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FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR — S.J. TUOHY

A New Chapter for Warhawk Athletics

S.J. Tuohy was named ULM's Director of Athletics on November 28, 2025, and formally introduced December 4, 2025. A Memphis, Tennessee native, Tuohy is a 2016 graduate of Loyola University Maryland, where he played four seasons of basketball, and holds a master's in humanities from SMU (2017), where he played one season of football on special teams. His path to Monroe ran through Director of Football Operations roles at Arkansas (2018-19) and UCF (2021, later promoted to Associate AD/Chief of Staff), Assistant AD/Director of Football Operations at Liberty (2020), Executive Director of The Kingdom NIL at UCF (2023), and Deputy Athletic Director of Development at Oral Roberts (Nov. 2024). He now oversees all 16 of ULM's NCAA Division I programs in the Sun Belt Conference, succeeding head football coach Bryant Vincent, who served as Interim Director of Athletics starting in August 2025.

"This is a place that has a great opportunity and a great foundation to build on. It's a place that wants to win. This is not a job where you just want to stay afloat. We're going to build, and we're going to grow."

— S.J. Tuohy, introductory press conference, Dec. 4, 2025

On his operating philosophy, Tuohy said: "We have to be better at small decisions about how we are stewarding money, how we are spending money, and how we are raising money." That philosophy is already showing up in the department's new corporate partnerships (see Department News, below): "We want to operate at a lower deficit. We want to maintain and improve our facilities... It provides some flexibility now, with the addition of a couple of new corporate sponsors," Tuohy said on Aug. 10, 2026. Since arriving, Tuohy has hired Antony Blackburn (women's soccer), Ryan Cross (men's basketball), Cory Churchman (men's golf), and Maria Jose Martinez (women's golf), and signed extensions for softball's Molly Fichtner and women's basketball's Scotty Fletcher.

In this issue: an inaugural welcome from the L Club Report team, plus every Warhawk program in season this fall — football, soccer, volleyball, and cross country — with an early look at winter's men's and women's basketball and indoor track and field. This newsletter will publish quarterly — Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer — covering every Warhawk program in season, a preview of what's on deck, and the latest from the Athletic Director's office and L Club news.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Around the Athletic Department

New Name Over the Gate: FMOL Health | St. Francis Stadium

Malone Stadium has been renamed FMOL Health | St. Francis Stadium under an expanded partnership between ULM Athletics and FMOL Health | St. Francis, which remains the department's Official Medical Partner and will place its logo on jersey patches across all ULM women's sports. A joint press conference and reception was held Sept. 3 at 5:30 p.m. at the stadium, with the first game under the new name on Sept. 19 vs. Southeastern Louisiana. ULM will also honor Coach James Malone — widely revered as “the father of ULM Athletics” and head football coach from 1934-1953 — with a new installation at the stadium's home entrance.

Fant-Ewing Becomes b1BANK Fant Coliseum

ULM Athletics and b1BANK announced a five-year partnership naming b1BANK the Official Bank of ULM Athletics; Fant-Ewing Coliseum is being renamed b1BANK Fant Coliseum, pending UL System Board approval. The deal includes financial-education programming, internships, and career development for ULM students. A celebration press conference was held Aug. 26 at 4 p.m. inside the coliseum. “Their commitment to ULM and Monroe is clear, and this partnership will create meaningful opportunities for our student-athletes beyond competition,” said Tuohy.

229 Warhawks Earn Sun Belt Academic Honors

For 2024-25, 229 ULM student-athletes earned Sun Belt Conference academic recognition — 142 on the Commissioner's List (3.5+ GPA) and 87 on the Academic Honor Roll (3.00-3.49) — plus four Football Academic Excellence Award winners: Emelie Kobler and Janne Van Brummelen (soccer), Isaiah Walker (baseball), and Matilda Svahn (women's golf).

Sun Belt Welcomes Louisiana Tech

Louisiana Tech officially joined the Sun Belt Conference on July 1, 2026, renewing a rivalry with ULM that dates back decades. The schools also launched the Radiance Technologies I-20 Showdown, a season-long rivalry series across 12 varsity sports; ULM led Louisiana Tech 5-2 in their 2025-26 head-to-head competitions. The series opened with soccer in Ruston on Oct. 4, and football follows Oct. 17 in Monroe — Louisiana Tech's first trip to the stadium since 2000.

FALL SPORTS IN SEASON

Four Warhawk programs are already in action this fall. Here's what L Club members need to know.



