

Head Coach Pat Hill

All of the credit for the resurgence of Bulldog football can be traced to head coach Pat Hill. Hill took over a declining program and within three years won a championship and guided his team to a bowl game. More importantly, Hill infused academic integrity to the program. Since his arrival, the team GPA has steadily risen from a 2.21 to 2.77.

Last season was the first significant step in the reclamation project. The Bulldogs earned a share of the WAC championship, made their first bowl appearance since 1993 and produced a league-best six first-team All-WAC players. In addition, Fresno State led the WAC academic scholars with 14 and produced the program's first Academic All-American, Payton Williams.

Hill has worked as a tireless fundraiser to improve the facilities. Under his direction, money was raised to build a new football practice facility that rivals any NFL franchise. In addition, the two soccer practice facilities received a face lift. One of the most visible signs of improvement has been in the Duncan Building training room, which was expanded and modified providing all student-athletes with a state of the art complex.

Hill is in his fifth season at Fresno State but is no stranger to Bulldog football, having spent six seasons as an assistant coach (1984-89) under Jim Sweeney when the Bulldogs were among the nation's most successful teams. Fresno State posted a 53-16-1 overall record during those six seasons, won three league titles and three bowl games. Hill was Fresno State's offensive line coach and recruiting coordinator. Hill became a hot young assistant coach and left FS to become offensive coordinator/offensive line coach at Arizona (1991-92). After two seasons in Tucson, he left for the NFL where he spent five seasons (1992-96) as an assistant with the Cleveland Browns/Baltimore Ravens franchise. In addition, Hill was the offensive coordinator for the Calgary Stampeders of the CFL (1983), offensive coordinator/offensive line/recruiting coordinator at UNLV (1981-82), recruiting coordinator/offensive line coach at Utah (1977-80) and offensive line coach at L.A. Valley College (1974-76).

Pat Hill's Resume

1997-present	Fresno State , Head Coach
1996	Baltimore Ravens , Asst. Coach (tight ends/offensive line)
1992-95	Cleveland Browns , Asst. Coach (tight ends/offensive line)
1990-91	Arizona , Asst. Coach (offensive coordinator/line)
1984-89	Fresno State , Asst. Coach (offensive line/recruiting)
1983	Calgary (CFL) , Asst. Coach (offensive coordinator/line)
1981-82	UNLV , Asst. Coach (offensive coordinator/line)
1977-80	Utah , Asst. Coach (offensive line/recruiting)
1974-76	LA Valley College , Asst. Coach (offensive line)

Pat Hill Year-by-Year

	Overall	WAC	Home	Road	Neu
1997	6-6	5-3	4-2	2-4	0-0
1998	5-6	5-3	4-1	1-5	0-0
1999	8-5	5-2	6-0	2-4	0-1
2000	7-5	6-2	5-0	2-4	0-1
<u>2001</u>	<u>11-2</u>	<u>6-2</u>	<u>5-1</u>	<u>6-1</u>	<u>0-0</u>
Totals	37-24	27-12	24-4	13-18	0-2

Fresno State Bowl Games

Fresno State is 8-7 all-time in bowl games, including victories in four in a row from 1982-89. This year, the Bulldogs will be looking for their first win in a bowl game since 1992. Following is a list of every bowl game in FS history:

Bowl	Date	Opponent	Result
▶ Little All-American	Dec. 25, 1937	Arkansas State	WON 27-26
▶ Pineapple Bowl	Jan. 1, 1941	Hawai'i	WON 3-0
▶ Raisin Bowl	Jan. 1, 1946	Drake	LOST 13-12
▶ Mercy Bowl I	Nov. 23, 1961	Bowling Green	WON 36-6
▶ Camellia Bowl	Dec. 14, 1968	Humboldt State	LOST 29-14
▶ Mercy Bowl II	Dec. 11, 1971	Cal State Fullerton	LOST 17-14
▶ California Bowl II	Dec. 18, 1982	Bowling Green	WON 29-28
▶ California Bowl V	Dec. 14, 1985	Bowling Green	WON 51-7
▶ California Bowl VIII	Dec. 10, 1988	Western Michigan	WON 35-30
▶ California Raisin Bowl IX	Dec. 9, 1989	Ball State	WON 27-6
▶ California Raisin Bowl XI	Dec. 14, 1991	Bowling Green	LOST 28-21
▶ Freedom Bowl IX	Dec. 29, 1992	USC	WON 24-7
▶ Jeep Eagle Aloha Bowl	Dec. 25, 1993	Colorado	LOST 41-30
▶ EA Sports Las Vegas Bowl	Dec. 18, 1999	Utah	LOST 17-16
▶ Silicon Valley Football Classic	Dec. 31, 2000	Air Force	LOST 37-34

Record Setting Season

It was a season like no other for Fresno State, with several program records being broken. Here is a glimpse at some of them:

- The first top 10 ranking in program history.
- Just the third 11-win season ever. A win in the Silicon Valley Football Classic will give the Bulldogs a program-record 12 victories.
- David Carr set single-season records for passing yards (4,308) and touchdown passes (42). He became just the sixth quarterback in NCAA history to throw for at least 4,000 yards and 40 touchdowns.
- Fresno State became the first team ever to boast a 4,000-yard passer (David Carr), two 1,000-yard receivers (Rodney Wright and Bernard Berrian) and an 1,000-yard rusher (Paris Gaines).
- The program's first ever victory over a Big Ten opponent (Wisconsin).
- A Bulldog Stadium record average attendance of 42,803.

Taking the Attendance to Another Level

After showing up in record numbers last year, Fresno State fans got 2001 off to a rocking start when 42,410 crammed Bulldog Stadium (41,031) to watch FS defeat then-No. 10 Oregon State 44-24 in the home opener. The fans continued to invade the stadium the rest of the year, with a record 42,881 watching each of the five remaining home games. This year, Bulldog Stadium was filled at 104.32 of capacity, placing FS second in the west and seventh in the nation in percent of capacity filled. Fresno State sold a record of over 32,000 season tickets prior to the season and easily shattered last year's gaudy attendance numbers. Following is a breakdown of where the Bulldogs rate regionally and in the WAC in percent of stadium capacity filled this year:

- In the WAC -					- In the West -				
No	Team	G	% of Cap	Nat'l Rank	No	Team	G	% of Cap	Nat'l Rank
1)	Fresno St.	6	104.32	7	1)	Oregon	6	110.04	2
2)	Boise State	6	82.02	52	2)	Fresno St.	6	104.32	7
3)	Hawai'i	8	78.34	55	3)	Oregon St.	5	102.97	10
4)	La Tech	3	64.52	77	4)	Washington	6	99.96	25
5)	Nevada	5	55.71	90	5)	Colorado	6	91.91	35
6)	UTEP	5	54.54	91	6)	Colorado St.	5	91.88	36
7)	SMU	6	54.33	92					
8)	Tulsa	6	48.31	97					
9)	SJSU	4	33.51	108					
10)	Rice	5	24.18	113					

* Does not count game played in Maui, Hawaii;

First game played in Shreveport, La.

'Dog Data

Carr's Comebacks

Fresno State's David Carr has a 18-7 record as a starting quarterback. Of those 18 victories, 10 have been come-from-behind wins. Three of them have been second half comebacks and two have been wins in the final 2:00 of game, including one in overtime (at Colorado State, 25-22).

Number Changes

Two Bulldogs of note will be wearing new numbers this season. Sophomore Bryce McGill will be wearing No. 5, his high school jersey number. McGill was No. 26 last season. Junior receiver Bernard Berrian is also switching to his high school jersey No. 2. Berrian wore No. 5 his first two years as a Bulldog.

TO Stat

Fresno State has won its last 15 games in which it had fewer turnovers than its opponent. The last time the Bulldogs lost a game in which it had fewer turnovers was Sept. 11, 1999, at Oregon State 46-23. In that game, Fresno State had just one turnover while the Beavers had two.

Specialties

The Bulldogs have continued their special teams dominance the last two weeks. The punt team tackled SMU punter Adam Walterscheid before he could get off his punt in FS's 38-13 win Nov. 10. Last week, David Shabaglian blocked a punt, which led to a Bulldog touchdown and Marque Davis blocked another punt. Since Pat Hill took over prior to the 1997 season, FS has blocked 29 punts, field goals or extra points.

TD-INT Ratio

The Bulldogs have thrown 82 touchdowns and just 19 interceptions over the last two seasons combined in 735 pass attempt. That's one touchdown every 8.7 attempts and one interception every 38.7 attempts.

The B's Have It

Fresno State is playing five opponents this season whose mascot begins with the letter B. Since 1997, the Bulldogs are 4-7 vs. teams whose mascots begin with the letter B.

Badgers (Wisconsin)	1-0
Bears (Baylor L, Cal W)	1-1
Beavers (Oregon State)	0-1
Broncos (Boise State)	0-1
Bruins (UCLA)	0-2
Buckeyes (Ohio State)	0-1
Buffaloes (Colorado)	1-1
Bulldogs (Louisiana Tech)	1-0

What's in a Record

Fresno State's 2001 opponents finished the season with a combined record of 67-70. Five teams won at least seven games and two went to bowl games.

Sack Maniacs

Fresno State has 15 players on the roster who have quarterback sacks in their careers. Those 15 players have combined for 79 sacks for 377 yards.

Active Bulldog Career Sack Leaders

Alan Harper, DT	21-132 yards
Justin Johnson, LB	16-94 yards
Nick Burley, DE	11-47 yards
Bryce McGill, SS	11-65 yards

Bulldogs vs. the BCS Conferences

Through the first three games of the 2001 season, Fresno State proved it is as good as teams from the power conferences. The Bulldogs opened the year with a 24-22 win at Colorado of the Big 12, which afterward won five consecutive games and climbed to No. 14 in the polls. The next week, FS took out 2000 Pac-10 co-champ and then-10th-ranked Oregon State 44-24. The following week, the Bulldogs traveled to Madison, Wis., and defeated the Big Ten's Wisconsin Badgers, winner of two of the last three Rose Bowls, 32-20. Fresno State is taking on its fourth BCS Conference opponent, Michigan State, in the Silicon Valley Football Classic.

SI Recognizes Hill

Fresno State head coach Pat Hill was selected the 2000 Bowl Coach of the Year by *Sports Illustrated*: "Fresno State's Pat Hill kept his players focused after they fell behind Air Force 34-7 in the Silicon Valley Bowl, and when the Bulldogs pulled to within 37-34 he disdained a 33-yard field goal attempt with 14 seconds to go and called for a fake kick. The ensuing pass fell incomplete, but what kid wouldn't want to play for a coach like that?"

