



MISSOURI STATE

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2015 MSU SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	TV
Sept. 5	at Memphis	6:04 p.m.	ESPN3
Sept. 12	Chadron State	2:00 p.m.	ESPN3
Sept. 19	at Arkansas State	6:00 p.m.	ESPN3
Oct. 3	Indiana State*	2:00 p.m.	ESPN3
Oct. 10	at Southern Illinois*	6:00 p.m.	
Oct. 17	Illinois State*	2:00 p.m.	ESPN3
Oct. 24	at South Dakota*	2:00 p.m.	
Oct. 31	South Dakota State*	2:00 p.m.	ESPN3
Nov. 7	at Youngstown State*	1:00 p.m.	ESPN3
Nov. 14	UNI*	2:00 p.m.	ESPN3
Nov. 21	at North Dakota State*	2:30 p.m.	

*Missouri Valley Football Conference game; all times Central
Radio broadcasts of all MSU games carried live on KTXR FM 101.3
Select games streamed live by ESPN3 (via the The Valley on ESPN3)

HEAD TO HEAD*

MSU	Category	UM
22.9	Scoring Offense	36.2
180.7	Rushing Offense	190.5
166.4	Pass Offense	236.6
127.7	Pass Efficiency	138.3
347.1	Total Offense	427.1
215	First Downs	294
26.0	Scoring Defense	19.5
187.9	Rushing Defense	121.5
201.2	Pass Defense	228.0
131.9	Pass Defense Efficiency	106.3
389.2	Total Defense	349.5
+10	Turnover Margin	+11
17.8	Kickoff Returns	22.8
10.2	Punt Returns	8.8
36.0	Net Punting	38.0
31:07	Time of Possession	30:07
4.3	Tackles for Loss	6.6
19-105	Sacks-Yards	30-194
29-190	Sacks Allowed-Yards	16-130

*2014 statistics

Top Returners*

MSU	UM
<i>Rushing (ypg)</i>	<i>Rushing (ypg)</i>
Calan Crowder.....63.8	Sam Craft.....41.4
Phoenix Johnson.....47.9	Jarvis Cooper.....31.5
<i>Passing (ypg)</i>	<i>Passing (ypg)</i>
Kierra Harris.....1.2	Paxton Lynch.....233.2
<i>Receiving (ypg)</i>	<i>Receiving (ypg)</i>
Malik Earl.....25.2	Mose Frazier.....38.9
Eric Christophel.....17.3	Tevin Jones.....34.0
<i>Tackles (total)</i>	<i>Tackles (total)</i>
Dylan Cole.....92	Jackson Dillon.....43
Christian Hoffmann.....65	Reggis Ball.....36
<i>Sacks (total)</i>	<i>Sacks (total)</i>
James Barnes.....5.0	Genard Avery.....5.0



MISSOURI STATE (0-0) BEARS

Conference.....MVFC
Head Coach.....Dave Steckel
Alma Mater.....Kutztown (1982)
Career Record.....0-0 (1st year)
Record at MSU.....same

GAME INFORMATION

Date.....Saturday, Sept. 5
Kickoff.....6:04 p.m. (CST)
Site.....Memphis, Tenn.
Stadium.....Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium
Capacity.....59,308
Playing Surface.....AstroTurf
Radio.....KTXR 101.3 FM
.....Missouri State Radio Network
.....(Art Hains, Rob Bolks)
Video.....ESPN3
.....(Joel Meyers, Chad Brown)
Live Stats.....GoTigersGo.com
Twitter.....@MoStateFootball



MEMPHIS (0-0) TIGERS

Conference.....American Athletic
Head Coach.....Justin Fuente
Alma Mater.....Murray State (1999)
Career Record.....17-20 (4th year)
Record at Memphis.....same

FIRST AND TEN

- 1 The **Missouri State Bears** kick off their 104th season of football Saturday (Sept. 5) when they travel to Memphis, for a 6:04 p.m. non-conference contest against the **Memphis Tigers** at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium
- 2 First-year MSU head coach **Dave Steckel** will lead the Bears into game action for the first time; new MSU head coaches have gone 9-9-1 in their debut games, with Jesse Branch recording the last road victory for a Bears coach in his first game with a 17-16 win at Illinois State in 1986
- 3 MSU is 50-50-3 all-time in season openers, including a 14-19 mark since its move to Division I in 1982
- 4 The Bears and Tigers have squared off on two previous occasions, but Saturday's contest will be their first meeting since a 6-0 Memphis win in Springfield on Oct. 9, 1942; MSU claimed a 20-0 triumph in its season-opening date with the Tigers on Sept. 29, 1923
- 5 Missouri State welcomes back 40 letterwinners, including 12 starters from last year's club; five different freshman and a total of seven would-be first-time starters head the Bears' initial two-deep depth chart entering week one
- 6 Senior center **Robert Booker** was a preseason All-America and first-team All-MVFC choice for the second straight season, while junior linebacker **Dylan Cole**, sophomore offensive lineman **Sam Ellifrits** and sophomore running back **Calan Crowder** were honorable mention All-MVFC preseason picks
- 7 Crowder eclipsed the Bears' freshman rushing record with 762 yards last fall and is joined in the MSU backfield by senior **Ryan Heaston**, who enters his final collegiate campaign with 1,098 career rushing yards to his credit
- 8 The Bears linebacker corps will feature a pair of veterans with lengthy starting streaks; Cole brings a string of 22 consecutive starts into the season, while senior **Christian Hoffmann** has started the last 19 contests for MSU
- 9 Saturday's game will be a homecoming of sorts for nine Bears who hail from the greater Memphis area, including projected starters **Richard Darden**, **Breck Ruddick** and **Anthony Upchurch**
- 10 MSU will aim to duplicate the efforts of a defensive unit that ranked 11th nationally in turnover margin (0.83) last fall, registering 22 takeaways vs. just 12 turnovers for the 12-game season

BEARS READY TO KICK OFF 2015 CAMPAIGN, STEC ERA IN MEMPHIS SATURDAY

Missouri State will open its 104th season of varsity football Saturday (Sept. 5) when the Bears take on Memphis at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium. MSU enters the new season with a 50-50-3 all-time mark in season openers following last year's 34-27 victory at Northwestern State that stopped a string of 12 consecutive opening-day road losses for the Bears. Since their move to Division I in 1982, the Bears have logged a 14-19 mark in season-opening contests.

Preseason All-America pick **Robert Booker** headlines the list of 40 returning letterwinners for the Maroon and White, which finished 4-8 overall a year ago. Booker, along with junior linebacker **Dylan Cole**, sophomore offensive lineman **Sam Ellifrits** and sophomore running back **Calan Crowder** were tabbed for preseason All-MVFC honors by the league's coaches, media and sports information directors.

Saturday's opener marks the debut game for **Dave Steckel**, who was hired as the 20th head coach in Missouri State history in December. The Bears' new mentor brings 33 years of coaching experience to the MSU sideline, including the last 14 seasons with national power Missouri. He was the only defensive coach among the five finalists for the 2014 Frank Broyles Award as the nation's top assistant coach. Steckel helped produce a total of 15 all-conference linebacker selections at MU, including a number of players who have forged professional careers in the National Football League. Under Steckel's tutelage, Missouri's defense was a driving force in the Tigers' back-to-back Southeastern Conference East Division titles in 2013 and 2014. MU led the SEC and ranked 10th nationally in sacks per game in 2014, while the Tigers also ranked 23rd in the country in total defense, leading all SEC defenses by allowing an average of just 300.8 yards per game.

