



EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIV. FOOTBALL

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Eagles Take on Gators in Program's First-Ever Meeting with an SEC Opponent

No. 18/20 Eastern Washington readies to face another FBS opponent on Sunday in Gainesville, Fla.

Another challenge awaits the Eastern Washington University football team this week, as it heads to Gainesville, Fla., to take on the University of Florida Gators. Kickoff is set for Saturday, Oct. 2 at 9 a.m. Pacific time from Ben Griffin Hill Stadium.

The game will be broadcast on the SEC Network via ESPN+. The contest will also be broadcast on 700-AM ESPN and 105.3-FM in the Spokane/Cheney area. Larry Weir returns for his 32nd season calling the play-by-play, with analysis handled by Paul Sorensen for the 20th season. Broadcasts begin one hour prior to kickoff and include an expanded post-game show.

The game was originally scheduled for Oct. 1, but the schools jointly announced the rescheduled date for Oct. 2 on the morning of Sept. 27 due to the landfall of Hurricane Ian.

The Eagles are eager to stop a two-game skid that includes losses to Oregon (Sept. 10, 7-14) and Montana State (Sept. 24, 38-35), and currently sit at 1-2 overall and 0-1 in Big Sky Conference play. Eastern, who is currently ranked No. 18 in the AFCA Coaches Poll and No. 20 in the Stats Perform top-25, has one win against Ohio Valley Conference foe Tennessee State in the season-opener.

Florida fell out of the AP Top-25 after a narrow 38-33 loss at Tennessee on Saturday. Not only will this be the second Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) Eastern has faced this season, it will be the second time that its opponent has fallen out of the top-25 after a loss the week prior. The Gators are 2-2 overall, with wins over then No. 7 Utah (29-26) and South Florida (31-28). Three out of Florida's four opponents this season have been nationally ranked.

Florida and Eastern Washington have never played each other before. In fact, it will be Eastern's first-ever game against a Southeastern Conference (SEC) opponent and game played in the state of Florida. Eastern Washington is 11-28 all-time against FBS opponents, while Florida is 67-17-4 against foes from the FCS. Eastern's last win over an FBS opponent came in 2021 with a 35-33 double overtime victory at UNLV.

Eastern is coming off one of the most successful seasons in program history and its 15th Football Subdivision Championship playoff berth. Gone is 2021 Walter Payton Award winner and All-America quarterback, Eric Barriere, along with fellow All-Americans Tristen Taylor and Talolo Limu-Jones, but what's back is a group of players who learned under their tutelage and are ready to emerge.

Eastern Washington lost 10 starters from the 2021 squad that finished the year 10-3 (6-2 in league play). The Eagles did not lose a regular season game on the road, a feat that hadn't been done since 1967, and won their first seven games for the program's best start the FCS level. Starters lost include six on offense and four on defense along with 18 total letterwinners. Back are 12

All-Time Scores

Series History
First Meeting

vs. The SEC
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vs. Opponents From
Fla.
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2022 Eagle Football

#18/20 Eastern Washington University "Eagles" versus University of Florida "Gators"

Sunday, October 2 • 9 a.m. Pacific
Ben Hill Griffin Stadium • Gainesville, Fla.

EWU Coach: Aaron Best (Eastern Washington '01)

School Record: 42-19/30-9 Big Sky Conference (Sixth Season)

Career Record: 42-19 (Sixth Season)

2022: 1-2 / 0-1 Big Sky Conference

Last Game: #4 Montana State 38, #15 Eastern Washington 35 (Sept. 24 in Cheney, Wash.)

TV: None

Webcast: SEC Network / ESPN+

Radio: 700-AM ESPN and 105.3-FM in the Spokane/Cheney area. Larry Weir returns for his 32nd season calling the play-by-play, with analysis handled by Paul Sorensen for the 20th season. Broadcasts begin one hour prior to kickoff and include an expanded post-game show.

Internet Radio: <https://thevarsitynetwork.com/audioaplink>

Radio Mobile Phone

App: Available via The
Varsity Network

Live Stats: EWUStats.
com



FLORIDA "GATORS"

2022 Schedule (2-2 Overall, 0-2 SEC)

Sept. 3	#7 Utah	W, 29-26
Sept. 10	#20 Kentucky	L, 16-26
Sept. 17	South Florida	W, 31-28
Sept. 24	at #11 Tennessee	L, 33-38
Oct. 2	Eastern Washington	9 a.m.
Oct. 8	Missouri	TBA
Oct. 15	LSU	TBA
Oct. 29	at Georgia	12:30 p.m.
Nov. 5	at Texas A&M	TBA
Nov. 19	at Vanderbilt	TBA
Nov. 25	at Florida State	4:30 p.m.

starters (five offense, seven defense, plus three kickers, a punter and snapper) and 47 letterwinners.

Headlining the cast of returners are eight players who have previously earned All-Big Sky Conference honors, with five being honored following the 2021 season. Among the five are wide receivers Freddie Roberson and Efton Chism III, guard Wyatt Musser, and defensive line members Joshua Jerome and Mitchell Johnson. Safeties Anthony Smith and Tre Weed, along with kicker Seth Harrison, earned honors in 2020-21.

Eastern enters the Fall season with a total of 31 players returning with 285 games of starting experience, including 16 players on defense with 181 starts and 15 on offense with 104 starts.

And the Eagles will enter it as one of the top 25 teams in FCS as well. In the preseason rankings released in June by Athlon Sports, the Eagles ranked No. 15. In the HERO Sports preseason poll released in May, Eastern came in at No. 18. Eastern closed the 2021 season seventh in the Stats Perform NCAA Football Championship Subdivision top 25 poll, and EWU was ninth by the coaches.

Most recently, Eastern was picked to finish sixth by both the coaches and the media in the Big Sky preseason poll. It was also ranked No. 13 in the Stats Perform poll and No. 12 by the AFCA.

Consistency has been a cornerstone of EWU football, and the Eagles have cemented an 18-year run of winning the league title and/or advancing to the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs at least every other year. Eastern has achieved that feat ever since its last back-back-empty seasons in 2002 and 2003. Eastern has led the nation in total yards of offense per game twice in the last three years (2021, 554.5 and 2019, 524.8).

In 2018, Eastern secured its 10th Big Sky title. Three years later, the Eagles secured their 15th appearance in the FCS Playoffs in what is now 38 years as a member of the FCS (formerly I-AA). Since 2010 when EWU won the NCAA Division I title, the Eagles have won league titles six times (2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2018) and advanced to

the playoffs all six of those seasons plus in 2020-21 and 2021.

While the Eagles were making their 15th appearance overall in the FCS Playoffs in the 2021 season, sixth-year head coach Aaron Best made his 12th as an EWU player or coach. In six years at the helm, Best owns an overall record of 42-18, including 30-8 in Big Sky play.

From 2004 to 2009 Eastern advanced to the playoffs four times (2004, 2005, 2007, 2009), and won the league title twice (2004, 2005). Eastern has three other playoff berths in school history (1985, 1992, 1997) and two other titles (1992, 1997), and has only had two multi-year stretches in which they accomplished neither. Those were both six-year stretches from between 1986-1991 and 1998-2003.

The Eagles have been impressive – if not dominant – in the league in the last 16 years (2007-2022), winning 79 percent of their games (99-26) and six titles. In that span, Eastern has had no league finish below 5-3 and five of them have included 7-1 or 8-0 records.

The Eagles take a brief pause from conference action after the contest with Montana State, as they head to Florida for the second-matchup against an FBS foe this season on Oct. 1. The Gators (3-0) are currently ranked No. 18 in the AP top-25 and play at Tennessee on Saturday as a part of ESPN's College Game Day. Big Sky play resumes at Weber State on Oct. 8. Conference action includes additional road games at Cal Poly, Idaho and Montana with home matchups against Sacramento State for Homecoming, Portland State, and Northern Colorado for the regular season finale.

The COVID-19 pandemic may have caused headaches and the need for adaptation, but it did allow 11 seniors to participate in a sixth Fall. Among them is quarterback Gunner Talkington who has been tabbed the starter by head coach Aaron Best following Fall Camp. Among them is quarterback Gunner Talkington who has been tabbed the starter by head coach Aaron Best following Fall Camp.

Game Notes

2022 Big Sky Conference Standings

Team (Rankings are from Stats Perform)	Big Sky Conference			All Games				
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT	PF	PA
#T-2 Montana	1	0	1.000	4	0	1.000	173	37
#12 Weber State	1	0	1.000	4	0	1.000	137	38
#T-4 Montana State	1	0	1.000	3	1	.750	169	133
Idaho	1	0	1.000	2	2	.500	108	83
Northern Colorado	1	0	1.000	2	2	.500	100	107
#7 Sacramento State	0	0	1.000	3	0	1.000	134	64
Cal Poly	0	0	1.000	1	2	.333	56	100
#15 Eastern Washington	0	1	.000	1	2	.333	85	137
Northern Arizona	0	1	.000	1	3	.250	47	97
UC Davis	0	1	.000	1	3	.250	90	88
Portland State	0	1	.000	0	3	.000	39	126
Idaho State	0	1	.000	0	4	.000	58	156

EAGLE FOOTBALL QUICK FACTS

Location/Founded: Cheney, Wash./1882
 Enrollment: 10,892 (Fall 21)
 Switchboard: 509.359.6200
 President: Dr. Shari McMahan
 Nickname/Colors: Eagles/Red and White
 Affiliation: NCAA Championship Subdivision (FCS)
 Conference: Big Sky Conference
 Stadium: Roos Field (formerly Woodward Field)
 Capacity/Surface: 8,600/Red AstroTurf installed 2020, Sprinturf originally in 2010
 Ath. Phone: 509.359.2463
 Athletic Director: Lynn Hickey
 Deputy Athletic Director: Todd McGann
 Senior Woman Administrator: Catherine Walker
 Faculty Representative: Lynn Briggs
 Head Football Athletic Trainer: Matt Martin
 Facilities Manager: David Early
 Equipment Manager: Augie Hernandez
 Marketing/Promotions: Kyle Hoob
 Business Operations: Open
 Ticket Manager: Lucas Bacon
 Tickets Website: WWW.GOEAGS.COM/TICKETS
 Ticket Office: 509.359.4339
 Head Football Coach: Aaron Best
 Alma Mater: Eastern Washington '01
 Record at Eastern: 42-19, Six Seasons
 Career Record: 42-19, Six Seasons
 Big Sky Record: 30-9, Six Seasons
 Best Time to Contact: Weekday Mornings
 At This Number: 509.359.6541
 2021 EWU Record: 10-3
 Big Sky Record: 6-2 (t-3rd)
 Big Sky Titles: 10 (92-97-04-05-10-12-13-14-16-18)
 FCS Playoff Appearances: 15 (85-92-97-04-05-07-09-10-12-13-14-16-18-20/21-21)

FCS Record & Championships: 20-14 ... 2010 National Champions; 2018 Runner-Up

All-Time Homecoming Record: 56-36-3

2021 All-Big Sky Conference Performers Returning: 5 – DE Mitchell Johnson (3rd in 2021; 1st in 2020/21; 2nd in 2018); WR Freddie Roberson (3rd in 2021; 2nd in 2020/21); OG Wyatt Musser (3rd in 2021; 2nd in 2020/21); DT Joshua Jerome (3rd in 2021; HM in 2020/21); WR Efton Chism III (3rd in 2021)

2021 All-Big Sky Conference Performers Lost: 8 – (QB Eric Barriere, WR Talolo Limu-Jones, OT Tristen Taylor, RB Dennis Merritt, WR Andrew Boston, DB Calin Criner, LB Jack Sendelbach, LB Ty Graham)

Starters Returning: 12 (5 offense, 7 defense, plus 3 kickers, 1 punter, 1 snapper)

Starters Lost: 10 (6 offense, 4 defense)

Letterwinners Returning: 47 (19 offense, 22 defense, 6 specialists)

Letterwinners Lost: 18 (10 offense, 6 defense, 0 specialists)

Offensive Formation: Multiple

Defensive Formation: 4-2-5

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Florida Game Added Back on Schedule After Covid Cancellation

The Eastern Washington University at Florida football game was officially added back to EWU's schedule on March 24, 2021, when the two schools announced the Eagles will travel to play the Gators on Oct. 1, 2022. The game will be played at 88,548 seat Steve Spurrier-Florida Field at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium in Gainesville, Fla.

The meeting was originally announced in 2016, but the game on Sept. 7, 2020, was unable to be played because of the Covid-19 pandemic. It will be the first-ever game versus the Southeastern Conference for the Eagles, a member of the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision. Eastern Washington has also never played a football game in the state of Florida.

At the time it was first announced, the Gators were coached by Jim McElwain, a former Eagle. The Montana native spent 15 years in Cheney, Wash., from 1980-94 -- first as a player and then as a coach. He received his bachelor's degree in 1984 from EWU and also worked on his master's degree while an Eagle. McElwain departed Florida during the 2017 season, and has been the head coach at Central Michigan since 2019.

This is the second time EWU has played two FBS teams in the same season. The Eagles played at Oregon on Sept. 3, 2022 and suffered a 70-14 loss, prior to playing Florida. Eastern also has games scheduled versus Fresno State (2023), Nevada (2024), Boise State (2025) and Washington (2026 and 2028). Eastern had two FBS opponents on its schedule in 2008 when it opened the season with a 49-24 loss at Texas Tech and then were edged by Colorado the next week 31-24.

Talkington Shines in Win Over Tennessee State

Eastern Washington University football player Gunner Talkington has been named the Big Sky Conference Offensive Player of the Week after a stellar performance in a win over Tennessee State on Saturday, the league announced on Sept. 5.

It's the first player of the week nod for Talkington in his six-year career with the Eagles. Additionally, an Eastern Washington quarterback has claimed seven out of the last 13 Big Sky Offensive Player of the Week awards. Eric Barriere set a Big Sky record with six last season and went on to win the Walter Payton Award.

Talkington, who made his second career start but the first since being officially named EWU's starting quarterback, guided the Eagles to a season-opening 36-29 victory over Tennessee State at Roos Field on Sept. 3.

The redshirt senior entered the game with five career touchdown passes and equaled that in one contest. He threw for 348 yards and led the team with 60 rushing yards, amassing 408 yards of total offense. Talkington completed 29 of his 46 pass attempts (63%) and did not throw an interception.

With the game tied 29-29 with just under seven minutes to go, Talkington orchestrated an 11-play, 75-yard drive that took 3:53 off the clock and ended with a 13-yard strike to Efton Chism III for the game's winning touchdown.

Nationally, Talkington ranks 34th in total offense (238.3). He is currently ranked 32nd in completions per game (19), 10th in passing touchdowns (10), 20th in points responsible for (62), and 38th in passing yards per game (212) through three games.

The Battle Ground, Wash., native joined the Eagles as a walk-on in 2017 and patiently played backup to All-American quarterbacks, Gage Gubrud and Eric Barriere, before earning the starting spot in his sixth season with the Eagles. He has played in 39 games for Eastern Washington, also appearing as a holder on special teams, and has completed 89 of his 157 career pass attempts for 1,001 yards and 15 touchdowns. He has added another 100 yards on the ground.

Talkington Named to CFPA 2022 FCS Watch List

The College Football Performance Awards (CFPA) announced its 2022 watch list for the CFPA FCS National Performer of the Year Trophy and Eastern Washington University quarterback Gunner Talkington earned a spot. Thirty-eight players earned spots on the list, which includes performances from week one.

Talkington is one of five Big Sky Conference players to be featured. The award will be announced on January 13, 2023.

Eastern Now 67-1 Since 2010 When Winning the TO Battle

In the last 14+ seasons (2008-2022), the Eagles are now 76-2 when they've won the turnover battle, 25-9 when they've been tied and 26-39 when they've lost (total of 126-50).

However, Eastern's nearly 12-year, 63-game streak of winning the game when they won the turnover battle came to a halt on Nov. 6, 2021, versus Montana State when MSU had two turnovers to EWU's none. The last time EWU had lost a game when it won the turnover battle came in the 2009 FCS Playoffs at Stephen F. Austin when EWU had two miscues and forced four in the 44-33 loss.

Thus, EWU is now 67-1 since 2010 when they've won the turnover battle, 22-9 when they've been tied and 24-31 when they've lost.

So far this season, EWU has won the turnover battle versus Tennessee State (3-1) with two forced fumbles and two recoveries, plus an interception by Tre Weed to end the game. They lost the turnover battle to Oregon, 2-0, and to Montana State, 2-1.

In 2021, EWU won the turnover battle versus Central Washington (2-0), Western Illinois (1-0), Southern Utah (1-0), Northern Colorado (2-1), Idaho (3-0), Montana State (2-0), UC Davis (2-0), Portland State (2-0) and Northern Iowa (3-1), and lost to UNLV (3-2) and Weber State (3-2). The Eagles were tied versus Montana (2-2) on Oct. 2 but lost (0-2) on Dec. 3.

In 2020-21, EWU opened the year by falling to Idaho 28-21 after losing the turnover battle 2-1. Eastern beat Northern Arizona 45-13 on March 6, but also lost the turnover battle in that one, 3-0. Eastern beat Idaho State by both score (46-42) and the turnover battle (3-2). Eastern won the turnover battle 2-1 against Cal Poly on March 27, but lost 1-0 at UC Davis in a 32-22 victory on April 3. The Eagles closed the regular season by registering two four-quarter interceptions – the only turnovers of the game – in a 38-31 win over Idaho on April 10. In the FCS Playoffs, the lone turnover was an Eagle interception on offense as North Dakota State won the turnover battle 1-0.

Eastern is 33-22 Since 2010 Versus Ranked Opponents

Eastern's Sept. 24 matchup against Montana State was the first game against a ranked opponent this season, and EWU (ranked No. 15), lost 38-35. Oregon was ranked No. 11 to start the season, but fell out of the AP top-25 after a 49-3 loss to Georgia to open the season. The Ducks rose back into the polls after their victory over EWU.

Last season, including games on Oct. 2 versus fourth-ranked Montana, Nov. 6 against fourth-ranked Montana State and Nov. 13 against No. 6 UC Davis, Eastern has now won 60 percent of its games (33-22) versus ranked teams since 2010. Eastern is 62-76 (.449) in 138 games overall against ranked teams since becoming a member of that classification in 1983 (then known as I-AA).

Since 1983, Eastern is 1-7 versus ranked FBS foes, and a loss to Washington (ranked 13th by the media and 12th by the coaches) in 2019 was the eighth such foe EWU has faced.

Eastern's 2022 game versus No. 4 Montana State gives EWU 69 occasions Eastern has faced a team ranked in the top 10 in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (STATS). Eastern is 12-13 versus top 10 foes since 2010, including a 7-6 mark in the regular season and 5-7 in the playoffs. Eastern is 21-48 in the 69 games all-time versus top 10 opponents. The Eagles are 10-38 all-time versus top 5 opponents (5-10 since 2010), including 2-8 versus No. 1 (0-2 since 2010).

Overall, EWU has faced the No. 1 team in FCS 10 times, winning twice -- 35-31 in 2004 over Southern Illinois in the FCS Playoffs and 30-21 in 2002 over Montana at Albi Stadium in Spokane, Wash. One of the losses was in 2016 in Fargo, N.D., when North Dakota State beat No. 8 Eastern 50-44 in overtime. The following season, EWU was ranked seventh and lost 40-13 to second-ranked NDSU in Cheney. Eastern lost a third time to the top-ranked Bison by a 38-24 score on Jan. 5, 2019, in the NCAA Division I Championship Game.

EWU Had an Eight-Game Regular Season Winning Streak Snapped at Oregon

Eastern ended the 2021 regular season with an eight-game regular season winning streak on the road, including a 38-20 win at UC Davis on Nov. 13 and 42-28 triumph at Portland State on Nov. 20. Eastern finished with its first unbeaten regular season road record since 1967 when the then-Savages were also 6-0.

Eastern had won the last two regular season road games in the 2020-21 winter/spring season to make up the streak. Prior to the Oregon loss on Sept. 10, the streak dated back to a 28-21 loss at Idaho on Feb. 27, and the lone blemish away from home since then was a 42-20 setback at North Dakota State in the first round of the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs.

A victory at UNLV extended EWU's current streak seasons with at least one road win to 53. With only one game so far this season, EWU still has plenty of time to increase the streak to 54. The streak includes all 38 seasons Eastern has been a member of the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (formerly I-AA). The last time Eastern was winless on the road was 1969 when the then-Savages were 0-4 away from home and finished 4-5 on the season.

Two weeks later at Western Illinois in 2021, Eastern extended its streak of seasons with at least two road wins to 28. Eastern has had at least two road wins in all but six seasons (1974, 1975, 1976, 1988, 1989, 1994) since 1969, including a current streak of 28-straight seasons with at least a pair.

Eagles Continue Big Sky Success With Impressive Consistency

Consistency has been a cornerstone of EWU Football, and the Eagles have cemented an 18-year run of winning the league title and/or advancing to the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs at least every other year. Since 2004, Eastern has advanced to the playoffs and/or won the league title at least every other year, and hasn't had back-back-empty seasons since 2002 and 2003.

Since 2010 when EWU won the NCAA Division I title, the Eagles have won league titles six times (2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2018) and advanced to the playoffs all six of those seasons. From 2004 to 2009 Eastern advanced to the

2022 SCHEDULE (as of Aug. 11 & subject to change. . . all times Pacific)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time/Result</i>	<i>Series/EWU Streak</i>
Sept. 3	Tennessee State	Cheney, Wash.	W, 36-29	EWU 1-0/+1
Sept. 10	at Oregon	Eugene, Ore.	L, 14-70	UO 2-0/-2
Sept. 17	Bye			
Sept. 24	Montana State *	Cheney, Wash.	L, 35-38	EWU 32-12/-2
Oct. 1	at Florida	Gainesville, Fla.	9 a.m.	First Meeting
Oct. 8	at Weber State *	Ogden, Utah	5 p.m.	EWU 19-17/-3
Oct. 15	Sacramento State **	Cheney, Wash.	4:02 p.m.	EWU 19-5/-1
Oct. 22	at Cal Poly *	San Luis Obispo, Calif.	5 p.m.	EWU 10-2/+8
Oct. 29	Portland State *	Cheney, Wash.	1:02 p.m.	EWU 22-20-1/+5
Nov. 5	at Idaho *	Moscow, Idaho	12 p.m.	UI 17-9/+1
Nov. 12	at Montana *	Missoula, Mont.	12:02 p.m.	UM 29-18-1/-1
Nov. 19	Northern Colorado *	Cheney, Wash.	1:02 p.m.	EWU 14-1/+13
Nov. 26	First Round of NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs			
Dec. 2-3	Second Round of NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs			
Dec. 9-10	Quarterfinals of NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs			
D. 16-17	Semifinals of NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs			
Jan. 7	NCAA Division I Football Championship Game in Frisco, Texas			

**Big Sky Conference Game. #Homecoming.*

Note: All Eastern home games and other Big Sky Conference road games are broadcast on ESPN+.

playoffs four times (2004, 2005, 2007, 2009), and won the league title twice (2004, 2005). Eastern has five other playoff berths in school history (1985, 1992, 1997, 2020/21, 2021) and two other titles (1992, 1997), and has only had two multi-year stretches in which they accomplished neither. Those were both six-year stretches from between 1986-1991 and 1998-2003.

Eagles Were One From Record of 50-Point Games in 2021

In 2021, Eastern had at least 50 points in five games, which was the second most in a single season. The school record is six (2018, 2014).

In EWU's last 19 games, Eastern has recorded its top five first-half scoring outputs in the school's 38-year history in FCS. Most recently, the Eagles scored 43 points versus Idaho in a 71-21 romp, and 43 one week earlier at Northern Colorado in a 63-17 victory. In 2021 EWU recorded the top two performances with 55 against Western Illinois and 46 versus Central Washington. Those games broke the previous record of 45 set versus Cal Poly on March 27, 2021, during EWU's abbreviated 2020-21 winter/spring schedule.

Eastern's 29 points in the first quarter versus Idaho are the most points in a first quarter (fifth overall for any quarter), eclipsing the 28 Eastern scored earlier this season against Western Illinois and Central Washington and on five other occasions.

Four times in 2021 -- plus the Cal Poly game on 3/27/21 -- Eastern has topped the 62-point mark, including a Roos Field record of 71 against Idaho, 63 versus both UNC and CWU, and 62 at WIU. Those represent five of the top 19 performances in school history (12 as a member of FCS). Of EWU's games of 62 points or more, head coach Aaron Best has had eight of those as head coach -- and has been a part of all 12 as a member of FCS. Of the 71 games in school history with over 50 points (record of 68-3), Aaron Best has been the head coach in 16 of those.

Seven Eagles Have Made Their Starting Debuts This Season

Five Eagles, including a trio of transfers, made their first career starts for the Eagles against Tennessee State. On the defensive side, linebackers Derek Tommasini and Jaren Banks made their first starts in an Eagle uniform. Tommasini transferred in from Idaho and had seven tackles. Banks, a Rice transfer, ended with seven as well.

On the offensive side, Seth Carnahan who also transferred from Idaho, started at right tackle. Brenden River, a sophomore, earned the start at right guard. Justice Jackson started at running back and was second on the team with 23 rushing yards.

Against Oregon, redshirt freshman Tuna Altahir made the start at running back.

Micah Smith made his first career start at running back against Montana State. Smith totaled career-highs with 114 rushing yards on 13 carries, plus two touchdowns and a career-long rush of 56 yards. It was the first 100+ rushing yard game of his career.

Current Starts on Defense (214 starts by 18 players): Mitchell Johnson 33, Tre Weed 29, Darrien Sampson 26, Joshua Jerome 23, Deboe'ae McClain 14, Anthony Smith 14, Matthew Brown 12, Ely Doyle 12, Marlon Jones Jr. 11, Brock Harrison 9, Jacob Newsom 7, Caleb Davis 6, Keshawn King 5, Demetrius Crosby Jr. 5, Derek Tommasini 3, Jaren Banks 3, Cage Schenck 1, Ahmani Williams 1.

Current Starts on Offense (126 starts by 19 players): Wyatt Musser 23, Freddie Roberson 22, Wyatt Hansen 21, Dylan Ingram 17, Efton Chism III 12, Matthew Hewa Baddege 5, Luke Dahlgren 5, Jakobie James 5, Anthony Stell Jr. 4, Gunner Talkington 4, Blake Gobel 3, Brenden Rivera 3, Seth Carnahan 3, Andrei Leonardi 2, Brad Godwin 2, Nolan Ulm 2, Robert Mason III 1, Justice Jackson 1, Tuna Altahir 1, Micah Smith 1

2022 Season Tidbits

In a battle of two top-15 teams, Eastern Washington hosted Montana State and lost by a score of 38-35. EWU was down 31-21 entering the fourth quarter and rallied to take a 35-31 lead with 3:26 to play. However, two key turnovers and another MSU score would be the difference. EWU has now lost consecutive games to the Bobcats by a combined six points, both coming at home.

An early bye week is rare, but not unprecedented. Eastern Washington had byes after the first two games in both 2008 and 2012. They had a bye after the first game of the season in 2001.

The crowd of the 47,289 at Oregon was the 10th largest crowd Eastern has played in front of in program history. It was the largest since 2019 when EWU played against a program record 65,709 at Washington. The 70 points scored by the Oregon Ducks were the most scored by an opponent since 1990 when EWU allowed 84 to No. 10 Houston. The game was head coach Aaron Best's 60th as head coach.

Eastern started the season 1-0 for the second-straight year after beating Tennessee State. The win streak extends to two games at Roos Field. Eastern is now 3-1 against teams from the Ohio Valley Conference.

Preseason Notes

Chism, Jerome, Represent Eastern Washington on Pre-season All-Big Sky Team

Two Eastern Washington University football players in Efton Chism III and Joshua Jerome have been selected to the All-Big Sky Preseason team, as announced as part of the Big Sky Conference Kickoff in Spokane (July 25).

The duo both hail from Monroe, Wash., and graduated from Monroe High School, with Jerome graduating in 2018 and Chism in 2020. They each earned All-Big Sky third team honors last year as well as earning All-America honors from HERO Sports.

UC Davis' Ulonzo Gilliam Jr. earned the Big Sky's Preseason Offensive MVP nod, while Montana's Patrick O'Connell earned the

TEAM RANKINGS

2022 Rankings

EWU in the Stats Perform Rankings in 2022 . . .

Sept. 26: #20 (#1 North Dakota St., #2 South Dakota St., #3 Montana, #4 Montana St. #5 Sacramento St., #8 Weber St.) **Sept. 19:** #15 (#1 North Dakota St., #T-2 Montana/South Dakota St., #4 UIW, #6 Missouri St., #7 Sacramento St., #12 Weber St.)= **Sept. 12:** #14 (#1 North Dakota St., #2 South Dakota St., #3 Montana, #4 Montana St., #5 Missouri St., #12 Weber St. **Sept. 5:** #12 (#1 North Dakota St., #2 South Dakota St., #3 Montana, #4 Montana State, #5 Missouri State, #7 Sacramento St. #16 Weber St.) **Preseason:** #13 (#1 North Dakota St., #2 South Dakota St., #3 Montana, #4 Montana St., #5 Missouri St., #7 Sacramento St., #25 UC Davis)

EWU in the American Football Coaches Association Rankings in 2022 . .

Sept. 26: #18 (#1 North Dakota St., #2 Montana, #4 Montana St., #5 Sacramento St., #7 Weber St.) **Sept. 19:** #15 (#1 North Dakota St., #2 Montana, #3 South Dakota St., #T-4 Montana St./Missouri St., #6 Sacramento St., #12 Weber State) **Sept. 12:** #15 (#1 North Dakota St., #2 Montana, #3 South Dakota St., #4 Montana St., #5 Villanova, #13 Weber St.) **Sept. 6:** #11 (#1 North Dakota St., #2 Montana, #3 South Dakota St., #4 Montana St., #5 Villanova, #6 Sacramento St., #17 Weber St., #25 UC Davis) **Preseason:** #12

2022 Preseason Rankings

FCS Top 25 Preseason Rankings

12th - AFCA (#1 North Dakota St., #2 Montana, #3 South Dakota State, #4 Montana State, #5 Villanova, #7 Sacramento State, #20 Weber State, #22 UC Davis)
13th - Stats Perform (#1 North Dakota State, #2 South Dakota State, #3 Montana, #4 Montana State, #5 Missouri State, #7 Sacramento State, #20 Weber State, #25 UC Davis)
15th - Athlon Sports (#1 North Dakota State, #2 South Dakota State, #3 Montana, #4 Montana State, #5 Missouri State, #6 Sacramento State, #13 Weber State)
18th - Hero Sports (#1 North Dakota State, #2 South Dakota State, #3 Montana State, #4 Montana, #5 East Tennessee State, #10 Sacramento State, #25 UC Davis)

2021 Rankings

EWU in the Stats Perform Rankings in 2021 . . .

Final Regular Season: #7 (#1 North Dakota State, #2 Montana State, #3 James Madison, #4 South Dakota State, #5 Sam Houston State, #6 Montana, #10 Sacramento State, #17 UC Davis). **Nov. 22:** #4 (#1 SHSU, #2 JMU, #3 NDSU, #5 UM, #7 MSU, #8 Sac St., #14 UCD). **Nov. 15:** #5 (#1 SHSU, #2 JMU, #3 MSU, #4 SDSU, #5 NDSU, #6 UCD, #9 UM, #12 Sac St.). **Nov. 1:** #5 (#1 SHSU, #2 NDSU, #3 JMU, #4 MSU, #8 UCD, #11 UM, #16 Sac St., #24 Weber State). **Oct. 25:** #7 (#1 SHSU, #2 NDSU, #3 Southern Illinois, #4 Villanova, #5 JMU, #6 MSU, #9 UCD, #11 UM, #15 Sac St., #23 WSU). **Oct. 18:** #2 (#1 SHSU, #3 NDSU, #4 SIU, #5 Villanova, #8 MSU, #10 UCD, #11 UM, #19 Sac St.). **Oct. 11:** #2 (#1 SHSU, #3 NDSU, #4 SIU, #5 UM, #9 MSU, #13 UCD, #19 WSU). **Oct. 4:** #4 (#1 SHSU, #2 SDSU, #3 JMU, #5 NDSU, #6 UM, #7 UCD, #10 MSU, #19 WSU). **Sept. 27:** #6 (#1 SHSU, #2 SDSU, #3 JMU, #4 UM, #5 NDSU, #8 UCD, #11 MSU, #19 WSU). **Sept. 20:** #6 (#1 SHSU, #2 SDSU, #3 JMU, #4 UM, #5 NDSU, #12 UCD, #13 MSU, #14 WSU). **Sept. 13:** #7 (#1 SHSU, #2 SDSU, #3 JMU, #4 UM, #5 NDSU, #9 WSU, #13 MSU, #14 UCD). **Sept. 6:** #7 (#1 SHSU, #2 SDSU, #3 JMU, #4 UM, #5 NDSU, #6 UD, #10 WSU, #11 MSU, #14 UCD). **Preseason:** #11 (#1 SHSU, #2 JMU, #3 SDSU, #4 NDSU, #5 Delaware, #6 WSU, #9 UM, #12 MSU, #23 UCD).