WAC Coaching Leader

Pat Hill is the active WAC coaching leader in winning percentage with a record of 27-12 (.692). Here's how the other WAC coaches rank.

	Overall (yrs)	Pct.	Current School (yrs)	Pct.
Ken Hatfield, Rice	152-107-4 (22)	(.586)	39-44-1 (8)	(.470)
June Jones, Hawai'i	21-16 (2)	(.568)	21-16 (2)	(.568)
Gary Nord, UTEP	10-13 (1)	(.435)	10-13 (1)	(.435)

Over the Hill

Under Pat Hill, the Bulldogs are 24-4 at home and 19-2 in WAC home games with wins in 16 of the last 17 home conference games. Only two WAC teams have ever won at Bulldog Stadium: San Diego State in 1997 and Boise State on Oct. 19. Hill's .857 home winning percentage is the best in Fresno State history of coaches with more than three years experience. His conference home winning percentage of .905 is also best in school history. The Bulldogs' four home losses over the last five seasons is only one defeat more than the number of home losses Fresno State suffered in 1996, the season before Hill took over as head coach.

Tough to Beat at Home

Fresno State's loss to Boise State on Oct. 19 snapped its 17-game home winning streak, at the time the nation's third longest. However, since Pat Hill took over, Fresno State has still won 24 of 28 games at Bulldog Stadium, including 20 of its last 22. Since Hill took over prior to the 1997 season, the Bulldogs have outscored their opponents by a combined 1,028-513 for an average margin of victory of 37-18. In addition, the 'Dogs are drawing well, averaging 38,507 fans per game since 1997. Fresno State sold a record 32,855 season tickets for this season and attracted Bulldog Stadium record crowds of 42,881 in its last five home games, which eclipsed the previous record of 42,410, established in the 2001 season opener against then-No. 10 Oregon State.

Reviving the Running Game

In the final three games, Fresno State's running game was extremely productive. In the last game, the Bulldogs racked up 244 yards on the ground, including 55 from Paris Gaines, who went over 1,000 yards for the season. The effort against Utah State came one week after the Bulldogs ran for a season-high 282 yards against San Jose State. Perhaps most encouraging about FS's latest success was that the two leading rushers against USU were Josh Levi (91 yards) and Therrian Fontenot (87), both of whom will return next year. But despite the solid play of Levi and Fontenot against the Aggies, the season has belonged to Gaines, who became the 11th Fresno State player ever to rush for 1,000 yards in a season. His 1,018 yards far surpasses the total of last year's leader Josh Levi, who had 397.

Tricks are For Kids

The Bulldogs have thwarted six consecutive fake field goal or fake punt attempts over the last two seasons, denying either a first down or touchdown. The last team to attempt a fake field goal on the Bulldogs was Tulsa on Sept. 22, which the Bulldogs successfully stopped. Fresno State has stopped seven of the last eight fake attempts dating back to 1997.

Big-Time Bryce

Each game, it seems as if sophomore free safety Bryce McGill makes his presence felt. Not only is he second on the team in tackles with 85, but he has done the intangibles that help the Bulldogs win. In the season opener at Colorado, his vicious hit on CU quarterback Craig Ochs

Fresno State Facts

Bulldog Stadium at Jim Sweeney Field

Since taking over Bulldog Stadium in 1980, Fresno State has one of the best home records in college football. One of the most beautiful stadiums in the Western Athletic Conference, Bulldog Stadium underwent a two-phase expansion project in 1991, increasing seating by 10,000 - to a capacity of 41,031 - and adding 22 sky suites. Jim Sweeney was Fresno State's head coach (1976-77, 1980-96) who won eight conference championships, five bowl game titles and guided the Bulldogs to a 143-75-3 record and won 200 games as a college coach, 16th most in NCAA history, including stints at Montana State and Washington State. The Bulldogs have been undefeated in nine of 20 seasons in Bulldog Stadium, including 2000.

Bulldog Stadium Records

Overall: 107-25-2 (.806)

WAC Record: 40-7 (.851)

1980-89: 51-11-1 (.817)

1990-99: 47-13-1 (.779)

2000-p: 10-1 (.909)

"V" is for Valley

Fresno State prides itself on being the "Valley's team." This pride can be seen in the form of a large green V on the back of the Bulldog helmets as a symbol to the agricultural community of Central Valley of California. The San Joaquin Valley is the world's richest agricultural valley in export dollars.

Academic Gameplan

Since Pat Hill took over the Fresno State program, the Bulldogs have become leaders in academic success. One of Hill's first tasks was hiring John Baxter as associate head coach. Baxter's trademarked Academic Gameplan is a proven winner across the nation. In the third years of Academic Gameplan, the football program produced a WAC-best 14 scholar-athletes, the school's first Academic All-American and the number of honored athletes at the annual Kiwanis Torch of Excellence dinner grew from four to 33. The team's GPA was raised from 2.12 to 2.77 in three seasons. Academic Gameplan has been featured in many publications, including the Dec. 20, 1999, issue of *Sports Illustrated*. Nine of Fresno State's 14 seniors are on track to graduate in December. Academic Gameplan is used by Oregon, Washington State, Southern Miss and is being implemented by Notre Dame.

The Bulldog Foundation

Fresno State's famous Bulldog Foundation has been the No. 1 fund-raising organization in the nation for 16 consecutive years. This volunteer organization raises over \$7 million annually for the Fresno State Athletics Department. The BDF is headed by executive director Pat Ogle, the 1996 National Fundraiser of the Year. The monies raised by the BDF go towards scholarships, recruiting and special needs of the athletics department.

Fresno State Identification

The official name of the school is California State University, Fresno. For athletics department purposes, the University prefers to be called simply **Fresno State** - never Fresno State University. For graphics or abbreviations, we ask that you please use **FS** - not FSU or CSUF.

led to a fumble which Fresno State recovered. He had a game-high 11 tackles and an interception against Oregon State. In FS's WAC opener at Tulsa, he picked off two passes, the second of which set up a touchdown in FS's 37-18 victory. Against San Jose State, he had six tackles, including one for loss, and an interception, his team-high fourth on the year.

Whom to Cover?

David Carr hasn't just limited his pass distribution to wide receivers. He has spread the wealth around the field to a variety of different Bulldogs. In all, 11 different players have caught Carr passes this year, including 10 for touchdowns. His favorite target has been Rodney Wright, who has 91 receptions for 1,331 yards. Last week against Utah State, 12 different Bulldog receivers caught passes, including the first of the year for Therrian Fontenot and Duncan Reid.

Block Party

Fresno State's special teams have thrust themselves into the nation's elite in blocking punts and kicks. Since Pat Hill took over as head coach prior to the 1997, the Bulldogs have blocked 35 punts and kicks, including two punts against San Jose State. In fact, FS has three blocked punts in the last three games. Following is a breakdown of Fresno State's kick blocking prowess since 1997:

Year	Blocked	Blocked	Total
	Punts	PAT & FG	
1997	3	1	4
1998	2	4	6
1999	4	6	10
2000	3	5	7
2001	4	1	5

Totals **18*** **17** **35**

* includes instances when Fresno State tackled the punter before he could get kick away.

Berrian Blows Up

Wide receiver Bernard Berrian has proven to be one of the most valuable players for Fresno State this year. In addition to his explosiveness as a wideout, the junior also serves as one of the nation's best punt and kickoff return men. Never was this more evident than Nov. 17 against Nevada. Berrian returned a punt for a touchdown and had 49 kickoff return yards, 166 receiving yards and a 73-yard run on a sweep play. All told, the Winton, Calif., native had 357 total yards. It marked his second 300-yard day of the season, the other coming when he had 300 at Wisconsin. Berrian had 209 all-purpose yards last week and has racked up at least 180 all-purpose yards in nine of FS's 13 games this year. The junior also became the WAC's single-season leader in all-purpose yardage against San Jose State, passing former TCU standout LaDainian Tomlinson. He ranked No. 3 in the nation and tops in the WAC in all-purpose yardage (199.3), is sixth in punt returns (14.2) and 28th in kickoff returns (24.7).

Who's Better, Who's Best?

Since the season opener at Colorado, wide receivers Bernard Berrian and Rodney Wright have seemingly taken turns dominating games. Here's a look at their weekly outstanding performances:

Player	Opponent	Key Statistics
➤ Marque Davis	at Colorado	8 rec. (career high), 95 yds. (career high), 1 TD
➤ Rodney Wright	Oregon State	7 rec., 182 yds. (career high), 2 TDs
➤ Bernard Berrian	at Wisconsin	8 rec., 102 yds., 1 TD, 300 all-purpose yds.
➤ Bernard Berrian	at Tulsa	9 rec., 169 yds., 2 TDs
➤ Rodney Wright	Louisiana Tech	9 rec., 169 yds., 2 TDs
➤ Rodney Wright	at Colorado State	8 rec., 120 yds.
➤ Rodney Wright	vs. Boise State	14 rec. (career high), 179 yds., 1 TD
➤ Bernard Berrian	at Hawai'i	9 rec., 110 yds, 254 all-purpose yds.
➤ Rodney Wright	Rice	8 rec., 145 yds, 2 TD
➤ Rodney Wright	at SMU	7 rec., 91 yds., 2 TD
➤ Bernard Berrian	at Nevada	7 rec., 166 yds., 2 TDs, 357 all-purpose yds.
➤ Bernard Berrian	San Jose State	8 rec., 109 yds., 1 TD, 215 all-purpose yds.
➤ Bernard Berrian	Utah State	4 rec., 158 yds., 3 TD

Marque is OK

Sophomore wide receiver Marque Davis had his biggest game as a Bulldog against Colorado in the season opener, pulling in eight catches for 95 yards and a touchdown. The last of those eight catches may have been the biggest - a 16-yard gain on 3rd-and-14 with less than two minutes remaining and Fresno State attempting to salt the clock away. The Dos Palos, Calif., native was redshirted last year after missing nearly all of last year after sustaining an abdominal injury after the Ohio State game. Against CU, Davis surpassed his career receiving statistics.

Bulldog Notes

Fresno State Among Nation's Best

Since the 1985 season, only 17 Division I-A schools have won more games than the Bulldogs.

