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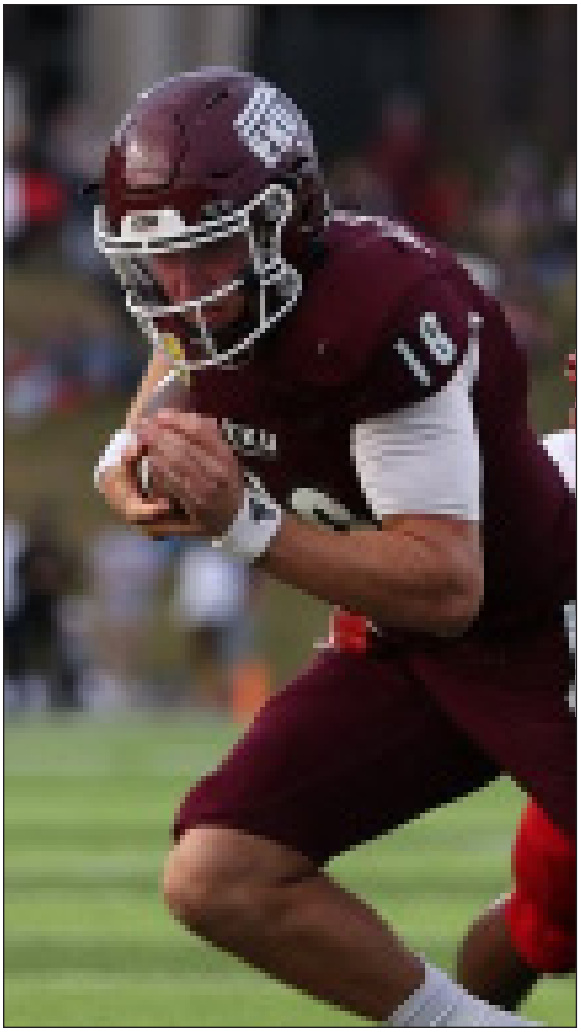
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2023 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	TV	Time
9/2	at Cincinnati	Big 12 Now	L, 13-66
9/9	at Kentucky	SEC Network	L, 17-28
9/16	Western Carolina	ESPN+	L, 24-27
9/23	Southeast Missouri State	ESPN+	6:00 PM
9/30	at North Alabama*	ESPN+	7:00 PM
10/14	Tarleton State*	ESPN+	3:00 PM
10/21	at Gardner-Webb	ESPN+	6:00 PM
10/28	at Utah Tech*	ESPN+	8:00 PM
11/4	Austin Peay*	ESPN+	5:00 PM
11/11	at Central Arkansas*	ESPN+	5:00 PM
11/18	Stephen F. Austin*	ESPN+	2:00 PM
11/25	NCAA FCS Playoffs (First Round)		
12/2	NCAA FCS Playoffs (Second Round)		
12/8-9	NCAA FCS Playoffs (Quarterfinals)		
12/15-16	NCAA FCS Playoffs (Semifinals)		
1/7	NCAA FCS Playoffs (Finals)		

* UAC game
All times Eastern ~ Home Games In Bold





Team Rosters

MEET THE COLONELS (0-3)

0	Marvion Field	DL	6-3	290	R-Jr.	Atlanta, Ga.
0	Jaycob Horn	WR	6-0	204	R-Jr.	Tupelo, Miss.
1	Tony Davis	DB	6-2	195	R-Sr.	Gastonia, N.C.
2	Cameron Hergott	QB	6-3	205	R-Fr.	Fort Mitchell, Ky.
2	Franky West Jr.	DB	5-11	190	R-Sr.	Bloomington, Ill.
3	Jaden Smith	WR	5-10	195	Jr.	Atlanta, Ga.
4	Kyeandre Magloire	RB	6-0	210	Jr.	Miami, Fla.
5	Kyle Kelly	LB	6-2	235	R-Sr.	Newport, Ky.
6	Treyveon Longmire	DB	6-2	175	So.	Corbin, Ky.
7	Colbey Lamberth	QB	6-3	214	Fr.	Dickson, Tenn.
7	Albert Nunes	LB	6-2	212	Jr.	Fort Myers, Fla.
8	Kylan Robinson	LB	5-11	210	R-Jr.	Southaven, Miss.
9	Jackson Hensley	WR	6-0	197	R-So.	Pikeville, Ky.
10	Nic Cheeley	DB	6-1	180	R-Jr.	McCleansville, N.C.
10	Jackson House	QB	6-0	185	Fr.	Baton Rouge, La.
11	Logan Blake	LB	6-2	240	Gr.	Lizton, Ind.
11	Jalen Burbage	WR	6-0	190	R-Sr.	Lexington, Ky.
12	Deonta Bembry	DB	5-9	175	Gr.	Stone Mountain, Ga.
13	Jordon Thomas	DB	6-0	190	R-So.	Decatur, Ga.
14	Mo Edwards Jr.	WR	6-3	210	R-Sr.	Alabaster, Ala.
15	Brady Clark	QB	6-4	215	R-Fr.	Bardstown, Ky.
16	Hunter Brown	TE	6-4	245	R-Jr.	Wellsboro, Pa.
17	Cheikhsaliou Fall	LB	6-4	255	Jr.	Brooklyn, N.Y.
17	Lucas Raber	TE	6-3	245	Gr.	Greenville, S.C.
18	Cornelius Evans	LB	6-4	230	Sr.	Orangeburg, S.C.
18	Parker McKinney	QB	6-3	208	R-Sr.	Coalfield, Tenn.
19	Tyrik Henderson	DB	6-0	200	Sr.	Chicago, Ill.
20	Jordan Marshall	DB	6-1	205	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo.
21	Braedon Sloan	RB	5-11	210	Jr.	Frazer, Ky.
22	Frank Lee	LB	6-2	240	R-So.	Orangeburg, S.C.
23	Elijah Ford	LB	6-2	225	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio
24	Mike Smith Jr.	DB	6-1	205	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla.
25	KJ Figures	DB	6-0	205	Sr.	Charleston, W.V.
26	Tre'Goodin	DB	5-10	170	Jr.	Campbellsville, Ky.
27	Jaylen Houston	DB	5-9	195	Jr.	Racine, Wisc.
28	Jaylen Herrud	LB	6-3	230	Jr.	Nashville, Tenn.
29	Jeriah Hightower	LB	6-0	224	Jr.	Madisonville, Ky.
30	Brayden Latham	RB	5-11	207	Fr.	Knoxville, Tenn.
31	Mark Joseph	DB	5-11	170	Fr.	Memphis, Tenn.
32	Joshua Carter	RB	5-9	215	R-Jr.	Navarre, Fla.
33	Cam Junior	LB	6-2	225	R-So.	Miami, Fla.
34	Kyeaure Magloire	DB	6-1	190	R-Fr.	Minneola, Fla.
35	Brody Wells	LB	6-1	215	Fr.	Corbin, Ky.
36	Isaac Dixon	RB	5-11	203	Fr.	Belfry, Ky.
37	Richtell McCallister	RB	5-9	197	Jr.	Akron, Ohio
38	Dee Knighten	DB	6-0	180	R-So.	Frostproof, Fla.
39	Artemus McCorkle	LB	5-11	193	Sr.	Conyers, Ga.
41	Rodney Wright	DL	6-2	270	R-Jr.	Athens, Ga.
42	Travis Grant	TE	6-3	210	Fr.	Richmond, Ky.
44	Gabe Stephens	LB	6-4	225	R-So.	Mount Holly, N.C.
45	Maddox Marcellus	LB	6-3	225	Fr.	Miami, Fla.
46	Patrick Nations	K	6-0	195	R-Jr.	Tamasse, S.C.
47	Jeremiah Bailey	DL	6-3	240	So.	Smyrna, Tenn.
49	Jacob Baker	K	6-2	220	Fr.	Corbin, Ky.
52	Jakobe McLaurin	OL	6-2	315	Jr.	Clinton, Miss.
54	Alex Cline	LS	6-0	245	So.	Simpsonville, Ky.
55	Jadyn Bost	LB	6-3	250	Jr.	Atlanta, Ga.
56	Spencer Moore	LS	6-3	250	Jr.	Ventura, Calif.
58	Isaiah Bunn	OL	6-3	295	So.	Sunrise, Fla.
60	Anthony Johns	OL	6-2	295	So.	Winchester, Ky.
61	Damien Roberts	OL	6-1	305	Jr.	London, Ontario
62	John Stone	OL	6-3	300	Jr.	Ashland, Ky.
64	Josh Jones	OL	6-1	300	So.	Joliet, Ill.
67	Kyler Edwards	OL	6-5	290	R-Jr.	Tampa, Fla.
69	Jonathan Duff	LS	6-0	215	Jr.	Dayton, Ohio
70	Vincent Munlin Jr.	OL	6-6	299	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio
71	O'Brien Jackson	OL	6-4	300	R-So.	Murfreesboro, Tenn.
74	Payton Collins	OL	6-7	305	R-Jr.	Columbus, Ohio
75	Josiah Ezirim	OL	6-6	320	Sr.	Hilliard, Ohio
76	Mason Sulla	OL	6-4	297	Fr.	Lancaster, Ky.
77	Zane Mullins	OL	6-4	310	Fr.	Stanford, Ky.
79	Antonio Gaines	OL	6-4	340	R-Fr.	Columbia, S.C.
80	Jakob Dixon	WR	6-5	210	Fr.	Louisville, Ky.
81	Mena Mannan	TE	6-4	235	Fr.	Franklin, Tenn.
82	Jayden West	WR	6-3	180	Fr.	Richmond, Ky.
83	Ethan Bednarczyk	WR	5-10	190	Sr.	Louisville, Ky.
84	Reece Adkins	TE	6-6	240	Jr.	Orlando, Fla.
85	Bryant Johnson Jr.	WR	6-2	200	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio
86	Austin Welch	K	5-11	175	Jr.	Georgetown, Ky.
87	Jeremy Edwards	P	6-5	220	Sr.	Bendigo, Australia
88	Dequan Stanley	WR	5-10	176	R-So.	St. Augustine, Fla.
88	Darius Sterling	DL	6-3	304	Jr.	South Chesterfield, Va.
89	Kellen Bowen	TE	6-5	210	So.	Hodgenville, Ky.
91	Darrian Baker	DL	6-4	280	Jr.	Harrodsburg, Ky.
92	Simon Ghee	DL	6-3	240	Fr.	Bowling Green, Ky.
93	Brad Gurley	DL	6-4	285	So.	Bowling Green, Ky.
94	Bryce Tapp	DL	6-3	310	Fr.	Henderson, Ky.
95	Max Drohan	DL	6-2	255	Jr.	Aurora, Ill.
97	Ryan Jackson	DL	6-2	290	Jr.	Mount Juliet, Tenn.
98	Canaan Jordan	DL	6-3	308	Jr.	Augusta, Ga.
99	Gabe Fletcher	DL	6-4	285	R-So.	Memphis, Tenn.
	Isaiah Allen	WR	6-2	195	R-So.	Lexington, Ky.
	Leroy Anku	OL	6-3	328	Fr.	Morehead, Ky.
	Brandon Baker	LB	6-1	190	So.	Corbin, Ky.
	Elijah Banks	DB	5-11	170	Jr.	Fayetteville, N.C.
	Jacob Cain	DB	6-0	165	So.	Johnson County, Ky.
	Druce Clark Jr.	LB	5-11	216	Fr.	Decatur, Ala.
	Jayshaun Coffman	DL	6-5	265	R-Jr.	Lexington, Ky.
	Jon Daniels	OL	6-2	290	Fr.	Louisville, Ky.
	Amari Felder	RB	5-9	180	Fr.	Ironton, Ohio
	LJ Fletcher	LB	6-3	225	Fr.	Decatur, Ala.
	Jordan Fugate	OL	6-4	275	Fr.	West Liberty, Ky.
	Ashton Garland	WR	5-11	160	Fr.	London, Ky.
	Isaiah Ghee	WR	6-0	165	Fr.	Bowling Green, Ky.
	Braylon Grayson	LB	5-11	198	Fr.	McMinnville, Tenn.
	Ben Hayes	TE	6-3	235	Fr.	Louisville, Ky.
	Kendrick Jackson	WR	5-9	160	Fr.	Louisville, Ky.
	Jeffrey Kinley	DB	6-0	195	R-Fr.	Richmond, Ky.
	Jerome Lee	RB	5-11	210	Sr.	Warrensville Heights, Ohio
	Carson Nichols	K	5-8	175	Fr.	El Dorado Hills, Calif.
	Tyleik Maxwell	WR	6-3	185	Fr.	Winchester, Ky.
	Byron May	DL	6-4	250	Fr.	Morehead, Ky.
	Ashton Olberding	TE	6-5	220	Fr.	Morrow, Ohio
	Chris Price	LB	6-0	218	So.	Madisonville, Ky.
	Zach Russell	TE	6-4	265	Fr.	Johnson County, Ky.
	Connor Skaggs	OL	6-6	280	Fr.	Grayson, Ky.
	Dominic Sparks	OL	6-7	250	Fr.	Portsmouth, Ohio
	John Sualla	DL	6-2	290	Fr.	Lexington, Ky.
	Garrett Thornsberry	DB	6-2	200	So.	Louisville, Ky.
	Dane Wardle	OL	6-3	270	Jr.	Ashland, Ky.
	Damarcus Winn	OL	6-4	255	Fr.	Covington, Ky.
	Anthony Woodard	WR	6-2	180	Fr.	Russellville, Ky.

Head Coach: Walt Wells (Belmont, 1993); Defensive Coordinator/Inside Linebackers: Jake Johnson (Eastern Kentucky, 2002); Offensive Coordinator/Running Backs: Andy Richman (Wisconsin-Stevens Point, 2002); Offensive Line Coach: Eric Losey (Western Kentucky, 2006); Quarterbacks Coach: Maxwell Smith (Kentucky, 2014); Tight Ends Coach: C.J. Conrad (Kentucky, 2018); Wide Receivers/Recruiting Coordinator: Caleb Cox (Kentucky Christian, 2013); Assistant Head Coach/Safeties Coach: Mike Dietzel (Otterbein, 1983); Defensive Line Coach/Run Game Coordinator for Defense: Jeremy Hawkins (Troy, 2009); Outside Linebackers Coach/Co-Special Teams Coordinator: Derek Day (Butler, 2009); Cornerbacks/Co-Special Teams Coordinator: Chris Franklin (Western Kentucky, 2009); Director of Football Sports Performance: Billy Brown (Central Florida, 2011)

MEET THE REDHAWKS (1-2)

