





AUSTIN PEAY

FOOTBALL

2022 ASUN CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS | 1977 & 2019 OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS 2019 NCAA FCS PLAYOFF QUARTERFINALISTS

QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY

Name of School Austin Peay State University
 Location Clarksville, TN 37040
 Founded 1927
 Enrollment 9,326
 President Dr. Michael Licari
 Alma Mater, Year Minnesota, 1993
 Vice President/AD Gerald Harrison
 Alma Mater, Year Tennessee, 2001
 Deputy AD/SWA Niesha Campbell
 Alma Mater, Year Appalachian State, 2006
 Sr. Associate AD/Football Emily Smith
 Alma Mater, Year Auburn, 2009
 Sr. Associate AD Mannie Reinsch
 Alma Mater, Year Nebraska-Kearney, 2014
 School Colors Red and White
 Nickname Governors
 Affiliations NCAA Division I
 United Athletic Conference
 ASUN Conference
 Ticket Office Phone 931/221-PEAY (7329)

FACILITY

Stadium Name Fortera Stadium
 Field Name Maynard Family Field
 Capacity 10,100
 Surface Legion Hybird Synthetic Turf
 Installed 2022 by Shaw Sports Turf
 First Season at Fortera Stadium 2016
 Record at Fortera Stadium 23-12 (.657)

GOVERNORS SPORTS NETWORK

Radio Station ESPN Clarksville (104.1 FM)
 Contact Person Ryan Plockelman
 Phone Number 931/648-7720
 Play-by-Play Announcer Brian Rives
 Analyst Van Stokes

TEAM INFORMATION

Overall Record Last Year 7-4
 Home | Away | Neutral 4-1 | 3-3 | 0-0
 Conference Record (finish) 3-2/1st
 Home | Away 1-1 | 2-1
 Final ranking last year RV/RV
 Offensive starters returning/lost 9/2
 Defensive starters returning/lost 3/8
 Specialists returning/lost 3/1

HISTORY

First Year of Football 1930
 All-time Record (86 seasons) 316-559-16
 Home 198-237-9
 Away 116-320-7
 Neutral 2-2
 Last NCAA FCS Playoff appearance 2019
 Result Quarterfinals (2-1)
 lost to #5 Montana, 10-24

AUSTIN PEAY ATHLETICS COMMUNICATIONS

MEDIA INFORMATION

CREDENTIALS & PARKING: For games at Fortera Stadium, contact Cody Bush at least 24 hours prior to the game to request a credential and parking pass.

INTERVIEWS: All interview requests should be submitted at least 24 hours in advance to the Austin Peay Athletics Communications Office.

- **HEAD COACH:** Head coach Scotty Walden typically will be available during the week for interviews, preferably Wednesdays, as arranged through the Athletics Communications Office.
- **STUDENT-ATHLETES:** All interviews with student-athletes will be scheduled to occur before or after practice to accommodate student-athletes' academic schedules. No interviews will be granted on the day of a game. Student-athletes should not be contacted directly by the media.

POSTGAME INTERVIEWS: Head coach Scotty Walden and requested student-athletes will be available via a Zoom postgame press conference following a cooling-off period. Media members should request student-athletes by contacting Casey Crigger via e-mail prior to the five-minute mark of the fourth quarter.

ON THE WEB: The 2023 Factbook, weekly game notes, statistics, and schedules may be found on the world wide web at www.LetsGoPeay.com, Austin Peay State University's official athletics website. It may be accessed by using the QR code on this page of this notes package or by visiting LetsGoPeay.com/FBMedia.

POSTGAME: Following each game, home and away, Austin Peay's athletics communications staff will provide notes from the game and quotes from the postgame press conference through its media portal above.

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RECORDS AND HISTORY

Austin Peay's records and history have been moved into a separate document available on the Austin Peay athletics website – LetsGoPeay.com.

2023 SCHEDULE

| Date | Opponent | Location | Kickoff (CT) |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Sat., Sept. 2 | Southern Illinois | Carbondale, Ill. | 6 p.m. |
| Sat., Sept 9 | Tennessee | Knoxville, Tenn. | 4 p.m. |
| Sat., Sept. 16 | ETSU | Clarksville | 6 p.m. |
| Sat., Sept. 23 | Stephen F. Austin • | Nacogdoches, Texas | 6 p.m. |
| Sat., Sept. 30 | Lindenwood | St. Charles, Mo. | 1 p.m. |
| Sat., Oct. 7 | Off Week | | |
| Sat., Oct. 14 | Gardner-Webb | Clarksville | 1 p.m. |
| Sat., Oct. 21 | Southern Utah • | Cedar City, Utah | 7 p.m. |
| Sat., Oct. 28 | North Alabama • | Clarksville | 3 p.m. |
| Sat., Nov. 4 | Eastern Kentucky • | Richmond, Ky. | 4 p.m. |
| Sat., Nov. 11 | Utah Tech • | Clarksville | 1 p.m. |
| Sat., Nov. 18 | Central Arkansas • | Clarksville | 1 p.m. |
| NCAA Division I Football Championship | | | |
| Sat., Nov. 25 | First Round | TBA | TBA |
| Sat., Dec. 2 | Second Round | TBA | TBA |
| Sat., Dec. 9 | Quarterfinals | TBA | TBA |
| Sat., Dec. 16 | Semifinals | TBA | TBA |
| Sat., Jan. 6 | Championship | Frisco, Texas | TBA |

• – UAC Conference contest

Home games in **red** and played at Fortera Stadium.

NOTE: This schedule, updated August 16, 2023, is subject to change. Visit LetsGoPeay.com for the latest updates.

Austin Peay's home football and track & field facility has resided on the corner of Marion & Henry Streets for 77 seasons.



MAYNARD FAMILY FIELD

Now known as Maynard Family Field, the new turf surface at Fortera Stadium features a 40-yard-long State of Tennessee logo with a Governors logo tucked inside and the Maynard Family logo on each 25-yard line. The Legion Hybrid Synthetic Turf was installed by Shaw Sports Turf in 2022 and is the same state-of-the-art turf that is used by a number of major college football programs.

BILL DUPES LOCKER ROOM

The Bill Dupes Locker Room, which was completely renovated before the 2022 season, was a \$750,000 project that featured completely customized and state-of-the-art lockers from Wenger Lockers, brand-new carpet, multi-colored LED lights, a new sound system, and new branding and signage around the locker room. The top-of-the-line facility will provide Austin Peay student-athletes a premier place to prepare for and celebrate their success on the gridiron at Fortera Stadium.

HOME SWEET HOME

Austin Peay football has proudly been located on the corner of Marion and Henry Streets since 1946. Recent renovations have allowed the Governors to establish a strong home-field advantage in one of the premier stadiums in all the FCS. Since 2017, Austin Peay has compiled a 19-6 home record, with a winning record at Fortera Stadium in each of the last six seasons.

FORTERA STADIUM RISES

Following the 2015 season, the Austin Peay State University embarked on the biggest construction project dedicated to football in its history. What resulted is a \$19-million facility that has four levels on its west side. On the lower level is the player locker room, players lounge, athletic training room, equipment room, weight room, and nutrition room. The top two floors provide a premier fan experience with the Echo Power Club Level on the third floor and private suites on the fourth floor. The facility was officially named Fortera Stadium to begin the 2016 season.

HEAVY LIFTING ENABLED

In March 2017, construction was completed on a new weight room inside Fortera Stadium. The state-of-the-art facility will serve not only Austin Peay football but also a host of the athletics department's programs. The new space houses racks, free weights, and treadmills in the facility.

HISTORY LESSON

The original Municipal Stadium's construction was finished prior to the 1946 season as a joint project between the City of Clarksville, Montgomery County, and Austin Peay State College. The city-owned and operated the facility that housed APSC's football and track teams along with local schools' sporting events.

In 1970, the city conveyed the title to one-third of the stadium to the state of Tennessee for the university and Montgomery County, who then formed the Stadium Authority that was in charge of the stadium's operations.

The university purchased Municipal Stadium from the Stadium Authority and Montgomery County in 1993 and renamed it Governors Stadium.

In April 2016, Austin Peay and Fortera Credit Union entered a 25-year sponsorship agreement, rebranding the historic Governors Stadium to Fortera Stadium.

FORTERA STADIUM FACTS

| | |
|---|------------------------------|
| Stadium Name | Fortera Stadium |
| Field Name | Maynard Family Field |
| Capacity | 10,100 |
| Surface | Legion Hybrid Synthetic Turf |
| Installed | 2022 by Shaw Sports Turf |
| First Season at Fortera Stadium | 2016 |
| Austin Peay record at Fortera Stadium | 23-12 (.657) |

YEAR-BY-YEAR

| | | | | | | | | | |
|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|
| 2016 | 0-5 | 2017 | 4-1 | 2018 | 4-1 | 2019 | 6-1 | 2020 | 2-1 |
| 2021 | 3-2 | 2022 | 4-1 | 2023 | 0-0 | | | | |

TOP-FIVE ATTENDANCE MARKS

- 12,201 - Tennessee State - Oct. 6, 2018
- 9,428 - Southeast Missouri - Oct. 21, 2017
- 8,827 - Eastern Kentucky - Sept. 24, 2022
- 8,812 - UT Martin - Sept. 30, 2017
- 8,679 - UT Martin - Nov. 2, 2019



THE TWO THOUSAND TWENTY THREE
GOVERNORS

AUSTIN PEAY FOOTBALL

2023 FOOTBALL ROSTERS

NUMERICAL

| No. | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | Hometown / High School / Previous School |
|-----|---|------|------|-----|-------|--|
| 0 | Benji Johnson | DB | 6-3 | 213 | R-So. | Hooks, Texas / Hooks HS / New Mexico |
| 0 | Ashton Nickelberry | WR | 5-10 | 181 | R-Jr. | Brandon, Miss. / Brandon HS / Jones College |
| 1 | Cedarius Doss | DB | 5-8 | 176 | R-Sr. | Birmingham, Ala. / Ramsay HS / Tuskegee |
| 1 | Trey Goodman | WR | 5-11 | 175 | Jr. | Atlanta, Ga. / Norcross HS |
| 2 | Michael Ruttlen Jr.  | DB | 5-9 | 197 | Gr. | Mt. Juliet, Tenn. / Mt. Juliet HS / Princeton |
| 2 | MJ Singleton | WR | 5-9 | 171 | Jr. | Lubbock, Texas / Monterey HS / Garden City CC (Kan.) |
| 3 | Kenny Odom | WR | 5-8 | 163 | R-Fr. | Savannah, Ga. / Savannah Country Day School |
| 3 | Jau'Von Young  | DL | 6-2 | 281 | Gr. | Nashville, Tenn. / Republic HS |
| 4 | Sam Howard | LB | 6-2 | 220 | R-Jr. | Birmingham, Ala. / Shades Valley HS |
| 4 | Tre Shackelford | WR | 6-1 | 189 | R-So. | Decatur, Ala. / Austin HS |
| 5 | CJ Evans Jr. | RB | 5-8 | 180 | Sr. | Mobile, Ala. / McGill-Toolen Catholic HS |
| 5 | Rashaud Thomas Jr. | LB | 6-0 | 215 | R-Jr. | Washington, D.C. / Quince Orchard HS / Marshall |
| 6 | Kory Chapman | DB | 5-10 | 178 | Sr. | Hoover, Ala. / Hoover HS / |
| 6 | Davin Garinger | QB | 6-1 | 190 | Fr. | Clarksville, Tenn. / Clarksville HS |
| 7 | Brenen Hawkins | WR | 6-3 | 213 | R-So. | Colleyville, Texas / Heritage HS / Kansas State |
| 8 | Kam Thomas | WR | 5-7 | 174 | R-So. | Birmingham, Ala. / Ramsay HS |
| 8 | Tyler Long  | LB | 5-11 | 229 | Gr. | Cincinnati, Ohio / Hughes STEM HS / Norfolk State |
| 9 | Skyler Locklear | QB | 5-11 | 189 | R-Fr. | Clayton, N.C. / Cleveland HS |
| 9 | Travis Bates | DL | 6-3 | 265 | R-Fr. | Tomball, Texas / Tomball HS |
| 10 | Hosea Knifeley Jr. | LB | 6-1 | 232 | Sr. | Bowling Green, Ky. / Butler HS |
| 10 | Jaden Barnes | WR | 5-7 | 171 | Fr. | Fairburn, Ga. / Langston Hughes HS |
| 11 | Brodie Williams | DB | 5-9 | 175 | R-So. | Jonesboro, Ark. / Jonesboro HS |
| 11 | Ty Watkins | QB | 6-2 | 233 | Fr. | Cumming, Ga. / South Forsyth HS |
| 12 | Mike DiLiello  | QB | 6-1 | 215 | Gr. | Pembroke Pines, Fla. / Cooper City HS / Middle Tennessee |
| 12 | Jaheim Ward | DB | 6-2 | 183 | R-So. | Moultrie, Ga. / Colquitt County HS |
| 13 | Khatib Lyles  | WR | 6-0 | 215 | Gr. | El Paso, Texas / Parkland HS / North Texas |
| 13 | Jevon McIver Jr. | DB | 6-1 | 177 | R-So. | Charlotte, N.C. / Rocky River HS / Lenoir-Rhyne |
| 14 | Jeremiah Flemmons | WR | 6-1 | 204 | R-Fr. | Ooltewah, Tenn. / East Hamilton HS |
| 14 | Christian Lewis  | DB | 5-11 | 200 | Gr. | Farrell, Pa. / Farrell Area HS / Albany |
| 15 | Chase Allen | DB | 5-10 | 196 | So. | Nashville, Tenn. / Lipscomb Academy |
| 15 | Jake Johnson | QB | 5-10 | 193 | R-Jr. | Knoxville, Tenn. / Timber Creek HS (Fla.) / Rollins College |
| 16 | Bryce Robinson | QB | 5-11 | 206 | R-Sr. | Clarksville, Tenn. / Clarksville Academy |
| 16 | Jeremiah Collins | DB | 6-1 | 168 | Fr. | Louisville, Ky. / Oakland HS (Tenn.) |
| 17 | Mike Evans | DB | 5-11 | 173 | R-Fr. | St. Petersburg, Fla. / Lakewood HS |
| 17 | JaQuan Randolph | WR | 5-11 | 175 | R-Jr. | Lakeland, Fla. / Lake Gibson HS |
| 18 | Matthew Corley | QB | 6-0 | 196 | R-So. | Clarksville, Tenn. / Home Life Academy / Carson-Newman |
| 18 | Miles Richardson  | DB | 5-9 | 200 | Gr. | Atlanta, Ga. / Chapel Hill HS / Wofford |
| 19 | Tae Gayden | WR | 6-0 | 185 | R-So. | Rayville, La. / Mangham HS |
| 19 | Tra Stover | DB | 6-0 | 182 | R-Fr. | Decatur, Ala. / Austin HS |
| 20 | Gerard Bullock | TE | 6-0 | 197 | R-Jr. | Nashville, Tenn. / Ensworth HS / Dayton |
| 20 | Jaden Lyles | DB | 5-10 | 197 | So. | Hendersonville, Tenn. / Lipscomb Academy |
| 21 | Denver Parker | DB | 5-10 | 185 | R-So. | St. Louis, Mo. / De Smet Jesuit HS |
| 21 | Marquez Taylor | RB | 5-11 | 171 | Fr. | McKenzie, Tenn. / McKenzie HS |
| 22 | Jevon Jackson | RB | 5-8 | 200 | R-So. | Decatur, Ala. / Austin HS |
| 22 | KJ Murden | DB | 5-11 | 167 | R-Jr. | Bolivar, Tenn. / Bolivar Central HS |
| 23 | Jordan Goco  | TE | 6-6 | 245 | Gr. | Clemmons, N.C. / West Forsyth HS / Campbell |
| 23 | Conner Murphy | LB | 6-0 | 194 | Sr. | Murfreesboro, Tenn. / Blackman HS |
| 24 | Malaki Dowell | RB | 5-9 | 180 | Fr. | Sparta, Tenn. / White County HS |
| 25 | Frank Caldwell III | LB | 6-2 | 219 | Fr. | Smyrna, Ga. / Pace Academy |
| 25 | Kaden Williams | RB | 5-7 | 179 | Fr. | Thibodaux, La. / St. James HS |
| 27 | Tetoe Boyd Jr. | RB | 5-8 | 204 | R-Fr. | Cleveland, Tenn. / Cleveland HS |
| 27 | Xavier Smith | DB | 6-0 | 186 | R-Fr. | Atlanta, Ga. / Langston Hughes HS / Colorado |
| 28 | DJ Carter | WR | 5-10 | 191 | R-Fr. | Montgomery, Ala. / Montgomery Catholic HS |
| 28 | Gardy Paul  | DL | 5-11 | 299 | Gr. | Naples, Fla. / St. John Neumann Catholic HS / Indiana Wesleyan |
| 29 | Ellis Ellis Jr. | DB | 6-0 | 198 | R-Fr. | Hendersonville, Tenn. / Hendersonville HS |
| 29 | Courtland Simmons | RB | 5-11 | 199 | Fr. | Madison, Tenn. / Davidson Academy |
| 31 | Austin Skoglund | LB | 6-1 | 220 | Jr. | Austin, Texas / Vandegrift HS / Tyler JC |
| 32 | Eddie Buxton Jr. | DB | 5-11 | 195 | R-So. | Cordova, Tenn. / Lausanne Collegiate School |
| 32 | Braden Ducharme | K/P | 5-9 | 152 | Fr. | Hermitage, Tenn. / Donelson Christian Academy |

ALPHABETICAL

| No. | Name |
|-----|---------------------|
| 15 | Chase Allen |
| 55 | Jalen Armstrong |
| 87 | Jack Baker |
| 50 | Kendyle Ball |
| 10 | Jaden Barnes |
| 9 | Travis Bates |
| 27 | Tetoe Boyd Jr. |
| 20 | Gerard Bullock |
| 32 | Eddie Buxton Jr. |
| 25 | Frank Caldwell III |
| 28 | DJ Carter |
| 6 | Kory Chapman |
| 16 | Jeremiah Collins |
| 52 | Marceo Collins |
| 97 | Carson Conner |
| 18 | Matthew Corley |
| 42 | Matthew Cox |
| 79 | Addison Darcy |
| 12 | Mike DiLiello |
| 1 | Cedarius Doss |
| 24 | Malaki Dowell |
| 51 | Josiah Drake |
| 32 | Braden Ducharme |
| 48 | Javen Edmiston |
| 29 | Ellis Ellis Jr. |
| 5 | CJ Evans Jr. |
| 17 | Mike Evans |
| 14 | Jeremiah Flemmons |
| 35 | Matthew Flint |
| 61 | Davinci Floyd |
| 89 | Desmond Fort |
| 6 | Davin Garinger |
| 19 | Tae Gayden |
| 72 | Jaiden Giovenco |
| 23 | Jordan Goco |
| 77 | Leo Gonzalez |
| 1 | Trey Goodman |
| 92 | Caleb Graham |
| 49 | Christopher Grayson |
| 33 | Jackson Griner |
| 40 | TJ Hartley |
| 63 | Donovan Haslam |
| 7 | Brenen Hawkins |
| 43 | Garrett Hawkins |
| 4 | Sam Howard |
| 99 | Paul Hutson III |
| 22 | Jevon Jackson |
| 0 | Benji Johnson |
| 15 | Jake Johnson |
| 52 | Chandler Kirton |
| 10 | Hosea Knifeley Jr. |
| 14 | Christian Lewis |
| 9 | Skyler Locklear |
| 8 | Tyler Long |
| 20 | Jaden Lyles |
| 13 | Khatib Lyles |
| 81 | Josh Mailander |
| 45 | Collins Malone |
| 46 | J'Vian McCray |

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2023 FOOTBALL ROSTERS

NUMERICAL

| No. | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | Hometown / High School / Previous School |
|-----|---------------------|------|------|-----|-------|---|
| 33 | Jackson Griner | LB | 6-2 | 213 | R-So. | Columbus, Ga. / Glenwood HS |
| 34 | KT Owens | DL | 6-3 | 223 | R-Jr. | Oxford, Miss. / Oxford HS / Mississippi Delta CC |
| 35 | Riley Stephens | K/P | 6-3 | 189 | R-Jr. | New Smyrna Beach, Fla. / Dr. Phillips HS / Central Florida |
| 35 | Matthew Flint | LB | 6-0 | 242 | Gr. | Huntsville, Ala. / Madison County HS / Western Kentucky |
| 36 | Griffin Throneberry | LB | 6-1 | 199 | Fr. | Mt. Juliet, Tenn. / Mt. Juliet HS |
| 40 | TJ Hartley | K/P | 5-11 | 167 | Fr. | Fayetteville, Ga. / Whitewater HS |
| 41 | Darius Richmond | DL | 6-3 | 266 | Gr. | Spring, Texas / Oak Ridge HS / Incarnate Word |
| 42 | TJ Cox | LB | 5-9 | 217 | R-Fr. | Bartlett, Tenn. / Bartlett HS |
| 43 | Garrett Hawkins | LB | 6-3 | 228 | Fr. | Sevierville, Tenn. / Sevier County HS |
| 44 | Kyan Miller | DL | 6-0 | 237 | Fr. | Lexington, Ky. / Henry Clay HS |
| 45 | Collins Malone | LB | 6-2 | 212 | R-Fr. | Columbia, Tenn. / Columbia Academy |
| 45 | Ethan Myers | LS | 6-0 | 211 | R-Jr. | Murfreesboro, Tenn. / Blackman HS |
| 46 | J'Vian McCray | DL | 6-0 | 327 | R-Jr. | Shallotte, N.C. / West Brunswick HS / East Carolina |
| 48 | Javen Edmiston | LB | 6-0 | 204 | Fr. | Summertown, Tenn. / Summertown HS |
| 49 | Christopher Grayson | K/P | 5-11 | 189 | Fr. | Ringgold, Ga. / Heritage HS |
| 50 | Kendyle Ball | DL | 6-1 | 258 | R-Fr. | Nashville, Tenn. / Davidson Academy |
| 50 | Brennan Smith | OL | 6-3 | 290 | R-So. | Pensacola, Fla. / Escambia HS |
| 51 | Josiah Drake | OL | 6-2 | 283 | Fr. | Duncanville, Texas / Duncanville HS |
| 52 | Chandler Kirton | OL | 6-0 | 290 | R-So. | Atlantic Beach, Fla. / Duncan U. Fletcher HS |
| 52 | Marceo Collins | DL | 6-1 | 276 | Fr. | Ringgold, Ga. / Baylor School (Tenn.) |
| 53 | Christian Wingfield | OL | 6-6 | 331 | R-So. | Riverdale, Ga. / Hapeville Charter Academy |
| 55 | Jalen Armstrong | OL | 6-3 | 295 | Gr. | Calhoun City, Miss. / Calhoun City HS / Copiah-Lincoln CC |
| 56 | Isaiah Wright | OL | 6-3 | 307 | Gr. | Columbia, S.C. / Dutch Fork HS / Dodge City CC (Kan.) |
| 57 | Ty Williams | OL | 6-3 | 285 | Fr. | Greeneville, Tenn. / Greeneville HS |
| 60 | Conner Parsons | OL | 6-3 | 275 | Gr. | Mansfield, Texas / Mansfield HS / Louisiana-Monroe |
| 61 | Davinci Floyd | OL | 6-2 | 346 | Jr. | Collierville, Tenn. / Collierville HS / Coffeyville CC (Kan.) |
| 63 | Donovan Haslam | OL | 6-4 | 340 | So. | Perry, Ga. / Perry HS |
| 68 | Brady Odom | OL | 6-0 | 280 | Gr. | Reno, Nev. / Damonte Ranch HS / Northern Colorado |
| 69 | Michael Treadwell | OL | 6-0 | 267 | R-Jr. | Knoxville, Tenn. / Powell HS |
| 70 | Ian Poe | OL | 6-3 | 298 | So. | Tullahoma, Tenn. / Tullahoma HS |
| 71 | Harrison Wilkes | OL | 6-3 | 264 | Jr. | Germantown, Tenn. / Houston HS |
| 72 | Jaiden Giovenco | OL | 6-5 | 300 | R-Fr. | Tampa, Fla. / Tampa Catholic HS |
| 75 | Kobe Nash | OL | 6-2 | 343 | R-So. | Madison, Ala. / Buckhorn HS |
| 77 | Leo Gonzalez | OL | 6-3 | 312 | Fr. | Lenoir City, Tenn. / Lenoir City HS |
| 78 | Anietie Ntekop | OL | 6-3 | 250 | R-So. | Roswell, Ga. / Roswell HS |
| 79 | Addison Darcy | OL | 6-3 | 303 | Jr. | Hilton Head Island, S.C. / State College Area HS (Pa.) / Lindenwood |
| 81 | Josh Mailander | WR | 6-1 | 178 | Fr. | Goodlettsville, Tenn. / Pope John Paul II Prep |
| 87 | Jack Baker | TE | 6-1 | 266 | R-So. | Fairview, Tenn. / Fairview HS |
| 88 | Marcus McGhee | WR | 5-11 | 200 | R-Jr. | Birmingham, Ala. / Homewood HS |
| 88 | Corey Rocchietti | LS | 5-8 | 233 | Fr. | Mt. Juliet, Tenn. / Mt. Juliet HS |
| 89 | Dezmond Fort | WR | 5-11 | 147 | Fr. | Clarksville, Tenn. / Northeast HS |
| 91 | Maddux Trujillo | K | 6-1 | 161 | Jr. | Flowery Branch, Ga. / Flowery Branch HS |
| 92 | Caleb Graham | DL | 6-0 | 270 | Fr. | Maryville, Tenn. / Maryville HS |
| 95 | Elon McKenzie | DL | 6-2 | 263 | R-So. | Smiths, Ala. / Central HS |
| 97 | Carson Conner | DL | 6-2 | 276 | Jr. | Picayune, Miss. / Picayune Memorial HS / East Mississippi CC |
| 98 | Jaden McKinney | DL | 6-3 | 273 | Fr. | Collierville, Tenn. / Collierville HS |
| 99 | Paul Hutson III | DL | 6-0 | 269 | So. | Norfolk, Va. / IMG Academy (Fla.) / Campbell |

ALPHABETICAL

| No. | Name |
|-----|---------------------|
| 88 | Marcus McGhee |
| 13 | Jevon McIver Jr. |
| 95 | Elon McKenzie |
| 98 | Jaden McKinney |
| 44 | Kyan Miller |
| 22 | KJ Murden |
| 23 | Conner Murphy |
| 45 | Ethan Myers |
| 75 | Kobe Nash |
| 0 | Ashton Nickelberry |
| 78 | Anietie Ntekop |
| 68 | Brady Odom |
| 3 | Kenny Odom |
| 34 | KT Owens |
| 21 | Denver Parker |
| 60 | Conner Parsons |
| 28 | Gardy Paul |
| 70 | Ian Poe |
| 17 | JaQuan Randolph |
| 18 | Miles Richardson |
| 41 | Darius Richmond |
| 16 | Bryce Robinson |
| 88 | Corey Rocchietti |
| 2 | Michael Ruttlen Jr. |
| 4 | Tre Shackelford |
| 29 | Courtland Simmons |
| 2 | MJ Singleton |
| 31 | Austin Skoglund |
| 50 | Brennan Smith |
| 27 | Xavier Smith |
| 35 | Riley Stephens |
| 19 | Tra Stover |
| 21 | Marquez Taylor |
| 5 | Rashaud Thomas Jr. |
| 8 | Kam Thomas |
| 36 | Griffin Throneberry |
| 69 | Michael Treadwell |
| 91 | Maddux Trujillo |
| 12 | Jaheim Ward |
| 11 | Ty Watkins |
| 71 | Harrison Wilkes |
| 11 | Brodie Williams |
| 25 | Kaden Williams |
| 57 | Ty Williams |
| 53 | Christian Wingfield |
| 56 | Isaiah Wright |
| 3 | Jau'Von Young |

ROSTER NOTE: The class for student-athletes in this document has been advanced without regard to the COVID-19 waiver available to student-athletes for the 2020-21 season. Student-athletes utilizing their additional year after their original eligibility would have expired will be listed as either a senior (if still an undergraduate) or a graduate student as the case may be.

AUSTIN PEAY FOOTBALL

2023 ROSTER BREAKDOWN

OFFENSIVE LINE

| No. | Name | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | Hometown |
|-----|---------------------|-----|-----|-------|--------------------------|
| 50 | Brennan Smith | 6-3 | 290 | R-So. | Pensacola, Fla. |
| 51 | Josiah Drake | 6-2 | 283 | Fr. | Duncanville, Texas |
| 52 | Chandler Kirton | 6-0 | 290 | R-So. | Atlantic Beach, Fla. |
| 53 | Christian Wingfield | 6-6 | 331 | R-So. | Riverdale, Ga. |
| 55 | Jalen Armstrong | 6-3 | 295 | Gr. | Calhoun City, Miss. |
| 56 | Isaiah Wright | 6-3 | 307 | Gr. | Columbia, S.C. |
| 57 | Ty Williams | 6-3 | 285 | Fr. | Greeneville, Tenn. |
| 60 | Conner Parsons | 6-3 | 275 | Gr. | Mansfield, Texas |
| 61 | Davinci Floyd | 6-2 | 346 | Jr. | Collierville, Tenn. |
| 63 | Donovan Haslam | 6-4 | 340 | So. | Perry, Ga. |
| 68 | Brady Odom | 6-0 | 280 | Gr. | Reno, Nev. |
| 69 | Michael Treadwell | 6-0 | 267 | R-Jr. | Knoxville, Tenn. |
| 70 | Ian Poe | 6-3 | 298 | So. | Tullahoma, Tenn. |
| 71 | Harrison Wilkes | 6-3 | 264 | Jr. | Germantown, Tenn. |
| 72 | Jaiden Giovenco | 6-5 | 300 | R-Fr. | Tampa, Fla. |
| 75 | Kobe Nash | 6-2 | 343 | R-So. | Madison, Ala. |
| 77 | Leo Gonzalez | 6-3 | 312 | Fr. | Lenoir City, Tenn. |
| 78 | Anietie Ntekop | 6-3 | 250 | R-So. | Roswell, Ga. |
| 79 | Addison Darcy | 6-3 | 303 | Jr. | Hilton Head Island, S.C. |

QUARTERBACKS

| No. | Name | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | Hometown |
|-----|-----------------|------|-----|-------|----------------------|
| 6 | Davin Garinger | 6-1 | 190 | Fr. | Clarksville, Tenn. |
| 9 | Skyler Locklear | 5-11 | 189 | R-Fr. | Clayton, N.C. |
| 11 | Ty Watkins | 6-2 | 233 | Fr. | Cumming, Ga. |
| 12 | Mike DiLiello | 6-1 | 215 | Gr. | Pembroke Pines, Fla. |
| 15 | Jake Johnson | 5-10 | 193 | R-Jr. | Knoxville, Tenn. |
| 16 | Bryce Robinson | 5-11 | 206 | R-Sr. | Clarksville, Tenn. |
| 18 | Matthew Corley | 6-0 | 196 | R-So. | Clarksville, Tenn. |

RUNNING BACKS

| No. | Name | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | Hometown |
|-----|-------------------|------|-----|-------|------------------|
| 5 | CJ Evans Jr. | 5-8 | 180 | Sr. | Mobile, Ala. |
| 21 | Marquez Taylor | 5-11 | 171 | Fr. | McKenzie, Tenn. |
| 22 | Devon Jackson | 5-8 | 200 | R-So. | Decatur, Ala. |
| 24 | Malaki Dowell | 5-9 | 180 | Fr. | Sparta, Tenn. |
| 25 | Kaden Williams | 5-7 | 179 | Fr. | Thibodaux, La. |
| 27 | Tetoe Boyd Jr. | 5-8 | 204 | R-Fr. | Cleveland, Tenn. |
| 29 | Courtland Simmons | 5-11 | 199 | Fr. | Madison, Tenn. |

TIGHT ENDS

| No. | Name | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | Hometown |
|-----|----------------|-----|-----|-------|------------------|
| 20 | Gerard Bullock | 6-0 | 197 | R-Jr. | Nashville, Tenn. |
| 23 | Jordan Goco | 6-6 | 245 | Gr. | Clemmons, N.C. |
| 87 | Jack Baker | 6-1 | 266 | R-So. | Fairview, Tenn. |

WIDE RECEIVERS

| No. | Name | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | Hometown |
|-----|--------------------|------|-----|-------|-----------------------|
| 0 | Ashton Nickelberry | 5-10 | 181 | R-Jr. | Brandon, Miss. |
| 1 | Trey Goodman | 5-11 | 175 | Jr. | Atlanta, Ga. |
| 2 | MJ Singleton | 5-9 | 171 | Jr. | Lubbock, Texas |
| 3 | Kenny Odom | 5-8 | 163 | R-Fr. | Savannah, Ga. |
| 4 | Tre Shackelford | 6-1 | 189 | R-So. | Decatur, Ala. |
| 7 | Brenen Hawkins | 6-3 | 213 | R-So. | Colleyville, Texas |
| 8 | Kam Thomas | 5-7 | 174 | R-So. | Birmingham, Ala. |
| 10 | Jaden Barnes | 5-7 | 171 | Fr. | Fairburn, Ga. |
| 13 | Khatib Lyles | 6-0 | 215 | Gr. | El Paso, Texas |
| 14 | Jeremiah Flem-mons | 6-1 | 204 | R-Fr. | Ooltewah, Tenn. |
| 17 | JaQuan Randolph | 5-11 | 175 | R-Jr. | Lakeland, Fla. |
| 19 | Tae Gayden | 6-0 | 185 | R-So. | Rayville, La. |
| 28 | DJ Carter | 5-10 | 191 | R-Fr. | Montgomery, Ala. |
| 81 | Josh Mailander | 6-1 | 178 | Fr. | Goodlettsville, Tenn. |
| 88 | Marcus McGhee | 5-11 | 200 | R-Jr. | Birmingham, Ala. |
| 89 | Dezmond Fort | 5-11 | 147 | Fr. | Clarksville, Tenn. |

COACHING AND SUPPORT STAFFS

| | | | |
|-----------------|--|-------------------------------|---|
| Scotty Walden | Head Coach | Chris Campbell, CSCS | Assistant AD/Sports Performance |
| J.J. Clark | Defensive Coordinator/Safeties | Lauren Norton, MS, LAT, ATC | AD/Health & Human Performance |
| Chris Jones | co-Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Line | Robbie Matos | Director of Football Operations |
| Jared Kaster | co-Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line | Buddy O'Dell | General Manager/Pro Football Liaison |
| Lanear Sampson | co-Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receiver | Chris Annan | Head Equipment Coordinator |
| Joe Pappalardo | Special Teams Coordinator/Govs Backs | Sales Pinckney | Video Coordinator/Recruiting Assistant |
| Jourdan McNeill | Run-Game Coordinator/Running Backs | Dayven Coleman | Transfer Portal Coordinator/Defensive Assistant |
| Aaron Foster | Pass-Game Coordinator/Corernbacks | John Lang | Recruiting Coordinator |
| Seth McDonald | co-Special Teams Coordinator/Linebackers | Cameron Coppock | Football Data Analyst |
| Jajuan Dulaney | Tight Ends | Devin Stuart | Director of Creative Content |
| Miguel Avina | Assistant Quarterbacks | Chase King | Recruiting Assistant |
| Michael Gehl | Assistant Offensive Line | Brendan York | Equipment Assistant |
| Kade Glenn | Assistant Defensive Backs | Kyndall Soukup, MAT, LAT, ATC | Assistant Athletic Trainer |
| Addison Tucker | Assistant Defensive Line | Noah Kippenhan, MAT, LAT, ATC | Assistant Athletic Trainer |
| Joe Ware | Assistant Tight Ends | | |

AUSTIN PEAY FOOTBALL

2023 ROSTER BREAKDOWN

DEFENSIVE LINE

| No. | Name | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | Hometown |
|-----|-----------------|------|-----|-------|---------------------|
| 3 | Jau'Von Young | 6-2 | 281 | Gr. | Nashville, Tenn. |
| 9 | Travis Bates | 6-3 | 265 | R-Fr. | Tomball, Texas |
| 28 | Gardy Paul | 5-11 | 299 | Gr. | Naples, Fla. |
| 34 | KT Owens | 6-3 | 223 | R-Jr. | Oxford, Miss. |
| 41 | Darius Richmond | 6-3 | 266 | Gr. | Spring, Texas |
| 44 | Kyan Miller | 6-0 | 237 | Fr. | Lexington, Ky. |
| 46 | J'Vian McCray | 6-0 | 327 | R-Jr. | Shallotte, N.C. |
| 50 | Kendyle Ball | 6-1 | 258 | R-Fr. | Nashville, Tenn. |
| 52 | Marceo Collins | 6-1 | 276 | Fr. | Ringgold, Ga. |
| 92 | Caleb Graham | 6-0 | 270 | Fr. | Maryville, Tenn. |
| 95 | Elon McKenzie | 6-2 | 263 | R-So. | Smiths, Ala. |
| 97 | Carson Conner | 6-2 | 276 | Jr. | Picayune, Miss. |
| 98 | Jaden McKinney | 6-3 | 273 | Fr. | Collierville, Tenn. |
| 99 | Paul Hutson III | 6-0 | 269 | So. | Norfolk, Va. |

LINEBACKERS

| No. | Name | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | Hometown |
|-----|---------------------|------|-----|-------|---------------------|
| 4 | Sam Howard | 6-2 | 220 | R-Jr. | Birmingham, Ala. |
| 5 | Rashaud Thomas Jr. | 6-0 | 215 | R-Jr. | Washington, D.C. |
| 8 | Tyler Long | 5-11 | 229 | Gr. | Cincinnati, Ohio |
| 10 | Hosea Knifeley Jr. | 6-1 | 232 | Sr. | Bowling Green, Ky. |
| 23 | Conner Murphy | 6-0 | 194 | Sr. | Murfreesboro, Tenn. |
| 25 | Frank Caldwell III | 6-2 | 219 | Fr. | Smyrna, Ga. |
| 31 | Austin Skoglund | 6-1 | 220 | Jr. | Austin, Texas |
| 33 | Jackson Griner | 6-2 | 213 | R-So. | Columbus, Ga. |
| 35 | Matthew Flint | 6-0 | 242 | Gr. | Huntsville, Ala. |
| 36 | Griffin Throneberry | 6-1 | 199 | Fr. | Mt. Juliet, Tenn. |
| 42 | TJ Cox | 5-9 | 217 | R-Fr. | Bartlett, Tenn. |
| 43 | Garrett Hawkins | 6-3 | 228 | Fr. | Sevierville, Tenn. |
| 45 | Collins Malone | 6-2 | 212 | R-Fr. | Columbia, Tenn. |
| 48 | Javen Edmiston | 6-0 | 204 | Fr. | Summertown, Tenn. |

DEFENSIVE BACKS

| No. | Name | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | Hometown |
|-----|---------------------|------|-----|-------|-----------------------|
| 0 | Benji Johnson | 6-3 | 213 | R-So. | Hooks, Texas |
| 1 | Cedarius Doss | 5-8 | 176 | R-Sr. | Birmingham, Ala. |
| 2 | Michael Ruttlen Jr. | 5-9 | 197 | Gr. | Mt. Juliet, Tenn. |
| 6 | Kory Chapman | 5-10 | 178 | Sr. | Hoover, Ala. |
| 11 | Brodie Williams | 5-9 | 175 | R-So. | Jonesboro, Ark. |
| 12 | Jaheim Ward | 6-2 | 183 | R-So. | Moultrie, Ga. |
| 13 | Jevon McIver Jr. | 6-1 | 177 | R-So. | Charlotte, N.C. |
| 14 | Christian Lewis | 5-11 | 200 | Gr. | Farrell, Pa. |
| 15 | Chase Allen | 5-10 | 196 | So. | Nashville, Tenn. |
| 17 | Mike Evans | 5-11 | 173 | R-Fr. | St. Petersburg, Fla. |
| 18 | Miles Richardson | 5-9 | 200 | Gr. | Atlanta, Ga. |
| 19 | Tra Stover | 6-0 | 182 | R-Fr. | Decatur, Ala. |
| 20 | Jaden Lyles | 5-10 | 197 | So. | Hendersonville, Tenn. |
| 21 | Denver Parker | 5-10 | 185 | R-So. | St. Louis, Mo. |
| 22 | KJ Murden | 5-11 | 167 | R-Jr. | Bolivar, Tenn. |
| 27 | Xavier Smith | 6-0 | 186 | R-Fr. | Atlanta, Ga. |
| 29 | Ellis Ellis Jr. | 6-0 | 198 | R-Fr. | Hendersonville, Tenn. |
| 32 | Eddie Buxton Jr. | 5-11 | 195 | R-So. | Cordova, Tenn. |

SPECIAL TEAMS

| No. | Name | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | Hometown |
|-----|---------------------|------|-----|-------|------------------------|
| 32 | Braden Ducharme | 5-9 | 152 | Fr. | Hermitage, Tenn. |
| 35 | Riley Stephens | 6-3 | 189 | R-Jr. | New Smyrna Beach, Fla. |
| 40 | TJ Hartley | 5-11 | 167 | Fr. | Fayetteville, Ga. |
| 45 | Ethan Myers | 6-0 | 211 | R-Jr. | Murfreesboro, Tenn. |
| 49 | Christopher Grayson | 5-11 | 189 | Fr. | Ringgold, Ga. |
| 88 | Corey Rocchetti | 5-8 | 233 | Fr. | Mt. Juliet, Tenn. |
| 91 | Maddux Trujillo | 6-1 | 161 | Jr. | Flowery Branch, Ga. |

ROSTER INFORMATION

Letterwinners Returning.....43

| | |
|---------------------|----|
| Offense | 25 |
| Defense..... | 15 |
| Special Teams | 3 |

Letterwinners Lost.....42

| | |
|---------------------|----|
| Offense | 15 |
| Defense..... | 25 |
| Special Teams | 2 |

Starters Returning.....12

| | |
|---------------|---|
| Offense | 9 |
| Defense..... | 3 |

Starters Lost.....10

| | |
|---------------|---|
| Offense | 2 |
| Defense..... | 8 |

Newcomers.....45

Redshirts Returning

Returning Offensive Starters

| | |
|-----------------------|----|
| Jalen Armstrong..... | OL |
| Mike DiLiello..... | QB |
| CJ Evans Jr..... | RB |
| Jordan Goco..... | TE |
| Trey Goodman | WR |
| Chandler Kirton | OL |
| Brennan Smith | OL |
| Harrison Wilkes | OL |
| Isaiah Wright..... | OL |

Returning Defensive Starters

| | |
|---------------------|----|
| Kory Chapman..... | DB |
| Cedarius Doss | DB |
| Jau'Von Young | DL |

Returning Specialists

| | |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Ethan Myers..... | LS |
| Riley Stephens..... | K/P |
| Maddux Trujillo | K |

PLAYER PROFILES



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**CHASE
ALLEN**
DEFENSIVE BACK
5-10 • 196 • Sophomore
Nashville, Tennessee
Lipscomb Academy


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**JALEN
ARMSTRONG**
OFFENSIVE LINEMAN
6-3 • 295 • Graduate
Calhoun City, Mississippi
Calhoun City HS
Copiah-Lincoln CC
AWARDS & HONORS

Dean's List (F22, S23)

2022: Played in nine games... Made his debut against Presbyterian (Sept. 3)... Posted his first collegiate tackle against Murray State (Oct. 15).