Most Victories (1985-)

1. Nebraska	179
2. Florida State	173
3. Miami (Fla.)	168
4. Michigan	157
4. Tennessee	157
6. Florida	155
7. Texas A&M	151
8. Penn State	150
9. BYU	149
10. Alabama	145
11. Ohio State	143
12. Notre Dame	140
13. Colorado	138
14. Washington	137
14. Syracuse	137
16. Oklahoma	132
17. Fresno State	132
17. Air Force	132
19. Clemson	127
19. Auburn	126
21. Georgia	125
22. Virginia	122
23. Virginia Tech	121
24. UCLA	121
25. Arizona	117

Top 25 Winning Percentage (1985-)

1. Nebraska	179-30-1	.855
2. Florida State	173-30-2	.849
3. Miami (Fla.)	168-33-0	.836
4. Tennessee	157-42-6	.780
5. Michigan	157-43-5	.778
6. Florida	155-49-2	.757
7. Penn State	150-52-1	.741
8. Texas A&M	151-53-2	.738
9. Alabama	145-58-2	.712
10. Ohio State	143-57-5	.710
10. BYU	150-64-2	.699
11. Colorado	138-59-4	.697
12. Auburn	126-54-5	.695
12. Syracuse	137-59-4	.695
12. Notre Dame	140-61-2	.695
15. Washington	137-60-3	.693
17. Oklahoma	132-63-3	.674
18. Fresno State	132-67-3	.661
19. Air Force	132-73-1	.643
19. Clemson	127-70-3	.643
21. Georgia	125-69-3	.642
22. Virginia Tech	121-71-3	.628
23. UCLA	121-72-3	.625
24. Virginia	122-77-1	.613
25. Arizona	117-74-5	.610

Best in the West

Since the 1985 season, Fresno State ranks among the best programs among schools in the Pacific and Mountain time zones.

Most Victories (1985-)

1. BYU	150
2. Colorado	138
3. Washington	137
4. Air Force	132
4. Fresno State	132
6. UCLA	121
7. Arizona	117

Prior to the Colorado game, he had six receptions for 37 yards and one touchdown in his career. Davis caught one pass last week against Utah State for 21 yards.

Conference Countdown

For the first three weeks of the 2001 season, the Bulldogs beat a team from a BCS Conference. After beating a Big 12 opponent (Colorado 24-22) in the first week, the Bulldogs hosted a Pac-10 team (Oregon State, 44-24) in week two. The Bulldogs made it a trifecta, winning at Wisconsin 32-20. The Bulldogs left conference play Sept. 22 to pick up a 25-22 overtime win at Colorado State. Fresno State plays one more BCS Conference opponent, Michigan State, in the Silicon Valley Football Classic.

Tough Sledding

The Bulldogs have taken on the toughest schedule in school history, with the first three opponents of the 2001 season – Colorado, Oregon State and Wisconsin – against teams that were ranked in the nation's top 27 teams by both the *Associated Press* and *USA Today's* coaches poll at the time of the game. And FS hasn't been afraid to take on nationally prominent teams on the road. All told, the Bulldogs play seven road games this season, more than any team currently ranked in the top 10. Listed below are other top teams and the number of road games they play this year:

No. Road Games	Team(s) (Non-Conference Road Games)
7	Fresno State (3)
6	UCLA (2)
5	Oklahoma (1), Miami (Fla.) (3), Florida (0), Texas (1), Virginia Tech (1), Oregon (1), Tennessee (1), Michigan (1)
4	Nebraska (0)

Hitting the Road

Entering the 2001 season, Fresno State had not been as successful as head coach Pat Hill would have liked on the road. But this year, that has changed. The Bulldogs went 6-1 away from Fresno in 2001, a program record for road wins in a season. Included in those road wins are victories over Colorado, Wisconsin and Colorado State. Overall, Fresno State is 13-18 on the road under Hill, including wins in seven of its last eight contests. FS still finds scoring on the road more difficult than at home. The Bulldogs are averaging just 24.1 points per road game while piling up 36.7 per game in Bulldog Stadium.

In Case You Missed It

Bernard Berrian became the WAC's single-season all-purpose yardage leader with 2,591 yards, shattering the old record of 2,198 held by TCU running back LaDainian Tomlinson. Berrian averaged 17.5 yards every time he touched the ball ... Asen Asparuhov became FS's single-season scoring leader with 124 points ... the Bulldogs set school records for points (525) and total offense (6,469 yards) ... Fresno State's trio of Bernard Berrian, Rodney Wright and Paris Gaines accounted for 37 of the team's 65 touchdowns ... Fresno State has averaged 52.2 points over the last five games ... FS won six road games this year for the first time ever.

Ranking the Losses

Of Fresno State's last 12 losses dating back to 1999, 11 have come to teams that have either been nationally ranked, played in a bowl game or were against bowl-eligible. Three of Fresno State's losses last season were to ranked opponents (No. 16 Ohio State, No. 15 UCLA, No. 17 TCU). Of the last 10 losses, the only loss to a non-ranked non-bowl team was to SMU 24-14 on Oct. 14, 1999. That was also the last loss Fresno State suffered to a team with a losing record. This year, FS has lost to Boise State and Hawai'i, both of which were bowl eligible.

The Wright Path

Senior receiver Rodney Wright scored his first career rushing touchdown against Tulsa on Sept. 22. Wright has now scored a touchdown via rushing and receiving. He also has twice scored a touchdown recovering a blocked punt for a touchdown (vs. Nevada, 1999; vs. Utah State, 2001). Wright has thrown a touchdown pass (vs. Rice, 1999) and caught a two-point conversion for a score (vs. Rice, 2000). FS is 9-3 in games when Wright scores a touchdown.

The Wright Path, Part II

Rodney Wright is having one of the most productive seasons a wide receiver has ever had at Fresno State, which has produced NFL-caliber wideouts such as Henry Ellard, Stephone Paige, Stephen Baker and Charlie Jones. This year, Wright has caught 91 passes, most ever in a single-season by an FS receiver. He also has racked up 1,331 receiving yards, second most ever and the second time Wright has passed the 1,000-yard mark. Larry Willis (1983-84) is the only other Bulldog ever to accomplish that. Against SMU, he passed Brian Roberson

Fresno State Breakdown

Fresno State's 2001 Record when...	
Scoring first	5-1
Opponent scores first	6-1
Overtime games	0-0

Leading after First Quarter	5-2
Trailing after First Quarter	5-0
Tied after First Quarter	1-0
Leading at the Half	8-2
Trailing at the Half	1-0
Tied at the Half	2-0
Leading after Three Quarters	10-1
Trailing after Three Quarters	1-0
Tied after Three Quarters	0-1

Rushing

More rushing yards than opponent	8-2
Fewer rushing yards than opponent	3-0
Rushes for less than 100 yards	2-1
Rushes for 100-149 yards	3-1
Rushes for 150-199 yards	3-0
Rushes for 200 or more yards	4-0

Passing

More passing yards than opponent	8-2
Fewer passing yards than opponent	3-0
Passes for less than 150 yards	0-0
Passes for 150-199 yards	1-0
Passes for 200-249 yards	1-0
Passes for more than 250 yards	9-2

Total Yards

More total yards than opponent	10-2
Fewer total yards than opponent	1-0
Has less than 250 total yards	0-0
Has 250-299 total yards	1-0
Has 300-349 total yards	0-0
Has 350-399 total yards	1-0
Has 400-449 total yards	1-0
Has more than 450 total yards	8-2

First Downs

More than opponent	8-2
Fewer than opponent	3-0
Same	0-0

Turnovers

More than opponent	0-1
Fewer than opponent	10-0
Same	1-1

Penalties

More than opponent	8-1
Fewer than opponent	2-0
Same	1-1

Time of Possession

Had more time	5-2
Had less time	6-0

David Carr

Throws for less than 175 yards	0-0
Throws for 175-200 yards	1-0
Throws for 201-225 yards	0-0
Throws for 226-250 yards	1-0
Throws for 251-275 yards	0-0
Throws for 276-300 yards	1-0
Throws for more than 301 yards	8-2
Does not throw an interception	5-0
Throws an interception	5-2

(1993-96) to move into first place all-time on the career receptions list, a total he added to last week with five catches for 91 yards, which placed him just shy of his 10th 100-yard receiving game. Wright is currently ninth in the nation in receiving yards per game (102.4) and ninth in receptions per game (7.0). He also returned a blocked punt for a touchdown against Utah State, the second time in his career he has done that.

Smurfs

Despite their diminutive stature, the duo of Charles Smith and Rodney Wright were the most explosive receiving combo in the nation in 2000 until Wright's was injured causing him to miss five games. Smith missed the first three games this year but has become a vital part of the offense since returning. They are also Fresno State's top two returning receivers and rank in Fresno State's career top 10 list for receptions and yards:

Dynamic Duo	Career				2001			
	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	TDs	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	TDs
Rodney Wright	209	2,979	14.3	22	91	1,331	14.6	10
Charles Smith	164	2,291	14.0	19	30	457	15.2	3
Totals	373	5,270	14.1	41	121	1,788	14.8	13

Fresno State Career Receptions

	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	TDs
1. Rodney Wright (1998-)	209	2,979	14.3	22
2. Brian Roberson (1993-96)	188	2,956	15.7	15
3. Charlie Jones (1992-95)	187	3,344	17.9	25
4. Charles Smith (1998-)	164	2,291	14.0	19

Fresno State Career Receiving Yards

	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	TDs
1. Charlie Jones (1992-95)	187	3,344	17.9	25
2. Rodney Wright (1998-)	209	2,979	14.3	22
3. Brian Roberson (1993-96)	188	2,956	15.7	15
4. Henry Ellard (1979-82)	138	2,947	21.4	25
5. Charles Smith (1998-)	164	2,291	14.0	19

Carr's Bodyguards

Quarterback David Carr is more thankful than anyone that Fresno State had the biggest and strongest offensive line in school history. With an average of 6-4 and 307 pounds, Fresno State's line was a strength all season, providing Carr with time to throw and open holes for the Bulldog backs. All five started at various times last season. One of the two newcomers to the group is the biggest player on offense, right guard Victor Taifane, who was a two-year starter at West Hills College, but missed the Tulsa game due to an injured elbow. The Bodyguards have been doing an good job in protecting their quarterback – Carr has been sacked just 25 times in 450 pass plays, only once every 18 attempts.