SERIES INFORMATION

MSU vs. UM.....	1-1
Home.....	1-1
Road.....	0-0
Last Meeting.....	Memphis won 6-0
.....	at Plaster Stadium (10/9/42)
Dave Steckel vs. UM	0-0
MSU vs. American Ath. Conf.	1-8
vs. Tulsa.....	0-7
vs. Memphis.....	1-1
Justin Fuente vs. MSU	0-0
UM vs. MVFC	0-0



MISSOURI STATE FOOTBALL



GAME 1 | MISSOURI STATE BEARS at MEMPHIS TIGERS | Sat., Sept. 5, 2015 | 6:00 p.m. CST | Memphis, Tenn. | Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium (59,308) | KTXR 101.3 FM/Bears Football Radio Network

MISSOURI STATE QUICK FACTS

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 Web Site MissouriState.edu
 Switchboard (417) 836-5000
 President Cliff Smart
 Enrollment 24,489
 Nickname Bears
 School Colors Maroon and White
 National Affiliation NCAA Division I (FCS)
 Conference Missouri Valley Football Conference
 Director of Athletics Kyle Moats
 Faculty Athletics Representative James Hutter
 Tickets (417) 836-7678, (888) 476-7849
 MissouriStateBears.com/Tickets

Stadium

Home Facility Robert W. Plaster Stadium
 Opened 1941 (renovated 1991, 2014)
 Capacity 17,500
 Surface Sporturf Powerhouse 3C 52H
 Press Box Phone (417) 836-5976

Team Information

2014 Overall Record 4-8 (2-3 Home, 2-5 Away)
 2014 MVFC Record 1-7 (9th)
 Lettermen Returning/Lost 40/16
 Offense 19/9
 Defense 18/6
 Specialists 3/1
 Starters Returning/Lost 12/10
 Offense 5/6
 Defense 7/4
 Specialists 3/0

History

First Season 1909
 All-Time Record (103 seasons) 457-477-39 (490)
 All-Time at Plaster Field (73 seasons) 207-158-12 (.565)
 All-Time NCAA FCS Playoff Record 1-2 (2 app.)
 MVFC Championships 1989, 1990
 MIAA Championships 1928, 1940, 1948, 1951,
 1963, 1966, 1978

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BEARS' MEDIA AVAILABILITY

- Head coach Dave Steckel and select players - Mon. (Aug. 31) at Forsythe Athletics Complex (4 p.m.)
- Pre-practice video - Tue. (Sept. 1) at Plaster Stadium (3-3:45 p.m.)
- Contact Athletics Communications staff



MVFC MAKING ITS MARK AGAINST FBS

Since joining the Division I FCS ranks in 1982, the Bears are just 1-30 against the 85-scholarship Football Bowl Subdivision, but have been competitive in a number of those contests. MSU led Oregon 7-0 in 2011, and was tied with both Kansas State (2012) and Iowa (2013) in the second half before falling in each game. The Bears were also a part of the first-ever overtime game played by any FBS team in 1996 in a 23-20 loss at Oklahoma State.

The Missouri Valley Football Conference as a whole has fared much better against FBS opponents, registering 10 wins over the last five seasons including North Dakota State's win over Iowa State and Indiana State's victory against Ball State last season. In all, the MVFC has posted 37 victories against FBS opponents since 1985 including at least one such win in each of the last five seasons.

BEARS OUT TO PROVE POLLSTERS WRONG

The Missouri Valley Football Conference pollsters tabbed the Bears for ninth place in the league's annual preseason poll. Four-time defending NCAA Division I FCS champion North Dakota State earned the top spot with 389 total points, including 32 of the 40 first-place votes. Defending MVFC co-champion and national runner-up Illinois State (366) was picked second after receiving the remaining eight first-place votes. UNI (300), South Dakota State (261) and Indiana State (190), who each earned a playoff spot in 2014, were slated third, fifth and sixth, respectively. Youngstown State (265), one of two league schools with a new head coach (MSU is the other), was picked fourth in the poll. Southern Illinois (143), Western Illinois (139), MSU (91) and South Dakota (66) rounded out the order of finish.

The MVFC's preseason favorite has claimed the league crown 17 times in 29 previous seasons a poll has been conducted. Valley Football is celebrating its 31st season in 2015, with six FCS national championships to its credit.

BOOKER BACK FOR MORE

Senior center **Robert Booker** returns to lead the MSU offense as the most experienced player, bringing a string of 24 consecutive starts into the new season.

A second-team preseason All-America choice of both STATS, Inc. and USA College Football, Booker made all 12 starts at center in 2014, carrying out 83 percent of his assignments and grading out at 86 percent overall with 67 knockdown blocks. The Ozark, Mo., product was a second-team All-MVFC selection last fall after being tabbed MSU's Offensive Lineman of the Week for his performance vs. North Dakota (Sept. 13). Booker was also an AP All-America and first-team All-MVFC selection as a sophomore in 2013 and has started each of the Bears' 24 contests over the last two seasons.

STAR POWER

Booker should receive plenty of help from a talented corps of returning all-conference performers, led by junior linebacker **Dylan Cole**, who turned in a breakthrough sophomore campaign that turned heads throughout the MVFC last fall. The Rogersville, Mo., product recorded eight or more tackles six times and ranked second on the club with 92 stops for the year to claim MVFC honorable mention recognition in 2014. He finished 11th in the league in total tackles (7.7), while posting 1.2 TFLs per game, which ranked fifth in the Valley during the regular season and 55th nationally. He recorded team-highs of 54 solo stops and 14.5 TFLs with a pair of interceptions and eight total passes defended for the year.

Joining Cole and Booker as preseason All-MVFC picks was sophomore running back **Calan Crowder**, a 2014 Valley All-Newcomer Team selection who led MSU and ranked ninth in the Valley in rushing last fall. He totaled a Bears' freshman record 766 yards on 153 carries, an average of 5.0 yards per attempt. The Bartlesville, Okla., product started the final seven games of the season, twice topping the 100-yard rushing plateau. He carried the ball 13 times for 119 yards vs. North Dakota on Sept. 13 and later accrued a Bears' season-high 120 yards on 25 carries vs. Southern Illinois on Nov. 8. Crowder was also named to the CFPA FCS National Freshman of the Year Watch List.

Despite being sidelined by injury throughout much of the offseason, sophomore offensive tackle Sam Ellifrits was also a Valley preseason honoree after earning an FCS Freshman All-America (TonySoftli.com) selection last fall, starting each of the last eight games at right tackle. He was named MSU's Offensive Lineman of the Week two times (Sept. 20 and Oct. 25), carried out 79 percent of his assignments and graded out at 82 percent overall for the season with 59 knockdown blocks. The Nevada, Mo., native was also named to the MVFC All-Newcomer Team in 2014.