Through End of the 2021 Regular Season, Eastern has now been ranked in 128 of the last 137 polls, including the last 25. Eastern had streaks of 57 (ended in the final poll of 2015) and 46 (ended during 2019 season).

EWU in the American Football Coaches Association Rankings in 2021 . . .

End of Regular Season: #9. **Nov. 22:** #6. **Nov. 15:** #6. **Nov. 8:** #8. **Nov. 1:** #5. **Oct. 25:** #7. **Oct. 18:** #2. **Oct. 11:** #2. **Oct. 4:** #4. **Sept. 27:** #6. **Sept. 20:** #6. **Sept. 13:** #6. **Sept. 7:** #8. **Preseason:** #14.

same on the defensive side.

Chism, a sophomore wide receiver, has appeared in 20 games for the Eagles, making nine starts. He currently holds an average of 4.00 receptions per game, which is tied for eighth in school history. He has caught 80 passes for a total of 1,002 yards and 10 touchdowns.

He played in all 13 games for the Eagles in 2021, making seven starts. He caught 80 passes for 735 yards (12.9 per reception), which puts him over the 1,000-yard mark for his career. Chism led the team in receiving touchdowns with a total of nine, which was tied for second in the Big Sky Conference.

Jerome, a redshirt junior defensive tackle, has played in 35 career games (20 as a starter), and has 143 tackles with 11 1/2 sacks, nine quarterback hurries, a pass broken up, three forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries. Jerome was in the opposing offense's backfield all season long in 2021, leading EWU in sacks (seven) and tackles for loss (13 1/2). He racked up 61 total tackles, six quarterback hurries, a fumble recovery, and he forced three fumbles.

More on Efton Chism III: Chism has appeared in 20 games for the Eagles, making nine starts. He currently holds an average of 4.00 receptions per game, which is tied for eighth in school history. He has caught 80 passes for a total of 1,002 yards and 10 touchdowns.

More on Joshua Jerome: He has played 35 career games (20 as a starter), and has 143 tackles with 11 1/2 sacks, nine quarterback hurries, a pass broken up, three forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries.

Eagles Are Well Represented on Phil Steele Preseason Teams

Long snapper Cody Clements represents Eastern Washington on the FCS Preseason All-American team, earning third team honors at his position. He was also selected to the second team on the preseason All-Big Sky special teams list.

On the preseason All-Big Sky team, wide receiver Freddie Roberson was Eastern's lone representative on the first team for offense. Joining him on offense were second team selections Efton Chism III at wide receiver and Wyatt Musser on the offensive line. Fellow offensive lineman, Wyatt Hansen, rounds things out on the offensive side on the third team.

The Eagles had three selections on the defensive side, led by a pair of defensive linemen in Mitchell Johnson and Joshua Jerome on the first team. Anthony Smith was selected to the third team as a defensive back.

Along with Clements, Nick Kokich landed on the special teams list as well, earning third team honors as a punter.

Eastern Washington University, Southeastern Louisiana University, Football Announce Home-And-Home

Two Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) programs in Eastern Washington University and Southeastern Louisiana University will face off in 2023 and 2024, the schools jointly announced on Thursday (June 30).

The Eagles will host the Lions on Sept. 16, 2023 in Cheney, Wash., at Roos Field before making the return trip to Hammond, La., on Sept. 14, 2024 at Strawberry Stadium. It will be the first all-time meeting between the foes, and EWU owns a 6-7 overall record against Southland Conference opponents.

"The ability to agree upon a home and home matchup with an upper echelon FCS program such as Southeastern Louisiana is something we look for annually," said head coach Aaron Best. "Engaging in tougher non-conference games at the FCS level will undoubtedly better prepare our program for the rigors of our Big Sky Conference schedule."

Like Eastern Washington, SLU advanced to the second round

HONORS

2022 Honors

#2 - Gunner Talkington – Quarterback - Battle Ground, Wash.

Big Sky Conference Offensive Player of the Week, Sept. 5: First career. Threw for 348 yards and five passing touchdowns. Led the team with 60 rushing yards to amass 408 yards of total offense. Completed 29 of his 46 pass attempts without an interception. Orchestrated an 11-play, 75-yard drive that ended in a 13-yard strike to Efton Chism III for the game-winning touchdown.; Sept. 8: College Football Performance Awards Watchlist

2022 Preseason Honors

Co-Captains

R-Sr., DE **Mitchell Johnson** (1st Year); R-Jr., WR **Freddie Roberson** (1st Year); R-Sr., DB **Anthony Smith** (1st Year); R-Sr., QB **Gunner Talkington** (1st Year)

FCS All-America

LS **Cody Clements** – Third Team Phil Steele Publications

All-Big Sky Conference

WR **Efton Chism III**

DL **Joshua Jerome**

WR **Freddie Roberson** – First Team Phil Steele Publications

WR **Efton Chism III** – Second Team Phil Steele Publications

OL **Wyatt Musser** – Second Team Phil Steele Publications

OL **Wyatt Hansen** – Third Team Phil Steele Publications

DL **Mitchell Johnson** – First Team Phil Steele Publications

DL **Joshua Jerome** – First Team Phil Steele Publications

DB **Anthony Smith** – Third Team Phil Steele Publications

LS **Cody Clements** – Second Team Phil Steele Publications

P **Nick Kokich** – Third Team Phil Steele Publications

2021 Honors

#3 - Eric Barriere – Quarterback - Inglewood, Calif.

Walter Payton Award Winner (Stats Perform) . . . One of 25 finalists in FCS (two in Big Sky Conf.) . . . Awarded on 1/7/22 . . . Fourth Payton Award for EWU (most in history) . . . Big Sky Conf. Offensive Player of the Year (League; unanimous selection announced 11/23/21)

FCS ADA Offensive Player of the Year (announced 1/6/22)

First Team All-Big Sky Conference (League; unanimous selection announced 11/23/21)

First Team All-Big Sky Conference & Offensive Player of the Year (Phil Steele)

First Team All-America (Hero Sports, FCS ADA, Stats Perform, Athlon Sports, Walter Camp)

Second Team All-America (Associated Press, AFCA, Phil Steele)

Nominated for Seattle Sports Commission's Male Sports Star of the Year Award (one of seven nominees announced 1/18/22)

Honorable Mention FCS National Performer of the Week (CFPA) . . . Completed 26-of-34 pass attempts for 320 yards and five TDs; 21 rushing yards for 341 yards of total offense – Portland State - 11/20/21

Big Sky Conference Offensive Player of the Week (League; record 6th of the season and 12th time overall in his career) . . . 34-of-54 for 411 yards and 3 TD as EWU beat #6/4 UC Davis 34-20; had 453 yards of total offense and became Big Sky & EWU all-time leader in career passing yards and passing TDs - UC Davis - 11/13/21

FCS Offensive Player of the Week & Big Sky Offensive Player of the Week (College Sports Madness), FCS National Performer of the Week (CFPA), Big Sky Conference Offensive Player of the Week (League; 11th time in his career), Stats Perform National Offense Player of the Week (Stats Perform) . . . 26-of-35 for school-records of 600 yards (#8 in FCS history) and 7 TD passes; school-record 577 yards of total offense - Idaho - 10/16/21

Big Sky Conference Offensive Player of the Week (League; 10th time in his career) . . . 32-of-41 for 347 yards and 3 TD as EWU led 43-10 at halftime en route to a 63-17 romp - Northern Colorado - 10/9/21

FCS Offensive Player of the Week & Big Sky Offensive Player of the Week (College Sports Madness), Honorable Mention FCS Offensive Player of the Week (Stats Perform), Honorable Mention FCS National Performer of the Week (CFPA), Big Sky Conference Offensive

of the FCS Playoffs in 2021, and the squads also boast the two most recent Walter Payton Award winners. SLU's Cole Kelley won in 2020-21 and Eric Barriere was awarded in 2021. Both finished runner-up to each other in the year that they did not win.

The Lions made their fourth trip to the postseason in 2021 and the third to the second round, finishing 9-4 overall and 6-2 in conference play. Eastern Washington made its 15th appearance, finishing the season 10-3 overall and tied for third in the Big Sky Conference with a 6-2 record. The squads are currently both ranked in the Athlon Sports and HERO Sports Preseason Top-25 polls. EWU is ranked No. 15 in Athlon Sports and No. 20 in HERO Sports, while SLU comes in at No. 19 and No. 20, respectively.

"We've been taking steps each season as our program grows to compete consistently on the national level and to continue that growth, we have to compete against quality FCS opponents. Eastern Washington is consistently in the national championship picture, which is where we want to be," added Southeastern's head coach Frank Scelfo. "We're excited for this home-and-home series and an opportunity to test ourselves against an elite FCS program."

This completes the 2023 schedule for the Eagles, which can be found below. Eastern Washington has also secured a 2025 matchup with Boise State in Boise, Idaho.

Four Eagles Named Co-Captains for the 2022 Season

Four Eastern Washington University football players have been selected by their teammates as co-captains for the 2022 season, head coach Aaron Best has announced this afternoon (June 9).

Defensive end Mitchell Johnson, wide receiver Freddie Roberson, defensive back Anthony Smith and quarterback Gunner Talkington will all step into co-captain roles for the first time in their respective careers.

The quartet has a combined 144 total games worth of experience at Eastern Washington, including 61 total starts. Johnson, Smith and Talkington all enter their redshirt senior seasons at EWU, while Roberson is listed as a redshirt junior.

Last month, Smith was chosen to become the next Eagle to continue the more than 10-year history of wearing EWU's No. 4 legacy jersey that symbolizes the defensive player who most embodies the characteristics of defense at Eastern: grit, toughness, effort, leadership and academic success.

Smith hails from Everett, Wash., where he graduated from Mariner High School in 2017. He has 109 career tackles, two interceptions and four passes broken up in 30 games (11 as a starter). He earned All-Big Sky Conference first team honors following the unique 2020-21 Spring season after leading the team with 44 tackles in six games.

Johnson earned All-Big Sky first team honors in 2020-21 and was selected to the third team in 2021. The West Linn, Ore., native has 148 tackles in his 47-game career (30 as a starter). He has 26 1/2 tackles for loss, 13 1/2 sacks, five interceptions, 16 quarterback hurries, nine passes broken up, three fumble recoveries and four forced fumbles (T-14th in school history). Johnson is a management major and has been named to the All-Big Sky Academic Team four times in his career.

Roberson, who graduated from Rainier Beach High School in Seattle in 2018, has 29 games of experience (19 starts) in his career and with five 100-yard receiving performances. He has caught 96 passes for a total of 1,469 yards and 10 touchdowns, and he has also rushed for a touchdown. He was named to the All-Big Sky second team in 2020-21 and landed on the third team last season along with being named to the HERO Sports Sophomore All-America team for offense.

Talkington played in all 13 games for Eastern Washington as a backup quarterback and the holder on special teams. Entering the

- Player of the Week (League; ninth time in his career) . . . 546 yards of total offense/518 of school record 554 passing, 30-of-43, 4 TD & 28 rushing; most yards in back-to-back games in both passing and total offense in school history; first FCS player since 2011 to throw for 500 in back-to-back games - Southern Utah - 9/25/21
- FCS Offensive Player of the Week & Big Sky Offensive Player of the Week (College Sports Madness), FCS National Performer of the Week (CFPA), FCS National Offensive Player of the Week (Stats Perform), Big Sky Conference Offensive Player of the Week (League) . . . School record 562 total offense/542 passing, 31-of-45, 6 TD & 20 rushing; set FCS records for a half with 487 passing yards and 497 yards of total offense in the first half - Western Illinois - 9/18/21
- Big Sky Conference Offensive Player of the Week (League - 1st of season and 7th of his career) . . . 406 total offense/374 passing, 29-of-39, 3 TD & 32 rushing - UNLV - 9/13/21
- **#1 - Talolo Limu-Jones - Wide Receiver - Vallejo, Calif.**
- First Team All-Big Sky Conference (League; announced 11/23/21)
- First Team All-Big Sky Conference (Phil Steele)
- Second Team Phil Steele All-America
- Third Team Hero Sports All-America
- FCS Honorable Mention National Offensive Player of the Week (Stats Perform) . . . Seventh-most receiving yards in EWU history with 231 on 11 catches (25th) with long receptions of 58, 51 and 40 yards - Montana - 10/2/21
- **#65 - Tristen Taylor - Offensive Tackle - Stockton, Calif.**
- First Team All-Big Sky Conference (League; announced 11/23/21)
- First Team All-Big Sky Conference (Phil Steele)
- Second Team All-America (AFCA)
- Third Team All-America (Hero Sports, Stats Perform, Phil Steele)
- **#6 - Dennis Merritt - Running Back - Leavenworth, Wash.**
- Second Team All-Big Sky Conference (League; announced 11/23/21)
- Second Team All-Big Sky Conference (Phil Steele)
- **#9 - Andrew Boston - Wide Receiver - Puyallup, Wash.**
- Second Team All-Big Sky Conference (League; announced 11/23/21)
- Second Team All-Big Sky Conference (Phil Steele)
- **#11 (now #1) - Freddie Roberson - Wide Receiver - Seattle, Wash.**
- Third Team All-Big Sky Conference (League; announced 11/23/21)
- Third Team All-Big Sky Conference (Phil Steele)
- Hero Sports All-America Sophomore Offense
- **#89 - Efton Chism III - Wide Receiver - Monroe, Wash.**
- Third Team All-Big Sky Conference (League; announced 11/23/21)
- Third Team All-Big Sky Conference (Phil Steele)
- Hero Sports All-America Freshman Offense
- **#77 - Wyatt Musser - Offensive Guard - Kennewick, Wash.**
- Third Team All-Big Sky Conference (League; announced 11/23/21)
- **#55 - Joshua Jerome - Defensive Tackle - Monroe, Wash.**
- Third Team All-Big Sky Conference (League; announced 11/23/21)
- Fourth Team All-Big Sky Conference (Phil Steele)
- Hero Sports All-America Sophomore Defense
- **#5 - Mitchell Johnson - Defensive End - West Linn, Ore.**
- Third Team All-Big Sky Conference (League; announced 11/23/21)
- Fourth Team All-Big Sky Conference (Phil Steele)
- **#8 - Jack Sendelbach - Linebacker - Seattle, Wash.**
- Third Team All-Big Sky Conference (League; announced 11/23/21)
- CoSIDA Academic All-District 8 (College Sports Information Directors of America - announced 11/19/21)
- **#4 Calin Criner - Safety - Boise, Idaho**
- Third Team All-Big Sky Conference (League; announced 11/23/21)
- Fourth Team All-Big Sky Conference (Phil Steele)
- **#18 - Ty Graham - Linebacker - Cheney, Wash.**
- Honorable Mention All-Big Sky Conference (League; announced 11/23/21)

Eagle Football 2021 Season Tidbits

* On Nov. 13 at UC Davis, the Aggies were held to 283 yards and 3-of-12 on third down, while the Eagles converted 9-of-19 times on third down and were successful on all three of their fourth-down attempts, a week after going 3-of-13 and 2-of-3, respectively, in a loss to Montana State. Eastern ran 101 plays to 63 for the Aggies, and had a 36:41 to 23:19 advantage in possession time. The Eagles forced UC Davis to punt five times.

* Prior to that, the Eagles were coming off their second-straight home loss, a narrow 23-20 decision to Montana State. En route to getting out-gained in total offense 544-314, EWU was held to roughly half of its average season output for points and yards for the second-straight game. The Eagles couldn't overcome a 40:33 scoreless stretch in which they had seven-straight scoreless possessions from the second quarter into the fourth period.

* Two weeks earlier before a bye in the schedule, Eastern saw its 20-game home winning streak fall by the wayside with a 35-34 loss to Weber State on Oct. 23 in which EWU was held nearly 20 points and almost 200 yards below its seasonal averages. The Wildcats also rushed for 213 yards and four touchdowns versus EWU, and were a perfect 4-of-4 on fourth down with three coming on fake punts. Still, Eastern rallied from a 14-point fourth quarter deficit and missed an extra point with 2:51 to play which could have knotted the game at 35.

* Eastern picked up its third win of the season – and second on the road – after surviving for a 62-56 win on Sept. 18 at Western Illinois of the Missouri Valley Football Conference. The Eagles led 55-21 at halftime as Eric Barriere set FCS records with 487 passing yards and 497 total yards of offense in the first half alone. He finished with a then school-record 562 yards of offense (542 through the air), breaking the record with a win-clinching 10-yard first down run in the final minute.

* Prior to that, the Eagles opened their home schedule with a 63-14 win versus NCAA Division II Central Washington and a 35-33 victory in two overtimes over UNLV in EWU's season opener on Sept. 2 in Las Vegas. The Rebels are a member of the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) and the Mountain West Conference. Eastern has now won four of its last 11 games versus FBS members.

Five Eastern players have already completed requirements toward their bachelor's degree and are in graduate school.

A trio of Eagles in Jaren Banks, Mitchell Johnson and Dylan Ingram are working towards their Master's in Business Administration. Sherwin King Jr. earned his undergraduate degree from Fresno State and is now working towards his Master's in Organizational Leadership. The final Eagle is Cody Clements, who is in his second year of graduate school working towards an adult education degree.

Since 2001, Eastern has annually averaged more than 20 selections to the Big Sky All-Academic team. Eastern has had a league-most 505 selections from 2001-2021, and Eastern has won a total of 704 Big Sky All-Academic honors since joining the league in 1987. A total of 26 were honored in 2019, and a program-best 34 were recognized in the 2016 season. In the abbreviated 2020-21 season, 52 Eagles were honored, however, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, there were no participation requirements to be named to the team. The 2021 season saw a league-high 30 be honored.

Senior Anthany Smith to Wear No. 4 Jersey for the Eagles

Eastern Washington University football player Anthany Smith will continue

the legacy of wearing the No. 4 jersey for the Eagles, a tribute that has existed for more than 10 years.

Since the 2008 season when senior Jason Belford had the number, the coaching staff has selected a leader on defense to wear the jersey. It symbolizes the defensive player who most embodies the characteristics of defense at Eastern: grit, toughness, effort, leadership and academic success.

Smith is a senior from Everett, Wash., where he graduated from Mariner High School in 2017. After redshirting his first season on campus, he played in all 15 games for the Eagles in 2018 and finished with 18 tackles and an interception.

Injuries held him to just three games in 2019, but during the unique 2020-21 Spring season he earned All-Big Sky Conference first team honors after starting all six of the games he played in. He was also selected as the team's defensive MVP. The safety finished with a team-leading 44 tackles in six games played (all as a starter). In EWU's last regular season game versus Idaho (4/10/21), Smith had 17 tackles -- equaling the 19th-most in school history. He made his starting debut earlier in the season versus the Vandals (2/27/21) and had 10 tackles, a pass broken up and a 71-yard interception return for a touchdown which was the 18th-longest in school history.

Smith is a management major at Eastern Washington, he has 109 career tackles, two interceptions and four passes broken up in 30 games (11 as a starter).

A year ago, senior Calin Criner wore the No. 4 jersey and went on to win honorable mention All-Big Sky Conference honors.

Although the honor isn't necessarily given to the most talented defensive player on the team, Eastern has had 12-straight players in that number earn All-Big Sky honors, and 14 of a possible 15 since Eastern joined the league in 1987. Below is the list of players who have worn that number since EWU became a member of the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision in 1984 (Big Sky in 1987).

Name – Year - Pos. - Hometown / Previous School

Hunter, Darryl - 1983-84-85-86 - DB - Tacoma, Wash. / Foss HS

%Corr, Dominic - 1986-87-88-89 - RB - Seattle, Wash. / Garfield HS

%Wright, Harold - 1990-91-92-93 - RB - Tacoma, Wash. / Lakes HS '89

Givens, Roderick - 1995 - DB - Auburn, Wash. / Auburn HS '94

##Brightful, Lamont - 1998-99-00-01 - WR - Everett, Wash. /Mariner HS '97

%Williams, A.J. - 2002-03 - DB - Lacey, Wash. - North Thurston HS '01

%Dotson, Anthony - 2005-06-07 - DB - Federal Way, Wash. / Federal Way HS '03

%Belford, Jason - 2005-06-07-08 - DL - Tacoma, Wash. / Lincoln HS '04

##Sherritt, J.C. - 2007-08-09-10 - LB - Pullman, Wash. / Pullman HS '06

%Brown, Allen - 2010-11-12-13 - DB - Tacoma, Wash. / Foss HS '09

%Raynes, Todd - 2012-13-14-15 - DB - Kenmore, Wash. / Inglemoor HS '11

%Zamora, Miquiyah - 2013-14-15-16 - LB - Pasco, Wash. / Chiawana HS '12

%Havili, Albert - 2013-14-16-17 - DL - Federal Way, Wash. / Federal Way HS '13

%Fettig, Mitch - 2015-16-17-18 - DB - Olympia Wash. / Olympia HS '14

%Ledbetter, Dylan - 2016-17-18-19 - DL - West Seattle, Wash. / O'Dea HS '15

%Criner, Calin - 2017-18-19-20-21 - DB - Boise, Idaho / Rocky Mountain HS '16

%Smith, Anthany - 2018-19-20-21-22 - DB - Everett, Wash. / Mariner HS '17

#All-America selection (Brightful was first team in 2001, second team in 2000 & second team in 1999 as return specialist, and honorable mention in 2001 as a wide receiver; Sherritt was the Buck Buchanan Award winner in 2010, and first team in 2009 and 2010 as a linebacker).

%All-Big Sky Conference selection (Corr was first team in 1989 & second team in 1989 as return specialist; Wright was Big Sky Newcomer of the Year in 1989, and first team in 1991 & second team in 1992 as a running back; Brightful was first team in 2001 as a wide receiver and return specialist, first team in 2000 as a return specialist, second team in 2000 as a wide receiver and first team in 1999 as a return specialist; Williams was honorable mention in 2003 and 2002 as a safety; Dotson was second team in 2007 as an outside linebacker; Belford was second team in 2008 and honorable mention in 2007 as a defensive end; Sherritt was the Big Sky Defensive MVP in 2010, first team in 2009 and 2010 as a linebacker & honorable mention in 2008 as a linebacker; Brown was second team in 2012 & honorable mention in 2013 as a safety; Raynes was third team in 2015 as a safety; Zamora was first team in 2016 & honorable mention in 2014 as a linebacker; Havili was second team in 2017 as a defensive end; Fettig was third team in 2018 & 2017 & honorable mention in 2016 as a safety; Ledbetter was honorable mention in 2018 and 2019 as a defensive tackle; Criner was honorable mention in 2021 as a safety; Smith was first team in 2020-21 as a safety).

More on EWU Returning Offensive Players

The three returning All-Big Sky Conference performers on offense include sophomore wide receiver Efton Chism III, junior wide receiver Freddie Roberson, and senior offensive guard Wyatt Musser. The trio were all selected to the third team All-Big Sky following the 2021 season. Chism was honored for the first time in his young career, and it marked the second career honors for both Roberson (2nd in 2020-21) and Musser (2nd in 2020-21). All three were starters last season, and a total of 17 players on offense have started games as Eagles during their careers.

Eastern closed the 2021 regular season with the best offense in FCS for the second time in the last three seasons, finishing the season first at 554.5 total yards of offense per game. The Eagles were also third nationally in passing (399.4) and second in scoring offense (44.0).

In EWU's last 18 seasons (2004-2021), the Eagles have ranked in the top 10 in passing 15 times, total offense on 14 occasions and scoring nine times. In school history, EWU has won four FCS titles for total offense (2021, 2019, 2001, 1997), as well as three passing offense titles (2016, 2015, 2011) and two for scoring offense (2014, 2001).

Eastern Washington lost six starters on offense from 2021, including the 2021 Walter Payton Award winner and two-time Big Sky Conference Offensive Player of the Year, quarterback Eric Barriere. Barriere was named an All-American by eight different organizations at the end of season. He ended his illustrious career at Eastern

Washington as the all-time leader in yards of total offense (15,394), passing yards (13,809) and passing touchdowns (121) which are also Big Sky Conference records. He holds EWU's all-time records in completions (1,007), attempts (1,623), rushing yards by a quarterback (1,585), touchdowns responsible for (143) and points responsible for (882), among many other categories. Barriere had 17 games with 400 or more yards of total offense, also an Eastern record, and he won Big Sky Conference Player of the Week honors 12 times.

It's no surprise the quarterback front will look different at Eastern Washington this season. Following the Spring season in 2022, EWU head coach Aaron Best named senior Gunner Talkington the front-runner to take over for Barriere heading into Fall camp, which started for Eastern on August 4. Talkington played in all 13 games last season as a backup quarterback and the holder on special teams. He completed 11-of-17 passes for 98 yards and a touchdown, also rushing for 14 yards on six attempts. He completed five passes for 58 yards against Central Washington on 9/11/21. Against Idaho (10/16/21), he threw an 18-yard touchdown pass to Robert Mason III. In his career, he has completed 85-of-157 passes for 1,001 yards and 15 touchdowns (to eight different players) with four starts. Additionally, he has added 100 rushing yards and 1,101 yards of total offense. He has five interceptions in his career.

Other quarterbacks listed on the 2022 roster are redshirt junior Simon Burkett, redshirt senior and Arizona State transfer Ryan Kelley, redshirt sophomore Trey Turner, and redshirt freshman Kekoa Visperas. Visperas made his Eagle debut on 9/10/22 at Oregon, with a stat line of 0-2-0 with four rushing yards.

Joining Chism and Roberson on the wide receiver corps are Robert Mason III, Nolan Ulm, Anthony Stell Jr., Jakobie James, Malaki Roberson, Josh Johnson, Woodley Downard and Isaiah Howard.

Chism has appeared in 23 games for the Eagles, making 10 starts. He currently holds an average of 4.2 receptions per game, which is tied for eighth in school history. He has caught 96 passes for a total of 1,147 yards and 13 touchdowns in career. This season, he is averaging 9.1 yards per catch. He's hauled in 145 yards on 16 catches to go with three touchdowns. Chism has returned seven kicks for 180 yards, and two punts for 11 yards.

Freddie Roberson has 32 games of experience (22 starts) in his career with five 100-yard receiving performances. He has caught 107 passes for a total of 1,683 yards and 12 touchdowns, and he has also rushed for a touchdown. In 2022, Roberson has caught 11 passes for 214 yards and two touchdowns, with a long of 80.

Ulm has caught 15 passes for 154 yards and three touchdowns in 20 games of experience. So far in 2022, Ulm has caught six passes for 68 yards and two touchdowns with a long of 41. Mason transferred to EWU from Central Washington and has played in 16 games, catching 22 passes for 260 yards and two touchdowns since coming to Cheney. In 2022, he has played in two games, catching two passes for 28 yards and a touchdown.

In his 24-game career with Eastern, James has caught 34 passes for a total of 430 yards and three touchdowns. This season, James has played in all three games, collecting 53 yards on six catches. Malaki Roberson saw action in two games last year with one in 2022, and while Stell did not play in 2021, he has 23 games of experience with 24 catches for 326 yards and three touchdowns with four starts. This season, Stell has appeared in all three games and has one catch for three yards. Howard (three games) and Johnson (two games) saw limited time as true freshmen last season, while Downard made his EWU debut against Oregon and played against Montana State.

The Eagles also bring back an experienced group of tight ends, led primarily by redshirt sophomore Blake Gobel, redshirt senior Dylan Ingram and redshirt junior Aiden Nellor. Ingram has 45 games of experience (17 starts), and has caught 22 passes for 239 yards and six touchdowns in his career. Ingram has played in all three games this season, collecting 37 yards on three catches.

Gobel has 27 games of experience, and has 21 career catches for 286 yards and eight touchdowns. He has appeared in all three games this season with two catches for 37 yards and a touchdown. Nellor has played in three games in 2022. In his career, he has 28 games of experience and seven receptions for 67 yards.

Three other tight ends are back in redshirt freshmen Messiah Jones and Jett Carpenter, along with redshirt sophomore Chris Johnson. Carpenter made his Eagle debut against Tennessee State where he caught a successful two-point conversion toss from Talkington. He followed up the next week with his first career

EWU PLAYOFF HISTORY

- Eastern made its 15th appearance in the playoffs in 2021, and is one of just 12 teams in FCS to have 15 or more appearances to rank 12th all-time. The other appearances for the Eagles came in 1985, 1992, 1997, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2018 and 2020/21. With a 6-5 record during an injury-ravaged season in 2011, Eastern fell a victory shy of making its first back-to-back appearances, but accomplished that feat in 2012-13-14. The Eagles were also 6-5 in 2015 and missed the postseason, and 7-4 in 2017 when they were also passed over. Eastern was 7-5 in 2019 and also did not receive a bid.
- The 2021 season was Aaron Best's third playoff appearance as head coach and 12th overall. He was a player in 1997, then coached in 2004, 2005, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020-21 and 2021. He has now been a part of 29 playoff games (18-11), with 25 as a coach (16-10) and three as a player (2-1). He has been involved in 22 of those games at home (16-6), just five on the road (1-4) and was offensive coordinator and offensive line coach in 2010 when the Eagles won the NCAA Division I title with a 20-19 victory over Delaware on a neutral field in Frisco, Texas. He returned to Frisco as head coach in 2018, with the Eagles falling 38-24 to North Dakota State. As a head coach, he is 4-3 in the playoffs.
- Eastern has 12 playoff berths in an 18-year span (2004-2021), ranking the Eagles as one of only five schools in FCS to accomplish that feat. New Hampshire (2004-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17) made the playoffs for the 14th-straight time in 2017, but has not qualified for the last four tournaments. James Madison (2004-06-07-08-11-14-15-16-17-18-19-20/21-21) has 13 appearances since 2004, while Eastern, North Dakota State (2010-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20/21-21) and Montana (2004-05-06-07-08-09-11-13-14-15-19-21) have 12 in that stretch.
- The Eagles have a 20-14 record in their 15 playoff appearances, ranking 11th all-time for wins, 12th for percentage (.588, 20-14) and 12th for appearances. Eastern has a 16-6 record at home, 3-7 on the road and 1-1 in the championship game on a neutral field. Eastern has advanced to the semifinals in the FCS Playoffs six times (1997, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2016, 2018) and is 2-4 in those games. The Eagles have won their opener 11 times (1985, 1997, 2004, 2007, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2021) and are 6-4 in the quarterfinals. The Eagles won the title in 2010 in its first appearance in the championship game. The Eagles have received first-round byes in 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2018 (the playoffs were expanded to 20 teams in 2010 and to 24 teams in 2013, and reduced to 16 in 2020-21 because of the Covid-19 pandemic).
- Not including championship games in 2010 and 2018, Eastern played 17-straight preliminary games in the playoffs at home at Roos Field in Cheney, Wash., from 2010-2018. Eastern won 13 of them, falling in the semifinals at "The Inferno" in 2016, 2013 and 2012, and the quarterfinals in 2014. The streak ended in 2020-21 when EWU was picked to play at North Dakota State in the opening round and fell 42-20.
- Prior to the NDSU game in the 2020-21 season, Eastern's last road game in the playoffs was Nov. 28, 2009, in Nacogdoches, Texas, in a 44-33 loss to Stephen F. Austin. Eastern's last playoff road win was on Nov. 24, 2007, when Eastern upset second-seeded and No. 3 ranked McNeese State 44-15. The other two road victories for the Eagles came in 2004 over top-seeded and No. 1 ranked Southern Illinois (35-31), and in 1985 in EWU's first-ever playoff game at fifth-ranked/seeded Idaho (42-38).

2021 (ranked #4)
#5/No. 6 seed **Montana** - L, 41-57 (Second Round/Missoula, Mont.)
Northern Iowa - W, 19-9 (First Round/Cheney)

2020-21 (ranked #9)
#6 **North Dakota State** - L, 20-42 (First Round/Fargo, N.D.)

2018 (No. 3 seed, ranked #4)
#1/No. 1 seed **North Dakota State** - L, 24-38 (Championship/Frisco, Texas)
#14/No. 7 seed **Maine** - W, 50-19 (Semifinals/Cheney)
#7/No. 6 seed **UC Davis** - W, 34-29 (Quarterfinals/Cheney)
#14 **Nicholls** - W, 42-21 (Second Round/Cheney)

2016 (No. 2 seed, ranked #3)
#13 **Youngstown State** - L, 38-40 (Semifinals/Cheney)
#12 **Richmond** - W, 38-0 (Quarterfinals/Cheney)
#14 **Central Arkansas** - W, 31-14 (Second Round/Cheney)

receiving touchdown (seven yards) against Oregon in his home state. He has one catch for seven yards and a touchdown in three games this year.