Fresno State's Probable Starting Line-up

	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	Average		Career Starts (2001 starts)
	74	55	72	65	75	6-4	290	Fr. 13 (13)
						6-2	290	Sr. 37 (12)
						6-4	300	Jr. 35 (13)
						6-5	310	So. 17 (10)
						6-6	315	Jr. 28 (13)
						6-4	301	Jr. 26.2

Carr on the Move

David Carr's sensational season seemingly has no end. He had his fifth consecutive 300-yard passing game against Rice, moving him closer to the top of the FS single-season passing yardage list. And despite only receiving significant playing time the last two years, he is still moving up on the career passing yardage list, as well. Here is where Carr ranks on both lists:

SINGLE-SEASON				CAREER			
Name	Year	Yards	TD	Name	Years	Yards	TD
1. David Carr	2001	4,306	42	1. Kevin Sweeney ..	1983-86	10,808	69
2. Trent Dilfer	1993	3,799	30	2. Mark Barsotti	1988-91	8,093	50
3. Kevin Sweeney	1984	3,259	20	3. Trent Dilfer	1991-93	7,631	53
4. Trent Dilfer	1992	3,000	21	4. David Carr	1998-	7,306	66
5. Jeff Tedford	1982	2,993	24	5. Billy Volek	1996-99	6,532	57

No Holding Harper

Senior defensive tackle Alan Harper (www.gobulldogs.com/alanharper), made several All-America teams and was on both the Lombardi Awards and Outland Trophy watch lists. He has proved to be one of America's premier defensive linemen. Through the first seven games, he leads the WAC in quarterback sacks with 12 for -79 yards and tackles for losses with 20 for -95 yards. Harper has 21 quarterback sacks in his career, an amazing feat for a player who is double-teamed nearly every play. Harper has climbed into NFL draft expert Mel Kiper, Jr.'s Big Board and is currently rated the No. 22 prospect for the 2002 NFL draft. Harper has been one of the most dominating defensive players in the WAC the last three

2001 NCAA Statistics

<u>Individual</u>	<u>WAC</u>	<u>NCAA</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
• David Carr			
Passing Eff.	1st	2nd	166.7
Passing Yards	1st	1st	4,308
Total Offense	1st	3rd	338.2
Pts. Resp. For	1st	1st	22.0
TD Passes	1st	1st	42
Completions	1st	3rd	309
Attempts	1st	2nd	477

• Rodney Wright

Rec. Per Game	2nd	9th	7.0
Rec. Yds./Game	3rd	9th	102.4
All-Purpose Yds.	9th	N/A	113.4

• Jason Simpson

Punting	1st	18th	43.7
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• Bernard Berrian

Rec. Per Game	8th	31st	5.85
Rec. Yds./Game	4th	13th	97.7
Kickoff Returns	3rd	28th	24.7
Punt Returns	1st	10th	14.2
All-Purpose Yds.	1st	2nd	199.3

• Asen Asparuhov

Field Goals	1st	6th	1.77
Scoring	1st	12th	9.5

• Paris Gaines

Rushing	5th	N/A	78.3
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• Bryce McGill

Interceptions	8th	N/A	0.31
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Comparing the Teams

• Offensive Statistics

	Fresno State		Michigan State	
	<u>WAC</u>	<u>NCAA</u>	<u>Big Ten</u>	<u>NCAA</u>
Scoring Offense	1st	4th	3rd	34th
Total Offense	1st	4th	2nd	18th
Rushing Offense	4th	49th	7th	60th
Passing Offense	2nd	6th	1st	14th

• Defensive Statistics

	Fresno State		Michigan State	
	<u>WAC</u>	<u>NCAA</u>	<u>Big Ten</u>	<u>NCAA</u>
Scoring Defense	1st	41st	6th	55th
Total Defense	2nd	54th	6th	57th
Rushing Defense	1st	18th	7th	87th
Passing Defense	7th	98th	1st	14th

• Special Teams Statistics

	Fresno State		Michigan State	
	<u>WAC</u>	<u>NCAA</u>	<u>Big Ten</u>	<u>NCAA</u>
Net Punting	1st	16th	7th	86th
Kickoff Returns	4th	32nd	1st	28th
Punt Returns	1st	5th	10th	70th
Turnover Margin	1st	2nd	8th	72nd

seasons, earning first-team All-WAC honors each year. This season, he became the first WAC Defensive Player of the Year in Fresno State history and is considered the greatest defensive lineman in school history. Harper has been awarded a Bulldog blackshirt in 22 of the last 23 games. A blackshirt is awarded by the FS defensive coaches for totally dominating a position in the previous game.

<u>Alan Harper</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Career</u>	<u>WAC Rank</u>	<u>NCAA Rank</u>
Tackles for Losses	21-104	47-195	1st	19th
Quarterback Sacks	12-79	21-132	1st	11th

Getting Defensive

The Fresno State defense is operating on all cylinders. The Bulldogs have allowed only 21 second half points to their last five opponents. This continues a trend that has seen the FS defense prove nearly impossible on which to run. In the past five games, the Bulldogs have allowed only 2.6 yards per carry and an average of just under 100 rushing yards per game. This has helped compliment an offense that has averaged 554 total yards in that same time span. In the last five games, the Bulldogs have been downright miserly in the second half, allowing only 21 points. In fact, Fresno State has allowed nine or fewer points in the second half eight times in 2001. And in the last two games, the defense has helped create nine turnovers and now have 36 takeaways this year, second best in the nation. Fresno State is tops in the WAC in scoring defense, second in total defense and has racked up a conference-best 92 tackles for loss and 47 sacks.

Fantastic Fox

There's more to playing defensive back than making interceptions. Senior safety Vernon Fox, who came into the 2001 season with only one career interception, has been selected first-team All-WAC each of the last two seasons. Fox was one of six players in the WAC with more than 100 tackles in 1999, leading the 'Dogs with 103, yet was left off both the first and second teams. Fox had 64 tackles in 2000, fourth on the team, plus had six tackles for losses and three quarterback sacks. Fox graduated with a 3.46 GPA in sociology and is currently enrolled in graduate school at Fresno State. He also has picked off three passes this season after not having an interception since his freshman year in 1998.

Getting His Kicks

No player has improved more on the Bulldog team than junior punter Jason Simpson. In his first season, Simpson averaged 38.0 yards per punt and was very good at placing the ball, stopping 18 punts inside the 20-yard line. This season, Simpson has improved his average by eight yards per punt to 43.7, which ranked tops in the WAC and 18th in the nation. He has also placed 17 punts inside the 20. Simpson was selected first-team All-WAC, the second Bulldog punter in four years to receive that honor.

Blackshirts and Bad 'Dogs

Fresno State has a unique way of honoring strong defensive efforts during games. Every week after defensive coordinator Dan Brown reviews game film, he makes note of the Bulldogs players who dominated their position during the game. These players then receive plain black shirts to wear during practice the following week. Players not receiving blackshirts wear their normal practice uniform. Listed below is the game-by-game blackshirt list:

<u>Game</u>	<u>Blackshirt Players</u>
at Colorado	Alan Harper, Jason Stewart, Nick Burley, Maurice Rodriguez, Vernon Fox, Devon Banks, Bryce McGill, Tierre Sams
Oregon State	Alan Harper, Jason Stewart, Nick Burley, Jake Probst, Clarence Denning, Maurice Rodriguez, Vernon Fox, Devon Banks, Bryce McGill, Tierre Sams, Kendall Edwards
at Wisconsin	Nick Burley, Alan Harper, Jason Stewart, Marc Dailey, Devon Banks, Vernon Fox
at Tulsa	Jason Stewart, Maurice Rodriguez, Brian Morris, Marc Dailey, Alan Harper, Bryce McGill
Louisiana Tech	Alan Harper, Jason Stewart, Bryce McGill, Kendall Edwards, Marc Dailey
at Colorado State	Alan Harper
Boise State	Alan Harper and Vernon Fox
at Hawaii'i	Alan Harper, Vernon Fox, Sam Williams
Rice	Alan Harper, Del Hawkins, Brian Morris, Vernon Fox, Kendall Edwards, Sam Williams, Marc Dailey
at SMU	Alan Harper, Nick Burley, Grant Harrington, Justin Johnson, Sam Williams, Marc Dailey, Maurice Rodriguez, Vernon Fox, Bryce McGill, Devon Banks
at Nevada	Alan Harper, Jason Stewart, Vernon Fox, Devon Banks, Bryce McGill, Tierre Sams, Brian Morris, Marc Dailey, Maurice Rodriguez, Sam Williams
San Jose State	Alan Harper, Maurice Rodriguez, Vernon Fox, Sam Williams
Utah State	Alan Harper, Vernon Fox, Devon Banks, Bruce McGill, Tierre Sams

Fresno State Miscellany

'Dogs on National TV

Fresno State had six national television appearances scheduled this season on ESPN and ESPN2, plus one ESPN Regional telecast and one on Fox Sports Regional. Here's a look at Fresno State's 2001 TV schedule and recent television games.

2001 (5-2)

at Colorado	ESPN2	W, 24-22
vs. Oregon State	ESPN2	W, 44-24
at Wisconsin	ESPN	W, 32-20
at Tulsa	FSR	W, 37-18
at Colorado State	ESPN2	W, 25-22 (ot)
vs. Boise State	ESPN	L, 35-30
at Hawai'i	ESPN	L, 38-34

2000 (2-4)

at Ohio State	ESPNR	L, 10-43
at UCLA	FSR	L, 21-24
vs. Cal	FSN	W, 17-3
at Rice	FSN	W, 27-24
at TCU	FSN	L, 7-24
vs. Air Force	FSN	L, 34-37

1999 (0-3)

at SMU	FSN	L, 14-24
at Hawai'i	FSR	L, 24-31 (OT)
vs. Utah	ESPN2	L, 16-17

1998 (0-1)

at San Diego St.	ABC	L, 0-10
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1997 (1-0)

vs. Utah	ESPN	W, 27-13
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1993 (1-1)

vs. BYU	ABC	W, 48-45
vs. Colorado	ABC	L, 30-41

1992 (2-0)

vs. San Diego St.	ABC	W, 45-41
vs. USC	ESPN	W, 24-7

Frequent Flyers

Fresno State traveled more than any team in the nation this season, racking up 20,872 miles. WAC teams own the top four travel distances in the nation. Hawai'i, Boise State and San Jose State are behind the Bulldogs. The Bulldogs are playing seven road games. Here's breakdown of each trip:

Colorado	1,146 miles
Wisconsin	2,078 miles
Tulsa	1,559 miles
Colorado State	1,182 miles
Hawai'i	2,520 miles
SMU	1,649 miles
Nevada	302 miles
Total	20,872 miles

Bulldogs in the Rankings

Date	AP	Coaches
Preseason	-	-
Aug. 27	-	-
Sept. 3	19	-
Sept. 10	11	15
Sept. 24	10	13
Oct. 1	10	11
Oct. 8	8	10
Oct. 15	8	10
Oct. 22	18	19
Nov. 12	-	25
Nov. 19	23	22
Nov. 26	21	21
Dec. 3	21	19
Dec. 10	21	20

'Dog Bones (Team)

