

HOUSTON COUGARS



2004 RECORD: 3-8 (3-8 ATS)
CONF: CUSA - West Division
COACH: Art Briles (3rd Year)
STADIUM: Robertson Stadium
RETURNING STARTERS: O: 8 D: 8

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Rice	-4	7-10	L
at Oklahoma	+37	13-63	L
Army	-15'	35-21	L
Miami, Fl	+29'	13-38	W
at Memphis	+13	14-41	L
at S Mississippi	+17	29-35 OT	W
at TCU	+6'	27-34	L
Tulane	-9'	24-3	W
E Carolina	-16'	34-24	L
at UAB	+9'	7-20	L
Louisville	+22	27-65	L

The Cougars were just 3-8 last season and, in their winning season in 2003, they failed to defeat a team with a winning record in CUSA play. Still this is a loaded Cougar squad with QB Kevin Kolb, RB Anthony Evans and the best offense in the league. They also have a vastly improved defense. The Cougars have to travel to UTEP on Sept 16th but even if they lose, we can see them running the table in the rest of their CUSA games. With a more favorable non-conf schedule, perhaps they won't be as beat up as they were last season. Briles turned things around in his first year, taking a team with just 7 returning starters and guiding them to a bowl. This is his best squad yet with 16 returning starters now in the 3rd year of his systems.

2004 STATISTICAL LEADERS (RETURNERS IN BOLD)

RUSHING							PLAYER							
ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG		TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT			
Anthony Evans	153	816	28	788	4	5.2	Wade Koehl	115	4	5	0			
Ryan Gilbert	84	359	27	332	3	4.0	Lance Everson	115	0	14	3			
Jackie Battle	49	210	1	209	2	4.3	Rocky Schwartz	83	1	4	7			
Harold Taylor	23	124	9	115	0	5.0	Will Gulley	71	1	4	5			
Kevin Kolb	118	354	303	51	5	0.4	Joe Clay	62	8	9	4			
PASSING							WILLIE GASTON							
ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT		NO	YDS	AVG	TD				
Kevin Kolb	353	198	56.1	2766	11	6	Stanford Rountt	60	0	0	8			
RECEIVING							KADE LANE							
REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG			NO	YDS	AVG	TD				
Vincent Marshall	61	1040	17.0	5	69	Marquay Love	52	3	2	2				
Kendal Briles	25	311	12.4	0	63	Brendan Pahulu	50	1	6	0				
Donnie Avery	18	293	16.3	2	60	Courtney Brooks	47	0	0	4				
Leonard Gibson	15	219	14.6	0	22	Matthew Bentley	40	0	4	1				
Ryan Gilbert	16	178	11.1	2	44	Travis Griffith	39	2	2	2				
Perry McDaniel	19	176	9.3	0	41	PUNT RETURNS								
PUNTING							NO	YDS	AVG	TD				
NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20	Mialon Collins	10	76	7.6	0			
Justin Laird	28	1115	39.8	2	31.7	1	5	KICK RETURNS						
KICKING							NO	YDS	AVG	TD				
XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG	Donnie Avery	18	343	19.1	0			
Dustin Bell	21-24	6-6	5-8	1-5	1-3	13-22	53	Harold Taylor	14	316	22.6	0		

DATE	OPPONENT	TURF	OPEN	LINE	SCORE	W/L	TRENDS
Sep. 1	Oregon (Thur)	G					Reliant Stadium is the hm of the NFL's Houston Texans.
Sep. 10	Sam Houston St	G					S Houston St reached the semi-finals of Div IAA playoffs last ssn.
Sep. 16	at UTEP (Fri)	A					Houston is 5-10 ATS in their last 15 gms on artificial turf.
Sep. 24	S Mississippi	G					Houston is 6-9 ATS S/'99 as a home dog.
Oct. 1	at Tulsa	A					Houston is 1-4 ATS vs Tulsa in their L5 games (1985-'93).
Oct. 8	at Tulane	A					Houston is 3-10-1 ATS in their 2nd consecutive road gm S/'97.
Oct. 15	Memphis	G					The last 5 games these 2 teams are averaging 62 ppg.
Oct. 22	at Mississippi St	G					Cougars are 11-16 ATS vs the SEC (26-55-1 SU all-time).
Oct. 29							
Nov. 5	at UCF	G					The Cougars are 10-5 ATS after a bye week S/'95.
Nov. 12	SMU (HC)	G					Only 32 pts scored LY but these 2 tms avg 65 ppg S/'89.
Nov. 19							
Nov. 26	Rice	G					Cougars are 9-19 ATS S/'76 in hm finales (1 NL gm).