0	Keandre Booker	OLB	6-3	240	Sr.	Moss Point, Miss.
1	Ryan Flournoy	WR	6-2	205	Sr.	Hazelcrest, Ill.
2	Jackson Bray	WR	5-11	185	Fr.	Nixa, Mo.
2	Joedrick Lewis	DB	5-11	185	Jr.	Houston, Texas
3	Logan Bruns	K	6-1	200	R-Fr.	Jackson, Mo.
3	Damoriea Vick	WR	6-3	210	Sr.	Oklahoma City, Okla.
4	Christian Fuhrman	ILB	6-1	235	Jr.	Mesa, Ariz.
4	Josh Jackson	QB	6-5	215	Fr.	Chattanooga, Tenn.
5	Ty Leonard	DB	6-0	180	Sr.	Louisville, Ky.
5	Darrell Smith	RB	5-11	205	Sr.	Alton, Ill.
6	Geno Hess	RB	5-8	225	Gr.	Peoria, Ill.
6	Henry Pickens III	DB	6-1	175	So.	Belle Glade, Fla.
7	Lawrence Johnson	DB	6-0	205	Gr.	St. Louis, Mo.
8	Eric Ivory, Jr.	DB	6-0	188	So.	Vienna, Ga.
9	Carter Hensley	QB	6-4	215	Fr.	Rogers, Ark.
9	Keveon Robbins	RB	6-0	205	So.	Sparta, Ga.
10	Paxton DeLaurent	QB	6-5	220	Jr.	Camdenton, Mo.
10	Dony'e Taylor	DB	6-1	200	Jr.	Cape Girardeau, Mo.
11	Patrick Heitert	QB	6-0	215	R-Fr.	St. Louis, Mo.
11	Mike Matthews	OLB	6-1	245	Sr.	Fayetteville, N.C.
12	Sam Cook	OLB	6-4	228	Jr.	Neosho, Mo.
12	Greg Menne	QB	6-2	220	Fr.	Independence, Mo.
13	Mali Walton	ILB	6-0	220	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo.
14	Dalyn McDonald	WR	5-11	185	Sr.	Gautier, Miss.
15	Demarkus Brown	DB	6-1	175	Fr.	Mt. Pleasant, Tenn.
15	Garrett Todd	WR	5-10	175	Sr.	Lebanon, Tenn.
16	Jeremy Walton	OLB	6-1	240	So.	Gurnee, Ill.
17	Kyron Downing	WR	5-10	180	R-Fr.	Vinita, Okla.
17	Chris Matlock	DB	5-6	175	Fr.	Poplar Bluff, Mo.
18	Khalani Riddick	DB	6-0	195	So.	Elk Grove, Calif.
18	Carson Smith	WR	6-5	205	R-Fr.	Eureka, Mo.
19	Danny Joiner	TE	6-3	250	So.	Kansas City, Mo.
20	Q'Nairies Anderson	RB	5-11	200	Sr.	Charleston, Mo.
21	Camani Cobbs	DB	6-1	180	Fr.	McDonough, Ga.
22	Jaleel Chambliss	DB	6-3	180	Fr.	Griffin, Ga.
23	DJ Delmore	DB	5-11	180	Fr.	Baton Rouge, La.
24	JaQori Williams	DB	6-0	190	Jr.	Montgomery, Ala.
25	Slade Dollar	ILB	6-2	220	So.	Naples, Fla.
26	Zi'kef Johnson	DB	6-1	178	So.	Sumter, S.C.
27	Aquarius Winston, Jr.	DB	6-1	200	So.	Southaven, Miss.
28	Amare Townsend	DB	6-1	170	Fr.	Louisville, Ky.
29	Antonio Taylor	DB	5-11	185	Jr.	Ellenwood, Ga.
30	Judd Cunningham	ILB	6-0	215	So.	Farmington, Mo.
31	Devin Wills	RB	5-11	205	Jr.	Mascoutah, Ill.
32	Bryce Norman	ILB	6-0	220	Jr.	Jackson, Mo.
33	Mitchell Sellers	TE	6-5	250	Jr.	Paradise, Texas
34	Dylan Schnitzler	RB	5-8	190	So.	Festus, Mo.
35	Jackson Hills	TE	6-6	230	Fr.	Sullivan, Ind.
36	Cole Ruble	RB	5-10	200	Fr.	Imperial, Mo.
37	Skyler Young	RB	5-10	205	Fr.	Osceola, Ark.
38	Joel Logan	OLB	6-3	220	R-Fr.	Helena, Ala.
39	Adam Heston	P	6-1	215	Jr.	Sewell, N.J.
41	Jenson Walker	LS	6-3	235	Sr.	Holly, Mich.
42	Collin Williams	OLB	6-3	230	R-Fr.	Kansas City, Mo.
43	Nolan Reed	TE	6-3	240	R-Fr.	Bonne Terre, Mo
44	Jacob Morrissey	ILB	6-0	225	Sr.	Edwardsville, Ill.
45	Andrew Civey	TE	6-4	240	Fr.	Bonne Terre, Mo.
46	Joe Bowman	K/P	6-0	180	So.	Carlsbad, Calif.
48	Latrevion Thompson	OLB	6-2	230	So.	Kennett, Mo.
49	DC Pippin	K	6-0	195	Sr.	Springfield, Ill.
50	Lunden Manuel	DL	6-2	300	Sr.	Memphis, Tenn.
51	Kingston Kamal	OLB	6-4	245	Fr.	Jacksonville Beach, Fla.
52	Temidayo Odugbemi	ILB	6-1	230	Fr.	Dallas, Ga.
53	Otto Kyler	ILB	6-2	220	So.	Zionsville, Ind.
54	Marshakie Applewhite	OL	6-3	300	Jr.	Itta Bena, Miss.
55	Nasim Cairo	DL	6-1	250	So.	Edwardsville, Ill.
56	Zack Gieg	OL	6-1	290	Sr.	Morgan Hill, Calif.
57	Trenton Lathum	ILB	5-11	215	Fr.	Scott City, Mo.
59	Logan Leftrick	P	6-1	225	Fr.	Springfield, Tenn.
60	AJ Laux	OL	6-4	290	Sr.	Gilbert, Ariz.
61	Ja'Mian Golden	OLB	6-3	260	R-Fr.	Parma, Mo.
63	Zach Hudson	OL	6-4	320	Fr.	Imperial, Mo.
64	Chris Frye	OL	6-2	290	R-Fr.	Kansas City, Mo.
65	Tony Failla	DL	6-2	290	R-Fr.	Omaha, Neb.
66	McKel Brumfield	OL	6-0	320	So.	Crozet, Va.
68	Kayson King	OL	6-2	250	Fr.	Poplar Bluff, Mo.
69	Kobe Sixkiller	OL	6-2	305	Jr.	Jay, Okla.
70	Ethan Hatton	OL	6-3	310	Fr.	Memphis, Tenn.
71	Tyson Miller	OL	6-5	290	R-Fr.	Lafayette, Ind.
72	Jamarcus Hill	OL	6-5	290	R-Fr.	Jefferson, Ga.
73	Trey Gibbs	OL	6-3	285	So.	Jenks, Okla.
74	Kaleb Pearley	OL	6-5	300	Fr.	Metairie, La.
75	Clive Truschel	OL	6-3	290	Gr.	Clovis, Calif.
76	Bryce Chrestman	OL	6-5	260	Fr.	Pontotoc, Miss.
77	Rashad Turner	OL	6-5	305	R-Fr.	St. Louis, Mo.
78	Demoni Taylor	OL	6-4	255	Fr.	Radcliff, Ky.
80	Jacques Wyatt	WR	6-6	190	Fr.	Clarksville, Tenn.
81	Donnie Cheers	WR	6-2	185	Fr.	Marion, Ark.
82	Demetrion Cannon	WR	6-1	205	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo.
83	Jack Clinkenbeard	WR	5-11	200	So.	Springfield, Mo.
84	Anthony Westervelt	WR	6-2	200	Fr.	Imperial, Mo.
85	Octavius Henderson	WR	6-3	185	So.	Nashville, Tenn.
86	Luke Adams	WR	5-11	185	Fr.	Sullivan, Ind.
87	Braden Thompson	TE	6-4	260	So.	Nebraska City, Neb.
88	Dorian Anderson	WR	6-7	200	Jr.	Oakland, Tenn.
89	Jaylan West	WR	6-3	180	So.	Wilson, Ark.
90	Servhant Counsellor	DL	6-4	280	Fr.	Tulsa, Okla.
91	LaWilliam Holmes	DL	6-2	300	Sr.	Carthage, Miss.
92	Jaylon Stone	DL	6-2	305	Fr.	Athens, Ga.
93	Jehchys Brown	DL	6-2	295	Fr.	Centralia, Ill.
94	Harris Adams	DL	6-3	320	Jr.	Dickson, Tenn.
95	Sam Keeper	DL	6-1	275	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo.
96	Michael Bradley	DL	6-0	260	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo.
97	Caleb Webb	DL	5-11	275	So.	Memphis, Tenn.
98	Michael Jamerson	DL	6-2	290	So.	Tulsa, Okla.
99	Steven Lewis	DL	6-1	275	Sr.	Pontiac, Ill.

Head Coach: Tom Matukewicz; Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks: Jeromy McDowell; Defensive Coordinator: Ricky Coon; Defensive Pass Game Coordinator: Ray Smith; Offensive Pass Game Coordinator/Wide Receivers: Justin Drudik; Offensive Line: Lucas Orchard; Inside Linebackers/Specialists: Connor Benado; Tight Ends: Cole Cook; Running Backs: Luke Berblinger; Outside Linebackers: Quin Jones; Defensive Line: Kevon Beckwith; Cornerbacks: Jo Jackson; Recruiting Coordinator/Assistant Wide Receivers: Desmond Noird

EASTERN KENTUCKY COLONELS

OFFENSE

QB	18	**Parker McKinney (6-3, 208, r-Sr.)**
	2	Cameron Hergott (6-3, 205, r-Fr.)
RB	21	**Braedon Sloan (5-11, 210, Jr.)**
	32	Joshua Carter (5-9, 215, r-Jr.)
LT	74	**Payton Collins (6-7, 305, r-Jr.)**
	67	Kyler Edwards (6-5, 290, r-Jr.)
LG	70	**Vincent Munlin Jr. (6-6, 300, Jr.)**
	52	Jakobe McLaurin (6-2, 315, Jr.)
C	62	**John Stone (6-3, 300, Jr.)**
	61	Damien Roberts (6-1, 305, Jr.)
RG	58	**Isaiah Bunn (6-3, 295, So.)**
	60	Anthony Johns (6-2, 295, So.)
RT	75	**Josiah Ezirim (6-6, 320, Sr.)**
	71	O'Brien Jackson (6-4, 300, r-So.)
TE	16	**Hunter Brown (6-4, 245, r-Jr.)**
	81	Mena Mannan (6-4, 235, Fr.)
WR	11	**Jalen Burbage (6-0, 190, r-Sr.)**
	85	Bryant Johnson Jr. (6-2, 200, Jr.)
WR	3	**Jaden Smith (5-10, 195, Jr.)**
	83	Ethan Bednarcyzk (5-10, 190, Sr.)
WR	9	**Jackson Hensley (6-0, 197, r-So.)**
	14	Mo Edwards Jr. (6-3, 210, R-Sr.)

SPECIAL TEAMS

KO	46	**Patrick Nations (6-0, 195, r-Jr.)**
	86	Austin Welch (5-11, 175, Jr.)
PK	46	**Patrick Nations (6-0, 195, r-Jr.)**
	86	Austin Welch (5-11, 175, Jr.)
P	87	**Jeremy Edwards (6-5, 220, Sr.)**
	49	Jacob Baker (6-2, 220, Fr.)
LS	69	**Jonathan Duff (6-0, 215, Jr.)**
	56	Spencer Moore (6-3, 250, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	91	**Darrian Baker (6-4, 280, Jr.)**
	47	Jeremiah Bailey (6-3, 240, So.)
DT	97	**Ryan Jackson (6-2, 290, Jr.)**
	88	Darius Sterling (6-3, 304, Jr.)
DE	0	**Marvion Field (6-3, 290, r-Jr.)**
	99	Gabe Fletcher (6-4, 285, r-So.)
JACK	17	**Cheikhsaliou Fall (6-4, 255, Jr.)**
	22	Frank Lee (6-2, 240, r-So.)
LB	11	**Logan Blake (6-2, 240, Gr.)**
	5	Kyle Kelly (6-2, 235, r-Sr.)
LB	23	**Elijah Ford (6-2, 225, Jr.)**
	45	Maddox Marcellus (6-3, 225, Fr.)
SAM	7	**Albert Nunes (6-2, 212, Jr.)**
	18	Cornelius Evans (6-4, 230, Sr.)
CB	2	**Franky West Jr. (5-11, 190, r-Sr.)**
	13	Jordon Thomas (6-0, 190, r-So.)
SS	10	**Nic Cheeley (6-1, 180, r-Jr.)**
	25	KJ Figures (6-0, 205, Sr.)
FS	24	**Mike Smith Jr. (6-1, 205, Jr.)**
	34	Kyeaure Magloire (6-1, 190, r-Fr.)
CB	12	**Deonta Bembry (5-9, 175, Gr.)**
	1	Tony Davis (6-2, 195, r-Sr.)
SS	69	**Jonathan Duff (6-0, 215, Jr.)**
	56	Spencer Moore (6-3, 250, Jr.)
HO	2	**Cameron Hergott (6-3, 205, r-Fr.)**
	86	Austin Welch (5-11, 175, Jr.)
KR	21	**Braedon Sloan (5-11, 210, Jr.)**
	3	Jaden Smith (5-10, 195, Jr.)
PR	3	**Jaden Smith (5-10, 195, Jr.)**
	21	Braedon Sloan (5-11, 210, Jr.)

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE REDHAWKS

OFFENSE

QB	10	**Paxton DeLaurent (6-5, 220, Jr.)**
	11	Patrick Heitert (6-0, 215, So.)
RB	6	**Geno Hess (5-8, 225, Gr.)**
	5	Darrell Smith (5-11, 205, Sr.)
WR	88	**Dorian Anderson (6-7, 200, Jr.)**
	15	Garrett Todd (5-10, 175, Sr.)
WR	3	**Damoriea Vick (6-3, 210, Sr.)**
	83	Jack Clinkenbeard (5-11, 200, So.)
WR	17	**Kyron Downing (5-10, 180, So.)**
	14	Dalyn McDonald (5-11, 185, Sr.)
TE	19	**Danny Joiner (6-3, 250, So.)**
	33	Mitchell Sellers (6-5, 250, Jr.)
LT	72	**Jamarcus Hill (6-5, 290, So.)**
	77	Rashad Turner (6-5, 305, So.)
LG	75	**Clive Truschel (6-3, 290, Gr.)**
	73	Trey Gibbs (6-3, 285, So.)
C	56	**Zack Gieg (6-1, 290, Sr.)**
	65	Tony Failla (6-2, 290, So.)
RG	69	**Kobe Sixkiller (6-1, 305, Jr.)**
	64	Antwann Fann (6-3, 320, r-Jr.)
RT	54	**Marshakie Applewhite (6-3, 300, Jr.)**
	60	AJ Laux (6-4, 290, Sr.)

PECIAL TEAMS

KO	3	**Logan Bruns (6-1, 200, r-Fr.)**
	46	Joe Bowman (6-0, 180, So.)
PK	49	**DC Pippin (6-0, 195, Sr.)**
	46	Joe Bowman (6-0, 180, So.)
P	59	**Logan Leftrick (6-1, 225, Fr.)**
	46	Joe Bowman (6-0, 180, So.)
HO	3	**Logan Bruns (6-1, 200, r-Fr.)**
LS	41	**Jenson Walker (6-3, 235, Sr.)**
	30	Judd Cunningham (6-0, 215, So.)
KR	17	**Kyron Downing (5-10, 180, So.)**
	2	Joedrick Lewis (5-11, 185, Jr.)
PR	2	**Joedrick Lewis (5-11, 185, Jr.)**
	17	Kyron Downing (5-10, 180, So.)

EKU SCHEDULE & STATISTICAL LEADERS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Sept. 2	at Cincinnati	L, 13-66
Sept. 9	at Kentucky	L, 17-28
Sept. 16	WESTERN CAROLINA	L, 24-27
Sept. 23	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE	6 pm
Sept. 30	at North Alabama*	7 pm
Oct. 14	TARLETON STATE (HC)*	3 pm
Oct. 21	at Gardner-Webb	6 pm
Oct. 28	at Utah Tech*	8 pm
Nov. 4	AUSTIN PEAY*	5 pm
Nov. 11	at Central Arkansas*	5 pm
Nov. 18	STEPHEN F. AUSTIN*	2 pm

HEAD COACH

Walt Wells (4th season at EKU, 4th overall)

2023 OFFENSE

Points per game	18.0
Yards per game	374.0
Passing	254.0
Rushing	120.0

2023 DEFENSE

Points per game	40.3
Yards per game	544.0
Passing	359.0
Rushing	185.0

TEAM LEADERS

Passing ..... Parker McKinney (762 yards; 4 touchdowns)

Rushing ..... Joshua Carter (134 yards; 0 touchdowns)

Receiving ..... Jaden Smith (238 yards; 1 touchdown)

Tackles ..... Logan Blake (29 tackles; 3.0 TFL)

Sacks .. Albert Nunes/Cheikhsaliou Fall/Ryan Jackson (1.0 sacks; 12 yards/1.0 sacks; 6 yards/1.0 sack; 4 yards)

Interceptions ..... Logan Blake/Frank Lee (1 INT; 0 yards/1 INT; 0 yards)

SEMO SCHEDULE & STATISTICAL LEADERS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Sept. 2	at Kansas State	L, 0-45
Sept. 9	LINDENWOOD*	W, 45-7
Sept. 16	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	L, 25-26
Sept. 23	at EKU	6 pm
Oct. 7	at Central Arkansas	5 pm
Oct. 14	EASTERN ILLINOIS*	3 pm
Oct. 21	at Tennessee Tech*	2:30 pm
Oct. 28	at Nicholls*	3 pm
Nov. 4	ROBERT MORRIS*	2 pm
Nov. 11	at UT Martin*	3 pm
Nov. 18	at Bryant*	1 pm

HEAD COACH

Tom Matukewicz (10th season at SEMO, 10th overall)

2023 OFFENSE

Points per game	23.3
Yards per game	350.7
Passing	248.7
Rushing	102.0

2023 DEFENSE

Points per game	26.0
Yards per game	460.3
Passing	147.0
Rushing	75.5

TEAM LEADERS

Passing ..... Paxton DeLaurent (731 yards; 4 touchdowns)

Rushing ..... Geno Hess (210 yards; 3 touchdowns)

Receiving ..... Damoriea Vick (227 yards; 2 touchdowns)

Tackles ..... Christian Fuhrman (22 tackles; 1.0 TFL)

Sacks ..... Steven Lewis (1.0 sacks; 7 yards)

Interceptions ..... Antonio Taylor/Eric Ivory Jr. (2 INT; 42 yards/2 INT; 0 yards)



EKU 2023 Colonels



#0
Marvion Field
DL • 6-3 • 290
R-Junior
Atlanta, Ga.