- FS is 24-4 under Pat Hill at home, including wins in 20 of the last 22 games.
- FS is 19-2 in its last 21 WAC home games.
- Under Pat Hill the Bulldogs are 30-4 when leading at the half, including wins in the last four games.
- The Bulldogs have picked off 23 passes this year, third best in the nation.
- Fresno State's victories over No. 23 Wisconsin and No. 10 Oregon State were the first time in program history it had defeated ranked opponents on back-to-back weeks.
- The win over the Badgers was also the program's first over a Big Ten team.
- A crowd of 78,506 watched Fresno State play Wisconsin, the largest attendance ever to witness a Bulldog victory.
- FS has thrown 93 touchdowns and only 21 interceptions since the 1999 opener.
- The Bulldogs have not been shutout in the last 131 home games dating back to Oct. 25, 1980, vs. Utah State (14-0). Fresno State has scored in 155 of the last 156 home games.
- FS is 26-6 under Pat Hill when the 'Dogs throw more touchdown passes than their opponents.
- FS is 30-5 under Pat Hill when the 'Dogs have less turnovers than their opponents.
- The 'Dogs allowed a school record-low 13 quarterback sacks in 1999 just 20 in 2000. They have allowed 25 this year.
- Fresno State had a 100-yard rusher against Tulsa, Louisiana Tech and Colorado State, the first time since the 1996 the Bulldogs had that happen in three consecutive games.
- Fresno State has produced six first-team All-WAC defensive players over the last two seasons. Three of those (Vernon Fox, Alan Harper and Anthony Limbrick) are on this year's roster.
- The FS defense had 122 tackles for losses for -459 yards in 2000. This year, they have accumulated 83 for -335.
- This season marked the third year in a row the Bulldogs have played three of their first four games on the road. In fact, seven of FS's first 11 games were away from Bulldog Stadium.
- The 'Dogs have led the WAC in scoring in three of the last nine years, including a nation's best 40.5 average in 1992. They are averaging 40.4 points per game this year, including 30-plus point outbursts in 11 of the last 12 games. Fresno State ranks fourth in the nation in scoring offense.
- FS has produced two quarterbacks (Trent Dilfer and Bill Volek) who set NCAA records in the last seven years. Both are in the NFL, Dilfer with the Seattle Seahawks and Volek is with the Tennessee Titans.
- FS has produced two first-team All-WAC punters (Jason Simpson, 2001; Jeff Roberts, 1998) and two kickers (Asen Asparuhov, 2001; Jeff Hanna, 1999) since the 1998 season.
- Fresno State's third down conversion percentage dropped from 50 percent in 1999 to 35 percent in 2000. This year, the Bulldogs are converting third downs at a 40 percent clip (63-of-158).
- Only one Fresno State every down starter is not from California (safety Vernon Fox is from Las Vegas). Kicker Asen Asparuhov is a native of Plovdiv, Bulgaria.
- Fresno State was 2-2 on national television (Fox Sports Net) last season and are 5-2 this year (ESPN, ESPN2 and Fox Sports Net).
- Fresno State played in front of above-capacity crowds in eight of its 13 games this year (vs. Oregon State, at Wisconsin, vs. Louisiana Tech, at Colorado State, vs. Boise State, vs. Rice, vs. San Jose State, vs. Utah State)
- For the second consecutive year, Fresno State set a stadium attendance record in the home opener. This year, 42,410 fans jammed Bulldog Stadium, surpassing the former record of 42,285, established against California in the 2000 opener. But in the last five games, the 42,881 that have attended established and tied yet another attendance record.
- Fresno State has sold out 10 of the last 11 games at Bulldog Stadium with an average attendance of 42,150, 1,119 more than the stadium's capacity of 41,031.
- After both Colorado (11-of-21) and Oregon State (8-of-17) converted third downs at or near a 50 percent clip, the Bulldogs held Wisconsin to only 5-of-15 on third downs, including 1-for-7 in the second half. FS has held its past seven opponents to a combined 49-for-144 (34 percent) on third downs.
- Fresno State is a combined 16-2 when either Josh Levi (8-0) or Paris Gaines (9-2) or both rush for a touchdown in a game.
- Fresno State is 63-of-71 in the "compete zone," scoring on 89 percent of the time inside the 25-yard line. The 'Dogs have scored 45 touchdowns in 71 attempts (63 percent) inside the "compete zone."
- The Bulldogs are 10-3 in their last 13 games when scoring first.
- Fresno State's first score in 21 of the last 22 games, including the last 17, has been a touchdown. Fresno State had a safety on the opening kickoff against Rice last year for the only non-touchdown first score.
- The Hawai'i loss Oct. 26 snapped FS's five-game road winning streak. That was the team's longest since the 1988 and '89 seasons.
- Fresno State's losses to Boise State and Hawai'i were the team's first back-to-back WAC defeats since 1998. The Bulldogs have yet to lose three conference games in a row under Pat Hill.
- The Bulldogs defense allowed only 30 rushing yards to Hawai'i, the lowest total since Sept. 3, 1988, when they allowed just 20 to New Mexico in a 68-21 win over the Lobos.
- Fresno State has allowed just 2.6 rushing yards per carry to the last five opponents.
- Fresno State won six road games this year, most in program history.
- The Bulldogs have allowed only 14 points in the second half of their last four games. They are outscoring their opponents 104-14 over those three games.
- Fresno State is outscoring its opponents 140-27 in the third quarter of games this year.
- FS has marked up its first 10-win season since 1991 and will be going to a bowl game for the third consecutive year, just the second time in program history that has happened.

National Polls

• USA Today/ESPN Coaches Poll

as of Dec. 9, 2001

No	Team	Record	Points	Last
1.	Miami (Fla.) (60)	11-0	1,800	1
2.	Oregon	10-1	1,698	3
3.	Colorado	10-2	1,649	4
4.	Nebraska	11-1	1,556	5
5.	Florida	9-2	1,396	6
6.	Maryland	10-1	1,384	7
7.	Illinois	10-1	1,381	8
8.	Tennessee	10-2	1,309	2
9.	Texas	10-2	1,226	10
10.	Oklahoma	10-2	1,222	11
11.	Stanford	9-2	1,088	13
12.	LSU	9-3	1,006	21
13.	Washington State	9-2	897	13
14.	South Carolina	8-3	742	14
15.	Virginia Tech	8-3	732	15
16.	Georgia	8-3	672	16
17.	Michigan	8-3	620	17
18.	Syracuse	9-3	523	18
19.	BYU	12-1	522	9
20.	FRESNO STATE	11-2	518	19
21.	Washington	8-3	502	20
22.	Ohio State	7-4	268	22
23.	Louisville	10-2	225	23
24.	Florida State	7-4	160	24
25.	Toledo	9-2	85	25

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: Hawai'i (57), North Carolina State (37), Auburn (26), Arkansas (22), Marshall (21), Boston College (13), Georgia Tech (11), North Carolina (7), Texas A&M (6), UCLA (6), Iowa State (4), Mississippi (3), Texas Tech (3), **Louisiana Tech (2)**, Bowling Green (1)

Associated Press Preseason Poll

as of Dec. 9, 2001

No	Team	Record	Points	Last
1.	Miami (Fla.) (60)	11-0	1,500	1
2.	Oregon	10-1	1,398	3
3.	Colorado	10-2	1,337	5
4.	Nebraska	11-1	1,334	4
5.	Florida	9-2	1,184	6
6.	Maryland	10-1	1,167	7
7.	Illinois	10-1	1,145	8T
8.	Tennessee	10-2	1,105	2
9.	Texas	10-2	1,034	10
10.	Oklahoma	10-2	936	11
11.	Stanford	9-2	889	12
12.	LSU	9-3	778	20
13.	Washington State	9-2	764	13
14.	South Carolina	8-3	660	14
15.	Michigan	8-3	624	15
16.	Virginia Tech	8-3	595	16
17.	BYU	12-1	529	8T
18.	Syracuse	9-3	492	17
19.	Georgia	8-3	469	18
20.	Washington	8-3	393	19
21.	FRESNO STATE	11-2	323	21
22.	Louisville	10-2	221	22
23.	Ohio State	7-4	198	23
24.	Florida State	7-4	137	24
25.	Marshall	10-2	59	25

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: Toledo (45), **Hawai'i (30)**, Auburn (29), North Carolina State (23), Arkansas (22), Boston College (21), Iowa State (13), Alabama (10), North Carolina (10), Texas A&M (7), Mississippi (6), USC (5), Georgia Tech (4), UCLA (3), Texas Tech (1)

Bold/Italics Indicate 2001 Opponent

'Dog Bones (Individual)