HIGH SCHOOL: Recorded 59 tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss, and one interception in his senior season at Lipscomb Academy under head coach Trent Dilfer... After finishing as the state runner-up during his junior season, helped lead the Mustangs to their first state championship victory since 2007 in 2021... Named First Team Division II-A All-Region by Main Street Preps during his junior and senior seasons.

PERSONAL: Chase Andrew Allen is the son of Barry and Jennifer Allen... Birthday is Oct. 31... Has two siblings: Chaley and Shaun... Brother, Shaun, played football at Bethel and sister, Chaley, was a member of the UT Martin cheer team... An accounting major.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| G | TT (U-A) | TACKLES | | | PASS DEFENSE | | | |
|------|----------|---------|-----|-------|--------------|-----|-----|-----|
| | | TFL | QBS | FF-FR | INT-YD | TD | PBU | QBH |
| 2022 | 9 | 1 (1-0) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

| | | |
|---------|---|--------------------|
| Tackles | 1 | Murray State; 2022 |
|---------|---|--------------------|

AWARDS & HONORS

Dean's List (F22, S23)

2022: Started all 11 games at center... Helped the Governors offense rack up 609 yards of total offense – the ninth-best single-game mark in program history – and score 63 points – the sixth-best single-game total in APSU history – against Presbyterian (Sept. 3)... Helped the Govs throw for 383 yards and five touchdowns against Mississippi Valley State (Sept. 10) – the fourth and second-best single-game totals in program history... Blocked for an offense that recorded 4,658 yards of total offense and scored 347 points during the 2022 season – the second and third-best season totals in Austin Peay history... Also helped the Govs average 423.5 yards of total offense per game – the best single-season mark in program history... The Govs posted the sixth-most rushing touchdowns (20) and fourth-most passing touchdowns (22) in a season in program history... Helped the offense pass for 2,580 yards – the fourth-best single-season in APSU history – and rush for 2,082 yards, it was the first time in program history the Govs have passed and rushed for 2,000-plus yards in the same season.

PRIOR TO AUSTIN PEAY: Played three seasons at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Mississippi... Named 2020 & 2021 First Team All-Mississippi Association of Community Colleges Conference.

HIGH SCHOOL: Prepped at Calhoun City High School and was an offensive and defensive lineman for head coach Perry Liles... Was a Second Team Mississippi Association of Coaches Class 2A selection in 2018... Helped Calhoun City reach the Class 2A state semifinals in 2017 and 2018 and was a member of the Wildcats team that won the 2016 Class 2A state championship.

PERSONAL: Jalen Tyre Armstrong is the son of Jennifer Bullard... Birthday is Feb. 12... Has a brother, Jase... Graduated from Austin Peay in May 2023 with a bachelor's in health and human performance... Pursuing a master's in health and human performance with a concentration in performance enhancement and coaching.

AUSTIN PEAY FOOTBALL

PLAYER PROFILES



87
**JACK
BAKER**

TIGHT END
6-1 • 266 • Sophomore (RS)
Fairview, Tennessee
Fairview HS

AWARDS & HONORS

Dean's List (F21, S22, F22, S23)

2022: Played in all 11 games at tight end and made his first career start against Alabama A&M (Sept. 17)... Often used as an extra blocker for an offense that recorded 4,658 yards of total offense and scored 347 points during the 2022 season – the second and third-best season totals in Austin Peay history... The Govs posted the sixth-most rushing touchdowns (20) and fourth-most passing touchdowns (22) in a season in program history... Helped the offense pass for 2,580 yards – the fourth-best single-season in APSU history – and rush for 2,082 yards, it was the first time in program history the Govs have passed and rushed for 2,000-plus yards in the same season.

2021: Did not see action during the 2021 season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played offensive line for Chris Hughes at Fairview High School... A Tennessee Football Coaches Association All-State 3A Team selection and an All-Region 6-3A selection as a senior... Also competed in wrestling and track & field, where he threw the shot put and discus.

PERSONAL: Kerry Jackson Baker is the son of Brian and Kristen Baker... Birthday is June 25... Has a brother, Jacob... A management major.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| G | RUSHING | | | | RECEIVING | | | | | |
|------|---------|-----|----|----|-----------|-----|-----|----|----|-----|
| | CAR | YDS | TD | LG | YPG | REC | YDS | TD | LG | YPG |
| 2021 | DNP | | | | | | | | | |
| 2022 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |



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**KENDYLE
BALL**

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN
6-1 • 258 • Freshman (RS)
Nashville, Tennessee
Davidson Academy

AWARDS & HONORS

Dean's List (F22, S23)

2022: Played in one game, making his collegiate debut against Presbyterian (Sept. 3).

HIGH SCHOOL: A defensive lineman for head coach Jonathan Quinn at Davidson Academy... Helped Davidson Academy reach the Division II-AA state semifinals in 2021 and Division II-A state championships in 2018, 2019, and 2020... Three-time All-State selection by the Tennessee Sports Writers Association: 2021 Division II-AA All-State and 2019 & 2020 Division II-A All-State... Finished prep career with 252 tackles, 79.5 tackles for loss, and 34.0 sacks... As a senior, recorded 88 tackles, 28.0 tackles for loss, 13.5 sacks, nine hurries, four forced fumbles, two blocked field goals, and a fumble recovery... Also caught a 26-yard touchdown pass while playing tight end early in his senior season... As a junior, recorded 91 tackles and a best-in-Tennessee 16 sacks... Led Davidson Academy with 8.0 tackles, 2.0 tackles for loss, a sack, and a pass breakup in the 2020 state championship game... Recorded 6.0 tackles, 2.0 tackles for loss, and a sack in 2019 state championship game.

PERSONAL: Kendyle Jermont Ball is the son of Taskia Webb and Kenneth Ball... Has two siblings: Kenny and Shanice... Birthday is Oct. 8... A communication media major.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| G | TACKLES | | | | PASS DEFENSE | | | |
|------|----------|---------|-----|-------|--------------|-----|-----|-----|
| | TT (U-A) | TFL | QBS | FF-FR | INT-YD | TD | PBU | QBH |
| 2022 | 1 | 0 (0-0) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |



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**JADEN
BARNES**

WIDE RECEIVER
5-7 • 171 • Freshman
Fairburn, Georgia
Langston Hughes HS

HIGH SCHOOL: A wide receiver for head coach Daniel Williams at Langston Hughes High School... Helped Langston Hughes claim the 2022 GHSAA Class 6A State Championship... Caught eight passes for 152 yards and a touchdown in the state championship game against Gainesville... Named to GPB All-Finals Team... Finished season with 44 receptions for 1,179 yards and 15 touchdowns... Named to Recruit Georgia's Class 6A All-State Team... Also competed on the track and field team... Member of Langston Hughes Class 6A State Champion 4x200-meter relay team and silver medal 4x100 team... During the 2022 outdoor season ran a 10.92 in the 100-meter dash and a 22.46 in the 200-meter dash.

PERSONAL: Jaden Acah Clifton Barnes is the son of Jerry Barnes and Renah Scott... Birthday is Sept. 5... Has three siblings: Jaire, Jerry Jr., and Huntington Cainion... A health and human performance major with a sport and wellness specialist concentration.

AUSTIN PEAY FOOTBALL

PLAYER PROFILES



9

TRAVIS BATES

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN
6-3 • 265 • Freshman (RS)

Tomball, Texas
Tomball HS



20

GERARD BULLOCK

TIGHT END
6-0 • 197 • Junior (RS)
Nashville, Tennessee
Ensworth HS

AWARDS & HONORS

Dean's List (S23)
Athletics Director's Honor Roll (F22)

2022: Did not see action during the 2022 season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played on the defensive line for three years under head coach Kevin Flanigan at Tomball High School... A two-star recruit by 247Sports.com.

PERSONAL: Travis David Bates is the son of Jonathan and Mariana Bates... Birthday is Nov. 3... Has three siblings: Jordan, Jake, and Cole... His brothers, Jordan and Jake, both played soccer at Central Arkansas... Jordan finished his college career by transferring to Texas State and then Arkansas to be a kicker on those respective football teams... A kinesiology major.



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TETOIE BOYD JR.

RUNNING BACK
5-8 • 204 • Freshman (RS)

Cleveland, Tennessee
Cleveland HS

AWARDS & HONORS

Dean's List (F22)
Athletics Director's Honor Roll (S23)

2022: Did not see action during the 2022 season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Averaged over 100 rushing yards per game in four seasons at Cleveland High School under head coach Marty Wheeler... Rushed for 1,399 yards and eight touchdowns in his senior season, averaging 7.8 yards per carry... Set the Cleveland High School record with 3,414 career rushing yards and set the single-game record with 332 against Farragut (9/17/21)... Also wrestled in high school, where he was a Tennessee Sports Writers Association All-State selection after leading Cleveland High School to its fifth-straight Class AA Dual Wrestling Championship as a senior.

PERSONAL: Tetoie Jermaine Boyd Jr. is the son of Tetoie Boyd and Delores Whaley... Birthday is May 13... Has two siblings: Da'Swaun and Monique... A psychological science major.

AWARDS & HONORS

Athletics Director's Honor Roll (F22, S23)

2022: Made his collegiate debut at quarterback in his lone appearance of the season against Presbyterian (Sept. 3)... Completed one of his two pass attempts for 14 yards and added a four-yard rush.

PRIOR TO AUSTIN PEAY: Attended the University of Dayton for three semesters (2020-21) but did not play for the Flyers' football team.

HIGH SCHOOL: A Tennessee Sports Writers Association and Tennessee Football Coaches Association All-State selection in Division II-AAA... Started 10 games at quarterback in senior season (2019) and completed 109-of-195 passes for 1422 yards, averaging 142.2 yards per game, with 18 touchdown throws... Posted back-to-back 200-yard passing outings against Knoxville Catholic and Christ Presbyterian Academy that season, throwing four touchdowns against CPA... Tossed three touchdowns and ran for the game-sealing touchdown against McCallie in TSSAA Division II playoffs opening round.

PERSONAL: Gerard Milton Bullock Jr. is the son of Gerard and Sara Bullock... Birthday is March 13... Has three siblings: Gianna, Gabriella, and Gage... His sister Gianna is a member of the Oregon track & field program, competing in the heptathlon... A finance major.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| PASSING | G | EFFIC | COM-ATT-INT | PCT | YDS | TD | LG | YD/G |
|---------|---|--------|-------------|------|-----|----|----|------|
| 2022 | 1 | 108.80 | 1-2-0 | 50.0 | 14 | 0 | 14 | 14.0 |

| RUSHING | | | | RECEIVING | | | | | | |
|---------|-----|-----|----|-----------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|
| G | CAR | YDS | TD | LG | YPG | REC | YDS | TD | LG | YPG |
| 2022 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 4.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

| | | |
|------------------|----|--------------------|
| Pass attempts | 2 | Presbyterian; 2022 |
| Pass completions | 1 | Presbyterian; 2022 |
| Pass yards | 14 | Presbyterian; 2022 |
| Rush attempts | 1 | Presbyterian; 2022 |
| Rush yards | 4 | Presbyterian; 2022 |



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EDDIE BUXTON JR.

DEFENSIVE BACK

5-11 • 195 • Sophomore (RS)
Cordova, Tennessee
Lausanne Collegiate School

2022: Did not see action during the 2022 season.

2021: Did not see action during the 2021 season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Prepped as a wide receiver and defensive back for head coach Kevin Locastro at Lausanne Collegiate School in Memphis... Also played guard on the basketball team for the Lynx.

PERSONAL: Eddie Demetrius Buxton Jr. is the son of Eddie Sr. and Nicole Buxton... Birthday is Dec. 10... Has a sister, Emilee... Father, Eddie Sr., played baseball and basketball at Lemoyne-Owen College and his mother, Nicole, played basketball at Ole Miss... A biology major.

PLAYER PROFILES



25
FRANK CALDWELL III
 LINEBACKER
 6-2 • 219 • Freshman
 Smyrna, Georgia
 Pace Academy



6
KORY CHAPMAN
 DEFENSIVE BACK
 5-10 • 178 • Senior
 Hoover, Alabama
 Hoover HS

HIGH SCHOOL: A linebacker for coach Nick Bach at Pace Academy, Caldwell II served as a team captain during his junior and senior seasons... A Second Team All-Region 5AAAA selection at linebacker in 2022 and an Honorable Mention in 2021... A three-sport athlete, he helped the Knights win the Georgia Class AAA Basketball State Championship in 2020 and the Class AA state title in 2021... Also competed in track and field where he was a state finalist in the high jump and set the Pace Academy high jump record at 6-2 in 2021.

PERSONAL: Frank Wayne Caldwell III is the son of Frank and Ebony Caldwell... Birthday is June 8... Has one sibling, Adia... A marketing major.



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DJ CARTER
 WIDE RECEIVER
 5-10 • 191 • Freshman (RS)
 Montgomery, Alabama
 Montgomery Catholic HS

2022: Did not see action during the 2022 season.

HIGH SCHOOL: After recording 563 receding yards and six touchdowns as a junior at Montgomery Catholic High School under head coach Kirk Johnson, over doubled his production as a senior, with over 1,200 receiving yards and 15 touchdowns.

PERSONAL: Dezhion Jahris Carter is the son of Johnathan and Sonia Carter... Birthday is Dec. 25... Has three siblings: Bryhanna Carter, Isaiah Carter, and Cortavius Mays... A management major.

AWARDS & HONORS

Athletics Director's Honor Roll (F20, S21, S22)

2022: Played in all 11 games and started the final six contests of the season... Made just nine tackles in the first four games of the season before taking over for Kam Ruffin, who suffered a season-ending injury early in the Eastern Kentucky (Sept. 24) game... Racked up a career-highs of 13 tackles and 2.0 tackles for loss to go along with a pass breakup in comeback win against EKU... Had five tackles and an interception the following week at Central Arkansas (Oct. 1)... Made nine tackles, matched his career high with two tackles for loss, and recorded an interception against Jacksonville State (Oct. 29)... Had six tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss, and a sack at North Alabama (Nov. 5)... Posted nine tackles and a pass breakup against Kennesaw State (Nov. 12)... Finished the season with 10 tackles and a sack at Alabama (Nov. 19)... Ranked third on the team and 11th in the ASUN with 67 total tackles... Finished the season with 7.0 tackles for loss which ranked fifth on the team, led APSU defensive backs, and was tied for 12th in the ASUN... Was one of four Govs with multiple interceptions, he ranked fourth on the team and was tied for eighth in the ASUN with two picks... Averaged 8.2 tackles and 1.0 tackle for loss per game after taking over for Ruffin in the final seven games of the season.

2021: Played in 10 games, making five starts at safety and two at nickelback... Had nine tackles against Ole Miss (Sept. 11)... Tallied seven tackles and two pass breakups against Morehead State (Sept 18)... Had six tackles, a sack, and a forced fumble at Tennessee State (Nov. 13)... Had his best outing in the finale against Tennessee Tech (Nov. 20) with a season-high 10 tackles and two tackles for loss... Finished sixth on the team with 39 tackles and tied for fourth with four tackles for loss.

2020-2021: Did not see action during the 2020-2021 season.

HIGH SCHOOL: A safety for head coach Josh Nibblett at Hoover High School... An Alabama Sports Writers Association Class 7A All-State selection as a senior... Helped Hoover reach AHSAA Class 7A state semifinals in 2019 and a Region 3 championship in 2018.

PERSONAL: Jekarajan Quintrez Chapman is the son of Quintress and Kory Chapman... Birthday is Dec. 25... Has a sister, Bre... Father, Kory, was a running back at Jacksonville State (2002-03) where he was a 2003 First Team All-OVC selection and then played professionally for NFL Europe's Cologne Centurions (2005) and the NFL's Indianapolis Colts (2005)... A health and human performance major with a sport and wellness specialist concentration.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| G | TT (U-A) | TACKLES | | | | PASS DEFENSE | | | |
|--------------|-----------|--------------------|-------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | TFL | QBS | FF-FR | INT-YD | TD | PBU | QBH | |
| 2020 | DNP | | | | | | | | |
| 2021 | 10 | 39 (20-19) | 4.0 | 1.5 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| 2022 | 11 | 67 (29-38) | 7.0 | 2.0 | 0-0 | 2-0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 21 | 106 (49-57) | 11.0 | 3.5 | 1-0 | 3-0 | 0 | 6 | 3 |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

| | | |
|------------------|-----|--------------------------|
| Tackles | 13 | Eastern Kentucky; 2022 |
| Tackles for loss | 2.0 | Jacksonville State; 2022 |
| Sacks | 1.0 | at Alabama; 2022 |
| Interceptions | 1 | Jacksonville State; 2022 |
| Pass breakups | 2 | Morehead State; 2021 |
| Forced fumbles | 1 | at Tennessee State; 2021 |

PLAYER PROFILES



18
**JEREMIAH
COLLINS**
DEFENSIVE BACK
6-1 • 168 • Freshman
Louisville, Kentucky
Oakland HS (Tenn.)

HIGH SCHOOL: Played senior season in all three phases of the game under head coach Kevin Creasy at Oakland High School... Member of Oakland's 2022 TSSAA Class 6A State Championship team... Helped the Patriots reach the title game, returning the opening kickoff 99 yards for a touchdown in state semifinal game against Maryville... Averaged 57.3 yards per kick return, amassing 516 yards on nine kick returns with two touchdowns... Also had 15 receptions for 212 yards and two touchdowns... Defensively, he recorded 21 tackles, an interception, six passes defensed, and blocked a field goal... Began prep career at Male High School in Louisville, Kentucky... Finished junior season with 19 tackles, a tackle for loss, a sack, and two interceptions while helping Male High School claim KHSAA 2021 Class 6A runner-up spot... Rated a three-star recruit by ESPN... Ranked No. 14 player in Tennessee and No. 36 nationally by 247Sports.com.

PERSONAL: Jeremiah Dujuan Collins is the son of Melvin Collins and Regina Saulsberry... Birthday is October 11... Has eight siblings: Xavier Collins, Erick Lindsay, James Monroe, Jr., Jayshawn Monroe, Darias Collins, Nicole Santander, Nicari Polk, and Paris Peterson.



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**MARCEO
COLLINS**
DEFENSIVE LINEMAN
6-1 • 276 • Freshman
Ringgold, Georgia
Baylor School (Tenn.)

HIGH SCHOOL: A defensive lineman for head coach Eric Kimrey at Baylor School... Part of Red Raiders 2023 TSSAA Division II-AAA State Champion team... Credited with a tackle for loss in state championship game... Also competed in track and field and wrestling.

PERSONAL: Marceo Tyvel Collins Jr. is the son of Marceo and Elisa Collins... Birthday is March 9... Has two siblings, Braydon and Kyndall... A management major.



97
**CARSON
CONNER**
DEFENSIVE LINEMAN
6-2 • 276 • Sophomore (RS)
Picayune, Mississippi
Picayune Memorial HS
East Mississippi CC

PRIOR TO AUSTIN PEAY: Played two seasons at East Mississippi Community College (2021-22). **2022:** Played in 10 games for the Lions, recording 12 tackles and a tackle for loss... Posted a season-best three tackles – with two solo stops – at Northeast Mississippi (Oct. 13)... Picked up a tackle for loss against Mississippi Gulf Coast (Nov. 5)... Had a tackle in the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges to help the Lions claim the 2022 conference title over No. 2 Northwest Mississippi (Nov. 13). **2021:** Played in just two games for the Lions... Recorded a tackle in back-to-back contests against Mississippi Delta (Sept. 16) and Holmes (Sept. 23).

HIGH SCHOOL: Played defensive line for coach Cody Stogner at Picayune Memorial High School... Posted 200 tackles, 51 tackles for loss, and 15 sacks during his prep career... Recorded 53 tackles, 12.0 tackles for loss, 2.5 sacks as a junior, a safety, and returned a fumble for a touchdown during his junior season... Helped lead the Maroon Tide to a 14-1 season and a runner-up finish in the 2019 Mississippi High School Activities Association 5A State Championship... Also lettered in baseball for the Maroon Tide, hitting .226 with 14 runs batted in, eight runs scored, and three doubles during his senior season.

PERSONAL: Carson Braeden Conner is the son of Seth and Julie Conner... Birthday is May 3... Has four siblings: Kaitlin, Kaden, Rowan, and Sunni... A kinesiology major with a concentration in exercise science.

| CAREER STATISTICS | | | | | | | (#-previous JUCO stats *-previous 4-year stats) | | | |
|-------------------|-----------|------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---|----------|----------|----------|
| TACKLES | | | | | | | PASS DEFENSE | | | |
| G | TT (U-A) | TFL | QBS | FF-FR | INT-YD | TD | PBU | QBH | | |
| 2021# | 2 | 2 (0-2) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2022# | 10 | 12 (3-9) | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 12 | 14 (3-11) | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |



18
**MATTHEW
CORLEY**
QUARTERBACK
6-0 • 196 • Sophomore (RS)
Clarksville, Tennessee
Home Life Academy
Carson-Newman

PRIOR TO AUSTIN PEAY: Spent two seasons at Carson-Newman (2021-22), but did not see action for the Eagles.

HIGH SCHOOL: A Clarksville native, Corley attended Home Life Academy where he threw for 3,396 yards and 36 touchdowns in his prep career... Also added 455 yards and 13 touchdowns on the ground for the Flames... Was named a National Home School Association National All-Star and competed in the 2019 Gatlinburg All-American Bowl, where he was named his team's offensive MVP... Was a four-year honor roll member.

PERSONAL: Matthew Tate Corley is the son of Jeremy and Kelley Corley... Birthday is April 27... Has four siblings: Caleb, Andrew, Ethan, and Olivia... Mother, Kelley, was on Austin Peay's cheer and dance teams... A management major.

PLAYER PROFILES



42

**TJ
COX**

LINEBACKER
5-9 • 217 • Freshman (RS)

Bartlett, Tennessee
Bartlett HS



79

**ADDISON
DARCY**

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN
6-3 • 303 • Junior

Hilton Head Island, South Carolina
State College Area HS

New Hampshire | Lackawanna CC | Lindenwood

AWARDS & HONORS

Dean's List (S23)

2021: Did not see action during the 2022 season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Recorded 12 tackles for loss, 7.5 sacks, and forced two fumbles during his senior season at Bartlett High School under head coach Lance Tucker.

PERSONAL: Tony Luvet Cox Jr. is the son of Tony and Rhonda Cox... Birthday is June 2... Has a sister, Courtney... A computer science major with a concentration in software engineering.

PRIOR TO AUSTIN PEAY: Began his collegiate career at New Hampshire (2020-21) before transferring to Lackawanna College (2021) and Lindenwood (2022)... Did not see action at any of his prior institutions.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played offensive line, defensive line, and punter for head coach Matt Lintal at State College Area High School... A Pennsylvania Class 6A All-State selection at offensive tackle during his junior and senior seasons... Also a Pennsylvania Big 33 selection in 2020... Was a First Team Mid-Penn Conference selection at both offensive and defensive tackle during his prep career... Also played defense on the Little Lions' ice hockey team.

PERSONAL: Addison Monaghan Darcy is the son of Adam Darcy and Tracy Monaghan... Birthday is June 19... A psychological science major.

PLAYER PROFILES



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MIKE
DiLiELLO
QUARTERBACK
6-1 • 215 • Graduate
Pembroke Pines, Florida
Cooper City HS
Florida Tech | Middle Tennessee

AWARDS & HONORS

ASUN Offensive Player of the Week: Sept. 12, Sept. 26 (2022)
Athletics Director's Honor Roll (F22, S23)

2022: Started all 11 games at quarterback in his first season as a Governor... Completed 14-of-20 passes for 123 and a pair of touchdowns while rushing for 24 yards and a touchdown in his Austin Peay debut against Western Kentucky (Aug. 27)... Threw for 254 yards and four touchdowns while adding 26 yards and a touchdown on the ground in his first win as the Govs' quarterback against Presbyterian (Sept. 3)... Had a career day through the air against Mississippi Valley State (Sept. 10), completing 25 passes for a career-high 383 yards – the third-best single-game yardage mark in APSU history – and a career-best five touchdowns – tied for the second-best single-game total in program history... Tallyed 384 yards of total offense against MVSU, which is the fourth-best single-game total in program history... Added two passing touchdowns and a rushing score against Alabama A&M (Sept. 17)... Led a 17-point, second-half comeback win against Eastern Kentucky with 17 completions for 172 yards and a touchdown while also rushing for 181 yards – the best single-game mark by a QB in APSU history – and three touchdowns – the second-best single-game total by a QB in program history... All three rushing touchdowns against EKU came in the second half, tying the program record for rushing scores in a single half... Averaged 12.1 yards per rush against EKU, which is the third-best single-game mark in program history... Had a career-best 29 completions on a career-high 44 passing attempts at Central Arkansas (Oct. 1)... Added 309 yards and three touchdowns – including a season-long 78-yard scoring toss – on 18 completions against Murray State (Oct. 15), also rushed for 48 yards and a touchdown in the contest... Passed for 181 yards and a touchdown against Jacksonville State (Oct. 29) while matching his season-high with 17 carries for 96 yards, including a season-long 58-yard rush... Fired 19 completions for 326 yards and three touchdowns – including a 69-yard scoring toss, his second-longest of the season – against North Alabama (Nov. 5)... Went 21-of-28 through the air for 204 yards against Kennesaw State (Nov. 12) and added a seven-yard rushing touchdown... Completed 20 passes for 147 yards in the season finale at Alabama (Nov. 19)... Threw for the fourth-most yards and became the seventh 2,000-yard passer in Austin Peay history with 2,447 yards... Ranked third in the ASUN and 39th in the FCS in passing yards... Also ranked third in the ASUN and 39th in the ASUN with 222.5 passing yards per game – the third-best season mark in program history... His 21 passing touchdowns are the third-best season in APSU history – and already rank eighth on the career passing touchdown list – while ranking 18th in the FCS and second in the ASUN in 2022... His 2022 season ranks fourth in APSU history in completions (200), second in completion percentage (61.0), and third in pass efficiency (138.1)... Ran for 446 yards and eight touchdowns, the eighth and fourth-best season marks, respectively, by an APSU quarterback... Recorded 2,893 yards of total offense, 263.0 yards of total offense per game, and was responsible for 29 touchdowns – all are the second-best single-season marks in program history... Ranked 20th in the FCS and second in the ASUN in total offense... Also ranked 17th in the FCS in points responsible for (174) and points responsible for per game (15.8) – he was second in the ASUN in both categories.

PRIOR TO AUSTIN PEAY: Began collegiate career at Florida Tech (2018-19) before transferring to Middle Tennessee where he played two seasons (2020-21). **2021:** Completed 29-of-49 passes for 267 yards and a touchdown while rushing for 264 yards and six touchdowns in 12 games played... Completed 2-of-3 passes at Connecticut for 16 yards (Oct. 22)... Came in off the bench for an injured Chase Cunningham against Southern Miss (Oct. 30) and completed 8-of-12 passes for 78 yards while leading the team in rushing with 77 yards and two touchdowns... Led the Blue Raiders to a win at Florida Atlantic after starter Nick Vattiatto got hurt (Nov. 27), completing 12-of-19 passes for 131 yards and a touchdown to go with 43 rushing yards... Had four carries for 44 yards and a touchdown in the Bahamas Bowl victory against Toledo (Dec. 17). **2020:** Completed 3-of-4 passes

for 35 yards and a touchdown against Troy (Nov. 21) in only action of the season. **2019:** Completed 141-of-233 passes for 1,773 yards and 12 touchdowns over 11 games in second season at Florida Tech... In addition, rushed for 672 yards and 11 touchdowns... Notched 309-yard passing performance at Delta State (Sept. 21)... Rushed for a touchdown in the season's first eight games... Posted 100-yard rushing performances against Fort Valley State (100 yards, Oct. 5) and West Florida (136, Oct. 26). **2018:** Did not play in first season at Florida Tech.

HIGH SCHOOL: Racked up 1,400 passing yards and 900 rushing yards during his senior season at Cooper City High School... Earned second team all-county... Named BCAA South Side MVP... Lettered in football, wrestling, and volleyball.

PERSONAL: Michael Anthony DiLiello is the son of Al and Tania DiLiello... Birthday is April 13... Has one brother, Alec... Mother, Tania, played softball at Miami-Dade College... Graduated from Middle Tennessee in May 2022 with a bachelor's in commercial construction management... Pursuing a master's in management.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| PASSING | G | EFFIC | COM-ATT-INT | PCT | YDS | TD | LG | YD/G |
|--------------|-----------|---------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| 2018* | DNP | | | | | | | |
| 2019* | 11 | 136.87 | 141-232-6 | 60.8 | 1773 | 12 | 72 | 161.2 |
| 2020* | 2 | 231.00 | 3-4-0 | 75.0 | 35 | 1 | 28 | 17.5 |
| 2021* | 12 | 103.53 | 29-49-2 | 59.2 | 267 | 1 | 55 | 22.3 |
| 2022 | 11 | 138.06 | 200-328-11 | 61.0 | 2447 | 21 | 78 | 222.5 |
| TOTAL | 36 | 135.46 | 373-613-19 | 60.8 | 4522 | 35 | 78 | 125.61 |

| RUSHING | | | | | RECEIVING | | | | | |
|--------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| G | CAR | YDS | TD | LG | YPG | REC | YDS | TD | LG | YPG |
| 2018* | DNP | | | | | | | | | |
| 2019* | 11 | 139 | 660 | 11 | 91 | 60.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 2020* | 2 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 3.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 2021* | 12 | 49 | 264 | 6 | 43 | 22.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 2022 | 11 | 120 | 446 | 8 | 58 | 40.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | 36 | 310 | 1376 | 25 | 91 | 38.2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

| | | |
|--------------------|-----|--------------------------------|
| Points scored | 18 | Eastern Kentucky; 2022 |
| Touchdowns | 4 | Eastern Kentucky; 2022 |
| Pass attempts | 44 | at Central Arkansas; 2022 |
| Pass completions | 29 | at Central Arkansas; 2022 |
| Pass yards | 383 | Mississippi Valley State; 2022 |
| Passing touchdowns | 5 | Mississippi Valley State; 2022 |
| Rush attempts | 19 | North Greenville; 2019 |
| Rush yards | 181 | Eastern Kentucky; 2022 |
| Rushing touchdowns | 3 | Eastern Kentucky; 2022 |

PLAYER PROFILES



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CEDARIUS DOSS
DEFENSIVE BACK
5-8 • 176 • Senior (RS)
Birmingham, Alabama
Ramsay HS
Tuskegee
AWARDS & HONORS
 Dean's List (F21)
 Athletics Director's Honor Roll (S21, S22, F22, S23)

2021: Played in eight games and made four starts at cornerback for the Govs... Made a tackle in the season opener against Western Kentucky (Aug. 27)... Recorded a tackle and his first collegiate pass breakup against Presbyterian (Sept. 3)... Had a tackle and two more pass breakups against Mississippi Valley State (Sept. 10)... Posted career-highs of nine tackles, 3.0 tackles for loss, 1.0 sack, and two pass breakups against Alabama A&M (Sept. 17)... His 3.0 TFLs against AAMU went for a loss of 17 yards with 11 of those coming on his first collegiate sack... Made his first-career start and tallied four tackles against Eastern Kentucky (Sept. 24)... Notched three more tackles and a sack at Central Arkansas... Recorded three tackles and a pass breakup against Murray State (Oct. 15)... Made four tackles and broke up a pass against Alabama (Nov. 19), also recorded his first collegiate interception against the Crimson Tide in Bryant-Denny Stadium... Finished the season with 26 tackles, 4.0 tackles for loss, 2.0 sacks, and an interception... Also ranked second on the team and was tied for fifth in the ASUN with seven pass breakups.

2021: Recorded a tackle in lone appearance of the season against Tennessee Tech (Nov. 20).

2020-21: Did not see action in 2020-2021.

PRIOR TO AUSTIN PEAY: Enrolled at Tuskegee and did not compete during the 2019 season... Transferred to Austin Peay prior to the Spring 2021 season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played defensive back for Rueben Nelson at Ramsay High School... Finished prep career with four interceptions, 61 tackles, and 11 tackles for loss.

