

Texas Is Preseason #1

Texas enters the inaugural 2021 season as the preseason number one team in the country. They are deep and talented on both sides of the ball. On offense, they are led by redshirt sophomore signal caller Freddie Samuel. The 6'5 hoss from Hammon, Louisiana has the type of arm talent that the NFL covets. On the other side of the ball, senior cornerback Darren Johnson will lead the defense. He has seen it all during his time at Texas; and opposing offenses have seen enough of him to stay away from his side of the field. This is a veteran ball club, sporting 20 seniors and 16 juniors. So, half the team are upperclassmen. This was one of the things Coach Brent Hamby point to as a strength of his team. "You're able to coach older teams differently. They understand our culture and they have been through the battles. We're poised to have a special year." Texas kicks off their season at home against Louisiana.



Darrell K. Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium



8 Team Playoff To Decide National Champion

One of the bigger, more substantial moves in the offseason came by way of the College Football Playoff. The College Football Revamped Playoff Committee decided unanimously to change the playoff from 4 teams to 8 teams. This was a move that was sorely needed and a giant step taken to eliminate bias. When one looks back at the systems of the past, there was always an element of bias involved. You had conflict of interests, guys who were employed by universities, voting for their respective universities to make it in. There were back room deals and handshakes taking place, a lot of times with green backs being exchanged that would influence committee members. Money was the top priority; and that often meant "ensuring" to get the Alabama's, the Clemson's, the Notre Dame's and the Ohio State's of the world making the playoff even when they weren't worthy of it. One former committee member said "we knew who we were

putting in the playoffs ahead of time. There was no freaking way that we were ever going to have a playoff without one of Alabama, Ohio State or Clemson involved. We all rooted for Notre Dame every year because we knew their brand would generate the cash, which was good for us." This shouldn't be an issue moving forward, as an 8 team playoff will afford conference champions a place in the playoffs automatically with 2 At-Large team that will be dictated by on-field play.



Why Ohio State's Greg Holt Is The Best QB In The Country



Strong arm, check. Fast legs, check. Great leader, check. Add to that being a silky smooth lefty and Greg Holt has all the ingredients that the best quarterback in the country possesses. To hear the senior's teammates and coaches tell it, he is the best in the nation and there is nobody close. "Dude is a wizard with the rock in his hands", wide receiver Cameron Smith said. "He's a freak. He's strong and he is fast and when he throws the football, he is throwing darts" running back Bryan Kendrick says. But, what separates him more than anything is his leadership, according to offensive coordinator Steven Key says. "G is one of those kids that you don't have to worry about. You never have to worry about him not showing up or not putting in the work. He practically lives at the facility in the film room; and when he's not there he's in the weight room. He eat and sleeps football. In my mind he's one of one. When asked about the praised heaped upon him by his peers and coaches, Holt says "I just take it all in stride. I control what I can control and whatever happens happens. I prepare and put in the work and by doing that I can live with the results."

