

# EASTERN MICHIGAN

## 2025 EAGLES FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



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### 2025 SCHEDULE / RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME (ET)/RESULT
Aug. 30	at Texas State (ESPN+)	L 27-52
<b>Sept. 6</b>	<b>LONG ISLAND (ESPN+)</b>	<b>L 23-28</b>
<b>Sept. 13</b>	<b>at Kentucky (ESPN+)</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Sept. 20</b>	<b>LOUISIANA (ESPN+)</b>	<b>3:30 p.m.</b>
Sept. 27	at Central Michigan * (TBD)	TBA
Oct. 4	at Buffalo * (TBD)	3:30 p.m.
<b>Oct. 11</b>	<b>NORTHERN ILLINOIS * (TBD)</b>	<b>TBA</b>
Oct. 18	at Miami * (TBD)	TBA
<b>Oct. 25</b>	<b>OHIO * (TBD)</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Nov. 8</b>	<b>BOWLING GREEN * (TBD)</b>	<b>TBA</b>
Nov. 15	at Ball State * (TBD)	TBA
<b>Nov. 25</b>	<b>WESTERN MICHIGAN * (ESPN2/+)</b>	<b>TBA</b>
Dec. 6	vs MAC Championship # (ESPN)	12 p.m.

All times ET. Home games in **BOLD CAPS**, played at Rynearson Stadium. \*Mid-American Conference game | #Ford Field (Detroit)

### ON THE AIR

#### TELEVISION: ESPN2

- Play-by-Play ..... Clay Matvick
- Analyst ..... Chase Daniel
- **Online:** ESPN.com

#### RADIO: EASTERN MICHIGAN SPORTS NETWORK

- Play-by-Play ..... Tom Helmer
- Analyst ..... Greg Steiner
- Sideline ..... Elena Davis
- **Local:** WEMU (89.1 FM)
- **Satellite:** SiriusXM (Channel 989)
- **Online:** The Varsity Network app | WEMU.org

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### EASTERN MICHIGAN

0-2 • 0-0 MAC

AT

### KENTUCKY

1-1 • 0-1 SEC

SATURDAY, SEPT. 13, 2025 • 7:30 P.M.  
KROGER FIELD • LEXINGTON, KY.



### 2025 EASTERN MICHIGAN FOOTBALL GAME CENTER



#### EASTERN MICHIGAN EAGLES

**Head Coach** ..... Chris Creighton  
**Record at EMU** ..... 57-77 (12th)  
**Career Record** ..... 196-123 (29th)



#### KENTUCKY WILDCATS

**Head Coach** ..... Mark Stoops  
**Record at UK** ..... 68-74 (13th)  
**Career Record** ..... 68-74 (13th)

#### GAME INFORMATION

**Facility** ..... Kroger Field  
**Capacity** ..... 57,800  
**Television** ..... ESPN+  
**Radio** ..... WEMU (89.1 FM)  
**Online** ..... WEMU.org | The Varsity Network app  
**Series Record** ..... Kentucky leads, 2-0-0 (W2)  
**Series at UK** ..... Kentucky leads, 2-0-0 (W2)  
**Last Meeting** ..... EMU 17-38 at UK (9/7/19)

**LEXINGTON, Ky. (EMUEagles.com)** – A big road test awaits the Eastern Michigan University football team as the Eagles are set to face the University of Kentucky Saturday, Sept. 13, at Kroger Field in Lexington, Ky. The Eagles (0-2) and Wildcats (1-1, 0-1 SEC) will both look to rebound off a tough loss in their outings with a game that will kick off at 7:30 p.m. on ESPN+ with **Clay Matvick** and **Chase Daniel** on the call. The game can be heard live on WEMU (89.1 FM), The Varsity Network app, and SiriusXM with **Tom Helmer** (play-by-play), The Voice of the Eagles, **Greg Steiner** (analyst), and **Elena Davis** (sideline) on the radio call.

#### ON THE LIST

The NFL opened its 2025 season this weekend with four former Eagles making the opening day rosters for their respective teams while two others were named to practice squads. The active players included **Maxx Crosby** (Las Vegas Raiders), **Pat O'Connor** (Detroit Lions), **Chad Ryland** (Arizona Cardinals), and **Andrew Wylie** (Washington Commanders). **Dylan Drummond** (Atlanta Falcons), **Thomas Odukoya** (Tennessee Titans), and **Sidy Sow** (Houston Texans) are currently on their respective team's practice squads.

#### NO. 134 IN THE 734

Eastern Michigan is currently playing its 134th season of football with the program first playing in 1891. Tied with NC State and Iowa State for 29th on the all-time ledger in seasons played, the Eagles are third in the Mid-American Conference behind newcomer UMass (143rd season) and Miami (137th). Along with Miami, the only other team on this year's schedule that has played more seasons is Kentucky (135th).

#### THE EASTERN 500

Following the loss to Long Island (Sept. 6), Eastern holds an all-time record of 495-632-47, leaving it five wins shy of 500. The Eagles are one of four teams in the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) that could reach 500 wins this season, including Temple (498), Rice (497), and Wake Forest (497).

#### WINNERS IN SEPTEMBER

Since the 2016 season, Head Coach **Chris Creighton** has led Eastern to a 15-14 record in the month of September. From 2013-15, EMU posted a cumulative September record of 0-9.

#### QUICK HITTERS

- Eastern Michigan is playing in its 134th varsity season in 2025 and holds an all-time record of 495-632-47.
- The Eagles are one of four schools closing in on their 500th all-time victory with Temple (499), Rice (497), and Wake Forest (498) all in the hunt this season. Boise State joined the list last year as the 105th team to record at least 500 all-time victories.
- Through two games, nine players have earned their first starts for EMU, 31 players have seen their first game action, and 15 have played in their first NCAA Division I game (transfers and freshmen included).
- Eastern is 1-of-22 teams nationally that have not turned the ball over in 2025 while ranking third nationally in fewest penalties committed per game (3.0) after not being flagged against LIU (Sept. 6).
- Since 2016, Eastern Michigan has posted the sixth-most victories of any team in the Mid-American Conference.
- **Chris Creighton** has 57 wins during his time in Ypsilanti, which makes him the 20th coach in the history of the MAC to record 50+ wins at a MAC school. His 33 MAC wins are the most of any EMU coach in program history.
- Chris Creighton (12 years) and Mark Stoops (13) are two of the longest-tenured FBS coaches as they rank ninth and sixth, respectively, based on hire dates.
- After a generous \$1 million donation from former Eagle standout and current Las Vegas Raider/NFL All-Pro, **Maxx Crosby** and his wife **Rachel Crosby** to the EMU Athletics Department, Eastern's new gray turf was dubbed "Crosby Field" and was unveiled to the public with Maxx and Rachel back in Ypsilanti, June 21, 2024. Crosby was recently named the program's assistant general manager as well.

## 2025 EASTERN MICHIGAN FOOTBALL

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### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

7	SUN	8	MON	9	TUES	10	WED	11	THUR	12	FRI	13	SAT
NO MEDIA AVAILABILITY		Media Presser 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. IAC		PRACTICE 3:45-5:45 p.m. Rynearson Stadium		PRACTICE 3:45-5:45 p.m. Rynearson Stadium		PRACTICE 3:45-5:45 p.m. Rynearson Stadium		WALK-THROUGH Rynearson Stadium		GAME DAY EMU at Kentucky 7:30 p.m. Kroger Field Lexington, Ky.	
		Eastern Insider Podcast 7 p.m.						NO MEDIA AVAILABILITY		TRAVEL Ypsilanti to Lexington		POSTGAME Availability With The Media	
										NO MEDIA AVAILABILITY			

ALL APPOINTMENTS MUST BE MADE THROUGH THE ATHLETIC MEDIA RELATIONS OFFICE AT 734.487.0317

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### EASTERN INSIDER PODCAST POWERED BY DTE

The Eastern Insider Podcast brings you exclusive access to EMU athletic programs each week, featuring interviews and analysis from those inside the program. Hosted by **Greg Steiner**, the podcast features appearances by current and former student-athletes, coaches and more. Subscribe on the podcast platform of your choice and check your feed every Monday during the athletic season for the latest news on the Green & White!

### ON THE WEB

Information on the EMU football team is available at EMUEagles.com. To receive the EMU updates via email, please send a request to **Greg Steiner** (greg.steiner@emich.edu) and **Alex Ryan** (alex.ryan@emich.edu). Information on the Mid-American Conference and all member institutions is also available through the league's web site at GetSomeMACtion.com.

### LIVE STATISTICS

Live in-game statistics will be available via SIDEARM Stats. Following each home game, EMU will be happy to email whatever information media members need to their respective agencies. Please ask any member of the staff for assistance on this matter.

### INTERNET ACCESS

Wireless Internet is available in the press box at Rynearson Stadium. Members of the Athletics Media Relations staff will be available to assist you. There is no access fee.

### CREDENTIALS • MEDIA

Requests for official working media credentials should be directed to the EMU Athletic Media Relations Office. All requests should be received no later than noon, **three (3) days** prior to the game. Visit EMUEagles.com to request credentials online.

**All football credentials will only be issued on a single-game basis and no passes will be mailed out prior to gameday. Freelance photographers WILL NOT be permitted to shoot games this season.** On gameday, media should park in the Gervin GameAbove Center lot and pick up their credentials inside the Gervin GameAbove Center before entering Rynearson Stadium.

### CREDENTIALS • SCOUTS

Professional scouts may obtain credentials through EMU's Athletic Media Relations Office. Scouts will be issued seating in the press box on a space-available basis.

### CREDENTIALS • SIDELINE ACCESS

EMU follows NCAA guidelines regarding media representatives on the sidelines. Sideline shooting spaces will be extremely limited, but every effort will be made to accommodate requests. Of note, the team boxes have been expanded to the 20-yard lines, so media should remain at least five-yards from the bench areas.

### PRESS BOX SERVICES

All media members will be provided with access to game notes via EMUEagles.com. To limit touch points, EMU will not be printing game notes or stats unless requested. Following the game, a complete post-game statistics package will be distributed via email and will contain a scoring summary, final team statistics, final individual statistics, complete play-by-play, drive charts for both halves, halftime statistics, defensive statistics, substitution chart, post-game quotes and post-game notes.

The press box is a designated working area and access is restricted to authorized personnel who have been assigned responsibilities pertinent to the scheduled game. In conjunction with NCAA and College Sports Communicators (formerly CoSIDA) policies, there is to be absolutely no cheering and/or criticizing players, coaches or other game officials at any point before, during or after the contest. Failure to abide by this will result in your removal from the press box.

### MEDIA AVAILABILITY

Head Coach **Chris Creighton** is available to speak to the media via phone Monday-Thursday mornings.

Individual players are available for interviews, but please contact the EMU Athletic Media Relations Office to set up interviews. One note to the media: home phone numbers for players and coaches **will not** be given out by the EMU Athletic Media Relations Office.

Following a mandatory 10-minute cooling off period, Coach Creighton and selected players will be made available. Any special requests should be brought to the attention of the media relations staff, and we will do our best to assist you. **The lockerroom is closed at all times.**

### PHOTO AND VIDEO DOWNLOADS

EMU football photos & b-roll video is available upon request. Photos can be accessed via EMUEaglesPhoto.com, while video will be provided via Dropbox or Google Drive.

### COLLEGE PRESS BOX.COM

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### 2025 QUICK FACTS

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

Location ..... Ypsilanti, MI  
Founded ..... 1849  
Enrollment ..... 12,663  
Affiliation ..... NCAA Division I (FBS)  
Conference ..... Mid-American (MAC)  
Nickname ..... Eagles  
Colors ..... Green (PMS 349 C) & White  
Home Field ..... Rynearson Stadium  
Surface/Capacity ..... Field Turf/30,200  
President ..... Dr. James M. Smith  
VP/Director of Athletics ..... Scott Wetherbee  
Faculty Representative ..... Rick Karcher

#### HISTORY

First Year of Football ..... 1891  
All-Time Record ..... 495-632-47  
All-Time Bowl Record ..... 2-6  
Last Bowl Appearance ..... 2023 68 Ventures Bowl  
Last Bowl Opponent ..... South Alabama (L, 10-59)

#### 2025 TEAM INFORMATION

2024 Record ..... 5-7  
MAC Record (Finish) ..... 2-6 (t-9th)  
Basic Offense ..... Multiple  
Basic Defense ..... 4-2-5  
Lettermen Returning/Lost ..... 27/28  
O | D | ST ..... 13/12 | 12/15 | 1/1  
Starters Returning/Lost ..... 10/17  
O | D | ST ..... 6/7 | 3/9 | 1/1

#### 2024 EMU COACHING STAFF

Head Coach ..... Chris Creighton  
Record at EMU ..... 57-77 (12th year)  
Career Record ..... 196-123 (29th year)  
Defensive Coordinator/LB ..... Ben Needham  
Offensive Coordinator/QB ..... Mike Piatkowski  
Defensive Tackles ..... Cornell Brown  
Run Game Coord./TE ..... Chris Chestnut  
Alphas ..... Sean Dugan  
Wide Receivers ..... Grant Heard  
Cornerbacks ..... Munir Prince  
Passing Game Coordinator/Safeties ..... Tate Omlie  
Running Backs ..... Issac Reed  
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### KNOW THE FOE: KENTUCKY

The Wildcats enter the game with a 1-1 overall record and stand 0-1 in SEC play after dropping a 30-23 home decision to No. 20 Ole Miss. Kentucky, who opened the year with a 24-16 home win over MAC foe Toledo, took an early 10-0 lead before heading into halftime trailing, 17-13. After tying the score at 20-20, Ole Miss pulled away with consecutive scores to make it 30-20 before UK added one final score with eight seconds to play.

Zach Calzada paces the offense with 234 yards on 25-of-53 passing (0 TD/1 INT) while both Dante Dowdell (185 yards) and Seth McGowan (171) are leading the ground attack. Defensively, Alex Afari Jr. leads the team with 23 tackles, including 16 solo stops, while also pacing the team with 3.0 TFLs and 1.0 sacks (second to Steven Soles Jr. with 2.0).

### IN THE SERIES: KENTUCKY

Eastern is 0-2 all-time against Kentucky after dropping a 38-17 decision in Lexington, Sept. 7, 2019. The Eagles are 0-2 on the road as well with the first game coming Sept. 30, 2017, a 24-20 setback to the Wildcats.

### EMU AGAINST THE SEC

The Eagles are in search of their first win against a member of the SEC as Eastern is 0-11 all-time when taking the current members of the league. To date, the Eagles have previously faced Kentucky (0-2), Florida (0-2), Missouri (0-2), Vanderbilt (0-2), Arkansas (0-1), LSU (0-1), and South Carolina (0-1).

### LAST MEETING WITH KENTUCKY

The Eagles and Wildcats last met Sept. 7, 2019, in Lexington with the hosts jumping out to a 14-0 first quarter lead before claiming at 38-17 decision. **Mike Glass III**, who currently serves as an EMU offensive assistant, led the Eagles with 337 yards on 34-of-53 passing with two touchdowns and two interceptions. Glass, who added a team-leading 35 rushing yards on 10 carries, connected with **Line Latu** and **Bryson Cannon** for touchdowns while **Chad Ryland** added one field goal.

### IN THE FIRST MEETING

The 2017 game against Kentucky could not have started any better for the Eagles, as on the first play from scrimmage, **Jeremiah Harris** came around the edge and stripped the ball out on a sack, which **Dion Dawson** recovered to set up EMU at the Kentucky 20-yard line. On EMU's first play on offense, **Brogan Roback** found **Sergio Bailey II** down the middle for a touchdown strike to put the Eagles up 7-0 just 15 seconds into the game. It was the quickest score for EMU since returning the opening kickoff for a TD against Ohio, Oct. 19, 2013.

### THE BLUEGRASS STATE

Eastern Michigan stands 5-9-1 all-time against teams from Kentucky and last played a member of the Commonwealth of Kentucky in 2019 when the Eagles lost at Kentucky, 38-17 (Sept. 7). Eastern also is 0-7-0 all-time when playing in the Bluegrass State, including 0-2-0 at Eastern Kentucky, 0-2-0 at UK, and 0-1-0 each at Louisville, Murray State, and Western Kentucky.

### BACK IN BLUE(GRASS)

EMU returns to the Bluegrass State for the first time since 2019. This matchup was initially set for the 2020 season but was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The game had been scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 5, then moved to Thursday, Sept. 3, to avoid conflicting with the Kentucky Derby. The Derby, typically held in May, was rescheduled to Sept. 5 because of the pandemic. It marked the first time the race had been moved since 1945 and only the second time it had not been run in May since its inception in 1875.

### SIDELINE LONGEVITY

Two of the longest tenured head coaches in the FBS will square off in Lexington for the third time as **Chris Creighton** and the Eagles will face Mark Stoops and the Wildcats. Based on hiring dates, Stoops is the sixth-longest tenured coach in the subdivision as he is in his 13th year at Kentucky while Creighton is in his 12th season in Ypsilanti, placing him ninth. The game will mark the first of two games between tenured coaches this year as the Eagles will head to Oxford, Ohio, Oct. 18, to face Chuck Martin, who is eighth on the list by nine days over Creighton (Dec. 3, 2013 to Dec. 12, 2013).

### SERIES BUSINESS • KENTUCKY

<b>Series Record</b> .....	Kentucky leads, 2-0-0
<b>At Ypsilanti</b> .....	n/a
<b>At Lexington</b> .....	Kentucky leads, 2-0-0 (W2)
<b>At Neutral Sites</b> .....	n/a
<b>Most EMU points</b> .....	20 (UK 24-20, 2017)
<b>Most UK points</b> .....	38 (UK 38-17, 2019)
<b>Combined points</b> .....	55 (UK 38-17, 2019)
<b>Biggest EMU win</b> .....	n/a
<b>Biggest UK win</b> .....	21 (UK 38-17, 2019)
<b>Current streak</b> .....	Kentucky • W2

### GAME-BY-GAME • KENTUCKY

Date	Site	Score
9-30-2017	at Kentucky	L 20-24
9-7-2019	at Kentucky	L 17-38

### EMU VS. THE SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

SBC TEAM	W-L-T	LAST GAME	STRK
Alabama	-		
Arkansas	0-1-0	2009 • ARK, 63-27	L1
Auburn	-		
Florida	0-2-0	2014 • FLA, 65-0	L2
Georgia	-		
<b>Kentucky</b>	<b>0-2-0</b>	<b>2019 • KY, 38-17</b>	<b>L2</b>
LSU	0-1-0	2015 • LSU, 44-22	L1
Ole Miss	-		
Mississippi State	-		
Missouri	0-2-0	2016 • MIZZ, 61-21	L2
Oklahoma	-		
South Carolina	0-1-0	2000 • SC, 41-6	L1
Tennessee	-		
Texas	-		
Texas A&M	-		
Vanderbilt	0-2-0	2010 • VAN, 52-6	L2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0-11-0</b>	<b>2019 • KY 38-17 EMU</b>	

### BY THE NUMBERS

#### EASTERN MICHIGAN (0-2, 0-0 MAC)

TEAM STATISTICS	EMU	OPP
Points/Game	25.0	40.0
First Downs	40	50
Rushing/Game	132.5	311.5
Passing/Game	218.5	231.0
Total Offense/Game	351.0	542.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-0
Penalties-Yds per Game	6-25.0	9-35.5
Time of Possession	25:35	34:25

#### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING	Att	Net	Avg	TD	YPG
McMILLAN, Dontae	17	136	8.0	1	68.0
DUNLAP, Tavierre	21	59	2.8	1	29.5

PASSING	C-A-I	Pct.	Yds	TD	YPG
Kim, Noah	41-63-0	65.1	437	3	218.5

RECEIVING	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
LOCKETT, Terry	13	140	10.8	0	70.0
LONG, Joshua	5	63	12.6	1	31.5

DEFENSE	U-A-TT	TFL	Sck.	Int.	PBU
PATIERNO, Marco	2-10-12	0.5-1	--	--	--
LLEWELLYN, Bryce	2-10-12	1.5-2	--	--	--

#### KENTUCKY (1-1, 0-1 SEC)

TEAM STATISTICS	UK	OPP
Points/Game	23.5	23.0
First Downs	35	37
Rushing/Game	196.0	139.5
Passing/Game	136.0	252.5
Total Offense/Game	332.0	392.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-0
Penalties-Yds per Game	9-40.0	18-89.5
Time of Possession	31:57	28:03

#### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING	Att	Net	Avg	TD	YPG
DOWDELL, Dante	28	185	6.6	1	92.5
McGowan, Seth	33	171	5.2	3	85.5

PASSING	C-A-I	Pct.	Yds	TD	YPG
CALZADA, Zach	25-53-1	47.2	234	0	117.0

RECEIVING	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
LAW, Kendrick	6	44	7.3	0	22.0
KATTUS, Josh	5	51	10.2	0	25.5

DEFENSE	U-A-TT	TFL	Sck.	Int.	PBU
AFARI, Alex	16-7-23	3.0-6	1.0-1	--	--
BRYANT, Ty	6-10-16	0.5-1	--	2	--

#### EASTERN MICHIGAN IN THE RANKINGS

CATEGORY	NCAA	MAC
Total Offense	93	3
Rushing Offense	96	6
Passing Offense	72	4
Team Passing Efficiency	71	4
Scoring Offense	85	3
Total Defense	131	12
Rushing Defense	133	13
Passing Yards Allowed	93	8
Team Passing Effic. Def.	117	11
Scoring Defense	128	13
Turnover Margin	63	6
3rd Down Conversion Pct	78	4
4th Down Conversion Pct	45	1
3rd Down Conversion Pct Def.	132	13
4th Down Conversion Pct Def.	49	7
Red Zone Offense	1	1
Red Zone Defense	62	6
Net Punting	44	4
Punt Returns	123	10
Kickoff Returns	33	5
First Downs Offense	79	2
First Downs Defense	127	12
Fewest Penalties Per Game	6	1
Time of Possession	116	11



## AROUND THE MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

## 2025 MAC PRESEASON COACHES POLL

Team	FPV	PTS
1. Toledo	7	135
2. Miami	3	131
3. Ohio	3	123
4. Buffalo	-	115
5. Northern Illinois	-	94
6. Bowling Green	-	81
7. Western Michigan	-	71
<b>8. EASTERN MICHIGAN</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>68</b>
9. Central Michigan	-	65
10. Ball State	-	41
11. Akron	-	39
Massachusetts	-	39
13. Kent State	-	12

Champ Game Winner: Toledo (6), Miami (4), Ohio (3)

## 2025 MAC STANDINGS

Team	O'ALL	MAC
Bowling Green	1-1	0-0
Buffalo	1-1	0-0
Central Michigan	1-1	0-1
Kent State	1-1	0-0
Northern Illinois	1-1	0-0
Ohio	1-1	0-0
Toledo	1-1	0-0
Akron	0-2	0-0
Ball State	0-2	0-0
<b>EASTERN MICHIGAN</b>	<b>0-2</b>	<b>0-0</b>
Miami	0-2	0-0
UMass	0-2	0-0
Western Michigan	0-2	0-0

AROUND THE MAC  
WEEK 3

Saturday, September 13

Central Michigan at #15/#13 Michigan	12 p.m.
* Buffalo at Kent State	12 p.m.
New Hampshire at Ball State	2 p.m.
Morgan State at Toledo	3:30 p.m.
Liberty at Bowling Green	5 p.m.
Western Michigan at #11/#12 Illinois	7 p.m.
Ohio at #1/#1 Ohio State	7 p.m.
UMass at Iowa	7:30 p.m.
<b>Eastern Michigan at Kentucky</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
Akron at UAB	8:30 p.m.

## WEEK 2 RESULTS

Friday, September 5

at Maryland 20, Northern Illinois (9)

Saturday, September 6

at Ohio 17, West Virginia 10  
at Buffalo 45, Saint Francis 6  
at Toledo 45, Western Kentucky 21  
at No. 24 Texas Tech 62, 14  
at Pitt 45, Central Michigan 17  
North Texas 33, at Western Michigan 30 (OT)  
at Cincinnati 34, Bowling Green 20  
at Rutgers 45, Miami 17  
Bryant 27, at UMass 26  
**LIU 28, at Eastern Michigan 23**  
at Auburn 42, Ball State 3  
at Nebraska 68, Akron 0

## CLOSE CONNECTIONS: KENTUCKY

Several Eagles have ties to the Wildcat program, including **Tanner Lemaster**, who played the past two seasons for Kentucky before transferring to Ypsilanti in the off-season. Additionally, Director of Sports Performance **Deonte Mack** (2016-20) and Assistant Sports Performance Coach **Bryce Richard** (2019-20) spent time on the sports performance staff in Lexington before coming to EMU with a stop at Akron along the way.

## FAMILIAR SURROUNDINGS

A player facing his former school is more likely now in the Transfer Portal Era than years past as **Tanner Lemaster** and the Eagles taking on Kentucky this week marking the first of three such games for EMU players in 2025. The remaining two instances will come in back-to-back MAC contests as the Eagles and **Carter Herriman** will play at Miami, Oct. 18, before Ohio comes to town, Oct. 25, to face EMU and **Andrew Marshall**.

## FROM THE SEC TO THE MAC

Eastern Michigan brings a handful of players with Southeastern Conference backgrounds into its match-up with Kentucky. Along with **Tanner Lemaster**, **James Jointer Jr.** was at Arkansas for one year while kicker **Nathan Dibert** spent three years at LSU as the Tigers' primary kickoff specialist.

## MAKING DEBUTS - TRANSFERS

The game at Texas State saw 29 newcomers play their first snaps for the Eagles with 19 transfers playing for the Block E for the first time, including: **Kadin Bailey**, **Caleb Coley**, **Nathan Dibert**, **Caleb Dobbs**, **Tavierre Dunlap**, **Makhi Gilbert**, **Nick Harris**, **James Jointer Jr.**, **Noah Kim**, **Tanner Lemaster**, **Joshua Long**, **Ja'Quel Mack**, **Andrew Marshall**, **James Monds III**, **Marco Patierno**, **Benson Prosper**, **Porter Rooks**, **Juan Salas Jr.**, and **Warren-Stevens Tayou**.

## MAKING DEBUTS - FRESHMEN

Eleven freshmen have seen their first collegiate playing time this season with **Tylan Boykin** joining the 10 first-year players that played at Texas State. The full list includes **Boykin**, **Quincy Byas**, **Marvell Eggleston Jr.**, **Antonio Floyd**, **Reggie Gardner**, **Hector Gonzalez**, **Ray Hester**, **Rudy Kessinger**, **Harold Mack Jr.**, **Zah'eed Pierre**, and **Donmiel Rogers**.

## ON THE STARTING LINE

Through two games this season, 12 players have earned their first starts with the Eagles with **Tavierre Dunlap** and **Makhi Gilbert** joining the 10 newcomers that made the list at Texas State one week prior. The list includes **Dodji Dahoue**, **Nick Deveraux**, **Dunlap** (who appeared in 35 games prior to his first start, including 34 with Michigan), **Gilbert**, **Noah Kim**, **Bryce Llewellyn**, **Joshua Long**, **Jason Marshall**, **Sterling Miles**, **Benson Prosper**, **Porter Rooks**, and **Terrance Saunders**.

## 2025 Most First-Time Starters

12 - **Eastern Michigan**, Navy  
10 - Fresno State  
9 - Bowling Green, Oregon  
8 - Old Dominion

## PROTECT THE BALL

Taking care of the ball is a big key to every game and, through two games, the Eagles have done just that. Following games played Sept. 6, the Eagles are 1-of-22 teams nationally in the FBS that have not turned the ball over and one of just two teams in the MAC (Bowling Green). As part of that, Eastern is 1-of-47 teams that has not thrown an interception and 1-of-54 that has not lost a fumble this year.

## NEED A LEAD

The Eagles have not held a lead in its first two games this season. In fact, it has been 18 consecutive quarters since Eastern was ahead on the scoreboard. The last lead EMU held was a 7-0 advantage at Ohio, Nov. 13, 2024.

## NOT SHARING THE BALL

With no turnovers or takeaways through the first two weeks of the season, it marks the first time since 1995 that Eastern has not registered either in consecutive games. Interestingly, during that span, there have only been 15 contests not to feature a turnover by EMU or its opposition. EMU is 7-8 in those games, including going 2-0 last season against UMass (W, 28-14) and Jacksonville State (W, 37-34 2OT).

## KEEPING IT LEGAL

Eastern is currently one of the fewest penalized teams nationally. The Eagles rank third nationally and are tied with Akron for the MAC lead in fewest penalties called per game at 3.0. Additionally, the Eagles are ninth in the FBS (second in the MAC) in fewest penalty yards per game at 25.0.

## NONE FOR ME, THANK YOU

For just the second time since 1995, Eastern Michigan did not commit a penalty in a game as the Eagles posted a clean sheet against LIU, Sept. 6. The only other occurrence in the modern statistical era came against Army, Sept. 4, 2010. All told, it marked just the 29th time in the last 20 seasons that a Mid-American Conference team was not flagged for a penalty.

## MAC Games with 0 Penalties Committed Since 1995

5 - Central Michigan, Kent State  
4 - Ball State, Northern Illinois  
3 - Ohio  
2 - Akron, Bowling Green, **Eastern Michigan**  
1 - Miami, Western Michigan

## MIGHTY McMILLAN

**Dontae McMillan** scored twice against LIU, including a 33-yard rushing touchdown and a 40-yard receiving score as he finished with 58 yards rushing on eight carries and 33 yards on one reception for 91 total yards. It marked the first time in his three seasons in Ypsilanti he scored two touchdowns in the same game and just the third time he had done so in his career. The last time came Oct. 8, 2022, with two rushing scores for Weber State at home against Eastern Washington with the first coming in his debut with the Wildcats, Feb. 27, 2021, at Idaho State. Overall, his two scores against the Sharks marked his first game with one rushing and one receiving score while also standing as his first collegiate receiving touchdown.

## KIM GETS TWO IN THE AIR

**Noah Kim** finished the game 18-of-29 passing for 189 yards and two scores while rushing for 38 yards on six carries for 227 yards of total offense. The two scores marked his first multiple touchdown game with the Eagles and his first since throwing for two touchdowns against Louisiana, Oct. 19, 2024, while playing for Coastal Carolina. Kim, who recorded his fourth career multiple touchdown game, has now done so for three different schools after accomplishing the feat twice with Michigan State in 2023.

## STAYING ACTIVE

**Mitchell Tomasek** continues to climb the NCAA's active career ledgers as the EMU punter is now among the top five of all current FBS players in two categories. Tomasek's 7,768 total yards currently ranks him second in the FBS and fourth among all divisions while his career 44.6 yard average ranks fifth in the division and sixth overall.

**GRABBING HIS FIRST**

Late in the LIU game, **Jamarien Wheeler** pulled in his first career touchdown reception as **Noah Kim** found him in the end zone from five yards out. Wheeler's lone reception brought his total to four grabs in 16 games for the Eagles. It marked the second receiving touchdown of the game for Eastern and the second time the scoring grab was the first of that player's collegiate career after **Dontae McMillan** scored his first earlier in the game.

**ABOVE AVERAGE**

**Mitchel Tomasek** finished the LIU game with five punts for 253 yards, including three punts of 50+ yards and two coming down inside the LIU 20-yard line. Tomasek's 50.6-yard average stands as the fourth-highest in a single game in EMU history and comes one week after he set the record with a 52.4 average at Texas State. His average against the Sharks marked the sixth game in EMU history with a punter averaging 50.0+ yards with Tomasek holding two, **Jake Julien** holding three, and **Austin Barnes** with one.

**PULLING OUT THE DRIVER**

**Mitchell Tomasek** has hit 52 of his 174 career punts for 50+ yards (29.9 percent), including 13 over 60 yards, while recording just 15 touchbacks. For his career, Tomasek has recorded a best of 72 yards at Jacksonville State (Sept. 23, 2023) while hitting a 70-yarder at home against Ball State (Oct. 7, 2023). He has recorded at least three punts of 62 yards or better in all three seasons he has played for the Eagles and is one away already from making four consecutive years after recording boots of 63 and 62-yards at Texas State.

**LEADING THE WAY**

**Mitchell Tomasek** is averaging 51.5 yards per punt this season, which ranks first in the MAC and fifth nationally. Tied for the league lead with six punts of 50+ in 2025, Tomasek has also downed four inside the 20-yard line.

**KICKING CAREER**

With his 253 yards in the game against Long Island, **Mitchell Tomasek** brought his career total to 7,768 yards, placing him sixth on the program's career ledger. Tomasek, who passed **Zach Johnson** (7,794 yards, 2006-09), **Austin Barnes** (7,664 yards, 2013-16), and **George Bailey** (7,591 yards, 1967-70), is now 295 yards behind **Jay Kurtz** (2010-12) for fifth after Kurtz tallied 8,063 yards in his career. Tomasek needs just 232 yards to reach 8,000 yards for his career.

**RARE SHOWING: A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING**

LIU quarterbacks Ethan Greenwood and Luca Stanzani turned in rare all-around performances against Eastern Michigan on Sept. 6. Both impacted the game passing, rushing, and receiving. Greenwood ran for 91 yards, threw for 105 yards, and caught a 7-yard pass. Stanzani rushed for 67 yards, passed for 143 yards, and had a 74-yard reception.

They became the first QB duo in the modern statistical era to each record a completion, a rushing attempt, and a reception in the same game against Eastern Michigan. They are also the first players of any position to do so against EMU since 2021.

The last comparable effort came on Sept. 7, 2019, when Kentucky's Terry Wilson completed 14 of 26 passes for 114 yards, rushed 8 times for 43 yards, and caught a 32-yard pass. In the same game, wide receiver Lynn Bowden Jr. threw a 32-yard completion, ran twice for 17 yards, and caught seven passes for 54 yards.

This marks Greenwood and Stanzani as part of a select group of players to achieve a pass, a rush, and a reception against EMU in the last 25 years, joining names like Wilson, Bowden, Dustin Crum (Kent State, 2019), Jordan Lynch (NIU, 2013), and Terrelle Pryor (Ohio State, 2010).

**GOING GREEN IN THE RED ZONE**

Having gone 7-of-7 in the red zone this year, the Eagles are one of three MAC teams and 1-of-48 FBS teams to remain perfect after Week 2 with Northern Illinois and Western Michigan both having gone 3-of-3.

**UPPER HALF**

Since 2016, Eastern has posted 54 wins, which ranks as the sixth-most victories of any team in the MAC.

73 • Toledo

70 • Ohio

60 • Western Michigan, Miami

56 • Buffalo

**54 • Eastern Michigan**

52 • Northern Illinois

49 • Central Michigan

40 • Ball State

37 • Bowling Green

31 • Kent State

26 • Akron

18 • UMass

*\* updated through 2025 Week 2 games*

**BACK ON THE LANES?**

After missing out on a bowl game in 2024 by one victory, the Eagles will look to return to the postseason in 2025 and claim their seventh appearance under **Chris Creighton**. For the 2025 season, the MAC has affiliation with four games: the former Bahamas Bowl (vs. Conference USA), the Snoop Dogg Arizona Bowl (vs. Mountain West), the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl (vs. MWC), and the GameAbove Sports Bowl (vs. Big Ten). Additionally, the MAC could send teams to two of the following: 68 Ventures Bowl (vs. Sun Belt), Boca Raton Bowl (vs. Group of Five), Camellia Bowl (vs. ACC/Sun Belt), Cure Bowl (vs. Group of Five), Frisco Bowl (vs. Group of Five), Myrtle Beach Bowl (vs. ACC/SBC), and New Mexico Bowl (vs. CUSA).

**BOWL APPEARANCES**

Since 2016, 12-of-13 current MAC teams have played in at least one bowl, with the Eagles appearing in six, which ranks tied for third-most with Miami while Ohio and Toledo lead the way with seven.

7 • Ohio, Toledo

**6 • Eastern Michigan**, Miami

5 • Buffalo, Northern Illinois, Western Michigan

4 • Central Michigan

3 • Bowling Green

2 • Ball State, Kent State

1 • Akron

0 • UMass (only bowl was 1964)

**FLYING THE FLAG**

When a MAC team defeats a member of a "Power Four" conference, they celebrate by hoisting a black flag with the MAC logo placed above cross bones, something the Eagles have done four times since 2017 with victories over Rutgers, Purdue, Illinois, and Arizona State. Dating back to the start of the 2006 season, at least one member of the MAC has flown the flag with the conference accumulating 48 wins in that stretch of 19 consecutive seasons, including 32 against the Big Ten. All told, the MAC has posted wins against foes from the Big Ten (32), SEC (2), Big 12 (6), the former Pac-12 (2), the ACC (4), and one over Notre Dame.

Overall, in the Eagles' four wins ties for the sixth-highest total in the MAC with Ball State and Western Michigan while Northern Illinois leads the way with nine, both Bowling Green and Central Michigan have six, and Ohio and Toledo have five.

In 2025, the streak continued as Ohio handed visiting West Virginia (Big 12) a 17-10 decision in Athens, Sept. 6.

**"POWER FIVE"/"POWER FOUR" VICTORIES**

The MAC has won a regular season game versus "Power Five" opponents in 19 consecutive seasons (2006-25), the longest streak in MAC history.

During this stretch, MAC teams have defeated 12 different Big Ten programs -- Illinois (4), Indiana (5), Iowa (3), Maryland (1), Michigan (1), Michigan State (1), Minnesota (3), Nebraska (1), Northwestern (4), Penn State (1), Purdue (6), and Rutgers (2) for a total of 32 wins.

EMU (2017-19) joined Bowling Green (2014-15) and Northern Illinois (2013-14) as the only MAC teams in this stretch to defeat three consecutive Big Ten opponents.

**MAC WINS OVER THE "POWER FIVE" SINCE 2006**

2025	Ohio	West Virginia	17-10
2024	Toledo	Mississippi State	41-17
2024	Notre Dame	Northern Illinois	14-16
2023	Georgia Tech	Bowling Green	27-38
2023	Cincinnati	Miami	(ot) 24-31
2023	Iowa State	Ohio	7-10
2023	Boston College	Northern Illinois	(ot) 24-27
<b>2022</b>	<b>Arizona State</b>	<b>Eastern Michigan</b>	<b>21-30</b>
2022	Northwestern	Miami	14-17
2021	Washington St.	Central Michigan	21-24
2021	Minnesota	Bowling Green	10-14
2021	Georgia Tech	Northern Illinois	21-22
<b>2019</b>	<b>Illinois</b>	<b>Eastern Michigan</b>	<b>31-34</b>
<b>2018</b>	<b>Purdue</b>	<b>Eastern Michigan</b>	<b>19-20</b>
2018	Northwestern	Akron	34-39
2018	Rutgers	Buffalo	13-42
<b>2017</b>	<b>Rutgers</b>	<b>Eastern Michigan</b>	<b>13-16</b>
2017	Nebraska	Northern Illinois	17-21
2016	Oklahoma St.	Central Michigan	27-30
2016	Kansas	Ohio	21-37
2016	Illinois	Western Michigan	10-34
2016	Northwestern	Western Michigan	21-22
2015	Arkansas	Toledo	12-16
2015	Iowa State	Toledo	(ot) 23-30
2015	Purdue	Bowling Green	28-35
2015	Maryland	Bowling Green	27-48
2014	Pittsburgh	Akron	10-21
2014	Indiana	Bowling Green	42-45
2014	Northwestern	Northern Illinois	15-23
2014	Purdue	Central Michigan	17-38
2013	Virginia	Ball State	27-48
2013	Purdue	Northern Illinois	24-55
2013	Iowa	Northern Illinois	27-30
2012	Iowa	Central Michigan	31-32
2012	Indiana	Ball State	39-41
2012	Penn State	Ohio	14-24
2011	Indiana	Ball State	20-27
2010	Purdue	Toledo	20-31
2010	Minnesota	Northern Illinois	23-34
2009	Purdue	Northern Illinois	21-28
2009	Michigan State	Central Michigan	27-29
2008	Illinois	Western Michigan	17-23
2008	Indiana	Central Michigan	34-37
2008	Michigan	Toledo	10-13
2008	Indiana	Ball State	20-42
2007	Iowa	Western Michigan	19-28
2007	Minnesota	Bowling Green	(ot) 31-32
2006	Illinois	Ohio	17-20



#2 • THE DEUCE

2017	Sergio Bailey II
2018	Blake Banham
2019	Mathew Sexton
2020	Thomas Odukoya
2021	Bryson Cannon
2022	Hassan Beydoun
2023	Tanner Knue
2024	Oran Singleton
2025	Terry Lockett, Jr.

#0 • HARD HAT DEFENSE

2023	Week 1	Joseph Zelinsky
	Week 2	Peyton Price
	Week 3	T.J. Peavy
	Week 4	Bennett Walker
	Week 5	Joe Sparacio
	Week 6	Adrian Gonzalez
	Week 7	Kempton Shine
	Week 8	Chase Kline
	Week 9	Elijah Williams
	Week 10	Daiquan White
	Week 11	no one selected
	Week 12	Quentavious Scandrett
	Week 13	Justin Jefferson
2024	Week 1	Quentavious Scandrett
	Week 2	Justin Jefferson
	Week 3	Joey Zelinsky
	Week 4	Peyton Price
	Week 5	David Carter, Jr.
	Week 6	Luke Murphy
	Week 7	no one selected
	Week 8	Barry Manning
	Week 9	James Djonkam
	Week 10	Dramarian McNulty
	Week 11	Dylan Shelton
	Week 12	James Djonkam
2025	Week 1	Joshua Scott
	Week 2	Carter Evans
	Week 3	
	Week 4	
	Week 5	
	Week 6	
	Week 7	
	Week 8	
	Week 9	
	Week 10	
	Week 11	
	Week 12	

CREIGHTON CLIMBING

Head Coach **Chris Creighton** is entering his 12th year at the helm of the Eastern program and has accumulated 57 wins with the Eagles, the second-most in program history behind the 114 secured under **Elton J. Rynearson**, for whom the Eagles' home venue is named, sported 196 career wins, leaving him four away from 200. The third-longest tenured coach in program history behind Rynearson (26 years) and **Fred Trosko** (13) and one of just four men to lead the program for 10+ seasons, Creighton currently ranks fifth among active FBS coaches in career victories, trailing only Brian Kelly at LSU (294), K.C. Keeler at Sam Houston (273), Kirk Ferentz at Iowa (217), and Willie Fritz at Houston (214).

NON-CONFERENCE SUCCESS UNDER CREIGHTON

Since the start of the 1976 season, Eastern Michigan has won 55 games in non-conference play with 43.6 percent of those victories (24 wins) coming in the past 11 seasons under **Chris Creighton**, an average of two non-conference wins per season.

In that same span, 14 of those wins have come on the road with a Creighton-led squad capturing nine wins (64.3 percent), including wins at Big Ten Conference opponents Rutgers (16-13, Sept. 9, 2017), Purdue (20-19, Sept. 8, 2018), and Illinois (34-31, Sept. 14, 2019), while adding a 30-21 win at Arizona State (Sept. 17, 2022), a then-member of the Pac-12 (currently Big 12).

THEY HAVE THE TOUCH

Over the past 11 seasons (2014-24), the Eagles' 26 blocked kicks have them tied for third-most among all teams in the MAC as Eastern, Miami, and Toledo are one off the pace set by both Central Michigan and Northern Illinois, who each have 27. Over that span, Eastern has tallied at least one block in nine consecutive years (20 blocks) with Akron next with six consecutive years (8). EMU is one of three schools (CMU and Toledo) that has recorded at least one block in 10-of-11 seasons during the current span.

NO KICKING ZONE

Since taking over the program in 2014, **Chris Creighton's** teams have blocked 26 kicks, including at least one in each of the past nine consecutive years. In 2024, the Eagles blocked four kicks, the second-highest total for the team under Creighton behind only the six blocks tallied in 2014. Last year, Eastern blocked one punt and one point-after try at Washington (Sept. 7), blocked a punt and returned it for a touchdown at home against St. Francis (Sept. 21), and blocked a 31-yard field goal attempt at Ohio (Nov. 13). The four blocks tied for the MAC lead with Northern Illinois while ranking sixth among all NCAA FBS teams.

Overall, in the 11 seasons under Creighton, EMU has blocked 10 field goal attempts, 10 punts with five being returned for touchdowns, and six extra-point attempts with one returned for a two-point defensive score.

SAFE TO ASSUME IT WILL BE CLOSE

Since 2016, Eastern Michigan has played 110 contests recording a 54-56 record in those games. The margin has been razor thin with the contests decided by a combined 70 points. EMU has scored 2,991 points (27.1 ppg), while giving up 3,091 points (28.1).

SINGLE SCORES

Since the start of the 2016 season, Eastern is tied for second nationally with 58 one-score games played, sitting behind Northern Illinois (63).

1. Northern Illinois - 63 (31-32)
- t-2. Eastern Michigan - 58 (28-30)
- t-2. Texas - 58 (26-32)
4. Iowa State - 56 (25-31)
5. Nebraska - 55 (16-39)
6. Kansas State - 54 (26-28)
7. North Carolina - 52 (22-30)
8. Oklahoma State - 50 (31-19)
9. Tulsa - 49 (22-27)

AYE, AYE CAPTAINS!

The Eagles will be led by six captains in the 2025 season. Following a vote of the current roster, the players selected **Jefferson Adam**, **Tavierre Dunlap**, **Dramarian McNulty**, **Noah Kim**, **Zach Mowchan**, and **Mickey Rewolinski** to serve as captains this season.

ON THE HORIZON

The Eagles return home to 'The Factory' at Rynearson Stadium Saturday, Sept. 20, as Eastern Michigan and the University of Louisiana will meet for a Homecoming contest in Ypsilanti. The game is set to kick off at 3:30 p.m. and the television designation will be announced this week. **Tom Helmer** (play-by-play), **Rob Rubick** (analyst), **Elena Davis** (sideline), and **Greg Steiner** (halftime) will have the call on WEMU (89.1 FM) and The Varsity Network app.

PREVIOUSLY NOTED  
KIM LEADS THE WAY

**Noah Kim** earned the starting nod at quarterback in the season-opening game and finished 23-of-34 passing for 248 yards and one touchdown and zero turnovers. The 248 yards stand as the third-highest in his career after throwing for 292 against Richmond (Sept. 9, 2023) and 279 against Central Michigan (Sept. 1, 2023) while playing for Michigan State while his 23 completions are second only to his 25 connections made at Iowa (Sept. 30, 2023) that same year. Overall his 248 yards and 138.6 efficiency rating stand second in the MAC.

HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE

OPPONENT	TIME	TV	LENGTH	HALF	FINAL	COIN TOSS	KICKOFF/ RETURN	1ST EMU POSS.	1ST OPP. POSS.	EMU HELMET	EMU JERSEY	EMU PANTS
at Texas State	8 p.m. ET	ESPN+	3:30	17-24	27-52	TXST	Kickoff	FG	TD	Green	White	White
Long Island	7 p.m.	ESPN+	3:06	10-14	23-28	LIU	Kickoff	Punt	TD	Green	Green	White
at Kentucky	7:30 p.m.	ESPNU										
Lousiana	3:30 p.m.	TBA										
at Central Michigan	TBA	TBA										
at Buffalo	3:30 p.m.	TBA										
Northern Illinois	TBA	TBA										
at Miami	TBA	TBA										
Ohio	TBA	TBA										
Bowling Green	TBA	TBA										
at Ball State	TBA	TBA										
Western Michigan	TBA	ESPN2/+										
vs. MAC Champ.	12 p.m.	ESPN										



## SPREADING IT AROUND IN THE AIR

To reach his passing numbers, **Noah Kim** spread the ball around as he connected with 10 different receivers, something that hasn't happened since the 2019 season at EMU. Despite the Eagle quarterbacks finding nine different receivers in two different games in 2024 (home against Miami and Toledo), the last time EMU had 10+ receivers in the same game was Oct. 5, 2019, at Central Michigan where 11 players hauled in at least one pass.

## GOING LONG

**Joshua Long** was on the receiving end of **Noah Kim's** first passing touchdown with the Eagles as he hauled in a 16-yard strike in the second quarter. Long is no stranger to the end zone as he caught six scoring passes in 2024 while playing for El Camino College, marking his scoring play with EMU his first NCAA Division I scoring play. Long finished with three grabs for 31 yards on the day.

## KIM'S CONNECTIONS

With his passing touchdown at Texas State, **Noah Kim** has now recorded at least one score through the air in four consecutive seasons while playing for three schools. He tallied three passing touchdowns in 2022 and six more in the 2023 while playing at Michigan State before adding four more last year at Coastal Carolina.

## LOCKETT CONTINUES TO LEAD

Selected to wear The Deuce as the team's top senior receiver, **Terry Lockett Jr.** finished the game at Texas State as the team's leader as he pulled down five catches for 62 yards, the most in both categories for the Eagles. The five grabs helped him run his streak to nine consecutive games with at least one reception.

## ROOKS RETURNS

**Porter Rooks** started and saw his first game action for the Eagles after sitting out the 2024 season with an injury. In his first game back since Nov. 25, 2023, when he played for NC State against North Carolina, Rooks pulled in three passes for 13 yards. Additionally, Rooks appeared in his 50th collegiate contest, which ranks 25th among all active FBS players in 2025.

## ROOM TO RUN

The running game also put together a strong showing as six players carried the ball 33 times for 143 yards and two touchdowns with **Joey Mattord** and **Tavierre Dunlap** collecting the scores. The 143 yards stand as the most in a season-opening game for EMU since the 2021 team put up 221 yards against St. Francis (Pa.) in Ypsilanti. Against Texas State, **Dontae McMillan** returned from a season-ending injury in 2024 to carry the ball nine times for 78 yards while Mattord recorded a career-high 38 yards and Dunlap added 33 yards on 10 rushes. **Benson Prosper** and **James Jointer Jr.**, each finished with two carries and four yards each.

## WAITING A SECOND

Both **Joey Mattord** and **Tavierre Dunlap** scored rushing touchdowns in the game at Texas State while both marking their second career scores. Mattord recorded his first career touchdown at home against Toledo (Nov. 2, 2024) while Dunlap, who played the last four years at Michigan, scored his first against Northwestern (Nov. 23, 2024).

## BLAIRING INTO THE BACKFIELD

**Messiah Blair** recorded his first TFL, sack, and forced fumble in the first half of the game with all three coming on the same play. With 3:56 remaining in the opening stanza, Blair rushed the Texas State quarterback and sacked him for a 9-yard loss. While bringing him down, he knocked the ball loose, but the Bobcats recovered the ball and continued their possession. He is currently tied for the MAC lead and third nationally with 1.0 forced fumbles per game.

## DONNING THE DEUCE: LOCKETT, JR.

Most jersey numbers hold special meanings to the players who wear them. At EMU, there is one number that holds a special meaning: 'The Deuce'. Make no mistake, this jersey is special. It cannot be selected by a player through conventional means, such as requesting it through the equipment staff. Rather, the selection is made by a player through his actions on the field and off. He earns 'The Deuce' by demonstrating he possesses the integrity, character, and selflessness of EMU's football student-athletes and representatives strive to build within themselves. For Eastern football, 'The Deuce', must be earned in remembrance of wide receiver **Demarius Reed**, who passed away on Oct. 18, 2013. Put back into circulation in 2017 with the blessing of Reed's family and former teammates, his number once again graces the field at Rynearson Stadium on the back of the squad's best senior pass catcher. In a team meeting, held Aug. 21, Head Coach **Chris Creighton** announced **Terry Lockett Jr.** had earned the honor to wear the jersey emblazoned with the No. 2.

## GRIDIRON GRADUATES

The 2025 roster features 23 players that have earned their undergraduate degrees, including 16 that have graduated from Eastern Michigan and seven from other NCAA Division I institutions. The list of EMU graduates include **Jefferson Adam**, **Solomon Bell**, **Tyrell Deener**, **Carter Evans**, **Terry Lockett Jr.**, **Chris Mayo**, **Dontae McMillan**, **Dramarian McNulty**, **Sterling Miles**, **Zach Mowchan**, **Mickey Rewolinski**, **Joshua Scott**, **Isaac Smith**, **Owen Snively**, **Jesse Vasquez**, and **Jamarien Wheeler** with **Caleb Coley** (Michigan State), **Tavierre Dunlap** (Michigan), **Donovan Green** (Northwestern State), **Zyell Griffin** (UNLV), **Nick Harris** (UConn), **Noah Kim** (Michigan State), and **Porter Rooks** (NC State) having earned their degrees before transferring to EMU.

## ON THE LIST

Ten different Eagles found their names on the All-MAC Preseason lists by *Athlon Sports* and/or Phil Steele ahead of the 2025 season with five players appearing on both. The Eastern players appearing on both lists included **Jefferson Adam** (4th team *Athlon*/4th team Steele), **Terry Lockett Jr.** (1st/1st), **Zach Mowchan** (3rd/4th), **Mickey Rewolinski** (1st/3rd), and **Mitchell Tomasek** (2nd/3rd). Three other players were named to the *Athlon* list, including **Bryce Llewellyn** (4th), **Dontae McMillan** (4th), and **Joshua Scott** (2nd) while **Mack Indestad** (3rd) and **Tyrell Martin** (4th) made the Phil Steele list.

## NON-CONFERENCE WINS SINCE 1976

10-9-1976	ARKANSAS STATE	W	32-30
9-24-1977	McNEESE STATE	W	9-7
10-29-1977	at Akron	W	42-28
11-5-1977	at North Carolina A&T	W	21-20
11-12-1977	ILLINOIS STATE	W	41-28
9-23-1978	INDIANA STATE	W	27-8
10-14-1978	AKRON	W	25-14
9-1-1979	at Northern Michigan	W	21-7
9-3-1983	MARSHALL	W	7-3
9-7-1985	YOUNGSTOWN STATE	W	27-22
9-13-1986	at Youngstown State	W	18-17
9-20-1986	AKRON	W	24-21
9-5-1987	YOUNGSTOWN STATE	W	35-20
10-3-1987	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	W	32-31
12-10-1987	vs San Jose State +	W	30-27
9-10-1988	at Youngstown State	W	17-12
9-9-1989	YOUNGSTOWN STATE	W	14-3
9-18-1993	WESTERN ILLINOIS	W	16-14
9-16-1995	UNLV	W	51-6
10-18-1997	AKRON ^	W	45-0
9-2-2000	UCONN	W	32-25
9-1-2001	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI ST.	W	16-12
9-14-2002	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI ST.	W	35-32
9-28-2002	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (2OT)	W	48-45
8-28-2003	EAST TENNESSEE STATE	W	28-21
9-10-2005	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	W	31-10
9-22-2007	HOWARD	W	38-15
8-28-2008	INDIANA STATE	W	52-0
9-4-2011	HOWARD	W	41-9
9-10-2011	ALABAMA STATE	W	14-7
10-20-2012	ARMY	W	48-38
8-31-2013	HOWARD	W	34-24
8-30-2014	MORGAN STATE	W	31-28
9-12-2015	at Wyoming	W	48-29
9-2-2016	MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE	W	61-14
9-17-2016	at Charlotte	W	37-19
9-23-2016	WYOMING	W	27-24
9-1-2017	CHARLOTTE	W	24-7
9-9-2017	at Rutgers	W	16-13
8-31-2018	MONMOUTH	W	51-17
9-8-2018	at Purdue	W	20-19
8-31-2019	at Coastal Carolina	W	30-23
9-14-2019	at Illinois	W	34-31
9-21-2019	CENTRAL CONNECTICUT	W	34-29
9-3-2021	SAINT FRANCIS	W	35-15
9-18-2021	at UMass	W	42-28
9-25-2021	TEXAS STATE	W	59-21
9-2-2022	EASTERN KENTUCKY	W	42-34
9-17-2022	at Arizona State	W	30-21
10-1-2022	UMASS	W	20-13
12-20-2022	vs San Jose State+	W	41-27
9-1-2023	HOWARD	W	33-23
9-16-2023	UMASS	W	19-17
8-31-2024	at UMass	W	28-14
9-14-2024	JACKSONVILLE STATE (2OT)	W	37-34
9-21-2024	SAINT FRANCIS	W	36-0

## NON-CONFERENCE ROAD WINS SINCE 1976

10-29-1977	at Akron	W	42-28
11-5-1977	at North Carolina A&T	W	21-20
9-1-1979	at Northern Michigan	W	21-7
9-13-1986	at Youngstown State	W	18-17
9-10-1988	at Youngstown State	W	17-12
9-12-2015	at Wyoming	W	48-29
9-17-2016	at Charlotte	W	37-19
9-9-2017	at Rutgers	W	16-13
9-8-2018	at Purdue	W	20-19
8-31-2019	at Coastal Carolina	W	30-23
9-14-2019	at Illinois	W	34-31
9-18-2021	at UMass	W	42-28
9-17-2022	at Arizona State	W	30-21
8-31-2024	at UMass	W	28-14

## Schedule Notes:

+ Bowl Game | ^ non-MAC contest vs. Akron

Akron joined the MAC in 1992

Marshall was in the MAC 1954-69 & 1997-05

Northern Illinois left the MAC in 1986 and rejoined in 1997

UMass joined the MAC in 2025

The FBS (I-AA)/FCS (I-AA) split occurred in 1978

100-YARD RUSHERS

Eagle	2025	Career	'25 Opponent
McMILLAN, Dontae	0	4	-

100-YARD RECEIVERS

Eagle	2025	Career	'25 Opponent
LOCKETT JR., Terry	0	2	-

INTERCEPTIONS

Eagle	2025	Career
SCOTT, Joshua	0	3
GREEN, Donovan	0	1
LLEWELLYN, Bryce	0	1
McNULTY, Dramarian	0	1

BLOCKED KICKS IN CREIGHTON ERA

Opponent	Type	Date
Morgan State	Punt (TD)	Aug. 30, 2014
Morgan State	41-yd FG	Aug. 30, 2014
Buffalo	39-yd FG	Oct. 11, 2014
Northern Illinois	24-yd FG	Oct. 25, 2014
Northern Illinois	32-yd FG	Oct. 25, 2014
Central Michigan	Punt	Nov. 1, 2014
Wyoming	22-yd FG	Sept. 23, 2016
Northern Illinois	36-yd FG	Nov. 16, 2016
Northern Illinois	Punt (TD)	Oct. 26, 2017
Western Michigan	PAT	Oct. 6, 2018
Army West Point	Punt	Oct. 27, 2018
Georgia Southern	Punt	Dec. 15, 2018
Central Connecticut St.	Punt (TD)	Sept. 21, 2019
Kent State	47-yd FG	Nov. 29, 2019
Pittsburgh	Punt	Dec. 26, 2019
Toledo	37-yd FG	Nov. 18, 2020
Bowling Green	Punt (TD)	Oct. 23, 2021
Western Michigan	29-yd FG	Nov. 16, 2021
Buffalo	PAT	Sept. 24, 2022
Ball State	PAT	Oct. 22, 2022
San Jose State	PAT (TD)	Dec. 20, 2022
Howard	PAT	Sept. 1, 2023
Washington	Punt	Sept. 7, 2024
Washington	PAT	Sept. 7, 2024
Saint Francis	Punt (TD)	Sept. 21, 2024
Ohio	31-yd FG	Nov. 13, 2024

SHORT ROAD TRIPS • ACCORDING TO GOOGLE MAPS

Below is a list of the closest rivalries in the NCAA FBS subdivision. Only schools with a regular history of playing made the list:

CAMPUS-TO-CAMPS	Miles
Georgia Tech - Georgia State	2.0
Houston - Rice	6.1
<b>Eastern Michigan - Michigan</b>	<b>7.5</b>
Duke - North Carolina	10.0
North Carolina - NC State	10.1
Akron - Kent State	11.6
Southern Cal - UCLA	14.1
Duke - NC State	25.3
Bowling Green - Toledo	27.5

ADAM ON WATCH LISTS

**Jefferson Adam** not only was named to a pair of athletic-related preseason lists, he also landed on a pair of national watch lists based on his excellence in community service and academics to go along with his athletic success. Ahead of fall camp, Adam was named as one of 197 student-athletes nominated for the 2025 Allstate AFCA Good Works Team before also earning one of 116 nominations nationally to the 2025 Allstate Wuerffel Trophy Watch List. Both awards are highly regarded as college football's premier awards for community service. In hist time at Eastern, Adam has tallied over 31 hours of service and has been a central figure in EMU's Bright Futures Program, especially at Perry Early Learning Center, where he volunteers regularly. Additionally, he spearheaded the organization of a children's book drive as part of EMU's 2024 Spring Game that brought in 500 books for Ypsilanti Public School and Bright Futures libraries.

PRESEASON PROGNOSTICATIONS

Ahead of the season, the Eagles were voted to finish eighth in the 13-team MAC standings as they received 68 points to place them one position above their final showing in 2024 (ninth). Toledo (135 points/7 FPV) was narrowly selected to win the title with Miami (131/3) trailing by just four points. Ohio (123/3), Buffalo (115), and Northern Illinois (94) round out the top five.

LOCKETT IN

**Terry Lockett Jr.**, who was selected to wear 'The Deuce', Aug. 21, entered the 2024 season with no 100+ yard receiving games in his career and exited with two after having pulled down three grabs for 100 yards and two touchdowns at home against Central Michigan (Oct. 19) before reeling in 122 yards and two scores on eight catches against Buffalo (Nov. 20). The team's leader in yardage with 660 yards on 46 grabs and team-best five touchdowns, Lockett Jr. also became just the seventh Eastern player to record 100 yards receiving on three or fewer catches. The last time it happened was Sept. 24, 2022, when **Tanner Knue** caught three passes for 106 yards and one score at home against Buffalo. Additionally, four of the seven instances have come since **Chris Creighton** began his tenure at EMU in 2014.

2025 AWARDS RECEIVED

<b>TOMASEK, Mitchell (P)</b>	9/8
Ray's 8 for Week 2	

IMPACTS TO THE MAXX

In April 2025, **Maxx Crosby** continued his impact on the Eastern program as he was named EMU Football Assistant General Manager as well as Special Assistant to the Athletic Director on fundraising, alumni relations, and student-athlete support. As an assistant GM, Crosby will assist with evaluating high school and transfer portal prospects and help manage the team's NIL/revenue share budget. He also spearheaded the Maxx Match in May 2025, in which he matched the \$100,000 in donations the department received that month.

"There is no place more important to my personal and athletic development than Eastern Michigan University," Crosby said. "It truly is an honor for me to not only be named the Assistant GM of the EMU program, but together, with my wife Rachel, make another donation aimed at creating opportunities for other athletes to be impacted by the EMU program, community, students, and alumni."

CROSBY ON NFL 100 LIST AGAIN

For the fourth consecutive year, **Maxx Crosby** found a place on the annual NFL 100 list, this year coming in at No. 22. Despite being limited to 12 games in 2024 because of an injury, Crosby continued to torment opposing offensives as he tallied 45 tackles, 17.0 TFLs, 7.5 sacks, and 20 quarterback hits. A four-time Pro Bowl selection, Crosby recently signed a three-year extension to remain in Las Vegas with the Raiders.

WELCOME TO YPSILANTI

The 2025 roster features 50 newcomers to the program, including 31 transfers and 19 freshmen. The rookie class features players from 11 different states, including Colorado, Florida (3), Georgia, Indiana (3), Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio (3), and Pennsylvania, and one each from Canada and Mexico. Of the 31 transfers, 15 come to town from FBS programs, including eight from 'Power 4' institutions (Kentucky, LSU, Maryland, Michigan, Michigan State, Missouri, Pittsburgh, and Syracuse). The transfers also include six different FCS programs, one NCAA Division II school, and six junior colleges.



## NEW TO THE CREW

Ahead of the 2025 season, **Chris Creighton** added three new coaches to his staff, including **Cornell Brown** (defensive tackle), **Sean Dugan** (Alphas), and **Chris Wiesehan** (offensive line).

- Brown, a 2000 and 2006 graduate of Virginia Tech, brings 20 years of experience to Ypsilanti. A member of the Super Bowl XXXV Champion Baltimore Ravens, Brown has held coaching positions in the college ranks with Bowling Green, Tarleton State, Marshall, Norfolk State, and Virginia Tech while also having coached players with the New Orleans Breakers (USFL), Calgary Stampeders (CFL), Frankfurt Galaxy (NFL Europe) and Cologne Centurions (NFL Europe).
- Although he is entering his first season as an assistant coach working with the Alphas, Dugan is no stranger to the program after working as a defensive analyst with the Eagles the past two seasons. Prior to his arrival, Dugan coached at Austin Peay, Wisconsin-Stevens Point, and Alvernia after his playing days at Millersville came to a close.
- Wiesehan, like Brown, brings a wealth of experience that has seen him work with players at 11 colleges and three professional teams. Most recently at Temple, he has also coached at Georgia Tech, Hawaii, UCLA, Syracuse, James Madison, Northern Arizona, Buffalo, Notre Dame, Purdue, and Fort Hayes State, while the professional teams included the Winnipeg Blue Bombers (CFL) and Tampa Bay Buccaneers (NFL).

## WHERE IN THE WORLD IS CHRIS CREIGHTON?

In his head coaching career, **Chris Creighton** has racked up the frequent flier miles, coaching games in seven different countries. Creighton added the Bahamas to that list in 2016 when he led the Eagles to the Bahamas Bowl after it already consisted of the United States, Sweden, Austria, Panama, Tanzania, and Germany.

## PLAYING 18 (DOWN)

During the 2024 season, the Eagles played in five, one-score games with two seeing Eastern come back from an 18-point deficit to post a 1-1 record in those contests. The first came Oct. 19 at home against Central Michigan where the Eagles found themselves trailing by 18 points, 34-16, with 13:26 to play in the fourth quarter. A gritty performance on both sides of the ball, fueled by a boisterous crowd, saw Eastern score three touchdowns and hold the Chippewas scoreless to claim a 38-34 win.

The last time Eastern came back to win after such a deficit was Nov. 11, 2000, at home against Northern Illinois. Similar to the CMU game, the Eagles trailed NIU, 32-12, with 12:14 remaining before scoring three touchdowns to tie the game at 32 with 2:58 remaining. EMU won the game by forcing a Husky punt before marching 59 yards in 56 seconds for a **Walter Church** to **Kevin Walter** 25-yard touchdown pass for the win. Eastern nearly made it back-to-back games with wins after trailing by 18, but fell short at Akron, Oct. 26.

One week after the dramatic turnaround against CMU, the 2024 Eagles found themselves down 18-0 at Akron (Oct. 26) before mounting a comeback. EMU couldn't make it two in a row with complete comebacks as the host Zips held off the Eagles for a 25-21 win.

Deficit	Final	Opponent	Date
24 (24-0)	W, 30-27	Central Michigan	11-6-76
21 (28-7)	W, 48-38 OT	at Ball State	10-16-10
21 (21-0)	W, 48-41	at Ball State	11-8-16
21 (31-10)	L, 34-37 OT	at Toledo	10-26-19
20 (32-12)	W, 39-32	Northern Illinois	11-11-00
<b>18 (34-16)</b>	<b>W, 38-34</b>	<b>Central Michigan</b>	<b>10-19-24</b>
<b>18 (18-0)</b>	<b>L, 21-25</b>	<b>at Akron</b>	<b>10-26-24</b>

## THE LAST TIME...

## RUSHING

An EMU player rushed 30+ yards from scrimmage	Dontae McMillen, 40 yds. vs. LIU (9-6-25)
An EMU player rushed 40+ yards from scrimmage	Dontae McMillen, 40 yds. vs. LIU (9-6-25)
An EMU player rushed 50+ yards from scrimmage	Jaylon Jackson, 55 yds. vs. UMass (9-16-23)
An EMU player rushed 60+ yards from scrimmage	Samson Evans, 61 yds. vs. UMass (9-16-23)
An EMU player rushed 70+ yards from scrimmage	Ian Eriksen, 71 yds. at Miami (11-15-17)
An EMU player rushed 80+ yards from scrimmage	Larry Ratcliff, 88, vs. Wisc.-Mil. (10-23-71)
An EMU player rushed for 100+ yards in the first half	Ian Erikson, 107 yds, at Miami (11-15-17)
An EMU player rushed for 100+ yards in a game	Delbert Mimms, 145 yds. at Kent State (9-28-24)
An EMU player rushed for 200+ yards in a game	Samson Evans, 258 yds. at Arizona State (9-17-22)
An EMU player carried 30+ times in a game	Samson Evans, 33 attempts at Kent State (11-16-22)
An EMU player carried 40 times in a game	Anthony Sherrell, 40 attempts, at North. Ill. (11-22-03)
An EMU player carried 41-or-more times in a game	Anthony Sherrell, 43 attempts, vs. Ball St. (11-15-03)
An EMU player scored three TDs rushing	Samson Evans, 3TDs vs. Akron (11-14-23)
An EMU player scored four TDs rushing	Shaq Vann, 4TDs at Akron (11-12-19)
Two EMU players rushed for 100+ yards in a game	Reggie Bell, 133, Ryan Brumfield, 112, vs. North. Ill. (10-25-14)

## PASSING

An EMU player completed 30+ passes in a game	Taylor Powell, 30 completions, at Kent State (11-16-22)
An EMU player completed 40+ passes in a game	Ben Bryant, 41 completions, vs. Ohio (11-9-21)
An EMU player completed 50+ passes in a game	Andy Schmitt, 58 completions, vs. Central Michigan (11-28-08)
An EMU player threw three TD passes	Cole Snyder, 3 TDs, vs. Buffalo (11-20-24)
An EMU player threw four TD passes	Preston Hutchinson, 4 TDs, vs. Toledo (11-18-20)
An EMU player threw five TD passes	Tyler Benz, 5 TDs, vs. Army (10-20-12)
An EMU player passed for 300+ yards in a game	Cole Snyder, 351 yds, vs. Buffalo (11-20-24)
An EMU player passed for 400+ yards in a game	Brogan Roback, 468 yds., at Ball State (11-8-16)
An EMU player passed for 500+ yards in a game	Andy Schmitt, 516 yds., vs. Central Michigan (11-28-08)
An EMU player completed more than 75% of his passes	Austin Smith, 76.9% (20-of-26) at Central Michigan (9-30-23)
A EMU non-quarterback threw a touchdown pass	Terry Lockett Jr., 33 yds. vs. Jax State - TD (9-14-24)

## RECEIVING

An EMU player had 10+ receptions in a game	Oran Singleton, 10 receptions, at Akron (10-26-22)
An EMU receiver had 100+ yards in a game	Oran Singleton, 103 yards, vs. Toledo (11-2-24)
Two EMU players 100+ receiving yards in a game	Markus Allen, 187, Terry Lockett, 122, vs. Buffalo (11-20-24)
An EMU running back had 100+ rec. yards in a game	Jaylon Jackson, 111 yards, vs. Western Michigan (10-28-23)
An EMU receiver had 200+ yards in a game	Kevin Walter, 225 yards, vs. Akron (10-5-02)
An EMU receiver caught three TDs in a game	Eric Deslauriers, 4 TDs, vs. Central Mich. (11-6-04)
An EMU receiver caught four TDs in a game	Eric Deslauriers, 4 TDs, vs. Central Mich. (11-6-04)
Nine-or-more different receivers caught a pass	10, at Texas State (8-30-25)
12-or-more different receivers caught a pass	12, at Northern Illinois (10-26-17)

## MISCELLANEOUS

An EMU player registered a 60-yard punt	Mitchell Tomasek, 63 yds., at Texas State (8-30-25)
An EMU player registered a 70-yard punt	Mitchell Tomasek, 70 yds., vs Ball State (10-7-23)
An EMU player registered a 80-yard punt	Charles Nemeth, 90 yds., vs. Alma (11-4-43)
An EMU player registered a 90-yard punt	Charles Nemeth, 90 yds., vs. Alma (11-4-43)
An EMU player kicked a 50+ yard field goal	Jesus Gomez, 51 yds., vs. San Jose State (12-20-22)
EMU recovered its own on-side kick	Brendan Renius at Wyoming (9-12-15), 1st Quarter
An opponent recovered their own on-side kick	vs. Northern Illinois (12-12-20), 1st Quarter
EMU registered a safety	bad snap in end zone vs. Howard (9-1-23)
EMU allowed a safety	vs. Buffalo (11-20-24)
An EMU player had multiple interceptions in a game	Bennett Walker, 2, vs. UMass (9-16-23)
An EMU player had four interceptions in a game	Richard Palmer, 4, vs. Western Michigan (10-19-91)
An EMU player returned a punt for a touchdown	Demarius Reed, 83 yards at Kent State (11-19-11)
An EMU player returned a kickoff for a touchdown	Hamze El-Zayat, 96 yards vs. Howard (9-1-23)
Two EMU players returned kickoffs for a touchdown	Hamze El-Zayat, 96 yards; Jaylon Jackson 84 yards; vs. Howard (9-1-23)
An EMU player returned the game opening kickoff for a TD	Kendric Nowling, 44 yards vs. Kent State (10-14-23)
An opponent returned the game opening kickoff for a TD	Darius Phillips, 93 yards at Western Michigan (11-15-14)
An EMU player returned a fumble for a touchdown	David Carter Jr., 99 yards vs. Saint Francis (9-21-24)
An EMU player returned an interception for a touchdown	Jeff Hubbard, 27 yards vs. Liberty (12-18-21)
An EMU player blocked a punt	Joey Mattord vs. Saint Francis (9-21-24)
An EMU player blocked a punt and returned it for a touchdown	Jere Getzinger, at Bowling Green (10-23-21)
An EMU player blocked a field goal	Joey Zielinsky at Ohio (11-13-24)
EMU registered two blocked field goals in the same game	Willie Creear & Mike Steals vs. North. Ill. (10-25-14)
An EMU player blocked a PAT and returned it for a score	Tristen Hines (block: Sterling Miles), 97 yds., vs. San Jose State (12-20-22)
An opponent blocked a PAT and returned it for a score	at Central Michigan (9-30-23)
An EMU player had a rush, pass comp., and catch in same game	Alex Gillett vs. Northern Illinois (11-23-12)
EMU blocked punt, blocked FG, & returned punt for TD in same game	at Kent State (11-19-11)
EMU recorded a successful fake punt	Kyle Rachwal, 27 yard rush vs. Western Michigan (10-21-17)
EMU won on the final play of the game	at Illinois (9-14-19) - 24-yard field goal by Chad Ryland
EMU won a game with a game-ending field goal	at Illinois (9-14-19) - 24-yard field goal by Chad Ryland
EMU lost on the final play of the game	vs. Toledo (11-2-24) - Miss 2-pt Conversion with 0:00 left on clock
EMU lost a game on a game-ending field goal	vs. Georgia Southern (12-15-18) - 40-yard field goal
EMU shut a team out in the first half	vs. Saint Francis (9-21-24), 13-0 (9-21-24)
EMU recorded a shutout	vs. Saint Francis (9-21-24), 36-0 (9-21-24)
Fastest EMU score to open a game (kick)	Six seconds vs. Kent State (10-14-23) kick return for a TD after and onside kick
Fastest EMU score to open a game (non-kick)	15 seconds at Kentucky (9-30-17) touchdown pass following a fumble
EMU was the victim of a shutout	at Jacksonville State (9-23-23), JAX 21, EMU 0
EMU won a road non-conference game	at Arizona State (9-17-19), EMU 30, ASU 21
EMU received votes in the Coaches Poll	Oct. 2, 2016 - 1 vote
EMU received votes in the Associated Press Coaches Poll	1987 Final Poll - 18 votes
Won three-or-more consecutive games	3 - 2024, Jax State (Sept. 14) to Kent State (Sept. 28)
Won five or-more consecutive conference games	5 - 2018, Toledo (Oct. 13) to Kent State (Nov. 23)

WORKING OVERTIME

EASTERN MICHIGAN'S RECORD ALL-TIME IN...

Overtime	7-11	Last: 9/14/24
Single Overtime (OT)	4-9	Last: 11/14/23
Double Overtime (2OT)	3-0	Last: 9/14/24
Triple Overtime (3OT)	0-2	Last: 9/29/18
Quadruple Overtime (4OT)	1-0	Last: 11/6/04

Date	Opponent	OT	Result
10-10-98	CENTRAL MICH.	OT	L 23-36
10-9-98	WESTERN MICH.	OT	L 37-40
11-24-01	at Akron	3OT	L 62-65
9-28-02	SOUTHERN ILL.	2OT	W 48-45
11-6-04	CENTRAL MICH.	4OT	W 61-58
9-24-05	at Central Mich.	OT	W 23-20
9-23-06	CENTRAL MICH.	OT	L 17-24
10-16-10	at Ball State	OT	W 41-38
11-9-13	WESTERN MICH.*	OT	W 35-32
11-16-16	NORTHERN ILL.	OT	L 24-31
09-23-17	OHIO*	2OT	L 20-27
10-21-17	WESTERN MICH.*	OT	L 17-20
10-26-17	at Northern Ill.*	OT	L 27-30
9-22-18	at San Diego St.	OT	L 20-23
9-29-18	NORTHERN ILL.*	3OT	L 23-26
10-26-19	at Toledo*	OT	L 34-37
11-14-23	AKRON*	2OT	W 30-27
9-14-24	JACKSONVILLE STATE	2OT	W 37-34

EMU AGAINST RANKED FOES

Date	Rank	Opponent	Result
9-19-92	10	at Penn State	L 7-52
9-10-94	10	at Wisconsin	L 0-56
9-11-04	10	at Florida	L 10-49
9-17-05	14	at Michigan	L 0-55
10-25-08	20/22	at Ball State	L 16-38
9-25-10	2/2	at Ohio State	L 20-73
9-22-12	21/20	at Michigan State	L 7-23
11-23-12	24/23	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	L 7-49
10-26-13	23/22/18	at Northern Illinois	L 20-59
9-20-14	11/11	at Michigan State	L 14-73
10-3-15	9/8	at LSU	L 22-44
10-17-15	22/25	at Toledo	L 20-63
10-22-16	20/20	at Western Michigan	L 31-45
9-11-21	18/17	at Wisconsin	L 7-34
9-7-24	25/rv	at Washington	L 9-30

Rankings are: Associated Press, Coaches' Poll, BCS poll

NEED TO KNOW: EMU TRADITIONS

Head Coach **Chris Creighton** has established a plethora of traditions at EMU since his tenure began prior to the start of the 2014 season:

THE WRENCH

One of the symbols of the program, EMU's eye-catching 51-pound pipe wrench can be seen on the shoulders on a player at all times during EMU's games - never touching the ground. The wrench symbolizes three distinct pillars that are emphasized within the program: 1) The blue collar nature of EMU and the Southeast Michigan community, 2) The ability to "close the gap," between where you are, and where you want to be - symbolized by the ability to open and close the vices of the wrench, 3) The conscious choice to embrace, and even choose, adversity. Those who tackle adversity head on are better for it. The wrench symbolizes the embrace of adversity.

In addition to its presence on the sideline, the wrench is also front and center when the team enters the field for the final time before kickoff. Each week, the team selects someone who has overcome significant adversity of their own, to carry the wrench and lead the team onto the field. From cancer survivors, to those who lost a loved one, the wrench has been carried by players, family members, and community members of all sorts since 2014.

THE WALL

Symbolizing the desire to "break through," even before the game begins, Eastern Michigan's signature entrance features the breaking of, and running through a cinder block wall, featuring "The Factory," written across.

THE HAMMERS

Used the break down "The Wall," three players each week are selected to use a sledgehammer to help lead EMU out of the tunnel. The hammers are given each week to the player on offense, defense, and special teams that recorded the hardest, legal hit in the week prior.

THE FACTORY

Paying homage to the hard-working, industrial history of Southeast Michigan, EMU has dubbed Rynearson Stadium as "The Factory," since 2014. Features in the stadium include diamond plated signage, accents, text featuring the words "Champions Built Here," and more.

GRAY TURF

EMU is one of just three FBS teams to play on a non-green surface. Boise State (blue), and Coastal Carolina (teal) are the other two teams. EMU's gray field turf was installed after Creighton led his team through an off-season, 6 a.m. workout in nearly six inches of snow outdoors. There, he uttered that his new-look Eagles would "play anyone, anytime, anywhere - even on a parking lot covered in broken glass." Thus, the new turf was installed to represent a parking lot and the team's commitment to that statement.

THE EAGLE

EMU's pregame festivities features a cross-field flight by a bald eagle during the playing of the national anthem. Eastern Michigan is the only school in the country that features a flight from an American Bald Eagle.

SCORIGAMI

**SCORIGAMI** = the art of finishing a game with a unique score combination. In 134 years of Eastern football, the program has played 1,174 games with 512 total Scorigami's recorded with the most common winning score, 6-0, occurring 28 times.

TOP 10 SCORIGAMI SCORES FOR EASTERN MICHIGAN

Score	#	Last Time
1. 6-0	28	9/24/1949 at Northern Michigan (L)
2. 0-0	21	10/6/1979 Northern Illinois (T)
3. 13-0	19	9/10/1983 Akron (L)
4. 20-0	16	11/7/1970 Louisiana-Monroe (W)
7-0	16	10/5/1996 at Ohio (L)
6. 14-0	15	11/19/1993 at Toledo (L)
7. 19-0	14	10/6/2001 at UConn (L)
8. 13-7	13	9/12/1998 at Ball State (W)
9. 12-0	11	11/3/1951 Illinois State (W)
16-0	11	9/16/1972 Toledo (L)

10 MOST RECENT SCORIGAMIS FOR EASTERN MICHIGAN

Score	Date	Score
19-17	9/16/23	Massachusetts (17) at EMU (19) W
49-23	11/8/23	EMU (23) at Toledo (49) L
24-11	11/21/23	EMU (24) at Buffalo (11) W
28-14	8/31/24	EMU (28) at Massachusetts (14) W
52-33	9/28/24	EMU (52) at Kent State (33) W
29-28	11/2/24	Toledo (29) at EMU (28) L
37-20	11/20/24	Buffalo (37) at EMU (20) L
26-18	11/30/24	EMU (18) at Western Michigan (26) L
52-27	8/30/25	EMU (27) at Texas State (52) L
28-23	9/6/25	LIU (28) at EMU (23) L



# EASTERN



IN THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

PRE 1970

Al Day (Denver, 1960)  
Garry Grady (Miami, 1969)  
Chuck Hanneman (Detroit, 1937-41; Cleveland, 1941)  
Chuck Shonta (Boston Patriots, 1960-67)

1970-1979

John Banaszak (Pittsburgh, 1975-81)  
Dave Boone (Minnesota, 1974)  
Clarence Chapman (New Orleans, 1977-79)  
Al Clark (Detroit, 1971; L.A. Rams, 1972-75; Philadelphia, 1976)  
Bill Dulac (New England, 1974-75)  
Ron Fernandes (Baltimore, 1976-78)  
Will Foster (New England, 1973-74)  
Reggie Garrett (Pittsburgh, 1974-75)  
Ron Johnson (Pittsburgh, 1978-84)  
Jim Pietrzak (N.Y. Giants, 1974-79; New Orleans, 1979-84; Kansas City, 1987)  
Dave Pureifory (Green Bay, 1972-77; Cincinnati, 1978; Detroit, 1979-82)

1980'S

Anthony Fields (Detroit, 1987)  
David Marshall (Cleveland, 1984; Miami, 1987)  
Brett Petersmark (Houston, 1987)

1990-1999

Vashone Adams (Cleveland, 1995; Baltimore, 1996; New Orleans, 1997)  
Charlie Batch (Detroit, 1998-2001; Pittsburgh, 2002-12)  
Lional Dalton (Baltimore, 1998-01; Denver, 2002; Washington, 2003;  
Kansas City, 2004-05; Houston, 2006)  
Ron Rice (Detroit, 1995-2001)  
L.J. Shelton (Arizona, 1999-04; Cleveland, 2005; Miami, 2006)  
Barry Stokes (Miami, 1998; L.A. Raiders, 2000-01; Cleveland, 2002-03;  
N.Y. Giants, 2004; Atlanta, 2005; Detroit, 2006-08)

2000-09

Carson Dach (N.Y. Giants, 2003)  
Jason Jones (Tennessee, 2008-11; Seattle, 2012; Detroit, 2013-15; Miami, 2016)  
Kevin Harrison (Buffalo 2006-07)  
TJ Lang (Green Bay, 2009-16; Detroit, 2017-18)  
Jereme Perry (Cleveland, 2006-07)  
Chris Roberson (Jacksonville, 2005-06; Detroit, 2008)  
Jason Short (Philadelphia, 2004-06; Cleveland, 2007)  
Kevin Walter (Cincinnati, 2003-05; Houston, 2006-12; Tennessee, 2013)

2010-PRES.

Bronson Hill (Jacksonville, 2016; Arizona, 2017)  
Andy Mulumba (Green Bay, 2013-15; Kansas City, 2016)  
Darius Jackson (Dallas, 2016, 2018; Cleveland, 2017; Indianapolis, 2019)  
Pat O'Connor (Detroit, 2017; Tampa Bay, 2017-23; Detroit 2024-Present)  
Andrew Wylie (Kansas City, 2018-22; Washington, 2023-Present)  
Maxx Crosby (Las Vegas, 2019-Present)  
Sidy Sow (New England, 2023-Present)  
Chad Ryland (New England, 2023; Arizona 2024-Present)  
Dylan Drummond (Detroit, 2023)  
Jose Ramirez (Tampa Bay, 2024-Present)  
Thomas Odukoya (Tennessee, 2024-Present)

## SUPER BOWL APPEARANCES (19)

1975



DAVE BOONE - VIKINGS  
REGGIE GARRETT - STEELERS

1976



JOHN BANASZAK - STEELERS  
REGGIE GARRETT - STEELERS

1979



JOHN BANASZAK - STEELERS  
RON JOHNSON - STEELERS

1980



JOHN BANASZAK - STEELERS  
RON JOHNSON - STEELERS

1982



CLARENCE CHAPMAN - BENGALS LIONAL DALTON - RAVENS

2002



2005



JASON SHORT - EAGLES

2006



CHARLIE BATCH - STEELERS

2009



CHARLIE BATCH - STEELERS

2011



TJ LANG - PACKERS  
CHARLIE BATCH - STEELERS

2020



ANDREW WYLIE - CHIEFS

2021



ANDREW WYLIE - CHIEFS  
PAT O'CONNOR - BUCCANEERS

2023





## HEAD COACH CHRIS CREIGHTON

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12TH YEAR • KENYON, '91

Toughness. Pride. Resilience. These key words have come to describe EMU football as Chris Creighton enters his 12th season as the head man at Eastern Michigan in 2025.

Named the 37th head football coach at Eastern Michigan University on Dec. 11, 2013, Creighton and his staff have made tremendous strides in changing the culture and mindset surrounding the program.

During his 28-plus-year head coaching career, the 56-year-old Creighton has accumulated eight conference titles and an all-time record of 196-123 (.614 winning percentage). He is the only coach in EMU history to lead the program to multiple bowl appearances with the 2016 Bahamas Bowl, the 2018 Camellia Bowl, the 2019 Quick Lane Bowl, the 2021 LendingTree Bowl, the 2022 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl, and the 2023 68 Ventures Bowl. Voted a finalist for the 2016 American Football Coaches Awards' first-ever Comeback Coach of the Year, Creighton led EMU into the program's first winning season since 1995 and its first bowl appearance since 1987.

One of seven active Football Bowl Subdivision coaches to record more than 180 wins, Creighton helped the Eagles to the program's first win over a Big Ten or Power Five team with a 16-13 victory over Rutgers, Sept. 9, 2017. Nearly one year later, EMU used a 24-yard field goal as time expired for a stunning 20-19 win over Purdue, Sept. 8, 2018, for Eastern's first walk-off win in two decades. The magic continued in 2019, when Eastern posted its third-consecutive Big Ten road victory with a 34-31 walk-off triumph at Illinois, Sept. 14. Most recently, EMU rolled to a 30-21 victory at Arizona State in 2022 for the Mid-American Conference's first regular season win over a Pac-12 Conference member.

In 2024, Eastern Michigan displayed solid performances in various statistical categories, achieving notable rankings at both the NCAA and Mid-American Conference levels. Nationally, the team ranked 50th in third-down conversion percentage (42.2%) and eighth in fourth-down conversion defense (34.8%), leading the MAC in the latter category. Eastern Michigan also excelled in blocking kicks, ranking sixth nationally and first in the MAC for blocked kicks, with four on the season, and tying for fifth nationally in blocked punts with two.

Offensively, the Eagles ranked 48th nationally and first in the MAC in first downs, recording 258 on the season. The passing game showed strength, as the team finished 58th nationally and third in the MAC in passing offense, averaging 236.0 yards per game. On special teams, Jesús Gómez ranked 10th nationally and second in the MAC in field goals per game (1.67) and achieving an 80% field goal success rate. Defensively, the team showcased resilience, ranking 45th nationally in third-down conversion defense (36.2%) and 56th in red zone defense (81.3%). The Eagles' ability to pressure quarterbacks resulted in a 61st national ranking in team sacks (2.08 per game). These performances, combined with competitive rankings across multiple areas, underscored a balanced effort throughout the 2024 season.

The 2023 campaign saw the Eagles earn a berth in their third consecutive bowl game for the first time in program history as Eastern returned to Mobile for the 68 Ventures Bowl. Eastern continued to show strength on the defensive side of the ball as the team ranked in the top half of the nation in most categories and were stingy on fourth down, ranking 11th nationally and second in the MAC with a 35% success rate. The team also ranked in the top 30 in special team categories, including 17th in punting, 28th in punt returns, and 41st in kick returns.

On the offensive side of things, Samson Evans became the program's all-time leading scorer as he added 12 more rushing touchdowns on the year to bring his total to a record 41. Additionally, he added his fifth passing touchdown of his career with a 28-yard strike at Toledo.

Perhaps the biggest story of the season was Brian Dooley gifting his scholarship to a deserving teammate. That act of kindness caught the attention of many in the world of college athletics. It also earned Dooley a special recognition as he was the recipient of the Disney Spirit Award.

The 2022 season entailed the most success of Creighton's tenure with the Green and White. The Eagles finished the season with a 9-4 record, including winning their last four games, capping off the season with a 41-27 win over San Jose State in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl. The victory over SJSU marked Eastern's first bowl win in the Creighton era and the first for EMU since it took down the same Spartans in the 1987 California Raisin Bowl. EMU also shared the MAC West Division title while winning the Michigan MAC trophy for the first time since 2012.

The drafting of former Eagles Sidy Sow and Jose Ramirez highlighted the multitude of accomplishments in the 2022

## ACTIVE FBS HEAD COACHES WITH 165+ CAREER WINS

<i>Coach, School</i>	<i>Yrs</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>Pct.</i>
Brian Kelly, LSU	36	294	107	2	.732
K.C. Keeler, Temple	32	273	112	1	.709
Kirk Ferentz, Iowa	30	217	146	0	.598
Willie Fritz, Houston	29	214	124	0	.633
<b>CHRIS CREIGHTON, EMU</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.614</b>
Rich Rodriguez, West Virginia	28	191	131	2	.594
Dabo Swinney, Clemson	18	181	48	0	.790
Mike Gundy, Ok. State	21	170	89	0	.656
Lance Leipold, Kansas	19	170	68	0	.714
Kyle Whittingham, Utah	22	169	86	0	.663

season. First, Sow was selected in the fourth round (117th overall) by the New England Patriots, while Ramirez was taken in the sixth round (196th overall). The duo marked the first time in 46-years that multiple EMU players have been drafted in the same season.

EMU was lethal on both sides of the football in 2022. The defensive secondary snagged 13 interceptions on the year, both the most in the conference and the most in Creighton's tenure with the Eagles. The Green and White also recovered six fumbles, for a total of 19 forced turnovers. Eastern finished the season with the fifth best defense in the MAC, allowing 377 yards-per-game.

Offensively, the Eagles were extremely efficient. EMU finished the season with the second-most efficient offense in the conference, completing 244 of its 391 pass attempts for a 138.2 efficiency rating. The ground game proved to be Eastern's bread and butter as the Eagles rushed for a conference-best 25 touchdowns on the season. Through the air, EMU tossed 23 TDs, fourth most in the conference while averaging the third-best completion percentage in the MAC (62.4%) and the second-most yards-per-completion in the conference (7.4).

Under the leadership of Creighton, EMU landed nine student-athletes on the all-conference teams, as well as having the MAC's Defensive MVP, Ramirez. Besides on-field accomplishments, Creighton once again led the flock off the field and in the classroom as Eastern led the MAC in the 2022 season with 23 Academic All-MAC selections.

Eastern Michigan added another line to its lists of "firsts," under Creighton in 2021. With its selection to the LendingTree Bowl, Eastern made three consecutive bowl appearances (excluding COVID-shortened 2019 season) for the first time in program history, and its fourth postseason appearance in the previous six seasons. In going to a bowl game for the third time in four seasons, 30 of Creighton's student-athletes have the opportunity to do something that only one other group in program history has accomplished previously - play in three bowl games.

