

6 MAC CHAMPIONSHIPS • 4 MAC WEST DIVISION TITLES • 11 BOWL APPEARANCES

BALL STATE FOOTBALL

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BALL STATE CARDINALS

(1-2, 0-0 MAC)

Home: 1-0 | Away: 0-2 | Streak: Lost 1
Head Coach: Mike Uremovich (2nd season)



at

KENT STATE GOLDEN FLASHES

(1-2, 0-0 MAC)

Home: 1-0 | Away: 0-2 | Streak: Lost 1
Head Coach: Mark Carney (2nd season)



Game 4 | Saturday, Sept. 26 (12:00 p.m. ET kickoff) | Kent, Ohio | Dix Stadium (25,319)

LIVE COVERAGE

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2026 SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

5	Sat.	at Ohio State	BTN	L, 3-56
12	Sat.	STONY BROOK	ESPN+	W, 41-17
19	Sat.	at Liberty	ESPN+	L, 15-51
26	Sat.	at Kent State *	ESPN+	Noon

OCTOBER

3	Sat.	TOLEDO *	ESPN+	2 p.m.
10	Sat.	at Northwestern	TBD	TBD
17	Sat.	at Bowling Green *	TBD	TBD
24	Sat.	SACRAMENTO STATE *	TBD	TBD

NOVEMBER

4	Wed.	at Massachusetts *	TBD	7 or 7:30
11	Wed.	BUFFALO *	TBD	7 or 7:30
17	Tue.	at Ohio *	TBD	6, 7 or 7:30
28	Sat.	CENTRAL MICHIGAN *	TBD	12 p.m.

DECEMBER

5	Sat.	MAC Championship Game (Ford Field)	12 p.m.	
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* indicates MAC game

Home games in BOLD CAPS; all times Eastern

CARDINALS VISIT KENT STATE FOR OPENING GAME OF MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE SLATE

» Ball State travels to Kent, Ohio, this Saturday, to face Mid-American Conference rival Kent State and open the Cardinals' 52nd season in the MAC. The Cardinals have won four straight meetings in the series with Kent State, and boast a .758 win percentage against the Golden Flashes -- Ball State's largest against any MAC opponent.

» The Cardinals have won four straight in the series with Kent State, and six of the past seven meetings. Ball State has also won 11 of 16 matchups at Dix Stadium. But despite Ball State's recent success in the series, six of the past eight encounters have been decided by 7 points or less -- including a 37-35 win in Ball State's last visit to Kent, and a 17-13 win last year at Scheumann Stadium.

» Ball State fell 51-15 at Liberty last week in a game that was wrought with 11 Cardinals penalties to mark the second straight game Ball State was bit by penalty flags. Last year, in head coach Mike Uremovich's first season, the Cardinals took pride in limiting yellow hankies, ranking among MAC and FBS leaders for fewest flags and fewest penalty yards.

» Ball State drove 75 yards on nine plays for its first score at Liberty last week, for what was the Cardinals' longest offensive series of the season. From that point, however, Ball State managed just 184 yards in total offense and was flagged seven times for 61 yards in penalties. **TJ Horton's** 25-yard run sparked the Cardinals' first scoring drive and was Ball State's longest play from the scrimmage all day. Horton capped the drive with a two-yard scoring run, the first of his two TDs against the Flames. He finished the day with eight carries for 79 yards (9.9 yards per carry).

» Defensively, safety **Sterling Smith** tallied a career-high nine tackles against the Flames, while adding a tackle for loss and a pass breakup. But for a second-quarter punt and a third-period fumble recovery by Ball State nose tackle **Ameir Glenn**, Liberty scored points on 8 of 10 possessions against the Cardinals.

WHAT A WIN MEANS:

» Ball State will win on the road for the first time in the Mike Uremovich Era. It would mark the Cardinals' first road win since Oct. 12, 2024 at Kent State (37-35).

» Ball State will win its MAC opener for the second straight season, yet just the third time since 2019. Ball State upended defending MAC champion Ohio in last year's MAC kickoff, 20-14 in Muncie. The Cardinals dropped MAC openers in five consecutive seasons from 2020 to 2024.

By the Numbers

6

Fourth-year RB **TJ Horton** is one of six FBS players to average at least 9.0 yards per carry, after more than 20 attempts this season.

19

Sterling Smith paces the Ball State defense with 19 tackles over three games. He led the Cardinals with six at Ohio State and nine at Liberty.

208

TJ Horton's 208 rushing yards through three games rank third in the MAC with 69.3 yards per game. He averages 9.0 yards per carry.

.758

Ball State's .758 winning percentage against Kent State is the Cardinals' highest mark against a Mid-American Conference opponent.

MAC Championships
1976, 1978, 1989, 1993, 1996, 2020

MAC West Division Titles
2001, 2007, 2008, 2020

Bowl Appearances
1965, 1967, 1989, 1993, 1996, 2007, 2008, 2012, 2013, 2020, 2021

Unbeaten and Untied
1949



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
PRACTICE (closed)	OFF 10:00 a.m. ET Head coach Mike Uremovich and select players available for weekly press conference. 6:00 p.m. ET Monday Nights with the Red & White coaches radio show	PRACTICE (open) Post-practice interviews available upon request	PRACTICE (open) Post-practice interviews available upon request	PRACTICE (closed) 9-9:30 a.m. ET <i>This Week in Ball State Sports</i> (Podcast Live on WMUN Radio)	WALK-THROUGH (closed)	GAME at Kent State 12:00 p.m. ET (ESPN+) Head coach Mike Uremovich and select players available for postgame press conference.

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Enrollment/Founded 21,597/1918
President Geoffrey S. Mearns
Director of Athletics Jeff Mitchell
Colors Cardinal (PMS 200) and White
Home Facility Scheumann Stadium
Capacity 22,500
Surface Sprint Turf
Football History 2026 is the 102nd team
First Season in Stadium 1967
Conference Mid-American Conference
Ticket Office 765.285.1474
 or 1.888.BSU.TICKET

2025 Record	4-8
2025 MAC Record	3-5
2025 Home Record	4-1
2024 Road Record	0-7
Most Recent Bowl: . . L, 51-20 vs.Georgia State (2021 Camellia Bowl)	
2025 Letterwinners Returning	22
. (10 offense, 10 defense, 2 specialists)	
2025 Letterwinners Lost	38
. (15 offense, 20 defense, 3 specialists)	
2025 Starters Returning	9
. (5 offense, 2 defense, 2 specialists)	
2025 Starters Lost	17
. (6 offense, 9 defense, 2 specialists)	
All-Time Record	484-475-32
at Scheumann Stadium	179-123-4

Select Ball State practices are open to the media. Please contact Kevin Messenger in the Athletic Communications office for schedule, times, location or alternate accommodations.

Generally, all players and coaches are available for interviews to accredited media sources. Efforts will be made to accommodate additional requests virtually or over the phone as they arise. Requests for such interviews must be directed to Kevin Messenger in the Athletic Communications office at least 24 hours in advance.

Please submit all credential requests to Kevin Messenger in the Athletic Communications office at least 48 hours in advance. Postgame press conferences featuring head coach Mike Uremovich and select players will be conducted in the Venderly Team Room following home games, and via Zoom after road games. A link to the Zoom session will be made available to media members via email.

This season, head coach Mike Uremovich and selected student-athletes will be available for a press conference on Monday of a typical game week. The press conference is tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m. ET each week, with video posted on BallStateSports.com.

A weekly Ball State athletics coaches show airs live on WMUN Radio and is conducted at the 1925 PubHouse in downtown Muncie, every Monday from 6-7 p.m.

Each Thursday as part of Ball State's podcast platform, Voice of the Cardinals Mick Tidrow is joined by head coach Mike Uremovich to discuss the week that was and the week ahead for Ball State football. The weekly event airs live on WMUN Radio from 9 to 9:30 a.m. ET, and drops in podcast format immediately after. Other features include interviews with players, coaches and representatives from other Ball State programs. Each episode drops on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Amazon, IHeart Media AND Google. Searching *'This Week in Ball State Sports'* will give you access to each episode that has been released.

The Ball State visiting radio booth has POTS and Ethernet lines available for visiting broadcasts.

Please contact the Ball State communications office for requests of historical photos, facility photos, action photos, headshots and video.

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Numerical

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
0	DJ Fields	DB	6-1	192	4th	Saint Charles, Mo./Chaminade HS
0	Elijah Jackson	RB	5-8	182	4th	Indianapolis, Ind./Purdue
1	Donovan Hamilton	WR	6-4	210	3rd	Fishers, Ind./Purdue
1	Sterling Smith	DB	5-11	198	4th	Indianapolis, Ind./Purdue
2	Tobi Adewoyin	DB	5-11	185	2nd	Atlanta, Ga./North Atlanta HS
2	Jalen Bonds	RB	6-0	215	2nd	Indianapolis, Ind./Cathedral HS
2	Quentavius Scandrett	DB	6-3	206	5th	Clayton, Ga./Arkansas
3	George Okorie	DE	6-3	240	3rd	Vancouver, B.C./Vanderbilt
3	Johnny Thompson Jr.	RB	5-10	193	4th	Pacoima, Calif./Kansas
4	TJ Horton	RB	5-10	200	4th	Lexington, Ky./Frederick Douglass HS
4	Willizhuan Yates	DB	6-0	177	3rd	Springboro, Ohio/Springboro HS
5	Chris Jackson	DB	5-11	172	5th	San Diego, Calif./Colorado State
5	Jabari Smith	WR	5-9	160	4th	Orlando, Fla./Florida Atlantic
6	Cincear Lewis	LB	6-2	222	5th	Kalamazoo, Mich./Cincinnati
6	Keldric Luster	QB	5-10	250	4th	McKinney, Texas/Texas State
7	Ben Marsh	DE	6-2	252	4th	Hilliard, Ohio/Darby HS
7	CJ Nelson	WR	5-11	184	5th	North Richland Hills, Texas/Eastern Illinois
8	Avery Stuart	DB	6-1	206	4th	Montgomery, Ala./Kentucky
9	Tyler Mizzell	QB	6-1	170	4th	Denver, N.C./Concord University
9	Justin Thomas	OLB	6-0	241	5th	Floosmoor, Ill./U. of Indianapolis
10	Jamarion McDougale	WR	6-0	180	5th	Deerfield Beach, Fla./Butler CC
10	Austin Stief	DE	6-4	215	4th	Orlando, Fla./Davenport University
11	Layton Starks	OLB	6-4	235	3rd	Versailles, Ky./Woodford County HS
11	Isaiah Thacker	WR	5-11	195	4th	New Palestine, Ind./New Palestine HS
12	Deondre Shepherd	DB	5-11	195	3rd	McKinney, Texas/Coastal Carolina
13	Kamron Chamble	DB	5-11	180	2nd	Daytona Beach, Fla./Spruce Creek HS
13	Khalel Wright	QB	6-1	195	2nd	Charlotte, N.C./Charlotte Country Day HS
14	Elisha Durham	WR	6-1	175	2nd	Pontiac, Mich./West Bloomfield HS
14	Anthony Pinnacle	DB	6-0	155	5th	Ypsilanti, Mich./Michigan State
15	Tayshon Bardo	WR	6-0	180	1st	Elkhart, Ind./Elkhart HS
15	Jovan Clark	LB	5-10	200	2nd	Chicago, Ill./Washington State
16	Mason Atkins	QB	6-3	218	1st	North Aurora, Ill./West Aurora HS
16	Kaleb Stewart	LB	6-0	246	3rd	Broward County, Fla./Coffeyville CC
17	Kamari Williams	DB	6-1	190	3rd	Baltimore, Md./Independence CC
17	DJ Young	WR	6-0	174	3rd	Lafayette, Ind./Siena Heights University
18	Bodie Derrer	QB	6-2	211	3rd	Arcadia, Ind./Hamilton Heights HS
18	Cedric Franklin II	DB	6-1	187	3rd	Mableton, Ga./Arkansas State
19	Lachlan Mathieson	P	6-2	185	1st	Melbourne, Australia/Caulfield Grammar School
19	Zyon Hill	DB	6-3	182	1st	Fishers, Ind./Cathedral HS
20	Cole Earlewine	DB	5-11	206	4th	Fishers, Ind./Hamilton Southeastern HS
21	Gabe Arambales	DB	5-11	215	2nd	Westfield, Ind./Westfield HS
21	Anthony McMullen Jr.	RB	5-10	217	1st	Akron, Ohio/Washington HS
+ 22	Gavin Yates-Lyons	DB	6-2	175	1st	Greenville, Fla./Lowndes HS
23	Jordan Suggs	DB	6-0	178	3rd	O'Fallon, Ill./O'Fallon Township HS
24	Dianté Griffin	DB	5-9	192	5th	Lima, Ohio/Ohio State
24	Tate Hoover	TE	6-2	252	4th	Manhattan, Kan./Hutchinson CC
25	Char'rese Breveard	RB	5-8	184	1st	Elkhart, Ind./Concord HS
25	Mikeah Webster	LB	6-1	238	2nd	Sheridan, Ind./Westfield HS
26	Lucas Szymborski	LB	6-1	220	2nd	Crown Point, Ind./Crown Point HS
27	Gavin Forsha	LB	6-3	224	5th	Nashville, Tenn./Tennessee State
28	Stone Perkins	DB	5-11	198	1st	Louisville, Ky./Christian Academy HS
29	Micah Lillard	DB	6-1	198	3rd	Lafayette, Ind./Lafayette Jefferson HS
30	Donovan Lanier	DB	6-0	174	2nd	Winter Garden, Fla./West Orange HS
31	Jared Badie	OLB	6-3	236	5th	Aurora, Ill./San Diego State
32	Cole Stumbaugh	P	6-2	220	3rd	Plainfield, Ill./Montini Catholic HS
33	Jamar Birden	DE	6-2	233	2nd	Waycross, Ga./Ware County HS
34	Coby Tripp	LS	6-0	200	2nd	Spring Arbor, Mich./Western HS
35	Drew Bostic	DB	5-8	175	1st	Brownsville, Ind./Brownsville HS
36	Cole Mynett	LB	6-0	224	1st	Muncie, Ind./Delta HS
37	Hudson Fiene	K	5-10	177	4th	Yorkville, Ill./Monmouth
38	Jayden Bernavil	DB	5-7	193	4th	Indianapolis, Ind./Westfield HS
38	Brody Boehm	K/P	6-1	203	3rd	Westfield, Ind./Missouri
39	Maverick Gracio	DE	6-4	245	4th	West Palm Beach, Fla./Pittsburgh
40	Gannon Knowles	LB	6-0	205	1st	Indianapolis, Ind./Cathedral HS
41	Zach Becker	TE	6-3	223	1st	Vernon Hills, Ill./Stevenson HS
42	AJ Seymour	TE	6-4	235	1st	Brookfield, Wisc./Brookfield Central HS
44	Lucas Andresen	WR	6-3	220	1st	Chicago, Ill./Lincoln-Way Central HS
45	Caden Britton	LS	5-10	204	5th	New Albany, Ohio/New Albany HS
45	Sebastian Moore	DB	6-0	170	1st	Fort Wayne, Ind./North Side HS
48	Sam Feeney	OLB	6-2	205	3rd	Indianapolis, Ind./Bishop Chatard HS

Alphabetical

No.	Name	Pos.
2	Tobi Adewoyin	DB
44	Lucas Andresen	WR
21	Gabe Arambales	DB
16	Mason Atkins	QB
31	Jared Badie	OLB
75	Zach Bandy	OL
15	Tayshon Bardo	WR
71	Brady Barrowman	OL
41	Zach Becker	TE
38	Jayden Bernavil	DB
33	Jamar Birden	DE
38	Brody Boehm	K/P
2	Jalen Bonds	RB
35	Drew Bostic	DB
25	Char'rese Breveard	RB
45	Caden Britton	LS
50	Carsen Burckhardt	LB
82	TJ Byard	WR
13	Kamron Chamble	DB
57	Nolan Cicero	OL
15	Jovan Clark	LB
96	Joshua Coleman	DT
81	Leo Collins	TE
70	Tristan Cook	OL
87	Cole Coonrod	TE
85	Ace Cooper	WR
61	Luke Dalton	OL
18	Bodie Derrer	QB
54	Evan Downer	OL
14	Elisha Durham	WR
20	Cole Earlewine	DB
65	Ryan Eldridge	OL
48	Sam Feeney	OLB
0	DJ Fields	DB
37	Hudson Fiene	K
27	Gavin Forsha	LB
18	Cedric Franklin II	DB
99	Kendrick Gilbert	DT
56	Ameir Glenn	DT
39	Maverick Gracio	DE
24	Dianté Griffin	DB
1	Donovan Hamilton	WR
97	Myles Hancock	DT
79	Zion Haney	OL
68	Grant Haworth	OL
57	Reese Hill	DT
19	Zyon Hill	DB
83	Eli Hohlt	WR
93	Mason Holbrook	DT
66	Chris Hood	OL
24	Tate Hoover	TE
4	TJ Horton	RB
55	Dominic Infelise	DT
5	Chris Jackson	DB
0	Elijah Jackson	RB
56	Jacob Jeudy	OL
40	Gannon Knowles	LB
30	Donovan Lanier	DB
6	Cincear Lewis	LB
29	Micah Lillard	DB
6	Keldric Luster	QB
7	Ben Marsh	DE
90	Lincoln Mason	DT
19	Lachlan Mathieson	P
78	Kaden Mayle	OL
10	Jamarion McDougale	WR
21	Anthony McMullen Jr.	RB
9	Tyler Mizzell	QB
45	Sebastian Moore	DB
73	Cole Mosier	OL

Numerical (cont.)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
50	Carsen Burckhardt	LB	5-10	225	2nd	Long Lake, Minn./Valparaiso
51	CJ Sanchez	DT	6-4	280	1st	North Judson, Ind./North Judson-San Pierre HS
52	Michael Thacker	DT	6-0	290	2nd	New Palestine, Ind./New Palestine HS
54	Evan Downer	OL	6-4	300	1st	Palatine, Ill./Palatine HS
54	Spencer Vaka	DT	6-1	303	4th	Shawnee, Kan./Dodge City CC
55	Dominic Infelise	DT	6-3	300	1st	New Lenox, Ill./Providence Catholic HS
55	Michael Varon	OL	6-3	301	2nd	Palatine, Ill./Fremd HS
56	Ameir Glenn	DT	6-1	304	3rd	Fairburn, Ga./Wake Forest
56	Blake Jeudy	OL	6-3	290	5th	Miami, Fla./Concord University
57	Nolan Cicero	OL	6-4	301	1st	Crown Point, Ind./Crown Point HS
57	Reese Hill	DT	6-3	296	3rd	Greenfield, Ind./Purdue
58	Keilan Smith	DT	6-2	335	4th	Pickerington, Ohio/Cincinnati
60	Blake Scriber	OL	6-2	303	3rd	Cincinnati, Ohio/Morgan State
61	Luke Dalton	OL	6-4	304	5th	Crystal Lake, Ill./Cincinnati
62	Sam Spicer	OL	6-4	300	1st	Mount Juliet, Tenn./Pope John Paul II HS
63	Maxwell Wentz	OL	6-3	301	5th	Huntington, W.Va./Dartmouth
65	Ryan Eldridge	OL	6-7	287	2nd	Goshen, Ind./Goshen HS
66	Chris Hood	OL	6-10	330	5th	Kendallville, Ind./East Noble HS
67	Jackson Ruess	OL	6-4	298	4th	Crown Point, Ind./Crown Point HS
68	Grant Haworth	OL	6-2	303	3rd	Fishers, Ind./Fishers HS
70	Tristan Cook	OL	6-6	300	3rd	Lexington, Ky./Woodford County HS
71	Brady Barrowman	OL	6-4	303	2nd	Minooka, Ill./Minooka HS
72	Brady Weber	OL	6-6	258	1st	Greenwood, Ind./Center Grove HS
73	Cole Mosier	OL	6-4	305	4th	Columbia City, Ind./Columbia City HS
74	Khristian Zachary	DT	6-3	278	5th	Fayetteville, Ga./Alabama A&M
75	Zach Bandy	OL	6-5	297	3rd	Avon, Ind./Avon HS
76	CJ Zeltwanger	OL	6-4	300	2nd	West Lafayette, Ind./Harrison HS
77	Misael Sandoval	OL	6-6	312	4th	Chula Vista, Calif./Vanderbilt
78	Kaden Mayle	OL	6-5	288	2nd	Fremont, Ohio/Fremont Ross HS
79	Zion Haney	OL	6-3	301	1st	Indianapolis, Ind./Bishop Chatard
80	Derion Talbert	WR	5-8	157	2nd	Lexington, Ky./Frederick Douglass HS
81	Leo Collins	TE	6-3	234	4th	Evansville, Ind./Evansville Memorial HS
82	TJ Byard	WR	6-1	194	2nd	North Muskegon, Mich./Lawrence Tech
83	Eli Hohlt	WR	6-0	185	4th	Greenwood, Ind./Center Grove HS
85	Ace Cooper	WR	5-10	162	1st	Cincinnati, Ohio/Middletown HS
86	Mason Riggins	TE	6-5	248	2nd	Zionsville, Ind./Zionsville HS
87	Cole Coonrod	TE	6-5	243	4th	Manhattan, Kan./Hutchinson CC
88	Alex Scherle	TE	6-4	255	5th	Rochester Hills, Mich./Rice
89	Sean Ward	TE	6-5	255	5th	Cleveland, Ohio/Dartmouth
90	Lincoln Mason	DT	6-6	289	2nd	Wilsonville, Ore./Wilsonville HS
93	Mason Holbrook	DT	6-2	270	1st	Hamilton, Ohio/Hamilton HS
94	Ka'Shawn Thomas	DT	6-0	291	4th	Brunswick, Ga./Wake Forest
96	Joshua Coleman	DT	6-1	290	1st	Americus, Ga./Sumter County HS
97	Myles Hancock	DT	6-1	296	3rd	Corona, Calif./Riverside City College
99	Kendrick Gilbert	DT	6-4	255	4th	Indianapolis, Ind./Louisville

+ Gavin Yates-Lyons died on May 30, 2026 as a first-year true freshman; no Ball State player will wear No. 22 until Yates-Lyons' eligibility is exhausted following the 2030 season
last roster update: September 21, 2026

Alphabetical (cont.)