Preseason Top 25



1. Texas Longhorns- A veteran team led by QB Freddie Samuel and CB Darren Johnson.
2. Auburn Tigers- Auburn has a balanced attack on offense and one of the nations best defensive lines.
3. Ohio State Buckeyes- Greg Holt is a potential Top 5 pick in the 2022 draft. The Buckeyes also have a tough nosed running back in Bryan Kendrick.
4. Virginia Tech Hokies- There are questions regarding their defense but not their talent. The opening game against #12 North Carolina will hopefully answer those questions.
5. Ole Miss Running Rebels- The Rebels brought in UTSA DC J.R. Woodward to run an attack style defense. The defensive back room is deep and LB Michael Russell is a stud.
6. SMU Mustangs- The Mustangs will have to learn how to play with the bulls eye on their back. This is their highest ranking in over three decades.
7. LSU Tigers- WR Chris Ware is the most talented WR in the country and the Tigers will look to get the ball in his hands at every opportunity.
8. TCU Horned Frogs- SS Josh Vincent is the defensive anchor and overall unquestioned leader. There are questions at QB that need to be sorted out.
9. Navy Midshipmen- The Midshipmen have a two headed monster in their backfield with senior Mike Taylor and Junior Patrick Adams. Both are capable pass catchers as well.
10. Penn State Nittany Lions- Penn State will be starting a true freshman QB in Jake Brown. He'll look to his big offensive line to protect him led by 6'6 335lb. guard Rob Noland.
11. Baylor Bears- Big DT John Miller will headline a big and physical Bears defense. On offense QB C.J. Ware has all the tools but is inconsistent. TE Quinton Jennings is a star.
12. North Carolina Tar Heels- The battle for the starting QB position has been fierce this off season. The Heels have settled on Damon Hicks. But keep an eye on Jacob Dukes.
13. Stanford Cardinal- Stanford's Air Raid offense will be run by senior Michael Peterson. He will be throwing to fellow senior Micah McDaniel who has great hands.
14. Arkansas Razorbacks- Head Coach Mike Brewster believes that this is his best all-around team since he has been there. Senior MLB Chad Bonner is a four year starter.
15. Iowa Hawkeyes- Head Coach Mike Southerland says he isn't sure what to expect with his team. They have been up and down in practice and inconsistent on offense.
16. Louisiana Tech Bulldogs- Running back Pedro Ward at 6'0 215 lb. is a big bruising runner and will be relied on early as Chris Turner settles in at QB.
17. Notre Dame Fighting Irish- Notre Dame chose to go with true freshman 4* QB Seth Jenkins over senior Ryan Phillips. Opening up the season on the road at Tallahassee against FSU will be a tall task.
18. Michigan Wolverines- The offense may struggle this season with an average offensive line. So they will look to the defense to carry the day. Junior Lionel Miller should be up to the task.
19. Central Michigan Chippewas- Senior TE Chris Pearson is a big pass catching weapon at 6'6 225lb. It'll be up to senior, and second year starter Danny Bradley to get him the ball. Bradley struggled last year in the passing game.
20. USC Trojans- Redshirt QB Nick Wilson is must see tv. What he lacks in height, he more than makes up for it in accuracy and arm talent. SS Scott Anderson is a tackling machine.
21. Colorado Buffaloes- The Buffaloes have two book ends that could both go in the first round in senior's Zac Higgins and Brandon Johnson.
22. Syracuse Orange- Syracuse Coach Landon Burwell plans to platoon his QB's in their opening game against Ohio due to no separation between the two this offseason.
23. Nebraska Cornhuskers- Get to know this name, David Daniels. The 5* running back will start from day 1 and the Husker coaches believe he is a superstar in the making.
24. Florida State Seminoles- Florida State will look to feed their workhorse running back Patrick Simon. He will be running behind the ACC's best offensive line.
25. Texas A&M Aggies- The Aggies are lead by signal caller Elton Grimes who can light it up. He's a bit of a gunslinger but the pros outweigh the cons.