#0
Jaycob Horn
WR • 6-0 • 204
R-Junior
Tupelo, Miss.



#1
Tony Davis
DB • 6-2 • 195
R-Senior
Gastonia, N.C.



#2
Cameron Hergott
QB • 6-3 • 205
R-Freshman
Fort Mitchell, Ky.



#2
Franky West Jr.
DB • 5-11 • 190
R-Senior
Bloomington, Ill.



#3
Jaden Smith
WR • 5-10 • 195
Junior
Atlanta, Ga.



#4
Kyeandre Magloire
RB • 6-0 • 210
Junior
Miami, Fla.



#5
Kyle Kelly
LB • 6-2 • 235
R-Senior
Newport, Ky.



#6
Treyveon Longmire
DB • 6-2 • 175
Sophomore
Corbin, Ky..



#7
Colbey Lamberth
QB • 6-3 • 214
Freshman
Dickson, Tenn.



#7
Albert Nunes
LB • 6-2 • 212
Junior
Fort Myers, Fla.



#8
Kylan Robinson
LB • 5-11 • 210
R-Junior
Southaven, Miss.



#9
Jackson Hensley
WR • 6-0 • 197
R-Sophomore
Pikeville, Ky.



#10
Nic Cheeley
DB • 6-1 • 180
R-Junior
McCleansville, N.C.



#10
Jackson House
QB • 6-0 • 185
Freshman
Baton Rouge, La.



#11
Logan Blake
LB • 6-2 • 240
Grad Student
Lizton, Ind.



#11
Jalen Burbage
WR • 6-0 • 190
R-Senior
Lexington, Ky.



#12
Deonta Bembry
DB • 5-9 • 175
Grad Student
Stone Mountain, Ga.



#13
Jordon Thomas
DB • 6-0 • 190
R-Sophomore
Decatur, Ga.



#14
Mo Edwards Jr.
WR • 6-3 • 210
R-Senior
Alabaster, Ala.



#15
Brady Clark
QB • 6-4 • 215
R-Freshman
Bardstown, Ky.



#16
Hunter Brown
TE • 6-4 • 245
R-Junior
Wellsboro, Pa.



#17
Cheikhsaliou Fall
LB • 6-4 • 255
Junior
Brooklyn, N.Y.



#17
Lucas Raber
TE • 6-3 • 245
Grad Student
Greenville, S.C.



#18
Cornelius Evans
LB • 6-4 • 230
Senior
Orangeburg, S.C.



#18
Parker McKinney
QB • 6-3 • 208
R-Senior
Coalfied, Tenn.



#19
Tyrik Henderson
DB • 6-0 • 200
Senior
Chicago, Ill.



#20
Jordan Marshall
DB • 6-1 • 205
Junior
St. Louis, Mo.



#21
Braedon Sloan
RB • 5-11 • 210
Junior
Frazer, Ky.



#22
Frank Lee
LB • 6-2 • 240
R-Sophomore
Orangeburg, S.C.



#23
Elijah Ford
LB • 6-2 • 225
Junior
Cincinnati, Ohio



#24
Mike Smith Jr.
DB • 6-1 • 205
Junior
Jacksonville, Fla.



#25
KJ Figures
DB • 6-0 • 205
Senior
Charleston, W.V..



#26
Tre' Goodin
DB • 5-10 • 170
Junior
Campbellsville, Ky.



#27
Jaylen Houston
DB • 5-9 • 195
Junior
Racine, Wisc.

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#28
Jaylen Herrud
LB • 6-3 • 230
Junior
Nashville, Tenn



#29
Jeriah Hightower
LB • 6-0 • 224
Junior
Madisonville, Ky.



#30
Brayden Latham
RB • 5-11 • 207
Freshman
Knoxville, Tenn.



#31
Mark Joseph
DB • 5-11 • 170
Freshman
Memphis, Tenn.



#32
Joshua Carter
RB • 5-9 • 215
R-Junior
Navarre, Fla.



#33
Cam Junior
LB • 6-2 • 225
R-Sophomore
Miami, Fla.



#34
Kyeaure Magloire
DB • 6-1 • 190
R-Freshman
Minneola, Fla.



#35
Brody Wells
LB • 6-1 • 215
Freshman
Corbin, Ky.



#36
Isaac Dixon
RB • 5-11 • 203
Freshman
Belfry, Ky.



#37
Richtell McCallister
RB • 5-9 • 197
Junior
Akron, Ohio



#38
Dee Knighten
DB • 6-0 • 180
R-Sophomore
Frostproof, Fla.



#39
Artemus McCorkle
LB • 5-11 • 193
Senior
Conyers, Ga.



#41
Rodney Wright
DL • 6-2 • 270
R-Junior
Athens, Ga.



#42
Travis Grant
TE • 6-3 • 210
Freshman
Richmond, Ky.



#44
Gabe Stephens
LB • 6-4 • 225
R-Sophomore
Mount Holly, N.C.



#45
Maddox Marcellus
LB • 6-3 • 225
Freshman
Miami, Fla.



#46
Patrick Nations
K • 6-0 • 195
R-Junior
Tamasse, S.C.



#47
Jeremiah Bailey
DL • 6-3 • 240
Sophomore
Smyrna, Tenn.



#49
Jacob Baker
K • 6-2 • 220
Freshman
Corbin, Ky.



#52
Jakobe McLaurin
OL • 6-2 • 315
Junior
Clinton, Miss.



#54
Alex Cline
LS • 6-0 • 245
Sophomore
Simpsonville, Ky.



#55
Jadyn Bost
LB • 6-3 • 250
Junior
Atlanta, Ga.



#56
Spencer Moore
LS • 6-3 • 250
Junior
Ventura, Calif.



#58
Isaiah Bunn
OL • 6-3 • 295
Sophomore
Sunrise, Fla.



#60
Anthony Johns
OL • 6-2 • 295
Sophomore
Winchester, Ky.



#61
Damien Roberts
OL • 6-1 • 305
Junior
London, Ontario



#62
John Stone
OL • 6-3 • 300
Junior
Ashland, Ky.



#64
Josh Jones
OL • 6-1 • 300
Sophomore
Joliet, Ill.



#67
Kyler Edwards
OL • 6-5 • 290
R-Junior
Tampa, Fla.



#69
Jonathan Duff
LS • 6-0 • 215
Junior
Dayton, Ohio



#70
Vincent Munlin Jr.
OL • 6-6 • 299
Junior
Cincinnati, Ohio



#71
O'Brien Jackson
OL • 6-4 • 300
R-Sophomore
Murfreesboro, Tenn.



#74
Payton Collins
OL • 6-7 • 305
R-Junior
Columbus, Ohio



#75
Josiah Ezirim
DL • 6-6 • 320
Senior
Hilliard, Ohio

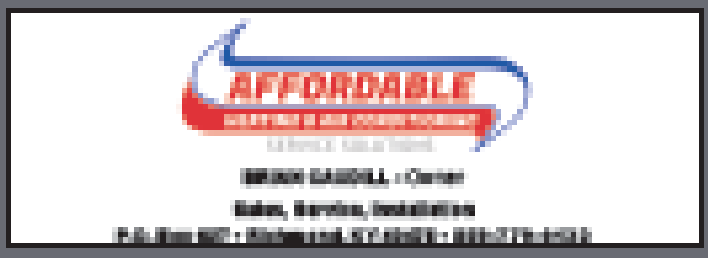


#76
Mason Sulla
OL • 6-4 • 297
Freshman
Lancaster, Ky.

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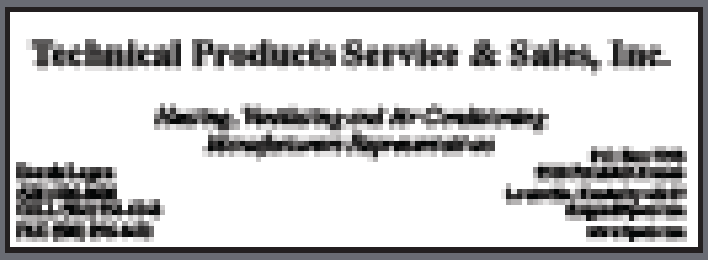
























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#77
Zane Mullins
OL • 6-4 • 310
Freshman
Stanford, Ky.



#79
Antonio Gaines
OL • 6-4 • 340
R-Freshman
Columbia, S.C.



#80
Jakob Dixon
WR • 6-5 • 210
Freshman
Louisville, Ky.



#81
Mena Mannan
TE • 6-4 • 235
Freshman
Franklin, Tenn.



#82
Jayden West
WR • 6-3 • 180
Freshman
Richmond, Ky.



#83
Ethan Bednarczyk
WR • 5-10 • 190
Senior
Louisville, Ky.



#84
Reece Adkins
TE • 6-6 • 240
Junior
Orlando, Fla.



#85
Bryant Johnson Jr.
WR • 6-2 • 200
Junior
Cincinnati, Ohio.



#86
Austin Welch
K • 5-11 • 175
Junior
Georgetown, Ky.



#87
Jeremy Edwards
P • 6-5 • 220
Senior
Bendigo, Australia



#88
Dequan Stanley
WR • 5-10 • 176
R-Sophomore
St. Augustine, Fla.



#88
Darius Sterling
DL • 6-3 • 304
Junior
South Chesterfield, Va.



#89
Kellen Bowen
TE • 6-5 • 210
Sophomore
Hodgenville, Ky.



#91
Darrian Baker
DL • 6-4 • 280
R-Freshman
Harrodsburg, Ky.



#92
Simon Ghee
DL • 6-3 • 240
Freshman
Bowling Green, Ky.



#93
Brad Gurley
DL • 6-4 • 285
Sophomore
Bowling Green, Ky.



#94
Bryce Tapp
DL • 6-3 • 310
Freshman
Henderson, Ky.



#95
Max Drohan
DL • 6-2 • 255
Junior
Aurora, Ill.



#97
Ryan Jackson
DL • 6-2 • 290
Sophomore
Mount Juliet, Tenn.



#98
Canaan Jordan
DL • 6-3 • 308
Junior
Augusta, Ga.



#99
Gabe Fletcher
DL • 6-4 • 285
R-Sophomore
Memphis, Tenn.



Isaiah Allen
WR • 6-2 • 195
R-Sophomore
Lexington, Ky.



Leroy Anku
OL • 6-3 • 328
Freshman
Morehead, Ky.



Brandon Baker
LB • 6-1 • 190
Sophomore
Corbin, Ky.



Elijah Banks
DB • 5-11 • 170
Junior
Fayetteville, N.C.



Jacob Cain
DB • 6-0 • 165
Sophomore
Johnson County, Ky.



Druce Clark Jr.
LB • 5-11 • 216
Freshman
Decatur, Ala.



Jayshaun Coffman
DL • 6-5 • 265
R-Junior
Lexington, Ky.



Jon Daniels
OL • 6-2 • 290
Freshman
Louisville, Ky.



Amari Felder
RB • 5-9 • 180
Freshman
Ironton, Ohio



LJ Fletcher
LB • 6-3 • 225
Freshman
Pikeville, Ky.



Jordan Fugate
OL • 6-4 • 275
Freshman
West Liberty, Ky.



Ashton Garland
WR • 5-11 • 160
Freshman
London, Ky.



Isaiah Ghee
WR • 6-0 • 165
Freshman
Bowling Green, Ky.



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TE • 6-3 • 235
Freshman
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Kendrick Jackson
WR • 5-9 • 160
Freshman
Louisville, Ky.



Jeffrey Kinley
DB • 6-0 • 195
R-Freshman
Richmond, Ky.



Jerome Lee
RB • 5-11 • 210
Senior
Warrensville Heights, Ohio



Tyleik Maxwell
WR • 6-3 • 185
Freshman
Winchester, Ky.



Byron May
DL • 6-4 • 250
Freshman
Morehead, Ky.

Carson Nichols
Fr • 5-8 • 175
Freshman
El Dorado Hills, Calif.



Ashton Olberding
TE • 6-5 • 220
Freshman
Morrow, Ohio



Chris Price
LB • 6-0 • 218
Sophomore
Madisonville, Ky.



Zach Russell
TE • 6-4 • 265
Freshman
Johnson County, Ky.



Connor Skaggs
OL • 6-6 • 280
Freshman
Grayson, Ky.



Dominic Sparks
OL • 6-7 • 250
Freshman
Portsmouth, Ohio



John Sualla
DL • 6-2 • 290
Freshman
Lexington, Ky.



Garrett Thornsberry
LB • 6-2 • 200
Sophomore
Louisville, Ky.



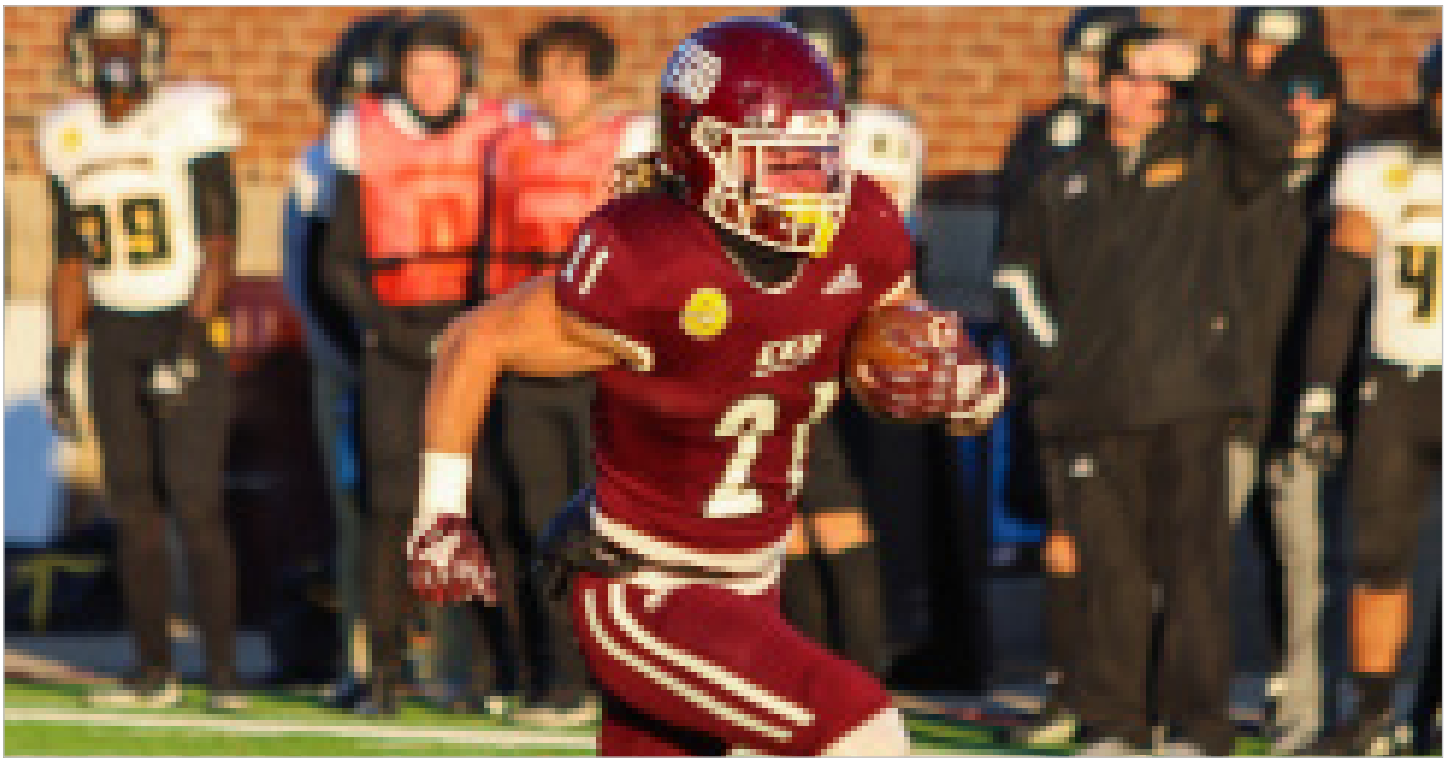
Dane Wardle
OL • 6-3 • 270
Junior
Ashland, Ky.