No.	Name	Pos.
36	Cole Mynett	LB
7	CJ Nelson	WR
3	George Okorie	DE
28	Stone Perkins	DB
14	Anthony Pinnacle	DB
86	Mason Riggins	TE
67	Jackson Ruess	OL
51	CJ Sanchez	DT
77	Misael Sandoval	OL
2	Quentavius Scandrett	DB
88	Alex Scherle	TE
60	Blake Scriber	OL
42	AJ Seymour	TE
12	Deondre Shepherd	DB
5	Jabari Smith	WR
58	Keilan Smith	DT
1	Sterling Smith	DB
62	Sam Spicer	OL
11	Layton Starks	OLB
16	Kaleb Stewart	LB
10	Austin Stief	DE
8	Avery Stuart	DB
32	Cole Stumbaugh	P
23	Jordan Suggs	DB
26	Lucas Szymborski	LB
80	Derion Talbert	WR
11	Isaiah Thacker	WR
52	Michael Thacker	DT
9	Justin Thomas	OLB
94	Ka'Shawn Thomas	DT
3	Johnny Thompson Jr.	RB
34	Coby Tripp	LS
54	Spencer Vaka	DT
55	Michael Varon	OL
89	Sean Ward	TE
72	Brady Weber	OL
25	Mikeah Webster	LB
63	Maxwell Wentz	OL
17	Kamari Williams	DB
13	Khalel Wright	QB
4	Willizhuan Yates	DB
+ 22 Gavin Yates-Lyons		DB
17	DJ Young	WR
74	Khristian Zachary	DT
76	CJ Zeltwanger	OL

Pronunciation Guide

Tobi Adewoyin	add-uh-WOY-in
Lucas Andresen	an-DREE-sen
Gabe Arambales	air-um-BO-lus
Jared Badie	BAY-dee
Jayden Bernavil	BURR-na-vull
Brody Boehm	BAME
Char'rese Breveard	shu-REESE bru-h-VARD
Nolan Cicero	SISS-er-oh
Jovan Clark	juh-VONN
Elisha Durham	uh-LY-shuh (use "sh" not "j")
Bodie Derrer	DARE
Cole Earlewine	ERR-lee-wine
Hunter Fiene	FEE-nee
Gavin Forsha	for-SHAY
Ameir Glenn	uh-MEER
Maverick Gracio	GRAW-cee-oh
Eli Hohlt	HOLT
Dominic Infelise	IN-fuh-leez

Jacob Jeudy	JOO-dee (like judy)
Cincear Lewis	sin-SEER (like sincere)
Lachlan Mathieson	LOCK-lin MATH-uh-son
Kaden Mayle	MAY-lee
Jamarion McDougle	juh-MAIR-ee-on
Tyler Mizzell	muh-ZELL (not my-zell)
Cole Mosier	MO-zhure
Cole Mynett	my-NETT
George Okorie	oh-KOR-ee
Anthony Pinnacle	puh-NAYCE
Jackson Ruess	REESE
Misael Sandoval	mee-sy-ELL (goes by MEE-suh)
Quentavius Scandrett	quen-TAY-vee-us (goes by Q)
Alex Scherle	SHURE-lee (like shirley)
Jabari Smith	juh-BARR-ee
Keilan Smith	KEE-lan
Austin Stief	STEEF
Lucas Szymborski	zim-BOR-skee

Ka'Shawn Thomas	kuh-SHAWN
Michael Varon	VERR-in
Mikeah Webster	MIKE-uh
Kamari Williams	kuh-MARR-ee
Khalel Wright	kuh-LELL
Willizhuan Yates	will-AH-zhu-wahn (like Olojuwan); goes by Will

Coaches	
Nick Fiacable	FEE-uh-cay-bul
Josiah Milham	MILL-um
Mayomi Olootu	my-OH-mee oh-LOW-too
Adam Siwicki	suh-WICK-ee
Joey Suchy	SOO-chee
Mike Uremovich	yoo-REM-uh-vich
Tyler Vradenburg	VRAY-den-burg

BREAKDOWN BY POSITION

QUARTERBACKS (5)

Mason Atkins, 1st
Bodie Derrer, 3rd
Keldric Luster, 4th
Tyler Mizzell, 4th
Khalel Wright, 2nd

RUNNING BACKS (6)

Jalen Bonds, 2nd
Char'rese Breveard, 1st
T.J. Horton, 4th
Elijah Jackson, 4th
Anthony McMullen Jr., 1st
Johnny Thompson Jr., 4th

WIDE RECEIVERS (13)

Lucas Andresen, 1st
Tayshon Bardo, 1st
TJ Byard, 2nd
Ace Cooper, 1st
Elisha Durham, 2nd
Donovan Hamilton, 3rd
Eli Hohlt, 4th
Jamarion McDougale, 5th
CJ Nelson, 5th
Jabari Smith, 4th
Derion Talbert, 2nd
Isaiah Thacker, 4th
DJ Young, 3rd

TIGHT ENDS/FULLBACKS (8)

Zach Becker, 1st
Leo Collins, 4th
Cole Coonrod, 4th
Tate Hoover, 4th
Mason Riggins, 2nd
Alex Scherle, 5th
AJ Seymour, 1st
Sean Ward, 5th

OFFENSIVE LINE (21)

Zach Bandy, 3rd
Brady Barrowman, 2nd
Nolan Cicero, 1st
Tristan Cook, 3rd
Luke Dalton, 5th
Evan Downer, 1st
Ryan Eldridge, 2nd
Zion Haney, 1st
Grant Haworth, 3rd
Chris Hood, 5th
Jacob Jeudy, 5th
Kaden Mayle, 2nd
Cole Mosier, 4th
Jackson Ruess, 4th
Misael Sandoval, 4th
Blake Scriber, 3rd
Sam Spicer, 1st
Michael Varon, 2nd

Maxwell Wentz, 5th
Brady Weber, 1st
C.J. Zeltwanger, 2nd

DEFENSIVE TACKLE (14)

Joshua Coleman, 1st
Kendrick Gilbert, 4th
Ameir Glenn, 3rd
Myles Hancock, 3rd
Reese Hill, 3rd
Mason Holbrook, 1st
Dominic Infelise, 1st
Lincoln Mason, 2nd
CJ Sanchez, 1st
Keilan Smith, 4th
Michael Thacker, 2nd
Ka'Shawn Thomas, 4th
Spencer Vaka, 4th
Khristian Zachary, 5th

EDGE/DEFENSIVE END (5)

Jamar Birden, 2nd
Maverick Gracio, 4th
Ben Marsh, 4th
George Okorie, 3rd
Austin Stief, 4th

RUSH/OUTSIDE LBs (4)

Jared Badie, 5th
Sam Feeney, 3rd
Layton Starks, 3rd
Justin Thomas, 5th

INSIDE LINEBACKERS (8)

Carsen Burckhardt, 2nd
Gavin Forsha, 5th
Gannon Knowles, 1st
Cincear Lewis, 5th
Cole Mynett, 1st
Kaleb Stewart, 3rd
Lucas Szymborski, 2nd
Mikeah Webster, 2nd

SNIPERS (6)

Gabe Arambales, 2nd
Jovan Clark, 2nd
Cole Earlewine, 4th
Zyon Hill, 1st
Micah Lillard, 3rd
Quentavius Scandrett, 5th

SAFETIES (7)
Tobi Adewoyin, 2nd
Drew Bostic, 1st
Kamron Chamble, 2nd
Stone Perkins, 1st
Sterling Smith, 4th
Deondre Shepherd, 3rd
Avery Stuart, 4th

CORNERBACKS (11)

Jayden Bernavil, 4th
DJ Fields, 4th
Cedric Franklin II, 3rd
Dianté Griffin, 5th
Chris Jackson, 5th
Donovan Lanier, 2nd
Sebastian Moore, 1st
Anthony Pinnace, 5th
Jordan Suggs, 3rd
Kamari Williams, 3rd
Willizhuan Yates, 3rd
+ Gavin Yates-Lyons, 1st

PUNTERS (2)

Lachlan Mathieson, 1st
Cole Stumbaugh, 3rd

KICKERS (2)

Brody Boehm, 3rd
Hudson Fiene, 4th

LONG SNAPPER (2)

Caden Britton, 5th
Coby Tripp, 2nd

TOTAL ACTIVE PLAYERS ON ROSTER (114)

BREAKDOWN BY EXPERIENCE

LETTERMEN RETURNING (23)

OFFENSE (10)

Quarterback (none)
Running Back (1): TJ Horton
Offensive Line (3): Tristan Cook, Chris Hood, Cole Mosier
Tight End/FB (1): Tate Hoover
Wide Receiver (5): Elisha Durham, Donovan Hamilton, Eli Hohlt, Jamarion McDougale, Isaiah Thacker

DEFENSE (11)

Defensive Tackle (2): Ameir Glenn, Spencer Vaka
Defensive End (1): Ben Marsh
Linebacker (none)
Outside Linebacker (3): **Sam Feeney**, Layton Starks, Justin Thomas
Cornerback (1): Will Yates
Safety (4): Tobi Adewoyin, Cole Earlewine, DJ Fields, Deondre Shepherd

SPECIAL TEAMS (2)

Kicker (none)
Punter (1): Cole Stumbaugh
Long Snapper (1): Caden Britton

Non-2025 lettermen with letters earned prior to 2025 in bold italics

LETTERMEN LOST (38)

OFFENSE (15)

Quarterback (1): Kiaeal Kelly
Running Back (1): Qua Ashley
Offensive Line (4): Adam Dolan, Otto Hess, Isaac Lucas, Aaron Roberts
Tight End/FB (5): Kameron Anthony, Drew Cassens, Jackson Constantine, Koby Gross, Maximus Webster
Wide Receiver (4): Qian Magwood, Dahya Patel, Ty Robinson, Eric Weatherly

DEFENSE (20)

Defensive Line (6): Darin Conley, DeJuan Echoles 3rd, Scott Hudson, Drew Hughes, Nathan Voorhis, Micah Wing
Linebacker (6): Jack Beebe, Alfred Chea, Caden Johnson, Xavier Simpson, Joey Stemler, Jackson Wiegold
Cornerback (5): Jahmad Harmon, Jalon Jones, Joedrick Lewis, Eric McClain, Roman Pearson
Safety (3): Michael Gravely 3rd, Muheem McCargo, Ashton Whitner

SPECIAL TEAMS (3)

Kicker (2): Carson Holmer, DC Pippin
Kicker (1): Adam Saul
Long Snapper (none)

RETURNERS WITH STARTING EXPERIENCE (career starts)

OFFENSE: **Chris Hood (OL, 20); Tristan Cook (OL, 12); Donovan Hamilton (WR, 11); Cole Mosier (OL, 11); Tate Hoover (TE, 7); TJ Horton (RB, 4); Luke Dalton (OL, 1); Isaiah Thacker (WR, 1)**
DEFENSE: **Will Yates (DB, 12); DJ Fields (DB, 8); Deondre Shepherd (DB, 2); Ben Marsh (DL, 1); Layton Starks (DL, 1)**
SPECIAL TEAMS: **Caden Britton (LS, 12); Cole Stumbaugh (H, 12)**

2025 primary starters in bold italics

STARTERS LOST (career starts)

OFFENSE: Kiaeal Kelly (QB, 21); Qian Magwood (WR, 16); Aaron Roberts (OL, 12); Kameron Anthony (TE, 10); Isaac Lucas (OL, 9); Qua Ashley (RB, 9); Drew Cassens (TE, 5); Nick Presley (WR, 5); Ty Robinson (WR, 5); Otto Hess (OL, 5); Maximus Webster (TE, 4); Koby Gross (TE, 3); Eric Weatherly (WR, 2); Cody Smith (OL, 1)
DEFENSE: Joey Stemler (LB, 26); Drew Hughes (DL, 21); Darin Conley (DL, 12); Nathan Voorhis (DL, 12); Alfred Chea (LB, 11); Eric McClain (DB, 9); Michael Gravely 3rd (DB, 8); Roman Pearson (DB, 8); Ashton Whitner (DB, 8); Micah Wing (DL, 7); Jahmad Harmon (DB, 7); Joedrick Lewis (DB, 6); Muheem McCargo (DB, 5); DeJuan Echoles 3rd (DL, 3); Jack Beebe (LB, 1); Jackson Wiegold (LB, 1)
SPECIAL TEAMS: Adam Saul (P, 12); Carson Holmer (K, 11); DC Pippin (K, 4)

2025 LETTERMEN AT A GLANCE (60)

OFFENSE:	Returning: 10	Lost: 15
DEFENSE:	Returning: 10	Lost: 20
SPECIAL TEAMS:	Returning: 2	Lost: 3
TOTAL:	Returning: 22	Lost: 38

2025 STARTERS AT A GLANCE (26)

OFFENSE:	Returning: 5	Lost: 6
DEFENSE:	Returning: 2	Lost: 9
SPECIAL TEAMS:	Returning: 2	Lost: 2
TOTAL:	Returning: 9	Lost: 17

HOW THE CARDINALS WERE BUILT

FALL 2022

High School Signees (2)
Caden Britton
Chris Hood
Walk-ons (1)
Cole Mosier

SPRING 2023

High School Signees (2)
TJ Horton
Ben Marsh

FALL 2023

High School Signees (6)
Tristan Cook
Cole Earlewine
DJ Fields
Eli Hohlt
Jackson Ruess
Isaiah Thacker
Walk-ons (1)
Leo Collins

SPRING 2024

High School Signees (1)
Zach Bandy
Four-Year Transfers (2)
Luke Dalton
Justin Thomas
Junior College Transfers (1)
Jamarion McDougle

FALL 2024

High School Signees (6)
Bodie Derrer
Sam Feeney
Micah Lillard
Layton Starks
Jordan Suggs
Willizhuan Yates
Walk-ons (3)
Jayden Bernavil
Grant Haworth
Cole Stumbaugh

SPRING 2025

High School Signees (9)
Tobi Adewoyin
* Brady Barrowman
Kamron Chamble
Elisha Durham
* Ryan Eldridge
Donovan Lanier
* Mason Riggins
Michael Thacker
* CJ Zeltwanger
* 2024 grayshirt (signed Dec. 2023)
Four-Year Transfers (4)
Brody Boehm
Elijah Jackson
Deondre Shepherd
Avery Stuart

FALL 2025

High School Signees (8)
Gabe Arambales
Jamar Birden
Jalen Bonds
Kaden Mayle
Lucas Szymborski
Derion Talbert
Mikeah Webster
Khalel Wright
Four-Year Transfers (5)
Ameir Glenn
Donovan Hamilton
Reese Hill
George Okorie
Khristian Zachary
Junior College Transfers (2)
Tate Hoover
Spencer Vaka
Walk-ons (3)
Lincoln Mason
Coby Tripp
Michael Varon

SPRING 2026

High School Signees (7)
Mason Atkins
Nolan Cicero
Ace Cooper
Mason Holbrook
Anthony McMullen Jr.
Stone Perkins
* Sam Spicer
+ Gavin Yates-Lyons
* 2025 grayshirt (signed Dec. 2024)
Four-Year Transfers (24)
Jared Badie
Carsen Burckhardt
Jovan Clark
Gavin Forsha
Cedric Franklin II
Kendrick Gilbert
Maverick Gracio
Chris Jackson
Jacob Jeudy
Cincear Lewis
Keldric Luster
Tyler Mizzell
CJ Nelson
Misael Sandoval
Blake Scriber
Jabari Smith
Keilan Smith
Sterling Smith
Kaleb Stewart
Austin Stief
Ka'Shawn Thomas
Johnny Thompson Jr.
DJ Young
Junior College Transfers (2)
Cole Coonrod
Myles Hancock

FALL 2026

High School Signees (12)
Tayshon Bardo
Zach Becker
Char'rese Breveard
Joshua Coleman
Evan Downer
Zion Haney
Zyon Hill
Dominic Infelise
Gannon Knowles
CJ Sanchez
AJ Seymour
Brady Weber
Four-Year Transfers (8)
TJ Byard
Hudson Fiene
Dianté Griffin
Anthony Pinnacle
Quentavius Scandrett
Alex Scherle
Sean Ward
Maxwell Wentz
Junior College Transfers (1)
Kamari Williams
Walk-ons (5)
Lucas Andresen
Drew Bostic
Lachlan Mathieson
Sebastian Moore
Cole Mynett

(#) numbers in parenthesis reflect active players

CARDINALS BY SIGNING STATUS

HIGH SCHOOL SIGNEES.....	53
FOUR-YEAR TRANSFERS.....	42
JUNIOR COLLEGE TRANSFERS.....	6
WALK-ONS.....	13

CARDINALS BY SEMESTER

FALL 2022.....	3
SPRING 2023.....	2
FALL 2023.....	7
SPRING 2024.....	4
FALL 2024.....	9
SPRING 2025.....	13
FALL 2025.....	18

NEWCOMERS	
SPRING 2026.....	32
FALL 2026.....	26

CARDINALS BY ELIGIBILITY

5 YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY (1st).....	24
4 YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY (2nd).....	23
3 YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY (3rd).....	22
2 YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY (4th).....	27
FINAL YEAR OF ELIGIBILITY (5th).....	18

CARDINALS BY STATE

INDIANA.....	39
ILLINOIS.....	14
OHIO.....	11
FLORIDA.....	8
GEORGIA.....	8
MICHIGAN.....	6
KENTUCKY.....	5
CALIFORNIA.....	4
KANSAS.....	3
TEXAS.....	3
TENNESSEE.....	2
NORTH CAROLINA.....	2
ALABAMA.....	1
MARYLAND.....	1
MINNESOTA.....	1
MISSOURI.....	1
OREGON.....	1
WEST VIRGINIA.....	1
WISCONSIN.....	1
AUSTRALIA.....	1
BRITISH COLUMBIA.....	1

TOTAL ACTIVE PLAYERS ON ROSTER.....	114
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OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name (Ht., Wt., Yr., Hometown)
QB	6	Keldric Luster (5-10, 250, 4th, McKinney, Texas.)
	9	Tyler Mizzell (6-1, 170, 4th, Denver, N.C.)
	16	Mason Atkins (6-3, 218, 1st, North Aurora, Ill.)
	13	Khalel Wright (6-1, 195, 2nd, Charlotte, N.C.)
RB	4	TJ Horton (5-10, 200, 4th, Lexington, Ky.)
	OR 2	Jalen Bonds (6-0, 215, 2nd, Indianapolis, Ind.)
	OR 3	Johnny Thompson, Jr. (5-10, 193, 4th, Pacoima, Calif.)
	0	Elijah Jackson (5-8, 182, 4th, Indianapolis, Ind.)
WR	10	Jamarion McDougle (6-0, 180, 5th, Deerfield Beach, Fla.)
	7	C.J. Nelson (5-11, 184, 5th, North Richland Hills, Texas)
WR	1	Donovan Hamilton (6-4, 210, 3rd, Fishers, Ind.)
	14	Elisha Durham (6-1, 175, 2nd, Pontiac, Mich.)
	17	D.J. Young (6-0, 174, 3rd, Lafayette, Ind.)
	15	Tayshon Bardo (6-1, 180, 1st, Elkhart, Ind.)
WR	11	Isaiah Thacker (5-11, 195, 4th, New Palestine, Ind.)
	5	Jabari Smith (5-9, 160, 4th, Orlando, Fla.)
	83	Eli Hohlt (6-0, 185, 4th, Greenwood, Ind.)
	85	Ace Cooper (5-10, 162, 1st, Cincinnati, Ohio)
TE	24	Tate Hoover (6-2, 252, 4th, Manhattan, Kan.)
	88	Alex Scherle (6-4, 255, 5th, Rochester Hills, Mich.)
	89	Sean Ward (6-5, 255, 5th, Cleveland, Ohio)
	86	Mason Riggins (6-5, 248, 2nd, Zionsville, Ind.)
LT	66	Chris Hood (6-10, 330, 5th, Kendallville, Ind.)
	54	Evan Downer (6-4, 300, 1st, Palatine, Ill.)
	62	Sam Spicer (6-4, 300, 1st, Mount Juliet, Tenn.)
	77	Misael Sandoval (6-6, 312, 4th, Chula Vista, Calif.)
LG	** 73	Cole Mosier (6-4, 305, 4th, Columbia City, Ind.)
	** 75	Zach Bandy (6-5, 297, 3rd, Avon, Ind.)
C	61	Luke Dalton (6-4, 304, 5th, Crystal Lake, Ill.)
	68	Grant Haworth (6-2, 303, 3rd, Fishers, Ind.)
	63	Maxwell Wentz (6-3, 301, 5th, Huntington, W.Va.)
	55	Michael Varon (6-3, 301, 2nd, Palatine, Ind.)
OR	67	Jackson Ruess (6-4, 281, 4th, Crown Point, Ind.)
RG	71	Brady Barrowman (6-4, 303, 2nd, Minooka, Ill.)
	56	Jacob Jeudy (6-3, 290, 5th, Miami, Fla.)
	79	Zion Haney (6-3, 301, 1st, Indianapolis, Ind.)
RT	70	Tristan Cook (6-6, 300, 3rd, Lexington, Ky.)
	57	Nolan Cicero (6-4, 301, 1st, Crown Point, Ind.)
OR	78	Kaden Mayle (6-5, 288, 2nd, Fremont, Ohio)

DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name (Ht., Wt., Yr., Hometown)
EDGE	7	Ben Marsh (6-2, 252, 4th, Hilliard, Ohio.)
	10	Austin Stief (6-4, 215, 4th, Orlando, Fla.)
	39	Maverick Gracio (6-4, 245, 4th, West Palm Beach, Fla.)
	33	Jamar Birden (6-2, 232, 2nd, Waycross, Ga.)
DE	3	George Okorie (6-3, 240, 3rd, Vancouver, B.C.)
	94	Ka'Shawn Thomas (6-1, 291, 4th, Brunswick, Ga.)
	54	Spencer Vaka (6-1, 303, 4th, Shawnee, Kan.)
	58	Keilan Smith (6-2, 335, 4th, Pickerington, Ohio.)
NT	52	Michael Thacker (6-0, 290, 2nd, New Palestine, Ind.)
	56	Ameir Glenn (6-1, 304, 3rd, Fairburn, Ga.)
	99	Kendrick Gilbert (6-4, 255, 4th, Indianapolis, Ind.)
	74	Khristian Zachary (6-3, 278, 5th, Fayetteville, Ga.)
DT	97	Myles Hancock (6-1, 296, 3rd, Corona, Calif.)
	90	Lincoln Mason (6-6, 289, 2nd, Wilsonville, Ohio)
	31	Jared Badie (6-3, 236, 5th, Aurora, Ill.)
	DE/OLB 11	Layton Starks (6-4, 235, 3rd, Versailles, Ky.)
RUSH	9	Justin Thomas (6-0, 241, 5th, Flossmoor, Ill.)
	48	Sam Feeney (6-2, 205, 3rd, Indianapolis, Ind.)
	2	Quentavius Scandrett (6-3, 206, 5th, Clayton, Ga.)
	20	Cole Earlewine (5-11, 206, 4th, Fishers, Ind.)
SNIPER	15	Jovan Clark (5-10, 200, 2nd, Chicago, Ill.)
	** 21	Gabe Arambales (5-11, 215, 2nd, Westfield, Ind.)
	6	Cincear Lewis (6-2, 222, 5th, Kalamazoo, Mich.)
	27	Gavin Forsha (6-3, 224, 5th, Nashville, Tenn.)
MLB	40	Gannon Knowles (6-0, 205, 1st, Indianapolis, Ind.)
	** 25	Mikeah Webster (6-1, 238, 2nd, Sheridan, Ind.)
	16	Kaleb Stewart (6-0, 246, 3rd, Broward County, Fla.)
	26	Lucas Szymborski (6-1, 220, 2nd, Crown Point, Ind.)
FS	12	Deondre Shepherd (5-11, 195, 3rd, McKinney, Texas)
	28	Stone Perkins (5-11, 198, 1st, Louisville, Ky.)
	5	Chris Jackson (5-11, 172, 5th, San Diego, Calif.)
	1	Sterling "Stu" Smith (5-11, 198, 4th, Indianapolis, Ind.)
BS	13	Kamron Chamble (5-11, 180, 2nd, Daytona Beach, Fla.)
	8	Avery Stuart (6-1, 206, 4th, Montgomery, Ala.)
	4	Willizhuan Yates (6-0, 177, 3rd, Springboro, Ohio)
	14	Anthony Pinnace (6-0, 155, 5th, Ypsilanti, Mich.)
FCB	23	Jordan Suggs (6-0, 178, 3rd, O'Fallon, Ill.)
	0	DJ Fields (6-1, 192, 4th, Saint Charles, Mo)
	18	Cedric Franklin II (6-1, 187, 3rd, Mableton, Ga.)
	30	Donovan Lanier (6-0, 174, 2nd, Winter Garden, Fla.)
BCB	17	Kamari Williams (6-1, 190, 3rd, Baltimore, Md.)

