

# LFCFA KICKOFF

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## LFCFA News

### Coaching Staff for Bayou Bowl 2011

The following coaches have been selected to coach the Louisiana team at the Bayou Bowl. The Bayou Bowl pits an all-star team from Louisiana against an all-star team representing Texas. This year's game will be played June 11, 2011 at Stallworth Stadium in Baytown, Texas.

#### **Head Coach – Sammy Messina – Loranger (Defense)**

##### Offense

Terrence Williams – Donaldsonville  
Dwain Jenkins – Lucher  
Scott Dieterich – Parkview  
Terry Farmer – South Lafourche

##### Defense

Caleb Guidry – Benton  
Marvin Williams – Wossman  
Randy Johnson – Ascension Episcopal

##### Alternates

James Gilyard – Hammond  
Paul Guerriero – St. Frederick  
Bryan Villa – Crescent City  
Frank Fresina – Central

### Scholarship Winners

The LFCFA is proud to announce the eleven winners of this year's \$1,000 scholarships:

#### Student

Shelby Jones  
Joseph Turpin  
Seth Montz  
Shawana Carey  
Cory Brodie  
Neil Schexnayder  
Tyler Stevens  
Brandon Burns  
Stu Cook  
Samantha Davenport  
Peyton Whaley

#### LFCFA Member

Coach Bill Jones  
Coach Ron Turpin  
Coach Ken Montz  
Coach Perry Daniels  
Coach Craig Brodie  
Coach Jerry Schexnader  
Coach Craig Stevens  
Coach Edward Burns  
Coach Lewis Cook  
Coach Robert Davenport  
Coach Michael Whaley



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## **The LFCA officially welcomes Coach Mark Hudspeth, Head Coach University of Louisiana – Lafayette**

The University of Louisiana formally introduced new head football coach Mark Hudspeth on December 13, 2010. University President Dr. E. Joseph Savoie and Athletic Director David Walker officially announced the hiring of the former Mississippi State passing game coordinator/wide receivers coach as the school's 25th head coach.

In addition to finding success as a head coach, the 42-year old Louisville, Miss., native has learned from some of the most successful football coaches in the country. A 19-year coaching veteran, Hudspeth brings with him a national championship, four conference championships, eight post-season appearances and four Coach of the Year awards. In nine seasons as a head coach, Hudspeth totaled a 91-21 record.



"We were very fortunate to have many extremely qualified candidates express an interest in becoming the next Ragin' Cajuns head football coach," Walker stated. "Each one possessed qualities that we felt would benefit our program. Many are outstanding coaches and outstanding recruiters. All expressed a commitment to the academic success of their student-athletes and most were very involved in their community. Each candidate is an exceptional individual. Coach Hudspeth possesses all of these qualities and we are extremely excited that he will lead our football program."

Hudspeth spent the 2009-10 seasons at Mississippi State, where he helped turn around a football program that had only one winning season in a nine-year span. The Bulldogs finished 2010 with an 8-4 record, earning a Gator Bowl trip vs. Michigan.

Prior to his appointment at Mississippi State, Hudspeth spent seven seasons as the head coach at North Alabama, leading the Lions to a 66-20 record. UNA won a pair of Gulf South Conference championships, made five NCAA playoff appearances and boasted 15 All-Americans. Attendance increased 122% under Hudspeth and the team grade-point-average was raised a full point to 2.76 - the highest team GPA in school history. UNA was ranked for 54 weeks and ranked in the Top 10 for 38 consecutive weeks. Hudspeth's offense averaged over 35 points per game.

In 2008, Hudspeth led UNA to its fourth-consecutive 10-win season, posting a 12-2 record and a berth in the NCAA Division II semifinals. The Lions ranked sixth nationally, scoring 41.3 points per game. In 2007, Hudspeth led the Lions to a 10-2 record and reached the national quarterfinals.

In 2006, the Lions had an 11-1 record, won a GSC title and a spot in the quarterfinals of the Division II playoffs. Hudspeth was selected as the Gulf South Conference Coach of the Year for the second time by his peers and was also the NCAA Division II Region 2 Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association.

In 2005, Hudspeth led a UNA squad that went 11-3 and reached the semifinals of the Division II playoffs for the second time in three years.

The Lions went 4-7 in Hudspeth's first season (2002), but posted a 13-1 record and advanced to the NCAA Division II semifinals in 2003. For his efforts, Hudspeth was named GSC Coach of the Year in just his second season as a collegiate head coach and was the Division II Region 2 Coach of the Year by the AFCA. He coached Will Hall, who won the Harlon Hill Trophy (DII Heisman Trophy).

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## The LFCA Salutes Coach Mike Mowad, Breux Bridge High School

Breux Bridge, a sleepy city on Bayou Teche, is universally known as the Crawfish Capitol of the World. This community wakes up annually during the first week in May to host the Breux Bridge Crawfish Festival, an event that attracts visitors from all over the globe.