Damarcus Winn
OL • 6-4 • 255
Freshman
Covington, Ky.



Anthony Woodard
WR • 6-2 • 180
Freshman
Russellville, Ky.





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EKU Head Coach



• Walt Wells

Title: Head Coach
Year at EKU: 4th season
Alma Mater:
Belmont, 1993

◆ 15th head coach in EKU history

Eastern Kentucky University football head coach Walt Wells is a familiar name. Wells served as an assistant under legendary EKU Head Coach Roy Kidd from 1997 to 2002 and was an assistant again with the Colonels in 2015.

Wells was hired as the 15th head coach in program history on Dec. 9, 2019.

In his third season at EKU, Wells led the Colonels to their first NCAA FCS Playoff berth since 2014 and a share of the ASUN regular-season championship. EKU went 6-2 against FCS opponents and beat an FBS team for the first time in eight seasons. The Colonels rose to No. 16 in the national polls and posted a 5-2 mark at Roy Kidd Stadium. Wells earned the ASUN Coach of the Year honor for the second consecutive season.

The Colonels beat FBS foe Bowling Green 59-57 in seven overtimes, which tied the record for the second-longest game in Division I football history. EKU also knocked off No. 15 Southeast Missouri on the road for the program's third win over a ranked opponent in as many seasons.

EKU quarterback Parker McKinney was named the ASUN's Co-Offensive Player of the Year and the Colonels landed five players on the All-ASUN team. McKinney was named an All-American, along with offensive lineman Payton Collins, linebacker Matthew Jackson, and running back Braedon Sloan, giving the Colonels four All-Americans for the first time ever in a single season.

During the 2022 campaign, EKU ranked second in the FCS in punt returns, third in passing offense, fifth in third-down conversion percentage, sixth in kickoff returns, eight in completion percentage, 10th in total offense, 11th in scoring offense and team passing efficiency, and 18th in red-zone offense.

In 2021, Wells orchestrated the biggest single-season turnaround in program history as EKU went 7-4 after a 3-6 campaign in 2020. The Colonels defeated three teams that were ranked in the preseason top-25 and went 5-1 at Roy Kidd Stadium. Eastern Kentucky climbed as high as No. 19 in the national rankings and won five consecutive games for the first time since 2014. Wells was named the ASUN Coach of the Year and was honored as the AFCA FCS Region 3 Co-Coach of the Year.

The Colonels upset No. 19 Austin Peay, 35-27, in Richmond and rallied from a 22-point road deficit to beat Central Arkansas. Eastern Kentucky also won its second consecutive Opportunity Bowl, knocking off Jacksonville State in double-overtime, 39-31.

EKU placed six players on the All-ASUN team while defensive back Davion Ross was named the ASUN Defensive Player of the Year and kicker Patrick Nations won ASUN Special Teams Player of the Year. Ross, Nations, and offensive lineman Payton Collins were each honored as All-Americans.

During 2021, the Colonels ranked second nationally in kickoff return average, fourth in defensive touchdowns and red-zone offense, 15th in red-zone defense, and 19th in sacks allowed.

In his first season, the Colonels faced one of the toughest schedules in program history. Among the nine games in the fall of 2020 were three contests against FBS teams and two games against a team ranked among the top-25 in the FCS. Wells led EKU to a road win at The Citadel, a near upset of FBS Troy, a victory over No. 11 Central Arkansas and a 49-17 win against Western Carolina in the 2020 Opportunity Bowl.

The win over 11th ranked Central Arkansas was the program's first victory over a ranked team since 2013 and the first win over a non-conference ranked team since 2003 when EKU beat No. 11 Appalachian State.

• The Walt Wells File

Name: Walt Wells
Hometown: Nashville, Tenn.
Family: Jennifer (wife), Madison (daughter), K.J. (son)
Education: Belmont, finance, 1993
Cumberland University, master's in human relations management, 1995



EKU was recognized as the national team of the week three times during the 2020 season. Quarterback Parker McKinney, wide receiver Keyion Dixon and running back Alonzo Booth each earned national player of the week honors as well.

During the fall 2020 season, EKU ranked second in the nation in interceptions and passing efficiency, and third in first downs, passing offense, passing yards per completion, fumbles recovered and turnovers gained.

Wells served as a quality control assistant at the University of Kentucky during the 2018 and 2019

• Wells' Coaching Experience

Year	School
1992-93	Smyrna High School • Assistant Coach
1994-96	Cumberland University • Asst. Head Coach/Offensive Coord. Notes: Led NAIA in rushing twice
1997-02	Eastern Kentucky • Tight Ends (97-99), Off. Line (00-02) Notes: 1997 OVC Champions, NCAA top-15 in rushing in 2001 and 2002
2003-12	Western Kentucky • Offensive Line Coach (03-08), Offensive Coord./Running Game Coord. (09-12) Notes: Helped WKU reach 1st bowl game in 2012
2013	South Florida • Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line
2014	New Mexico State • Offensive Line Coach
2015	Eastern Kentucky • Asst. Head Coach/Offensive Line Notes: 35th in NCAA in scoring (30.3 ppg)
2016-17	Tennessee • Offensive Quality Control (2016), Offensive Line Coach (2017) Notes: 24th in NCAA in scoring in 2016
2018-19	Kentucky • Quality Control Assistant Notes: best SEC record in 41 years, two bowl wins
2020-pres.	Eastern Kentucky • Head Coach

seasons. The 2018 Wildcat team beat Florida for the first time in 32 years, posted the program's best Southeastern Conference (SEC) record in 41 years and beat No. 12-ranked Penn State in the VRBO Citrus Bowl. All totaled, the 10-3 record was Kentucky's best season in 41 years and only the third 10-win season in school history.

From 2016 to 2017, Wells worked on the staff at the University of Tennessee. He was an offensive quality control coach, working primarily with the offensive line during the 2016 season, and served as the offensive line coach during the 2017 season. He worked closely with the UT line that paved the way for 2,668 rushing yards (5.2 yards per carry) in 2016. The Vol offense also ranked 24th in the nation in scoring that season (36.4 points per game). Wells coached Freshman All-American and All-SEC left guard Trey Smith. He was ranked as a top-10 national recruiter.

Wells returned to the EKU coaching staff in the spring of 2015 as the assistant head coach and offensive line coach. His work helped the Colonels average 30.3 points per game, the 35th-most in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS). Lineman Brett Eyckmans earned first team All-Ohio Valley Conference recognition after the 2015 season.

During his first stint with the Colonels, EKU won the 1997 OVC title with a perfect 7-0 mark and advanced to the NCAA FCS playoffs. Wells served as Kidd's tight ends coach from 1997 to 1999, and as the offensive line coach from 2000 to 2002. He coached seven All-OVC players and an All-American. EKU ranked among top-15 nationally in rushing in 2001 and 2002.

Wells has also spent time at Cumberland University, Western Kentucky, South Florida and New Mexico State.

As the offensive line coach in 2014 at New Mexico State, Wells helped center Valerian Ume-Ezeoke earn All-Sun Belt Conference accolades. The Aggies allowed just 10 sacks all year, which ranked second-best nationally. Ume-Ezeoke went on to sign a free agent contract with the Atlanta Falcons.

Wells spent the 2013 season at South Florida as the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach. Under Wells, tight end Mike McFarland and tailback Marcus Shaw were named second team All-American Athletic Conference. He also guided wide receiver Andre Davis to a program record in single season receiving yards (735).

Prior to joining the South Florida staff in December 2012, Wells spent 10 years at Western Kentucky working with the offensive line. During the final four years of his stay at WKU, Wells' role expanded to offensive coordinator and running game coordinator. Four Hilltopper offensive linemen earned All-America honors under Wells' direction, and Western ranked in the top four in the Sun Belt Conference in rushing each of his final four seasons – leading the league with 181.6 rushing yards per game in 2011 and improving that number to 186.2 yards per game in 2012.

Wells' collegiate coaching career began in 1994 at Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tennessee, as the assistant head coach and offensive coordinator. He led an offense that twice topped the NAIA in rushing, while helping the Bulldogs reach a top-15 national ranking. Wells also spent two years as an assistant at Smyrna (Tenn.) High School.

Wells earned a bachelor's degree in finance from Belmont in 1993 after transferring from Austin Peay State University where he was on the football team for four years, having started and lettered in two of those seasons. He received a master's degree in human relations management in 1995 at Cumberland.

Wells and his wife, Jennifer, have two children - Madison and K.J.

"Becoming the head coach at EKU has always been a career goal of mine," said Wells. "EKU football has, and will always be, A Matter of Pride."



Assistant Coaches



• Jake Johnson

Title: Defensive Coord./ILBs
Year at EKU: 4th season
Alma Mater:
Eastern Kentucky, 2002

Former Colonel Jake Johnson returned to EKU in December 2019 as the program's defensive coordinator. Johnson previously spent 12 seasons (2004-15) on the Colonel coaching staff, including the final 11 as the defensive line coach.

In his third season at EKU, two Colonel defenders were named to the All-ASUN team and linebacker Matthew Jackson was tabbed as a Fourth-Team Phil Steele/DraftScout All-American

Jackson ranked third in the ASUN with 87 total tackles, while defensive lineman TK McLendon finished the season third in the conference with six sacks.

In 2021, the Colonel defense ranked fourth nationally in defensive touchdowns and 15th in red-zone defense. Cornerback Davion Ross was a consensus All-American, the ASUN Defensive Player of the Year, and three EKU defenders were named to the All-ASUN team.

Ross ranked fifth in the nation in passes defensed. Kyle Bailey finished the season sixth in the nation in solo tackles, while Jackson ranked 20th.

In his first season, Johnson's defense stymied a pair of Southern Conference offenses helping EKU beat The Citadel, 37-14, on the road and Western Carolina, 49-17, in the 2020 Opportunity Bowl.

Johnson's defense held Troy to 10 second half points as EKU nearly upset the FBS Trojans on the road.

In his first season as a starter, linebacker Matthew Jackson excelled in Johnson's defense. Jackson led the nation during the fall season with two fumbles recovered and ranked ninth in the country with 9.9 tackles per game.

Johnson worked on the staff at Murray State University from 2016 to 2019.

Linebacker Quincy Williams was selected in the third round of the 2019 NFL Draft, the highest draft pick in MSU history. In addition, defensive back Marquez Sanford signed a free agent contract with the Jacksonville Jaguars in 2019.

In his first stint at Eastern Kentucky, Johnson helped the Colonels win OVC Championships in 2007, 2008 and 2011 and make four FCS playoff appearances.

After graduating from Eastern in 2002 with a bachelor's of science degree in geography, with an emphasis in global studies, Johnson spent a year at Wingate University as an assistant coach. Johnson then returned to Eastern Kentucky in 2004 as a graduate assistant coach.

A three-year starting offensive lineman during his collegiate career, Johnson garnered All-Ohio Valley Conference accolades at center in 2001.

Johnson earned four letters from 1997-2001 and was a freshman on the 1997 Colonel team which captured an OVC championship.

Johnson married the former Kate Lyon, a four-year volleyball letter winner at Eastern who was named team co-MVP in 2000, in the summer of 2007. The Johnsons have two children – Sam and Zoey.



• Andy Richman

Title: Offensive Coordinator/RBs
Year at EKU: 4th season
Alma Mater:
Wisconsin-Stevens Point, 2002

Andy Richman was chosen as EKU's offensive coordinator and running backs coach in January 2020.

In his third season at EKU, the Colonels set a school record with 434 points scored, posting at least 40 points in six games, and quarterback Parker McKinney broke every school single-season and career passing record.

McKinney, offensive lineman Payton Collins, and running back Braedon Sloan each earned All-American honors.

In 2021, Eastern Kentucky boasted the fourth-best red-zone offense in the country. EKU scored 30 points in six different games and McKinney set a school record with 229 pass completions.

In his first season, Richman led an offense that concluded the fall third in the nation in passing offense (247.4 yards per game) and fourth in the country in total offense (376.4 yards per game).

Three offensive players – quarterback Parker McKinney, wide receiver Keyion Dixon and running back Alonzo Booth – were each chosen as the national player of the week during the 2020 season.

Receivers Jacquez Jones (4th) and Jackson Beerman (6th) also ranked among the national leaders in receiving yards.

Richman was the offensive line coach and run game coordinator at New Mexico State University from 2015 through the 2019 season. In 2017, the Aggies' offense ranked sixth in the nation in passing offense while winning seven games and earning a victory in the Arizona Bowl.

From 2011 through the 2014 season, Richman served on the staff at Valdosta State University. He was the offensive line coach and run game coordinator during the 2012 season and the offensive coordinator in 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Richman was an offensive line quality control assistant for the Wisconsin Badgers from 2008 to 2010. Richman was an offensive line assistant, working primarily with the centers and guards, at Louisiana during the 2007 season.

Richman worked at Western Kentucky University during the 2006 season, serving as the tight ends coach. He also coached the defensive line at Denison University (2005), and running backs and tight ends at Reedley College (2004).

During the 2002 and 2003 seasons, Richman was graduate student assistant at Eastern Kentucky, working with the tight ends in 2002 and the defensive line in 2003.

Richman was the offensive line coach at his alma mater, Wisconsin-Stevens Point, in 2001. He was part of two conference championships and one playoff team during his collegiate career (1996-99). He earned a physical education degree from Wisconsin-Stevens Point in 2002. Richman completed a master's degree in sport administration at EKU in 2004.

Richman is married to the former Heather Proctor.



• CJ Conrad

Title: Tight Ends Coach
Year at EKU: 1st season
Alma Mater:
Kentucky, 2018

C.J. Conrad was hired as EKU's tight ends coach in June 2023.

Before arriving in Richmond, Conrad spent the three seasons at Kentucky as a graduate assistant and quality control coach for the Wildcats. Conrad played at Kentucky from 2015-18 and signed with the New York Giants practice squad following his UK career in 2019.

As a Wildcat, Conrad played in 48 career games with 42 starts, totaling 80 catches for 1,015 receiving yards and 12 touchdowns. He became the 28th player in school history to reach 1,000 yards receiving and his 12 scores are the second-most TD receptions by a tight end in program history. He was an All-SEC selection as a junior and ended his career at No. 28 on the school's career receiving yards list.

A native of LaGrange, Ohio, Conrad was named the winner of the 2018 Pop Warner National College Football Award, which recognizes a college graduating senior who has made a difference on the field, in the classroom and in his community, and serves as a role model to Pop Warner's young student-athletes. He was also a member of the 2018 SEC Community Service Team and was a nominee for the 2018 Allstate AFCA Good Works Team and the Wuerffel Trophy.

The four-time member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll graduated in December of 2018 with a degree in communications. He earned his master's degree in sport leadership from UK in December of 2022.



• Caleb Cox

Title: WRs/Recruiting Coord.
Year at EKU: 4th season
Alma Mater:
Kentucky Christian, 2013

Caleb Cox was chosen as EKU's wide receivers coach in January 2020.

In his third season at EKU, the Colonel wide receivers helped quarterback Parker McKinney set single-season records for passing yards, completions, and touchdowns. Three different wideouts caught at least 50 passes for at least 700 yards.

EKU's passing attack topped 300 yards in nine different games, combining for 881 yards in the final two games of the season. The Colonels ranked third nationally in passing offense (329.7 yards per game), eighth in completion percentage (68.6%), and 11th team passing efficiency (161.26).

During the 2021 season, five different Colonel wide receivers caught touchdown passes and hauled in 160 catches to help McKinney set the program single-season record with 229 completions.