With the loss of All-Conference running backs Tamarick Pierce and Dennis Merritt, a relatively young crew of running backs are ready to take charge. Sophomore Justice Jackson ranked second on the team last year behind Merritt, racking up 317 yards and three touchdowns on 54 carries after appearing in all 13 games. He has played in 20 games in his time at Eastern, racking up 80 carries for 419 yards and three touchdowns. This season, Jackson has racked up 19 yards on four carries and has two catches for six yards.

A pair of redshirt juniors in Isaiah Lewis and Micah Smith return as well. Lewis appeared in nine games for Eastern last year but has not played in 2022. Smith has played in 27 games in his career and has 459 yards rushing (98 carries) and five touchdowns, plus eight catches for 48 yards. Smith had a breakout game this year against Montana State for his first career start. He rushed for a career-high 114 yards on 13 carries and added two touchdowns. It was the first 100+ rushing yard game of his career.

Silas Perreiah played in his first game since Spring of 2020-21 against Tennessee State on Sept. 3. He returns this season with 16 career games, 293 yards rushing with a touchdown, three catches for seven yards, and another score under his belt. This year, he has rushed for 25 yards on five carries. Although he technically redshirted during his first season on campus due to NCAA rules, Tuna Altahir is back for his redshirt freshman season after 2021 saw him play in two games where he rushed seven times for 30 yards and a touchdown at Northern Colorado. He now has five games of experience (one start) with 53 yards rushing on 18 attempts. In 2022, he has rushed for 23 yards on 11 carries. Davante Smith made his Eagle debut on 9/3/22 and has 29 career rushing yards on six carries.

Along with Musser, sophomore Wyatt Hansen is a returning starter on the offensive line. After playing in and starting all 13 games in 2021, he now has 21 starts and 21 games of experience on the offensive line, starting in all three games in 2022. Musser has 49 games of experience with 23 starts, earning All-Big Sky honors the past two seasons.

Andrei Leonardi returns for his senior season, bringing 18 games of experience with him. Playing in just five games last season before sitting out due to injury, Matthew Hewa Baddege is back on the offensive line this season, making six starts in 16 games played during his career. Other returning letter winners from last season include redshirt sophomore Luke Dahlgren and redshirt junior Brad Prestegord, who each played in seven games last year. Dahlgren has started at center in all three games this year.

Eastern Washington welcomes offensive line transfer Seth Carnahan to the trenches as well. A redshirt junior, Carnahan spent three seasons with the Idaho Vandals where he played in 23 games. He has started on the offensive line in all three games this year. Other returning members of the offensive line include redshirt sophomore Isaac Flemmer, sophomore Brenden Rivera (three starts), sophomore Gale Kamp, redshirt freshman Dane Anderson, redshirt freshman Shane Schwake, and redshirt junior Brad Godwin. Both Carnahan and Rivera made their first career starts for Eastern Washington against Tennessee State.

More on EWU Returning Defensive Players

After only losing four defensive starters after the 2021 season, the Eagle defense is taking a veteran shape under returning All-Big Sky honorees Mitchell Johnson and Joshua Jerome.

Defensive backs and 2020-21 All-BSC members in Anthany Smith and Tre Weed also return. Eighteen defensive players on the 2022 roster have logged at least one start in their careers, including seven on EWU's secondary. Smith, who is a Co-Captain and will don EWU's legacy No. 4 jersey, returns for his senior year with 127 career tackles, four interceptions and three passes broken up in 32 games (14 as a starter). He missed the first half of the 2021 season due to injury, but managed to rack up 38 tackles and a forced fumble in six games played in 2021. He earned All-Big Sky first team honors in 2020-21 and was the team's defensive MVP. In 2022, he has 19 total tackles in three games, with nine coming against Montana State.

Weed is the second starter back on the secondary. He has played 38 games as an Eagle (30 as a starter), and has career totals of 109 tackles, four interceptions and 13 passes broken up. This season, he has five total tackles plus an interception against Montana State.

- 2014 (No. 4 seed, ranked #4)
 - #7/No. 5 seed **Illinois State** - L, 46-59 (Quarterfinals/Cheney)
 - #12 **Montana** - W, 37-20 (Second Round/Cheney)
- 2013 (No. 3 seed, ranked #3)
 - #5 **Towson** - L, 31-35 (Semifinals/Cheney)
 - #20 **Jacksonville State** - W, 35-24 (Quarterfinals/Cheney)
 - #13 **South Dakota State** - W, 41-17 (Second Round/Cheney)
- 2012 (No. 2 seed, ranked #4)
 - #5 **Sam Houston State** - L, 42-45 (Semifinals/Cheney)
 - #16 **Illinois State** - W, 51-35 (Quarterfinals/Cheney)
 - **Wagner** - W, 29-19 (Second Round/Cheney)
- 2010 (No. 5 seed, ranked #1)
 - #5 **Delaware** - W, 20-19 (Championship/Frisco, Texas)
 - #10 **Villanova** - W, 41-31 (Semifinals/Cheney)
 - #25 **North Dakota State** - W, 38-31 in OT (Quarterfinals/Cheney)
 - #9 **Southeast Missouri State** - W, 37-17 (Second Round/Cheney)
- 2009 (ranked #13)
 - at #12 **Stephen F. Austin** - L, 33-44 (First Round)
- 2007 (ranked #14)
 - at #15 **Appalachian State** - L, 35-38 (Quarterfinals)
 - at #3/No. 2 seed **McNeese State** - W, 44-15 (First Round)
- 2005 (ranked #15)
 - at #7 **Northern Iowa** - L, 38-41 (First Round)
- 2004 (ranked #14)
 - #9 **Sam Houston State** - L, 34-35 (Quarterfinals/Cheney)
 - at #1/No. 1 seed **Southern Illinois** - W, 35-31 (First Round)
- 1997 (No. 3 seed, ranked #4)
 - #9/No. 8 seed **Youngstown State** - L, 14-25 (Semifinals/Spokane)
 - #5/No. 5 seed **Western Kentucky** - W, 38-21 (Quarterfinals/Spokane)
 - #17/No. 14 seed **Northwestern State** - W, 40-10 (First Round/Spokane)
- 1992 (ranked/seeded #14)
 - at #3 **Northern Iowa** - L, 14-17 (First Round)
- 1985 (ranked/seeded #11)
 - at #4 **Northern Iowa** - L, 14-17 (Quarterfinals)
 - at #5 **Idaho** - W, 42-38 (First Round)

All-Time FCS Playoffs Leaders (following 2021 playoffs)

- *Appearances* . . . 1. Montana 25; 2. Northern Iowa 22; 3. Eastern Kentucky 21; 4. Appalachian State 20; 5. Georgia Southern 19; 6. Furman and James Madison 18; 8. Delaware, 17; 9. Eastern Illinois, McNeese, New Hampshire 16; 12. **Eastern Washington** 15.
- *Playoff Wins* . . . 1. Georgia Southern 45; 2. North Dakota State 41; 3. Montana 34; 4. Youngstown State 28; 5. Northern Iowa 26; 6. James Madison 25; 7. Delaware, Appalachian State, Sam Houston State 24; 10. Marshall 23; 11. **Eastern Washington**, 20.
- *Percentage* . . . 1. North Dakota State .932 (41-3); 2. Marshall .793 (23-6); 3. Youngstown State .777 (28-8); 4. Georgia Southern .776 (45-13); 5. Sam Houston State .677 (24-12); 6. Boise State .667 (8-4); 7. James Madison .600 (24-16), Delaware .600 (24-16), Richmond .600 (15-10) & Arkansas State .600 (6-4); 11. Montana .596 (34-23) 12. **Eastern Washington** .588 (20-14); 13. Massachusetts .588 (10-7); 14. Appalachian State .585 (24-17); 15. Nevada .563 (9-7); 16. Northern Iowa .541 (26-22).

Winningest FCS Teams 2010-2019

- By percentage . . . 1. North Dakota State .913 (137-13); 2. Kennesaw State .762 (48-15); 3. San Diego .741 (86-30); 4. Harvard .740 (74-26); 5. **Eastern Washington** .735 (97-35); 6. James Madison .733 (96-35); 7. Jacksonville State .7280 (91-34); 8. Sam Houston State .7279 (99-37); 9. Dartmouth .700 (70-30); 10. Bethune-Cookman .690 (78-35); 11. North Carolina A&T .687 (79-36); 12. Dayton .676 (75-36); 13. Central Arkansas .667 (80-40); 14. Wofford .650 (80-43); 15. South Dakota State .648 (83-45); 16. McNeese State .646 (73-40); 17. Montana .642 (79-44); 18. Illinois State .634 (78-45); 19. Duquesne .632 (72-42); 20. Montana State .629 (78-46).
- By victories . . . 1. North Dakota State 137; 2. Sam Houston State 99; 3. **Eastern Washington** 97; 4. James Madison 96; 5. Jacksonville State 91; 6. San Diego 86; 7. South Dakota State 83; 8. New Hampshire, Central Arkansas & Wofford 80; 11. Montana & North Carolina A&T 79; 12. Montana State, Illinois State & Bethune-Cookman 78; 16. Northern Iowa 77; 17. Dayton 75; 18. Harvard 74; 19. McNeese State 73; 20. Duquesne 72.

Darrien Sampson has played in 37 career games now (26 starts) and has 71 tackles, three interceptions and 10 passes broken up. Against Oregon on 9/10, he set a new single-game career-high with six tackles. He has 10 total tackles in 2022 to go with a quarterback hurry and two breakups.

Marlon Jones Jr. tied for the team-lead last year with three interceptions. He has appeared in 23 games with the Eagles, making nine starts and tallying 87 tackles, three interceptions, six passes broken up, and a forced fumble. In 2022, he has three tackles in three games played.

During his second season with the Eagles after transferring in from Arizona State, Ely Doyle returns for his junior season. Doyle has played in 19 games since transferring to Eastern, holding totals of 102 tackles and seven passes broken up. Against Montana State, he set a new career-high with 11 tackles. His second career game with 10-or-more tackles. In 2022, he has 26 total tackles and two breakups in three games.

Sophomore Cage Schenck and redshirt junior Demetrius Crosby Jr. each played in all 13 games last year, while sophomore DaJean Wells appeared in 12. Schenck has played in 21 games for the Eagles, making one start and collecting 24 tackles. Schenck has appeared in all three games this year with four tackles. Crosby has played in 27 games for the Eagles, making five starts. He has tallied 51 tackles, three interceptions, and 12 passes broken up. In 2022, Crosby has racked up 15 tackles and has 2.5 TFL's for five yards. He also has forced a fumble and has a pass breakup. Wells has 18 games of experience with five tackles. Red-shirt senior Keshawn King has 80 tackles and three interceptions in his 34-game career (five as a starter), after playing in 11 games last year with two interceptions. In 2022, King has 12 tackles in three games, including one TFL for a loss of seven yards and a quarterback hurry.

A trio of redshirt freshmen in Joseph Obeto, Kentrell Williams Jr., and Armani Orange look to see action this season after spending 2021 on the scout team. Williams has played in all three games with four tackles in 2022 and Orange has appeared in three games.

Opposite of the defensive backs, Eastern Washington lost two All-Big Sky linebackers in Jack Sendelbach and Ty Graham, along with Cale Lindsay and Jusstis Warren and put a point of emphasis on recruiting the position in the offseason. Joining the Eagles are transfers Derek Tommasini from Idaho, Jaren Banks from Rice, and Sherwin King Jr. from Fresno State.

Four letterwinners return in the linebacker room in sophomores Ahmani Williams, Trevor Thurman, and Conner O'Farrell and redshirt freshman Daniel Taumoepeau. O'Farrell has the most experience with 20 games and 26 tackles. Thurman has made 16 tackles (one for loss) in 13 games of experience, while Williams has 12 games of experience (one start) and has made 12 tackles. Taumoepeau played in four games during his debut season with the Eagles and has played in three in 2022 with six tackles.

Redshirt sophomore Steven Flowers has played in nine game during his career, while Shane Aleaga redshirted his first year on campus.

Joining the linebacker corps are two transfer in Derek Tomassini (Idaho) and Jaren Banks (Rice). Both started their first games in Eagle uniforms against Tennessee State and have two starts since. Tommasini has now racked up 21 tackles with two for loss, and Banks has 22 with three for loss plus an interception.

Four starters on back on EWU's defensive line in redshirt seniors Mitchell Johnson and Deборе'ae McClain, sophomore Matthew Brown, and redshirt junior Joshua Jerome.

Johnson is a Co-Captain and earned All-Big Sky first team honors in 2020-21 and was named to the third team in 2021. He has 160 tackles in his 49-game career (32 as a starter). He has 28 tackles for loss, 14 1/2 sacks, five interceptions, 16 quarterback hurries, nine passes broken up, three fumble recoveries and four forced fumbles (T-14th in school history). In 2022, Johnson has played in all three games. He has two sacks, 2.5 tackles for a loss of 19 yards, plus 17 total tackles. Against Tennessee State, he totaled a career-high 11 tackles.

Jerome is Eastern's other returning All-Conference honoree on the defensive side. Jerome was selected to the HERO Sports All-America Sophomore team too after playing in and starting all 13 games for the Eagles. He has played 38 career games (23 as a starter), and has 158 tackles with 10 1/2 sacks, nine quarterback hurries, a pass broken up, two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries. In 2022, he has played in three games with 16 tackles, one for loss, and a forced

FCS vs. FBS RANKED TEAMS

Eastern's 49-46 victory at No. 25 Oregon State on Aug. 31, 2013, was just the fourth time since the division was created in 1978 that a FCS (formerly known as I-AA) team defeated a ranked FBS opponent. Here are the four times that feat has occurred, plus two since then.

- 1983 - Cincinnati (Ohio) def. #20 Penn State 14-3
- 2007 - Appalachian State def. #5 Michigan 34-32
- 2010 - James Madison def. #13 Virginia Tech 21-16
- 2013 - Eastern Wash. def. #25 Oregon State 49-46**
- 2016 - North Dakota State def. #13 Iowa 23-21
- 2021 - Montana def. #20 Washington 13-7

EAGLES VS. FBS

- Since the early 1980's when it began the move to become a member of the NCAA
- Football Championship Subdivision (in 1984), Eastern is now 11-28 all-time versus
- Football Bowl Subdivision teams. Against current Pac-12 Conference members,
- EWU is now 2-12 (2-13 including losses to Washington State in 1907 and 1908),
- including a 49-46 upset of 25th-ranked Oregon State in 2013 and a 45-42 win over
- Washington State in 2016. Eastern has won four of its last 12 games versus FBS
- foes. A 35-17 win over Connecticut on Sept. 8, 2001, snapped a five-game losing
- streak versus FBS foes, then a 20-3 win at Idaho in 2012 snapped a 10-game skid.
- Here is Eastern's complete list of games versus FBS members since 1983.

- Year - Opponent - Result
- 1983 - CS-Long Beach - W, 20-17
- 1985 - at CS-Long Beach - W, 30-23
- 1986 - at CS-Long Beach - L, 34-35
- 1990 - at #10 Houston - L, 21-84
- 1994 - at Utah State - W, 49-31
- 1996 - at Boise State - W, 27-21
- 1996 - at Idaho - L, 27-37
- 1997 - Idaho - W, 24-21
- 1998 - at Idaho - L, 14-31
- 1999 - Idaho - L, 21-48
- 1999 - at Boise State - L, 7-41
- 2000 - at Oregon State - L, 19-21
- 2000 - at Boise State - L, 23-41
- 2001 - at Connecticut - W, 35-17
- 2002 - at Arizona State - L, 2-38
- 2003 - at San Diego State - L, 9-19
- 2003 - at Idaho - W, 8-5
- 2004 - at Air Force - L, 20-42
- 2005 - at San Jose State - L, 21-35
- 2006 - at Oregon State - L, 17-56
- 2006 - at #6 West Virginia - L, 3-52
- 2007 - at Brigham Young - L, 7-42
- 2008 - at #12 Texas Tech - L, 24-49
- 2008 - at Colorado - L, 24-31
- 2009 - at #10 California - L, 7-59
- 2010 - at Nevada - L, 24-49
- 2011 - at Washington - L, 27-30
- 2012 - at Idaho - W, 20-3
- 2012 - at Washington State - L, 20-24
- 2013 - at #25 Oregon State - W, 49-46
- 2013 - at Toledo - L, 21-33
- 2014 - at Washington - L, 52-59
- 2015 - at #7 Oregon - L, 42-61
- 2016 - at Wash. St. - W, 45-42
- 2017 - at Texas Tech - L, 10-56
- 2018 - at Washington St. - L, 24-59
- 2019 - at Washington - L, 14-47
- 2021 - at UNLV - W, 35-33 (2 OT)
- 2022 - at Oregon - L, 14-70
- 2022 - at Florida (10/1/22)
- 2023 - at Fresno State (9/9/23)
- 2024 - at Nevada (9/21/24)
- 2025 - at Boise State (9/6/25)
- 2026 - at Washington (9/5, 9/12 or 9/19)
- 2028 - at Washington (9/2, 9/9 or 9/16)

fumble.

McClain has played in 48 games across four seasons as an Eagle, racking up 73 tackles, 7 1/2 sacks, nine quarterback hurries, a forced fumble and fumble recovery. In 2022, McClain has played in two games with four tackles.

The final returning starter on the defensive line is Brown. Brown has appeared in 18 games for the Eagles, making 12 starts. He has tallied 24 tackles in his career, with 4 1/2 of them for loss. He also has two sacks and a fumble recovery.

Adding veteran experience to the defensive line is redshirt senior Caleb Davis. Davis appeared in all 13 games for the Eagles, making one start. He has totaled 75 career tackles and 6 1/2 sacks, also recovering three fumbles in his 31-game career. Davis has started all three games in 2022, with 14 tackles, a fumble recovery, and a quarterback hurry.

Redshirt sophomore Brock Harrison has played in 27 games as an Eagle with nine starts, totaling 54 tackles, 2 1/2 sacks, nine tackles for loss, two fumble recoveries, four pass break ups and an interception. Harrison has started all three games this year with eight tackles, a sack, a forced fumble, and a breakup. Fellow redshirt sophomore Jacob Newsom has played in 22 games, recording 37 tackles, three sacks, a pass break up and a forced fumble.

Soli Paleso'o is a redshirt sophomore who has played in 23 games, recording 28 tackles, four sacks, four quarterback hurries, a blocked field goal and a pass broken up. Against Montana State this year, Paleso'o had two sacks. Sophomore LeAndre Gaines who has 14 games of experience (10 tackles, one sack), also returns.

Rounding out the defensive line is Emmanuel Osuoha, Taalefili Fata, Chad Vidican, Warren Hardin, Sean Skladany, Sandrey Mitberg, and Gabriel Johnson. Hardin saw four games of action last year and Skladany appeared in two.

More on EWU Returning Special Teams Players

Another experienced group is Eastern Washington's special teams corps, as the Eagles return three kickers, a punter, and two long snappers who all saw action last year.

Junior Nick Kokich handles the punting duties for the Eagles. This season he has punted 18 times for 787 yards, averaging 43.7 yards per punt with a long of 60. He has one touchback, three inside the 20, and five that has gone for over 50 yards.

Redshirt junior kicker Seth Harrison has the most experience on special teams. Harrison made the first 12 field goal attempts of his career, and is now 24-of-34 for .706 accuracy which currently ranks fifth in school history. His 196 kicking points are tied for fourth in school history. He is fourth in extra points made and attempted, going 124-of-131 in his career. Harrison became just the seventh Eagle in school history to have at least three career field goals of 47 yards or more, and just the fourth with two of at least 50 yards. There have been just 44 total field goals of 47 yards or more and 22 of at least 50 all-time at EWU. He also holds a 54.2 kickoff average (11 touchbacks). Harrison battled injuries in 2021, and in seven games he made 6-of-12 field goals and added 43 extra-point kicks on 45 attempts with a long of 41.

Jackson Cleaver has 10 games of experience for the Eagles, going 4-of-6 on field goal attempts and 25-of-28 on extra points. He also has 29 kickoffs for 1,614 yards and six touchbacks. Cleaver appeared in seven games for the Eagles, making 3-of-5 field goals and 14-of-17 extra points. He set a new career-long on a 32-yard field goal against Montana (10/2/21). He accounted for eight points in the 34-28 victory over the Griz and was named the Big Sky Conference Special Teams Player of the Week.

Sophomore Wyatt Hawkins was a perfect two-for-two on field goal tries (long of 30) and six-for-six on extra point tries. He also recorded 50 kickoffs, totaling 2,717 yards (54.3 average) and 13 touchbacks. Hawkins has appeared in 12 games for the Eagles, making both of his field goal attempts and recording 61 kickoff attempts for a 53-yard average.

Cody Clements will enter his sixth season at Eastern Washington in the Fall as a redshirt senior. He has appeared in 31 games for the Eagles as a long snapper. He played in nine games for EWU in 2021 before an injury handed off duties to Aaron Estrada who made his collegiate debut against UC Davis on Nov. 13, playing in four games total.

Season Notes

TOP CROWDS

All but three of the 38 largest crowds Eastern has ever played in front of have occurred since the 2000 season. The 65,709 on hand for EWU's game at Washington on Aug. 31, 2019, was the largest crowd EWU has ever played against. The Eagles entered the game ranked as high as third in FCS preseason polls, while Washington was as high as 12th in FBS. That broke a 12-year-old record set in 2007 at BYU in sold-out LaVell Edwards Stadium. Strong winds, rain, snow and temperatures ranging from 37-45 degrees didn't keep many fans at home as the announced crowd of 64,522 was even larger than the stadium's listed capacity of 64,045.

Prior to that, Eastern's 2006 game versus West Virginia at sold-out Milan Puskar Stadium was the record and attended by 59,504 fans – at the time, that was the largest crowd by nearly 20,000 fans the Eagles had ever played against. The previous record was 39,581 set at Arizona State in 2002. Below is a list of the 38 crowds in excess of 20,000 the Eagles have ever played against.

Attendance - Opponent - Date - Result
 65,709 - at Washington - Aug. 31, 2019 - L, 14-47
 64,522 - at Brigham Young - Oct. 20, 2007 - L, 7-42
 62,861 - at Washington - Sept. 6, 2014 - L, 52-59
 59,504 - at West Virginia - Sept. 9, 2006 - L, 3-52
 58,128 - at Oregon - Sept. 5, 2015 - L, 42-61
 58,088 - at Washington - Sept. 3, 2011 - L, 27-30
 58,083 - at California - Sept. 12, 2009 - L, 7-59
 54,988 - at Texas Tech - Sept. 2, 2017 - L, 10-56
 49,887 - at Texas Tech - Aug. 30, 2008 - L, 24-49
 47,289 - at Oregon - Sept. 10, 2022 - L, 14-70
 46,417 - at Colorado - Sept. 6, 2008 - L, 24-31
 41,649 - at Oregon State - Aug. 31, 2013 - W, 49-46
 39,581 - at Arizona State - Aug. 31, 2002 - L, 2-38
 38,071 - at Oregon State - Aug. 31, 2006 - L, 17-56
 34,389 - at Air Force - Sept. 11, 2004 - L, 20-42
 33,598 - at Washington State - Sept. 8, 2012 - L, 20-24
 32,952 - at Washington State - Sept. 15, 2018 - L, 24-59
 32,952 - at Washington State - Sept. 3, 2016 - W, 45-42
 30,782 - at Oregon State - Sept. 2, 2000 - L, 19-21
 27,323 - at U.S. International - Oct. 28, 1967 - W, 44-19
 26,082 - at Montana - Oct. 26, 2013 - W, 42-37
 26,066 - at Montana - Sept. 17, 2011 - L, 14-17
 25,944 - at Montana - Sept. 23, 2017 - W, 48-41
 25,751 - at Montana - Oct. 17, 2009 - L, 34-41
 25,493 - at Boise State - Oct. 14, 2000 - L, 23-41
 25,213 - at Montana - Nov. 14, 2015 - L, 16-57
 24,072 - at Montana - Oct. 26, 2019 - L, 17-34
 24,065 - at Montana - Dec. 3, 2021 - L, 41-57
 23,739 - at Montana - Oct. 15, 2005 - W, 34-20
 23,329 - at Montana - Nov. 15, 2003 - L, 10-41
 23,226 - at Montana - Oct. 6, 2007 - L, 23-24
 21,981 - at Boise State - Oct. 9, 1999 - L, 7-41
 21,970 - at UNLV - Sept. 2, 2021 - W, 35-33 (2 overtimes)
 21,487 - at Boise State - Sept. 21, 1991 - L, 17-31
 21,145 - at San Diego State - Aug. 30, 2003 - L, 9-19
 20,901 - at Jacksonville State - Sept. 14, 2019 - L, 45-49
 20,477 - at Montana State - Oct. 13, 2012 - W, 27-24
 20,459 - at Toledo - Sept. 14, 2013 - L, 21-33

EWU'S SEASON-ENDING FCS/I-AA

RANKINGS

1985 – 11th (NCAA Division I-AA Poll)
 1992 – 14th (NCAA Division I-AA Poll)
 1993 – 20th (The Sports Network)
 1997 – 4th (The Sports Network) & 4th (ESPN/USA Today)
 2004 – 8th (The Sports Network) & 7th (ESPN/USA Today)
 2005 – 13th (The Sports Network) & 13th (ESPN/USA Today)
 2007 – 8th (The Sports Network) & 8th (Coaches)
 2009 – 13th (The Sports Network) & 13th (Coaches)
 2010 – 1st (The Sports Network) & 1st (Coaches)
 2012 – 4th (The Sports Network) & 4th (Coaches)
 2013 – 3rd (The Sports Network) & 3rd (Coaches)
 2014 – 4th (The Sports Network) & 4th (Coaches)
 2016 – 4th (STATS) & 4th (Coaches)
 2017 – 21st (STATS) & 22nd (Coaches)
 2018 – 2nd (STATS) & 2nd (Coaches)
 2020/21 – 10th (Stats Perform) & 11th (Coaches)
 2021 – 7th (Stats Perform) & 9th (Coaches)

Through the 2021 season, Eastern has now been ranked in 128 of the last 137 polls, including the last 25. EWU was ranked in the top 25 in 57 consecutive polls until being unranked in the season-ending rankings in 2015. After that, EWU was ranked in 46 consecutive polls (103 of 104) until falling out on Oct. 7, 2019.

Eagles Have Won 80 Percent of Their Last 119 Big Sky Conference Games

Eastern has had 24 winning seasons in the last 26 years (1996-2021), including a current school record string of 15-straight (2007-21) and another stretch of seven straight (1999-2005). The last time Eastern had that many winning seasons in a row came 75 years earlier in the Red Reese era when Eastern had a string of 11-straight winning seasons from 1931-1941.

A major reason for Eastern's stretch of winning seasons is success in the Big Sky Conference. In finishing 6-2 in the league in the 2021 season, Eastern has now won at least five conference games in the last 16 seasons, with a 6-2 or better finish (75 percent) in 13 of those 16. Since EWU's last losing league season in 2006 (3-5), the Eagles are 94-25 for a .790 winning percentage in 15 seasons (including 2022). Starting with three wins at the end of the 2009 season, Eastern has had a 80-18 record (.816) in league games since then.

Through the 2022 season (0-1 record), the Eagles have won 70 of their last 84 Big Sky Conference games (83.3 percent) since a 0-2 start in 2011. Included are stretches of 60 victories in the last 73 games (including two at the end of the 2012 season) and 38 of the last 47 (since 2016).

At one point the Eagles had won 44 of 50 league games, and the only Big Sky school which has come close to that in the 58-year history of the league was Montana, which won 50 of 55 games from 1995-2002 and 46 of 51 from 2003-2009. Weber State won 26 of 29 during a recent four-year stretch (2017-20/21) as league champions.

Including four non-conference victories (two versus MSU, and one each against Cal Poly and Northern Arizona), two playoff wins (Montana and UC Davis) and one loss (Idaho), the Eagles are 76-15 (.835) against conference foes since the 0-2 start in 2011 and 66-13 (.835) since winning the last three games at the end of the 2012 campaign (one a non-conference win over Cal Poly).

What is perhaps most impressive is Eastern's ability to consistently win on the road versus conference foes, with records of 32-8 (80 percent) on the road, 34-5 at home (87 percent) and 66-13 overall (84 percent) in the last eight-plus seasons since ending 2012 with three wins versus fellow BSC foes. From 2012-2019, Eastern defeated every Big Sky team on the road at least once, including former Big Sky member North Dakota and a 2012 non-league road victory at Idaho, which re-joined the league in 2018. Until losing at Southern Utah in October of 2017, the Eagles had won their previous road game versus all 13 other league members.

Eastern secured its 10th Big Sky title in 2018 and in the 2021 season EWU earned its 15th berth in the FCS Playoffs in what is now 38 years as a member of the FCS (formerly I-AA) and 34 seasons in the Big Sky.

Eagles Now 65-12 on the Red Turf

A school-record stretch of 20-straight wins at Roos Field came to an end on Oct. 23, 2021, when the Eagles lost 35-34 to Weber State. Eastern then followed that with a 23-20 setback to fourth-ranked Montana State two weeks later.

At the time, the streak was the top active mark in FCS and came just one victory shy of the overall school record of 21 set from 1935-40. Eastern won all five of its regular season home games in 2019, all eight in 2018, three at home in the 2020-21 season and was 3-0 in 2021 before the loss to the Wildcats, who had handed EWU its last home loss in 2017.

The Eagles entered the 2021 season as one of three teams with the longest active home winning streaks in FBS with 17 consecutive victories, and EWU improved that to 18 with a resounding 63-14 win over Central Washington on Sept. 11. Victories over Montana on Oct. 2 and Idaho on Oct. 16 extended it to 20. The other schools who entered the season with 17-game home winning streaks included James Madison, which extended its streak to 19 with a 55-7 win over Maine on Sept. 11. North Dakota also had a 18-game streak after winning its home opener Sept. 18 versus Drake, but fell at home on Oct. 2 against North Dakota

Big Sky Preseason Coaches Poll

School (First-place votes)

1. Montana (3)
2. Sacramento State (4)
3. Montana State (5)
4. Weber State
5. UC Davis
6. Eastern Washington
7. Northern Arizona
8. Idaho
9. Portland State
10. Cal Poly
11. Idaho State, Northern Colorado

Big Sky Preseason Media Poll

School (First-place votes)

1. Montana (14)
2. Montana State (13)
3. Sacramento State (4)
4. Weber State
5. UC Davis (1)
6. Eastern Washington
7. Northern Arizona
8. Portland State
9. Idaho
10. Cal Poly
11. Northern Colorado
12. Idaho State

State. James Madison lost at home 28-27 on Oct. 9 versus Villanova, thus giving EWU sole possession of the top active mark for two weeks.

Eastern is now 65-12 (84.4 percent) overall at "The Inferno" since 2010. The stadium has been known as Roos Field since 2010 when a new red synthetic Sprinturf surface made its debut. Prior to that, Eastern's last home loss came on Nov. 4, 2017, versus Weber State.

At its current site, the previous school record was 11 consecutive home wins set between 9/16/78 and 9/27/80 (between

losses was from 11/19/77 to 11/1/80). Eastern had a nine-game winning streak snapped in a 36-21 loss to Montana State on Sept. 24, 2011. The Eagles also had a nine-game winning streak at that venue snapped against Sacramento State on Oct. 21, 2000, when the Hornets made a 23-yard field goal with no time remaining.

Eastern has lost just eight regular season games at "The Inferno" – 50-8 (86.2 percent), plus are 14-4 (77.8 percent) in playoff games. The only regular season losses at home for EWU since 2010 are to conference foes Montana State (2011 and 2021), Portland State (2011 and 2015), Northern Arizona (2015) and Weber State (2017 and 2021), as well as North Dakota State (2017).

Eastern finished a perfect 8-0 in its debut season at "The Inferno," including three playoff victories. Eastern's triumphs since the red turf was installed in 2010 include a 6-0 record versus rival Montana. The original red turf at Roos Field was replaced in summer of 2020 by a new AstroTurf surface.

The North Dakota State game on Sept. 9, 2017, was the 50th at Roos Field since the red turf surface was installed in 2010. In 2016, Eastern finished 7-1 in the 50th season of football at EWU's current stadium location, which opened in 1967. Eastern has a 177-67 record (72.5 percent) in 244 games at Roos Field (formerly Woodward Field) since 1967, with the Eagles utilizing Joe Albi Stadium in Spokane as the school's main home field from 1983-89.

Eastern Washington Football Picked to Finish Sixth by both the Coaches and Media

The Eastern Washington University football team has been picked to finish sixth in the Big Sky Conference by both the coaches and media in polls released Monday (July 25) at the Big Sky Conference Football Kickoff in Spokane.

In the coaches poll, Eastern finished behind Montana, Sacramento State, Montana State, Weber State and UC Davis, and ahead of Northern Arizona, Idaho, Portland State, Cal Poly, Idaho State and Northern Colorado.

The media selected Montana, Montana State, Sacramento State, Weber State, and UC Davis to finish ahead of the Eagles, with Northern Arizona, Portland State, Idaho, Cal Poly, Northern Colorado and Idaho State to follow.