BEARS vs. NCAA D-I FBS OPPONENTS

Date	Opponent	Result
10/17/87	at Northern Illinois	L, 21-27
9/1/90	at UNLV	W, 31-24
9/8/90	at Tulsa	L, 28-42
8/31/91	at Tulsa	L, 13-34
9/26/92	at Pacific	L, 14-48
10/10/92	at Tulsa	L, 14-17
9/11/93	at Oklahoma State	L, 7-45
11/12/94	at Tulsa	L, 28-38
9/16/95	at Oklahoma State	L, 7-35
8/31/96	at Oklahoma State	L (OT), 20-23
9/8/97	at Arkansas State	L, 27-35
9/5/98	at Tulsa	L, 14-49
9/19/98	at Arkansas State	L, 24-28
9/4/99	at Tulsa	L, 21-45
9/2/00	at Arkansas	L, 0-38
9/1/01	at Kansas	L, 10-24
9/14/02	at Kansas	L, 24-44
9/13/03	at Oklahoma State	L, 3-42
9/25/04	at Tulsa	L, 7-49
9/3/05	at Arkansas	L, 17-49
9/2/06	at Oklahoma State	L, 10-52
9/25/07	at Kansas State	L, 10-61
9/13/08	at Oklahoma State	L, 13-57
9/5/09	at Arkansas	L, 10-48
9/11/10	at Kansas State	L, 24-48
9/3/11	at Arkansas	L, 7-51
9/17/11	at Oregon	L, 7-56
9/1/12	at Kansas State	L, 9-51
9/8/12	at Louisville	L, 7-35
9/7/13	at Iowa	L, 14-28
9/6/14	at Oklahoma State	L, 23-40

BEARS' PRESEASON HONORS

Robert Booker

- Hero Sports Preseason All-America
- STATS, Inc. Preseason All-America (Second Team)
- USA College Football Preseason All-America (Second Team)
- TonySoftli.com Preseason All-America (Third Team)
- CSN Preseason Fabulous Fifty
- Preseason First-Team All-MVFC

Dylan Cole

- Preseason Honorable Mention All-MVFC

Calan Crowder

- Preseason Honorable Mention All-MVFC

Sam Ellifrits

- Preseason Honorable Mention All-MVFC



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BEARS ON THE AIR

Missouri State Bears Radio Network

Ava	KKOZ (1430 AM / 92.1 FM)
Jefferson City.....	KJMO (97.5 FM)
Kansas City	KCWJ (1030 AM)
Poplar Bluff.....	KLID (1340 AM)
Springfield.....	*KTXR (101.3 FM)/KWTO (98.7 FM)
St. Louis.....	WQOQ (1490 AM)
Troy.....	KYRO (1280 AM)
Online	www.RadioSpringfield.com

*flagship station

Bears Radio Team

Art Hains begins his 36th season as the radio voice of the Bears. He has now called 377 games during his career at MSU, dating back to 1977. Former MSU assistant coach Rob Bolks will provide color commentary.

TV/Online Broadcast Schedule

Sept. 5	at Memphis	ESPN3
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Nov. 7	at Youngstown State	ESPN3
Nov. 14	vs. UNI	ESPN3

Bears Hotline Radio Show

Every Tuesday (beginning Sept. 1), Bears Hotline with Dave Steckel airs at 7 p.m. on KWTO (98.7 FM) in Springfield, with the exception of the first show, which airs on KWTO 560 AM. The show is hosted by Art Hains and originates from Houlihan's north location in Springfield.

Bear Up With Stec

The Bear Up With Stec television show airs every Sunday at 9:30 p.m. on KOZL. Hosted by Dan Lucy, the first show will air Sept. 6 following the Bears' season opener at Memphis.

MissouriStateBears.com

MissouriStateBears.com is now a partner of CBS College Sports Networks, Inc., provider of the most comprehensive coverage of Missouri State University Athletics on the web. Fans can also follow the Bears on Facebook (@MissouriStBears) and Twitter (@MissouriStBears or @MoStateFootball).

MSU TRAVEL PLANS

at Memphis

Depart Springfield on Friday, Sept. 4 via charter coach to Memphis, Tenn. Stay at Crowne Plaza East, (901) 362-6200. Return by charter coach after game.



at Arkansas State

Depart Springfield on Saturday, Sept. 19 via charter coach to Jonesboro, Ark. Return by charter coach after game.



at Southern Illinois

Depart Springfield on Friday, Oct. 9 via charter coach to St. Louis. Stay at Holiday Inn Downtown Conv. Center, (314) 421-4000. Return via charter coach after game.



at South Dakota

Depart Springfield via charter air on Friday, Oct. 23 to Sioux City, Iowa. Stay at Holiday Inn Downtown, (712) 277-9400. Return via charter air after game.



at Youngstown State

Depart Springfield on Friday, Nov. 6 via charter air to Boardman, Ohio. Stay at Holiday Inn, (330) 726-1611. Return via charter air after game.



at North Dakota State

Depart Springfield on Friday, Nov. 20 via charter air to Fargo, N.D. Stay at Radisson Hotel, (844) 671-2010. Return by charter air after game.



LEADING THE SLEUTH

The Missouri State players have elected three co-captains to represent them throughout the 2015 season. Seniors **Robert Booker** and **Eric Christophel** will lead the offense, while junior **Dylan Cole** will serve as defensive captain this fall under new MSU head coach **Dave Steckel**.

WELCOME TO THE PARTY

Missouri State's cause will receive a boost by an influx of talent in 2015, with 23 newcomers adorning the Bears' roster this fall. Head coach **Dave Steckel** and his staff secured a 13-man recruiting class in just six weeks following his announcement as MSU's 20th head coach in late December.

"I'm excited how our coaching staff put together a quality class in a short time," Steckel said. "They were diligent in building bridges with high school coaches around the state and establishing relationships that will propel us into the future."

MSU expects to see an immediate impact from its decorated group of newcomers, with five true freshmen already finding spots on the season-opening two-deep roster. Additionally, a number of redshirt freshman could factor in the Bears' plans early in the season, including four potential week one starters.

IMMEDIATE IMPACT

Missouri State's talented crop of newcomers will be aiming to continue a tradition of early excellence displayed by Bears in their rookie seasons over the last two decades. In the history of the Missouri Valley Football Conference, only Western Illinois (77) and Illinois State (76) have produced more MVFC All-Newcomer selections than the Bears, who have collected 74 such honors since the league first began recognizing an all-rookie team in 1994.

On this year's roster, six Bears have been listed on previous MVFC All-Newcomer squads: 2012 - **Ryan Heaston** (RB); 2013 - **Dylan Cole** (LB); 2014 - **Cecil Bratton** (DL), **Calan Crowder** (RB), **Sam Ellifrits** (OL) and **Eric Phillips** (DB).

FACILITY UPGRADES GIVE BEARS' DEN NEW LOOK

In October 2013, Missouri State students passed a \$50 per semester fee, known as the Bear Experience and Recreation (B.E.A.R.) Fee, to help provide new and renovated athletic and recreational facilities on the Springfield campus. Of the \$1.6 million generated annually by the fee, \$1.4 million will make the annual payments on bonds that have allowed construction of four projects, including a new east side complex for student seating at Robert W. Plaster Stadium.