Against top-ranked Sam Houston, EKU's passing game racked up 338 yards through the air, led by 103 receiving yards from Matt Wilcox, Jr. The Colonels closed the season with 299 yards passing in an Opportunity Bowl victory over Jacksonville State.

In his first season, Cox helped the offense conclude the fall third in the nation in passing offense (247.4 yards per game) and fourth in the country in total offense (376.4 yards per game). The Colonels ran up a season-high 590 yards of offense against Western Carolina in the 2020 Opportunity Bowl. The unit totaled 400 yards or more of offense in six of the final seven games of the season.

Wide receiver Keyion Dixon was chosen as the national player of the week during the 2020 season. Dixon was third in the country in receiving yards and fourth in receiving touchdowns. Receivers Jacquez Jones (4th) and Jackson Beerman (6th) also ranked among the national leaders in receiving yards.

Cox served as an offensive assistant at the University of Tennessee from 2016-19. In 2015, Cox was an offensive assistant at EKU. He worked as the wide receivers coach at Kentucky Christian University in 2013 and 2014.

Cox helped Tennessee reach the Music City Bowl in 2016 and the Tax Slayer Bowl in 2019. He has coached three players who were either drafted or received invitations to an NFL camp, including former Colonel offensive lineman Justin Adekoya.

Cox has extensive recruiting experience in Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky and North Carolina.

A 2013 graduate of Kentucky Christian, Cox earned a bachelor's of science degree in university studies and Biblical studies while playing wide receiver for the Knights. He earned a master's in Christian leadership from KCU in 2017 and a master's in agriculture leadership education communication at Tennessee in 2018.



• Derek Day

Title: Outside LBs/Co-Special Teams Coord.
Year at EKU: 4th season
Alma Mater:
Butler, 2009

Derek Day was chosen as EKU's inside linebackers coach and co-special teams coordinator in January 2020. He had previously worked on the staffs at Butler, Tennessee, Iowa State and Western Kentucky.

In his third season at EKU, Day helped coach linebacker Matthew Jackson to an All-American season. Jackson ranked third in the ASUN in tackles and made 41 stops over the final three games of the season.

EKU's defense held No. 15 Southeast Missouri to 10 points in the second half of a comeback victory and limited Central Arkansas to its lowest point total against an FCS opponent of the season.

Before the 2021 season, Day switched from coaching inside linebackers to coaching outside linebackers. The Colonel defense ranked fourth nationally in defensive touchdowns and 15th in red-zone defense, allowing opponents to score just 10.1 points per game in the second half.

Linebackers Kyle Bailey and Matthew Jackson each recorded 102 tackles, with Jackson being tabbed as Phil Steele's ASUN Defensive Player of the Year. Fellow linebacker Eli Hairston finished third on the team in tackles.

In his first season, Day helped the defense stymie a pair of Southern Conference offenses helping EKU beat The Citadel, 37-14, on the road and Western Carolina, 49-17, in the 2020 Opportunity Bowl.

In his first season as a starter, linebacker Matthew Jackson excelled. Jackson led the nation during the fall season with two fumbles recovered and ranked ninth in the country with 9.9 tackles per game. As a team, Eastern Kentucky was third in the country during the fall with 16 turnovers gained.

For three seasons (2017-19), Day served as the linebacker coach, co-special teams coordinator and recruiting coordinator at Butler. He coached two all-conference linebackers and an all-league kicker.

As a defensive quality control assistant working with linebackers at Tennessee in 2015 and 2016, Day helped the Volunteers reach the 2015 Outback Bowl and the 2016 Music City Bowl. He coached All-Southeastern Conference linebacker Jalen Reeves-Maybin who was a fourth round NFL Draft pick, and all-freshman team linebacker Darrin Kirkland Jr.

In 2012 and 2013, Day was a defensive graduate assistant linebackers coach at Iowa State. He helped the Cyclones reach the 2012 Liberty Bowl. He worked with two All-Big 12 and fifth round NFL Draft picks – linebackers AJ Klein (2013) and Jeremiah George (2014).

Day earned a bachelor's of science degree in education at Butler in 2009. He was a four-year starter at defensive end with the Bulldogs. Day received a master's degree in education at Iowa State in 2014. He and his wife Lacey have two children – Landyn and Cameron.



• Mike Dietzel

Title: Asst. HC/Safeties Coach
Year at EKU: 3rd season
Alma Mater:
Otterbein University, 1983

Mike Dietzel, who has 30-plus years of coaching experience at the college and professional level, joined the Eastern Kentucky staff as safeties coach in March of 2021.

In 2022, three of EKU's safeties ranked in the top-11 on the team in tackling, led by Nic Cheeley's 57 stops.

Safety Joseph Sayles returned an interception 40 yards for a touchdown against Austin Peay, while Mike Smith Jr. recorded his first career interception against North Alabama.

In his first season in Richmond, EKU safeties recorded five of the Colonels' 13 interceptions on the season. Eastern Kentucky's defense ranked fourth nationally in defensive touchdowns and 15th in red-zone defense.

Sayles tallied three interceptions, broke up three passes, forced one fumble, and block the potential game-tying kick in EKU's victory at Central Arkansas.

Dietzel served as the defensive backs/safeties coach at Ball State during the 2019 and 2020 seasons.

Ball State ranked 15th nationally in turnovers gained (24) in 2019. In 2020, BSU was seventh in the nation in defensive touchdowns.

Dietzel spent seven seasons at Western Kentucky (2003-09), including three as defensive coordinator. As the linebackers/secondary coach/special teams coordinator, he helped Central Michigan to bowl appearances in three of his four seasons with the Chippewas.

Over nine seasons at Buffalo (2010-14) and CMU, Dietzel's teams ranked second in the MAC in total defense four times.

Dietzel helped the 2001 Kent State team to its first winning season in 14 years while serving as the defensive coordinator and secondary coach.

In 2001, Dietzel served as the secondary coach/defensive passing game coordinator for the New York/New Jersey Hitmen of the XFL. His Hitmen team led the XFL in pass defense.

As the running backs/wide receivers/tight ends coach at Army (1995-99) Dietzel mentored a running backs group that led the nation in rushing in 1996 and 1998.

As the inside linebackers coach at Pennsylvania (1998) he helped the team to a share of the 1988 Ivy League championship.

Dietzel also coached at Colorado (1985-86), Earlham (1987) and Johns Hopkins (1994).

Dietzel played football at Otterbein University, where he was an honorable mention all-conference defensive back in 1983. He earned his bachelor's degree in educational administration from Otterbein (1985) and his master's in educational administration from Colorado (1986). Dietzel started the Fellowship of Christian Athletes program at Earlham in 1987. He also coached track & field in his one year at Johns Hopkins.

He and his wife Jennifer, a Bowling Green, Kentucky native, have one son – Taylor.

EKU Assistant Coaches



• Chris Franklin

Title: CBs/Co-Special Teams Coord.
Year at EKU: 4th season
Alma Mater:
Western Kentucky, 2009

Chris Franklin was chosen as EKU's safeties coach in April 2020.

In his third season at EKU, Colonel cornerbacks tallied six of the team's 10 interceptions on the season.

EKU cornerbacks tallied 21 pass breakups, 3.5 tackles for loss, and a forced fumble. The Colonels held five different opponents to less than 175 yards through the air.

In the spring of 2021, Franklin moved to coaching the cornerbacks. The Colonel defense ranked fourth nationally in defensive touchdowns and 15th in red-zone defense, allowing opponents to score just 10.1 points per game in the second half. Cornerback Davion Ross was named a consensus All-American and the ASUN Defensive Player of the Year after returning three interceptions for touchdowns and breaking up 13 passes

Colonel cornerbacks recorded 25 pass breakups on the year as EKU held three different teams to less than 160 yards passing.

In his first season, Franklin helped the defense stymie a pair of Southern Conference offenses helping EKU beat The Citadel, 37-14, on the road and Western Carolina, 49-17, in the 2020 Opportunity Bowl.

Safety Kmare Carey ranked ninth in the nation during the fall season with 0.40 interceptions per game. As a team, Eastern Kentucky was third in the country during the fall season with 16 turnovers gained.

Franklin spent the 2019 season working with cornerbacks in a defensive quality control position at Western Kentucky University. He helped the Hilltoppers to a 9-4 record and a victory in the 2019 SERVPRO First Responder Bowl.

In 2019, WKU produced a top-25 rated defense. Western allowed only 20.1 points per game, which was the lowest mark for the program since 2004 and ranked No. 22 in FBS. The Hilltoppers ranked 24th in total defense with 335.5 yards allowed per game, and 28th with 200 passing yards allowed per game. In a 45-19 win at Arkansas, the defense held the Razorbacks to just 87 yards through the air.

During the 2017 and 2018 seasons, Franklin was the defensive backs coach and punt return coach at Arkansas Tech University. He coached all-conference and All-America safety Cua Rose.

Franklin spent the 2015 and 2016 seasons on the coaching staff at the University of West Georgia. In 2015 he was a graduate assistant working with strong safeties. He served as the cornerbacks coach in 2016. He helped the Wolves capture a Gulf South Conference championship in his first season.

In the spring of 2015, Franklin worked with EKU linebackers in a defensive quality control position.

A defensive back during his playing days with the Hilltoppers, Franklin earned a degree in interdisciplinary studies with an emphasis in technology from Western Kentucky University in 2009. He and his wife Ashley have three sons – Caleb, CJ and Cameron, and one daughter – Amiya'h.



• Jeremy Hawkins

Title: Defensive Line Coach
Year at EKU: 4th season
Alma Mater:
Troy University, 2009

Jeremy Hawkins was chosen as EKU's defensive line coach in January 2020. He had previously worked on the staffs at Mercer, LSU and Alabama-Birmingham.

In his third season at EKU, Hawkins helped TK McLendon earn All-ASUN status, finishing third in the conference in sacks. EKU held No. 15 Southeast Missouri to 10 points in the second half of a comeback victory and limited Central Arkansas to its lowest point total against an FCS opponent of the season. McLendon was a Second-Team Phil Steele All-ASUN selection, while Kelton Dawson was named to the Third Team and Ryan Jackson earned Fourth-Team honors.

In 2021, Hawkins oversaw a defensive line that helped the Colonels post a 7-4 record. EKU ranked 15th nationally in red-zone defense and totaled 22 sacks and 66 tackles for loss. Four defensive linemen garnered All-ASUN recognition. Eastern Kentucky allowed just 10.1 points per game in the second half and Hawkins was named to the AFCA's 35 Under 35 list.

In his first season, Hawkins helped the defense stymie a pair of Southern Conference offenses helping EKU beat The Citadel, 37-14, on the road and Western Carolina, 49-17, in the 2020 Opportunity Bowl. EKU also knocked off No. 11 Central Arkansas for the program's first win over a top-25 ranked team since 2013, and first victory over a non-conference ranked team since 2003. Eastern held Troy to 10 second half points as EKU nearly upset the FBS Trojans on the road.

In 2019, Hawkins was the defensive line coach at Mercer. He also coached field goal block and the scout team offense. As the assistant director of player personnel at LSU during the 2018 season, Hawkins helped the Tigers to a 10-3 record and a spot in the Fiesta Bowl. His responsibilities included all aspects of recruiting, coordinating recruiting areas for all coaches, and discovery and evaluation of all prospects.

Hawkins served as the assistant defensive line coach and director of player personnel at Alabama-Birmingham during the 2015, 2016 and 2017 seasons. In his final season, the Blazers went 8-5 and earned a spot in the Bahamas Bowl.

During the 2014 season, Hawkins was the head coach and defensive coordinator at Middle Georgia State College. In 2012 and 2013, he was the defensive line coach at Dublin High School. His college coaching career began as the running backs and tight ends coach at the University of Central Oklahoma during the 2011 season.

Hawkins was a four-year letter winner at Troy University where he earned a bachelor's degree in sports and fitness management in 2009 and a master's degree in sports administration in 2014. As a player, he helped the Trojans reach three bowl games. Hawkins also played one year of Arena Football for the Iowa Bandits.

Hawkins resides in Richmond with his wife Kristen. They have two daughters, Adelle and Abigail, and a son, Aiden.



• Erik Losey

Title: Offensive Line Coach
Year at EKU: 4th season
Alma Mater:
Western Kentucky, 2006

Erik Losey was chosen as EKU's offensive line coach and recruiting coordinator in December 2019. He had served as the offensive line coach at Southern Mississippi, East Tennessee and Alcorn State.

In his third season at EKU, the offensive line helped the Colonels rank third nationally in passing offense per game (329.7), fifth in third-down conversion percentage (.519), 10th in total offense per game (451.3), 11th in scoring offense (36.2), and 18th in red zone offense (.879). Losey's group also paved the way for EKU to tally its highest point total in program history.

Left tackle Payton Collins was named a Fourth-Team Phil Steele/DraftScout All-American, as well as Phil Steele's ASUN Offensive Lineman of the Year.

EKU ranked 13th nationally in sacks allowed and 19th in sacks allowed per game in 2021, surrendering just 14 on the season. The Colonels also boasted the fourth-best red-zone offense in the country, scoring on 31 of its 33 trips (93.9 percent) inside in the red zone.

In his first season, Losey helped the offense conclude the fall third in the nation in passing offense (247.4 yards per game) and fourth in the country in total offense (376.4 yards per game). The Colonels ran up a season-high 590 yards of offense against Western Carolina in the 2020 Opportunity Bowl. The unit totaled 400 yards or more of offense in six of the final seven games of the season.

Three offensive players – quarterback Parker McKinney, wide receiver Keyion Dixon and running back Alonzo Booth – were each chosen as the national player of the week during the 2020 season.

Losey spent the 2019 season as a strength and conditioning intern at the University of South Carolina.

During the 2017 and 2018 seasons Losey was the offensive line coach at Southern Miss. He helped the Golden Eagles to an 8-5 record and a trip to the Independence Bowl in 2017. That season, USM led Conference USA and was 11th in the country in fewest sacks allowed.

Losey was the offensive line coach at East Tennessee from 2014 to 2016 and at Alcorn State during the 2013 season. He coached Ben Blackmon to a spot on the 2016 all-conference freshman team in 2016 at ETSU.

During the spring of 2012, Losey coached tight ends at Campbell University. He moved over to coach the running backs during the 2012 season at Campbell. In 2011, he coached the offensive line at Webber International.

After starting his coaching career at Western Kentucky in a graduate assistant role in 2007 and 2008, Losey was an offensive quality control assistant at Florida State during the 2009 and 2010 seasons.

Losey earned a bachelor's degree in history and social studies at Western Kentucky in December 2006. He and his wife Kaitlyn reside in Richmond.



• Maxwell Smith

Title: Quarterbacks Coach
Year at EKU: 1st season
Alma Mater:
Kentucky, 2014

Maxwell Smith was hired as EKU's quarterbacks coach in February 2023.

Before arriving in Richmond, Smith served as the quarterbacks coach at Heidelberg University for two seasons. Under Smith's tutelage, Heidelberg quarterback Drew Sims ranked in the top-10 nationally in yards per completion in 2021 and 2022. Sims was also an All-OAC selection following the 2021 season.

Prior to joining the staff at Heidelberg, Smith coached for three seasons at Kentucky as a grad assistant.

As a player, Smith started 11 games at quarterback for Kentucky. In 2013, he led the Wildcats in passing, throwing for 1,276 yards and nine touchdowns against just one interception. Smith was a Freshman All-SEC performer in 2011, setting a UK school record for most passing yards by a true freshman with a 283-yard performance against Ole Miss.

Smith transferred to San Diego State in 2015 and won the starting job for the Aztecs. The Granada Hills, Calif., native threw for 1,529 yards and 13 touchdowns while setting an SDSU record by going 10 consecutive games without throwing an interception. As the starter, Smith guided the Aztecs to seven consecutive wins as SDSU captured the Mountain West Conference championship and won the Hawaii Bowl.



• Billy Brown

Title: Dir. Football Sports Performance
Year at EKU: 3rd season
Alma Mater:
Central Florida, 2011

Billy Brown was chosen as EKU's director of football sports performance in February 2020.

In Brown's third season, the Colonels earned their first NCAA FCS Playoff berth since 2014 and a share of the ASUN regular-season championship. EKU went 6-2 against FCS opponents and beat an FBS team for the first time in eight seasons. The Colonels rose to No. 16 in the national polls and posted a 5-2 mark at Roy Kidd Stadium.

