

2022 All-Ohio Valley Conference Football Team

(Selected by OVC Head Football Coaches and Communications Directors)

OVC Offensive Player of the Year: Geno Hess (RB), Southeast Missouri

OVC Defensive Player of the Year: John H. Ford II (LB), UT Martin

OVC Freshman of the Year: Sam Franklin (RB), UT Martin

OVC Coach of the Year: Tom Matukewicz, Southeast Missouri

FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE

<u>Player, School</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Key Stats</u>
Cade Brister, Lindenwood	QB	6-0	222	Sr.	O'Fallon, Mo.	3,065 pass yds, 27 TDs; 606 rush yds., 11 TDs
Geno Hess, Southeast Missouri *&?	RB	5-8	222	Sr.	Peoria, Ill.	1569 yards, 19 TDs; 114 receiving yds., 2 TDs
Zak Wallace, UT Martin *	RB	6-0	220	R-So.	Benton, Ark.	1012 yards, 16 TDs, 18 catches
Payton Rose, Lindenwood	WR	6-0	193	Sr.	Cumberland, Wis.	61 catches, 1149 yards, 12 TDs
Ryan Flournoy, Southeast Missouri	WR	6-2	197	Jr.	Hazelcrest, Ill.	50 catches, 823 yards, 7 TDs
Johnny King, Southeast Missouri #	WR	6-4	206	Sr.	Lauderdale Lakes, Fla.	65 catches, 774 yards, 6 TDs, 1 rush TD
Colton Dowell, UT Martin #&^	WR	6-3	215	Grad.	Lebanon, Tenn.	67 catches, 1036 yards, 6 TDs
DJ Nelson, UT Martin	TE	6-5	230	R-Fr.	York, Ala.	21 catches, 267 yards, 6 TDs
Zach Gieg, Southeast Missouri *%	OC	6-1	287	Sr.	Morgan Hill, Calif.	
Matthan Hatchie, UT Martin *\$	OC	6-2	310	Sr.	Haleiwa, Hawaii	
Gavin Olson, UT Martin #	LT	6-4	290	Jr.	Memphis, Tenn.	
Blake Rogenhofer, Lindenwood	LT	6-3	295	Sr.	Overland, Mo.	
Nate Korte, Southeast Missouri #	RT	6-4	305	Sr.	Morris, Ill.	
Shyron Rodgers, Southeast Missouri \$	LG	6-3	330	Sr.	Corinth, Miss.	
D'Marius Warren, UT Martin	RG	6-4	300	Sr.	Kennett, Mo.	

FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE

<u>Player, School</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Key Stats</u>
Daylan Dotson, UT Martin	DE	6-3	280	So.	Savannah, Ga.	48 tackles, 14.5 TFL, 9.5 sacks, 15 QBH, 5 FF
Terray Jones, Tennessee State #	DT	6-1	310	Sr.	Madison, Fla.	37 tackles, 6.5 TFL, 4 INT, 3 QBH, 1 FR
Cameron Leach, Eastern Illinois	DT	6-1	295	Jr.	Chicago, Ill.	22 tackles, 5.5 TFL, 3.0 sacks, 1 QBH
Terrell Allen, Tennessee State #	DE	6-0	275	Jr.	North Little Rock, Ark.	36 tackles, 12.0 TFL, 4.5 sacks, 7 QBH
TJ Neal, UT Martin	OLB	6-1	235	Grad.	Nashville, Tenn.	49 tackles, 7.5 TFL, 2.0 sacks, 1 INT, 2 FF
John H. Ford II, UT Martin *	ILB	6-3	230	Grad.	Nashville, Tenn.	105 tackles, 10.5 TFL, 5.0 sacks, 1 INT, 1 FF
Bryce Norman, Southeast Missouri #%	ILB	6-0	226	So.	Jackson, Mo.	108 tackles, 4.0 TFL, 2.5 sacks, 7 QBH, 1 FF
Rob Hicks, UT Martin	ILB	6-1	235	Grad.	Miami, Fla.	114 tackles, 4.0 TFL, 2.0 sacks, 1 INT, 1 FF
Elijawah Tolbert, Eastern Illinois	OLB	6-1	230	So.	Country Club Hills, Ill.	70 tackles, 6.5 TFL, 3 INT, 3 PBU, 2 QBH
Shaun Lewis, UT Martin	CB	6-0	180	Grad.	Houston, Texas	40 tackles, 1.0 TFL, 4 INT, 7 PBU, 1 TD
Josh Reliford, Tennessee Tech #	SAF	5-10	200	Grad.	Fitzgerald, Ga.	84 tackles, 9.0 TFL, 2 INT, 6 PBU, 2 FF
Deven Sims, UT Martin *&	SAF	6-2	200	Grad.	Smyrna, Tenn.	65 tackles, 6.5 TFL, 1.5 sacks, 1 INT
Darion Bolden, Lindenwood	CB	5-9	187	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo.	42 tackles, 2 INT, 13 PBU, 1 FF, 1 FR, 1 TD
Lawrence Johnson, Southeast Missouri	NICKEL	6-0	196	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo.	76 tackles, 7.5 TFL, 4.0 sacks, 1 INT, 9 PBU

