

2026 Western Carolina University Football
Overall Statistics (as of Sep 6, 2026)

Team Statistics	WCU	OPP
SCORING	64	49
Points Per Game	32.00	24.50
FIRST DOWNS	44	46
Rushing	10	12
Passing	29	30
Penalty	5	4
RUSHING YARDAGE	189	263
Yards gained	244	308
Yards lost	55	45
Attempts	58	68
Avg Per Attempt	3.3	3.9
Avg Per Game	94.5	131.5
TDs Rushing	3	2
PASSING YARDAGE	646	635
Att-Comp-Int	79-52-0	78-51-4
Avg Per Attempt	8.18	8.14
Avg Per Catch	12.42	12.45
Avg Per Game	323.00	317.50
TDs Passing	5	5
TOTAL OFFENSE	835	898
Total Plays	137	146
Avg Per Play	6.1	6.2
Avg Per Game	417.5	449.0
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	4-99	3-57
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	2-8	1-10
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS	4-55	0-0
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	24.75	19.00
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	4.00	10.00
INT RETURN AVERAGE	13.75	0.00
FUMBLES-LOST	0-0	1-1
PENALTIES-YARDS	15-150	14-123
Avg Per Game	75.00	61.50
PUNTS-YARDS	10-416	7-299
Avg Per Punt	41.60	42.71
Net Punt Avg	40.60	41.57
KICKOFFS-YARDS	11-699	9-510
Avg Per Kick	63.55	56.67
Net Kick Avg	49.27	40.11
TIME OF POSSESSION	00:56:13	01:03:47
Per Game	28:06	31:54
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	10-27	11-29
3rd-Down Pct	37.04 %	37.93 %
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	0-3	3-7
4th-Down Pct	0.00 %	42.86 %
SACKS BY-YARDS	6-32	5-34
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	8	7
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	3-4	0-0
ON-SIDE KICKS	1-1	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	9-9	6-7
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	6-9	6-7
PAT-ATTEMPTS	7-8	7-7
ATTENDANCE	13,482	4,212
Dates-Avg Per Date	1-13,482	1-4,212
Neutral Site #-Avg	-	0-0

Conf	Date	Opponent	WL	Score	Record	Time	Attend
	08/29/2026	EASTERN KY.	W	45-21	1-0 , 0-0	03:27	13,482
	09/06/2026	at Campbell	L	19-28	1-1 , 0-0	03:12	4,212

* = Conference game

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Western Caro.	7	13	24	20	64
Opponents	21	21	7	0	49

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#	Rushing	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	AVG	TD	LG	AVG/G
8	Cochran, Marlin	2	8	68	3	65	8.1	1	34	32.50
2	Thomas, Lex	2	22	96	38	58	2.6	1	17	29.00
3	Perry, Josh	2	20	46	14	32	1.6	0	11	16.00
24	Benjamin, Anthony	2	3	26	0	26	8.7	1	14	13.00
22	Davis Jr., Derrick	1	3	6	0	6	2.0	0	2	6.00
5	Rossin, Michael	2	2	2	0	2	1.0	0	2	1.00
	Total	2	58	244	55	189	3.3	3	34	94.50
	Opponents	2	68	308	45	263	3.9	2	38	131.50

#	Passing	GP	Rating	COMP-ATT-INT	PCT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/G
2	Thomas, Lex	2	155.40	52-79-0	65.82 %	646	5	48	323.00
	Total	2	155.40	52-79-0	65.82 %	646	5	48	323.00
	Opponents	2	144.67	51-78-4	65.38 %	635	5	43	317.50

#	Receiving	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	AVG/G
0	Colombo, AJ	2	12	181	15.08	0	25	90.50
5	Rossin, Michael	2	9	114	12.67	0	42	57.00
9	Burns, Bode	2	9	93	10.33	1	18	46.50
1	Boyd, Jai	2	4	62	15.50	2	48	31.00
18	Keener, Matthew	2	4	53	13.25	0	22	26.50
10	Carlos, Santana	2	2	51	25.50	0	36	25.50
22	Davis Jr., Derrick	1	2	32	16.00	0	26	32.00
3	Perry, Josh	2	6	29	4.83	2	12	14.50
6	Striggles, Marcus	2	1	21	21.00	0	21	10.50
2	Thomas, Lex	2	1	4	4.00	0	4	2.00
24	Benjamin, Anthony	2	1	3	3.00	0	3	1.50
87	Young, Jake	2	1	3	3.00	0	3	1.50
	Total	2	52	646	12.42	5	48	323.00
	Opponents	2	51	635	12.45	5	43	317.50

#	Punt Returns	NO	YRDS	AVG	TD	LG
0	Colombo, AJ	2	8	4.00	0	5
	Total	2	8	4.00	0	5
	Opponents	1	10	10.00	0	10

#	Interceptions	NO	YRDS	AVG	TD	LG
6	Cornelius, Jayden	1	47	47.00	0	47
7	Taylor, Marseille	1	8	8.00	0	8
97	Jeanty, Fernando	1	0	0.00	0	0
13	Turner-Allen, Caleb	1	0	0.00	0	0
	Total	4	55	13.75	0	47
	Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0

#	Kick Returns	NO	YRDS	AVG	TD	LG
13	Hollis, Richard	3	91	30.33	0	59
24	Benjamin, Anthony	1	8	8.00	0	8
	Total	4	99	24.75	0	59
	Opponents	3	57	19.00	0	22

#	Fumble Returns	NO	YRDS	AVG	TD	LG
No data to report.						

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#	Scoring	TD	FG	PAT					SAF	PTS
				KICK	RUSH	RCV	PASS	DXP		
60	McCollum, Bryan	—	3	7-8	—	—	—	—	—	16
1	Boyd, Jai	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
3	Perry, Josh	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
24	Benjamin, Anthony	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
9	Burns, Bode	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
8	Cochran, Marlin	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
2	Thomas, Lex	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Total		8	3	7-8	—	—	—	—	—	64
Opponents		7	—	7-7	—	—	—	—	—	49