- Kicker **Asen Asparuhov** has made 32-of-46 field goal attempts (.696) during his career, including 23-of-30 (.767) this year. His 23 is most ever in a single season.
- Asparuhov** was named a semifinalist for the Lou Groza Award, presented annually to the nation's top placekicker.
- Asparuhov** made a career-high four field goals against Colorado State, including a 48-yarder as regulation time expired to send the game into overtime and a 41-yarder to win it in the extra stanza. The game winner was selected the No. 6 Play of the Week by ESPN's Chris Berman.
- Asparuhov's** 48-yarder against Colorado State was the longest of his career. He was named the WAC Special Teams Player of the Week for his efforts in the game.
- Safety **Devon Banks** has intercepted three passes this year.
- Banks** was selected first-team All-WAC by *The Sporting News* after the 2000 season.
- Junior cornerback **Juan Bautista** was awarded a scholarship during fall camp and was the unanimous selection by his teammates as the special teams captian for the 2001 season.
- Bernard Berrian** had the type of game an all-purpose wideout dreams about against Nevada. He had 166 receiving yards, 79 rushing yards on one carry, a 70-yard punt return for a touchdown and a 49-yard kickoff return. All told, he set a record for all-purpose yards by a non-quarterback with 357. He is now ranked third in the nation in all-purpose yards with 198.5 per game.
- Berrian** also had 300 all-purpose yards against Wisconsin.
- Berrian** is 10th in the nation in punt returns at 14.2 and 31st in kickoff returns at 24.7. He has returned both a punt and kickoff return for a touchdown this year.
- Berrian** was named second-team All-WAC last year by the league's coaches.
- Berrian** is 13th receiving yards per game (97.7) and 31st in the nation in receptions per game (5.9).
- David Carr** was named the national player of the week by *USA Today* and CNN/SI after throwing for 340 yards and four touchdowns against No. 10 Oregon State (9/2/01).
- Carr** has thrown just three interceptions in his 477 pass attempts this year and only 14 in his last 771 attempts. In those same 771 attempts, he has thrown 65 touchdown passes.
- Carr** had 432 passing yards against Utah State, the sixth-best single-game effort in school history.
- Carr** is ranked No. 3 on Mel Kiper's Jr.'s "Big Board" for prospects for the 2002 NFL draft. He is the highest rated skill position offensive player on the board.
- Carr** is ranked first in the nation in touchdown passes (42), passing yards (4,308) and points responsible for (22.0), second in completions (309) and is third in the nation in total offense (338.2) and in passing efficiency (166.7).
- Carr** has eight 300-yard games in 2001 – Colorado State (398), Oregon State (340), Tulsa (314), Louisiana Tech (319), Boise State (345), Rice (334), Nevada (368) and San Jose State (328) – and two 400-yard games – Hawai'i (400) and Utah State (432).
- All-WAC strong safety **Vernon Fox** has at least one tackle in 42 consecutive games.
- Fox** has started 37 consecutive games, the longest streak on the team.
- Fox** led the team with 103 tackles in 1999 and was fifth last year with 68. He is fourth on the team this year with 72.
- Fox**, who has begun work on a master's degree, graduated in May with a 3.46 GPA in sociology.
- Fox** last week received a National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship. He was one of 16 players in all NCAA divisions so honored.
- Running back **Paris Gaines** rushed for 203 yards against Louisiana Tech, the most of his career and the highest total by a Bulldog since Jaime Kimbrough had 212 against San Jose State in 1998.
- Gaines** has three 100-yard games this year rushed for more than 1,000 yards for the first time in his career.
- All-WAC defensive tackle **Alan Harper** has at least one tackle in 45 straight games, the longest streak on the Fresno State defense. He has been awarded a blackshirt every game since the 2000 season opener but one.
- Harper** is ranked No. 22 on Mel Kiper Jr.'s "Big Board" for the top prospects for the 2002 NFL draft.
- Harper** is first in the WAC in sacks (12) and tackles for loss (21).
- Harper** was voted the WAC Preseason Player of the Year by the media.
- Harper** is on the watch list for the Outland Trophy Award.
- Tight end **Jeremy Johnson** suffered a broken bone in his left wrist against Wisconsin and missed the rest of the regular season. He has been cleared to play in the bowl game.
- Freshman **Logan Mankins** has started every game at the critical left tackle position and has allowed two sacks this year. "He has been very impressive for a first-year player. He is very athletic and very physical to do what he has done against the caliber of opponents we have played," Offensive Line Coach Dennis Wagner.
- Bryce McGill** is second on the squad with 85 tackles, including nine for loss, four sacks and a team-high four interceptions, including one in the victory over San Jose State.
- Cornerback **Tierre Sams** ran a 10.46 100 meters in high school, which at one point was the fastest time by a high school in the nation.
- Junior right tackle **Joe Schey** was named to the Verizon Academic All-District second team. He has a 3.3 GPA in sociology.
- Schey** was selected preseason All-WAC by *Lindy's* and *The Sporting News*.
- Safety **Cameron Worrell** was a walk-on to the team who earned a scholarship after fall camp.
- Rodney Wright** was selected the WAC Offensive Player of the Week after his eight receptions for 182 yards and two touchdowns vs. Oregon State (9/2/01).
- A 1999 All-WAC receiver, **Wright** missed six games with a torn calf in 2000.
- Wright** had seven receptions for a career-high 182 yards against Oregon State (9/2/01).
- Wright** had a career-high 14 catches against Boise State (10/19/01).
- Wright's** 7.0 receptions per game and 102.4 receiving yards per game are both ninth best in the nation.
- Wright** posted 73 receiving yards against SJSU and now has 2,979 all-time, second in Fresno State history.
- Wright** caught seven passes against SMU and became Fresno State's all-team leading pass catcher.

2001 Bulldog Honors

Asen Asparuhov, Junior, Kicker

Third-team All-America- *The Sporting News*
 Honorable Mention All-America- *CNN/SI*
 First-team All-WAC
 WAC special teams player of the week (Colorado State)
 Semifinalist for Lou Groza Award

Bernard Berrian, Junior, Receiver

First-team All-America All-Purpose Back - AFCA
 Fourth-team All-America Return Specialist - *The Sporting News*
 First-team All-WAC Receiver
 First-team All-WAC Return Specialist
 WAC offensive and special teams player of the week (Wisc.)
 WAC special teams player of the week (Nevada)

Juan Bautista, Junior, Cornerback

Verizon-CoSIDA Academic All-District

Nick Burley, Junior, Defensive End

First-team All-WAC
 WAC defensive player of the week (Rice)

David Carr, Senior, Quarterback

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Marc Dailey, Sophomore, Linebacker

Honorable Mention All-WAC

Clarence Denning, Sophomore, Defensive End

Honorable Mention All-WAC

Kendall Edwards, Sophomore, Cornerback

Honorable Mention All-WAC

Vernon Fox, Senior, Safety

First-team All-WAC
 NFFn and College Hall of Fame Postgraduate
 Scholarship
 Verizon-CoSIDA Academic All-District

Paris Gaines, Senior, Running Back

Second-team All-WAC
 WAC player of the week (Louisiana Tech)

Alan Harper, Senior, Defensive Tackle

Second-team - *Associated Press*
 Second-team - *The Sporting News*
 Second-team - *The Football News*
 Honorable Mention - *CNN/SI*
 WAC Defensive Player of the Year
 First-team All-WAC

Logan Mankins, Freshman, Left Tackle

First-team Freshman All-America - *The Sporting News*
 Honorable Mention All-WAC

Bryce McGill, Sophomore, Safety

Honorable Mention All-WAC
 WAC defensive player of the week (Tulsa)

Maurice Rodriguez, Senior, Linebacker

Second-team All-WAC

Tierre Sams, Senior, Cornerback

Honorable All-WAC

Joe Schey, Junior, Right Tackle

Honorable All-WAC

Jason Simpson, Junior, Punter

First-team All-WAC
 WAC special teams player of the week (Oregon State)

Jason Stewart, Junior, Nose Tackle

Honorable All-WAC

Mike Stovall, Senior, Center

First-team All-WAC

Fitu Tu'ua, Sophomore, Right Guard

Second-team All-WAC

Sam Williams, Junior, Linebacker

Honorable All-WAC

Rodney Wright, Senior, Receiver

Fourth-team All-America - *The Sporting News*
 Second-team All-WAC
 WAC player of the week (Oregon State)

Game-by-Game Leaders

Game	Rusher	Passer	Receiver
▶ at Colorado	Gaines (43)	Carr (198)	Davis (95)
▶ Oregon State	Gaines (69)	Carr (340)	Wright (182)
▶ at Wisconsin	Gaines (86)	Carr (240)	Berrian (102)
▶ at Tulsa	Levi (107)	Carr (314)	Berrian (169)
▶ Louisiana Tech	Gaines (203)	Carr (319)	Wright (74)
▶ at Colorado State	Gaines (111)	Carr (389)	Wright (120)
▶ Boise State	Gaines (97)	Carr (345)	Wright (179)
▶ at Hawai'i	Gaines (46)	Carr (400)	Wright (145)
▶ Rice	Gaines (63)	Carr (334)	Wright (145)
▶ at SMU	Gaines (96)	Carr (292)	Wright (91)
▶ at Nevada	Berrian (73)	Carr (368)	Berrian (166)
▶ San Jose State	Gaines (107)	Carr (328)	Berrian (109)
▶ Utah State	Levi (91)	Carr (432)	Berrian (158)

Fresno State 1st Half Opening Drives

Game	Outcome	Opening Drive
▶ at Colorado	PUNT	4 plays, 17 yards, 1:59
▶ Oregon State	TD	8 plays, 59 yards, 3:02 (Gaines 1-yd rush)
▶ at Wisconsin	TD	12 plays, 64 yards, 4:35 (Davis 20-yd rec.)
▶ at Tulsa	PUNT	3 plays, 9 yards, 1:52
▶ Louisiana Tech	PUNT	6 plays, 21 yards, 1:52
▶ at Colorado State	TD	5 plays, 68 yards, 1:54 (Spach 3-yd rec.)
▶ Boise State	TD	6 plays, 60 yards, 2:06 (Greco 19-yd rec.)
▶ at Hawai'i	TD	5 plays, 48 yards, 0:50 (Smith 8-yd rec.)
▶ Rice	TD	2 plays, 38 yards, 0:34 (Wright 17-yd rec.)
▶ at SMU	INT	3 plays, (-5) yards, 0:24
▶ at Nevada	TD	2 plays, 70 yards, 0:26 (Berrian 63-yd rec.)
▶ San Jose State	TD	7 plays, 66 yards, 3:01 (Berrian 8-yd rec.)
▶ Utah State	TD	2 plays, 67 yards, 0:33 (Gilbert 41-yd rec.)

Fresno State 2nd Half Opening Drives

Game	Outcome	Opening Drive
▶ at Colorado	PUNT	3 plays, 8 yards, 1:37
▶ Oregon State	PUNT	6 plays, 21 yards, 2:10
▶ at Wisconsin	TD	Berrian 96-yd kickoff return
▶ at Tulsa	TD	8 plays, 48 yards, 3:25 (Wright 5-yd rush)
▶ Louisiana Tech	TD	3 plays, 79 yards, 0:59 (Gaines 58-yd rush)
▶ at Colorado State	FG	11 plays, 73 yards, 3:08 (Asparuhov 24-yd FG)
▶ Boise State	TD	8 plays, 81 yards, 2:17 (Berrian 18-yd rec.)
▶ at Hawai'i	PUNT	3 plays, 2 yards, 1:14
▶ Rice	TD	1 play, 22 yards, 0:04 (Gilbert 22-yd rec.)
▶ at SMU	MISSED FG	5 plays, 7 yards, 1:07
▶ at Nevada	TD	5 plays, 51 yards, 1:21 (Gilbert 25-yd rec.)
▶ San Jose State	TD	11 plays, 88 yards, 4:02 (Gaines 2-yd rec.)
▶ Utah State	TD	6 plays, 92 yards, 2:53 (Berrian 57-yd rec.)