PERSONAL: Cedarius Lovell Doss is the son of Betty and Cedric Doss... Birthday is Jan. 19... Has two siblings, Kamiah and Aliriyia... A health and human performance major with a sport and wellness specialist concentration.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| G | TT (U-A) | TACKLES | | | PASS DEFENSE | | | |
|--------------|----------|-------------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|----------|----------|
| | | TFL | QBS | FF-FR | INT-YD | TD | PBU | QBH |
| 2019 | DNP | | | | | | | |
| 2020 | DNP | | | | | | | |
| 2021 | 1 | 1 (1-0) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2022 | 8 | 26 (14-12) | 4.0 | 2.0 | 0-0 | 1-3 | 0 | 7 |
| TOTAL | 9 | 27 (15-12) | 4.0 | 2.0 | 0-0 | 1-3 | 0 | 7 |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

| | | |
|------------------|-----|---------------------------|
| Tackles | 9 | at Alabama A&M; 2022 |
| Tackles for loss | 3.0 | at Alabama A&M; 2022 |
| Sacks | 1.0 | at Central Arkansas; 2022 |
| Interceptions | 1 | at Alabama; 2022 |
| Pass breakups | 2 | at Alabama A&M; 2022 |



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MALAKI DOWELL
RUNNING BACK
5-9 • 180 • Freshman
Sparta, Tennessee
White County HS

HIGH SCHOOL: A running back for head coach Mark Frasier at White County High School... Helped lead Warriors to the program's first playoff victory... In 12 games, ran for 3,201 yards and 40 touchdowns on 299 carries, the second most rushing yards in TSSAA history... Had a 472-yard, seven-touchdown game against Cookeville... One of three finalists for 2022 Tennessee Titans Mr. Football Award in Division I Class 5A... Named to Tennessee Sports Writers Association All-State 5A Team... Main Street Preps All-Midstate Offensive Player of the Year... Region 5-5A Most Valuable Player... Ran for 2,029 yards and 22 touchdowns in nine games as a junior after recovering from a knee injury that shortened his sophomore season.

PERSONAL: Malaki Isaiah Thomas Dowell is the son of Tyshawn and Rachel Hilliard... Birthday is Oct. 6... Has three siblings: Demarius, Jojo, and Alannah Dowell... A health and human performance major with a sport and wellness specialist concentration.



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JOSIAH DRAKE
OFFENSIVE LINEMAN
6-2 • 283 • Freshman
Duncanville, Texas
Duncanville HS

HIGH SCHOOL: An offensive lineman for head coach Reginald Samples at Duncanville High School... Helped lead Duncanville to Texas UIL Class 6A Division I State Championship and undefeated season in 2022... An 11-6A First Team All-District Offensive Lineman.

PERSONAL: Josiah Javar Drake is the son of James and Beverly Drake... Birthday is Jan. 9... Brother, Jeremiah, played quarterback and then wide receiver at East Texas Baptist (2014-18) where Scotty Walden was the head coach during his first three seasons... A marketing major.

PLAYER PROFILES



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BRADEN DUCHARME

KICKER/PUNTER

5-9 • 152 • Freshman

Hermitage, Tennessee

Donelson Christian Academy



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ELLIS ELLIS JR.

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-0 • 198 • Freshman (RS)

Hendersonville, Tennessee

Hendersonville HS

HIGH SCHOOL: A kicker and punter for head coach Paul Wade at Donelson Christian Academy... Went 6-of-10 on field goal attempts and 39-of-44 on PATs during his senior campaign... Also kicked off for the Wildcats, averaging 57.0 yards with 35 touchbacks on 60 attempts as a senior... Helped DCA win the 2021 TSSAA Division II-A State Championship... Named the TSSAA Division II-A Special Teams Player of the Year in 2021 and 2022... Also named a Tennessee Sports Writers Association Division II-A All-State selection in 2021... Earned the Middle Tennessee Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame's Scholar-Athlete Award in January 2023... Also competed in track and field for the Wildcats... Posted personal records of 11.26 in the 100 meters and 23.70 in the 200 meters to go along with a mark of 19-2.5 in the long jump.

PERSONAL: Danny Braden Ducharme is the son of Ron and Laura Ducharme... Birthday is Nov. 5... Has two siblings, Kenzie and Kylie... A marketing major.

HIGH SCHOOL: A wide receiver and defensive back for head coach James Beasley at Hendersonville High School... Helped the Commandos reach the state tournament each of his four seasons, including the state semifinals in 2021, and win region championships in three consecutive seasons... Finished senior campaign with 102 carries for 966 yards rushing and 10 touchdowns and caught 36 passes for 622 yards and 10 touchdowns. Defensively, he recorded 38 tackles, 10 pass breakups, five interceptions, and returned an interception 83 yards for a touchdown... A 2021 Class 6A All-State honoree as an athlete by the Tennessee Football Coaches Association... A 2020 Class 6A All-State selection at defensive back by the Tennessee Sports Writers Association.

PERSONAL: Ellis Lee Ellis Jr. is the son of Latoya and Rollins Jones... Birthday is Nov. 6... Has a sibling, Ryuan... A communication media major with a concentration in sports communication.



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JAVEN EDMISTON

LINEBACKER

6-0 • 204 • Freshman

Summertown, Tennessee

Summertown HS

HIGH SCHOOL: A linebacker and running back for head coach Jason Busby at Summertown High School... Finished career with 343 tackles, 1,169 rushing yards, and 599 receiving yards... Amassed 90 tackles and 10 tackles for loss as a senior while rushing for 504 yards and three touchdowns... As a junior, rushed for 505 yards and six touchdowns while posting 96 tackles... 2021 Region 5-2A Co-Defensive Player of the Year... 2021 Tennessee Academic All-American powered by scoutSMART... Also played basketball.

PERSONAL: Javen Marquese Edmiston is the son of Chase Edmiston and Ruth Caron... Birthday is Oct. 24... Has three siblings: Chaseton, Kashton, and Chavoreia... A management major.

AUSTIN PEAY FOOTBALL

PLAYER PROFILES



5
CJ
EVANS JR.

RUNNING BACK
5-7 • 180 • Senior
Mobile, Alabama
McGill-Toolen Catholic HS

AWARDS & HONORS

FCS National Offensive Player of the Week: September 20 (2020-21)
2022 FCS Athletics Directors Association Academic All-Star Team
2022 CSC Academic All-District
2022 ASUN Conference All-Academic
OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll (2020-21, 2021-22)
Dean's List (S21, F21, S22, S23)
Athletics Director's Honor Roll (F20)

2022: Played in all 11 games and made nine starts at running back... Carried the ball 15 times for a career-high 104 yards – his first 100-yard rushing performance – and two touchdowns – his first multi-score game since 2020 – against Presbyterian (Sept. 3)... Had a career-high 18 carries for 76 yards at Alabama A&M (Sept. 17)... Ran for 75 yards on 17 carries and posted season-highs with two receptions for 28 yards against Eastern Kentucky (Sept. 24)... Carried the ball seven times for 89 yards and two touchdowns – including a 62-yard score, which was the longest rush by a Governor in 2022 – against Murray State (Oct. 15)... Had 12 carries for 71 yards and a touchdown against Jacksonville State (Oct. 29) and 15 carries for 87 yards and a touchdown at North Alabama (Nov. 5) to cap off a streak of three-straight games with a rushing touchdown... Posted his team-leading seventh double-digit carry outing with 14 carries for 51 yards at Alabama (Nov. 19)... Led the Governors in carries (133), rushing yards (641), and rushing yards per game (58.3)... His six rushing touchdowns led APSU running backs and ranked second on the team... Ranked fifth in the ASUN in carries, sixth in rushing yards, seventh in rushing yards per game, and 10th in rushing touchdowns.

2021: Played in all 11 games, making four starts at the "Govs Back" position... Enjoyed his best outing on the season's biggest stage at Ole Miss (Sept. 11) with seven rushes for 74 yards, including a 40-yard touchdown late in the fourth quarter to finish with a 105-yard all-purpose performance... Rushed for 42 yards on eight carries against Morehead State (Sept 18)... Recorded a career-high 74 receiving yards on six catches against Eastern Illinois (Nov. 6) including a 33-yard score late in the second quarter against the Panthers... Finished third on the team in rushing yards (150), fourth in receptions (30), fifth in receiving yards (242), and sixth in all-purpose yards (406).

2020-2021: Led the team with 628 all-purpose yards and tied for a team-high five touchdowns across nine appearances during his freshman campaign... Took the college football world by storm after a 75-yard touchdown run on the first play of the Guardian Credit Union FCS Kickoff game against Central Arkansas (Aug. 30)... Rushed for 88 yards and a pair of touchdowns against No. 13 Cincinnati (Sept. 19), including a 64-yard score midway through the fourth quarter – earning STATS Perform Co-FCS Player of the Week... Was a threat both on the ground and as a pass-catcher during the spring, totaling 175 rushing and 182 receiving yards across the six-game schedule... Racked up 124 all-purpose yards and caught his career's first touchdown pass in the Govs' 34-31 win over No. 13 Murray State (April 3)... Finished second on the team in rushing with 365 yards, second in kick return yards with 62, and fifth in receiving with 201 yards.

HIGH SCHOOL: A running back for head coach Earnest Hill, helped McGill-Toolen Catholic High School win Class 7A Region 1 title and reach second round of state playoffs in 2019... An Alabama Sports Writers Association Class 7A All-State selection as a senior... Selected to play in 2019 Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Game... A three-star rated athlete by 247Sports.com.

PERSONAL: Carlos B. Evans Jr. is the son of Tameka and Terry Hamilton... Birthday is Dec. 19... Has two siblings, Cameron and Courtlyn... A finance major.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| RUSHING | | | | | | | RECEIVING | | | | |
|--------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| G | CAR | YDS | TD | LG | YPG | REC | YDS | TD | LG | YPG | |
| 2020 | 9 | 67 | 365 | 4 | 75 | 40.6 | 26 | 201 | 1 | 32 | 22.3 |
| 2021 | 11 | 34 | 150 | 1 | 40 | 13.6 | 30 | 237 | 1 | 33 | 21.5 |
| 2022 | 11 | 133 | 641 | 6 | 62 | 58.3 | 5 | 45 | 0 | 25 | 4.1 |
| TOTAL | 31 | 234 | 1156 | 11 | 75 | 37.3 | 61 | 488 | 2 | 33 | 15.7 |

PUNT RETURN

KICK RETURN

| G | PR | YDS | TD | LG | YPR | KR | YDS | TD | LG | YPR |
|--------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| 2020 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 4 | 62 | 0 | 19 | 15.5 |
| 2021 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 19 | 0 | 19 | 19.0 |
| 2022 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 5 | 81 | 0 | 19 | 16.2 |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

| | | |
|----------------------|-----|------------------------|
| Points scored | 12 | Murray State; 2022 |
| Touchdowns | 2 | Murray State; 2022 |
| Rush attempts | 18 | at Alabama A&M; 2022 |
| Rush yards | 104 | Presbyterian; 2022 |
| Rushing touchdowns | 2 | Murray State; 2022 |
| Receptions | 6 | Eastern Illinois; 2021 |
| Receiving yards | 71 | Eastern Illinois; 2021 |
| Receiving touchdowns | 1 | Eastern Illinois; 2021 |
| Kick returns | 3 | at Cincinnati; 2020-21 |
| Kick return yards | 46 | at Cincinnati; 2020-21 |



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MIKE
EVANS
DEFENSIVE BACK
5-11 • 173 • Freshman (RS)
St. Petersburg, Florida
Lakewood HS

2022: Played in the first four games of the season... Made a tackle on special teams in his collegiate debut against Western Kentucky (Aug. 27)... Recorded three tackles in back-to-back games against Presbyterian (Sept. 3) and Mississippi Valley State (Sept. 10)... Finished the season with seven total tackles... Ranked second on the team with four special teams tackles with two tackles on kickoffs and two tackles on punt coverage.

HIGH SCHOOL: A defensive back for head coach Cory Moore at Lakewood High School... Finished senior season with two interceptions, nine pass breakups, two fumbles recovered, a forced fumble, and 69 tackles, helping Lakewood reach the Florida High School Athletic Association's Class 4A state semifinal round... Recorded a pick-six as part of a four-interception junior season, which saw him play just four games.

PERSONAL: Michael Isaiah Evans is the son of Erica Abrams... Birthday is Nov. 10... Has three siblings: Keywuan, Ashia, and Honesty... Brother, Keywuan, played football at Morgan State... A kinesiology major with a concentration in exercise science.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| TACKLES | | | | PASS DEFENSE | | | | |
|---------|----------|---------|-----|--------------|--------|-----|-----|-----|
| G | TT (U-A) | TFL | QBS | FF-FR | INT-YD | TD | PBU | QBH |
| 2022 | 4 | 7 (3-4) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

| | | |
|---------|---|--------------------------------|
| Tackles | 3 | Mississippi Valley State; 2022 |
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PLAYER PROFILES



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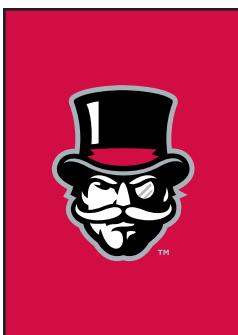
JEREMIAH FLEMMONS

WIDE RECEIVER

6-1 • 204 • FRESHMAN (RS)

Ooltewah, Tennessee

East Hamilton HS



35

MATTHEW FLINT

LINEBACKER

6-0 • 242 • Graduate

Huntsville, Alabama

Madison County HS

North Carolina | Western Kentucky

PRIOR TO AUSTIN PEAY: Played two seasons at North Carolina (2018-19), earning his undergraduate degree in just three years in Chapel Hill, and then played two seasons at Western Kentucky (2021-22). **2022:** Played in seven games... Had a solo tackle in the season opener against Austin Peay (Aug. 27)... recovered a fumble and returned in five yards at Hawaii (Sept. 3)... Added another tackle against FIU (Sept. 24). **2021:** Appeared in 13 games and recorded 15 tackles in his first season at Western Kentucky... Had a season-best three tackles – with all three being solo stops – at Rice (Nov. 13)... Closed the season with multiple tackles in three-straight games with three tackles at Marshall (Nov. 27), two tackles at UTSA (Dec. 3), and two tackles against Appalachian State (Dec. 18).

2020: Chose to opt out of the 2020 season at North Carolina before announcing his intentions to transfer to Western Kentucky. **2019:** Appeared in two games for the Tar Heels... Picked up a tackle against Miami (Sept. 7). **2018:** Played in a pair of games, recording three tackles and a half tackle for loss... Posted his first-career tackle in his collegiate debut against Pittsburgh (Sept. 22)... Added two tackles and a half tackle for loss against Western Carolina (Nov. 17)... received a redshirt for the 2018 season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played linebacker and wide receiver for coaches Scott Peavy and Scott Sharp at Madison County High School... Recorded 124 total tackles and an interception during his senior season... Also had 33 receptions for 425 yards and scored seven total touchdowns as a senior... Earned 4A First Team All-State honors and was selected to play in the Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Classic... Was ranked a three-star recruit by 247Sports.com and Rivals.com as a linebacker... Also played basketball for the Tigers.

PERSONAL: Matthew Nathan Flint is the son of Gerald and Tiffany Flint... Birthday is Dec. 22... Has six siblings: Abigail, Hosea, Ephraim, Jaden, Jaymyn, and Jasmine... Father, Gerald, played basketball at Alabama-Huntsville... Graduated from North Carolina... Pursuing a master's in communication arts.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| G | TT (U-A) | TACKLES | | | PASS DEFENSE | | | |
|--------------|-----------|------------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|----------|----------|
| | | TFL | QBS | FF-FR | INT-YD | TD | PBU | QBH |
| 2018* | 2 | 3 (1-2) | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2019* | 2 | 1 (0-1) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2020* | DNP | COVID-19 | | | | | | |
| 2021* | 13 | 15 (9-6) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2022* | 7 | 1 (1-0) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 24 | 20 (11-9) | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

| | | |
|-------------------|-----|------------------------|
| Tackles | 3 | at Marshall; 2021 |
| Tackles for loss | 0.5 | Western Carolina; 2018 |
| Fumble recoveries | 1 | at Hawaii; 2022 |

AWARDS & HONORS

Dean's List (F22)

2022: Did not see action during the 2022 season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played wide receiver and quarterback for head coach Gray Reynolds at East Hamilton High School... Was Region 3-4A Co-Offensive MVP as a senior... Recorded 1,300 all-purpose yards and 17 touchdowns during his junior season and earned All-Region 2-4A recognition... A three-star rated athlete by 247Sports.com and earned a two-star rating from Rivals.com.

PERSONAL: Jeremiah Malik Flemmons is the son of Jeremy and Ashley Flemmons... Birthday is Feb. 10... Has two siblings: Tristen and Jaxon... A management major.

AUSTIN PEAY FOOTBALL

PLAYER PROFILES



61
DAVINCI
FLOYD
OFFENSIVE LINEMAN
6-2 • 346 • Junior
Collierville, Tennessee
Collierville HS
Coffeyville CC (Kan.)

PRIOR TO AUSTIN PEAY: Spent two seasons at Coffeyville Community College (2021-22)... The Red Ravens won the 2021 Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference Championship during his freshman season... Appeared in one game during the 2022 season.

HIGH SCHOOL: An offensive and defensive lineman for coach Joe Rocconi at Collierville High School... Recorded 34 tackles and 4.0 tackles for loss with one sack during his junior season in 2019... Earned Second Team All-Region 7-6A honors as an offensive lineman during his sophomore season.

PERSONAL: Leonardo Davinci Floyd II is the son of Leon and Melinda Floyd... Birthday is Sept. 8... Father, Leon, played football at Tennessee State before playing for the United States Football League's Memphis Showboats during the 1984 season... A political science major.



89
DEZMOND
FORT
WIDE RECEIVER
5-11 • 147 • Freshman
Clarksville, Tennessee
Northeast HS

HIGH SCHOOL: Played wide receiver for Claude Townsend at Northeast High School... Made six catches for 113 yards and two touchdowns in the Eagles' 62-55 win over Father Ryan (Oct. 6, 2022)... Added six more catches for 71 yards and a touchdown against Kenwood (Oct. 28, 2022)... Named the TSSAA Region 7-5A Wide Receiver of the Year during his senior season in 2022... Recorded 42 catches for 803 yards and 10 touchdowns during his junior campaign in 2022... Was the Eagles' TSSAA Academic All-Region selection in 2021.

PERSONAL: Desmond De'onta Fort is the son of Shavonda Fort... Birthday is April 22... Has one sibling, Dontavious Fort-Merriweather, who played defensive back for the Governors from 2015-16... A marketing major.



6
DAVIN
GARINGER
QUARTERBACK
6-1 • 190 • Freshman
Clarksville, Tennessee
Clarksville HS

HIGH SCHOOL: A quarterback for head coach Isaac Shelby at Clarksville High School... Helped lead Wildcats to state playoff appearances in 2019, 2020, and 2022... An All-Region 5-6A honoree as a senior... Passed for 795 yards and five touchdowns and rushed for 672 yards and eight touchdowns while also scoring four two-point conversions... Missed junior season due to injury... Was All-Region 7-5A as a sophomore... Gained playing time under center as a freshman, finishing the season with 778 passing yards and 11 touchdowns... Threw two touchdowns off the bench to push Clarksville to a first round victory in the 2019 Class 5A playoffs... Rated a two-star recruit by 247Sports.com.

PERSONAL: Davin Keith Garinger is the son of Daniel and Jen Garinger... Birthday is April 29... Has one sibling, Keira... Mother, Jen, played volleyball at Louisiana-Lafayette... Uncle, Geoff Hangartner, played college football at Texas A&M before playing nine seasons in the NFL for the Carolina Panthers and Buffalo Bills... A finance major with a concentration in economics.



19
TAE
GAYDEN
WIDE RECEIVER
6-0 • 185 • Sophomore (RS)
Rayville, Louisiana
Mangham HS

AWARDS & HONORS

Dean's List (F21, S22)

2021: Played in nine games for the Governors... Made his collegiate debut against Western Kentucky (Aug. 27).

2021: Did not see action during the 2021 season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played wide receiver and cornerback for Scott Wilcher at Mangham High School... Caught 27 passes for 793 yards and 13 touchdowns as a senior, also passed for three touchdowns (6-for-9, 143 yards at quarterback) and rushed for a touchdown (5 carries, 56 yards) during the season... A First Team Class 2A All-State selection by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association and LouisianaSportsline.com and was a First Team All-Northeast Louisiana Small School Football Team honoree... Also competed in track and field, running in the 400-meter dash and the 4x200-meter relay.

PERSONAL: Vontavious Gayden is the son of Shelia Gayden... Birthday is Dec. 5... Has five siblings: Josh, Marquis, Randy, Bree, and TJ... A leadership and organizational administration major with a concentration in organizational administration.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| | RUSHING | | | | | RECEIVING | | | | | |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| | G | CAR | YDS | TD | LG | YPG | REC | YDS | TD | LG | YPG |
| 2021 | DNP | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2022 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |

AUSTIN PEAY FOOTBALL

PLAYER PROFILES



72
JAIDEN GIOVENCO

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN
6-5 • 300 • Freshman (RS)
Tampa, Florida
Tampa Catholic HS



23
JORDAN GOCO

TIGHT END
6-6 • 245 • Graduate
Clemmons, North Carolina
West Forsyth HS
Campbell

AWARDS & HONORS

Athletics Director's Honor Roll (F22)

2022: Played in one game off the bench on the offensive line... Helped the Governors offense rack up 609 yards of total offense – the ninth-best single-game mark in program history – and score 63 points – the sixth-best single-game total in APSU history – against Presbyterian (Sept. 3).

HIGH SCHOOL: Was an offensive lineman for head coach Jeris McIntyre at Tampa Catholic High School... Helped Tampa Catholic reach the regional semifinals in Class 3A state tournament as a senior with a rushing attack that posted 2,316 yards and 27 touchdowns... An honorable mention Class 4A All-State selection in 2020, helping the Crusaders reach the region final in the Class 4A state tournament for the second consecutive year.

PERSONAL: Jaiden Charles Giovenco is the son of Conelius Smith... Birthday is Nov. 11... Has three siblings: Neil, Tony, and Jaziyah... A national security studies major.

AWARDS & HONORS

Athletics Director's Honor Roll (S23)

2022: Played in all 11 games and made nine starts at tight end in his first season at Austin Peay... Had one catch for 20 yards – his first reception as a Gov – against Presbyterian (Sept. 3)... Had at least one reception in each of the final seven games of the season... Made one catch for 19 yards against Jacksonville State (Oct. 29)... Recorded two receptions for 22 yards – including a season-long 21-yard catch – against North Alabama (Nov. 5)... Posted two catches for a season-best 25 yards against Kennesaw State (Nov. 12)... Finished the season with 11 catches for 127 yards.

PRIOR TO AUSTIN PEAY: Played four seasons at Campbell (2018-21). **2021:** Played in 11 games as a redshirt junior, finishing with two receptions for 75 yards and a touchdown... Scored his touchdown on a 60-yard reception against Presbyterian (Sept. 18)... Also had a 15-yard reception against Howard (Nov. 13). **2020:** Saw action in the first two games of the season... Notched first collegiate reception at Wake Forest (Oct. 2). **2019:** Did not play during the 2019 season in Buies Creek. **2018:** Made collegiate debut in Camels' season-opener against Chowan, his only appearance of the season.

HIGH SCHOOL: An all-conference performer for West Forsyth High School for head coach Adrian Snow... Also lettered in baseball and basketball.

PERSONAL: Jordan James Goco is the son of Tom and Julie Goco... Birthday is May 31... Has two siblings: TJ and Brittany... Father, Tom, played tennis at Washington and brother, TJ, played baseball at Winston-Salem State... Graduated from Campbell in August 2022 with a bachelor's in healthcare management... Pursuing a master's in management.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| G | CAR | RUSHING | | | | RECEIVING | | | |
|--------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|-----------|------------|----------|------------|
| | | YDS | TD | LG | YPG | REC | YDS | TD | LG |
| 2018* | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2019* | DNP | | | | | | | | |
| 2020* | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| 2021* | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 75 | 1 | 75 |
| 2022 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 11 | 127 | 0 | 21 |
| TOTAL | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 14 | 204 | 1 | 75 |
| | | | | | | | | | 8.2 |

PUNT RETURN

KICK RETURN

| G | PR | YDS | TD | LG | YPR | KR | YDS | TD | LG | YPR |
|--------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| 2018* | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 2019* | DNP | | | | | | | | | |
| 2020* | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 2021* | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 12 | 0 | 12 | 12.0 |
| 2022 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 12 | 0 | 12 | 12.0 |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

| | | |
|----------------------|----|-------------------------|
| Points scored | 6 | Presbyterian; 2021 |
| Touchdowns | 1 | Presbyterian; 2021 |
| Receptions | 2 | at Kennesaw State; 2022 |
| Receiving yards | 60 | Presbyterian; 2021 |
| Receiving touchdowns | 1 | Presbyterian; 2021 |
| Kick returns | 1 | Eilon; 2021 |
| Kick return yards | 12 | Eilon; 2021 |

PLAYER PROFILES



77
LEO GONZALEZ
OFFENSIVE LINEMAN
6-3 • 312 • Freshman
Lenoir City, Tennessee
Lenoir City HS

HIGH SCHOOL: An offensive lineman, defensive lineman, punter, and kicker for coach Gary Duggar at Lenoir City High School... An All-Region 3-AAAA offensive lineman in 2022 after helping the Panthers rush for 2,651 yards while recording 37 pancake blocks... Added 18 tackles, 2.0 tackles for loss, 1.5 sacks, a fumble recovery, and an interception during his senior season... Punted 26 times with a 35.5-yard average, four punts downed inside the 20-yard line, and a long of 51 yards in 2022, also went 17-for-19 on PATs and 3-for-4 on field goals with a long of 47 yards... An All-Region 3-AAAA punter and All-5Star Preps offensive lineman selection in 2021... Also played goalkeeper on the Lenoir City soccer team.

PERSONAL: Jose Leonardo Gonzalez is the son of Hannah Gonzalez... Birthday is Nov. 23... Has one sibling, Bella... A finance major.



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TREY GOODMAN
WIDE RECEIVER
5-11 • 175 • Junior
Atlanta, Georgia
Norcross HS

AWARDS & HONORS

OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll (2021-22)

Dean's List (S22)

Athletics Director's Honor Roll (F22)

2022: One of the Governors five season-long captains, played in all 11 games and made eight starts at wide receiver... Had two receptions for 11 yards and completed a 39-yard pass in the season opener at Western Kentucky (Aug. 27)... Caught touchdowns in three-straight games with two scores against Presbyterian (Sept. 3) – his first multi-touchdown game – and one touchdown against both Mississippi Valley State (Sept. 10) and Alabama A&M (Sept. 17)... Posted career-highs with 10 receptions for 84 yards at Central Arkansas (Oct. 1)... Once again served as the Governors holder on field goals and PATs... Recorded a tackle in each of the final two games of the season against Kennesaw State (Nov. 12) and Alabama (Nov. 19)... Finished the season with 32 receptions for 359 yards and four touchdowns – ranking third on the team in all three categories... His four touchdown catches ranked ninth in the ASUN Conference.

2021: Played in all 11 games at wide receiver... Caught first-career pass for 21 yards at Ole Miss (Sept. 11)... Hauled in first touchdown on a 31-yard toss from fellow freshman Neyland Jean in the home opener against Morehead State (Sept. 18)... Served as the holder on PATs and completed a pass for a two-point conversion against Morehead State... Finished the season with five catches for 66 yards and four punt returns or 11 yards.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played wide receiver for Keith Maloof at Norcross High School, leading Blue Devils to Georgia Class 7A state semifinal appearance and 13-1 record... Caught 42 passes for 801 yards and 12 touchdowns in senior season... Named First Team All-Region 7-7A in 2020 after earning second team all-region as a junior... Began prep career as a quarterback before transitioning to wide receiver during junior year... Competed in outdoor track and field in the long jump, 100- and 200-meter dashes and, the 300-meter hurdles... Posted a personal best long jump of 20-10.5 as a senior.

PERSONAL: Trey Joshua Goodman is the son of Beth and Alaric Goodman... Birthday is Jan. 29... Has two siblings: Taylor and Premiere... A health and human

performance major with a sport and wellness specialist concentration.

| CAREER STATISTICS | | | | | | | | (#-previous JUCO stats *-previous 4-year stats) | | | |
|-------------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|----------|-----------|---|--|--|--|
| PASSING | G | EFFIC | COM-ATT-INT | PCT | YDS | TD | LG | YD/G | | | |
| 2021 | 11 | 0.00 | 0-1-0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | | | |
| 2022 | 11 | 106.90 | 1-4-0 | 25.0 | 39 | 0 | 39 | 3.5 | | | |
| TOTAL | 22 | 85.52 | 1-5-0 | 20.0 | 39 | 0 | 39 | 1.8 | | | |

| RUSHING | | | | | | RECEIVING | | | | | |
|--------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|-------------|--|
| G | CAR | YDS | TD | LG | YPG | REC | YDS | TD | LG | YPG | |
| 2021 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 5 | 66 | 1 | 31 | 6.0 | |
| 2022 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 32 | 359 | 4 | 37 | 32.6 | |
| TOTAL | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 37 | 425 | 5 | 37 | 19.3 | |

| PUNT RETURN | | | | | | KICK RETURN | | | | | |
|--------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| G | PR | YDS | TD | LG | YPR | KR | YDS | TD | LG | YPR | |
| 2021 | 11 | 4 | 11 | 0 | 7 | 2.8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 2022 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | 22 | 4 | 11 | 0 | 7 | 2.8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |

| CAREER BESTS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|---------------------------|
| (most recent only, 4-year only when available) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Points scored | 12 | | | | | | | | | | | Presbyterian; 2022 |
| Touchdowns | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | Presbyterian; 2022 |
| Receptions | 10 | | | | | | | | | | | at Central Arkansas; 2022 |
| Receiving yards | 84 | | | | | | | | | | | at Central Arkansas; 2022 |
| Receiving touchdowns | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | Presbyterian; 2022 |
| Pass attempts | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | at Alabama; 2022 |
| Pass completions | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | at Western Kentucky; 2022 |
| Pass yards | 39 | | | | | | | | | | | at Western Kentucky; 2022 |
| Punt returns | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | Tennessee Tech; 2021 |
| Punt return yards | 7 | | | | | | | | | | | Eastern Illinois; 2021 |



92
CALEB GRAHAM
DEFENSIVE LINEMAN
6-0 • 270 • Freshman
Maryville, Tennessee
Maryville HS

HIGH SCHOOL: Played defensive line for head coach Derek Hunt at Maryville High School... Recorded 110 total tackles with 20 tackles for loss, 4.5 sacks, a forced fumble, and a defensive touchdown during his junior and senior seasons... A two-time All-Region 2-6A selection, Graham helped the Rebels win four region championships and advance to the state semifinals four times in his career while winning the 2019 TSSAA 6A State Championship during his freshman season.

PERSONAL: John Caleb Morgan Graham is the son of Jeremy and Lynsey Graham... Birthday is Nov. 2... Has four siblings: Alexis, Micah, Lena, and Ava... A kinesiology major with a concentration in exercise science.

AUSTIN PEAY FOOTBALL

PLAYER PROFILES



49
CHRISTOPHER GRAYSON
KICKER/PUNTER
5-11 • 189 • Freshman
Ringgold, Georgia
Heritage HS

HIGH SCHOOL: A kicker and punter for head coach E.K. Slaughter at Heritage High School... Went 4-of-6 on field goal attempts and 27-of-28 on PATs during his senior season... Connected on a Heritage program-record 44-yard field goal in 2022... Also kicked off for the Generals, averaging 59.8 yards on 41 kicks with 30 touchbacks as a senior... Punted 23 times in 2022, averaging 38.4 yards per punt with a long of 58 yards and eight kicks downed inside the 20-yard line... Earned First Team All-Region 7-4A honors during his senior season.

PERSONAL: Christopher Paul Grayson is the son of Greg and Cheryl Grayson... Birthday is July 28... Has three siblings: Tim, Maggie, and Alex... A management major.



33
JACKSON GRINER
LINEBACKER
6-2 • 213 • Sophomore (RS)
Columbus, Georgia
Glenwood HS

AWARDS & HONORS

Athletics Director's Honor Roll (F21, S22)

2022: Did not see action during the 2022 season.

2021: Saw action in five games during 2021 season... Made first-career tackle against Morehead State (Sept. 18).

HIGH SCHOOL: A multi-role athlete at Glenwood High School, playing quarterback, linebacker, safety, and punter to help the Gators reach the 2019 and 2020 AISA Class AAA State Championship... Selected to play in 2020 East-West AISA All-Star game... Won 200-meter dash bronze medal (24.65s) in 2019 AISA High School State Championship.

PERSONAL: Jackson Thomas Griner is the son of Renee and Rhett Griner... Birthday is June 29... A finance major.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| G | TT (U-A) | TACKLES | | | PASS DEFENSE | | | |
|--------------|----------|----------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|----------|----------|
| | | TFL | QBS | FF-FR | INT-YD | TD | PBU | QBH |
| 2021 | 5 | 1 (1-0) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2022 | DNP | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 5 | 1 (1-0) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

| | | |
|---------|---|----------------------|
| Tackles | 1 | Morehead State; 2021 |
|---------|---|----------------------|



40
TJ HARTLEY
KICKER/PUNTER
5-11 • 167 • Freshman
Fayetteville, Georgia
Whitewater HS

HIGH SCHOOL: A kicker and punter for head coach Chad Frazier at Whitewater High School... Went 19-of-20 on field goal attempts with a long of 42 yards during his senior season at Whitewater... Also went 81-for-86 on PATs during his prep career... Kicked off for the Wildcats, averaging 54.2 yards on 126 attempts with 32 touchbacks... Punted 48 times in his prep career for an average of 34.7 yards with a long of 56 yards and 14 kicks downed inside the 20-yard line... An All-Region 2-5A selection in 2021 and an All-Region 4-4A selection in 2022... Was also named the Region 4-4A Special Teams Player of the Year in 2022 while earning First Team All-State honors.

PERSONAL: Timothy Joseph Hartley III is the son of Joe and Leslie Hartley... Birthday is July 5... Has two siblings, Allie and Madden... A health and human performance major with a concentration in healthcare management.



63
DONOVAN HASLAM
OFFENSIVE LINEMAN
6-6 • 340 • Freshman
Fort Valley, Georgia
Perry HS

2022: Played in 10 games off the bench on the offensive line... Helped the Governors offense rack up 609 yards of total offense – the ninth-best single-game mark in program history – and score 63 points – the sixth-best single-game total in APSU history – against Presbyterian (Sept. 3)... Helped the Govs throw for 383 yards and five touchdowns against Mississippi Valley State (Sept. 10) – the fourth and second-best single-game totals in program history... Blocked for an offense that recorded 4,658 yards of total offense and scored 347 points during the 2022 season – the second and third-best season totals in Austin Peay history... Helped the offense pass for 2,580 yards – the fourth-best single-season in APSU history – and rush for 2,082 yards, it was the first time in program history the Govs have passed and rushed for 2,000-plus yards in the same season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Was an offensive lineman for head coach Kevin Smith at Perry High School... A Class 4A All-State selection as a senior by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and also named to All-Middle Georgia Football First Team by the Macon Telegraph... Helped the Panthers reach the Class 4A state quarterfinals in 2021... Class 4A All-State selection as a junior by the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association.

PERSONAL: Donovan Terrell Haslam is the son of Lakesha Riley and Octavius Haslam... Birthday is July 9... Has a sister, Shyla... A special education major with a grade 6-12 interventionist concentration.

PLAYER PROFILES



7
BRENEN HAWKINS

WIDE RECEIVER
6-3 • 213 • Sophomore (RS)
Colleyville, Texas
Heritage HS
Kansas State

PRIOR TO AUSTIN PEAY: Spent the 2021-22 seasons at Kansas State... Red-shirted in 2021 and did not see action for the Wildcats in 2022.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played his senior season at Heritage High School under head coach Kirk Martin, helping the Panthers earn an 8-2 record and a trip to the regional round of the 5A Division I state playoffs... Played his junior season at Godley High School, posting 50 receptions for 963 yards and 14 touchdowns... Earned honorable mention all-state honors as a junior from the Texas Sports Writers Association and Texas Associated Press Sports Editors in addition to first-team all-district honors.

PERSONAL: Brenen Lee Hawkins-Roth is the son of Shellie Scott... Birthday is Dec. 10... Has one sibling, Brian Scott... A management major.



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GARRETT HAWKINS

LINEBACKER
6-3 • 228 • Freshman
Sevierville, Tennessee
Sevier County HS

HIGH SCHOOL: A linebacker and running back for coach Todd Loveday at Sevier County High School... Was named the Sevier County Defensive Player of the Year in 2020 and 2021 by The Mountain Press... A two-time Region 2-AAAAA Linebacker of the Year selection, he holds the Sevier County career tackles record with 471 stops... Also added 23 tackles for loss, four sacks, and four interceptions en route to a trio of All-Region 2-AAAAA selections.

PERSONAL: Garrett Blake Allen Hawkins is the son of Chris and Lori Hawkins... Birthday is Sept. 20... Has two siblings, Madison and Hudson... Father, Chris, played football at Austin Peay and ETSU... An education major.



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SAM HOWARD

LINEBACKER
6-2 • 220 • Junior (RS)
Birmingham, Alabama
Shades Valley HS

AWARDS & HONORS

2023 NCAA Accelerating Academic Success Program Career Development Award
Dean's List (F20, F22)
Athletics Director's Honor Roll (F21, S23)

2022: One of the Governors five season-long captains, he played in four games off the bench at linebacker... Had a season-high three tackles in his season debut against Jacksonville State (Oct. 29)... Had a tackle at North Alabama (Nov. 5) and a pair of stops at Kennesaw State (Nov. 12)... Recorded two tackles and a half tackle for loss at Alabama (Nov. 19)... Finished the season with eight tackles and a half tackle for loss.

2021: Played in seven games during the 2021 season... Had a career-high four tackles against Morehead State (Sept. 18)... Served as the Govs short snapper on field-goal attempts in games against Tennessee State (Oct. 2), Southeast Missouri (Oct. 9), and Murray State (Oct. 23)... Finished the season with six tackles.

2020-2021: Appeared in five games... Recorded his first career tackle in the Guardian Credit Union FCS Kickoff game against Central Arkansas (Aug. 29).

HIGH SCHOOL: Played linebacker at Shades Valley High School for head coach David Partridge... Named honorable mention All-Birmingham by AL.com as a senior... Recorded 91 tackles in nine games as a junior... Also played basketball as a guard and forward.