The 2021 regular season had plenty of exciting moments. One of the most memorable occasions in recent EMU history, the Eagles erupted for a 52-49 win over MAC-West rival Toledo (Nov. 2). It was the program's first victory inside the Glass Bowl since the 1999 season. Coming into the game, Eastern had lost 10 consecutive road games to Toledo. EMU's most impressive home win came in Week 11, when the Green and White used late-game defensive heroics to upend in-state foe Western Michigan, 22-21, on Senior Night in the Factory. The victory marked the third straight for Eastern over Western, the best stretch for the program since it notched the same number between 2011-13.

In 2020, Creighton successfully guided the program through to challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, while also taking on a play-caller role for the first time in his stint at Eastern. Creighton took over the Offensive Coordinator role, as the Eagles went 2-4 in their short, six-game slate.

EMU ranked No. 1 in the nation with a 100 percent red zone scoring clip (tied with Washington State) in 2020. The Eagles produced points in 28-of-28 trips inside the opponent's 20-yard line, a 22.5 percent improvement over last season's efficiency. In total, 21 of EMU's red zone trips resulted in touchdowns. Additionally, the team averaged 4.66 trips to the red zone per game in 2020, a considerable improvement from EMU's 2019 numbers (3.8 trips per game).

Under Creighton's leadership, EMU put up one of the best four-year stretches in program history between 2016-19. EMU went 25-26 during that stretch, its most wins in a four-season span since 1986-89 when the Eagles went 6-5, 10-2, 6-3-1, and 7-3-1. Furthermore, EMU went 10-4 in the month of November in those four years. In the four seasons prior, Eastern combined for a total of seven wins during the entire 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015 campaigns.

In 2019, Eastern played in a postseason bowl for the third time in the last four seasons, and for the fifth time in school history. It was also the first time in program history that EMU played in the postseason in consecutive campaigns.

There was plenty of reason to "say our name" in 2018, thanks

## LONGEST TENURED FBS HC AT SAME SCHOOL

<i>Coach</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Yrs</i>	<i>Hire Date</i>
Kirk Ferentz	Iowa	27	12/2/1998
Kyle Whittingham	Utah	21	12/9/2000
Mike Gundy	Oklahoma State	21	1/3/2005
Troy Calhoun	Air Force	18	12/22/2006
Dabo Swinney	Clemson	19	10/13/2008
Mark Stoops	Kentucky	13	11/27/2012
Dave Doeren	NC State	13	12/1/2012
Chuck Martin	Miami (OH)	12	12/3/2013
<b>CHRIS CREIGHTON</b>	<b>EASTERN</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12/12/2013</b>
Jeff Monken	Army	12	12/30/2013

to the play both on and off the field. After a successful regular season, Eastern aided its postseason hopes with a viral video of student-athletes lip syncing to Destiny's Child's "Say My Name" to help EMU claim its second bowl appearance in three seasons.

Eastern Michigan finished the 2018 season with a 7-6 record after a last-second field goal proved to be the difference against Georgia Southern in the Camellia Bowl. EMU closed the regular season with five straight Mid-American Conference victories for its first winning record in conference play since 1995. Furthermore, the Green and White's 22.1 points allowed per game tied for the 11th-best mark in school history in the modern era (since 1976), and the best since 1993.

One of the best football teams in recent Eastern Michigan history and arguably one of the best in the Mid-American Conference, the Eagles experienced plenty of moments of celebration as well as heartbreak in 2017.

The margin for error was razor thin for the Eagles this year as nine of EMU's 12 games were decided by seven points or less, including six of EMU's seven losses coming down to one possession, and a school-record three in overtime. All told, EMU's seven losses were by a combined 35 points.

The 2016 Eagles finished in a seven-way tie for the most improved program in the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) in 2016, bettering its win total from one win in 2015, to seven. Creighton led the Eagles to their first bowl appearance in 29 years. The turnaround was tied for the largest in school history, equalled only by the 1924 and 1977 teams. As an offense, EMU ranked 35th in the FBS in total offense, posting 455.2 yards per game in 13 contests. The team also shattered the school record for total offense with 5,917 yards, breaking the previous record of 5,010. Other notable offensive highlights for the Eagles included ranking 16th nationally in third down conversions, 18th in passing offense, 21st in red zone offense, and 25th in first down offense.

On defense, the Eagles saw a remarkable improvement in its first season under defensive coordinator Neal Neathery. EMU allowed 86.5 yards per game less in 2016 (432.7 per game) than it did in 2015 (519.2 per game) to rank 83rd in the country and seventh in the MAC. The team also took a huge step forward in stopping the run, as the defense gave up 149 yards per game less on the ground in 2016 than it did a year earlier. Overall, EMU was nationally ranked seventh in fumbles recovered, 32nd in turnovers gained, 58th in interceptions, and 59th in rushing defense.

Away from the field, EMU led the MAC in team grade point average for the 2015-16 academic year. It marked the second consecutive season the Eagles posted the top GPA in the league, holding a 2.90 team mark.

During the 2015 campaign, the Eagles finished the regular season ranked nationally in the top-60 in seven statistical categories to go along with 11 top-five rankings in the MAC. EMU finished the year with 39 touchdowns, a mark that is tied for the fifth-most in a single-season during the squad's history, while its 4,560 yards of total offense is also the fifth most.

In his first year in Ypsilanti, Creighton's Eagles finished the regular season ranked nationally in the top-60 in nine statistical categories to go along with six top-five rankings in the MAC standings. Nationally, EMU finished the year tied with Georgia Tech, Northwestern and Oklahoma State for most blocked kicks with six. The six rejections were the most since the 2009 season when the Green and White also blocked six kicks.

As an All-America quarterback, Creighton led Kenyon (Ohio) College to its only North Coast Athletic Conference title in 1989 and was named conference player of the year after setting single-season conference records for passing yardage (2,843) and touchdowns (29). He was inducted into the Kenyon Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008.

Creighton earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Kenyon College in 1991 and a master's degree from Concordia (Ill.) University in 1993. He and his wife, Heather, have two daughters, Hallie and Kate, and a son, Luke.



**PERSONAL INFORMATION**  
**Hometown:** San Francisco, Calif.  
**Wife:** Heather  
**Children:** Hallie, Kate, Luke  
**Education:** Kenyon College, 1991  
**Education:** Concordia (Ill.), 1993  
**Year in Coaching:** 35th  
**Year at Head Coach:** 29th  
**Year at Eastern:** 12th

**COACHING EXPERIENCE**  
2014-present Eastern Michigan University  
2008-14 Drake University  
2001-17 Wabash (Ind.) College  
1997-00 Ottawa (Kan.) University  
1993-96 Offensive Coordinator - Manchester (Ind.) College  
1993 Limhamn (Sweden) Griffins  
1991-92 Offensive Coordinator - Concordia (Ill.) College  
*all positions are Head Coach unless otherwise noted*

CREIGHTON'S HEAD COACHING EXPERIENCE

YEAR	SCHOOL	OVERALL	NOTES
1997	Ottawa (Kan.)	9-2	NAIA Playoffs, Conference Champions
1998	Ottawa (Kan.)	8-2	
1999	Ottawa (Kan.)	6-3	
2000	Ottawa (Kan.)	9-2	NAIA Playoffs, Conference Champions
4 SEASONS		32-9	
2001	Wabash (Ind.)	8-2	
2002	Wabash (Ind.)	12-1	NCAA D-III Playoffs, Conference Champions
2003	Wabash (Ind.)	7-3	
2004	Wabash (Ind.)	6-4	
2005	Wabash (Ind.)	11-1	NCAA D-III Playoffs, Conference Champions
2006	Wabash (Ind.)	8-2	Conference Champions
2007	Wabash (Ind.)	11-2	NCAA D-III Playoffs, Conference Champions
7 SEASONS		63-15	
2008	Drake	6-5	
2009	Drake	8-3	
2010	Drake	7-4	
2011	Drake	9-2	Conference Co-Champions
2012	Drake	8-3	Conference Co-Champions
2013	Drake	6-5	
6 SEASONS		44-22	
2014	Eastern Michigan	2-10	
2015	Eastern Michigan	1-11	
2016	Eastern Michigan	7-6	Bahamas Bowl
2017	Eastern Michigan	5-7	Defeated Rutgers (B1G)
2018	Eastern Michigan	7-6	Defeated Purdue (B1G) / Camellia Bowl
2019	Eastern Michigan	6-7	Defeated Illinois (B1G) / Quick Lane Bowl
2020	Eastern Michigan	2-4	Shortened season because of COVID-19 pandemic
2021	Eastern Michigan	7-6	Lending Tree Bowl
2022	Eastern Michigan	8-4	Potato Bowl Champions / MAC West Division Co-Champs.
2023	Eastern Michigan	6-7	68 Ventures Bowl
2024	Eastern Michigan	5-7	
2025	Eastern Michigan	0-2	
12 SEASONS		57-77	
TOTALS	29 SEASONS	196-123	

EAGLE TRENDS UNDER CREIGHTON

	2025	at EMU
August	0-1	4-1
September	0-1	19-21
October	0-0	14-28
November	0-0	17-21
December	0-0	3-5

EMU's Conference Record...		
at home	0-0	17-28
on the road	0-0	17-25
neutral	0-0	0-0

EMU's Non-Conference Record...		
at home	0-1	14-7
on the road	0-1	9-15
neutral	0-0	1-4

EMU vs. Ranked Opponents...		
at home	0-0	0-0
on the road	0-0	0-5
neutral	0-0	0-0

EMU's Record in Games...		
decided by 8 pts or less	0-1	28-33
decided by 3 pts or less	0-0	15-12
Midweek #MACTion	0-0	13-10
Away during the day	0-0	
Away at night	0-1	
Home during the day	0-0	
Home at night	0-1	

EMU's Record When Scoring...		
9 or fewer points	0-0	0-9
10-14 points	0-0	1-10
15-19 points	0-0	3-10
20-24 points	0-1	7-28
25-29 points	0-1	10-10
30+ points	0-0	36-10

EMU's Record When Allowing...		
9 or fewer points	0-0	4-0
10-14 points	0-0	10-0
15-19 points	0-0	8-1
20-24 points	0-0	14-8
25-29 points	0-1	11-19
30+ points	0-1	10-49

EMU's Record When...		
Leading after the 1st qtr.	0-0	
Trailing after the 1st qtr.	0-2	
Leading at halftime	0-0	
Trailing at halftime	0-2	
Leading after the 3rd qtr.	0-0	
Trailing after the 3rd qtr.	0-2	
Tied after the 4th qtr.	0-0	

EMU's Record With...		
less than 300 yards	0-0	
400+ yards total offense	0-0	
500+ yards total offense	0-0	
600+ yards total offense	0-0	
less than 100 yards rush	0-0	
100+ yards rushing	0-2	
150+ yards rushing	0-0	
200+ yards rushing	0-0	
250+ yards rushing	0-0	
less than 200 yards pass	0-1	
300+ yards passing	0-0	
350+ yards passing	0-0	
400+ yards passing	0-0	
450+ yards passing	0-0	

EMU's Record When Allowing...		
less than 200 total yards	0-0	
less than 300 total yards	0-0	
less than 400 total yards	0-0	
400+ yards total offense	0-2	
less than 100 yards rush	0-0	
100+ yards rush	0-2	
less than 200 yards pass	0-0	
less than 250 yards pass	0-2	
less than 300 yards pass	0-2	
300+ yards pass	0-0	





## HEAD COACH CHRIS CREIGHTON

## SLAYING THE DRAGONS • ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE CHRIS CREIGHTON ERA

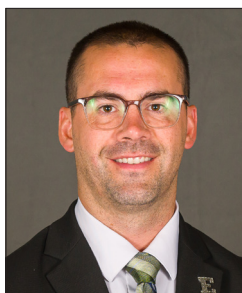
- Most MAC Wins All-Time by an EMU Head Coach
- 1st Win over a "Power 5" Conference team (Rutgers)
- 1st Win over a Big Ten Conference Team (Rutgers)
- 1st Win over a Pacific-12 Conference Team (Arizona State)
- 1st Bowl Win since 1987 (2022 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl)
- 1st MAC West Division Championship (2022 shared with Toledo)
- 1st Bowl Appearance in 29 years (1987 California Bowl to 2016 Bahamas Bowl)
- 1st Bowl Played on US soil in 31 years (1987 California Bowl to 2018 Camellia Bowl)
- 1st Winning season since 1995 (7-6 record in 2016)
- 1st Non-conference road victory since the 1988 campaign (at Wyoming in 2015)
- 1st Back-to-back season since 2008-09 that players were taken in the NFL Draft
- 1st Three game road winning streak since 1967
- 1st Win over Miami since 1993
- 1st Win over Ohio in Athens, Ohio, since 1994
- 1st Win over Northern Illinois since 2007
- 1st Win over Toledo since 2006
- 1st Win at Akron since 1995
- 1st Win over Toledo in Toledo, Ohio, since 1999
- 1st Three-game winning streak against Big Ten Conference opponents
- 1st Three-game MAC winning streak since 1999
- 1st Four-game MAC winning streak since 1995
- 1st Five-game MAC winning streak since 1989
- 1st winning Mid-American Conference campaign since 1995
- 1st time EMU student-athletes have the opportunity to play in two bowl games in their careers
- 1st time EMU student-athletes have the opportunity to play in three bowl games in their careers
- 1st time EMU student-athletes have the opportunity to play in four bowl games in their careers
- 1st time EMU has been the FWAA Cheez-It Bowl National Team of the Week (Sept. 19, 2022)
- 1st time EMU has won five consecutive road games in program history
- First EMU Head Coach to defeat all 11 other MAC members
- First time EMU has been bowl eligible in back-to-back seasons
- First time EMU has been bowl eligible in three consecutive seasons
- First MAC team to defeat a PAC-12 team in a regular season game
- 2nd Most Wins in a Season (9) in 2022
- 2nd Win over a "Power 5" Conference team (Purdue)
- 2nd Win over a Big Ten Conference team (Purdue)
- 3rd Win over a "Power 5" Conference team (Illinois)
- 3rd Win over a Big Ten Conference team (Illinois)
- Most Improved Program in the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) in 2016
- Largest single-season turnaround in school history (1-11 in 2015 to 7-6 in 2016)
- Largest MAC margin of victory in program history at 42-points (vs. Ball State in 2017)
- Most points ever scored against Western Michigan, Bowling Green, and Toledo in program history
- First time winning four consecutive games against Western Michigan (2019-22)(1-11 in 2015 to 7-6 in 2016)
- Largest deficit overcome in program history at 21-points (at Ball State in 2016)
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**BEN NEEDHAM**

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR / LINEBACKERS  
EIGHTH YEAR  
OHIO STATE '07  
**GAMEDAY LOCATION:** PRESS BOX

**MIKE PIATKOWSKI**

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR / QUARTERBACKS  
SIXTH YEAR  
DRAKE '12  
**GAMEDAY LOCATION:** PRESS BOX

**CORNELL BROWN**

DEFENSIVE TACKLES  
FIRST YEAR  
VIRGINIA TECH '20  
**GAMEDAY LOCATION:** FIELD

**CHRIS CHESTNUT**

RUN GAME COORDINATOR / TIGHT ENDS  
THIRD YEAR  
WESTERN MICHIGAN '08  
**GAMEDAY LOCATION:** FIELD

**SEAN DUGAN**

ALPHAS  
FIRST YEAR  
MILLERSVILLE '17  
**GAMEDAY LOCATION:** FIELD

**GRANT HEARD**

WIDE RECEIVERS  
SECOND YEAR  
MISSISSIPPI '01  
**GAMEDAY LOCATION:** FIELD

**MUNIR PRINCE**

CORNERBACKS  
FOURTH YEAR  
MISSOURI '10  
**GAMEDAY LOCATION:** FIELD

**TATE OML**

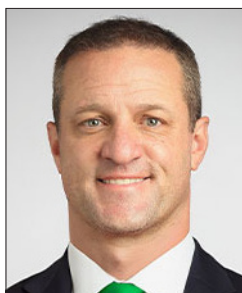
PASS GAME COORDINATOR / SAFETIES  
THIRD YEAR  
NORTHERN IOWA '14  
**GAMEDAY LOCATION:** FIELD

**ISSAC REED**

RUNNING BACKS  
THIRD YEAR  
BALDWIN WALLACE '16  
**GAMEDAY LOCATION:** FIELD

**KASEY TEEGARDIN**

SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR / DEFENSIVE ENDS  
SECOND YEAR  
CHARLESTON '07  
**GAMEDAY LOCATION:** FIELD

**CHRIS WIESEHAN**

OFFENSIVE LINE  
FIRST YEAR  
WABASH '94  
**GAMEDAY LOCATION:** FIELD



More than 300 alumni, donors and guests joined staff from the Eastern Michigan University Department of Athletics and campus administration to usher in a new era in EMU athletics with the grand opening of the Incarnati Athletic Center, Aug. 27, 2019. In use by student-athletes since mid-July, the event welcomed members of the public to the new facility for the first time. The facility was renamed in 2023 from the Student-Athlete Performance Center in recognition of EMU Regent Emeritus Phil Incarnati.

The first major construction project on the athletics campus since the opening of the Convocation Center in 1998, the Student Athlete Performance Center is the first phase of the athletic department's plan to build a safe and highly-effective atmosphere for its student-athletes through the continual revitalization of its facilities and athletic campus.

Breaking ground in the fall of 2018, the new sports medicine and training facilities provides a 63,000 square foot structure that houses the sports medicine, performance and equipment operations areas. Additionally, the facility has locker rooms, coaches' offices, and meeting spaces for the football team, while also including a new video board inside Rynearson Stadium. Designed to enhance the student-athlete and fan experience at Eastern Michigan, the two story building offers a wide variety of operational spaces and amenities which allow for that goal to be met.

When entering the building, students and guests first walk along a beautiful 18-foot by 16-foot Block E brick hardscape in which donors shared their EMU stories and support of the project. Through the main entrance is the Clouse Family Atrium, a 1,288 square foot welcome room that displays the championship success of Eastern Michigan athletics throughout its history. The atrium also features a floor-to-ceiling glass panel entrance to Rynearson Stadium, and a 12 foot tall replica Mid-American Conference championship trophy. The trophy, which boasts a large "159," across the front, showcases EMU's athletics success in the MAC, including its conference-best 159 team championships.

The east side of the main-floor houses a new equipment room, which includes offices, a full-service laundry facility, and extensive storage spaces for athletic apparel and uniforms, as well as a state of the art strength and conditioning center. Dubbed "T.J.'s Garage," in honor of EMU great and former NFL Pro-Bowler T.J. Lang, the Thomas J. Lang Strength and Conditioning Center, named after T.J.'s late father, provides 7,000-plus square foot performance center, which includes inlaid weight tracks, cardio training, plyometric training, and a nutrition center. Two roll up garage doors serve as the football team's entrance into "The Factory," at Rynearson Stadium.

Next to the locker room are eight team meeting rooms which house different position groups individually. The area also includes a full-team meeting room equipped with state-of-the-art audio-video equipment, "Block E" branded seating, and a theatre design, which allows the entire team to see and hear clearly.

Down the Michael Hawks Hall on the ground floor is the Phil Incarnati Football Locker Room, a modern space with an industrial flair that includes 115 lockers and access to the Brian Clouse Players Lounge, a space that allows football student-athletes to study, and bond with teammates.

The top-floor portion of the newly constructed building is home to a sports medicine center, hydrotherapy room, recruiting lounge, and entertainment corridor, among other offices.

At nearly 5,000 square feet, the sports medicine center features rehabilitation equipment, medical examine rooms, athletic training offices, and medical storage. The space allows student-athletes across multiple sports the opportunity to be treated by an exceptional staff in first-class facilities. Attached to the sports medicine center is the hydrotherapy room. Containing three in-ground therapy pools, the hydrotherapy room features a underwater treadmill pool, a cold plunge pool, and a hot/cold therapy pool.

Overlooking Rynearson Stadium is the recruiting lounge. The 638 square-foot lounge offers a dynamic new entertainment space which is sure to enhance recruiting and alumni experiences for years to come. Along with the lounge comes the entertainment corridor. The corridor will be able to be utilized for entertainment opportunities for invited alumni, friends and fans of Eastern Michigan.

Located on top of the building, the LED display measures 29 feet high by 53 feet wide. The entire scoreboard structure will measure 40 feet high by 60 feet wide to bring more than 2,000 square feet of visual real estate to events held at the stadium. The LED portion of the scoreboard will feature a 15HD pixel layout, the premier technology for outdoor sports used at many professional facilities. A fixed-digit scoreboard is a part of the project to provide standard game information including score, time remaining, down and distance, and more.

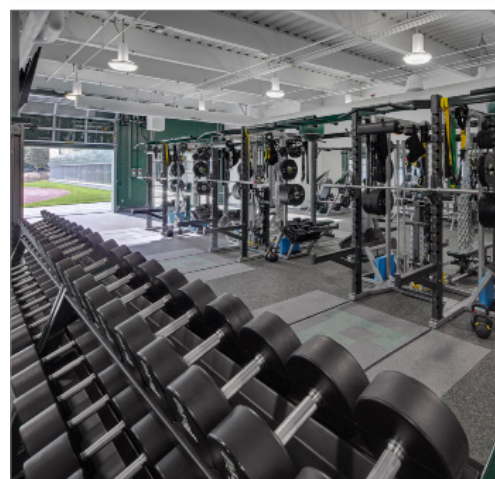
#### INCARNATI ATHLETIC CENTER

**Cost** - \$20 million

**Building Time Frame** -  
Construction Started: July 2018  
Grand Opening: August 27, 2019

**Building Facts** -  
16,000 cubic yards of concert  
25,000 cubic yards of dirt moved  
300 tons of structural steel  
58,000 square feet facility

**Design/Build Team** -  
Barton-Malow Company





# THE FACTORY

Toughness. Pride. Resilience. Those key words describe the EMU football program under Head Coach **Chris Creighton**. They are also terms befitting the proud residents of southeastern Michigan and their hard-working demeanor.

Inspired by this region of the state and the student-athletes' own backgrounds, the team has challenged itself to be "E Tough," committed to great effort, sacrifice and triumphing in the face of adversity. In this spirit, the team has nicknamed Rynearson Stadium "The Factory," a place where coaches and staff will go to work each day to help "E Tough" student-athletes become scholars, leaders, champions and impact men. "The Factory" will be highlighted by Division I Football's first gray FieldTurf playing surface.

Since taking over reigns of EMU Football in December 2013, Creighton has rallied the program to "close the gap" between its current status and the pursuit of its true potential. He has studied the school, its surroundings, recruiting base and the current student-athletes. The one common thread throughout has been an uncommon 'toughness' that permeates the program.

In this spirit, the program's E Tough mentality represents:

Team first  
Obsessed with getting better  
Unwavering in adversity  
Great effort  
Heart

The concept of the "EMU Gray" field was born during one of the squad's notoriously intense winter workouts in 2014. The squad was challenged to an outdoor practice on the snow-covered Rynearson Stadium field rather than the warm confines of their indoor practice facility. True to their E Tough demeanor, the team accepted the challenge. Throughout each drill of the bitter cold practice, Creighton delivered the message that EMU Football has the will to compete against "anyone, anytime and anywhere" even on a parking lot covered with broken glass." Inspired by his team's toughness and commitment that day, Creighton's idea of an "EMU Gray" field was born and soon shared with administrators.

The new look within Rynearson Stadium, and moniker, "The Factory" serves as visual and name recognition for the program's ideals. They are a constant reminder to the student-athletes that

being E Tough means coming ready to roll up their sleeves and to never give in or let up.

"Our colors are green and white but our collars are blue," said Creighton. "The Factory is where our coaching staff goes to work and our players develop. It is our home and one that we will protect. When opponents come to The Factory we want to make it known that they are in for a 60-minute fight. Our goal is to make it one of the toughest places to play in the Mid-American Conference."

Southeastern Michigan has long been viewed as one of the most significant manufacturing centers in the country, and the iconic 'Automotive Capital of the World.' Despite battling difficult times in recent years, local communities' toughness and resilience has been on display, as the region is experiencing a dramatic rebirth.

EMU football student-athletes come from these communities and have brought this toughness to the team. Ypsilanti has its own proud history in the automobile and manufacturing industries. The city was the home of Apex Motors, Preston Tucker and his Preston '48, and the last Hudson automobile dealership. The nearby Willow Run manufacturing complex played a critical role in producing B-24 "Liberator" heavy bombers in the early years of World War II. It was also at this location that Rose Will Monroe, the film and poster representation of "Rosie the Riveter," actually worked as a riveter before becoming the manufacturing icon of the era.

## BUILDING BLOCKS

When Head Coach Chris Creighton came onboard in 2014 he helped establish some new Eastern Michigan initiatives.

## THE WRENCH

A 51-pound pipe wrench given to Coach Creighton. It helps serve as a symbol of the team's mission to "close the gap." The tool's vices represent the gap.

## THE WALL

Prior to running onto the field at home games EMU will break through a cinder block wall.

## HAMMERS OF THE WEEK

The coaching staff will select hammers of the week for the big hit of the week. The selected players will have their number put on the sledge hammers used to knock down the wall.

## EAGLE WALK

A pregame prep rally outside the entrance of the stadium. The football team will arrive along with a special performance by the EMU marching band.



*"The wrench, the field, the concrete wall, we know people will have comments, but they all have real meaning for us. It all goes back to the idea of investing, and working for something. It is about putting on those steel-toed boots, and going to work."*

- Head Coach **Chris Creighton**





# CROSBY FIELD

Crosby Field, the new playing surface inside Rynearson Stadium on the Eastern Michigan University campus, was officially dedicated and opened Friday, June 21, 2024, as **Maxx Crosby** and his wife, **Rachel Crosby**, returned to Ypsilanti for the celebration. Renovations finished inside “The Factory” feature the removal of the track surface and the installation of new gray and green turf throughout the stadium.

The project signifies more than just a cosmetic upgrade; it marks a significant shift in the landscape for all EMU athletes.

The transformation does not stop at the turf. The 2024 season promises to be one of unprecedented change and growth. In a gesture of support, the Crosbys generously donated \$1 million to the university, leading to the renaming of the playing surface to “Crosby Field.”

Moreover, EMU is set to enhance its athletic facilities with the construction of a new outdoor track & field complex adjacent to the Westview Apartments. This project, bolstered by a \$2 million gift from former EMU student-athletes **Dan McClory** and **Keith Moore**, will finally give the track & field program a home of its own to support its storied championship-caliber program.

During his time at EMU, Crosby showcased unparalleled skill and dedication to the game. His impressive record of 20.0 career sacks places him among the top defensive players in EMU’s history. Additionally, his 41.0 career tackles-for-loss stands as the third-highest in the university’s storied football program. In 2017, Crosby equaled the EMU single-season record for sacks, a testament to his relentless pursuit of excellence.

Crosby’s exceptional performance on the field did not go unnoticed. His outstanding 2017 season, with 11 sacks, firmly established him as one of the

premier defensive players in the conference and the nation. Moreover, he became the first EMU player in the modern statistical era to achieve the remarkable feat of three sacks in back-to-back games. These accomplishments set the stage for his next chapter, as he was selected in the fourth round of the 2019 NFL Draft by the Oakland Raiders.

Crosby, who earned the nickname “Condor” because of his incredible 81-inch wingspan, continued to captivate audiences with his raw talent and unwavering determination in the NFL. In his debut season, he wasted no time making an impact, registering an impressive 10 sacks and 47 combined tackles. His exceptional performance propelled him into the conversation for the NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year award.

Throughout his professional career, Crosby has consistently showcased his ability to disrupt opposing offenses. His remarkable athleticism and skill set have earned him accolades, including being named NFL All-Pro second team by The Associated Press. In the 2021 Pro Bowl, hosted in Las Vegas, Crosby delivered yet another awe-inspiring performance, earning the game’s Defensive MVP award. His two sacks, five total tackles, and three tackles for loss left an indelible mark on the field and in the hearts of fans.

The former **Rachel Washburn** was a four-year standout for the EMU soccer program from 2013-16. During her time in Ypsilanti, the defender started 53-of-63 career matches and recorded one goal and 12 assists for 14 points with her assist total still ranking among the top 10 in program history. Additionally, her lone goal came in her senior year and was the winning strike against Ohio, Oct. 14.





## GIVE ME THE WRENCH: THE STORY BEHIND EMU'S 51-POUND PIPE WRENCH

Hard working. Blue collar. Tough. Those are the characteristics that embody Eastern Michigan University football. So, how does a 51-pound piece of steel fit into the equation? This is the story of the wrench.

### Head Coach Chris Creighton In His Own Words

It goes back to when we first got here. It took me a couple of months, but I learned and I realized who we were. When I say we – I mean Eastern Michigan University, EMU football, Ypsilanti, this region.

I would characterize those things as tough, hardworking, determined and blue collar.

So, my first summer here, one of our graduate assistants went to a tool company and told our story to their company president. At the end of a tour, their president gave us this 51 pound pipe wrench, and we painted it green and it is now the symbol of our program.

The wrench represents blue collar and hard working. There's just a toughness about blue collar people. Additionally, a pipe wrench has the two vises that start opened (or closed), and you can gradually close the two vises.

Our theme, the first year, was "Close the Gap". So, the second aspect of the wrench is that it's about constant improvement. It's constantly trying to close the gap between where you are currently at in any area of your life and your potential, where you can be.

Finally, we also tie in a third piece to that. In the movie *Good Will Hunting*, there's a scene, and we show it every year to our team. I'll just summarize it by saying the wrench is also a response to adversity.

The reality of life is that we all have adversity of different varying kinds. Ultimately is our response to adverse situations that really will define who we are and how we live. There's a line in the movie where Matt Damon chose the wrench over a couple of other choices that would

have been lesser choices. It was the hardest choice. His character says, "give me the wrench." So, that's a saying in our program that we know that there's going to be adversity and we're not going to look the other way. We're not going to run away from it. We're going to face it, fight it and defeat it and say "give me the wrench."

So there's a lot of depth of meaning to the wrench. Long before there was ever a turnover chain, we had the wrench. It's out on the sideline. It's not on a bench. It's not on the ground. It's not laying on a table. Our players hold it. It's 51 pounds the entire game as a constant reminder of those three things.

Now we ask somebody or a group of people to lead us out each game. And it may be somebody who's going through some adversity. It may be somebody who has overcome some adversity. It may be somebody who needs some encouragement. So there's various reasons for doing it, but it's a big deal.

It's rare for someone not involved in sports or being on a team to run out with a Division I college football team. Being in the locker room or behind the garage doors before we take the field, no one knows the energy and the intensity involved in those moments. We've had guys carry it that have lost spouses. We've had guys carry it who have lost family members. Even folks that are currently fighting cancer.

There's some very intense reasons why they are chosen, and we share their story with the team. I think it can be an emotional and a powerful moment. Ultimately, it's our way of trying to encourage the person as they try to overcome and fight through adversity.

It's not something that I had ever thought about or considered prior to being here. It is just like the field being Gray or calling the stadium, The Factory. I remember early on, some people called it gimmicky. It's not a publicity deal or some gimmick. Honestly, it was the result of realizing who we were and who we are.





## NUMERIC ROSTER

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER			##	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr.	Hometown / Previous School
##	Name	Pos							
62	Abouraya, Adham	OL	1	Noah Kim [C]	QB	6-2	185	Gr.	Centreville, Va. / Westfield / Michigan State / Coastal Carolina
85	Adam, Jefferson *	DL	1	Joshua Scott *	DB	5-11	180	Gr.	Antioch, Calif. / Deer Valley / City College of San Francisco
58	Alexander, Alijah	DL	2	Terry Lockett Jr. *	WR	5-11	182	Gr.	St. Paul, Minn. / Minnehaha Academy / Michigan State
66	Anderson, Josuha *	OL	3	Barry Manning **	DB	6-1	207	Sr.	Stone Mountain, Ga. / Tucker
61	Arnold, Gabriel	OL	4	Juan Salas, Jr.	DB	5-8	178	Jr.	Eastvale, Calif. / Roosevelt / Southwest Baptist
45	Bailey, Kadin	LB	5	Tyrell Martin *	DL	6-0	290	Sr.	Newark, Del. / St. Georges Tech / Delaware State
26	Bell, Solomon *	DB	6	Zyell Griffin *	WR	6-1	198	Gr.	Vancouver, Wash. / Evergreen / UNLV
53	Blair, Messiah	DL	6	Bryce Llewellyn	DB	5-11	205	Sr.	Indianapolis, Ind. / Cathedral / Charleston Southern
20	Blue, Amareon	RB	7	Dramarian McNulty * [C]	DB	5-10	188	Sr.	Brookhaven, Miss. / Niceville (Fla.) / WCU / Mississippi Gulf Coast CC
18	Boyd, Dior	DB	7	Jamarien Wheeler *	WR	6-0	210	Gr.	Minneapolis, Minn. / Washburn / Iowa Central
30	Boykin, Tylan	DB	8	Tavierre Dunlap [C]	RB	6-0	215	Sr.	Del Valle, Texas / Del Valle / Michigan
22	Bronaugh, JT	RB	8	Jaivian Norman *	DB	5-9	184	Jr.	Springfield, Ohio / Springfield
19	Button, Bryce	QB	9	Donovan Green *	DL	5-11	300	Sr.	Palmetto, La. / Opelousas Catholic / Northwestern State
54	Byas, Quincy	DL	9	Porter Rooks	WR	6-1	200	Gr.	Charlotte, N.C. / Myers Park / NC State
37	Carter, Jonnie	DB	10	Jeremiah Salem	QB	6-3	200	Sr.	Germantown, Tenn. / Houston
97	Clayton, Duke	DL	11	Antonio Floyd	WR	6-2	175	Fr.*	Atlanta, Ga. / Lovejoy
16	Coley, Caleb	DB	11	Zach Mowchan * [C]	LB	6-1	223	Gr.	Dillsburg, Pa. / Northern York
93	Colvin, Milan	DL	12	Jace Stuckey	QB	6-2	198	Fr.*	Fairland, Ind. / Triton Central
77	Dahoue, Dodji *	OL	12	Jesse Vasquez *	DB	5-10	182	Gr.	Lansing, Mich. / East Lansing / Albion
22	Deener, Tyrelle *	DB	13	Jason Marshall *	DB	6-2	200	Sr.	Trenton, Mich. / Trenton
81	Devereaux, Nick **	WR	14	Eli Holmes-Holt	WR	6-0	190	So.	Dallas, Texas / Tyler / El Camino College
37	Dibert, Nathan	K	15	Cameron Edge	QB	6-1	220	Jr.	Clayton, Del. / Smyrna / Maryland
51	Dietzel, Mitchell *	LS	16	Caleb Coley	DB	6-0	185	Jr.*	Warner Robins, Ga. / Houston County / Michigan State
35	Dilworth, Zavian	DB	16	Jackson Holt	TE	6-5	243	Sr.	Oakdale, Calif. / Oakdale / Laney
17	Dobbs, Caleb	DB	17	Caleb Dobbs	DB	6-0	163	Jr.	Cocoa, Fla. / Cocoa
8	Dunlap, Tavierre	RB	17	Benson Prosper	WR	5-10	185	Jr.	Hollywood, Fla. / Champagnat Catholic / Highland / Hutchinson
15	Edge, Cameron	QB	18	Dior Boyd	DB	5-11	170	Jr.	Wilmington, Del. / Timber Creek / Maryland / Garden City / Dodge City
43	Eggleston, Marvell	LB	18	Mekhi Fox	WR	6-1	187	Jr.	Pasadena, Calif. / Pasadena / Colorado State
40	Eliuk, Bryce	LB	19	Bryce Button	QB	6-1	215	Fr.	Bowling Green, Ky. / South Warren
41	Elmore, Terrelle	LB	19	Davion Williams	DB	5-11	182	Jr.	Frostproof, Fla. / Frostproof / Charleston Southern
33	Evans, Carter **	DL	20	Amareon Blue	RB	5-6	192	Fr.	Dallas, N.C. / C.E. Jordan
11	Floyd, Antonio	WR	21	James Monds III	DB	5-11	183	Jr.	Fort Pierce, Fla. / Vero Beach / Indiana / Middle Tennessee
49	Foor, Matthew	DL	22	JT Bronaugh	RB	5-10	187	Fr.*	Winter Garden, Fla. / Foundation Academy
18	Fox, Mekhi	WR	22	Tyrelle Deener *	DB	5-11	173	Gr.	Sarasota, Fla. / Cardinal Mooney / Adrian
65	Gallegos, Nicholas *	OL	23	Eli Lovett	DB	5-10	190	Fr.*	Huber Heights, Ohio / Wayne
91	Gardner, Reggie	DL	23	Harold Mack, Jr.	WR	5-11	158	Fr.	Fort Wayne, Ind. / Wayne
55	Gilbert, Makhi	DL	24	Joey Mattord *	RB	5-11	187	Jr.	Hartland, Mich. / Hartland
90	Gonzalez, Hector	DL	24	Jaylyn Monds	DB	5-9	169	Fr.*	Fort Pierce, Fla. / Westwood
9	Green, Donovan *	DL	25	James Jointer Jr.	RB	6-0	218	Sr.	Little Rock, Ark. / Parkview A&S Magnet / Arkansas / Liberty
6	Griffin, Zyell *	WR	25	Zah'eed Pierre	DB	5-10	175	Fr.	North Miami, Fla. / West Broward
88	Hardin, Ronn	DE	26	Solomon Bell *	DB	5-9	202	Sr.	Pontiac, Mich. / Southfield A&T / Highland CC
83	Harris, Nick	TE	27	Jayvin Norman	RB	5-7	170	Fr.*	Springfield, Ohio / Springfield
47	Herriman, Carter	LB	28	Dontae McMillan	RB	5-10	203	Gr.	Seattle, Wash. / Chief Sealth / Weber State
34	Hester, Ray	DB	29	Nate Lyman	WR	6-1	190	Fr.	Kings Mills, Ohio / Kings
14	Holmes-Holt, Eli	WR	29	Donmiel Rogers	DB	5-9	173	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Winton Woods
16	Holt, Jackson	TE	30	Tylan Boykin	DB	6-1	170	Fr.	Akron, Ohio / Archbishop Hoban
39	Hull, Daniel	P	30	Mitchell Tomasek ***	P	6-4	215	Gr.	Columbus, Ohio / Worthington Kilbourne
72	Indestad, Mack *	OL	32	Ja'Quel Mack	LB	6-3	215	Sr.	Gonzales, La. / East Ascension / Northwestern St. / Hutchinson CC
85	Isaac, Santonyo	WR	33	Carter Evans **	DL	6-4	248	Sr.	Crystal Lake, Ill. / Prairie Ridge
25	Jointer Jr., James	RB	34	Ray Hester	DB	5-11	190	So.	Detroit, Mich. / Chippewa Valley
42	Kautz, Jack	LS	35	Zavian Dilworth	DB	5-9	174	Jr.	Nettleton, Miss. / Nettleton / Itawamba CC
46	Kessinger, Rudy	K	36	Colin Main	LB	6-2	216	Fr.*	Frankenmuth, Mich. / Frankenmuth
1	Kim, Noah	QB	37	Jonnie Carter	DB	6-1	198	Fr.	Hollywood, Fla. / Charles W. Flanagan
95	Kiptoo, Christian	DL	37	Nathan Dibert	K	5-10	209	Sr.	Hartland, Mich. / Hartland / LSU
46	Knigga, Noah	LB	39	Daniel Hull	P	5-9	185	So.	Columbia, Mo. / Rock Bridge Senior / Missouri
82	Laux, Braden	TE	40	Bryce Eliuk	LB	6-0	228	Jr.	Linden, Mich. / Linden
88	Lemaster, Tanner	TE	41	Terrelle Elmore	LB	6-2	218	So.	Merrillville, Ind. / Merrillville
6	Llewellyn, Bryce	DB	42	Jack Kautz	LS	6-0	197	Jr.	Sterling Heights, Mich. / Notre Dame Prep / Missouri
2	Lockett Jr., Terry *	WR	42	Andrew Marshall	LB	6-2	235	Jr.	Carroll, Ohio / Bloom Carroll / Ohio / Lackawana CC
80	Lockett, Tyree	WR	43	Marvell Eggleston	LB	6-4	223	So.	Detroit, Mich. / King
87	Long, Joshua	TE	44	Marco Patierno	LB	6-0	225	Jr.	Wake Forest, N.C. / Heritage / Elon
23	Lovett, Eli	DB	45	Kadin Bailey	LB	6-1	228	Sr.	Jefferson, Ga. / Jefferson / Syracuse
29	Lyman, Nate	WR	46	Rudy Kessinger	K	6-2	186	Fr.*	Columbus, Ohio / Bishop Watterson
23	Mack Jr., Harold	WR	46	Noah Knigga	LB	6-1	202	Fr.	Lawrenceburg, Ind. / Lawrenceburg
32	Mack, Ja'Quel	LB	47	Carter Herriman	LB	6-1	220	Fr.*	Davison, Mich. / Davison / Miami (Ohio)
36	Main, Colin	LB	49	Matthew Foor	DL	6-3	210	Fr.*	Carenton, Mich. / Airport
3	Manning, Barry **	DB	50	Owen Snively *	OL	6-4	300	Gr.	Fremont, N.H. / Tilton / Colorado State
			51	Mitchell Dietzel *	LS	6-4	230	Jr.	Burlington, Wis. / Catholic Central
			52	Javon Thomas	DL	6-4	265	Fr.*	East Lansing, Mich. / East Lansing
			53	Messiah Blair	DL	6-7	235	Jr.	Detroit, Mich. / Martin Luther King



##	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr.	Hometown / Previous School
54	Quincy Byas	DL	6-1	232	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. / De Smet Jesuit
55	Makhi Gilbert	DL	6-2	265	Jr.	Phenix City, Ala. / Central / Samford
55	Tamarley Smith	OL	6-5	293	Fr.	Brantford, Ontario, Canada / Clarkson Secondary
56	Sterling Miles **	DL	6-4	238	Gr.	West Bloomfield, Mich. / West Bloomfield / Cincinnati
58	Alijah Alexander	DL	6-4	283	Jr.	Savannah, Ga./Benedictine Military School/Stetson/Florida A&M
60	Cole Powell	OL	6-6	285	Fr.	Erie, Colo. / Erie
61	Gabriel Arnold	OL	6-6	332	Fr.*	Merritt Island, Fla. / Merritt Island / Western Kentucky
62	Adham Abouraya	OL	6-5	300	Fr.*	Downingtown, Pa. / Downingtown East / Pittsburgh
63	Mickey Rewolinski *** [C]	OL	6-6	297	Gr.	Caledonia, Wis. / Union Grove
64	Noah Patterson	DL	6-2	293	Fr.*	South Point, Ohio / Ironton
65	Nicholas Gallegos *	OL	6-3	290	Jr.	Naperville, Ill. / Neuqua Valley
66	Joshua Anderson *	OL	6-4	312	Sr.	Florissant, Mo. / Westminster Christian Academy
68	Nicholas Sutherby	OL	6-5	305	Fr.*	Saline, Mich. / Saline
70	Andrew Steger	OL	6-7	310	Fr.*	Fremont, Mich. / Fremont
71	Terrance Saunders	OL	6-3	302	Jr.	Overland Park, Kan. / Blue Valley West
72	Mack Indestad *	OL	6-8	308	Jr.	Lemont, Ill. / Lemont Twp.
74	Spencer Webb	OL	6-2	297	Jr.	Alton, Ill. / Reagan / North Carolina A&T
76	Chris Mayo **	OL	6-5	312	Gr.	Deptford, N.J. / The Peddie School / West Virginia
77	Dodji Dahoue *	OL	6-9	306	Sr.	Bamako, Mali / Lycée Liberté de Bamako / Santa Rosa JC
78	Dennis Strey Jr. *	OL	6-7	320	Sr.	Paw Paw, Mich. / Paw Paw
79	Everett Small	OL	6-4	302	Fr.*	Hamilton, Ontario / Football North Prep
80	Tyree Lockett	WR	5-10	171	Jr.	Belleville, Mich. / Belleville
81	Nick Devereaux **	WR	6-1	190	Gr.	Troy, Mich. / Brother Rice / Davenport
82	Braden Laux	TE	6-4	232	Fr.	Belle Vernon, Pa. / Belle Vernon
83	Nick Harris	TE	6-7	250	Sr.	Ellicott City, Md. / Marriotts Ridge / UConn
84	Caden Vanderbush	TE	6-5	212	Fr.*	Plainfield, Ind. / Plainfield
85	Jefferson Adam * [C]	DL	6-3	250	Sr.	Ypsilanti, Mich. / Washtenaw International / Hocking / Iowa State
85	Santonyo Isaac	WR	6-0	117	Fr.	Tampa, Fla. / Tampa Bay Tech HS
86	Dalin Wilkins	WR	6-2	212	Fr.*	Dayton, Ohio / Northmont
87	Joshua Long	TE	6-5	245	So.	Los Angeles, Calif. / Loyola / El Camino CC
88	Ronn Hardin	DE	6-3	209	Jr.	Cleveland, Ohio / Cleveland Heights / Mt. SAC
88	Tanner Lemaster	TE	6-6	247	Jr.	Washington Court House, Ohio / Washington / Kentucky
89	CJ Wilson	WR	5-11	169	So.	Atlanta, Ga. / Parkview
90	Hector Gonzalez	DL	6-4	245	Fr.	Monterrey, Mexico / Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School (Ga.)
91	Reggie Gardner	DL	5-10	287	So.	Southfield, Mich. / Southfield A&T
93	Milan Colvin	DL	6-0	316	Fr.	Wichita, Kan. / Derby
94	Jason Morbitzer	DL	5-10	288	Fr.*	Hilliard, Ohio / Hilliard Bradley
95	Christian Kiptoo	DL	6-2	222	Fr.	McCordsville, Ind. / Mt. Vernon
96	Antoniyo Smith	DL	6-3	285	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga. / Lovejoy
97	Duke Clayton	DL	6-5	235	Jr.	Cleveland, Miss. / North Gwinnett / Hutchinson CC
98	Kevin Wojciechowski	DL	6-5	285	Fr.	Oak Creek, Wis. / Oak Creek
99	Warren-Stevens Tayou	DL	6-1	283	Jr.	Inglewood, Calif. / Lawndale / Northern Arizona / West Georgia