Last season, Eastern was selected third in both polls and finished the season tied for third in the Big Sky standing with a 10-3 overall record and a 6-2 mark in conference play. Prior to the 2020 season, Eastern was picked No. 4 in both polls. In 2018 and 2019, they were selected No. 1 by both the coaches and media, which marked the third time since 2014 the Eagles have been picked No. 1 in both polls. In 2015 EWU was selected first by the media. In 2016 the Eagles were fourth by the coaches and third by the media, and in 2017 Eastern was second in both. In 2013, EWU was second in both as well.

Since winning the league and NCAA Division I titles in 2010, Eastern has won Big Sky championships in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016 and 2018, giving the Eagles a total of 10 league titles. Eastern is expected to return five starters on offense and seven on defense, plus three kickers, a punter and a long snapper to go with 47 returning letterwinners from a squad that made the program's 15th appearance in the FCS Playoffs a year ago.

Eastern Washington plays two of the top-five teams in the Big Sky preseason polls at home this season in Montana State and Sacramento State, and will play Montana and Weber State on the road. For the teams picked lower than the Eagles, EWU plays Portland State and Northern Colorado at Roos Field and travels to Cal Poly and Idaho

Most Recent Game Recap

In a topsy-turvy Big Sky Conference opener, the No. 15 Eastern Washington University football team fell to No. 4 Montana State 38-35 on Saturday (Sept. 24) at Roos Field in Cheney, Wash. With the loss, the Eagles fall to 1-2 overall and 0-1 in conference action, while the Bobcats improve to 3-1 and 1-0. Montana State has now won two-straight over EWU, both coming in Cheney.

Eastern trailed 31-21 going into the fourth quarter. Gunner Talkington orchestrated two consecutive touchdown drives with an 80-yard touchdown pass to Freddie Roberson and an eight-yard strike to Nolan Ulm. With 9:18 to go, EWU led 35-31, its first lead since the second quarter.

On the next drive, Montana State faced fourth-and-eight on their own eight-yard line when Jaren Banks intercepted a pass in the endzone. However, EWU fumbled on the next drive and it was recovered by MSU. The Bobcats would take advantage of the turnover and scored on a 13-yard rushing touchdown to take a 38-35 lead.

The Eagles looked to bounce back with plenty of time on the clock (3:26), but got called for an interception facing 4th and 14 and it would lead to the Bobcat victory, 38-35.

"When you have two good teams, it's going to come down to five-to-seven plays in a ball game. We overcame a blocked punt and we overcame a missed field goal when we did have a blocked punt before the first half ended. Jaren Banks had an interception in the redzone - there was a lot of good to take out of this game we just couldn't close it out," said head coach Aaron Best. "On third down, we weren't as productive as we would've liked being just three-of-12 for 25 percent. We had our way early, but it was a back-and-forth game the entire way. We went into the half down three and ended the game down three, so we didn't scratch and claw enough in regards to the outcome. We don't get to Nolan Ulm's play if we don't possess the ball in a situation with less than three minutes where they have three timeouts. It's unfortunate because Micah Smith had a great game, but one mistake doesn't take away from the great day that he had on the ground. Our players fought their tails off, they battled back and played an inspirational game, we just fell three points short. We did all we could. We bent as much as we could bend, but at the end they made more plays than we did in the late third and fourth quarter, and we couldn't overcome."

Talkington completed 16 of his 26 pass attempts for 201 yards and three touchdowns. Freddie Roberson led the team with 90 receiving yards on two catches and a touchdown, followed by Efton Chism III who had 53 yards on six catches and a touchdown as well. Micah Smith earned the first 100-yard rushing game of his career, going for 114 yards on 13 carries plus two touchdowns.

On the defensive side, Ely Doyle led the way with 11 total tackles plus a breakup, his second career game with at least 10 tackles. A trio of Eagles had nine tackles in Anthony Smith, Derek Tommasini and Banks. Banks had an interception, Tommasini had two hurries, and Soli Paleso'o had two sacks for 13 yards.

Seth Harrison was a perfect five-for-five on extra point attempts. Nick Kokich punted five times for 189 yards (average of 37.8) with a long of 50.

It was a back-and-forth affair in the first half. Eastern Washington struck first and led 14-10 after the first quarter thanks to two rushing touchdowns from Micah Smith in his first career start. Montana State took its first lead of the game early in the second quarter, when a four-yard strike from Talkington to Chism put the lead back in EWU's hands. With 6:51 left in the half, the Bobcats pulled back ahead 24-21 and they would take that lead into the locker room.

Montana State extended the lead to 31-21 to start the third quarter on a 12-play drive that ticked 6:55 off the clock. The Bobcats held the Eagles scoreless during the third frame, and took the 10-point lead into the fourth.

Eastern Washington came alive to start the fourth when Talkington hit Freddie Roberson for an 80-yard catch-and-run to the endzone, trimming the lead down to 31-28 with 13:59 left to go. With 9:24 left to play, the Eagles retook the lead. Talkington found Nolan Ulm in the endzone on an eight-yard strike, putting EWU up 35-31 after the PAT.

Banks came up with an interception in the endzone when the Bobcats were facing fourth-and-eight, but an EWU fumble on the next play allowed Montana State to score on a 13-yard passing touchdown to pull back ahead 38-35. Eastern was called for an interception on an attempted game-winning drive, and the Bobcats held on for the win.

The Eagles had 349 yards of total offense, 148 on the ground and the other 201 through the air. Montana State amassed 466 total yards, including 355 rushing yards and 111 yards passing. The Bobcats had the ball for 38:36 compared to 21:24 for the Eagles.

Eastern Washington now readies to take on its second FBS opponent of the year at Florida next week (Oct. 1). The Gators, who are currently ranked No. 20 in the AP Poll, just lost at No. 11 Tennessee, 38-33. Kickoff is set for 9 a.m. Pacific time in Gainesville, Fla.

Scoring Summary

After the Eastern Washington defense held Montana State to a three-and-out in its opening drive, the Eagle offense struck first. It took just two plays before Micah Smith rushed 56-yards to the endzone and Seth Harrison's extra point attempt went through the uprights to help EWU take an early 7-0 lead. The rush was the longest of Smith's career and it was his fourth-career rushing touchdown in his first-career start.

Montana State quickly tied the game on its next drive on a 45-yard rushing touchdown, 7-7, with 10:40 to go in the first. The drive lasted four plays and 75 yards to take 1:50 off the clock.

Micah Smith struck again on the ensuing drive for his second rushing touchdown of the game, his first multi-scoring game of his career. This score went for 28-yards and took 1:33 off the clock on a four-play, 75-yard drive that gave Eastern a 14-7 lead.

MSU cut the lead to four after a 37-yard field goal. At the end of the first, Eastern led 14-10 despite only having the ball for 3:57 compared to 11:03 for the Bobcats.

The Bobcats took their first lead of the game, 17-14, at the start of the second quarter following a 13-yard rushing touchdown. The score capped a nine-play, 80-yard drive.

Montana State's lead did not last long. Eastern Washington strung together an aggressive drive that took 4:55 off the clock and consisted of 11 plays and 65 yards and ended on a four-yard strike from Gunner Talkington to Efton Chism III. It was Talkington's eighth passing touchdown of the season and Chism's third. Eastern converted on fourth-and-two on MSU's 19-yard line, and the Bobcats committed back-to-back penalties to help keep the drive alive.

The lead would swing once again on the next drive. The Bobcats found the endzone on a five-yard strike to end a five-play, 63-yard drive, retaking a 24-21 lead with 6:51 left in the half.

With 1:07 remaining, Montana State missed a 20-yard field goal and the Eagles trailed by just three at the half, 24-21.

The Bobcats extended their lead to 31-21 on their first drive of the third quarter. The drive took 6:15 off the clock and lasted 12 plays and 58 yards, ending on a two-yard rushing touchdown.

Eastern trailed 31-21 heading into the fourth. On the first play of the fourth, Talkington found Freddie Roberson for an 80-yard catch-and-run to the endzone. The drive was just 12 seconds long and cut the lead to 31-28 with 13:59 left in the fourth.

The Eagles retook the lead, 35-31, with 9:24 left to go when Talkington found Nolan Ulm in the endzone on an eight-yard reception. The drive was seven plays for 45 yards, taking 2:47 off of the clock. It was Eastern's first lead since they led 21-17 in the second quarter.

Montana State's final score of the game came with 3:26 left to play on a 13-yard rushing touchdown. The play lasted just 17 seconds and was two plays long.

Additional Comments from Head Coach Aaron Best

Thoughts on Montana State's Play: "First off, I hope (MSU quarterback) Tommy is okay. He was up and out of pads and walking out after halftime to watch the second half from the sidelines, so it looked like he was at least moving. You never want to see anyone hurt on the football field, much less their quarterback who you rely on, but (Sean) Chambers came in and ran the show the rest of the game and didn't miss a beat. We knew that they had one (quarterback) instead of using two at that point, but we just couldn't get it done. They had 355 yards on the ground and Chambers was a healthy dose of that, Elijah Elliot was the other piece. There were pockets where we played really good and really well at the line of scrimmage

and there were other times where they got loose. We need to be more consistent. Teams are going to get yards on the ground, but we try to minimize those, especially on third-and-eight or third-and-nine where they all of a sudden put it on the ground to move the sticks. We did play better, we played inspired, we played together, we played tough, but we didn't put enough together to win this ball game."

Thoughts on Gunner Talkington: "It was obviously an off week for a lot of people against Oregon. This time around, he didn't get a ton of attempts with looking at the stats, so there weren't a lot of plays. Montana State possessed the ball a lot from their standpoint, but Gunner stayed in there and he's a tough kid. His eyes are down the field, he's not looking at the rush. Unfortunately, late in the game, we didn't have our best pass protection and we couldn't quite get it done. We'll look at those things and tweak them, but it's not like we're off. I think we can clean up a few things up as we go forward but we don't have anything to hang our heads about. There are no moral victories as we always talk about when you're on the wrong side of the scoreboard, we just fell three points short. We played well, just not well enough."

2022 Two-Deep

#Starter in 2021 Season. *Has used redshirt season. ^Received extra year because of Covid-19 pandemic. %Received sixth year to complete four years of eligibility.

OFFENSE

Left Tackle

61 - **#Wyatt Hansen** – OL - 6-5 – 305 - So. - 2L^ - Kent, Wash. / Kentwood HS '20
76 - **Brad Godwin** – OL - 6-6 – 300 - R-Jr. - 3L^* - Redlands, Calif. / Redlands HS '18

Left Guard

77 - **#Wyatt Musser** – OL - 6-5 – 310 - R-Sr. - 4L^* - Kennewick, Wash. / Kamiakin HS '17
52 - **Isaac Flemmer** – OL - 6-7 – 305 - R-So. - SQ^* - Banks, Ore. / Valley Catholic HS '19

Center

57 - **Luke Dahlgren** – OL - 6-3 – 300 - R-So. - 2L^* - Forks, Wash. / Forks HS '19
75 - **Brad Prestegord** – OL - 6-3 – 300 - R-Jr. - 2L^* - Pe Ell, Wash. / Pe Ell HS '18

Right Guard

64 - **Brenden Rivera** – OL - 6-2 – 290 - So. - 1L^ - Gig Harbor, Wash. / Gig Harbor HS '20
51 - **Andrei Leonardi** – OL - 6-4 – 290 - Jr. - 1L^* - Bothell, Wash. / Cedar Park Christian '17

Right Tackle

68 - **Seth Carnahan** – OL - 6-6 – 298 - R-Jr. - TR^* - Sumner, Wash. / Sumner HS '17 / University of Idaho
70 - **Matthew Hewa Baddege** – OL - 6-7 – 320 - R-So. - 2L^* - Port Coquitlam, B.C. / Terry Fox Secondary '19

Quarterback

2 - **Gunner Talkington** – QB - 5-10 – 215 - R-Sr. - 4L^* - Battle Ground, Wash. / Battle Ground HS '17
16 - **Kekoa Visperas** – QB - 6-0 – 190 - R-Fr. - SQ^* - Spanaway, Wash. / Bethel HS '21

Running Back

22 - **Justice Jackson** – RB - 5-11 – 190 - So. - 2L^ - Antioch, Calif. / Liberty HS '20
32 - **Tuna Altahir** – RB - 6-0 – 230 - R-Fr. - SQ^* - Kennewick, Wash. / Kamiakin HS '18

Tight End

86 - **#Dylan Ingram** – 6-5 - 245 – R-Sr. - 3L^* - Camas, Wash. / Camas HS '17
82 - **Blake Gobel** – 6-6 - 250 – R-So. - 1L^* - Banks, Ore. / Banks HS '19

Wide Receiver

89 - **#Efton Chism III** – WR - 6-0 – 200 - So. - 2L^ - Monroe, Wash. / Monroe HS '20
9 - **Robert Mason III** – WR - 6-1 – 180 - Sr. - 2L^ - Graham, Wash. / Graham-Kapowsin HS '18 / Central Wash. Univ.

Wide Receiver

1 - **Freddie Roberson** – WR - 6-2 – 195 - R-Jr. - 3L^* - Seattle, Wash. / Rainier Beach HS '18
3 - **Anthony Stell Jr.** – WR - 5-10 – 180 - R-Jr. - 2L^* - Seattle Wash. / Rainier Beach HS '18

Wide Receiver

11 - **Jakobie James** – WR - 6-1 – 200 - R-So. - 2L^* - Redlands, Calif. / Redlands HS '19
17 - **Nolan Ulm** – WR - 6-2 – 190 - So. - 2L^ - Kelowna, B.C. / Kelowna Secondary HS '20

DEFENSE

End

5 - **#Mitchell Johnson** – DL - 6-3 – 245 - R-Sr. - 4L^* - West Linn, Ore. / West Linn HS '17
95 - **Gabriel Johnson** – DL - 6-4 – 230 - R-Fr. - SQ^* - Bothell, Wash. / Bothell HS '21

Buck End

0 - **#Debore'ae McClain** – DL - 6-3 – 235 - R-Sr. - 4L^* - Bremerton, Wash. / Peninsula HS '17
44 - **Brock Harrison** – DL - 6-3 – 250 - R-So. - 2L^* - Ridgefield, Wash. / Ridgefield HS '19

Tackle

99 - **Caleb Davis** – DL - 6-3 – 280 - R-Sr. - 3L^* - Bonney Lake, Wash. / Bonney Lake HS '17
90 - **#Matthew Brown** – DL - 6-2 - 295 So. - 2L^ - Hoquiam, Wash. / Hoquiam HS '20

Pronunciations

Shane Aleaga	"ah-lee-ah-gah"
Tune Altahir	"all-ta-here"
Ely Doyle	"ee-lie"
Taalefili Fata	"tall-uh-feel-ee"
	(also goes by Feel-ee) "fah-taw"
Matthew Hewa Baddege	"heh-vah"
	"bad-uh-gay"
Nick Kokich	"coke-ich"
Debore'ae McClain	"duh-bore-ee-aa"
Wyatt Musser	"muss-ur"
Joseph Obeto	"oh-bet-oh"
Emmanuel Osuoha	"oh-sue-ha"
Soli Paleso'o	"sole-ee" "paul-a-so-oh"
Silas Perreiah	"puh-ree-uh"
	(rhymes with Maria)
Freddie Roberson	"row-ber-son"
Malaki Roberson	"mal-uh-kie" "raw-ber-son"
Cage Schenck	"skank"
Shane Schwake	"shh-wok-ee"
Chad Vidican	"vid-in-cun"
Sean Skladany	"skluh-day-knee"
Daniel Taumoepeau	"tao-moy-pay-ow"
	(first syllable like the beginning of "ouch")
Kekoa Visperas	"kay-koh-uh" "vie-spare-us"

Incoming Freshmen Pronunciations

Justis La'ulu	"la ooh loo"
Tariq May	"ty-riq"

Coaching Staff Pronunciations

Jim Chapin	"chay-pin"
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Tackle

55 - **#Joshua Jerome** – DL - 6-1 – 280 - R-Jr. - 3L[^] - Monroe, Wash. / Monroe HS '18
98 - **Soli Paleso'o** – DL - 6-3 – 290 - R-So. - 2L[^] - Fife, Wash. / Fife HS '19

Linebacker

33 - **Derek Tommasini** – LB - 6-0 – 230 - Jr. – TR - Eagle, Idaho / Eagle HS '20 / Idaho
48 - **Trevor Thurman** – LB - 6-3 – 225 - So. - 2L[^] - Kenmore, Wash. / Inglemoor HS '20

Linebacker

58 - **Ahmani Williams** – LB - 6-0 – 215 - So. - 2L[^] - Vancouver, Wash. / Skyview HS '20
53 - **Shane Aleaga** – LB - 6-1 – 215 - R-Fr. - SQ* - Burien, Wash. / Kennedy Catholic HS '21

Linebacker

54 - **Jaren Banks** – LB - 6-0 – 213 - Sr. – TR - Junction City, Ore. / Sheldon HS '19 / Rice
46 - **Conner O'Farrell** – LB - 6-0 – 215 - So. - 1L[^] - Anchorage, Alaska / Service HS '20

Cornerback

8 - **#Darrien Sampson** – DB - 6-0 – 180 - R-Jr. - 3L[^] - South Seattle, Wash. / Rainier Beach HS '18
20 - **Marlon Jones Jr.** – DB - 6-0 – 185 - R-So. - 2L[^] - Tacoma, Wash. / Curtis HS '19

Cornerback

31 - **Demetrius Crosby Jr.** – DB - 6-0- 185 - R-Jr. - 3L[^] - Tacoma, Wash. / Foss HS '18
7 - **#Tre Weed** – DB - 6-0 - 185 - R-Jr. - 3L[^] - Sumner, Wash. / Sumner HS '18

Safety

25 - **#Ely Doyle** – DB - 6-1 – 190 - R-Jr. - 2L[^] - Santa Clarita, Calif. / Bishop Alemany '18 & Arizona State
21 - **Keshaun King** – DB - 5-9 – 180 - R-Sr. - 3L[^] - Marysville, Wash. / Marysville Pilchuck HS '17

Safety

4 - **Anthony Smith** – DB - 5-11 – 190- R-Sr. - 3L[^] - Everett, Wash. / Mariner HS '17
38 - **Armani Orange** – DB - 6-0- 185 - R-Fr. - SQ* - Moreno Valley, Calif. / Rancho Verde HS '21

Nickel Back

20 - **Marlon Jones Jr.** – DB - 6-0 – 185 - R-So. - 2L[^] - Tacoma, Wash. / Curtis HS '19
29 - **Cage Schenck** – DB - 5-9 – 170 - So. - 2L[^] - Woodinville, Wash. / Woodinville HS '20

SPECIAL TEAMS

Kicker

83 - **Seth Harrison** - 5-10 - 180 – R-Jr. - 2L[^] - Coeur d'Alene, Idaho / Coeur d'Alene HS '18

Punter

49 - **Nick Kokich** - 6-2 - 200 - Jr. - 2L[^] - Tacoma, Wash. / Bellarmine Prep HS '19

Long Snappers

47 - **Cody Clements** - 6-2 - 230 - Sr. - 2L[^] - Richland, Wash. / Richland HS '17

Holder

2 - **Gunner Talkington** – QB - 5-10 – 215 - R-Sr. - 4L[^] - Battle Ground, Wash. / Battle Ground HS '17

Kickoff Returners

89 - **#Efton Chism III** – WR - 6-0 – 200 - So. - 2L[^] - Monroe, Wash. / Monroe HS '20

Punt Returners

89 - **#Efton Chism III** – WR - 6-0 – 200 - So. - 2L[^] - Monroe, Wash. / Monroe HS '20

Coaches

Head Coach – Aaron Best

(Eastern Washington '01; 6th Season as Head Coach & 22nd Season Overall)

Offensive Coordinator/

Quarterbacks – Jim Chapin
(Michigan '09; 1st Season)

Defensive Coordinator – Jeff Copp

(Boise State '01; 1st Season as Defensive Coord. & 3rd Overall)

Associate Head Coach/Tight Ends/

Recruiting Coordinator – Marc Anderson (Eastern Washington '14; 2nd Season as Coach & 7th Overall)

Offensive Line/Academic

Coordinator – Jase Butorac
(Eastern Washington '15; 6th Season)

Safeties – Zach Bruce (Eastern

Washington '18; 3rd Season)

Wide Receivers – Greg Hardin

(North Dakota '14; 1st Season)

Running Backs/Community

Relations – Aaron Prier (Idaho State '15; 2nd Season)

Defensive Line – Matt Ulrich

(Winona State '11; 1st Season)

Linebackers – Justin Mullgrav

(South Carolina State '15; 2nd Season)

Cornerbacks – Wes Nurse (Boise

State '04; 1st Season)

Director of Athletic Performance

(Football): **Ryan Groneman**
(Boise State '00; 2nd Season)

Director of Football Operations

– **Jake Rasmussen** (Eastern Washington '21; 2nd Season)

2018 BSC COACH OF THE YEAR /& FCS COACH OF THE YEAR (Hero Sports Fan Vote) Head Coach **AARON BEST**



42-19 (.689 overall / 30-9 (.769) Big Sky - 6 Seasons)
171-87 (.663) in 20+ seasons as an Eastern head coach/assistant

Aaron Best himself claims to bleed Eagle red. The 26-year veteran of the Eastern Washington University football program was the 2018 FCS Coach of the Year in a fan vote conducted by Hero Sports after being selected as the co-Big Sky Conference Coach of the Year. Eastern finished 9-2, won a share of the Big Sky title with a 7-1 mark and won three home games in the FCS Playoffs as the No. 3 seed. Eastern fell to North Dakota State 38-24 in the NCAA Division I Championship Game to finish 12-3 on the season and ranked No. 2 in both season-ending polls.

• Through the 2022 season, he has compiled a 42-19 record overall (68.9 percent) and 30-9 mark in the league (76.9 percent). Both percentages are among the best in school history, with his overall winning percentage just behind Beau Baldwin at 85-32 (72.6 percent in nine seasons from 2008-16) and Dave Holmes at 34-13-1 (71.9 percent in five seasons from 1963-67). His Big Sky winning percentage ranks behind only Baldwin, who amassed a 58-14 league record (80.6 percent) in his time at Eastern. Best's Big Sky winning percentage currently ranks sixth in the 58-year history of the league (third among coaches with at least four seasons). Overall, he ranks 12th all-time in the league (ninth among coaches with at least four seasons at the helm).

• Best was named as EWU's 21st head football coach on Jan. 21, 2017. Before taking over as head coach, Best spent 20 previous seasons since the fall of 1996 as a player and coach at Eastern. The previous nine seasons were spent as Eastern's offensive line coach under former head coach Beau Baldwin. In his first season, Best guided Eastern to a 7-4 overall record and 6-2 Big Sky finish. His debut season was even better than those of previous Eagle head coaches Beau Baldwin (6-5/5-3), Paul Wulff (6-5/5-3) and Mike Kramer (4-7/2-5).

• Best is only the fifth head coach since 1979 for the Eagles, and the third since then who played collegiately as an offensive lineman. Dick Zornes, who is also an Eastern graduate, coached at EWU from 1979-93 before former Idaho offensive lineman Mike Kramer took over from 1994-99. Washington State offensive lineman Paul Wulff took over from 2000-2007 until Baldwin, a Central Washington graduate, took the reins in 2008. All five of those coaches have won Big Sky Conference Coach of the Year honors (total of eight honors).

• Besides coaching the offensive line as a full-time assistant for 14 of his 20 seasons (through 2020-21) on the coaching staff, Best has also served in various coordinator positions, most recently as the team's running game coordinator and as the program's long-time academic coordinator. He was a student assistant coach in 2000 and a graduate assistant in 2001, then became the school's primary offensive line coach from 2002-2006, and again from 2008-16.

• With Best on the coaching staff, Eastern has had 16 different offensive linemen earn All-America accolades, with those players combining to win first team All-Big Sky Conference honors on 18 occasions. He played alongside four other All-Americans at EWU who all earned first team All-Big Sky honors, in addition to himself earning both honors when he played for the Eagles from 1996-1999. In all, in Best's 24 seasons as an Eagle, EWU offensive linemen have won 24 first team All-BSC honors, 24 second team accolades, three on the third team and 32 honorable mentions (through 2020-21).

• Among the offensive linemen he coached was Michael Roos, who went on to a 10-year career with the Tennessee Titans in the National Football League. Roos became the highest NFL draft choice in school history when he was chosen in the second round 41st overall by the Tennessee Titans in 2005. A season-ending knee injury in 2014 led to his retirement from the NFL after 10 seasons. He credited Best in his retirement statement on Instagram on Feb. 26, 2015.



"I was very lucky to have the best offensive line coach possible in Aaron Best. He taught all of us the meaning of hard work and perseverance."

• In the last 18 seasons (2004-2021) – 17 with Best on the coaching staff – EWU has ranked in the top 10 in passing 15 times, in total offense on 14 occasions and scoring nine times. Eastern was the national champion in offense in 2019 and 2021. The 2021 season saw the Eagle average 554.5 yards, besting the 2019 mark of 524.8 yards, to go along with averages of 44.0 points (second) and 399.4 passing (third). Eastern led in offense during the regular season in 2020-21, and finished third (524.9 per game).

• Best started 22-straight games at center for Eastern in 1998 and 1999, earning honorable mention All-Big Sky honors as a junior and first team honors as a senior. He also earned honorable mention All-America honors his final season. An outstanding student with a 3.3 grade point average, as a senior he was selected to the CoSIDA Academic All-District VIII team and was selected to the FCS Athletic Directors Academic All-Star Team. Twice he was selected to the Big Sky All-Academic team. He received his bachelor's degree in social science from EWU in 2001. He was Eastern's long-snapper for four seasons and was a backup lineman in 1997 when Eastern led the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision in total offense (505.6 yards per game). That team finished 12-2 and advanced to the FCS "Final Four." The Eagles were 31-16 in the four seasons Best played for EWU, and Eastern had a 1,000-yard rusher each year. In all, the Eagles have had a 1,000-yard rusher in 13 of the 24 seasons Best has been at EWU.

• Best graduated in 1996 from Curtis High School in Tacoma, Wash., where he had a 3.75 grade point average. He was co-captain his senior season as Curtis won the State AAA championship.

• Best was born Jan. 27, 1978, in Tacoma, Wash. He and the former Kim Walker were married on July 15, 2007, in Everett, Wash. They have three children – one son, Tank (13), and two daughters, Tenli (11) and Taxis (8).



Aaron Best's Coaching Career

Year	School	Coaching Assignment	Head Coach	Record/Big Sky
2022	Eastern Wash.	Head Coach		1-2 / 0-1
2021	Eastern Wash.	Head Coach		%10-3/6-2 (t-3rd)
2020	Eastern Wash.	Head Coach		^5-2/5-1 (2nd)
2019	Eastern Wash.	Head Coach		7-5/6-2 (t-3rd)
2018	Eastern Wash.	Head Coach		@12-3/7-1 (t-1st)
2017	Eastern Wash.	Head Coach		7-4/6-2 (t-3rd)
Totals as Head Coach (6+ seasons)				42-19 (.689)/30-9 (.769)

2016	Eastern Wash.	Run. Game Coord./OL/Acad.	Beau Baldwin	<12-2/8-0
2015	Eastern Wash.	Run. Game Coord./OL/Acad.	Beau Baldwin	6-5/5-3
2014	Eastern Wash.	Run. Game Coord./OL/Acad.	Beau Baldwin	>11-3/7-1
2013	Eastern Wash.	Off. Coord./OL Coach/Acad.	Beau Baldwin	=12-3/8-0
2012	Eastern Wash.	Off. Coord./OL Coach/Acad.	Beau Baldwin	\$11-3/7-1
2011	Eastern Wash.	Off. Coord./OL Coach/Acad.	Beau Baldwin	6-5/5-3
2010	Eastern Wash.	Off. Coord./OL Coach/Acad.	Beau Baldwin	+13-2/7-1
2009	Eastern Wash.	Off. Coord./OL Coach/Acad.	Beau Baldwin	*8-4/6-2
2008	Eastern Wash.	Offensive Line Coach	Beau Baldwin	6-5/5-3
Totals as O-Line Coach Under Beau Baldwin (9 seasons)				85-32 (.726)/58-14 (.806)

2007	Toronto Argonauts	Offensive Line Coach	Michael Clemons	11-8
2006	Eastern Wash.	Offensive Line Coach	Paul Wulff	3-8/3-5
2005	Eastern Wash.	Offensive Line Coach	Paul Wulff	&7-5/5-2
2004	Eastern Wash.	Offensive Line Coach	Paul Wulff	~9-4/6-1
2003	Eastern Wash.	Offensive Line Coach	Paul Wulff	6-5/3-4
2002	Eastern Wash.	Offensive Line Coach	Paul Wulff	6-5/3-4
2001	Eastern Wash.	Graduate Assistant Coach	Paul Wulff	7-4/3-4
2000	Eastern Wash.	Student Assistant Coach	Paul Wulff	6-5/5-3
Totals as EWU Coach Under Paul Wulff (7 seasons)				44-36 (.550)/28-23 (.549)

Totals as Collegiate Coach at Eastern (20+ seasons) 171-87 (.663)/116-46 (.716)

%NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs (Defeated Northern Iowa 19-9, Lost to Montana 57-41)

*NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs (Lost to North Dakota State 42-20)

@NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs (Defeated Nicholls 42-21, defeated UC Davis 34-29, defeated Maine 50-19, lost to North Dakota State 32-24); Big Sky Conference Champions.

< NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs (Defeated Central Arkansas 31-14, defeated Richmond 38-0, lost to Youngstown State 40-38); Big Sky Conference Champions.

> NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs (Defeated Montana 37-20, lost to Illinois State 59-46); Big Sky Conference Champions.

= NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs (Defeated South Dakota State 41-17, defeated Jacksonville State 35-24, lost to Towson 35-31); Big Sky Conference Champions.

\$NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs (Defeated Wagner 29-19, defeated Illinois State 51-35, lost to Sam Houston State 45-52); Big Sky Conference Champions.

+NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Champion (Defeated Southeast Missouri State 37-17, defeated North Dakota State 38-31 in overtime, defeated Villanova 41-31, defeated Delaware 20-19); Big Sky Conference Champions.

*NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs (Lost to Stephen F. Austin 44-33)

&NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs (Lost to Northern Iowa 41-38); Big Sky Conference Champions

~NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs (Defeated Southern Illinois 35-31, lost to Sam Houston State 35-34); Big Sky Conference Champions

! Won Eastern Division Championship in the Canadian Football League and advanced to the playoffs (Lost to Winnipeg 19-9 in East Final)

Playing Career at Eastern Wash.

1996 - 6-5/4-4 Big Sky - Backup Center & Long Snapper

1997 - #12-2/7-1 Big Sky - Backup Center & Long Snapper

1998 - 5-6/4-4 - Starting Center (11 games) - Honorable Mention

All-Big Sky

1999 - 7-4/6-2 - Starting Center (11 games) - Honorable Mention

All-America; First Team All-Big Sky; Big Sky All-Academic - CoSIDA

All-District VIII - FCS Athletic Directors Academic All-Star Team

Record as a Player (all under head coach Mike Kramer): 30-17 (.638)/21-11 (.656)

Totals as a Player and EWU Coach (24+ seasons): 200-101 (.664)/137-56 (.710)

#NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs (Defeated Northwestern State 40-10, defeated Western Kentucky 38-21, lost to Youngstown State 25-14); Big Sky Conference Champions.

Education

Bachelor's degree in social science, Eastern Wash. University, 2001

Graduate of Curtis High School in Tacoma, Wash., 1996



Aaron Best vs. the Big Sky and Beyond . . .

Versus Big Sky Conference Opponents

Portland State	4-0
#UC Davis	5-0
Cal Poly	3-0
Montana State	2-2
Northern Colorado	3-0
*North Dakota	2-0
Idaho State	2-0
!Northern Arizona	3-0
%Idaho	3-2
\$Montana	2-2
Sacramento State	1-1
Southern Utah	2-1
Weber State	0-3
Total	.32-11 (30-9 in league games only)

#Includes Victory in 2018 FCS Playoff Game. *Effective in 2020, no longer a member of the Big Sky. !Includes non-conference victory in 2018. %Includes non-conference loss in 2019. \$Includes Loss in 2021 FCS Playoff Game

Other FCS Opponents

Tennessee State	1-0
~Northern Iowa	1-0
Western Illinois	1-0
Fordham	1-0
*Maine	1-0
*Nicholls	1-0
Jacksonville State	0-1
&North Dakota State	0-3

~FCS Playoff Victory in 2021. *FCS Playoff Victories in 2018. &Includes Loss in 2018 NCAA Division I Championship & loss in the first round of the 2020-21 FCS Playoffs.