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	No.	Name (Ht., Wt., Yr., Hometown)
K	38	Brody Boehm (6-1, 203, 3rd, Westfield, Ind.)
	37	Hudson Fiene (5-10, 177, 4th, Yorkville, Ill.)
P	32	Cole Stumbaugh (6-2, 220, 3rd, Plainfield, Ill.)
	19	Lachlan Mathieson (6-2, 185, 1st, Melbourne, Australia)
	38	Brody Boehm (6-1, 203, 3rd, Westfield, Ind.)
LS	45	Caden Britton (5-10, 204, 5th, New Albany, Ohio)
	34	Coby Tripp (6-0, 200, 2nd, Spring Arbor, Mich.)
H	32	Cole Stumbaugh (6-2, 220, 3rd, Plainfield, Ill.)
	19	Lachlan Mathieson (6-2, 185, 1st, Melbourne, Australia)

Pos.	No.	Name (Ht., Wt., Yr., Hometown)
KO	38	Brody Boehm (6-1, 203, 3rd, Westfield, Ind.)
	37	Hudson Fiene (5-10, 177, 4th, Yorkville, Ill.)
KR	4	TJ Horton (5-10, 200, 4th, Lexington, Ky.)
	2	Jalen Bonds (6-0, 215, 2nd, Indianapolis, Ind.)
PR	85	Ace Cooper (5-10, 162, 1st, Cincinnati, Ohio)
	OR 10	Jamarion McDougle (6-0, 180, 5th, Deerfield Beach, Fla.)
	OR 5	Jabari Smith (5-9, 160, 4th, Orlando, Fla.)

** injured last week

COACHING STAFF - WHERE YOU WILL FIND THEM

Mike Uremovich	Sideline	Head Coach (OC)
Jeff Knowles	Sideline	Defensive Coordinator, Linebackers
Craig Harmon	Sideline	Offensive Pass Game Coord., Quarterbacks
Adam Siwicki	Sideline	Defensive Run Game Coord., Defensive Line
Ray Smith	Sideline	Defensive Pass Game Coord., Cornerbacks
Alex Barr	Sideline	Offensive Line
Madison Bunch	Sideline	Running Backs
Sean Chase	Sideline	Tight Ends
Ray Holmes	Booth	Inside Receivers
Rory Mannering	Sideline	Safeties
Jalen Moss	Booth	Snipers
Shaq Vann	Sideline	Wide Receivers
Nick Fiacable	Sideline	Special Teams Coordinator
Mayomi Olootu	Sideline	Assistant Secondary Coach

Josiah Milham	Sideline	Grad Assistant, Defense
Griffen Murphy	Sideline	Grad Assistant, Offense
Thomas Paglio	Sideline	Grad Assistant, Special Teams
Joey Suchy	Booth	Grad Assistant, Offense
Sam Urbanski	Booth	Grad Assistant, Defense
Dave Ernst	Booth	Senior Analyst, Defense
Tyler Vradenburg	Booth	Senior Analyst, Offense

Pete Roley, Assistant A.D. for Football Operations and Chief of Staff
 Ryan Lezon, Football Operations and Player Development Assistant
 T.J. Greenstone, Director of Strength and Conditioning
 Alex Brun, Head Football Athletic Trainer
 Hailey Milham, Assistant Football Athletic Trainer
 Will Cinelli, General Manager
 Nick Kincaid, Video/Creative Content Coordinator
 Patrick Murphy, Football Equipment Manager

Head Coach **Mike Uremovich**

Named Ball State Head Coach on Dec. 4, 2024 | 2nd at Ball State | 12th as a college head coach | 27th season as a college coach
Alma Mater: Purdue '00 | High School: Providence Catholic (New Lenox, Illinois)
Family: wife Katie; three children – Ella, Michael and Drew

Twitter: @CoachU_BSU
Pronunciation: you-REM-uh-vich

Mike Uremovich assumed football leadership duties at Ball State on Dec. 4, 2024, becoming the 19th head coach in program history.

Uremovich begins his second year with the program in 2026, improving the club's win total in his first season and establishing a regimen noted for toughness, consistency and accountability. With a full recruiting cycle under his belt prior to 2026, the Cardinals anticipate a deeper, more dynamic and speedier roster heading into his second season.

He joined the Cardinals' football program with a wide range of coaching experience from high school, small college, FCS and FBS levels -- including time spent within Group of 5 and Power 4 conference environments. He has been a coordinator or head coach during 20 of 25 seasons as a college coach, and his recruiting connections are deep in the Midwest, East Coast and Southeast regions.

Uremovich, 50, arrived in Muncie with six bowl appearances under his belt and prior coaching experience in the Mid-American Conference, spending six seasons over three separate stints at Northern Illinois. In four years in a full-time capacity at NIU, the Huskies were 33-20 overall with a 25-7 ledger in the MAC.

Prior to joining the Cardinals, Uremovich guided Butler to three straight winning seasons and a 23-11 record. A 9-3 mark in 2024 led to the first national ranking in Butler's football history, debuting in the FCS Coaches Poll at No. 25 and rising as high as No. 23.

His three winning seasons at Butler were the program's first string of three consecutive winning seasons since 1987 to 1989.

At Butler, Uremovich guided the Bulldogs to a 7-4 season in 2022 and again in 2023, recording five PFL victories each year. Over three years at the helm of the program, the Bulldogs were 15-9 against league opponents and 15-4 overall when playing inside the Bud and Jackie Sellick Bowl.

The PFL's Offensive Player of the Year was tutored by Uremovich in each of his first two years on the BU campus. Running back Jyrn Mitchell earned the honor in 2023 while quarterback Bret Bushka was the choice in 2022, alongside punter and placekicker Luka Zurak who was the PFL's Special Teams Player of the Year the same year.

Butler offenses had great success moving the ball during the three-year Uremovich era. Leading all FCS teams nationally in red zone offense and sacks allowed in 2022, the Bulldogs ranked first or second in the PFL in scoring offense, total offense and rushing offense in both 2023 and 2024. BU's 214.4 rush yards per game last season were seventh among FCS teams and its 407.8 yards of total offense ranked 28th.

While the Bulldogs' offense averaged 35.6 points and 407.8 yards per game in 2024, the defense was equally as impressive as BU led the PFL and ranked fourth in the FCS with just 16.3 points allowed per game. In 2023, the Bulldogs led the league and ranked seventh nationally by allowing an average of only 17.5.

Butler boasted a top 10 FCS ranking last year in points allowed (4th) as well as points scored (9th).

Uremovich and the 'Dawgs authored a five-game win streak in 2022 and again in 2024. Butler began the year 5-0 last season and was 8-2 when they received the program's first national ranking following a 24-17 road win over Valparaiso. The No. 23 ranking followed a 36-20 home win over St. Thomas on senior day.

The Bulldogs also excelled in the classroom during his tenure, including seven student-athletes on Academic All-PFL teams in 2023. Highlighting that group was Academic All-American Bryan Bystol and his perfect 4.0 GPA.

Uremovich arrived in Indianapolis after serving as the offensive coordinator at Temple for three seasons (2019-21). That followed three seasons as assistant head coach and offensive coordinator at Northern Illinois (2016-18).

During the 2019 season, Jadan Blue became the first receiver in Temple program history to top the century mark with school records of 1,067 receiving yards and 95 receptions. In addition, running back Re'Mahn Davis rushed for 936 yards and eight touchdowns to rank second all-time on those respective freshman lists. In his first game calling offensive plays for Temple, Uremovich's unit set new school marks with 695 total yards and 507 passing yards against Bucknell.

Prior to Temple, Uremovich coached at Northern Illinois during three separate stints. NIU won the 2018 MAC championship and earned bowl appearances in both 2017 and 2018. The 2016 edition of the Huskies was 16th nationally in rushing yards, while future NFL Pro Bowl selection Kenny Golladay had 87 catches for 1,156 yards and eight TDs.

He previously served as the Huskies' running backs coach and special teams coordinator in 2012 under Dave Doeren, and as a graduate assistant for Joe Novak from 2001-02. In 2012, NIU won the MAC championship and became the only MAC team to play in a Bowl Championship Series game when the Huskies earned a berth in the 2013 Orange Bowl. The Huskies finished ninth in the nation in both rushing and scoring offense that season and were ranked 15th nationally in total offense, while NIU special teams units ranked fifth in the country in kickoff coverage and fourth in punt coverage. Both the 2001 and 2002 teams won MAC West Division titles.

Uremovich coached the offensive line at North Carolina State from 2013-15, where he helped the Wolfpack to a pair of bowl appearances. Behind his offensive line, the 2014 Wolfpack posted the fourth-best rushing total in school history and the best per-game average since 1992. At NC State, he coached Joe Thuney, who started every game at guard for the New England Patriots during four Super Bowl seasons (2014, 2016-18). The All-Pro is now with the Kansas City Chiefs.

Uremovich had a successful seven-year tenure (2005-11) as head coach at the University of St. Francis, an NAIA program based in Joliet, Illinois. In 2011, he led the Fighting Saints to their most successful season



Uremovich's Head Coaching Record

Year	School/Team	W-L
2005	University of St. Francis (Ill.)	2-9
2006	University of St. Francis (Ill.)	1-9
2007	University of St. Francis (Ill.)	3-8
2008	University of St. Francis (Ill.)	7-4
2009	University of St. Francis (Ill.)	3-8
2010	University of St. Francis (Ill.)	7-4
2011	University of St. Francis (Ill.)	10-3
2022	Butler	7-4
2023	Butler	7-4
2024	Butler	9-3
2025	Ball State	4-8
2026	Ball State	1-2
Totals	12 years	61-66 (.480)

Uremovich's Coaching Experience

McCutcheon HS (Ind.)	SpT C/DBs	1996-97
Providence Catholic HS (Ill.)	WRs	1998-99
Benedictine University (Ill.)	SpT C/WRs	2000
Northern Illinois	GA	2001-02
2001 MAC West Division champions		
2002 MAC West Division champions		
Waynesburg College (Pa.)	OC	2003-04
University of St. Francis (Ill.)	HC	2005-11
2011 NAIA Quarterfinals		
Northern Illinois	SpT C/RBs	2012
2012 MAC champions BCS Orange Bowl		
North Carolina State	OLs	2013-15
2014 St. Petersburg Bowl champions		
2015 Belk Bowl		
Northern Illinois	AHC/OC/RBs	2016-18
2017 Quick Lane Bowl		
2018 MAC champions Boca Raton Bowl		
Temple	AHC/OC/TEs	2018-21
2019 Military Bowl		
Butler	HC	2022-24
Ball State	HC	2025-26

in school history as they won a school-record 10 games and claimed their first win over an NCAA FCS team when they defeated Georgia State. The team was ranked as high as No. 8 in the NAIA national coaches poll and also earned the first NAIA national playoff victory in program history. Uremovich led the Saints to a 17-7 record over his final two seasons. Overall, he posted a 33-45 record, rebuilding a program that had won a total of four games over three seasons prior to his arrival.

In addition to serving as a graduate assistant at Northern Illinois, Uremovich's early coaching career also included stints at Waynesburg College (Pa.), Benedictine University (Ill.), Providence Catholic (Ill.) High School and McCutcheon (Ind.) High School.

Uremovich is a 2000 graduate of Purdue. He received his master's degree from Northern Illinois in 2002. He and his wife, Katie, have a daughter, Ella (20), and two sons, Michael (18) and Drew (14).



Mike Uremovich
Head Coach
2nd Year
Purdue '00



Jeff Knowles
Defensive
Coordinator/LBs
3rd Year
St. Francis (Ill.) '00



Craig Harmon
Offensive Pass
Game Coord./QBs
2nd Year
Quincy University '02



Adam Siwicki
Defensive Run
Game Coord./DL
2nd Year
Aurora University '12



Ray Smith
Defensive Pass
Game Coord./CBs
2nd Year
Northern Illinois '06



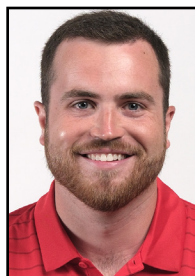
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Offensive Line
2nd Year
NC State '15



Madison Bunch
Running Backs
2nd Year
Central Arkansas '18



Sean Chase
Tight Ends
2nd Year
Northern Illinois '15



Ray Holmes
Inside Receivers
2nd Year
Northern Illinois '20



Rory Mannering
Safeties
2nd Year
Hanover College '12



Jalen Moss
Snipers
2nd Year
St. Francis (Ind.) '20



Shaq Vann
Outside Receivers
3rd Year
Eastern Michigan '20



Nick Fiacable
Special Teams
Coordinator
2nd Year
Indiana '20



Mayomi Olootu
Assistant Secondary
3rd Year
Northern Illinois '18



Josiah Milham
Graduate Assistant,
Defense
2nd Year
Liberty '23



Griffen Murphy
Graduate Assistant,
Offense
1st Year
Albion College '25



Thomas Paglio
Graduate Assistant,
Special Teams
1st Year
Kentucky '25



Joey Suchy
Graduate Assistant,
Offense
2nd Year
Butler '24



Sam Urbanski
Graduate Assistant,
Defense
2nd Year
Butler '20



Dave Ernst
Senior Analyst,
Defense
1st Year
St. Joseph's (Ind.) '88



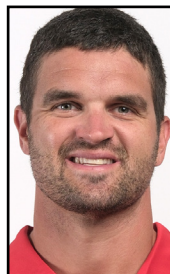
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Senior Analyst,
Offense
1st Year
Pomona-Pitzer '95



Pete Roley
Asst. AD for
Football Ops and
Chief of Staff
2nd Year
Western Illinois '08



Ryan Lezon
Football Ops &
Player Development
Assistant
3rd Year
Ball State '23



T.J. Greenstone
Director of
Strength
and Conditioning
2nd Year
Vanderbilt '12



Alex Brun
Head Football
Athletic Trainer
2nd Year
Ball State '16



Hailey Milham
Asst. Football
Athletic Trainer
1st Year
Southern Illinois '22



Will Cinelli
General Manager
3rd Year
Northwestern '10



Nick Kincaid
Video/Creative
Content
Coordinator
6th Year
Ball State '13



Patrick Murphy
Football
Equipment
Manager
1st Year
Texas A&M '22

SINCE GRADE SCHOOL: OFFENSE AND DEFENSE UREMOVICH AND KNOWLES

► First at Temple (2018-21) and now again at Ball State, **Mike Uremovich** and **Jeff Knowles** are believed to be the only pair of FBS offensive and defensive play-callers who were high school teammates.

► **Ball State is the sixth different institution at which Uremovich and Knowles have coached together.**

► **NEW IN 2026, their former high school coach and mentor, Dave Ernst, is now assisting the Cardinals as a defensive analyst. Also, Knowles' oldest son, Gannon, is now a freshman linebacker playing for the Uremovich-Knowles tandem.**

► Counting St. Francis (Ill.) and Butler, Ball State is the third different program for which Knowles leads the defense while Uremovich is head coach.

► The tandem has been paired together ever since Knowles' family moved into Uremovich's school district and the duo attended Anna McDonald Elementary School in Manhattan, Illinois (50 miles southwest of Chicago).

► Best buddies were teammates at powerful Providence Catholic High School where Knowles was a star linebacker and Uremovich played wide receiver ... with Ernst as their head coach.

► Separated during their college years, Knowles played at nearby St. Francis, while Uremovich attended Purdue and started his coaching career.

► Best friends kept in touch even when Knowles worked in the federal border patrol in San Diego and Uremovich took his first full-time coaching gig as offensive coordinator at Waynesburg College in 2003. Knowles and his wife, Sarah, flew across the country to attend Uremovich's first game with Waynesburg.

► When Uremovich took the head job at Knowles' college alma mater, St. Francis, Knowles followed shortly after with his first full-time coaching position.

► Since that time, their families vacation together and they have coached together at NC State, Northern Illinois, Temple, Butler and now Ball State.

► Their sons have been lifelong classmates and teammates, too. Eldest sons, Michael Uremovich and **Gannon Knowles** (pictured in Haddonfield, N.J., while dads coached at Temple) were recently high school teammates at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis. Gannon is now a reserve linebacker, in his first year at Ball State. Michael is a sophomore engineering student at Purdue.

► The youngest boys both started at Cathedral, but Drew Uremovich now attends Guerin Catholic High School while Emmett Knowles remains at Cathedral.



SERIES HISTORY

Date	Site	Winner	Score
9/24/77	A	Kent State	12-13
9/16/78	H	Ball State	27-3
9/22/79	A	Ball State	35-10
11/8/80	H	Ball State	34-7
10/17/81	H	Kent State	7-17
10/16/82	A	Ball State	21-3
10/15/83	A	Ball State	17-13
10/13/84	H	Kent State	10-15
10/19/85	A	Kent State	16-45
10/18/86	H	Ball State	26-17
10/10/87	H	Ball State	24-23
10/8/88	A	Ball State	31-20
10/14/89	A	Ball State	23-21
10/13/90	H	Ball State	31-0
9/21/91	H	Ball State	28-27
9/19/92	A	Ball State	10-6
11/20/93	H	Ball State	28-3
11/19/94	A	Ball State	34-0
11/4/95	A	Ball State	28-13
11/9/96	H	Ball State	50-6
11/10/01	H	Kent State	18-31
10/4/03	A	Ball State	34-17
11/24/06	H	Ball State	30-6
9/27/08	H	Ball State	41-20
10/30/10	A	Kent State	14-33
9/29/12	A	Kent State	43-45
10/12/13	H	Ball State	27-24
9/29/18	H	Ball State	52-24
11/23/19	A	Kent State	38-41
11/1/22	A	Ball State	27-20
11/18/23	H	Ball State	34-3
10/12/24	A	Ball State	37-35
11/5/25	H	Ball State	17-13

Ball State leads, 25-8

at Ball State: Ball State leads, 14-3

at Kent State: Ball State leads, 11-5

Current Streak: Won 4

Current Home Streak: Won 6

Current Road Streak: Won 2

Longest Ball State Streak: 11 (1986-96)

Longest Kent State Streak: 2 (1984-85; 2010-12)

SERIES NOTES AND TOP STORYLINES

INSIDE THE SERIES: KENT STATE

► The Cardinals and Golden Flashes have met 33 times on the gridiron with Ball State claiming 25 victories, including a 37-35 road win in 2024 and last year's 17-13 home victory in Muncie.

► Ball State's .758 winning percentage against Kent State is the Cardinals' highest mark against a MAC opponent.

► Ball State has won six of the past seven meetings against Kent State and has triumphed in 11 out of 16 matchups at Dix Stadium.

► The Cardinals have won the past two meetings at Kent State -- 27-20 in 2022, and the 37-35 thriller two years ago.

► Kent State has won consecutive games in the series just twice. Ball State's longest streak of consecutive wins was 11 -- at one point winning 14 out of 15 meetings between 1986 and 2008.