#	Field Goals	FGM-FGA	PCT	I20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LG	BLK
60	McCollum, Bryan	3-4	75.00 %	0-0	2-2	0-0	1-2	0-0	40	0
Total		3-4	75.00 %	0-0	2-2	0-0	1-2	0-0	40	0
Opponents		0-0	0.00 %	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0

FG Sequence	Western Caro.	Opponents
Eastern Ky.	(20)	-
Campbell	(23),(40),43	-

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

#	Total Offense	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	AVG/G
2	Thomas, Lex	2	101	58	646	704	352.00
8	Cochran, Marlin	2	8	65	0	65	32.50
3	Perry, Josh	2	20	32	0	32	16.00
24	Benjamin, Anthony	2	3	26	0	26	13.00
22	Davis Jr., Derrick	1	3	6	0	6	6.00
5	Rossin, Michael	2	2	2	0	2	1.00
Total		2	137	189	646	835	417.50
Opponents		2	146	263	635	898	449.00

#	Punting	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TB	FC	I20	50+	BLK
95	Fitzgerald, Mark	10	416	41.60	52	0	5	4	2	0
Total		10	416	41.60	52	0	5	4	2	0
Opponents		7	299	42.71	59	0	3	3	2	0

#	Kickoffs	NO	YDS	AVG	TB	OB
95	Fitzgerald, Mark	11	699	63.5	4	2
Total		11	699	63.5	4	2
Opponents		9	510	56.7	2	2

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#	All Purpose	G	RUSH	RCV	PR	KR	IR	Total	AVG/G
0	Colombo, AJ	2	0	181	8	0	0	189	94.50
5	Rossin, Michael	2	2	114	0	0	0	116	58.00
9	Burns, Bode	2	0	93	0	0	0	93	46.50
13	Hollis, Richard	2	0	0	0	91	0	91	45.50
8	Cochran, Marlin	2	65	0	0	0	0	65	32.50
2	Thomas, Lex	2	58	4	0	0	0	62	31.00
1	Boyd, Jai	2	0	62	0	0	0	62	31.00
3	Perry, Josh	2	32	29	0	0	0	61	30.50
18	Keener, Matthew	2	0	53	0	0	0	53	26.50
10	Carlos, Santana	2	0	51	0	0	0	51	25.50
6	Cornelius, Jayden	2	0	0	0	0	47	47	23.50
22	Davis Jr., Derrick	1	6	32	0	0	0	38	38.00
24	Benjamin, Anthony	2	26	3	0	8	0	37	18.50
6	Striggles, Marcus	2	0	21	0	0	0	21	10.50
7	Taylor, Marseille	2	0	0	0	0	8	8	4.00
87	Young, Jake	2	0	3	0	0	0	3	1.50
Total		2	189	646	8	99	55	997	498.50
Opponents		2	263	635	10	57	0	965	482.50

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#	Defensive Leaders	GP	Tackles				Sacks NO-YDS	Pass Defense			Fumbles		Blocked	
			Solo	ASST	TOT	TFL-YDS		INT-YDS	BU	QBH	RCV-YDS	FF	KICK	SAF
3	Collins, Joshua	2	10	6	16.0	2.5-17	2.0-16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4	Jackson Jr., Andre	2	5	6	11.0	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—
1	Moore Jr., Ken	2	2	9	11.0	1.5-9	1.0-8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6	Cornelius, Jayden	2	8	2	10.0	—	—	1-47	—	—	—	—	—	—
21	Ashenafi, Nassor	2	5	4	9.0	—	—	—	2	—	1-0	1	—	—
5	Jones, Braylon	2	3	6	9.0	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
18	Anderson, Trystan	2	5	2	7.0	1.0-6	1.0-6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8	McKinnis, Ryan	2	2	5	7.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
97	Jeanty, Fernando	2	1	5	6.0	—	—	1-0	—	—	—	—	—	—
17	Mack, Ja'Torian	2	1	5	6.0	0.5-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
12	Quintero, Julian	2	3	3	6.0	0.5-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
31	Reese, Alant'e	2	3	3	6.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11	Patierno, Marco	2	3	2	5.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2	Simpson-Nealy, Na'koma	2	2	3	5.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
13	Turner-Allen, Caleb	2	2	3	5.0	2.0-2	2.0-2	1-0	—	—	—	—	—	—
16	Kerns, Chase	2	—	4	4.0	1.0-3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
33	Rowell, Gavin	2	1	3	4.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
99	Stone, Adrian	2	1	3	4.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34	Martin-Durham, Jordan	2	—	3	3.0	0.5-0	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
32	Mintze, AJ	2	2	1	3.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	Bodine, Hank	2	1	1	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
91	Diamond, Jakoby	2	—	2	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7	Taylor, Marseille	2	1	1	2.0	—	—	1-8	1	—	—	—	—	—
22	Grant III, Quency	1	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30	Meeks, Jaden	2	—	1	1.0	0.5-0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
0	Monroe, Blue	2	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
24	Poyser, Terrell	1	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
29	Robbins, Christian	2	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
24	Benjamin, Anthony	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	Boyd, Jai	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9	Burns, Bode	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8	Cochran, Marlin	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
60	McCollum, Bryan	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3	Perry, Josh	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2	Thomas, Lex	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total		2	62	86	148.0	10.0-39	6.0-32	4-55	9	1	1-0	1	—	—
Opponents		2	65	74	139.0	14.0-54	5.0-34	—	8	11	—	—	—	—