PERSONAL: Samuel Warren Howard Jr. is the son of Latanya Grissom and Walter Jordan... Birthday is July 26... has an older sibling, Tykeria... A health and human performance major with a sport and wellness specialist concentration.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| G | TT (U-A) | TACKLES | | | PASS DEFENSE | | | |
|--------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|----------|----------|
| | | TFL | QBS | FF-FR | INT-YD | TD | PBU | QBH |
| 2020 | 5 | 1 (0-1) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2021 | 7 | 6 (4-2) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2022 | 4 | 8 (4-4) | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 16 | 15 (8-7) | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

| | | |
|------------------|-----|----------------------|
| Tackles | 4 | Morehead State; 2021 |
| Tackles for loss | 0.5 | at Alabama; 2022 |

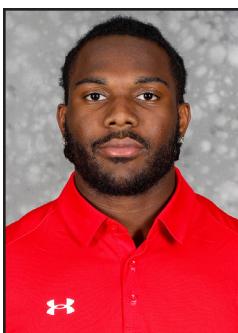
PLAYER PROFILES



99

**PAUL
HUTSON III**

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN
6-0 • 269 • Sophomore
Norfolk, Virginia
IMG Academy (Fla.)
Campbell



22

**JEVON
JACKSON**

RUNNING BACK
5-8 • 200 • Sophomore (RS)
Decatur, Alabama
Austin HS

PRIOR TO AUSTIN PEAY: Played his true freshman season at Campbell. **2022:** Appeared in all 11 games for Fighting Camels... Made four tackles in his collegiate debut against The Citadel (Sept. 1)... Had a tackle and blocked a kick against William & Mary (Sept. 10)... Added three more tackles against East Carolina (Sept. 17)... Blocked his second kick of the year against North Carolina A&T (Oct. 29)... Had four tackles and a forced fumble against Gardner-Webb (Nov. 12)... Had four tackles and his first tackle for loss in the season finale against Delaware State (Nov. 19)... Finished the season with 23 tackles, two blocked kicks, a tackle for loss, and a forced fumble.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played defensive line for head coach Pepper Johnson at IMG Academy... Spent the first two years of his prep career playing for head coach Dyri McCain at Maury High School in Norfolk, Virginia... A two-time all-district and all-region selection at Maury, helped the Commodores go 15-0 and win the VHSL Class 5A State Championship as a sophomore in 2019... Also recorded 28 tackles for loss with six sacks to earn first-team All-Tidewater and all-state honors during his final year at Maury in 2019... Totaled 19 tackles for loss and a sack during his first season at IMG while helping the Ascenders go 10-0 and win the USA Today and MaxPreps National Championship... Added 17 tackles for loss with three sacks during his senior season while helping the Ascenders to a No. 25 national ranking and a 9-1 record... Rated a three-star defensive lineman by 247Sports.com and ESPN.

PERSONAL: Paul B. Hutson III is the son of Sonali and Paul Hutson... Birthday is April 1... Has four siblings: Jesse, Tyler, Jaylinn, and Kai... Father, Paul, played football at Virginia Union... A management major.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| G | TT (U-A) | TACKLES | | | PASS DEFENSE | | | | |
|-------|----------|------------|-----|-------|--------------|-----|-----|-----|---|
| | | TFL | QBS | FF-FR | INT-YD | TD | PBU | QBH | |
| 2022* | 11 | 23 (11-12) | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

| | | |
|------------------|-----|-------------------------|
| Tackles | 4 | at Delaware State; 2022 |
| Tackles for loss | 1.0 | at Delaware State; 2022 |
| Forced fumbles | 1 | Gardner-Webb; 2022 |

AWARDS & HONORS

ASUN Freshman of the Week: Sept. 5, Nov. 14 (2022)
Dean's List (S22)

2022: Played in all 11 games and made one start at running back... Carried the ball a career-high 24 times and rushed for a career-best 167 yards and a touchdown against Presbyterian (Sept. 3)... Had 12 carries for 85 yards against Mississippi Valley State (Sept. 10)... Posted 13 carries for 51 yards and 11 carries for 37 yards in back-to-back games Eastern Kentucky (Sept. 24) and Central Arkansas (Oct. 1)... Rushed five times for 55 yards and a touchdown against North Alabama (Nov. 5)... Carried the ball 10 times for 79 yards and a career-best two touchdowns against Kennesaw State (Nov. 12)... Ranked 10th in the ASUN and led all freshmen in the conference with 572 rushing yards and 52.0 rushing yards per game... Led the Govs, ranked fifth in the ASUN, and led all freshmen in the conference with 6.0 yards per carry... Rushed for four touchdowns, which was tied for 13th in the ASUN and led all freshmen in the conference.

2021: Played in four games... Had season's best outing in collegiate debut against Morehead State (Sept. 18) with 35 rushing yards on five carries and a touchdown.

HIGH SCHOOL: An all-purpose back for Jeremy Perkins at Austin High School... Played running back, wide receiver, quarterback, linebacker and kick returner for the Black Bears... Rushed for 1,166 yards and 16 touchdowns on 172 carries as a senior and added 193 receiving yards... Also returned two kickoffs for touchdowns on just 13 kick returns... Named a 2020 Alabama Class 7A All-State honoree by the Alabama Sports Writers Association... Ranked a 3-star recruit by 247Sports.com.

PERSONAL: Jevon Laquez Jackson is the son of Felicia Tapscott and James Jackson... Birthday is Jan. 21... Has four siblings: Jaleicia, Ashley, Daphne, and Rialto... Father, James, played football at Jacksonville State... A management major.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

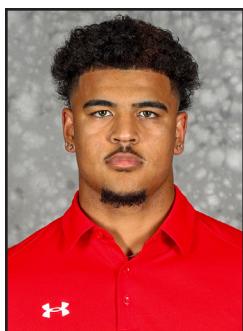
| G | CAR | RUSHING | | | RECEIVING | | | | | |
|--------------|-----------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| | | YDS | TD | LG | YPG | REC | YDS | TD | LG | YPG |
| 2021 | 2 | 7 | 35 | 1 | 17.5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0.5 |
| 2022 | 11 | 95 | 572 | 4 | 35 | 52.0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| TOTAL | 13 | 102 | 607 | 5 | 35 | 46.7 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0.2 |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

| | | |
|--------------------|-----|-------------------------|
| Points scored | 12 | at Kennesaw State; 2022 |
| Touchdowns | 2 | at Kennesaw State; 2022 |
| Rush attempts | 24 | Presbyterian; 2022 |
| Rush yards | 167 | Presbyterian; 2022 |
| Rushing touchdowns | 2 | at Kennesaw State; 2022 |
| Receptions | 1 | at Alabama; 2022 |
| Receiving yards | 2 | at Alabama; 2022 |

PLAYER PROFILES



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**BENJI
JOHNSON****DEFENSIVE BACK**

6-3 • 213 • Sophomore (RS)
Hooks, Texas
Hooks HS
New Mexico



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**JAKE
JOHNSON**

QUARTERBACK
5-10 • 193 • Junior (RS)
Knoxville, Tennessee
Timber Creek HS (Fla.)
Rollins College

AWARDS & HONORS

Dean's List (F21, S22, F22, S23)

2022: Did not see action during the 2022 season.**2021:** Did not see action during the 2021 season.**PRIOR TO AUSTIN PEAY:** A transfer from Rollins College where he was a center-fielder for the Tars baseball team, but did not play during his freshman season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Led Timber Creek High to a 10-2 record in 2020 and its first district championship since 2015, playing the final nine games after being diagnosed with Type I diabetes... Threw for 1,241 yards and 15 touchdowns with no interceptions in his senior year... Named Orlando Touchdown Club Offensive Player of the Year in 2020... Three-sport athlete who also played basketball and baseball... Began prep career at Bloomington South High School in Indiana and led Panthers basketball team to a 26-3 record and a Class 4A state tournament appearance in 2018... Also played football at Bloomington South and rushed for 225 yards and seven touchdowns and threw for eight touchdowns in six games in 2017, helping BSHS reach the Class 5A regional championship game... Suffered knee injury in Spring 2018 that caused him to miss the 2019 football season.

PERSONAL: Jake Raymond Johnson is the son of Kara and Billy Ray Johnson... Birthday is May 5... Has a younger brother, Luke... Father, Billy Ray, is the Chief of Staff for Tennessee football and head coach Josh Heupel... A management major.

PRIOR TO AUSTIN PEAY: Played two seasons at New Mexico (2021-22). **2022:** Played in 10 games and made 11 tackles – including seven solo stops – for the Lobos... Recorded a season-best four tackles – with a pair of solo tackles – at LSU (Sept. 24)... Added two more tackles at New Mexico State (Oct. 25). **2021:** Redshirted his first year in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

HIGH SCHOOL: A quarterback, wide receiver, and defensive back for coach Chris Birdwell at Hooks High School... Completed 71 passes for 1,323 yards and 11 touchdowns – with just four interceptions – during his senior season, he also rushed 96 times for 700 yards and four touchdowns... Was named the Hornet's offensive MVP following his senior campaign in 2020... Was named a Texas Sports Writers Association 3A All-State Honorable Mention at defensive back following his junior season in 2019... Was ranked a three-star recruit by 247Sports.com and a two-star recruit by Rivals.com as an athlete... Also lettered in basketball, baseball, and track & field... Was named the Hornet's Offensive Player of the Year on the basketball court in 2020.

PERSONAL: Benjamin Paul Johnson II is the son of Ben and Theresa Johnson... Birthday is Feb. 21... Has one brother, Jordan, who played football at Army West Point... An accounting major.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| G | TT (U-A) | TACKLES | | | PASS DEFENSE | | | |
|--------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|----------|----------|
| | | TFL | QBS | FF-FR | INT-YD | TD | PBU | QBH |
| 2021* | DNP | | | | | | | |
| 2022* | 10 | 11 (7-4) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 10 | 11 (7-4) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

Tackles 4 at LSU; 2022

PLAYER PROFILES



52

CHANDLER KIRTON

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN
6-0 • 290 • Sophomore (RS)
Atlantic Beach, Florida
Duncan U. Fletcher HS



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HOSEA KNIFELEY JR.

LINEBACKER
6-1 • 232 • Senior
Bowling Green, Kentucky
Butler HS

AWARDS & HONORS

2022 HERO Sports Freshman All-America (OL)

2022 All-ASUN Conference

Dean's List (F21, S22, F22, S23)

2022: A HERO Sports Freshman All-America and All-ASUN Conference selection who started all 11 games for the Govs at right guard... Helped the Governors offense rack up 609 yards of total offense – the ninth-best single-game mark in program history – and score 63 points – the sixth-best single-game total in APSU history – against Presbyterian (Sept. 3)... Helped the Govs throw for 383 yards and five touchdowns against Mississippi Valley State (Sept. 10) – the fourth and second-best single-game totals in program history... Blocked for an offense that recorded 4,658 yards of total offense and scored 347 points during the 2022 season – the second and third-best season totals in Austin Peay history... Also helped the Govs average 423.5 yards of total offense per game – the best single-season mark in program history... The Govs posted the sixth-most rushing touchdowns (20) and fourth-most passing touchdowns (22) in a season in program history... Helped the offense pass for 2,580 yards – the fourth-best single-season in APSU history – and rush for 2,082 yards, it was the first time in program history the Govs have passed and rushed for 2,000-plus yards in the same season.

2021: Played in three games for the Governors during the 2021 season... Made collegiate debut against Morehead State (Sept. 18).

HIGH SCHOOL: An offensive lineman for Kevin Brown at Duncan U. Fletcher High School... A two-time honorable mention Florida Class 7A All-State pick by FloridaHSFootball.com (2019 and 2020).

PERSONAL: Chandler Hampton Kirton is the son of Kelly and Chad Kirton... Birthday is Feb. 14... Has two siblings: Donovan and Ashton... Mother, Kelly, played volleyball at North Florida... A management major.

AWARDS & HONORS

Dean's List (S21)

Athletics Director's Honor Roll (F20, S22, F22)

2022: Played in 10 games and made a pair of starts on defense... Made three tackles, with a pair of solo stops, against Presbyterian (Sept. 3)... Posted two tackles in back-to-back games against Mississippi Valley State (Sept. 10) and Alabama A&M (Sept. 17)... Had a tackle and half a tackle for loss against Central Arkansas (Oct. 1)... Notched three tackles against Murray State (Oct. 15)... Picked up a tackle for loss against North Alabama (Nov. 5)... Tallyed a career-best eight tackles – with six solo stops – and his first-career sack in the season finale against Alabama (Nov. 19)... Finished the season with 25 tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss, a sack, and a quarterback hurry.

2021: Appeared in six games... Recorded his first-career tackle at Morehead State (Sept. 18)... Had a career-best three tackles, with two solo stops, at Murray State (Oct. 23)... Made his first-career tackle for loss and forced a fumble at Tennessee State (Nov. 23)... Finished the season with six tackles.

2020-2021: Saw action against Central Arkansas (Aug. 29) in the Guardian Credit Union FCS Kickoff game.

HIGH SCHOOL: A defensive end and linebacker for head coach Gary Wheeler, helped Butler Traditional High School reach Kentucky High School Athletic Association's Class 6A state tournament... Named to 2019 Louisville Courier-Journal Metro Louisville All-Area Football Teams... Selected to 2019 Kentucky East-West All-Star Game and was named West Defensive MVP... A three-star rated athlete by 247Sports.com.

PERSONAL: Hosea Maurice Knifeley is the son of Shaconda Daniel and Hosea Knifeley Sr.... Birthday is Nov. 19... Has five siblings: Dainesh, Antionio, Dairon, Latavia, and Connor... A health and human performance major with a sport and wellness specialist concentration.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| G | TT (U-A) | TACKLES | | | PASS DEFENSE | | | |
|--------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|----------|----------|
| | | TFL | QBS | FF-FR | INT-YD | TD | PBU | QBH |
| 2020 | 1 | 0 (0-0) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2021 | 5 | 6 (4-2) | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2022 | 10 | 25 (15-10) | 2.5 | 1.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 16 | 31 (19-12) | 3.5 | 1.0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

| | | |
|------------------|-----|--------------------------|
| Tackles | 8 | at Alabama; 2022 |
| Tackles for loss | 1.0 | at Alabama; 2022 |
| Sacks | 1.0 | at Alabama; 2022 |
| Forced fumbles | 1 | at Tennessee State; 2021 |

PLAYER PROFILES



14
CHRISTIAN LEWIS
DEFENSIVE BACK
5-11 • 200 • Graduate
Farrell, Pennsylvania
Farrell Area HS
Albany

PRIOR TO AUSTIN PEAY: Played four seasons at Albany (2019-22) where he redshirted during his true freshman campaign. **2022:** Played in all 11 games in his final season as a Great Dane... Picked up three tackles in the season opener at Baylor (Sept. 3)... Had one tackle and two kick returns for 41 yards against Central Connecticut State (Sept. 24)... Recorded a pair of tackles to go along with a career-best four kick returns for 85 yards against Monmouth (Oct. 8)... Had two tackles and matched his career high with a pair of pass breakups against Hampton (Oct. 15)... Posted his first-career double-digit tackle performance with a career-best 13 tackles – including eight solo stops – against Villanova (Oct. 22)... Closed the season with a tackle for loss against Rhode Island (Nov. 19)... Finished the 2022 season with 30 tackles, 0.5 tackles for loss, and four passes defended... Also returned a career-high nine kicks for 158 yards. **2021:** Appeared in nine games for the Great Danes... Had five tackles – with four solo stops – to go along with two pass breakups against Rhode Island (Sept. 11)... Recorded his first collegiate interception, and returned it 25 yards, against Syracuse (Sept. 18) in the Carrier Dome... Totaled a season-high nine tackles and two pass breakups against Delaware (Oct. 2)... Added six more tackles against Villanova (Oct. 16)... Had four tackles and his first collegiate tackle for loss against Maine (Oct. 23)... Finished the season with a career-high 33 tackles to go with 1.0 tackle for loss, an interception, and seven passes defended... Also returned a pair of kicks for 34 yards. **2020:** Played in four games during the COVID-altered spring season... Picked up his first collegiate tackle in a three-tackle outing against Maine (March 13)... Also returned a pair of kicks for 46 yards against the Black Bears... Had three tackles and his first collegiate pass breakup against Rhode Island (March 20)... Recorded three tackles and added a pair of kick returns for 56 yards – with a career-long 35-yard return – against Stony Brook (March 27)... Finished the season with 10 tackles and one pass defended while returning five kicks for 113 yards. **2019:** Appeared in three games before redshirting... Returned a pair of kicks for 23 yards.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played running back and defensive back for head coach Jarrett Samuels at Farrell Area High School... Rushed for 2,466 yards and 38 touchdowns during his senior season and helped lead the Steelers to the Pennsylvania 1A State Championship in 2019... Was named the District 10 Player of the Year and a first team all-region selection following his senior campaign... Graduated as the all-time leading rusher at Farrell... Also competed in track and field for the Steelers and was a state qualifier in the 100 and 200 meters during his senior year.

PERSONAL: Christian Elijah Lewis is the son of Leon and Celeste Lewis... Birthday is Nov. 8... Has four siblings: Onjanai Floyd, Marina Caliguiré, Brianna Gibbs, and Leon Lewis Jr.... Graduated from Albany in May 2023 with a bachelor's in homeland security... Pursuing a master's in criminal justice with a concentration in homeland security.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| TACKLES | | | | | | PASS DEFENSE | | | |
|--------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------|-----------|--|
| G | TT (U-A) | TFL | QBS | FF-FR | INT-YD | TD | PBU | QBH | |
| 2019* | 3 | 0 (0-0) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 2020* | 4 | 10 (6-4) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | |
| 2021* | 9 | 33 (23-10) | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 1-25 | 0 | 6 | |
| 2022* | 11 | 30 (20-10) | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 4 | |
| TOTAL | 27 | 73 (49-24) | 1.5 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 1-25 | 0 | 11 | |

PUNT RETURN

KICK RETURN

| G | PR | YDS | TD | LG | YPR | KR | YDS | TD | LG | YPR |
|--------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| 2019* | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 23 | 0 | 17 | 11.5 |
| 2020* | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 5 | 113 | 0 | 35 | 22.6 |
| 2021* | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 34 | 0 | 20 | 17.0 |
| 2022* | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 9 | 158 | 0 | 34 | 17.6 |
| TOTAL | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 18 | 328 | 0 | 35 | 18.2 |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

| | | |
|-------------------|-----|--------------------|
| Tackles | 13 | at Villanova; 2022 |
| Tackles for loss | 1.0 | Maine; 2021 |
| Interceptions | 1 | at Syracuse; 2022 |
| Pass breakups | 2 | Hampton; 2022 |
| Kick returns | 4 | at Monmouth; 2022 |
| Kick return yards | 85 | at Monmouth; 2022 |



9
SKYLER LOCKLEAR

QUARTERBACK
5-11 • 189 • Freshman (RS)
Clayton, North Carolina
Cleveland HS

AWARDS & HONORS

Dean's List (F22, S23)

2022: Played in a pair of games off the bench at quarterback... Made his collegiate debut against Presbyterian (Sept. 3), completing 1-of-3 passes for 11 yards and rushing once for two yards... Also saw action against Murray State (Oct. 15).

HIGH SCHOOL: A quarterback for head coach Marty Wheeler at Cleveland High School... Finished prep career with 7,063 passing yards and 78 touchdowns on 452-of-716 passing with only 18 interceptions... Also amassed 1,253 yards and 28 touchdowns on the ground... The Rams were 33-4 in three seasons with him as their starting quarterback... Led Cleveland to spring 2021 Class 3AA State Championship Game... Also led the Rams to the third round of 2019 NCHSAA Class 3AA State Tournament and the third round of the 2021 NCHSAA 4A State Tournament... In fall 2021 season, passed for 2,160 yards and 22 touchdowns and ran for 14 touchdowns and 587 yards... Named to 2021 Carolina Bowl Showcase Game and Spring 2021 Eastern N.C. Football Coaches Association 3A/4A All-Area Team.

PERSONAL: Skyler Mikeal Locklear is the son of Nick and Kelly Locklear... Birthday is Sept. 13... Has three siblings: Cylis, Derek, and Deyton... Father, Nick, played basketball at Michigan Dearborn and mother, Kelly, played volleyball at Michigan Dearborn... A marketing major.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| PASSING | G | EFFIC | COM-ATT-INT | PCT | YDS | TD | LG | YD/G |
|---------|---|-------|-------------|------|-----|----|----|------|
| 2022 | 2 | 64.13 | 1-3-0 | 33.3 | 11 | 0 | 11 | 5.5 |

RUSHING

RECEIVING

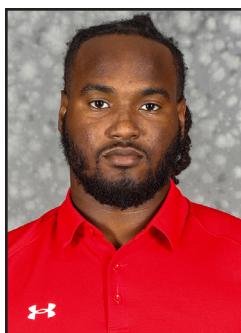
| G | CAR | YDS | TD | LG | YPG | REC | YDS | TD | LG | YPG |
|------|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|
| 2022 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

| | | |
|------------------|----|--------------------|
| Pass attempts | 3 | Presbyterian; 2022 |
| Pass completions | 1 | Presbyterian; 2022 |
| Pass yards | 11 | Presbyterian; 2022 |
| Rush attempts | 1 | Presbyterian; 2022 |
| Rush yards | 2 | Presbyterian; 2022 |

PLAYER PROFILES



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**TYLER
LONG**
LINEBACKER
5-11 • 229 • Graduate
Cincinnati, Ohio
Hughes STEM HS
Lackawanna CC | Norfolk State


20

**JADEN
LYLES**
DEFENSIVE BACK
5-10 • 197 • Sophomore
Hendersonville, Tennessee
Lipscomb Academy

PRIOR TO AUSTIN PEAY: Played one season at Lackawanna Community College (2019) before transferring to Norfolk State... Played two seasons at Norfolk State (2020-22), which did not participate in football during the 2020 season. **2022:**

Played in all 11 games... Named First Team All-MEAC... Recorded 106 tackles with six double-digit tackle outings during the season... Also had seven tackles for loss and five sacks during the season... For the second consecutive season, opened with double-digit tackles against an FBS foe, notching 11 stops and an interception at Marshall (Sept. 3)... Had 12 tackles and 1.5 sacks against Saint Francis (Sept. 24)... Scored 13 tackles the following week at Sacred Heart (Oct. 1)... Pitched in 10 tackles against Howard (Oct. 29)... Notched season-best 14 tackles against North Carolina Central (Nov. 12)... Finished the season earning MEAC Defensive Player of the Week and Pro Football Network Shrine Bowl HBCU Player of the Week honors following a 13-tackle effort at South Carolina State (Nov. 19) that included three tackles for loss, two sacks, and a forced fumble. **2021:** Started all 11 games... Named Second Team All-MEAC... Led NSU and ranked fourth in the MEAC with 78 tackles... Also finished the year with 3.5 tackles for loss, 1.5 sacks, one pass breakup, one forced fumble, and two quarterback hurries... Made 11 tackles in season opener at Toledo (Sept. 4)... Posted six tackles with half a sack against Elizabeth City State (Sept. 18)... Was credited with nine tackles, half for a loss, at St. Francis (Sept. 25)... Made six stops and broke up one pass at Hampton (Oct. 2)... Named the MEAC Defensive Player of the Week after registering nine tackles, 1.5 for loss, with one sack and a forced fumble against Morgan State (Oct. 30)... Ended the year by making 29 tackles over a three-game stretch at N.C. Central (eight), Delaware State (nine) and South Carolina State (career-high, 12). **2020:** Transferred to Norfolk State, which did not participate in football during the COVID-19 pandemic year. **2019:** Named Second Team All-Northeast Football Conference... Recorded 53 tackles, 10 for loss, with six sacks, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery, and one pass breakup on the year... Tallyed 16 tackles in the NJCAA Division National Championship game against Mississippi Gulf Coast.

HIGH SCHOOL: Was a linebacker for head coach Chris Mobley at Hughes STEM High School for final two prep seasons... Posted 122 tackles, including 15 tackles for loss, as a senior... Notched 120 tackles, 13 tackles for loss, and five sacks as a junior... Selected to play in the 2018 Ohio North vs. South All-Star Classic Football Game.

PERSONAL: Tyler Josh Long is the son of David Long Sr. and Tonda Hill... Birthday is Sept. 17... Has six siblings: Dai'sha, Daeon, David Jr., Taylin, Daylan, and Taylor... Father, David Sr. was a professional boxer who went 12-5-2 as a heavyweight... Brother, David Jr., played linebacker at West Virginia before being drafted in the sixth round of the 2019 NFL Draft by the Tennessee Titans; he now plays for the Miami Dolphins... Brother, Daylan, plays linebacker at Norfolk State... Graduated from Norfolk State in December 2022 with a bachelor's in entrepreneurship... Pursuing a second bachelor's in leadership science.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| TACKLES | | | | PASS DEFENSE | | | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|------------|--------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|
| G | TT (U-A) | TFL | QBS | FF-FR | INT-YD | TD | PBU | QBH |
| 2019# 11 | 53 (31-22) | 10.0 | 6.0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2020* DNP | COVID-19 | | | | | | | |
| 2021* 11 | 78 (35-43) | 3.5 | 1.5 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 2022* 11 | 106 (48-58) | 7.0 | 5.0 | 1-0 | 1-11 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| TOTAL 22 | 184 (83-101) | 10.5 | 6.5 | 2-0 | 1-11 | 0 | 2 | 2 |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

| | | |
|------------------|-----|-------------------------------|
| Tackles | 14 | North Carolina Central; 2022 |
| Tackles for loss | 3.0 | at South Carolina State; 2022 |
| Sacks | 2.0 | at South Carolina State; 2022 |
| Interceptions | 1 | at Marshall; 2022 |
| Pass breakups | 1 | Hampton; 2022 |
| Forced fumbles | 1 | at South Carolina State; 2022 |

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| TACKLES | | | | PASS DEFENSE | | | | |
|---------|----------|-----|-----|--------------|--------|----|-----|-----|
| G | TT (U-A) | TFL | QBS | FF-FR | INT-YD | TD | PBU | QBH |
| 2022 10 | 6 (3-3) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

| | | |
|---------|---|--------------------|
| Tackles | 3 | Murray State; 2022 |
|---------|---|--------------------|

PLAYER PROFILES



13
KHATIB
LYLES
WIDE RECEIVER
6-0 • 215 • Graduate
El Paso, Texas
Parkland HS
North Texas

PRIOR TO AUSTIN PEAY: Was at North Texas for four seasons (2019-22), redshirting his true freshman season in 2019. **2022:** Saw action in 12 games, primarily on special teams, and did not record any statistics. **2021:** Made 12 appearances and finished with 155 receiving yards and a touchdown on 13 receptions... Caught three passes for a season-best 50 yards against UTSA (Nov. 27), including a 48-yard reception... Caught a 35-yard touchdown pass at FIU (Nov. 20)... Caught three passes for 18 yards at Rice (Oct. 30)... Caught two passes for 19 yards against Liberty (Oct. 23)... Caught two passes for 22 yards against Marshall (Oct. 15)... Caught one pass for eight yards at Missouri (Oct. 9)... Caught a pass for three yards against UAB (Sept. 18). **2020:** Appeared in eight games, mostly on special teams... Made his collegiate debut in the season-opening win against Houston Baptist (Sept. 5).

HIGH SCHOOL: Played wide receiver for head coach Eric Frontz at Parkland High School... Finished senior season with 1,012 receiving yards and 12 touchdown catches with 70 receptions in 12 games... Also had four touchdown runs and returned a kickoff for a touchdown to finish senior season with 17 total touchdowns... Finished prep career with 2,276 receiving yards, 26 touchdowns, and 150 receptions in 33 games... Rated a 3-star recruit by ESPN and 247Sports.com, and a 2-star recruit by Rivals.

PERSONAL: Khatib Kahleel Lyles is the son of Dana Lyles... Birthday is Oct. 12... Has one sibling, Saleema Boyd... Graduated from North Texas in May 2023 with a bachelor's in psychology... Pursuing a master's in industrial organizational psychology.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| G | CAR | RUSHING | | | RECEIVING | | | | |
|--------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|
| | | YDS | TD | LG | YPG | REC | YDS | TD | LG |
| 2020* | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2021* | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 13 | 155 | 1 | 48 |
| 2022* | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 13 | 155 | 1 | 48 |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

| | | |
|----------------------|----|--------------------------------|
| Points scored | 6 | at Florida International; 2021 |
| Touchdowns | 1 | at Florida International; 2021 |
| Receptions | 2 | UTSA; 2021 |
| Receiving yards | 50 | UTSA; 2021 |
| Receiving touchdowns | 1 | at Florida International; 2021 |



81
JOSH
MAILANDER
WIDE RECEIVER
6-1 • 178 • Freshman
Goodlettsville, Tennessee
Pope John Paul II Prep

HIGH SCHOOL: Played wide receiver and defensive back for head coach Brian Sneed at Pope John Paul II Preparatory School during his senior season... Spent the first three years of his prep career playing for head coach Ed Croson at Chaminade College Preparatory High School in West Hills, California... Recorded 56 receptions for 1,074 yards and 13 touchdowns during his senior campaign for the Knights... Added 42 tackles and seven interceptions – returning five picks for touchdowns – on the defensive side... Was a TSSAA First Team All-State and First Team All-Region selection at wide receiver in his lone season at PJPII... Made 60 catches for 1,160 yards and 10 touchdowns during his three seasons at Chaminade College Prep... Posted 38 receptions for 802 yards and 10 touchdowns during his junior season for the Eagles... Was twice named a First Team All-Mission League selection at Chaminade.

PERSONAL: Joshua Ossie Mailander is the son of Marc and April Mailander... Birthday is March 10... Has three siblings: DJ, Jack, and Lilly... An education major.



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COLLINS
MALONE
LINEBACKER
6-2 • 212 • Freshman (RS)
Columbia, Tennessee
Columbia Academy

AWARDS & HONORS

Athletics Director's Honor Roll (F22)

2022: Played in one game, making his debut against Presbyterian (Sept. 3).

HIGH SCHOOL: Played in all three phases of the game, serving as a linebacker, wide receiver, kick returner, and punt returner... Totaled 143 tackles, including 17 for loss, and five sacks in his senior season under head coach Charlie Lansdell... Offensively, had 573 receiving yards and five touchdowns through the air... Had 526 kick return yards and 88 punt return yards... Named to Tennessee Sports Writers Association All-State Team as a linebacker following his senior season... A multi-sport athlete also played rugby, basketball, and competed in track and field... Holds the CAHS school record in the 100-meters, 200-meters, 300-meter hurdles, 4x400-meter relay, and 4x800-meter relay.

PERSONAL: Collins Malone is the son of Rick and Cathy Malone... Birthday is August 19... Has two siblings: Grace and Myers... A marketing major.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| G | TT (U-A) | TACKLES | | | PASS DEFENSE | | |
|------|----------|---------|-----|-------|--------------|-----|-----|
| | | TFL | QBS | FF-FR | INT-YD | TD | PBU |
| 2022 | 1 | 0 (0-0) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 |

AUSTIN PEAY FOOTBALL

PLAYER PROFILES



46
**J'VIAN
McCRAY**

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN
6-0 • 327 • Junior (RS)
Shallotte, North Carolina
West Brunswick HS
East Carolina



88

**MARCUS
McGHEE**

WIDE RECEIVER
5-11 • 200 • Junior (RS)
Birmingham, Alabama
Homewood HS

2022: Played in the first seven games of the season on the defensive line... Recorded a season-best four tackles, 2.0 tackles for loss, a forced fumble, a fumble recovery, and a quarterback hurry against Presbyterian (Sept. 3)... Made three tackles against Mississippi Valley State (Sept. 10)... Had a tackle and half a tackle for loss against Eastern Kentucky (Sept. 24)... Added another tackle for loss against Central Arkansas (Oct. 1)... Finished the season with 11 tackles, 3.5 tackles for loss, a forced fumble, a fumble recovery, and three quarterback hurries.

PRIOR TO AUSTIN PEAY: Transferred from East Carolina after spending two seasons in Greeneville, North Carolina... Appeared in four games for the Pirates in 2021, recording his lone tackle of the season against South Carolina (Sept. 11)... Redshirted his freshman season in 2020.

HIGH SCHOOL: Prepped at West Brunswick under head coach Brett Hickman... A three-star recruit by 247Sports.com and ESPN.com... Recorded 51 tackles, 22 tackles for loss, seven sacks, and recovered three fumbles during his senior season... Was named the Coastal Preps 2019 Defensive Player of the Year after leading the Trojans to 10 wins and anchoring a defense that allowed just 99 points in 12 games... Was selected to represent North Carolina at the 2019 Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas played at Wofford College... Also lettered in basketball, averaging 10.2 points and 5.4 rebounds per game during his junior season.

PERSONAL: J'Vian Taliq McCray is the son of Marcus and Crystal McCray... Birthday is July 26... Has four siblings: Tajah, Nyah, Jaylen, and Cadiah... A general studies major with a survey of humanities concentration.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| G | TT (U-A) | TACKLES | | | PASS DEFENSE | | | |
|--------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|----------|----------|
| | | TFL | QBS | FF-FR | INT-YD | TD | PBU | QBH |
| 2021* | 4 | 1 (0-1) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2022 | 7 | 11 (8-3) | 3.5 | 0.0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 3 |
| TOTAL | 11 | 12 (8-4) | 3.5 | 0.0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 3 |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

| | | |
|-------------------|-----|--------------------|
| Tackles | 4 | Presbyterian; 2022 |
| Tackles for loss | 2.0 | Presbyterian; 2022 |
| Forced fumbles | 1 | Presbyterian; 2022 |
| Fumble recoveries | 1 | Presbyterian; 2022 |

AWARDS & HONORS

Dean's List (S21, F22, S23)
Athletics Director's Honor Roll (S22)

2022: Did not see action during the 2022 season.

2021: Did not see action during the 2021 season.

2020-2021: Did not see action during the 2020-2021 season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played wide receiver for Ben Bergeson at Homewood High School... Caught 66 passes for 698 yards and six touchdowns over 13 games of senior season... Named Second Team Starves Publishing All-South Metro.

PERSONAL: Marcus Lorenzo McGhee Jr. is the son of Marcus Sr. and Sabrina McGhee... Birthday is May 29... Has two siblings: Jordan and Quincy... A marketing major.



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**JEVON
McIVER JR.**

DEFENSIVE BACK
6-1 • 177 • Sophomore (RS)
Charlotte, North Carolina
Rocky River HS
Lenoir-Rhyne

PRIOR TO AUSTIN PEAY: Spent two seasons at Division II Lenoir-Rhyne (2021-22), where he redshirted in his true freshman season. **2022:** Played in 10 of 11 games for a Lenoir-Rhyne defense that was led by co-defensive coordinator Aaron Foster, who is now the pass-game coordinator and cornerbacks coach for the Governors... Made a tackle in his collegiate debut against Virginia State (Sept. 3)... Made a season-best three tackles for the first of three times against Carson-Newman (Sept. 24) while also picking up his first-career tackle for loss against the Eagles... Had three solo tackles and a pass breakup against UVA Wise (Sept. 30)... Added three more stops and another pass breakup against Catawba (Nov. 5)... Finished the season with 16 tackles, 0.5 tackles for loss, and three pass breakups.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played defensive back and wide receiver for head coach Orlando Gray at Rocky River High School... Posted 31 tackles, 15 passes defended, and an interception during his senior season in 2020... Also added a 15-yard touchdown reception for the Ravens during his senior campaign.

PERSONAL: Jevon Maurice McIver Jr. is the son of Jevon McIver... Birthday is May 2... A leadership science major with a concentration in leading people.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| G | TT (U-A) | TACKLES | | | PASS DEFENSE | | | |
|-------|----------|-----------|-----|-------|--------------|-----|-----|-----|
| | | TFL | QBS | FF-FR | INT-YD | TD | PBU | QBH |
| 2022* | 10 | 16 (10-6) | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 3 |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

| | | |
|-----------------|-----|---------------------|
| Tackles | 3 | at Catawba; 2022 |
| Tackle for loss | 0.5 | Carson-Newman; 2022 |
| Pass breakups | 1 | at Catawba; 2022 |

PLAYER PROFILES



95

**ELON
McKENZIE**
DEFENSIVE LINEMAN
6-2 • 263 • Sophomore (RS)
Smiths, Alabama
Central HS
AWARDS & HONORS

Dean's List (S22)
 Athletics Director's Honor Roll (F21, S23)

2022: Played in one game... Made his collegiate debut and recorded a tackle against Presbyterian (Sept. 3).

2021: Did not see action during the 2021 season.

HIGH SCHOOL: A defensive end from Central High School where he played for Jamey DuBose in his first three seasons and Patrick Nix in his senior campaign... Helped the Red Devils capture the Alabama 7A State Championship as a sophomore in 2018... Led the Red Devils to a second-straight appearance in the Alabama 7A State Championship in 2019... Also played soccer during his prep career, serving as a goalie for the Red Devils.

PERSONAL: Elon Darius Tom Sellers McKenzie is the son of Modell and Alfred McKenzie... Birthday is Jan. 7... Has a sibling, Elin... A communication media major.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| TACKLES | | | | PASS DEFENSE | | | | |
|--------------|----------|----------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|
| G | TT (U-A) | TFL | QBS | FF-FR | INT-YD | TD | PBU | QBH |
| 2021 | DNP | | | | | | | |
| 2022 | 1 | 1 (0-1) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 1 | 1 (0-1) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

Tackles 1 Presbyterians; 2022



98

**JADEN
MCKINNEY**
DEFENSIVE LINEMAN
6-3 • 273 • Freshman
Collierville, Tennessee
Collierville HS

HIGH SCHOOL: An offensive and defensive lineman for coach Joe Rocconi at Collierville High School... A First Team All-Region 8-AAAAAA selection on the offensive line in 2022 and the defensive line in 2021... Represented the Dragons in the 20th annual AutoZone Liberty Bowl All-Star high school football game following his senior season... Racked up 84 tackles 18 tackles for loss, five sacks, and an interception during his prep career... Ranked a three-star recruit by 247Sports.com and a two-star recruit by Rivals.com as a defensive lineman, he is the second-highest-rated recruit to sign with APSU with a 0.8467 composite score on 247Sports.com... A three-sport athlete, he also played basketball and competed in track and field for the Dragons... Finished seventh in the shot put at the 2022 TSSAA Class AAA Track and Field State Championship with a throw of 48-1.75... Holds the Collierville record in the shot put with a personal-best throw of 49-6.50.