► The series has been noted for some big and wild combined statistics:

-- The most combined yards of total offense in Ball State history were recorded in 2019 at Dix Stadium: 538 by Ball State, 635 by Kent State, 1,173 combined.

-- A year earlier, the teams combined for the most combined penalties in Cardinals history: 11 by Ball State, 17 by Kent State, 18 total.

-- In 1982, Ball State's 10 fumbles (four lost) were the most in Ball State annals.

-- In 1988 at Kent State, Ball State controlled the ball for a program record 41 minutes, 46 seconds.

RETURNING TO OHIO -- 2ND OF FOUR TRIPS

► After opening the season at Ohio State, the Cardinals visit Kent as the second of four trips to the state of Ohio during this 2026 season, with upcoming visits to Bowling Green (Oct. 17) and Ohio (Nov. 17).

MAC OPENERS

► Ball State seeks a win in its MAC opener for the second straight year, though the Cardinals have won just two MAC openers since 2019. Ball State upended defending MAC champion Ohio in last year's MAC kickoff, 20-14 in Muncie. The Cardinals dropped MAC openers in five consecutive seasons from 2020 to 2024.

FIVE OF FIRST SEVEN ON THE ROAD

► Ball State kicks off in Kent, Ohio, this week, playing its third road game in the season's first four weeks.

► After a home game with Toledo on Oct. 3, the Cardinals return to the road at Northwestern (Oct. 10), then close the 5-of-7 travel slate at Bowling Green (Oct. 17).

► Beginning with an Oct. 24 homecoming bout against Sacramento State, Ball State plays three of its last five games at Scheumann Stadium.

TALE OF THE TAPE

2026 NCAA Statistics	Ball State	Kent State
Total Offense	298.7	255.3
Rushing Offense	142.3	122.0
Passing Offense	156.3	133.3
Team Passing Efficiency	113.66	94.31
Scoring Offense	19.7	13.0
Total Defense	487.0	448.3
Rushing Defense	210.7	160.3
Passing Yards Allowed	276.3	288.0
Team Passing Eff. Defense	167.36	170.09
Scoring Defense	41.3	43.7
Turnover Margin	0.33	-1.00
3rd Down Conv. Pct	0.212	0.408
4th Down Conv. Pct	0.750	0.000
3rd Down Conv. Pct Defense	0.487	0.286
4th Down Conv. Pct Defense	0.800	0.500
Red Zone Offense	0.750	0.833
Red Zone Defense	1.000	0.929
Net Punting	41.00	39.33
Punt Returns	19.00	-13.00
Kickoff Returns	15.80	15.00
First Downs Offense	53	37
First Downs Defense	70	70
Penalties Per Game	8.33	8.67
Penalty Yards Per Game	73.67	65.00
Time of Possession	29:50	30.45

LIMIT THE FLAGS

► Ball State has ranked among national leaders in fewest penalties and penalty yards the past two seasons, but the past two Saturdays have resulted in an uncharacteristic 11 flags against Ball State in both games. They are the most in any game since **Mike Uremovich** took over as head coach.

► The last time a Ball State team was flagged with more than 11 penalties was at Tennessee, to open the 2022 season.

► The MAC leader for almost the entire 2025 season in fewest penalties (56), fewest penalties per game (4.67), fewest penalty yards (466) and fewest penalty yards per game (38.83), the Cardinals finished second or third in the MAC in all four categories.

BSU CAREER GAMES STARTED

Offense	Pos	2026	Strk	Tot
Chris Hood	OL	3	23	23
Tristan Cook	OL	3	15	15
Donovan Hamilton	WR	3	14	14
Cole Mosier	OL	0	4	11
Tate Hoover	TE	3	6	10
TJ Horton	RB	2	0	6
Grant Haworth	OL	3	3	3
Keldric Luster	QB	3	3	3
Jamarion McDougle	WR	3	3	3
Misael Sandoval	OL	3	3	3
Isaiah Thacker	WR	1	1	2
Brady Barrowman	OL	2	2	2
Alex Scherle	TE	2	1	2
Jalen Bonds	RB	1	1	1
Luke Dalton	OL	0	0	1
Jacob Jeudy	OL	1	0	1

Defense	Pos	2026	Strk	Tot
Will Yates	CB	3	3	15
DJ Fields	CB	3	4	11
Deondre Shepherd	DB	2	0	4
Ben Marsh	LB	3	3	4
Jared Badie	OLB	3	3	3
Gavin Forsha	LB	3	3	3
Ameir Glenn	DL	3	3	3
Quentavius Scandrett	DB	3	3	3
Sterling Smith	DB	3	3	3
Ka'Shawn Thomas	DL	3	3	3
Cincear Lewis	LB	2	0	2
Kamron Chamble	DB	1	1	1
Layton Starks	OLB	0	0	1
Austin Stief	DE	1	1	1

OFFENSIVE NOTES & STORYLINES

STRONG IN RUN GAME IS UREMOVICH MANTRA

► Since hired in December 2024, head coach **Mike Uremovich** has preached a strong run game. Ball State boasts at least 33 carries in 12 of 15 games of the Uremovich Era.

► Ball State rushed at least 33 times in 10 of 12 games last season, averaging 131.8 yards per game on the ground. Those figures should increase in 2026 with a more potent pass game to balance the defense.

► The Cardinals rushed 23 times for a net 45 yards last week at Ohio Stadium. Against Stony Brook, Ball State ran for 226 yards on 36 carries. Even in a lopsided loss at Liberty, Ball State rushed 35 times for 168 yards.

HORTON AMONG TOP SIX NATIONALLY

► TJ Horton is one of just six players nationally, with more than 20 attempts, to average over 9.0 yards per carry.

2026 FBS Rush Yards Per Carry (min. 20 attempts)

Player	Att.	YPC	Yards
1. Duke Watson, UCF	27	11.0	297
2. Avery Johnson, Kansas St.	24	10.5	253
3. Mel Brown, Colorado St.	26	9.8	256
4. Javian Mallory, Miami (FL)	20	9.8	196
5. Kamari Moulton, Iowa	26	9.2	240
6. TJ Horton, Ball State	23	9.0	208

► Similarly, he ranks fifth among FBS running backs, with more than 20 attempts, with an average of 5.96 yards after contact.

2026 FBS Most Yards After Contact (min. 20 att.)

Player	Yds After Contact
1. Javion Mallory, Miami (FL)	7.25
2. Mel Brown, Colorado State	6.96
3. Aiden Flora, Iowa State	6.37
4. Re'Shaun Sanford II, Houston	6.05
5. TJ Horton, Ball State	5.96
6. LJ Martin, BYU	5.93

MAC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK AND PROGRAM RECORD PASSING PERCENTAGE VS. STONY BROOK

► Ball State quarterback **Keldric Luster** was named the Mid-American Conference Offensive Player of the Week, after completing 27-of-32 passes for 256 yards and three touchdowns against the Seawolves. His .844 completion percentage set a program record by a quarterback with more than 30 pass attempts. It was just the second start of his career, compiling 270 yards total offense, individually, as part of the Cardinals' 482 total yards, overall.

► Luster's three passing TDs were more than any Ball State quarterback since Kadin Semonza's four TDs in the afore-mentioned game at Buffalo.

► Luster was 18-of-21 passing at halftime against Stony Brook. Last year's season-high for completions by a Ball State QB was 17.

10 RECEIVERS AND A 100-YARD RUSHER

► Besides a record completion percentage vs. Stony Brook by QB **Keldric Luster**, the Cardinals used 10 different receivers in the same game as a 100-yard rusher for the first time since 2005.

2026 MAC STANDINGS

Team	MAC	Pct.	Ovr.	Pct.	Strk
Eastern Michigan	1-0	1.000	1-3	.250	L3
Massachusetts	0-0	.000	3-0	1.000	W3
Central Michigan	0-0	.000	2-1	.667	W2
Toledo	0-0	.000	2-1	.667	W2
Western Michigan	0-0	.000	2-1	.667	W2
Akron	0-0	.000	1-2	.333	L1
Ball State	0-0	.000	1-2	.333	L1
Buffalo	0-0	.000	1-2	.333	L2
Kent State	0-0	.000	1-2	.333	L1
Miami	0-0	.000	1-2	.333	L1
Ohio	0-0	.000	1-2	.333	L1
Sacramento State	0-1	.000	1-3	.250	L2
Bowling Green	0-0	.000	0-3	.000	L3

Saturday, September 26

UNLV at Akron, 12:00 p.m.

Ball State at Kent State, 12:00 p.m.

San Diego State at Toledo, 12:00 p.m.

Connecticut at Miami, 3:30 p.m.

Boise State at Western Michigan, 3:30 or 4 p.m.

Lindenwood at Eastern Michigan, 1:00 p.m.

Robert Morris at Buffalo, 3:30 p.m.

Stonehill at Ohio, 3:30 p.m.

South Florida at Bowling Green, 5:00 p.m.

Central Michigan at Miami (FL), 6:30 p.m.

Massachusetts at Sacramento State, 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 3

Eastern Michigan at Massachusetts, TBD

Western Michigan at Buffalo, 1:00 p.m.

Toledo at Ball State, 2:00 p.m.

Akron at Central Michigan, 3:30 p.m.

Bowling Green at Miami, 3:30 p.m.

Ohio at Kent State, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 10

Ball State at Northwestern, TBD

Miami at Massachusetts, TBD

Buffalo at Toledo, TBD

Kent State at Western Michigan, TBD

Sacramento State at Bowling Green, TBD

Central Michigan at Ohio, 3:30 p.m.

Eastern Michigan at Akron, 3:30 p.m.

DEEPER AND MORE DYNAMIC

► **Mike Uremovich** has said often that several units on this year's club would be deeper and more dynamic. Offensively, that statement comes in two forms:

(1) Three different running backs to share the rushing load. Through three games, RBs **TJ Horton**, **Jalen Bonds** and **Johnny Thompson Jr.** each has at least 13 carries, with Horton leading the unit with 23 rushes for 208 yards.

(2) Speedier and more dynamic receivers in position to catch balls for a QB that throws bullets. Through three games, five different receivers have at least seven catches, with **Isaiah Thacker** leading the unit with 10 grabs for 86 yards.

DEEPER AND MORE DYNAMIC, PART 2

» “Deeper and dynamic” was showcased heavily in Game 2 against Stony Brook while registering 482 yards in total offense, the most since totaling 520 in November 2024 at Buffalo.

» Running backs **Jalen Bonds** (77 yards) and **TJ Horton** (125 yards) both recorded career rushing highs, with Bonds scoring on a 54-yard run and moments later Horton scoring on a 49-yarder.

» Four Ball State receivers collected at least four grabs in the Stony Brook win; five had at least three catches. The Cardinals used 10 different receivers overall.

» Three of those receivers -- **Jabari Smith** (6), **Isaiah Thacker** (5) and **Jamarion McDougle** (4) -- each posted career highs in receptions.

» Smith, a transfer from Florida Atlantic, led the receiving corps against Stony Brook with six grabs, 72 receiving yards and a touchdown.

» Third-year receiver **Donovan Hamilton** had four catches for 40 yards. Tight end **Tate Hoover**, who led the Cardinals with five grabs at Ohio State, had just one against Stony Brook but made it count -- scoring the game's first touchdown on a 3-yard reception.

» Running backs Bonds and Horton also got into the receiving game -- Bonds with a 23-yard catch for the first receiving TD of his career; and Horton one of five players with 3-plus catches.

DON'T BE FOOLED BY THE “BOWLING BALL” QB

» Social media pundits had fun with Ball State's QB announcement before the season opener, noting that the 5-10, 250-lb. **Keldric Luster** may resemble a sturdy, tough-to-tackle bowling ball. One of his biggest QB characteristics though, is a powerful, hard-throwing arm that fires strikes to his receivers.

» Making his first college start, in what was the 10th appearance of his career, Luster finished 18-of-33 passing for 89 yards against Ohio State. He had one interception.

» He routinely evaded rushers and extended plays at OSU. Perhaps his biggest highlight was eluding a rusher and avoiding a loss by hurdling another defender to get back to the line of scrimmage.

» Luster was named the starting QB during a position meeting on Thursday, Aug. 20, one day ahead of a Friday scrimmage. He transferred from Texas State after a year with the Bobcats and two at SMU, where he totaled nine games over his first three seasons.

AGAINST THE BUCKEYES

» Ball State crossed midfield against the Buckeyes on six occasions in Week 1, but didn't sustain drives long enough to reach the endzone. The Cardinals reached the OSU 37-yard line in the second period to set up a long field goal. Ball State reached the OSU 31 in the fourth period but turned the ball over on downs; and the OSU 23 on the game's final series as time expired.

ACTIVE AND VERSATILE TIGHT ENDS

» Ball State will employ multiple tight ends, in a variety of sets, using the position as much as a blocking fullback as a route-running pass catcher.

» **Tate Hoover**, an athletic offensive lineman (center) in high school and a fullback at Hutchinson CC, leads the tight ends unit. He played in all 12 games last year and started in seven -- catching just one pass (9 yards).

» Hoover led all receivers at Ohio State, pulling down five catches for 20 yards, and narrowly missing on a long flea-flicker reception. He scored his first touchdown with Ball State on a 3-yard reception against Stony Brook.

» Other candidates to see significant time in 2026 are transfers **Alex Scherle** and **Sean Ward**, from Rice and Dartmouth, respectively. Second-year player **Mason Riggins** and fourth-year **Leo Collins** should also be active in the rotation.

» Last year, it was a routine occurrence for six different tight ends to log minutes by the end of the Cardinals' first offensive series. Nearly every active tight end will participate on various special teams units.

TALLEST MAN IN THE MAC LEADS O-LINE

» The 6-foot-10 nephew of former Purdue and NBA star Brad Miller, **Chris Hood** leads all Ball State players with 23 starts over his college career. Hood starts at left tackle and begins his fifth and final college season. He is the tallest player in the Mid-American Conference.

TALLEST MAN IN THE NATION - ?

» Without official confirmation, **Chris Hood** is believed to share this year's distinction as the tallest man among all FBS teams. At 6-foot-10, he shares the lofty mantle with Georgia offensive lineman Jahzare Jackson.

» Hood and Jackson are both listed officially at 6-foot-10 and 350 pounds.

OFFENSIVE LINE CONTINUITY

» Ball State started the same offensive line in each of the first six games, and in 8 of 12 overall last season, led by **Chris Hood** and **Tristan Cook** at tackles in every game, and **Cole Mosier** at center. Cook has been termed by Ball State coaches as the line's most solid and reliable blocker.

» Only the interior line has changes this season, with Mosier shifting to guard and out for the first few weeks. Third-year player and former walk-on **Grant Haworth** has started at center in all three games, ahead of Dartmouth transfer **Maxwell Wentz**.

» Offensive guard is the only O-line position that has seen fluctuation thus far in 2026. While Mosier and third-year returner Zach Bandy were expected to fill the slot at left guard, both have been injured and missed the first three weeks.

BSU RECORD IN 2026 WHEN ...

Scoring first	1-0
Opponent scores first	0-2
Scoring 30 or more points	1-0
Scoring fewer than 30 points	0-2

Leading at the half	1-0
Trailing at the half	0-2
Tied at the half	0-0
Leading after three quarters	1-0
Trailing after three quarters	0-2
Tied after three quarters	0-0

Outrushing the opponent	1-0
Outpassing the opponent	1-0

Rushing 30 or more times	1-1
Rushing 40 or more times	0-0
Passing 30 or more times	1-0
Passing 40 or more times	0-0
Leading in time of possession	1-0
Trailing in time of possession	0-2
Time of possession is even	0-0

Winning in turnover margin	1-0
Losing in turnover margin	0-0
Tied in turnover margin	0-2

With a 100-yard rusher	1-0
With a 300-yard passer	0-0
With a 100-yard receiver	0-0

With an opposing 100-yard rusher	0-0
With an opposing 300-yard passer	0-1
With an opposing 100-yard receiver	0-1

Winning the coin toss	0-1
Losing the coin toss	1-1
Electing to receive	0-0
Electing to defer	0-1
Receiving the ball first	1-1
Opponent receiving ball first	0-1

» The right guard position expected a rotation between a pair of transfers -- **Jacob Jeudy** from Div. II Concord and **Misa Sandoval** from Vanderbilt. At Ohio State though, Sandoval started at left guard, with Jeudy and second-year player **Brady Barrowman** splitting time at right guard. Subsequently, Barrowman drew his first career starts at right guard against Stony Brook and Liberty.

2026 GAME CAPTAINS

Opponent

at Ohio State	DB Stu Smith; DE Ben Marsh; QB Keldric Luster; OL Grant Haworth
Stony Brook	DB Quentavius Scandrett; OLB Justin Thomas; QB Keldric Luster; TE Tate Hoover
at Liberty	DB Stu Smith; LB Cincear Lewis QB Keldric Luster; WR Donovan Hamilton
at Kent State	
Toledo	
at Northwestern	
at Bowling Green	
Sacramento State	
at Massachusetts	
Buffalo	
at Ohio	
Central Michigan	

FORT WAYNE VERSATILITY

» Products of suburban Fort Wayne, Ind., just north of Ball State, offensive line standouts **Chris Hood** and **Cole Mosier** both have displayed some athleticism in the trenches. The high school rivals now are teammates.

» Hood, a high school basketball star like many in his family, started at three different positions at times in 2024, before settling at left tackle all of last season.

» Mosier is one of just 24 players nationally, and just two in the MAC, to have played all five positions along the offensive line. Last year, Mosier was the Cardinals' full-time center, while playing a few snaps at right guard. He was injured all of 2024 and played much of 2023 as a blocking tight end. During that 2023 season, he also saw snaps at left guard and both tackles.

» Mosier wears No. 73 usually, but he was used so frequently as a blocking TE in 2023 that he began wearing No. 90 when he reported in that role. Ball State rosters were updated at midseason to reflect him wearing No. 73/90.

DEFENSIVE NOTES & STORYLINES

FEWEST DEFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING

» The Cardinals are just one of 13 FBS teams with two or fewer starters returning on its defensive unit from 2025:

- 0 - Colorado, Iowa State, North Texas, Northern Illinois, Toledo, Washington State
- 1 - Troy, San Diego State, San Jose State
- 2 - Arizona State, **Ball State**, Cincinnati, UTSA

» Gone are 10 of 12 regular starters for the Ball State defense this year, but in their place is a strong cast of returning players and a select group of transfers who should continue to raise the level of play for third-year coordinator Jeff Knowles.

DEEP D-LINE: SEVEN SACKS OVER TWO GAMES

» Mike Uremovich calls his defensive line unit the deepest position group on the team. Routinely rotating 8-12 players per game and searching a replacement for MAC sacks leader Nathan Voorhis, eight Cardinals have shared seven sacks against the Buckeyes, Seawolves and Flames.

» Edge rusher **Jared Badie** and safety **Anthony Pinnacle** recorded sacks against Ohio State.

» Five different Cardinals split four sacks versus Stony Brook: **Layton Starks** (1.5), **Ka'Shawn Thomas** (1.0), **Kendrick Gilbert** (0.5), **Ben Marsh** (0.5) and linebacker **Kaleb Stewart** (0.5).

» Newcomer **Gavin Forsha** notched the Cardinals' only sack at Liberty.

FORMER DEMON DEACONS AT DEFENSIVE TACKLE

» **Ameir Glenn** and **Ka'Shawn Thomas**, both of whom transferred from Wake Forest (Glenn in 2025, Thomas in 2026) have started both games at nose tackle and defensive tackle, respectively.

TURNOVER CARDS: 9 OF 10 WITH A TURNOVER

» Including six of the last seven games of 2025, Ball State boasts at least one takeaway in nine of its past 10 games dating to October 4, 2025 vs. Ohio. The only exception was a zero takeaway game at Miami in last year's season finale.

TURNOVER CARDS: 3 INTS IN FIRST TWO GAMES

» Ball State did not have an interception until Game 6 in 2025, but had nine over its final six games.

» The Cardinals began the 2026 campaign with three picks in their first two games, after **Kamron Chamble** picked off a pair of passes against Stony Brook.

» Newcomer **Cedric Franklin** recorded the year's first interception at Ohio State.

TURNOVER CARDS: FIRST FIVE VS. LAST SEVEN

» Over last season's last seven games, the Ball State defense forced TWELVE turnovers (9 INTs, 3 FRs), compared to just ONE in its first five games.

CHAMBLE: ONE OF 32 WITH 2 INTS

» With two picks in the Stony Brook win, safety **Kamron Chamble** is one of 32 FBS players with at least two interceptions through the season's opening weeks, and one of just two in the MAC.

» Ironically, the other MAC player with two defensive picks is a former Cardinal -- Jahmad Harmon, now with UMass, who had both interceptions in an upset win over Rutgers.

LINEBACKERS AND TACKLES LEADERS

» Safety **Sterling "Stu" Smith** leads the Cardinals with 19 tackles through three games, but a trio of linebackers all have 13 tackles to share second place on the tackle ladder. **Gavin Forsha** (13), **Kaleb Stewart** (13) and **Cincear Lewis** (13) all check in ahead of sniper **Quentavius Scandrett** (11) and veteran cornerback **Will Yates** (10).

» Smith posted a career-best nine stops in the Liberty loss, with Lewis posting a career-high seven in the defeat.

» Second-year linebacker **Lucas Szymborski** posted a career-high six tackles in Ball State's opener at Ohio State, sharing team-high tackles honors with Scandrett and Smith. He is one of four linebackers with at least nine stops overall.

» Third-year linebacker **Kaleb Stewart**, a transfer from Coffeyville CC, had a career-high seven stops against Stony Brook.

SECONDARY: MOST IMPROVED UNIT?

» Even with returning starters **Will Yates** and **DJ Fields** at the corners, and part-time starter **Deondre Shepherd**, the defensive secondary could be Ball State's most improved unit.

» One hiccup to that status follows the Cardinals' loss at Liberty last week when Fields sustained a leg injury that could have him out of the lineup for a few weeks.