FIRST-TEAM SPECIALISTS

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Stone Galloway, Eastern Illinois	K	5-11	210	Jr.	Collinsville, Ill.	11-of-12 FGs, Long of 44, 27-of-27 PATs
Trey Wilhoit, Eastern Illinois	P	5-10	175	So.	Tallahassee, Fla.	44.0 yards/punt, Long of 62, 12 of 50+ yards
Dalyn McDonald, Southeast Missouri	KR	5-11	174	So.	Gautier, Miss.	25.9 yards/return, Long of 97, 1 TD
Dalyn McDonald, Southeast Missouri	PR	5-11	174	So.	Gautier, Miss.	8.1 yards/return, Long of 27
Brock Powers, UT Martin	LS	6-2	230	Sr.	Cornersville, Tenn.	

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NOTE: Offensive line is not voted on by specific position.

SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE

<u>Player</u> , <u>School</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Key Stats</u>
Dresser Winn, UT Martin	QB	6-3	215	Grad.	Dresden, Tenn.	2928 pass yards, 18 TDs, 3 rushing TDs
David Gist, Tennessee Tech #	RB	5-11	201	Sr.	Cookeville, Tenn.	621 yards, 5 TDs, 23 catches, 195 yds, 4 TDs
Sam Franklin, UT Martin	RB	5-10	195	R-Fr.	Little Rock, Ark.	676 yards, 8.0 yards/carry, 8 TDs
Kobe Smith, Lindenwood	WR	6-2	176	Sr.	Compton, Calif.	56 catches, 727 yards, 8 TDs
DeVonte Tanksley, UT Martin	WR	5-10	160	R-So.	Belle Glade, Fla.	53 catches, 653 yards, 1 TD
Taylor Shields, Murray State	WR	6-0	190	R-So.	Brownsville, Tenn.	22 catches, 465 yards, 5 TDs
JJ Holloman, Tennessee State	WR	6-3	215	R-Sr.	Covington, Ga.	33 catches, 353 yards, 1 TD
Will Weidemann, Southeast Missouri	TE	6-5	261	Sr.	Clarion, Iowa	12 catches, 150 yards
Levi Nesler, Murray State * &	OC	6-1	320	R-Sr.	Mayfield, Ky.	
Nate Hodnett, Tennessee Tech	OC/OG	6-2	275	So.	Winder, Ga.	
Lamar Morgan, UT Martin #%	RT	6-5	305	Jr.	Detroit, Mich.	
Chad Strickland, Eastern Illinois	LT	6-5	295	Jr.	Salem, Ala.	
Ethan Johnson, Lindenwood	RT	6-3	285	So.	Normal, Ill.	
Jared Russell, UT Martin	LG	6-4	315	R-Fr.	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	
Gareth Warren, Lindenwood	LG	6-5	313	So.	Kailua-Kona, Hawaii	

SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE

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Sterlin Williams, Lindenwood	DE	6-3	235	Jr.	Zephyrhills, Fla.	40 tackles, 7.5 TFL, 4.5 sacks, 2 FF
Steven Lewis, Southeast Missouri	DT	6-1	289	Jr.	Pontiac, Ill.	33 tackles, 2.5 TFL, 3 PBU, 1 QBH
Kail Dava, Tennessee Tech	DT	6-3	290	Sr.	Mississauga, Ontario	24 tackles, 5.5 TFL, 1.5 sacks, 1 FR
Kobe McClendon, Lindenwood	DE	6-1	247	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo.	37 tackles, 7.0 TFL, 3.0 sacks, 5 QBH
Keandre Booker, Southeast Missouri	OLB	6-3	243	Sr.	Moss Point, Miss.	24 tackles, 7.0 TFL, 4.0 sacks, 1 INT
Colin Bohanek, Eastern Illinois	ILB	6-0	240	So.	Chicago, Ill.	73 tackles, 7.0 TFL, 2 INT, 7 QBH, 2 FF
Eric Samuta, Murray State # &	ILB	5-11	211	R-Sr.	Glen Ellyn, Ill.	74 tackles, 2.0 TFL, 1.0 sacks, 5 QBH
Jahsun Bryant, Tennessee State	ILB	6-2	225	Sr.	Nashville, Tenn.	80 tackles, 5.0 TFL, 2 INT, 1 FR, 2 FF
Seth Carlisle, Tennessee Tech	ILB	6-0	225	Sr.	Red Boiling Springs, TN	98 tackles, 3.0 TFL, 5 PBU, 2 QBH
Cade Shupperd, Murray State	OLB	6-1	237	R-So.	Brownsburg, Ind.	39 tackles, 9.0 TFL, 5.0 sacks, 2 PBU
K'Vaughan Pope, Tennessee State	OLB	6-1	225	Sr.	Dinwiddie, Va.	62 tackles, 4.0 TFL, 4 PBU, 2 QBH, 1 FF
Ty Leonard, Southeast Missouri	CB	6-0	170	Sr.	Louisville, Ky.	42 tackles, 1.5 TFL, 3 PBU
Jordan Vincent, Eastern Illinois #	SAF	5-10	195	So.	Lincolnshire, Ill.	84 tackles, 3.5 TFL, 5 PBU, 2 FF
Ty Woods, UT Martin	SAF	5-10	175	Grad.	Birmingham, Ala.	44 tackles, 3.0 TFL, 3 INT, 6 PBU, 1 TD
Bryce Phillips, Tennessee State	CB	6-1	185	Fr.	Orange, Calif.	35 tackles, 1.0 TFL, 10 PBU, 1 QBH
Nick Coates, Eastern Illinois	NICKEL	5-10	180	So.	Louisville, Ky.	68 tackles, 3.5 TFL, 5 PBU, 2 QBH, 1 FF

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Logan Seibert, Lindenwood	K	5-10	184	So.	Belleville, Ill.	11-of-14 FGs, Long of 45, 44-of-47 PATs
Kaleb Mosley, Tennessee State \$	K	5-10	187	Sr.	Montgomery, Ala.	15-of-21 FGs, Long of 51, 18-of-21 PATs
Tyler Larco, UT Martin \$	P	5-9	155	R-So.	Miami, Fla.	43.6 yards/punt, Long of 75, 11 of 50+ yards
Mark Aitken, Eastern Illinois	KR	5-9	175	R-So.	Chicago, Ill.	24.0 yards/return, Long of 80
Cooper Willman, Eastern Illinois	PR	6-1	210	So.	Sterling, Ill.	13.4 yards/return, Long of 55
Jack Valente, Eastern Illinois	LS	6-4	310	So.	Batavia, Ill.	

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ALL-NEWCOMER TEAM

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Kobe Smith, Lindenwood	WR	6-2	176	Sr.	Compton, Calif.	56 catches, 727 yards, 8 TDs
Kobe McClendon, Lindenwood	DE	6-1	247	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo.	37 tackles, 7.0 TFL, 3.0 sacks, 5 QBH
Cody Goatley, Murray State	LB	6-2	219	R-Fr.	Mayfield, Ky.	60 tackles, 7.5 TFL, 1.0 sacks, 1 FR
Paxton DeLaurent, Southeast Missouri	QB	6-5	215	So.	Camdenton, Mo.	2407 pass yds, 19 TDs, 285 rush yds., 3 TDs
Bryce Phillips, Tennessee State	CB	6-1	185	Fr.	Orange, Calif.	35 tackles, 1.0 TFL, 10 PBU, 1 QBH
K'Vaughan Pope, Tennessee State	LB	6-1	225	Sr.	Dinwiddie, Va.	62 tackles, 4.0 TFL, 4 PBU, 2 QBH, 1 FF
Jacquez McGowan, Tennessee Tech	LB	6-1	185	Fr.	Valdosta, Ga.	59 tackles, 4.0 TFL, 1 INT, 1 PBU, 3 QBH
Sam Franklin, UT Martin	RB	5-10	195	R-Fr.	Little Rock, Ark.	676 yards, 8.0 yards/carry, 8 TDs
DeVonte Tanksley, UT Martin	WR	5-10	160	R-So.	Belle Glade, Fla.	53 catches, 653 yards, 1 TD
DJ Nelson, UT Martin	TE	6-5	230	R-Fr.	York, Ala.	21 catches, 267 yards, 6 TDs

Note: The All-Newcomer team is comprised of first-year players in the OVC - that can be either true freshmen, redshirt freshmen (four or less games played in 2021) or first-year transfers. The team consists of 11 total players and is not voted on by position.

There were 6 players on the All-OVC second-team specialists (2 K's) and 16 players on the second-team defense (4 ILB's, 3 OLB's) due to ties in voting.