PERSONAL: Jaden McKinney is the son of Joseph and Cythnia McKinney... Birthday is Jan. 7... Has five siblings: Josiah, Jeremiah, Jada, Jonisha, and Joseph Jr.... A business major.



44

**KYAN
MILLER**
LINEBACKER
6-0 • 237 • Freshman
Lexington, Kentucky
Henry Clay HS

HIGH SCHOOL: A defensive end and running back for coach Demetrius Gay at Henry Clay High School... A 2022 First Team Lexington All-City selection on the defensive line... Racked up 87 tackles, 18 tackles for loss, five sacks, two forced fumbles, and four fumble recoveries – one of which he returned eight yards for a touchdown – during his junior and senior seasons... Also added a 31-yard rushing touchdown during his senior campaign... Ranked a two-star recruit by Rivals.com as a defensive lineman... Also played basketball and helped the Blue Devils win the 2022 Boys Basketball 11th Region Championship before advancing to the Sweet 16 in the Kentucky State Tournament.

PERSONAL: Kyan Lawrence Miller is the son of Steve and Lynette Miller... Birthday is May 6... Has three siblings: Aaron, April, and Crystol King... Father, Steve, played basketball at Western Kentucky before playing professionally in Australia... Brother, Aaron, played basketball at Thomas Moore... A professional communication major with an information specialist concentration.



22

**KJ
MURDEN**
DEFENSIVE BACK
5-11 • 167 • Junior (RS)
Bolivar, Tennessee
Bolivar Central HS
AWARDS & HONORS

Athletics Director's Honor Roll (S21, F21, S23)

2021: Did not see action during the 2022 season.

2021: Appeared in two games as a sophomore... broke up a pass at Murray State (Oct. 23).

2020-2021: Saw action in five games during the season... Made a tackle in his career's first start against No. 7 Jacksonville State (March 28)... Recorded a pair of tackles against No. 13 Murray State.

HIGH SCHOOL: A safety for head coach Montreal Craft at Bolivar Central High School... Recorded 25 tackles, two tackles for loss, and two blocked kicks in senior season... Rated a three-star recruit by 247Sports.

PERSONAL: Keith Dwayne Murden Jr. is the son of Keith and Shay Murden... Birthday is Feb. 11... Has a sister, Kelsey... A marketing major.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| TACKLES | | | | PASS DEFENSE | | | | |
|--------------|----------|----------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|
| G | TT (U-A) | TFL | QBS | FF-FR | INT-YD | TD | PBU | QBH |
| 2020 | 5 | 4 (2-2) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2021 | 2 | 0 (0-0) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 7 | 4 (2-2) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

Tackles 2 Murray State; 2020-21
 Pass breakups 1 at Murray State; 2021

PLAYER PROFILES



23

CONNER MURPHY

LINEBACKER
6-0 • 194 • Senior
Murfreesboro, Tennessee
Blackman HS



45

ETHAN MYERS

LONG SNAPPER
6-0 • 211 • Junior (RS)
Murfreesboro, Tennessee
Blackman HS

AWARDS & HONORS

Athletics Director's Honor Roll (F20, S21, F21, S22)

2022: Played in five games off the bench at linebacker... Made a tackle against Mississippi Valley State (Sept. 10) in his first appearance of the season... Added another tackle against Alabama A&M (Sept. 17)... Tallied a season-best two tackles against Jacksonville State (Oct. 29)... Finished the season with four tackles.

2021: Played in nine games during sophomore campaign... Made first-career tackle in the season opener against Chattanooga (Sept. 2)... Recorded first-career sack and forced fumble in win over Murray State (Oct. 23)... Had a career-high five tackles in the rematch against Tennessee State (Nov. 13)... Finished the season with 18 tackles.

2020-2021: Did not see action during the 2020-2021 season.

HIGH SCHOOL: A linebacker at Blackman High School for head coach and Governors alumnus Kit Hartsfield... Finalist for the 2020 Class 6A Tennessee Titans Mr. Football Award... Posted 120 tackles, 25 tackles for loss, eight sacks, and four forced fumbles as a senior... Named to 2019 Tennessee East-West All-Star Classic Football Game... All-Region 3-6A Football Most Valuable Player.

PERSONAL: Conner Gentry Murphy is the son of Jay Murphy and Stacey Murphy Chappell... Birthday is Sept. 2... Has a brother, Chase... A management major.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| G | TT (U-A) | TACKLES | | PASS DEFENSE | | | | |
|--------------|-----------|------------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|
| | | TFL | QBS | FF-FR | INT-YD | TD | PBU | QBH |
| 2020 | DNP | | | | | | | |
| 2021 | 9 | 18 (13-5) | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 |
| 2022 | 5 | 4 (0-4) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 14 | 22 (13-9) | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

| | | |
|------------------|-----|--------------------------|
| Tackles | 5 | at Tennessee State; 2021 |
| Tackles for loss | 1.0 | at Murray State; 2021 |
| Sacks | 1.0 | at Murray State; 2021 |
| Pass breakups | 1 | at Tennessee State; 2021 |
| Forced fumbles | 1 | at Murray State; 2021 |

AWARDS & HONORS

2022 CSC Academic All-District

Dean's List (S21, F21, S22, S23)

Athletics Director's Honor Roll (F22)

2021: Played in all 11 games as the Governors primary long snapper... Recovered a fumble on a muffed punt against Alabama (Nov. 19) for his first-career fumble recovery.

2021: Saw action in one game during the 2021 season at long snapper.

2020-2021: Played in three games during the spring, seeing action as a long snapper.

HIGH SCHOOL: Was a long snapper for Austin Peay alumnus Kit Hartsfield at Blackman High School.

PERSONAL: Ethan Lance Myers is the son of Tom and Kelly Myers... Birthday is Feb. 18... Has a brother, Gavin... A marketing major.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| | | TACKLES | | | PASS DEFENSE | | | |
|--------------|-----------|----------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|----------|----------|
| G | TT (U-A) | TFL | QBS | FF-FR | INT-YD | TD | PBU | QBH |
| 2020 | 3 | 0 (0-0) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2021 | 1 | 0 (0-0) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2022 | 11 | 0 (0-0) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 15 | 0 (0-0) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| Fumble recoveries | 1 |
|-------------------|---|

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

at Alabama; 2022

PLAYER PROFILES



75
KOBE
NASH

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN
6-2 • 343 • Sophomore (RS)
Madison, Alabama
Buckhorn HS



1

ASHTON
NICKELBERRY
WIDE RECEIVER
5-10 • 181 • Junior (RS)
Brandon, Mississippi
Brandon HS
Jones College

AWARDS & HONORS

Dean's List (F21, S22)
Athletics Director's Honor Roll (S23)

2022: Played in six games off the bench on the offensive line... Helped the Governors offense rack up 609 yards of total offense – the ninth-best single-game mark in program history – and score 63 points – the sixth-best single-game total in APSU history – against Presbyterian (Sept. 3)... Helped the Govs throw for 383 yards and five touchdowns against Mississippi Valley State (Sept. 10) – the fourth and second-best single-game totals in program history... Blocked for an offense that recorded 4,658 yards of total offense and scored 347 points during the 2022 season – the second and third-best season totals in Austin Peay history.

2021: Made collegiate debut in lone appearance of the season against Tennessee Tech (Nov. 20).

HIGH SCHOOL: An offensive and defensive lineman for coach Keith Henderson at Buckhorn High School... Ranked a 3-star recruit by 247Sports.com... Also competed as a thrower on the track & field team for the Bucks, where he was the Alabama state runner-up in the discus with a throw of 154-7.

PERSONAL: Kobe Steven Nash is the son of April Payne... Birthday is Nov. 23... Has a sibling, Cameron... A kinesiology major.

PRIOR TO AUSTIN PEAY: Played three seasons at Jones College (2020-22) in Mississippi. **2022:** Played in 10 games and made 32 catches for a team-best 582 yards and eight touchdowns... Ranked seventh in touchdowns, 18th in receiving yards, and 32nd in touchdowns at the NJCAA Division I level... Had a career-best two touchdown grabs against Itawamba (Sept. 1) and Southwest Mississippi (Oct. 13)... Also had a career-long 61-yard touchdown catch against Southwest Mississippi... Earned Second Team All-Mississippi Association of Community Colleges Conference honors. **2021:** Recorded 17 receptions for 136 yards and a touchdown in 10 appearances... Posted his first collegiate touchdown on a seven-yard grab against Mississippi Gulf Coast (Oct. 21). **2020:** Played in five games during the COVID-shortened season... Recorded 12 catches for 131 yards... Also added one kick return for 19 yards.

HIGH SCHOOL: A wide receiver for coach Tyler Peterson at Brandon High School... Earned Mississippi All-State honors as a senior after recording 66 receptions for 1,196 yards and 14 touchdowns – he led Class 6A Region 3 in receiving yards... Averaged 18.1 yards per catch and led the Bulldogs to a 9-5 mark in 2019... Posted a career-best 270 receiving yards and two touchdowns against Oak Grove (Oct. 24, 2019)... Represented Mississippi in the 2019 Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Game... Had 53 receptions for 626 yards and seven touchdowns as a junior while helping Brandon to a 13-2 record... Also participated in track and field where he competed in the 100 meters, 200 meters, 4x100 meter relay, 4x200 meter relay, high jump, and long jump... Was a part of 4x100 meter (42.52) and 4x200 meter (1:28.71) relay teams that posted the second and fourth best times, respectively, in Brandon history... Ran the ninth-fastest 100 meters in school history with a time of 11.33.

PERSONAL: Ashton Jamal Nickelberry is the son of Raymond and Ashleigh Nickelberry... Birthday is Sept. 8... Has three siblings: Adelynn, Rylan, and Josh... A health and human performance major with a sport and wellness specialist concentration.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| G | CAR | RUSHING | | | | RECEIVING | | | |
|--------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|-----------|------------|----------|-------------|
| | | YDS | TD | LG | YPG | REC | YDS | TD | LG |
| 2020# | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 12 | 131 | 0 | 34 |
| 2021# | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 17 | 136 | 1 | 25 |
| 2022# | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 32 | 582 | 8 | 61 |
| TOTAL | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 61 | 849 | 9 | 61 |
| | | | | | | | | | 34.0 |

| G | PR | PUNT RETURN | | | | KICK RETURN | | | |
|--------------|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|------------|-------------|-----------|----------|------------|
| | | YDS | TD | LG | YPR | KR | YDS | TD | LG |
| 2020# | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 19 | 0 | 19 |
| 2021# | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 2022# | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 19 | 0 | 19 |
| | | | | | | | | | 0.8 |

AUSTIN PEAY FOOTBALL

PLAYER PROFILES



78
**ANIETIE
NTEKOP**

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-3 • 250 • Sophomore (RS)
Roswell, Georgia
Roswell HS

AWARDS & HONORS

Dean's List (S22, S23)
Athletics Director's Honor Roll (F21)

2022: Played in six games at tight end... Often used as an extra blocker, he helped the offense pass for 2,580 yards – the fourth-best single-season in APSU history – and rush for 2,082 yards, it was the first time in program history the Govs have passed and rushed for 2,000-plus yards in the same season... The Govs also posted the sixth-most rushing touchdowns (20) and fourth-most passing touchdowns (22) in a season in program history.

2021: Did not see action during the 2021 season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played offensive tackle and defensive line at Roswell High for coach Chris Prewett... A Georgia High School Association 4-7A second team All-Region selection in 2019 and a 5-7A second team All-Region selection in 2020.

PERSONAL: Anietie Chukwugozie Ntekop is the son of Chikaodi and Emmanuel Ntekop... Birthday is Jan. 30... A finance major.



3

**KENNY
ODOM**

WIDE RECEIVER
5-8 • 163 • Freshman (RS)
Savannah, Georgia
Savannah Country Day School

AWARDS & HONORS

Dean's List (S23)
Athletics Director's Honor Roll (F22)

2022: Played in one game at wide receiver... Made his collegiate debut against Murray State (Oct. 15) and had one reception for 17 yards.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played wide receiver and safety at Savannah Country Day High School under head coach John Mohring... Finished his prep career with 1,494 receiving yards and 17 touchdowns, in addition, recorded 77 tackles and 3.5 tackles for loss defensively.

PERSONAL: Kenneth Odom is the son of Kimberly Odom... Birthday is Sept. 2... Has three siblings: Aariyan, Asayah, and Annalyese... A finance major.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| | RUSHING | | | | | | RECEIVING | | | | |
|------|---------|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----------|-----|----|----|------|
| | G | CAR | YDS | TD | LG | YPG | REC | YDS | TD | LG | YPG |
| 2022 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 17 | 0 | 17 | 17.0 |



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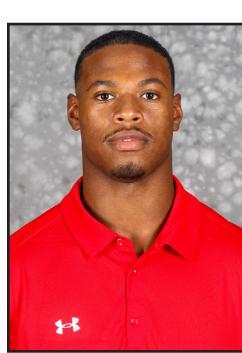
**BRADY
ODOM**

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN
6-0 • 280 • Graduate
Reno, Nevada
Damonte Ranch HS
Feather River CC (Calif.) | Northern Colorado

PRIOR TO AUSTIN PEAY: Began his career at Feather River College (2018-19) before spending three seasons at Northern Colorado (2020-22). 2022: A Third Team All-Big Sky Conference selection... Started in all 11 games for the Bears during his final season in Greeley, Colorado. 2021: Appeared in six games as a reserve offensive lineman for UNC. 2020: Did not see action for the Bears. 2019: Started in all 10 games on the offensive line for the Golden Eagles during his sophomore campaign... Named a First Team All-Golden Valley Conference selection. 2018: Did not see action for FRC during his true freshman season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played offensive and defensive line for head coach Shawn Dupris at Damonte Ranch High School... Recorded 49 tackles and 5.5 tackles for loss with 2.0 sacks during his senior season... A first team all-region and all-conference selection as a senior, he helped the Mustangs win back-to-back region titles during his junior and senior seasons in 2016 and 2017.

PERSONAL: Brady Michael Odom is the son of Tim and Jennifer Odom... Birthday is June 17... Has one sibling, Timothy... Graduated from Northern Colorado in May 2021 with a bachelor's in human services... Pursuing a master's in health and human performance with a concentration in performance enhancement and coaching.



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**KT
OWENS**

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN
6-3 • 223 • Junior (RS)
Oxford, Mississippi
Oxford HS
Mississippi Delta CC

2022: Played in the first three games of the season before suffering a season-ending injury against Mississippi Valley State (Sept. 10)... Made a special teams tackle on kickoff coverage against Presbyterian (Sept. 3).

PRIOR TO AUSTIN PEAY: Recorded 29 tackles, 2.0 tackles for loss, 1.5 sacks, and forced a fumble in 2021 season at Mississippi Delta Community College... Entered 2021 season as a Preseason First Team All-MACCC North Division selection... Had 15 tackles, 3.0 tackles for loss and a sack in COVID-19 shortened 2020 season... Named to JCGridiron.com Weakside Ends Watch List during the 2020 season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Split time at nose guard and defensive end for Chris Cutcliffe at Oxford High School (Miss.)... As a senior, was rated a three-star defensive lineman by 247Sports.com.

PERSONAL: Ken'Terious Marquis Owens is the son of Kendrick Owens and Chauncey Pegues... Birthday is June 23... Has three siblings: JarTerious Owens, Martone Pegues II, and Zyeer Pegues... A general studies major with a concentration in social and behavioral science.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| G | TT (U-A) | TACKLES | | | PASS DEFENSE | | | |
|--------------|----------|----------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|----------|----------|
| | | TFL | QBS | FF-FR | INT-YD | TD | PBU | QBH |
| 2020# | 4 | 15 (9-6) | 3.0 | 1.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2021# | 9 | 29 (18-11) | 2.0 | 1.5 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2022 | 3 | 1 (1-0) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 3 | 1 (1-0) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

Tackles 1

Presbyterian; 2022

PLAYER PROFILES



21

DENVER PARKER

DEFENSIVE BACK

5-10 • 185 • Sophomore (RS)

St. Louis, Missouri

De Smet Jesuit HS



60

CONNER PARSONS

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

6-3 • 275 • Graduate

Mansfield, Texas

Mansfield HS

Louisiana Monroe

AWARDS & HONORS

Dean's List (S22)

Athletics Director's Honor Roll (F21)

2022: Played in nine games... Made a tackle against Western Kentucky (Aug. 27) and a pair of tackles against Jacksonville State (Oct. 29)... All three of his tackles came on punt coverage; he finished tied for third on the team in total special teams tackles and tied for the team lead in tackles on punt returns.

2021: Recorded a tackle in lone appearance of the season against Tennessee Tech (Nov. 20).

HIGH SCHOOL: Played safety at DeSmet Jesuit High School for head coach Robert Steeple, helping Spartans reach the Missouri Class 6 State Championship game in 2019 and 2020, winning the 2019 championship in an undefeated season... Recorded 37 tackles and an interception in 2020 earning Missouri Football Coaches Association Class 6 All-District 2 recognition and Metro Catholic League All-Conference honors... Posted 40 tackles and had a fumble recovery in 2019... Had nine tackles in the 2019 state championship game... Began prep career at Westminster Christian Academy, where he was a running back and safety in 2017 & 2018... Ran for 127 yards on 27 carries against St. Mary's High School to open the 2018 season... A Metro Catholic League all-conference selection as a defensive back in 2017 after posting 71 tackles, two tackles for loss, 144 kickoff return yards on 10 attempts, and 219 rushing yards on 34 carries... Participated in track and field in 2017 and was a member of Westminster Christian record-setting 4x100 relay team while also competing in the 100-meter dash and long jump.

PERSONAL: Personal: Denver Isaiah Parker is the son of Kenneth and Becky Parker... Birthday is Sept. 5... A marketing major.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| G | TT (U-A) | TACKLES | | | PASS DEFENSE | | | |
|--------------|-----------|----------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|----------|----------|
| | | TFL | QBS | FF-FR | INT-YD | TD | PBU | QBH |
| 2021 | 2 | 1 (0-1) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2022 | 9 | 3 (2-1) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 11 | 4 (2-2) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

| | | |
|---------|---|--------------------------|
| Tackles | 2 | Jacksonville State; 2022 |
|---------|---|--------------------------|

AWARDS & HONORS

Athletics Director's Honor Roll (S23)

2022: Played in three games and made a pair of starts at right tackle... Helped the Govs throw for 383 yards and five touchdowns against Mississippi Valley State (Sept. 10) - the fourth and second-best single-game totals in program history... Blocked for an offense that recorded 4,658 yards of total offense and scored 347 points during the 2022 season - the second and third-best season totals in Austin Peay history... Also helped the Govs average 423.5 yards of total offense per game - the best single-season mark in program history.

PRIOR TO AUSTIN PEAY: An offensive tackle for four seasons at Louisiana-Monroe, redshirted his freshman season (2018)... Saw action in 20 career games for the Warhawks, but played only two games in 2021, facing Liberty and South Alabama.

HIGH SCHOOL: Three-year starter at Mansfield High School for head coach Daniel Maberry, helping the Tigers to a 33-8 record during his prep career... Anchored an offensive line that paved the way for the Tigers to average 356.4 total yards, including 234.1 rushing yards, and 33.9 points per game during his 2017 junior campaign... During his senior season, Mansfield rushed for 3,043 yards and 42 touchdowns... A two-star rated offensive lineman by 247Sports.com.

PERSONAL: Conner James Parsons is the son of Deedee Parsons... Birthday is March 6... Has one brother, Travis... Graduated from Louisiana-Monroe in December 2021 with a bachelor's in business administration... Pursuing a master's in management.

PLAYER PROFILES



28
GARDY
PAUL

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN
5-11 • 299 • Graduate
Naples, Florida
St. John Neumann Catholic HS
Malone | Indiana Wesleyan



70

IAN
POE
OFFENSIVE LINEMAN
6-3 • 298 • Sophomore
Tullahoma, Tennessee
Tullahoma HS

PRIOR TO AUSTIN PEAY: Began his career at Malone University (2018) before spending his next three seasons at Indiana Wesleyan (2020-22), where he was a Second Team All-Mid-States Football Association selection all three years. **2022:** Played in 13 games for the Wildcats... Shared a sack against No. 15 Concordia (Mich.) (Oct. 1)... Had three tackles and a tackle for loss against No. 5 Marian (Oct. 8)... Totaled five tackles against Saint Francis (Ind.) (Oct. 22)... Had a career-best nine tackles with half a tackle for loss and a forced fumble against Taylor (Nov. 5)... Recorded six tackles and 1.5 tackles for loss – one of which was a sack – in the first round of the NAIA Football National Championship Series against No. 13 Avila (Nov. 19)... Finished the season with 35 tackles, 4.0 tackles for loss, 1.5 sacks, and a forced fumble. **2021:** Appeared in eight of the Wildcats' 10 contests... Had two tackles and a sack for a 14-yard loss against Valparaiso (Sept. 4)... Broke up a pass against Olivet Nazarene (Sept. 18)... Had a season-best three tackles against Saint Francis (Ind.) (Oct. 23)... Had two tackles, a tackle for loss, and a fumble recovery against Taylor (Nov. 6)... Finished the season with 13 tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss, 1.0 sack, a fumble recovery, and a pass breakup. **2020:** Played in five games during the COVID-altered spring season... Had a season-best six tackles and half a tackle for loss against Olivet Nazarene (Feb. 20)... Added two tackles, a tackle for loss, and a fumble recovery with a five-yard return against Siena Heights (March 6)... Recorded four tackles and a tackle for loss against Saint Francis (Ind.) (March 20)... Posted three tackles and a pass breakup against Taylor (March 26)... Finished the season with 16 tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss, a fumble recovery, and a pass breakup. **2018:** Did not see action for the Pioneers during his true freshman season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played defensive line for head coach Damon Jones at St. John Neumann Catholic High School... Totaled 47 tackles, 12.0 tackles for loss, and 5.0 sacks while helping the Celtics to an undefeated regular season during his senior year in 2017... Was named a first team all-area and a Second Team All-Florida selection during his senior campaign... Also threw shot put and discuss on the Celtics' track and field team.

PERSONAL: Gardy Paul is the son of Claunise Paul and Steinway Louve... Birthday is Nov. 28... Has two siblings, Ryan Wofford and Jacquez Carter... Brother, Ryan, played football at Indiana Wesleyan... Graduated from Indiana Wesleyan in April 2023 with a bachelor's in social work... Pursuing a master's in leadership with a concentration in diversity, equity, and inclusion.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO/NAIA stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| G | TACKLES | | | | PASS DEFENSE | | | |
|---------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|----------|----------|
| | TT (U-A) | TFL | QBS | FF-FR | INT-YD | TD | PBU | QBH |
| 2018# | DNP | | | | | | | |
| 2019# | DNP | | | | | | | |
| 2020# | 5 | 16 (8-8) | 2.5 | 0.0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 |
| 2021# | 8 | 13 (5-8) | 2.5 | 1.0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 |
| 2022# | 13 | 35 (9-26) | 4.0 | 1.5 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL# | 26 | 64 (22-42) | 9.0 | 2.5 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 |

PLAYER PROFILES



17
JA'QUAN RANDOLPH
WIDE RECEIVER
5-11 • 175 • Junior (RS)
Lakeland, Florida
Lake Gibson HS



18
MILES RICHARDSON
DEFENSIVE BACK
5-9 • 200 • Graduate
Atlanta, Georgia
Chapel Hill HS
Wofford

AWARDS & HONORS

Dean's List (S21, F22)
Athletics Director's Honor Roll (F20)

2021: Played in a trio of games at wide receiver... Made three catches – including his first collegiate reception – for 19 yards against Presbyterian (Sept. 3)... Made one reception for 12 yards – matching his longest catch of the year – against Murray State (Oct. 15)... Finished the season with four receptions for 31 yards.

2021: Saw action in two games during the 2021 season.

2020-2021: Appeared in three games during the spring portion 2020-2021 season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played cornerback, safety, and wide receiver for Robert Paxia at Lake Gibson High School as a senior after four seasons at Lakeland Victory Christian High School... Named to Sarasota Herald-Tribune All-County Team as a senior... Honorable Mention All-State as a junior and senior at defensive back... A three-star rated athlete by Rivals.com and 247Sports.com.

PERSONAL: Jaquan Delerenta Randolph is the son of Torlisa Taylor... Birthday is Sept. 7... Has a sister, Miranda... A leadership science major with a concentration in leading people.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| RUSHING | | | | | | RECEIVING | | | | | |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------|--|
| G | CAR | YDS | TD | LG | YPG | REC | YDS | TD | LG | YPG | |
| 2020 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | |
| 2021 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | |
| TOTAL | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 4 | 31 | 0 | 12 | 10.3 | |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

| | | |
|-----------------|----|--------------------|
| Receptions | 3 | Presbyterian; 2022 |
| Receiving yards | 19 | Presbyterian; 2022 |

PRIOR TO AUSTIN PEAY: Played four seasons at Wofford (2019-22) where he made 20 starts in 30 appearances. **2022:** Started all 11 games for the Terriers... Had a pass breakup in each of the first three games of the season while recording three tackles against Chattanooga (Sept. 3), five tackles against Elon (Sept. 10), and two tackles against Virginia Tech (Sept. 17)... Posted a career-best nine tackles – with seven solo stops – and his first-career tackle for loss against Mercer (Oct. 1)... Added four more tackles against The Citadel (Oct. 15)... Had an interception to go with a pair of tackles against VMI (Nov. 12)... Finished his final season at Wofford with 37 tackles, 0.5 tackles for loss, an interception, and three pass breakups. **2021:** Appeared in just three games as a junior... Blocked a kick against Elon (Sept. 4)... Totaled four tackles against VMI (Sept. 25). **2020:** Made five appearances during his COVID-altered spring season... Posted five tackles and a pass breakup against Chattanooga (Feb. 27)... Had seven tackles against Samford (March 13)... Recorded an interception and forced fumble – both the first of his collegiate career – to go along with a tackle against The Citadel (April 3)... Finished the spring season with 17 tackles, an interception, two passes defensed, and a forced fumble. **2019:** Played in 11 games for the Terriers as a true freshman... Had a season-best four tackles against South Carolina State (Aug. 31) in his collegiate debut... Added a tackle and a pass breakup against Gardner-Webb (Sept. 21)... Broke up another pass against Chattanooga (Oct. 26)... Made three tackles against Mercer (Nov. 9)... Finished his first collegiate season with 13 tackles and two pass breakups.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played cornerback and wide receiver for head coach Justin DeShon at Chapel Hill High School... Had three interceptions and 13 pass breakups on the defensive side during his senior season while also adding 12 catches for 376 yards and five touchdowns on offense... Had five interceptions and 20 pass breakups during his junior campaign... Graduated as Chapel Hill's career leader in interceptions and was twice named a first team all-region and all-county selection... Also played basketball and competed in track and field for Panthers.

PERSONAL: Miles Rae Richardson is the son of Keyna Pruitt... Birthday is Sept. 19... Has one sibling, Paris Pruitt... Graduated from Wofford in May 2023 with a bachelor's in business economics... Pursuing a second bachelor's in public management.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| TACKLES | | | | | | PASS DEFENSE | | | | |
|--------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|--|
| G | TT (U-A) | TFL | QBS | FF-FR | INT-YD | TD | PBU | QBH | | |
| 2019* | 11 | 13 (9-4) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | |
| 2020* | 5 | 17 (8-9) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | |
| 2021* | 3 | 4 (3-1) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 2022* | 11 | 37 (31-6) | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | |
| TOTAL | 30 | 71 (51-20) | 0.5 | 0.0 | 1-0 | 2-0 | 0 | 6 | 1 | |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

| | | |
|------------------|-----|------------------------|
| Tackles | 9 | Mercer; 2022 |
| Tackles for loss | 0.5 | Mercer; 2022 |
| Interceptions | 1 | VMI; 2022 |
| Pass breakups | 1 | at Virginia Tech; 2022 |
| Forced fumbles | 1 | The Citadel; 2020-21 |

PLAYER PROFILES



41
DARIUS RICHMOND
 DEFENSIVE LINEMAN
 6-3 • 266 • Graduate
 Spring, Texas
 Oak Ridge HS
 Incarnate Word



16
BRYCE ROBINSON
 QUARTERBACK
 5-11 • 206 • Senior (RS)
 Clarksville, Tennessee
 Clarksville Academy

PRIOR TO AUSTIN PEAY: Played four seasons at Incarnate Word (2019-22) where he made 43 appearances for the Cardinals. **2022:** Appeared in all 14 games while helping UIW go 12-2, win the Southland Conference, and advance to the FCS Playoff Semifinals where they fell to No. 3 North Dakota State, 35-32... Had four tackles and a sack in the season opener against Southern Illinois (Sept. 3)... Recorded two tackles and a quarterback hurry against Lamar (Oct. 8)... Matched his season-high with four tackles while adding a career-best 2.5 tackles for loss against Faulkner (Oct. 22)... Had four tackles and a half tackle for loss in the regular-season finale against Northwestern State (Nov. 19)... Totaled four tackles in the FCS Playoff Quarterfinals against No. 2 Sacramento State (Dec. 9)... Had a tackle for loss and quarterback hurry against North Dakota State (Dec. 16)... Finished the season with 24 tackles while posting career-highs with 5.0 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks. **2021:** Appeared in 12 contests, helping UIW win another Southland Conference title... Had four tackles and a half tackle for loss to open the season against Youngstown State (Sept. 2)... Matched his career-high with five tackles against Prairie View A&M (Sept. 11) and Houston Baptist (Oct. 30)... Picked up three tackles and a tackle for loss in the rematch with Houston Baptist (Nov. 20)... Finished the season with a career-best 28 tackles. **2020:** Made five appearances during the COVID-altered spring season... Had a career-best five tackles for the first time to go with a tackle for loss against McNeese State (Feb. 27)... Matched his career-high with five tackles and a half tackle for loss against Northwestern State (April 10)... Finished the season with 14 tackles and 2.0 tackles for loss. **2019:** Played in all 12 games for UIW during his true freshman campaign... Had a tackle in his collegiate debut against UT San Antonio (Aug. 31)... Had two tackles and half a sack against Texas Southern (Sept. 7)... Picked up three tackles and 1.5 tackles for loss against Nicholls State (Nov. 2)... Closed his freshman season with 16 tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss, and 0.5 sacks.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played defensive line for head coach Dereck Rush at Oak Ridge High School... Recorded 48 tackles in three seasons for the War Eagles, including 21 tackles during his senior season... Was named a first team all-district defensive lineman during his junior campaign... Earned second team all-district honors during his sophomore year... Was also named a first team academic all-district honoree as a sophomore and junior.

PERSONAL: Darius Michael Richmond is the son of Anthony and Rebekah Richmond... Birthday is Oct. 22... Has one sibling, Sofia, who plays beach volleyball at Tusculum University... Graduated from Incarnate Word in May 2023 with a bachelor's in business management... Pursuing a master's in management.

CAREER STATISTICS (#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| G | TT (U-A) | TACKLES | | PASS DEFENSE | | | | |
|--------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|
| | | TFL | QBS | FF-FR | INT-YD | TD | PBU | QBH |
| 2019* | 12 | 16 (6-10) | 2.5 | 0.5 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 |
| 2020* | 5 | 14 (2-12) | 2.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2021* | 12 | 28 (13-15) | 1.5 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2022* | 14 | 24 (9-15) | 5.0 | 1.5 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 3 |
| TOTAL | 43 | 82 (30-52) | 11.0 | 2.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 5 |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

| | | |
|------------------|-----|-------------------------|
| Tackles | 5 | Prairie View A&M; 2021 |
| Tackles for loss | 2.5 | Faulkner; 2022 |
| Sacks | 1.0 | Southern Illinois; 2022 |
| Pass breakups | 1 | McNeese State; 2021 |

AWARDS & HONORS

Dean's List (F19, S20, F20, S21, S22, F22, S23)

2021: Returned to action in a pair of games in relief at quarterback... Attempted a pair of passes against Presbyterian (Sept. 3)... Also saw action against Murray State (Oct. 15).

2021: Did not see action during the 2021 season.

2020-2021: Played in two games... Completed a pair of passes for 11 yards and rushed for 13 yards on three attempts against Cincinnati (Sept. 19)... Came off the bench and threw his first collegiate touchdown pass against Tennessee Tech (Feb. 21), totaling 55 yards through the air and 11 yards on the ground.

2019: Did not see action, redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL: Four-year starter at quarterback for Governors alumnus J.D. Sellers at Clarksville Academy... Also played defensive back... Owns the school record for most passing yards in a career (4,496) and holds the state record for most total touchdowns (8) and passing touchdowns (7) in a game... Named to the Division II Class A All-State Quarterback team, First-Team Division II Class A Middle Region, and Leaf-Chronicle All-Area Team... Rated a two-star prospect as a dual-threat quarterback by 247Sports... Also played baseball for Governors alumnus Jake Peterson.

PERSONAL: Bryce Michael Robinson is the son and Rhonda and the late Mike Robinson... Birthday is Nov. 5... Has two younger siblings: Bayleigh and Carly... A professional communication major.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| PASSING | G | EFFIC | COM-ATT-INT | | PCT | YDS | TD | LG | YD/G |
|--------------|----------|---------------|---------------|-----|-------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| | | | ATT | INT | | | | | |
| 2019 | DNP | | | | | | | | |
| 2020 | 2 | 121.88 | 7-13-0 | | 53.8 | 66 | 1 | 14 | 33.0 |
| 2021 | DNP | | | | | | | | |
| 2022 | 2 | 0.00 | 0-2-0 | | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | 4 | 105.63 | 7-15-0 | | 47.0 | 66 | 1 | 14 | 16.5 |

RUSHING

RECEIVING

| G | CAR | YDS | TD | LG | YPG | REC | YDS | TD | LG | YPG |
|--------------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| 2019 | RS | | | | | | | | | |
| 2020 | 2 | 7 | 24 | 0 | 15 | 12.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 2021 | DNP | | | | | | | | | |
| 2022 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | 4 | 7 | 24 | 0 | 15 | 6.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

| | | |
|--------------------|----|----------------------------|
| Rush attempts | 4 | at Tennessee Tech; 2020-21 |
| Rush yards | 13 | at Cincinnati; 2020-21 |
| Pass attempts | 8 | at Tennessee Tech; 2020-21 |
| Pass completions | 5 | at Tennessee Tech; 2020-21 |
| Pass yards | 55 | at Tennessee Tech; 2020-21 |
| Passing touchdowns | 1 | at Tennessee Tech; 2020-21 |

PLAYER PROFILES



88
COREY
ROCCHEITI
LONG SNAPPER
5-8 • 233 • Freshman
Mt. Juliet, Tennessee
Mt. Juliet HS



2
MICHAEL
RUTTLEN JR.
DEFENSIVE BACK
5-9 • 197 • Graduate
Mt. Juliet, Tennessee
Mt. Juliet HS
Princeton

HIGH SCHOOL: Played long snapper for head coach Trey Perry at Mt. Juliet High School.

PERSONAL: John Corey Rocchietti is the son of Matthew and Jennifer Rocchietti... Birthday is April 23... Has two siblings, Jaxon and Jayce... Father, Matthew, played football at Cumberland... A psychological science major.

PRIOR TO AUSTIN PEAY: Spent his first four collegiate seasons at Princeton (2019-22). **2022:** A First Team All-Ivy selection after recording 37 tackles (22 solo), three interceptions, and three passes defended while playing all nine games... Notched season's first interception at Lafayette (Oct. 8) while recording three tackles... Had interceptions in back-to-back Ivy League games; Notched a season-best eight tackles and an interception at Harvard (Oct. 21) and followed that game with seven tackles (six solo) and a pick against Cornell (Oct. 29)... Nominee for AllState AFCA Good Works Team. **2021:** Recorded 29 tackles (27 solo), two interceptions, and three pass breakups and played in all nine games... Picked off season's first pass against Stetson (Sept. 25)... Had an interception and two pass breakups against Yale (Nov. 13)... Closed season with a season-best six tackles at Penn (Nov. 20). **2020:** The Ivy League did not compete in football during the 2020 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic. **2019:** Played in all nine games as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played defensive back for head coach Trey Perry at Mt. Juliet High School... Named Tennessee Sports Writers Association's Class 6A All-State Team at defensive back as a senior... A three-time all-region selection... National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete... Finished career with 212 tackles, six tackles for loss, three interceptions, 14 pass breakups, three fumbles recovered, three fumbles forced, and three defensive touchdowns.

PERSONAL: Michael Deon Ruttlen Jr. is the son of Michael and Cecilia Ruttlen... Birthday is June 7... Has three siblings: Maurice, Will, and Mikesha... His cousin, Robert Massey, was drafted in the second round of the 1989 NFL Draft by the New Orleans Saints and played ten years in the league before becoming the head coach at Winston-Salem State in 2021... His cousin, Carlton Davis III, is a cornerback for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and helped the Bucs win Super Bowl LV... Graduated from Princeton in May 2023 with a bachelor's in molecular biology... Pursuing a master's in public health.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| G | TT (U-A) | TACKLES | | | PASS DEFENSE | | | |
|--------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|------------|--------------|-------------|----------|----------|
| | | TFL | QBS | FF-FR | INT-YD | TD | PBU | QBH |
| 2019* | 9 | 1 (0-1) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2020* | DNP | COVID-19 | | | | | | |
| 2021* | 9 | 29 (27-2) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 2-28 | 0 | 3 |
| 2022* | 9 | 37 (22-15) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 3-0 | 0 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 27 | 67 (49-18) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 5-28 | 0 | 3 |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

| | | |
|---------------|---|------------------|
| Tackles | 8 | at Harvard; 2022 |
| Interceptions | 1 | Cornell; 2022 |
| Pass breakups | 2 | Yale; 2021 |

PLAYER PROFILES



4
TRE SHACKELFORD
WIDE RECEIVER
6-1 • 189 • Sophomore (RS)
Decatur, Alabama
Austin HS



29
COURTLAND SIMMONS
RUNNING BACK
5-11 • 199 • Freshman
Madison, Tennessee
Davidson Academy

AWARDS & HONORS

Dean's List (F21, S22)
Athletics Director's Honor Roll (F22)

2022: Played in 10 games and made one start at receiver... Had one catch for 13 yards against Presbyterian (Sept. 3)... Made two grabs for 16 yards against Mississippi Valley State (Sept. 10)... Recorded his first collegiate tackle against Eastern Kentucky (Sept. 24)... Posted career-highs with three receptions for 26 yards at Central Arkansas (Oct. 1)... Recorded one catch for 13 yards at North Alabama (Nov. 5)... Finished the season with eight receptions for 76 yards.