» Yates is regarded as the Cardinals' best cover man, having started parts of the past two seasons since arriving as a true freshman. Fields is a converted safety who made eight starts in 2025.

» Throughout spring ball and training camp, secondary coverage has been turned up for the Cardinals with a host of impact transfers:

-**Quentavius ("Q") Scandrett** returns to the MAC after a transfer to Arkansas, and should start at sniper, a hybrid LB/DB.

-**Sterling ("Stu") Smith** transferred from Purdue and should start at boundary safety, with returner **Kamron Chamble** in the mix.

-Transfers **Cedric Franklin II**, from Arkansas State, and **Anthony Pinnacle**, from Michigan State, are quality backups to Yates and Fields.

VOORHIS RECENTLY WITH NEW YORK JETS

» Among the departed from last year's defense was MAC sacks leader **Nathan Voorhis** (pronounced VORR-is) who finished fourth among FBS leaders in sacks per game (1.00) and whose 12 sacks finished one shy of Ball State's single-season record of 13.

» Voorhis was an undrafted free agent by the New York Jets, but was waived last week.

SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES & STORYLINES

NATIONALLY RANKED REPLACEMENTS

» Ball State has a new placekicker and punter this year, and through the season's first two weeks, new Cardinals starters at kicker and punter both were among national leaders.

» Long snapper **Caden Britton** returns, as does holder **Cole Stumbaugh**, and Stumbaugh also has assumed punting duties in 2026, complete with a 43.2-yard average to rank 34th among FBS leaders. His 45.4-yard average through two games ranked 10th among national leaders.

» Stumbaugh has three kicks of 50+ yards and has placed six inside the 20-yard line.

» Taking responsibility at placekicker is highly regarded **Brody Boehm** (*pronounced BAME*) who transferred from Missouri last year as a redshirt freshman, but was injured in training camp.

» Now, the third-year kicker is 3-of-4 on field goals including a 54-yarder on his first career attempt at Ohio State. A 34-yard attempt at Liberty was his first miss of the season.

» Boehm is considered to have a strong leg with capability beyond 50, and possibly 60 yards.

COACH U: "WE BEAT THEM ON SPECIAL TEAMS"

» The Cardinals' 56-3 defeat against top-ranked Ohio State did not come without a couple of Ball State successes, namely its punter and kicker. Notably, head coach Mike Uremovich also praised punt and kickoff coverage teams.

» Boehm was impressive in his college debut, drilling a 54-yard kick in the second quarter that was the nation's second-longest kick in the season's opening weekend. It matched the third-longest kick in Ball State history and was the program's longest since Scott Secor's 55-yarder in 2014 against Central Michigan.

Longest FGs Made in Ball State history

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| 1. John Diettrich | 62 vs. Ohio, 10/11/86 |
| 2. Scott Secor | 55 at Central Mich., 10/18/14 |
| 3. Brody Boehm | 54 at Ohio State, 9/5/26 |
| Brian Jackson | 54 at No. Illinois, 10/29/05 |
| John Diettrich | 54 at Ohio, 10/12/85 |
| John Diettrich | 54 vs. Indiana State, 10/6/84 |

» Similarly, **Cole Stumbaugh** boomed eight punts for a 43.8-yard average. He planted four inside the Buckeyes' 20-yard line and had no touchbacks.

» His long kick of 64 yards was the seventh-longest in the FBS through one week of play.

FREAKS LIST

» Local product **Brody Boehm**, who attended Missouri in 2024-25 before transferring to Ball State, close to his home in nearby Westfield, is due to handle placekicking chores for the Cardinals.

» He enters his first year as the starter as the only kicker selected among 101 members of *The Athletic's* 2026 Freak's List by Bruce Feldman. The only player selected from the Mid-American Conference, he was just one of two specialists chosen nationally.

» His family story is compelling, helping "coach" his older brother Ben, who has Down syndrome and has become a world-class Special Olympics powerlifter. Nicknamed "Ironman," Ben won gold and bronze medals in recent world championships conducted in Romania and Iceland.

BALLSTATESPORTS.COM/CARDSKICKCANCER

» Started in 2025 with Britton, Stumbaugh and Holmer, Ball State specialists initiated a "Cards Kick Cancer" initiative in which fans and supporters can pledge support for every point scored by the Cardinals kicking unit.

» Last year's Ball State initiative, done exclusively by the players and with minimal promotion, raised over \$3,000. Ball State fans and supporters can learn more and contribute by visiting:

BallStateSports.com/CardsKickCancer.

» The idea was initiated by Britton, who's younger brother Behren is a leukemia survivor. This year, the initiative is supported by Boehm and the rest of Ball State's specialists.

» All funds support the "Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation" that fights childhood cancer. Alex Scott's inspiring story has evolved into a Foundation that has raised more than \$300 million for childhood cancer and funded over 1,500 research projects that have saved the lives of kids fighting cancer with no treatment options available.

HEART OF THE CARDINAL

» Based on the "Cards Kick Cancer" initiative and a regular, year-round display of community service, last year's special teams trio -- **Caden Britton**, **Cole Stumbaugh** and **Carson Holmer** -- was presented the "Heart of the Cardinal" award at Ball State SportsLink's 2026 Chirpies Awards Show, an annual presentation of Ball State athletics' best and brightest performances from the previous year.

ALLSTATE AFCA GOOD WORKS TEAM AND WUERRFEL TROPHY NOMINEE

» Based on community service and the "Cards Kick Cancer" initiative, long snapper **Caden Britton** is this year's Ball State nominee for both the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team and the Wuerrfel Trophy. As only one player per school is eligible for nomination, Britton represents the Ball State specialists who have collaborated on fundraising and community service in consecutive years.

PROGRAM & COACHES NOTES AND STORYLINES

PLAYING FOR BALL STATE: CARDINALS WEARING NAMELESS JERSEYS IN 2026

» A question during the Uremovich news conference on Sept. 7, following the Ohio State game:

Question: "What is the reason for the lack of names on jerseys at Ohio State?"

Uremovich: "Every jersey had a name on it. It said 'BALL STATE.' That's the only name that matters. I don't like names on uniforms. I talked with our team about it in training camp. I wanted to do that last year. I was new and didn't want to change too much, and I talked to some of the seniors, and they weren't great about it. So, I left them on there. We're a football team, man, and we're trying to build a team, and we don't need to have our names on the backs of the jerseys."

SCORIGAMI

» Ball State has played 990 games in program history. Scorigami is the art of building final scores that have never happened before -- and Ball State enters the Liberty game with four straight games with unique scores: 45-24 (2025 season finale at Miami-OH), 56-3 (at Ohio State), 41-17 (vs. Stony Brook) and 51-15 (at Liberty).

1,000TH GAME

» When Ball State hosts Central Michigan in its regular season finale on Nov. 28, it will mark the 1,000th game in program history. It will be the 476th home game, and the 309th at Scheumann Stadium.

399TH MAC GAME

» Similarly, Saturday's game at Kent State is the Cardinals 399th game played in the Mid-American Conference, setting up a milestone 400th when Ball State hosts Toledo next weekend.

PRESEASON HONOREES

» Eleven different Ball State players were honoring last summer with preseason accolades by various publications:

» Brody Boehm, K

-Freaks List (The Athletic)

** *The only kicker and the only MAC player on this year's Freaks List!*

» Caden Britton, LS

-Allstate AFCA Good Works Team and Wuerffel Trophy Nominee

-Preseason All-MAC (Phil Steele Preview)

» Tristan Cook, OT

-Preseason All-MAC (Athlon Sports)

-Preseason All-MAC (Phil Steele Preview)

-Preseason All-MAC (SportsInfo Solutions)

» Ameir Glenn, DT

-Preseason All-MAC (Pro Football Network)

» Donovan Hamilton, WR

-Preseason All-MAC (Athlon Sports)

-Preseason All-MAC (Phil Steele Preview)

» Chris Hood, OT

-Shriners Children's East-West Bowl 1000 Watchlist

-Preseason All-MAC (Athlon Sports)

-Preseason All-MAC (Phil Steele Preview)

» TJ Horton, RB/KOR

-Preseason All-MAC (Athlon Sports)

-Preseason All-MAC (Phil Steele Preview)

» Quentavius Scandrett, S

-Preseason All-MAC (Athlon Sports)

» Corey Thompson Jr., WR

-College Football Comeback Player of the Year Award Watchlist

» Maxwell Wentz, C

-Preseason All-MAC (Pro Football Network)

» Will Yates, CB

-Preseason All-MAC (Athlon Sports)

-Preseason All-MAC (Phil Steele Preview)

-Preseason All-MAC (Pro Football Network)

WIDE-RANGING NEW ROSTER IN 2026

» The Cardinals welcomed 59 new players since the end of the 2025 campaign, and 35 of those have come from other college programs -- 32 four-year transfers and three junior-college transfers.

» In addition to the sweeping number of newcomers, Uremovich's staff has utilized a broad search geographically, too. From a preliminary preseason depth chart, 22 offensive and defensive starters came from hometowns in 11 different states -- California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio and Texas.

INDIANA AND INDY-AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

» Over one-third of Ball State's roster (39 of 114 players) come from Indiana high schools, and 23 are from the Indianapolis region.

» A breakdown of Indy-area high schools represented on the Cardinals' roster: Avon-1, Bishop Chatard-2, Brownsburg-1, Cathedral-5, Central Grove-2, Fishers-1, Greenfield Central-1, Hamilton Southeastern-2, Lawrence Central-1, New Palestine-2, Westfield-4, Zionsville-1

THACKER BROTHERS

» Among nine brothers in all, **Isaiah and Michael Thacker** are among four brothers adopted and raised by Daniel and Teresa Thacker in the East Indianapolis suburb of New Palestine. Isaiah, a fourth-year receiver, and Michael, a second-year defensive lineman, both starred locally for powerhouse New Palestine High School.

» Nine brothers (oldest to youngest): Noah, Anthony, Jonah, Ben, Josh, Daniel, Isaiah, Michael and Joe.

OLOOTU AND MCKINNEY TRANSFERS

» Assistant secondary coach **Mayomi Olootu** (*pronounced my-OH-mee oh-LOW-too*) has had impact not only coaching on the field, but recruiting, too.

» Two projected starters this year were hand-picked by Olootu from McKinney High School in Texas, where Olootu coached prior to joining the Ball State staff in 2024. QB1 **Keldric Luster** graduated from McKinney in 2023, before stints at SMU and Texas State. Safety **Deondre Shepherd** graduated in 2024 and spent time at Coastal Carolina before his arrival in Muncie.

SCHOLARSHIP EARNERS

» Since last spring, three former walk-ons have been awarded scholarships by Mike Uremovich.

» Offensive lineman Grant Haworth, whose father Jack was a standout linebacker for Ball State in the early 1990s, was awarded a full scholarship during spring ball this year. Haworth is a local product of nearby Fishers High School who signed with the Cardinals as an invited walk-on prior to the 2024 season.

» Similarly, fourth-year players **Cole Earlewine** and **Eli Hohlt** were awarded scholarships at the close of training camp in August. Earlewine, out of Hamilton Southeastern High School, will see reps at sniper in the defensive secondary. Hohlt, from Center Grove High School south of Indianapolis, will be utilized as part of a deepening corps of wide receivers.

DEDICATED TO NO. 22
GAVIN YATES-LYONS

GAVIN YATES-LYONS, a freshman enrolled last January in order to take part in spring workouts with the Cardinals, lost his life on May 30 following a shooting in Tallahassee on the morning of May 24. Yates-Lyons had returned home to participate in high school graduation ceremonies, May 23, from Lowndes High School (in Valdosta, Georgia).



» An innocent victim in the early morning tragedy, Yates-Lyons had been on track to play his first college football season with the 2026 Cardinals. He was regarded as a versatile defensive back who may have seen playing time as a true freshman. One of the final sequences in Ball State's 2026 Spring Showcase, in fact, culminated with a Yates-Lyons' end zone interception.

» To honor their teammate, 31 Ball State players and staff members traveled to present Yates-Lyons' family with his No. 22 jersey following memorial services in his hometown of Greenville, Florida.

» Head coach Mike Uremovich, among those in attendance, declared that the No. 22 jersey will not be worn at Ball State until Yates-Lyons' eligibility is exhausted following the 2030 season. His uniform and helmet remain in his locker.

» To honor Yates-Lyons at the Cardinals' stadium and training facility, all perimeter hash marks at the 22-yard line have been painted red. A No. 22 helmet sticker will be worn by the Cardinals during the 2026 season.

» Gavin Yates-Lyons was laid to rest on Saturday, June 13.



300-POUNDERS

- » Ball State boasts 19 300-pounders on its full roster, 15 on the offensive line and four on the defensive front.
- » Defensive tackle **Keilan Smith** tips the scales at a team-high 335 pounds.
- » At 6-foot-10 and 330 pounds, **Chris Hood** tops the offensive line.

BLACK-AND-GOLD TO RED-AND-WHITE

- » The schools from which the most Ball State players have transferred are Purdue (4) and Wake Forest (3).
- » Among four players who transferred from Purdue, starters **Donovan Hamilton** (WR) and **Stu Smith** (DB) both wear jersey No. 1. Running back **Elijah Jackson** wears No. 0. The fourth Boilermaker transfer is defensive lineman **Reese Hill**. All four starred locally at Indianapolis high schools.
- » **Tyler Mizzell** arrived at Concord after spending the 2023 and 2024 seasons at Wake Forest where he was teammates with current Ball State defensive linemen **Ameir Glenn** and **Ka'Shawn Thomas**. All three were together on the Demon Deacs' 2024 roster.

DARTMOUTH DUO

- » Another duo arriving from the same school are fifth-year transfers **Sean Ward** and **Maxwell Wentz**, who recently spent four years together at Dartmouth. Both graduated from Dartmouth and arrived in Muncie in June.
- » A starting center for the Big Green, Wentz serves as part of an interior line rotation, and was a Preseason All-MAC honoree by Pro Football Network. Ward fits into a wide rotation of tight ends.

CONCORD DUO

- » **Tyler Mizzell** and **Jacob Jeudy** arrived at Ball State together among a class of 2026 transfers, both from Division II Concord University in West Virginia, where both earned all-conference honors with offensive guard Jeudy protecting his quarterback Mizzell.
- » The former Concord teammates now are roommates and best friends -- Jeudy a fifth-year player originally from Miami, Florida; and Mizzell, a fourth-year from Denver, North Carolina.

ALL EASTERN BUT FOR RYAN FIELD

- » All travel is eastward in 2026, but for a brief jaunt into the Central time zone when the Cardinals visit Northwestern's new Ryan Field on October 10.
- » The Cardinals venture into Ohio on four occasions in 2026, with other road trips planned for the states of Virginia (Liberty on Sept. 19) and Massachusetts (UMass on Nov. 4).

BALL STATE CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF HOMECOMING ON OCT. 24 AGAINST SAC STATE

- » When Sacramento State visits Muncie on Oct. 24, Ball State will play its 98th homecoming football game, dating to 1926.
- » Homecoming football games were not played in 1929 (no record), 1943 (World War II) and 2020 (Covid).
- » The 2026 homecoming weekend at Ball State celebrates the 100th anniversary of that first homecoming football game, a 13-0 win over Hanover College on Nov. 13, 1926.
- » The 2026 campus homecoming celebration commemorates 100 years of homecoming festivities overall, throughout the campus and including its annual football game.

PLAY-CALLERS AND HS TEAMMATES

- » First at Temple (2018-21) and now again at Ball State, **Mike Uremovich** and **Jeff Knowles** are believed to be the only pair of FBS offensive and defensive play-callers who were high school teammates.

10 OF 13; 17 OF 28

- » Ten of Uremovich's 13 other coaches on his full-time staff have been with him at prior stops.
- » Counting GAs, operations and the Cardinals' strength and conditioning staff, a remarkable 17 out of 28 Ball State staffers have served with Uremovich at previous stops.

TOGETHER: SPORTS LINK DOCUMENTARY

- » For the second straight season, Ball State football has teamed with on-campus partner Ball State Sports Link to present a weekly documentary series that will follow head coach **Mike Uremovich** and the 2026 Cardinals.
- » Nationally renowned among major U.S. universities for its sports media production program, Sports Link crews produced a 12-episode weekly docuseries with Ball State Football last season, in one of their most ambitious projects. "It's important to me because I like to get our players' stories out there," Uremovich said. "I know we're going to feature football, but we're also going to get into some of their personal lives and some of the experiences they've had. There's more to these guys than just the jersey that runs out there on Saturday."
- » For the second year, TOGETHER is directed by now-junior executive producer Jude Kieffer and Sports Link alum, turned program graduate assistant, Jordan Klimes. Episodes drop bi-weekly in 2026, on Thursdays of game week, on BallStateSports.com and Ball State and Sports Link YouTube channels.

OFFENSIVE SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

QUARTERBACKS

» 6 KELDRIC LUSTER

Rushing Attempts	11	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Rushing Yards	37	vs Houston Christian 08/31/24
Longest Rush	19	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Passes	33	at Ohio State 09/05/26
Completed Passes	27	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Completion Pct.	.844 (27-32)	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Passes Yards	256	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Passing Touchdowns	3	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Longest Pass	28	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26

» 9 TYLER MIZZELL

Rushing Attempts	14	at Bluefield State 09/06/25
Rushing Yards	128	at Glenville State 10/18/25
Rushing Touchdowns	2	vs West Virginia Wesleyan 10/25/25
Longest Rush	63	at Glenville State 10/18/25
Passes	44	at Glenville State 10/18/25
Completed Passes	24	at Glenville State 10/18/25
		at UVA Wise 08/30/25
Passes Yards	391	vs West Liberty 09/27/25
Passing Touchdowns	4	at Bluefield State 09/06/255
Longest Pass	95	vs West Virginia State 10/11/25
Receptions	1	at Glenville State 10/18/25
Tackles	1	at Wheeling 11/01/25

RUNNING BACKS

» 2 JALEN BONDS

Rushing Attempts	16	at Toledo 11/22/25
Rushing Yards	77	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Rushing Touchdowns	1	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
		at Miami (OH) 11/29/25
Longest Rush	49	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Receptions	1	five times (most recent: at Liberty 09/19/26)
Receiving Yards	54	at Toledo 11/22/25
Receiving Touchdowns	1	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Longest Reception	54	at Toledo 11/22/25
Total Touchdowns	2	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26

» 4 TJ HORTON

Rushing Attempts	12	vs Eastern Michigan 11/15/25
Rushing Yards	125	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Rushing Touchdowns	2	at Liberty 09/19/26
Longest Rush	54	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Receptions	4	at Ohio State 09/05/26
		at Toledo 11/22/25
Receiving Yards	19	at Northern Illinois 10/25/25
Receiving Touchdowns	1	vs Kent State 11/05/25
Longest Reception	19	at Northern Illinois 10/25/25
Longest Kickoff Return	90	vs Akron 10/18/25
Kickoff Return TDs	1	vs Akron 10/18/25
Total Touchdowns	2	at Liberty 09/19/26

» 0 ELIJAH JACKSON

Rushing Attempts	6	at Auburn 09/06/25
Rushing Yards	83	vs Indiana State 08/31/24
Rushing Touchdowns	1	vs Indiana State 08/31/24
Longest Rush	69	vs Indiana State 08/31/24
Receptions	2	at Wisconsin 10/05/24
Receiving Yards	37	at Purdue 08/30/25
Longest Reception	37	at Purdue 08/30/25
Longest Kickoff Return	33	vs Indiana State 08/31/24

» 3 JOHNNY THOMPSON JR.

