

# TULANE DRAFT BIOS

## TYJAE SPEARS

- **Height** - 5-11
  - **Weight** - 195
  - **Class** - Junior
  - **Hometown** - Ponchatoula, La.
  - **High School** - Ponchatoula
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### **Biography**

**2022:** Named a preseason candidate for the 2022 Doak Walker Award... Earned a place on the 2022 Phil Steele Preseason All-American Athletic Conference Second Team2022:

**2021:** Established himself as the Green Wave's top running back with 863 rushing yards and nine touchdowns through 12 games... Rushed for over 100 yards in four of the last five games of the season... Named to the Phil Steele All-American Athletic Conference Second Team at the conclusion of this redshirt freshman season... Ran in his first touchdown of the season versus Morgan State (Sept. 11)... Had his first 100-yard game at home versus Cincinnati, totaling 106 yards and a touchdown (Oct. 30)... Accumulated 112 yards of total offense at UCF (Nov. 6)... Rushed for 104 yards versus Tulsa (Nov.13)... Had 111 yards and two touchdowns in the final home game of the season versus USF (Nov.19)... Had a career to close out the season at Memphis rushing for 264 yards and two touchdowns (Nov. 27).

**2020:** Saw action in just three games before he suffered a season-ending injury...Despite playing in just three games, he still finished fourth on the team in rushing with 274 yards and averaged an eye-popping 7.4 yards per carry...Opened the year by rushing for 105 yards on just 11 carries against South Alabama (Sept. 12) en route to being named to the American Athletic Conference honor roll...He then followed that performance with 119 yards on just 18 carries against Navy (Sept. 19)...Rushed for 50 yards on eight carries and had two touchdowns against Southern Miss (Sept. 26)...Suffered his season-ending injury as he was rushing for his second touchdown of the day against Southern Miss.

**2019:** Totaled 192 yards rushing, 133 yards receiving and finished with a pair of touchdowns in just four games...Had eight rushes for 89 yards and a touchdown at home against MSU (Sept. 14)...Picked up 60 rushing yards at Navy (Oct. 26)...Closed out the year at SMU with 31 yards on 10 carries...Earned a redshirt to retain eligibility.

**Prior to Tulane:** Earned three-star ratings from 247Sports.com and Rivals.com...Totaled 18 touchdowns in his senior season at

Ponchatoula, recording 920 rushing yards and 880 receiving yards to total 1,800 in his final year in high school...Helped his team to a 6-1 record in 5A District 6 play in 2016, going 10-3 overall.

**Personal:** Son of Margene and Nicole Spears...Has eight siblings...Favorite athlete is Reggie Bush...Major is health & wellness.

### Spears' Career Highs

**Rushes** 18 vs. Navy, 9/19/20  
**Yards** 119 vs. Navy, 9/19/20  
**Long** 52 vs. Missouri State, 9/14/19  
**Rushing Touchdowns** 2 at Southern Miss, 9/26/20

Career Rushing/Receiving Stats														
Year	Team	G	Rush	Gained	Lost	Net	Avg.	Lg	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
2019	Tulane	4	32	200	8	192	6.0	52t	1	5	133	26.6	88t	1
2020	Tulane	3	37	279	5	274	7.4	42	2	2	30	15.0	16	0
2021	Tulane	12	129	888	25	863	6.7	69t	9	19	145	7.6	44	0
2022	Tulane	14	229	1603	22	1581	6.9	75t	19	22	256	11.6	30	2
<b>Totals</b>		<b>G</b>	<b>Rush</b>	<b>Gained</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>Avg.</b>	<b>Lg</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>Rec</b>	<b>Yds</b>	<b>Avg</b>	<b>Lg</b>	<b>TD</b>
Career		33	427	2970	60	2910	6.8	75t	31	48	564	11.8	88t	3

Career Returning Stats												
Year	Team	G	PR	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	KR	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD
2021	Tulane	12	0	0	-	-	0	2	36	18.0	19	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>G</b>	<b>PR</b>	<b>Yds</b>	<b>Avg.</b>	<b>Lg</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>KR</b>	<b>Yds</b>	<b>Avg.</b>	<b>Lg</b>	<b>TD</b>
Career		12	0	0	-	-	0	2	36	18.0	19	0