2021: Played in five games... Made his first start in the season finale against Tennessee Tech (Nov. 20) and made two catches – his first collegiate receptions – for eight yards.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played wide receiver for coach Jeremy Perkins at Austin High School... Hauled in 55 passes for 1,112 yards – both Austin HS records – and 13 touchdowns in his senior season... Posted 163 receiving yards, three receiving touchdowns, and a rushing touchdown to lead Austin to a 40-7 win over Huntsville (10/10/2020)... A first-team offensive selection for the 2020 All-Huntsville Region football team... Ran for a pair of touchdowns and returned punts on his way to being named an Alabama Sports Writers Association Class 7A First-Team All-State selection as an athlete... Competed in the 100 meters, 200 meters, and 4x100-meter relay in track & field... A three-star recruit according to 247sports.com.

PERSONAL: James Edward Shackelford is the son of James and Shannon Shackelford... Birthday is Sept. 19... A health and human performance major with a sport and wellness specialist concentration.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| G | RUSHING | | | | | RECEIVING | | | | |
|--------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|
| | CAR | YDS | TD | LG | YPG | REC | YDS | TD | LG | YPG |
| 2021 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 5 | 1.6 |
| 2022 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 8 | 76 | 0 | 13 | 7.6 |
| TOTAL | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 10 | 84 | 0 | 13 | 5.6 |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

| | | |
|-----------------|----|---------------------------|
| Receptions | 3 | at Central Arkansas; 2022 |
| Receiving yards | 26 | at Central Arkansas; 2022 |

HIGH SCHOOL: An all-purpose back for head coach Jonathan Quinn at Davidson Academy... Finished senior season with 1,067 rushing yards and 12 touchdowns on 135 carries over 10 games... As a junior, amassed 2,265 all-purpose yards, including 525 rushing yards, 756 receiving yards, 644 kick return yards, and 219 interception return yards... Responsible for 22 total touchdowns during his junior season... Named to Tennessee Sports Writers Association Division II-AA All-State team at defensive back as a junior... A three-star recruit by 247Sports.com... Played basketball at Davidson Academy and scored his 1,000th career point in January 2023... Also competed in track and field, posting a time of 11.58 seconds in the 100-meter dash and 23.85 seconds in the 200-meter dash.

PERSONAL: Courtland LeMaceo Simmons is the son of Courtney and LaTocha Simmons... Birthday is Nov. 9... Has one sibling, Cai'ra... A business major.

PLAYER PROFILES



2
MJ
SINGLETON
WIDE RECEIVER
5-9 • 171 • Junior
Lubbock, Texas
Monterey HS
Garden City CC (Kan.)



31
AUSTIN
SKOGLUND
LINEBACKER
6-1 • 220 • Junior
Austin, Texas
Vandegrift HS
Tyler JC

PRIOR TO AUSTIN PEAY: Played two seasons at Garden City Community College (2021-22) in Kansas. **2022:** Played in 10 games and hauled in 28 receptions for 488 yards and four touchdowns... Averaged 48.8 receiving yards per game and 17.4 yards per game with a career-best 75-yard touchdown grab against Ellsworth (Oct. 29)... Ranked top 45 in NJCAA Division I in receiving yards (26th), receiving yards per game (27th), and touchdowns (28th), and receptions (43rd)... Also returned 21 kicks for 426 yards, a 20.3-yard average, and an 89-yard touchdown against Dodge City CC (Oct. 1)... Earned Second Team All-Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference honors at wide receiver. **2021:** Appeared in 11 games for the Broncbusters as a freshman, recording 22 receptions for 252 yards and three touchdowns... Averaged 22.9 yards per game and 11.5 yards per catch... Had a career-best two touchdown catches against Navarro College (Dec. 4).

HIGH SCHOOL: A wide receiver for coach Wayne Hutchinson at Monterey High School... Posted 1,893 receiving yards and 13 touchdowns in his prep career, including 41 catches for a team-best 77 yards and three touchdowns during his senior campaign... Ranked a three-star recruit by 247Sports.com and a two-start recruit by Rivals.com... Also competed in track and field for the Plainsmen, he finished seventh in the 2021 University Interscholastic League State Track & Field Championship and set the Monterey record with a 10.56 in the 100 meters... Also finished eighth at the state meet and set the school record in the 200 meters with a time of 21.88.

PERSONAL: Martiel James Singleton is the son of Lori Whitfield... Birthday is Jan. 19... Has one sibling, Corbin Whitfield... A health and human performance major with a sport and wellness specialist concentration.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| | RUSHING | | | | | | RECEIVING | | | | | |
|--------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|--|
| | G | CAR | YDS | TD | LG | YPG | REC | YDS | TD | LG | YPG | |
| 2021# | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 22 | 252 | 3 | 29 | 22.9 | |
| 2022# | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 28 | 488 | 4 | 75 | 48.8 | |
| TOTAL | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 50 | 740 | 7 | 75 | 35.2 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PUNT RETURN | | | | | | KICK RETURN | | | | | | |
| G | PR | YDS | TD | LG | YPR | KR | YDS | TD | LG | YPR | | |
| 2021# | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | | |
| 2022# | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 21 | 426 | 1 | 89 | 20.3 | | |
| TOTAL | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 21 | 426 | 1 | 89 | 20.3 | | |

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| | TACKLES | | | | | PASS DEFENSE | | | |
|--------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| | G | TT (U-A) | TFL | QBS | FF-FR | INT-YD | TD | PBU | QBH |
| 2021# | 12 | 52 (26-26) | 1.5 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2022# | 7 | 32 (24-8) | 5.5 | 0.0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 19 | 84 (50-34) | 7.0 | 0.0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

PLAYER PROFILES



50
**BRENNAN
SMITH**

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN
6-3 • 290 • Sophomore (RS)
Pensacola, Florida
Escambia HS



27
**XAVIER
SMITH**

DEFENSIVE BACK
6-0 • 186 • Freshman (RS)
Atlanta, Georgia
Langston Hughes HS
Colorado

AWARDS & HONORS

Dean's List (F21, S22, S23)
Athletics Director's Honor Roll (F22)

2022: Played in 10 games and made eight starts at right tackle... Helped the Governors offense rack up 609 yards of total offense – the ninth-best single-game mark in program history – and score 63 points – the sixth-best single-game total in APSU history – against Presbyterian (Sept. 3)... Helped the Govs throw for 383 yards and five touchdowns against Mississippi Valley State (Sept. 10) – the fourth and second-best single-game totals in program history... Blocked for an offense that recorded 4,658 yards of total offense and scored 347 points during the 2022 season – the second and third-best season totals in Austin Peay history... Also helped the Govs average 423.5 yards of total offense per game – the best single-season mark in program history... The Govs posted the sixth-most rushing touchdowns (20) and fourth-most passing touchdowns (22) in a season in program history... Helped the offense pass for 2,580 yards – the fourth-best single-season in APSU history – and rush for 2,082 yards, it was the first time in program history the Govs have passed and rushed for 2,000-plus yards in the same season.

2021: Played in two games during the 2021 season... Made collegiate debut against Murray State (Oct. 23).

HIGH SCHOOL: An offensive guard at Escambia High School, prepped for head coach Mike Bennett... Was named to the first-team offense of the 2019 Florida Class 6A All-State Football Team by FloridaHSFootball.com... Listed by MaxPreps.com as one of the Top 100 Under the Radar high school football players for the 2020 season... A two-time Pensacola All-Area selection by the Pensacola News Journal, he helped lead Escambia to back-to-back undefeated regular seasons in 2019 and 2020... Also played center for the Escambia basketball team.

PERSONAL: Frederick Brennan Smith is the son of Wendy Bonal-Smith... Birthday is Jan. 23... Has a sister, Aspen... Mother, Wendy, played for the Pensacola Power of the National Women's Football Association... A marketing major.

PRIOR TO AUSTIN PEAY: Spent the 2022 season at Colorado but did not see action for the Buffaloes.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played quarterback, running back, defensive back, and returned kicks for head coach Boone Williams at Langston Hughes High School after spending his freshman season at Holy Innocents' Episcopal School... Completed 126-of-272 passes for 1,789 yards and 20 touchdowns during his prep career while also rushing 170 times for 1,274 yards and 18 touchdowns... On the defensive side of the ball, he recorded 40 tackles, three interceptions, and two pass breakups for the Panthers... Due to injury, he played in just eight games during his senior season, but he helped lead Langston Hughes to a 13-2 record and an appearance in the 6A State Championship while being named the region's player of the year... Was an All-Region 4-6A selection at quarterback during his junior campaign after completing 76-of-155 passes for 1,232 yards and 14 touchdowns with just one interception, he also added 96 rushes for 794 yards and eight touchdowns... Also competed in track and field for the Panthers and was the state runner-up in the 400 meters, 4x100-meter relay, and 4x400-meter relay while finishing sixth in the 200 meters – he earned all-state honors in all four events.

PERSONAL: Xavier Lonza Smith is the son of Calvin and LaToya Smith... Birthday is Sept. 20... Has one sibling, Sydney... A health and human performance major with a sport and wellness specialist concentration.

PLAYER PROFILES



35

RILEY STEPHENS

KICKER/PUNTER
6-3 • 189 • Junior (RS)
New Smyrna Beach, Florida
Dr. Phillips HS
Central Florida



19

TRA STOVER

DEFENSIVE BACK
6-0 • 182 • Freshman (RS)
Decatur, Alabama
Austin HS

AWARDS & HONORS

Dean's List (S22)
Athletics Director's Honor Roll (F22, S23)

2022: Played in all 11 games as the kickoff specialist... Had a career-best six touchbacks on six kickoffs in the season opener against Western Kentucky (Aug. 27)... Totaled a career-high 631 kickoff yards and four touchbacks on 10 attempts against Presbyterian (Sept. 3)... Made his first tackle on one of five kickoffs against Alabama A&M (Sept. 17)... Had four touchbacks and 389 kickoff yards on six attempts against Eastern Kentucky (Sept. 24)... Posted three touchbacks and a solo tackle on four kickoffs against Central Arkansas (Oct. 1)... Added four more touchbacks and 547 kickoff yards on nine attempts against Murray State (Oct. 15)... Made a tackle and forced a fumble on one of six kickoff attempts against Kennesaw State (Nov. 12)... Finished the season with 34 touchbacks on 65 kickoffs, totaling 4,064 yards... Averaged 62.5 yards per kickoff.

2021: Appeared in all 11 games for the Governors as a kickoff specialist... Had the first of two five-touchback outings against Morehead State (Sept. 18) with five balls kicked through the endzone on 10 attempts... Had a perfect day against Tennessee State (Oct. 2) with five touchbacks on five boots... Tallyed 34 touchbacks on 69 kickoffs, totaling 4,148 yards (60.1 yards per kick).

PRIOR TO AUSTIN PEAY: A transfer kicker from Central Florida... Redshirted during his freshman season in Orlando, Florida.

HIGH SCHOOL: Prepped at Dr. Phillips High School for head coach Rodney Wells... A kicker and punter that helped Dr. Phillips win its 12th-straight district title in his senior season... Also helped the Panthers reach the Florida 8A regional semifinals in his senior season... Was a member of Dr. Phillips' 2017 Florida 8A State Champion team during his sophomore season.

PERSONAL: Riley Parker Stephens is the son of Sharon and Hinson Stephens... Birthday is Feb. 4... A finance major.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| KICKOFFS | | | | PUNTING | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| G | NO. | YDS | AVG | TB | OB | NO. | YDS | AVG | LG | TB | FC | I20 | 50+ |
| 2020* | DNP | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2021 | 11 | 69 | 4148 | 60.1 | 34 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2022 | 11 | 65 | 4064 | 62.5 | 34 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 22 | 134 | 8212 | 61.3 | 68 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| TACKLES | | | | PASS DEFENSE | | | | |
|--------------|-----------|----------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|
| G | TT (U-A) | TFL | QBS | FF-FR | INT-YD | TD | PBU | QBH |
| 2020* | DNP | 0 (0-0) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2021 | 11 | 0 (0-0) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2022 | 11 | 3 (2-1) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 22 | 3 (2-1) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

| | | |
|----------------|-----|---------------------------|
| Kickoffs | 10 | Presbyterian; 2022 |
| Kickoff yards | 631 | Presbyterian; 2022 |
| Touchbacks | 6 | at Western Kentucky; 2022 |
| Tackles | 1 | at Kennesaw State; 2022 |
| Forced fumbles | 1 | at Kennesaw State; 2022 |

PLAYER PROFILES



21
MARQUEZ
TAYLOR
RUNNING BACK
5-11 • 171 • Freshman
McKenzie, Tennessee
McKenzie HS

HIGH SCHOOL: An all-purpose back for head coach Wade Comer at McKenzie High School...Helped lead McKenzie High School to back-to-back Class A championship game appearances, winning the program's first title in 2022... Ran for 163 yards and a touchdown on 15 carries during the state championship game... Named to Tennessee Sports Writers Association's First Team Class A All-State Team... Named to 2022 TACA East-West All-Star Classic Team... Finished junior season with 1,676 yards and 33 touchdowns on 193 carries, added 411 yards and six touchdowns on 24 receptions, and also had a touchdown on defense... Ran for 85 yards and a touchdown in 2021 TSSAA Class A championship game... One of five finalists for 2021 Tennessee Titans Mr. Football Award in Division I Class 5A... Rated a three-star athlete by 247Sports.com and Rivals... Also competed in basketball and track and field... Holds McKenzie High School records in the 200-meter dash (22.96), 400-meter dash (52.05) both set during his sophomore season in 2021.

PERSONAL: Marquez Domante Taylor is the son of Sandi Roditis... Birthday is June 28... Has one sibling, Stafford Roditis... A health and human performance major with a concentration in K-12 education.



8
KAM
THOMAS
WIDE RECEIVER
5-7 • 174 • Sophomore (RS)
Birmingham, Alabama
Ramsay HS

AWARDS & HONORS

ASUN Special Teams Player of the Week: Oct. 3 (2022)

ASUN Freshman of the Week: Aug. 29, Oct. 17 (2022)

Dean's List (S22)

Athletics Director's Honor Roll (F21)

2022: Played in 10 games and was the Govs primary kick and punt return specialist... Returned a pair of punts for 28 yards in the season opener at Western Kentucky (Aug. 27)... Had two catches for 22 yards – his first collegiate receptions – to go along with four punt returns for 27 yards against Mississippi Valley State (Sept. 10)... Returned two kicks for 27 yards and two punts for 50 yards – with a 46-yard long – to post 77 combined return yards against Eastern Kentucky (Sept. 24)... Returned a punt 92 yards for a touchdown at Central Arkansas (Oct. 1), it was the first punt return for a touchdown by a Gov since Tee Howell in 2011 and topped a 71-yard return by Terrence Holt in 2009 as the longest in program history... The 92-yard punt return was tied for the longest in Division I football during the 2022 season... Also caught one pass for five yards against UCA... Returned a kick 94 yards for a touchdown in the Govs' next game against Murray State (Oct. 15), it was the first kick return for a touchdown by a Gov since Kyran Moore in 2017 and was the seventh-longest kick return touchdown in program history... Finished the Murray State contest with 112 combined return yards on two kick and three punt returns... Had a pair of 20-yard kick returns at North Alabama (Nov. 5)... Returned four kicks for 74 yards, with a 23-yard long, in the season finale at Alabama (Nov. 19)... Finished the season with 15 punt returns for 201 yards and a 13.4-yard average... His 201 punt return yards ranked ninth in the FCS and are the ninth-best single-season mark in program history while his 13.4-yard average ranked ninth in the FCS and was the second-best single-season mark in APSU history... Totaled 14 kick returns for 318 yards and

a 22.7-yard average... Ranked 27th in the FCS and second in the ASUN with 519 combined kick return yards... Was one of six Division I football players to return a kick and punt for a touchdown in 2022.

2021: Played in four games for the Governors as a return specialist... Returned three kicks for 71 yards, including a season-long return of 60 yards, in the season opener against Chattanooga (Sept. 2)... Returned four punts for 63 yards, including a season-long 41-yard return, against Morehead State (Sept. 18)... Returned a pair of kicks for 49 yards and caught four punts at Eastern Kentucky (Sept. 25)... Finished the season with five kick returns for 120 yards and 10 punt returns for 65 yards.

HIGH SCHOOL: Prepped as a wide receiver and cornerback for head coach Rueben Nelson at Ramsay High School, where he helped lead the Rams to a 5A Region 5 title in 2020... Played on the North All-Star team in the 62nd Alabama High School Athletic Association North-South All-Star Football game... An honorable mention at wide receiver for the 2020 Birmingham All-Region team... Also participated in both indoor and outdoor track and field for the Rams... Finished second in both the 100-meter (10.93s) and the 200-meter dash (22.08s) and third in the 400-meter dash (49.49s) at the 2021 AHSAA Class 5A State Outdoor Track & Field Championships... Also finished second in both the 60-meter (6.94s) and 400-meter (49.66) dashes while also a member of the Ramsay State Champion 4x400 relay team at the 2021 State Indoor Track & Field Championships.

PERSONAL: Kameron Jahmon Thomas is the son of Stephanie Williams and Starling Thomas IV... Birthday is July 3... Has three siblings: Starling V, Kayln, and Christian... Brother, Starling, is a cornerback at UAB... A finance major.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| G | CAR | RUSHING | | | | RECEIVING | | | |
|--------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| | | YDS | TD | LG | YPG | REC | YDS | TD | LG |
| 2021 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2022 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 4 | 30 | 0 | 12 |
| TOTAL | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 4 | 30 | 0 | 12 |

PUNT RETURN

KICK RETURN

| G | PR | YDS | TD | LG | YPR | KR | YDS | TD | LG | YPR | |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| 2021 | 4 | 10 | 65 | 0 | 41 | 6.5 | 5 | 120 | 0 | 60 | 24.0 |
| 2022 | 10 | 15 | 201 | 1 | 92 | 13.4 | 14 | 318 | 1 | 94 | 22.7 |
| TOTAL | 14 | 25 | 266 | 1 | 92 | 10.6 | 19 | 438 | 1 | 94 | 23.1 |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

| | | |
|-------------------|-----|--------------------------------|
| Receptions | 2 | Mississippi Valley State; 2022 |
| Receiving yards | 22 | Mississippi Valley State; 2022 |
| Kick returns | 4 | at Alabama; 2022 |
| Kick return yards | 110 | Murray State; 2022 |
| Punt returns | 4 | Mississippi Valley State; 2022 |
| Punt return yards | 92 | at Central Arkansas; 2022 |

PLAYER PROFILES



5

RASHAUD THOMAS JR.

LINEBACKER

6-0 • 215 • Junior (RS)

Washington, D.C.

Quince Orchard HS

Fork Union Military Academy | Marshall

AWARDS & HONORS

Athletics Director's Honor Roll (F22, S23)

2022: Played in seven games... Recorded two tackles and a pass breakup in his Austin Peay debut against Presbyterian (Sept. 3)... Added another tackle against Mississippi Valley State (Sept. 10)... Broke up a pass against Murray State (Oct. 15)... Finished the season with three tackles and two pass breakups.

PRIOR TO AUSTIN PEAY: Transferred from Marshall where he did not make an appearance for the Thundering Herd... Attended Fork Union Military Academy after high school and played on the postgraduate football team in 2019... Originally signed with Duquesne after his time in Fork Union, Virginia, but transferred to Marshall before ever playing for the Dukes.

HIGH SCHOOL: Attended Quince Orchard High School in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

PERSONAL: Rashaud Thomas Jr. is the son of Tiffany Jewell... Birthday is Sept. 16... Has two siblings: Jordan and Shamari Thomas... A sociology major.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| G | TT (U-A) | TACKLES | | | PASS DEFENSE | | | |
|------|----------|---------|-----|-------|--------------|-----|-----|-----|
| | | TFL | QBS | FF-FR | INT-YD | TD | PBU | QBH |
| 2022 | 7 | 3 (2-1) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 |



36

GRIFFIN THRONEBERRY

LINEBACKER

6-1 • 199 • Freshman

Mt. Juliet, Tennessee

Mt. Juliet HS

HIGH SCHOOL: A quarterback for head coach Trey Perry at Mt. Juliet High School... Missed the 2022 season after suffering an injury in the season's first game... Made appearances at wide receiver for the Golden Bears after starting at quarterback as a freshman... Also played basketball for the Golden Bears.

PERSONAL: Griffin Scott Thorneberry is the son of Jeff and Tiffany Thorneberry... Birthday is Sept. 8... Has two siblings, Sydney and Savannah... A marketing major.



69

MICHAEL TREADWELL

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

6-0 • 267 • Junior (RS)

Knoxville, Tennessee

Powell HS

AWARDS & HONORS

Dean's List (F20, S22, F22, S23)

Athletics Director's Honor Roll (S21, F21)

2022: Played in nine games off the bench on the offensive line... Helped the Governors offense rack up 609 yards of total offense – the ninth-best single-game mark in program history – and score 63 points – the sixth-best single-game total in APSU history – against Presbyterian (Sept. 3)... Helped the Govs throw for 383 yards and five touchdowns against Mississippi Valley State (Sept. 10) – the fourth and second-best single-game totals in program history... Blocked for an offense that recorded 4,658 yards of total offense and scored 347 points during the 2022 season – the second and third-best season totals in Austin Peay history... Helped the offense pass for 2,580 yards – the fourth-best single-season in APSU history – and rush for 2,082 yards, it was the first time in program history the Govs have passed and rushed for 2,000-plus yards in the same season.

2021: Played in four games... Saw first collegiate action against Morehead State (Sept. 18) before making three appearances on the offensive line during the OVC season, including in back-to-back games against Tennessee State (Nov. 13) and Tennessee Tech (Nov. 20).

2020-2021: Did not see action during the 2020-2021 season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played Offensive Lineman for head coach Matt Lowe at Powell High School... Named to Tennessee Sports Writers Association's Class 5A All-State Teams as a junior and senior... Also was an All-Region 3-5A selection in 2018 and 2019.

PERSONAL: Michael Andrew Treadwell is the son of Jennifer and Todd Treadwell... Birthday is April 8... Has two sisters: Rachel and Lori... A special education major.

PLAYER PROFILES



91
MADDUX
TRUJILLO
KICKER
6-1 • 161 • Junior
Flowery Branch, Georgia
Flowery Branch HS

AWARDS & HONORS

2023 Fred Mitchell Award Watch List
 2022 All-ASUN Conference
 2021 Second Team All-OVC
 2021 OVC All-Newcomer Team
 ASUN Special Teams Player of the Week: Aug. 29 (2022)
 OVC Specialist of the Week: Nov. 14 (2021)
 2022 CSC Academic All-District
 OVC Academic Medal of Honor (2021-22)
 OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll (2021-22)
 Dean's List (F21, S22, F22, S23)

2022: An All-ASUN Conference selection, he played in all 11 games as the Govs placekicker... Went 2-of-2 with a 41-yard and 49-yard field goal in the season opener against Western Kentucky (Aug. 27)... Was a perfect 9-of-9 on PATs against Presbyterian (Sept. 3) – marking the second-most PATs made and attempted in a single game in program history... Made both field goal attempts against Mississippi Valley State (Sept. 10), connecting from 36 and 30 yards while also going 5-for-5 on PATs – his 11 points scored are tied for the eighth-best single-game total by a kicker in program history... Connected from 45 and 23 yards on a 2-for-3 day against Central Arkansas (Oct. 1)... Drilled a program-record-tying 55-yard field goal as time expired in the first half against Jacksonville State (Oct. 29)... The 55-yard field goal was the sixth-longest in the FCS during the 2022 season, the longest made field goal in ASUN Conference history, and tied Brian Yarbrough's APSU record, which was set in 1983 against Western Kentucky... Knocked down a 36-yard field goal and went 5-for-5 on PATs against Kennesaw State (Nov. 12)... Finished the season 44-of-45 on PATs – the second-most PATs made and attempted in a single season in program history... His 97.8 percentage on PATs is the sixth-best single-season mark in APSU history... Went 11-of-20 on field goal attempts during the 2022 season; his 11 made field goals are tied for the fifth-best season in APSU history and his 20 attempts are tied for the third most in a season... Finished the season with 77 points scored, which is the 10th-best single-season total in program history... After just two seasons, he ranks fourth in program history in field goals made (25), seventh in field goals attempted (38), first in field-goal percentage (.658), fourth in PATs made (80), fourth in PATs attempted (83), and second in PAT percentage (.964).

2021: A Second Team All-OVC and All-Newcomer team selection for the Governors in his freshman campaign, Trujillo saw action in 10 of the Governors 11 games during the 2021 season... Began his collegiate career with back-to-back perfect outings, nailing his first-career field goal from 26 yards out and going a perfect 3-for-3 on PATs at Chattanooga (Sept. 2)... Made a 30-yard field goal at Ole Miss (Sept. 11) and went 2-for-2 on PATs... Had a season-best 45-yard field goal against Morehead State (Sept. 18) and connected on all six PAT attempts... Made three field goals against Tennessee State (Oct. 2) before matching the season-high mark in the rematch against the Tigers at Nissan Stadium (Nov. 13), where he also connected on a 44-yard attempt... Holds the program record with a made field goal in eight-consecutive games where he attempted a kick... Tied the Austin Peay record with 14 made field goals (Tom McMillian, 1987)... Broke the APSU record for field-goal percentage with a 77.8 percent mark... Finished with the second-best scoring mark by a kicker in program history with 78 points.

HIGH SCHOOL: A kicker and kickoff specialist under Ben Hall at Flowery Branch High School... Went 6-of-8 on field goals and 48-of-50 on extra points as a senior... Had 32 touchbacks on kickoffs... Also participated in golf for the Falcons.

PERSONAL: Maddux Chase Trujillo is the son of Cassie Barrett and Dr. Manny Trujillo Jr.... Birthday is April 12... Has four siblings: Brady, Mackensi, Jax, and Knox... Father, Manny, played soccer at Gardner-Webb (2000-03)... A finance major.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| G | M-A | FGM-A | PCT | 1-19 | FIELD GOALS | | | | | | |
|--------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| | | | | | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50-99 | LG | BLK | |
| 2021 | 10 | 36-38 | 14-18 | 77.8 | 0-0 | 6-6 | 4-6 | 4-6 | 0-0 | 45 | 1 |
| 2022 | 11 | 44-45 | 11-20 | 55.0 | 0-0 | 3-5 | 4-6 | 3-8 | 1-1 | 55 | 2 |
| TOTAL | 21 | 80-83 | 25-38 | 65.8 | 0-0 | 9-11 | 8-12 | 7-14 | 1-1 | 55 | 3 |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

| | | |
|---------------------|----|--------------------------|
| Points | 12 | Tennessee Tech; 2021 |
| Field Goal Attempts | 4 | at Tennessee State; 2021 |
| Field Goals Made | 3 | at Tennessee State; 2021 |
| PATs | 9 | Presbyterian; 2022 |
| PATs Made | 9 | Presbyterian; 2022 |



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JAHEIM
WARD
DEFENSIVE BACK
6-2 • 183 • Sophomore (RS)
Moultrie, Georgia
Colquitt County HS

AWARDS & HONORS

Athletics Director's Honor Roll (F21, S22, F22)

2022: Played in all 11 games and made a pair of starts... Made his first collegiate start in the season opener at Western Kentucky (Aug. 27), notching a pair of tackles and a quarterback hurry in the contest... Picked up three tackles against Mississippi Valley State (Sept. 10)... Started at safety and made three tackles against Eastern Kentucky (Sept. 24)... Posted a career-best four tackles against Murray State (Oct. 15)... Made a pair of tackles in the season finale at Alabama (Nov. 19)... Finished the season with 16 tackles.

2021: Appeared in five games during his freshman campaign... Assisted on a tackle in collegiate debut at Ole Miss (Sept. 11)... Finished the season with three tackles.

HIGH SCHOOL: A defensive back from Colquitt County High School, played for coach Justin Rogers... Was named to the Georgia High School Association 1-7A All-Region team... Had a 70-yard interception return for a touchdown to help Colquitt County beat nationally-ranked Lowndes, 40-10, and earn the 2020 Region 1-7A championship... Competed in the 200 meters, 4x400 relay, and the high jump in track & field... A two-star recruit according to Rivals.com.

PERSONAL: Jaheim Nytavia Ward is the son of Brandy Roberts... Birthday is Nov. 30... Has two siblings: Jay and Johnny... Brother, Jay, played defensive back at LSU before being drafted by the Minnesota Vikings in the fourth round of the 2023 NFL Draft and brother, Johnny, was a defensive back at South Florida... A health and human performance major with a sport and wellness specialist concentration.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| G | TT (U-A) | TFL | QBS | FF-FR | TACKLES | | | | PASS DEFENSE | |
|--------------|-----------|------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|--------------|----------|
| | | | | | INT-YD | TD | PBU | QBH | | |
| 2021 | 5 | 3 (1-2) | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2022 | 11 | 16 (5-11) | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 16 | 19 (6-13) | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

| | | |
|---------|---|--------------------|
| Tackles | 4 | Murray State; 2022 |
|---------|---|--------------------|

PLAYER PROFILES



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**TY
WATKINS****QUARTERBACK**
6-2 • 233 • Freshman
Cumming, Georgia
South Forsyth HS

11

**BRODIE
WILLIAMS****DEFENSIVE BACK**
5-9 • 175 • Sophomore (RS)
Jonesboro, Arkansas
Jonesboro HS

HIGH SCHOOL: A quarterback for head coach Troy Morris at South Forsyth High School... Back-to-back Region 6-7A Offensive Player of the Year as a junior and senior... Threw for 4,109 yards in his prep career and owns the South Forsyth career passing record... Finished senior season with 1,943 passing yards and 25 total touchdowns... Threw for 1,951 yards and 18 touchdowns in his junior campaign, adding 151 yards and six touchdowns on the ground.

PERSONAL: Tyler Anthony Watkins is the son of Tony and Cindy Watkins... Birthday is May 2... Has one sibling, Will... Father, Tony, played football and lacrosse at SUNY Brockport... Mother, Cindy, also played lacrosse at Brockport... A marketing major.



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**HARRISON
WILKES****OFFENSIVE LINEMAN**
6-3 • 264 • Junior
Germantown, Tennessee
Houston HS**AWARDS & HONORS**

2022 CSC Academic All-District
Dean's List (F21, S22)

2022: Started all 11 games at left guard... Helped the Governors offense rack up 609 yards of total offense – the ninth-best single-game mark in program history – and score 63 points – the sixth-best single-game total in APSU history – against Presbyterian (Sept. 3)... Helped the Govs throw for 383 yards and five touchdowns against Mississippi Valley State (Sept. 10) – the fourth and second-best single-game totals in program history... Blocked for an offense that recorded 4,658 yards of total offense and scored 347 points during the 2022 season – the second and third-best season totals in Austin Peay history... Also helped the Govs average 423.5 yards of total offense per game – the best single-season mark in program history... The Govs posted the sixth-most rushing touchdowns (20) and fourth-most passing touchdowns (22) in a season in program history... Helped the offense pass for 2,580 yards – the fourth-best single-season in APSU history – and rush for 2,082 yards, it was the first time in program history the Govs have passed and rushed for 2,000-plus yards in the same season.

2021: An offensive lineman by trade, he made 11 appearances for the Govs with the majority of his action coming as an extra blocker at the tight end position... made back-to-back starts at tight end against Southeast Missouri (Oct. 9) and Murray State (Oct. 23).

HIGH SCHOOL: Played on both the offensive line and defensive line at Houston High School for head coach James Thomas, helping Mustangs reach Tennessee Class 6A state semifinals in 2019 and claim back-to-back Region 7 championships (2018-19)... A First Team All-Region 7-6A selection as both an offensive and defensive lineman in 2020... Ranked as #17 offensive lineman in Tennessee by GridironScouting.com.

PERSONAL: Harrison Charles Wilkes is the son of Thaddaeus and Mindy Wilkes... Birthday is Dec. 29... Has a sibling, Riley... A marketing major.

AWARDS & HONORS

2023 Arthur Ashe Jr. Sport Scholar (Second Team)
Dean's List (F21, S22, F22)
Athletics Director's Honor Roll (S23)

2022: Played in all 11 games for the Govs... Notched a tackle in each of the first two games of the season against Western Kentucky (Aug. 27) and Presbyterian (Sept. 3)... Posted his first of three multi-tackle performances with a pair of stops against Mississippi Valley State (Sept. 10)... Had a pair of tackles and a half tackle for loss – his first career TFL – against Murray State (Oct. 15)... Made two more tackles against Alabama (Nov. 19) in the season finale... Finished the year with 10 total tackles... Led the Govs with five special teams tackles, including a team-best four stops on kickoffs.

2021: Appeared in four games during his freshman campaign... Made first collegiate appearance in two-tackle performance against Morehead State (Sept 18)... Had a solo stop and first-career pass breakup against Eastern Illinois (Nov. 6)... Finished the season with six tackles.

HIGH SCHOOL: Prepped as a defensive back and kick returner for coach Randy Coleman at Jonesboro High School... Was named a Northeast Arkansas All-Star and an All-Conference selection in 2020... Also played and competed in track & field and basketball... A three-star recruit according to 247sports.com.

PERSONAL: Brodie Jacob Williams is the son of Zuela and Braxton Williams... Birthday is July 1... Has six siblings: Braxton, Buelon (Tre), Blayton, Brandy, Brayden, Bianaca... Father, Braxton, played football at Arkansas Tech... Brother, Tre, played linebacker for the Governors from 2021-22 and brother, Blayton, is a member of the Mississippi College men's basketball team... A management major.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| TACKLES | | | | | | PASS DEFENSE | | | |
|--------------|-----------|------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| G | TT (U-A) | TFL | QBS | FF-FR | INT-YD | TD | PBU | QBH | |
| 2021 | 4 | 5 (1-4) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 2022 | 11 | 10 (6-4) | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 15 | 16 (6-10) | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

CAREER BESTS

(most recent only, 4-year only when available)

| | |
|------------------|------------------------|
| Tackles | 2 |
| at Alabama; 2022 | |
| Tackles for loss | 0.5 |
| | Murray State; 2022 |
| Pass breakups | 1 |
| | Eastern Illinois; 2021 |

PLAYER PROFILES



25
KADEN
WILLIAMS

RUNNING BACK
5-7 • 179 • Freshman
Thibodaux, Louisiana
St. James HS



53
CHRISTIAN
WINGFIELD

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN
6-6 • 331 • Sophomore (RS)
Riverdale, Georgia
Hapeville Charter Academy

HIGH SCHOOL: An all-purpose back for head coach LaVanta Davis at St. James High School... Helped St. James reach Division III Non-Select state semifinals as a senior... Finished prep career with 4,056 all-purpose yards, including 2,180 rushing yards, 1,033 receiving yards, and 843 kick return yards... Also accounted for 48 touchdowns in four seasons at St. James, including 34 touchdowns as a senior... Ran for 1,759 yards and 32 touchdowns over 12 games during his senior season, including 10 100-yard performances... Named a finalist for WAFB Warrick Dunn Award, presented to the top player in Louisiana... A Louisiana Sports Writers Class 3A All-State selection... District 8-3A Offensive Most Valuable Player... Rated a three-star recruit by 247Sports.com.

PERSONAL: Kaden Malik Williams is the son of Sylvester and Magan Williams... Birthday is Jan. 5... Has two siblings, Collin and Kennadi... Cousin, Tramon Williams, played defensive back at Louisiana Tech before spending part of 15 seasons in the NFL... A professional communication major with a concentration in public relations.



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TY
WILLIAMS

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN
6-3 • 285 • Freshman
Greeneville, Tennessee
Greeneville HS

HIGH SCHOOL: An offensive and defensive lineman for coaches Caine Ballard and Eddie Spradlen at Greeneville High School... Was named the 2022 Region 1-AAAA Offensive Lineman of the Year after anchoring an offensive line that helped the Green Devils average 378 yards – 197 rushing and 181 passing – and 40 points per game... Participated for the East Team in the 2022 Tennessee Athletic Coaches Association East-West All-Star Classic – played at Fortera Stadium... Also played basketball for coach Brad Woolsey and helped the Green Devils win the TSSAA Class AA State Championship in 2021 and the Class AAA State Championship in 2022.

PERSONAL: Ty Allan Williams is the son of Rick and Denise Williams... Birthday is Oct. 4... Has two siblings, Kennedy and Jett... A finance major.

AWARDS & HONORS

Athletics Director's Honor Roll (F21, S22)

2022: Played in six games off the bench on the offensive line... Helped the Governors offense rack up 609 yards of total offense – the ninth-best single-game mark in program history – and score 63 points – the sixth-best single-game total in APSU history – against Presbyterian (Sept. 3)... Helped the Govs pass for 2,580 yards – the fourth-best single-season in APSU history – and rush for 2,082 yards, it was the first time in program history the Govs have passed and rushed for 2,000-plus yards in the same season.

2021: Played in two games during freshman campaign... Made collegiate debut at Murray State (Oct. 23).