The expansion includes seating for more than 5,000 on the student (east) side of the stadium that will increase the total seating capacity of the facility to 17,500, as well as a party platform, game day locker rooms for both home and visiting teams, restrooms, concessions and team meeting rooms. The project also includes a new artificial playing surface—Sporturf Powerhouse 3C 52H—featuring a two-and-a-half inch turf blend for both practice and game use by the football Bears. The facility will now be used exclusively for football after years of sharing the facility with soccer, field hockey, track and field and other events.

IT'S A NEW GAME DAY AT PLASTER STADIUM

Thanks in large part to the new upgrades at Plaster Stadium, excitement and anticipation were at an all-time high for the MSU Football in 2014. In conjunction with the stadium changes, the pregame tailgating area was moved from the parking lots south of the stadium to the heart of campus, creating a game-day atmosphere unlike any other in the program's history. The new BearFest Village helped attract tailgaters, student organizations, alumni and the community at large for one of Springfield's biggest and loudest block parties in years.

Not only did the investment in the program set the foundation for its relevance in the future, but it changed the landscape of the game-day experience. An overflow crowd of 18,386 crammed into Plaster for the home opener on Sept. 13 to watch the Bears dispatch North Dakota, 38-0, in an impressive debut of the revamped facility.

Missouri State would replicate the opening-night excitement a month later with 15,537 on hand for a 31-12 homecoming win over South Dakota in the eight-largest single-game crowd ever for a Bears' game. By season's end, 58,324 fans passed through the turnstiles at Plaster for the club's five home games to post the 18th-best attendance average in the nation (11,665) and the team's highest home average since 1999.

BEARS IN SEASON OPENERS

All-Time Record in Season Openers	50-50-3 (.500)	
Home	37-18-1 (.670)	
Road	13-32-2 (.298)	
Under Dave Steckel.....	0-0 (.000)	
vs. Memphis	1-0 (1.000)	
Longest Opening Day Win Streak .....	.5 (3 times)	
Longest Opening Day Losing Streak.....	8 (1994-01)	
Current Streak	Won 1	
Last 10 Season Openers.....	3-7	
W, 33-27	at Northwestern State	Aug. 28, 2014
L, 17-23	vs. Northwestern State.....	Aug. 29, 2013
L, 9-51	at Kansas State.....	Sept. 1, 2012
L, 7-51	at Arkansas	Sept. 3, 2011
W, 31-9	vs. Eastern Kentucky	Sept. 3, 2010
L, 10-48	at Arkansas	Sept. 5, 2009
L, 27-35	vs. Washburn	Sept. 4, 2008
W, 62-17	vs. Missouri S&T	Aug. 30, 2007
L, 10-52	at Oklahoma State	Sept. 2, 2006
L, 17-49	at Arkansas	Sept. 3, 2005

BEARS SINGLE-SEASON FRESHMAN RUSHING

No.....	Player (Season)	Rushes	Yards
1.....	Calan Crowder (2014)	153.....	762
2.....	Kingjack Washington (2007).....	103.....	674
3.....	Fred Tabron (1970).....	144.....	630
4.....	John Gianini (1976).....	147.....	542
5.....	Tony Gilbert (1986).....	96.....	540
6.....	Greg Lawson (1973).....	117.....	455
7.....	Rodney McConico (1987).....	80.....	453
8.....	Bobby George (1969).....	131.....	441
9.....	Ryan Heaston (2012)	84.....	424
.....	Mikael Cooper-Falls (2009).....	92.....	424



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2014 VALLEY FOOTBALL STANDINGS

School	MVFC	PF	PA	All	PF	PA
North Dakota State*	7-1	259	108	15-1	527	225
Illinois State*	7-1	275	187	13-2	574	322
UNI*	6-2	244	156	9-5	452	279
South Dakota State*	5-3	245	223	9-5	445	355
Indiana State*	4-4	180	207	8-6	354	339
Youngstown State	4-4	181	195	7-5	328	282
Southern Illinois	3-5	207	238	6-6	353	317
Western Illinois	3-5	206	247	5-7	299	327
Missouri State	1-7	147	214	4-8	275	312
South Dakota	0-8	131	300	2-10	233	427

*qualified for NCAA Division I FCS Playoffs

THIS WEEK

Saturday (Aug. 29)

Montana 38, North Dakota State 35

Thursday (Sept. 3)

Eastern Illinois at Western Illinois (6 p.m.)

Saturday (Sept. 5)

Illinois State at Iowa (11 a.m.)

South Dakota State at Kansas (11 a.m.)

Youngstown State at Pittsburgh (12 p.m.)

Butler at Indiana State (2 p.m.)

Southern Illinois at Indiana (3 p.m.)

Missouri State at Memphis (6 p.m.)

South Dakota at Kansas State (6 p.m.)

UNI at Iowa State (7 p.m.)

NEXT WEEK

Saturday (Sept. 12)

Indiana State at Purdue (11 a.m.)

Western Illinois at Illinois (11 a.m.)

Eastern Washington at UNI (1 p.m.)

Chadron State at Missouri State (2 p.m.)

Weber State at North Dakota State (2:30 p.m.)

Robert Morris at Youngstown State (6 p.m.)

Southern Utah at South Dakota State (6 p.m.)

Southern Illinois at SEMO (6 p.m.)

Morgan State at Illinois State (6:30 p.m.)

South Dakota at UC Davis (8 p.m.)

PRESEASON POLL

No.	Team (First-place votes)	W-L	Points	Finish
1.	North Dakota State (32)	15-1	389	1st
2.	Illinois State (8)	13-2	366	1st
3.	UNI	9-5	300	3rd
4.	Youngstown State	7-5	265	15th
5.	South Dakota State	9-5	251	4th
6.	Indiana State	8-6	190	15th
7.	Southern Illinois	6-6	143	17th
8.	Western Illinois	5-7	139	17th
9.	Missouri State	4-8	91	9th
10.	South Dakota	2-10	66	10th

VALLEY OFFICE

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Coaches Conference Call	Tuesdays 10 a.m.
Schedule	
10:00 a.m.	Mike Sanford, IIS
10:06 a.m.	Bo Pelini, YSU
10:12 a.m.	Bob Nielson, WIU
10:18 a.m.	Brock Spack, ILS
10:24 a.m.	Dale Lennon, SIU
10:30 a.m.	Dave Steckel, MSU
10:36 a.m.	John Stiegelmeier, SDSU
10:42 a.m.	Joe Glenn, USD
10:48 a.m.	Mark Farley, UNI
10:54 a.m.	Chris Klieman, NDSU
Media Call-in Number	(877) 393-4731

PACKING THEM IN

The newly-renovated Robert W. Plaster Stadium opened to rave reviews last fall, as the Bears drew 58,324 fans through the turnstiles in their five games at Plaster Stadium, an average of 11,665 per game — good for 18th nationally. The club's net total attendance last fall marked its best in five-game home schedule since 1996 and the top season figure overall since 2007.

