


U OF L AT A GLANCE

Head coach: Howard Schnellenberger (4th year).

Record at U of L: 8-24-1.

Record overall: 49-40-1.

1987 record: 3-7-1.



Key players: Jay Gruden, Schnellenberger quarterback; Deon Booker, halfback; Chris Gasper, offensive tackle; Ted Washington, defensive tackle; Mark Sander, linebacker.

Key losses: Chris Sellars, linebacker; Chris Thieneman and Kevin Harvey, defensive tackles; Rodney Knighton, fullback.

Starters returning: Offense 9, defense 8.

Lettermen returning/lost: 40/11.

Strengths: Passing attack, with quarterback Gruden and a talented corps of receivers. Kicking game, with freshman punter/placekicker Klaus Wilmsmeyer. Experience and increased depth at nearly every position.

Weaknesses: Defense, which gave up 429 yards and 31.6 points a game last year. Offensive line that couldn't block for halfbacks last season. Unproven secondary.

Keys to the season: Defense, which must show vast improvement if U of L is to contend for a winning season; a more productive running attack to complement Gruden's passing; staying relatively healthy since depth still isn't what Schnellenberger needs.

Chris Thieneman does not return to U of L Football 8 18 1988