Rushing Attempts	9	vs Wagner 08/29/25
Rushing Yards	41	at Liberty 09/19/26
Longest Rush	20	at Liberty 09/19/26
Receptions	3	at Ohio State 09/05/26
Receiving Yards	11	at Ohio State 09/05/26
Longest Reception	7	at Ohio State 09/05/26
Tackles	1	at Liberty 09/19/26

WIDE RECEIVERS

» 85 ACE COOPER

Rushing Attempts	1	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Rushing Yards	1	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Longest Rush	1	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Punt Returns	2	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Longest Punt Return	32	vs Stony Brook, 09/12/26

» 14 ELISHA DURHAM

Receptions	2	at Miami (OH) 11/29/25
Receiving Yards	26	at Ohio State 09/05/26
Longest Reception	26	at Ohio State 09/05/26

» 88 DONOVAN HAMILTON

Receptions	7	at UConn 09/20/25
Receiving Yards	72	at Miami (OH) 11/29/25
Longest Reception	47	at Miami (OH) 11/29/25

» 83 ELI HOHLT

Tackles	2	at Ohio State 09/05/26
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» 10 JAMARION MCDUGGLE

Rushing Attempts	1	at Western Michigan 10/11/25
		vs Ohio 10/04/25
Rushing Yards	23	vs Ohio 10/04/25
Longest Rush	23	vs Ohio 10/04/25
Receptions	4	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Receiving Yards	52	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Receiving TDs	1	at Ohio 11/29/24
Longest Reception	28	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Tackles	1	at Ohio State 09/05/26

» 7 CJ NELSON

Rushing Attempts	2	at Charleston Southern 10/25/25
Rushing Yards	19	at Charleston Southern 10/25/25
Longest Rush	14	at Charleston Southern 10/25/25
Receptions	7	vs Illinois State 09/13/25
Receiving Yards	194	vs Illinois State 09/13/25
Receiving Touchdowns	2	vs Illinois State 09/13/25
Longest Reception	75	vs Illinois State 09/13/25
Tackles	2	at Rice 09/09/23
		vs Tulsa 11/26/22

» 5 JABARI SMITH

Receptions	6	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Receiving Yards	76	at Tulsa 11/30/24
Receiving Touchdowns	2	at Navy 10/25/25
Longest Reception	76	at Tulsa 11/30/24

» 11 ISAIAH THACKER

Rushing Attempts	2	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Rushing Yards	7	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Longest Rush	6	at James Madison 09/28/24
Receptions	5	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Receiving Yards	44	at Liberty 09/19/26
Receiving Touchdowns	1	at Toledo 11/22/25
Longest Reception	15	at Toledo 11/22/25
Tackles	1	at Central Michigan 09/21/24

TIGHT ENDS

» 24 TATE HOOVER

Receptions	5	at Ohio State 09/05/26
Receiving Yards	20	at Ohio State 09/05/26
Receiving Touchdowns	1	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Longest Reception	13	at Liberty 09/19/26
Tackles	1	at Toledo 11/22/25
		at UConn 09/20/25

» 88 ALEX SCHERLE

Receptions	1	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Receiving Yards	12	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Longest Reception	12	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Tackles	1	at Ohio State 09/05/26

» 89 SEAN WARD

Receptions	2	vs Harvard 11/02/24
Receiving Yards	20	at Princeton 11/08/24
		vs Central Connecticut 10/19/24
Receiving Touchdowns	1	vs Harvard 11/02/24
Longest Reception	20	at Princeton 11/08/24
		vs Central Connecticut 10/19/24

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

» 63 MAXWELL WENTZ

Tackles	1	at Penn 10/04/25
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DEFENSIVE SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

DEFENSIVE LINE

» 31 JARED BADIE

Tackles	3	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Sacks	1	at Ohio State 09/05/26
Tackles for Loss	1	at Ohio State 09/05/26 vs San Jose State 11/22/25

» 33 JAMAR BIRDEN

Tackles	1	at Ohio State 09/05/26
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» 99 KENDRICK GILBERT

Tackles	3	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Tackles for Loss	0.5	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26 vs Auburn 10/26/24 vs Southern Miss 08/31/24

» 56 AMEIR GLENN

Tackles	3	vs New Hampshire 09/13/25
Sacks	1	vs Akron 10/18/25
Tackles for Loss	1.5	at Toledo 11/22/25
Fumble Recoveries	1	at Liberty 09/19/26

» 39 MAVERICK GRACIO

Tackles	3	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26 vs Duquesne 08/30/25
Sacks	1	at Stanford 11/01/25
Tackles for Loss	1	at Stanford 11/01/25

» 57 REESE HILL

Tackles	2	at Ohio State 09/05/26
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» 41 BEN MARSH

Tackles	3	at Western Michigan 10/11/25
Sacks	0.5	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26 vs Akron 10/18/25
Tackles for Loss	1	vs Eastern Michigan 11/15/25

» 3 GEORGE OKORIE

Tackles	1	at UConn 09/20/25
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» 58 KEILAN SMITH

Tackles	2	at Liberty 09/19/26
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» 11 LAYTON STARKS

Tackles	5	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Sacks	0.5	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Tackles for Loss	2.5	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Fumble Recoveries	2	at Northern Illinois 10/25/25

» 10 AUSTIN STIEF

Tackles	8	at Ferris State 11/16/24
Sacks	1.5	vs Saginaw Valley 11/01/25
Tackles For Loss	3	vs Michigan Tech 10/11/25

» 52 MICHAEL THACKER

Tackles	1	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
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» 9 JUSTIN THOMAS

Tackles	6	at Saginaw Valley 09/23/23
Sacks	3	at Quincy 10/21/23
Tackles For Loss	3	at Quincy 10/21/23 at Truman State 10/14/23

» 94 KA'SHAWN THOMAS

Tackles	4	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Sacks	0.5	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Tackles For Loss	1	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26

» 54 SPENCER VAKA

Tackles	2	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
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» 74 KHRISTIAN ZACHARY

Tackles	3	at Arkansas 11/05/22 vs Campbell 09/04/21
Sacks	0.5	at Massachusetts 10/08/22
Tackles For Loss	1.5	vs Eastern Michigan 12/18/21 vs Campbell 09/04/21

LINEBACKERS

» 48 SAM FEENEY

Tackles	3	vs Ohio 10/04/25
Sacks	2	at James Madison 09/28/24
Tackles for Loss	2	at James Madison 09/28/24
Blocked Punt	1	at Central Michigan 09/21/24

» 27 GAVIN FORSHA

Tackles	8	at Arkansas State 10/05/24
Sacks	1	at Liberty 09/19/26 at TCU 10/22/22
Tackles	1.5	vs Northwestern State 09/12/24 vs Oklahoma State 10/29/22

» 6 CINCEAR LEWIS

Tackles	7	at Liberty 09/19/26
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» 16 KALEB STEWART

Tackles	7	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Sacks	0.5	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Tackles for Loss	0.5	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26

» 26 LUCAS SZYMBORSKI

Tackles	6	at Ohio State 09/05/26
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» 25 MIKEAH WEBSTER

Tackles	2	vs Kent State 11/05/25 at UConn 09/20/25
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DEFENSIVE BACKS

» 14 TOBI ADEWOYIN

Tackles	5	at Western Michigan 10/11/25
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» 21 GABE ARAMBOLES

Tackles	2	at Liberty 09/19/26 at Ohio State 09/05/26
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» 13 KAMRON CHAMBLE

Tackles	2	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26 at Ohio State 09/05/26
Interceptions	2	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Interception Return Yards	33	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26

» 20 COLE EARLEWINE

Tackles	3	at Ohio 11/29/24
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» 0 DJ FIELDS

Tackles	6	at UConn 09/20/25 at Auburn 09/06/25
Tackles for Loss	1	at Western Michigan 10/11/25

» 18 CEDRIC FRANKLIN II

Tackles	2	at Liberty 09/19/26 vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Interceptions	1	at Ohio State 09/05/26

» 5 CHRIS JACKSON

Tackles	4	vs UNLV 11/08/25
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» 28 STONE PERKINS

Tackles	1	at Liberty 09/19/26 vs Stony Brook 09/12/26 at Ohio State 09/05/26
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» 14 ANTHONY PINNACE

Tackles	4	at Ohio State 09/05/26
Sacks	1	at Ohio State 09/05/26
Tackles for Loss	2	at Ohio State 09/05/26

» 2 QUENTAVIUS SCANDRETT

Tackles	11	vs Western Michigan 10/28/23
Interceptions	1	at Ohio 11/13/24 at Central Michigan 09/30/23 vs Massachusetts 09/16/23 at Ball State 10/22/22 at Ball State 10/22/22
Longest Interception Return	34	at Ball State 10/22/22

» 1 STERLING "STU" SMITH

Tackles	9	at Liberty 09/19/26
Tackles for Loss	1	at Liberty 09/19/26 at Boston College 09/09/23

» 12 DEONDRE SHEPHERD

Tackles	4	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Tackles for Loss	0.5	vs Ohio 10/04/25

» 23 JORDAN SUGGS

Tackles	1	at Ohio State 09/05/26
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» 17 KAMARI WILLIAMS

Tackles	2	at Liberty 09/19/26
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» 20 WILLIZHUAN YATES

Tackles	7	at Auburn 09/06/25
Tackles for Loss	1	vs Bowling Green 11/23/24 vs Miami (OH) 11/05/24
Interceptions	1	at Toledo 11/22/25 at Kent State 10/12/24
Longest Punt Return	3	at Northern Illinois 10/25/25

SPECIALISTS SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

SPECIALISTS

» 38 BRODY BOEHM

Field Goals Made	2	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Field Goals Attempted	2	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Longest Field Goal Made	54	at Ohio State 09/05/26
Longest Field Goal Att.	54	at Ohio State 09/05/26
PATs Made	5	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
PATs Attempted	5	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Kicking Points Scored	11	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26
Tackles	1	at Miami (OH) 11/29/25

» 45 CADEN BRITTON

Tackles	1	vs Stony Brook 09/12/26 at Auburn 09/06/25 at Toledo 11/08/22
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» 37 HUDSON FIENE

Field Goals Made	1	vs Albany 11/22/25 vs Villanova 09/20/25
Longest Field Goal Made	28	vs Villanova 09/20/25

» 32 COLE STUMBAUGH

Punts	8	at Ohio State 09/05/26
Punt Yards	350	at Ohio State 09/05/26
Punting Average	43.75	at Ohio State 09/05/26
Longest Punt	64	at Ohio State 09/05/26
Punts Inside 20-Yard Line	4	at Ohio State 09/05/26

■ TEAM WON/LOSS AND POINTS MILESTONES**Last Shutout:**

Sept. 17, 2022 – Ball State 31, Murray State 0

Last Time Shut Out:

Aug. 30, 2025 -- Purdue 31, Ball State 0

Sept. 7, 2024 -- Miami 62, Ball State 0

Scored More Than 50 Points in a Game:

Oct. 19, 2019 – Ball State 52, Toledo 14

Scored at Least 24 Points in a Quarter:

Sept. 7, 2024 – Ball State (28) vs. Missouri State (4th quarter)

Last Overtime Game:

Nov. 12, 2024 – Buffalo 51, Ball State 48 (OT)

Last Overtime Win:

Oct. 1, 2022 – Ball State 44, Northern Illinois 38 (2OT)

Last Overtime Loss:

Nov. 12, 2024 – Buffalo 51, Ball State 48 (OT)

Last Win vs. Ranked Opponent:

Dec. 31, 2020 – Ball State 34, #19/20 San Jose State 13

■ TEAM STATISTICAL MILESTONES**Offense Had At Least 500 Yards Total Offense:**

Nov. 12, 2024 – at Buffalo (520)

Offense Had At Least 300 Yards Rushing:

Sept. 13, 2025 - vs. New Hampshire (308)

Offense Had At Least 50 Carries:

Nov. 25, 2023 - vs. Miami (53)

Held an Opponent Under 100 Yards Rushing:

Nov. 5, 2025 - vs. Kent State (89)

Held an Opponent Under 100 Yards Passing:

Oct. 25, 2025 - at Northern Illinois (65)

Held an Opponent Under 200 Yards of Total Offense:

Nov. 18, 2023 - vs. Kent State (97)

Held an Opponent Under 100 Yards of Total Offense:

Nov. 18, 2023 - vs. Kent State (97)

Defense Recorded Seven or More Sacks:

Oct. 12, 2024 - at Kent State (7)

Defense Recorded Five or More Sacks:

Sept. 6, 2025 - at Auburn (5)

■ INDIVIDUAL RUSHING MILESTONES**Last 100-Yard Rush Game**

Sept. 12, 2026 - TJ Horton vs. Stony Brook (125 yards, 9 att.)

Last Quarterback to Rush for 100 Yards:

Sept. 13, 2025 -- Kiaeal Kelly vs. New Hampshire (101 yards, 13 att.)

Nov. 25, 2023 -- Kiaeal Kelly vs. Miami (136 yards, 20 att.)

Last 200-Yard Rush Game:

Nov. 11, 2020 – Caleb Huntley vs. EMU (204 yards, 34 att.)

Last Time Two BSU Rushers Rushed for 100 Yards:

Sept. 13, 2025 -- Qua Ashley (154 yards, 12 att.) and

Kiaeal Kelly (101 yards, 13 att.) vs. New Hampshire

Nov. 25, 2023 – Marquez Cooper (136 yards, 31 att.) and

Kiaeal Kelly (136 yards, 20 att.) vs. Miami

Last Time Two BSU Rushers Rushed for 200 Yards:

Oct. 24, 2009 – MiQuale Lewis at EMU (301 yards, 26 att.)

Cory Sykes at EMU (203 yards, 23 att.)

Last Player to Score Three or More Total Touchdowns:

Oct. 18, 2025 – Kiaeal Kelly vs. Akron (3 rushing)

Last Player to Score Three or More Rushing Touchdowns:

Oct. 18, 2025 – Kiaeal Kelly vs. Akron (3, 26, 1)

Last Player to Score Four or More Rushing Touchdowns:

Sept. 20, 2008 – MiQuale Lewis at Indiana (1, 2, 1, 3)

Last Player to Tally 35 or More Carries in a Game:

Oct. 5, 2019 – Caleb Huntley at NIU (157 yards, 35 att.)

Three Different Players Scored Rushing Touchdowns:

Nov. 18, 2023 – Marquez Cooper, Kiaeal Kelly (2) and Vaughn Pemberton vs. Kent State

■ INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING MILESTONES**Last Player with 10 or More Receptions in a Game:**

Nov. 12, 2024 – Tanner Koziol at Buffalo (11 rec., 95 yards)

Last 100-Yard Receiving Game

Nov. 12, 2024 -- Justin Bowick at Buffalo (148 yards, 7 rec.)

Last 200-Yard Receiving Game:

Sept. 29, 2018 – Riley Miller vs. Kent State (208 yards, 11 rec.)

Last Time Two Receivers Had More Than 100 Receiving Yards:

Nov. 4, 2020 – Justin Hall at Miami (Ohio) (124 yards, 4 rec.)

Antwan Davis at Miami (Ohio) (110 yards, 6 rec.)

Last Player to Score Three or More Receiving Touchdowns:

Nov. 29, 2013 – Jamill Smith vs. Miami (Ohio) (10, 10, 6)

Last Player to Score Four Receiving Touchdowns:

Nov. 19, 1977 – Rick Morrison vs. Eastern Mich. (21, 28, 32, 12)

Last Quarterback to Catch a Touchdown Pass:

Sept. 20, 2025 -- Qian Magwood to Kiaeal Kelly at Connecticut (19 yards)

Four Different Players Scored Receiving Touchdowns:

Oct. 5, 2024 -- Christian Abney, Drew Hughes, Cam Pickett and Ty Robinson vs. Western Michigan

Sept. 7, 2024 – Malcolm Gillie, Tanner Koziol, Qian Magwood and Braedon Sloan vs. Missouri State

■ INDIVIDUAL PASSING MILESTONES**Last 300 Yard Passing Game**

Nov. 12, 2024 – Kadin Semonza at Buffalo (331)

Last 400 Yard Passing Game:

Oct. 1, 2022 – John Paddock vs. Northern Illinois (403)

Last Player to Throw Three or More Touchdown Passes:

Sept. 12, 2026 - Keldric Luster vs. Stony Brook (3)

Last Player to Throw Four or More Touchdown Passes:

Nov. 12, 2024 - Kadin Semonza at Buffalo (4)

Last Player to Throw Five or More Touchdown Passes:

Sept. 7, 2019 – Drew Plitt vs. Fordham (6)

Last Player with Five or More Touchdowns Responsible For (Pass & Rush):

Sept. 7, 2024 – Kadin Semonza vs. Missouri State (5: 4 pass, 1 rush)

Last Non-Quarterback to Throw a Touchdown Pass:

Sept. 20, 2025 -- Qian Magwood to Kiaeal Kelly at Connecticut (19 yards)

Last Player to Attempt 40 or More Passes:

Sept. 21, 2024 - Kadin Semonza at Central Michigan (30 of 40)

Last Player to Complete 30 or More Passes:

Sept. 21, 2024 - Kadin Semonza at Central Michigan (30 of 40)

■ INDIVIDUAL DEFENSE & SPECIAL TEAMS MILESTONES**Last Player to Record Two or More Interceptions:**

Sept. 12, 2026 - Kamron Chamble vs. Stony Brook (2)

Last Player to Record Three Interceptions:

Sept. 13, 2008 – Sean Baker at Akron (3)

Last Player to Force Two or More Fumbles:

Sept. 9, 2017 – Anthony Winbush vs. UAB (2)

Last Player to Recover Two or More Fumbles:

Oct. 25, 2025 – Layton Starks at Northern Illinois (2)

Last Player to Record Three or More Sacks:

Oct. 4, 2025 – Nathan Voorhis vs. Ohio (3.5)

Last Player to Record 15 or More Tackles:

Oct. 22, 2022 – Cole Pearce vs. Eastern Michigan (15)

Last Player to Record 20 or More Tackles:

Oct. 30, 2004 – Justin Beriault vs. Northern Illinois (21)

Last Interception Returned for a Touchdown:

Nov. 5, 2024 – Brandon Berger vs. Miami (Ohio) (46 yards)

Last Fumble Returned for a Touchdown:

Sept. 16, 2023 – Keionte Newson vs. Indiana State (66 yards; sack and forced fumble by Loren Strickland)

Last Safety:

Oct. 4, 2025 – Ohio rush for 1-yard loss, fumbled and recovered in end zone

Last Kickoff Returned for a Touchdown:

Oct. 18, 2025 – TJ Horton vs. Akron (90 yards)

Last Punt Returned for a Touchdown:

Nov. 24, 2009 – Charlie Todd vs. Western Michigan (87 yards)

Last Successful Two-Point Conversion:

Dec. 12, 2020 – Drew Plitt pass to Yo'Heinz Tyler vs. WMU

Last Field Goal Made From at Least 50 Yards:

Sept. 5, 2026 – Brody Boehm at Ohio State (54)

Last Player to Make Two or More FGs from at Least 50 Yards:

Oct. 26, 2024 – Jackson Courville vs. Northern Illinois (52 and 50)

Last Player to Make Four or More Field Goals:

Oct. 26, 2024 – Jackson Courville vs. Northern Illinois (24, 47, 50 and 52)

Last Player to Block a Field Goal Attempt:

Dec. 18, 2020 – Jimmy Daw vs. Buffalo

Last Player to Block an Extra Point Attempt:

Sept. 21, 2024 – Darrin Conley at Central Michigan

Last Player to Block a Punt:

Sept. 21, 2024 - Sam Feeney at Central Michigan

Two Kicks Blocked in Same Game:

Sept. 21, 2024 at Central Michigan: punt blocked by Sam Feeney, PAT blocked by Darian Conley

Last Blocked Punt Returned for a Touchdown:

Sept. 10, 2016 – Malik Dunner at Indiana (3 yards; blocked punt by Dedrick Cromartie)

Last Player to Recover an Onside Kick:

Sept. 21, 2019 – Ray Wilborn at NC State



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Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	Conf	Time	Attend
	09/05/2026	at Ohio St.	L	3-56	0-1	0-0	3:17	101120
	09/12/2026	Stony Brook	W	41-17	1-1	0-0	3:16	10390
	09/19/2026	at Liberty	L	15-51	1-2	0-0	3:08	18330





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Team Statistics

	BSU	OPP
Scoring	59	124
Points per game	19.7	41.3
Points Off Turnovers	7	7
First Downs	53	70
Rushing	22	27
Passing	26	39
Penalty	5	4
Rushing Yardage	427	632
Yards gained rushing	514	674
Yards lost rushing	87	42
Rushing attempts	94	103
Average per rush	4.5	6.1
Average per game	142.3	210.7
TDs Rushing	4	8
Passing Yardage	469	829
Comp-Att-Int	57-90-2	69-97-3
Average per pass	5.2	8.5
Average per catch	8.2	12.0
Average per game	156.3	276.3
TDs Passing	3	9
Total offense	896	1461
Total plays	184	200
Average per play	4.9	7.3
Average per game	298.7	487.0
Kick returns: #-Yards	5-79	4-70
Punt returns: #-Yards	2-38	7-17
Int returns: #-Yards	3-33	2-2
Kick return average	15.8	17.5
Punt return average	19.0	2.4
Int return average	11.0	1.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	25-221	17-142
Average per game	73.7	47.3
Punts-Yards	17-734	10-401
Average per punt	43.2	40.1
Net punt average	41.4	38.5
Kickoffs-Yards	12-772	22-1280
Average per kick	64.3	58.2
Net kick average	42.0	35.7
Time of possession / game	29:50	30:10
3rd-down conversion	7/33	19/39
3rd-down pct	21%	49%
4th-down conversion	3/4	4/5





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	BSU	OPP
4th-down pct	75%	80%
Sacks by-Yards	7-25	8-51
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	7	17
Field goals - attempts	3-4	2-2
On-Side kicks	1-1	0-2
Red-zone scores	(6-8) 75%	(12-12) 100%
Red-zone touchdowns	(4-8) 50%	(12-12) 100%
PAT-attempts	(6-6) 100%	(14-15) 93%
2-point conversion-attempts	(1-1) 100%	(1-2) 50%
Attendance	10390	119450
Games / Avg per game	1/10390	2/59725
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Ball St.	14	17	8	20	0	59
Opponents	27	27	28	42	0	124



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Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
TJ Horton	3	23	220	12	208	9.0	3	54	69.3
Jalen Bonds	3	13	96	6	90	6.9	1	49	30.0
Keldric Luster	3	30	97	43	54	1.8	0	19	18.0
Johnny Thompson Jr.	3	13	55	5	50	3.8	0	20	16.7
Elijah Jackson	2	4	25	0	25	6.3	0	15	12.5
Isaiah Thacker	3	2	7	0	7	3.5	0	5	2.3
Ace Cooper	3	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	0.3
Tyler Mizzell	3	4	13	14	-1	-0.3	0	8	-0.3
Team	3	4	0	7	-7	-1.8	0	0	-2.3
Total	3	94	514	87	427	4.5	4	54	142.3
Opponents	3	103	674	42	632	6.1	8	66	210.7

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Keldric Luster	3	113.6	55-86-2	64.0	438	3	28	146.0
Tyler Mizzell	3	115.1	2-4-0	50.0	31	0	26	10.3
Total	3	113.7	57-90-2	63.3	469	3	28	156.3
Opponents	3	167.4	69-97-3	71.1	829	9	54	276.3

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Isaiah Thacker	3	10	86	8.6	0	14	28.7
TJ Horton	3	7	2	0.3	0	4	0.7
Donovan Hamilton	3	7	70	10.0	0	13	23.3
Jamarion McDougle	3	7	77	11.0	0	28	25.7
Tate Hoover	3	7	36	5.1	1	13	12.0
Jabari Smith	3	6	72	12.0	1	23	24.0
Johnny Thompson Jr.	3	4	12	3.0	0	7	4.0
Jalen Bonds	3	3	36	12.0	1	23	12.0
CJ Nelson	2	2	14	7.0	0	8	7.0
Elisha Durham	3	2	47	23.5	0	26	15.7
Alex Scherle	3	1	12	12.0	0	12	4.0
Elijah Jackson	2	1	5	5.0	0	5	2.5
Total	3	57	469	8.2	3	28	156.3
Opponents	3	69	829	12.0	9	54	276.3

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Ace Cooper	2	38	19.0	0	32
Total	2	38	19.0	0	32
Opponents	7	17	2.4	0	10