A record-drawing crowd of 18,386 witnessed Missouri State's 38-0 victory over North Dakota (Sept. 13) in the season's first home date. The standing-room-only crowd translated to 105 percent of the stadium's new capacity and represented the top home crowd in Bears' history, surpassing the previous 17-year-old record of 16,672, established Aug. 28, 1997 vs. Pittsburg State. The opening-night attendance also equaled the 26th-largest crowd — home or away — to see a Missouri State football game in the 103-year history of the program.

CLEARING 100K

The Bears played before a total of 165,806 fans in 2014, marking the fifth-highest combined home and road figure in program history. MSU has played before more than 100,000 fans in each of the last 25 seasons, ranking among the top 40 FCS schools in average home attendance 18 times during that span, including a school-record 234,314 spectators in 2011.

MAROON AND WHITE RECAP

It took just over 100 plays, but after the 90-minute clash between Missouri State's offense and defense ended, it was the maroon-clad defensive unit that prevailed, 55-53, in Missouri State's annual Maroon and White Spring Football Game.

Using a complex scoring system based on key plays throughout the afternoon, the scrimmage included five scores, including a pair of touchdown passes from redshirt freshman **Breck Ruddick**.

Ruddick connected with sophomore **Malik Earl** for a 75-yard TD strike late in the first quarter to cap a four-play, 90-yard drive for the game's first score. Earl finished with team highs on five receptions for 124 yards on the afternoon.

In the third quarter, Ruddick completed another impressive scoring march, this time capped by a 12-yard pass to senior **Eric Christophel** to wrap a 65-yard series. Reddick finished 13-for-22 for 186 yards and no interceptions.

The key play for the MSU defense -- and likely the play that made the difference in the final scoring margin -- came just after Christophel's touchdown when junior **Dylan Cole** stepped in front of an Alex Lawson pass and returned it 37 yards for a touchdown. The pick-six put the exclamation point on a great day by Cole who also posted six solo tackles, including one for loss.

Senior **Marcelo Bonani** converted a 23-yard field goal late in the third quarter to cap a 59-yard drive that took nine plays to complete. The senior also made both extra points he tried during the scrimmage, as did sophomore **Shelby Harris**.

In the final quarter, the running game clock kept things moving, but a 10-play, 65-yard scoring drive engineered by **Brody Lambert** may have been the most impressive march of the afternoon. Running backs **Phoenix Johnson** and **Doug Cook** led the charge, as Cook made a mad dash to the end zone from 27 yards out for the final score of the afternoon.

MSU ran 59 of its 102 plays on the ground with **Calan Crowder** collecting 7.8 yards per carry on 11 attempts, while **Ryan Heaston** finished with 47 yards on nine carries. Lambert was an effective 12-for-20 through the air for 120 yards and no interceptions.

Sophomore **Kurran Blamey** led all defenders with seven total tackles, while **Cecil Bratton** and **Tre Betts** finished with five apiece, just behind Blamey and Cole for the overall lead. As a unit, the defense broke up eight passes, finished with 12 tackles for loss and secured a pair of sacks.

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BEARS RECORD IN 2014...

August	1-0
September	2-1
October	1-3
November	0-4
Day	1-6
Night	3-2
Wearing white jersey/black pants	1-2
Wearing black jersey/black pants	1-0
Wearing maroon jersey/white pants	1-1
Wearing white jersey/white pants	0-4
Wearing gray jersey/white pants	1-1
Winning the toss	3-5
Losing the toss	1-3
Home	2-2
Road	2-5
Neutral	0-0
in Missouri	2-3
in Louisiana	1-0
in Oklahoma	0-1
in Arkansas	1-0
in South Dakota	0-1
in Illinois	0-1
in Indiana	0-1
in Iowa	0-1
Conference	1-7
Non-conference	3-1
vs. ranked opponents	0-7
vs. unranked opponents	4-1
Games decided by 10 points or less	2-4
Games decided by 10+ points	2-4
Games decided by 20 points or less	3-7
Games decided by 20+ points	1-1
Scoring 20 points or less	0-4
Scoring 20+ points	4-4
Scoring first	1-3
Opponent scoring first	3-4
Leading after one quarter	1-2
Leading at halftime	2-1
Leading after three quarters	3-2
Trailing after one quarter	1-5
Trailing at halftime	2-7
Trailing after three quarters	1-5
Tied after one quarter	2-1
Tied at halftime	0-0
Tied after three quarters	0-1
Gaining 20+ first downs	3-1
Gaining less than 300 yards total offense	0-4
Gaining 300-400 yards total offense	1-4
Gaining 400-500 yards total offense	2-0
Gaining 500+ yards total offense	1-0
Gaining less than 100 yards rushing	0-0
Gaining 100-200 yards rushing	0-8
Gaining 200-300 yards rushing	4-0
Gaining 300+ yards rushing	0-0
Gaining less than 150 yards passing	2-4
Gaining 150-200 yards passing	1-4
Gaining 200-250 yards passing	0-0
Gaining 250-300 yards passing	0-0
Gaining 300-350 yards passing	1-0
Gaining 350+ yards passing	0-0
Allowing 20+ first downs	2-5
Allowing less than 300 yards total offense	1-1
Allowing 300-400 yards total offense	2-3
Allowing 400-500 yards total offense	1-4
Allowing 500+ yards total offense	0-0
Allowing less than 100 yards rushing	1-0
Allowing 100-200 yards rushing	3-2
Allowing 200-300 yards rushing	0-6
Allowing 300+ yards rushing	0-0
Allowing less than 150 yards passing	1-2
Allowing 150-200 yards passing	1-3
Allowing 200-250 yards passing	1-1
Allowing 250-300 yards passing	0-1
Allowing 300-350 yards passing	1-1
Committing 2+ turnovers	1-2
Gaining 2+ takeaways	3-4
Gaining 30:00 or more time of possession	2-5

BEARS IN THE NFL

Former Missouri State tight end **Gannon Sinclair** became the most recent Bear to earn a shot at a professional career in the National Football League this summer. Sinclair was signed by the Arizona Cardinals in April as an undrafted free agent and saw action in each of the clubs' first three preseason games.

Missouri State's history of producing pro football talent dates back to 1945 and extends to today with two NFL Draft selections in recent years — **Clay Harbor** to the Philadelphia Eagles in 2010 and **David Arkin** to the Cowboys in 2011.

Originally selected by Dallas with the 13th pick of the fourth round (110th overall) of the 2011 NFL Draft, Arkin saw ample action for the Cowboys in three preseason campaigns, as well as spending time on the Miami Dolphins roster before joining the Indianapolis Colts last season. In addition to his All-America and all-conference honors, Arkin was also a CoSIDA Academic All-America second-team pick in 2010.

After signing with Jacksonville before the start of the 2013 NFL season, Harbor enters his sixth pro campaign as a tight end after spending his first three pro campaigns with Philadelphia. In his rookie NFL season in 2010, Harbor played in nine games for the Eagles and had nine receptions for 72 yards and a touchdown as Philadelphia's No. 2 tight end. The following year, he picked up where he left off, logging 13 catches for 163 yards and a score. Last season, Harbor posted career highs in receptions (26) in 13 games for the Jaguars.