FBS Opponents

UNLV	1-0
Oregon	0-1
Texas Tech.	0-1
Washington	0-1
Washington State	0-1

Non-Division I Opponents

Central Washington	2-0
Lindenwood	1-0

Overall Total 42-19

Eagles in Overtime (11-5)

The Eagles are 7-2 in single overtime games, 2-3 in double overtime and 2-0 in triple overtime contests.

2021 - UNLV - W, 35-33 (2 OT)

2016 - North Dakota State - L, 44-50 (1 OT)

2015 - Cal Poly - W, 42-41 (1 OT)

2011 - Cal Poly - W, 53-51 (3 OT)

2011 - Sacramento State - W, 42-35 (1 OT)

2010 - North Dakota State - W, 38-31 (1 OT)

2004 - at Montana State - W, 51-44 - (1 OT)

2003 - at Idaho State - L, 52-55 - (2 OT)

2001 - at Sacramento State - W, 42-35 (1 OT)

2001 - at Montana - L, 26-29 (2 OT)

2000 - at Weber State - W, 27-24 (1 OT)

1998 - Portland State - L, 27-30 (1 OT)

1994 - Montana State - W, 34-31 (3 OT)

1991 - at Idaho - W, 34-31 (2 OT)

1990 - Montana State - L, 25-28 (2 OT)

1990 - at Idaho State - W, 33-26 (1 OT)

EWU Coaching Facts

Best Winning Percentage (Overall) . . .

.726 Beau Baldwin (9 seasons, 2008-16, 85-32) • **.719 Dave Holmes** (5 seasons, 1963-67, 34-13-1)

.689 Aaron Best (6+ seasons, 2017-22, 42-19)

Best Winning Percentage (Big Sky Conf.)

.806 Beau Baldwin (9 seasons, 2008-16, 58-14) • **.769 Aaron Best** (6 seasons, 2017-22, 30-9)

Most Victories (Overall) . . .

89 Dick Zornes (15 seasons, 1979-93)

Most Victories (Big Sky) . . .

58 Beau Baldwin (8 seasons, 2008-16)

**EWU in NCAA Football Championship Subdivision
(since 1984) and the Big Sky Conference (since 1987)**

DICK ZORNES

Year	W	L	T	PF	PA
1979.....	7	2	0	184	162
1980.....	6	4	0	221	195
1981.....	7	3	0	245	97
1982.....	8	2	0	313	116
1983.....	5	5	0	202	194
1984.....	7	2	1	306	200
1985 (FCS Playoffs).....	9	3	0	381	260
1986.....	6	5	0	324	276
1987.....	4	7	0	220	303
1988.....	2	8	1	217	372
1989.....	4	6	0	255	264
1990.....	5	6	0	300	360
1991.....	5	6	0	301	364
1992 (FCS Playoffs).....	7	4	0	266	194
1993.....	7	3	0	285	225
Totals (15, .573).....	89	66	2	4020	3582

MIKE KRAMER

1994.....	4	7	0	300	294
1995.....	3	8	0	238	357
1996.....	6	5	0	305	254
1997 (FCS Playoffs).....	12	2	0	481	245
1998.....	5	6	0	316	297
1999.....	7	4	0	326	336
Totals (6, .536).....	37	32	0	1966	1783

PAUL WULFF

2000.....	6	5	0	288	243
2001.....	7	4	0	461	349
2002.....	6	5	0	365	276
2003.....	6	5	0	344	321
2004 (FCS Playoffs).....	9	4	0	488	323
2005 (FCS Playoffs).....	7	5	0	420	281
2006.....	3	8	0	214	296
2007 (FCS Playoffs).....	9	4	0	437	288
Totals (8, .570).....	53	40	0	3017	2377

BEAU BALDWIN

2008.....	6	5	0	323	295
2009 (FCS Playoffs).....	8	4	0	404	329
2010 (FCS Champion).....	13	2	0	472	374
2011.....	6	5	0	356	332
2012 (FCS Playoffs).....	11	3	0	472	356
2013 (FCS Playoffs).....	12	3	0	592	424
2014 (FCS Playoffs).....	11	3	0	618	439
2015.....	6	5	0	381	435
2016 (FCS Playoffs).....	12	2	0	593	371
Totals (9, .726).....	85	32	0	4211	3355

AARON BEST

2017.....	7	4	0	379	367
2018 (FCS Runner-Up).....	12	3	0	647	340
2019.....	7	5	0	487	415
2020 (FCS Playoffs).....	5	2	0	264	188
2021 (FCS Playoffs).....	10	3	0	572	362
2022.....	1	1	0	50	99
Totals (6, .688).....	42	19	0	2434	1809

EWU All-Time . . . 114 Seasons, 1030 games
576 wins, 431 losses, 23 ties/.570

MEMBER OF FCS (I-AA) – 39 Seasons
447 games, 272 wins, 173 losses, 2 ties/.611

BIG SKY CONFERENCE – 36 Seasons
271 games, 171 wins, 100 losses, 0 ties/.630

W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	Place
2	6	0	.250	189	262	8th
2	6	0	.250	176	242	8th
4	4	0	.500	198	175	5th
3	5	0	.375	213	257	T-7th
4	4	0	.500	246	286	T-3rd
6	1	0	.857	169	115	T-1st
5	2	0	.714	186	163	T-2nd
26	28	0	.481	1377	1500	

2	5	0	.286	152	198	T-7th
1	6	0	.143	142	257	8th
4	4	0	.500	213	189	T-5th
7	1	0	.875	264	147	1st (outright champions)
4	4	0	.500	239	204	T-4th
6	2	0	.750	254	233	T-2nd
24	22	0	.522	1264	1228	

5	3	0	.625	218	175	T-2nd
3	4	0	.429	259	263	5th
3	4	0	.429	209	198	T-4th
3	4	0	.429	230	247	6th
6	1	0	.857	308	149	T-1st
5	2	0	.714	251	151	T-1st
3	5	0	.375	180	167	T-6th
6	2	0	.750	258	149	2nd
34	25	0	.576	1913	1499	

5	3	0	.625	223	184	3rd
6	2	0	.750	288	184	T-2nd
7	1	0	.875	246	171	T-1st
5	3	0	.571	259	221	T-3rd
7	1	0	.875	276	213	T-1st
8	0	0	1.000	338	206	1st (outright champions)
7	1	0	.875	334	206	1st (outright champions)
5	3	0	.625	249	296	T-4th
8	0	0	1.000	363	195	T-1st
58	14	0	.806	2576	1876	

EWU Uniform Combination

Records Since 2010 . . .

Helmet - Jersey - Pants {2022}

	Record
Red-Red-Red {Tenn. St.}	20-1
Red-White-Red	15-4
Black-Black-Black	15-2
Red-White-White	7-9
Red-Red-White	9-1
Red-Black-Red	7-2
Red-White-Black	6-3
Black-White-Black	5-2
Red-Red-Black	4-2
White-White-White	2-4
Red-Black-Black	5-0
Black-White-White {Oregon}	3-3
Black-Black-White	4-0
White-White-Red	3-1
White-White-Black	2-1

Black-Black-Red	1-1
Black-Red-Black	1-1
White-White-Grey	1-1
White-Red-White	0-2
Red-Grey-Red	1-0
Black-Grey-Black	1-0
Black-Grey-Grey	1-0
White-Black-White	0-1
Black-Red-Red {Montana State}	0-1
Total	112-41

Military Appreciation Day Combinations

11/3/12	W	Cal Poly	Black-Black with camo-Black
11/23/13	W	Portland St.	Black-White with camo-White
10/18/14	W	Northern Colo.	Black-Black with flag-Black
11/7/15	L	Northern Ariz.	White-Red with flag-White
10/8/16	W	Northern Colo.	Red-Gray and camo-Red

**THE LAST TIME
IT HAPPENED . . .**

Kickoff Returned for a Touchdown

EWU: 90, Dre' Sonte Dorton, Jacksonville State,
9/14/19

OPP: 97, Lan Larison, UC Davis, 11/13/21

Punt (not a block) Returned for a TD

EWU: 57, Nsimba Webster, Portland State,
11/16/18

OPP: 75, Josh Davis, Weber State, 10/13/18

Interception Returned for a Touchdown

EWU: 30, Calin Criner, No. Colo., 10/9/21

OPP: 55, Justin Ford, Montana, 12/3/21

Team Rushing, 300 Yards or More

EWU: 320, Cal Poly, 11/16/19

OPP: 355, Montana State, 9/24/22

Team Passing, 400 Yards or More

EWU: 530, Montana, 12/3/21

OPP: 468, Western Illinois, 9/18/21

Total Offense, 500 Yards or More

EWU: 608, Montana, 12/3/21

OPP: 604, Oregon, 9/10/22

Total Offense, 600 Yards or More

EWU: 608, Montana, 12/3/21

OPP: 604, Oregon, 9/10/22

Scoring, 50 Points or More

EWU: 71, Idaho, 10/16/21

OPP: 70, Oregon, 9/10/22

Fumble Recovered by Defense for

Touchdown

EWU: 77, Andrew Katzenberger, Northern Ariz.,
11/2/19

OPP: 10, B. Cardwell, Oregon, 9/10/22

Blocked Field Goal Returned for Touchdown

EWU: 55, Kedrick Johnson, Nicholls, 12/1/18

OPP: Unknown

Blocked Punt Returned for Touchdown

EWU: 0, Dylan Zylstra, 10/4/14

OPP: 41, Miles Killebrew, Southern Utah,
10/27/12

Interception Return for Defensive PAT

EWU: 94, Jackie Kellogg, Port. St. 10/26/90

OPP: None

Field Goal, 50 Yards or More

EWU: 55, Seth Harrison, Cal Poly, 3/27/21

OPP: 51, Matt Blair, UC Davis, 11/10/18

Safety For

EWU: Southern Utah, 9/25/21 (W, 50-21)

OPP: Northern Iowa, 11/27/21 (W, 19-9)

Eagles in the Pros

Since 1984, when Eastern became a member of the NCAA Championship Subdivision (FCS), 92 Eastern football players have either signed free agent contracts or have been drafted by National Football League (NFL) or Canadian Football League (CFL) teams. Eleven have been drafted by the NFL and five drafted by the CFL to go along with four NFL draftees between 1965-74. Eastern has also enjoyed a recent influx of players into other existing or now-defunct leagues. They include the newest version of the re-booted United State Football League (USFL), as well as the Arena Football League (AFL), arenafootball2 (af2), United Football League (UFL) and Indoor Football League (IFL). Prior to that, several played in the World League, which became NFL Europa before it folded. The list below shows EWU's professionals in the 2022 season and the team they are currently with.



Professionals in 2022 (most recent team listed)

***Carolina Panthers (NFL) – **Talolo Limu-Jones** – Wide Receiver – 2017-18-19-20-21
Chicago Bears (NFL) – **Nsimba Webster** – Wide Receiver – 2015-16-17-18
◀ Los Angeles Rams (NFL) – **Cooper Kupp** – Wide Receiver – 2013-14-15-16
San Francisco 49ers (NFL) – **Samson Ebukam** – Outside Linebacker – 2013-14-15-16
New England Patriots (NFL) – **Kendrick Bourne** – Wide Receiver – 2013-14-15-16
Buffalo Bills (NFL) – **Taiwan Jones** – Running Back/Cornerback – 2008-09-10
***Hamilton Tiger-Cats (CFL) – **Andrew Boston** – Wide Receiver – 2018-19-20-21
***British Columbia Lions (CFL) – **Victor Gamboa** – Cornerback – 2014-15-16-17
British Columbia Lions (CFL) – **Vernon Adams Jr.** – Quarterback – 2012-13-14
British Columbia Lions (CFL) – **T.J. Lee III** – Cornerback – 2010-11-12-13
Calgary Stampeders (CFL) – **Bo Levi Mitchell** – Quarterback – 2010-11
British Columbia Lions (CFL) – **Tristen Taylor** – Off. Tackle – EWU Letterwinner in 2016-17-19-20-21
Michigan Panthers (USFL) – **Eric Barriere** – Quarterback – 2017-18-19-20-21

***Not on roster as of July 5, 2022.

Former Eagle Players & Coaches . . . Where are They Coaching Now?

(Only those currently coaching and with NCAA and/or professional experience)

Name	Current Position	Current School or Pro Team (Previous)
Junior Adams	Co-Off. Coord./WRs	Oregon (Washington/Western Kentucky/Boise State/EWU)
Steve Amrine	Head Coach	Kelso, Wash., HS (Centralia HS/Idaho State)
Beau Baldwin	Head Coach	Cal Poly (California/Eastern Washington/Central Washington) ▶
Bruce Barnum	Head Coach	Portland State (Cornell/Idaho State)
Josh Blankenship	Head Coach	Broken Arrow HS in Ok. (Adams State/Tulsa/Muskogee HS/Union HS)
Allen Brown	Quality Control, Defense	California (Eastern Washington/Cal Poly)
Zach Bruce	Safeties	Eastern Washington
Luther Carr	Cornerbacks	Union HS in Tulsa, Okla. (Chief Sealth HS in Seattle/Idaho)
David Delgado	Defensive Line	Hobart College (Oberlin College/Baldwin Wallace University)
Jay Dumas	Head Coach	Davis HS in Yakima, Wa. (EWU/Central Wash./Mont. St./Western Wash.) ▶
Nicholas Edwards	Offensive Assistant	Atlanta Falcons (Cal Poly/California/Eastern Washington)
Greg Herd	Head Coach	Auburn Riverside HS in Wash. (Steilacoom HS in Wash.)
Steve Kizer	Head Coach	Skyview HS in Vancouver, Wash. (Eastern Washington)
Pete Kwiatkowski	Def. Coord./Outside LBs	Texas (Washington/BSU/Montana State/EWU/Snow JC/Boise State)
Tom Mason	Assistant Head Coach/LBs	Central Michigan (Texas-El Paso/Hawaii/SMU/Fresno State/EWU)
Kiel McDonald	Running Backs	USC (Utah/Eastern Washington)
Jim McElwain	Head Coach	Central Michigan (Michigan/Florida/Colorado State/Alabama) ▶
Erik Meyer	Assistant Coach/QBs	Cal Poly (California/Central Washington/EWU)
Brent Myers	Assoc. HC/Offensive Line	Weber State (UNLV/Louisville/Ariz. St./Utah/UW/BSU/EWU)
Keith Murphy	Spec. Teams Coord./Safeties	Central Michigan (Florida/Southern Ill./New Mexico St./St. Louis Rams)
Travis Niekamp	Def. Coord./Inside LBs	Illinois State (Montana/Louisiana Monroe/Washington State/EWU)
Mike Orthmann	Off. Coord./Quarterbacks	Garden City CC (Arizona Western JC/Eastern Washington)
Bodie Reeder	Quarterbacks	Northern Iowa (Auburn/Utah State/North Texas/EWU/Oklahoma State)
Malik Roberson	Head Coach	Ferris HS in Spokane, Wash. (Portland State/Central Wash./EWU) ▶
Timm Rosenbach	Off. Coord./Quarterbacks	Montana (Adams State/UNLV/Montana/New Mex. St./WSU/EWU)
Jeff Schmedding	Defensive Coordinator	Auburn (Boise State/Eastern Washington/Univ. HS in Spokane) ▶
J.C. Sheritt	Defensive Analyst	Auburn (Cal Poly/Calgary Stampeders)
Todd Sturdy	Offensive Coord./QBs	NW Mo. St. (MidAmerica Nazarene/No. Iowa/Iowa State/WSU/EWU)
Troy Taylor	Head Coach	Sacramento State (Utah/Eastern Washington/Folsom HS)
Cherokee Valeria	Def. PGC/Secondary	Sacramento State (EWU/SE Missouri/Cal Poly/Idaho State)
Jesse Williams	Defensive RGC/Def. Line	Tulsa (Eastern Kentucky/Kansas/Ohio University/NMSU/EWU)
Paul Wulff	Run. Game Coord./Off. Line	Cal Poly (Sacramento St./South Florida/SF 49ers/WSU/EWU) ▶
John Zamberlin	Head Coach	Meridian, Idaho, HS (Weber State/Idaho State/EWU)

Recent Former Coaches . . .

Jason Belford	Defensive Line	Portland State (Weber State/Wash. State)
Dave Christensen	Offensive Line	Arizona State (Texas A&M/Utah/Wyoming/Missouri)
Bill Diedrick Jr.	Scout	B.C. Lions (Palomar C./Univ. HS/Notre Dame/UW/WSU/UI) ▶
Jerry Graybeal	Head Coach	Weber State (Eastern Washington)
Randy Hanson	Assistant Secondary	Cal Poly (Sacramento Mountain Lions)
Zak Hill	Offensive Coordinator/QBs	Arizona State (Boise State/Hawaii/Eastern Washington)
Torey Hunter	Dir. of Player Personnel/Dev.	B.C. Lions (Edmonton Eskimos/Idaho/Eastern Washington)
Mike Kramer	Head Coach	Idaho State (Washington State/MSU/EWU) ▶
Jimmy Lake	Head Coach	Washington (Boise State/Detroit-NFL/Tampa Bay-NFL/UW/EWU)
Rich Rasmussen	Chief Administrative Officer	Washington (Boise State/Washington State/EWU)
Jody Sears	Interim Def. Coord.	Nevada (Sacramento State/Weber State/Washington State/EWU) ▶
J.D. Sollars	Assistant Coach	Glendale CC (Northern Arizona/EWU)
Dave Telford	Head Coach	Stanwood, Wash., HS (Indiana State/Monroe HS HC)
Rick Worman	Tight Ends	Dixie State (Wilmington Col./Montreal Alouettes/Miss. Valley State)



2022 EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIV. FOOTBALL STATISTICS

1-2 Overall (1-1 Home/0-1 Away/0-0 Neutral), 0-1 Big Sky Conference (0-1 Home/0-0 Away)

Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
	09/03/2022	Tennessee St.	W	36-29	3932
	09/10/2022	at Oregon	L	14-70	47289
*	09/24/2022	Montana St.	L	35-38	7200

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	1-2	1-1	0-1	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	1-1	1-0	0-1	0-0

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Micah Smith	3	24	162	0	162	6.8	2	56	54.0
Gunner Talkington	3	24	126	47	79	3.3	0	22	26.3
Justice Jackson	3	15	62	2	60	4.0	0	14	20.0
Davante Smith	3	6	29	0	29	4.8	0	9	9.7
Silas Perreiah	3	5	25	0	25	5.0	0	9	8.3
Tuna Altahir	3	11	26	3	23	2.1	0	7	7.7
Kekoa Visperas	1	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	4.0
Team	3	3	0	8	-8	-2.7	0	0	-2.7
Total	3	89	434	60	374	4.2	2	56	124.7
Opponents	3	162	1006	98	908	5.6	10	45	302.7

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Gunner Talkington	3	147.8	57-93-3	61.3	636	10	80	212.0
Kekoa Visperas	1	0.0	0-2-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	3	144.7	57-95-3	60.0	636	10	80	212.0
Opponents	3	162.5	61-88-2	69.3	709	8	67	236.3

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Efton Chism III	3	16	145	9.1	3	20	48.3
Freddie Roberson	3	11	214	19.5	2	80	71.3
Jakobie James	3	6	53	8.8	0	13	17.7
Nolan Ulm	3	6	68	11.3	2	41	22.7
Justice Jackson	3	4	18	4.5	0	9	6.0
Dylan Ingram	3	3	37	12.3	0	27	12.3
Micah Smith	3	2	11	5.5	0	6	3.7
Blake Gobel	3	2	37	18.5	1	23	12.3
Robert Mason III	2	2	28	14.0	1	22	14.0
Tuna Altahir	3	2	12	6.0	0	14	4.0
Anthony Stell Jr.	3	1	3	3.0	0	3	1.0
Jett Carpenter	3	1	7	7.0	1	7	2.3
Davante Smith	3	1	3	3.0	0	3	1.0
Total	3	57	636	11.2	10	80	212.0
Opponents	3	61	709	11.6	8	67	236.3

Team Statistics

	EWU	OPP
First Downs	51	91
Rushing	21	55
Passing	25	29
Penalty	5	7
Rushing Yardage	374	908
Rushing attempts	89	162
Average per rush	4.2	5.6
Average per game	124.7	302.7
TDs Rushing	2	10
Passing Yardage	636	709
Comp-Att-Int	57-95-3	61-88-2
Average per pass	6.7	8.1
Average per catch	11.2	11.6
Average per game	212.0	236.3
TDs Passing	10	8
Total offense	1010	1617
Average per play	5.5	6.5
Average per game	336.7	539.0
Kick returns: #-Yards	8-196	9-197
Punt returns: #-Yards	2-11	9-70
Int returns: #-Yards	2-0	3-32
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	8-2
Penalties-Yards	17-167	25-216
Punts-Avg	19-42.3	11-41.5
Time of possession / game	23:01	36:59
3rd-down conversion	15/41	21/46
4rd-down conversion	4/5	6/7
PAT-attempts	(11-11) 100%	(17-18) 94%
2-point conversion-attempts	(1-1) 100%	(0-1) 0%

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Tre Weed	1	0	0.0	0	0
Jaren Banks	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	2	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	3	32	10.7	1	21

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Seth Harrison	0-1	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0
Opponents	2-3	66.7	0-1	0-0	2-2	0-0	0-0	37	0

Scoring

			PAT						
Player	td	fg	kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	pts
Efton Chism III	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Micah Smith	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Freddie Roberson	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Nolan Ulm	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Jett Carpenter	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	8
Seth Harrison	-	0-1	6-6	-	-	-	-	-	6
Blake Gobel	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Robert Mason III	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jackson Cleaver	-	-	5-5	-	-	-	-	-	5
Total	12	0-1	11-11	0	1	1	0	0	85
Opponents	19	2-3	17-18	0	0	0	0	0	137

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Eastern Wash.	29	28	7	21	0	85
Opponents	43	42	28	24	0	137

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Nick Kokich	18	787	43.7	60	1	3	3	5	0
Team	1	17	17.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	19	804	42.3	60	1	3	3	5	1
Opponents	11	456	41.5	65	2	4	3	2	0

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Efton Chism III	2	11	5.5	0	10
Total	2	11	5.5	0	10
Opponents	9	70	7.8	0	15

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Efton Chism III	7	180	25.7	0	47
Davante Smith	1	16	16.0	0	16
Total	8	196	24.5	0	47
Opponents	9	197	21.9	0	34

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Efton Chism III	3	0	145	11	180	0	336	112.0
Freddie Roberson	3	0	214	0	0	0	214	71.3
Micah Smith	3	162	11	0	0	0	173	57.7
Gunner Talkington	3	79	0	0	0	0	79	26.3
Justice Jackson	3	60	18	0	0	0	78	26.0
Nolan Ulm	3	0	68	0	0	0	68	22.7
Jakobie James	3	0	53	0	0	0	53	17.7
Davante Smith	3	29	3	0	16	0	48	16.0
Dylan Ingram	3	0	37	0	0	0	37	12.3
Blake Gobel	3	0	37	0	0	0	37	12.3
Tuna Altahir	3	23	12	0	0	0	35	11.7
Robert Mason III	2	0	28	0	0	0	28	14.0
Silas Perreiah	3	25	0	0	0	0	25	8.3
Jett Carpenter	3	0	7	0	0	0	7	2.3
Kekoa Visperas	1	4	0	0	0	0	4	4.0
Anthony Stell Jr.	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	1.0
Total	3	374	636	11	196	0	1217	405.7
Opponents	3	908	709	70	197	32	1916	638.7

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Gunner Talkington	3	117	79	636	715	238.3
Micah Smith	3	24	162	0	162	54.0
Justice Jackson	3	15	60	0	60	20.0
Davante Smith	3	6	29	0	29	9.7
Silas Perreiah	3	5	25	0	25	8.3
Tuna Altahir	3	11	23	0	23	7.7
Kekoa Visperas	1	3	4	0	4	4.0
Total	3	184	374	636	1010	336.7
Opponents	3	250	908	709	1617	539.0

Team Defense

			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
25	Ely Doyle	3	16	10	26	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.

			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles	blkd		
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
54	Jaren Banks	3	4	18	22	3-5	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	Derek Tommasini	3	7	14	21	2-2	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
4	Anthany Smith	3	12	7	19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	Mitchell Johnson	3	8	9	17	2.5-19	2-17	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55	Joshua Jerome	3	4	12	16	1-4	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
20	Marlon Jones Jr.	3	4	11	15	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31	Demetrius Crosby Jr.	3	10	5	15	2.5-5	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
99	Caleb Davis	3	4	10	14	1-1	1-1	.	.	1	1-0	.	.	.
48	Trevor Thurman	3	6	6	12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Keshaun King	3	8	4	12	1-7	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.
8	Darrien Sampson	3	7	3	10	.	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	.
46	Conner O'Farrell	3	1	8	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Brock Harrison	3	4	4	8	1-7	1-7	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
40	Daniel Taumoepeau	3	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	Matthew Brown	2	2	3	5	1-3	1-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	Soli Paleso'o	3	5	.	5	2-13	2-13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Tre Weed	3	3	2	5	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Nolan Ulm	3	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
29	Cage Schenck	3	2	2	4	2-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34	Kentrell Williams Jr.	3	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0	Debore'Ae McClain	2	4	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Sean Skladany	2	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	Gabriel Johnson	3	3	.	3	2-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96	Jacob Newsom	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
89	Efton Chism III	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	Jackson Cleaver	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
70	Matthew Hewa Baddege	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Freddie Roberson	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
39	Austin York	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Totals	3	127	138	265	21-76	7-41	2-0	6	5	2-0	4	0	0
	Opponents	3	93	74	167	11-53	6-44	3-32	11	4	2-0	3	1	0



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Rushing

Player	No-Yds/TD	TSU	Oregon	MSU
Micah Smith	24-162/2	4-21/0	7-27/0	13-114/2
Gunner Talkington	24-79/0	9-60/0	8-22/0	7--3/0
Justice Jackson	15-60/0	7-23/0	4-18/0	4-19/0
Tuna Altahir	11-23/0	7-20/0	2-5/0	2--2/0
Davante Smith	6-29/0	1-9/0	4-14/0	1-6/0
Silas Perreiah	5-25/0	1-1/0	2-10/0	2-14/0
Kekoa Visperas	1-4/0	DNP	1-4/0	DNP

Receiving

Player	No-Yds/TD	TSU	Oregon	MSU
Efton Chism III	16-145/3	7-73/2	3-19/0	6-53/1
Freddie Roberson	11-214/2	6-91/0	3-33/1	2-90/1
Nolan Ulm	6-68/2	3-48/1	1-6/0	2-14/1
Jakobie James	6-53/0	4-36/0	2-17/0	-
Justice Jackson	4-18/0	2-12/0	-	2-6/0
Dylan Ingram	3-37/0	-	1-7/0	2-30/0
Blake Gobel	2-37/1	2-37/1	-	-
Robert Mason III	2-28/1	2-28/1	DNP	-
Tuna Altahir	2-12/0	1-14/0	1--2/0	-
Micah Smith	2-11/0	1-6/0	-	1-5/0
Jett Carpenter	1-7/1	-	1-7/1	-
Anthony Stell Jr.	1-3/0	-	-	1-3/0
Davante Smith	1-3/0	1-3/0	-	-



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Player	UA-A	Total	TSU	Oregon	MSU
Jaren Banks	2-2	3.0	1.5-2	0.5-2	1.0-1
Mitchell Johnson	2-1	2.5	2.0-17	0.5-2	-
Demetrius Crosby Jr.	2-1	2.5	1.0-2	0.5-2	1.0-1
Cage Schenck	2-0	2.0	-	2.0-5	-
Derek Tommasini	2-0	2.0	-	1.0-1	1.0-1
Gabriel Johnson	2-0	2.0	1.0-2	1.0-3	-
Soli Paleso'o	2-0	2.0	-	-	2.0-13
Keshaun King	1-0	1.0	-	-	1.0-7
Brock Harrison	1-0	1.0	1.0-7	-	-
Matthew Brown	1-0	1.0	DNP	-	1.0-3
Caleb Davis	1-0	1.0	1.0-1	-	-
Joshua Jerome	0-2	1.0	0.5-2	0.5-2	-



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Player	Total	TSU	Oregon	MSU
Efton Chism III	336	158	106	72
Freddie Roberson	214	91	33	90
Micah Smith	173	27	27	119
Gunner Talkington	79	60	22	-3
Justice Jackson	78	35	18	25
Nolan Ulm	68	48	6	14
Jakobie James	53	36	17	-
Davante Smith	48	12	30	6
Blake Gobel	37	37	-	-
Dylan Ingram	37	-	7	30
Tuna Altahir	35	34	3	-2
Robert Mason III	28	28	DNP	-
Silas Perreiah	25	1	10	14
Jett Carpenter	7	-	7	-
Kekoa Visperas	4	DNP	4	DNP
Anthony Stell Jr.	3	-	-	3



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Punt Returns

Player	No-Yds	TSU	Oregon	MSU
Efton Chism III	2-11	2-11	-	-

Kick Returns

Player	No-Yds	TSU	Oregon	MSU
Efton Chism III	7-180	3-74	3-87	1-19
Davante Smith	1-16	-	1-16	-

Interceptions Returns

Player	No-Yds	TSU	Oregon	MSU
Tre Weed	1-0	1-0	-	-
Jaren Banks	1-0	-	-	1-0

Fumble Returns

Player	No-Yds	TSU	Oregon	MSU
Joshua Jerome	1-0	1-0	-	-
Caleb Davis	1-0	1-0	-	-



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Fumbles

Player	No-Lost	TSU	Oregon	MSU
Gunner Talkington	2-1	1-1	1-0	-
Micah Smith	1-1	-	-	1-1

Fumbles Forced

Player	Number	TSU	Oregon	MSU
Freddie Roberson	1	-	1	-
Keshaun King	1	1	-	-
Demetrius Crosby Jr.	1	1	-	-
Brock Harrison	1	1	-	-

Fumbles Recovered

Player	Number	TSU	Oregon	MSU
Joshua Jerome	1	1	-	-
Caleb Davis	1	1	-	-



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Total Tackles

Player	S-A	Total	TSU	Oregon	MSU
Ely Doyle	16-10	26	4-4	4-3	8-3
Jaren Banks	4-18	22	1-6	1-5	2-7
Derek Tommasini	7-14	21	0-7	2-3	5-4
Anthony Smith	12-7	19	4-1	2-3	6-3
Mitchell Johnson	8-9	17	8-3	0-1	0-5
Joshua Jerome	4-12	16	2-6	1-5	1-1
Demetrius Crosby Jr.	10-5	15	7-1	2-4	1-0
Marlon Jones Jr.	4-11	15	1-4	3-4	0-3
Caleb Davis	4-10	14	1-1	1-4	2-5
Keshaun King	8-4	12	1-1	5-2	2-1
Trevor Thurman	6-6	12	1-2	3-3	2-1
Darrien Sampson	7-3	10	1-0	4-2	2-1
Conner O'Farrell	1-8	9	1-1	0-5	0-2
Brock Harrison	4-4	8	2-3	2-0	0-1
Soli Paleso'o	5-0	5	1-0	-	4-0
Tre Weed	3-2	5	2-1	1-1	-
Daniel Taumoepeau	3-2	5	1-0	2-1	0-1
Matthew Brown	2-3	5	DNP	1-2	1-1
Debore'Ae McClain	4-0	4	DNP	2-0	2-0
Cage Schenck	2-2	4	0-1	2-0	0-1
Nolan Ulm	2-2	4	0-2	2-0	-
Kentrell Williams Jr.	1-3	4	-	1-1	0-2
Gabriel Johnson	3-0	3	2-0	1-0	-
Sean Skladany	2-1	3	1-0	1-1	DNP

Freddie Roberson	1-0	1	-	1-0	-
Matthew Hewa Baddege	1-0	1	-	1-0	-
Efton Chism III	1-0	1	-	-	1-0
Austin York	1-0	1	-	1-0	-
Jacob Newsom	0-1	1	-	-	0-1
Jackson Cleaver	0-1	1	-	-	0-1



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Player	UA-A	Total	TSU	Oregon	MSU
Mitchell Johnson	2-0	2	2-17	-	-
Soli Paleso'o	2-0	2	-	-	2-13
Brock Harrison	1-0	1	1-7	-	-
Matthew Brown	1-0	1	DNP	-	1-3
Caleb Davis	1-0	1	1-1	-	-



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Passing Game-by-Game
All games

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#2 Gunner Talkington	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic.
Tennessee St.	29	46	0	63.0	348	5	41	1-8	162.5
Oregon	12	21	2	57.1	87	2	17	2-11	104.3
Montana St.	16	26	1	61.5	201	3	80	3-25	156.9
Totals	57	93	3	61.3	636	10	80	6-44	147.8

#16 Kekoa Visperas	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic.
Oregon	0	2	0	0.0	0	0	0	0-0	0.0
Totals	0	2	0	0.0	0	0	0	0-0	0.0