Football

Head Coach Bryant Vincent enters his third season (8-16 at ULM, 15-22 overall). ULM finished 2025 at 3-9 overall, 1-7 Sun Belt, after opening 3-1 in September. For 2026, ULM was picked 7th (last) in the Sun Belt West in the preseason

coaches poll; four Warhawks earned preseason All-Sun Belt honors — OL AJ Vinson and LB Noah Flemmings (First Team), WR Nic Trujillo and DB Jabari Tiller (Second Team). QB Aidan Armenta (1,629 yards, 12 TD in 2025) leads an offense with receivers Nic Trujillo, JP Coulter, and Brandon Buckhalter, joined by transfers RB Don Chaney (Charlotte) and WR Parker Fulghum (Clemson), under new offensive coordinator Jesse Montalto. 2026 so far: ULM is 0-5 (0-1 Sun Belt) — losses at Mississippi State (62-13), at UAB (26-20), vs. Southeastern Louisiana (38-35) in the home opener, vs. Florida Atlantic (45-17) at Homecoming, and at South Alabama (52-35) in the Sun Belt opener Oct. 3, when Armenta threw for a career-high 355 yards. After an open week, the Warhawks host Louisiana Tech on Oct. 17.

“We've been built out of the ashes and lifting it up, day by day, brick by brick.”

— Coach Bryant Vincent, Sun Belt Media Days



Women's Soccer

Head Coach Antony Blackburn, the seventh head coach in program history, was hired Jan. 17, 2026. A Derby, England native, he previously coached in the academies at Sunderland AFC and Valencia CF and spent 2023-25 at LSU; he holds a UEFA B License. In 2025, ULM won its first Sun Belt regular-season title in program history, finishing unbeaten in league play (11-2-4 overall, 6-0-4 Sun Belt) and reaching the Sun Belt Championship final. Forward Skylar Blaise became the program's first Sun Belt Player of the Year (12 goals, a program-record 23 career goals), and Will Roberts was Sun Belt Coach of the Year. As reigning regular-season champs, ULM was picked 5th in the 2026 Sun Belt preseason coaches poll. Blackburn's first signing class brings 13 newcomers (nine freshmen, four transfers) from six countries, joining returners including goalkeeper Jen Handy and All-Sun Belt Third Team defender Beth Strutton. 2026 so far: ULM is 3-8-1 (0-3 Sun Belt), with home wins over Alcorn State (6-1), Jackson State (5-1), and Stephen F. Austin (2-0). League play opened with one-goal losses to Old Dominion (1-0), James Madison (1-0), and Arkansas State (3-2). Next home match: Georgia State, Oct. 8, 7 p.m., Brown Stadium.



Volleyball

Head Coach Reid Gann enters his second season. He previously led Blue Mountain Christian University to three NAIA National Championship Tournament appearances and 130 wins in six seasons. ULM finished 2025 at 10-20 overall. Twelve newcomers signed for 2026 — eight from high school and four transfers, including Marissa Kobelski (Merrimack), Gracie DiNardo (Sacred Heart), Bre Perrin (Mississippi State), and Abby Cunningham (University of Louisiana at Lafayette). Rich Rosales joined the staff as assistant coach/recruiting coordinator in May. 2026 so far: ULM is 6-11 (1-3 Sun Belt) after earning its first league win Oct. 3, a five-set victory over Marshall (Aniya Hall: 14 kills, 12 digs). Next home matches: Southern Miss, Oct. 15-16, at b1BANK Fant Coliseum.



Cross Country

Head Coach J.D. Malone leads the program, with Ben Lamb as assistant. In 2025, both the men's and women's teams won the ULM Cross Country Invitational (Sept. 12, Monroe) and the Lois Davis Invitational (Sept. 19, Magnolia, Ark.). At the Sun Belt Championships (Oct. 31, Foley, Ala.), the men placed 3rd of 9 teams and the women 9th of 13. At NCAA South Central Regionals (Nov. 14), the men finished 13th of 31 and the women 18th of 32. The 2026 season opened Sept. 4 at the Mississippi Christian Opener, where Tuva Sandberg won the women's individual title (18:07.4). Sandberg was named Sun Belt Women's Cross Country Runner of the Week on Sept. 23 after placing 36th of 309 at the Southern

Showcase. ULM hosted the Warhawk Invitational in Sterlington on Sept. 25; next up is Texas A&M's Arturo Barrios Invitational on Oct. 16. ulmwarhawks.com/sports/cross-country