In addition to Sinclair's signing this past spring, six other Bears have earned undrafted free agent contracts over the last four years with Anthony Grady (Jets) signing last summer, **Randy Richards** (Chargers) agreeing to pro terms in 2013, **Jermaine Saffold** (Browns) and **Chris Douglas** (Bills) making pro camps in 2012, and **Kolby Hurt** (Saints) and **Jake Duron** (Jets) inking free agent deals in 2011.

MISSOURI STATE ON THE RISE

With a Fall 2014 enrollment of 24,489, Missouri State University is the largest school in the Missouri Valley Football Conference (and the Missouri Valley Conference), as well as the second-largest institution in the state of Missouri.

The Bears moved to NCAA Division I status for the 1982-83 season and joined the Missouri Valley Football Conference (formerly the Gateway Conference) in 1985 where they have been a member ever since. MSU is a member of the Missouri Valley Conference in 13 other sports -- a league founded in 1907 and the second-oldest Division I conference in the nation.

Missouri State teams have made 53 NCAA Tournament appearances as a Division I institution, including 13 in women's basketball, 10 in volleyball, nine in baseball and six in men's basketball and softball. In addition, a number of individual qualifiers have represented the Maroon and White at NCAA Division I national meets in sports like track, swimming and others.

BEARS PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Jared Beshore	BEE-shore	Alexz Jones	Alex
Tre Betts	TRAY	Brock Kliewer	CLEEV-ur
Kurran Blamey	kerr-in | BLAME-ee	Jake Lasater	LASS-it-ur
Marcelo Bonani	mar-SELL-o | bo-NAH-nee	Anthony Lippillo	lip-ILL-oh
Caleb Brammer	rhymes with hammer	Nick Masoner	MAS-un-ur
Cecil Bratton	BRAT-inn	Terrence Neuhauser	NEW-how-zer
Eric Christophel	CHRIS-tuh-full	Taiwo Oluwafunmila	ty-WOE | oh-loo-ah-fun-MEE-luh
Daryl Coburn	KOE-burn	Marquis Prophete	mar-KEES PRAW-fit
Calan Crowder	KAY-lin	Jake Riederer	REED-er
Richard Darden	rhymes with pardon	Riley Shantz	SHONTS
Malik Earl	muh-LEAK	LeMarcus Stewart	luh-MARK-us
McNeece Egbin	mick-NEESE | EGG-bum	Colby Wickwar	WICK-war
Sam Ellifrits	ELL-if-ritz	Peter Badovinac	buh-DOE-vin-ack
Corey Feagin	FAY-gin	Sean Coughlin	COFF-linn
Easton Flaugh	FLAW	Kenji Jackson	rhymes with ninja
Erik Furmanek	FUR-muh-neck	Munir Prince	muh-NEAR
Reggie Guynn	GWIN	Mario Verduzco	ver-DUES-coh
Ryan Heaston	HEEST-inn	Dave Steckel	STECK-ul
Deion Holliman	DEE-on hall-oh-MAN	'Stec' (no 'k')
Skyler Hulse	HULLS		
Colby Isbell	IS-bell		
McKinze James	mick-KIN-zee		



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2014 RECEIVERS' YARDS AFTER CATCH

Player	Rec.	TD	YAC	Lg.	Avg.
Maddy Johnson	4	0	46	18	11.5
Phoenix Johnson	4	0	35	5	8.8
Ryan Heaston	10	0	76	15	7.6
Gannon Sinclair	18	7	115	33	6.4
Malik Earl	19	1	113	27	5.9
Alex St. Peter	1	0	5	5	5.0
Eric Christophel	21	1	103	26	4.9
Julian Burton	54	5	255	29	4.7
Willis Chambers	2	1	7	7	3.5
Zac Hoover	9	1	31	13	3.4
Calan Crowder	7	0	23	12	3.3
LeMarcus Stewart	6	1	18	9	3.0
Richard Darden	1	0	3	3	3.0
Josh Mattes	3	1	4	2	1.3
Deion Holliman	1	1	0	0	0.0

2014 PENALTY BREAKDOWN

Offense (40-357)	No.	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Yds.
Holding	15	1	5	2	7	150
Illegal Block	4	0	0	3	1	60
False Start	11	3	2	4	2	54
Unsportsmanlike Conduct	3	0	0	1	2	45
Unnecessary Roughness	1	0	0	0	1	15
Delay of Game	3	1	1	1	0	14
Personal Foul	2	1	0	0	0	14
Intentional Grounding	1	1	0	0	0	10
Illegal Procedure	1	0	0	0	1	5

Defense (16-132)	No.	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Yds.
Pass Interference	4	3	0	1	0	46
PF-Roughing the Passer	2	0	1	1	0	29
Offsides	4	1	2	0	1	20
Unsportsmanlike Conduct	2	0	0	0	2	17
PF-Horsecollar	1	0	0	0	1	15
Illegal Block	1	0	0	1	0	10
Sideline Interference	1	0	1	0	0	5
PF-Facemask	1	0	0	0	1	0

Sp. Teams (21-168)	No.	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Yds.
Holding	5	1	1	2	1	55
Personal Foul	2	0	1	1	0	30
Illegal Block	2	1	0	0	1	25
Offsides	3	1	1	0	1	15
Illegal Formation	3	2	0	0	1	15
Illegal Procedure	2	0	1	0	1	10
False Start	2	0	0	1	1	10
Illegal Shift	1	0	0	0	1	5
Illegal Participation	1	0	0	1	0	5

2014 MEDIA PLAYERS OF WEEK

Aug. 28	at Northwestern State	Julian Burton (WR)
Sept. 6	at Oklahoma State	Dylan Cole (OLB)
Sept. 13	vs. North Dakota	Kierra Harris (QB)
Sept. 20	at UCA	Julian Burton (WR)
Oct. 4	vs. Youngstown State	Dylan Cole (OLB)
Oct. 11	at South Dakota State	Dylan Cole (OLB)
Oct. 18	vs. South Dakota	Kierra Harris (QB)
Oct. 25	at Illinois State	Phoenix Johnson (RB)
Nov. 1	at Indiana State	Caleb Schaffitzel (SS)
Nov. 8	vs. Southern Illinois	Calan Crowder (RB)
Nov. 15	vs. North Dakota State	Andrew Beisel (ILB)
Nov. 22	at UNI	Andrew Beisel (ILB)

2014 STARTERS BY GAME

OFFENSE	LT	LG	OC	RG	RT	YWR/TE	XWR	ZWR	QB	BWR/TE	RB
NSU	Cooley	Kutter	Booker	Galbierz	Blonar	Swan	Burton	Burford	Harris	Sinclair	Heaston
OSU	Z. Cooley	Shantz	Booker	Galbierz	Blonar	Sinclair	Burton	Earl	Harris	St. Peter	Heaston
UND	Z. Cooley	Shantz	Booker	Galbierz	Blonar	Sinclair	Burton	Earl	Harris	Christophel	P. Johnson
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SDSU	Z. Cooley	Blonar	Booker	Galbierz	Ellifrits	Sinclair	Burton	Hoover	Harris	Christophel	P. Johnson
USD	Z. Cooley	Blonar	Booker	Galbierz	Ellifrits	Sinclair	Burton	Hoover	Harris	Christophel	Crowder
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UNI	Z. Cooley	Blonar	Booker	Galbierz	Ellifrits	Sinclair	Burton	Earl	Harris	Christophel	Crowder
DEFENSE	LE	NT	RE	SLB	BLB	MLB	WLB	LCB	SS	FS	RCB
NSU	Hill	Bratton	Barnes	Cole	Beisel	Hoffmann	Springer	Rush	Schaffitzel	Crutcher	Landers
OSU	James	Bratton	Barnes	Cole	Beisel	Hoffmann	Springer	Phillips	Schaffitzel	Crutcher	Landers
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2014 MSU/OPPONENT OPENING DRIVES