TEAM GAME-BY-GAME

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot			
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp	att	int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	off	
09/03/2022	Tennessee St.	32	126	0	16	29	348	5	41	29-46-0				348	5	41	3	74	0	26	2	11	0	10	474
09/10/2022	at Oregon	28	100	0	22	12	87	2	17	12-23-2				87	2	17	4	103	0	47	0	0	0	0	187
09/24/2022	Montana St.	29	148	2	56	16	201	3	80	16-26-1				201	3	80	1	19	0	19	0	0	0	0	349
Eastern Wash.		89	374	2	56	57	636	10	80	57-95-3				636	10	80	8	196	0	47	2	11	0	10	1010
Opponents		162	908	10	45	61	709	8	67	61-88-2				709	8	67	9	197	0	34	9	70	0	15	1617

Eastern Wash. Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
3	4.2	11.2	144.7	24.5	5.5	405.7	336.7

Date	Opponent	ua	Tackles			Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd kick	PAT attempts			off		
			a	total	tfl-yds		ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup		kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
09/03/2022	Tennessee St.	42	44	86	8.0-33	4-25	3	2-0	1-0	1	2	0	4-4	0	1	0	7	36
09/10/2022	at Oregon	46	50	96	6.0-17	0-0	1	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	14
09/24/2022	Montana St.	39	44	83	7.0-26	3-16	0	0-0	1-0	4	2	0	5-5	0	0	0	0	35
Eastern Wash.		127	138	265	21.0-76	7-41	4	2-0	2-0	5	6	0	11-11	0	1	0	7	85
Opponents		93	74	167	11.0-53	6-44	3	2-0	3-32	4	11	1	17-18	0	0	0	21	137

		Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
09/03/2022	Tennessee St.	6	278	46.3	60	0	0	1	2	2	0-1	0	0	6	345	57.5	2	0	
09/10/2022	at Oregon	7	320	45.7	54	0	1	0	2	1	0-0	0	0	3	171	57.0	0	0	
09/24/2022	Montana St.	6	206	34.3	50	1	0	2	1	0	0-0	0	0	6	384	64.0	3	0	
Eastern Wash.		19	804	42.3	60	1	1	3	5	3	0-1	0	0	15	900	60.0	5	0	
Opponents		11	456	41.5	65	0	2	4	2	3	2-3	37	0	23	1492	64.9	14	1	

OPPONENT GAME-BY-GAME

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp	att	int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td
09/03/2022	Tennessee St.	54	290	2	43	17	257	2	67	17-27-1 257 2 67				4	79	0	28	3	19	0	10	547
09/10/2022	at Oregon	48	263	4	26	34	341	5	39	34-41-0 341 5 39				2	35	0	21	5	44	0	15	604
09/24/2022	Montana St.	60	355	4	45	10	111	1	24	10-20-1 111 1 24				3	83	0	34	1	7	0	7	466
Opponents		162	908	10	45	61	709	8	67	61-88-2 709 8 67				9	197	0	34	9	70	0	15	1617
Eastern Wash.		89	374	2	56	57	636	10	80	57-95-3 636 10 80				8	196	0	47	2	11	0	10	1010

Opponents Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
3	5.6	11.6	162.5	21.9	7.8	638.7	539.0

Date	Opponent	ua	Tackles			Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd kick	PAT attempts			off		
			a	total	tfl-yds		ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup		kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
09/03/2022	Tennessee St.	38	28	66	2.0-9	1-8	1	1-0	0-0	2	5	0	2-3	0	0	0	0	29
09/10/2022	at Oregon	30	18	48	5.0-17	2-11	1	0-0	2-32	0	3	0	10-10	0	0	0	14	70
09/24/2022	Montana St.	25	28	53	4.0-27	3-25	1	1-0	1-0	2	3	1	5-5	0	0	0	7	38
Opponents		93	74	167	11.0-53	6-44	3	2-0	3-32	4	11	1	17-18	0	0	0	21	137
Eastern Wash.		127	138	265	21.0-76	7-41	4	2-0	2-0	5	6	0	11-11	0	1	0	7	85

		Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
09/03/2022	Tennessee St.	5	216	43.2	54	0	1	1	1	2	1-1	32	0	6	389	64.8	3	0	
09/10/2022	at Oregon	1	39	39.0	39	0	0	1	0	0	0-0	0	0	10	645	64.5	6	0	
09/24/2022	Montana St.	5	201	40.2	65	0	1	2	1	1	1-2	37	0	7	458	65.4	5	1	
Opponents		11	456	41.5	65	0	2	4	2	3	2-3	37	0	23	1492	64.9	14	1	
Eastern Wash.		19	804	42.3	60	1	1	3	5	3	0-1	0	0	15	900	60.0	5	0	

SEASON/CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON										CAREER									
Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g	
Smith, Micah	3	24	162	0	162	6.8	2	56	54.0	27	98	468	9	459	4.7	5	56	17.0	
Talkington, Gunner	3	24	126	47	79	3.3	0	22	26.3	41	40	193	93	100	2.5	0	22	2.4	
Jackson, Justice	3	15	62	2	60	4.0	0	14	20.0	20	80	425	6	419	5.2	3	43	21.0	
Smith,Davante	3	6	29	0	29	4.8	0	9	9.7	3	6	29	0	29	4.8	0	9	9.7	
Perreiah, Silas	3	5	25	0	25	5.0	0	9	8.3	16	66	298	5	293	4.4	1	23	18.3	
Altahir,Tuna	3	11	26	3	23	2.1	0	7	7.7	5	18	59	6	53	2.9	1	11	10.6	
Visperas,Kekoa	1	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	4.0	1	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	4.0	
TEAM	3	3	0	8	-8	-2.7	0	0	-2.7										
Total	3	89	434	60	374	4.2	2	56	124.7										
Opponents	3	162	1006	98	908	5.6	10	45	302.7										

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Talkington, Gunner	3	147.77	57-93-3	61.3	636	10	80	212.0	41	135.40	89-157-5	56.7	1001	15	80	24.4
Visperas,Kekoa	1	0.00	0-2-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	1	0.00	0-2-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	3	144.66	57-95-3	60.0	636	10	80	212.0								
Opponents	3	162.45	61-88-2	69.3	709	8	67	236.3								

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Chism III, Efton	3	16	145	9.1	3	20	48.3	23	96	1147	11.9	13	36	49.9
Roberson, Freddie	3	11	214	19.5	2	80	71.3	32	107	1683	15.7	12	86	52.6
Ulm, Nolan	3	6	68	11.3	2	41	22.7	22	15	154	10.3	3	41	7.0
James, Jakobie	3	6	53	8.8	0	13	17.7	24	34	430	12.6	3	54	17.9
Jackson, Justice	3	4	18	4.5	0	9	6.0	20	7	49	7.0	0	14	2.5
Ingram, Dylan	2	3	37	12.3	0	27	18.5	45	22	239	10.9	6	27	5.3
Gobel, Blake	3	2	37	18.5	1	23	12.3	27	20	286	14.3	8	30	10.6
Mason III, Robert	2	2	28	14.0	1	22	14.0	16	22	260	11.8	2	23	16.2
Altahir,Tuna	3	2	12	6.0	0	14	4.0	5	2	12	6.0	0	14	2.4
Smith, Micah	3	2	11	5.5	0	6	3.7	27	8	48	6.0	0	11	1.8
Carpenter, Jett	3	1	7	7.0	1	7	2.3	3	1	7	7.0	1	7	2.3
Smith,Davante	3	1	3	3.0	0	3	1.0	3	1	3	3.0	0	3	1.0
Stell, Anthony	3	1	3	3.0	0	3	1.0	23	23	326	14.2	3	54	14.2
Total	3	57	636	11.2	10	80	212.0							
Opponents	3	61	709	11.6	8	67	236.3							

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Talkington, Gunner	3	117	79	636	715	238.3	41	197	100	1001	1101	26.9
Smith, Micah	3	24	162	0	162	54.0	27	98	459	0	459	17.0
Jackson, Justice	3	15	60	0	60	20.0	20	80	419	0	419	21.0
Smith,Davante	3	6	29	0	29	9.7	3	6	29	0	29	9.7
Perreiah, Silas	3	5	25	0	25	8.3	16	66	293	0	293	18.3
Altahir,Tuna	3	11	23	0	23	7.7	5	18	53	0	53	10.6
Visperas,Kekoa	1	3	4	0	4	4.0	1	3	4	0	4	4.0
TEAM	3	3	-8	0	-8	-2.7						
Total	3	184	374	636	1010	336.7						
Opponents	3	250	908	709	1617	539.0						

Scoring			PAT								PAT							
	td	fg	kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	pts	td	fg	kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	pts
Harrison, Seth	-	0-1	6-6	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	24-34	124-131	-	-	-	-	-	196
Cleaver, Jackson	-	-	5-5	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	4-6	25-28	-	-	-	-	-	37
Total	-	0-1	11-11	-	-	-	-	-	85									
Opponents	-	0-3	17-18	-	-	-	-	-	137									

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Chism III, Efton	0	11	0.0	0	10	34	153	4.5	0	24
Total	0	11	0.0	0	10					
Opponents	0	70	0.0	0	15					

SEASON/CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON

CAREER

Kick Returns

	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Chism III, Efton	7	180	25.7	0	47
Smith,Davante	1	16	16.0	0	16
Total	8	196	24.5	0	47
Opponents	9	197	21.9	0	34

no.	yds	avg	td	lg
17	383	22.5	0	47
1	16	16.0	0	16

Interceptions

	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Weed, Tre	1	0	0.0	0	0
Banks, Jaren	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	2	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	3	32	10.7	1	21

no.	yds	avg	td	lg
4	28	7.0	0	15
1	0	0.0	0	0

Fumble Returns

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

no.	yds	avg	td	lg
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All Purpose

	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Chism III, Efton	3	0	145	11	180	0	336	112.0
Roberson, Freddi	3	0	214	0	0	0	214	71.3
Smith, Micah	3	162	11	0	0	0	173	57.7
Talkington, Gunn	3	79	0	0	0	0	79	26.3
Jackson, Justice	3	60	18	0	0	0	78	26.0
Ulm, Nolan	3	0	68	0	0	0	68	22.7
James, Jakobie	3	0	53	0	0	0	53	17.7
Smith,Davante	3	29	3	0	16	0	48	16.0
Gobel, Blake	3	0	37	0	0	0	37	12.3
Ingram, Dylan	2	0	37	0	0	0	37	18.5
Altahir,Tuna	3	23	12	0	0	0	35	11.7
Mason III, Robert	2	0	28	0	0	0	28	14.0
Perreiah, Silas	3	25	0	0	0	0	25	8.3
Carpenter, Jett	3	0	7	0	0	0	7	2.3
Visperas,Kekoa	1	4	0	0	0	0	4	4.0
Stell, Anthony	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	1.0
TEAM	3	-8	0	0	0	0	-8	-2.7
Total	3	374	636	11	196	0	1217	405.7
Opponents	3	908	709	70	197	32	1916	638.7

g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
23	9	1147	153	383	0	1692	73.6
32	43	1683	0	0	0	1726	53.9
27	459	48	0	0	0	507	18.8
41	100	0	0	0	0	100	2.4
20	419	49	0	59	0	527	26.4
22	2	154	0	0	0	156	7.1
24	6	430	0	0	0	436	18.2
3	29	3	0	16	0	48	16.0
27	0	286	0	0	0	286	10.6
45	0	239	0	6	0	245	5.4
5	53	12	0	0	0	65	13.0
16	0	260	0	0	0	260	16.2
16	293	7	0	2	0	302	18.9
3	0	7	0	0	0	7	2.3
1	4	0	0	0	0	4	4.0
23	0	326	0	205	0	531	23.1

Field Goals

	att	good	long	blkd
Harrison, Seth	1	0	0	0
Total	1	0	0	0
Opponents	3	2	0	0

att	good	long	blkd
34	24	55	1

Punting

	no.	yds	avg	lg	blk
Kokich, Nick	18	787	43.7	60	0
TEAM	1	17	17.0	17	0
Total	19	804	42.3	60	0
Opponents	11	456	41.5	65	0

no.	yds	avg	lg	blk
127	5101	40.2	61	0

Kickoffs

	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
Hawkins,Wyatt	7	404	57.7	2	0
Cleaver, Jackson	6	384	64.0	3	0
Harrison, Seth	2	112	56.0	0	0
Total	15	900	60.0	5	0
Opponents	23	1492	64.9	14	1

no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
68	3636	53.5	15	2
35	1998	57.1	9	1
134	7269	54.2	11	1

SEASON/CAREER STATISTICS

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EWU SCORING RECORDS BY QUARTERS/HALVES (as a member of the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision since 1983)

1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	Halftime	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Second Half
29 Idaho 10/16/21	31 North Dakota 11/1/14	55 Western Illinois 9/18/21	35 UC Davis 10/1/16	35 CS Northridge 10/27/01	49 UC Davis 10/1/16
29 Central Wash. 9/18/04	30 Northern Colo. 10/12/19	46 Central Wash. 9/11/21	28 Portland St. 11/18/17	28 Sam Houston St. 8/23/14	49 CS Northridge 10/27/01
28 Western Illinois 9/18/21	28 Central Wash. 9/11/21	45 Cal Poly 3/27/21	28 Portland St. 11/16/18	28 Southern Utah 9/21/02	47 Portland St. 11/16/18
28 Cal Poly 3/27/21	28 Sacramento St. 9/26/09	43 Idaho 10/16/21		28 Stephen F. Austin 10/28/89	
28 Jacksonville St. 9/14/19	28 Weber State 10/23/04	43 Northern Colo. 10/9/21			
28 Northern Ariz. 11/10/07	28 Cal Poly 9/10/94	41 Cal Poly 9/10/94			
28 Rocky Mountain 9/6/97	28 Cal Poly 10/2/82	40 Northern Colo. 10/12/19			
28 Angelo State 9/22/84		38 Northern Ariz. 11/2/19			
		38 North Dakota 11/1/14			
		38 Central Wash. 9/8/84			

50-POINT GAMES IN EWU HISTORY (71 games - 68-3 record)

1. #114 Spokane Univ. (114-0), 11/24/1914	22. 59 Lindenwood (59-31), 9/7/19	52 Washington (52-59), 9/6/2014
2. 84 North Stars (84-0), 10/30/1908	59 UC Davis (59-20), 11/10/18	52 Western Washington (52-31), 9/20/2008
3. 75 Southern Oregon (75-27), 11/12/1966	59 Portland State (59-33), 11/18/17	52 Northern Arizona (52-24), 11/10/2007
4. %74 Portland State (74-23), 11/16/2018	59 Weber State (59-63), 9/28/1991	52 Montana-Western (52-13), 9/31/2007
5. *71 Idaho (71-21), 10/16/21	59 Carroll (59-6), 10/19/1957	52 Idaho State (52-55), 10/4/2003
6. 70 Cal Poly (70-17), 9/22/2018	27. 58 Central Washington (58-13), 9/1/2018	52 Spokane Col. (52-0), 10/22/1921
7. 69 Lewis-Clark St. (69-0), 11/11/1933	58 Western Montana (58-0), 9/18/1965	52 Montana (52-19), 11/16/1985
8. 68 Whitworth (68-0), 11/18/1967	29. 56 Fordham (56-21), 9/16/17	57. 51 Illinois State (51-35), 12/8/2012
9. 66 Northern Arizona (66-38), 11/2/2019	56 Portland State (56-34), 11/21/2014	51 Montana State (51-44), 11/13/2004
66 Simon Fraser (66-14), 10/13/2001	56 Idaho State (56-53), 10/4/2014	51 Weber State (51-7), 10/23/2004
11. 64 Western Washington (64-0), 10/19/1974	56 Sam Houston State (56-35), 09/23/2014	51 Idaho State (51-7), 10/25/1997
12. 63 Northern Colorado (63-17), 10/9/2021	56 Sacramento State (56-30), 9/26/2009	51 Sacramento State (51-34), 10/12/1996
63 Central Washington (63-14), 9/11/2021	34. 55 Southern Utah (55-17), 10/6/18	51 Carroll (51-0), 9/19/1981
63 UC Davis (63-30), 10/1/2016	55 Montana State (55-50), 9/19/2015	63. 50 Southern Utah (50-21), 9/25/21
63 CS Northridge (63-35), 10/27/2001	55 Idaho State (55-3), 11/2/2013	50 *Maine (50-19), 12/18/18
63 Rocky Mountain (63-7), 9/6/1997	55 North Dakota (55-17), 10/6/2012	50 Northern Arizona (50-35), 9/24/2016
63 Whitworth (63-0), 9/22/1934	55 Western Oregon (55-20), 9/14/2002	50 Portland State (50-17), 10/30/2010
18. 62 Western Illinois (62-56), 9/18/2021	55 Whitworth (55-0), 9/22/1933	50 Montana Tech (50-6), 9/7/2002
62 Cal Poly (62-10), 3/27/2021	40. 54 Northern Colorado (54-21), 10/12/19	50 Weber State (50-26), 9/22/2001
20. 61 Cal Poly (61-7), 9/10/1994	54 North Dakota (54-3), 11/1/2014	50 Northern Colorado (50-15), 11/10/1984
21. 60 Saint Martin's (60-7), 11/6/1948	54 Montana State (54-29), 11/9/2013	50 Simon Fraser (50-14), 10/16/1981
	44. 53 Portland State (53-46), 11/23/19	50 Lewis-Clark St. (50-0), 9/26/1931
	53 Cal Poly (53-51), 11/12/2011	
	53 Davenport HS (53-0), 10/18/1902	*FCS Playoffs.
	53 British Col. (53-7), 10/6/1956	%Record vs. NCAA Division I or Big Sky Opponent.
	48. 52 Sacramento State (52-31), 9/30/17	#Home Record. *Record at Roos Field/Woodward Field.
	52 Montana State (52-51), 9/20/2014	

MOST YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE IN EWU HISTORY

1. 837 Idaho 10/21/21	16. 658 Montana 10/18/97	617 Idaho State 10/4/14	54. 582 Montana State 9/20/14
2. 769 Lindenwood 9/7/19	17. 657 Cal Poly 9/22/18	36. 612 Idaho State 9/25/04	55. 580 *Towson 12/21/13
3. 754 Western Illinois 9/18/21	18. 651 Sacramento State 9/30/17	37. 608 *Montana 12/3/21	56. 578 Northern Colorado 11/3/18
4. 743 Idaho State 11/2/13	19. 650 Fordham 9/16/17	608 Southern Utah 11/14/09	57. 578 Idaho State 11/19/11
5. 740 Rocky Mountain 9/6/97	20. 648 Southern Utah 10/6/18	608 CS Northridge 10/27/01	58. 574 Northern Arizona 11/2/91
6. 728 Portland State 11/18/17	648 Northern Colo. 10/24/15	40. 606 Washington State 9/3/16	59. 573 Washington 9/6/14
7. 706 Northern Arizona 11/2/19	22. 645 Central Washington 9/11/21	41. 603 Montana 9/17/94	573 Cal Poly 11/6/04
8. 697 Montana 10/4/86	23. 644 Whitworth 11/18/67	42. 597 Western Oregon 9/7/13	61. 570 Northern Arizona 9/8/18
9. 689 Idaho State 11/9/19	24. 637 Northern Colorado 10/12/19	43. 596 Idaho State 3/13/21	62. 569 Western Oregon 9/17/05
10. 683 Cal Poly 3/27/21	25. 630 Western Oregon 9/14/02	596 Montana State 10/22/16	63. 568 *Maine 12/15/18
11. 677 Central Washington 9/1/18	26. 627 UC Davis 10/1/16	596 Sacramento State 9/18/93	568 Southern Utah, 10/11/14
12. 673 Southern Utah 9/25/21	27. 626 *McNeese State 11/24/07	46. 595 *Stephen F. Austin 11/28/09	568 *Southern Illinois 11/27/04
13. 669 UC Davis 11/10/18	28. 625 UC Davis 11/13/21	595 Montana Tech 9/7/02	568 Southern Utah 9/21/02
14. 667 Montana State 9/19/15	625 Oregon State 8/31/13	48. 594 Sacramento State 9/26/15	
15. 659 Northern Colorado 10/8/16	30. 624 Portland State 11/16/18	49. 592 Northern Arizona 11/8/97	
	624 Sam Houston State 8/23/14	50. 591 Montana State 11/9/13	
	32. 622 Northern Arizona 3/6/21	51. 588 Cal State Northridge 9/25/99	
	33. 618 Idaho State 11/24/01	52. 583 Montana Western 8/30/14	
	34. 617 Montana 9/23/17	583 Northern Arizona 10/8/05	

Largest Winning Margins as Member of FCS (since 1984) . . .

56 - Eastern 63, Rocky Mountain 7 (9/6/97)
54 - Eastern 61, Cal Poly 7 (9/10/94)
#53 - Eastern 70, Cal Poly 17 (9/22/18)

53 - Eastern 54, North Dakota 3 (11/1/14)
52 - Eastern 62, Cal Poly 10 (3/27/21)
52 - Eastern 66, Simon Fraser 14 (10/13/01)
51 - Eastern 74, Portland State 23 (11/16/18)
50 - Eastern 71, Idaho 21 (10/16/21)

#Record vs. Big Sky Opponent

EAGLES VS. RANKED OPPONENTS (STATS TOP 25 FCS POLL)

62-76 Overall / 21-48 versus Top 10 – 10-38 versus Top 5 – 2-8 Versus No. 1
Since 2010 . . . 33-22 overall / 12-13 versus Top 10 – 5-10 Top 5 – 0-2 Versus No. 1
Also . . . 1-7 all-time versus ranked opponents from FBS

2022 - L - #4 Montana State 38, #15 EWU 35 (Cheney, Wash.)
 2021 - L - #5 Montana 57, #4 EWU 41 (Missoula, Mont.)
 2021 - W - #7 EWU 38, #6 UC Davis 20 (Davis, Calif.)
 2021 - L - #4 Montana State 23, #5 EWU 20 (Cheney, Wash.)
 2021 - W - #6 EWU 34, #4 Montana 28 (Cheney, Wash.)
 2020/21 - L - #6 North Dakota State 42, #9 EWU 20 (Fargo, N.D.)
 2020/21 - W - #9 EWU 32, #11 UC Davis 22 (Davis, Calif.)
 2019 - L - #10 Montana 34, EWU 17 (Missoula, Mont.)
 2019 - L - #17 Jacksonville State 49, #4 EWU 45 (Jacksonville, Ala.)
 – EWU defeated North Dakota, ranked #25 by the AFCA but unranked by STATS, 35-20 in Cheney, Wash.
 2018 - L - #1 North Dakota State 38, #4 EWU 24 (Frisco, Texas)

2018 - W - #4 EWU 50, #12 Maine 19 (Cheney, Wash.)
 2018 - W - #4 EWU 34, #7 UC Davis 29 (Cheney, Wash.)
 2018 - W - #4 EWU 42, #15 Nicholls 21 (Cheney, Wash.)
 2018 - W - #5 EWU 59, #4 UC Davis 20 (Cheney, Wash.)
 2018 - L - #13 Weber State 14, #4 EWU 6 (Ogden, Utah)
 2018 - W - #6 EWU 31, #18 Northern Arizona 26 (Flagstaff, Ariz.)

5-2 vs. Top 25; 2-1 vs. Top 10; 1-1 vs. Top 5 in 2018

2017 - L - #19 Weber State 28, #11 EWU 20 (Cheney, Wash.)
 2017 - L - #2 North Dakota State 40, #7 EWU 13 (Cheney, Wash.)
 2016 - L - #13 Youngstown State 40, #3 EWU 38 (Cheney, Wash.)
 2016 - W - #3 EWU 38, #12 Richmond 0 (Cheney, Wash.)
 2016 - W - #3 EWU 31, #14 Central Arkansas 14 (Cheney, Wash.)
 2016 - W - #3 EWU 42, #14 Cal Poly 42 (San Luis Obispo, Calif.)
 2016 - W - #3 EWU 35, #16 Montana 16 (Cheney, Wash.)
 2016 - W - #4 EWU 50, #25 Northern Arizona 35 (Flagstaff, Ariz.)
 2016 - W - #8 EWU 34, #10 Northern Iowa 30 (Cheney, Wash.)
 2016 - L - #1 North Dakota State 50, #8 EWU 44 - 1 OT (Fargo, N.D.)

6-2 vs. Top 25; 0-1 vs. Top 10; 0-1 vs. Top 5 in 2016

STARTERS - OFF:	Left Tackle	Left Guard	Center	Right Guard	Right Tackle	Quarterback	Tailback	Tight End/WR	Wide Receiver	Wide Receiver	FB/TE/WR
Tennessee St.	Hansen	Musser	Dahlgren	Rivera	Carnahan	Talkington	Jackson	Ingram/TE	Chism III	Roberson	James/WR
Oregon	Musser	Hansen	Dahlgren	Rivera	Carnahan	Talkington	Altahir	Ingram/TE	Chism III	Roberson	James/WR
Montana St.	Hansen	Musser	Dahlgren	Rivera	Carnahan	Talkington	M. Smith	Ulm/WR	Chism III	Roberson	James/WR
Florida											
Weber St.											
Sacramento St.											
Cal Poly											
Portland St.											
Idaho											
Montana											
No. Colo.											

STARTERS - DEF:	Cornerback	Cornerback	Safety	Safety	Rov./Nickel/LB	Linebacker	Linebacker	End	Tackle	Tackle	"Buck" End
Tennessee St.	Sampson	Crosby Jr.	Doyle	A. Smith	Jones Jr.	Tomassini	Banks	M. Johnson	Davis	Jerome	Harrison
Oregon	Sampson	Crosby Jr.	Doyle	A. Smith	Jones Jr.	Tomassini	Banks	M. Johnson	Davis	Jerome	Harrison
Montana St.	Sampson	Crosby Jr.	Doyle	A. Smith	K. King	Tomassini	Banks	M. Johnson	Davis	Jerome	Harrison
Florida											
Weber St.											
Sacramento St.											
Cal Poly											
Portland St.											
Idaho											
Montana											
No. Colo.											

Starts by EWU Quarterbacks Since 1998 . . .

2022 – Gunner Talkington 3 (1-2)
 2021 – Eric Barriere 13 (10-3)
 2020-21 – Eric Barriere 6 (4-2), Gunner Talkington 1 (1-0)
 2019 – Eric Barriere 12 (7-5)
 2018 – Gage Gubrud 5 (4-1), Eric Barriere 10 (8-2) = 12-3
 2017 – Gage Gubrud 10 (6-4), Eric Barriere 1 (1-0) = 7-4
 2016 – Gage Gubrud 13 (11-2), Jordan West 1 (1-0) = 12-2
 2015 – Jordan West 9 (6-3), Reilly Hennessey 2 (0-2) = 6-5
 2014 – Vernon Adams Jr. 10 (8-2), Jordan West 4 (3-1) = 11-3
 2013 – Vernon Adams Jr. 15 (12-3)
 2012 – Kyle Padron 5 (3-2), Vernon Adams Jr. 9 (8-1) = 11-3
 2011 – Bo Levi Mitchell 11 (6-5)
 2010 – Bo Levi Mitchell 14 (12-2), Nick Gauthier 1 (1-0) = 13-2
 2009 – Matt Nichols 12 (8-4)
 2008 – Matt Nichols 10 (5-5), Alex Smart 1 (1-0) = 6-5
 2007 – Matt Nichols 13 (9-4)
 2006 – Chris Peerboom 1 (0-1), Matt Nichols 10 (3-7) = 3-8
 2005 – Erik Meyer 12 (7-5)
 2004 – Erik Meyer 13 (9-4)
 2003 – Erik Meyer 10 (5-5), Skyler Allen 1 (1-0) = 6-5
 2002 – Josh Blankenship 11 (6-5)
 2001 – Fred Salanoa 11 (7-4)
 2000 – Fred Salanoa 9 (5-4), Chris Samms 2 (1-1) = 6-5
 1999 – Fred Salanoa 3 (1-2), Chris Samms 8 (6-2) = 7-4
 1998 – Griffin Garske 10 (4-6), Scott Mitchell 1 (1-0) = 5-6

Leaders in Starts

1. Matt Nichols – 45 (25-20 .556)
2. Eric Barriere – 42 (30-12 .714 17-2 at home; 13-10 on road/neutral)
3. Erik Meyer – 35 (21-14 .600)
4. Vernon Adams Jr. – 34 (28-6 .823)
5. Gage Gubrud – 28 (20-8 .714)
6. Bo Levi Mitchell – 25 (18-7 .720)
7. Fred Salanoa – 23 (13-10 .565)

EWU BY QUARTER 2022

	1st	2nd	Half	3rd	Through 3	4th	OT	Final
@EWU	15	14	29	0	29	7	--	36
Tenn. St.	19	0	19	0	19	10	--	29
EWU	0	7	7	7	14	0	--	14
@Oregon	14	28	42	21	63	7	--	70
@EWU	14	7	21	0	21	14	--	35
Montana St.	10	14	24	7	31	7	--	38
EWU								
@Florida								
EWU								
@Weber St.								
@EWU								
Sac. St.								
EWU								
@Cal Poly								
@EWU								
Portland St.								
EWU								
@Idaho								
EWU								
@Montana								
@EWU								
No. Colo.								

EWU Record After 1st Quarter . . . 0-1 when leading, 1-1 when trailing, 0-0 when tied
EWU Record at Halftime . . . 1-0 when leading, 0-2 when trailing, 0-0 when tied
EWU Record After 3rd Quarter . . . 1-0 when leading, 0-2 when trailing, 0-0 when tied
EWU Record in Overtime . . . 0-0

BIG PLAYS (plays of 40+ Yards)

Gunner Talkington Career Long Plays of 40+ Yards (3)

41 yards (pass to Nolan Ulm) - Tennessee State - 9/3/22

80 yards (pass to Freddie Roberson) - Montana State - 9/24/22

71 yards (pass to Talolo Limu-Jones) - Cal Poly - 3/27/21

Freddie Roberson Career Long Plays of 40+ Yards (7)

80 yards (pass from Gunner Talkington) - Montana State - 9/24/22

86 yards (pass from Eric Barriere) - Northern Iowa - 11/27/21

64 yards (pass from Eric Barriere) - Idaho - 10/16/21

64 yards (pass from Eric Barriere) - Southern Utah - 9/25/21

48 yard reception (pass from Eric Barriere) - Cal Poly - 3/27/21

46 yard reception (from Eric Barriere) - Portland State - 11/23/19

42 yard rush (TD) - UC Davis - 4/3/21

Anthony Stell Jr. Career Long Plays of 40+ Yards (1)

54 yards (TD pass from Eric Barriere) - Northern Arizona - 3/6/21

Isaiah Lewis Career Long Plays of 40+ Yards (1)

47 yard rush - Idaho - 10/16/21

Justice Jackson Career Long Plays of 40+ Yards (1)

43 yard rush - Central Washington - 9/11/21

Micah Smith Career Long Plays of 40+ Yards (1)

56 yard rush - Montana State - 9/24/22

Anthony Smith Career Long Plays of 40+ Yards (1)

71 yard interception return (TD) - Idaho - 2/27/21 . . . **#18 longest in EWU history**

Marlon Jones Jr. Career Long Plays of 40+ Yards (1)

40 yard kickoff return - Northern Ariz. - 1/2/19

Seth Harrison Career Long Plays of 40+ Yards (5)

55 yard field goal - Cal Poly - 3/27/21...**#3 longest in EWU history**

50 yard field goal - Idaho State - 3/13/21

47 yard field goal - Cal Poly - 3/27/21

41 yard field goal - Northern Colorado - 10/9/21

40 yard field goal - Idaho State - 11/9/19

Jakobie James Career Long Plays of 40+ Yards (1)

54 yards (from Eric Barriere) - Montana - 12/3/21

Nolan Ulm Career Long Plays of 40+ Yards (1)

41 yards (from Gunner Talkington) - Tennessee State - 9/3/22

CAREER GAME BESTS

Recipients of GUNNER TALKINGTON TD Passes (total of 15 to 8 players)

3 - Efton Chism III (3 in '22)

3 - Freddie Roberson (1 in '20-21, 2 in '22)

2 - Blake Gobel (1 in '19, 1 in '22)

2 - Robert Mason III (1 in '21, 1 in '22)

2 - Nolan Ulm (1 in '21, 1 in '22)

1 - Jayce Gilder (Fake Punt in 2018 National Championship Game)

1 - Talolo-Limu Jones (1 in '20-21)

1 - Jett Carpenter (1 in '22)

MICAH SMITH Top Rushing Performances (1 with 100+)

13 carries, 114 yards, 2 TD - Montana State - 9/24/22

JUSTICE JACKSON Top Rushing Performances (1 with 100+)

11 carries, 100 yards, 1 TD - Central Washington - 9/18/21

SILAS PERREIAH Top Rushing Performances (1 with 100+)

23 carries, 126 yards, 1 TD - North Dakota - 9/28/19

FREDDIE ROBERSON Top Receiving Performances (5 with 100+)

9 catches, 192 yards, 2 TD - Idaho - 10/16/21

8 catches, 142 yards, 0 TD - Idaho State - 3/13/21

5 catches, 127 yards, 0 TD - Northern Iowa - 11/27/21

6 catches, 118 yards, 1 TD - Western Illinois - 9/18/21

4 catches, 104 yards, 0 TD - Portland State - 11/23/19

EFTON CHISM III Top Receiving Performances (1 with 100+)

8 catches, 147 yards, 2 TD - Southern Utah - 9/25/21

ANTHANY SMITH Top Tackling Performances (3 with 10+)

17 tackles - Idaho - 4/10/21

11 tackles - Montana State - 11/6/21

10 tackles - Idaho - 2/27/21

ELY DOYLE Top Tackling Performances (2 with 10+)

11 tackles - Montana State - 9/25/22

10 tackles - Montana - 10/2/21

MITCHELL JOHNSON Top Tackling Performances (1 with 10+)

11 tackles - Tennessee State - 9/3/22

2022 Quarterback Hurries Leaders . . .

Derek Tommasini 2 (2 in career)

Caleb Davis 1 (1 in career)

Keshaun King 1 (1 in career)

Darrien Sampson 1 (1 in career)

Eagles at "The Inferno" (since 2010) . . .