Yet, it is a sleeping giant of a man who kept the local citizenry awake during the months of August to December. Coach Mike Mowad, a fixture on the scene at Breux Bridge High since 1984 has become a coaching legend, not only within the confines of this municipality, but within the ranks of Louisiana high school football lore. Coach “Mo”, as he is affectionately referred to, built winning into the fabric of the Tiger Football program through hard work, discipline and a no nonsense approach to playing the game. A quick look at his accomplishments will give you some insight into his legendary status:

Two years into his tenure, 1986, Breux Bridge’s nailed down its first playoff appearance since 1966 and first District Championship since 1960. From then on the Tigers became a regular fixture on the LHSAA bracket taking 23 trips into the playoffs. 2005 saw Coach Moe’s squad bring home the school’s only State Championship. While that win might have been his biggest, there were well over 200 more that the Breux Bridge Tigers garnered under his watchful eye.

Mike Mowad was named District Coach of the Year on numerous occasions, Louisiana Coach of the Year twice and also served on the board of the Louisiana Football Coaches Association and the Louisiana High School Coaches Association. Add to those recognitions the fact that he was selected and coached in the LHSAA All-Star game and you understand the place this graveled voiced leader earned amongst his coaching peers.

Coach “Mo” love of football began at Oakdale High School where he was a four-year starter for the Warriors. From there he went to become a four-year starter at Louisiana Tech. With his playing days done, Mike continued to follow his love becoming a Graduate Assistant at Louisiana Tech for two years. Then on to his first high school coaching job with Don Shows at Farmerville, followed by a seven year stint at Lafayette High on Coach Bob Mahfouz’s staff. Another five years under Coach Bob Banta at Comeaux High would be the final piece in the puzzle that would prepare him to take on the job at Breux Bridge.

This teacher and coach had a profoundly positive effect on the sons and daughters of Breux Bridge. Some of his former players have gone on to become doctors, lawyers, businessmen, engineers, politicians, teachers, coaches, NCAA National Champions, and NFL players.

With retirement Mike now has time to spend with his wife Terry and they’re three daughters Amanda, Missy, and Abby (and his seven grandchildren – all who refer to him as “Pop Mo”). When not doing family things “Mo” raises and runs quarter horses, works in his garden, and “just does whatever he wants.” Sounds like a simple game plan for a man that gave so much to the student-athletes of Breux Bridge, Louisiana. The LFCA salutes Coach Mike Mowad, Breux Bridge High School.

## HUDSPETH

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Prior to his stint at North Alabama, Hudspeth served as the offensive coordinator at the United States Naval Academy in 2001. Hudspeth was the offensive coordinator and strength and conditioning coach at Delta State University from 1999-2000. He helped lead the Statesmen to a NCAA Division II National Championship in 2000 and his offense broke 21 school records, 12 Gulf South Conference records and six NCAA Division II records that year.

Hudspeth served as the head coach at Winston Academy in Louisville, Miss., in 1996 and 1997. He led Winston Academy to a 25-1 record over two seasons including an undefeated record in the regular season. In 1994-95, Hudspeth served as the wide receivers/tight ends coach and then the running backs coach at Nicholls State. He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Central Arkansas from 1992-93, winning the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference in 1992.

Hudspeth was a four-year letterman at Delta State University from 1987-91. He was the starting safety in 1990 and led the team in interceptions. In 1991, he was the starting quarterback. Hudspeth earned his Bachelor of Arts in Health & Education from Delta State in 1992 and his Master's of Science in Secondary School Administration from Central Arkansas in 1993. Hudspeth was born on November 10, 1968. He is married to the former Tyla McConnell, and has two sons, Gunner and Major, and one daughter, Carley.



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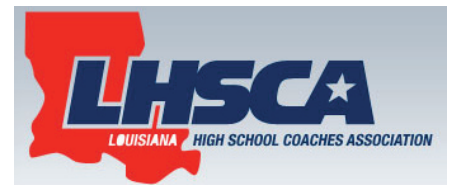
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### **Reminder: LHSCA Annual Coaching Clinic**

Will be held at the Crown Plaza Executive Center, Baton Rouge July 19-21, 2011.

### **Reminder: LHSCA Annual Golf Tournament and Coaches Clinic**

The LHSCA has scheduled its annual Golf Tournament for July 18, 2011 at the LSU Golf Course and its annual coaches clinic for July 19 - 21, 2011 at the Crown Plaza Executive Center in Baton Rouge. Please check the LHSAA website at [www.lhsaa.org](http://www.lhsaa.org) for further information.



## FIVE QUOTES BY BEN SCHWARTWALDER

*“A successful coach is one that is still coaching.”*

*“You don’t find many really wealthy boys playing college football today.”*

*“Some teams try to figure the easiest and fastest way to get over the goal line. Well, we don’t concentrate on the easiest or fastest way. We just concentrate on getting there.”*

*“If we don’t get the top backfield star of a high school, we look for the second best man with the hope he can be converted into a first-rate lineman. I especially like to get fullbacks overlooked by the ‘money schools’ - a high school coach will always put his biggest, strongest kid at fullback.”*

*“If any of you boys sulk about being put on the second team and don’t play well there, we’ll see how you like it on the third team.”*