In 2021, EKU completed the biggest single-season turnaround in program history as the Colonels went 7-4 after a 3-6 campaign in 2020. Eastern Kentucky defeated three teams that were ranked in the preseason top-25 and went 5-1 at Roy Kidd Stadium. EKU climbed as high as No. 19 in the national rankings and won five consecutive games for the first time since 2014.

In his first season, he helped the Colonels to a road win at The Citadel, a near upset of FBS Troy, a victory over No. 11 Central Arkansas and a 49-17 win against Western Carolina in the 2020 Opportunity Bowl. The win over the 11th ranked Bears was the program's first victory over a ranked team since 2013 and the first win over a non-conference ranked team since 2003 when Eastern Kentucky beat No. 11 Appalachian State. EKU was recognized as the national team of the week three times during the 2020 season.

Before coming to Eastern Kentucky, Brown was the assistant strength and conditioning coach at Marshall from February of 2013 to 2020. While with the Thundering Herd, he collaborated on the design and execution of all aspects of the football strength and conditioning program, and implemented unique strength and conditioning programs for softball and baseball. He also created and directed all elements of the nutrition program at Marshall.

From January 2012 to February 2013, Brown served as a graduate assistant strength and conditioning coach at The Citadel. He oversaw the strength and conditioning programs for baseball and cross country while providing year-round assistance with the football and wrestling teams. While serving as an assistant strength and conditioning coach at Central Florida from May 2010 to December 2011, Brown worked directly with the football, baseball, tennis, soccer, track and men's golf programs.

Brown earned a bachelor's of science degree in exercise physiology from Central Florida in May 2011. He also is certified by the Collegiate Strength & Conditioning Coaches Association.

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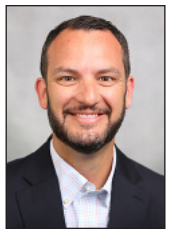
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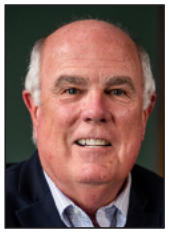


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• Dance Team

- Placed second in the pom and third in the team category at the 2021 NDA College National Championships
- Top 3 in both the pom and team divisions in 2019
- Named the 2017 and 2018 National Champion Runner-Up in the Division I Pom Competition
- Active on campus promoting school spirit & assisting with events
- Featured on the UDA college combine promotion website, the National Dance Conference program, and many uniform marketing websites
- Awarded superior bids while attending NDA camp
- Will be hosting dance clinics for all ages and levels throughout the year. Email kiara.powell@eku.edu or jenna.beckham@eku.edu for more info
- Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter







• Marching Colonels

- A generations-old game day tradition at Eastern Kentucky, the EKU Marching Colonels proudly represent the School of Music, athletes, students, alumni, and all Colonel fans at each home game
- A centerpiece of university spirit on and off the field, the Marching Colonels represent the largest spirit group on campus, and is made up of students representing all of Eastern's colleges in over 30 degree programs
- In the 1930s, student Frank Wilcox's poetic text was set to music, thus creating "Hail, Hail Eastern Maroons!"
- Each game day when the Marching Colonels take the field to fire up the crowd they proudly present an array of Eastern's traditional spirit songs including: EKU Fanfare, Hail, Hail Eastern Maroons!, My Old Kentucky Home, and Yea, Eastern!

HAIL, HAIL EASTERN MAROONS!
Hail, Hail Eastern Maroons,
You're the pride of dear old Alma Mater.
Hail, Hail, Eastern Maroons,
For thee we'll give three rousting cheers. RAH, RAH, RAH!
Hail, Hail, Eastern Maroons,
Loyal to thee we stand,
Ever FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT!,
We'll make our school the best one in the land.



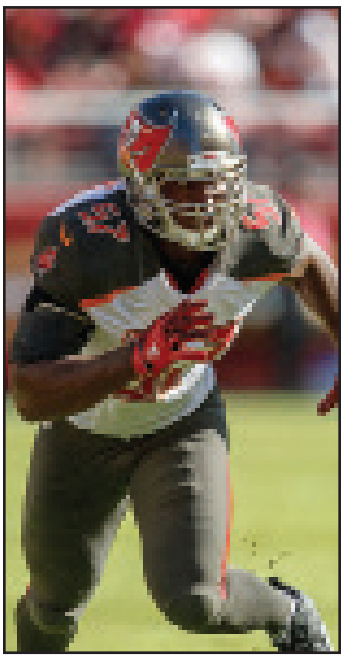




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Current & Former NFL Players

Alex Bannister (1997-00) – Seattle Seahawks (2001-05), Baltimore Ravens (2006)
Yeremiah Bell (1999-02) – Miami Dolphins (2004-11), New York Jets (2012), Arizona Cardinals (2013)
Jordan Berry (2009-13) – Pittsburgh Steelers (2015-2020, 2022), Minnesota Vikings (2021)
Steve Bird (1979-82) – St. Louis Cardinals (1983-84), San Diego Chargers (1984)
Keith Bosley (1982-85) – Cleveland Browns (1987)
Elmo Boyd (1973-76) – San Francisco 49ers (1978), Green Bay Packers (1978)
Tim Boyle (2017) – Green Bay (2018-20), Detroit Lions (2021-22), Chicago Bears (2022), New York Jets (2023-present)
Chad Bratzke (1990-93) – New York Giants (1994-98), Indianapolis Colts (1999-03)
Diaello Burks (1992-95) – Philadelphia Eagles (1996), Carolina Panthers (1999-00)
Wally Chambers (1969-72) – Chicago Bears (1973-77), Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1978-79)
Danny Copeland (1984-87) – Kansas City Chiefs (1989-90), Washington Redskins (1991-93)
Dale Dawson (1983-86) – Minnesota Vikings (1987), Green Bay Packers (1988), Philadelphia Eagles (1988)
Bryan Dickerson (1992-94) – Jacksonville Jaguars (1995)
Jason Dunn (1992-95) – Philadelphia Eagles (1996-98), Kansas City Chiefs (2000-07)
George Floyd (1978-81) – New York Jets (1982, 1984)
Myron Guyton (1985-88) – New York Giants (1989-93), New England Patriots (1994-95)
Derek Hardman (2006-09) – Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2010-12)
Elroy Harris (1985-88) – Seattle Seahawks (1989)
David Hoelscher (1994-97) – Washington Redskins (1998)
Joe Hollingsworth (1946-47) – Pittsburgh Steelers (1949-51)
Tyrone Hopson (1995-98) – San Francisco 49ers (1999-00), Detroit Lions (2002-06)
Byron Ingram (1982-86) – Kansas City Chiefs (1987-88), Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1989)
John Jackson (1984-87) – Pittsburgh Steelers (1988-97), San Diego Chargers (1989-99), Cincinnati Bengals (2000-01)
Matthew Jackson (2017-22) – Tennessee Titans (2023-present)
Aaron Jones (1984-87) – Pittsburgh Steelers (1988-92), New England Patriots (1993-95), Miami Dolphins (1996)
John Klingel (1983-86) – Philadelphia Eagles (1987-88)
Matt Lengel (2010-14) – New England Patriots (2016), Cleveland Browns (2017), Houston Texans (2018), Cincinnati Bengals (2018), Indianapolis Colts (2019)
Tim Lester (1988-91) – Los Angeles Rams (1992-94), Pittsburgh Steelers (1995-98), Dallas Cowboys (1999)
Aaron Marsh (1964-67) – Boston Patriots (1968-69)
Tony McCombs (1994-96) – Arizona Cardinals (1997-98)
TK McLendon (2021-22) – Tennessee Titans (2023-present)
Antwaun Molden (2005-07) – Houston Texans (2008-10), New England Patriots (2011), Jacksonville Jaguars (2012)
Buddy Moor (1977-80) – Atlanta Falcons (1987)
Aaron Patrick (2015-19) – Jacksonville Jaguars (2020), Denver Broncos (2021-22)
Ray Pelfrey (1949-50) – Green Bay Packers (1951-52), Chicago Cardinals (1952), Dallas Texans (1952), New York Giants (1953)
Jessie Small (1985-88) – Philadelphia Eagles (1989-91), Phoenix Cardinals (1992)
Noah Spence (2015) – Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2016-18), Washington Redskins (2019), New Orleans Saints (2019-20), Cincinnati Bengals (2021)
Markus Thomas (1989-92) – Philadelphia Eagles (1993)
Larry Turner (2000-03) – St. Louis Rams (2004-06), Cincinnati Bengals (2005)
David Wilkins (1988-91) – San Francisco 49ers (1992), Indianapolis Colts (1996)



Noah Spence was chosen to the NFL All-Rookie Team in 2016. Courtesy of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.



Matt Lengel helped the New England Patriots win the 2017 Super Bowl. Courtesy of the New England Patriots/ JoshBeekman.

EKU in the NFL Draft

2016	Noah Spence	2nd round, Tampa Bay
2008	Antwaun Molden	3rd round, Texans
2004	Larry Turner	7th round, Rams
2003	Yeremiah Bell	6th round, Dolphins
2001	Alex Bannister	5th round, Seahawks
1999	Tyrone Hopson	5th round, 49ers
	Rondel Menendez	7th round, Falcons
1997	Tony McCombs	6th Round, Cardinals
1996	Jason Dunn	2nd round, Eagles
1994	Chad Bratzke	5th round, Giants
1992	Tim Lester	10th round, Rams
1989	Jessie Small	2nd round, Eagles
	Elroy Harris	3rd round, Seahawks
	Myron Guyton	8th round, Giants
	Mike Cadore	12th round, Saints
1988	Aaron Jones	1st round, Steelers
	Danny Copeland	9th round, Browns
	John Jackson	10th round, Steelers
1986	Joe Mauntel	8th round, Raiders
1984	Tron Armstrong	5th round, Jets
1983	Steve Bird	5th round, Cardinals
1982	George Floyd	4th round, Jets
1977	Elmo Boyd	3rd round, 49ers
	Roosevelt Kelly	9th round, Steelers
1976	Junior Hardin	10th round, Saints
1973	Wallace Chambers	1st round, Bears
1968	Aaron Marsh	3rd round, Patriots
1957	Tom Schulte	22nd round, Lions
1956	John Sebest	19th round, Lions
1955	Don Daly	17th round, Lions
	Bob Mueller	19th round, Lions
	Karl Bays	23rd round, Cardinals
1951	Ray Pelfrey	17th round, Packers

Eastern Kentucky University possesses one of the richest traditions in all of college football, and the future appears to be just as bright as the past. Now in its second century of football, the current group of Colonels hopes to leave its mark in the EKU annals just as the first 100 teams put together 'A Century of Excellence.'

EKU football has come a long way since the first organized game was played in 1909 on Stateland Field, and much of the credit is given to Roy Kidd, an All-American quarterback at Eastern in 1953, who returned to his alma mater in 1963 and proceeded to build a national powerhouse.

Kidd's 39-year record at Eastern concluded in 2002 with 314 wins, 124 losses and eight ties, for a remarkable .713 winning percentage. He was twice chosen National I-AA Coach of the Year and was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame as well as the Ohio Valley Conference Hall of Fame.

The popularity of Eastern football grew so rapidly in the 1960s that Hanger Stadium, the home of the Maroons (the school's nickname later became Colonels) since 1936, was too small for the large enthusiastic crowds. Eastern paid "old" Hanger a fitting farewell in 1968 as it thrashed rival Morehead State, 35-7. A new era in EKU football began the following year when the Colonels moved to Hanger Field, a modern 20,000-seat facility. Eastern christened its new playing field with a 29-10 drubbing of Austin Peay. In 1990, the stadium portion of the football complex was named in honor of Roy Kidd. The Colonels defeated the University of Central Florida that day, 24-12.

There have been many memorable moments in the rich heritage of Eastern football. One came in 1967 when EKU, the OVC champion, won the NCAA Mideast Regional championship by defeating Ball State, 27-13, in the Grantland Rice Bowl. Another occurred in 1954 when Eastern's third regular season undefeated team (the first was in 1940) made the school's first bowl appearance only to fall to the University of Omaha, 7-6, in the Tangerine Bowl.

Under the guidance of Coach Kidd on Dec. 18, 1982, EKU capped a perfect 13-0 season by defeating Delaware in the NCAA Division I-AA title game, 17-14, for the University's second national championship.

That victory marked Eastern's fourth-straight appearance in the Division I-AA championship game, having also won the title in 1979 while taking the runner-up trophies in both 1980 and 1981.



Former EKU head coach Roy Kidd and the Colonels celebrate their first national championship after defeating Lehigh, 30-7, on Dec. 15, 1979.

EKU Football

NCAA Division I FCS National Championships (2)
• 1979, 1982

NCAA Division I FCS National Runners-Up (2)
• 1980, 1981

NCAA Division I FCS Playoff Appearances (22)
• 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1997, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2014, 2022

NCAA Division II Playoff Appearances (1)
• 1976

Conference Championships (22)
• 1954, 1962, 1967, 1968, 1974, 1976, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1997, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2022

Grantland Rice Bowl
• 1967

Tangerine Bowl
• 1954



Kidd's status among the coaching profession was well-known, but Eastern has had other successful coaches during its football history. Previous coaches include James Park (1909), Clyde Wilson (1910-11), Charles Keith (1912), Ben Bernard (1913-16), Clyde McCoy (1919-21), George Hembree (1922-28) , Charles "Turkey" Hughes (1929-34), Rome Rankin (1935-42, 1945-46), Tom Samuels (1947-53), Glenn Presnell (1954-63), Danny Hope (2003-07), Dean Hood (2008-15) and Mark Elder (2016-19).

Walt Wells, the program's 15th head coach, took the helm in December 2019. He served previously at EKU as an assistant under Kidd (1997-02) and again under Hood (2015).

Following Kidd's retirement, the Colonels won conference championships in 2007, 2008 and 2011 under head coaches Hope and Hood. EKU remained a player on the national stage with FCS playoff appearances in 2007, 2008, 2011 and 2014.

Eastern Kentucky's 17-13 win at Austin Peay on Nov. 3, 2018 was the 600th victory in program history. The Colonels are now 609-391-38 in 106 seasons of football. EKU was the 20th FCS program to win 600 games.

Since 1948, EKU has won 16 regular season conference titles outright (1954, '67, '68, '74, '76, '81, '82, '83, '84, '88, '91, '93, '94, '97, '07 and '08), shared five titles (1962, '86, '87, '90 and '11).

EKU football has produced 67 All-Americans and has had 40 players drafted into the professional ranks. Three of the best known former Eastern players are 1972 All-American Wally Chambers, who was voted 1973 NFC Defensive Rookie of the Year as a tackle with the Chicago Bears; 1993 All-American Chad Bratzke, who spent 11 years with the New York Giants and Indianapolis Colts as a pass-rushing defensive end; and Noah Spence, the 39th pick in the 2016 NFL Draft.

CG Bank Field at Roy Kidd Stadium and the Robert B. Begley Building, the home of Colonel football since 1969, is one of the most unique, architecturally-designed academic-athletics complexes in the nation.

Roy Kidd Stadium was enhanced significantly in 2017. New east side seating was completed with 3,000 new bleacher seats and a concourse that features modern concessions and restroom facilities. The first floor is dedicated to the benefit of Colonel football student-athletes and includes a new team locker room featuring a team lounge, equipment room and a game day training area.

The entire structure was constructed with future expansion and renovations to Roy Kidd Stadium in mind.

More than a half million fans have visited Roy Kidd Stadium since 2000, highlighted by a crowd of 22,700 which watched the Colonels take on Western Kentucky in 2004 (the fifth-largest crowd in Roy Kidd Stadium history).

The stadium portion of the Begley Complex was named in honor of former head football coach Roy Kidd. The dedication took place on Sept. 8, 1990, when the Colonels defeated Central Florida, 24-12. Eastern opened the stadium in 1969 defeating Austin Peay, 29-10. Hanger Field was officially dedicated on Sept. 26, 1970 when the Colonels downed East Tennessee, 10-6. In 2022, in a partnership with CG Bank, the field was renamed CG Bank Field.

The nine-story structure provides seating for approximately 20,000 football spectators. Hanger Field underwent a transformation from natural grass to synthetic turf in the spring of 2009.

The Colonels have found Kidd Stadium to their liking during its 52-year history. Entering the 2021 season, Eastern has won 229, lost 62, and tied 1 (.786 winning percentage), and had a home undefeated streak of 36 games which began on Sept. 23, 1978, and was brought to a halt Nov. 27, 1983. EKU also ran off 27-straight wins at Hanger Field from 1985-89 and had a Roy Kidd Stadium OVC consecutive game winning streak of 22 games dating back to 1977 broken in 1984 and another 20-game OVC win streak stopped in 1990.

