2	243	R-Fr.	Galveston County, Texas	Dickinson HS
50	Luis Gonzalez	OL	6-4	290	Sr.	Duncanville, Texas	Nichols College / Duncanville HS
51	Tayshaun Davis	DE	6-2	230	Fr.	Farmersville, Texas	Farmersville HS
52	Connor Cortez	LS	6-0	218	R-So.	College Station, Texas	Blinn College / A&M Consolidated HS
53	Seyyid Smith	DE	6-3	265	Jr.	Vallejo, Calif.	Laney College / Dixon HS
54	Lathan Morse	DL	6-5	250	Jr.	Leonia, N.J.	Hudson Valley CC / Leonia HS
55	Abram Nicklas	OL	6-3	272	Jr.	Tomball, Texas	Blinn College / Tomball HS
56	Jackson Waid	LB	6-0	230	R-Fr.	League City, Texas	Clear Falls HS
57	Nick Hughes	OL	6-4	311	R-Fr.	San Antonio, Texas	Central Catholic HS
58	Abdon Mata	DE	6-3	262	R-Fr.	Cibolo, Texas	Byron P. Steele II HS
59	TK Mina	OL	6-3	293	R-Jr.	Arlington, Texas	Navarro College / Bowie HS
60	Vernon Green	DL	6-1	298	R-Fr.	McKinney, Texas	Kilgore College / Allen HS
61	Abram Garcia	DL	6-0	307	R-Fr.	La Joya, Texas	Palmview HS
62	Jose Gonzalez-Vargas	OL	6-2	290	R-Fr.	Laredo, Texas	United HS

No.	Name	POS	HT	WT	YR	Hometown	Last School / High School
63	Jayden House	DL	6-2	275	Jr.	Las Vegas, Nev.	UT Martin / Bishop Gorman HS
64	Cole Molina	OL	6-3	330	Fr.	Cypress, Texas	Langham Creek HS
65	Qai Smith	OL	6-3	322	R-So.	Oakland, Calif.	Idaho State / Oakland Tech HS
66	Vicente Hughes	OL	6-3	305	Gr.	Antioch, Calif.	Idaho State / Heritage HS
68	Blake Zeller	OL	6-5	320	R-Fr.	New Braunfels, Texas	Canyon HS
69	D'Andre Harwell	DL	6-1	298	R-Fr.	College Station, Texas	College Station HS
70	Frank Medina	OL	5-11	318	R-So.	San Benito, Texas	Texas A&M-Kingsville / San Benito HS
71	Kingsley Ejiofor	OL	6-4	317	Gr.	Houston, Texas	Texas A&M-Kingsville / Alief Taylor HS
72	Tate Davis	OL	6-4	300	R-Fr.	New Braunfels, Texas	Canyon HS
73	Gannon Lauer	OL	6-4	303	R-Jr.	Koloa, Hawai'i	Garden City CC / Saint Louis School
74	Grayson Zuma	OL	6-5	250	Fr.	Buda, Texas	Moe & Gene Johnson HS
75	Roman Hernandez	OL	6-7	230	R-Fr.	El Paso, Texas	Eastlake HS
76	Mehkhi Blue	OL	6-6	324	R-Fr.	Harlingen, Texas	Marine Military Academy
77	Thomas Domian	OL	6-3	303	R-So.	McAllen, Texas	Blinn College / McAllen Memorial HS
78	Brenden Jones	OL	6-6	302	R-Fr.	San Marcos, Texas	San Marcos HS
79	Wes Thompson	OL	6-6	324	R-So.	Muscle Shoals, Ala.	East Mississippi CC / Muscle Shoals HS
80	Corey Holmes	WR	6-2	185	Fr.	Corpus Christi, Texas	Roy Miller HS
81	Christian Sabsook	WR	6-0	190	R-Fr.	Corpus Christi, Texas	Air Force / Veterans Memorial HS
82	Keilan Sweeny	WR	5-8	160	Fr.	Richmond, Texas	Dr. Thomas E. Randle High School
83	Sergio Aparicio	WR	5-10	180	R-Fr.	Pharr, Texas	PSJA North HS
84	Zion Brown	WR	6-0	190	R-Fr.	Atascocita, Texas	Atascocita HS
85	Nathan Luschen	TE	6-4	240	R-Fr.	Cuero, Texas	Cuero HS
86	Noah Staples	TE	6-4	235	R-Sr.	Greenville, S.C.	UMass / Wren HS
87	Claudio Torres	WR	6-0	170	Fr.	Brownsville, Texas	Saint Joseph Academy
88	Jaxson Shupe	TE	6-2	218	R-Fr.	Edinburg, Texas	Robert Vela HS
89	Mateo Grajeda	TE	6-4	237	R-Fr.	El Paso, Texas	Coronado HS
90	Jaden Wincher	DL	6-3	270	R-Fr.	Pearland, Texas	Pearland HS
91	Withchiel "Hank" Filamar	DE	6-4	255	Jr.	Orlando, Fla.	Louisiana Tech / Winter Park HS
92	David Nwabuoku	DE	6-2	233	Fr.	Plano, Texas	Plano Senior HS
93	Percy Jackson III	DE	6-3	250	R-Jr.	Los Angeles, Calif.	Compton College / Venice HS
94	Amari Pouncy	DE	6-2	238	Gr.	Perris, Calif.	Utah Tech / Village Christian HS
95	Andrew Arriola	DL	6-1	270	R-So.	Redlands, Calif.	Citrus College / Cirtus Valley HS
96	JJ Contreras	K	5-11	183	R-Fr.	Los Fresnos, Texas	Los Fresnos HS
97	Nathaniel Wallace-Dilling	P	6-2	190	R-Jr.	Grandview Heights, Ohio	UConn / St. Francis DeSales HS
98	Jack Harwell	DL	6-1	283	Fr.	Plano, Texas	Prestonwood Christian Academy
99	Nicholas Fernandez	DL	6-4	306	R-So.	San Pedro, Calif.	Arizona / San Pedro HS

Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Travis Bush (First Season, Texas State)

Assistant Head Coach / Defensive Coordinator / Linebackers Coach: Brian Gamble (First Season, Texas A&M)

Offensive Coordinator / Offensive Line Coach: Jeff Bowen (First Season, Texas State)

Pass Game Coordinator / Safeties Coach / Recruiting Coordinator: Adrian McDonald (First Season, Houston)

Special Teams Coordinator / Cornerbacks Coach: Marcus Coleman (First Season, Texas Tech)

Senior Offensive Assistant: Mike Schultz (First Season, Sam Houston)

Tight Ends Coach: Mike Barela (First Season, North Texas)

Outside Linebackers Coach: James Lockhart IV (First Season, Baylor)

Defensive Line Coach: Nate Langford (First Season, Texas State)

Running Backs Coach / Recruiting Coordinator: Marco Regalado (First Season, Texas State)

Wide Receivers Coach: Gunnar Henderson (First Season, TCU)

Graduate Student Coach – Defense: Micah Lopez (First Season, Texas State)

Graduate Student Coach – Offense: Jack Meyer (First Season, Arkansas)

Support Staff

Director of Football Operations & Administration: John Simmons (First Season, UTSA)

Director of High School Relations: Bruce Bush (First Season, Lamar)

Football Equipment Coordinator: Luis Mendoza (First Season, Texas State)

Football Video Coordinator: Ben Cox (First Season, Utah Tech)

Analyst: Mike Hudson (First Season, UTSA)

Head Football Strength & Conditioning Coach: Don Sommer (First Season, UTEP)

Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach: Elijah Piñon (First Season, Cal State Fullerton)

Director of Football Medicine: Shane Venteicher (First Season, Liberty)

Assistant Athletic Trainer: Paulina Torres (First Season, Texas State)

Assistant Athletic Trainer: Valeria Gonzalez (First Season, Texas A&M)