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Kamron Chamble	2	33	16.5	0	33
Cedric Franklin II	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	3	33	11.0	0	33
Opponents	2	2	1.0	0	2

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
TJ Horton	4	79	19.8	0	27
Eli Hohlt	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	5	79	15.8	0	27
Opponents	4	70	17.5	0	22

Fumbles Recovered

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Ameir Glenn	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	1	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	1	28	28.0	0	28



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Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT						pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	
TJ Horton	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Brody Boehm	-	3-4	6-6	-	-	-	-	-	15
Jalen Bonds	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Jabari Smith	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Tate Hoover	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Keldric Luster	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
Total	7	3-4	6-6	1	0	0	0	0	59
Opponents	17	2-2	14-15	0	1	1	0	0	124

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Brody Boehm	3-4	75.0	0-0	0-0	2-3	0-0	1-1	54	0
Opponents	2-2	100.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-0	46	0

FG Sequence

Team Name	Ball St.	Opponents
Ohio St.	(54)	
Stony Brook	(38),(30)	(45)
Liberty	34	(46)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Keldric Luster	3	116	54	438	492	164.0
TJ Horton	3	23	208	0	208	69.3
Jalen Bonds	3	13	90	0	90	30.0
Johnny Thompson Jr.	3	13	50	0	50	16.7
Tyler Mizzell	3	8	-1	31	30	10.0
Elijah Jackson	2	4	25	0	25	12.5
Isaiah Thacker	3	2	7	0	7	2.3
Ace Cooper	3	1	1	0	1	0.3
Team	3	0	-7	0	-7	-2.3
Total	3	184	427	469	896	298.7
Opponents	3	200	632	829	1461	487.0

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	l20	50+	blk
Cole Stumbaugh	17	734	43.2	64	1	4	6	3	0
Total	17	734	43.2	64	1	4	6	3	0
Opponents	10	401	40.1	51	1	5	3	1	0

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Brody Boehm	12	772	64.3	6	0			
Total	12	772	64.3	6	0	4	42	23
Opponents	22	1280	58.2	14	2	5	35.7	29

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
TJ Horton	3	208	2	0	79	0	289	96.3
Jalen Bonds	3	90	36	0	0	0	126	42.0
Isaiah Thacker	3	7	86	0	0	0	93	31.0
Jamarion McDougle	3	0	77	0	0	0	77	25.7
Jabari Smith	3	0	72	0	0	0	72	24.0
Donovan Hamilton	3	0	70	0	0	0	70	23.3
Johnny Thompson Jr.	3	50	12	0	0	0	62	20.7
Keldric Luster	3	54	0	0	0	0	54	18.0
Elisha Durham	3	0	47	0	0	0	47	15.7
Ace Cooper	3	1	0	38	0	0	39	13.0
Tate Hoover	3	0	36	0	0	0	36	12.0
Kamron Chamble	3	0	0	0	0	33	33	11.0
Elijah Jackson	2	25	5	0	0	0	30	15.0
CJ Nelson	2	0	14	0	0	0	14	7.0
Alex Scherle	3	0	12	0	0	0	12	4.0
Tyler Mizzell	3	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	-0.3
Team	3	-7	0	0	0	0	-7	-2.3
Total	3	427	469	38	79	33	1046	348.7
Opponents	3	632	829	17	70	2	1550	516.7



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#6 Keldric Luster	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic.
Ohio St.	18	33	1	54.5	89	0	12	1-2	71.1
Stony Brook	27	32	1	84.4	256	3	28	4-24	176.3
Liberty	10	21	0	47.6	93	0	14	2-11	84.8
Totals	55	86	2	64.0	438	3	28	7-37	113.6

#9 Tyler Mizzell	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic.
Ohio St.	2	4	0	50.0	31	0	26	0-0	115.1
Totals	2	4	0	50.0	31	0	26	1-14	115.1



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Rushing/Receiving Game-by-Game
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Rushing

Player	No-Yds/TD	OSU	SBU	Lib
Keldric Luster	30-54/0	9-10/0	11-14/0	10-30/0
TJ Horton	23-208/3	6-4/0	9-125/1	8-79/2
Jalen Bonds	13-90/1	3-9/0	6-77/1	4-4/0
Johnny Thompson Jr.	13-50/0	2-3/0	4-6/0	7-41/0
Elijah Jackson	4-25/0	2-20/0	DNP	2-5/0
Tyler Mizzell	4--1/0	-	1-0/0	3--1/0
Isaiah Thacker	2-7/0	-	2-7/0	-
Ace Cooper	1-1/0	-	1-1/0	-

Receiving

Player	No-Yds/TD	OSU	SBU	Lib
Isaiah Thacker	10-86/0	1-11/0	5-31/0	4-44/0
Jamarion McDougale	7-77/0	2-16/0	4-52/0	1-9/0
Donovan Hamilton	7-70/0	1-11/0	4-40/0	2-19/0
Tate Hoover	7-36/1	5-20/0	1-3/1	1-13/0
TJ Horton	7-2/0	4-6/0	3--4/0	-
Jabari Smith	6-72/1	-	6-72/1	-
Johnny Thompson Jr.	4-12/0	3-11/0	-	1-1/0
Jalen Bonds	3-36/1	1-6/0	1-23/1	1-7/0
Elisha Durham	2-47/0	1-26/0	1-21/0	-
CJ Nelson	2-14/0	1-8/0	1-6/0	DNP
Alex Scherle	1-12/0	-	1-12/0	-
Elijah Jackson	1-5/0	1-5/0	DNP	-



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Overall Defense Statistics
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Team Defense

##	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
1	Sterling Smith	3	13	6	19	1-1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
27	Gavin Forsha	3	7	6	13	2-3	1-2	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
16	Kaleb Stewart	3	5	8	13	0.5-2	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Cincear Lewis	3	6	7	13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Quentavius Scandrett	3	7	4	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	Willizhuan Yates	3	9	1	10	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
14	Anthony Pinnacle	3	6	3	9	2-7	1-5	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
0	DJ Fields	3	7	2	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Lucas Szymborski	3	6	3	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Layton Starks	3	4	3	7	2.5-5	1.5-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Justin Thomas	3	3	3	6	2-5	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
94	Ka'Shawn Thomas	3	.	5	5	1-4	1-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Sam Feeney	3	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Deondre Shepherd	3	4	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18	Cedric Franklin II	3	5	.	5	.	.	1-0	1	.	.	.	.	.
21	Gabriel Arambales	3	4	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39	Maverick Gracio	3	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
99	Kendrick Gilbert	3	1	3	4	0.5-0	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	Kamron Chamble	3	4	.	4	.	.	2-33	.	.	.	.	.	.
54	Spencer Vaka	3	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31	Jared Badie	3	2	2	4	1-7	1-7	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
56	Ameir Glenn	3	2	1	3	1-1	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
28	Stone Perkins	3	2	1	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
10	Austin Stief	3	2	1	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
5	Chris Jackson	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
57	Reese Hill	2	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Ben Marsh	3	1	1	2	0.5-2	0.5-2	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
83	Eli Hohlt	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
58	Keilan Smith	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Kamari Williams	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Jamarion McDougale	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Jordan Suggs	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	Jamar Birden	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	Johnny Thompson Jr.	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52	Michael Thacker	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	Caden Britton	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
88	Alex Scherle	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Totals		3	119	74	193	14-37	7-25	3-33	8	3	1-0	1	0	0
Opponents		3	90	90	180	24-88	8-51	2-2	11	5	1-28	2	0	0



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Total Tackles Game-by-Game
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Total Tackles

Player	S-A	Total	OSU	SBU	Lib
Sterling Smith	13-6	19	5-1	2-2	6-3
Gavin Forsha	7-6	13	3-2	0-3	4-1
Cincear Lewis	6-7	13	0-2	2-2	4-3
Kaleb Stewart	5-8	13	2-1	1-6	2-1
Quentavius Scandrett	7-4	11	4-2	2-1	1-1
Willizhuan Yates	9-1	10	3-0	1-1	5-0
DJ Fields	7-2	9	3-1	2-1	2-0
Anthony Pinnace	6-3	9	3-1	2-0	1-2
Lucas Szymborski	6-3	9	5-1	1-2	-
Layton Starks	4-3	7	-	2-3	2-0
Justin Thomas	3-3	6	2-0	0-2	1-1
Cedric Franklin II	5-0	5	1-0	2-0	2-0
Deondre Shepherd	4-1	5	-	3-1	1-0
Gabriel Aramboles	4-1	5	2-0	0-1	2-0
Sam Feeney	3-2	5	1-0	0-2	2-0
Maverick Gracio	2-3	5	1-1	1-2	-
Ka'Shawn Thomas	0-5	5	-	0-4	0-1
Kamron Chamble	4-0	4	2-0	2-0	-
Jared Badie	2-2	4	1-0	1-2	-
Spencer Vaka	1-3	4	1-0	0-2	0-1
Kendrick Gilbert	1-3	4	1-0	0-3	-
Austin Stief	2-1	3	-	1-1	1-0
Stone Perkins	2-1	3	0-1	1-0	1-0
Ameir Glenn	2-1	3	2-0	0-1	-
Kamari Williams	2-0	2	-	-	2-0
Keilan Smith	2-0	2	DNP	DNP	2-0
Eli Hohlt	2-0	2	2-0	-	-
Chris Jackson	1-1	2	1-1	-	DNP
Ben Marsh	1-1	2	1-0	0-1	-
Reese Hill	0-2	2	0-2	-	DNP
Johnny Thompson Jr.	1-0	1	-	-	1-0
Jamarion McDougale	1-0	1	1-0	-	-
Jordan Suggs	1-0	1	1-0	DNP	-
Jamar Birden	1-0	1	1-0	-	DNP
Michael Thacker	1-0	1	-	1-0	DNP
Alex Scherle	1-0	1	1-0	-	-
Caden Britton	0-1	1	-	0-1	-



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Red-Zone Results
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Ball St. Inside Opponent Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total				Rush	Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ				
			In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
09/05/2026	at Ohio St.	L 3-56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/12/2026	Stony Brook	W 41-17	5	4	20	2	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	1	0
09/19/2026	at Liberty	L 15-51	3	2	15	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals 6 of 8 (75.0%)			8	6	35	4	2	2	2	2	3	0	0	0	1	0

Opponents Inside Ball St. Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total				Rush	Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ				
			In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
09/05/2026	Ohio St.	L 3-56	5	5	35	5	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/12/2026	Stony Brook	W 41-17	1	1	8	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/19/2026	Liberty	L 15-51	6	6	41	6	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals 12 of 12 (100.0%)			12	12	84	12	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



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#	Player	GP-GS	OSU	SBU	Lib
0	Elijah Jackson	2/0	XXX	...	XXX
0	DJ Fields	3/3	START	START	START
1	Sterling Smith	3/3	START	START	START
1	Donovan Hamilton	3/3	START	START	START
2	Quentavius Scandrett	3/3	START	START	START
2	Jalen Bonds	3/1	XXX	XXX	START
2	Tobi Adewoyin	0/0	...	...	...
3	Johnny Thompson Jr.	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX
3	George Okorie	1/0	XXX	...	...
4	TJ Horton	3/2	START	START	XXX
4	Willizhuan Yates	3/3	START	START	START
5	Jabari Smith	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX
5	Chris Jackson	2/0	XXX	XXX	...
6	Cincear Lewis	3/2	START	START	XXX
6	Keldric Luster	3/3	START	START	START
7	CJ Nelson	2/0	XXX	XXX	...
7	Ben Marsh	3/3	START	START	START
8	Avery Stuart	2/0	XXX	XXX	...
8	Corey Thompson Jr.	2/0	XXX	XXX	...
9	Justin Thomas	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX
9	Tyler Mizzell	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX
10	Austin Stief	3/1	XXX	XXX	START
10	Jamarion McDougle	3/3	START	START	START
11	Isaiah Thacker	3/1	XXX	START	XXX
11	Layton Starks	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX
12	Deondre Shepherd	3/2	START	START	XXX
13	Khalel Wright	0/0	...	...	...
13	Kamron Chamble	3/1	XXX	XXX	START
14	Anthony Pinnace	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX
14	Elisha Durham	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX
15	Jovan Clark	1/0	XXX	...	...
15	Tayshon Bardo	1/0	XXX	...	...
16	Mason Atkins	0/0	...	...	...
16	Kaleb Stewart	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX
17	DJ Young	0/0	...	...	...
17	Kamari Williams	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX
18	Cedric Franklin II	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX
18	Bodie Derrer	0/0	...	...	...
19	Zyon Hill	0/0	...	...	...
19	Lachlan Mathieson	0/0	...	...	...
20	Cole Earlewine	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX
21	Gabriel Arambales	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX
21	Anthony McMullen Jr.	0/0	...	...	...
23	Jordan Suggs	2/0	XXX	...	XXX
24	Diante Griffin	1/0	XXX	...	...
24	Tate Hoover	3/3	START	START	START
25	Mikeah Webster	0/0	...	...	...
25	Char'lese Breveard	0/0	...	...	...
26	Lucas Szymborski	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX
27	Gavin Forsha	3/3	START	START	START
28	Stone Perkins	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX
29	Micah Lillard	0/0	...	...	...
30	Donovan Lanier	0/0	...	...	...
31	Jared Badie	3/3	START	START	START
32	Cole Stumbaugh	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX
33	Jamar Birden	2/0	XXX	XXX	...
34	Coby Tripp	0/0	...	...	...
35	Drew Bostic	0/0	...	...	...
36	Cole Mynett	0/0	...	...	...
37	Hudson Fiene	0/0	...	...	...



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##	Player	GP-GS	OSU	SBU	Lib
38	Brody Boehm	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX
38	Jayden Bernavil	0/0	...	...	...
39	Maverick Gracio	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX
40	Gannon Knowles	1/0	XXX	...	...
41	Zach Becker	0/0	...	...	...
42	AJ Seymour	0/0	...	...	...
44	Lucas Andresen	0/0	...	...	...
45	Caden Britton	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX
45	Sebastian Moore	0/0	...	...	...
48	Sam Feeney	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX
50	Carsen Burckhardt	0/0	...	...	...
51	CJ Sanchez	0/0	...	...	...
52	Michael Thacker	2/0	XXX	XXX	...
54	Spencer Vaka	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX
54	Evan Downer	1/0	...	...	XXX
55	Michael Varon	0/0	...	...	...
55	Dominic Infelise	0/0	...	...	...
56	Ameir Glenn	3/3	START	START	START
56	Jacob Jeudy	1/1	START	...	...
57	Reese Hill	2/0	XXX	XXX	...
57	Nolan Cicero	0/0	...	...	...
58	Keilan Smith	1/0	...	...	XXX
60	Blake Scriber	0/0	...	...	...
61	Luke Dalton	0/0	...	...	...
62	Sam Spicer	0/0	...	...	...
63	Maxwell Wentz	0/0	...	...	...
65	Ryan Eldridge	0/0	...	...	...
66	Chris Hood	3/3	START	START	START
67	Jackson Ruess	0/0	...	...	...
68	Grant Haworth	3/3	START	START	START
70	Tristan Cook	3/3	START	START	START
71	Brady Barrowman	3/2	XXX	START	START
72	Brady Weber	0/0	...	...	...
73	Cole Mosier	1/0	...	...	XXX
74	Khristian Zachary	1/0	XXX	...	...
75	Zach Bandy	0/0	...	...	...
76	CJ Zeltwanger	0/0	...	...	...
77	Misael Sandoval	3/3	START	START	START
78	Kaden Mayle	0/0	...	...	...
79	Zion Haney	0/0	...	...	...
80	Derion Talbert	0/0	...	...	...
81	Leo Collins	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX
82	TJ Byard	0/0	...	...	...
83	Eli Hohit	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX
85	Ace Cooper	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX
86	Mason Riggins	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX
87	Cole Coonrod	0/0	...	...	...
88	Alex Scherle	3/2	START	XXX	START
89	Sean Ward	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX
90	Lincoln Mason	0/0	...	...	...
93	Mason Holbrook	0/0	...	...	...
94	Ka'Shawn Thomas	3/3	START	START	START
96	Joshua Coleman	0/0	...	...	...
97	Myles Hancock	2/0	XXX	XXX	...
99	Kendrick Gilbert	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX

BALL STATE AND OPPONENT GAME-BY-GAME TEAM STATISTICS

Opponent	RUSHING				RECEIVING				PASSING				TOT	KICK RETURNS				PUNT RETURNS				3RD DOWN	PEN	TURNOVERS
	No.	Yds	TD	Lg	No.	Yds	TD	Lg	Cmp-Att-Int	Yds	TD	Lg	OFF	No.	Yds	TD	Lg	No	Yds	TD	Lg	No-Atts	No-Yds	Fum-Int-Tot
Ball State	23	45	0	15	20	120	0	26	20-37-1	120	0	26	165	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3-14	3-15	0-1-1 / ---
at Ohio State	35	237	3	65	31	434	5	48	31-37-1	434	5	48	671	2	26	0	16	4	11	0	10	5-11	9-81	0-1-1 / ---
Ball State	36	226	2	54	27	256	3	28	27-32-1	256	3	28	482	2	39	0	20	2	38	0	32	3-10	11-99	0-1-1 / +1
Stony Brook	28	183	2	66	22	147	0	18	22-36-2	147	0	18	330	1	22	0	22	2	7	0	5	4-15	5-36	0-2-2 / ---
Ball State	35	168	2	25	10	93	0	14	10-21-0	93	0	14	261	3	40	0	27	0	0	0	0	1-9	11-107	1-0-1 / ---
at Liberty	40	212	3	43	16	248	4	54	16-24-0	248	4	54	460	1	22	0	22	1	0	0	0	10-13	3-25	1-0-1 / ---
Ball State																								
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at Ohio																								
Ball State																								
Central Michigan																								

THIS AND THAT

OPPONENT	TIME	TV	ATTND	HALF	FINAL	COIN	KICK/	1ST BSU	1ST OPP	UNIFORM COMBOS		
						TOSS	RECEIVE	POSSESSION	POSSESSION	HELMET	JERSEY	PANTS
at Ohio State	3:16	BTN	101,120	OSU 28-3	OSU 56-3	Won	Kick	Punt	Punt	White	White	White
Stony Brook	3:16	ESPN+	10,390	BSU 21-3	BSU 41-17	Lost	Receive	Interception	Punt	White	Red	White
at Liberty	3:08	ESPN+	18,330	LU 23-7	LU 51-15	Lost	Receive	Punt	Touchdown	White	White	Red
at Kent State												
Toledo												
at Northwestern												
at Bowling Green												
Sacramento State												
at UMass												
Buffalo												
at Ohio												
Central Michigan												

GAME-BY-GAME OFFENSIVE STARTERS

	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	WR	WR	WR/TE/QB/RB	TE	RB	QB
at Ohio State	Hood	Sandoval	Haworth	Jeady	Cook	McDougle	Hamilton	Scherle	Hoover	Horton	Luster
Stony Brook	Hood	Sandoval	Haworth	Barrowman	Cook	McDougle	Hamilton	Thacker	Hoover	Horton	Luster
at Liberty	Hood	Sandoval	Haworth	Barrowman	Cook	Mcdougale	Hamilton	Scherle	Hoover	Bonds	Luster
at Kent State											
Toledo											
at Northwestern											
at Bowling Green											
Sacramento State											
at UMass											
Buffalo											
at Ohio											
Central Michigan											

GAME-BY-GAME DEFENSIVE STARTERS

	EDGE	NT	DT	RUSH	SNIPER	MLB	WLB	FS	BS	FCB	BCB
at Ohio State	Marsh	Thomas	Glenn	Badie	Scandrett	Lewis	Forsha	Shepherd	Smith	Yates	Fields
Stony Brook	Marsh	Thomas	Glenn	Badie	Scandrett	Lewis	Forsha	Shepherd	Smith	Yates	Fields
at Liberty	Marsh	Thomas	Glenn	Badie	Scandrett	Forsha	Stief	Chamble	Smith	Yates	Fields
at Kent State											
Toledo											
at Northwestern											
at Bowling Green											
Sacramento State											
at UMass											
Buffalo											
at Ohio											
Central Michigan											

DRIVE CHARTS – BALL STATE

AT OHIO STATE

TEAM	QTR	START	RESULT	PLAYS	YARDS	T.O.P.
Ball State	1	14:14	Punt	4	18	2:09
Ball State	1	8:47	Punt	5	16	2:55
Ball State	1	1:23	Interception	3	3	1:34
Ball State	2	12:08	Punt	8	27	4:26
Ball State	2	3:59	Field Goal	11	38	2:42
Ball State	2	0:10	End of Half	1	1	0:10
Ball State	3	15:00	Punt	3	0	1:34
Ball State	3	11:29	Punt	3	3	1:34
Ball State	3	8:20	Punt	3	1	1:03
Ball State	3	6:17	Punt	3	14	1:38
Ball State	4	14:16	Downs	7	44	4:29
Ball State	4	8:05	Punt	3	0	2:13
Ball State	4	1:55	End of Half	7	52	1:55

VS STONY BROOK

TEAM	QTR	START	RESULT	PLAYS	YARDS	T.O.P.
Ball State	1	14:57	Interception	1	0	0:07
Ball State	1	11:41	Punt	6	37	3:52
Ball State	1	6:16	Touchdown	9	66	4:35
Ball State	2	13:43	Touchdown	8	70	4:20
Ball State	2	6:49	Touchdown	2	24	0:46
Ball State	2	2:59	End of Half	11	66	2:59
Ball State	3	12:52	Punt	3	2	1:46
Ball State	3	8:51	Punt	3	2	1:51
Ball State	3	3:36	Field Goal	15	60	8:00
Ball State	4	9:02	Field Goal	7	30	3:02
Ball State	4	3:18	Touchdown	2	50	0:15
Ball State	4	2:27	Touchdown	1	54	0:10
Ball State	4	1:16	End of Half	2	4	1:16