Bowl Schedule

New Orleans Bowl • Dec. 18
Colorado State vs. North Texas

GMAC Bowl • Dec. 19
East Carolina vs. Marshall

Visit Florida Tangerine Bowl • Dec. 20
North Carolina State vs. Pittsburgh

Sega Sports Las Vegas Bowl • Dec. 25
Utah vs. USC

Seattle Bowl • Dec. 27
Stanford vs. Georgia Tech

Mainstay Independence Bowl • Dec. 27
Alabama vs. Iowa State

Galleryfurniture.com Bowl • Dec. 28
Texas A&M vs. TCU

Music City Bowl • Dec. 28
Boston College vs. Georgia

Culligan Holiday Bowl • Dec. 28
Washington vs. Texas

Motor City Bowl • Dec. 29
Toledo vs. Cincinnati

Sylvania Alamo Bowl • Dec. 29
Texas Tech vs. Iowa

Insight.Com Bowl • Dec. 29
Kansas State vs. Syracuse

Humanitarian Bowl • Dec. 31
Louisiana Tech vs. Clemson

Wells Fargo Sun Bowl • Dec. 31
Washington State vs. Purdue

Silicon Valley Football Classic • Dec. 31
Fresno State vs. Michigan State

AXA Liberty Bowl • Dec. 31
BYU vs. Louisville

Chick-Fil-A Peach Bowl • Dec. 31
North Carolina vs. Auburn

SBC Cotton Bowl • Jan. 1
Arkansas vs. Oklahoma

Outback Bowl • Jan. 1
Ohio State vs. South Carolina

Toyota Gator Bowl • Jan. 1
Florida State vs. Virginia Tech

Capital One Florida Citrus Bowl • Jan. 1
Michigan vs. Tennessee

Nokia Sugar Bowl • Jan. 1
Illinois vs. LSU

Tostitos Fiesta Bowl • Jan. 1
Oregon vs. Colorado

FedEx Orange Bowl • Jan. 2
Maryland vs. Florida

Rose Bowl Presented by AT&T • Jan. 3
Miami (Fla.) vs. Nebraska

Longest Touchdown Drives

Game	Plays	Yards	Time	Touchdown Play
1. at SMU	17	94	7:49	Josh Levi, 1-yard rush
2. Utah State	6	92	2:53	Bernard Berrian 57-yard reception
3. San Jose State	11	88	4:16	Paris Gaines 2-yard rush
4. Louisiana Tech	9	82	3:01	Bernard Berrian 1-yard reception
5. at Hawai'i	5	80	0:55	Rodney Wright 35-yard reception
6T. at Colorado	11	80	3:59	Marque Davis 21-yard reception
6T. Oregon State	13	80	6:20	Jeremy Johnson 1-yard reception
6T. at Tulsa	9	80	3:26	Marque Davis 27-yard reception
9. Utah State	3	78	1:09	Paris Gaines 20-yard reception
10. at Nevada	9	77	1:40	Paris Gaines 2-yard reception

Longest Pass Plays

Game	Length	Details
1. Oregon State	70 yards	Carr to Wright for a touchdown
2. at SMU	65 yards	Carr to Wright for a touchdown
3. at Nevada	63 yards	Carr to Berrian for a touchdown
4. Utah State	57 yards	Carr to Berrian for a touchdown
5T. at Nevada	42 yards	Carr to Wright
5T. at Tulsa	42 yards	Carr to Berrian
7. at Colorado State	38 yards	Carr to Smith
8. Louisiana Tech	37 yards	Carr to Gaines for a touchdown
9. at Nevada	36 yards	Carr to Berrian for a touchdown
10T. at SMU	35 yards	Carr to Berrian for a touchdown
10T. at Colorado State	35 yards	Carr to Berrian
10T. at Hawai'i	35 yards	Carr to Wright for a touchdown

Longest Running Plays

Game	Length	Details
1. at Nevada	73 yards	Bernard Berrian, stopped at the 2-yard line
2. at Tulsa	68 yards	Josh Levi, tripped up inside the 5
3. Louisiana Tech	58 yards	Paris Gaines for a touchdown
4. at Colorado State	57 yards	Paris Gaines on the second play of the game
5. San Jose State	26 yards	Josh Levi in the fourth quarter
6. Utah State	25 yards	Paris Gaines gets closer to 1,000 yards
7. Louisiana Tech	25 yards	Rodney Wright on an end-around
8T. Louisiana Tech	24 yards	Paris Gaines racks up a career-high 203 yards
8T. Rice	24 yards	Paris Gaines finishes with nearly 100 yards
10. Rice	23 yards	Therrian Fontenot gives a glimpse of the future

Carr Quick Slants

Call Him the Offense

- Fresno State has scored 65 touchdowns this year, and David Carr is responsible for 41 of them. He's thrown 42 touchdown passes, tops in the nation, and rushed for five more. In addition, he ran the option against Wisconsin to pick up a two-point conversion.

Completing 'Em at Will

- He is on pace to break Billy Volek's school career record completion percentage of .604, set from 1997-99. Carr's is currently completing passes at a .626 clip.

Using His Time Wisely

- Despite only playing two-and-a-half quarters of the Utah State game, Carr still posted mesmerizing numbers, going 21-of-27 with 432 and a career-high six touchdowns. With Carr at the controls, the Bulldog offense scored a touchdown on six of their first eight possessions.

Loves Home Cooking

- His home numbers the last two years are truly staggering. In his 11 games at Bulldog Stadium, Carr is 223-of-337 (.662) for 3,160 yards, 30 touchdowns and only three interceptions. Broken down, that's an average of 20-of-31, 287 yards, 2.7 touchdowns and 0.3 interceptions per game. In his five home games this year, he has thrown for 2,148 yards, 20 touchdowns and only one interception.

Spreading the Wealth

- Carr's targets have been vast and numerous. He has completed passes to 11 different Bulldogs through nine games, including touchdown passes to 10. His favorite target has been fellow Bakersfield, Calif., native Rodney Wright, who has caught 91 passes for 1,331 yards.

40-40 Man

- David Carr has thrown for 4,308 yards and 42 touchdown passes this year and has become only the sixth player in college football history to eclipse the 4,000-yard, 40-touchdown plateau.

Carr in the NCAA Statistics

- Carr is posting number that have him ranked near the top of many NCAA statistical categories. He is first in touchdown passes (42), passing yards (4,308) and points responsible for (22.0), second in completions (309) and passing efficiency (166.7) and third in total offense (338.2).

Getting in His Licks

- Carr has thrown for over 300 yards in nine of the last 10 games. Included in that are his first-ever 400-yard games Oct. 26 against Hawai'i and Saturday's 432-yard performance against Utah State.

Awards List

Second-team All-America – *The Football News*
 Third-team All-America – *Associated Press*
 Honorable Mention All-America – *CNN/SI*
 WAC Offensive Player of the Year
 First-team All-WAC quarterback
 WAC player of the week (Tulsa)
 WAC player of the week (Utah State)
 Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award (top senior quarterback)
 National Offensive Player of the Year – *The Football News*
 Fifth Place in the Heisman Trophy Balloting
 Semifinalist for the Davey O'Brien Award
 Semifinalist for the Walter Camp Player of the Year Award
USA Today, CNN/SI nat'l player of the week (Oregon State)

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8 David Carr

Senior • QB • 6-4 • 225 • Bakersfield, Calif. (Stockdale)

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Counting on Carr

Senior quarterback David Carr has emerged as perhaps the premier quarterback in the nation. After being selected second-team All-WAC last season despite working with an injury riddled offense, Carr has taken his leadership skills to a higher level in 2001. He was named WAC Offensive Player of the Year and has thrown for over 300 yards in 10 of FS's 13 games, including a career-high 432-yard effort last week against Utah State, in which he also passed for a career-high six touchdowns. In guiding the Bulldogs back up the national rankings, Carr has been outstanding, throwing for 28 touchdowns and 2,499 yards in the last seven games. Simply put, the Heisman Trophy candidate has been magnificent when Fresno State has needed him most, much as he was versus Colorado State, when he guided the Bulldogs to a game-tying last second field goal and the eventually game-winner in overtime. His emergence began to show last year, when he threw for 2,729 yards and 23 touchdowns, the fourth most in a season by a Bulldog quarterback. Before last season, Carr had completed 27-52 passes for 281 yards and one touchdown and two interceptions in his career. Carr could be the best all-around athlete to ever play quarterback for the Bulldogs. He bench presses 390 pounds, power cleans 300 pounds and squats 500 pounds. At 6-3, 225 pounds, he runs a 4.67 40-yard dash.

Carr by the Numbers

Year	G-GS	Att.	Comp	Int	Yds.	Pct.	TD	LG
1997-98	11-0	52	27	2	281	.519	1	26
1999	Redshirted							
2000								
Ohio State	1-1	44	26	<u>4</u>	238	.590	0	50
UCLA	1-1	33	20	0	249	.606	3	34
Cal	1-1	41	22	1	325	.537	2	38
Rice	1-1	31	20	2	220	.645	3	39
Nevada	1-1	12	7	0	92	.583	0	22
UTEP	1-1	31	14	1	142	.452	1	23
Tulsa	1-1	23	16	1	249	.696	4	71
Hawai'i	1-1	28	23	0	257	.821	2	42
TCU	1-1	30	15	1	183	.500	1	42
SMU	1-1	18	14	0	139	.777	0	37
San Jose St.	1-1	25	15	0	244	.600	2	51
Air Force	1-1	22	31	1	391	.710	5	73
2001								
Colorado	1-1	36	21	0	198	.583	1	21
Oregon State	1-1	34	21	0	340	.617	4	70
Wisconsin	1-1	38	22	1	240	.579	2	30
Tulsa	1-1	29	22	1	314	.759	3	42
Louisiana Tech	1-1	42	26	0	319	.619	2	37
Colorado State	1-1	37	28	0	389	.757	2	38
Boise State	1-1	49	30	1	345	.612	3	30
Hawai'i	1-1	45	28	1	400	.622	4	35
Rice	1-1	33	21	0	343	.636	5	31
SMU	1-1	37	25	2	292	.676	4	65
Nevada	1-1	34	23	1	368	.676	4	63
San Jose State	1-1	36	21	0	328	.583	2	39
Utah State	1-1	27	21	0	432	.778	6	42
Career Totals	36-25	878	550	20	7,308	.626	66	73

Career Highs **Bold/Underlined**

Carr Comments

David Carr is being considered on the of premier quarterbacks in the nation. Here's what a few people are saying about Fresno State's starting quarterback.