\* letters won | [C] captain

## ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

##	Name	Pos
42	Marshall, Andrew	LB
13	Marshall, Jason *	DB
5	Martin, Tyrell *	DL
24	Mattord, Joey *	RB
76	Mayo, Chris **	OL
28	McMillan, Dontae	RB
7	McNulty, Dramarian *	DB
56	Miles, Sterling **	DL
21	Monds III, James	DB
24	Monds, Jaylyn	DB
94	Morbitzer, Jason	DL
11	Mowchan, Zach *	LB
8	Norman, Jaivian *	DB
27	Norman, Jayvin	RB
44	Patierno, Marco	LB
64	Patterson, Noah	DL
25	Pierre, Zah'eed	DB
60	Powell, Cole	OL
17	Prosper, Benson	WR
63	Rewolinski, Mickey ***	OL
29	Rogers, Donmiel	DB
9	Rooks, Porter	WR
4	Salas Jr., Juan	DB
10	Salem, Jeremiah	QB
71	Saunders, Terrance	OL
1	Scott, Joshua *	DB
79	Small, Everett	OL
96	Smith, Antoniyo	DL
55	Smith, Tamarley	OL
50	Snively, Owen *	OL
70	Steger, Andrew	OL
78	Strey Jr., Dennis *	OL
12	Stuckey, Jace	QB
68	Sutherby, Nicholas	OL
99	Tayou, Warren-Stevens	DL
52	Thomas, Javon	DL
30	Tomasek, Mitchell ***	P
84	Vanderbush, Caden	TE
12	Vasquez, Jesse *	DB
74	Webb, Spencer	OL
7	Wheeler, Jamarien *	WR
86	Wilkins, Dalin	WR
19	Williams, Davion	DB
89	Wilson, CJ	WR
98	Kevin Wojciechowski	DL

## PRONUNCIATIONS

## Player Pronunciations

Abouraya, Adham	ah-boo-RYE-ah, ED-hem
Alexander, Alijah	uh-LIE-juh
Bailey, Kadin	KAY-din
Blue, Amareon	uh-MARR-ee-on
Boyd, Dior	DEE-or
Boykin, Tylan	BOY-kin, TIE-lin
Bronaugh, JT	BRAH-no
Byas, Quincy	BIAS
Colvin, Milan	MY-lan
Dahoue, Dodji	DAH-way, DOH-jee
Deener, Tyrelle	DEE-nurr
Devereaux, Nick	DEH-vurr-oh
Dibert, Nathan	DIE-burt
Dietzel, Mitchell	DEETS-uhl
Dilworth, Zavian	ZAY-vee-an
Dunlap, Tavierre	tah-vee-AIR
Eggleston, Marvell	EGG-gull-stun, MAR-vell
Eliuk, Bryce	EE-luke
Elmore, Terrelle	TUH-rell
Foor, Matthew	four (4)
Fox, Mekhi	muh-KIE
Gallegos, Nicholas	GUY-yay-goes
Gilbert, Makhi	muh-KIE

Griffin, Zyll	ZIE-ell
Herriman, Carter	HAIR-eh-men
Indestad, Mack	IN-duh-sted
Isaac, Santonyo	SAN-tone-yo
Kautz, Jack	COWTS
Kiptoo, Christian	KIPP-too
Knigga, Noah	cuh-NAY-guh
Laux, Braden	LOCKS
Lemaster, Tanner	luh-MASS-turr
Llewellyn, Bryce	LEW-ell-inn
Lyman, Nate	LIE-man
Mack, Ja'Quel	jah-KWELL
Mattord, Joey	MATT-urd
McNulty, Dramarian	drah-MARR-ee-in
Morbitzer, Jason	MORE-bit-sir
Mowchan, Zach	MOE-chan (like mowing grass)
Norman, Jaivian	JAY-vee-inn
Patierno, Marco	put-TURN-oh
Pierre, Zah'eed	ZAH-eed
Rewolinski, Mickey	REV-oh-lin-skee, MICK-ee
Rogers, Donmiel	don-ME-el
Salas Jr., Juan	SAW-liiss, WAN
Salem, Jeremiah	SAY-lem
Smith, Tamarley	tuh-MARR-lee

Snively, Owen	SNIVE-lee
Steger, Andrew	STAY-gurr
Strey Jr., Dennis	STIR-eye
Tayou, Warren-Stevens	TAY-oo
Thomas, Javon	JUH-von
Tomasek, Mitchell	TOM-eh-sack
Vasquez, Jesse	VASS-kez
Wilkins, Dalin	DAY-linn
Williams, Davion	DAY-vee-on

## Coaches

Creighton, Chris	CRAY-ton
Dugan, Sean	SHAWN
Needham, Ben	NEED-uhm
Omli, Tate	OM-lee
Prince, Munir	muh-NEAR
Piatkowski, Mike	pea-et-COW-ski
Teegardin, Kasey	TEE-gard-inn
Wiesehan, Chris	WEE-zuh-han

## EMU's Location

Ypsilanti	ip-sill-ANN-tee
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NUMERIC ROSTER			##	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr.	Hometown / Previous School
##	Name	Pos							
1	Noah Kim	QB	62	Abouraya, Adham	OL	6-5	300	Fr.*	Downingtown, Pa. / Downingtown East / Pittsburgh
1	Joshua Scott *	DB	85	Adam, Jefferson * [C]	DL	6-3	250	Sr.	Ypsilanti, Mich. / Washtenaw International / Hocking / Iowa State
2	Terry Lockett Jr. *	WR	58	Alexander, Alijah	DL	6-4	283	Jr.	Savannah, Ga./Benedictine Military School/Stetson/Florida A&M
3	Barry Manning **	DB	66	Anderson, Josuha *	OL	6-4	312	Sr.	Florissant, Mo. / Westminster Christian Academy
4	Juan Salas, Jr.	DB	61	Arnold, Gabriel	OL	6-6	320	Fr.*	Merritt Island, Fla. / Merritt Island / Western Kentucky
5	Tyrell Martin *	DL	45	Bailey, Kadin	LB	6-1	228	Sr.	Jefferson, Ga. / Jefferson / Syracuse
6	Zyell Griffin *	WR	26	Bell, Solomon *	DB	5-9	202	Gr.	Pontiac, Mich. / Southfield A&T / Highland CC
6	Bryce Llewellyn	DB	53	Blair, Messiah	DL	6-7	235	Jr.	Detroit, Mich. / Martin Luther King
7	Dramarian McNulty *	DB	20	Blue, Amareon	RB	5-6	192	Fr.	Dallas, N.C. / C.E. Jordan
7	Jamarien Wheeler *	WR	18	Boyd, Dior	DB	5-11	170	Jr.	Wilmington, Del./Timber Creek/Maryland/Garden City/Dodge City
8	Tavierre Dunlap	RB	30	Boykin, Tylan	DB	6-1	175	Fr.	Akron, Ohio / Archbishop Hoban
8	Jaivian Norman *	DB	22	Bronaugh, JT	RB	5-10	187	Fr.*	Winter Garden, Fla. / Foundation Academy
9	Donovan Green *	DL	19	Button, Bryce	QB	6-1	215	Fr.	Bowling Green, Ky. / South Warren
9	Porter Rooks	WR	54	Byas, Quincy	DL	6-1	232	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. / De Smet Jesuit
10	Jeremiah Salem	QB	37	Carter, Jonnie	DB	6-1	198	Fr.	Hollywood, Fla. / Charles W. Flanagan
11	Antonio Floyd	WR	97	Clayton, Duke	DL	6-5	235	Jr.	Cleveland, Miss. / North Gwinnett / Hutchinson CC
11	Zach Mowchan *	LB	16	Coley, Caleb	DB	6-0	185	Jr.*	Warner Robins, Ga. / Houston County / Michigan State
12	Jace Stuckey	QB	93	Colvin, Milan	DL	6-0	316	Fr.	Wichita, Kan. / Derby
12	Jesse Vasquez *	DB	77	Dahoue, Dodji *	OL	6-9	306	Sr.	Bamako, Mali / Lycée Liberté de Bamako / Santa Rosa JC
13	Jason Marshall *	DB	22	Deener, Tyrelle *	DB	5-11	173	Gr.	Sarasota, Fla. / Cardinal Mooney / Adrian
14	Eli Holmes-Holt	WR	81	Devereaux, Nick **	WR	6-1	190	Gr.	Troy, Mich. / Brother Rice / Davenport
15	Cameron Edge	QB	37	Dibert, Nathan	K	5-10	209	Sr.	Hartland, Mich. / Hartland / LSU
16	Caleb Coley	DB	51	Dietzel, Mitchell *	LS	6-4	230	Jr.	Burlington, Wis. / Catholic Central
16	Jackson Holt	TE	35	Dilworth, Zavian	DB	5-9	174	Jr.	Nettleton, Miss. / Nettleton / Itawamba CC
17	Caleb Dobbs	DB	17	Dobbs, Caleb	DB	6-0	163	Jr.	Cocoa, Fla. / Cocoa
17	Benson Prosper	WR	8	Dunlap, Tavierre [C]	RB	6-0	215	Sr.	Del Valle, Texas / Del Valle / Michigan
18	DiorBoyd	DB	15	Edge, Cameron	QB	6-1	220	Jr.	Clayton, Del. / Smyrna / Maryland
18	Mekhi Fox	WR	43	Eggleston, Marvell	LB	6-4	223	So.	Detroit, Mich. / King
19	Bryce Button	QB	40	Eliuk, Bryce	LB	6-0	228	Jr.	Linden, Mich. / Linden
19	Davion Williams	DB	41	Elmore, Terrelle	LB	6-2	218	So.	Merrillville, Ind. / Merrillville
20	Amareon Blue	RB	33	Evans, Carter **	DL	6-4	248	Sr.	Crystal Lake, Ill. / Prairie Ridge
21	James Monds III	DB	11	Floyd, Antonio	WR	6-2	175	Fr.*	Atlanta, Ga. / Lovejoy
22	JT Bronaugh	RB	49	Foor, Matthew	DL	6-3	210	Fr.*	Carenton, Mich. / Airport
22	Tyrelle Deener *	DB	18	Fox, Mekhi	WR	6-1	187	Jr.	Pasadena, Calif. / Pasadena / Colorado State
23	Eli Lovett	DB	65	Gallegos, Nicholas *	OL	6-3	290	Jr.	Naperville, Ill. / Neuqua Valley
23	Harold Mack, Jr.	WR	91	Gardner, Reggie	DL	5-10	287	So.	Southfield, Mich. / Southfield A&T
24	Joey Mattord *	RB	55	Gilbert, Makhi	DL	6-2	265	Jr.	Phenix City, Ala. / Central / Samford
24	Jaylyn Monds	DB	90	Gonzalez, Hector	DL	6-4	245	Fr.	Monterrey, Mexico / Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School (Ga.)
25	James Jointer Jr.	RB	9	Green, Donovan *	DL	5-11	300	Sr.	Palmetto, La. / Opelousas Catholic / Northwestern State
25	Zah'eed Pierre	DB	6	Griffin, Zyell *	WR	6-1	198	Gr.	Vancouver, Wash. / Evergreen / UNLV
26	Solomon Bell *	DB	88	Hardin, Ronn	DE	6-3	209	Jr.	Cleveland, Ohio / Cleveland Heights / Mt. SAC
27	Jayvin Norman	RB	83	Harris, Nick	TE	6-7	250	Sr.	Ellicott City, Md. / Marriotts Ridge / UConn
28	Dontae McMillan	RB	47	Herriman, Carter	LB	6-1	220	Fr.*	Davison, Mich. / Davison / Miami (Ohio)
29	Nate Lyman	WR	34	Hester, Ray	DB	5-11	190	So.	Detroit, Mich. / Chippewa Valley
29	Donmiel Rogers	DB	14	Holmes-Holt, Eli	WR	6-0	190	So.	Dallas, Texas / Tyler / El Camino College
30	Tylan Boykin	DB	16	Holt, Jackson	TE	6-5	243	Sr.	Oakdale, Calif. / Oakdale / Laney
30	Mitchell Tomasek ***	P	39	Hull, Daniel	P	5-9	185	So.	Columbia, Mo. / Rock Bridge Senior / Missouri
32	Ja'Quel Mack	LB	72	Indestad, Mack *	OL	6-8	308	Jr.	Lemont, Ill. / Lemont Twp.
33	Carter Evans **	DL	85	Isaac, Santonyo	WR	6-0	170	Fr.	Tampa, Fla. / Tampa Bay Tech HS
34	Ray Hester	DB	25	Jointer Jr., James	RB	6-0	218	Sr.	Little Rock, Ark. / Parkview A&S Magnet / Arkansas / Liberty
35	Zavian Dilworth	DB	42	Kautz, Jack	LS	6-0	197	Jr.	Sterling Heights, Mich. / Notre Dame Prep / Missouri
36	Colin Main	LB	46	Kessinger, Rudy	K	6-2	186	Fr.*	Columbus, Ohio / Bishop Watterson
37	Jonnie Carter	DB	1	Kim, Noah [C]	QB	6-2	185	Gr.	Centreville, Va. / Westfield / Michigan State / Coastal Carolina
37	Nathan Dibert	K	95	Kiptoo, Christian	DL	6-2	222	Fr.	McCordsville, Ind. / Mt. Vernon
39	Daniel Hull	P	46	Knigga, Noah	LB	6-1	202	Fr.	Lawrenceburg, Ind. / Lawrenceburg
40	Bryce Eliuk	LB	82	Laux, Braden	TE	6-4	232	Fr.	Belle Vernon, Pa. / Belle Vernon
41	Terrelle Elmore	LB	88	Lemaster, Tanner	TE	6-6	247	Jr.	Washington Court House, Ohio / Washington / Kentucky
42	Jack Kautz	LS	6	Llewellyn, Bryce	DB	5-11	205	Sr.	Indianapolis, Ind. / Cathedral / Charleston Southern
42	Andrew Marshall	LB	2	Lockett Jr., Terry *	WR	5-11	182	Gr.	St. Paul, Minn. / Minnehaha Academy / Michigan State
43	Marvell Eggleston	LB	80	Lockett, Tyree	WR	5-10	171	Jr.	Belleville, Mich. / Belleville
44	Marco Patierno	LB	87	Long, Joshua	TE	6-5	245	So.	Los Angeles, Calif. / Loyola / El Camino CC
45	Kadin Bailey	LB	23	Lovett, Eli	DB	5-10	190	Fr.*	Huber Heights, Ohio / Wayne
46	Rudy Kessinger	K	29	Lyman, Nate	WR	6-1	190	Fr.	Kings Mills, Ohio / Kings
46	Noah Knigga	LB	23	Mack Jr., Harold	WR	5-11	158	Fr.	Fort Wayne, Ind. / Wayne
47	Carter Herriman	LB	32	Mack, Ja'Quel	LB	6-3	215	Sr.	Gonzales, La. / East Ascension / Northwestern St. / Hutchinson CC
49	Matthew Foor	DL	36	Main, Colin	LB	6-2	216	Fr.*	Frankenmuth, Mich. / Frankenmuth
50	Owen Snively *	OL	3	Manning, Barry **	DB	6-1	207	Sr.	Stone Mountain, Ga. / Tucker
51	Mitchell Dietzel *	LS	42	Marshall, Andrew	LB	6-2	235	Jr.	Carroll, Ohio / Bloom Carroll / Ohio / Lackawana CC
52	Javon Thomas	DL	13	Marshall, Jason *	DB	6-2	200	Sr.	Trenton, Mich. / Trenton

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5	Martin, Tyrell *	DL	6-0	290	Sr.	Newark, Del. / St. Georges Tech / Delaware State
24	Mattord, Joey *	RB	5-11	187	Jr.	Hartland, Mich. / Hartland
76	Mayo, Chris **	OL	6-5	312	Gr.	Deptford, N.J. / The Peddie School / West Virginia
28	McMillan, Dontae	RB	5-10	203	Gr.	Seattle, Wash. / Chief Sealch / Weber State
7	McNulty, Dramarian * [C]	DB	5-10	188	Sr.	Brookhaven, Miss. / Niceville (Fla.) / WCU / Mississippi Gulf Coast CC
56	Miles, Sterling **	DL	6-4	238	Gr.	West Bloomfield, Mich. / West Bloomfield / Cincinnati
21	Monds III, James	DB	5-11	183	Jr.	Fort Pierce, Fla. / Vero Beach / Indiana / Middle Tennessee
24	Monds, Jaylyn	DB	5-9	169	Fr.*	Fort Pierce, Fla. / Westwood
94	Morbitzer, Jason	DL	5-10	288	Fr.*	Hilliard, Ohio / Hilliard Bradley
11	Mowchan, Zach * [C]	LB	6-1	223	Gr.	Dillsburg, Pa. / Northern York
8	Norman, Jaivian *	DB	5-9	184	Jr.	Springfield, Ohio / Springfield
27	Norman, Jayvin	RB	5-7	170	Fr.*	Springfield, Ohio / Springfield
44	Patierno, Marco	LB	6-0	225	Jr.	Wake Forest, N.C. / Heritage / Elon
64	Patterson, Noah	DL	6-2	293	Fr.*	South Point, Ohio / Ironton
25	Pierre, Zah'eed	DB	5-10	175	Fr.	North Miami, Fla. / West Broward
60	Powell, Cole	OL	6-6	285	Fr.	Erie, Colo. / Erie
17	Prosper, Benson	WR	5-10	185	Jr.	Hollywood, Fla. / Champagnat Catholic / Highland / Hutchinson
63	Rewolinski, Mickey *** [C]	OL	6-6	297	Gr.	Caledonia, Wis. / Union Grove
29	Rogers, Donmiel	DB	5-9	173	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Winton Woods
9	Rooks, Porter	WR	6-1	200	Gr.	Charlotte, N.C. / Myers Park / NC State
4	Salas Jr., Juan	DB	5-8	178	Jr.	Eastvale, Calif. / Roosevelt / Southwest Baptist
10	Salem, Jeremiah	QB	6-3	200	Sr.	Germantown, Tenn. / Houston
71	Saunders, Terrance	OL	6-3	302	Jr.	Overland Park, Kan. / Blue Valley West
1	Scott, Joshua *	DB	5-11	180	Gr.	Antioch, Calif. / Deer Valley / City College of San Francisco
79	Small, Everett	OL	6-4	302	Fr.*	Hamilton, Ontario / Football North Prep
96	Smith, Antoniyo	DL	6-3	285	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga. / Lovejoy
55	Smith, Tamarley	OL	6-5	293	Fr.	Brantford, Ontario, Canada / Clarkson Secondary
50	Snively, Owen *	OL	6-4	300	Gr.	Fremont, N.H. / Tilton / Colorado State
70	Steger, Andrew	OL	6-7	310	Fr.*	Fremont, Mich. / Fremont
78	Strey Jr., Dennis *	OL	6-7	320	Sr.	Paw Paw, Mich. / Paw Paw
12	Stuckey, Jace	QB	6-2	198	Fr.*	Fairland, Ind. / Triton Central
68	Sutherby, Nicholas	OL	6-5	305	Fr.*	Saline, Mich. / Saline
99	Tayou, Warren-Stevens	DL	6-1	283	Jr.	Inglewood, Calif. / Lawndale / Northern Arizona / West Georgia
52	Thomas, Javon	DL	6-4	265	Fr.*	East Lansing, Mich. / East Lansing
30	Tomasek, Mitchell ***	P	6-4	215	Gr.	Columbus, Ohio / Worthington Kilbourne
84	Vanderbush, Caden	TE	6-5	212	Fr.*	Plainfield, Ind. / Plainfield
12	Vasquez, Jesse *	DB	5-10	182	Gr.	Lansing, Mich. / East Lansing / Albion
74	Webb, Spencer	OL	6-2	297	Jr.	Alton, Ill. / Reagan / North Carolina A&T
7	Wheeler, Jamarlen *	WR	6-0	210	Gr.	Minneapolis, Minn. / Washburn / Iowa Central
86	Wilkins, Dalin	WR	6-2	212	Fr.*	Dayton, Ohio / Northmont
19	Williams, Davion	DB	5-11	182	Jr.	Frostproof, Fla. / Frostproof / Charleston Southern
89	Wilson, CJ	WR	5-11	169	So.	Atlanta, Ga. / Parkview
98	Kevin Wojciechowski	DL	6-5	285	Fr.	Oak Creek, Wis. / Oak Creek

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##	Name	Pos
53	Messiah Blair	DL
54	Quincy Byas	DL
55	Makhi Gilbert	DL
55	Tamarley Smith	OL
56	Sterling Miles **	DL
58	Alijah Alexander	DL
60	Cole Powell	OL
61	Gabriel Arnold	OL
62	Adham Abouraya	OL
63	Mickey Rewolinski ***	OL
64	Noah Patterson	DL
65	Nicholas Gallegos *	OL
66	Joshua Anderson *	OL
68	Nicholas Sutherby	OL
70	Andrew Steger	OL
71	Terrance Saunders	OL
72	Mack Indestad *	OL
74	Spencer Webb	OL
76	Chris Mayo **	OL
77	Dodji Dahoue *	OL
78	Dennis Strey Jr. *	OL
79	Everett Small	OL
80	Tyree Lockett	WR
81	Nick Devereaux **	WR
82	Braden Laux	TE
83	Nick Harris	TE
84	Caden Vanderbush	TE
85	Jefferson Adam *	DL
85	Santonyo Isaac	WR
86	Dalin Wilkins	WR
87	Joshua Long	TE
88	Ronn Hardin	DE
88	Tanner Lemaster	TE
89	CJ Wilson	WR
90	Hector Gonzalez	DL
91	Reggie Gardner	DL
93	Milan Colvin	DL
94	Jason Morbitzer	DL
95	Christian Kiptoo	DL
96	Antoniyo Smith	DL
97	Duke Clayton	DL
98	Kevin Wojciechowski	DL
99	Warren-Stevens Tayou	DL

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Blue, Amareon	uh-MARR-ee-on
Boyd, Dior	DEE-or
Boykin, Tylan	BOY-kin, TIE-lin
Bronaugh, JT	BRAH-no
Byas, Quincy	BIAS
Colvin, Milan	MY-lan
Dahoue, Dodji	DAH-way, DOH-jee
Deener, Tyrelle	DEE-nurr
Devereaux, Nick	DEH-vurr-oh
Dibert, Nathan	DIE-burt
Dietzel, Mitchell	DEETS-uhl
Dilworth, Zavian	ZAY-vee-an
Dunlap, Tavierre	tah-vee-AIR
Eggleston, Marvell	EGG-gull-stun, MAR-vell
Eliuk, Bryce	EE-luke
Elmore, Terrelle	TUH-rell
Foor, Matthew	four (4)
Fox, Mekhi	muH-KIE
Gallegos, Nicholas	GUY-yay-goes
Gilbert, Makhi	muH-KIE
Griffin, Zyell	ZIE-ell
Herriman, Carter	HAIR-eh-men

Indestad, Mack	IN-duh-sted
Isaac, Santonyo	SAN-tone-yo
Kautz, Jack	COWTS
Kiptoo, Christian	KIPP-too
Knigga, Noah	cuh-NAY-guh
Laux, Braden	LOCKS
Lemaster, Tanner	luh-MASS-turr
Llewellyn, Bryce	LEW-ell-inn
Lyman, Nate	LIE-man
Mack, Ja'Quel	jah-KWELL
Mattord, Joey	MATT-urd
McNulty, Dramarian	drah-MARR-ee-in
Morbitzer, Jason	MORE-bit-sir
Mowchan, Zach	MOE-chan (like mowing grass)
Norman, Jaivian	JAY-vee-inn
Patierno, Marco	put-TURN-oh
Pierre, Zah'eed	ZAH-ee
Rewolinski, Mickey	REV-oh-lin-skee, MICK-ee
Rogers, Donmiel	don-ME-el
Salas Jr., Juan	SAW-liss, WAN
Salem, Jeremiah	SAY-lem
Smith, Tamarley	tuh-MARR-lee
Snively, Owen	SNIVE-lee
Steger, Andrew	STAY-gurr
Strey Jr., Dennis	STIR-ey
Tayou, Warren-Stevens	TAY-oo

Thomas, Javon	JUH-von
Tomasek, Mitchell	TOM-eh-sack
Vasquez, Jesse	VASS-kez
Wilkins, Dalin	DAY-linn
Williams, Davion	DAY-vee-on

## Coaches

Creighton, Chris	CRAY-ton
Dugan, Sean	SHAWN
Needham, Ben	NEED-uhm
Omli, Tate	OM-lee
Prince, Munir	muh-NEAR
Piatkowski, Mike	pea-et-COW-ski
Teegardin, Kasey	TEE-gard-inn
Wiesehan, Chris	WEE-zuh-han

## EMU's Location

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DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

X	81	Nick Devereaux **	6-1	190	Gr.	Troy, Mich. (Davenport)
	11	Antonio Floyd	6-2	175	Fr.*	Atlanta, Ga. (Lovejoy)
Z	2	Terry Lockett Jr. **	5-11	182	Gr.	St. Paul, Minn. (Michigan State)
	9	Porter Rooks	6-1	200	Gr.	Charlotte, N.C. (NC State)
H	9	Porter Rooks	6-1	200	Gr.	Charlotte, N.C. (NC State)
	17	Benson Prosper	5-10	185	Jr.	Hollywood, Fla. (Hutchinson CC)
Y	87	Joshua Long	6-5	245	So.	Los Angeles, Calif. (El Camino CC)
	88	Tanner Lemaster	6-6	247	Jr.	Washington Court House, Ohio (Kentucky)
LT	72	Mack Indestad	6-8	308	So.	Lemont, Ill. (Lemont Township)
	79	Everett Small	6-4	302	Fr.*	Hamilton, Ontario (Football North Prep)
LG	66	Joshua Anderson **	6-4	312	Sr.	Florissant, Mo. (Westminster Christian Academy)
	50	Owen Snively *	6-4	300	Gr.	Fremont, N.H. (Colorado State)
C	79	Everett Small	6-4	302	Fr.*	Hamilton, Ontario (Football North Prep)
	65	Nicholas Gallegos *	6-3	290	Jr.	Naperville, Ill. (Neuqua Valley)
RG	71	Terrance Saunders	6-3	302	Jr.	Overland Park, Kan. (Blue Valley West)
	50	Owen Snively *	6-4	300	Gr.	Fremont, N.H. (Colorado State)
RT	77	Dodji Dahoue	6-9	306	Sr.	Bamako, Mali (Santa Rosa JC)
	74	Spencer Webb	6-2	297	Jr.	Alton, Ill. (North Carolina A&T)
RB	28	Dontae McMillan *	5-10	203	Gr.	Seattle, Wash. (Weber State)
	8	Tavierre Dunlap [C]	6-0	215	Sr.	Del Valle, Texas (Michigan)
QB	1	Noah Kim [C]	6-2	185	Gr.	Centreville, Va. (Coastal Carolina)
	10	Jeremiah Salem	6-3	200	Jr.	Germantown, Tenn. (Houston)
OR	15	Cameron Edge	6-1	220	Jr.	Clayton, Del. (Maryland)

DEFENSE

END	33	Carter Evans **	6-4	248	Sr.	Crystal Lake, Ill. (Prairie Ridge)
	90	Hector Gonzalez	6-4	245	Fr.	Monterrey, Mexico (Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School)
TACKLE	5	Tyrell Martin *	6-0	290	Sr.	Newark, Del. (Delaware State)
	55	Makhi Gilbert	6-2	265	Jr.	Phenix City, Ala. (Samford)
NOSE	9	Donovan Green *	5-11	300	Sr.	Palmetto, La. (Northwestern State)
	64	Noah Patterson	6-2	293	Fr.*	South Point, Ohio (Ironton)
MAXX	56	Sterling Miles *	6-4	238	Gr.	West Bloomfield, Mich. (Cincinnati)
	53	Messiah Blair	6-7	235	Jr.	Detroit, Mich. (Martin Luther King)
ALPHA	11	Zach Mowchan * [C]	6-1	223	Gr.	Dillsburg, Pa. (Northern York)
	43	Marvell Eggleston	6-4	223	So.	Detroit, Mich. (King)
OMEGA	44	Marco Patierno	6-0	225	Jr.	Wake Forest, N.C. (Elon)
	OR 40	Bryce Eliuk	6-0	228	Jr.	Linden, Mich. (Linden)
BANDIT	6	Bryce Llewellyn *	5-11	205	Sr.	Indianapolis, Ind. (Charleston Southern)
	3	Barry Manning **	6-1	207	Sr.	Stone Mountain, Ga. (Tucker)
STAR	8	Jaivian Norman *	5-9	184	Jr.	Springfield, Ohio (Springfield)
	24	Jaylyn Monds	5-9	169	Fr.*	Fort Pierce, Fla. (Westwood)
FREE	13	Jason Marshall	6-2	200	Sr.	Trenton, Mich. (Trenton)
	4	Juan Salas	5-8	178	Jr.	Eastvale, Calif. (Southwest Baptist)
CB	1	Joshua Scott *	5-11	180	Gr.	Antioch, Calif. (College of San Francisco)
	17	Caleb Dobbs	6-0	163	Jr.	Cocoa, Fla. (Cocoa)
CB	29	Donmiel Rogers	5-9	173	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio (Winton Woods)
	21	James Monds III	5-11	183	Jr.	Fort Pierce, Fla. (Middle Tennessee)

SPECIALISTS

P	30	Mitchell Tomasek	6-4	215	Sr.	Columbus, Ohio (Worthington Kilbourne)
	39	Daniel Hull	5-9	185	So.	Columbia, Mo. (Missouri)
PK	46	Rudy Kessinger	6-2	186	Fr.	Columbus, Ohio (Bishop Watterson)
	37	Nathan Dibert	5-10	209	Sr.	Hartland, Mich. (LSU)
LS	51	Mitchell Dietzel	6-4	230	So.	Burlington, Wis. (Catholic Central)
	42	Jack Kautz	6-0	197	Jr.	Sterling Heights, Mich. (Missouri)
KO	37	Nathan Dibert	5-10	209	Sr.	Hartland, Mich. (LSU)
	46	Rudy Kessinger	6-2	186	Fr.	Columbus, Ohio (Bishop Watterson)
KR	27	Jayvin Norman	5-7	170	Rf.	Springfield, Ohio (Springfield)
	17	Benson Prosper	5-10	185	Jr.	Hollywood, Fla. (Hutchinson CC)
PR	4	Juan Salas	5-8	178	Jr.	Eastvale, Calif. (Southwest Baptist)
	2	Terry Lockett Jr. **	5-11	182	Gr.	St. Paul, Minn. (Michigan State)
H	30	Mitchell Tomasek	6-4	225	Sr.	Columbus, Ohio (Worthington Kilbourne)
	39	Daniel Hull	5-9	185	So.	Columbia, Mo. (Missouri)

START CHART • OFFENSE

#	Eagle	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24	'25	TOT
1	Kim, Noah	0	0	0	5	0	2	7
2	Lockett Jr., Terry	0	0	0	1	11	2	14
8	Dunlap, Tavierre	-	0	0	0	0	1	1
9	Rooks, Porter	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
10	Salem, Jeremiah	-	-	0	0	0	0	0
11	Floyd, Antonio	-	-	-	-	0	0	0
17	Prosper, Benson	-	-	jc	jc	jc	jc	0
28	McMillan, Dontae	1	1	4	0	2	2	10
50	Snively, Owen	0	0	6	0	0	0	6
63	Rewolinski, Mickey	0	0	4	10	10	10	24
65	Gallegos, Nicholas							
66	Anderson, Joshua	-	-	-	0	0	2	2
71	Saunders, Terrance	-	-	-	0	0	2	2
72	Indestad, Mack	-	-	0	0	4	2	6
73	Anderson, Joshua	-	-	0	0	8	2	10
74	Webb, Spencer							
76	Mayo, Chris	0	0	0	4	2	2	6
77	Dahoue, Dodji	-	-	jc	jc	0	2	2
79	Small, Everett	-	-	-	-	0	2	2
81	Devereaux, Nick	-	d2	0	0	0	2	2
87	Long, Joshua	-	-	-	-	jc	2	2
88	Lemaster, Tanner	-	-	-	0	0	0	0

Only NCAA Division I starts are included on this chart

1: 2020-23 w/ Michigan State; 2024 w/ Coastal Carolina

3: 2020-22 w/ Michigan State | 8: 2021-24 w/ Michigan

9: 2023 w/ NC State | 28: 2020-22 w/ Weber State

50: 2022 w/Colorado State | 88: 2023-24 w/ Kentucky

START CHART • DEFENSE

#	Eagle	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24	'25	TOT
1	Scott, Joshua	-	jc	10	1	1	2	14
3	Manning, Barry							
4	Salas Jr, Juan	-	-	-	d2	jc	jc	0
5	Martin, Tyrell	-	-	0	0	3	2	5
6	Llewellyn, Bryce	-	-	6	11	2	2	21
7	McNulty, Dramarian	-	0	-	-	9	9	9
8	Norman, Javian	-	-	-	0	6	2	8
9	Green, Donovan	0	11	10	6	3	2	32
11	Mowchan, Zach	-	0	0	1	3	2	6
13	Marshall, Jason	-	-	0	0	0	1	1
17	Dobbs, Caleb	-	-	-	0	0	0	0
21	Monds III, James	-	-	0	0	2	2	2
22	Deener, Tyrelle	d3	d3	d3	d3	1	1	2
24	Monds, Jaylyn	-	-	-	-	0	0	0
33	Evans, Carter	-	0	2	0	0	2	4
40	Eliuk, Bryce	-	-	-	0	0	0	0
41	Elmore, Terrelle	-	-	-	-	0	0	0
44	Patierno, Marco	-	-	0	9	8	2	19
45	Bailey, Kadin	-	-	0	0	0	0	0
53	Blair, Messiah	-	-	-	0	0	0	0
55	Gilbert, Makhi	-	-	0	2	5	1	8
56	Miles, Sterling	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
64	Patterson, Noah	-	-	-	-	0	0	0
85	Adam, Jefferson	-	-	jc	0	0	0	0
90	Gonzalez, Hector							

Only NCAA Division I starts are included on this chart

5: 2022-23 w/ Delaware State | 6: 2022-23 w/ Charleston Southern

7: 2021 w/ Western Carolina | 9: 2020-23 w/ Northwestern State

19: 2022-24 w/ Charleston Southern

21: 2022-23 w/ Indiana; 2024 w/ Middle Tennessee

44: 2022-24 w/Elon | 45: 2022-24 w/Syracuse | 56: 2020-21 w/Cincy

57: 2022-24 w/ Samford | 85: 2023 w/ Iowa State

2025 EASTERN MICHIGAN FOOTBALL

## 2024 GAME PARTICIPATION / STARTS

[illegible]

## SEASON / CAREER STARTS

<b>Quarterbacks (7)</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Career</b>
Kim, Noah *	2	7
Salem, Jeremiah		0
<b>Running Backs (11)</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Career</b>
McMillan, Dontae *	2	10
Dunlap, Tavierre	1	1
<b>Wide Receivers (27)</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Career</b>
Devereaux, Nick	2	2
Floyd, Antonio		0
Lockett Jr., Terry *	2	14
Prosper, Benson		0
Rooks, Porter *	1	2
Fox, Mekhi *		1
Griffin, Zyll *		7
Wheeler, Jamarlen		1
<b>Tight End (9)</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Career</b>
Lemaster, Tanner		0
Long, Joshua	2	2
Vanderbush, Caden		0
Harris, Nick *		7
<b>Offensive Line (61)</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Career</b>
Anderson, Joshua	2	10
Dahoue, Dodji		2
Indestad, Mack	2	7
Mayo, Chris		6
Rewolinski, Mickey		26
Saunders, Terrance	2	2
Small, Everett	2	2
Snively, Owen		6

<b>Defensive Line (65)</b>	<b><u>2025</u></b>	<b><u>Career</u></b>
Adam, Jefferson		0
Alexander, Alijah *		11
Blair, Messiah		0
Evans, Carter	2	4
Gilbert, Makhi *	1	8
Green, Donovan *	2	32
Martin, Tyrell	2	5
Miles, Sterling	2	2
Patterson, Noah		0
Tayou, Warren-Stevens *		3

<b>Linebackers (25)</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Career</b>
Bailey, Kadin		0
Eliuk, Bryce		0
Elmore, Terrelle		0
Mowchan, Zach	2	6
Patierno, Marco *	2	19

<b><u>Defensive Backs (84)</u></b>	<b><u>2025</u></b>	<b><u>Career</u></b>
Deener, Tyrell	1	2
Dobbs, Cade		0
Llewellyn, Bryce *	2	21
Marshall, Jason	1	1
McNulty, Dramarian		10
Monds III, James		2
Monds, Jaylyn		0
Norman, Jaivian	2	8
Salas Jr., Juan		0
Scott, Joshua	2	14
Williams, Davion *		18
Coley, Caleb *	1	3
Manning Jr., Barry		4
Vasquez, Jesse		1

\* - includes starts at another Division I school

## 2025 TAKEAWAYS & TURNOVERS

Eastern Michigan Takeaways (0)					
<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Takeaway</i>	<i>Qtr.</i>	<i>Yrd.-Line</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Result of the Drive</i>

Eastern Michigan Turnovers (0)					
<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Turnover</i>	<i>Qtr.</i>	<i>Yrd.-Line</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Result of the Drive</i>



2025 STATISTICS

Date	Opp.	RUSHING				RECEIVING				PASSING				KICK RET				PUNT RET				Total OFF		
		No.	Yds	TD	Lg	No.	Yds	TD	Lg	Cmp	Att	Int	Yds	TD	Lg	No	Yds	TD	Lg	No	Yds		TD	Lg
Aug. 30	at Texas State	33	143	2	35	23	248	1	33	23-34-0			248	1	33	2	33	0	17	0	0	0	0	391
Sept. 6	LONG ISLAND	25	122	1	40	18	189	2	33	18-29-0			189	2	33	5	140	0	39	0	0	0	0	311
Sept. 13	at Kentucky																							
Sept. 20	LOUISIANA																							
Sept. 27	at Central Mich.																							
Oct. 4	at Buffalo																							
Oct. 11	NO. ILLINOIS																							
Oct. 18	at Miami																							
Oct. 25	OHIO																							
Nov. 8	BOW. GREEN																							
Nov. 15	at Ball State																							
Nov. 25	WESTERN MI																							
	Totals	58	265	3	40	41	437	3	33	41-63-0			437	3	33	7	173	0	39	0	0	0	0	702
	Opponent	84	623	7	65	33	462	4	74	33-51-0			462	4	74	2	17	0	15	2	33	0	32	1085
Games played: 2		Avg. per rush: 4.6				Avg. per catch: 10.7				Pass efficiency: 139.06				Kick ret avg.: 24.7				Punt ret avg.: 0.0						
		All purpose avg./game: 437.5										Total offense avg./gm: 351.0												

STARTERS

OFFENSE	WR/RB	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	WR/Y	WR/Z	QB	RB	WR/X
at Texas State	Rooks	Indestad	Anderson	Small	Saunders	Dahoue	Long	Terry Lockett	Kim	McMillen	Devereaux
LONG ISLAND	Dunlap	Indestad	Anderson	Small	Saunders	Dahoue	Long	Terry Lockett	Kim	McMillen	Devereaux
at Kentucky											
LOUISIANA											
at Central Mich.											
at Buffalo											
NOR. ILLINOIS											
at Miami											
OHIO											
BGSU											
at Ball State											
WESTERN MI											

DEFENSE	END	TCKL	NOSE	MAXX	ALPHA	OMEGA	BANDIT	STAR	FREE	CB	CB
at Texas State	Evans	Martin	Green	Miles	Mowchan	Patierno	Llewellyn	Jai. Norman	Marshall	Scott	Deener
LONG ISLAND	Evans	Martin	Green	Miles	Mowchan	Patierno	Llewellyn	Jai. Norman	Gilbert	Scott	Coley
at Kentucky											
LOUISIANA											
at Central Mich.											
at Buffalo											
NOR. ILLINOIS											
at Miami											
OHIO											
BGSU											
at Ball State											
WESTERN MI											

## SEASON

## CAREER

Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
McMILLAN, Dontae	2	17	140	4	136	8.0	1	40	68.0	12	51	259	4	255	5.0	2	40	21.2
DUNLAP, Tavierre	2	21	64	5	59	2.8	1	19	29.5	2	21	64	5	59	2.8	1	19	29.5
MATTORD,Joey	2	5	39	1	38	7.6	1	24	19.0	12	34	159	3	156	4.6	2	24	13.0
Kim,Noah	2	11	45	21	24	2.2	0	20	12.0	2	11	45	21	24	2.2	0	20	12.0
PROSPER,Ben	2	2	4	0	4	2.0	0	4	2.0	2	2	4	0	4	2.0	0	4	2.0
JOINTER, James	2	2	4	0	4	2.0	0	3	2.0	2	2	4	0	4	2.0	0	3	2.0
Total	2	58	296	31	265	4.6	3	40	132.5									
Opponents	2	84	647	24	623	7.4	7	65	311.5									

Passing	gp	effic	comp	att	int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g	gp	effic	comp	att	int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Kim,Noah	2	139.06	41	63	0	65.1	437	3	33	218.5	2	139.06	41	63	0	65.1	437	3	33	218.5
Total	2	139.06	41	63	0	65.1	437	3	33	218.5										
Opponents	2	166.68	33	51	0	64.7	462	4	74	231.0										

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
LOCKETT, Terry	2	13	140	10.8	0	28	70.0	21	62	834	13.5	5	79	39.7
LONG, Joshua	2	5	63	12.6	1	19	31.5	2	5	63	12.6	1	19	31.5
McMILLAN, Dontae	2	4	68	17.0	1	33	34.0	12	7	81	11.6	1	33	6.8
PROSPER,Ben	2	4	47	11.8	0	22	23.5	2	4	47	11.8	0	22	23.5
Lemaster,Tanner	2	3	53	17.7	0	33	26.5	2	3	53	17.7	0	33	26.5
ROOKS, Porter	2	3	13	4.3	0	7	6.5	2	3	13	4.3	0	7	6.5
DEVEREAUX, Nick	2	2	26	13.0	0	21	13.0	21	3	33	11.0	0	21	1.6
WHEELER, Jamari	2	2	17	8.5	1	12	8.5	12	3	21	7.0	1	12	1.8
MATTORD,Joey	2	2	5	2.5	0	3	2.5	12	12	120	10.0	0	27	10.0
HARRIS, Nick	2	1	12	12.0	0	12	6.0	2	1	12	12.0	0	12	6.0
DUNLAP, Tavierre	2	1	-3	-3.0	0	0	-1.5	2	1	-3	-3.0	0	0	-1.5
JOINTER, James	2	1	-4	-4.0	0	0	-2.0	2	1	-4	-4.0	0	0	-2.0
Total	2	41	437	10.7	3	33	218.5							
Opponents	2	33	462	14.0	4	74	231.0							

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Kim,Noah	2	74	24	437	461	230.5	2	74	24	437	461	230.5
McMILLAN, Dontae	2	17	136	0	136	68.0	12	51	255	0	255	21.2
DUNLAP, Tavierre	2	21	59	0	59	29.5	2	21	59	0	59	29.5
MATTORD,Joey	2	5	38	0	38	19.0	12	34	156	0	156	13.0
PROSPER,Ben	2	2	4	0	4	2.0	2	2	4	0	4	2.0
JOINTER, James	2	2	4	0	4	2.0	2	2	4	0	4	2.0
Total	2	121	265	437	702	351.0						
Opponents	2	135	623	462	1085	542.5						

Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass						kick	rush	rcv	pass			
KESSINGER, Rudy	-	3-3	5-5	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	3-3	5-5	-	-	-	-	-	14
McMILLAN, Dontae	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
MATTORD,Joey	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	14
WHEELER, Jamari	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
LONG, Joshua	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
DUNLAP, Tavierre	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Kim,Noah	-	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	-	0
Total	6	3-3	5-5	-	-	0-1	-	-	50									
Opponents	11	1-2	11-11	-	-	-	-	-	80									

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0					
Opponents	2	33	16.5	0	32					

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
NORMAN, Jayvin	5	140	28.0	0	39	5	140	28.0	0	39
MATTORD,Joey	2	33	16.5	0	17	9	166	18.4	0	26
Total	7	173	24.7	0	39					
Opponents	2	17	8.5	0	15					



## SEASON

## CAREER

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0					
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0					

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0					
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0					

All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	av
McMILLAN, D	2	136	68	0	0	0	204	102.0	12	255	81	0	47	0	383	3
LOCKETT, Te	2	0	140	0	0	0	140	70.0	21	33	834	0	0	0	867	4
NORMAN, Ja	1	0	0	0	140	0	140	140.0	3	8	0	0	140	0	148	4
MATTORD, Jo	2	38	5	0	33	0	76	38.0	12	156	120	18	166	0	460	3
LONG, Joshu	2	0	63	0	0	0	63	31.5	2	0	63	0	0	0	63	3
DUNLAP, Tav	2	59	-3	0	0	0	56	28.0	2	59	-3	0	0	0	56	2
Lemaster, Tan	2	0	53	0	0	0	53	26.5	2	0	53	0	0	0	53	2
PROSPER, Be	2	4	47	0	0	0	51	25.5	2	4	47	0	0	0	51	2
DEVEREAUX	2	0	26	0	0	0	26	13.0	21	0	33	0	-4	0	29	
Kim, Noah	2	24	0	0	0	0	24	12.0	2	24	0	0	0	0	24	1
WHEELER, J	2	0	17	0	0	0	17	8.5	12	0	21	0	0	0	21	
ROOKS, Port	2	0	13	0	0	0	13	6.5	2	0	13	0	0	0	13	
HARRIS, Nick	2	0	12	0	0	0	12	6.0	2	0	12	0	0	0	12	
Total	2	265	437	0	173	0	875	437.5								
Opponents	2	623	462	33	17	0	1135	567.5								

Field Goals	att	good	long	blkd	att	good	long	blkd
KESSINGER, Rudy	3	3	37	0	3	3	37	0
Total	3	3	37	0				
Opponents	2	1	24	0				

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	blk	no.	yds	avg	lg	blk
TOMASEK, Mitch	10	515	51.5	63	0	10	515	51.5	63	0
Total	10	515	51.5	63	0					
Opponents	5	209	41.8	55	0					

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
Dibert, Nathan	11	594	54.0	6	1	11	594	54.0	6	1
Total	11	594	54.0	6	1					
Opponents	14	786	56.1	3	1					

## SEASON

## CAREER

##	Defensive Leaders	gp	ua	a	total	tfl	sack	int	pb	fr	ff	blk	gp	ua	a	total	tfl	sack	int	pb	fr	ff	blk
44	PATIERNO, Marco	2	2	10	1	0.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	2	10	12	0.5	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	LLEWELLYN, Bryc	2	2	10	1	1.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	6	5	16	21	1.5	.	.	2	.	.	.
56	MILES, Sterling	2	3	7	1	1.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	24	7	17	24	3.5	1.0	.	.	.	.	2
3	MANNING, Barry	2	5	4	9	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	19	24	24	48	2.5	.	.	2	1	2	.
11	MOWCHAN, Zach	2	3	5	8	0.0	.	.	1	.	.	.	19	20	28	48	0.5	.	.	1	.	1	.
5	MARTIN, Tyrell	2	.	8	8	0.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	14	5	19	24	2.5	.	.	.	1	.	.
4	SALAS, Juan	2	6	2	8	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	6	2	8	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	MARSHALL, Jason	2	4	4	8	0.0	.	.	1	.	.	.	12	5	7	12	0.0	.	.	1	.	.	.
33	EVANS, Carter	2	6	2	8	1.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	27	19	22	41	3.5	1.0	.	2	.	.	.
1	SCOTT, JOSHUA	2	4	3	7	0.0	.	.	2	.	.	.	17	21	17	38	0.0	.	3	1	.	.	.
55	GILBERT, Makhi	2	1	5	6	0.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	1	5	6	0.5	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	GREEN, Donovan	2	2	4	6	0.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	14	6	20	26	2.5	0.5	.	.	.	1	.
53	BLAIR, Messiah	2	2	4	6	1.0	1.	.	.	.	1	.	7	2	5	7	1.0	1.0	.	.	.	1	.
16	COLEY, Caleb	2	3	2	5	0.0	.	.	2	.	.	.	2	3	2	5	0.0	.	.	2	.	.	.
21	MONDS, James	2	3	.	3	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	3	.	3	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	NORMAN, Jaivian	2	2	1	3	1.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	14	16	12	28	2.5	0.5	.	2	.	.	.
40	ELIUK, Bryce	2	2	1	3	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	7	4	1	5	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	GONZALEZ, Hecto	2	2	1	3	1.0	.	.	1	.	.	.	2	2	1	3	1.0	.	.	1	.	.	.
22	DEENER, Tyrelle	1	1	1	2	0.0	.	.	1	.	.	.	11	9	9	18	1.0	.	.	2	.	.	.
45	BAILEY, Kadin	1	2	.	2	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	2	.	2	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
29	ROGERS, Donmiel	2	.	2	2	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	2	2	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	MONDS, Jaylyn	2	.	1	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	4	2	6	2.5	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	DOBBS, Caleb	2	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	ELMORE, Terrelle	1	.	1	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	.	1	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
54	BYAS, Quicy	1	.	1	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	TAYOU, Warren-St	2	.	1	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	1	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
43	EGGLESTON, Mar	2	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total		2	57	80	13	9	1	.	8	.	1	.											
Opponents		2	67	48	11	11	2	.	5	.	1	.											