Versus Big Sky Conference Opponents

=Cal Poly (2012, 2015, 2018, 2020-21)	4-0
Idaho (2018, 2020-21, 2021)	3-0
Idaho State (2010, 2014, 2016)	3-0
%Montana State ('11/loss, '13, '15, '17, '21/loss, '22/loss)	3-3
*North Dakota (2012, 2014, 2019)	3-0
!Northern Arizona (2010, 2015/loss, 2019, 2020-21)	3-1
Northern Colorado (2014, 2016, 2019)	3-0
#Montana (2010, 2012, 2014, 2014, 2016, 2021)	6-0
Portland State (2011/loss, 2013, 2015/loss, 2017, 2019)	3-2
Sacramento State (2010, 2012, 2017)	3-0
Southern Utah (2010, 2013, 2018)	3-0
#UC Davis (2012, 2016, 2018, 2018)	4-0
Weber State (2011, 2013, 2015, 2017/loss, 2021/loss)	3-2

– Total in League Games **39-8 (.830)**

– Total in Non-Conference Games **3-0 (1.000)**

– Total in FCS Playoff Games **2-0 (1.000)**

Total vs. FBS Opponents Overall 44-7 (.863)

=Includes non-conference win in 2012.

%Includes non-conference win in 2015.

*Effective in 2020, no longer a member of the Big Sky.

!Includes non-conference loss in 2019..

#Includes Victory in FCS Playoffs (UM in 2014, UCD in 2018).

@Includes non-conference win in 2010.

Other FCS Opponents

^Southeast Missouri State (2010)	1-0
&North Dakota State (2010/win, 2017/loss)	1-1
^Villanova (2010)	1-0
^Wagner (2012)	1-0
Tennessee State (2022)	1-0
^Illinois State (2012/win, 2014/loss)	1-1
+Sam Houston State (2012/loss, 2014/win)	1-1
^South Dakota State (2013)	1-0
^Jacksonville State (2013)	1-0
^Towson (2013)	0-1
^Central Arkansas (2016)	1-0
^Richmond (2016)	1-0
^Youngstown State (2016)	0-1
^Nicholls (2018)	1-0
^Maine (2018)	1-0
–Northern Iowa (2016, 2021)	2-0

– Total in Non-Conference Games **3-1 (.750)**

– Total in FCS Playoff Games **12-4 (.750)**

Total vs. FCS Opponents Overall 15-5 (.750)

^FCS Playoffs.

&Includes Win in 2010 FCS Playoffs and regular season loss in 2017.

+Includes Loss in 2012 FCS Playoffs and regular season win in 2014.

~Includes Win in 2021 FCS Playoffs and regular season win in 2016.

Non-Division I Opponents

Central Washington (2018, 2021)	3-0
Lindenwood (2019)	1-0
Montana Western (2014)	1-0
Western Oregon (2013)	1-0

Total vs. Non-Division I Opponents 6-0

– Total in Regular Season Games **50-7 (.877)**

– Total in FCS Playoff Games **14-4 (.778)**

Overall Total 65-13 (.833)

Aaron Best Among Big Sky Coaching Leaders . . .

Overall	Seasons	Years	W-L	Pct.
Joe Glenn - Montana	3	2000-02	39-6	.867
*Bobby Hauck - Montana	12	'03-09, 18-pres.	111-29	.793
Tony Knapp - Boise St.	6	1970-75	54-16-1	.768
Mick Dennehy - Montana	4	1996-99	39-12	.765
Keith Gilbertson - Idaho	3	1986-88	28-9	.757
*Troy Taylor - Sacramento St.	3	2019-pres.	20-7	.740
Jim Criner - Boise St.	7	1976-82	59-21-1	.735
John L. Smith - Idaho	6	1989-94	53-21	.716
Don Read - Montana	10	1986-95	85-34	.714
Chris Ault - Nevada	13	1979-91	111-46-1	.706
*Aaron Best - EWU	6	2017-present	42-19	.689
Robin Pflugrad - Montana	2	2010-11	13-6	.684
*Beau Baldwin - EWU/CP	12	'08-16, 19-pres.	88-45	.661 (unranked)
*Jay Hill - Weber State	9	2014-pres.	61-36	.629 (unranked)

Big Sky Conference	Seasons	Years	W-L	Pct.
*Troy Taylor - Sacramento St.	3	2019-pres.	15-1	.938
Joe Glenn - Montana	3	2000-02	20-2	.909
Mick Dennehy - Montana	4	1996-99	27-5	.844
Keith Gilbertson - Idaho	3	1986-88	19-4	.826
*Bobby Hauck - Montana	12	'03-09, 18-pres.	64-14	.821
Jim Sweeney - Montana St.	5	1963-67	14-4	.788
Tony Knapp - Boise St.	6	1970-75	26-7-1	.779
*Aaron Best - EWU	6	2017-present	30-9	.769 (#8 in BSC History)
John L. Smith - Idaho	6	1989-94	34-11	.755
Jim Criner - Boise St.	7	1976-8	34-12	.739
*Jay Hill - Weber State	9	2014-pres.	45-17	.725
Robin Pflugrad - Montana	2	2010-11	10-4	.714
*Beau Baldwin - EWU/CP	12	'08-16, 19-pres.	59-24	.711
Don Read - Montana	10	1986-95	54-22	.710
Chris Ault - Nevada	13	1979-91	68-28	.708

*Currently a head coach in the Big Sky Conference.

EWU 20-game Home Winning Streak

From 11/18/17 to 10/16/21 (last loss came on 11/4/17 to Weber State by a 28-20 score until the streak ended versus Weber State 35-34 on 10/23/21)

*Big Sky Conference Game. #NCAA Championship Subdivision Playoffs.

Date	Opponent	Score	Margin
11/18/17	W *Portland St.	59 - 33	+26
9/1/18	W Central Wash.	58 - 13	+45
9/22/18	W *Cal Poly	70 - 17	+53
10/6/18	W *Southern Utah	55 - 17	+38
10/27/18	W *Idaho	38 - 14	+24
11/10/18	W *UC Davis	59 - 20	+39
12/1/18	W #Nicholls	42 - 21	+21
12/8/18	W #UC Davis	34 - 29	+5
12/15/18	W #Maine	50 - 19	+31
11/7/19	W Lindenwood	59 - 31	+28
9/28/19	W *North Dakota	35 - 20	+15
10/12/19	W *Northern Colo.	54 - 21	+33
11/2/19	W Northern Ariz.	66 - 38	+28
11/23/19	W *Portland St.	53 - 46	+7
3/6/21	W *Northern Ariz.	45 - 13	+32
3/27/21	W *Cal Poly	62 - 10	+52
4/10/21	W *Idaho	38 - 31	+7
9/11/21	W Central Wash.	63 - 14	+49
10/2/21	W *Montana	34 - 28	+6
10/16/21	W *Idaho	71 - 21	+50
Totals	20-0	1045 - 456	+589

Avg. score of 52-23

NCAA FCS Career Leaders

Total Offensive Yards

1.	16,823	Steve McNair, Alcorn	1991-94
2.	15,601	Devlin Hodges, Samford	2015-18
3.	15,394	Eric Barriere, EWU	2017-21
4.	14,753	Armanti Edwards, App. St.	2006-09
5.	14,720	Bruce Eugene, Grambling	2001-05

Passing Yards

1.	14,584	Devlin Hodges, Samford	2015-18
2.	14,496	Steve McNair, Alcorn	1991-94
3.	13,809	Eric Barriere, EWU	2017-21
4.	13,513	Bruce Eugene, Grambling	2001-05
5.	13,455	Dominic Randolph, H. Cross	2013-17
6.	13,401	Jeremy Moses, S.F. Austin	2007-10
7.	13,264	Scott Riddle, Elon	2007-10
8.	13,212	Ricky Santos, New Hamp.	2004-07
9.	13,156	Jimmy Garapolo, Eastern Ill.	2010-13
11.	12,711	Willie Totten, Miss. Valley	1982-85
12.	12,616	Matt Nichols, EWU	2006-09

Passing Touchdowns

1.	140	Bruce Eugene, Grambling	2001-05
2.	139	Willie Totten, Miss. Valley	1982-85
3.	123	Ricky Santos, New Hamp.	2004-07
4.	121	Eric Barriere, EWU	2017-21
5.	121	Jeremy Moses, S.F. Austin	2007-10
6.	120	Anthony Lawrence, San Diego	2015-18
7.	119	Steve McNair, Alcorn	1991-94
8.	118	Jimmy Garapolo, Eastern Ill.	2010-13
9.	117	Dominic Randolph, H. Cross	2013-17
10.	116	Josh McGregor, Jacksonville	2008-11
11	116	Jeremiah Briscoe, Sam Houston	2014-17
14.	110	Vernon Adams Jr., EWU	2012-14

Big Sky Career Leaders

Passing Yards

1.	13,809	Eric Barriere, EWU	2017-21
2.	12,616	Matt Nichols, EWU	2006-09
3.	12,274	Cameron Higgins, WSU	2007-10
4.	12,207	Jamie Martin, WSU	1989-92
5.	12,082	Case Cookus, NAU	2015-19
6.	11,400	Travis Brown, NAU	1996-99
7.	11,203	DeNarius McGhee, MSU	2010-13
8.	11,163	Jake Maier, UC Davis	2017-19
9.	11,080	Dave Dickenson, Montana	1992-95
10.	10,824	Doug Nussmeier, UI	1990-93

Passing Touchdowns

1.	121	Eric Barriere, EWU	2017-21
2.	110	Vernon Adams Jr., EWU	2012-14
3.	105	Case Cookus, NAU	2015-19
4.	98	Cameron Higgins, WSU	2007-10
5.	96	Matt Nichols, EWU	2006-09
	96	Dave Dickenson, Montana	1992-95

Total Offensive Yards

1.	15,394	Eric Barriere, EWU	2017-21
2.	13,308	Matt Nichols, EWU	2006-09
3.	12,336	DeNarius McGhee, MSU	2010-13
4.	12,314	Case Cookus, NAU	2015-19
5.	12,287	Jamie Martin, WSU	1989-92
6.	12,258	Cameron Higgins, WSU	2007-10
7.	12,205	Travis Lulay, MSU	2002-05
8.	12,027	Doug Nussmeier, UI	1990-93
9.	11,670	Vernon Adams Jr., EWU	2012-14
10.	11,619	Garrett Saffron, Sacramento St.	2011-14
11.	11,513	Dave Dickenson, Montana	1992-95

EWU Career Leaders

(All averages/percentages require two seasons)

Career Games Played

1.	60	Tristen Taylor (OT)	2016-21
2.	55	Shaq Hill (WR)	2012-14
3.	54	Zach Wimberly (TE)	2013-16
	54	Jake Withnell (TE)	2012-15
5.	53	5 Players	
	53	Calin Criner (S)	2017-21
	53	Talolo Limu-Jones (WR)	2017-21
8.	52	12 Other Players	
24.	51	12 Players	
	51	Eric Barriere	2017-21
	51	Tamarick Pierce (RB)	2016-21
38.	50	6 Other Players	
	50	Jack Sendelbach (LB)	2016-21

Career Games Started

1.	60	Tristen Taylor (OT)	2016-21
2.	52	Chris Schlichting (OT)	2016-19
	52	Cooper Kupp (WR)	2013-16
4.	51	Clay DeBord (OT)	2012-15
5.	50	Ronnie Hamlin (LB)	2011-14
6.	49	Spencer Blackburn (C)	2016-19

Average Yards Per Rush (min. 90 attempts)

1.	7.72	Taiwan Jones	2008-10
2.	6.66	Jesse Chatman	1999-01
3.	6.44	Sam McPherson	2015-18
4.	6.03	Quincy Forte	2011-14
5.	5.70	Tamarick Pierce	2016-21
6.	5.68	Mike MacKenzie	1996-98
7.	5.57	Antoine Custer Jr.	2016-19
8.	5.50	Jovan Griffith	1998-02
9.	5.49	Rex Prescott	1996-97
10.	5.45	Alexis Alexander	2006-08
11.	5.36	Tim Mitchell	1990-91

Rushing Touchdowns

1.	48	Jesse Chatman	1999-01
2.	39	Antoine Custer Jr.	2016-19
3.	30	Jovan Griffith	1998-02
4.	29	Taiwan Jones	2008-10
	29	Mike MacKenzie	1995-98
6.	27	Rex Prescott	1994-97
	27	Jamie Townsend	1985-88
8.	24	Tamarick Pierce	2016-20/21
9.	23	Quincy Forte	2011-14
	23	Dennis Merritt	2016-21
11.	22	Eric Barriere	2017-21
12.	21	Harold Wright	1989-92
	21	Mel Stanton	1965

Passing Yards

1.	13,809	Eric Barriere	2017-21
2.	12,616	Matt Nichols	2006-09
3.	10,438	Vernon Adams Jr.	2012-14
4.	10,261	Erik Meyer	2002-05
5.	9984	Gage Gubrud	2015-18
6.	7505	Bo Levi Mitchell	2010-11
7.	7492	Mark Tenneson	1989-92
8.	5588	Rick Worman	1984-85

Passing Yards Per Game

1.	312.0	Gage Gubrud	2015-18
2.	288.7	Bo Levi Mitchell	2010-11
3.	282.1	Vernon Adams Jr.	2012-14
4.	270.8	Eric Barriere	2017-21
5.	268.4	Matt Nichols	2006-09
6.	254.0	Rick Worman	1984-85
7.	244.3	Erik Meyer	2002-05

Pass Completion Percentage (Min. 150 att.)

1.	65.7	Erik Meyer	2002-05
2.	64.6	Gage Gubrud	2015-18
3.	64.8	Vernon Adams Jr.	2012-14
4.	63.5	Jordan West	2013-16
5.	62.0	Eric Barriere	2017-20
6.	61.9	Matt Nichols	2005-09
7.	61.3	Bo Levi Mitchell	2010-11
8.	60.5	Harry Leons	1996-97

Average Yards Per Pass Attempt (Min. 150 att.)

1.	9.7	Vernon Adams Jr.	2012-14
2.	9.4	Erik Meyer	2002-05
3.	9.3	Harry Leons	1996-97
4.	8.6	Gage Gubrud	2015-18
5.	8.5	Eric Barriere	2017-21
6.	8.1	Jordan West	2013-16
7.	7.9	Griffin Garske	1996-98
8.	7.8	Matt Nichols	2005-09
9.	7.7	Anthony Vitto	2010-13

Average Yards Per Completion (Min. 75 Comp.)

1.	15.4	Griffin Garske	1996-98
	15.4	Harry Leons	1996-97
3.	14.9	Vernon Adams Jr.	2012-14
4.	14.2	Erik Meyer	2002-05
5.	13.8	Chris Samms	1997-01
6.	13.7	Eric Barriere	2017-21
7.	13.3	Gage Gubrud	2015-18
8.	12.8	Jordan West	2013-16

Touchdown Passes

1.	121	Eric Barriere	2017-21
2.	110	Vernon Adams Jr.	2012-14
3.	96	Matt Nichols	2006-09
4.	87	Gage Gubrud	2015-18
5.	84	Erik Meyer	2002-05
6.	70	Bo Levi Mitchell	2010-11

Passing Efficiency Rating (Min. 150 Attempts, Two Seasons)

1.	173.8	Vernon Adams Jr.	2012-14
2.	166.5	Erik Meyer	2002-05
3.	155.8	Gage Gubrud	2015-18
4.	154.5	Eric Barriere	2017-21
5.	153.6	Jordan West	2014-16
6.	141.8	Matt Nichols	2006-09
7.	141.2	Bo Levi Mitchell	2010-11

Total Offensive Yards

1.	15,394	Eric Barriere	2017-21
2.	13,308	Matt Nichols	2006-09
3.	11,670	Vernon Adams Jr.	2012-14
4.	11,026	Gage Gubrud	2015-18
5.	10,942	Erik Meyer	2002-05

Total Offensive Yards Per Game

1.	344.6	Gage Gubrud	2015-18
2.	315.4	Vernon Adams Jr.	2012-14
3.	301.8	Eric Barriere	2017-21
4.	290.3	Bo Levi Mitchell	2010-11
5.	283.1	Matt Nichols	2006-09
6.	260.5	Erik Meyer	2002-05
7.	249.2	Rick Worman	1984-85

Total Offensive Yards Per Play (min. 150 plays)

1.	8.47	Vernon Adams Jr.	2012-14
2.	7.97	Erik Meyer	2002-05
3.	7.96	Harry Leons	1996-97
4.	7.74	Gage Gubrud	2015-18
5.	7.72	Taiwan Jones	2008-10
6.	7.70	Eric Barriere	2017-21
7.	7.27	Jordan West	2013-15
8.	7.00	R. Hennessey	2015-16

Scoring

1.	464	Cooper Kupp	2013-15
2.	328	Eric Kimble	2002-05
3.	322	Jesse Chatman	1999-01
4.	320	Roldan Alcobendas	2014, 2016-18
5.	286	Mike Jarrett	2009-11
13.	196	Jason Cromer	1988-90
	196	Seth Harrison	2019-21
15.	186	Eric Stein	1984-87
16.	180	Quincy Forte	2011-14
	180	Jamie Townsend	1984-88
	180	Dennis Merritt	2016-21

Touchdowns Scored

1.	77	Cooper Kupp	2013-16
2.	54	Eric Kimble	2002-05
3.	53	Jesse Chatman	1999-01
4.	43	Antoine Custer Jr.	2016-19
5.	37	Taiwan Jones	2008-10
10.	30	Dennis Merritt	2016-21
11.	29	Aaron Boyce	2006-09
	29	Mike MacKenzie	1995-98
13.	28	Kendrick Bourne	2013-16
	28	Lamont Brightful	1998-01
	28	Rex Prescott	1994-97

TDs Responsible for

1.	143	Eric Barriere	2017-21
2.	121	Vernon Adams Jr.	2012-14
3.	102	Matt Nichols	2005-09
4.	100	Gage Gubrud	2015-18
5.	91	Erik Meyer	2002-05

Rushing Yards by a Quarterback

1.	1,585	Eric Barriere	2017-21
2.	1,232	Vernon Adams Jr.	2012-14

Pass Receptions

1.	428	Cooper Kupp	2013-16
2.	253	Eric Kimble	2002-05
3.	222	Aaron Boyce	2006-09
4.	221	Brandon Kaufman	2009-12
5.	215	Nicholas Edwards	2009-12
6.	213	Tony Davis	2006-09
7.	211	Kendrick Bourne	2013-16
8.	188	Andrew Boston	2018-21
9.	179	Shaq Hill	2012-14, 2016
10.	168	Kyler Randall	2000-03
11.	167	Tony Brooks	1990-93
12.	166	Ashton Clark	2010-13
	166	Bob Picard	1968-72
14.	165	Greg Herd	2009-12
15.	161	Talolo Limu-Jones	2017-21
16.	157	Jon Vea	1983-86
17.	156	Nsimba Webster	2015-18
18.	151	Nic Sblendorio	2014-17
19.	149	Jason Anderson	1991-94
20.	147	Dave Svendsen	1966-68
21.	145	Craig Richardson	1983-86

Pass Reception Yards

1.	6464	Cooper Kupp	2013-16
2.	4140	Eric Kimble	2002-05
3.	3731	Brandon Kaufman	2009-12
7.	2722	Talolo Limu-Jones	2017-21
8.	2661	Shaq Hill	2012-14, 2016
9.	2634	Nicholas Edwards	2009-12
10.	2621	Andrew Boston	2018-21
11.	2566	Tony Davis	2006-09
12.	2524	Jason Anderson	1991-94
13.	2444	Tom Bassett	1974-77
14.	2373	Bob Picard	1968-72
15.	2348	Greg Herd	2009-12
16.	2324	Ashton Clark	2010-13

Touchdown Receptions

1.	73	Cooper Kupp	2013-16
2.	46	Eric Kimble	2002-05
3.	33	Nicholas Edwards	2009-12
	33	Brandon Kaufman	2009-12
5.	32	Shaq Hill	2012-15, 2016
6.	29	Aaron Boyce	2006-09
7.	27	Kendrick Bourne	2013-16
8.	26	Tony Brooks	1990-93
	26	Dave Svendsen	1966-68
10.	21	Talolo Limu-Jones	2017-21
11.	20	Andrew Boston	2018-21

EWU Career Leaders (continued)

Average Per Reception

(Min. 25 Receptions, Two Seasons)

1.	22.8	Keish Levinston	1998-99
2.	19.4	Jeff Ogden	1994-97
3.	18.7	Steve Correa	1996-97
4.	18.0	Tony Brooks	1990-93
5.	17.9	Curt Didier	1978-79
6.	17.8	Tom Bassett	1974-77
7.	16.9	Talolo Limu-Jones	2017-21
8.	16.9	5 Players	

Kicking Points

1.	320	Roldan Alcobendas	2014, 2016-18
2.	236	Mike Jarrett	2008-11
3.	231	Troy Griggs	1998-01
4.	196	Jason Cromer	1988-90
5.	196	Seth Harrison	2019-21
6.	186	Eric Stein	1984-87

Field Goal Percentage (min. 10 att.)

1.	91.7	Tyler McNannay (11-of-12)	2014-15
2.	85.0	Jimmy Pavel (17-of-20)	2011-12
3.	83.3	Brett Bergstrom (15-of-18)	2004-06
4.	78.6	R. Alcobendas (36-of-47)	2014, 2016-18
5.	70.5	Seth Harrison (24-of-34)	2019-21
6.	67.2	Jason Cromer (38-of-58)	1988-90
7.	66.0	Mike Jarrett (31-of-47)	2009-11
8.	63.6	Josh Atwood (28-of-44)	1996-98
9.	63.3	Felipe Macias (19-of-30)	2007-08
10.	63.3	Dave Marriott (19-of-30)	1983-84
11.	62.7	Troy Griggs (37-of-59)	1999-01

Tackles

1.	473	Ronnie Hamlin (LB)	2011-14
2.	432	J.C. Sherritt (LB)	2007-10
3.	399	Greg Belzer (LB)	1997-00
4.	366	Miquyah Zamora (LB)	2013-16
5.	347	Jason Marsh (LB)	1991-93
10.	313	Dion Alexander (LB)	1992-95
11.	287	Jack Sendelbach (LB)	2016-21
12.	288	Julian Williams (S)	1997-00
13.	284	Cody McCarthy (LB)	2011-14
14.	282	Mitch Fettig (S)	2015-18
15.	273	Calin Criner (S)	2017-21
16.	267	Ketner Kupp (LB)	2015-18

EWU Season Leaders

Rushing Touchdowns

1.	24	Jesse Chatman	2001
2.	21	Mel Stanton	1965
3.	18	Mike MacKenzie	1998
4.	16	Antoine Custer Jr.	2019
5.	16	Darius Washington	2004
6.	16	Rex Prescott	1997
7.	15	Taiwan Jones	2009
8.	15	Dennis Merritt	2021
9.	14	Taiwan Jones	2010
10.	14	Ryan Cole	2005
11.	14	Jovan Griffith	1999
12.	14	Ray Stookey	1967

Passing Attempts

1.	570	Gage Gubrud	2016
2.	552	Eric Barriere	2021
3.	505	Bo Levi Mitchell	2010
4.	503	Bo Levi Mitchell	2011
5.	491	Rick Worman	1985
6.	486	Vernon Adams Jr.	2013
7.	458	Matt Nichols	2009
8.	451	Matt Nichols	2008
9.	440	Matt Nichols	2007
10.	438	Eric Barriere	2019

Passing Completions

1.	386	Gage Gubrud	2016
2.	361	Eric Barriere	2021
3.	319	Vernon Adams Jr.	2013
4.	318	Bo Levi Mitchell	2011
5.	300	Bo Levi Mitchell	2010
6.	298	Matt Nichols	2009
7.	280	Matt Nichols	2007
8.	275	Matt Nichols	2008
9.	274	Rick Worman	1985
10.	269	Erik Meyer	2005
11.	261	Gage Gubrud	2017

Pass Completion Percentage (min. 90 attempts)

1.	67.8	Erik Meyer	2004
2.	67.7	Gage Gubrud	2016
3.	66.1	Vernon Adams Jr.	2014
4.	65.6	Vernon Adams Jr.	2013
5.	65.6	Erik Meyer	2005
6.	65.4	Eric Barriere	2021
7.	65.1	Matt Nichols	2009
8.	64.8	R. Hennessey	2015
9.	64.6	Jordan West	2015
10.	64.4	Griffin Garske	1997

Passing Yards

1.	5160	Gage Gubrud	2016
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2.	5070	Eric Barriere	2021
3.	4994	Vernon Adams Jr.	2013
4.	4009	Bo Levi Mitchell	2011
5.	4003	Erik Meyer	2005
6.	3830	Matt Nichols	2009
7.	3744	Matt Nichols	2007
8.	3712	Eric Barriere	2019
9.	3707	Erik Meyer	2004
10.	3496	Bo Levi Mitchell	2010

Passing Yards Per Game

1.	390.0	Eric Barriere	2021
2.	368.6	Gage Gubrud	2016
3.	364.5	Bo Levi Mitchell	2011
4.	348.4	Eric Barriere	2020-21
5.	348.3	Vernon Adams Jr.	2014
6.	334.2	Gage Gubrud	2017
7.	333.6	Erik Meyer	2005
8.	332.9	Vernon Adams Jr.	2013
9.	319.2	Matt Nichols	2009
10.	309.3	Eric Barriere	2019
11.	300.2	Jordan West	2015

Average Yards Per Attempt (min. 90 attempts)

1.	10.3	Vernon Adams Jr.	2013
2.	9.8	Harry Leons	1997
3.	9.8	Erik Meyer	2005
4.	9.7	Erik Meyer	2004
5.	9.2	Eric Barriere	2021
6.	9.2	Vernon Adams Jr.	2014
7.	9.1	Gage Gubrud	2016
8.	9.1	Vernon Adams Jr.	2012
9.	8.9	Gage Gubrud	2018
10.	8.5	Eric Barriere	2019
11.	8.5	R. Hennessey	2015

Average Yards Per Completion (min. 45 comp.)

1.	16.7	Griffin Garske	1996
2.	16.3	Harry Leons	1997
3.	15.7	Vernon Adams Jr.	2013
4.	15.4	Griffin Garske	1998
5.	15.0	Chris Samms	1999
6.	15.0	Vernon Adams Jr.	2012
7.	14.9	Erik Meyer	2005
8.	14.4	Eric Barriere	2019
9.	14.3	Gage Gubrud	2018
10.	14.3	Erik Meyer	2004
11.	14.0	Eric Barriere	2021

Passing Efficiency Rating

(Min. 100 Attempts)

1.	183.1	Vernon Adams Jr.	2013
2.	171.4	Erik Meyer	2004
3.	169.3	Erik Meyer	2005
4.	169.2	Vernon Adams Jr.	2014
5.	167.2	Eric Barriere	2021
6.	166.6	Gage Gubrud	2016
7.	162.7	Harry Leons	1997
8.	160.8	Vernon Adams Jr.	2012
9.	158.8	Jordan West	2015
10.	157.0	Bill Diedrick	1967
11.	156.78	Gage Gubrud	2018
12.	156.52	Matt Nichols	2007
13.	156.47	Matt Nichols	2009

Touchdown Passes

1.	55	Vernon Adams Jr.	2013
2.	48	Gage Gubrud	2016
3.	46	Eric Barriere	2021
4.	37	Bo Levi Mitchell	2010
5.	35	Vernon Adams Jr.	2014
6.	34	Matt Nichols	2007
7.	33	Bo Levi Mitchell	2011
8.	33	Matt Nichols	2009
9.	31	Eric Barriere	2019
10.	31	Erik Meyer	2004

Total Offensive Yards

1.	5766	Gage Gubrud	2016
2.	5599	Vernon Adams Jr.	2013
3.	5292	Eric Barriere	2021
4.	4270	Eric Barriere	2019
5.	4224	Erik Meyer	2005
6.	4136	Matt Nichols	2007
7.	4004	Bo Levi Mitchell	2011
8.	3934	Erik Meyer	2004
9.	3932	Matt Nichols	2009
10.	3768	Vernon Adams Jr.	2014

Total Offensive Yards Per Game

1.	411.9	Gage Gubrud	2016
2.	407.1	Eric Barriere	2021
3.	376.8	Vernon Adams Jr.	2014
4.	373.3	Vernon Adams Jr.	2013
5.	369.0	Eric Barriere	2020-21
6.	364.0	Bo Levi Mitchell	2011
7.	357.8	Gage Gubrud	2017
8.	355.8	Eric Barriere	2019
9.	352.0	Erik Meyer	2005
10.	327.7	Matt Nichols	2009
11.	318.2	Matt Nichols	2007

Total Offensive Yards Per Play (min 100 plays)

1.	9.06	Vernon Adams Jr.	2013
2.	8.44	Harry Leons	1997
3.	8.41	Erik Meyer	2005
4.	8.29	Gage Gubrud	2018
5.	8.26	Eric Barriere	2021
6.	8.23	Erik Meyer	2004
7.	8.23	Vernon Adams Jr.	2012

8.	8.19	Gage Gubrud	2016
9.	7.88	Taiwan Jones	2010
10.	7.85	Vernon Adams Jr.	2014
11.	7.68	Jordan West	2015
12.	7.67	Eric Barriere	2019

Pass Receptions

1.	117	Cooper Kupp	2016
2.	114	Cooper Kupp	2015
3.	104	Cooper Kupp	2014
4.	95	Nicholas Edwards	2011
5.	93	Cooper Kupp	2013
6.	93	Brandon Kaufman	2012
7.	87	Eric Kimble	2005
8.	85	Aaron Boyce	2007
9.	84	Nsimba Webster	2018
10.	83	Ashton Clark	2013
11.	83	Eric Kimble	2004
12.	79	Kendrick Bourne	2016
NR	57	Efton Chism III	2021
NR	49	Freddie Roberson	2021

Scoring

1.	172	Jesse Chatman	2001
2.	128	Eric Kimble	2004
3.	126	Cooper Kupp	2013
4.	126	Mel Stanton	1965
5.	122	Cooper Kupp	2015
6.	119	Roldan Alcobendas	2018
7.	116	Nicholas Edwards	2011
8.	114	Shaq Hill	2016
9.	114	Cooper Kupp	2016
10.	114	Taiwan Jones	2009
11.	108	Mike MacKenzie	1998
12.	108	Dennis Merritt	2021

Touchdowns Scored

1.	28	Jesse Chatman	2001
2.	21	Cooper Kupp	2013
3.	21	Eric Kimble	2004
4.	21	Mel Stanton	1965
5.	22	Cooper Kupp	2015
6.	19	Shaq Hill	2016
7.	19	Shaq Hill	2016
8.	19	Nicholas Edwards	2011
9.	19	Taiwan Jones	2009
10.	18	Mike MacKenzie	1998
11.	18	Dennis Merritt	2021
12.	17	Cooper Kupp	2014
13.	17	Taiwan Jones	2010

Season TDs Responsible for

1.	59	Vernon Adams Jr.	2013
2.	53	Gage Gubrud	2016
3.	50	Eric Barriere	2021
4.	41	Vernon Adams Jr.	2014
5.	39	Eric Barriere	2019

Season Kicking Points

1.	119	Roldan Alcobendas	2018
2.	103	Josh Atwood	1997
3.	101	Jimmy Pavel	2012
4.	100	Roldan Alcobendas	2016
5.	93	Troy Griggs	2001
6.	92	Kevin Miller	2013
7.	89	Felipe Macias	2007
8.	86	Seth Harrison	2019
9.	86	Mike Jarrett	2011
10.	84	Mike Jarrett	2010
11.	81	Tyler McNannay	2014
12.	79	Shedon Weddle	2005
NR	61	Seth Harrison	2021

Tackles

1.	176	J.C. Sherritt (LB)	2010
2.	170	J.C. Sherritt (LB)	2009
3.	151	Greg Belzer (LB)	2000
4.	140	Ronnie Hamlin (LB)	2013
5.	138	Jason Marsh (LB)	1991
6.	126	Derek Strey (LB)	1996
7.	120	Ty Graham (LB)	2021
8.	116	Luke Vincent (LB)	2001
9.	115	Dehonta Hayes (S)	2019
10.	115	Ketner Kupp (LB)	2018
11.	115	Zach Bruce (S)	2016
12.	115	Cody McCarthy (LB)	2013
13.	114	T.J. Lee III (CB)	2013
14.	114	Brandon Keeler (S)	2004
15.	113	Jason Marsh (LB)	1992
16.	113	Joe Peterson (LB)	1992
17.	113	Brendan Rogers (LB)	1990
18.	113	Steve Cole (LB)	1984
19.	112	Ronnie Hamlin (LB)	2014
20.	112	Dion Alexander (LB)	1995
21.	109	Miquyah Zamora (LB)	2016
22.	108	Brad Packer (LB)	2000
23.	107	Chris Seidel (LB)	1985
24.	105	Chris Ojoh (LB)	2018
25.	105	Matt Johnson (LB)	2010
26.	102	Miquyah Zamora (LB)	2014
27.	102	Matt Johnson (S)	2009
28.	101	Miquyah Zamora (LB)	2015
29.	99	Dion Alexander (LB)	1993
30.	98	Justin Guillery (LB)	1997
31.	97	Mitch Fettig (S)	2016
32.	97	Joey Cwik (LB)	2005
33.	97	Adam Zeiger (LB)	2001

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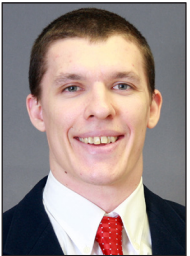
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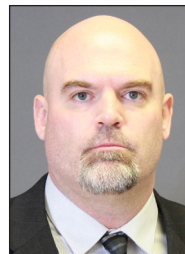
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2022 EWU Numerical Football Roster

#Starter in 2021 Season. *Has used redshirt season. ^Received extra year because of Covid-19 pandemic. Yr. and Ex. Reflects for the Fall of 2022.