Key Dates — Fall Sports at a Glance

Sport	Date	Event
Football	Sep 5	Season opener at Mississippi State, 6:30 p.m. CT — L, 62-13
Football	Sep 19	Home opener vs. Southeastern Louisiana — debut at FMOL Health St. Francis Stadium — L, 38-35
Football	Sep 26	vs. Florida Atlantic (Homecoming) — L, 45-17
Football	Oct 17	vs. Louisiana Tech — first meeting in Monroe since 2000; I-20 Showdown
Football	Oct 31	vs. Southern Miss
Football	Nov 12 (Thu.)	vs. University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Football	Nov 28	Regular-season finale vs. Marshall
Soccer	Aug 13	Season opener at Little Rock — T, 1-1
Soccer	Aug 16	Home opener vs. Alcorn State, Brown Stadium — W, 6-1
Soccer	Aug 23	vs. Jackson State, Brown Stadium — W, 5-1
Soccer	Sep 3	vs. Stephen F. Austin, Brown Stadium — W, 2-0
Soccer	Sep 6	vs. UAB, Brown Stadium — L, 2-1
Soccer	Sep 18	Sun Belt opener vs. Old Dominion — L, 1-0
Soccer	Sep 27	vs. Arkansas State — L, 3-2
Soccer	Oct 8	vs. Georgia State
Soccer	Oct 22	vs. Ragin' Cajuns
Soccer	Nov 1	Senior Day / regular-season finale vs. Southern Miss
Soccer	Nov 9-14	Sun Belt Championship, Foley, Ala.

Sport	Date	Event
Volleyball	Aug 28-30	Season opens on the road — East Texas A&M event — 1-2
Volleyball	Sep 1	Home opener vs. Northwestern State — W, 3-0
Volleyball	Sep 10	vs. McNeese — W, 3-1
Volleyball	Sep 12	vs. Mississippi Valley State
Volleyball	Sep 24-25	Sun Belt play opens at Arkansas State — L, 0-2 series
Volleyball	Oct 2-3	vs. Marshall — split, 1-1 (first Sun Belt win)
Volleyball	Oct 15-16	vs. Southern Miss
Volleyball	Oct 23-24	vs. Louisiana Tech
Volleyball	Nov 6-7	vs. Ragin' Cajuns
Volleyball	Nov 13-14	Regular season ends at Old Dominion
L Club	Sep 16	Friendly golf outing for L Club members, Chenault Golf Course, 9-10 a.m.
L Club	Sep 16	Wreck Tech Experience on the Tailgate Terrace, 5:30 p.m.



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A Winter Preview for L Club Members

As fall winds down, three more Warhawk programs are gearing up. Here's an early look at winter.



Men's Basketball

Head Coach Ryan Cross was named the ninth head coach in program history on March 25, 2026. Cross returns to Monroe after eight seasons on the ULM staff (2012-2020) and six seasons at UAB, where the Blazers went 145-62 with two NCAA Tournament appearances and conference tournament titles in 2022 (C-USA) and 2024 (AAC). On his 2026-27 recruiting class, Cross said: "We will play a very challenging non-conference schedule that will prepare these guys for the rigors of Sun Belt action." The schedule, announced Aug. 6, features 13 home games at b1BANK Fant Coliseum, with a marquee road slate at Texas A&M, TCU, Arizona State, Grand Canyon, LSU, Tulane, and Oklahoma. ULM opens Nov. 2 vs. Central Michigan in the MAC/Sun Belt Challenge; the Sun Belt opener is Dec. 5 vs. Georgia State; Jan. 23 brings Louisiana Tech (first meeting since 2023, first as Sun Belt foes); the regular-season finale is Feb. 26 vs. University of Louisiana at Lafayette. The Sun Belt Tournament runs March 2-8, 2027, in Pensacola, Fla.



Women's Basketball

Head Coach Scotty Fletcher signed a contract extension through 2031 in April 2026 after leading ULM to a 17-16 record and a run to the Sun Belt Tournament quarterfinals in his first season — the program's 24th winning season. Twelve newcomers join for 2026-27 from across the U.S. plus France, New Zealand, and Angola; center Roge'Ne Hillard is the lone returner. New assistants William Marchino and Chastadie Barrs joined the staff in June. The schedule, announced Aug. 6, includes 16 home games at b1BANK Fant Coliseum and 18 Sun Belt games. ULM opens Nov. 2 at Ohio in the MAC-Sun Belt Challenge; the home opener is Nov. 5 vs. Centenary, with road tests at Alabama, Ole Miss, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. The Sun Belt opener is Dec. 16 at Troy, and Louisiana Tech visits Jan. 23. The Sun Belt Championship runs March 2-8, 2027, in Pensacola.