The single-level pressbox, which towers 94 feet above the playing field, has working space for approximately 80 media representatives, including private coaching booths, radio booths and film areas. In the summer of 2013, new Daktronics LED video displays and a custom audio system were installed at RKS.

Facilities inside the stadium include offices for the athletics staff, locker rooms and media interview room. The structure also has 10 racquetball courts, two basketball courts, a gymnastics area, two cardiovascular rooms and classroom space to serve 2,000 students simultaneously.



Eastern Kentucky defeated Austin Peay in the inaugural game at then Hanger Field, 29-10, on Oct. 4, 1969.

Year-By-Year Records

Year	W	L	T	Year	W	L	T
1969	3	1	0	1997	4	1	0
1970	4	1	0	1998	3	3	0
1971	4	1	0	1999	4	1	0
1972	3	2	0	2000	4	2	0
1973	4	2	0	2001	5	1	0
1974	5	0	0	2002	5	1	0
1975	4	1	0	2003	4	1	0
1976	5	1	0	2004	2	3	0
1977	3	2	0	2005	4	1	0
1978	5	0	0	2006	3	2	0
1979	7	0	0	2007	5	0	0
1980	6	0	0	2008	5	1	0
1981	7	0	0	2009	3	2	0
1982	6	0	0	2010	5	0	0
1983	4	1	1	2011	4	3	0
1984	5	2	0	2012	4	1	0
1985	4	1	0	2013	4	2	0
1986	6	0	0	2014	4	2	0
1987	5	0	0	2015	3	1	0
1988	8	0	0	2016	2	3	0
1989	5	1	0	2017	3	2	0
1990	5	2	0	2018	4	2	0
1991	8	0	0	2019	3	2	0
1992	5	0	0	2020	2	2	0
1993	4	2	0	2021	5	1	0
1994	6	0	0	2022	5	2	0
1995	6	0	0	Tot.	239	65	1
1996	3	3	0				

Top 10 Crowds

1. 25,300 Oct. 20, 1979
   EKU 8, Western Kentucky 6
2. 25,000 Oct. 22, 1977
   EKU 35, Western Kentucky 10
3. 24,500 Oct. 23, 1971
   Western Kentucky 16, EKU 7
4. 24,200 Oct. 25, 1975
   EKU 13, Western Kentucky 7
5. 22,700 Sept. 18, 2004
   Western Kentucky 21, EKU 8
6. 22,500 Oct. 31, 1970
   EKU 17, Murray State 7
7. 22,400 Sept. 19, 1987
   EKU 37, Marshall 34
8. 21,700 Sept. 10, 1988
   EKU 48, Delaware State 7
9. 21,200 Nov. 1, 1980
   EKU 24, Murray State 14
10. 20,800 Oct. 24, 1981
    EKU 19, Western Kentucky 11




EKU ATHLETICS
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All-Americans

John Killen	HB	1936
Alfred Limb	End	1936
Fred Darling	OT	1941
J.W. "Spider" Thurman	QB	1941
Charles Shuster	HB	1941, 42
Don Daly	HB	1952
Roy Kidd	QB	1953
Jimmy Chittum	HB	1963
Buddy Pfaadt	S	1966
Aaron Marsh	SE	1967
Jim Guice	QB	1968
Fred Troike	OG	1968
Teddy Taylor	NG	1969
Wally Chambers	DT	1972
Everett Talbert	TB	1974
Junior Hardin	DT	1975
Scott McCallister	TB	1975
Ernie House	QB	1976
Roosevelt Kelly	C	1976
Jim Nelson	WR	1977
Bob McIntyre	LB	1979
George Floyd	ROV	1980, 81
Kevin Greve	OG	1980, 81
Steve Bird	WR	1982
Chris Sullivan	C	1983, 84
Joe Spadafino	OG	1985
Fred Harvey	LB	1986
Dale Dawson	K	1986
Aaron Jones	DT	1987
Elroy Harris	TB	1988
Jessie Small	DE	1988
Al Jacevicius	OT	1989, 90
Kelly Blount	LB	1990
Carl Satterly	OT	1991
Ernest Thompson	DL	1991
Markus Thomas	TB	1992
Chad Bratzke	DE	1993
James Hand	OG	1994, 95
Marc Collins	P	1995
Tony McCombs	LB	1996
Chris Guyton	DB	1997
David Hoelscher	DE	1997
Tyrone Hopson	OT	1998
Alex Bannister	WR	2000
Yeremiah Bell	DB	2001
Pierre Wright	DB	2004
Patrick Bugg	TE	2005, 06
Derrick Huff	DB	2007
Taylor Long	K	2008
Derek Hardman	OT	2009
Jeremy Caldwell	KR	2010
Andrew Soucy	DL	2010
Emory Attig	DL	2011
Jeremy Caldwell	DB	2011
Matt Denham	RB	2011
Aaron Adams	OL	2012
Dy'Shawn Mobley	RB	2014
Noah Spence	DE	2015
Keith Wrzuszczak	P	2017
Aaron Patrick	DE	2019
Matthew Jackson	LB	2020, 22
Payton Collins	OT	2021, 22
Patrick Nations	K	2021
Davion Ross	DB	2021
Parker McKinney	QB	2022
Braedon Sloan	AP	2022

Academic All-Americans

Steve Frommeyer	FS	1977
Danny Copeland	DB	1987
Graham Ashkettle	OL	2019
Samuel Hayworth	K	2019



QB Spider Thurman



OG James Hand



RB Matt Denham

Conference Player of the Year

Offensive

Everett Talbert	RB	1974, 76
Ernie House	QB	1976
Steve Bird	WR	1982
Elroy Harris	TB	1988
Markus Thomas	TB	1991, 92
Simon Fuentes	QB	1997
Josh Greco	QB	2005
Allan Holland	QB	2007
Dy'Shawn Mobley	RB	2014
Parker McKinney	QB	2022

Defensive

Buddy Pfaadt	DB	1966
George Floyd	DB	1980, 81
Fred Harvey	LB	1984, 86
Aaron Jones	DL	1987
David Wilkins	DE	1991
Chad Bratzke	DE	1993
Tony McCombs	LB	1996
Yeremiah Bell	DB	2001
Justen Rivers	LB	2004
Derrick Huff	DB	2007
Andrew Soucy	DL	2010
Noah Spence	DE	2015
Aaron Patrick	DE	2019
Davion Ross	DB	2021

Special Teams

Patrick Nations	K	2021



WR Devin Borders

Conference Freshman of the Year

T.J. Pryor	QB	2009
Devin Borders	WR	2013

Conference Athlete of the Year

George Floyd	DB	1982
Steve Bird	WR	1983
Chris Sullivan	C	1985
Fred Harvey	LB	1987
Markus Thomas	TB	1993

Note: this award is given annually in the spring to the league's top male student-athlete overall

Conference Coach of the Year

Roy Kidd (10)	
	1967, 74, 76, 81, 82, 83, 88, 90, 91, 97
Danny Hope	2007
Dean Hood	2008
Walt Wells	2021, 22

Team and Individual Records



The 1988 Colonels tallied 424 points and piled up 5,793 yards of total offense. Both of those numbers are program single season records.

Team Single Game Records

Largest margin of victory: 67-0 vs. Morehead State, 1925
Largest margin of defeat: 99-0 vs. Wittenberg, 1931

Most EKU points: 67 vs. Morehead State, 1925; at Austin Peay, 2016
Most opponent points: 99 vs. Wittenberg, 1931

Rushing Yards: 510 vs. East Tennessee, 1977
Rushing First Downs: 26 vs. Morehead State, 1989

Touchdown Passes: 6 vs. Northwood in 1967; vs. Tennessee Tech, 2005

PATs: 9 vs. Tennessee Tech, 1981

Touchdowns: 9 vs. Evansville, 1953; vs. Tennessee Tech, 1981
First Downs: 36 at Murray State, 2015

Rushing Defense: (-43) vs. Middle Tennessee, 1981
Fewest First Downs Allowed: 2 vs. Murray State, 1976
Penalty Yards: 201 vs. Morehead State, 1988

Team Single Season Records

Undefeated Seasons: 1940 (8-0-0), 1954 (8-0-1), 1982 (13-0-0)
Wins: 13 in 1982 (13-0-0)
Losses: 8 in 1929 (1-8-0); in 2016 (3-8)
Ties: 4 in 1909 (0-0-4)
Consecutive Wins: 18 (1982-83)
Consecutive games without a loss: 19 (1982-83), 1 tie

Rushing Yards: 4,309 (1988)
Rushing First Downs: 212 (1988)

Pass Attempts: 459 (2022)
Completions: 315 (2022)
Completion Percentage: 68.6 (2022)
Passing Yards: 3,956 (2022)
Passing First Downs: 181 (2022)

Total Offense: 5,793 (1988)

PATs: 49 (1994, 1995)
Field Goal Percentage: 83.3 (10-of-12) (1974)

Points: 434 (2022)
Touchdowns: 56 (1988)
Most Points Allowed: 422 (2022)
Least Points Scored: 15 (1930)

Rushing Defense: 867 (2002)
Passing Defense: 487 (1957)
Penalty Yards: 998 (2003)
Interceptions: 29 (1986)

Punting Avg: 44.0 (2017)
Punts Blocked: 6 (2001)

Individual Single Game Records

Rushing Attempts: 43 (Alfred Thompson vs. Morehead St., 1973)
Rushing Yards: 300 (Markus Thomas vs. Marshall, 1989)
Longest run from scrimmage: 99 yards (Bobby Washington at Murray State, 2007)

Pass Attempts: 71 (Josh Greco at Eastern Illinois, 2005)
Completions: 44 (Bennie Coney at Murray State, 2015)
Passing Yards: 464 (Bennie Coney at Tennessee Tech, 2016)
Touchdown Passes: 5 (T.J. Pryor at Jacksonville State, 2011); (Bennie Coney vs. Tennessee Tech, 2015); (Bennie Coney vs. UT Martin, 2015); (Parker McKinney vs. North Alabama, 2022) (Parker McKinney vs. Kennesaw State, 2022)
Longest touchdown pass: 90 yards (Parker McKinney to Keyion Dixon at Troy, 2020)

Receptions: 19 (Aaron Marsh vs. Northwood, 1967)
Receiving Yards: 316 (Aaron Marsh vs. Northwood, 1967)

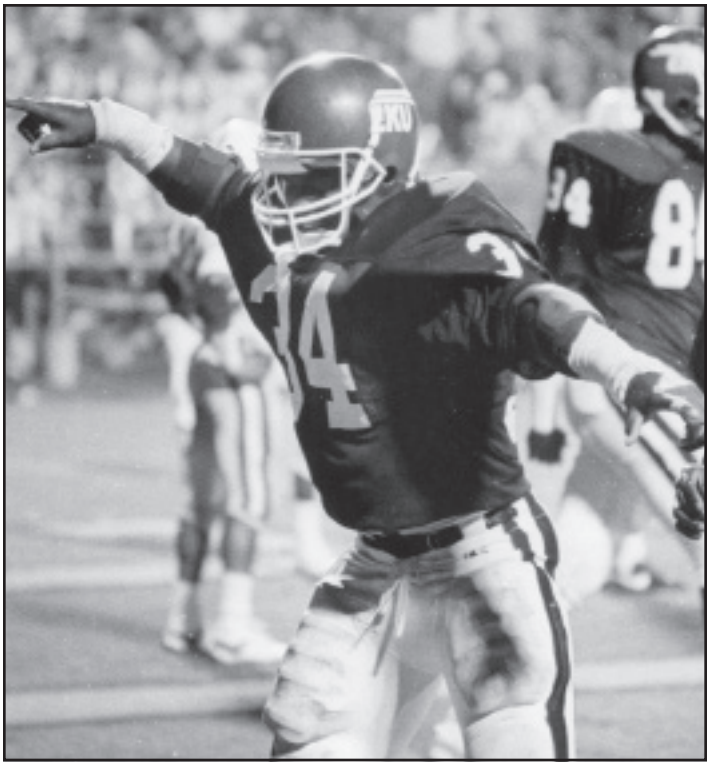
Field Goals: 5 (Jamie Lovett vs. Youngstown State, 1983); (Samuel Hayworth at Jacksonville State, 2019)
PATs: 9 (Jamie Lovett vs. Tennessee Tech, 1981)
Kicking Points: 17 (Samuel Hayworth [Alex Shelton snapper, Phillip Richards holder] at Jacksonville State, 2019)
Longest field goal: 57 yards (Dale Dawson vs. Murray State, 1985)

Points: 36 (Dy'Shawn Mobley at Murray State, 2014)
Touchdowns: 6 – (Dy'Shawn Mobley at Murray State, 2014)

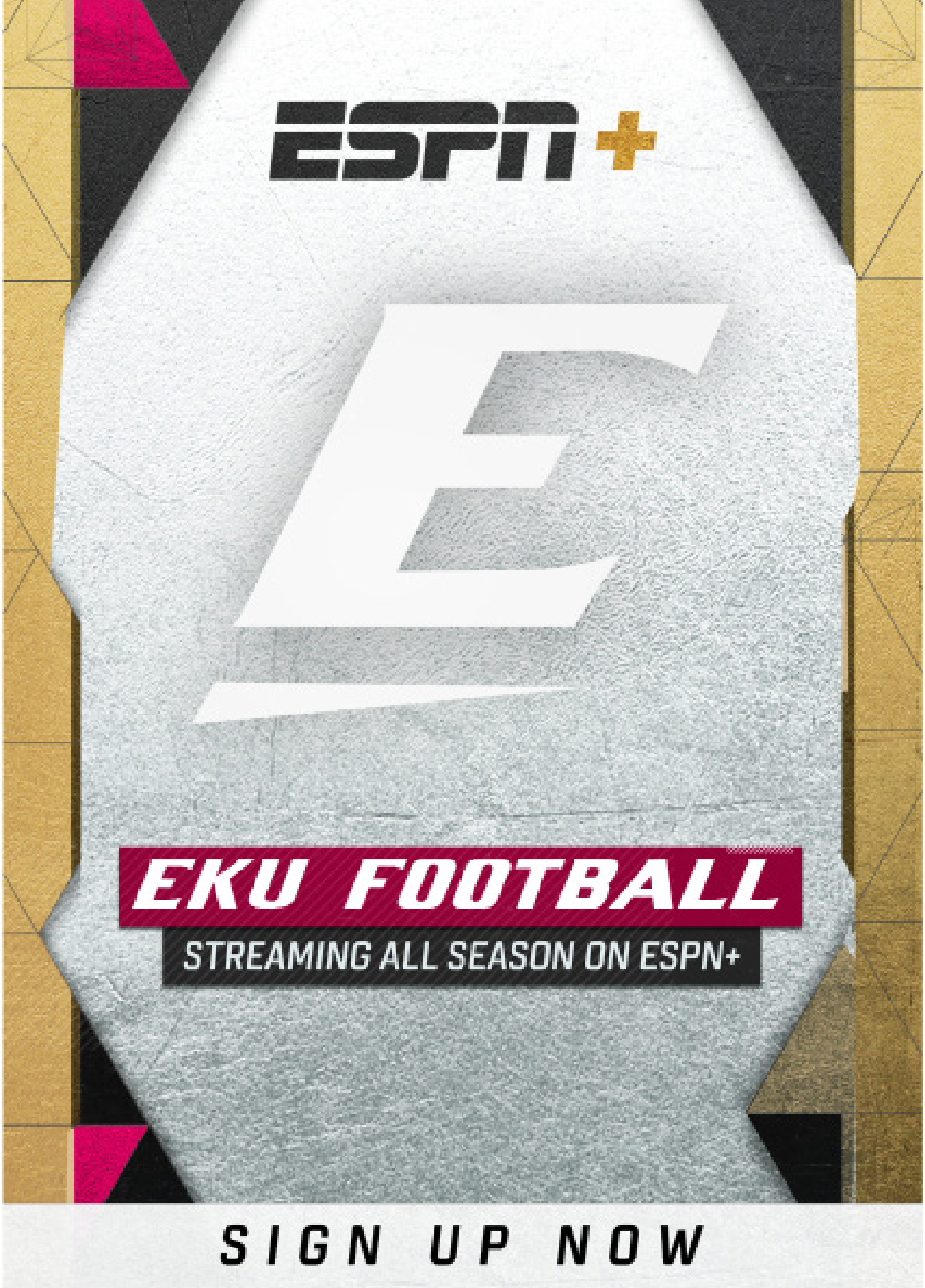
Kickoff Return Yards: 232 (Mike Cadore vs. NE Louisiana, 1987)
Longest kickoff return: 100 (Davin Walker vs. Murray State, 2006, and Leon Brown twice, last vs WKU, 1992)

