

## TIMOTHY SIMON

**T**IM SIMON WAS BORN DECEMBER 26, 1990 IN JASPER, ALABAMA, TO PHYLLIS SIMON AND TIMOTHY COLE.

In his early years Cordova head football coach Scott Basden wasn't overly impressed the first time he saw Tim Simon on the football field. "People had been talking about this kid coming up so I went and watched him in a junior high football game," Basden recalled. "I really didn't think he would contribute on a varsity level." Fortunately, Basden was wrong. Basden said, "Pre-season game he had 3 touches and two touchdowns. When I saw that, I knew he was a little different." In 2008, Cordova got a new head coach, and his name was Pete Bush. He was our former defensive coordinator. He had a huge influence on Simon's life. Pete Bush had this to say about Tim Simon: "Tim works hard; he was always on time and he always encouraged his teammates. He is a very humble person. People love him, but on the field he was mean, fast, and other players feared him. Remarkable player."

Simon's freshman year was just the beginning. Simon rushed for 1,300 yards and 24 touchdowns as a freshman, added 1,800 yards and 25 touchdowns as a sophomore, another 2,500 yards 32 touchdowns as a junior and in his final year he rushed for 2,969 yards and 42 touchdowns his senior year. Tim finished his senior year third all-time leading rusher in Alabama High School Athletic Association history. His 8,536 came at a rate of more than 11 yards per carry. His 129 career touchdowns were also the third-highest total in AHSAA history. The 2,969 yards he ran as a senior was the fifth-highest total. As a freshman Simon was an honorable mention at tailback, sophomore honorable mention at tailback and first team at defensive back, junior first team tailback, senior first team tailback and Alabama Sports Writer Association. Simon carried his team to two state title games in his career. He was named 3A MVP of 2007 AHSAA 3A title game Cordova won. Simon was also named a 2007 3A back of the year finalist, and he was named 3A back of the year in 2008. He was 3 votes away from being MR Football his senior year. He was named to the Birmingham News "Super 12," in 2007 and 2008 which listed him as one of the top 12 collegiate prospects in Alabama. Simon was Daily Mountain Eagle Player of the Year in his freshman year, junior and senior years. Simon won Fox 6 Player of the Year in 2008 and was also named Orlando Sentinel (All Southern Player) in 2008. At the end of his career, he was chosen to play in the Alabama/Mississippi All-Star game.



One of the games Tim Simon will never forget as the highlight of his career is when they played Trinity in the second round of the playoffs. The numbers to remember are 2, 4, 110, 196, 264 and 374. Simon missed two days of practice that week due to bronchitis. He still scored four touchdowns in a 54-50 win against Trinity. Simon ran for 110 yards in the first quarter before sitting out after an on-field asthma attack. He stripped the Trinity quarterback of the ball near his goal and raced 74 yards to close out the first quarter. His return was halted at 74 yards because of that attack. His heart rate spiked to 196 shortly after. After sitting out the second quarter, he ran for 264 yards in the second half to finish with 374 rushing yards on 31 carries.

Upon graduation, Simon signed a letter to the University of Mississippi where he was injured in the third quarter on Thursday night against South Carolina.

Tim has a fiancée, Biranna Barrentine and one daughter, Gabriella Simon. He currently coaches football at his alma mater, Cordova High School.