Indoor Track & Field

Head Coach J.D. Malone leads the program, with assistants Nate Baker (throws), Christopher Manuele (jumps/multi), Ben Lamb (distance), and graduate assistant Zach Beltz. The 2026-27 indoor schedule has not yet been released. Last indoor season followed a familiar pattern for Warhawk track fans — meets at LSU in January, at UAB and Vanderbilt in

February, and the Sun Belt Indoor Championships (last held Feb. 23-24 in Birmingham) — with the top finishers advancing to the NCAA Indoor Championships in March. Expect a similar rhythm this winter; watch ulmwarhawks.com/sports/track-and-field for the official release.

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News From Your L Club

New Position: Director of Former Student-Athlete Engagement

The L Club is pleased to announce a newly formed position — Director of Former Student-Athlete Engagement — created within ULM Alumni to serve as the primary liaison between ULM Alumni, former student-athletes, the L Club, and ULM Athletics. Reporting to the Director of Alumni, the role will lead a comprehensive engagement program for former Warhawk student-athletes across all sports, spirit groups, eras, and geographic areas, with primary responsibilities spanning former student-athlete data and communications, L Club administration and engagement, reunions and special events, student-athlete transition programming, mentorship and professional networking, athletic history and traditions, and coordination of the biennial ULM Athletics Hall of Fame. Watch for updates on the search and the announcement of the inaugural director in a future issue.

Hall of Fame

The L Club and ULM Athletics Department jointly announce the ULM Athletic Hall of Fame class each year, with nominations opening each spring. The 2025 class — announced Sept. 9, 2025, and inducted Nov. 15 at Bayou Pointe — included the legendary 1984-85 women's basketball team (30-2, NCAA Final Four, No. 2 final AP ranking), Ben Soignier (baseball), Kolton Browning (football), Wilson Campbell (tennis), Chris Harris (football), and Arthur Christophe (football). The Hall of Fame is a biennial event — watch for the 2027 nomination window.

Membership

L Club membership is a 3-for-1 membership — combining L Club membership, ULM Alumni Association membership, and Warhawk Athletic Foundation membership in a single package. Available at two levels: Lifetime (\$635, auto-deduction available) and Individual (\$100/year). Both levels include Tailgate Terrace access at home football games in the south end zone (Lifetime members enter free; Individual members pay a \$20 entry fee; members may bring up to five guests at \$20 each, and everyone entering needs a game ticket), free tailgating in the Pecan Grove at the Alumni Association tent, and 20% off athletic game tickets. Lifetime members also receive an L Club polo; Individual members may purchase a polo separately. Questions or ready to renew/join? Call 318-342-5420 or email alumniassociation@ulm.edu.

Save the Date

Join fellow L Club members on the Tailgate Terrace when Louisiana Tech visits FMOL Health | St. Francis Stadium on Oct. 17 — the football leg of the I-20 Showdown. Remaining home football dates: Oct. 31 vs. Southern Miss, Nov. 12 (Thu.) vs. Louisiana, and Nov. 28 vs. Marshall. Renew before game day to save time at the gate.

SUPPORT THE WARHAWKS

Give to the Warhawk Athletic Foundation

Every gift to the Warhawk Athletic Foundation helps ULM recruit, retain, and support its student-athletes — from nutrition and gear to academic support. Membership levels include Warhawk Pride (\$50), Warhawk Booster (\$100), Bronze Hawk (\$250), Silver Hawk (\$500), Gold Hawk (\$1,000), Platinum Hawk (\$2,500), ACE (\$5,000), and P-40 Warhawk (\$10,000+). For current giving levels and to make a gift, contact Shelley Hamilton, Director of Development, at shamilton@ulm.edu or 318-342-3558.

Giving levels above are from the Foundation's most recent published brochure — confirm current levels with the Foundation office before including specific dollar figures in future print runs.

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Next issue: our Winter 2027 issue will cover men's and women's basketball and indoor track in full swing, plus a first look at spring sports — baseball, softball, golf, tennis, beach volleyball, and outdoor track and field.