#	Defensive Leaders	gp-gs	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
6	LLEWELLYN, Bryce	2-2	2	10	12	1.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	PATIERNO, Marco	2-2	2	10	12	0.5-1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
56	MILES, Sterling	2-2	3	7	10	1.5-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	MANNING, Barry	2-0	5	4	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	EVANS, Carter	2-2	6	2	8	1.0-1	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
4	SALAS, Juan	2-0	6	2	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	MARSHALL, Jason	2-1	4	4	8	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
11	MOWCHAN, Zach	2-2	3	5	8	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
5	MARTIN, Tyrell	2-2	.	8	8	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	SCOTT, JOSHUA	2-2	4	3	7	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
9	GREEN, Donovan	2-2	2	4	6	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55	GILBERT, Makhi	2-1	1	5	6	0.5-1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
53	BLAIR, Messiah	2-0	2	4	6	1.0-11	1.0-11	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
16	COLEY, Caleb	2-2	3	2	5	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
40	ELIUK, Bryce	2-0	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	GONZALEZ, Hector	2-0	2	1	3	1.0-1	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
8	NORMAN, Jaivian	2-1	2	1	3	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	MONDS, James	2-0	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
22	DEENER, Tyrelle	1-1	1	1	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
29	ROGERS, Donmiel	2-0	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	BAILEY, Kadin	1-0	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	DOBBS, Caleb	2-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
43	EGGLESTON, Marvell	2-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
54	BYAS, Quicy	1-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	MONDS, Jaylyn	2-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	TAYOU, Warren-Steven	2-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	ELMORE, Terrelle	1-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total		2	57	80	137	9-24	1-11	.	8	6	.	1	.	.
Opponents		2	67	48	115	11-38	2-21	.	5	12	.	1	.	.



<b>Team Statistics</b>	<b>EMU</b>	<b>OPP</b>
SCORING	50	80
Points Per Game	25.0	40.0
Points Off Turnovers	0	0
FIRST DOWNS	40	50
Rushing	14	30
Passing	22	19
Penalty	4	1
RUSHING YARDAGE	265	623
Yards gained rushing	296	647
Yards lost rushing	31	24
Rushing Attempts	58	84
Average Per Rush	4.6	7.4
Average Per Game	132.5	311.5
TDs Rushing	3	7
PASSING YARDAGE	437	462
Comp-Att-Int	41-63-0	33-51-0
Average Per Pass	6.9	9.1
Average Per Catch	10.7	14.0
Average Per Game	218.5	231.0
TDs Passing	3	4
TOTAL OFFENSE	702	1085
Total Plays	121	135
Average Per Play	5.8	8.0
Average Per Game	351.0	542.5
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	7-173	2-17
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	0-0	2-33
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	0-0	0-0
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	24.7	8.5
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	0.0	16.5
INT RETURN AVERAGE	0.0	0.0
FUMBLES-LOST	1-0	2-0
PENALTIES-Yards	6-50	9-71
Average Per Game	25.0	35.5
PUNTS-Yards	10-515	5-209
Average Per Punt	51.5	41.8
Net punt average	42.2	37.8
KICKOFFS-Yards	11-594	14-786
Average Per Kick	54.0	56.1
Net kick average	38.8	38.4
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	25:35	34:25
3RD-DOWN Conversions	11/27	18/27
3rd-Down Pct	41%	67%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	2/3	1/2
4th-Down Pct	67%	50%
SACKS BY-Yards	1-11	2-21
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	6	11
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	3-3	1-2
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(7-7) 100%	(9-11) 82%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(4-7) 57%	(8-11) 73%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(5-5) 100%	(11-11) 100%
ATTENDANCE	15313	21082
Games/Avg Per Game	1/15313	1/21082
Neutral Site Games		0/0



2025 Eastern Michigan Football  
Eastern Michigan Team Game-by-Game Comparison (as of Sep 06, 2025)  
All games



Opponent	Score	Total	First Downs		Pen	Rushing		Passing		Total Offense	Return	Turn -
			Rush	Pass		Number-Yards		Comp-Att-Int	Yards	Plays-Yards	Yards	Overs
Texas State	27 - 52	23 / 29	9 / 19	11 / 9	3 / 1	33-143 / 39-392		23-34-0 / 18-27-0	248 / 214	67-391 / 66-606	33 / 50	0 / 0
LONG ISLAND	23 - 28	17 / 21	5 / 11	11 / 10	1 / 0	25-122 / 45-231		18-29-0 / 15-24-0	189 / 248	54-311 / 69-479	140 / 0	0 / 0
Kentucky												
LOUISIANA												
Central Michigan												
Buffalo												
NORTHERN ILLINOI												
Miami												
OHIO												
BOWLING GREEN												
Ball State												
WESTERN MICHIG												
Totals	50 - 80	40 / 50	14 / 30	22 / 19	4 / 1	58-265 / 84-623		41-63-0 / 33-51-0	437 / 462	121-702 / 135-108	173 / 50	0 / 0

Opponent	3rd Down	4th Down	Time of	TOP	Avg	Avg	Avg	Punting	Penalties	Sacks
	Conversions	Conversions	Possession	Margin	Yds/Rush	Yds/Pass	Yds/Play	Number-Avg	Number-Yards	
Texas State	6-15 / 7-10	2-2 / 1-1	29:02 / 30:58	-1:56	4.3 / 10.1	7.3 / 7.9	5.8 / 9.2	5-52.4 / 1-47.0	6-50 / 6-49	1 / 2
LONG ISLAND	5-12 / 11-17	0-1 / 0-1	22:07 / 37:53	-15:46	4.9 / 5.1	6.5 / 10.3	5.8 / 6.9	5-50.6 / 4-40.5	0-0 / 3-22	0 / 0
Kentucky										
LOUISIANA										
Central Michigan										
Buffalo										
NORTHERN ILLINOI										
Miami										
OHIO										
BOWLING GREEN										
Ball State										
WESTERN MICHIG										
Totals	11-27 / 18-27	2-3 / 1-2	51:09 / 68:51	-17:42	4.6 / 7.4	6.9 / 9.1	5.8 / 8.0	10-51.5 / 5-41.8	6-50 / 9-71	1 / 2

Note: Game totals are displayed in the format TEAM/OPPONENT for each category

## 20-YARD PLUS PLAYS

Yd	Type	Player(s)	Opponent
40*	Rush	McMILLAN, Dontae	Long Island
39	KR	NORMAN, Jayvin	Long Island
36	KR	NORMAN, Jayvin	Long Island
35	Rush	McMILLAN, Dontae	Texas State
33	Pass	Lemaster,Tanner from Kim,Noah	Texas State
33*	Pass	McMILLAN, Dontae from Kim,Noah	Long Island
28	Pass	LOCKETT, Terry from Kim,Noah	Texas State
24	Rush	MATTORD,Joey	Texas State
24	KR	NORMAN, Jayvin	Long Island
23	Pass	McMILLAN, Dontae from Kim,Noah	Texas State
23	KR	NORMAN, Jayvin	Long Island
22	Pass	PROSPER,Ben from Kim,Noah	Texas State
21	Pass	DEVEREAUX, Nick from Kim,Noah	Long Island
20	Rush	Kim,Noah	Long Island
20	Pass	LOCKETT, Terry from Kim,Noah	Long Island

\* touchdown scored on play

## LONG PLAYS BY THE NUMBERS

Long Plays By Ya	No.	TD
100+	0	0
90-99	0	0
80-89	0	0
70-79	0	0
60-69	0	0
50-59	0	0
40-49	1	1
30-39	5	1
20-29	9	0

Long Plays By Ty	No.	TD
Rushing	4	1
Passing	7	1
Punt returns	0	0
Kick returns	4	0
Interceptions	0	0
Fumble returns	0	0
Other	0	0
TOTAL	15	2

## 20-YARD PLUS BY PLAYER

Player	No.	TD	R	P	KR	PR	IR	FR
McMILLAN, Dontae	4	2	2	2	0	0	0	0
NORMAN, Jayvin	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
LOCKETT, Terry	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
DEVEREAUX, Nick	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kim,Noah	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
PROSPER,Ben	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Lemaster,Tanner	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
MATTORD,Joey	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	15	2	4	7	4	0	0	0

## LONGEST PLAYS OF THE YEAR

Rushing

40 McMILLAN, Dontae vs Long Island (9/6/2025)

Rushing Touchdown

40 McMILLAN, Dontae vs Long Island (9/6/2025)

Passing

33 Lemaster,Tanner from Kim,Noah  
vs Texas State (8/30/2025)

33 McMILLAN, Dontae from Kim,Noah  
vs Long Island (9/6/2025)

Passing Touchdown

33 McMILLAN, Dontae from Kim,Noah  
vs Long Island (9/6/2025)

Punt Return

None

Kick Return

39 NORMAN, Jayvin vs Long Island (9/6/2025)

Interception Return

None

Fumble Return

None

Punt

63 TOMASEK, Mitch vs Texas State (8/30/2025)

Field Goal

37 KESSINGER, Rudy vs Texas State (8/30/2025)



# 2025 EASTERN MICHIGAN FOOTBALL

## 3rd-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
Aug 30, 202	at Texas State	L 27-52	6-15 40.0	1-3 33.3	2-4 50.0	0-2 0.0	3-6 50.0	
Sep 06, 202	LONG ISLAND	L 23-28	5-12 41.7	1-4 25.0	2-3 66.7	0-2 0.0	2-3 66.7	
Sep 13, 202	at Kentucky							
Sep 20, 202	LOUISIANA							
Sep 27, 202	at Central Michigan							
Oct 04, 202	at Buffalo							
Oct 11, 202	NORTHERN ILLINOIS							
Oct 18, 202	at Miami							
Oct 25, 202	OHIO							
Nov 08, 202	BOWLING GREEN							
Nov 15, 202	at Ball State							
Nov 25, 202	WESTERN MICHIGAN							
	Eastern Michigan		11-27 40.7	2-7 28.6	4-7 57.1	0-4 0.0	5-9 55.6	0-0 0.0
	Opponents		18-27 66.7	3-5 60.0	6-9 66.7	4-6 66.7	5-7 71.4	0-0 0.0

## 4th-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
Aug 30, 202	at Texas State	L 27-52	2-2 100.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	
Sep 06, 202	LONG ISLAND	L 23-28	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	
Sep 13, 202	at Kentucky							
Sep 20, 202	LOUISIANA							
Sep 27, 202	at Central Michigan							
Oct 04, 202	at Buffalo							
Oct 11, 202	NORTHERN ILLINOIS							
Oct 18, 202	at Miami							
Oct 25, 202	OHIO							
Nov 08, 202	BOWLING GREEN							
Nov 15, 202	at Ball State							
Nov 25, 202	WESTERN MICHIGAN							
	Eastern Michigan		2-3 66.7	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0
	Opponents		1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0

## Time of Possession

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
Aug 30, 202	at Texas State	L 27-52	29:02	7:56	6:54	4:39	9:33	
Sep 06, 202	LONG ISLAND	L 23-28	22:07	9:44	6:08	2:39	3:36	
Sep 13, 202	at Kentucky							
Sep 20, 202	LOUISIANA							
Sep 27, 202	at Central Michigan							
Oct 04, 202	at Buffalo							
Oct 11, 202	NORTHERN ILLINOIS							
Oct 18, 202	at Miami							
Oct 25, 202	OHIO							
Nov 08, 202	BOWLING GREEN							
Nov 15, 202	at Ball State							
Nov 25, 202	WESTERN MICHIGAN							
	Eastern Michigan	Total	51:09	17:40	13:02	7:18	13:09	0:00
		Avg.	25:34	8:50	6:31	3:39	6:34	0:00
	Opponents	Total	68:51	12:20	16:58	22:42	16:51	0:00
		Avg.	34:25	6:10	8:29	11:21	8:25	0:00

## Eastern Michigan Inside Opponent Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times In RZ	Times Score	Total Pts	Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	Failed to score inside RZ					
			In RZ	Score	Pts	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Dow	Int	Fum	Half	Gam
Aug 30, 202	at Texas State	L 27-52	5	5	27	3	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 06, 202	LONG ISLAND	L 23-28	2	2	10	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 13, 202	at Kentucky													
Sep 20, 202	LOUISIANA													
Sep 27, 202	at Central Michigan													
Oct 04, 202	at Buffalo													
Oct 11, 202	NORTHERN ILLINOIS													
Oct 18, 202	at Miami													
Oct 25, 202	OHIO													
Nov 08, 202	BOWLING GREEN													
Nov 15, 202	at Ball State													
Nov 25, 202	WESTERN MICHIGAN													
	Totals		7	7	37	4	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
	7 of 7 (100.0%)													

## Opponents Inside Eastern Michigan Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times In RZ	Times Score	Total Pts	Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	Failed to score inside RZ					
			In RZ	Score	Pts	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Dow	Int	Fum	Half	Gam
Aug 30, 202	at Texas State	L 27-52	6	6	38	5	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 06, 202	LONG ISLAND	L 23-28	5	3	21	3	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Sep 13, 202	at Kentucky													
Sep 20, 202	LOUISIANA													
Sep 27, 202	at Central Michigan													
Oct 04, 202	at Buffalo													
Oct 11, 202	NORTHERN ILLINOIS													
Oct 18, 202	at Miami													
Oct 25, 202	OHIO													
Nov 08, 202	BOWLING GREEN													
Nov 15, 202	at Ball State													
Nov 25, 202	WESTERN MICHIGAN													
	Totals		11	9	59	8	4	4	1	1	1	0	0	0
	9 of 11 (81.8%)													

**INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS**

Rushes	11	DUNLAP, Tavierre vs Long Island (Sep 06, 2025)
Yards Rushing	78	McMILLAN, Dontae at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
TD Rushes	1	MATTORD, Joey at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
		DUNLAP, Tavierre at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
		McMILLAN, Dontae vs Long Island (Sep 06, 2025)
Long Rush	40	McMILLAN, Dontae vs Long Island (Sep 06, 2025)
Pass attempts	34	Kim, Noah at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Pass completions	23	Kim, Noah at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Yards Passing	248	Kim, Noah at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
TD Passes	2	Kim, Noah vs Long Island (Sep 06, 2025)
Long Pass	33	Kim, Noah at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
		Kim, Noah vs Long Island (Sep 06, 2025)
Receptions	8	LOCKETT, Terry vs Long Island (Sep 06, 2025)
Yards Receiving	78	LOCKETT, Terry vs Long Island (Sep 06, 2025)
TD Receptions	1	LONG, Joshua at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
		WHEELER, Jamarion vs Long Island (Sep 06, 2025)
		McMILLAN, Dontae vs Long Island (Sep 06, 2025)
Long Reception	33	Lemaster, Tanner at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
		McMILLAN, Dontae vs Long Island (Sep 06, 2025)
Field Goals	2	KESSINGER, Rudy at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Long Field Goal	37	KESSINGER, Rudy at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Punts	5	TOMASEK, Mitch at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
		TOMASEK, Mitch vs Long Island (Sep 06, 2025)
Punting Avg	52.4	TOMASEK, Mitch at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Long Punt	63	TOMASEK, Mitch at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Punts inside 20	3	TOMASEK, Mitch vs Long Island (Sep 06, 2025)
Long Punt Return	0	
Long Kickoff Return	39	NORMAN, Jayvin vs Long Island (Sep 06, 2025)
Tackles	8	MILES, Sterling vs Long Island (Sep 06, 2025)
Sacks	1.0	BLAIR, Messiah at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Tackles For Loss	1.5	MILES, Sterling vs Long Island (Sep 06, 2025)
Interceptions	0	

**TEAM GAME HIGHS**

Rushes	33	at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Yards Rushing	143	at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Yards Per Rush	4.9	vs Long Island (Sep 06, 2025)
TD Rushes	2	at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Pass attempts	34	at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Pass completions	23	at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Yards Passing	248	at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Yards Per Pass	7.3	at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
TD Passes	2	vs Long Island (Sep 06, 2025)
Total Plays	67	at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Total Offense	391	at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Yards Per Play	5.8	at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Points	27	at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Sacks By	1	at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
First Downs	23	at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Penalties	6	at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Penalty Yards	50	at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Turnovers	0	
Interceptions By	0	
Punts	5	at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
		vs Long Island (Sep 06, 2025)
Punting Avg	52.4	at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Long Punt	63	at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Punts inside 20	3	vs Long Island (Sep 06, 2025)
Long Punt Return	0	

**OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS**

Rushes	13	Ingram, Kam, vs Long Island (Sep 06, 2025)
Yards Rushing	167	Pare, Lincoln, at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
TD Rushes	2	Stanzani, Luca, vs Long Island (Sep 06, 2025)
		Greenwood, Ethan, vs Long Island (Sep 06, 2025)
Long Rush	65	Greenwood, Ethan, vs Long Island (Sep 06, 2025)
Pass attempts	26	Jackson, Brad, at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Pass completions	18	Jackson, Brad, at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Yards Passing	214	Jackson, Brad, at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
TD Passes	4	Jackson, Brad, at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Long Pass	74	Greenwood, Ethan, vs Long Island (Sep 06, 2025)
Receptions	7	Sparks, Beau, at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Yards Receiving	82	Sparks, Beau, at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
TD Receptions	4	Sparks, Beau, at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Long Reception	74	Stanzani, Luca, vs Long Island (Sep 06, 2025)
Field Goals	1	Robles, Tyler, at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Long Field Goal	24	Robles, Tyler, at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Punts	4	Lynch, Will, vs Long Island (Sep 06, 2025)
Punting Avg	47.0	Nunez, David, at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Long Punt	55	Lynch, Will, vs Long Island (Sep 06, 2025)
Punts inside 20	2	Lynch, Will, vs Long Island (Sep 06, 2025)
Long Punt Return	32	Sparks, Beau, at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Long Kickoff Return	15	Jenkins, Jaylen, at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Tackles	9	Payne, Treylin, at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Sacks	1.0	Cooks Jr., Terre, at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
		Rios, Jaden, at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Tackles For Loss	2.0	Cooks Jr., Terre, at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
		Casey, Elijah, vs Long Island (Sep 06, 2025)
Interceptions	0	

**OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS**

Rushes	45	vs Long Island (Sep 06, 2025)
Yards Rushing	392	at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Yards Per Rush	10.1	at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
TD Rushes	4	vs Long Island (Sep 06, 2025)
Pass attempts	27	at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Pass completions	18	at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Yards Passing	248	vs Long Island (Sep 06, 2025)
Yards Per Pass	10.3	vs Long Island (Sep 06, 2025)
TD Passes	4	at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Total Plays	69	vs Long Island (Sep 06, 2025)
Total Offense	606	at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Yards Per Play	9.2	at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Points	52	at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Sacks By	2	at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
First Downs	29	at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Penalties	6	at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Penalty Yards	49	at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Turnovers	0	
Interceptions By	0	
Punts	4	vs Long Island (Sep 06, 2025)
Punting Avg	47.0	at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)
Long Punt	55	vs Long Island (Sep 06, 2025)
Punts inside 20	2	vs Long Island (Sep 06, 2025)
Long Punt Return	32	at Texas State (Aug 30, 2025)

GAME 1

Aug. 30, 2025 • 7:02 p.m. CT • Att: 21,082  
Jim Wacker Field at UFCU Stadium • San Marcos, Texas

EMU	3	14	0	10	-	27
> TXST	14	10	14	14	-	52

Team Totals	EMU	TXST
FIRST DOWNS	23	29
Rushing	9	19
Passing	11	9
Penalty	3	1
NET YARDS RUSHING	143	392
Rushing Attempts	33	39
Average Per Rush	4.3	10.1
Rushing Touchdowns	2	3
Yards Gained Rushing	171	402
Yards Lost Rushing	28	10
NET YARDS PASSING	248	214
Completions-Attempts-Int	23-34-0	18-27-0
Average Per Attempt	7.3	7.9
Average Per Completion	10.8	11.9
Passing Touchdowns	1	4
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	391	606
Total offense plays	67	66
Average Gain Per Play	5.8	9.2
Fumbles: Number-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	6-50	6-49
PUNTS-YARDS	5-262	1-47
Average Yards Per Punt	52.4	47.0
Net Yards Per Punt	37.8	27.0
Inside 20	1	0
50+ Yards	3	0
Touchbacks	2	1
Fair catch	0	0
KICKOFFS-YARDS	6-366	9-485
Average Yards Per Kickoff	61.0	53.9
Net Yards Per Kickoff	41.5	41.9
Touchbacks	4	3
Fair Catch Yards	0	59
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	2-33-0
Average Per Return	0.0	16.5
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	2-33-0	2-17-0
Average Per Return	16.5	8.5
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	29:02	30:58
1st Quarter	7:56	7:04
2nd Quarter	6:54	8:06
3rd Quarter	4:39	10:21
4th Quarter	9:33	5:27
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 15	7 of 10
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 2	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	5-5	6-6
Touchdowns	3-5	5-6
Field goals	2-5	1-6
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-11	2-21
PAT Kicks	3-3	7-7
Field Goals	2-2	1-1
Points off turnovers	0	0



FOOTBALL FALLS AT TEXAS STATE IN SEASON OPENER

Kim led the way with 248 yards passing and one touchdown for the Eagles

**SAN MARCOS, Texas (EMUEagles.com)** – The Eastern Michigan University football team dropped its season-opening game Saturday, Aug. 30, in a 52-27 decision at Texas State University inside UFCU Stadium in San Marcos, Texas. The Eagles were led by **Noah Kim**, who threw for 248 yards and one score, while **Tavierre Dunlap** and **Joey Mattord** each scored on the ground for the Eagles (0-1).

How It Happened

The game got off to a high-octane start as the hosts covered 75 yards in 1:41 to take a 7-0 lead. The Eagles countered with a strong drive of their own but had to settle for a 24-yard field goal from **Rudy Kessinger** as the redshirt freshman converted his first collegiate attempt. The hosts added a touchdown two minutes later to take a 14-3 lead through one quarter of play.

In the second, Eastern responded with their first touchdown of the season as Dunlap punched it from two yards out to cap an eight-play, 80-yard drive. The Bobcats added 10 points to their total for a 24-10 lead before the Eagles tallied their second touchdown of the game with Kim finding **Joshua Long** for a 16-yard score with 12 seconds remaining in the half for a 24-17 TXST lead at the break.

Following a third quarter that saw the Bobcats add 14 points on two passing touchdowns, Texas State would add another score to extend its lead to 45-17 with 12:19 to play before the Eagles halted the scoring with Kessinger connecting on a career-long 37-yard field goal. Following another touchdown from the hosts, Mattord found a hole and took it in from 7-yards out for the score and 52-27 final.

Game Notes

» Noah Kim earned the start at quarterback for the Eagles and finished 23-of-34 passing for 248 yards and one score. Kim has now thrown at least one touchdown at three different schools after doing so at both Michigan State and Coastal Carolina previously.

» **Dontae McMillan** led the team with 113 all-purpose yards after leading the way with a team-best 78 yards rushing while adding 35 yards receiving. It marked the first time McMillan accumulated over 100 total yards for the Eagles and his highest since totaling 49 yards at UMass last year.

» Joey Mattord finished with a career-high 38 yards rushing on five carries while scoring a touchdown. He surpassed the 37 yards he accumulated at Western Michigan last year (Nov. 30) while scoring his second career touchdown with his first coming against Toledo last year (Nov. 2). He added five yards receiving and 33 kick off return yards for 76 total yards.

» Tavierre Dunlap, who grew up in Del Valle, Texas, just 30 minutes up the road from San Marcus, made his return to the Lone Star State and ran in the first touchdown of the season for the Eagles as he pounded his way into the endzone from two yards out to cut the team's deficit to four points (14-10) early in the second quarter. Dunlap, who finished with 33 yards on 10 carries, punched in his second career touchdown after scoring from 20-yards out for Michigan last season at home against Northwestern (Nov. 23, 2024).

» **Porter Rooks** saw his first game action for the Eagles after sitting out the 2024 season with an injury and his first action since Nov. 25, 20232, when he played for NC State against North Carolina. Rooks finished with three catches for 13 yards.

» **Juan Salas Jr.** led the team with seven total tackles, including a team-high five solo stops. He made his EMU debut and NCAA Division I debut after playing two years at Mt. SAC.

» Joshua Long was on the receiving end of Noah Kim's first passing touchdown with the Eagles as he hauled in a 16-yard strike in the second quarter. Long is no stranger to the endzone as he caught six scoring passes in 2024 while playing for El Camino College, marking his scoring play with EMU his first NCAA Division I scoring play. Long finished with three grabs for 31 yards on the day.

» In his first collegiate attempt, Rudy Kessinger connected on a 24-yard field goal for the Eagles' first points of the season and his first with the Eagles after redshirting last year. Kessinger, who added a 37-yard strike in the fourth, finished the game with nine points after adding a trio of point-after tries to his total.

» **Messiah Blair** recorded his first TFL, sack, and forced fumble in the first half of the game with all three coming on the same play. With 3:56 remaining in the opening stanza, Blair rushed the Texas State quarterback and sacked him for a 9-yard loss. While bringing him down, he knocked the ball loose, but the Bobcats recovered the ball and continued their possession.

» **Mitchell Tomasek** continued to what he does: punt the ball over 50 yards and flip the field for the Eagles. After punting his first ball of the game 51 yards, he added back-to-back kicks over 60+ yards with a kick of 62 yards in the second quarter and 63-yards in third, which tied for the eighth-longest punt in his career.

» Mitchell Tomasek finished the game with 262 yards on five punts, giving him an average of 52.4 yards, the highest in a single game in program history and the only 52.0+ average ever at EMU. His average surpassed the previous record of 51.4 average Jake Julien tallied, Sept. 11, 2021, at Wisconsin. Prior to the game at Texas State, Julien held the top three marks in program history.

» Nine Eagles earned their first starts with the program, including Dodji Dahoue, Nick Deveraux, Noah Kim, Bryce Llewellyn, Joshua Long, Jason Marshall, Sterling Miles, Benson Prosper, Porter Rooks, and Terrance Saunders. Additionally, Carter Evans made his third career start and his first since two starts in the 2022 season.

» Seventeen transfers saw their first action for the Eagles.

Scoring Summary	Team	Scoring Play	Plays	TOP	Score
Qtr Time	TXST	SPARKS, Beau 16 yd pass from JACKSON,Brad (ROBLES, Tyler kick)	4-75	1:41	0 - 7
1st 13:19	TXST	KESSINGER, Rudy 24 yd field goal	9-68	4:32	3 - 7
1st 08:47	EMU	Sparks, Beau 15 yd pass from JACKSON, Brad (ROBLES, Tyler kick)	6-75	2:06	3 - 14
1st 06:41	TXST	DUNLAP, Tavierre 2 yd run (KESSINGER, Rudy kick)	8-80	3:24	10 - 14
2nd 13:33	EMU	ROBLES, Tyler 24 yd field goal	12-68	4:54	10 - 17
2nd 08:39	TXST	PARE, Lincoln 22 yd run (ROBLES, Tyler kick)	5-92	3:00	10 - 24
2nd 03:56	TXST	LONG, Joshua 16 yd pass from Kim, Noah (KESSINGER, Rudy kick)	11-65	3:44	17 - 24
2nd 00:12	EMU	SPARKS, Beau 3 yd pass from JACKSON, Brad (ROBLES, Tyler kick)	10-80	4:58	17 - 31
3rd 07:18	TXST	SPARKS, Beau 5 yd pass from JACKSON, Brad (ROBLES, Tyler kick)	9-66	5:23	17 - 38
3rd 00:19	TXST	BURRELL, Greg 15 yd run (ROBLES, Tyler kick)	5-35	2:19	17 - 45
4th 12:19	TXST	KESSINGER, Rudy 37 yd field goal	10-56	5:50	20 - 45
4th 06:29	EMU	JENKINS, Jaylen 58 yd run (ROBLES, Tyler kick)	5-74	2:25	20 - 52
4th 04:02	TXST	MATTORD,Joey 7 yd run (KESSINGER, Rudy kick)	13-75	3:21	27 - 52
4th 00:41	EMU				

EASTERN MICHIGAN						
RUSHING	No.	Net	TD	Lg	Avg.	
McMILLAN, Dontae	9	78	0	35	8.7	
MATTORD, Joey	5	38	1	24	7.6	
DUNLAP, Tavierre	10	33	1	19	3.3	
JOINTER, James	2	4	0	3	2.0	
PROSPER, Ben	2	4	0	4	2.0	
KIM, Noah	5	-14	0	4	-2.8	
Totals...	33	143	2	35	4.3	
PASSING	Cmp-Att-Int	Yds	TD	Long		
KIM, Noah	23-34-0	248	1	33		
Totals...	23-34-0	248	1	33		
RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Lg		
LOCKETT, Terry	5	62	0	28		
McMILLAN, Dontae	3	35	0	23		
LONG, Joshua	3	31	1	16		
ROOKS, Porter	3	13	0	7		
LEMASTER, Tanner	2	42	0	33		
PROSPER, Ben	2	31	0	22		
MATTORD, Joey	2	5	0	3		
WHEELER, Jamarien	1	12	0	12		
HARRIS, Nick	1	12	0	12		
DEVEREAUX, Nick	1	5	0	5		
Totals...	23	248	1	33		
PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Lng	In20	TB
TOMASEK, Mitch	5	262	52.4	63	1	2
Totals...	5	262	52.4	63	1	2

TEXAS STATE						
RUSHING	No.	Net	TD	Lg	Avg.	
PARE, Lincoln	12	167	1	57	13.9	
BURRELL, Greg	7	79	1	20	11.3	
JENKINS, Jaylen	5	74	1	58	14.8	
JACKSON, Brad	10	48	0	15	4.8	
LUSTER, Keldric	2	12	0	10	6.0	
BURGESS JR., Tor	3	12	0	11	4.0	
Totals...	39	392	3	58	10.1	
PASSING	Cmp-Att-Int	Yds	TD	Long		
JACKSON, Brad	18-26-0	214	4	33		
LUSTER, Keldric	0-1-0	0	0	0		
Totals...	18-27-0	214	4	33		
RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Lg		
SPARKS, Beau	7	82	4	33		
DAWN, JR., Chris	5	50	0	21		
BURRELL, Greg	2	31	0	21		
SMITH, Blake	2	18	0	9		
PARE, Lincoln	1	20	0	20		
EVANS, Kylan	1	13	0	13		
Totals...	18	214	4	33		
PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Lng	In20	TB
Nunez, David	1	47	47.0	47	0	1
Totals...	1	47	47.0	47	0	1



GAME 2

Sept. 6, 2025 • 7:02 p.m. • Att: 15,313  
Rynearson Stadium • Ypsilanti, Mich.

> LIU	7	7	0	14	-	28
EMU	3	7	0	13	-	23

Team Totals	LIU	EMU
FIRST DOWNS	21	17
Rushing	11	5
Passing	10	11
Penalty	0	1
NET YARDS RUSHING	231	122
Rushing Attempts	45	25
Average Per Rush	5.1	4.9
Rushing Touchdowns	4	1
Yards Gained Rushing	245	125
Yards Lost Rushing	14	3
NET YARDS PASSING	248	189
Completions-Attempts-Int	15-24-0	18-29-0
Average Per Attempt	10.3	6.5
Average Per Completion	16.5	10.5
Passing Touchdowns	0	2
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	479	311
Total offense plays	69	54
Average Gain Per Play	6.9	5.8
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	3-22	0-0
PUNTS-YARDS	4-162	5-253
Average Yards Per Punt	40.5	50.6
Net Yards Per Punt	40.5	46.6
Inside 20	2	3
50+ Yards	1	3
Touchbacks	0	1
Fair catch	0	3
KICKOFFS-YARDS	5-301	5-228
Average Yards Per Kickoff	60.2	45.6
Net Yards Per Kickoff	32.2	35.6
Touchbacks	0	2
Fair Catch Yards	0	24
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Average Per Return	0.0	0.0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	5-140-0
Average Per Return	0.0	28.0
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	37:53	22:07
1st Quarter	5:16	9:44
2nd Quarter	8:52	6:08
3rd Quarter	12:21	2:39
4th Quarter	11:24	3:36
Third-Down Conversions	11 of 17	5 of 12
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-5	2-2
Touchdowns	3-5	1-2
Field goals	0-5	1-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	0-0
PAT Kicks	4-4	2-2
Field Goals	0-1	1-1
Points off turnovers	0	0

FOOTBALL DROPS HOME OPENER TO LONG ISLAND

Kim posts his first two-touchdown game with EMU in the loss

**YPSILANTI, Mich. (EMUEagles.com)** – The Eastern Michigan University saw its four-game home-opener win streak come to an end as visiting Long Island University scored a 28-23 decision over the Eagles Saturday, Sept. 6, inside Rynearson Stadium. The Eagles (0-2) tried to make a comeback, but the Sharks (1-1) held off the hosts for their first win of the season.

How It Happened

The Eagles opened the game with possession, but a 3-and-out led to the Sharks scoring a touchdown on their first possession to take a 7-0 lead. After **Rudy Kessinger** scored on a 32-yard field goal, the visitors found the end zone once again to open the second stanza, covering 86 yards in six plays for a 14-3 lead. The Eagles responded once again as **Dontae McMillan** grabbed a 33-yard pass **Noah Kim** to take the game into halftime a 14-10 for LIU.

After neither team scored in the third, both teams combined for 27 points in the fourth with back-and-forth scoring the entire way. After EMU was stopped on a fourth-down attempt deep in its own end, the Sharks scored on the next play from 14 yards out to build a 21-10 advantage. Eastern responded again with McMillan scoring his second of the night, this time running in from 40 yards out for a 21-16 score. With 1:56 to play, LIU punched in its fourth score of the day for a 28-16 lead before Kim hit **Jamarien Wheeler** in the end zone with 41 seconds to play. Trailing 28-23, EMU attempted an onside kick but was unable to secure the ball.

Game Notes

» Dontae McMillan scored twice in the game, including a 33-yard rushing touchdown and a 40-yard receiving score as he finished with 58 yards rushing on eight carries and 33 yards on one reception for 91 total yards. It marked the first time in his three seasons in Ypsilanti that he scored two touchdowns in the same game and just the third time he had done so in his career. The last time came Oct. 8, 2022, with two rushing scores for Weber State at home against Eastern Washington with the first coming in his debut with the Wildcats, Feb. 27, 2021, at Idaho State. Overall, his two scores against the Sharks marked his first game with one rushing and one receiving score while also standing as his first collegiate receiving touchdown.

» Dontae McMillan's scoring plays marked two of the longest recorded by the Eagles in 2025. His 40-yard rushing touchdown is the longest play this season for EMU while his 33-yard reception ties for third. The plays rank as the longest two scoring plays of 2025 for the Eagles as well.

» Noah Kim finished the game 18-of-29 passing for 189 yards and two scores while rushing for 38 yards on six carries for 227 yards of total offense. The two scores marked his first multiple touchdown game with the Eagles and his first since throwing for two touchdowns against Louisiana, Oct. 19, 2024, while playing for Coastal Carolina. Kim, who recorded his fourth career multiple touchdown game, has now done so for three different schools after accomplishing the feat twice with Michigan State in 2023.

» Noah Kim's 38 yards on the ground stands as a career high, surpassing the 35 yards he tallied at Iowa, Sept. 30, 2023, while playing for Michigan State. Additionally, his 20-yard rush is the longest of his career, bettering the 14 yards recorded in the game with the Hawkeyes.

» Jamarien Wheeler pulled in his first career touchdown reception as Noah Kim found him in the end zone from five yards out. Wheeler's lone reception brought his total to four grabs in 16 games for the Eagles.

» **Mitchell Tomasek** finished the game with five punts for 253 yards, including three punts of 50+ yards and two coming down inside the LIU 20-yard line. Tomasek's 50.6-yard average stands as the fourth-highest in a single game in EMU history and comes one week after he set the record with a 52.4 average at Texas State. His average against the Sharks marked the sixth game in EMU history with a punter averaging 50.0+ yards with Tomasek holding two, **Jake Julien** holding three, and **Austin Barnes** with one.

» With his 253 yards in the game, Mitchell Tomasek brought his career total to 7,768 yards, placing him sixth on the program's career ledger. Tomasek, who passed **Zach Johnson** (7,794 yards, 2006-09), **Austin Barnes** (7,664 yards, 2013-16), and **George Bailey** (7,591 yards, 1967-70), is now 295 yards behind **Jay Kurtz** (2010-12) for fifth after Kurtz tallied 8,063 yards in his career.

» Eastern Michigan was 2-for-2 in red zone chances in the game to remain perfect on the season. The Eagles are now 7-of-7 in 2025.

Historical Notes

» Eastern fell to 0-1 all-time against the Sharks with its loss to Long Island and fell to 4-1 all-time against the current members of the Northeast Conference (NEC).

» With the loss, the Eagles fell to 81-47-5 in their home opener and saw their four-game winning streak in such contests come to an end. Eastern also slipped to 9-3 in its first home game of the season under **Chris Creighton**.

» Eastern fell to 0-2 overall, marking the first time the Eagles have started the year winless through two games since 2012. That year, EMU lost a Mid-American Conference game at Ball State, 37-26, before falling at home to Illinois State, 31-14.

» The 28-23 final score is a Scorigami, marking the first time an EMU football game has ended in that score. In 1,173 games played, EMU has tallied 512 Scorigami's, including both games played this season.