Top 20 High School Recruits

ATH
#1

OVR: 79

0% SCOUTED

★★★★★

SPARR 107.70

5'10", 183 lbs

Cottonwood, AZ

NICHOLAS JAMES
Athlete

ATH
#5

OVR: 77

0% SCOUTED

★★★★★

SPARR 82.70

6'2", 202 lbs

Alvin, TX

ROBERT WILSON
Athlete

WR
#1

OVR: 79

0% SCOUTED

★★★★★

SPARR 103.40

5'11", 198 lbs

Ridgewood, NJ

BRANDON JACOBS
Balanced

WR
#4

OVR: 76

0% SCOUTED

★★★★★

SPARR 80.40

6'2", 219 lbs

Hilo, HI

RYAN TOWNSEND
Balanced

HB
#1

OVR: 79

0% SCOUTED

★★★★★

SPARR 103.10

6'0", 200 lbs

Westfield, NJ

KEVIN THOMAS
Power

ATH
#6

OVR: 76

0% SCOUTED

★★★★★

SPARR 67.10

6'4", 252 lbs

Wheat Ridge, CO

DAMON KENNEDY
Athlete

WR
#2

OVR: 79

0% SCOUTED

★★★★★

SPARR 98.80

6'0", 194 lbs

Tifton, GA

BRIAN STEVENS
Balanced

OLB
#1

OVR: 80

0% SCOUTED

★★★★★

SPARR 73.00

6'1", 208 lbs

Dallas, TX

MATT HARPER
Coverage

MLB
#1

OVR: 81

0% SCOUTED

★★★★★

SPARR 93.50

6'0", 236 lbs

South Augusta, GA

GARY LEIERER
Balanced

TE
#1

OVR: 79

0% SCOUTED

★★★★★

SPARR 71.00

6'8", 252 lbs

Hollywood, CA

JOHN DIXON
Blocking

ATH
#2

OVR: 76

0% SCOUTED

★★★★★

SPARR 91.20

6'3", 201 lbs

Montevallo, AL

ISAIAH WHEELER
Athlete

ATH
#7

OVR: 76

0% SCOUTED

★★★★★

SPARR 76.00

5'11", 216 lbs

Beech Grove, IN

RAY CHURCH
Athlete

DE
#1

OVR: 81

0% SCOUTED

★★★★★

SPARR 86.90

6'2", 232 lbs

Petaluma, CA

ROBERT DAVIS
Pass Rusher

MLB
#2

OVR: 79

0% SCOUTED

★★★★★

SPARR 73.00

6'2", 245 lbs

Tampa, FL

WENDELL JONES
Balanced

ATH
#3

OVR: 77

0% SCOUTED

★★★★★

SPARR 84.60

6'4", 253 lbs

El Toro, CA

STEVE BELL
Athlete

HB
#2

OVR: 76

0% SCOUTED

★★★★★

SPARR 78.00

6'2", 252 lbs

Haines City, FL

RILEY YATES
Power

ATH
#4

OVR: 77

0% SCOUTED

★★★★★

SPARR 89.30

6'4", 219 lbs

Fremont, OH

AARON WASHINGTON
Athlete

MLB
#3

OVR: 79

0% SCOUTED

★★★★★

SPARR 73.00

6'1", 230 lbs

El Monte, CA

SAM CURRY
Run Stopper

ATH
#4

OVR: 77

0% SCOUTED

★★★★★

SPARR 89.30

6'4", 219 lbs

Fremont, OH

AARON WASHINGTON
Athlete

DT
#1

OVR: 79

0% SCOUTED

★★★★★

SPARR 65.00

6'3", 267 lbs

Waianae, HI

MICHAEL NEALY
Run Stopper



Heisman Hopefuls

<div><div>WR</div><div>89</div></div> <div><div>RAY</div><div>HALL</div></div>	<div></div>	<div>Junior (RS)</div> <div>6'2" , 210 lbs</div>	<div>Balanced</div> <div>Lochearn, MD</div>
<div><div>CB</div><div>28</div></div> <div><div>MICHAEL</div><div>MEDLOCK</div></div>	<div></div>	<div>Senior</div> <div>6'0" , 188 lbs</div>	<div>Balanced</div> <div>Opp, AL</div>
<div><div>QB</div><div>17</div></div> <div><div>ERIC</div><div>WATERS</div></div>	<div></div>	<div>Senior (RS)</div> <div>6'0" , 171 lbs</div>	<div>Pocket Passer</div> <div>Columbus, GA</div>
<div><div>HB</div><div>2</div></div> <div><div>PAT</div><div>SIMON</div></div>	<div></div>	<div>Junior (RS)</div> <div>5'11" , 188 lbs</div>	<div>Speed</div> <div>Blacksburg, VA</div>
<div><div>HB</div><div>5</div></div> <div><div>JOSEPH</div><div>ROBERTSON</div></div>	<div></div>	<div>Senior (RS)</div> <div>6'1" , 160 lbs</div>	<div>Speed</div> <div>West Augusta, GA</div>
<div><div>WR</div><div>7</div></div> <div><div>CHRIS</div><div>WARE</div></div>	<div></div>	<div>Sophomore</div> <div>6'3" , 195 lbs</div>	<div>Balanced</div> <div>Green Valley, AZ</div>
<div><div>QB</div><div>16</div></div> <div><div>GREG</div><div>HOLT</div></div>	<div></div>	<div>Senior (RS)</div> <div>6'0" , 181 lbs</div>	<div>Balanced</div> <div>Villa Park, IL</div>
<div><div>RG</div><div>71</div></div> <div><div>DARRELL</div><div>BUTLER</div></div>	<div></div>	<div>Senior (RS)</div> <div>6'4" , 282 lbs</div>	<div>Run Block</div> <div>Bossier City, LA</div>