Opponent	MSU First Half	MSU Second Half	Opp. First Half	Opp. Second Half
NSU	3 plays/7 yards/1:11/PUNT	3 plays/7 yards/1:09/PUNT	6 plays/75 yards/2:27/TD	14 plays/85 yards/5:15/FUMBLE
OSU	3 plays/4 yards/2:04/PUNT	3 plays/7 yards/1:27/PUNT	10 plays/59 yards/3:22/FG	4 plays/68 yards/1:32/TD
UND	4 plays/21 yards/1:50/PUNT	3 plays/5 yards/1:33/PUNT	3 plays/7 yards/1:23/PUNT	3 plays/3 yards/2:09/PUNT
UCA	9 plays/35 yards/4:43/PUNT	6 plays/62 yards/2:13/TD	1 plays/90 yards/0:15/TD	3 plays/5 yards/2:18/PUNT
YSU	6 plays/24 yards/2:45/PUNT	5 plays/17 yards/2:50/PUNT	3 plays/65 yards/1:15/TD	3 plays/8 yards/1:25/PUNT
SDSU	3 plays/8 yards/2:18/PUNT	3 plays/1 yard/1:11/PUNT	7 plays/35 yards/4:06/PUNT	3 plays/5 yards/0:58/PUNT
USD	5 plays/17 yards/2:17/PUNT	8 plays/72 yards/4:38/TD	10 plays/52 yards/3:23/FG	11 plays/58 yards/5:08/FG
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INS	3 plays/6 yards/1:57/PUNT	3 plays/7 yards/1:43/PUNT	3 plays/2 yards/1:14/PUNT	3 plays/7 yards/1:36/PUNT
SIU	10 plays/47 yards/3:17/MISS-FG	11 plays/52 yards/4:50/FG	13 plays/73 yards/4:15/TD	9 plays/24 yards/3:23/PUNT
NDSU	3 plays/8 yards/1:54/PUNT	5 plays/(-1) yards/2:59/PUNT	3 plays/9 yards/2:10/PUNT	5 plays/15 yards/2:39/PUNT
UNI	6 plays/70 yards/2:03/TD	6 plays/81 yards/2:43/TD	3 plays/3 yards/1:16/PUNT	6 plays/51 yards/2:46/FG



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YEAR-BY-YEAR AT PLASTER STADIUM

Year	Record	Pct.	Year	Record	Pct.
1941	7-1-0	.875	1979	4-2-0	.667
1942	2-3-1	.417	1980	3-2-0	.600
1945	3-0-1	.875	1981	2-2-0	.500
1946	1-4-0	.200	1982	3-2-0	.600
1947	4-1-1	.755	1983	3-1-0	.750
1948	6-0-0	1.000	1984	3-1-1	.700
1949	3-1-1	.700	1985	2-2-1	.500
1950	2-1-2	.600	1986	0-5-0	.000
1951	4-2-0	.667	1987	3-2-0	.600
1952	2-3-0	.400	1988	3-2-0	.600
1953	3-3-0	.500	1989	6-0-0	1.000
1954	1-3-0	.250	1990	5-1-0	.833
1955	2-2-1	.500	1991	4-1-0	.800
1956	1-3-0	.250	1992	5-0-0	1.000
1957	2-3-0	.400	1993	5-1-0	.833
1958	0-3-0	.000	1994	2-4-0	.333
1959	2-3-0	.400	1995	2-4-0	.333
1960	0-3-0	.000	1996	3-2-0	.600
1961	2-3-0	.400	1997	3-3-0	.500
1962	3-0-1	.875	1998	3-3-0	.500
1963	6-0-0	1.000	1999	4-2-0	.667
1964	4-1-0	.800	2000	4-2-0	.667
1965	4-1-0	.800	2001	3-2-0	.600
1966	4-1-0	.800	2002	3-3-0	.500
1967	0-5-0	.000	2003	3-2-0	.600
1968	2-2-0	.500	2004	5-2-0	.714
1969	0-7-0	.000	2005	4-1-0	.800
1970	0-5-0	.000	2006	2-4-0	.333
1971	1-3-1	.300	2007	5-1-0	.833
1972	2-3-0	.400	2008	1-4-0	.200
1973	2-3-0	.400	2009	3-3-0	.500
1974	5-0-0	1.000	2010	5-0-0	1.000
1975	3-2-0	.600	2011	0-4-0	.000
1976	3-3-0	.500	2012	2-3-0	.400
1977	4-0-1	.900	2013	3-3-0	.500
1978	4-1-0	.800	2014	2-3-0	.400

Plaster Stadium has been the home of Missouri State football since 1941. The 2015 campaign is the Bears' 74th season in Plaster as MSU didn't field a football team for two seasons during World War II.

MSU football moved to its present site in 1930, 10 years before the current stadium was constructed right before World War II. Prior to that time, the Bears practiced and played their games in an area on the northwest corner of the existing campus where Freudenberger House now stands. MSU has a 207-158-12 record for 377 games in Plaster, and the Bears have been perfect at home in six seasons in Plaster, including 1989, 1992 and 2010. The longest MSU home win streak was 20 games, compiled between 1938 and 1941.

PLASTER STADIUM RECORDS

Rushing

Rushing Attempts

44, Mike Harris, Truman vs. Missouri State, 11/11/78

Rushing Yards

300, Derrick Clark, Evangel vs. Missouri Valley, 10/16/93

Rushing Touchdowns

- 6, Pierre Rembert, Illinois State vs. Missouri State, 11/5/05
- 5, Gerald Davis, Missouri State vs. Indiana State, 10/27/07
- 4, Tommy Burns, Missouri State vs. Emporia State, 10/1/55
- 4, Cornelius Perry, Missouri State vs. Missouri S&T, 10/31/64
- 4, Tom Herman, Missouri State vs. Missouri S&T, 10/20/73
- 4, Greg Lawson, Missouri State vs. Lincoln, 11/9/74
- 4, Derrick Clark, Evangel vs. Culver-Stockton, 10/19/92
- 4, LaBarron Burden, Evangel vs. Graceland, 10/30/99
- 4, Zach Dechant, Missouri State vs. SEMO, 9/21/02
- 4, Cody Pratt, Missouri State vs. East Central, 8/28/03
- 4, Gerald Davis, Missouri State vs. Missouri S&T, 8/30/07
- 4, Herb Donaldson, Western Illinois vs. Missouri State, 10/4/08