Scoring Summary

Qtr	Time	Team	Scoring Play	Plays	TOP	Score
1st	10:46	LIU	GREENWOOD, Ethan 65 yd run (MAIBERG, Lance kick)	5-90	2:17	7-0
1st	06:43	EMU	KESSINGER, Rudy 32 yd field goal	10-58	3:56	7-3
2nd	13:34	LIU	GREENWOOD, Ethan 2 yd run (MAIBERG, Lance kick)	6-86	3:31	14-3
2nd	10:19	EMU	McMILLAN, Dontae 33 yd pass from Kim,Noah (KESSINGER, Rudy kick)	8-70	3:10	14-10
4th	12:21	LIU	STANZANI, Luca 14 yd run (MAIBERG, Lance kick)	1-14	0:06	21-10
4th	11:40	EMU	McMILLAN, Dontae 40 yd run (LONG, Joshua pass failed)	2-59	0:31	21-16
4th	01:56	LIU	STANZANI, Luca 2 yd run (MAIBERG, Lance kick)	16-75	9:44	28-16
4th	00:41	EMU	WHEELER, Jamarien 5 yd pass from Kim,Noah (KESSINGER, Rudy kick)	8-56	1:08	28-23



LONG ISLAND

RUSHING	No.	Net	TD	Lg	Avg.
GREENWOOD, Ethan	7	91	2	65	13.0
STANZANI, Luca	10	67	2	17	6.7
INGRAM, Kam	13	26	0	9	2.0
RICHARDSON, Deio	3	25	0	19	8.3
ROSS, O'Shawn	11	24	0	8	2.2
TEAM	1	-2	0	0	-2.0
Totals...	45	231	4	65	5.1

PASSING	Cmp-Att-Int	Yds	TD	Long
STANZANI, Luca	12-18-0	143	0	34
GREENWOOD, Ethan	3-5-0	105	0	74
HOWELL, Chris	0-1-0	0	0	0
Totals...	15-24-0	248	0	74

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Lg
Ross,O'Shawn	3	12	0	9
Brooks,Evan	2	31	0	16
Richardson,Deio	2	26	0	19
Kelley,Jaron	2	9	0	5
Stanzani, Luca	1	74	0	74
Dozier,Jaiden	1	34	0	34
Howell,Chris	1	32	0	32
Simpson,Jayden	1	16	0	16
Ingram,Kam	1	7	0	7
Greenwood,Ethan	1	7	0	7
Totals...	15	248	0	74

EASTERN MICHIGAN

RUSHING	No.	Net	TD	Lg	Avg.
McMILLAN, Dontae	8	58	1	40	7.2
KIM, Noah	6	38	0	20	6.3
DUNLAP,Tavierre	11	26	0	8	2.4
Totals...	25	122	1	40	4.9

PASSING	Cmp-Att-Int	Yds	TD	Long
KIM, Noah	18-29-0	189	2	33
Totals...	18-29-0	189	2	33

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Lg
LOCKETT, Terry	8	78	0	20
LONG, Joshua	2	32	0	19
PROSPER,Ben	2	16	0	14
McMILLAN, Dontae	1	33	1	33
DEVEREAUX, Nick	1	21	0	21
LEMASTER, Tanner	1	11	0	11
WHEELER, Jamarien	1	5	1	5
DUNLAP, Tavierre	1	-3	0	0
JOINTER, James	1	-4	0	0
Totals...	18	189	2	33

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Lng	In20	TB
TOMASEK, Mitch	5	253	50.6	56	3	1
Totals...	5	253	50.6	56	3	1

FIELD POSITION

EASTERN MICHIGAN	# OF DRIVES	AVG. START	INSIDE 20	PAST 50
at Texas State	10	E25	0	0
LONG ISLAND	10	E24	3	0
at Kentucky				
LOUISIANA				
at Central Michigan *				
at Buffalo *				
NORTHERN ILLINOIS *				
at Miami *				
OHIO *				
BOWLING GREEN *				
at Ball State *				
WESTERN MICHIGAN *				
• does not include overtime drives				

OPPONENTS	# OF DRIVES	AVG. START	INSIDE 20	PAST 50
at Texas State	9	TXST26	2	1
LONG ISLAND	10	LIU31	3	1
at Kentucky				
LOUISIANA				
at Central Michigan *				
at Buffalo *				
NORTHERN ILLINOIS *				
at Miami *				
OHIO *				
BOWLING GREEN *				
at Ball State *				
WESTERN MICHIGAN *				
• does not include overtime drives				

DRIVE STATISTICS

EASTERN MICHIGAN	#	3/OUT	PCT	SCR	PCT	TD	PCT
at Texas State	10	3	30.0	5	50.0	3	30.0
LONG ISLAND	10	3	30.0	4	40.0	3	30.0
at Kentucky							
LOUISIANA							
at Central Michigan *							
at Buffalo *							
NORTHERN ILLINOIS *							
at Miami *							
OHIO *							
BOWLING GREEN *							
at Ball State *							
WESTERN MICHIGAN *							
• does not include overtime drives							

OPPONENTS	#	3/OUT	PCT	SCR	PCT	TD	PCT
at Texas State	9	0	0.0	8	88.9	7	77.8
LONG ISLAND	10	1	10.0	4	40.0	4	40.0
at Kentucky							
LOUISIANA							
at Central Michigan *							
at Buffalo *							
NORTHERN ILLINOIS *							
at Miami *							
OHIO *							
BOWLING GREEN *							
at Ball State *							
WESTERN MICHIGAN *							
• does not include overtime drives							

DRIVE SUPERLATIVES

EASTERN MICHIGAN	
LONGEST DRIVES	
Number of Plays	13, at Texas State, Aug. 30, 2025 (TD)
Total Yards	80, at Texas State, Aug. 30, 2025 (TD)
Time of Drive	5:50, at Texas State, Aug. 30, 2025 (FG)
SHORTEST DRIVES	
Number of Plays	2, vs. LIU, Sept. 6, 2025 (TD)
Total Yards	0, at Texas State, Aug. 30, 2025 (Punt)
Time of Drive	1:27, at Texas State, Aug. 30, 2025 (Punt)

OPPONENTS	
LONGEST DRIVES	
Number of Plays	16, vs. LIU, Sept. 6, 2025 (TD)
Total Yards	92, at Texas State, Aug. 30, 2025 (TD)
Time of Drive	9:44, vs. LIU, Sept. 6, 2025 (TD)
SHORTEST DRIVES	
Number of Plays	1, vs. LIU, Sept. 6, 2025 (TD)
Total Yards	4, vs. LIU, Sept. 6, 2025 (Punt)
Time of Drive	0:54, vs. LIU, Sept. 6, 2025 (Punt)

INDIVIDUAL CAREER BESTS *[Returning Players with NCAA Division I Statistics]*

## DEFENSE

**1 • SCOTT, Joshua** ..... 5, at Akron, 11/8/22  
Tackles: ..... 1 (3x), last: vs. SJSU (Potato), 12/20/22  
INTs: ..... 4, vs. SJSU (Potato), 12/20/22  
PBUs: ..... 4, vs. SJSU (Potato), 12/20/22

**3 • MANNING, Barry** ..... 8, vs. Toledo, 11/2/24  
Tackles: ..... 1.0 (2x), last: at Ohio, 11/13/24  
TFLs: ..... 1 (2x), last: at Ohio, 11/13/24  
PBUs: ..... 1 (2x), last: Central Mich., 10/19/24  
Fum. Force: ..... 1 (2x), last: vs. Central Mich., 10/19/24  
Fum. Recov: ..... 1, vs. Central Mich., 10/19/24

**4 • SALAS, Juan** ..... 7, at Texas State, 8/30/25  
Tackles: ..... 7, at Texas State, 8/30/25

**5 • MARTIN, Tyrell** ..... \* w/Delaware State  
Tackles: ..... 7 vs. LIU, 9/7/25  
TFLs: ..... \* 1.0 (2x), vs. St. Francis, 9/21/24  
Sacks: ..... \* 1.0, vs. Howard, 10/28/23  
Fum. Recov: ..... 1, vs. Toledo, 11/2/24  
QBH: ..... 1 (2x), last: vs. Toledo, 11/2/24

**6 • LLEWELLYN, Bryce** ..... \* w/Charleston Southern  
Tackles: ..... \* 8, at #17 UT-Martin, 10/21/23  
TFLs: ..... \* 2.5 (2x), last: at Gardner-Webb, 11/18/23  
Sacks: ..... \* 2.0 (2x), last: vs. Tennessee State, 11/4/23  
Fum. Force: ..... \* 1, vs. Tennessee State, 11/4/23  
PBUs: ..... 1 (4x), last: vs. Toledo, 11/2/24  
QB Hurries: ..... \* 2, vs. Tennessee State, 11/4/23

**7 • McNULTY, Dramarian** ..... 6, at UMass, 8/31/24  
Tackles: ..... 1.0, vs. Central Michigan, 10/19/24  
Fum. Force: ..... 1, vs. Central Michigan, 10/19/24  
INTs: ..... 1, vs. Toledo, 11/2/24  
PBUs: ..... 1 (2x), last: vs. Buffalo, 11/20/24

**8 • NORMAN, Jaivian** ..... 5, at Akron, 10/26/24  
Tackles: ..... 1.0 (2x), last: vs. LIU, 9/7/25  
Sacks: ..... 0.5, vs. Central Michigan, 10/19/24  
PBUs: ..... 1 (2x), last: vs. Buffalo, 11/20/24

**9 • GREEN, Donovan** ..... \* w/Northwestern State  
Tackles: ..... \* 6 (2x), last: at Southeastern La., 11/12/22  
TFLs: ..... \* 2.0, at Louisiana, 9/2/23  
Sacks: ..... \* 1.0 (3x), last: vs. Southeastern La., 10/19/23  
QBH: ..... \* 2 (3x), last: vs. Southeast La., 10/19/23  
INTs: ..... \* 1, vs. Stephen F. Austin, 9/16/23  
Fum. Force: ..... 1 (2x), last: vs. Central Michigan, 10/19/24  
Fum. Recov: ..... \* 1 (2x), last: vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/30/23  
Blocked Kick: ..... \* 1, at Lamar, 10/7/23 (PAT)

**11 • MOWCHAN, Zach** ..... 15, vs. Jacksonville State, 9/14/24  
Tackles: ..... 0.5, at Washington, 9/7/24  
Fum. Force: ..... 1, at Minnesota, 9/9/23  
PBUs: ..... 1, vs. LIU, 9/7/25  
QBH: ..... 1, vs. Jacksonville State, 9/14/24

**12 • VASQUEZ, Jesse** ..... 2, vs. Saint Francis, 9/21/24  
Tackles: ..... 1, vs. St. Francis, 9/21/24

**13 • MARSHALL, Jason** ..... 5, vs. LIU, 9/7/25  
Tackles: ..... 1, vs. LIU, 9/7/25  
PBUs: ..... 1, vs. LIU, 9/7/25  
Block Kick: ..... 1, vs. Howard, 9/1/23 (PAT)

**16 • COLEY, Caleb** ..... \* w/Michigan State  
Tackles: ..... 4, vs. LIU, 9/7/25  
TFLs: ..... \* 1.0, vs. Nebraska, 11/4/23  
PBUs: ..... 2, vs. LIU, 9/7/25

**17 • DOBBS, Caleb** ..... 1, at Texas State, 8/30/25  
Tackles: ..... 1, at Texas State, 8/30/25

**19 • WILLIAMS, Davion** ..... \* w/Charleston Southern  
Tackles: ..... \* 10, vs. Western Illinois, 10/5/24  
TFLs: ..... \* 4.0, vs. Gardner-Webb, 11/2/24  
Sacks: ..... \* 1.0 (4x), last: at Florida State, 11/23/24  
Fum. Force: ..... \* 1, vs. Gardner-Webb, 11/2/24  
QBH: ..... \* 2, vs. SE Missouri State, 10/19/24  
PBUs: ..... \* 2, vs. William & Mary, 9/16/23

**21 • MONDS III, James** ..... \* w/Middle Tennessee  
Tackles: ..... \* 4, vs. Western Kentucky, 9/14/24  
PBUs: ..... 1 (3x), last: vs. LIU, 9/7/25

**22 • DEENER, Tyrelle** ..... 3 (2x), last: at Ohio, 11/13/24  
Tackles: ..... 0.5 (2x), last: at Ohio, 11/13/24  
TFLs: ..... 1 (2x), last: at Texas State, 8/30/25  
PBUs: ..... 1 (2x), last: at Texas State, 8/30/25

**24 • MONDS, Jaylyn** ..... 3, vs. Jacksonville State, 9/14/24  
Tackles: ..... 1.5, vs. Jacksonville State, 9/14/24  
TFLs: ..... 1.5, vs. Jacksonville State, 9/14/24

**26 • BELL, Solomon** ..... 1 (4x), last: at Western Michigan, 11/30/24  
Tackles: ..... 1, vs. Miami, 10/12/24  
PBUs: ..... 1, vs. Miami, 10/12/24

**29 • ROGERS, Donmiel** ..... 1, vs. LIU, 9/7/25  
Tackles: ..... 1, vs. LIU, 9/7/25

**32 • MACK, Ja'Quel** ..... \* w/Northwestern State  
Tackles: ..... \* 1, vs. Southeastern La., 10/19/23  
Fum. Force: ..... \* 1, vs. Southeastern La., 10/19/23

**33 • EVANS, Carter** ..... 4 (4x), last: vs. LIU, 9/7/25  
Tackles: ..... 1.0 (2x), last: vs. LIU, 9/7/25  
TFLs: ..... 1.0, at Kent State, 9/28/24  
Sacks: ..... 2, at Texas State, 8/30/25  
QBH: ..... 1, at Western Michigan, 10/8/22  
PBUs: ..... 1, at Western Michigan, 10/8/22

**40 • ELIUK, Byrce** ..... 2, at Texas State, 8/30/25  
Tackles: ..... 2, at Texas State, 8/30/25

**41 • ELMORE, Terrelle** ..... 1, at Texas State, 8/30/25  
Tackles: ..... 1, at Texas State, 8/30/25

**42 • MARSHALL, Andrew** ..... \* w/Ohio  
Tackles: ..... \* 1, vs. Ga. Southern (Myrtle Beach), 12/16/23

**43 • EGGLESTON, Marvell** ..... 1, at Texas State, 8/30/25  
Tackles: ..... 1, at Texas State, 8/30/25

**44 • PATIERNO, Marco** ..... \* w/Elon  
Tackles: ..... \* 11 vs. William & Mary, 9/30/23  
TFLs: ..... \* 1.5 (2x), last: vs. William & Mary, 9/30/23  
Sacks: ..... \* 0.5 (2x), last: at Albany, 10/19/24  
QBH: ..... 1 (2x), last: vs. LIU, 9/7/25  
PBUs: ..... \* 1, vs. NC Central, 10/7/23  
Fum. Recover: ..... \* 1 (3x), last: vs. Richmond, 9/28/24

**45 • BAILEY, Kadin** ..... \* w/Syracuse  
Tackles: ..... \* 5, vs. Colgate, 9/2/23  
TFLs: ..... \* 1.0, vs. Minnesota (Pinstripe), 12/29/22  
Sacks: ..... \* 1.0, vs. Minnesota (Pinstripe), 12/29/22  
QBH: ..... 1, vs. Western Michigan, 9/9/23

**53 • BLAIR, Messiah** ..... 5, vs. LIU, 9/7/25  
Tackles: ..... 1, at Texas State, 8/30/25  
TFLs: ..... 1, at Texas State, 8/30/25  
Sacks: ..... 1, at Texas State, 8/30/25  
Fum. Force: ..... 1, at Texas State, 8/30/25

**54 • BYAS, Quincy** ..... 1, at Texas State, 8/30/25  
Tackles: ..... 1, at Texas State, 8/30/25

**55 • GILBERT, Makhi** ..... \* w/Samford  
Tackles: ..... 5 (2x), last: vs. LIU, 9/7/25  
TFLs: ..... \* 1.0 (3x), last: at East Tennessee St., 10/12/24  
Sacks: ..... \* 1.0, vs. Alabama State, 9/14/24  
QBH: ..... 2 (2x), last: at Chattanooga, 11/16/24  
Fum. Force: ..... 1, vs. Tennessee Tech, 11/9/24

**56 • MILES, Sterling** ..... 8, vs. LIU, 9/7/25  
Tackles: ..... 1.5, vs. LIU, 9/7/25  
TFLs: ..... 1.0, at Kent State, 9/28/24  
Sacks: ..... 2, vs. Jacksonville State, 9/14/24  
QBH: ..... 1 (2x), last: at Washington, 9/7/24 (PAT)

**58 • ALEXANDER, Alijah** ..... \* w/Stetson  
Tackles: ..... \* 5 (3x), last: vs. Marist, 11/9/24  
TFLs: ..... \* 2.0, vs. Ave Maria, 8/31/24  
Sacks: ..... \* 1.0, at Davidson, 10/19/24  
QBH: ..... 1, at Harvard, 9/21/24

**85 • ADAM, Jefferson** ..... 3 (4x), last: at Western Michigan, 11/30/24  
Tackles: ..... 2.0, vs. St. Francis, 9/21/24  
TFLs: ..... 2.0, vs. St. Francis, 9/21/24  
Sacks: ..... 2.0, vs. St. Francis, 9/21/24

**90 • GONZALEZ, Hector** ..... 2, vs. LIU, 9/7/25  
Tackles: ..... 1.0, at Texas State, 8/30/25  
TFLs: ..... 1.0, at Texas State, 8/30/25

**94 • MORBITZER, Jason** ..... 2, vs. St. Francis, 9/21/24  
Tackles: ..... 2, vs. St. Francis, 9/21/24

**99 • TAYOU, Warren-Stevens** ..... \* w/West Georgia  
Tackles: ..... \* 4 (3x), last: vs. Tarleton State, 11/9/24  
TFLs: ..... \* 2.0, vs. Lincoln (Calif.), 11/2/24  
Sacks: ..... \* 1.0, at Abilene Christian, 9/7/24

**37 • DIBERT, Nathan** ..... \* w/LSU  
PATs Made: ..... \* 1, vs. Nicholls State, Sept. 7, 2024  
PATs Attempt: ..... \* 1, vs. Nicholls State, Sept. 7, 2024  
FGs Made: ..... n/a  
FGs Attempt: ..... n/a  
Long FG Made: ..... n/a  
Long FG Attempt: ..... n/a

**46 • KESSINGER, Rudy** ..... 3, at Texas State, Aug. 30, 2025  
PATs Made: ..... 3, at Texas State, Aug. 30, 2025  
PATs Attempt: ..... 2, at Texas State, Aug. 30, 2025  
FGs Made: ..... 2, at Texas State, Aug. 30, 2025  
FGs Attempt: ..... 37, at Texas State, Aug. 30, 2025  
Long FG Made: ..... 37, at Texas State, Aug. 30, 2025  
Long FG Attempt: ..... 37, at Texas State, Aug. 30, 2025

## PASSING

**1 • KIM, Noah** ..... \* w/Coastal Car. | # w/Michigan St.  
Comps: ..... # 25, at Iowa, 9/30/23  
Atts: ..... # 44, at Iowa, 9/30/23  
Comp % (5+ att): ..... # 85.7, vs. Minnesota, 9/24/22  
Yards: ..... # 292, vs. Richmond, 9/9/23  
TDs: ..... # 3, vs. Richmond, 9/9/23  
2+ TDs: ..... 4x, last: vs. LIU (2TD), 9/6/25  
INTs: ..... # 3, at Iowa, 9/30/23  
Long: ..... # 72, vs. Central Michigan, 9/1/23  
TTL Off Atts: ..... # 50 (44p/6r), at Iowa, 9/30/23  
TTL Off Yds: ..... # 313 (292p/21r), vs. Richmond, 9/9/23

**10 • SALEM, Jeremiah** ..... 5, vs. St. Francis, 9/21/24  
Comps: ..... 6, vs. Buffalo, 11/20/24  
Atts: ..... 100.0, vs. St. Francis, 9/21/24  
Comp %: ..... 102, vs. St. Francis, 9/21/24  
Yards: ..... 1, vs. St. Francis, 9/21/24  
TDs: ..... 2+ TDs: ..... 1, vs. Buffalo, 11/20/24  
INTs: ..... 89, vs. St. Francis, 9/21/24  
Long: ..... 6 (5p/1r), vs. St. Francis, 9/21/24  
TTL Off Atts: ..... 107 (89p/5r), vs. St. Francis, 9/21/24  
TTL Off Yds: ..... 107 (89p/5r), vs. St. Francis, 9/21/24

**15 • EDGE, Cameron** ..... \* w/Maryland  
Comps: ..... \* 4 (2x), last: vs. Auburn (Music City), 12/30/23  
Atts: ..... \* 6 (2x), last: vs. Auburn (MC), 12/30/23  
Comp %: ..... \* 66.7(2x), last: vs. Auburn (MC), 12/30/23  
Yards: ..... \* 82, vs. Auburn (MC), 12/30/23  
TDs: ..... \* 1 (2x), last: vs. Auburn (MC), 12/30/23  
2+ TDs: ..... \* 1, vs. Auburn (MC), 12/30/23  
INTs: ..... \* 57, vs. Auburn (MC), 12/30/23  
Long: ..... \* 57, vs. Auburn (MC), 12/30/23  
TTL Off Atts: ..... \* 8 (6p/2r), vs. Auburn (MC), 12/30/23  
TTL Off Yds: ..... \* 72 (82p/-11r), vs. Auburn (MC), 12/30/23

## RUSHING

**1 • KIM, Noah** ..... \* w/Coastal Car. | # w/Michigan St.  
Rushes: ..... # 8, vs. Maryland, 9/23/23  
Yards: ..... 38, vs. LIU, 9/6/25  
Long: ..... 20, vs. LIU, 9/6/25

**2 • LOCKETT JR., TERRY** ..... 2, at Akron, 10/26/24  
Rushes: ..... 11, vs. Central Michigan, 10/19/24  
Yards: ..... 11, vs. Central Michigan, 10/19/24  
Long: ..... 11, vs. Central Michigan, 10/19/24

**8 • DUNLAP, Tavierre** ..... \* w/Michigan  
Rushes: ..... 11, vs. LIU, 9/6/25  
Yards: ..... \* 43, vs. Northern Illinois, 9/18/21  
TDs: ..... 1 (2x), last: at Texas State, 8/30/25  
Long: ..... \* 28, vs. Northern Illinois, 9/18/21

**9 • ROOKS, PORTER** ..... \* w/NC State  
Rushes: ..... \* 1, 2x, last: at Syracuse, 11/28/20  
Yards: ..... \* 10, vs. Florida State, 11/14/20  
Long: ..... \* 10, vs. Florida State, 11/14/20

**10 • SALEM, Jeremiah** ..... 3, vs. St. Francis, 9/21/24  
Yards: ..... 5, vs. St. Francis, 9/21/24  
Long: ..... 5, vs. St. Francis, 9/21/24

**15 • EDGE, Cameron** ..... \* w/Maryland  
Rushes: ..... \* 2, vs. Auburn (Music City), 12/30/23  
Yards: ..... \* -10, vs. Auburn (Music City), 12/30/23  
Long: ..... \* -10, vs. Auburn (Music City), 12/30/23

## RECEIVING

**2 • LOCKETT JR., Terry** ..... 9, vs. Jacksonville State, 9/14/24  
Recepts: ..... 122, vs. Buffalo, 11/20/24  
Yards: ..... 2 (2x), last: vs. Buffalo, 11/20/24  
TDs: ..... 79, at Akron, 10/26/24  
Long: ..... 79, at Akron, 10/26/24

**6 • GRIFFIN, Zyell** ..... \* w/UNLV  
Recepts: ..... \* 3 (2x), last: at UTSA, 10/2/21  
Yards: ..... 89, vs. Saint Francis, 9/21/24  
TDs: ..... 1 (4x), last: vs. Saint Francis, 9/21/24  
Long: ..... 89, vs. Saint Francis, 9/21/24

**7 • WHEELER, Jamarian** ..... 1 (4x), last: vs. LIU, 9/6/25  
Recepts: ..... 12, at Texas State, 8/30/25  
Yards: ..... 1, vs. LIU, 9/6/25  
Long: ..... 12 at Texas State, 8/30/25

**8 • DUNLAP, Tavierre** ..... \* w/Michigan  
Recepts: ..... 1 (2x), last: vs. LIU, 9/6/25  
Yards: ..... \* 5, vs. UConn, 9/17/22  
Long: ..... \* 5, vs. UConn, 9/17/22

**9 • ROOKS, Porter** ..... \* w/NC State  
Recepts: ..... \* 5 (2x), last: vs. UConn, 9/24/22  
Yards: ..... \* 58, at Miss. State, 9/11/21  
TDs: ..... \* 1, vs. UConn, 9/24/22  
Long: ..... \* 37, at Miss. State, 9/11/21

**11 • FLOYD, Antonio** ..... N/A  
Recepts: ..... N/A  
Yards: ..... N/A  
Long: ..... N/A

**17 • PROSPER, Benson** ..... 2 (2x), last: vs. LIU, 9/6/25  
Recepts: ..... 31, at Texas State, 8/30/25  
Yards: ..... 22, at Texas State, 8/30/25  
Long: ..... 22, at Texas State, 8/30/25

**17 • PROSPER, BENSON** ..... 2, at Texas State, 8/30/25  
Rushes: ..... 4, at Texas State, 8/30/25  
Yards: ..... 4, at Texas State, 8/30/25  
Long: ..... 4, at Texas State, 8/30/25

**24 • MATTORD, Joey** ..... 8 (2x), last: at Western Michigan, 11/30/24  
Rushes: ..... 38, at Texas State, 8/30/25  
Yards: ..... 1 (2x), last: at Texas State, 8/30/25  
TDs: ..... 24, at Texas State, 8/30/25  
Long: ..... 24, at Texas State, 8/30/25

**25 • JOINTER JR., James** ..... \* w/Liberty  
Rushes: ..... \* 7 (3x), last: at Middle Tennessee, 11/9/24  
Yards: ..... \* 48 (2x), last: vs. Middle Tennessee, 10/17/23  
TDs: ..... \* 1 (2x), last: at UTER, 11/25/23  
Long: ..... \* 34, at Buffalo, 9/16/23

**27 • NORMAN, Jayvin** ..... 4, vs. Saint Francis, 9/21/24  
Rushes: ..... 8, vs. Saint Francis, 9/21/24  
Yards: ..... 3, vs. Saint Francis, 9/21/24  
Long: ..... 3, vs. Saint Francis, 9/21/24

**28 • McMILLAN, Dontae** ..... \* w/Weber State  
Rushes: ..... \* 23, vs. Montana, 10/29/22  
Yards: ..... \* 151, at Utah Tech, 9/11/21  
TDs: ..... \* 2 (2x), last: vs. Eastern Washington, 10/8/22  
Long: ..... \* 54, vs. Idaho State, 11/12/22

**28 • McMILLAN, Dontae** ..... \* w/Weber State  
Rushes: ..... \* 23, vs. Montana, 10/29/22  
Yards: ..... \* 151, at Utah Tech, 9/11/21  
TDs: ..... \* 2 (2x), last: vs. Eastern Washington, 10/8/22  
Long: ..... \* 54, vs. Idaho State, 11/12/22

**18 • FOX, Mekhi** ..... \* w/Colorado State  
Recepts: ..... \* 1, vs. Utah State, 10/15/22  
Yards: ..... \* 15, vs. Utah State, 10/15/22  
Long: ..... \* 15, vs. Utah State, 10/15/22

**24 • MATTORD, Joey** ..... 4, vs. Toledo, 11/2/24  
Recepts: ..... 35, at Texas State, 8/30/25  
Yards: ..... 50, vs. Toledo, 11/2/24  
Long: ..... 27, at Akron, 10/26/24

**25 • JOINTER JR., James** ..... \* w/Liberty  
Recepts: ..... 1 (2x), last: vs. LIU, 9/6/25  
Yards: ..... \* 7, vs. Old Dominion, 11/11/23  
Long: ..... \* 7, vs. Old Dominion, 11/11/23

**28 • McMILLAN, Dontae** ..... \* w/Weber State  
Recepts: ..... 3 (2x), last: at Texas State, 8/30/25  
Yards: ..... 35, at Texas State, 8/30/25  
TDs: ..... 1, vs. LIU, 9/6/25  
Long: ..... 23, at Texas State, 8/30/25

**81 • DEVEREAUX, Nick** ..... 1 (3x), last: vs. LIU, 9/6/25  
Recepts: ..... 21, vs. LIU, 9/6/25  
Yards: ..... 21, vs. LIU, 9/6/25  
Long: ..... 21, vs. LIU, 9/6/25

**83 • HARRIS, Nick** ..... \* w/UConn  
Recepts: ..... 1 (2x), last: at Texas State, 8/30/25  
Yards: ..... 12 at Texas State, 8/30/25  
Long: ..... 12 at Texas State, 8/30/25

**87 • LONG, Joshua** ..... 3, at Texas State, 8/30/25  
Recepts: ..... 32, vs. LIU, 9/6/25  
Yards: ..... 35, at Texas State, 8/30/25  
TDs: ..... 1, at Texas State, 8/30/25  
Long: ..... 19, vs. LIU, 9/6/25

**88 • LEMASTER, Tanner** ..... \* w/Kentucky  
Recepts: ..... 2, at Texas State, 8/30/25  
Yards: ..... 42, at Texas State, 8/30/25  
Long: ..... 33, at Texas State, 8/30/25

## KICKING

**30 • TOMASEK, Mitchell** ..... 10, vs. Kent State, Oct. 14, 2023  
Punts: ..... 430, vs. Kent State, Oct. 14, 2023  
Total Yards: ..... 52.4, at Texas State, Aug. 30, 2025  
Average (4+ Att): ..... 72, at Jax State, Sept. 30, 2023  
Longest: ..... 4, at Jax State, Sept. 30, 2023  
50+ Yards: ..... 4 (3x), last: at Ohio, Nov. 13, 2024  
Inside the 20: ..... 4 (3x), last: at Ohio, Nov. 13, 2024



# 2025 EASTERN MICHIGAN FOOTBALL

## CLOSE SCORES

### ONE SCORE GAMES (178-176)

10-29-1892	at Michigan Jr. Laws	W	6-4	10-11-1946	ALMA	W	6-0	10-24-1987	at Western Michigan*	W	23-17
1893	at Detroit H.S	W	14-10	11-2-1946	ALBION	W	13-6	12-10-1987	San Jose State	W	30-27
11-24-1894	at Ann Arbor H.S.	L	10-12	10-3-1947	ILLINOIS STATE	L	0-6	9-3-1988	MIAMI*	W	24-17
10-4-1895	at Atlantis	W	9-8	10-18-1947	HOPE	L	7-12	9-10-1988	at Youngstown State	W	17-12
11-16-1895	at Detroit A.C.	L	12-16	10-9-1948	NORTHERN MICHIGAN	W	6-0	9-17-1988	KENT STATE*	W	21-14
10-8-1898	MICHIGAN STATE	L	6-11	10-29-1948	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	L	7-10	10-15-1988	at Ball State*	W	16-12
11-15-1898	at Ypsilanti H.S.	W	7-0	11-6-1948	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W	6-0	10-22-1988	WESTERN MICHIGAN*	L	24-31
10-19-1901	at Mich. Alkali Works	W	6-5	9-24-1949	at Northern Michigan	L	0-6	11-5-1988	TOLEDO*	W	20-19
10-26-1901	MICH. FRESHMEN	L	6-12	10-6-1951	at Eastern Illinois	L	12-19	9-16-1989	at Ohio*	W	30-25
11-2-1901	at Mich. Alkali Works	L	6-12	10-20-1951	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	L	13-19	9-30-1989	at Western Michigan*	W	21-20
11-30-1901	MICH. SCHOOL-DEAF	W	10-5	9-19-1952	at Hope	W	13-6	10-14-1989	LIBERTY	L	24-25
10-10-1903	at Detroit	L	0-6	10-4-1952	WESTERN ILLINOIS	L	13-20	11-11-1989	at Ball State*	L	17-23
10-31-1903	DETROIT BUS. UNIV	W	10-6	10-11-1952	EASTERN ILLINOIS	W	13-7	9-8-1990	WESTERN MICHIGAN*	W	27-24
11-12-1903	DETROIT COLLEGE	W	5-0	10-3-1953	WAYNE STATE	W	13-6	9-15-1990	OHIO*	W	21-18
11-14-1903	at Hillsdale	L	11-12	10-1-1954	WAYNE STATE	W	7-0	10-27-1990	CENTRAL MICHIGAN*	L	12-16
10-22-1904	at Mich. School-Deaf	W	18-11	10-7-1955	at Western Illinois	W	6-2	11-10-1990	BALL STATE*	L	13-20
11-24-1904	HILLSDALE	W	12-11	10-22-1955	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	W	7-2	11-17-1990	at Kent State*	L	24-25
11-4-1905	at Mich. School-Deaf	W	6-5	10-29-1955	at Eastern Illinois	W	14-7	9-21-1991	LOUISIANA TECH	L	14-17
10-25-1906	DETROIT	W	6-0	11-12-1955	at Northern Illinois	W	13-6	10-5-1991	at Kent State*	W	21-20
11-3-1906	at Adrian	W	6-0	10-20-1956	at Southern Illinois	L	7-14	10-12-1991	BALL STATE*	L	8-10
11-27-1906	HILLSDALE	W	10-6	10-5-1957	at Youngstown State	L	6-13	11-9-1991	at Ohio*	W	13-10
10-26-1907	DETROIT	W	7-0	10-11-1958	at Central Michigan	L	6-7	11-16-1991	TOLEDO*	L	14-21
11-9-1907	at Kalamazoo	L	0-6	10-25-1958	at Southern Illinois	L	9-13	9-26-1992	KENT STATE*	L	14-17
11-23-1907	at Hillsdale	L	4-7	11-1-1958	at Northern Illinois	W	15-7	10-17-1992	at Western Michigan*	L	19-20
10-10-1908	MICH. SCHOOL-DEAF	W	5-0	11-15-1958	ST. JOSEPH'S	L	0-3	10-24-1992	OHIO*	W	7-6
10-23-1908	ALMA	L	0-5	10-7-1959	ILLINOIS STATE	W	13-7	9-9-1993	TEMPLE	L	28-31
10-31-1908	at Adrian	L	0-4	10-21-1961	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	L	11-13	9-18-1993	WESTERN ILLINOIS	W	16-14
10-16-1909	at Alma	L	0-5	10-28-1961	at Eastern Illinois	L	0-7	10-9-1993	KENT STATE*	W	20-15
10-30-1909	ADRIAN	L	2-6	11-4-1961	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	L	14-20	10-16-1993	at Central Michigan*	W	28-21
11-13-1909	at Detroit	L	8-9	9-28-1962	KALAMAZOO	L	6-13	10-23-1993	WESTERN MICHIGAN*	L	20-21
10-22-1910	DET. UNIV. SCHOOL	L	0-6	10-6-1962	at Illinois State	L	19-20	10-30-1993	BALL STATE*	L	13-18
11-19-1910	HILLSDALE	L	0-6	9-28-1963	at Kalamazoo	W	13-12	11-13-1993	OHIO*	L	10-12
10-28-1911	ALUMNI GAME	W	6-0	9-26-1964	ADRIAN	W	7-0	9-17-1994	CENTRAL MICHIGAN*	L	29-30
11-9-1911	DETROIT	L	0-6	10-10-1964	at John Carroll	L	3-7	10-1-1994	MIAMI*	L	17-21
11-15-1912	WESTERN MICHIGAN	W	7-0	11-14-1964	at Ashland	L	7-13	8-31-1996	TEMPLE	L	24-28
11-1-1913	at Western Michigan	L	6-12	10-1-1965	OHIO NORTHERN	L	0-7	9-14-1996	at Western Michigan*	W	19-12
11-22-1913	at Hillsdale	W	6-0	10-8-1965	JOHN CARROLL	L	6-7	10-5-1996	at Ohio*	L	0-7
10-10-1914	at Michigan Freshmen	L	0-7	10-21-1967	at Ferris State	W	13-6	11-9-1996	AKRON*	W	20-17
11-20-1915	at Hillsdale	L	0-6	11-4-1967	at UL-Monroe	L	10-12	9-13-1997	at Toledo*	L	35-38
10-7-1916	ALMA	L	0-6	10-26-1968	KENTUCKY STATE	W	7-0	9-20-1997	KENT STATE*	L	38-41
10-28-1916	at Detroit	W	12-6	9-27-1969	AKRON	W	10-3	9-27-1997	at Central Michigan*	W	31-24
11-10-1917	MICHIGAN STATE FROSH.	L	7-13	10-4-1969	at Indiana State	L	13-14	10-11-1997	BALL STATE*	W	38-32
11-2-1918	at U-M Army Corps	L	6-7	10-3-1970	INDIANA STATE	W	25-21	11-1-1997	WESTERN MICHIGAN*	L	38-41
11-22-1919	at Hillsdale	L	0-1	10-31-1970	at Northern Michigan	W	14-8	9-3-1998	NORTHERN IOWA	L	10-13
10-16-1920	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W	7-6	10-2-1971	at Idaho State	W	23-22	9-12-1998	at Ball State*	W	13-7
10-23-1920	at Alma	W	12-6	10-9-1971	WESTERN KENTUCKY	W	17-14	9-26-1998	MARSHALL*	L	23-26
10-15-1921	at Central Michigan	W	7-6	10-7-1972	IDAHO STATE	L	14-21	11-21-1998	TOLEDO*	W	10-7
10-22-1921	ALMA	L	0-7	11-11-1972	at Louisiana Tech	L	17-24	10-9-1999	WESTERN MICHIGAN*	L OT	37-40
11-12-1921	at Hillsdale	W	13-7	9-8-1973	BALL STATE	W	17-14	10-16-1999	OHIO*	W	27-26
11-11-1922	OLIVET	W	6-0	9-15-1973	LOUISIANA TECH	W	21-19	10-23-1999	at Toledo*	W	20-13
10-4-1924	TOLEDO	L	0-7	9-14-1974	WESTERN MICHIGAN	W	20-19	11-13-1999	at Central Michigan*	L	26-29
10-11-1924	at Hillsdale	L	13-14	9-21-1974	UL-MONROE	L	14-17	11-20-1999	at Northern Illinois*	L	23-30
11-22-1924	OLIVET	W	12-6	10-5-1974	at Arkansas State	L	7-14	9-2-2000	CONN	W	32-25
10-17-1925	ALBION	W	6-0	11-16-1974	at Weber State	L	14-21	9-1-2001	SE MISSOURI STATE	W	16-12
10-31-1925	FERRIS STATE	W	6-0	9-20-1975	at UL-Monroe	W	27-24	9-22-2001	INDIANA STATE	L	14-21
11-21-1925	at Kalamazoo	W	7-6	10-25-1975	WESTERN ILLINOIS	L	14-17	10-27-2001	BUFFALO*	W	24-20
10-2-1926	DETROIT FRESHMEN	W	6-0	11-1-1975	at Youngstown State	L	14-15	11-10-2001	at Central Michigan*	L	30-35
10-16-1926	at Detroit City College	W	6-0	10-10-1977	at Central Michigan*	L	3-9	11-24-2001	at Akron*	L 3OT	62-65
10-29-1927	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W	6-0	9-24-1977	McNEESE STATE	W	9-7	9-14-2002	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI ST	W	35-32
11-12-1927	at Western Michigan	W	6-0	9-9-1978	at Ohio*	L	22-23	9-28-2002	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	W 2OT	48-45
10-19-1929	NOTRE DAME "B"	W	13-7	9-30-1978	at Toledo*	W	17-12	11-9-2002	at Western Michigan*	L	31-33
11-9-1929	MICHIGAN "B"	L	14-18	11-18-1978	at Illinois State	L	13-14	8-28-2003	EAST TENNESSEE STATE	W	28-21
9-27-1930	at Michigan	L	0-7	10-20-1979	KENT STATE*	W	14-10	9-13-2003	at Akron*	L	17-24
9-30-1932	at Detroit	L	7-13	9-13-1980	at Bowling Green*	W	18-16	11-8-2003	CENTRAL FLORIDA*	W	19-13
11-13-1932	NORTHERN IOWA	L	6-12	9-12-1981	AKRON	L	7-14	9-2-2004	BUFFALO*	W	37-34
10-13-1933	ST. VIATOR	W	13-8	9-26-1981	MIAMI*	L	12-18	9-25-2004	EASTERN ILLINOIS	L	28-31
10-21-1933	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W	13-7	11-7-1981	at Kent State*	L	7-13	10-2-2004	IDAHO	L	41-45
11-4-1933	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	L	7-13	9-11-1982	at Akron	L	7-14	10-9-2004	at Ball State*	W	31-24
10-20-1934	at Central Michigan	L	12-13	10-2-1982	CENTRAL MICHIGAN*	L	8-13	10-16-2004	at Western Michigan*	W	35-31
11-10-1934	FERRIS STATE	W	9-7	10-9-1982	at Toledo*	L	19-20	11-6-2004	CENTRAL MICHIGAN*	W 4OT	61-58
9-28-1935	at Northern Michigan	L	0-2	10-16-1982	OHIO*	L	13-14	9-1-2005	at Cincinnati	L	26-28
10-12-1935	NORTHERN IOWA	W	3-0	11-6-1982	KENT STATE*	W	9-7	9-24-2005	at Central Michigan*	W OT	23-20
10-19-1935	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W	7-0	9-3-1983	MARSHALL	W	7-3	10-1-2005	KENT STATE*	W	27-20
11-9-1935	INDIANA STATE	W	10-7	10-1-1983	BOWLING GREEN*	L	21-26	10-22-2005	MIAMI*	L	23-24
9-26-1936	BALL STATE	W	6-0	11-19-1983	at Western Michigan*	L	10-14	11-12-2005	BALL STATE*	L	25-26
10-10-1936	at Bowling Green	L	0-6	9-22-1984	OHIO*	L	13-16	9-23-2006	CENTRAL MICHIGAN*	L OT	17-24
10-24-1936	at Central Michigan	W	13-7	10-27-1984	BALL STATE*	L	10-17	10-14-2006	at Bowling Green*	L	21-24
10-31-1936	at Valparaiso	W	7-6	11-3-1984	KENT STATE*	W	20-18	10-21-2006	TOLEDO*	W	17-13
11-7-1936	ILLINOIS STATE	W	19-13	9-7-1985	YOUNGSTOWN STATE	W	27-22	10-28-2006	at Western Michigan*	L	15-18
11-14-1936	at Indiana State	W	19-13	9-21-1985	at Akron	L	12-16	11-4-2006	OHIO*	L	10-16
9-25-1937	at Ball State	W	13-6	10-19-1985	at Ohio*	W	27-21	9-15-2007	at Northern Illinois*	W	21-19
11-6-1937	at Wayne State	L	0-7	10-26-1985	at Central Michigan*	L	10-17	10-13-2007	at Ohio*	L	42-48
10-7-1938	at Illinois State	W	12-6	11-2-1985	at Ball State*	W	27-24	11-9-2007	BOWLING GREEN*	L	32-39
10-21-1938	at Central Michigan	L	6-7	11-9-1985	NORTHERN ILLINOIS*	L	0-3	11-16-2007	at Central Michigan*	W	48-45
10-13-1939	WAYNE STATE	L	7-9	9-6-1986	WESTERN MICHIGAN*	W	21-14	10-4-2008	at Bowling Green*	W	24-21
11-4-1939	at Wayne State	W	13-6	9-13-1986	at Youngstown State	W	18-17	10-11-2008	at Army	L	13-17
10-11-1941	at Kalamazoo	L	0-7	9-20-1986	AKRON	W	24-21	10-18-2008	AKRON*	L	35-42
10-24-1941	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	L	6-12	9-27-1986	KENT STATE*	L	16-20	11-22-2008	at Temple*	L	52-55
10-1-1942	HOPE	W	13-9	10-4-1986	at Toledo*	L	18-23	11-28-2008	CENTRAL MICHIGAN*	W	56-52
10-9-1942	ILLINOIS STATE	W	14-7	10-18-1986	OHIO*	W	33-31	9-12-2009	at Northwestern	L	24-27
10-29-1942	HILLSDALE	W	19-13	11-1-1986	BALL STATE*	W	14-7	10-24-2009	BALL STATE*	L	27-29
10-6-1945	ALBION	W	6-0	11-8-1986	at Northern Illinois	L	14-21	11-27-2009	at Akron*	L	21-28
10-27-1945	at Hillsdale	W	6-0	9-19-1987	at Akron	L	16-17	9-4-2010	ARMY	L	27-31
11-3-1945	at Albion	W	6-0	9-26-1987	at Kent State*	W	23-21	9-11-2010	at Miami*	L	21-28
11-9-1945	at Wayne State	W	14-13	10-3-1987	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	W	32-31	10-16-2010	at Ball State*	OT W	41-38
				10-17-1987	BALL STATE*	W	35-28	11-20-2010	at Buffalo*	W	21-17

## CLOSE SCORES



A black and white photograph of a football championship trophy. The trophy features a large, dark silhouette of a football player in a dynamic pose, wearing a jersey with the number '50'. The player's helmet has a logo that appears to be a stylized 'M' or 'G'. The trophy is mounted on a dark, multi-tiered base. A plaque on the front of the base reads 'MICHIGAN MAC FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP' in bold, capital letters. Below this, there is a smaller line of text that is difficult to read, possibly indicating the year or the name of the organization. The trophy is set against a plain white background.

SERIES HISTORIES

WEEK 1 • SATURDAY, AUGUST 30			
TEXAS STATE (A)			1-1-0
9-25-2021	TEXAS STATE	W	59-21
8-30-2025	at Texas State	L	27-52

WEEK 2 • SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6			
LONG ISLAND (H)			0-1-0
9-6-2025	LONG ISLAND	L	23-28

WEEK 3 • SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13			
KENTUCKY (A)			0-2-0
9-30-2017	at Kentucky	L	20-24
9-7-2019	at Kentucky	L	17-38

WEEK 4 • SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20			
LOUISIANA (H)			1-2-0
9-10-2005	LOUISIANA	W	31-10
9-30-2006	at Louisiana	L	14-33
9-10-2022	at Louisiana	L	21-49

WEEK 5 • SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27			
CENTRAL MICHIGAN (A)			32-64-6
11-1-1902	at Central Michigan	L	0-10
11-17-1905	at Central Michigan	L	0-13
11-16-1907	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W	39-0
11-7-1908	at Central Michigan	L	0-11
11-5-1909	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W	17-0
11-12-1910	at Central Michigan	L	0-13
11-8-1912	at Central Michigan	T	0-0
10-20-1917	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W	63-0
11-7-1919	at Central Michigan	T	7-7
10-16-1920	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W	7-6
10-15-1921	at Central Michigan	W	7-6
11-4-1922	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	T	0-0
10-27-1923	at Central Michigan	L	3-27
10-25-1924	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	L	0-13
10-23-1926	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W	41-0
10-29-1927	CENTRAL MICHIGAN ^	W	6-0
10-27-1928	at Central Michigan ^	W	36-0
10-26-1929	CENTRAL MICHIGAN ^ #	W	24-0
10-25-1930	at Central Michigan ^	W	13-0
10-24-1931	CENTRAL MICHIGAN #	L	12-20
10-22-1932	at Central Michigan	W	28-0
10-21-1933	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W	13-7
10-20-1934	at Central Michigan	L	12-13
10-19-1935	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W	7-0
10-24-1936	at Central Michigan	W	13-7
10-23-1937	CENTRAL MICHIGAN #	L	10-27
10-21-1938	at Central Michigan	L	6-7
10-21-1939	CENTRAL MICHIGAN #	L	0-14
10-25-1940	at Central Michigan	L	0-24
10-24-1941	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	L	6-12
10-15-1942	at Central Michigan	L	0-14
10-18-1946	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	L	13-26
10-31-1947	at Central Michigan	L	0-33
11-6-1948	CENTRAL MICHIGAN #	W	6-0
11-4-1949	at Central Michigan	L	7-18
10-28-1950	CENTRAL MICHIGAN \$ #	L	7-26
10-20-1951	CENTRAL MICHIGAN \$ #	L	13-19
10-25-1952	at Central Michigan \$	L	7-26
11-14-1953	CENTRAL MICHIGAN \$	T	33-33
11-13-1954	at Central Michigan \$	L	7-28
11-5-1955	CENTRAL MICHIGAN \$	L	20-27
11-3-1956	at Central Michigan \$	L	0-19
10-12-1957	CENTRAL MICHIGAN \$	W	39-6
10-11-1958	at Central Michigan \$	L	6-7
10-17-1959	CENTRAL MICHIGAN \$ #	L	8-21
10-15-1960	at Central Michigan \$	L	0-28
10-21-1961	CENTRAL MICHIGAN \$ #	L	11-13
10-20-1962	at Central Michigan	L	0-24
11-2-1963	CENTRAL MICHIGAN #	L	20-55
11-18-1972	at Central Michigan	W	28-3
11-3-1973	at Central Michigan	L	21-31
11-2-1974	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	L	13-28
10-11-1975	at Central Michigan	L	7-20
11-6-1976	CENTRAL MICHIGAN *	W	30-27
9-10-1977	at Central Michigan *	L	3-9
11-11-1978	CENTRAL MICHIGAN *	L	9-41
11-10-1979	at Central Michigan *	L	14-37

11-1-1980	CENTRAL MICHIGAN *	L	15-51
10-3-1981	at Central Michigan *	L	14-63
10-2-1982	CENTRAL MICHIGAN *	L	8-13
10-8-1983	at Central Michigan *	L	3-24
10-6-1984	CENTRAL MICHIGAN *	T	16-16
10-26-1985	at Central Michigan *	L	10-17
10-25-1986	CENTRAL MICHIGAN *	W	34-16
10-10-1987	at Central Michigan *	L	6-16
10-8-1988	CENTRAL MICHIGAN *	L	6-20
10-28-1989	at Central Michigan *	L	9-24
10-27-1990	CENTRAL MICHIGAN * #	L	12-16
11-2-1991	CENTRAL MICHIGAN *	T	14-14
11-7-1992	at Central Michigan *	L	13-30
10-16-1993	at Central Michigan *	W	28-21
9-17-1994	CENTRAL MICHIGAN *	L	29-30
10-7-1995	CENTRAL MICHIGAN *	W	34-24
10-19-1996	at Central Michigan *	L	36-41
9-27-1997	at Central Michigan *	W	31-24
10-10-1998	CENTRAL MICHIGAN * #	OT	L 23-36
11-13-1999	at Central Michigan *	L	26-29
11-4-2000	CENTRAL MICHIGAN *	W	31-15
11-10-2001	at Central Michigan *	L	30-35
11-2-2002	CENTRAL MICHIGAN *	L	21-47
11-1-2003	at Central Michigan *	L	10-38
11-6-2004	CENTRAL MICHIGAN * <sup>1</sup>	4OT	W 61-58
9-24-2005	at Central Michigan *	OT	W 23-20
9-23-2006	CENTRAL MICHIGAN *	OT	L 17-24
11-16-2007	at Central Michigan *	W	48-45
11-28-2008	CENTRAL MICHIGAN *	W	56-52
10-10-2009	at Central Michigan *	L	8-56
9-18-2010	CENTRAL MICHIGAN *	L	14-52
10-15-2011	at Central Michigan *	W	35-28
11-10-2012	CENTRAL MICHIGAN *	L	31-34
11-29-2013	at Central Michigan *	L	10-42
11-1-2014	CENTRAL MICHIGAN *	L	7-38
11-27-2015	at Central Michigan *	L	28-35
11-22-2016	CENTRAL MICHIGAN *	W	26-21
11-8-2017	at Central Michigan *	L	30-42
11-3-2018	CENTRAL MICHIGAN *	W	17-7
10-5-2019	at Central Michigan *	L	16-42
11-27-2020	CENTRAL MICHIGAN *	L	23-31
11-26-2021	at Central Michigan *	L	10-31
11-25-2022	CENTRAL MICHIGAN *	W	38-19
9-30-2023	at Central Michigan *	L	23-26
10-19-2024	CENTRAL MICHIGAN * #	W	38-34

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WEEK 6 • SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4			
BUFFALO (A)			7-5-0
10-27-2001	BUFFALO *	W	24-20
9-2-2004	BUFFALO *	W	37-34
11-19-2005	at Buffalo *	W	38-14
11-20-2010	at Buffalo *	W	21-17
11-12-2011	BUFFALO *	W	30-17
10-5-2013	at Buffalo *	L	14-42
10-11-2014	BUFFALO * #	W	37-27
9-15-2018	at Buffalo *	L	28-35
11-2-2019	BUFFALO *	L	14-43
9-24-2022	BUFFALO *	L	31-50
11-21-2023	at Buffalo *	W	24-11
11-20-24	BUFFALO *	L	20-37