AT LIBERTY

TEAM	QTR	START	RESULT	PLAYS	YARDS	T.O.P.
Ball State	1	15:00	Punt	3	2	0:54
Ball State	1	10:16	Touchdown	9	75	4:29
Ball State	1	3:46	Punt	5	17	2:10
Ball State	2	8:46	Field Goal Attempt	10	58	4:46
Ball State	2	3:06	Punt	3	4	1:57
Ball State	2	0:13	End of Half	1	2	0:13
Ball State	3	11:09	Punt	3	5	1:48
Ball State	3	6:59	Touchdown	8	75	4:17
Ball State	3	2:32	Punt	7	7	3:09
Ball State	4	7:28	Fumble	2	6	0:18
Ball State	4	4:55	Punt	6	0	3:42

Longest drive (plays): 15 vs. Stony Brook (60 yards, 8:00, FG)
Longest drive (yards): 75 yards (twice) at Liberty (9 plays, 4:29, TD; 8 plays, 4:17, TD)
Longest drive (time): 8:00 vs. Stony Brook (15 plays, 60 yards, FG)
Longest scoring drive (plays): 15 vs. Stony Brook (60 yards, 8:00, FG)
Longest scoring drive (yards): 75 yards (twice) at Liberty (9 plays, 4:29, TD; 8 plays, 4:17, TD)
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BALL STATE TIME OF POSESSION BY PERIOD

Opponent	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	TOTAL
at Ohio State	6:27	7:29	5:29	8:37	28:22
Stony Brook	8:37	8:11	7:13	9:06	33:07
at Liberty	7:33	6:58	8:45	4:45	28:01
at Kent State					
Toledo					
at Northwestern					
at Bowling Green					
Sacramento State					
at UMass					
Buffalo					
at Ohio					
Central Michigan					

DRIVE CHARTS – OPPONENT

AT OHIO STATE

TEAM	QTR	START	RESULT	PLAYS	YARDS	T.O.P.
Ohio State	1	14:54	Punt	3	4	0:40
Ohio State	1	12:05	Touchdown	7	99	3:18
Ohio State	1	5:52	Touchdown	9	75	4:29
Ohio State	2	14:49	Touchdown	6	28	2:41
Ohio State	2	7:42	Punt	6	29	3:43
Ohio State	2	1:15	Touchdown	9	90	1:05
Ohio State	3	13:26	Touchdown	4	94	1:57
Ohio State	3	9:55	Touchdown	3	62	1:35
Ohio State	3	7:17	Interception	3	2	1:00
Ohio State	3	4:39	Touchdown	10	83	5:23
Ohio State	4	9:47	Punt	4	12	1:42
Ohio State	4	5:52	Touchdown	8	58	3:57

VS STONY BROOK

TEAM	QTR	START	RESULT	PLAYS	YARDS	T.O.P.
Stony Brook	1	14:50	Punt	9	28	3:09
Stony Brook	1	7:49	Punt	3	7	1:33
Stony Brook	1	1:41	Punt	6	20	2:58
Stony Brook	2	9:23	Interception	5	15	2:34
Stony Brook	2	6:03	Field Goal	8	48	2:58
Stony Brook	3	15:00	Interception	5	17	2:08
Stony Brook	3	11:06	Punt	5	18	2:15
Stony Brook	3	7:00	Punt	6	21	3:24
Stony Brook	4	10:33	Downs	5	18	1:31
Stony Brook	4	6:00	Touchdown	7	75	2:42
Stony Brook	4	3:03	Touchdown	3	75	0:37
Stony Brook	4	2:11	Punt	3	7	0:55

AT LIBERTY

TEAM	QTR	START	RESULT	PLAYS	YARDS	T.O.P.
Liberty	1	14:06	Touchdown	7	45	3:50
Liberty	1	5:47	Touchdown	4	75	2:01
Liberty	1	1:36	Field goal	14	60	7:48
Liberty	2	4:00	Punt	3	2	0:54
Liberty	2	1:09	Touchdown	7	62	0:56
Liberty	3	14:55	Touchdown	6	77	3:38
Liberty	3	9:21	Touchdown	6	69	2:22
Liberty	3	2:37	Fumble	1	4	0:05
Liberty	4	14:23	Touchdown	11	80	6:54
Liberty	4	7:10	Touchdown	4	16	2:08
Liberty	4	1:13	End of Half	2	4	1:13

Longest drive (plays): 14 plays at Liberty (60 yards, 7:48, FG)
Longest drive (yards): 99 yards at Ohio State (7 plays, 3:18, TD)
Longest drive (time): 7:48 at Liberty (14 plays, 60 yards, FG)
Longest scoring drive (plays): 14 plays at Liberty (60 yards, 7:48, FG)
Longest scoring drive (yards): 99 yards at Ohio State (7 plays, 3:18, touchdown)
Longest scoring drive (time): 7:48 at Liberty (14 plays, 60 yards, FG)

OPPONENT TIME OF POSESSION BY PERIOD

Opponent	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	TOTAL
at Ohio State	8:33	7:31	9:11	6:23	31:38
Stony Brook	6:23	6:49	7:13	5:54	26:53
at Liberty	7:27	8:02	6:10	10:15	31:59
at Kent State					
Toledo					
at Northwestern					
at Bowling Green					
Sacramento State					
at UMass					
Buffalo					
at Ohio					
Central Michigan					

GAME 3 AT LIBERTY

BALL STATE	7	0	8	0	-	15
LIBERTY	13	10	14	14	-	51

Sept. 19, 2026 | Lynchburg, Va. | Williams Stadium (18,330) | 3:08

The Ball State football team walked into Williams Stadium late Saturday afternoon, and walked out on the short end of a 51-15 score to Conference USA foe Liberty, 51-15.

The Cardinals (1-2, 0-0 MAC) were shackled by momentum-halting penalties on both sides of the ball, including 29-yard and 15-yard rushes that were sent back after offensive penalties and an out-of-bounds defensive miscue that set the Flames (2-1, 0-0 CUSA) at the doorstep for a late first-half touchdown. Ball State finished with 11 penalties for a total of 107 yards.

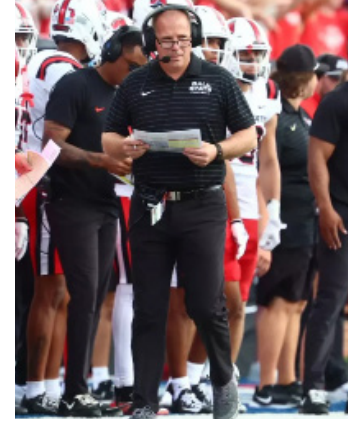
Ball State had just one turnover throughout the game – an interception at the mid-point of the fourth quarter which opened the opportunity for Liberty to score the final touchdown of the evening.

Running back TJ Horton recorded the Cardinals' two touchdowns, scoring two rushing touchdowns for the first time in his collegiate career. His initial score in the opening quarter consisted of a two-yard burst that capped 75-yard drive, Ball State's longest of the season. The drive was aided by another 25-yard run by Horton, his third of 25 yards or more in the past two games.

After Horton's second run into the end zone, during the third quarter, signal caller Keldric Luster crossed the goal line to complete a two-point conversion. Horton and Luster made up the most of Ball State's rushing attempts, with Horton totaling 79 yards on eight attempts while Luster carried the ball 10 times for 30 yards.

On the defensive side of the ball, Stu Smith led the Cardinals with nine tackles, including six solo. He also recorded one tackle for loss and a pass breakup. Cinclear Lewis followed with seven tackles, while Gavin Forsha and Will Yates totaled five. Forsha was also credited with his first sack since 2022. Ameir Glenn picked up a fumble recovery late in the third quarter.

Team Statistics	LU	BSU
First Downs	23	17
Rush Yds	212	168
Pass Yds	248	93
Passing	16-24-0	10-21-0
Total Offense	460	261
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yds	3-25	11-107
Punts-Avg	1-51	6-39.2
TOP	31:59	28:01
3rd Downs	10-13	1-9
4th Downs	1-1	1-1
Red Zone	6-6	2-3
Sacks-Yards	3-25	1-2



Qtr	Time	Team	Scoring Play	Drive	Score (V-H)
1	10:16	LU	Jackson 12 yd reception	7-45 (3:50)	0-6
1	5:47	BSU	Horton 2 yd rush	9-75 (4:29)	7-6
1	3:46	LU	Person 16 yd reception	4-75 (2:01)	7-13
2	8:46	LU	Reeves 46 yd field goal	14-60 (7:48)	7-16
2	0:13	LU	Person 7 yd reception	7-62 (0:56)	7-23
3	11:17	LU	Vasko 4 yd rush	6-77 (3:38)	7-30
3	6:59	LU	Davis 14 yd rush	6-69 (2:22)	7-37
3	2:42	BSU	Horton 1 yd rush	8-75 (4:17)	15-37
4	7:29	LU	Kellman 21 yd reception	11-80 (6:54)	15-44
4	5:02	LU	Belford 1 yd rush	4-16 (2:08)	15-51

LU Leaders

Rushing	Att	Yds	TD	Long
Kellman	3	51	0	43
Jones	9	35	0	16
Udoh	5	33	0	15

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long
Purdie	13-20-0	211	3	54
Henderson	3-4-0	37	1	21

Receiving	Rec	Yds	TD	Long
Jackson	4	88	1	54
Copeland	4	43	0	16
Person	4	37	2	16

Tackles: Marshall 4, Vessel 4, Glauf 4 (1 PBR), Moore Jr. 4, Farrar 3 (1.5 TFL, 1PBR), Pirolli 3, Hopkins 2, McShane 2, Floyd 2 (2 TFL, 1 Sack, 1 FF), Guy 2 (1PBR), Spurlock 2 (1 Sack), Gainey 2, Whaley 2, Pollard 1, Williams 1, Jarvis 1 (1 PBR), Payne 1, Clark 1, Davis 1, Shepler 1, Miles 1, Crisp 1 (0.5 TFL), Hicks 1, Cohen 1, Hairston 1, Reid 1 (1 sack).

BSU Leaders

Rushing	Att	Yds	TD	Long
Horton	8	79	2	25
Luster	10	42	0	12
Thompson Jr.	7	41	0	20

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long
Luster	10-21-0	93	0	14
Mizzell	0-0-0	0	0	0

Receiving	Rec	Yds	TD	Long
Thacker	4	44	0	14
Hamilton	2	19	0	12
Hoover	1	13	0	13

Tackles: Smith 9 (1 TFL, 1 PBR), Lewis 7, Yates 5, Forsha 5 (1 Sack), Pinnacle 3, Stewart 3, Fields 2, Scamdrett 2, Thomas 2 (1 TFL, 1 FF), Starks 2, Williams 2, Franklin II 2 (1 PBR), Arambales 2, Feeney 2, Smith 2, Stief 1, Thomas 1, Thompson Jr. 1, Shepherd 1, Perkins 1, Vaka 1, Glenn 0 (1 FR).



GAME 2 VS. STONY BROOK

STONY BROOK	0	3	0	14	-	17
BALL STATE	7	14	0	20	-	41

Sept. 12, 2026 | Muncie, Ind. | Scheumann Stadium (10,390) | 3:16

The Ball State football team opened its 2026 home slate Saturday afternoon, topping Stony Brook in the programs' first-ever meeting, 41-17, in front of a Family Weekend crowd of 10,390.

After a late Stony Brook touchdown, TJ Horton ran a career-long 54-yard rush to award the Cardinals (1-1, 0-0 MAC) their final score of the game, stamping an exclamation point on the program's first win of the year. Horton's first rushing touchdown of the season capped a late back and forth between Ball State and the Seawolves (1-2, 0-0 CAA) which also saw Jalen Bonds run the ball 49 yards down the field for a touchdown, earning the longest rush of his career.

Horton had a career-day on the ground inside Scheumann Stadium, starting with a 37-yard rush in the opening quarter which set up Tate Hoover's first touchdown reception at Ball State and Keldric Luster's first career passing touchdown.

Luster and his corps of backs and receivers totaled 486 yards in total offense, the most by a Ball State team since recording 520 yards at Buffalo in 2024.

Luster's offensive efficiency was marked by throwing for 256 yards on 27-of-32 passing. In just the first half alone, Luster's 18 completions eclipsed last year's Ball State season-best total of 17 through an entire game (three times by Kiae Kelly).

With an .843 completion percentage, Luster broke the program record by a quarterback with at least 30 attempts.

Along with the three-yard connection with Hoover, the fourth-year quarterback had a pair of 23-yard TD passes to Jabari Smith and Bonds in the second quarter. Luster's success in the aerial game included a career-long pass of 28 yards to Jamarion McDougle.

Ball State's receiving unit was led by Smith, who grabbed six catches for 72 yards, followed by Isaiah Thacker who totaled 31 yards on five catches. Ten different Cardinals were successful targets and four tallied four or more receptions – the first time since 2024 versus Central Michigan.

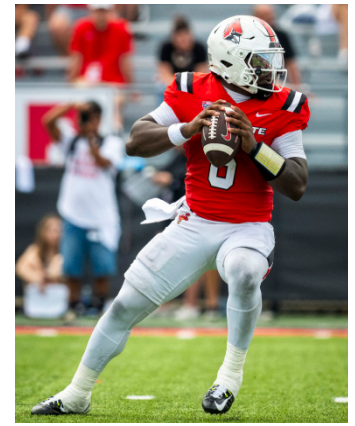
Kamron Chamble recorded the first two interceptions of his collegiate career Saturday, with the first creating the opportunity for Bonds' receiving touchdown, following Chamble's 33-yard return. It was Bonds' first career receiving touchdown.

Kaleb Stewart led Ball State's tackling effort, totaling seven. He also shared a sack with Ben Marsh in the fourth quarter. Layton Starks and Ka'Shawn Thomas also had half a sack a piece while four different Cardinals tallied four tackles. Starks led the unit in tackles for loss, finishing with 2.5.

The defensive pressure brought on by the Cardinals limited the Seawolves to 183 rushing yards, with 69 of those yards stemming from two rushing touchdowns in the final minutes of the fourth quarter. Ball State's defense also held Stony Brook's Quinn Boyd to 147 passing yards, the first time he's thrown under 300 passing yards this season.

On special teams, Brody Boehm went 2-of-2 with field goals from 38 and 30 yards in the fourth quarter, giving Ball State six points and extending the lead to 27-3, prior to final touchdowns from Bonds and Horton.

Team Statistics	BSU	SBU
First Downs	23	15
Rush Yds	226	183
Pass Yds	256	147
Passing	27-32-1	22-36-2
Total Offense	482	330
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yds	5-36	11-99
Punts-Avg	6-37.8	3-49.7
TOP	33:07	26:53
3rd Downs	3-10	4-15
4th Downs	2-2	1-2
Red Zone	1-1	4-5
Sacks-Yards	4-24	2-9



Qtr	Time	Team	Scoring Play	Drive	Score (V-H)
1	1:41	BSU	Hoover 3 yd reception	9-66 (4:35)	0-7
2	9:23	BSU	Smith 23 yd reception	8-70 (4:20)	0-14
2	6:03	BSU	Bonds 23 yd reception	2-24 (0:46)	0-21
2	3:05	SBU	Mannino 45 yd field goal	8-48 (2:58)	3-21
4	10:36	BSU	Boehm 38 yd field goal	15-60 (8:00)	3-24
4	6:00	BSU	Boehm 30 yd field goal	7-30 (3:02)	3-27
4	3:18	SBU	Coney 3 yd rush	7-75 (2:42)	11-27
4	3:03	BSU	Bonds 49 yd rush	2-50 (0:15)	11-34
4	2:26	SBU	Coney 66 yd rush	3-75 (0:37)	17-34
4	2:17	BSU	Horton 54 yd rush	1-54 (0:10)	17-41

BSU Leaders

Rushing	Att	Yds	TD	Long
Horton	9	125	1	54
Bonds	6	77	1	49
Luster	11	14	0	19

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long
Luster	27-32-1	256	3	28

Receiving	Rec	Yds	TD	Long
Jackson	6	72	1	23
McDougle	4	52	0	28
Hamilton	4	40	0	13
Thacker	5	31	0	14

Tackles: Stewart 7 (0.5 sack), Starks 5 (2.5 TFL, 0.5 TFL), Smith 4, Lewis 4, Shepherd 4, Thomas 4 (0.5 sack, 1 TFL), Fields 3, Scandrett 3, Szymborski 3, Forsha 3, Badie 3 (1 PBR), Gracio 3, Gilbert 3 (0.5 TFL), Yates 2 (1 PBR), Thomas 2, Stief 2 (1 PBR), Chamble 2 (2 INT), Pinnace 2, Franklin II 2 Feeney 2, Vaka 2, Marsh 1 (0.5 sack).

SBU Leaders

Rushing	Att	Yds	TD	Long
Coney	9	89	2	66
Hester	10	85	0	45
Boyd	9	9	0	13

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long
Boyd	22-35-2	147	0	18
Frenchmon	0-1-0	0	0	0

Receiving	Rec	Yds	TD	Long
Sweitzer	7	50	0	13
Linkins	3	29	0	15
Riggs	1	18	0	18

Tackles: Garcia 13 (1 sack, 1 INT, 2 TFL), Calgaro 13 (0.5 TFL), Crawford 8, Barrett 7 (1.5 TFL), Ferrelli 7 (0.5 TFL), Bueno 6 (2 sacks, 3 TFL), Hector 5 (0.5 TFL), Roberts 2 (0.5 TFL), Roberts 2 (0.5 TFL), Johnson 2 (1 FF), Olfus 2, Byndon 1 (1 sack), McGoy 1, Askin 1, Regis 1, Reshard 1, Darkah 1, Gaddy 1, Boria 1, Leath 1, Love 1, Seals 1 (1 sack, 1 PBR).



GAME 1 AT OHIO STATE

BALL STATE	0	3	0	0	-	3
OHIO STATE	14	14	21	7	-	56

Sept. 5, 2026 | Columbus, Ohio | Ohio Stadium (101,120) | 3:16

The Ball State football team made its first-ever visit to Ohio Stadium Saturday afternoon, falling in its season opener to Ohio State, 56-3.

The Cardinals (0-1, 0-0 MAC) got on the board in the second quarter after Brody Boehm’s first career field goal attempt was good from 54 yards, tying the third-longest field goal in program history. The last 54-yarder by a Ball State player was made by Scott Secor versus Central Michigan in 2014.

Team Statistics	OSU	BSU
First Downs	32	13
Rush Yds	237	45
Pass Yds	434	120
Passing	31-37-1	20-37-1
Total Offense	671	165
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yds	9-81	3-15
Punts-Avg	3-41	18-43.8
TOP	31:38	28:22
3rd Downs	5-11	3-14
4th Downs	2-2	0-1
Red Zone	5-5	0-0
Sacks-Yards	1-2	2-12

Ball State’s defense came up with a pair of sacks against the Buckeyes (1-0, 0-0 Big Ten), recorded by newcomers Jared Badie and Anthony Pinnacle. Pinnacle was credited with two tackles for loss, along with a pass breakup. Third-year transfer Cedric Franklin II tallied his first interception as a Cardinal, interrupting an OSU drive midway through the third quarter.

In the first collegiate start of his career, fourth-year quarterback Keldric Luster more than quadrupled his career completion total, converting 18 passes.

Tate Hoover led Ball State’s receiving, grabbing five total catches -- four more than his total at the end of the 2025 campaign.



Qtr	Time	Team	Scoring Play	Drive	Score (V-H)
1	12:05	OSU	Smith 48 yd reception	7-99 (3:18)	0-7
1	5:52	OSU	McCuin 17 yd reception	9-75 (4:29)	0-14
2	14:49	OSU	Sayin 3 yd rush	6-28 (2:41)	0-21
2	3:59	BSU	Boehm 54 yd field goal	11-38 (2:42)	3-21
2	1:15	OSU	Smith 3 yd reception	9-90 (1:05)	3-28
3	13:26	OSU	Jackson 65 yd rush	4-94 (1:57)	3-35
3	9:55	OSU	Jackson 49 yd rush	3-62 (1:35)	3-42
3	4:39	OSU	Bey 25 yd reception	10-83 (5:23)	3-49
4	5:52	OSU	Henry Jr. 15 yd reception	8-58 (3:57)	3-56

OSU Leaders				
Rushing				
	Att	Yds	TD	Long
Jackson	9	83	1	65
Jackson	8	83	1	49
Bey	6	37	0	24
Passing				
	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long
Sayin	21-25-0	320	3	48
Fahey	5-6-1	62	1	25
St. Clair	5-6-0	52	1	15
Receiving				
	Rec	Yds	TD	Long
Smith	8	151	2	48
McCuin	6	97	1	19
Bey	2	37	1	25

BSU Leaders				
Rushing				
	Att	Yds	TD	Long
Jackson	2	20	0	15
Luster	9	10	0	8
Bonds	3	9	0	3
Passing				
	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long
Luster	18-33-1	89	0	12
Mizzell	2-4-0	31	0	26
Receiving				
	Rec	Yds	TD	Long
Durham	1	26	0	26
Hoover	5	20	0	10
McDougle	2	16	0	12

Tackles: Pettijohn 6 (0.5 TFL), Alford 5 (0.5 TFL, 1 INT), Little Jr. 4, Atkinson 4 (0.5 TFL), Jackson Jr. 3 (0.5 TFL), Alliegro 3 (1 TFL), Peirce 3 (1 PBR), Smith 2 (1 TFL), Sanchez 2 (1 PBR), Matthews Jr. 2, Thomas 2, Sitanilei 2 (1 sack), McClain 1, Grady 1, Moore 1, Calhoun 1, Stover 1, Kelly 1 (1 sack), Timmons 1.

Tackles: Scandrett 6, Smith 6, Forsha 5 (1 TFL), Fields 4, Pinnacle 4 (1 sack, 2 TFL), Stewart 3, Yates 3, Arambales 2, Chamble 2, Glenn 2 (1 TFL), Gracio 2, Hill 2, Hohlt 2, Jackson 2, Lewis 2, Thomas 2 (1 TFL), Badie 1 (1 sack), Birden 1, Feeney 1, Franklin II 1 (1 INT), Gilbert 1, Marsh 1, McDougle 1, Perkins 1, Scherle 1, Suggs 1, Vaka 1.