Administrative Assistant for Football: Alexis Garcia (First Season, Texas State)

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UTRGV has placed an emphasis on recruiting the Valley, with an impressive 12 local student-athletes on the roster:

Sergio Aparicio (PSJA North)
Mehkhi Blue (Marine Military Academy)
JJ Contreras (Los Fresnos)
Thomas Domian (McAllen Memorial)
Abram Garcia (Palmview)
Fabian Garcia (San Benito)
Nathan Huerta (Harlingen)
Eddie Lee Marburger (Sharyland Pioneer)
Frank Medina (San Benito)
Jamal Polley (Vela)
Jaxson Shuper (Vela)
Claudio Torres (Saint Joseph Academy)

Pronunciation Guide

Keamonie Archie [key-MAH-nee]
Andrew Arriola [æ-ree-OH-luh]
Mehkhi Blue [meh-KAI]
Atzel Chavez Jr. [at-SELL] [CHA-vez]
Tavian Cord [TAY-vee-in]
Thomas Domian [DOE-me-in]
Kingsley Ejiofor [EDGE-ih-for]
Withchiel "Hank" Filamar [WIT-chill]
Mateo Grajeda [grah-HEH-duh]
Michel Lucien [MIT-chull]

Roman Hernandez [roe-MAHN]
Marcus Malvoisin [MEL-vih-sin]
TK Mina [ME-nuh]
Oscar Nnanna [NAH-nah]
David Nwabuoku [wuh-BOO-koo]
Djouvensky Schlenbaker [juh-VEN-skee] [SHLEN-bake-er]
Qai Smith [KAI]
Seyyid Smith [sai-EED]
Keilan Sweeny [KEE-lin]
Shane Venteicher [VEN-tie-ker]

How the 2025 Squad Was Built

Spring 2023 (1)	Fall 2024 (51)	Spring 2025 (22)	Fall 2025 (39)	
Zion Brown	Jaden Adkins	Carter Hewitt	Braden Baize	Keamonie Archie
	Ja'Marcus Anderson	Nick Hughes	Jaxon Baize	Andrew Arriola
	Sergio Aparicio	Aidan Jakobsohn	Connor Carrigan	Dorian Blackwell
	Mehkhi Blue	Brenden Jones	Thomas Domian	Keion Bryant
	Ian Box	Kyran Lee	Nicholas Fernandez	Ty Bush
	Trey Bright	Nathan Luschen	Luis Gonzalez	Javien Cuff
	Brennan Carroll	Abdon Mata	Justin Herman	Tayshaun Davis
	Atzel Chavez Jr.	Jaxson Maynard	Gannon Lauer	Tyler Day
	Gavin Collins	Frank Medina	Eddie Lee Marburger	Nathan Denney
	JJ Contreras	Gunner Naivar	TK Mina	Andrew Earls
	Kayden Cooper	Oscar Nnanna	TJ Neal	Kingsley Ejiofor
	Tavian Cord	Xayvion Noland	Abram Nicklas	Withchiel "Hank" Filamar
	Connor Cortez	Nicholas Peace	David Nwabuoku	Jordan Ford
	Tate Davis	Jamal Polley	Troop O'Neal	Brysen Gardner
	TJ Dement	Alijah Prosser	Jayden Paluseo	Elijah Graham
	Tony Diaz	Will Rogalinski	Jaden Pettway	Vernon Green
	Abram Garcia	Jaxson Shupe	Amari Pouncy	Jack Harwell
	Fabian Garcia	DC Thompson	Spencer Rich	Corey Holmes
	Landen Gaskamp	Jackson Waid	Christian Sabsook	Jayden House
	Cameron Glenn	Caleb Warren	Ismael Smith Flores	Logic Hudgens
	Jose Gonzalez-Vargas	Shane Werner	Wes Thompson	
	Mateo Grajeda	Nolan White	Nathaniel Wallace-Dilling	
	D'Andre Harwell	Jarius Williams		
	Jaiden Haygood	Jaden Wincher		
	Marcus Heard Jr.	Blake Zeller		
	Roman Hernandez			