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Ex.	Hometown / Previous School
0	#Debore'ae McClain	DL	6-3	235	Sr.	4L [^]	Bremerton, Wash. / Peninsula HS '17
1	#Freddie Roberson	WR	6-2	195	Jr.	3L [^]	Seattle, Wash. / Rainier Beach HS '18
2	Gunner Talkington	QB	5-10	215	Sr.	4L [^]	Battle Ground, Wash. / Battle Ground HS '17
3	Anthony Stell Jr.	WR	5-10	180	Jr.	2L [^]	Seattle Wash. / Rainier Beach HS '18
4	Anthony Smith	DB	5-11	190	Sr.	3L [^]	Everett, Wash. / Mariner HS '17
5	#Mitchell Johnson	DL	6-3	245	Sr.	4L [^]	West Linn, Ore. / West Linn HS '17
6	Trey Turner	QB	6-1	190	So.	SQ [^]	Pittsburg, Calif. / Pittsburg HS '19
7	#Tre Weed	DB	6-0	185	Jr.	3L [^]	Sumner, Wash. / Sumner HS '18
8	#Darrien Sampson	DB	6-0	180	Jr.	3L [^]	South Seattle, Wash. / Rainier Beach HS '18
9	Robert Mason III	WR	6-1	180	Sr.	2L [^]	Graham, Wash. / Gra.-Kapowsin HS '18 / CWU
10	Josh Johnson	WR	6-2	190	Fr.	SQ [^]	Los Angeles, Calif. / San Pedro HS '21
11	Jakobie James	WR	6-1	200	So.	2L [^]	Redlands, Calif. / Redlands HS '19
12	Simon Burkett	QB	6-3	185	Jr.	SQ [^]	Bellingham, Wash. / Meridian HS '18
13	LeAndre Gaines	DL	6-3	255	So.	2L [^]	Chehalis, Wash. / W.F. West HS '20
14	Jackson Cleaver	K	6-2	200	So.	2L [^]	Tigard, Ore. / Tigard HS '20
15	Wyatt Hawkins	K/P	6-1	170	So.	2L [^]	Carlsbad, Calif. / Carlsbad HS '20
16	Kekoa Visperas	QB	6-0	190	Fr.	SQ [^]	Spanaway, Wash. / Bethel HS '21
17	Nolan Ulm	WR	6-2	190	So.	2L [^]	Kelowna, B.C. / Kelowna Secondary HS '20
18	Ryan Kelley	QB	6-4	190	Sr.	TR [^]	Chandler, Ariz. / Basha HS '17 / Ariz. St.
19	Isaiah Lewis	RB	6-0	210	Jr.	2L [^]	Monroe, Wash. / Monroe HS '18
20	Marlon Jones Jr.	DB	6-0	185	So.	2L [^]	Tacoma, Wash. / Curtis HS '19
21	Keshawn King	DB	5-9	180	Sr.	3L [^]	Marysville, Wash. / Marysville Pilchuck HS '17
22	Justice Jackson	RB	5-11	190	So.	2L [^]	Antioch, Calif. / Liberty HS '20
23	Micah Smith	RB	6-0	190	Jr.	3L [^]	Spanaway, Wash. / Graham-Kapowsin HS '18
24	Silas Perreiah	RB	5-11	210	So.	2L [^]	Spokane, Wash. / Northwest Christian HS '19
25	#Ely Doyle	DB	6-1	190	Jr.	2L [^]	Santa Clarita, Calif. / Bishop Alemany '18 & Ariz. St.
27	DaJean Wells	DB	5-11	170	So.	2L [^]	Seattle, Wash. / Ballard HS '20
29	Cage Schenck	DB	5-9	170	So.	2L [^]	Woodinville, Wash. / Woodinville HS '20
30	Joseph Obeto	DB	5-10	185	Fr.	SQ [^]	Covina, Calif. / Charter Oak HS '21
31	Demetrius Crosby Jr.	DB	6-0	185	Jr.	3L [^]	Tacoma, Wash. / Foss HS '18
32	Tuna Altahir	RB	6-0	230	Fr.	SQ [^]	Kennewick, Wash. / Kamiakin HS '21
33	Derek Tommasini	LB	6-0	230	Jr.	TR	Eagle, Idaho / Eagle HS '20 / Idaho
34	Kentrell Williams Jr.	DB	5-10	180	Fr.	SQ [^]	Chandler, Ariz. / Chandler HS '21
35	Woodley Downard	WR	6-1	190	Fr.	SQ [^]	Kennewick, Wash. / Kamiakin HS '21
36	Alphonse Owyak	DB	6-1	171	So.	TR	Kent, Wash. / Kentwood HS '20 / Wash. St.
37	Zane Thornton	DB	6-0	182	So.	TR	Burien, Wash. / Kennedy Catholic HS '20 / Wash. St.
38	Armani Orange	DB	6-0	185	Fr.	SQ [^]	Moreno Valley, Calif. / Rancho Verde HS '21
39	Austin York	TE	6-2	240	So.	TR	Chico, Calif. / Pleasant Valley HS '20 / Butte College
40	Daniel Taumoepeau	LB	6-0	220	Fr.	SQ [^]	Daly City, Calif. / Westlake HS (Utah) '21
41	Steven Flowers	LB	6-2	215	So.	1L [^]	Grand Coulee, Wash. / Lake Roosevelt HS '19
42	Sherwin King Jr.	LB	6-1	216	Sr.	TR	Fresno, Calif. / Sunnyside HS '18 / Fresno St.
43	Brandon Montoya	RB	5-10	180	Fr.	SQ [^]	Wishram, Wash. / Lyle/Wishram HS '20
44	Brock Harrison	DL	6-3	250	So.	2L [^]	Ridgefield, Wash. / Ridgefield HS '19
45	Davante Smith	RB	5-10	180	Fr.	SQ [^]	Ventura, Calif. / Pacifica HS '21
46	Conner O'Farrell	LB	6-0	215	So.	1L [^]	Anchorage, Alaska / Service HS '20
47	Cody Clements	LS	6-2	230	Sr.	3L [^]	Richland, Wash. / Richland HS '17
48	Trevor Thurman	LB	6-3	225	So.	2L [^]	Kenmore, Wash. / Inglemoor HS '20
49	Nick Kokich	K/P	6-2	200	Jr.	3L [^]	Tacoma, Wash. / Bellarmine Prep HS '19
50	Emmanuel Osooha	DL	6-1	225	Jr.	2L [^]	Seattle, Wash. / Archbishop Murphy HS '18
51	Andrei Leonardi	OL	6-4	290	Jr.	1L [^]	Bothell, Wash. / Cedar Park Christian '17
52	Isaac Flemmer	OL	6-7	305	So.	SQ [^]	Banks, Ore. / Valley Catholic HS '19
53	Shane Aleaga	LB	6-1	215	Fr.	SQ [^]	Burien, Wash. / Kennedy Catholic HS '21
54	Jaren Banks	LB	6-0	213	Sr.	TR	Junction City, Ore. / Sheldon HS '18 / Rice
55	#Joshua Jerome	DL	6-1	280	Jr.	3L [^]	Monroe, Wash. / Monroe HS '18
56	Taalefili Fata	DL	6-3	235	So.	SQ [^]	Tacoma, Wash. / Clover Park HS '20
57	Luke Dahlgren	OL	6-3	300	So.	2L [^]	Forks, Wash. / Forks HS '19
58	Ahmani Williams	LB	6-0	215	So.	2L [^]	Vancouver, Wash. / Skyview HS '20
59	Robert Cooper	OL	6-3	258	So.	TR [^]	Spanaway, Wash. / Bethel HS '20 / Boise St.
61	#Wyatt Hansen	OL	6-5	305	So.	2L [^]	Kent, Wash. / Kentwood HS '20
62	Aaron Estrada	LS	5-11	210	So.	1L [^]	Strathmore, Calif. / Strathmore HS '20
63	Chad Vidican	DL	6-2	280	Fr.	SQ [^]	Renton, Wash. / Hazen HS '21
64	Brenden Rivera	OL	6-2	290	So.	1L [^]	Gig Harbor, Wash. / Gig Harbor HS '20
66	Gale Kamp	OL	6-3	290	So.	SQ [^]	North Bend, Wash. / Mount Si HS '20
67	Dane Anderson	OL	6-6	270	Fr.	SQ [^]	Liberty Lake, Wash. / Central Valley HS '21
68	Seth Carnahan	OL	6-6	298	Jr.	TR [^]	Sumner, Wash. / Sumner HS '17 / Idaho
69	Collin Fujimoto-Young	DL	6-4	305	Fr.	HS	Hilo, Hawaii / Hilo HS '21
70	Matthew Hewa Baddege	OL	6-7	320	So.	2L [^]	Port Coquitlam, B.C. / Terry Fox Secondary '19
72	Shane Schwake	OL	6-8	280	Fr.	SQ [^]	Eugene, Ore. / Sheldon HS '21
75	Brad Prestegord	OL	6-3	300	Jr.	2L [^]	Pe Ell, Wash. / Pe Ell HS '18
76	Brad Godwin	OL	6-6	300	Jr.	3L [^]	Redlands, Calif. / Redlands HS '18
77	#Wyatt Musser	OL	6-5	310	Sr.	4L [^]	Kennewick, Wash. / Kamiakin HS '17
80	Messiah Jones	TE	6-6	245	Fr.	SQ [^]	Kennewick, Wash. / Kamiakin HS '21
81	Aiden Nellor	TE	6-4	230	Jr.	3L [^]	Vancouver, Wash. / Union HS '18
82	Blake Gobel	TE	6-6	250	So.	2L [^]	Banks, Ore. / Banks HS '19
83	Seth Harrison	K/P	5-10	180	Jr.	3L [^]	Coeur d'Alene, Idaho / Coeur d'Alene HS '18
85	Jett Carpenter	TE	6-4	240	Fr.	SQ [^]	Medford, Ore. / North Medford HS '20
86	#Dylan Ingram	TE	6-5	245	Sr.	3L [^]	Camas, Wash. / Camas HS '17
87	Malaki Roberson	WR	5-10	175	So.	SQ [^]	Graham, Wash. / Graham-Kapowsin HS '20
88	Isaiah Howard	WR	6-2	190	Fr.	SQ [^]	Fresno, Calif. / Clovis West HS '21
89	#Efton Chism III	WR	6-0	200	So.	2L [^]	Monroe, Wash. / Monroe HS '20
90	#Matthew Brown	DL	6-2	295	So.	2L [^]	Hoquiam, Wash. / Hoquiam HS '20
91	Warren Hardin	DL	6-3	245	So.	2L [^]	Riverside, Calif. / Riverside Poly HS '19
92	Chris Johnson	TE	6-4	220	So.	SQ [^]	Sammamish, Wash. / Skyline HS '19
93	Sean Skladany	DL	6-3	225	Fr.	SQ [^]	Gig Harbor, Wash. / Peninsula HS '21
94	Sandrey Mitberg	DL	6-3	225	Fr.	SQ [^]	Beaverton, Ore. / Beaverton HS '20
95	Gabriel Johnson	DL	6-4	230	Fr.	SQ [^]	Bothell, Wash. / Bothell HS '21
96	Jacob Newsom	DL	6-3	280	So.	2L [^]	Colville, Wash. / Colville HS '19
98	Soli Paleso'o	DL	6-3	290	So.	2L [^]	Fife, Wash. / Fife HS '19
99	Caleb Davis	DL	6-3	280	Sr.	3L [^]	Bonney Lake, Wash. / Bonney Lake HS '17

True Freshmen Not on Active Roster Above

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown / High School
12	Wesley Garrett	WR	5-11	180	Fr.	HS	Mukilteo, Wash. / Kamiak HS
16	Miles Williams	WR	6-0	180	Fr.	HS	Happy Valley, Ore. / Clackamas HS '22
18	Jaelin Green	WR	6-5	185	Fr.	HS	South Seattle, Wash. / Rainier Beach HS '22
28	Drew Carter	S	6-2	185	Fr.	HS	South Seattle, Wash. / Rainier Beach HS '22
30	Talon Betts	RB	6-2	180	Fr.	HS	Rochester, Wash. / Rochester '22
35	Amani Pressley	CB	6-1	175	Fr.	HS	Sacramento, Calif. / Inderkum HS '22
36	Nick Adimora	RB	5-11	185	Fr.	HS	Long Beach, Calif. / Mayfair HS '22
52	Elijah Rodriguez	LB	6-1	210	Fr.	HS	Richland, Wash. / Richland HS '22
59	Myles Mayovsky	LB	6-1	205	Fr.	HS	Kennewick, Wash. / Kennewick HS '22
60	Jackson Plieth	LS	6-0	190	Fr.	HS	Vancouver, Wash. / Union HS '22
65	Ben Voigtlaender	DE	6-2	255	Fr.	HS	Spokane, Wash. / Mead HS '20
73	Tony Ortega	OL	6-3	260	Fr.	HS	East Wenatchee, Wash. / Eastmont HS '22
74	Bret Fullington	OL	6-6	320	Fr.	HS	Issaquah, Wash. / Liberty HS '22
78	Justis La'ulu	OL	6-3	295	Fr.	HS	American Samoa / Vista Ridge HS (Colo.) '22
79	Dylan Conner	OL	6-5	270	Fr.	HS	Orange, Calif. / El Modena HS '22
95	Jordan Sands	WR	6-2	190	Fr.	HS	Mead, Wash. / Mt. Spokane HS '22
97	Tariq May	TE	6-3	205	Fr.	HS	Baltimore, M.D. / Bellarmine Prep (Wash.) '22

Head Coach – **Aaron Best** (Eastern Washington '01; 6th Season as Head Coach & 22nd Season Overall)

Defensive Coordinator – **Jeff Copp** (Boise State '01; 3rd Season, 1st Season as Defensive Coordinator)

Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks – **Jim Chapin** (Michigan '09; 1st Season)

Offensive Line /Academic Coordinator – **Jase Butorac** (Eastern Washington '15; 6th Season)

Wide Receivers – **Greg Hardin** (North Dakota '13; 1st Season)

Defensive Line – **Matt Ulrich** (Winona State '11; 1st Season)

Safeties – **Zach Bruce** (Eastern Washington '18; 3rd Season)

Cornerbacks – **Wes Nurse** (Boise State '04; 1st Season)

Associate Head Coach/Tight Ends/Recruiting Coordinator – **Marc Anderson** (Eastern Washington '14; 7th Season)

Running Backs/Community Relations – **Aaron Prier** (Idaho State '15; 2nd Season)

Linebackers – **Justin Mullgrav** (South Carolina State '15; 2nd Season)

Director of Football Operations – **Jake Rasmussen** (Eastern Washington '21; 2nd Season)

Director of Athletic Performance (Football) – **Ryan Groneman** (Boise State '00; 2nd Season)

Nailbiters . . .

The Eagles have won 28 games since 2010 when trailing or tied in the fourth quarter. The Eagles were only four points from an unbeaten regular season in 2021, losing to Weber State by one and Montana State by three. Likewise, Eastern was only seven points away in 2012, having fourth-quarter chances to pull out wins in all three of their losses (Washington State, Southern Utah, and Sam Houston State). Here is a list of Eastern's nail-biting victories since 2010 (six that season alone).

October 2, 2021 – EWU 34, Montana 28: Down by 11 entering the fourth quarter, Eastern scored 14 unanswered points to open the final frame. The first touchdown was scored on a nine-yard completion from quarterback **Eric Barriere** to receiver **Andrew Boston** and the next on a two-yard rush from **Micah Smith** to take a 24-21 lead. Fourth-ranked Montana then marched down the field and faced first and 10 at EWU's 11 when **Demetrius Crosby Jr.** intercepted a pass in the end-zone. On the ensuing drive, **Dennis Merritt** added to the lead with a one-yard rushing touchdown and the Eagles went up 31-21. On the very next drive, Montana had a 99-yard kickoff return for a touchdown to cut the lead to 31-28. After a three-and-out for the Eagles on their next drive, **Marlon Jones Jr.** came up with EWU's second interception of the fourth quarter on Montana's 47-yard line. The Eagles marched down the field and a 30-yard field goal from **Jackson Cleaver** extended the lead to 34-28. On its final drive, Montana faced first and ten on the EWU 13 as time expired and came up empty.

September 2, 2021 – EWU 35, UNLV 33 (2 overtimes): UNLV scored 14 unanswered over the Eagles to tie things up at 20-20 in the fourth quarter. After a missed field goal attempt for EWU, the game went into overtime. UNLV struck first on a 13-yard rushing touchdown and took a 27-20 lead after the extra point. Eastern wasted no time responding, as quarterback **Eric Barriere** found **Dylan Ingram** for 25-yards on the first play of the drive and the Eagles tied the game back up, 27-27. On the very next possession, Barriere found another tight end in **Blake Gobel** for 25 yards and the score. On the two-point conversion attempt, a tipped ball in the endzone landed right into the hands of **Talolo Limu-Jones** and the Eagles went up 35-27. UNLV capitalized on its next drive with a 19-yard rushing touchdown, but were stopped right at the goal line on its two-point conversion attempt by **Ely Doyle** and **Tre Weed**, and the Eagles went on to secure their 11th-ever win against an FBS opponent.

April 10, 2021 – EWU 38, Idaho 31: Idaho took a 31-24 lead into the final quarter before Eastern rallied to score twice on two long touchdown drives to pull-out the victory and secure a berth in the FCS Playoffs. Drives of 87 and 78 yards engineered by quarterback **Eric Barriere** ended with TD runs by **Dennis Merritt** of 21 and 14 yards. The winning score came with 6:50 left, and Eastern held the Vandals scoreless in the final 21:55 of the game. The Eagle defense allowed just 45 yards of offense in the final quarter, and helped secure the win with interceptions by **Keshawn King** and **Mitchell Johnson**.

March 13, 2021 – EWU 45, Idaho State 42: In a game that featured six lead changes, Eastern scored the last two touchdowns of the game in the final 5:45 to pull out the win. The Bengals had taken a 42-31 lead with 8:41 left in the game, but a touchdown drive of 86 yards helped draw the Eagles within three. Eric Barriere had an 8-yard TD pass to Blake Gobel, then a 2-point conversion pass to Andrew Boston. After EWU's defense forced a three-and-out, Barriere led EWU on a game-winning 60-yard drive in 3:52, capped by a 6-yard TD pass to Boston with 24 seconds left. Idaho State got to the EWU 48-yard line before a sack by the Eagles ended the game. Barriere passed for 455 yards and five touchdowns in the win.

Dec. 8, 2018 – EWU 34, UC Davis 29 (in FCS Playoffs): Eastern trailed 21-14 entering the fourth quarter, but scored twice to take a 28-21 advantage. The Aggies re-took the lead with 1:13 left, but Eastern needed just 47 seconds and four plays to engineer a game-winning drive. **Eric Barriere** rushed for 29 yards and passed for 11 more to set-up a 35-yard scoring touchdown by **Sam McPherson** with 26 seconds to play. Eastern then clinched the win with a sack and forced fumble by **Jim Townsend** that was recovered by **Chris Ojoh** as EWU advanced to the semifinals of the FCS Playoffs.

Oct. 7, 2017 – EWU 41, UC Davis 38: Eastern rallied from an 11-point deficit in the fourth quarter by scoring 21 points in the period and went on to spoil the upset hopes of UC Davis with a heart-stopping 41-38 victory over the Aggies at Davis, Calif. It was the third Big Sky Conference win in three tries for the Eagles and their 11th-straight dating back to the 2016 season. Junior quarterback **Gage Gubrud** engineered scoring drives of 71, 55 and 75 yards in the final quarter, and finished with six touchdown passes and 452 yards passing. He passed 6 yards to Nic Splendorio for a game-winning TD with 1:37 to play, followed by a missed 49-yard field goal by the Aggies that could have knotted the game. The Eagles fell behind 31-20 with 11:38 to play, but scored two touchdowns within a 1:57 span to take a 34-31 advantage with 9:23 to play. The first score was a 71-yard TD pass from Gubrud to **Nsimba Webster**. After a rare three-and-out by the Aggies, Eastern struck again on a four-play, 55-yard drive. Gubrud hit **Talolo Limu-Jones** for a 46-yard gain, then they hooked up for a 6-yard TD. Webster capped the scoring spurt with a two-point conversion pass from Gubrud. After UC Davis regained the lead, EWU went on its game-winning 12-play, 75-yard drive.

Sept. 23, 2017 – EWU 48, Montana 41: The 11th-ranked Eagles scored 42 second-half points to rally from a 24-6 halftime deficit. Eastern's first 10 possessions included seven trips inside the Montana 25-yard line for the Eagles, but EWU managed only a pair of field goals. In the second half, Eastern scored on touchdowns on five of its six possessions, and had a dominating 259-68 yardage advantage in the third quarter. After knotting the game at 27 and 34, Eastern took the lead for good on a tie-breaking 3-yard TD pass from Gage Gubrud to Nic Splendorio with 6:53 left. Eastern expanded it to 48-34 on a 10-yard TD run by Antoine Custer Jr. with 2:12 to play. Defense did its part by recording three key stops in the fourth quarter. Gage Gubrud broke his own school record with a 549-yard passing performance, finishing with four touchdowns through the air and one on the ground. His 560 yards of offense were also a record, as he eclipsed his own previous records of 520 passing and 551 total yards. The 549 team passing yards were also a school record, breaking the previous mark of 526 set in 2015 versus Northern Iowa.

Nov. 18, 2017 – EWU 36, Portland State 28: Eastern battled back from deficits to knot the score at 14, 21 and 28, then took a 35-28 lead with 8:19 to play in the game on a **Kendrick Bourne** 10-yard pass from **Gage Gubrud**. Eastern's defense then stopped PSU on downs with 1:56 to play and was able to run out the clock. After allowing PSU to gain 166 yards and 14 points on its first 24 plays of the game, the EWU defense held PSU to 14 points and 305 yards in the final 47:14.

Sept. 17, 2016 – EWU 34, Northern Iowa 30: Facing deficits of 24-7 at halftime and 24-21 entering the final quarter, Eastern rallied for a 34-30 win over Northern Iowa on Sept. 17. After a 21-0 scoring run overcame the deficit and gave Eastern the lead early in the fourth quarter, the Eagles actually trailed 30-28 with 4:13 left. But the Eagles rallied behind the relief quarterbacking of **Reilly Hennessey**, and his 23-yard touchdown pass to **Beau Byus** with 43 seconds remaining capped an 11-play, 75 yard drive. That TD came on a fake when EWU elected against a 40-yard field goal attempt into the wind. It was the first catch in the career for Byus, a fourth-string sophomore tight end and emergency offensive tackle who graduated in 2014 from nearby Central Valley High School in Spokane.

Oct. 24, 2015 – EWU 43, Northern Colorado 41: Eastern found itself down five times in the game, but responded with scoring drives each time to regain the lead. The Eagles stopped the Bears on an important two-point conversion attempt, thus making their final deficit against the Bears 41-40 with 1:23 to play. Eastern followed with a nine-play, 49-yard drive that

ended with a game-winning 44-yard field goal by **Jordan Dascalo** on the game's final play. On his way to school records of 20 catches for 275 yards, **Cooper Kupp** had seven for 130 yards and a touchdown in the fourth quarter alone.

Oct. 10, 2015 – EWU 42, Cal Poly 41 (overtime): Eastern trailed by 15 in the fourth quarter against the Mustangs, but scored 22 unanswered points to pull out a 42-41 overtime win. Although out-gained 519-270 in total offense in the game versus Cal Poly, Eastern had 145 of its yards on its final three possessions of the game, including drives of 85 and 55 yards to force overtime. **Kendrick Bourne** had six of his career-high 10 catches in the fourth quarter, then had a 25-yard TD catch on the first play of overtime. The Mustangs followed with a TD of their own, but fumbled on a two-point conversion attempt that could have won the game, and it was recovered by Eagle **Nuzi Webster**. **Jordan West** completed 13-of-16 passes for 134 yards and three scores in the fourth quarter and OT.

Sept. 20, 2014 – EWU 52, Montana State 51: Eastern fumbled with 5:30 left and the Bobcats scored a go-ahead touchdown with 1:55 to play, but the Eagles kept the game alive by converting a fourth-and-10 on its own 39-yard-line with 1:15 left. **Kendrick Bourne** then caught a 40-yard pass, the first of three-straight completions for 60 yards that set-up a 1-yard TD run by **Mario Brown** and the game-winning two-point conversion by **Vernon Adams Jr.** with just 27 seconds left.

Nov. 23, 2013 – EWU 42, Portland State 41: The Eagles ended the regular season by driving 74 yards in just 29 seconds to score the game-winning TD with 31 seconds remaining and preserve their unbeaten league record (8-0). The game featured four ties and a pair of lead changes, and EWU did not have a lead in the final three quarters until the game-winning TD on the 17th TD connection of the season between **Vernon Adams** and **Cooper Kupp** (overall, Adams' 46th and Kupp's 17th). The two teams combined for 41 points in the final quarter, including 20 in the final 1:44. The Eagles were aided by a missed PSU extra point on a touchdown with a minute left that gave PSU a short-lived 41-34 lead, just 44 seconds after EWU knotted the game at 34.

Aug. 31, 2013 – EWU 49, Oregon State 46: In a game that featured six lead changes in the final 24:47, sophomore quarterback **Vernon Adams** had 78 yards of offense during a game-winning 75-yard drive, scoring on a 2-yard run with 18 seconds to play. He finished with a school-record 518 yards of total offense (411 passing, 107 rushing) as EWU out-gained the Beavers 625-527. It was just the fourth time since the division was created in 1979 that a FCS (formerly known as I-AA) team defeated a ranked FBS opponent.

Dec. 1, 2012 – EWU 29, Wagner 19: Eastern trailed by five heading into the final play of the third quarter before winning 29-19.

Nov. 17, 2012 – EWU 41, Portland State 34: Eastern rallied from season-high deficits of 13 (first half) and 12 points (second half).

Nov. 10, 2012 – EWU 31, UC Davis 28: The Eagles trailed by 11 at halftime and four entering the final quarter, but rallied to beat UC Davis 31-28. **Vernon Adams** scored the go-ahead points with 8:13 left in the game, then **David Gaylord** blocked a field goal with 41 ticks of the clock remaining to preserve EWU's victory.

Oct. 20, 2012 – EWU 31, Sacramento State 28: Responding with touchdowns the first three times Sacramento State scored, Eastern scored 10-straight points to rally from a 14-13 deficit in the third quarter. The game ended with Sacramento State at the Eastern 45-yard line.

Oct. 13, 2012 – EWU 27, Montana State 24: In the victory over the second-ranked Bobcats, the sixth-ranked Eagles trailed 17-13 in the fourth quarter before scoring two non-offensive touchdowns within a span of 59 seconds. The Eagles blocked a punt (**Dylan Zylstra**) and recovered it for a touchdown (**Evan Day**), then returned an interception for a score (**Jordan Tonani**).

Sept. 29, 2012 – EWU 32, Montana 26: Eastern scored two touchdowns in the final 2:19 as the No. 7 Eagles rallied for a 32-26 victory over the 21st-ranked Montana Grizzlies. A recovery by **Shaquille Hill** on an onside kick that was disrupted by **Brandon Kaufman** led to EWU's game-winning score.

Nov. 12, 2011 – EWU 53, Cal Poly 51 (3 overtimes): A touchdown pass by wide receiver **Greg Herd** sparked Eastern to scores on four consecutive plays (two touchdowns and two conversions) in the second and third overtimes as the Eagles prevailed. Eastern sent the game into overtime with a 10-play, 80-yard touchdown drive to knot the score with 1:51 to play.

Oct. 22, 2011 – EWU 42, Sacramento State 35 (overtime): Eastern rallied from a 15-point deficit to defeat the Hornets in overtime. The Eagles tied it with 55 seconds remaining on a nine-play, 68-yard touchdown drive, then scored in OT to take the lead. Eastern won when it held Sac State on fourth down at the EWU 3-yard line. The victory kept EWU perfect in 11 tries versus the Hornets in Sacramento.

Jan. 7, 2011 – EWU 20, Delaware 19: Quarterback **Bo Levi Mitchell** threw three touchdown passes – two to **Brandon Kaufman** and one to **Nicholas Edwards** – in the final 16:48 to rally the Eagles to victory in the NCAA Division I Championship Game and earn the game's Most Outstanding Player honor. He completed 29-of-43 passes for 302 yards, and directed EWU on scoring drives of 80, 89 and 63 yards. Delaware turned the ball over deep in Eastern territory in its own failed comeback attempt in the final seconds.

Dec. 11, 2010 – EWU 38, North Dakota State 31 (overtime): After struggling with five turnovers in the second half during a snowstorm, the Eagles put together a 13-play, 90-yard drive to knot the game with 23 seconds to play on a 4-yard touchdown pass from **Bo Levi Mitchell** to **Nicholas Edwards**. Mitchell, who was 13-of-32 for 141 yards, two interceptions and three touchdowns in the game, had entered that drive with just 38 yards passing. **Tyler Hart** gathered in a 25-yard touchdown pass from Mitchell on the first play of overtime, then linebacker **J.C. Sherritt** forced a fumble that was recovered by teammate **Zach Johnson** to end the game with NDSU at the Eastern 1-yard line.

Nov. 13, 2010 – EWU 31, Southern Utah 24: Eastern was out-gained in total offense 484-366, and was shredded for 434 passing yards. But Eastern survived to win thanks to a pair of scoring plays of at least 62 yards, two huge touchdown catches by **Brandon Kaufman**, two interceptions in the last six minutes by **Jesse Hoffman** and a 4-1 advantage in the turnover department. Kaufman scored the winning points with 3:39 to play.

Oct. 23, 2010 – EWU 28, Sacramento State 24: Eastern fell behind 24-21 mid-way through the fourth quarter. But the Eagles responded with a key defensive stop that was highlighted by a third down sack by sophomore defensive end **Paul Ena**. A 26-yard Sac State punt and 35-yard EWU scoring drive followed, and was capped by a **Brandon Kaufman** 6-yard touchdown catch from **Bo Levi Mitchell** with 33 seconds to play.

Oct. 16, 2010 – EWU 35, Northern Colorado 28: Eastern knotted the score at 28 with 3:08 left in the game with a 12-play, 80-yard drive, then scored again with 41 seconds left on a 24-yard run by **Taiwan Jones**. That came after a sack by Colorado native **Jerry Ceja** that was recovered by senior **Tyler Jolley** and returned to the UNC 39-yard line.

Sept. 18, 2010 – EWU 36, Montana 27: Eastern scored the go-ahead points with four seconds left on a 31-yard field goal by **Mike Jarrett**. Eastern then added a fumble return for a touchdown by **Renard Williams** after a sack and forced fumble by **Jerry Ceja** on the game's final play to create bedlam after a record crowd of 11,702 attended the game against the 12-time defending league champions.