Punts: 13 – two players tied: (last time: Phil Kuhl vs. Murray State, 2001)
Punting Yards: 488 (Phil Kuhl vs. Murray State, 2001)
Longest punt: 84 yards (Keith Wrzuszczak vs. Tennessee-Martin, 2017)
Longest punt return: 88 yards (Tony James vs. Austin Peay, 1982, and vs. Florida A&M, 1984)

Interceptions: 4: two players tied: (last time: Pat Smith vs. Marshall, 1986)
Longest interception return: 100 (George Floyd vs. Youngstown St., 1980)



RB Elroy Harris


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Team and Individual Records



QB T.J. Pryor

Individual Single Season Records

Rushing Attempts: 371 (Elroy Harris, 1988)
Rushing Yards: 1,998 (Elroy Harris, 1988)
Per Rush Avg. (min. 50 att.): 7.2 yards (Leon Brown, 1993)

Pass Attempts: 459 (Parker McKinney, 2022)
Completions: 315 (Parker McKinney, 2022)
Consecutive Passes Thrown Without an Interception: 201
(Allan Holland, 2007)
Completion Percentage: 68.6 (Parker McKinney, 2022)
Passing Yards: 3,956 (Parker McKinney, 2022)
Touchdown Passes: 33 (Parker McKinney, 2022)

Receptions: 73 (Aaron Marsh, 1966)
Receiving Yards: 1,150 (Andre Ralston, 2005)
Touchdown Receptions: 12 (Alex Bannister, 2000)

Total Offense: 4,310 (Parker McKinney, 2022)

Field Goals: 23 (Dale Dawson, 1986)
PATs: 48 (John Wright, 1997, and Patrick Nations, 2022)
PAT Attempts: 50 (John Wright, 1997, and Patrick Nations 2022)
Kicking Points: 108 (Dale Dawson, 1986)

Points: 164 (Elroy Harris, 1988)
Touchdowns: 27 (Elroy Harris, 1988)

Kickoff Returns: 34 (Danny Copeland, 1986)
Kickoff Return Yards: 967 (Danny Copeland, 1986)
Kickoff Return Avg: 33.7 (Jeremy Caldwell, 2010)

Punt Returns: 36 (George Floyd, 1981)
Punt Return Yards: 456 (Aaron Marsh, 1967)
Punt Return Avg.: 22.1 (Allen Evans, 2003)

Punting Average: 44.1 (Keith Wrzuszczak, 2017)

Tackles: 182 (Fred Harvey, 1986)
Sacks: 13 (Jessie Small, 1988)
Interceptions: 10 (George Floyd, 1981, and Pat Smith, 1986)

Individual Career Records

Rushing Attempts: 920 (Jimmie Brooks, 1968-71)
Rushing Yards: 5,552 (Markus Thomas, 1989-92)
Per Rush Avg: 6.3 (Markus Thomas, 1989-92)
Rushing Touchdowns: 52 (Markus Thomas, 1989-92)

Passing Attempts: 1,399 (Parker McKinney, 2018-present)
Completions: 875 (Parker McKinney, 2018-present)
Passing Yards: 10,480 (Parker McKinney, 2018-present)
Touchdown Passes: 78 (Parker McKinney, 2018-present)

Receptions: 165 (Andre Ralston, 2002-05)
Receiving Yards: 3,095 (Andre Ralston, 2002-05)
Touchdown Receptions: 27 (Rondel Menendez, 1995-98)

Total Offense: 11,984 (Parker McKinney, 2018-present)

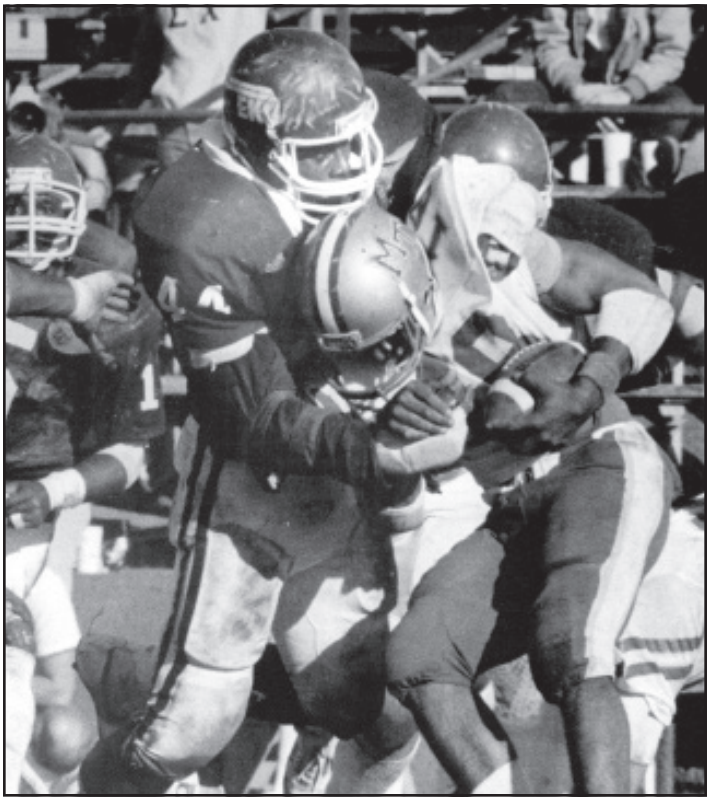
Field Goals: 49 (Dale Dawson, 1983-86, and Taylor Long, 2005-08)
Field Goal Attempts: 69 (Jamie Lovett, 1980-83, and Dale Dawson, 1983-86)
PATs: 138 (Taylor Long, 2005-08)
PAT Attempts: 144 (Taylor Long, 2005-08)
Consecutive PATs: 70 (Todd Duffy, 1990-91)
Kicking Points: 285 (Taylor Long, 2005-08)

Points: 355 (Elroy Harris, 1985, 87-88)
Touchdowns: 58 (Elroy Harris, 1985, 87-88)

Kickoff Returns: 89 (Jeremy Caldwell, 2008-11)
Kickoff Return Yards: 2,257 (Jeremy Caldwell, 2008-11)
Kickoff Return Avg.: 30.0 (Mike Cadore, 1985-88)

Punt Returns: 86 (Bobby Washington, 1994-97)
Punt Return Yards: 708 (Tony James, 1981-84)

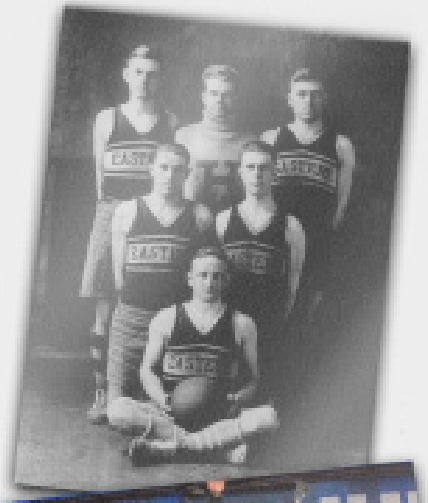
Tackles: 503 (Fred Harvey, 1983-86)
Sacks: 29.0 (Greg McKee, 1988-91)
Interceptions: 22 (George Floyd, 1978-81)
Interception Return Yards: 328 (George Floyd, 1978-81)



LB Fred Harvey

WHY WE GIVE AND HOW WE GIVE

The principle mission of the Colonel Club is to provide financial support for scholarships for EKU student-athletes. Other fundraising initiatives such as capital improvements, endowments and programmatic needs are also important and fall under the responsibilities of the Colonel Club. These initiatives, along with scholarship fundraising, are a vital part of moving EKU Sports forward to an elite, national level.





1909 SOCIETY
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The 1909 Society is an elevated level of giving. Representing EKU's first year of intercollegiate athletics, this group is philanthropic in nature and its members are invested in the enhancement of EKU Athletics.

These funds are imperative in elevating EKU Athletics to a nationally competitive level by providing crucial resources for student-athletes. The program is designed to provide an additional giving opportunity that rewards both premium ticket purchases and philanthropic giving of $5,000 or more, including $2,500 to the Colonel Club to support student-athlete scholarships.

BIG E ASSOCIATION

The Big E Association is a group for all former student-athletes, managers, trainers, practice players, spirit squad members, and coaches/staff to CELEBRATE the longstanding success of EKU Athletics. Program alumni do not need to have lettered or graduated from EKU in order to be part of the program.

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WHY WE GIVE AND HOW WE GIVE

TITLE IX 50TH ANNIVERSARY
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EKU Athletics' efforts with the Women's Sports Initiative are an extension of the campus-wide initiative and for the NCAA Title IX 50th Anniversary.

Individuals wishing to parallel their passion for women's sports at EKU can expect their funds to promote the creation of opportunities for the next generation of EKU's female student-athletes.

EKU Athletics offers nine women's sports amongst its 16 sponsored sports, including, softball, basketball, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, cross country, volleyball,



Career and Single Season Top-10 Lists

Offensive Career Top 10 Lists

Passing Yardage

	Player	Yds	Att	Com	TD
1.	Parker McKinney (2018-present)	9718	1300	816	74
2.	T.J. Pryor (2009-12)	7300	960	540	51
3.	Josh Greco (2004-07)	5992	874	478	41
4.	Bennie Coney (2014-16)	5061	723	426	38
5.	Jim Guice (1965-68)	5041	739	401	46
6.	Allan Holland (2006-08)	4695	692	416	26
7.	Ernie House (1974-77)	4011	506	258	32
8.	Lorenzo Fields (1987-90)	3819	498	260	31
9.	Chris Isaac (1978-81)	3611	456	226	16
10.	Mike Whitaker (1985-86)	3371	474	266	22

Rushing Yardage

	Player	Yds	Att	Avg	TD
1.	Markus Thomas (1989-92)	5552	881	6.3	52
2.	Elroy Harris (1985-88)	4555	772	5.9	58
3.	C.J. Hudson (2001-04)	4149	846	4.9	42
4.	Jimmie Brooks (1968-71)	3842	920	4.2	32
5.	James Crawford (1985-87)	3833	751	5.1	26
6.	Tim Lester (1988-91)	3640	662	5.5	37
7.	Matt Denham (2009-12)	3235	566	5.7	25
8.	Everett Talbert (1973-76)	3138	697	4.5	20
9.	Corey Crume (1997-00)	3124	643	4.9	34
10.	Terence Thompson (1980-83)	3015	574	5.3	29

Receiving Yardage

	Player	Yds	Rec	Avg	TD
1.	Andre Ralston (2002-05)	3095	165	21.3	24
2.	Rondel Menendez (1995-98)	2990	150	19.3	27
3.	Bobby Washington (1994-97)	2435	154	16.0	16
4.	Aaron Marsh (1964-67)	2246	147	14.2	24
5.	Devin Borders (2013-16)	2157	157	13.7	21
6.	Alex Bannister (1997-00)	2146	144	14.9	22
7.	Steve Bird (1979-82)	2056	112	20.6	18
8.	Elmo Boyd (1973-76)	1931	119	16.4	12
9.	Patrick Bugg (2002-06)	1856	112	17.5	23
10.	Tyrone Goard (2009-12)	1842	100	18.4	24

Offensive Single Season Top 10 Lists

Passing Yardage

	Player	Yds	Att	Com	TD
1.	Parker McKinney (2022)	3956	459	315	33
2.	Josh Greco (2005)	2861	387	222	25
3.	Bennie Coney (2015)	2471	367	225	23
4.	Parker McKinney (2021)	2429	377	229	18
5.	Matt Guice (2003)	2266	283	159	16
6.	T.J. Pryor (2009)	2153	291	169	6
7.	Tim Boyle (2017)	2134	327	201	11
8.	Allan Holland (2008)	2121	329	197	8
9.	Mike Whitaker (1986)	2077	297	163	16
10.	Simon Fuentes (1997)	2006	210	126	13

Rushing Yardage

	Player	Net	Gain	Avg	TD
1.	Elroy Harris (1988)	1998	2105	5.4	27
2.	Markus Thomas (1991)	1699	1749	7.0	11
3.	Markus Thomas (1989)	1681	1737	6.6	15
4.	Matt Denham (2011)	1570	1592	6.2	9
5.	Markus Thomas (1992)	1494	1567	6.0	17
6.	Dy'Shawn Mobley (2014)	1491	1529	5.8	20
7.	Everett Talbert (1974)	1478	1549	5.6	11
8.	Elroy Harris (1987)	1423	1443	6.0	17
9.	Matt Denham (2012)	1386	1433	4.8	14
10.	James Crawford (1986)	1288	1357	4.6	13

Receiving Yardage

	Player	Yds	Rec	Avg	TD
1.	Andre Ralston (2005)	1150	62	18.5	8
2.	Rondel Menendez (1997)	1137	54	21.1	9
3.	Alex Bannister (2000)	1122	71	15.8	12
4.	Aaron Marsh (1967)	1095	73	15.0	9
5.	Andre Ralston (2003)	1082	59	18.3	9
6.	Steve Bird (1982)	1056	63	16.8	10
7.	Rondel Menendez (1998)	1032	52	19.8	11
8.	Orlandus Harris (2010)	940	56	16.8	7
9.	Tyrone Goard (2012)	900	41	22.0	8
10.	Aaron Marsh (1966)	870	52	16.7	11

Defensive Career Top 10 Lists

Tackles (first recorded in 1968)

	Player	Total	Solo	Assists
1.	Fred Harvey (1983-86)	503	287	216
2.	Rich Thomas (1969-73)	492	244	248
3.	David Hill (1980-83)	456	250	206
4.	Wally Chambers (1969-72)	402	231	171
5.	Tony McCombs (1994-96)	390	210	180
6.	Anthony Harper (1985-87)	384	199	185
7.	Alex Dominguez (1979-82)	378	201	177
8.	Damon Shelor (1972-75)	357	187	170
9.	Stan Roberts (1971-74)	339	157	182
10.	Britt Bowen (1994-97)	338	182	156

Sacks (first recorded in 1988)

	Player	Total
1.	Greg McKee (1988-91)	29.0
2.	Aaron Patrick (2015-present)	27.5
3.	Chad Bratzke (1990-93)	27.0
	David Wilkins (1988-91)	27.0
5.	Ernest Thompson (1988-91)	22.0
6.	David Hoelscher (1994-97)	17.0
7.	Anthony Brown (2010-13)	15.0
8.	George Anderson (2004-07)	14.5
	Cardius Dowell (2004-07)	14.5
10.	Tony Gilbert (1987-90)	14.0

Defensive Single Season Top 10 Lists

Tackles (first recorded in 1968)

	Player	Total	Solo	Assists
1.	Fred Harvey (1986)	182	107	75
2.	Teddy Taylor (1969)	169	81	88
3.	Chris Coffey (1988)	166	85	81
4.	Linear Lovett (1977)	157	67	90
5.	Alex Dominguez (1980)	150	90	60
6.	Wally Chambers (1971)	149	85	64
7.	Fred Harvey (1984)	147	82	65
8.	Tony McCombs (1994)	146	80	66
9.	Isiah Hill (1980)	145	71	74
	Rich Thomas (1971)	145	66	79

Sacks (first recorded in 1988)

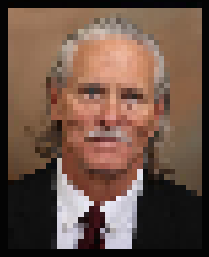
	Player	Total
1.	Jessie Small (1988)	13.0
2.	Greg McKee (1991)	12.0
	David Wilkins (1991)	12.0
4.	Noah Spence (2015)	11.5
5.	Chad Bratzke (1993)	11.0
6.	Luder Jean Louis (2017)	10.0
	Aaron Patrick (2019)	10.0
8.	Chad Bratzke (1992)	9.0
9.	Chris Coy (2007)	8.0
	Chris Minter (2001)	8.0
	Carlos Timmons (1994)	8.0
	Taquan Evans (2019)	8.0

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