HIGH SCHOOL: An offensive lineman and defensive tackle for Winston Gordon at Hapeville Charter Career Academy... Was named to the 2019-20 Georgia 6-AA All-Region first-team offense by the league's coaches... A Georgia Athletic Coaches Association Class AA Regions 5-8 North offensive team selection... Also played forward for the Hornets on the basketball court... A three-star recruit according to 247sports.com.

PERSONAL: Christian Thomas Wingfield is the son of Zelda Glaze... Birthday is May 16... Has four siblings: Zio, Brittany, Latosha, and Tamecia... A leadership science major with a concentration in leading people.

PLAYER PROFILES



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ISAIAH WRIGHT

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN
6-3 • 307 • Graduate
Columbia, South Carolina
Dutch Fork HS
Tulsa | Dodge City CC (Kan.)

2022: Started all 11 games at left tackle... Helped the Governors offense rack up 609 yards of total offense – the ninth-best single-game mark in program history – and score 63 points – the sixth-best single-game total in APSU history – against Presbyterian (Sept. 3)... Helped the Govs throw for 383 yards and five touchdowns against Mississippi Valley State (Sept. 10) – the fourth and second-best single-game totals in program history... Blocked for an offense that recorded 4,658 yards of total offense and scored 347 points during the 2022 season – the second and third-best season totals in Austin Peay history... Also helped the Govs average 423.5 yards of total offense per game – the best single-season mark in program history... The Govs posted the sixth-most rushing touchdowns (20) and fourth-most passing touchdowns (22) in a season in program history... Helped the offense pass for 2,580 yards – the fourth-best single-season in APSU history – and rush for 2,082 yards, it was the first time in program history the Govs have passed and rushed for 2,000-plus yards in the same season.

PRIOR TO AUSTIN PEAY: Played the 2021 season at Dodge City Community College, seeing action in six games for the Conquistadors... A two-time Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference honorable mention selection... Began collegiate career at Tulsa where he was a walk-on offensive lineman in 2020, but did not play.

HIGH SCHOOL: Was a three-year letterwinner as an offensive guard at Dutch Fork High School for head coach Tom Knotts... A member of three state championships teams, which compiled a 42-1 record... A first-team All-Midlands selection as a senior.

PERSONAL: Isaiah Leon Wright is the son of Terry and Carmen Wright... Birthday is May 25... Has a sister, Jada... Father, Terry, and mother, Carmen, both played basketball at South Carolina Aiken... Graduated from Austin Peay in August 2023 with a bachelor's in general studies... Pursuing a master's in healthcare administration.



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JAU'VON YOUNG

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN
6-2 • 281 • Graduate
Nashville, Tennessee
Republic HS
AWARDS & HONORS

Dean's List (S20, F20, S22, F22)

Athletics Director's Honor Roll (S21, S23)

OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll (2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22)

2022: Played in all 11 games and started the final 10 contests on the defensive line... Had four tackles in back-to-back games against Presbyterian (Sept. 3) and Mississippi Valley State (Sept. 10) with 1.0 tackle for loss against the Blue Hose and 1.5 tackles for loss against the Delta Devils... Added three tackles with a pair of tackles for loss against Murray State (Oct. 15)... Posted four tackles, a half tackle for loss, and a pass breakup against Jacksonville State (Oct. 29)... Recorded career-highs with six tackles – all solo stops – and three tackles for loss at Kennesaw State (Nov. 12)... Finished the season with 30 tackles, which ranked 10th on the team and third among APSU defensive linemen... Ranked second on the team and seventh in the ASUN with 8.5 tackles for loss.

2021: Played in all 11 games, starting in eight, including the final six... Recorded a career-high six tackles and one tackle for loss against Tennessee State (Oct. 2)... Had a season-best three solo tackles in a four-tackle outing at Murray State (Oct. 23)... Assisted on a sack against Eastern Illinois (Nov. 6)... Tied for second-most tackles by a defensive lineman with 27.

2020-2021: Played in six games and made one start at defensive end during the 2020-2021 season... Assisted on a tackle against Pittsburgh (Sept. 12) and Cincinnati (Sept. 19)... Made a season-high three tackles in the home opener against Tennessee State (Feb. 28)... Finished the season with seven tackles.

2019: In 14 games, earned 14 stops as a freshman... Shared a pair of tackles at Mercer... Had a quarterback hurry and a pass breakup at ETSU... Shared two tackles against Southeast Missouri... Season-best four total tackles and a quarterback hurry at Tennessee Tech... Tackle for loss at Eastern Kentucky... Solo stop at Murray State... Shared tackles for loss against Eastern Illinois and in the FCS Playoff opener against Furman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Accumulated 154 total tackles, including 22.0 for loss, during his junior and senior campaigns at Republic High School... As a senior, registered 85 total stops with 14.0 for loss and 3.0 sacks, along with a blocked kick and an interception returned 35 yards... As a junior, totaled 69 tackles, including 8.0 for loss, in addition to a forced fumble and a pass deflection... Also played basketball.

PERSONAL: Jau'Von O'Neal Young is the son of Mary Young... Birthday is May 16... Has six siblings: Cynthia, Rosey, Daunte, Gary, Yazmyn, and Gavin... Graduated from Austin Peay in December 2022 with a bachelor's in health and human performance... Pursuing a master's in management.

CAREER STATISTICS

(#-previous JUCO stats | *-previous 4-year stats)

| G | TT (U-A) | TACKLES | | | PASS DEFENSE | | |
|--------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| | | TFL | QBS | FF-FR | INT-YD | TD | PBU |
| 2019 | 14 | 14 (5-9) | 2.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 2 |
| 2020 | 6 | 7 (3-4) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 0 |
| 2021 | 11 | 27 (8-19) | 3.0 | 0.5 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 4 |
| 2022 | 11 | 30 (15-15) | 8.5 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 0 |
| TOTAL | 42 | 78 (31-47) | 13.5 | 0.5 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 3 6 |

CAREER BESTS

| | | |
|------------------|-----|--------------------------|
| Tackles | 6 | at Kennesaw State; 2022 |
| Tackles for loss | 3.0 | at Kennesaw State; 2022 |
| Sacks | 0.5 | Eastern Illinois; 2021 |
| Pass breakups | 1 | Jacksonville State; 2022 |



GOVERNORS

2023 COACHING & SUPPORT STAFF

HEAD COACH

SCOTTY WALDEN

Head Coach • Fourth Season at Austin Peay**Career Record: 25-17 (4 seasons)****Alma Mater: Sul Ross State, 2012**

Innovative and energetic are two words Austin Peay State University Vice President and Director of Athletics Gerald Harrison used to describe his hiring of Scotty Walden as the University's 21st head football coach in November 2020.

In his third season at Austin Peay, Walden led the Governors to the 2022 ASUN Conference Football Championship. He then agreed in February 2023 to a contract extension through the 2025 season.

Walden, who at age 30 when he was hired was the youngest head coach at the Division I level, has led the Governors to 17 wins in his first three seasons – in just over two calendar years. He already is tied for the seventh most wins in program history and is three victories away from becoming the fifth head coach to win 20 games at Austin Peay.

In five of six semesters since Walden arrived, the Austin Peay football team has posted a 3.00 team grade-point average, including a program record 3.28 GPA during the spring 2022 semester. The Governors also claimed the 2020-21 and 2021-22 OVC Team Academic Achievement Awards, which were presented annually in each of the 17 conference-sponsored sports to the member institution's team with the greatest percentage of its eligible student-athletes who achieved a 3.25 GPA or higher.

Walden has had 28 players earn all-conference honors and four earn all-newcomer recognition at Austin Peay. During the 2020-21 season, DeAngelo Wilson became the third player in program history to be named the OVC Offensive Player of the Year and Draylen Ellis became the second Governor named OVC Freshman of the Year. The following year, Koby Perry was named the 2021 OVC Defensive Player of the Year, making him the third Gov to receive that award and the first since 1978.

Walden also has coached four Consensus All-America selections – Kordell Jackson (2020), Wilson (2020), Johnathon Edwards (2021), and Perry (2021) – during his time in Clarksville. Bucky Williams also was an American Football Coaches Association Second Team All-American and a HERO Sports Sophomore All-American in 2020; while Ellis and Terrell Allen received Sophomore All-America honors in 2021. Finally, Drae McCray picked up HERO Sports All-America honors in 2021. Prior to joining Austin Peay, Walden served as head coach at Southern Miss to start the 2020 season. He was named the Golden Eagles' head coach after the

**COACHING EXPERIENCE**

2020-present: Austin Peay (Head Coach)
 2020: Southern Miss (Interim Head Coach)
 2019-20: Southern Miss (co-Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers)
 2018: Southern Miss (Wide Receivers)
 2017: Southern Miss (Wide Receivers/Tight Ends)
 2016: East Texas Baptist (Head Coach)
 2013-15: East Texas Baptist (Offensive Coordinator)
 2012: Sul Ross State (Offensive Coordinator)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2011: Sul Ross State (Quarterback)
 2009-10: Hardin-Simmons (Quarterback/Defensive Back)
 2008: Dordt College (Quarterback)

EDUCATION

Sul Ross State, 2012 (M.Ed., Educational Leadership)
 Sul Ross State, 2012 (B.A. History)

FAMILY

Spouse: Callie
 Son: Luca



AUSTIN PEAY FOOTBALL

HEAD COACH

opening game of the 2020 campaign after three seasons on the USM staff, including one season as co-offensive coordinator.

Considered one of the youngest and brightest offensive minds in collegiate football, the American Football Coaches Association tabbed Walden as a Top 35 coach under 35 years of age in 2019.

Prior to his move to Southern Miss, Walden was the head coach at East Texas Baptist during the 2016 season. Promoted following Joshua Eargle's departure to join Austin Peay's coaching staff as offensive line coach and run game coordinator, he was the youngest head coach (26 years old) at any NCAA school that season. He led the Tigers to a 7-3 mark in his lone season at the ETBU helm, and they led all Division III teams in scoring offense (49.9 points per game) while finishing second in total offense (564.3 yards per game) and sixth in passing offense

(365.3 yards per game).

In his three years as offensive coordinator at ETBU, Walden's offense re-wrote the program's record book for individual, single-game, and season records while being nationally known for passing and scoring. In his time as an assistant, ETBU football student-athletes broke a combined 26 individual and team records.

A highly regarded offensive innovator, Walden has shared his philosophies on the national level with his peers. In the summer of 2015, he was a special speaker at the Spread Offense Football Clinic in Chicago. His first national speaking engagement came when he was a special speaker at the 2012 Nike Coach of the Year Clinic in Dallas.

WALDEN'S CAREER SUMMARY

AUSTIN PEAY (2020-CURRENT)

2022: Coaching his third season at Austin Peay in just over two calendar years, he led the Governors to their third conference title in program history with a 7-4 overall record and a 3-2 mark in the ASUN Conference. The Governors were the top defense in the ASUN, ranking fourth in the FCS in third-down conversion defense (.308), 12th in total defense (317.2 ypg), 19th in passing defense (188.7 pypg), and 32nd in scoring defense (22.2 ppg) – they led the conference in all four categories. The Govs also ranked second in the ASUN and 20th in the FCS in rushing defense, holding opponents to just 128.5 yards on the ground per game. The Austin Peay defense was one of just two in the FCS that posted multiple shutouts during the 2022 seasons. On offense, APSU averaged 202.3 rushing yards and 243.3 passing yards per game, marking the first time in program history that the Govs averaged 200-plus rushing and passing yards per game in the same season. Quarterback Mike DiLiello became just the fourth Gov to throw 20 touchdowns and the seventh to pass for 2,000 yards in a season when he threw for 21 touchdowns and 2,447 yards, which were the fourth and fifth-best marks in program history, respectively. Wide receiver Drae McCray also became just the fourth 1,000-yard receiver in program history when he hauled in 76 catches for 1,021 yards and nine touchdowns. McCray's 76 catches are the third-best season in APSU history and his nine scoring grabs are tied for the sixth-best single-season total in program history.

2021: Became only the third head coach in program history to record double-digit wins in their first 18 games. His 10 wins trailed only College Football Hall of Fame coach Boots Donnelly (12 wins, 1977-78) and Watson Brown (11). The Govs tied a program record with seven First Team All-OVC selections and the team's 14 All-OVC picks set a record with six underclassmen recognized. In addition, defensive backs Johnathan Edwards and Koby Perry became the first Austin

Peay teammates to be named Consensus All-Americans in the same season. Perry also was named OVC Defensive Player of the Year, the first APSU athlete to earn that honor since 1978.

2020: Named Austin Peay head coach on Nov. 2, 2020, and led the Governors during a six-game Ohio Valley Conference schedule that was played in Spring 2021. Led APSU to a 4-2 record in his first league campaign and had nine players earn All-OVC honors. In his first season, wide receiver DeAngelo Wilson and quarterback Draylen Ellis were the league's offensive and newcomer of the year, respectively.

SOUTHERN MISS (2017-20)

2020: Named head coach prior to Week 2 contest after Jay Hopson announced his resignation. USM won his debut, defeating North Texas, and he was head coach for four games before taking over at Austin Peay.

2019: Elevated to co-offensive coordinator prior to the season while continuing role as wide receivers coach. Wide receiver Quez Watkins was a First Team All-Conference USA selection after leading all conference receivers with 64 receptions and 1,178 receiving yards (17th in FBS), while his 107.1 receiving yards per game ranked sixth among FBS receivers. Watkins was selected in the sixth round of the 2020 NFL Draft by the Philadelphia Eagles. Southern Miss was selected to play in the 2019 Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl.

2018: Continued duties as wide receivers coach. Wide receiver Quez Watkins earned his first First Team All-CUSA honors after leading USM with 72 catches for 889 yards while his 6.5 receptions per game led all C-USA receivers.

2017: Hired by Southern Miss as wide receivers and tight ends coach. Coached wide receiver Allenzae Staggers to 44 receptions and 471 yards during his rookie season. Southern Miss played in the Walk-On's Independence Bowl.

WALDEN YEAR-BY-YEAR

| CAREER RECORD | | 25-17 | .595 | AT AUSTIN PEAY | 17-11 | .607 | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|---|
| CONFERENCE RECORD (at APSU) | | 11-6 | .647 | ASUN RECORD | 3-2 | .600 | |
| Year | School | Overall | | Conference | | | Notes/Postseason/Awards |
| | | Record | Pct. | Record | Pct. | Finish | |
| 2012 | Sul Ross State (OC) | 5-5 | .500 | 4-3 | .571 | 4th | |
| 2013 | East Texas Baptist (OC) | 3-7 | .300 | 1-5 | .167 | t-6th | |
| 2014 | East Texas Baptist (OC) | 4-6 | .400 | 1-4 | .200 | t-4th | |
| 2015 | East Texas Baptist (OC) | 7-3 | .700 | 4-1 | .800 | t-1st | American Southwest Conference Champions |
| 2016 | East Texas Baptist | 7-3 | .700 | 3-3 | .500 | 4th | |
| 2017 | Southern Miss (WR/TE) | 8-5 | .615 | 6-2 | .750 | 2nd-W | Independence Bowl participant |
| 2018 | Southern Miss (WR) | 6-5 | .545 | 5-3 | .625 | 2nd-W | |
| 2019 | Southern Miss (OC/WR) | 7-6 | .538 | 5-3 | .625 | 3rd-W | Armed Forces Bowl participant |
| 2020 | Southern Miss (OC/WR) | 0-1 | .000 | 0-0 | — | — | |
| | Southern Miss | 1-3 | .250 | 1-1 | .500 | — | Assumed USM head coaching duties prior to Sept. 19 game |
| | Austin Peay | 4-2 | .667 | 4-2 | .667 | 3rd | Named APSU head coach Nov. 2, 2020/APSU played spring OVC slate |
| 2021 | Austin Peay | 6-5 | .545 | 4-2 | .667 | t-2nd | |
| 2022 | Austin Peay | 7-4 | .636 | 3-2 | .600 | | Inaugural ASUN Conference Football Champions |
| 2023 | Austin Peay | | | | | | Inaugural season in United Athletic Conference |

NOTE: Years and W-L Records as Head Coach in bold; Years as Assistant Coach in italics, assistant coach position in parentheses

AUSTIN PEAY FOOTBALL

HEAD COACH

EAST TEXAS BAPTIST (2013-16)

2016: Named head coach at ETBU following Joshua Eargle's departure to join Austin Peay's coaching staff under Will Healy. Was the youngest head coach (26 years old) at an NCAA football program that season. In his lone year at the ETBU helm, the Tigers led all NCAA teams in scoring offense (49.9 points per game) while finishing second in total offense (564.3 yards per game) and sixth in passing offense (365.3 yards per game). Wide receiver Chase Sojka finished the season with 83 receptions for 1,074 yards and Richard Johnson added 911 yards on 52 receptions.

2015: Member of staff that led Tigers' to a share of the 2015 American Southwest Conference championship, the program's first title since 2003. His offense produced four All-ASC first-team selections that season, two of whom also received D3football.com All-Region awards, and two were USA Football Network All-American team picks. Wide receiver Tyler Bates recorded 1,251 yards on 74 receptions that season as quarterback Josh Warbington passed for 2,180 yards and finished 28th among Division III passers with a 157.5 pass efficiency rating.

2014: Coached Warbington to 2014 Gagliardi Trophy semifinalist honors after he passed for a program-record 3,580 yards, and his Division III-leading 358.0 passing yards per game. The Tigers offense also produced two 1,000-yard receivers as Stephen Alfred finished the season with 1,210 yards on 84 receptions while Tyler Bates posted 1,156 yards on 59 receptions. ETBU led all Division III teams in total passing offense (368.1 ypg) while finishing second in total offense (566.1 ypg) and 11th in scoring offense (42.3 ppg). Walden was a special speaker at the 2015 Spread Offense Football Clinic in Chicago.

2013: Hired as Tigers offensive coordinator by Joshua Eargle. ETBU's offense finished his first season ranked 27th among Division III programs with 455.0 yards per game and 16th in passing offense (295.0 ypg). Jarmain Sherman posted 1,084 receiving yards on 73 receptions and Warbington passed for 1,876 yards in his first season under center.

SUL ROSS STATE (2012)

2012: Began his collegiate coaching career in spring 2012 while still an undergraduate at Sul Ross State. That fall, the Lobos named him their offensive coordinator, and in his rookie season, the SRSU offense led all of NCAA with 581.9 yards and 48.8 points per game. His offense produced two D3Football.

com All-Americans and six All-ASC products. Sul Ross State broke 16 overall offensive school records, including most single-game marks in offensive yards (800) and points (75). Due to his success as a rookie offensive coordinator, Walden coached the quarterbacks at the National Bowl Game in December 2012, which included a pair of Sul Ross State student-athletes. His first national speaking engagement came when he was a special speaker at the 2012 Nike Coach of the Year Clinic in Dallas.

COLLEGIATE PLAYING CAREER

An NCAA Division III product, Walden was the starting quarterback at both Dordt College (2008) and Sul Ross State University (2011), sandwiching two seasons at Hardin-Simmons (2009-10). In his senior season (2011), he was the team captain and team Leadership award recipient. Walden was a two-time All-ASC academic winner and started his freshman season at Dordt College. During his two seasons at Hardin-Simmons (2009-10), he played as both a quarterback and defensive back.



GOVS RECORD WITH WALDEN

| The Basics | 2022 | ALL | Offensive Performance | 2022 | ALL | Defensive Performance | 2022 | ALL |
|--------------------------------------|------|-------|-------------------------------|------|-------|-------------------------------|------|------|
| Overall | 7-4 | 17-11 | Scoring 14 or fewer points | 0-1 | 1-2 | Allowing 14 or fewer points | 4-0 | 7-0 |
| Home | 4-1 | 9-4 | Scoring 15-21 points | 0-2 | 0-5 | Allowing 15-21 points | 2-0 | 5-1 |
| Road | 3-3 | 8-7 | Scoring 22-28 points | 1-1 | 2-3 | Allowing 22-28 points | 0-0 | 1-2 |
| Conference Games | 3-2 | 11-6 | Scoring 29-35 points | 2-0 | 4-1 | Allowing 29-35 points | 1-1 | 3-3 |
| ASUN | 3-2 | 3-2 | Scoring 36 or more points | 4-0 | 10-0 | Allowing 36 or more points | 0-3 | 1-5 |
| OVC | -- | 8-4 | Less than 300 offensive yards | 0-2 | 1-4 | Less than 300 offensive yards | 5-0 | 9-2 |
| February | -- | 1-1 | 300-399 offensive yards | 1-2 | 3-5 | 300-399 offensive yards | 1-3 | 5-6 |
| March | -- | 2-1 | 400-499 offensive yards | 2-0 | 8-2 | 400-499 offensive yards | 1-0 | 3-1 |
| April | -- | 1-0 | 500 or more offensive yards | 4-0 | 5-0 | 500 or more offensive yards | 0-1 | 0-2 |
| August | 0-1 | 0-1 | Less than 100 rushing yards | 0-2 | 2-3 | Less than 100 rushing yards | 4-1 | 8-3 |
| September | 4-0 | 6-2 | 100-199 rushing yards | 1-1 | 6-7 | 100-199 rushing yards | 2-2 | 8-6 |
| October | 1-2 | 2-5 | 200 or more rushing yards | 6-1 | 9-1 | 200 or more rushing yards | 1-1 | 1-2 |
| November | 2-1 | 5-1 | Less than 200 passing yards | 2-3 | 4-4 | Less than 200 passing yards | 5-1 | 11-5 |
| December | 0-0 | 0-0 | 200-299 passing yards | 1-1 | 5-6 | 200-299 passing yards | 2-3 | 4-5 |
| vs. FCS Top 25 | 1-0 | 4-1 | 300 or more passing yards | 4-0 | 8-1 | 300 or more passing yards | 0-0 | 2-1 |
| FCS Playoffs | 0-0 | 0-0 | Allow Defensive TD | 1-1 | 2-3 | Score Defensive TD | 1-0 | 2-1 |
| vs. FBS | 0-2 | 0-3 | Allow Special Teams TD | 0-2 | 0-2 | Score Special Teams TD | 1-1 | 2-1 |
| Time of Game | 2022 | ALL | Random Chance | 2022 | ALL | Turnover Count | 2022 | ALL |
| Leading at Halftime | 5-0 | 13-3 | Opening Coin Toss | 6-5 | 13-15 | Positive Turnover Margin | 5-0 | 11-2 |
| Tied at Halftime | 1-1 | 2-2 | Overtime Coin Toss | 0-0 | 1-0 | Equal Turnover Margin | 0-1 | 4-2 |
| Trailing at Halftime | 1-3 | 2-6 | Winning the opening coin toss | 5-1 | 10-3 | Negative Turnover Margin | 2-3 | 2-7 |
| Leading after 3rd quarter | 6-0 | 14-3 | Losing the opening coin toss | 2-3 | 7-8 | Record an interception | 5-4 | 14-6 |
| Tied after the 3rd quarter | 0-0 | 1-0 | | | | Recover a fumble | 3-1 | 6-5 |
| Trailing after the 3rd quarter | 1-4 | 2-8 | | | | | | |
| Overtime games | 0-0 | 1-0 | | | | | | |
| Wire-to-Wire wins (never trailed) | 3 | 9 | | | | | | |
| Wins in final minute of regulation | 0 | 1 | | | | | | |
| Losses in final minute of regulation | 0 | 2 | | | | | | |

COACHING STAFF

**J.J.
CLARK****Defensive Coordinator****Safeties****Second Season****Wheaton College, 2012**

Veteran coach J.J. Clark joined Scotty Walden's staff to coach linebackers in March 2022 after spending three seasons as a defensive coordinator at the NAIA Level. Clark was promoted to defensive coordinator and safeties coach in January 2023.

In his first season at Austin Peay, Clark helped sophomore linebacker Antoine Williams become the fifth player in program history to be a finalist for the Stats FCS Buck Buchanan Award, which is given annually to the best defensive player in the FCS.

Clark spent three seasons at Indiana Wesleyan where he was the defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach in addition to serving as the strength and conditioning coach. In his final season at Indiana Wesleyan, Clark was named the 2021 Mid-States Football Association Assistant Coach of the Year.

Before his time at Indiana Wesleyan, Clark spent four years in various defensive coaching roles at his alma mater Wheaton College. During the 2013-14 seasons, Clark was a graduate assistant coach at Akron while completing his master's in sports science and administration. Clark's coaching career began at Humboldt State, where he coached running backs in 2012.

Before and during his collegiate career, Clark worked as a football operation assistant at the Seattle Seahawks' training camp from 2007-10.

Clark received his bachelor's degree in history from Wheaton College in 2012 and earned his master's in sports science and administration in 2014.

Clark and his wife Samantha have two sons, Shepard and Seeker.

CLARK'S CAREER SUMMARY**AUSTIN PEAY (2022-23)**

2023: Elevated to defensive coordinator and safeties coach in January.

2022: Named the Governors linebackers coach and co-special teams coordinator prior to the beginning of spring practice. In his first year at Austin Peay, he led one of the ASUN Conference's best linebacker tandems in Antoine Williams and Josh Rudolph. Williams earned All-ASUN honors, Third Team All-America honors, and was a finalist for the Stats Perform Buck Buchanan Award after ranking second in the ASUN in tackles (91) and third in tackles for loss (12.5) - he was the only player in the league that ranked in the top three in both categories. Flanking Williams, Rudolph ranked sixth in the conference with 73 tackles and was tied for eighth in the league with 7.5 tackles for loss. Clark helped the Governors put the ASUN Conference's best defense on the field after leading the league in total defense (317.2 ypg), scoring defense (22.2 ppg), and third-down conversion defense (.308) - those marks ranked 12th, 32nd, and third, respectively, in the FCS. In Clark's first season in Clarksville, the Govs defense also posted back-to-back shutouts for the first time since 1964 after blanking Presbyterian and Mississippi Valley State.

INDIANA WESLEYAN (2019-21)

2021: Led a defense that allowed just 11.9 points per game - the second-fewest at the NAIA level - while intercepting 11 passes and forcing 19 fumbles - 11 of which were recovered by the Wildcats. Coached defensive back Justin Johnson, who was named an NAIA First Team All-American after racking up 52 tackles, three sacks, three forced fumbles, and a pair of interceptions.

2020: Clark's defense allowed just 18.8 points per game in the COVID-shortened season.

2019: In his first season as defensive coordinator, the Wildcats allowed just 21.2 points per game. Indiana Wesleyan intercepted nine passes and forced a dozen fumbles, recovering eight of them.

**WHEATON COLLEGE (2015-18)**

2018: Called a defense that allowed just 9.0 points per game - the third-best mark at the NCAA Division III level. The Thunder also ranked fourth in total defense (218.2) and ninth in rushing defense (66.2) at the DIII level, while posting the third-best third-down conversion percentage by a defense (0.213) and the second-best fourth-down conversion percentage by a defense (0.125). Clark's opportunistic defense scored five touchdowns, which were the ninth-most in DIII.

2017: In his first season as defensive coordinator, Wheaton held opponents to just 12.8 points per game, which ranked 10th in DIII. The Thunder ranked second in DIII football in sacks per game (4.2) and third in tackles for loss per game (9.4), while posting the fourth-best total defense (229.1 ypg). In Clark's defense, defensive lineman Chase Greenlee was able to rack up the third-most sacks (15.5) and sixth-most tackles for loss (21) in DIII.

2016: Elevated to the Thunder's co-defensive coordinator, linebackers coach, and strength and conditioning coordinator. Clark helped lead a defense that ranked 14th in the NCAA in total defense (169.5 yards per game), 18th in scoring defense (15.7 points per game), and second in rushing yards per game (66.3).

2015: In his first season coaching at his alma mater, Clark was the defensive pass game coordinator and cornerbacks coach, leading a unit that ranked seventh at the Division III level with 22 interceptions and was tied for second with five pick-sixes.

AKRON (2013-14)

2013-14: As a graduate assistant, coached the Zips' defensive backs. In 2013, Akron ranked 38th in the FBS in interceptions (13) and 44th in team passing efficiency defense (121.7).

HUMBOLDT STATE (2012)

2012: Began his coaching career as a running backs coach. The Lumberjacks ran for 195.6 yards per game, which ranked 32nd at the NCAA Division II level, and 22 touchdowns during Clark's lone season leading the backfield.

COLLEGIATE PLAYING CAREER (2008-12)

Clark was a four-year letterwinner and three-year starter at tight end and fullback at Wheaton College, 2008-12. He was named to the 2011 NCAA Division III Capital One Academic All-America Second Team during his senior season.

**JAJUAN
DULANEY****Tight Ends****First Season****Mayland, 2017**

Jajuan Dulaney joined Scotty Walden's Austin Peay coaching staff as its tight ends coach in February 2023.

With a multitude of offensive line coaching experience in the Lone Star State, Dulaney will transition to coaching tight ends at Austin Peay, which is the position he moved to late in his career at Texas Tech. Dulaney was an assistant offensive line coach at Houston in 2022 and an offensive analyst at Texas in 2021. Before that, he did his first stint at Houston as a graduate assistant and was a quality control coach at Texas Tech.

Before moving to the coaching ranks, Dulaney was a four-year scholarship football player at Maryland before transferring to Texas Tech for his final year of eligibility.

A Powder Springs, Georgia native, Dulaney received his bachelor's degree in communications from Maryland in 2017.

**DULANEY'S CAREER SUMMARY****AUSTIN PEAY (2023)**

2023: Named the Governors tight ends coach prior to spring practice in February.

HOUSTON (2022)

2022: Rejoined Dana Holgorsen's staff at Houston as an assistant offensive line coach and analyst, working directly with the Cougars' offensive tackles. Helped the Houston offense rank eighth in the NCAA in passing offense (314.0 ypg), 15th in scoring offense (36.1 ppg), 12th in team passing efficiency (158.38), and 25th

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in total offense (455.8 ypg) during the 2022 campaign. With Dulaney's guidance, left tackle Patrick Paul earned First Team All-American Athletic Conference honors while left guard Cam'Ron Johnson also picked up a First Team All-AAC selection.

TEXAS (2021)

2021: An offensive analyst on Steve Sarkisian's inaugural staff at Texas, Dulaney worked directly with the Longhorns' offensive line during his lone year in Austin. Texas ranked fourth in the country in redzone offense (.936), 26th in rushing offense (199.0 ypg), and 18th in scoring offense (35.2 ppg).

HOUSTON (2019-20)

2019-20: Spent two seasons as an offensive graduate assistant on Dana Holgorsen's staff at Houston where he worked with the Cougars' offensive line.

TEXAS TECH (2018)

2018: Remained in Lubbock following his playing career and began his coaching career as an offensive quality control coach, working with the Red Raiders offensive line, on head coach Kliff Kingsbury's staff. The Red Raiders ranked third in the NCAA in passing offense (352.6 ypg), 12th in total offense (485.2 ypg), and 16th in scoring offense (37.3 ppg).

COLLEGIATE PLAYING CAREER (2013-17)

Began his collegiate career at Maryland where he redshirted during the 2013 season and did not see action during the 2014 season. Appeared in five games as a reserve offensive lineman, including his collegiate debut against Penn State, during the 2015 season before playing in eight games off the bench for the Terrapins during his final season in College Park. Transferred to Texas Tech for his final season in 2017, playing in five games as a reserve offensive lineman before transitioning to a blocking tight end late in his lone season as a Red Raider.

AARON FOSTER

Pass-Game Coordinator

Cornerbacks

First Season

Bowling Green, 2014

Aaron Foster joined Scotty Walden's Austin Peay coaching staff as its pass-game coordinator and cornerbacks coach in February 2023.

Foster spent the past three seasons at Division II Lenoir-Rhyne, spending two years as a defensive backs coach before being elevated to co-defensive coordinator for the 2022 season. The Bears were consistently one of the top defenses at the Division II level during Foster's tenure and helped the program compile a 19-7 record during his three years in Hickory.

Before his time at Lenoir-Rhyne, Foster spent three seasons at Colgate, where he started as a video coordinator before being elevated to safeties coach after just one season. During his time in Hamilton, New York, Foster helped the Raiders win a pair of Patriot League titles and advance to the 2018 FCS Playoff Quarterfinals. Foster began his coaching career as a recruiting assistant and defensive quality control coach at Wake Forest.

A Bloomfield, Michigan native, Foster earned his bachelor's degree in healthcare administration with a minor in business from Bowling Green in 2014.

Foster lives in Clarksville with his wife Julie.



FOSTER'S CAREER SUMMARY

AUSTIN PEAY (2023)

2023: Named the Governors pass-game coordinator and cornerbacks coach prior to spring practice in February.

LENOIR-RHYNE (2020-22)

2022: Elevated to co-defensive coordinator following the 2021 season. Foster helped lead a Lenoir-Rhyne defense that ranked ninth nationally in team passing efficiency defense (100.17) – its second-straight season in the top ten at the DII level. The Bears also ranked 11th in first-down defense (161), 16th in total defense

(278.0 ypg), 24th in passing yards allowed (163.8 ypg), 26th in scoring defense (18.6 ppg), 34th in interceptions (13), and 40th in rushing defense (114.2 ypg). With Foster's guidance, another Lenoir-Rhyne defensive back earned All-SAC honors with cornerback C'Darius Kelley being named a first-team selection.

2021: In his first full season in Hickory, Foster's secondary helped the Bears' defense ranked fifth at the DII level in team passing efficiency defense (95.32). Lenoir-Rhyne also ranked 16th nationally in scoring defense (16.4 ppg), eighth in third-down conversion defense (.279), and 36th in total defense (317.8 ypg). Defensive back Eric Jackson earned First Team All-SAC honors and the Bears earned a bid to the NCAA DII Playoffs, where they fell to No. 10 Bowie State in the first round.

2020: Joined Mike Jacob's staff at Lenoir-Rhyne as a defensive backs coach in January. During the abbreviated spring season, the Bears went 3-0 in the regular season before falling to Tusculum, 28-23, in the South Atlantic Conference Championship game. Foster helped the Bears' defense rank 14th at the Division II level in scoring defense (20.5 ppg) and 28th in total defense (348.8 ypg) with his secondary ranking 32nd nationally in team passing efficiency defense (125.36) and third in interceptions (9). Foster's secondary held opponents to just six passing touchdowns during the four-game spring season.

COLGATE (2017-19)

2019: Colgate's defense ranked 45th in the FCS in total defense (369.0 ypg), 53rd in scoring defense (27.0 ppg), and 64th in team passing efficiency defense (133.23). Under Foster's tutelage, cornerbacks Abu Daramy-Swaray and Collin Heard earned First and Second Team All-Patriot League honors, respectively, with Daramy-Swaray ranking third in the league in passed defended (10) and Heard being tied for second in the conference in interceptions (3).

2018: Elevated to safeties coach prior to the 2018 season, Foster helped Colgate lead the FCS in scoring defense (9.3 ppg), total defense (237.7 ypg), and team passing efficiency defense (88.77) in his first season as a full-time assistant coach. The Raiders also ranked 18th in the FCS in interceptions (15), 12th in turnovers gained (26), 12th in third-down conversion defense (.293), seventh in defensive touchdowns (4), sixth in first-down defense (174), seventh in rushing defense (100.8 ypg), fifth in red zone defense (.652), and second in passing yards allowed (136.9 ypg). With Foster's guidance, Colgate safety Alec Wisniewski earned his second-straight First Team All-Patriot League selection while the Raiders won their second-straight conference title and advanced to the quarterfinals of the FCS Playoffs after beating No. 6 James Madison, 23-20, in the second round.

2017: Joined Dan Hunt's staff as a video coordinator and volunteer assistant, working with Raider's defensive backs, and helped Colgate win the 2017 Patriot League Championship. Colgate ranked 15th in the FCS and second in the Patriot league in team passing efficiency defense (109.18) while ranking 16th in the country and leading their conference with 16 interceptions.

WAKE FOREST (2017-19)

2015-16: Joined his collegiate coach Dave Clawson in Winston-Salem, working as a recruiting and special teams assistant before becoming a defensive quality control coach – working specifically with defensive backs – for the Demon Deacons.

PROFESSIONAL PLAYING CAREER (2014-15)

Aaron Foster earned an invite to the Dallas Cowboys' 2014 Rookie Mini Camp before playing the 2015 season with the Tri Cities Fever of the Indoor Football League.

COLLEGIATE PLAYING CAREER (2010-13)

A four-year letterwinner at Bowling Green, he appeared at defensive back in all 51 games for head coach Dave Clawson during his career. Made three starts as a true freshman, recording 25 tackles, half a tackle for loss, and a pass defended during the 2010 season. Started at safety in 10 of 12 appearances during his sophomore season en route to racking up a career-best 69 tackles to go along with three passes defended and a forced fumble. Had just 16 tackles during his junior season in 2012 but recorded a career-high 2.5 sacks and two fumble recoveries to go along with six passes defended. Posted 51 tackles, 2.0 tackles for loss, 10 passes defended, and a fumble recovery during his senior season; also intercepted his first career pass – and returned it 37 yards – in the Falcon's win over Northern Illinois in the MAC Championship game. Finished his career with 161 tackles, 5.0 tackles for loss, 2.5 sacks, an interception, 20 passes defended, a forced fumble, and three fumble recoveries while helping Bowling Green State win the 2013 MAC Championship and advance to the 2012 Military Bowl and the 2013 Little Caesars Pizza Bowl.

COACHING STAFF

CHRIS JONES

co-Defensive Coordinator

Defensive Line

Third Season

Hardin-Simmons, 2007

Chris Jones joined the Austin Peay coaching staff as its run game coordinator and defensive line coach in August 2021 after 11 seasons as an assistant coach in Texas – first for Hardin-Simmons, his alma mater, and then a year at Texas A&M-Kingsville. Jones, who will still coach the defensive line, was promoted to co-defensive coordinator in January 2023.

During his first two seasons in Clarksville, Jones led a Governors run defense that allowed just one FCS opponent to rush for 200 yards while holding eight opponents under 100 yards in 19 games.

In 10 seasons at Hardin-Simmons, Jones' defensive line unit paced a defense that ranked among Division III's Top 40 in tackles for loss in eight consecutive seasons (2012-19). The Cowboys reached the NCAA Division III Football tournament three times (2016-18) for the second time in program history during his tenure.