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WEEK 7 • SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11			
NORTHERN ILLINOIS (H)			16-36-2
10-8-1927	at Northern Illinois	W	25-6
11-3-1928	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	W	43-0
10-11-1947	at Northern Illinois	L	6-21
10-29-1948	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	L	7-10
10-8-1949	at Northern Illinois	L	14-39
10-7-1950	NORTHERN ILLINOIS \$	L	13-35
10-13-1951	at Northern Illinois \$	L	21-35
10-18-1952	NORTHERN ILLINOIS \$ #	W	19-7
10-17-1953	at Northern Illinois \$	W	20-14
10-16-1954	at Northern Illinois \$	W	34-0
11-12-1955	at Northern Illinois \$	W	13-6
11-10-1956	at Northern Illinois \$	W	25-7
11-2-1957	at Northern Illinois \$	W	54-20

11-1-1958	at Northern Illinois \$	W	15-7
11-7-1959	at Northern Illinois \$	L	0-34
11-5-1960	NORTHERN ILLINOIS \$ #	L	0-19
11-11-1961	at Northern Illinois \$	L	10-35
9-3-1977	at Northern Illinois *	W	25-2
10-6-1979	NORTHERN ILLINOIS *	T	0-0
11-15-1980	at Northern Illinois *	L	6-38
10-24-1981	NORTHERN ILLINOIS *	L	7-30
10-23-1982	at Northern Illinois *	L	0-10
10-15-1983	NORTHERN ILLINOIS * #	L	15-34
10-13-1984	at Northern Illinois *	T	10-10
11-9-1985	NORTHERN ILLINOIS *	L	0-3
11-8-1986	at Northern Illinois *	L	14-21
10-3-1987	NORTHERN ILLINOIS *	W	32-31
11-8-1997	at Northern Illinois *	W	38-10
10-24-1998	NORTHERN ILLINOIS *	L	14-26
11-20-1999	at Northern Illinois *	L	23-30
11-11-2000	NORTHERN ILLINOIS *	W	39-32
11-3-2001	at Northern Illinois *	L	17-40
11-16-2002	NORTHERN ILLINOIS *	L	21-49
11-22-2003	at Northern Illinois *	L	24-38
11-20-2004	NORTHERN ILLINOIS *	L	16-34
10-15-2005	at Northern Illinois *	L	8-24
11-24-2006	NORTHERN ILLINOIS *	L	0-27
9-15-2007	at Northern Illinois *	W	21-19
9-27-2008	NORTHERN ILLINOIS * #	L	0-37
11-5-2009	at Northern Illinois *	L	6-50
11-26-2010	NORTHERN ILLINOIS *	L	3-71
11-25-2011	at Northern Illinois *	L	12-18
11-23-2012	NORTHERN ILLINOIS (#24) *	L	7-49
10-26-2013	at Northern Illinois (#18) *	L	20-59
10-25-2014	NORTHERN ILLINOIS *	L	17-28
10-24-2015	at Northern Illinois *	L	21-49
11-16-2016	NORTHERN ILLINOIS * OT	L	24-31
10-26-2017	at Northern Illinois * OT	L	27-30
9-29-2018	NORTHERN ILLINOIS * 3OT	L	23-26
11-19-2019	at Northern Illinois *	W	45-17
12-12-2020	NORTHERN ILLINOIS *	W	41-33
10-2-2021	at Northern Illinois *	L	20-27
10-15-2022	NORTHERN ILLINOIS *	L	10-39
10-21-2023	at Northern Illinois *	L	13-20

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WEEK 8 • SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18			
MIAMI (A)			6-20-0
9-7-1974	at Miami	L	0-39
9-26-1981	MIAMI *	L	12-18
9-25-1982	at Miami *	L	0-35
11-12-1983	MIAMI *	L	12-24
11-10-1984	at Miami *	L	0-23
11-16-1985	MIAMI *	L	16-31
11-15-1986	at Miami *	L	20-34
9-12-1987	at Miami *	W	33-17
9-3-1988	MIAMI *	W	24-17
11-4-1989	MIAMI *	W	20-7
11-3-1990	at Miami *	L	14-34
9-14-1991	at Miami *	L	3-29
10-3-1992	MIAMI *	L	7-24
10-2-1993	at Miami *	W	15-7
10-1-1994	MIAMI *	L	17-21
11-4-1995	at Miami *	L	23-39
10-12-1996	MIAMI *	L	25-35
9-18-1999	at Miami *	L	14-35
9-9-2000	MIAMI *	L	17-34
10-22-2005	MIAMI *	L	23-24
9-11-2010	at Miami *	L	21-28
11-7-2015	at Miami *	L	13-28
10-29-2016	MIAMI *	L	15-28
11-15-2017	at Miami *	W	27-24
10-9-2021	MIAMI * #	W	13-12
10-12-2024	MIAMI *	L	14-38

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WEEK 9 • SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25			
OHIO (H)		12-21-1	
9-4-1976	OHIO *	L	7-23
10-8-1977	OHIO * #	W	31-14
9-9-1978	at Ohio *	L	22-23
9-15-1979	at Ohio *	L	7-20
9-20-1980	OHIO *	L	6-34
10-17-1981	at Ohio *	L	7-29
10-16-1982	OHIO * #	L	13-14
9-24-1983	at Ohio *	L	14-31
9-22-1984	OHIO *	L	13-16
10-19-1985	at Ohio *	W	27-21
10-18-1986	OHIO *	W	33-31
10-31-1987	OHIO *	W	34-16
10-29-1988	at Ohio *	T	17-17
9-16-1989	at Ohio *	W	30-25
9-15-1990	OHIO *	W	21-18
11-9-1991	at Ohio *	W	13-10
10-24-1992	OHIO *	W	7-6
11-13-1993	OHIO *	L	10-12
11-12-1994	at Ohio *	W	24-13
9-23-1995	OHIO * #	W	31-20
10-5-1996	at Ohio *	L	0-7
10-4-1997	OHIO * #	L	7-47
11-7-1998	at Ohio *	L	21-49
10-16-1999	OHIO *	W	27-26
10-12-2002	at Ohio *	L	27-55
11-4-2006	OHIO *	L	10-16
10-13-2007	at Ohio *	L	42-48
10-2-2010	OHIO * #	L	17-30
11-1-2012	at Ohio *	L	14-45
10-19-2013	OHIO *	L	28-56
10-15-2016	at Ohio *	W	27-20
9-23-2017	OHIO *	2OT	L 20-27
11-9-2021	OHIO *	L	26-34
11-13-2024	at Ohio *	L	10-35

WEEK 10 • SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8			
BOWLING GREEN (H)		14-25-1	
10-23-1919	at Bowling Green	W	10-0
10-12-1920	BOWLING GREEN	W	45-0
10-10-1925	at Bowling Green	W	14-0
10-5-1929	BOWLING GREEN	W	34-7
10-10-1936	at Bowling Green	L	0-6
10-9-1937	BOWLING GREEN	W	25-0
10-28-1938	at Bowling Green	T	7-7
11-18-1939	BOWLING GREEN	L	13-23
10-19-1940	at Bowling Green	L	0-15
10-18-1941	BOWLING GREEN #	L	6-20
11-10-1973	at Bowling Green	L	7-31
9-18-1976	at Bowling Green *	L	12-53
9-17-1977	BOWLING GREEN *	W	16-6
9-16-1978	BOWLING GREEN *	L	6-43
9-8-1979	at Bowling Green *	L	6-32
9-13-1980	at Bowling Green *	W	18-16
11-14-1981	BOWLING GREEN *	L	0-28
11-13-1982	at Bowling Green *	L	7-24
10-1-1983	BOWLING GREEN *	L	21-26
9-29-1984	at Bowling Green *	L	27-35
10-12-1985	BOWLING GREEN * #	L	24-42
10-11-1986	at Bowling Green *	L	10-24
11-14-1987	BOWLING GREEN *	W	38-18
11-12-1988	at Bowling Green *	W	28-3
10-21-1989	BOWLING GREEN *	W	21-13
10-20-1990	at Bowling Green *	L	15-25
8-31-1991	at Bowling Green *	L	6-17
9-24-1994	BOWLING GREEN * #	L	13-30
10-21-2000	at Bowling Green *	L	6-20
11-23-2002	at Bowling Green *	L	21-63
10-18-2003	BOWLING GREEN *	L	20-33
10-30-2004	at Bowling Green *	L	20-41
10-14-2006	at Bowling Green *	L	21-24
11-9-2007	BOWLING GREEN *	L	32-39
10-4-2008	at Bowling Green *	W	24-21
10-27-2012	at Bowling Green *	L	3-24
11-23-2013	BOWLING GREEN *	L	7-58
10-1-2016	at Bowling Green *	W	28-25
11-21-2017	BOWLING GREEN *	W	34-31
10-23-2021	at Bowling Green *	W	55-24

WEEK 11 • SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15			
BALL STATE (A)		26-37-2	
9-26-1936	BALL STATE	W	6-0
9-25-1937	at Ball State	W	13-6
11-9-1946	at Ball State	T	7-7
11-6-1947	BALL STATE	W	14-7
10-16-1948	at Ball State	L	14-23
10-15-1949	BALL STATE	L	2-33
10-21-1950	at Ball State	W	13-0
9-27-1952	BALL STATE	W	26-14
9-23-1961	at Ball State	T	0-0
9-21-1962	BALL STATE	L	0-14
9-21-1963	at Ball State	L	6-22
10-12-1968	at Ball State	W	43-7
11-15-1969	at Ball State	L	22-31
11-14-1970	BALL STATE	W	60-0
9-8-1973	BALL STATE	W	17-14
10-26-1974	BALL STATE	W	17-9
9-6-1975	at Ball State	L	14-24
11-20-1976	BALL STATE *	L	3-52
11-19-1977	at Ball State *	L	21-45
10-28-1978	BALL STATE *	L	0-21
11-3-1979	at Ball State *	L	10-28
10-18-1980	BALL STATE * #	L	0-26
10-31-1981	at Ball State *	L	13-35
10-30-1982	BALL STATE *	L	7-16
10-29-1983	at Ball State *	L	20-33
10-27-1984	BALL STATE * #	L	10-17
11-2-1985	at Ball State *	W	27-24
11-1-1986	BALL STATE *	W	14-7
10-17-1987	BALL STATE * #	W	35-28
10-15-1988	at Ball State *	W	16-12
11-11-1989	at Ball State *	L	17-23
11-10-1990	BALL STATE *	L	13-20
10-12-1991	BALL STATE *	L	8-10
10-10-1992	at Ball State *	L	7-31
10-30-1993	BALL STATE *	L	13-18
10-29-1994	at Ball State *	W	41-10
10-21-1995	at Ball State *	W	40-35
11-2-1996	BALL STATE *	L	25-39
10-11-1997	BALL STATE *	W	38-32
9-12-1998	at Ball State *	W	13-
11-6-1999	BALL STATE *	W	31-21
10-14-2000	at Ball State *	L	14-33
10-13-2001	at Ball State * #	L	14-35
10-19-2002	at Ball State *	L	17-42
11-15-2003	BALL STATE *	W	38-14
10-9-2004	at Ball State *	W	31-24
11-12-2005	BALL STATE *	L	25-26
8-31-2006	at Ball State *	L	20-38
9-8-2007	BALL STATE *	L	16-38
10-25-2008	at Ball State (#20) *	L	16-38
10-24-2009	BALL STATE *	L	27-29
10-16-2010	at Ball State *	OT	W 41-38
11-5-2011	BALL STATE *	L	31-33
8-30-2012	at Ball State *	L	26-37
9-21-2013	BALL STATE * #	L	20-51
11-22-2014	at Ball State *	L	30-45
9-19-2015	BALL STATE *	L	17-28
11-8-2016	at Ball State *	W	48-41
11-2-2017	BALL STATE *	W	56-14
10-20-2018	at Ball State *	W	42-20
10-12-2019	BALL STATE * #	L	23-29
11-11-2020	at Ball State *	L	31-38
10-16-2021	BALL STATE *	L	31-38
10-22-2022	at Ball State *	W	20-16
10-7-2023	BALL STATE * #	W	24-10

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WEEK 12 • TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 • #MACION			
WESTERN MICHIGAN (H)		21-33-3	
11-15-1912	WESTERN MICHIGAN	W	7-0
11-1-1913	at Western Michigan	L	6-12
11-12-1927	at Western Michigan ^	W	6-0
11-10-1928	WESTERN MICHIGAN ^ #	W	18-9
11-2-1929	at Western Michigan ^	T	7-7
10-18-1930	WESTERN MICHIGAN ^ #	W	19-0
9-14-1974	WESTERN MICHIGAN	W	20-19
11-15-1975	at Western Michigan	L	14-24
9-11-1976	at Western Michigan *	L	13-31
10-21-1978	at Western Michigan *	L	0-32
11-17-1979	WESTERN MICHIGAN *	L	7-17
9-6-1980	at Western Michigan *	L	0-37
11-21-1981	at Western Michigan *	L	7-38
11-20-1982	WESTERN MICHIGAN *	T	3-3
11-19-1983	at Western Michigan *	L	10-14
11-17-1984	WESTERN MICHIGAN *	W	24-14
11-23-1985	at Western Michigan *	L	21-38
9-6-1986	WESTERN MICHIGAN *	W	21-14
10-24-1987	at Western Michigan *	W	23-17
10-22-1988	WESTERN MICHIGAN * #	L	24-31
9-30-1989	at Western Michigan *	W	21-20
9-8-1990	WESTERN MICHIGAN *	W	27-24
10-19-1991	WESTERN MICHIGAN * #	W	42-24
10-17-1992	at Western Michigan *	L	19-20
10-23-1993	WESTERN MICHIGAN *	L	20-21
10-22-1994	at Western Michigan *	L	14-33
11-11-1995	WESTERN MICHIGAN *	L	13-23
9-14-1996	at Western Michigan *	W	19-12
11-1-1997	WESTERN MICHIGAN *	L	38-41
10-17-1998	at Western Michigan *	L	35-45
10-9-1999	WESTERN MICHIGAN * #	OT	L 37-40
11-18-2000	at Western Michigan *	L	0-28
9-29-2001	WESTERN MICHIGAN *	L	10-31
11-9-2002	at Western Michigan *	L	31-33
10-4-2003	WESTERN MICHIGAN * #	L	3-31
10-16-2004	at Western Michigan *	W	35-31
11-5-2005	WESTERN MICHIGAN * <sup>1</sup>	L	36-44
10-28-2006	at Western Michigan *	L	15-18
10-27-2007	WESTERN MICHIGAN * #	W	19-2
11-1-2008	at Western Michigan *	L	10-31
11-14-2009	WESTERN MICHIGAN *	L	14-35
11-13-2010	at Western Michigan *	L	30-45
10-22-2011	WESTERN MICHIGAN * #	W	14-10
11-17-2012	at Western Michigan *	W	29-23
11-9-2013	WESTERN MICHIGAN *	OT	W 35-32
11-15-2014	at Western Michigan *	L	7-51
10-29-2015	WESTERN MICHIGAN *	L	28-58
10-22-2016	at Western Michigan (#20) *	L	31-45
10-21-2017	WESTERN MICHIGAN * #	OT	L 17-20
10-6-2018	at Western Michigan *	L	24-27
10-19-2019	WESTERN MICHIGAN *	W	34-27
12-5-2020	at Western Michigan *	W	53-42
11-16-2021	WESTERN MICHIGAN *	W	22-21
10-8-2022	at Western Michigan *	W	45-23
10-28-2023	WESTERN MICHIGAN *	L	21-45
11-30-2024	at Western Michigan *	L	18-26

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# NCAA Rankings - Team

Statistic	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value	National Leader	Value	Conference Leader	Value
3rd Down Conversion Pct (134 ranked)	78	4	0.407	Utah	0.767	Buffalo	0.429
3rd Down Conversion Pct Defense (134 ranked)	132	13	0.667	BYU	0.077	Ohio	0.130
4th Down Conversion Pct (122 ranked)	45	1	0.667	32 teams tied	1.000	NIU Ball St. Eastern Mich.	0.667 0.667 0.667
4th Down Conversion Pct Defense (111 ranked)	49	7	0.500	17 teams tied	0.000	Central Mich. Toledo	0.000 0.000
Blocked Kicks (7 ranked)				Texas Tech	3	Buffalo	1
Blocked Kicks Allowed (131 ranked)	1	1	0	111 teams tied	0	9 teams tied	0
Blocked Punts (4 ranked)				Texas Tech	3	Buffalo	1
Blocked Punts Allowed (134 ranked)	1	1	0	125 teams tied	0	10 teams tied	0
Completion Percentage (134 ranked)	62	4	0.651	Rice	0.818	Bowling Green	0.745
Defensive TDs (6 ranked)				5 teams tied	2	Massachusetts Toledo Western Mich.	1 1 1
Fewest Penalties (134 ranked)	10	1	6	New Mexico	3	Akron Eastern Mich.	6 6
Fewest Penalties Per Game (134 ranked)	6	1	3.00	New Mexico	1.50	Akron Eastern Mich.	3.00 3.00
Fewest Penalty Yards (134 ranked)	11	2	50	Notre Dame	15	Akron	39
Fewest Penalty Yards Per Game (134 ranked)	9	2	25.00	New Mexico	9.00	Akron	19.50
First Downs Defense (134 ranked)	127	12	51	BYU	3	Bowling Green	29
First Downs Offense (134 ranked)	79	2	40	Western Ky.	70	Ohio	48
Fumbles Lost (134 ranked)	1	1	0	54 teams tied	0	7 teams tied	0
Fumbles Recovered (34 ranked)				Illinois	5	Toledo	2
Kickoff Return Defense (134 ranked)	20	1	8.50	15 teams tied	0.00	Eastern Mich.	8.50
Kickoff Returns (118 ranked)	33	5	24.71	Arkansas St.	64.00	Massachusetts	57.00
Net Punting (134 ranked)	44	4	42.20	Purdue	51.33	Massachusetts	47.44
Passes Had Intercepted (134 ranked)	1	1	0	47 teams tied	0	4 teams tied	0
Passes Intercepted (52 ranked)				Maryland UNLV	6 6	Central Mich.	3
Passing Offense (134 ranked)	72	4	218.5	Baylor	429.5	Ohio	243.0
Passing Yards Allowed (134 ranked)	93	8	231.0	Washington St.	33.0	Toledo	179.5
Passing Yards per Completion (134 ranked)	88	6	10.66	Air Force	26.50	Kent St.	16.26
Punt Return Defense (134 ranked)	117	10	16.50	Iowa St.	-3.50	Toledo	-1.00
Punt Returns (133 ranked)	123	10	0.00	Iowa St.	39.33	Miami (OH)	16.00
Red Zone Defense (92 ranked)	62	6	0.818	BYU Ohio St. San Diego St.	0.000 0.000 0.000	Buffalo NIU	0.625 0.625
Red Zone Offense (133 ranked)	1	1	1.000	48 teams tied	1.000	Eastern Mich. NIU Western Mich.	1.000 1.000 1.000
Rushing Defense (134 ranked)	133	13	311.5	BYU	-5.0	NIU	74.0
Rushing Offense (134 ranked)	96	6	132.5	BYU	468.0	Buffalo	207.0
Sacks Allowed (134 ranked)	30	1	1.00	14 teams tied	0.00	Buffalo Eastern Mich.	1.00 1.00
Scoring Defense (133 ranked)	128	13	40.0	BYU San Diego St.	0.0 0.0	Buffalo	14.5
Scoring Offense (133 ranked)	85	3	25.0	BYU	69.0	Toledo	30.5
Tackles for Loss Allowed (132 ranked)	77	5	5.50	Ohio St.	1.00	Toledo	3.50
Team Passing Efficiency (134 ranked)	71	4	139.06	Air Force	288.40	Ohio	146.81

# NCAA Rankings - Individual

Statistic	Player	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value	National Leader	Value	Conference Leader	Value
All Purpose (197 ranked)	Dontae McMillan	90	7	102.00	Jonah Coleman, Washington	225.00	Cameron Pettaway, Bowling Green	149.00
Blocked Kicks (1 ranked)					AJ McCarty, Texas Tech	2		
Combined Kick Returns (196 ranked)	Joey Mattord	133	11	33	Bryce Noernberg, Kansas St.	339	Cameron Pettaway, Bowling Green	194
Completion Percentage (122 ranked)	Noah Kim	59	3	0.651	Julian Sayin, Ohio St.	0.795	Drew Pyne, Bowling Green	0.759
Completions Per Game (99 ranked)	Noah Kim	32	2	20.50	Sawyer Robertson, Baylor	30.50	Parker Navarro, Ohio	21.50
Field Goal Percentage (107 ranked)	Rudy Kessinger	1	1	1.000	59 players tied	1.000	Palmer Domschke, Western Mich. Rudy Kessinger, Eastern Mich.	1.000 1.000
Field Goals Per Game (97 ranked)	Rudy Kessinger	30	3	1.50	Ryan Barker, Penn St. Jackson Kleather, Bowling Green	3.00 3.00	Jackson Kleather, Bowling Green	3.00
Forced Fumbles (14 ranked)	Messiah Blair	14	2	0.50	Dejuan Echoles Jr., Ball St.	1.50	Dejuan Echoles Jr., Ball St.	1.50
Fumbles Recovered (7 ranked)					Matt Kingsbury, Minnesota	3	Emmanuel McNeil-Warren, Toledo	2
Interceptions Per Game (18 ranked)					16 players tied	1.00	12 players tied	0.50
Kickoff Return TDs (1 ranked)					8 players tied	1	Da'Realyst Clark, Kent St. Cameron Pettaway, Bowling Green Dev'ion Reynolds, NIU	1 1 1
Kickoff Returns (63 ranked)					Rayshawn Pleasant, Auburn	49.0	Cameron Pettaway, Bowling Green	48.5
Passes Defended (59 ranked)					Hezekiah Masses, California	3.00	4 players tied	1.50
Passing Efficiency (122 ranked)	Noah Kim	67	4	139.1	Evan Simon, Temple	263.3	Parker Navarro, Ohio	146.8
Passing TDs (36 ranked)					Taylen Green, Arkansas Maverick Mclvor, Western Ky.	10 10	Parker Navarro, Ohio	4
Passing Yards (130 ranked)	Noah Kim	55	2	437	Maverick Mclvor, Western Ky.	941	Parker Navarro, Ohio	486
Passing Yards Per Game (130 ranked)	Noah Kim	55	2	218.5	Sawyer Robertson, Baylor	429.5	Parker Navarro, Ohio	243.0
Passing Yards per Completion (122 ranked)	Noah Kim	77	5	10.66	Jayden Maiava, Southern California	22.81	Dequan Finn, Miami (OH)	14.52
Points Responsible For (195 ranked)	Noah Kim	112	5	18	Taylen Green, Arkansas Maverick Mclvor, Western Ky.	66 66	Parker Navarro, Ohio	30
Points Responsible For Per Game (194 ranked)	Noah Kim	116	5	9.0	Taylen Green, Arkansas	33.0	Parker Navarro, Ohio	15.0
Punt Return TDs (1 ranked)					11 players tied	1		
Punt Returns (72 ranked)					Jonathan Brady, Indiana	35.8	Victor Snow, Buffalo	10.3
Punting (57 ranked)	Mitchell Tomasek	5	1	51.5	Ryan Eckley, Michigan St.	52.4	Mitchell Tomasek, Eastern Mich.	51.5
Receiving TDs (25 ranked)					Beau Sparks, Texas St.	5	Cade Wolford, Kent St.	3
Receiving Yards (194 ranked)	Terry Lockett	76	4	140	Jaden Bradley, UNLV	262	Chase Hendricks, Ohio	236
Receiving Yards Per Game (197 ranked)	Terry Lockett	72	4	70.0	Jordan Dwyer, TCU	136.0	Chase Hendricks, Ohio	118.0
Receptions Per Game (164 ranked)	Terry Lockett	23	3	6.50	Lewis Bond, Boston College	11.00	Jacquon Gibson, Massachusetts	9.50
Rush Yards Per Carry (151 ranked)	Tavierre Dunlap	137	13	2.81	Colton Joseph, Old Dominion	10.36	Chip Trayanum, Toledo	7.29
Rushing TDs (9 ranked)					J'Mari Taylor, Virginia	5		
Rushing Yards (199 ranked)	Dontae McMillan	88	6	136	Robert Henry, UTSA	336	Chip Trayanum, Toledo	204
Rushing Yards Per Game (200 ranked)	Dontae McMillan	88	6	68.0	Jonah Coleman, Washington	177.0	Chip Trayanum, Toledo	102.0
Sacks (122 ranked)	Messiah Blair	122	7	0.50	Isaac Hubert, Air Force Clay Patterson, Stanford	2.00 2.00	Rodney McGraw, Western Mich. Nadame Tucker, Western Mich.	1.25 1.25
Scoring (145 ranked)	Rudy Kessinger Dontae McMillan	122 145	5 7	7.0 6.0	Cade Harris, Air Force	18.0	Jackson Kleather, Bowling Green	11.0
Solo Tackles (45 ranked)					Matt Rose, Stanford	12.00	Quinton Urwiler, NIU	7.00
Tackles For Loss (79 ranked)					Mekhi Mason, Louisiana Tech	3.00	Dorian Pringle, Bowling Green Nadame Tucker, Western Mich.	2.00 2.00
Total Interceptions (10 ranked)					Aamaris Brown, UNLV	3	13 players tied	1
Total Offense (199 ranked)	Noah Kim	66	2	230.5	Sawyer Robertson, Baylor	430.0	Parker Navarro, Ohio	333.0
Total Points Scored (144 ranked)	Rudy Kessinger Dontae McMillan	122 144	5 7	14 12	Robert Henry, UTSA Beau Sparks, Texas St. J'Mari Taylor, Virginia	30 30 30	Jackson Kleather, Bowling Green	22



## Llewellyn Ready for a Fresh Start in Year Two

*Senior defensive back returns healthy, fueled by a revamped offseason routine*

**YPSILANTI, Mich. (EMUEagles.com)** – Bryce Llewellyn doesn't need much time to sum up how he feels about heading into his second season at EMU.

"Man, I'm ecstatic to get back on the field with the guys and prove what we can do," the senior defensive back said. "Prove the world wrong, prove ourselves right."

Llewellyn believes the Eagles have something special brewing. "I know it's going to shock a lot of people," he said. "But it won't shock us when the time comes and we get to show how we can play and who we are as a team."

His first year in Ypsilanti didn't go as planned. A pulled hamstring in fall camp and a broken big toe kept him out for the first half of the 2024 season, limiting him to just four games. "If I had to grade it, I'd probably give myself a failing grade," Llewellyn said. "I still played, but I didn't really max out or get to my potential. I was battling injury, trying to get back in the lineup. I'm excited to get back in my groove and have fall camp be a stepping stone into a great season."

This offseason, Llewellyn tried something new — hot yoga and Pilates — after advice from his father to adjust when setbacks happen. "If we have a hard workout, I'll do hot yoga in the afternoon. If we have an off day, I'll go do Pilates," he said. "Pilates works on ligaments and small muscles and joints — stuff you wouldn't think about — but it's making me stronger overall."

The yoga sessions are no joke. "It's about 100 degrees in there every time I go in," Llewellyn said. "Plus the humidity, plus 30 other people in there. It gets pretty hot."

His path to Eastern started in Indianapolis, wound through Charleston Southern, and was shaped by the COVID-19 pandemic. "COVID hit in 2020, and, for my class, that was huge," he said. "They gave seniors a sixth year, which took a lot of offers away. I had PWO offers at Notre Dame, Ohio State, Louisville, but my parents paid for private high school, so the return for them was getting college paid for. I took the FCS route with the goal of transferring up. Did two years at CSU and came here in spring 2023. It's been a blessing ever since."

He's also made an impression off the field, co-hosting the Ypsi Awards — Eastern's student-athlete awards — after volunteering on short notice. "I told Grace, 'If nobody volunteers, just put my name down. I got you.' Three days later, she said, 'Bryce, you're hosting.' It was fun because I enjoy public speaking. Doing it with my friend Emma made it easier."

Llewellyn joked that if he ever did carpool karaoke again, he'd choose his best friend and safety teammate, **Davion Williams**. "It would turn into an actual concert for sure," he said.

Football runs in his blood. His father, Marlon, played at Ball State. His uncle, Autry Denson, played at Notre Dame and now coaches for the Arizona Cardinals. Another uncle, Junior Sisi, played at Eastern Illinois and coaches at American Heritage in Florida.

Though he played basketball growing up, Llewellyn knew where his future was. "I knew I was a football player at heart," he said. "By high school, I was like, let me not roll my ankle on a basketball court and just lock in on football."

This fall, he'll get his shot at a healthy, full season. "Last year didn't go the way I wanted," Llewellyn said. "But this is my chance to show who I really am as a player — and who we are as a team."

## Rooks Set to Lead in Sixth Year at Eastern

*Senior wide receiver returns after a season away, focused on growth and perspective*

**YPSILANTI, Mich. (EMUEagles.com)** – For Charlotte, N.C., native **Porter Rooks**, football has always been constant. Until last year.

"That was my first season, not only in college, and college in the last four years I've never missed a game, but in the last 18 years of playing football, I've never missed a season," the senior wide receiver said. "So that was definitely a learning experience for me. But, you know, immediately when I got the news that I was gonna miss the season, I just took it more of an opportunity than anything to hit the reset button and, you know, just get after it again and, you know, attack rehab and things like that."

He calls it a lesson in perspective. "It was all grass is greener on the other side for sure. Now I'm looking back at it."

With no games to prepare for, he turned the year into a chance to refine the details of his game. "You got to find different aspects to still continue to build your game," he said. "So I stayed on the jugs and in the film room, just developing and continue to grow. So when I do get back on the field, I didn't miss a step."

The work became routine — hundreds of catches a day. "I just try to spam it until my hands get a little tingly and when it gets to that point where I don't want to catch anymore, I catch about 50 more and then that should be good," he said. "I just try to just catch, just catch, just catch, catch in different angles, ways and just make it difficult for myself while I'm practicing because this is the time to do it, time to craft."

Last season, he watched teammate **Zyell Griffin** find success. "Zyell came in and made his mark and I'm looking to do the same," he said. "At the end of the day, everybody's journey is different and, you know, just putting one foot in front of the other and just keep chugging and running your race."

That reminder to "run your own race," he said, has stuck with him more than ever.

Now entering his sixth year of college football, experience is his edge. "Being in college since 2020, going my sixth year, is a lot of time and a lot of experience, a lot of learning, a lot of pain, a lot of lessons," he said. "So I've been through a lot to get to where I'm at now. So now it's just up to me to put all the things that I've been through and all the knowledge that I've gained and use that as experience."

He said the wide receiver room is loaded with talent, including **Terry Lockett Jr.** and several new faces. "We got a lot of guys that can go in the room, man," he said. "Coach **Grant Heard** always kind of keeps us to a high standard and, you know, we're only as good as our weakest link ... We always pride ourselves on trying to be the engine of the offense, you know what I mean, and controlling the explosives."

The Eagles opened last season 5-2 but couldn't finish strong. For him, that's motivation. "It should just give us some more insight to never get complacent in any fashion," he said. "Not overlooking anybody, not looking past anybody, just taking it week by week and coming to play our best ball every week."

That mindset will carry into fall camp, where the quarterback competition is wide open. "It's a great dynamic in there because it's a healthy competition," he said. "Of course they're gonna duke it out during camp and stuff like that, but as receivers we just try to make their life as easy as possible."

When he next steps on the field, it will be his 50th career collegiate game. "I'm excited to get back on the grass. I missed it and it's no feeling like getting the game taken away from me," he said. "Football's like my sanctuary. You know, I'm between those lines, nothing else matters. So, 50 games, 60 games, 80 games. I just love to play the game, you know what I mean? So, I'm just glad to get back out there with my guys and give it one last go around at this collegiate level and try to win something major."

## How Chris Creighton Fell in Love With the Maccoon

by Andrew Graham, Mitten Football

**YPSILANTI, Mich.** – You wouldn't survive one quarter here.

Or so goes the old saying, er, internet comment. Left on a YouTube video by user @teaking701, with four subscribers and no videos, the diatribe revels in the dichotomy between the perceived haves and have nots in the world of college football.

After dressing down power five programs for being cushy, the screed on the glory of the MAC references slim crowds, foul weather and a raccoon in the stands as @teaking701's poetry crescendos to a firm conclusion: You wouldn't survive one quarter in Ypsilanti.

And those in Ypsilanti seem to agree.

In a matter of weeks, what began in a YouTube comment section as a treatise on the glories and anthropologic functions of MAC football and its trademark late-season, mid-week MACtion quickly blew up on the college football corners of the internet. Fueled by the Sickos Committee, a collection of self-proclaimed college football "sickos" — the concept lifted from this editorial cartoon from The Onion — that covers the weird, wacky and occasionally unfathomable happenings that can only be born from college football, this comment took on a new life and found its way all the way to the Eastern Michigan football facilities, where some staffers decided to take the bit even further, acquiring their own "Maccoon."

And though the Eastern Michigan players were still a bit confused by the whole thing, the coaches and staffers around Ypsilanti have been quick to rally around this impromptu mascot.

"I mean we love the quote," Creighton said. "You couldn't survive a quarter in Ypsilanti, you know what I mean? It's awesome. So yeah, we'll see where it goes. But it's been fun."

The comment first came to broader attention when it was shared on social media by Jefferson Donovan, a meteorologist working in the Yakima, Washington, area. Donovan tagged, among others, the Sickos Committee, as he called it "the greatest YouTube comment I've ever seen."

The comment, left on a compilation of MAC football highlights reads, in full:

Congrats on your 5-star recruits and \$100M facilities, SEC fans. Meanwhile, the MAC is out here playing real football in front of 14 people and a raccoon on a Tuesday night during a blizzard. You ever seen a punter throw a touchdown to a long snapper while the scoreboard's on fire? Didn't think so.

While y'all are busy arguing over which frat-funded dynasty is slightly less fraudulent, Toledo's cooking up a triple-reverse flea flicker in a game that ends 43-42 after six missed PATs and a goalpost gets stolen. That's not football. That's MACtion. You wouldn't survive one quarter in Ypsilanti.

The Sickos Committee latched on to this comment and quickly fired up the merchandising machine to produce T-shirts, cups, mugs, coasters and lots of other things with a "Maccoon" logo.

The dark green raccoon appears peering out over text that says "You wouldn't survive a quarter in Ypsilanti."

All the while, Eastern Michigan director of on-campus recruiting and operations **Brock Humbert** and creative coordinator **Pranay Vittal** took notice. Soon a care package of T-shirts with the Maccoon logo arrived in Ypsilanti.

And what was originally going to be T-shirts to pass out to the staff on a lark became something more.

The duo had shown head coach **Chris Creighton** the original YouTube comment, to his amusement, and when the T-shirts showed up, the head coach made sure his coaching staff each donned one for a practice.

The players, however, did not know what was going on.

"I saw one of my coaches that I had and I was like, 'cute shirt' or something," graduate linebacker **Zach Mowchan** said. "And then I kept seeing the rest of 'em wearing 'em like, 'Oh, this was planned.' So yeah, it kind of ended up being a pretty cool thing that they all did."

And this practice was beloved by the Sickos Committee, who discussed it on their podcast, noting that Creighton himself appeared like a stern Santa Claus in the shirt, as he sports a thick, white beard. Creighton had gotten the Santa Claus comparison before, he said, from his children.

As much as Creighton loves the Maccoon, there's one person in his family who might love it even more: his wife, Heather.

"I mean, shoot, my wife just ordered, or we just got in the mail four coffee mugs with the Maccoon on there," Creighton said.

But the Maccoon itself was still to make an appearance in Ypsilanti.

Then, at 8:35 p.m. on Aug. 16, the Eastern Michigan X/Twitter account posted a dark photo with a thin light outline showing a raccoon, a plush one ordered off Amazon (or from the stork, according to EMU football general manager Jeff Collett.)

This was also the work of Humbert and Vittal.

"So I think they started the shenanigans with our own Maccoon," Creighton said.

The following day the Maccoon made a full debut, exploring the grey turf, goal posts and brick wall on the field at Rynearson Stadium.

"A quarter in Ypsi," the caption reads.

Some social media posts are not likely to be the end of the Maccoon, either. There are hopes for a stuffed raccoon to be carried into the stadium by an eagle (Eastern Michigan's official mascot) for a home game.

And however unlikely, discussions about having a live raccoon on hand for home games have occurred. Michigan law does allow for pet raccoons, but the hang up is in procurement: Where does one acquire a raccoon? The best bet might be the nearby baseball stadium, where Eastern Michigan athletic communications staff have noted seeing raccoons live under the bleachers.

Real raccoon or not, the Maccoon, and what it represents, could quickly morph into something that Eastern Michigan rallies around.

Because as much as the Maccoon has been a vessel to have some fun and lighten up the dog days of fall camp, the kernel at the core of it — the pride schools like Eastern Michigan have in their programs — rings true.

Eastern Michigan might not be a fearsome college football playoff contender or even picked to win the MAC, but overlook them at your peril.

They might not have six-figure seat stadiums or rafts of future NFL players, but they're confident in one thing: You wouldn't survive a quarter here.

## Miles Embraces the Climb, On and Off the Field

Veteran defender finds motivation in health, heritage, and hard work

**YPSILANTI, Mich. (EMUEagles.com)** – For Eastern Michigan defensive lineman **Sterling Miles**, the 2025 season isn't just another year of football. It's a chance to finally show what he can do with a full offseason of preparation.

"I didn't really have an offseason," Miles said, reflecting on his return from injury last year. "It was more so like a test run to see if my body would be able to hold up. And it did, even though I wasn't able to perform to my expectations. I'm excited about having a full offseason and just giving myself a chance to really show what I can do with a full winter, summer, spring, and fall."

That sense of renewal is at the core of his approach to "the climb," EMU's theme for 2025. For Miles, a West Bloomfield native and graduate student, the climb isn't just about football. It's about responding to setbacks — from injuries to undercooked chicken — and coming out stronger.

"Everybody has some sort of setback, some sort of adversity, and how you respond, how you climb, is what makes you and what defines you," Miles said. "It determines who you are and what you're made of coming out of it."

Much of Miles' focus this offseason has been on durability — not just making plays but staying on the field every down. He credits Eastern's training staff, including Steven in the training room and D-Mac in the weight room, with helping him build that foundation.

"I would say very grateful," Miles said. "Obviously it's their job, but when you become an adult, people don't necessarily have to do things for you. For them to go out of their way to help me or answer any questions, I just appreciate those type of things a lot."

Miles has long been known for his knack at blocking kicks — a skill he says comes down to pure effort.

"A lot of times those guys up front don't sub in and out, so they're tired or they may just not feel like playing that play," he said. "The way I look at it, if I'm on the field, I'm gonna play every play like I'm coming out the next play. I just think it's a motor thing and a decision that you're gonna go do it."

Miles' path to EMU included a stint at Cincinnati, where he was part of the 2021 Bearcats team that reached the College Football Playoff. He's battled injuries, setbacks, and the grind of competition. Through it all, he's leaned on mentors and teammates to keep pushing.

Having former EMU star **Maxx Crosby** around as a resource, Miles said, has been especially motivating.

"Obviously it's a privilege just to have somebody who is that good at something you aspire to do," Miles said. "Somebody who plays similar to how I would approach the game is something I can appreciate. I'm just excited to pick his brain more and continue to make him proud because he's investing a lot into this."

That investment is paying off. Miles appeared in 11 games in 2024, registering 11 tackles, including two for loss, and one sack. He also added to his reputation on special teams with a blocked kick against Washington.

Away from football, Miles' world slows down. He spends time with family, especially his grandmother, whose home cooking has become one of his favorite escapes.

"She loves to cook, so I'll go over there, she'll make me a steak, and we'll just sit and talk," Miles said with a smile. "I would probably say steak and mashed potatoes is my favorite. And I'm a big bread guy. If we're at Texas Roadhouse, I'm taking a basket to go. The butter too."

He laughs about his own early struggles in the kitchen.

"One time, my chicken was very undercooked," he admitted. "It was just so frustrating because I went through the whole process of going to the store and seasoning it, and it looked good. Then I bit into it, and it was like... this is nothing my family makes. It was humbling."

Miles also takes pride in his degree, calling it one of his biggest accomplishments.

"It was something my parents always wanted me to do," Miles said. "They both ended up going back to finish school, but they did not finish college right out of high school. I wanted to do it for them, and to set an example for my little cousins and the rest of my family. Football is something I love, but a degree is something that can never be taken away from me."

In the locker room, Miles doesn't need to be the loudest voice. He finds his impact in small acts of service.

"Most people will tell you that I'm always, if you need a ride, if you need some extra socks for a workout, whatever the case may be, I'm always looking for ways to make sure everybody has a chance to do what they need to do," he said. "I pride myself on that."

As Eastern Michigan looks to climb back from a roller-coaster 2024 season that started 5-2 but ended with consecutive losses, Miles believes the key will be creating healthy competition and not letting past setbacks define them.

"Every season is a new season," he said. "It starts in January. It's about continuing to create healthy competition and just push each other. Once you build that healthy collective, it becomes innate in people's mind that you go as hard as you can — or you're gonna stand out for the wrong reasons."

For Miles, the climb continues — one rep, one play, and yes, one Texas Roadhouse roll at a time.

## Six Years, Two Degrees, and a Leader in the Trenches

*Mickey Rewolinski Embraces Final Season*

**YPSILANTI, Mich. (EMUEagles.com)** – When graduate student offensive lineman **Mickey Rewolinski** walks off the field for the final time at Eastern Michigan, it won't just be the end of a six-year football career. It will be the close of a journey that began with a first-generation college kid from Caledonia, Wisconsin, and ends with two degrees, countless friendships, and a lasting mark on EMU football.

"It's been a ride," Rewolinski said. "Going in my sixth year, I've been here for all six years, so I've kind of seen everything from Eastern. Eastern means a lot to me, and everything that I've been through here."

Rewolinski's time in Ypsilanti has been defined by both consistency and adaptability. Every season he's suited up, he's played a different position — right guard, left tackle, left guard, and now center. The move to the middle, he said, is as much about mindset as muscle.

"Honestly, it's more mental than physical," he explained. "At guard, it's more physical than mental. But at center, you have to see everything. And obviously snapping the ball is a big key."

That steady versatility, along with his quiet but respected leadership style, has made him a cornerstone of EMU's offensive line — a unit he describes as a brotherhood shaped by tradition.

"I've had a lot of guys, like Sidy Sow, Mike Van Hoven, Brian Dooley, Bates, Alex Howie," Rewolinski said, rattling off former linemates. "I've seen a lot of different leadership styles. For me, I'm more laid back. I'm not gonna yell, but guys know when I talk, I mean it. I'm going to lead you the right way."

This fall, he'll also help usher in a new era under offensive line coach **Chris Wiesehan**. The change, Rewolinski said, has reinvigorated the group.

"Honestly, it's been a great addition," he said. "We definitely understand defensive schemes a lot better. He's taught us new techniques that I think are going to help a lot. It's a great fit for Eastern."

But for Rewolinski, EMU is more than football. A first-generation college student, he already holds a degree in management and is completing a master's degree.

"My mom and dad always preached to me that I was going to college," he said. "Nobody else really in my family has done it, so it's been great for me to learn and get a different perspective on life with the degree."

When his playing days are over, Rewolinski hopes to pursue a career as a managerial accountant. Until then, he's locked in on his final season — and the program's 2025 theme of "The Climb" feels personal.

"To me, 'The Climb' is like getting better," he said. "Freshman year to sophomore year all the way to my sixth year, I think it resonates with me because I've gradually gotten better, gotten into games, produced more. It resonates with me a lot."

There's also one lighter, modern twist to Rewolinski's career — his appearance in the new EA Sports College Football video game. Teammates tease him about his digital alter ego.

"Can't really play as a lineman," he said with a grin. "But if I do good, guys will come in the next day and say, 'Mickey did a great job.' And if I do bad, they'll come in like, 'Mickey, why are you doing this?' And I'm like, I can't affect it. It's the game."

As Eastern Michigan begins its climb this season, Rewolinski will anchor the line one last time — a reminder that for all the shifting positions and seasons, some foundations are built to last.

## Dahoue Embraces Leadership and a Bigger Role

*Global journey shapes Eastern Michigan anchor*

**YPSILANTI, Mich. (EMUEagles.com)** – When Eastern Michigan offensive lineman **Dodji Dahoue** first picked up a football, he admits it wasn't exactly love at first sight.

"I didn't love the game for the first year of playing football," Dahoue said. "I just kept going because everybody told me to stop doing it. And I was like, 'Man, F y'all. I'm gonna do it regardless.' That was one of my biggest motivators, to be very honest."

Now a senior, the 6-foot-9 lineman from Bamako, Mali, is preparing for his second season at EMU — this time with an expanded role. The journey from a teenager who had never played sports in high school to a Division I starter is one that's tested his resilience, sharpened his mindset, and made him one of the more intriguing players on the roster.

"It was definitely stressful," Dahoue said. "But then as you get to play more football and more football, it's like, wow, I kind of want to keep doing this for the rest of my life."

Last season, injuries slowed his progress. This offseason, though, he's focused on transforming his body and staying healthy. When he arrived, Dahoue weighed 285 pounds. Today, he's a sculpted 305, carrying just over 20% body fat.

"They kind of transformed the way I look and how strong I am," Dahoue said of EMU's strength staff. "All my PRs have increased, and I can definitely feel it on the field."

That progress is critical for an offensive line group that returns experience but few career starts. New offensive line coach **Chris Wiesehan** has already challenged Dahoue to become more than just a physical presence in the trenches.

"Leadership — since day one, he told me I gotta step up," Dahoue said. "It don't matter if you're going to start or be a two, you gotta step up. You have a loud voice, so guys step up. And I've been doing my best."

That leadership role has forced Dahoue to live with accountability. "Now I can't be in the back of the line slack," he said. "I've been trying to kill the workouts, kill the practices, and help the younger guys understand the playbook."

Dahoue's football story is unique among his teammates. Born in France, raised in Mali, and back in the U.S. just three years ago, he never played organized sports until junior college in California. At first, teammates joked he belonged on the basketball court, not a football field.

"At tight end, I was 6-9, 230, skin and bones, and I could catch the ball," Dahoue said. "Everybody was like, 'Just go play basketball.' But at that point, I thought I was already too far gone, so I had to keep going."

