



## #31 A.J. Penson

<b>Position:</b>	Linebacker
<b>Height:</b>	6'1"
<b>Weight:</b>	224
<b>Year:</b>	Senior
<b>City/State:</b>	Lufkin, TX
<b>High School:</b>	Lufkin HS

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**2010:** Collected seven tackles and a sack at Clemson ... Compiled a total of six stops against Rice ... Added five tackles at Army ... Racked up five tackles, including two tackles-for-loss at FAU ... Made six stops, including 0.5 tackles-for-loss against Arkansas State ... Picked up 0.5 of a sack and made 1.5 tackles-for-loss against FIU ... Notched six tackles at Western Kentucky ... Picked off a pass against Troy, giving him his first career interception ... Made four total tackles against the Trojans

**2009:** Racked up 51 tackles last season as he started the final six games at the middle linebacker spot ... Had a season-high nine tackles against ULM ... Tied for the team lead in tackles against WKU with eight ... In the win over WKU, Penson had a half a tackle for a loss in the starting role ... Made his first start of the season against Troy and had seven tackles.

**2008:** Was the team's fifth-leading tackler with 51 ... Had 2.5 tackles for losses ... Recorded a season-best eight tackles against Troy ... Totaled 2.5 tackles for a loss, two pass breakups and one quarterback hurry ... Started all 12 games for the Mean Green

**2007:** Recorded first career start against Arkansas State in which he tallied two tackles including one for a loss ... Was part of a defensive unit that held Florida Atlantic to a mere 83 yards on the ground on 28 attempts, accounting for a season-low 2.9 yards per rush.

**High School/Personal:** Named 2006 District 15-5A First Team ... In 2006, recorded 85 tackles and 14 tackles for loss ... In 2005 had 85 tackles, 22 tackles for loss, and three sacks ... Named 5A-Region II First Team by TexasHSfootball.com ... Named 2005 District 14-5A First Team at defensive end ... Named Team Texas 5A First Team by Texashsfootball.com ... Named 5A All-State Honorable Mention by Texas Sports Writers Association ... Named 2006 second-team All-Texas by 5Atexasfootball.com ... Was a 2005 All-Junior selection by 5Atexasfootball.com at defensive end ... Rated as No. 40 MLB in nation by Scout.com ... Rated as No. 7 inside linebacker in Texas by Rivals.com ... Was a two-year starter on district champion Lufkin Panthers ... Member of 2005 state semi-finalist and 2006 Bi-district champions ... State Top-100 prospect by San Antonio Express-News ... Born on May 10, 1989 ... Son of Alex and Janice Penson.