



PREVIEW

SPECIAL TEAMS OUTLOOK

Southeast Missouri is loaded on special teams with returning starters in all areas.

SEMO brings back its starting kicker, placekicker, punter, holder, long/short snapper and return men.

The Redhawks led the Ohio Valley Conference in punting each of the last two seasons. SEMO has also been among the top teams in the conference in both kick and punt return average.

In 2019, SEMO averaged 37.3 yards per punt, ranked second in the OVC in kickoff return average (19.9 ypr) and third in punt return average (11.6 ypr).

Over the last two years alone, the Redhawks blocked a total of eight kicks, including six in 2018 and two in 2019.

SEMO's specialists are a very seasoned group which constantly thrives on making those ever so important game-changing plays.

Kickoffs/Holder

Left-footed **Adam Krause (Chicago, Ill.)** will resume duties as the Redhawks starter on kickoffs.

Krause, who is also SEMO's starting holder, begins his second year in those roles.

In 13 games last season, Krause kicked off 69 times for 3,820 yards and seven touchbacks. He averaged 55.4 yards per kick.

Placekicker

Preseason All-OVC selection **Kendrick Tiller (Lebanon, Mo.)** is back to handle the place kicking duties.

Tiller was the Redhawks top scorer with 88 points in 2019. He kicked 16-of-22 field goals and 40-of-45 extra points. Tiller ranked 14th in the nation in field goals per game (1.3). He

also finished third in the OVC in both scoring and field goals, and ranked eighth in PAT kicking percentage (.889).

A native of Lebanon, Missouri, Tiller ranks among the school's all-time career leaders in field goals (7th, 25) and PATs (8th, 64).

Tiller's longest field goal was 55 yards at Montana State a year ago, a kick that tied for second-longest in program history.

Krause is another option at placekicker, while Tiller can be used on kickoffs if the need arises.

Punter

Senior **Jake Reynolds (Wildwood, Mo.)** has consistently been one of the best punters in the OVC throughout his college career.

Reynolds enters his fourth year as the Redhawks starting punter.

He punted 72 times for 2,904 yards and averaged 40.3 yards per punt last season. Reynolds dropped 20 of his punts inside the 20-yard line and broke a single-game record with 14 punts at Missouri (Sept. 14). He ranked third in the OVC in punting.

Reynolds ranks among SEMO's all-time career leaders in punting yards (4th, 8,207), punting average (5th, 40.4) and punt attempts (4th, 203).

Krause and **Zach Haynes (Potosi, Mo.)** are behind Reynolds at punter.

Haynes redshirted as a true freshman in 2019.

Long Snapper/Short Snapper

Fifth-year senior **Camden Boyle (Lake Zurich, Ill.)** is SEMO's mainstay at both long and short snapper.

Boyle has started each of the last three years playing a total of 36 games during that span.

Redshirt-sophomore





2020 Special Teams Depth Chart

Placekicker

- 37 Kendrick Tiller, 5-10, 175, R-Sr.*
- 39 Adam Krause, 6-0, 190, Jr.

Kickoffs

- 39 Adam Krause, 6-0, 190, Jr.*
- 37 Kendrick Tiller, 5-10, 175, R-Sr.

Punter

- 36 Jake Reynolds, 5-10, 175, R-Sr.*
- 39 Adam Krause, 6-0, 190, Jr.
- OR -
- 47 Zach Haynes, 6-1, 170, R-Fr.

Holder

- 39 Adam Krause, 6-0, 190, Jr.*
- 16 Colby Cornett, 5-9, 165, R-Sr.

Long Snapper/Short Snapper

- 41 Camden Boyle, 5-10, 205, R-Sr.*
- 62 Tristan Love, 6-2, 290, R-So.
- OR -
- 94 Jenson Walker, 6-3, 235, Fr.

Punt Returns

- 24 Shabari Davis, 6-0, 180, Sr.
- 1 Al Young, 5-11, 175, R-Sr.

Kickoff Returns

- 2 Zion Custis, 5-8, 180, Jr.*
- 9 Zack Smith, 5-9, 190, R-Sr.*
- 24 Shabari Davis, 6-0, 180, Sr.
- 1 Al Young, 5-11, 175, R-Sr.

* - Returning Starter

Tristan Love (Rockledge, Fla.) and freshman **Jenson Walker (Holly, Mich.)** are other possibilities.

Love did not see game action last season and Walker joins the Redhawks from Holly High School.

Kick & Punt Returns

All four of SEMO's top return men on kickoffs are back.

That group includes junior **Zion Custis (Lovejoy, Ga.)** and seniors **Zack Smith (Louisville, Ky.)**, **Shabari Davis (Garden City, Ga.)**

and **Al Young (Cape Girardeau, Mo.)**.

Custis led the team with 12 kick returns for 274 yards, averaging 22.8 yards per return in 2019. He ranked second on the team with 986 all-purpose yards.

Smith, the Redhawks top return man on punts, rated second in the OVC with 10.1 yards per punt return. He also ranked 18th in the nation in that category after running back 13 punts for 163 yards. Additionally, Smith returned eight kicks for another 124 yards.

Davis had four kickoff returns for 76 yards and Young returned two kicks for 44 yards.

Davis and Young will also return punts along with Smith.

2020 Schedule

An 11-game schedule with five games at Houck Field is on tap for SEMO in 2020.

The Redhawks were set to face Dayton (Sept. 3) and Ole Miss (Sept. 12) the first two weeks of the season, but those matchups have been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Longtime rival Southern Illinois (Sept. 19) is currently the only opponent left on SEMO's non-conference slate as the Redhawks continue to work to find opponents to fill those dates.

Ole Miss, under the direction of first-year head coach Lane Kiffin, would have hosted SEMO for the second time in 2020. These teams last met in Oxford, Mississippi on Sept. 7, 2013 with the Rebels winning by a score of 31-13. That win for Ole Miss, however, was later vacated due to NCAA infractions.

The 2020 campaign marks the 89th meeting between SEMO and SIU which are located just 46 miles apart. SEMO looks to win the annual "War for the Wheel"

for the third-straight year after beating the Salukis in 2018 and 2019. The Redhawks lead the longest series of both schools by a count of 42-37-9.

SEMO opens its eight-game OVC slate at home against Murray State (Sept. 26) during Family Weekend. Tennessee Tech (Oct. 17), Austin Peay (Oct. 31, Homecoming) and Eastern Kentucky (Nov. 14) are the rest of the Redhawks home opponents. The Redhawks shared

last year's OVC regular-season title with APSU. Both SEMO and APSU represented the league in the 2019 NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs.

The Redhawks other away games include trips to Tennessee State (Oct. 10), UT Martin (Oct. 24), Eastern Illinois (Nov. 7) and Jacksonville State (Nov. 21). SEMO will play TSU at Nissan Stadium -- home of the Tennessee Titans -- this year.