The perseverance has paid off — and his family has been with him every step of the way, even as they've learned the game from scratch.

"They're still completely clueless, to be very honest," Dahoue said with a laugh. "But they know what the offensive line is now, kind of, sort of. When I'm on the field, they watch me. They're still learning, but they're getting there."

His parents plan to return to Ypsilanti this fall to see more games in person — something Dahoue said means everything to him. "It was great when they came last year," he said. "They cook great food, too. Hopefully we'll have peanut butter sauce with beef — that's fire."

On the field, Dahoue takes pride in EMU's push toward becoming a faster, more athletic offensive line, one built for tempo and space rather than just brute strength. This summer, he ran a 4.85 in the 40-yard dash — an impressive mark for a lineman.

"I think the sky's the limit for this group," he said. "We're not 330-pound down-the-line guys. We're athletes. We love to run. And Coach is putting us in positions where our skill set shines."

Off the field, Dahoue decompresses with teammates through video games — mostly "Rainbow Six Siege." "I'm probably the best on the team right now, to be honest," he said with a grin.

Still, football remains at the center of his daily climb. From the streets of Bamako to the trenches of the MAC, Dahoue has built a story worth watching this fall.

"I didn't know what I was going to play when I first came over," he said. "But now? I want to keep doing this for the rest of my life."



## Snively Finds Strength in a Lost Season

*After year away, EMU veteran returns with new perspective*

**YPSILANTI, Mich. (EMUEagles.com)** – When **Owen Snively** ran through the cinderblock wall at Rynearson Stadium in 2023, he couldn't have imagined how quickly things would change. A season-ending injury forced the Eastern Michigan offensive lineman to the sideline, leaving him to watch the game he loved from a distance in 2024.

Now, a year later, the graduate student from Fremont, New Hampshire, is healthy — and more appreciative than ever.

"I mean, it's huge for me," Snively said. "I was out for an entire year. As terrible as that is, it was kind of a big growth year for me. I really attacked the weight room, got closer with the guys and the coaches. Honestly, I almost felt like a GA coach in some ways. But I'm excited to be back. I feel healthy. I feel good."

The hardest part, he said, wasn't the pain of the injury. It was missing the rhythm of being on the field.

"The speed on the field with the guys — that's what you miss the most," Snively said. "It's just different not being out there."

That absence forced him to lean on EMU's sports medicine staff, particularly longtime athletic trainer **Steven Berning**, who Snively now considers a close friend.

"Steve's one of my best friends now," he said. "I spent a lot of time with him. You've got to respect them — they're there before us, they leave after us. They do a great job getting you back."

The physical recovery was only part of the battle. Mentally, Snively admitted, it took time to push through the highs and lows of rehab.

"I don't think a lot of people realize how hard it is until you really go through it," he said. "There are bad days and good days, but you've got to count on those good days and keep making them up. Just go one-and-oh every day."

That perseverance has carried into this summer, as Snively and his teammates adjust to a new style under offensive line coach **Chris Wiesehan**.

"One thing I really notice is we're catching up speed," Snively said. "We look very quick. It's a little different style of offense, but I think everyone's enjoying it. You don't think of speed when you think of O-line, but the game is changing every day. Now it's all about being quick and getting to the point."

Snively can connect with Wiesehan on more than football. Both share a love of fishing — though the lineman admits he hasn't joined his coach on the water yet.

"In his head, the fish are this big," Snively laughed, holding his hands wide. "But really, they're about that big."

Fishing has long been Snively's favorite way to unwind, whether it's salmon, lake trout or, most memorably, a massive tuna.

"Out on my buddy's tuna boat back home in New England, we caught about a 330-pound tuna," he said. "That's a big fish."

Snively has also had his share of big moves — from New Hampshire to Colorado State, then to Michigan. He said each stop has offered something special.

"New England, you've got the White Mountains, the ocean, the lakes. Colorado is beautiful with the mountains. But you can't beat Michigan and the Great Lakes," he said.

For now, though, it's football that has his focus. After the setback of 2024, Snively is determined to make his final season count.

"I'm looking forward to just getting back on the field," he said. "Seeing how that growth year I went through is going to flourish for me, how I can bring the team together, and how we can have a good year."

When he finally runs back through the garage doors and the cinderblock wall comes crashing down at Rynearson this September, Snively said it will be a moment he'll savor.

"Man, it's exciting. Very exciting," he said. "We've brought in good talent, we're adjusting to a new line coach, and I think we're ready. We're prepared. It's time to go."

## Kim's Final Drive: Veteran QB Aims to Leave Legacy

*Experience, leadership, and determination for one last collegiate season*

**YPSILANTI, Mich. (EMUEagles.com)** – For Eastern Michigan quarterback **Noah Kim**, the 2025 season represents the culmination of a journey marked by perseverance, growth, and a relentless drive to succeed. A graduate student from Centreville, Virginia, Kim has already navigated three college programs, developed his skills under multiple systems, and learned how to lead both on and off the field.

"This is my last year and my last go-around at college football," Kim said. "Coach Creighton and everything that I was able to discuss with him in the recruiting process aligned with everything I wanted going into my last year. It's a great opportunity for us to show Eastern Michigan is here this year."

Kim's path to EMU began at Michigan State, where he started five games in 2023 and earned early recognition for his passing ability. He then spent a season at Coastal Carolina, where he played in seven games, completing 30-of-56 passes for 333 yards and four touchdowns. Now, at Eastern Michigan, he arrives with the perspective and experience of a veteran quarterback ready to make a lasting impact.

"Being at my third school, I've been able to watch a lot of football and play a lot of football as well," Kim said. "It's just learning experiences. I know how to work, I know what needs to be done to get on the field. It's good knowledge to have, and something I'm going to use."

Physical development has been a major focus for Kim in the offseason. He set a personal goal to complete 20 reps on the 225-pound bench press challenge and exceeded it, hitting 22.

"My strength numbers have gone up a ton," he said. "I feel great, put on a few pounds, and it's all about being ready for the speed and physicality of the game at this level."

But leadership, Kim says, is about more than strength or stats — it's about connection.

"A big part of being a quarterback on this team is not just knowing the guys by name, but having something to relate to with them," he said. "If somebody's not working out to the standard, we're able to call each other up. And we also congratulate each other on our successes. It's just growing us closer."

The chance to leave a legacy motivates Kim. He points to **Cole Snyder**, who made a significant impact in his first year with the Eagles, as both inspiration and challenge.

"Only one quarterback goes onto that field every game," Kim said. "Putting your best foot forward in practice, in the meeting rooms, doing the extra work — all that leads to what happens on the field. It's definitely motivating to see somebody able to do that before me. I hope to advance that path and set a new standard for the guys moving forward."

Outside the grind of football, Kim decompresses by watching shows like *Dexter* or playing video games with teammates — a way to maintain camaraderie while taking a mental break.

His connection to football started at an early age.

"My dad, for some reason, we were always throwing the ball around," Kim said. "He tells me he knew I was going to be a quarterback from the day he knew I was coming. I started playing flag football around four years old, and I got my first quarterback trainer in second grade. Same guy I still work with now — Barry Thompson. He developed me and got me to the point where I fell in love with the game."

Kim's ambition extends beyond the field. He hopes to be remembered not only as a talented athlete but as a person who faced challenges head-on.

"I want to be remembered as somebody that never shied away from a challenge, always rose to the occasion, and just a good role model moving forward," he said. "Somebody that put everything they had into everything they did."

As Eastern Michigan prepares for its fall campaign, Kim stands poised to lead a team hungry for success. With experience, skill, and a clear sense of purpose, he is determined to make this final collegiate season one that leaves a lasting mark — on the scoreboard, in the locker room, and in the hearts of Eagles fans.

## From Louisiana Standout to EMU Defensive Leader

*Donovan Green channels experience, versatility, and relentless work ethic*

**YPSILANTI, Mich. (EMUEagles.com)** – Donovan Green has spent his football career learning how to adapt. From high school standout in Louisiana to a transfer navigating the speed and complexity of FBS football, the senior defensive lineman has embraced every challenge to become a leader at Eastern Michigan.

“Making the transition from FCS to FBS was definitely huge,” Green said. “The biggest difference was the speed of the game and the management. For me, the season went well — I learned a lot about D-line play and how to advance as a player. Even as a six-year senior, I’m still learning, and that’s what makes it exciting.”

Green’s path to EMU included earning a bachelor’s degree in electronic engineering from Northwestern State, where he excelled as a defensive standout. “Even the players — just seeing how much faster everybody clicks together — I had to catch on quickly,” he said. “Being a transfer, I had to evolve and develop right away to compete at this level.”

His offseason has focused on improving his pass rush, particularly reading plays correctly when the offense disguises its intentions. “The biggest thing is reading our key,” Green said. “Sometimes we think it’s a run. The quarterback drops back, and we have to convert and get back to where we’re supposed to be to apply pressure. That’s something I’ve really worked on, and it’s a constant focus for the group.”

EMU’s defensive line is one of the team’s deepest and most experienced units, and Green has taken a leadership role in guiding younger players. “We know our goal, but we can’t get complacent,” he said. “The minute we relax, somebody is going to take us out of our game. Experience is important, but so is continuing to get better every day. We always review the negatives after a game and see how we can improve.”

Film study is a key part of that growth. “I probably watch at least two hours of film every other day,” Green said. “It’s not just for me — as a unit, we catch things individually and collectively. We have to be player-led, especially with D-tackles and D-ends working together to collapse the pocket and keep quarterbacks contained.”

Green’s love of football began at an early age in Louisiana. “My pastor gave us footballs and basketballs when I was a kid, and I started running with it,” he said. “I didn’t start playing until fourth grade, but I really enjoyed it. I’ve always been a Saints fan, and seeing them win the Super Bowl against the Colts was amazing. That got me hooked.”

But Green’s athleticism isn’t limited to the gridiron. He excelled in track and field in high school, particularly in discus. “Discus was my second love,” he said. “I started in middle school, learned from people in the community, and watched Olympic guys throw. I knew I could do it too, and I grew a lot from that experience.”

Off the field, Green finds relaxation in simple pleasures, like taking late-night drives. “Being from Louisiana, it’s more country — pines, horse pastures, cow fields. Driving around Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor, Detroit, it’s relaxing,” he said. He also enjoys reading, shopping, and exploring new places — hobbies that reflect his curiosity and adaptability.

Looking ahead, Green is focused on one clear objective: a Mid-American Conference championship. “The climb is about taking it one step at a time,” he said. “Summer workouts, film study, learning the scheme — there will be obstacles, but we keep ascending as a team.”

For Donovan Green, the journey from a young Saints fan in Louisiana to a senior leader in the MAC has been defined by resilience, versatility, and a relentless drive to improve. “Every day is a chance to get better and leave a mark,” he said. “That’s what motivates me and what I hope to leave as my legacy at Eastern Michigan.”

## Dunlap Brings Big Ten Experience and Texas Grit

*Senior running back looks to make an immediate impact*

**YPSILANTI, Mich. (EMUEagles.com)** – Tavierre Dunlap has always chased opportunity. A highly recruited running back out of Del Valle, Texas, he spent four years at Michigan, rubbing shoulders with future NFL stars and learning the nuances of elite-level football. Now, as a senior at Eastern Michigan, he’s ready to turn that experience into leadership and production for the Eagles.

“Man, more than you think, to be honest,” Dunlap said when asked about his excitement for fall camp. “I spent four years at Michigan, played a little here and there but not to the point where I had a significant role. Being able to come here to Eastern and get that opportunity is everything to me.”

Though his playing time in Ann Arbor was limited, the lessons were invaluable. “Every dude in front of me is in the league right now,” Dunlap reflected. “I didn’t play much, but I got a degree and became a completely different football player. Michigan was a blessing. Now I get to show how much I’ve improved.”

EMU’s backfield is wide open, giving Dunlap the chance to showcase his versatility. “Coach Creighton and Coach Pike like to run the football, and that was a big reason for coming here,” he said. “I didn’t even have to move — same apartment, can hear the Eastern games from my balcony. Everything just clicked.”

Describing his running style, Dunlap said, “I want to be a little bit of everything — a downhill runner, fast, a home run hitter. I want to catch passes out of the backfield, pass protect, be that three- or four-down back.” His relationship with the offensive line is central to his approach. “Every day in OTAs, the O-line puts in insane work. We go over protection, I try to put myself at the center of that, and take this thing as far as I can,” he said.

Adjusting to EMU’s intense offseason conditioning has been a challenge, but one Dunlap welcomes. “Man, we’re fighting, straining, and it’s only going to help us throughout the season. I’ve been through everything when it comes to workouts, so I just attack it all,” he said.

Returning to his home state for EMU’s season opener against Texas State adds an emotional element. “I graduated at Texas State, so this is a 360 moment for me,” Dunlap said. “I’m excited to play in front of my family and friends. My mom calls every two weeks asking for more tickets, so I’ll be bugging teammates all camp trying to get as many as possible.”

Growing up in Texas, Dunlap thrived in a hyper-competitive environment. “Playing football in Texas, we faced schools like Westlake, Lake Travis, Bowie. There was a lot of D1 talent and competition, so it really pushes you to get better,” he said. He also reflected on the caliber of teammates and opponents that shaped him. “Guys like Garrett Wilson, Caleb Burden, DeKedrick Stearns — playing with and against them taught me how to elevate my game every day.”

Away from football, Dunlap balances his intense schedule with music and outdoor walks. “I’ve been making music, listening to rap and R&B, going on walks — mostly on the Border-to-Border Trail,” he said. “That’s my time to relax and reset.”

EMU’s team theme this year is “The Climb,” a concept that resonates deeply with Dunlap. “We’ve got 51 new players, so coming together to win a MAC championship is hard,” he said. “The Climb is one step at a time — one game, one play, one step. Coming from a championship program, I try to bring discipline and a little swagger to the team.”

Even with the weight of expectations, Dunlap welcomes the challenge of leadership. “I know I have a lot of guys supporting me, and we all share the same vision for our last year of college football. I really feel like we’re going to win a lot of games,” he said.

With speed, versatility, and experience, Tavierre Dunlap is poised to make an immediate impact for Eastern Michigan, both on the field and in the locker room. For the Eagles, his presence represents a critical piece in a team ready to climb toward a MAC championship.

## McMillan Eyes Redemption in Final Season

*Seattle-born running back overcomes injury, draws on experience*

**YPSILANTI, Mich. (EMUEagles.com)** – Dontae McMillan's journey from Seattle to Eastern Michigan has been a test of perseverance, resilience, and an unwavering love of football. The graduate running back endured a season-ending injury last year in front of his hometown crowd, and now he's ready to turn 2025 into a defining chapter of his career.

"An emotional standpoint, really means a lot," McMillan said. "Being on the sidelines, not being able to play with my brother — it affected me. Sometimes I should have been mentally depressed. But coming back this season, it's gonna be the best season for me personally. I just came up to prove everybody wrong, and I'm gonna be the number one back in the MAC. That's guaranteed."

The memory of last year's injury at Washington remains vivid. "It was really hard for me and my family," he recalled. "Everybody was so excited to see me play for the first time in my city. It was gonna be the biggest game of my career. I ran inside zone, got in a pile, and felt the crack. I knew it wasn't right, and I just knew I was going to be out for the season."

Despite the setback, McMillan praises EMU's coaching and medical staff for their support. "I'm very much appreciative," he said. "During training, I've been emotional, even crying at times, thinking my ankle wouldn't get better. But Deonte Mack and the medical staff kept pushing me, telling me to keep working, putting in the extra time with PT. Without them, I wouldn't be here today."

McMillan's path to EMU included four standout years at Weber State, where he became an All-Big Sky Conference running back. "I started all four years," he said. "As a freshman, I led the nation in yards per carry. Playing at FCS level made my name, and now I'm at FBS, ready to take everything in and cherish every moment."

He admits he wasn't familiar with EMU or Ypsilanti before transferring. "No, sir, I didn't know," he said with a laugh. "But Coach Reed and Coach Creighton reached out. Coach Creighton was so excited because I'm from Washington, and they saw my talent. It felt like family, and I knew it was the right move."

For McMillan, the past seven years of college football have been transformative. "It's really turned me into the man I am today," he said. "It's taught me to handle adversity, to work hard, and to understand life beyond football." While he dreams of reaching the NFL, he's also exploring a future in sports commentary. "Football has led me a long way," he said. "I love the game too much. I want to stay close to it, and being a commentator can make me successful for my family."

McMillan has also embraced a leadership role in EMU's backfield. "Being the oldest, the grandpa in the room, I give the young guys perspective on how college football works," he said. "In the running back room, we're like family. I want them to win, and I want them to see the vision on the field."

Eastern Michigan's theme this year, "The Climb," resonates deeply with him. "It makes me be productive even more," McMillan said. "You can't be satisfied with just being average. When you do something you love, put 100% into it, like it's your last. You just never know what can happen. That's life."

The EMU offense will feature a lot of new faces this season, but McMillan trusts the unit. "Honestly, I trust my line," he said. "They've been putting in the work, and I appreciate them. After every live, we're getting extra reps, understanding assignments. That small stuff really matters. I believe we're going to have the greatest offensive line in the MAC, and it's gonna make the plays look even better."

From a high school standout in Seattle to a seasoned collegiate athlete, McMillan has learned the value of perseverance and perspective. "It's been seven years of college football, and it really taught me how to be hard-working and handle adversity respectfully," he said. "I talk to the young guys in the backfield and try to give them perspective. We're a family, and I want everyone to succeed, not just myself."

With his combination of experience, leadership, and drive, Dontae McMillan is poised to make a major impact for Eastern Michigan in 2025, chasing a MAC championship while savoring every opportunity to touch the football.

## Terry Lockett Jr. Aims to Elevate EMU Offense

*Graduate receiver balances leadership, family ties*

**YPSILANTI, Mich. (EMUEagles.com)** – After a breakout 2024 season that earned him Third-Team All-MAC honors, **Terry Lockett Jr.** is entering his final campaign at Eastern Michigan with confidence, focus, and a personal mission to lift his team to new heights. The graduate student from St. Paul, Minnesota, has become a central figure in the EMU offense, both on the field and in the locker room.

"Hopefully we can follow that up from last year," Lockett said. "I'm excited for this, my last season here. Last year kind of went unknown — just transferred in — so I know it'll be a little bit different this year. The team's probably game-planning for me and stuff, but I'm excited."

Lockett knows what it means to be the player opponents circle on their scouting reports. "I'm not backing down from any competition. Every team, it's a dogfight," he said. "They have some good guys on our schedule this year, so I'm excited for the matchups and whatever they throw my way."

Preparation has been meticulous. "Really everything," he said. "Timing with the quarterbacks, getting in and out of breaks, just continuing not to take plays off. That's been the biggest focus for me." Under Coach Heard, his growth has been substantial. "He instilled a lot of confidence in me since he got here, telling me he needs me to be that guy, be consistent. Me and his relationship has definitely grown going into this next year, so I'm excited too."

The EMU wide receiver room, which blends returning talent with newcomers, excites him. "We're definitely still deep. A lot of guys still got some stuff to prove," he said. "We lost some big playmakers, but we've got guys who could come on the scene and do their thing." Developing chemistry with the quarterback room has been equally important. "It's been really easy getting extra work in with them. They put on a pretty good show too," Lockett said.

A unique aspect of Lockett's experience at EMU is playing alongside his younger brother, Tyree. "It's a blessing. I've been sleeping in the same bed as that dude for about 15 years, going to high school. Being able to do it again in college, live together, same campus, it's great," he said. "He's a dog. I love having him by my side." Tyree has made strides in the weight room and on the field, and Lockett said he's expecting big things this season.

Away from football, Lockett enjoys spending time with family and teammates. "We go out to eat. I play the game with them guys. That's really what I enjoy the most," he said. Reflecting on his time at EMU, he has grown in maturity and confidence. "A lot of peers notice a little more maturity level, more confidence on the field. I feel like I can grow a lot more every day," Lockett said.

The team's 2025 theme, "The Climb," resonates with him on and off the field. "Everybody starts from the bottom. You know the steps to get to the top. You can't skip anything. Take every step one at a time, one day at a time. We're ready for it," he said. The thrill of playing at home adds an extra layer of excitement. "Running out of the tunnel, seeing the crowd, helping knock down that wall — it symbolizes all the work we put in. There's no other feeling like it."

Lockett's path to EMU included a standout high school career at Minnehaha Academy and a stint in Ohio at SPIRE Institute. Ranked among Minnesota's top prospects, he recorded 53 receptions for 1,030 yards with 14 touchdowns as a senior and earned All-State recognition. He also excelled in basketball, helping lead Minnehaha Academy to multiple state championships and competing at a high level in prep school basketball.

From his Minnesota roots to EMU, Lockett's career has been defined by versatility, leadership, and family. "I'm blessed to wake up with the opportunity to keep doing this," he said. "I want to continue growing on and off the field and enjoy every moment of my last year."

With his combination of skill, experience, and leadership, Terry Lockett Jr. is poised to make a major impact for Eastern Michigan in 2025, embodying the team's theme of The Climb while chasing MAC success and leaving a lasting legacy in Ypsilanti.



## Jefferson Adam Climbs to New Heights

*Ypsilanti native embraces leadership and hometown pride*

**YPSILANTI, Mich. (EMUEagles.com)** – For **Jefferson Adam**, the journey to his final season at Eastern Michigan is as much about giving back as it is about making plays. A senior defensive lineman from Ypsilanti, Adam has spent years honing his craft, and this fall he steps onto the field with a unique perspective: he's playing not just for himself, but for his family, his community, and the city that shaped him.

"Can't put it into words. It's indescribable," Adam said. "It's my last year, and just been soaking in all the moments of the spring, the summer...this is the now. I'm super excited for the fall."

Even with experience under his belt, the excitement of gameday hasn't waned. "In terms of excitement, it's the same level of excitement," he said. "Especially first home game, Long Island, it's gonna be...you look up, see your family, see the fans, see the city that you were raised in. It's definitely still that 'wow' moment."

Adam's connection to Ypsilanti runs deep. "This was the city my parents came to when they immigrated here. This city gave them a chance, it gave me a chance," he said. "When I wasn't at my best, this place was still home for me — the locals, the food, the resources. Now, to be able to come back and give back is just awesome."

That sense of community fuels him on and off the field. "I get to impact people in the community I was from, especially young kids," Adam said. "Showing them I wasn't who I am by luck. I had to suffer, strain, apply myself, and continue to be the best version of myself. Being able to go to my old Little League teams, middle schools, high schools...hang out with my friends, inspire their siblings...honestly, it feels like a dream."

Adam's rise hasn't been easy. Before becoming a starter, he recalls humble beginnings: "A long way from where I was eating Wendy's and going to Planet Fitness. That very Planet Fitness, my little brother has a summer membership, and we go together. It's nostalgic. I was in his shoes trying to get bigger, stronger, faster."

Family remains central to Adam's preparation and mindset. "They're fuel to my car," he said. "Being at the games, going over there, getting a home-cooked meal, hanging out with mom, little brothers...It's rejuvenating. Very refreshing. It gives me that reset I need for the week."

On the field, Adam has focused on refining his pass rush. "Working off different moves, using my strength, bend and rip, reach and finish at the quarterback," he said. "Last season I gave up some opportunities on game-changing plays, but we learned from them. Me and Hector Carter, even today after the lift, we were out there getting extra work."

Adam also draws inspiration from EMU alumni who have succeeded at the next level. "Having someone like Maxx Crosby come back and do D-line calls, office meetings...give us tips, tricks...that's powerful. Motivating. Watching his relentlessness, the ability to attack knowing the sack may come on the second effort, it's just powerful," he said.

The team's theme for 2025, "The Climb," resonates with Adam's philosophy. "When you're climbing a mountain, you start at the bottom. Everybody starts at the bottom," he said. "There are things in the way, things that take you off your track. But the climb doesn't stop. You don't relax after a win. You stop only when you reach the top. Keep climbing, no matter what."

Adam's determination is reflected in his on-field performance. In 2024, he played in all 12 games, recording 25 tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss, and 3.5 sacks, while earning recognition on the College Sports Communicators Academic All-District Team and the National Football Foundation Hampshire Honor Society.

From Hocking College to Iowa State and now EMU, Adam has consistently shown resilience and a drive to succeed. "My will and want to play Division I football, ultimately to go to the NFL, was so great I couldn't pass up the opportunity," he said. "That's why I went through what I went through to get to this point."

For Adam, playing at EMU isn't just about statistics or accolades — it's about leaving a legacy in the city and program that gave him a chance. "It's a blessing to come home, be known in the community, impact young kids, and make my family proud," he said. "That's what this is all about."

## Martin Turns Patience and Power into Defensive Force

*From track star to defensive lineman, Newark native embraces grind*

**YPSILANTI, Mich. (EMUEagles.com)** – **Tyrell Martin** has spent his athletic life chasing explosiveness, precision, and dominance. Whether hurling a shot put to victory or tearing through offensive lines, Martin's competitive fire has been a constant. But the road to becoming a cornerstone of Eastern Michigan's defensive line wasn't straightforward.

"I feel like last season was solid, just learning the conference, learning FBS football," said Martin, reflecting on his 2024 debut. "I came from Delaware State, so it was FCS. Just learning the speed of the game and expecting everything the coaches told me on my visit. They welcomed me with open arms. I'm grateful for the experience."

Martin, a Newark, Delaware, native and graduate of St. Georges Technical High School, initially made a name for himself as a multi-sport athlete. Excelling in both football and track and field, he earned four top-three finishes in the shot put at the MEAC Championships and won indoor and outdoor titles. "Workouts-wise, it's the same thing — quickness, foot speed, explosiveness," he said. "Being in track kept me prepared for football workouts and doing everything they do, so it transfers over pretty well."

Despite his track success, Martin's transition to college football required patience. "Going into my freshman year, I was already planning on going to the football team...first tryouts had already passed, so I had to wait another year," he explained. "Mentally, it was tough, but I just kept working until my time came."

When his opportunity finally arrived, Martin seized it immediately. "I made the team, ended up starting all 11 games, and it was a grateful feeling to be back on the field," he said. "Getting on the field, it was just...man, there's nothing you can compare it to. After waiting two years, you've got to apply pressure now."

Martin's skill set, honed over years of weightlifting, speed drills, and track competitions, translated seamlessly to the defensive line. He describes his game as "fast, aggressive, violent, and just quicker than the person across from me. Just trying to cause havoc for the team, doing my job." His coaches have taken notice of both his physicality and mental approach.

With the graduation of defensive line leader **Peyton Price**, Martin has embraced a new role as a vocal and physical leader. "Peyton played aggressive, mean, nasty. I want to establish that in my game and fill in his footsteps," he said. "Making sure the team doesn't miss him, and showing I can be as productive as he was—that's my goal."

Martin and his EMU defensive line have focused on teamwork to maximize their impact. "Last year, we were rushing individually. Now we're rushing together, creating a net for the quarterback," he said. "The more we rush together, the more sacks we're going to get as a whole."

Off the field, Martin's life revolves around football, academics, and family. "If it's not physically training, I might watch film or play the game," he said. "I've been doing this since I was six. Football's a big part of my heart." He is majoring in Business Management while striving to balance the demands of being a Division I athlete.

EMU's team theme, "The Climb," resonates deeply with Martin. "To me, it means just a grind. There's no substitute for hard work," he said. "Starting from winter mat drills, spring ball, summer workouts, and now into fall camp, it's just being together, knowing each other, and getting better as a whole. Eventually, we'll finish on top, but there's a long way to go."

Martin's journey — from a six-year-old kid throwing a shot put in Delaware, to excelling in FCS track, to finally earning his spot as a starter at EMU — embodies resilience and patience. "I just kept working, I know my time will come," he said. "Once it did, I knew I had to outwork everybody."

Now, entering his senior season, Martin is ready to leave his mark, both as a disruptive force in the backfield and as a leader for the next generation of EMU defensive linemen. "It feels amazing to step up, fill in Peyton's role, and be someone the team can rely on," he said. "I'm just excited to keep climbing."

## Nick Harris: Senior Tight End Ready to Lead EMU

*Versatile athlete aims to make his mark in Eastern Michigan's tight end*

**YPSILANTI, Mich. (EMUEagles.com)** – When **Nick Harris** first heard from Eastern Michigan's coaching staff, he was immediately drawn to the program's emphasis on loyalty and culture. "The coaching staff reached out to me early. Coach Creighton and Coach Chestnut as well. You know, I'm pretty big on loyalty, and that really struck a chord with me," Harris said. "I love the culture here. The staff obviously as well. The guys are awesome too. The tight end room is awesome. I'm very happy with my decision."

Harris's journey to Ypsilanti began long before his recruitment. Growing up in Ellicott City, Maryland, he was a multi-sport athlete, playing football, basketball, lacrosse, and more. "I really spent every season doing at least one sport," Harris said. "I was always big into sports. That's kind of been my life." He started playing football in elementary school after seeing friends participate in pee-wee leagues. His mother was hesitant at first, but Harris stuck with it, and the sport quickly became a central part of his identity.

At Marriotts Ridge High School, Harris was a standout on both sides of the ball. He helped lead the team to its first-ever conference championship, recording 41 tackles, six sacks, and multiple blocked kicks. His leadership and versatility were evident, and he served as a captain, earning recognition both for his athletic performance and his character.

After high school, Harris continued his football career at UConn, initially playing defense before transitioning to tight end. "The change was very tough mentally, probably more mentally than physically," he said. "As a tight end, you pretty much have to know everything that the quarterback knows, without obviously the actual job itself. It's really about learning your playbook and creating good habits on the field." The transition required patience, film study, and repeated practice, but Harris embraced the challenge, determined to contribute in any way he could.

Despite switching positions, Harris brings a physical and mental toughness to the tight end room at EMU. "I honestly want to be a leader to the tight end room. Being the oldest guy in the room is a huge responsibility," he said. "I want to show them the way, be an example they can look up to." He models his playing style after NFL standout Mark Andrews, admiring both his blocking and receiving skills. "He's a very good blocking tight end, which doesn't get enough credit. But he's also a stud receiving tight end. I strive to be both," Harris said.

Off the field, Harris retains strong ties to his Maryland roots. He still enjoys the simple pleasures of home, like seasoning his meals with Old Bay. "I literally have an Old Bay tin on my desk. I sprinkle some of that before I eat," he said. "Probably on a sandwich or eggs. I love it." Harris's upbringing also instilled a love of competition and camaraderie, values he carries into his role as a senior leader at EMU.

The Eagles' traditions and team culture have also captured Harris's imagination. He's particularly excited for the program's signature game-day rituals, like the cinderblock wall and the wrench. "I'm really looking forward to the cinderblock wall, the wrench, all that stuff," he said. "I'm itching to be one of the guys to run through it or even knock it down. The traditions here are awesome. Coach Creighton is very big on that."

As Harris prepares for his first season in an EMU uniform, he's motivated by the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution. "What makes my heart beat faster is probably knowing it's going to be my last first game run out, my last season," he said. "I get butterflies just thinking about being on the field in an actual game setting."

A senior majoring in Financial Analytics, Harris hopes to leave a lasting impression both on and off the field. "I want to be a great teammate and a leader for the tight end room," he said. "Hopefully, I can help set the tone for the younger guys and leave a positive legacy."

From his Maryland roots to his transition from defense to offense at UConn, Nick Harris's journey reflects resilience, adaptability, and a love for the game. As the fall season approaches, the senior tight end is ready to combine experience, leadership, and competitive fire to make an impact for the Eastern Michigan Eagles.

## Zach Mowchan Ready to Lead After Adversity

*Graduate student embraces comeback season with determination*

**YPSILANTI, Mich. (EMUEagles.com)** – For **Zach Mowchan**, the climb back to the football field has been both literal and metaphorical. A graduate student linebacker from Dillsburg, Pennsylvania, Mowchan is returning to the Eastern Michigan Eagles after a season cut short by injury, determined to help lead a team eager to build on the promise of a five-and-two start that ultimately ended at 5-7.

"I would say it's a great opportunity," Mowchan said of his return in 2025. "Obviously, last season, it was a little unfortunate. It got cut short for me, but also as a team, we didn't play how we wanted in the end. So it's not just an opportunity for me to be back on the field, but it's a whole new opportunity for the team."

Mowchan's mindset reflects a mix of personal accountability and team-first leadership. He credits his teammates, coaches, and support staff for helping him navigate the mental and physical challenges of recovery. "I owe a lot to them. I'm really fortunate to have those guys in my back corner...they've been able to build up my confidence and the injury itself, obviously, to be able to put me back on the field in this time frame. It's very impressive, and I'm very thankful for them."

The recovery process itself has been both grueling and eye-opening. Known for his relentless work ethic, Mowchan had to adjust his approach after his injury, balancing intensity with recovery. "It's tough...with this injury, I had to take a step back and reevaluate how I work. It was very important that I get just as much recovery as I do physical activity, if not more," he explained. "Your best ability is your availability. I've been doing a lot of film work, technique drills, and teaching other guys. Teaching is a great demonstration to show you if you actually know something."

One of Mowchan's standout moments came against Jacksonville State, where he recorded a career-high 15 tackles, more than his first two games combined. "That game, I felt like I was finally letting loose...playing with no thoughts running through my head of mistakes or confusion," he recalled. Even though the game ended with an overtime loss due to a bad plant, Mowchan stayed positive, focusing on the team's ultimate success. "It was frustrating, but it was a learning curve. That was the time to go—all that hard work was for this season right here."

Now in a new year and a room filled with fresh faces, Mowchan embraces his role as a leader. "It's a blessing...sometimes it's hard because of where I am in the recovery. I want to be that example for guys, but I also have something to prove to myself," he said. "It's almost like a duality: sacrificing myself, proving myself, and giving others confidence."

Mowchan also reflects on the legacy of Eastern Michigan linebackers, citing past standouts such as **Joe Sparacio**, **Chase Kline**, **Luke Cameron**, and **Kyle Rachwal**. "A lot of guys are looking to me now, but it's never pressure straight on me because not everything's in my control. I'm a person of faith. God controls a lot of that, and that gives me confidence on the field."

Off the field, Mowchan balances his focus on football with personal pursuits and professional preparation. He enjoys reading business books, spending time with friends, fishing, and following sports. "I just finished a book called *The Go-Giver*. It teaches the idea of servitude and giving extra to others without expecting payment in return," he said. A lifelong sports fan, he roots for the Pirates, Steelers, and Penguins and even recently discovered a new appreciation for baseball after watching *Moneyball*.

From overcoming injuries in high school to becoming a trusted leader at EMU, Zach Mowchan's journey is defined by resilience, dedication, and perspective. "We're climbing every single day. If we do that as a team, we keep each other's backs. We're pushing one another, learning from the past, and putting forth the future we want as a team," he said.

## Broken Leg Rehab Remade McMillan for the Better

by Andrew Graham, Mitten Football

**YPSILANTI, Mich.** – It's the end of practice No. 17 in Eastern Michigan's fall camp, a focused few hours on the grey Rynearson Stadium turf on a cool, cloudy Wednesday evening.

Head coach Chris Creighton brings the team together and midfield, delivering some end-of-practice analysis and giving the floor to general manager Jeff Collett for some off-field scheduling reminders. And amongst the Eagles kneeling at midfield is someone who, in a lot of ways, isn't supposed to be there.

But in this moment, Dontae McMillan was laser focused on what stood in front of him, and not the prior 11 and a half months that posed some of the biggest challenges of his life.

A graduate student entering his seventh year in college football, a journey that started at FCS Weber State in 2019, McMillan was supposed to have wrapped up his college playing career at the end of 2024. But a season-ending injury in Week 2 before a hometown crowd, in front of countless family and friends in attendance, added an abrupt, late detour in McMillan's route through college and to, ideally, the NFL. It tested McMillan in new ways, mentally and physically, and he powered through a long and often lonely rehab process.

"So when that happened, it was really new to me," McMillan said. "Like, actually it was a new experience for me."

And for as much as last year challenged McMillan, taxing his mental resolve as he stacked incremental rehab wins, the lessons he's learned and hurdles he's cleared will only serve him in the long run.

"The world, you know, comes to an end really," Creighton said about experiencing a season-ending injury. "And then at some point, if you handle it right, it can become a blessing. It's sick to say, but it's like, you're almost glad that it happened. Because I mean, he's healthy and he's a year older and he's, you know what I mean?"

"I think he's gonna run, angry is not the right word, but it's kind of gonna feel like that."

Sept. 7, 2024, was maybe the biggest single game of McMillan's career, personally. So sitting in the injury tent on the visiting sidelines of Washington's Husky Stadium, he wasn't seeing silver linings that his coach waxed poetic about nearly a year later.

A Seattle native, McMillan got his first chance to play college football in his hometown, as the Eagles visited the Huskies for a non-conference game in Week 2. Countless members of his family and friends were on hand to watch him play.

McMillan was naturally juiced up for the day.

And his early play on the field showed it, and Candice Sweet-Deakings, his godmother and a de facto mother figure in his life, could see it from the stands.

"He started off that game and was just, ah, dropping shoulders and running everybody over and picking up yards," Sweet-Deakings said. "The whole crowd was just ecstatic. It was full of so much excitement."

On his eighth carry, shortly before halftime, McMillan got tackled and didn't immediately get up.

That gave Sweet-Deakings pause. McMillan always got up from injuries. And he'd never been seriously hurt before.

As McMillan stayed down, she knew it had to be serious.

"He's always been able to bounce up and shake it off," Sweet-Deakings said. "And he couldn't."

On the field, McMillan wanted to get up, but he couldn't. His leg just didn't work, and he knew something was seriously wrong.

An injury timeout was called and trainers and coaches came out to attend to McMillan. As he hobbled off the field, leaning on two bodies to keep weight off his now-injured leg, Sweet-Deakings knew it was something significant. Still, she hoped it might not be severe.

McMillan shuffled into the injury tent and got a closer look from trainers and doctors and quickly the prognosis came back, and it wasn't good: His leg was probably broken near the ankle. They needed to take X-rays to see how badly, but it could be a season-ending injury.

They hoped it could be a fracture, something he could come back from in a matter of weeks or maybe a month.

But as McMillan emerged from the tent, he made eye contact with Sweet-Deakings in the stands, and he communicated to her that a nightmare was materializing.

"I was just chilling on the bench for a little bit and then the trainer came and got me," McMillan said. "And so I couldn't even, it was hard for me to walk. And it was very frustrating for me. And so we went under the tent, they checked my leg out and I just told him, 'It's, it's not right.'"

In coming hours and days, further X-rays and scans confirmed what the medical staff initially feared: McMillan had broken his right fibula and would need surgery to repair it. He'd be out for the season.

After returning to southeast Michigan, McMillan went under the knife for a surgery that repaired not only his broken leg, but addressed the damage to ligaments and connective tissue in his ankle that had been worn down and then partially destroyed by the injury, Sweet-Deakings said.

But before leaving Husky Stadium, McMillan faced his family and friends, wheelchair bound, and the enormity of what lay ahead set in.

"I remember just after the game, I was in the wheelchair. I didn't like that," McMillan said. "I didn't like my family seeing me like that. And I was just tearing down and I was just looking at everybody and I was just trying to be strong. But they can tell in my face that I was really actually in pain."

He didn't express to them at the time, but Sweet-Deakings knew that McMillan felt like he'd let everyone down.

"In Dontae's mind, he's like, 'I let you guys down,'" Sweet-Deakings said. "And it's like, no, there's no way you let us down. You went out there and performed your best. We just want

you healthy."

Mental tests of rehab

McMillan had never been seriously injured prior to breaking his leg. So in the days following his surgery, a new opponent came into focus: His own mind.

Along with carrying feelings of letting his team down, McMillan grappled with a harsh new reality that his NFL dreams were on hold and instead of playing football for the foreseeable future, he had weeks and months of injury rehab stretching out before him.

"It was really a me versus me situation, in my head, mentally," McMillan said. "And so, yeah, man, that was like the hardest days of my life."

It'd have been easy to stew in those feelings, too, especially right after the surgery, before McMillan could take on intensive physical work to rehab. His post-op assignment was to rest and let the incisions heal and the swelling go down. That meant lots of time sequestered in his apartment in the first few weeks post-op.

He couldn't even walk on it fully, and even things as simple as needing to go to the bathroom in the middle of the night became a distinct challenge.

"I had a scooter around the house," McMillan said. "You know, crutches. But I didn't like the crutches. I like the scooters, but that's what it really was for me. It was very difficult."

But McMillan didn't let the darkness absorb him, nor would his support network let it. He had some family come to stay with him to help out as he was relatively immobile. Sweet-Deakings, who couldn't get away from the West Coast, footed the bill for a grocery order to make sure McMillan had his fridge and pantry stocked with good food. They'd call almost daily, too.

His teammates supported him, too.

McMillan credited all of his teammates for the love they showed him to lift him up after his surgery, but particularly noted how he leaned on wide receiver Terry Lockett Jr. to help him when the doubts and angst started to get too loud in his head.

"We both came in here at the same time," McMillan said. "And I just really wanna thank him for just really being there for me, you know, as a brother and just putting me as his family."

And somewhere in all this, McMillan accepted something important: He didn't let anyone down when he went down that day in Seattle.

And he didn't need to hold on to any ill-will pointed at himself for getting hurt when he did.

"I'm never gonna forget that moment because it made me a better — a better player and a better man after that, you know?" McMillan said.

After the season concluded, McMillan went home to Seattle for the winter break.

Between a needed few weeks of rest and relaxation away from the day-to-day demands of being a college athlete — he still kept on his rehab intensely, Sweet-Deakings said — and being at a point where his rehab involved physical work, Sweet-Deakings saw how McMillan had turned a corner, at least mentally.

But there was still physical gains to be made.

The massive post-op swelling had long subsided and showed just how much muscle had atrophied as McMillan's leg was out of commission. Along with needing to add muscle mass and strength to the lower leg itself, McMillan needed to rebuild the strength and mobility in his ankle, which had been stabilized in a boot for the better part of three months.

He could move around without any aids. But he was still slow and steady going up and down stairs, some three-plus months removed from surgery. And with incision scars and little exposure to the elements, it didn't look great, either.

"It was discolored," Sweet-Deakings said. "It was like, 'Dang, he needed some sun.'"

As McMillan wrapped up his junket home and returned to Ypsilanti for the spring 2025 semester, something had become clear: For all the physical work that lie ahead, McMillan had turned a corner in his mind.

One lesson McMillan had to internalize going into this season: His leg will never be the same.

Not necessarily worse, but never like it was before he broke it. That's the price of having added hardware.

And what matters most is that McMillan is confident in his leg, not just to hold up, health-wise, but to help him be the sort of running back that can lead a Division 1 backfield.

Revelation came when McMillan noticed that he was practicing relatively pain free. He was back.

"My ankle had to get acclimated to it, so it took a while, but I just felt like once it was barely hurting, I said, 'Oh yeah, I'm ready for this year. It's my year,'" McMillan said.

And with the 2025 season on the doorstep, the same coaches and players that McMillan felt he let down almost a year ago rave about how thankful they are to have him on this team.

"It was supposed to be his last year, last year," Creighton said. "With his injury there at Washington, he's got another last chance and he's playing like it, as well."

Sweet-Deakings and his family are, of course, behind him, too. Though now, there's an increased awareness of just how thin the margin is between McMillan living out his dreams or falling short, and that it might not ultimately be up to him.

But they also learned, and McMillan learned, too, just how resilient and relentless he can be, even when the deck stacked up against him.

"He's the most determined person I've ever met in my life," Sweet-Deakings said.

So, McMillan might not have been supposed to be part of this Eastern Michigan team, originally. But it's no surprise to anyone that he's still here.



## All games



Team Statistics	EMU	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	40	50
Rushing	14	30
Passing	22	19
Penalty	4	1
RUSHING YARDAGE	265	623
Rushing Attempts	58	84
Average Per Rush	4.6	7.4
Average Per Game	132.5	311.5
TDs Rushing	3	7
PASSING YARDAGE	437	462
Comp-Att-Int	41-63-0	33-51-0
Average Per Pass	6.9	9.1
Average Per Catch	10.7	14.0
Average Per Game	218.5	231.0
TDs Passing	3	4
TOTAL OFFENSE	702	1085
Average Per Play	5.8	8.0
Average Per Game	351.0	542.5
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	7-173	2-17
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	0-0	2-33
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	0-0	0-0
FUMBLES-LOST	1-0	2-0
PENALTIES-Yards	6-50	9-71
PUNTS-AVG	10-51.5	5-41.8
TIME OF POSSESSION/G	25:35	34:25
3RD-DOWN Conversions	11/27	18/27
4TH-DOWN Conversions	2/3	1/2

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
TOMASEK, Mitch	10	515	51.5	63	3	3	4	6	0

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Opponents</b>	2	33	16.5	0	32

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
NORMAN, Jayvin	5	140	28.0	0	39
MATTORD,Joey	2	33	16.5	0	17
Total	7	173	24.7	0	39
Opponents	2	17	8.5	0	15

All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
McMILLAN, D	2	136	68	0	0	0	204	102.0
NORMAN, Ja	1	0	0	0	140	0	140	140.0
LOCKETT, Te	2	0	140	0	0	0	140	70.0
MATTORD, Jo	2	38	5	0	33	0	76	38.0
LONG, Joshu	2	0	63	0	0	0	63	31.5
Total	2	265	437	0	173	0	875	437.5
Opponents	2	623	462	33	17	0	1135	567.5

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Kim, Noah	2	74	24	437	461	230.5
McMILLAN, Dontae	2	17	136	0	136	68.0
DUNLAP, Tavierre	2	21	59	0	59	29.5
MATTORD, Joey	2	5	38	0	38	19.0
JOINTER, James	2	2	4	0	4	2.0
Total	2	121	265	437	702	351.0
Opponents	2	135	623	462	1085	542.5

#	Defensive Leaders	gp-gs	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	Sacks no-yds	Pass defense int-yds brup qbh	Fumbles rcv-yds ff	blkd kick saf
44	PATIERNO, Marco	2-2	2	10	12	0.5-1	.	.	1	.
6	LLEWELLYN, Bryce	2-2	2	10	12	1.5-2	.	.	.	.
56	MILES, Sterling	2-2	3	7	10	1.5-3	.	.	.	.
3	MANNING, Barry	2-0	5	4	9	.	.	.	.	.
4	SALAS, Juan	2-0	6	2	8	.	.	.	.	.
	Total	2	57	80	137	9-24	1-11	.	8 6	.
	Opponents	2	67	48	115	11-38	2-21	.	5 12	1