Jones earned his bachelor's degree in behavioral science from Hardin-Simmons in 2007 before receiving his Master's in kinesiology, sport, and recreation from HSU in 2018.

Jones and his wife Kenneishia have three children: Cortland, Kennsington, and Karrington.



JONES' CAREER SUMMARY

AUSTIN PEAY (2020-23)

2023: Elevated to co-defensive coordinator in January.

2022: In his second season in Clarksville, Jones led an Austin Peay rush defense that ranked 29th in the FCS and second in the ASUN Conference, allowing just 128.5 yards per game. The Governors defense also led the ASUN and was tied for 16th in the FCS with just 12 rushing touchdowns allowed. In nine FCS contests, the Govs run defense allowed just one team to rush for 200 yards while holding five opponents under 100 yards – including a 34-yard rushing day for Murray State, which was the fewest rushing yards APSU has allowed during the Scotty Walden Era. Jones helped the Governors put the ASUN Conference's best defense on the field after leading the league in total defense (317.2 ypg), scoring defense (22.2 ppg), and third-down conversion defense (.308) – those marks ranked 12th, 32nd, and third, respectively, in the FCS. The Govs also led the ASUN and ranked 16th in the FCS with 7.3 tackles for loss per game while their 80 total tackles for loss were the eighth-best single-season total in program history. With Jones' guidance, defensive end Kwame Sutton ranked eighth in the ASUN in tackles for loss (7.5) and sixth in sacks (4.5).

2021: Named run game coordinator and defensive line coach, August 1, 2021. Austin Peay led the OVC with 1.64 sacks per game (18 sacks) and was second in rushing defense (148.5 yards per game). That effort was part of a total defensive effort that had the Govs leading the OVC in scoring defense (24.9 points per game). Defensive lineman Terrell Allen earned Second Team All-OVC and Hero Sports Sophomore All-America recognition following the season.

TEXAS A&M KINGSVILLE (2020)

2020: Hired as co-defensive coordinator and defensive line coach for the Division II Javelinas. TAMUK played just two games during the Spring 2021 schedule and averaged 7.5 tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks.

HARDIN-SIMMONS (2010-19)

2019: For the eighth consecutive year saw his defensive line unit recognized on the All-American Southwest Conference teams with Kyle Zavala and Hunter Creasey named to the league's second team. The Cowboys defense was one of Division III's best, ranking fourth in total defense (230.7) and eighth in scoring defense (13.1 ppg) while ranking 20th in tackles for loss (8.2 per game).

2018: Hardin-Simmons made its third consecutive NCAA Division III postseason appearance for the second time in program history. The defense again ranked

26th among Division III teams in tackles for loss (8.0 per game) and 22nd in third-down defense (28.7 percent conversion rate). Hunter Creasey earned his first Second Team All-ASC honors after posting 12 tackles for loss and 8.5 sacks while Kyle Zavala earned All-ASC honorable mention.

2017: HSC appeared in the NCAA Division III tournament for the second straight year. The Cowboys' defense ranked among Division III's Top 40 in sacks (26th, 3.0 per game), tackles for loss (31st, 7.9 per game), and pass efficiency defense (34th, 106.93) while holding opponents to 13.9 points per game (15th in Division III). Defensive lineman Jim LaFond picked up his second Second Team All-ASC recognition after leading the team with 9.5 sacks among 11.5 tackles for loss.

2016: Hardin-Simmons reached the NCAA Division III Football Championship for the first time since 2008. It was the third-straight year HSC's defense was among Division III's Top 50 in both sacks (29th, 3.2 per game) and tackles for loss (36th, 7.8 per game). LaFond earned his first Second Team All-ASC award after posting 44 tackles and 6.0 tackles for loss.

2015: For a second straight season, Hardin-Simmons' defense was ranked among Division III's Top 50 in both sacks (21st, 3.1 per game) and tackles for loss (33rd, 8.0 per game). HSC's defense held opponents to a league-low 17.4 points per game and 111.10 pass efficiency. Senior defensive lineman Korey Zavala was a D3Football.com Second Team All-America honoree and was a First Team All-ASC pick along with defensive lineman Ryne Lewis with Trent Walker and Randy Hirsch earning honorable mention.

2014: Jones coached one of the top defensive line units in the ASC with three All-ASC selections: Ryne Lewis picked up First Team All-ASC honors while Zavala earned his second Second Team All-ASC award and Trent Walker received honorable mention recognition. HSU ranked second in the American Southwest Conference in rushing defense (138.3 yards per game) and was among Division III's top 50 in sacks (14th, 3.1 per game) and tackles for loss (33rd, 7.8 per game).

2013: HSU defensive line unit ranked among Division III's top 50 in tackles for loss (33rd, 7.8 per game). Zavala earned Second Team All-ASC honors as a sophomore after leading Cowboys with 14 tackles for loss and seven sacks.

2012: HSU ranked 24th among Division III programs in sacks (3.0 per game) and 25th in tackles for loss (8.0 per game), leading the ASC in the latter category. Defensive lineman Undra Hendrix recorded 11 sacks, the most by a HSU defensive tackle, and 19 tackles for loss en route to Division III All-American honors and the ASC Defensive Lineman of the Year.

2011: The Cowboys led the American Southwest Conference in pass defense (150.60 yards per game), which ranked 25th among Division III programs.

2010: Returned to his alma mater as defensive line coach and coached American Southwest Conference Defensive Player of the Year and First Team All-ASC defensive lineman Hank Hornsby.

SAM HOUSTON STATE (2008-09)

2008-09: As a graduate assistant, worked with Bearkats linebackers in 2008 and defensive line in 2009.

HARDIN-SIMMONS (2007)

2007: Remained at Hardin-Simmons following his collegiate career and coached the Cowboys' defensive line unit.

COLLEGIATE PLAYING CAREER (2003-06)

Played four seasons at Hardin-Simmons as a defensive lineman and did not miss a game, playing 41 consecutive contests and starting 22 straight games. He helped the Cowboys win American Southwest Conference titles (2003 and 2004) and make NCAA Division III tournament appearances twice (2004 and 2006). Jones finished his career with 126 tackles, 22.5 tackles for loss, and nine sacks. He earned Second Team All-America recognition as a senior and was a two-time All-ASC selection.

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JARED KASTER**Co-Offensive Coordinator****Offensive Line****First Season****Texas Tech, 2015**

Jared Kaster joined the Austin Peay coaching staff as its co-offensive coordinator and offensive line coach in February 2023.

Before joining head coach Scotty Walden's staff, Kaster spent five seasons as the run-game coordinator and offensive line coach at Houston Christian - formerly Houston Baptist. Prior to his time in Houston, Kaster began his coaching career as a quality control coach at Texas Tech, his alma mater, under head coach Kliff Kingsbury.

An Altair, Texas native, Kaster earned his bachelor's degree in university studies from Texas Tech in 2015.

Kaster and his wife Caitlyn have a daughter, Sadie.

**KASTER'S CAREER SUMMARY****AUSTIN PEAY (2022)**

2023: Named the Governors co-offensive coordinator and offensive line coach prior to spring practice in February.

HOUSTON CHRISTIAN (2018-22)

2022: Led a Huskies rushing offense that totaled 1,271 yards on the ground and averaged 79.3 yards per game.

2021: Houston Christian ran for 1,054 yards and averaged 57.0 yards per game. HCU rushed for seven touchdowns with six of those scores coming from inside the red zone, where the Huskies ranked 21st in the FCS in red zone offense (.870).

2020: During HCU's four-game spring schedule, which included three FBS opponents, Kaster's offensive line paved the way for the Huskies to average 547.5 yards of total offense per game. Houston Christian threw for 459.5 yards per game with opposing defenses only getting to quarterback Bailey Zappe seven times. The Huskies also added 88.0 rushing yards per game. Under Kaster's guidance, sophomore center Christian Hood earned an All-Southland Conference selection, becoming the first offensive lineman in program history to receive this honor. Kaster's offensive line also helped Zappe earn SLC Player of the Year honors.

2019: Paving the way for one of the nation's top offenses, Kaster's offensive line unit helped the Huskies rank 12th in the FCS in total offense (462.6 ypg) and 14th in scoring offense (35.8 ppg) - they ranked second in the Southland in both categories. Houston Christian ranked third in the country and second in the SLC in passing offense (334.3 ypg), thanks in part to the offensive line allowing just 29 sacks, which was 15 less than its total allowed during the previous season despite playing in one more contest. The Huskies also enjoyed their best season on the ground under Kaster in 2019, rushing for 128.3 yards per game and 13 touchdowns.

2018: In Kaster's first season at Houston Christian, the Huskies rushed for 124.5 yards per game and 10 touchdowns. Led by Kaster's offensive line, the Huskies ranked 23rd in the FCS in passing offense (269.8 ypg).

TEXAS TECH (2016-17)

2016-17: Spent two years on Kliff Kingsbury's staff as an offensive quality control coach. Worked with the Red Raiders offensive line, helping Baylen Brown (2016) and Madison Akamnonu, Travis Bruffy, and Paul Stawarz (2017) earn All-Big 12 Honorable Mention honors.

COLLEGIATE PLAYING CAREER (2012-15)

Played four seasons at Texas Tech as an offensive lineman under head coaches Tommy Tuberville (2012) and Kliff Kingsbury (2013-15). Appeared in 12 of 13 games as a backup offensive lineman as a true freshman before making 37 consecutive starts at center to close his career in Lubbock. Helped the Red Raiders upset No. 16 Arizona State in the 2013 National University Holiday Bowl with the offensive line not allowing a sack in the 37-23 win over the Sun Devils. An All-Big 12 Honorable Mention in 2014, he helped the Red Raiders rush for 1,836 yards - their most since 1998 - while allowing opposing teams to sack quarterbacks Davis Webb and Patrick Mahomes just 13 times - the 10th-fewest sacks allowed in the NCAA that season. Named one of TTU's five team captains

for the 2015 season, Kaster was a preseason candidate for the Rimington Trophy - given annually to the best center in college football. During the 2015 season, Kaster anchored an offensive line that helped the Red Raiders rank second in the NCAA in total offense (579.5 ypg), scoring offense (45.1 ppg), and passing offense (388.2 ypg) en route to a second-straight All-Big 12 Honorable Mention nod.

SETH McDONALD**co-Special Teams Coordinator****Linebackers****Defensive Recruiting Coordinator****First Season****Eastern Illinois, 2017**

Seth McDonald joined Scotty Walden's Austin Peay coaching staff as its linebackers coach in February 2023.



Before earning his first full-time coaching position at Austin Peay, McDonald spent five seasons as a graduate assistant, working with linebackers and special teams, at Robert Morris, Jacksonville State, Indiana, and South Alabama. During his three years as a graduate assistant at the FBS level, McDonald went to a bowl game with both Indiana and South Alabama.

Before starting his coaching career, McDonald was an All-Ohio Valley Conference linebacker at Eastern Illinois, where he led the Panthers in tackles during his junior and senior seasons.

A Sandwich, Illinois native, McDonald earned his bachelor's degree in exercise science from Eastern Illinois in 2017.

McDONALD'S CAREER SUMMARY**AUSTIN PEAY (2023)**

2023: Named the Governors linebackers coach prior to spring practice in February.

SOUTH ALABAMA (2021-22)

2020: Spent two seasons as a graduate assistant at South Alabama where he worked with the Jaguars' outside linebackers and special teams units. South Alabama ranked in the top 25 in the NCAA during both of McDonald's seasons in Mobile and ranked third in the nation in rushing defense (92.9 ypg) during the 2022 campaign. USA also posted the first 10-win season in program history in 2022 and earned a trip to the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl where they fell to Western Kentucky.

INDIANA (2020)

2020: Worked with linebackers and special teams during his one season in Bloomington, helping Indiana go 6-2 with wins over No. 7 Penn State, No. 23 Michigan, and No. 16 Wisconsin during the COVID-shortened season. The Hoosiers earned a berth to the Big Ten Championship game against Purdue before it was canceled due to COVID protocols. The Hoosiers fell to Ole Miss in the Outback Bowl to wrap up the season. During his one year at Indiana, the Hoosiers led the NCAA in red zone defense (.640) while ranking second in passes intercepted (17), 13th in turnovers gained (20), 15th in sacks (3.12 per game), 19th in scoring defense (20.2 ppg), 23rd in team passing efficiency defense (120.96), and 34th in rushing defense (137.1 ypg). McDonald also helped with the development of linebacker Micah McFadden, who earned First Team All-Big Ten and Third Team Associated Press All-America honors.

JACKSONVILLE STATE (2019)

2020: Spent one season at Jacksonville State as a graduate assistant working with the Gamecocks' linebackers and special teams units.

ROBERT MORRIS (2018)

2020: Began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Robert Morris, where he worked with the Colonials' linebackers and special teams units.

COLLEGIATE PLAYING CAREER (2013-16)

A four-year letterwinner at Eastern Illinois, McDonald played in 48 games during his time in Charleston. Made 13 appearances on special teams and off the bench at linebacker during his freshman season, picking up 20 tackles and a half tackle for loss with a season-best six tackles against Austin Peay.

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Helped the Panthers win the 2013 Ohio Valley Conference Championship and qualify for the FCS Playoffs where they beat Tennessee State, 51-10, in the first round before falling to No. 7 Towson in the quarterfinals. Played in 12 games in 2014, including his first start at linebacker during a Week 2 contest against No. 25 Southern Illinois, en route to a 29-tackle sophomore campaign. Had his best season statistically as a junior in 2015, racking up a team-leading 109 tackles – which ranked 53rd in the FCS and fourth in the OVC – to go along with 6.5 tackles for loss, 2.0 sacks, two interceptions, three passes defended, two forced fumbles, and a fumble recovery. McDonald was named the OVC Defensive Player of the Week twice during the 2015 season, first after a career-high 17-tackle performance against Western Illinois and then after a 12-tackle game that included a pick-six against Illinois State. A First Team All-OVC selection at linebacker in 2016, McDonald – who served as a team captain for EIU – started in all 11 games while leading the Panthers and ranking fourth in the OVC with 99 total tackles. McDonald picked up a season-best 13 tackles against Murray State during his senior year en route to finishing his career with 257 total tackles, 9.5 tackles for loss, 3.0 sacks, two interceptions, two forced fumbles, and two fumble recoveries.

JOURDAN McNEILL

Run-Game Coordinator
Running Backs
Offensive Recruiting Coordinator
Fourth Season
East Texas Baptist, 2017

Jourdan McNeill joined Scotty Walden's inaugural staff at Austin Peay as the running backs coach in December 2020. McNeill, who enters his fourth season as the Govs running backs coach, was promoted to run-game coordinator in February 2023.

In McNeill's third season at Austin Peay, the Governors rushed for 2,082 yards, topping the 2,000-yard mark for the first time since 2019. The Govs also rushed for 322 yards against Eastern Kentucky and 308 yards against Presbyterian, marking the first time since 2017 that the team has posted multiple 300-yard rushing games in a season.

McNeill moved to Clarksville after three seasons (2018-20) at Belhaven University in Mississippi, his first collegiate coaching job. He coached the Blazers running backs, including 2019 American Southwest Conference second-team selection Brad Foley and 2019 ASC Freshman of the Year Kolbe Blunt.

An Irving, Texas native, McNeill earned his bachelor's degree in health and wellness management from East Texas Baptist in 2017.

McNeill lives in Clarksville with his wife Jayme.



McNEILL'S CAREER SUMMARY

AUSTIN PEAY (2020-23)

2023: Elevated to run-game coordinator in February.

2022: Austin Peay ranked 26th in the FCS and third in the ASUN with 189.3 rushing yards per game with running backs CJ Evans Jr. (58.3 ypg) and Jevon Jackson (52. ypg) ranking seventh and 10th in the conference, respectively. The Govs were also tied for 36th in the FCS and fourth in the ASUN with 20 rushing touchdowns – tied for the sixth-best single-season team total in program history – with Evans Jr. (6) and Jackson (4) ranking 10th and 13th in the ASUN in rushing touchdowns, respectively. Under McNeill's tutelage, Jackson ran for 167 yards against Presbyterian and Evans Jr. rushed for 104 yards against Murray State as both running backs posted their first career 100-yard performances during the 2022 season. As a team, the Governors rushed for 2,082 yards, topping the 2,000-yard mark on the ground in a season for the first time since 2019. The Govs also posted multiple 300-plus-yard rushing performances in the same season for the first time since 2017.

2021: Govs ranked fourth among OVC teams with 146.8 rushing yards per game with two runners ranked among the league's Top 10 in Ahmaad Tanner (72.8 yards per game) and Brian Snead (49.3 ypg). Tanner also ranked third among OVC run-

ning backs with 11 touchdown carries with Snead supplying five running scores..

2020: Named Governors running backs coach, Dec. 7, 2020. Austin Peay was the OVC's second-ranked running team in his first season, averaging 153.5 yards per game. Running back Brian Snead set an NCAA FCS record with 204 rushing yards in the first quarter against Tennessee State, Feb. 28, en route to OVC All-Newcomer Team recognition.

BELHAVEN (2018-20)

2019: Belhaven's averaged 132 rushing yards per game, a 40-yard per-game improvement over his first season. Coached Kolbe Blunt to American Southwest Conference Freshman of the Year honors after he amassed 687 all-purpose yards and two touchdowns.

2018: After remaining at ETBU as a strength and conditioning intern, joined the Belhaven coaching staff as a running backs coach. Belhaven's run game averaged five more yards per game versus 2017 in his first season.

COLLEGIATE PLAYING CAREER (2013-16)

A four-year letterwinner at East Texas Baptist, McNeill was a three-time American Southwest Conference all-conference honoree, including Second Team All-ASC in 2016. He finished his ETBU career as the program's leader in career rushing touchdowns (32).

JOE PAPPALARDO

Special Teams Coordinator
Govs Backs
Fourth Season
UMass-Dartmouth, 2019

Following two seasons as a member of the Southern Miss football staff, Pappalardo returns for his third season on Austin Peay's football staff as a quality control coach and co-special teams coordinator.

The Reading, Massachusetts native worked primarily with the Golden Eagles special teams unit, first as a quality control coach and then as special teams and offensive graduate assistant, working primarily with tight ends.

A 2019 graduate of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, Pappalardo was a student assistant coach on the Corsairs football team, working with defensive backs and special teams. He coached sophomore safety Tony Slaughter, who was a Second Team All-Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference pick with a team-high three interceptions.



PAPPALARDO'S CAREER SUMMARY

AUSTIN PEAY (2020-23)

2023: Elevated to special teams coordinator in January.

2022: Promoted to a full-time role as co-special teams coordinator following 2021 season with added duties as 'Govs Backs' coach. Pappalardo worked primarily with the Governors specialists, with kicker Maddux Trujillo connecting on 44 PATs and 11 field goals, including a program-record tying 55 -yard field goal against Jacksonville State. Trujillo finished the season with the second-best PAT total and fifth-best field goal total in Austin Peay history. In the punting game, Pappalardo coached Matt Rigney to average 40.89 yards per kick en route to finishing his APSU career as the program's career punting average leader at 39.63 yards per punt. Pappalardo also guided kickoff specialist Riley Stephens, who averaged 62.5 yards per kick with 34 touchbacks on 65 attempts. Trujillo and Rigney both earned all-conference honors for the second-straight season under Pappalardo's tutelage. Also working with the 'Govs Backs,' Pappalardo helped the Austin Peay offense record 2,580 passing yards and 2,082 rushing yards – marking the first time in program history the Govs have totaled 2,000-plus yards on the ground and in the air.

2021: In his first season as co-special teams coordinator, he coached freshman kicker Maddux Trujillo match the Austin Peay single-season record of 14 made field goals. Trujillo also posted a 77.8 field-goal percentage – breaking the program's single-season record which had stood since 1994 – and made a field goal

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in eight-straight games (every game of his career) where he has attempted a kick, extending his own program record. Trujillo and sophomore punter Matt Rigney – who posted a 40.73 average, 14 kicks downed inside the 20, seven 50-plus yard boots, and just three touchbacks – both earned Second Team All-OVC honors.

2020: Spent his first season in Clarksville as a special team's quality control coach.

SOUTHERN MISS (2020)

2020: Worked with Scotty Walden at Southern Miss where he served as a quality control coach for the Golden Eagles special teams unit before becoming a special teams and offensive graduate assistant, working primarily with USM's tight ends.

UMASS-DARTMOUTH (2015-19)

2015-2019: As a student assistant coach, assisted with the Corsairs' defensive backs and special teams while earning his bachelor's degree.

LANEAR SAMPSON

co-Offensive Coordinator

Wide Receivers

Second Season

Baylor, 2012

Lanear Sampson joined Scotty Walden's staff as its pass-game coordinator and wide receivers coach in June 2022. Sampson was promoted to co-offensive coordinator, while remaining the wide receivers coach, in February 2023.

In his first season at Austin Peay, Sampson helped wide receiver Drae McCray post just the fourth 1,000-yard receiving season in program history with 76 receptions for 1,021 yards. McCray finished the 2022 season with 14 more catches and 253 more yards than any other receiver in the ASUN Conference.

Before coming to Clarksville, Sampson spent the 2021 season as an offensive analyst on Dino Babers' staff at Syracuse and the 2020 season as an offensive quality control coach for Josh Heupel at UCF. Prior to that, Sampson had a pair of one-year stints as the wide receivers coach at McNeese State in 2019 and Missouri State in 2018 after making his first stop on Babers' staff at Syracuse as a graduate assistant in 2016-17.

A Mesquite, Texas native, Sampson earned a bachelor's degree in speech communication from Baylor in 2012 before earning his master's degree in instructional design, development, and evaluation from Syracuse in 2018..



SAMPSON'S CAREER SUMMARY

AUSTIN PEAY (2020-22)

2023: Elevated to co-offensive coordinator in February.

2022: Named the Governors pass-game coordinator and wide receivers coach in June. In his first season at Austin Peay, Sampson guided sophomore receiver Drae McCray to just the fourth 1,000-yard receiving season in program history. A HERO Sports Sophomore All-America and All-ASUN Conference selection, McCray led the ASUN in receptions (76) and receiving yards (1,021), increasing his production by 23 catches and 154 yards from his freshman season in 2021 with Sampson's guidance. Sampson's receiving core had five players catch multiple touchdowns with McCray (9), James Burns (5), and Trey Goodman (4) ranking second, seventh, and ninth, respectively, in the ASUN in receiving touchdowns. With Sampson as pass-game coordinator, the Governors completed 214 passes for 2,580 yards and 22 touchdowns in 2022 – all three marks equaled the fourth-best single-season team totals in program history. The Govs 243.5 passing yards per game ranked 43rd in the FCS and third in the ASUN while their 22 passing touchdowns were tied for second in the conference.

SYRACUSE (2021)

2021: An offensive analyst for head coach Dino Babers – who was Sampson's wide receivers coach at Baylor from 2008-11. The Orange posted the 16th-best rushing offense (213.5 ypg) in the NCAA.

CENTRAL FLORIDA (2020)

2020: Was a part of one of the top offenses in the country as a quality control coach. The Knights ranked second in the NCAA in total offense (568.1 ypg), fourth in passing offense (357.4 ypg), seventh in first downs (283), and eighth in scoring offense (42.2 ppg). Quarterback Dillon Gabriel led the country in passing yards per game (357 ypg), ranked second in total offense (373.9 ypg), fourth in passing touchdowns (32), and fifth in passing yards (3,570). Knights' wide receiver Marlon Williams also ranked third in receptions per game (8.9), fifth in receiving yards per game (129.9), seventh in receiving touchdowns (10), and ninth in receiving yards (1,039).

MCNEESE STATE (2019)

2019: In his lone season as the wide receivers coach in Lake Charles, receivers Trevor Begue and Cyron Sutton hauled in 10 and nine touchdowns, respectively, which ranked fourth and fifth in the Southland Conference. Sutton was a Second Team All-Southland Conference selection, setting the single-season record with 67 catches with the second-most yards in program history at 950. Sutton also caught a touchdown in seven-straight games, setting the McNeese record for consecutive games with a scoring grab.

MISSOURI STATE (2018)

2018: In his first position as a wide receivers coach, Sampson had four receivers make 30-plus catches with all four recording over 375 receiving yards on the season. Tyler Currie led the Bears with five touchdowns grabs and was named an All-Missouri Valley Football Conference Honorable Mention.

SYRACUSE (2016-17)

2016-17: Spent two years on Dino Babers' staff at Syracuse as a graduate assistant and quality control coach while earning his master's degree.

PROFESSIONAL PLAYING CAREER (2013-16)

Lanear Sampson was signed by the Indianapolis Colts as an undrafted free agent in 2013. He also spent time with the Dallas Cowboys and Pittsburgh Steelers before he signed with the Ottawa Redblacks of the Canadian Football League in 2015..

COLLEGIATE PLAYING CAREER (2008-12)

A member of the senior class that turned around the Baylor program, Sampson helped the Bears reach three consecutive bowl games for the first time in school history. Baylor appeared in the 2010 Texas Bowl and recorded back-to-back wins against Washington in the 2011 Alamo Bowl and UCLA in the 2012 Holiday Bowl with Sampson on the roster.

Sampson finished his career fifth on Baylor's all-time receptions list (165) and 10th in career receiving yardage (1,905). He caught a pass in 43 straight games from 2010-12 and earned All-Big 12 Honorable Mention honors as a senior. Sampson had 52 receptions for 646 yards and six touchdowns in his final campaign to earn a spot in the 2013 Texas vs. The Nation All-Star Game. Sampson also was a two-time Academic All-Big 12 selection during his time in Waco.

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**CHRIS
ANNAN****Head Equipment Coordinator****Third Season****Austin Peay, 2021**

Chris Annan is in his third season as the head equipment coordinator for Austin Peay football.

Annan coordinates all the daily and gameday equipment needs for the Govs while overseeing an equipment staff made up of student and graduate assistants.

After coming to Austin Peay to play football for Will Healy in 2016, Annan joined the football staff after missing the 2016 season due to injury. Annan worked for the Governors football program while he was a student at Austin Peay before being named the head equipment manager prior to the 2021 season.

Annan earned his bachelor's degree in health and human performance from Austin Peay in 2021.

**MIGUEL
AVINA****Assistant Quarterbacks Coach****Second Season****Whittier College, 2021**

Miguel Avina is in his second season at Austin Peay as assistant quarterbacks coach after a season as co-offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Shadow Hills High School in Indio, California.

Avina helped lead Shadow Hills to an 8-3 record in 2021 behind an offense that averaged 207.2 yards per game. The 8-3 mark was a marked improvement over a 1-4 record in a COVID-19-shortened 2020 season for the Knights.

Prior to his time at Shadow Hills, Avina was a quarterback for Division III Whittier College. A four-year starter, he finished his college career with 4,429 passing yards and 34 touchdowns while amassing a 52.1 career pass completion rate. Avina also had 1,088 rushing yards and 17 rushing touchdowns for the Poets.

An Indio, California native, Avina earned his bachelor's degree in kinesiology from Whittier in 2020. He owns and operates his own quarterback academy, which he started in 2017, in Indio. Avina also has coached an Indio-based 7-on-7 football team, the Desert Diablos.

**CHRIS
CAMPBELL****Assistant Director of Athletics****Sports Performance****Fifth Season****Iowa State, 2013**

Chris Campbell, who was promoted to assistant director of athletics in February 2021, returns for his fourth season as Director of Sports Performance after taking the reins in 2019.

Campbell was the assistant director for football sports performance at Houston for four seasons (2015-19). The Cougars attended bowl games in each of his four seasons with the team and upset Florida State in the Peach Bowl in 2015.

Prior to his time in Houston, Campbell was an assistant strength coach at Louisiana-Lafayette for two seasons (2013-14) and helped the Ragin' Cajuns football team to victories in two New Orleans Bowl appearances. He also was the lead strength and conditioning contact for men's tennis and track and field sprinters.

Campbell began his career as a student assistant on the strength and conditioning staff at Iowa State. While in Ames, he assisted the speed and strength and conditioning programs for football student-athletes.

A Cherokee, Iowa native, Campbell was a wide receiver at Iowa Western Community College for one season. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology and exercise science from Iowa State in 2013.

**DAYVEN
COLEMAN****Transfer Portal Coordinator****Defensive Assistant****First Season****Stephen F. Austin, 2022**

Dayven Coleman is in his first season at Austin Peay as the transfer portal coordinator and a defensive assistant after starting his career as a recruiting intern at Southern Methodist.



Before working for the Mustangs, Coleman played safety and linebacker at Arizona for two seasons, recording 21 tackles and 2.0 tackles for loss in 16 games. A Dallas native, Coleman played his final collegiate season as a linebacker at Stephen F. Austin in 2020 and posted a career-best nine tackles against Pittsburg State. Coleman finished his lone season as a Lumberjack with 35 tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss, a sack, and four passes defended.

Coleman earned his bachelor's degree in human development and family studies from Stephen F. Austin in December 2022.

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CAMERON COPPOCK**Football Data Analyst****First Season****University of Northwestern, 2022**

Cameron Coppock is in his first season as a football data analyst at Austin Peay.

Before joining the Governors, Coppock worked at North Pole Engineering, Inc. as an accounting analyst intern.

Coppock played defensive back at the University of Northwestern for five seasons, recording 10 tackles in 16 games. A native of Evergreen, Colorado, Coppock earned NCCAA Football Scholar-Athlete honors in three-straight seasons from 2020-22. During his time in St. Paul, Minnesota, Coppock also competed as a sprinter and pole vaulter on the Eagles' track and field team.

Coppock earned his bachelor's degree with a double major in data analytics and Biblical studies from the University of Northwestern in December 2022.

**MICHAEL GEHL****Assistant Offensive Line Coach****First Season****Wheaton College, 2021**

Michael Gehl is in his first season as an assistant offensive line coach at Austin Peay.

Before joining the Governors, Gehl worked as an assistant coach at Gallatin High School for one season and coached the Green Wave's cornerbacks.

Before starting his coaching career, Gehl played tight end at Wheaton College for five years. The Winfield, Illinois, native recorded five catches for 64 yards and a touchdown during his career while helping the Thunder go 38-6 during his time in Wheaton, Illinois. Gehl also served on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee during his time at Wheaton.

Gehl earned his bachelor's degree in economics with a minor in communications from Wheaton College in December 2021.

**KADE GLENN****Assistant Defensive Backs Coach****First Season****Keiser University, 2020**

Kade Glenn is in his first season as assistant defensive backs coach for the Governors after spending the previous season as a defensive graduate assistant at North Alabama.

During his time as a defensive graduate assistant at North Alabama, Glenn worked with the Lions' linebackers while also overseeing the offensive and special teams scout teams.

Before his coaching career, Glenn played his final year of college football as a defensive back at the University of New Haven, where he recorded five tackles in 10 games during the 2021 season. Prior to that, Glenn played three seasons at NAIA Keiser University, where he racked up 135 tackles, 4.5 tackles for loss, 0.5 sacks, five interceptions, 11 passes defensed, a forced fumble, a fumble recovery, and two blocked kicks in 30 games.

Glenn earned his bachelor's degree in business from Keiser University in 2020.

**CHASE KING****Recruiting Assistant****First Season****Memphis, 2022**

Chase King is in his first season as a recruiting assistant for the Governors.

Before coming to Austin Peay, King worked as a gameday experience intern at Memphis. King also served as a football operations intern for the Tigers during the 2018 and 2019 seasons.

King began his collegiate career at East Texas Baptist University, where he played defensive end for two seasons. A native of Arlington, Tennessee, King recorded three tackles in six games for the Tigers.

King earned his bachelor's degree in sport and leisure management from Memphis in December 2022.

**JOHN LANG****Recruiting Coordinator****First Season****Kansas, 2022**

John Lang is in his first season as the recruiting coordinator at Austin Peay.

Before joining the Governors, Lang spent a year as a recruiting and operations graduate assistant at Tennessee State. Before his time with the Tigers, Lang also spent a year as a recruiting intern for the Kansas football program.

A Nashville native, Lang began his career in college football as a scout and writer for Prep Redzone after working as a recruiting coordinator for Sound Mind Sound Body Academy.

Lang earned his bachelor's degree in sport management with a minor in business from Kansas in May 2022.



SUPPORT STAFF**ROBBIE MATOS****Director of Football Operations****Chief of Staff****Second Season****Kent State, 2020**

Robbie Matos is in his second season as the director of football operations and chief of staff for Austin Peay football after serving as the assistant director of football operations and graduate assistant at Kent State for two seasons.

During his time in Kent, Ohio, Matos was responsible for in-season and offseason recruiting activities, coordinating team travel lists, and managing KSU's bowl week itinerary for the 2021 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl against Wyoming and the Flashes' 2019 victory against Utah State at the Tropical Smoothie Café Frisco Bowl.

Matos graduated with a bachelor's degree in sports administration and business administration from Kent State in 2020, before earning a master's in sports administration in 2021.

LAUREN NORTON**Assistant Director of Athletics****Health & Human Performances****Third Season****East Carolina, 2013**

Lauren Norton, who was promoted to assistant director of athletics in July 2022, returns for her second season in Clarksville after spending four years at South Carolina State.

In four seasons at Orangeburg, Norton was the Bulldogs head football athletic trainer. She was responsible for designing nutritional, mental health and rehabilitation programs. Norton also established the department's COVID-19 return-to-campus and return-to-play protocols.

Norton earned a master's degree in kinesiology from LSU in 2016 and was a graduate assistant trainer in Baton Rouge for two seasons, working with the Tigers beach volleyball, football and swimming and diving programs. Following her graduation, she spent one season with the Auburn athletics department as an athletic training intern, assisting with the Tigers men's tennis and cheerleading programs.

A 2013 graduate of East Carolina, Norton completed a double bachelor's degree in athletic training and school health education. While in Greenville, she also was an athletic training student and assisted with coverage of the Pirates football team in 2011.

Norton is a member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association. She also is certified in CPR/AED by the American Heart Association. Norton also holds certifications in the Graston Technique and personalized blood flow restriction rehabilitation.

**BUDDY O'DELL****General Manager****NFL, CFL, XFL, & USFL Liaison****Second Season****Southern Miss, 2017**

Loren "Buddy" O'Dell is in his second season as the general manager for Austin Peay football, he also serves as the program's professional football liaison.

O'Dell has previously worked with three professional football teams throughout his career in the Green Bay Packers, Baltimore Ravens, and Salt Lake City Stallions of the Alliance of American Football.

After serving as an equipment intern and assisting the Ravens' defensive line during training camp in 2017, O'Dell was an equipment assistant for the Packers from 2018 to 2020 and a front-office assistant for the Stallions in 2019.

O'Dell received his bachelor's degree in sport coaching and education from Southern Miss in 2017, where he worked alongside Scotty Walden – who was the Golden Eagles' wide receivers and tight ends coach at the time – as a student assistant and quality control coach for the offense. He also served as a student equipment manager for two years during his time in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

**SALES PINCKNEY****Video Coordinator****Recruiting Assistant****Second Season****Rhodes College, 2018**

Francis "Sales" Pinckney III is in his first season as video coordinator and recruiting assistant for Austin Peay football after spending the 2022 season as a volunteer recruiting assistant for the Governors.



A native of Savannah, Georgia, Pinckney spent four seasons as a defensive lineman at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee. During his time at Rhodes, Pinckney was a member of the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame 2018 Hampshire Honor Society while also being named to the Southern Athletic Association All-Academic Honor Roll three times.

After his time at Rhodes College, Pinckney spent nearly three years as a video scout associate for Sports Info Solutions while also working as a scouting intern for College Gridiron Showcase. Before coming to Clarksville, Pinckney also worked as a scouting intern for The 33rd Team.

Pinckney earned his bachelor's degree in commerce and business from Rhodes College in 2018.

SUPPORT STAFF**DEVIN STUART****Director of Creative Content****First Season****Austin Peay, 2019**

Former Austin Peay punter Devin Stuart is in his first season as the director of creative content for his alma mater.

A native of Kingsport, Tennessee, Stuart joined the Governors as a defensive back in 2015 before serving as Austin Peay's punter from 2016-19. During the 2017 season, Stuart set the Austin Peay single-season punting average record at 41.48 yards per kick. Stuart, who was a member of Austin Peay's 2019 Ohio Valley Conference Championship team, averaged 39.26 yards per punt during his career, which ranks second in program history.

Stuart earned his bachelor's degree in communications with a concentration in sports broadcasting from Austin Peay in December 2019.

ADDISON TUCKER**Assistant Defensive Line Coach****Second Season****Lincoln (Mo.), 2018**

Addison Tucker is in his second season at Austin Peay as assistant defensive line coach after three seasons at Lincoln University, his alma mater.

A Memphis, Tennessee native, Tucker spent seven seasons in Jefferson City, Missouri, first as a linebacker for the Tigers (2014-18) and then as a graduate assistant. He amassed 216 tackles and 14 tackles for loss during his playing career, earning Second Team All-Great Lakes Valley Conference honors as a junior and honorable mention as a senior.

Following his playing career, Tucker remained at Lincoln and was a defensive graduate assistant where he worked with the team's linebackers.

Tucker earned his bachelor's degree in kinesiology in 2018. He followed that by earning his MBA in 2022 while at Lincoln.

**JOE WARE****Assistant Tight Ends Coach****Second Season****Bowling Green, 2020**

Joe Ware is in his second season as assistant tight ends coach for the Governors after attending rookie minicamp with the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2022.

A Crete, Illinois native, Ware played his final collegiate season at Austin Peay in 2021 and earned Second Team All-OVC honors after starting ten games at right tackle. Before transferring to Austin Peay, Ware spent five seasons at Bowling Green State, playing in 14 games across three seasons.

Ware earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Bowling Green State in 2020.

**BRENDAN YORK****Equipment Assistant****Second Season****Liberty, 2021**

Brendan York is in his second season as the football equipment assistant at Austin Peay.

York most recently served as an equipment intern for Fan Controlled Football (FCF), which is a professional 7-on-7 football league. Before his time with FCF, York was an equipment intern for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers during training camp in 2021.



During his time at Liberty University, York worked as a student equipment manager for the Flames football team from the spring of 2019 until he graduated with a bachelor's degree in sport management in 2021.