Geographical Breakdown by High School Location

Texas (86)	California (8)	New Jersey (2)	Nevada (1)
Jaden Adkins	Andrew Arriola	Michel Lucien	Jayden House
Ja'Marcus Anderson	Dorian Blackwell	Lathan Morse	
Sergio Aparicio	Nicholas Fernandez		Ohio (1)
Braden Baize	Alijah Prosser	Washington (2)	Nathaniel Wallace-Dilling
Jaxon Baize	Brendon Ray	Elijah Graham	
Mehkhi Blue	Will Rogalinski	Djouvensky Schlenbaker	South Carolina (1)
Ian Box	Christian Sabsook	Qai Smith	Noah Staples
Trey Bright	Warren Shankle	Seyyid Smith	
Zion Brown	Jaxson Shupe	Alabama (1)	
Ty Bush	Ismael Smith Flores	Wes Thompson	Tennessee (1)
Connor Carrigan	Keilan Sweeny		Spencer Rich
Brennan Carroll	Broderick Taylor	Florida (2)	
Atzel Chavez Jr.	DC Thompson	Javien Cuff	
Gavin Collins	Claudio Torres	Withchiel "Hank" Filamar	Arizona (1)
JJ Contreras	Jackson Waid		Brysen Gardner
Kayden Cooper	Caleb Warren	Georgia (2)	
Tavian Cord	Shane Werner	Keion Bryant	Hawai'i (1)
Connor Cortez	Nolan White	Austin Trimble	Gannon Lauer
Tate Davis	Jarius Williams		
Tayshaun Davis	Jaden Wincher	Kansas (2)	Louisiana (1)
Tyler Day	Blake Zeller	Keamonie Archie	Marcus Malvoisin
TJ Dement	Grayson Zuma	TJ Neal	Maryland (1)
			Logic Hudgens

Breakdown by Class

Redshirt Freshmen (51)	Redshirt Sophomores (15)	Freshmen (14)	Redshirt Juniors (12)	Graduate Students (10)
Jaden Adkins	Keamonie Archie	Jaxon Baize	Ian Box	Javien Cuff
Ja'Marcus Anderson	Andrew Arriola	Ty Bush	Keion Bryant	Nathan Denney
Sergio Aparicio	Braden Baize	Tayshaun Davis	Tavian Cord	Kingsley Ejiofor
Mehkhi Blue	Connor Carrigan	Andrew Earls	Jordan Ford	Vicente Hughes
Trey Bright	Connor Cortez	Jack Harwell	Marcus Heard Jr.	Michel Lucien
Zion Brown	Thomas Domian	Corey Holmes	Nathan Huerta	Marcus Malvoisin
Brennan Carroll	Nicholas Fernandez	Cole Molina	Percy Jackson III	Amari Pouncy
Atzel Chavez Jr.	Brysen Gardner	David Nwabuoku	Gannon Lauer	Spencer Rich
Gavin Collins	Justin Herman	Jayden Paluseo	TK Mina	Warren Shankle
JJ Contreras	Hunter Luke	Brendon Ray	TJ Neal	Austin Trimble
Kayden Cooper	Hunter Luke	Keilan Sweeny	Djouvensky Schlenbaker	
Tate Davis	Frank Medina	Broderick Taylor	Nathaniel Wallace-Dilling	Redshirt Seniors (5)
Tyler Day	Xayvion Noland	Claudio Torres		Dorian Blackwell
TJ Dement	Ismael Smith Flores	Grayson Zuma	Juniors (5)	Elijah Graham
Tony Diaz	Qai Smith		Withchiel "Hank" Filamar	Logic Hudgens
Abram Garcia	Wes Thompson	Seniors (1)	Jayden House	Eddie Lee Marburger
Fabian Garcia		Luis Gonzalez	Lathan Morse	Noah Staples
			Abram Nicklas	
			Seyyid Smith	