"He's a great quarterback. He moves around real well, makes all the throws and plays with a lot of confidence. He was a lot of fun to watch ... and I anticipate him being a top pick in next year's draft. It gives you a really good idea of what kind of player he's going to be. It showed me that he's got not only great talent but great heart. He never quits, always keeps fighting." – **Former Denver Broncos quarterback John Elway**

"I was in the league for five years and David Carr has what it takes to be a great player in the NFL. He has all of the physical tools, he is smart and he is extremely tough," – **Fresno State head coach Pat Hill.**

"David Carr is a lock to be a first rounder. He has all the physical tools to go along with the intangibles he brings to the table to make him a well rounded QB." – **ESPN's Kirk Herbstreit**

"Carr was his usual brilliant self against Utah State...Put him in a Miami uniform, and he'd win the Heisman in a rout. No QB consistently makes better throws, and Carr did so against everyone, from Colorado to Utah State. Want to hold Fresno's two losses against him? He completed 62 percent for 745 yards, seven TDs and just two INTs in those games." – **CBSSportsline.com**

Michigan State State Depth Chart

– Michigan State Offense –

LT	65	Ulish Booker	Jr.	6-7	298
	72	Stefon Wheeler	Fr.	6-5	323
LG	68	Joe Tate	So.	6-5	286
	67	DeMarco Monroe	So.	6-4	310
C	73	Brian Ottney	So.	6-6	305
	51	Chris Morris	Fr.	6-4	288
RG	76	William Whitticker	R-Fr.	6-6	299
	61	Joe Patrick	So.	6-5	301
RT	77	Steve Stewart	So.	6-5	305
	79	Sean Poole	R-Fr.	6-6	289
TE	83	Chris Baker	Sr.	6-3	263
	85	Ivory McCoy	Sr.	6-4	232
FL	2	Herb Haygood	Sr.	6-0	190
	6	B.J. Lovett	Jr.	6-4	208
WR	1	Charles Rogers	So.	6-4	202
	82	Zeihl Kavanaght	So.	5-11	176
QB	9	Jeff Smoker	So.	6-3	207
	7	Damon Dowdell	R-Fr.	6-1	209
- or -	3	Ryan Van Dyke	Sr.	6-5	223
TB	8	T.J. Duckett	Jr.	6-1	249
	23	Little John Flowers	Sr.	6-0	210
FB	49	Dawan Moss	Jr.	5-10	258
	31	Brian Burns	R-Fr.	6-3	236
– Michigan State Defense –					
DE	59	Clifford Dukes	R-Fr.	6-3	242
	4	Eric Knott	Fr.	6-3	272
DT	97	Kyle Rasmussen	So.	6-4	275
	99	Mattias Askew	Fr.	6-6	288
DT	95	Josh Shaw	Sr.	6-3	278
	92	Lonnie Simmons	R-Fr.	6-3	279
DE	75	Nick Myers	Sr.	6-2	263
	94	Greg Taplin	So.	6-5	254
SAM	42	Mike Labinjo	So.	6-1	268
	85	Ivory McCoy	Sr.	6-4	232
MIKE	50	Josh Thornhill	Sr.	6-2	239
	41	Matt Dawes	Fr.	6-0	230
WILL	44	Ronald Stanley	Jr.	6-2	236
	30	Robert Watts	Sr.	6-1	232
CB	21	Broderick Nelson	Jr.	6-0	175
	17	Roderick Maples	R-Fr.	5-10	180
SS	27	Duron Bryan	Jr.	6-1	199
	5	Lorenzo Guess	Sr.	6-1	193
FS	43	Thomas Wright	Jr.	6-1	191
	33	Robert Flagg	Fr.	6-1	192
CB	34	Tyrell Dortch	So.	5-10	193
	38	Damien Fortson	Fr.	5-11	170
– Michigan State Specialists –					
PK	16	Dave Rayner	Sr.	5-10	192
P	12	Craig Jarrett	Sr.	6-2	212
H	12	Craig Jarrett	Sr.	6-2	212
SNAP	56	Tony Grant	Sr.	6-2	242
KR	2	Herb Haygood	Sr.	6-0	190
	23	Little John Flowers	Sr.	6-0	210
PR	1	Charles Rogers	So.	6-4	202

The Michigan State Spartans

• 2001 Schedule/Results (6-5, 3-5)

Date	Opponent	Result/Time
Sept. 8	Central Michigan	W 35-21
Sept. 22	at Notre Dame	W 17-10
Sept. 29	at *Northwestern	L 27-26
Oct. 13	*Iowa	W 31-28
Oct. 20	at *Minnesota	L 28-19
Oct. 27	at *Wisconsin	W 42-28
Nov. 3	*Michigan	W 26-24
Nov. 10	*Indiana	L 37-28
Nov. 17	at *Purdue	L 14-24
Nov. 24	*Penn State	L 42-37
Dec. 1	Missouri	W 55-7

Bold indicates home game

* - Big Ten Game

Head Coach Bobby Williams

Career Record (Years)	12-11 (2)
Record at Utah State (Years)	Same (1)
Alma Mater	Purdue, '82

Bobby Williams is in his second full season as head coach at Michigan State. Williams accepted the position on Dec. 5, 1999, replacing Nick Saban, who left for LSU. Williams guided the Spartans to an upset win over No. 10 Florida 37-34 in his first game, the Citrus Bowl. A native of St. Louis, Williams is no stranger to the Big Ten, spending four years as a running back and defensive back for Purdue. Williams broke into the coaching ranks at his alma mater as a graduate assistant working with the secondary. The Purdue defensive coordinator at the time was current Boilermakers' coach Joe Tiller. Williams joined the Michigan State staff in 1990 as running backs coach and in 1999 was elevated to the position of associate head coach. In his first season at East Lansing, the Spartans tied for the Big Ten title and defeated USC in the John Hancock Bowl, the first of seven bowl games in his 12 years with the school. From 1985-89, he was the offensive backfield coach at Eastern Michigan and helped the Eagles win the 1987 MAC title and a victory over San Jose State, 30-27, in the California Raisin Bowl. Williams has been considered a strong recruiter and that was evident in his first class, which was rated No. 2 in the nation.

Michigan State Statistical Leaders

Rushing	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Avg/G
T.J. Duckett	11	236	1,236	5.2	10	112.0
Little John Flowers	10	64	285	4.5	1	28.5

Passing	G	A-C-I	Pct	Yds	TD	Avg/G
Jeff Smoker	10	230-144-7	62.6	2,227	18	222.7
Ryan Van Dyke	5	67-37-1	55.2	569	4	113.8

Receiving	G	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Avg/G
Charles Rogers	11	57	1,200	21.1	12	109.1
Herb Haygood	11	52	759	14.6	4	69.0
Chris Baker	11	36	528	14.7	4	48.0
Little John Flowers	10	25	299	12.0	2	29.9

Defense	G	UT	AT	TT	TFL-Yds	Sacks-Yds
Josh Thornhill	11	92	32	124	13-25	0-0
Thomas Wright	11	63	21	84	7-11	1-9
Mike Labinjo	11	40	20	60	16-62	5-34

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2001 Fresno State Depth Chart

Updated: Dec. 14, 2001

OFFENSE

WR	11	Marque Davis*	6-0	190	R-So.
	18	Charles Smith***	5-9	175	Sr.
	89	Lenny McCormick	6-0	185	R-Fr.
LT	74	Logan Mankins	6-4	290	R-Fr.
	72	Rodney Michael**	6-4	300	Jr.
LG	55	Mike Stovall***	6-2	290	Sr.
	65	Victor Taifane	6-5	335	Jr.
C	72	Rodney Michael**	6-4	300	Jr.
	55	Mike Stovall***	6-2	290	Sr.
RG	67	Fitu Tu'ua	6-5	310	So.
	65	Victor Taifane	6-5	335	Jr.
RT	75	Joe Schey**	6-6	315	Jr.
	66	DeJon Kelly	6-1	295	Jr.
TE	81	Alec Greco*	6-3	230	So.
	49	Stephen Spach	6-4	240	R-Fr.
	86	Duncan Reid	6-6	220	R-Fr.
	16	Tim Osborn**	6-2	230	Jr.
	82	Mark Wood	6-4	240	Fr.
WR	17	Rodney Wright***	5-9	175	Sr.
	87	Deandre Gilbert*	5-10	180	So.
WR	2	Bernard Berrian**	6-2	190	Jr.
	84	David Shabaglian**	6-0	184	Sr.
QB	8	David Carr***	6-3	225	Sr.
	15	Jeff Grady**	6-2	195	Jr.
-or-	3	Nathan Ray	6-1	190	R-Fr.
TB	1	Paris Gaines***	6-1	225	Sr.
	22	Josh Levi**	5-7	195	Jr.
	7	Therrian Fontenot	6-0	185	Fr.

DEFENSE

E	93	Clarence Denning*	6-3	250	So.
	59	Jake Probst**	6-2	250	Sr.
T	98	Alan Harper***	6-2	285	Sr.
	71	Justin Woltz*	6-3	250	So.
	97	George Benson	6-2	300	Fr.
NT	91	Jason Stewart**	6-1	270	Jr.
	94	Grant Harrington**	5-11	260	Sr.
	62	Del Hawkins	5-10	260	So.
	56	Fai Satele	6-1	270	Fr.
E	90	Nick Burley**	6-4	250	Jr.
	43	Asa Taylor	6-2	220	So.
	49	Claude Sanders	6-3	230	Fr.
OLB	44	Maurice Rodriguez**	6-2	240	Sr.
	88	Jermaine McDermott*	6-2	220	So.
	46	Brandon Gonzales	6-0	205	Jr.
MLB	31	Marc Dailey*	6-1	230	So.
	35	David Adamo	6-2	235	R-Fr.
	58	Jamal Jones	5-10	230	Fr.
OLB	40	Sam Williams**	6-5	245	Jr.
	95	Justin Johnson***	6-3	220	Sr.
	45	Todd Garcia	6-0	230	R-Fr.
CB	19	Devon Banks**	5-11	190	Sr.
	37	Demorieux Reneau	6-0	195	Jr.
	20	Juan Bautista*	5-7	185	So.
FS	5	Bryce McGill*	5-11	205	So.
	25	Anthony Limbrick***	6-1	205	Sr.
SS	33	Vernon Fox***	5-10	200	Sr.
	29	Cameron Worrell	5-11	205	Jr.
CB	4	Tierre Sams***	5-9	175	Sr.
	39	Kendall Edwards*	5-11	185	So.
	10	Dee Meza	5-11	185	So.

SPECIAL TEAMS

K	32	Asen Asparuhov*	6-5	215	Jr.
	38	Brett Visintainer*	6-0	165	So.
	37	Brandon Esparza	6-1	245	R-Fr.
KO	30	Brett Visintainer*	6-0	165	So.
	32	Asen Asparuhov*	6-5	215	Jr.
	37	Brandon Esparza	6-1	245	R-Fr.
P	48	Jason Simpson*	6-1	185	Jr.
	38	Brett Visintainer*	6-0	165	So.
LS	41	Kevin Murphy**	6-0	200	Sr.
	86	Duncan Reid	6-6	220	R-Fr.
H	48	Jason Simpson*	6-1	185	Jr.
	3	Nathan Ray	6-1	190	R-Fr.
KR	2	Bernard Berrian**	6-2	190	Jr.
	18	Charles Smith***	5-9	175	Sr.
PR	2	Bernard Berrian**	6-2	190	Jr.
	18	Charles Smith***	5-9	175	Sr.