Longest Rush

90, Pedro Bacon, W. Kentucky vs. Missouri State, 10/15/88 (TD)

Passing

Passes Attempted

- 59, Casey Brockman, Murray State vs. Missouri State, 9/15/12
- 56, Eric Black, Evangel vs. Doane, 12/6/97

Passes Completed

- 41, Casey Brockman, Murray State vs. Missouri State, 9/15/12
- 34, Marcus Brady, Cal State Northridge vs. Missouri State, 11/14/98

Yards Gained Passing

486, Sean Payton, Eastern Illinois vs. Missouri State, 10/27/84

Touchdowns Passing

- 5, Sean Payton, Eastern Illinois vs. Missouri State, 10/25/86
- 5, A.J. Porter, Missouri State vs. Illinois State, 11/8/03

Receiving

Receptions

- 13, Kasey Dunn, Idaho vs. Missouri State, 11/24/90
- 13, Jason Myers, Evangel vs. Baker, 10/22/98
- 13, Sam Logan, Indiana State vs. Missouri State, 10/29/05

Receiving Yards

307, Anthony Ray, Evangel vs. William Jewell, 11/10/90

Touchdowns Receiving

- 4, James Feazell, Evangel vs. Nebraska Wesleyan, 11/19/88
- 4, Steven Rush, Missouri State vs. Illinois State, 11/8/03

Longest Pass Reception

90, Brad Drehle to Brian Clayton, Missouri Valley vs. Evangel (TD), 11/11/89

Special Teams

Field Goals Kicked

- 4, Justin Langan, Western Illinois vs. Missouri State, 11/2/02
- 4, Brian Wingert, UNI vs. Missouri State, 10/18/03
- 3, 21 times

Longest Field Goal

58, David Collins, Culver-Stockton vs. Evangel, 11/3/90

Conversions Kicked

- 9, Jan Stahle, Missouri State vs. Lincoln, 11/13/76
- 9, Richard Grote, Missouri State vs. Washburn, 9/12/92
- 9, Brian Long, Missouri State vs. Drake, 11/3/01
- 9, Nathan Stokes, Missouri State vs. Indiana State, 10/27/07

Longest Punt

89, Mike Scifres, Western Illinois vs. Missouri State, 10/14/00

Longest Punt Return

93, Patrick Plott, Jacksonville St. vs. Missouri State, 11/18/95 (TD)

Longest Interception Return

- 100, Caleb Schaffitzel, Missouri State vs. North Dakota State, 11/3/12 (TD)
- 83, Morris Cannon, Evangel vs. Culver-Stockton, 9/21/96 (TD)

Longest Kickoff Return

103, Cornelius Perry, Missouri State vs. SEMO, 10/16/85 (TD)

Longest Fumble Return

97, Warren Reed, Texas Southern vs. Missouri State, 9/11/99

Note - Evangel University used Plaster for most of its home games from 1988-2000.

OPPONENT WATCH



September 5 - 6 p.m.

Memphis (0-0)

This Week: at Missouri State
Next Week: at Kansas



September 12 - 2:00 p.m.

Chadron State (0-0)

This Week: at Missouri S&T
Next Week: at Missouri State



September 19 - 6 p.m.

Arkansas State (0-0)

This Week: at USC
Next Week: vs. Missouri



October 3 - 2 p.m.

Indiana State (0-0)

This Week: vs. Butler
Next Week: at Purdue



October 10 - 6 p.m.

Southern Illinois (0-0)

This Week: at Indiana
Next Week: at SEMO



October 17 - 2 p.m.

Illinois State (0-0)

This Week: at Iowa
Next Week: vs. Morgan State



October 24 - 2 p.m.

South Dakota (0-0)

This Week: at Kansas State
Next Week: at UC Davis



October 31 - 2 p.m.

South Dakota State (0-0)

This Week: at Kansas
Next Week: vs. Southern Utah



November 7 - 1 p.m.

Youngstown State (0-0)

This Week: at Pittsburgh
Next Week: vs. Robert Morris



November 14 - 2 p.m.

UNI (0-0)

This Week: at Iowa State
Next Week: vs. Eastern Washington



November 21 - 2:30 p.m.

North Dakota State (0-0)

This Week: Idle
Next Week: vs. Weber State



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2014 BIGGEST GAINS

25-Yard Plays

Rushing (8)

Yds. ... Player (Opponent/date)	Result
35..... Ryan Heaston at UCA, 9/20	1st Dn
34..... Kierra Harris at INS, 11/1	1st Dn
34..... Ryan Heaston at UCA, 9/20	1st Dn
33..... Calan Crowder vs. UND, 9/13	1st Dn
28..... Kierra Harris vs. UND, 9/13	1st Dn
27..... Calan Crowder vs. UND, 9/13	1st Dn
26..... Kierra Harris at UNI, 11/22	1st Dn
25..... Calan Crowder at OSU, 9/6	1st Dn

Passing (22)

Yds. ... Player (Opponent/date)	Result
61..... Kierra Harris to Julian Burton at NSU, 8/28	1st Dn
53..... Kierra Harris to Malik Earl vs. USD, 10/18	TD
44..... Kierra Harris to Julian Burton at UNI, 11/22	1st Dn
42..... Kierra Harris to Maddy Johnson at OSU, 9/6	1st Dn
41..... Kierra Harris to Julian Burton at NSU, 8/28	TD
40..... Kierra Harris to LeMarcus Stewart vs. UND, 9/13	TD
39..... Kierra Harris to Julian Burton at UCA, 9/20	1st Dn
37..... Kierra Harris to Zac Hoover at INS, 11/1	TD
37..... Kierra Harris to Willis Chambers vs. UND, 9/13	TD
35..... Kierra Harris to Gannon Sinclair vs. NDSU, 11/15	1st Dn
34..... Kierra Harris to Julian Burton at OSU, 9/6	TD
32..... Kierra Harris to Julian Burton at UCA, 9/20	1st Dn
32..... Kierra Harris to Julian Burton vs. SIU, 11/8	TD
30..... Kierra Harris to Deion Holliman at ILS, 10/25	TD
29..... Kierra Harris to Gannon Sinclair vs. USD, 10/18	TD
29..... Kierra Harris to Julian Burton at UCA, 9/20	1st Dn
27..... Kierra Harris to Julian Burton at OSU, 9/6	1st Dn
26..... Kierra Harris to Gannon Sinclair at UCA, 9/20	1st Dn
26..... Kierra Harris to Julian Burton at OSU, 9/6	TD
25..... Kierra Harris to Malik Earl at SDSU, 10/11	1st Dn
25..... Kierra Harris to Eric Christophel vs. SIU, 11/8	1st Dn
25..... Kierra Harris to Malik Earl at UNI, 11/22	1st Dn

Kickoff Returns (6)

Yds. ... Player (Opponent/date)	Result
34..... Cedric Miller vs. UND, 9/13	1st Dn
29..... Mike Crutcher at UNI, 11/22	1st Dn
28..... LeMarcus Stewart at OSU, 9/6	1st Dn
27..... Cedric Miller vs. SIU, 11/8	1st Dn
26..... Zac Hoover at OSU, 9/6	1st Dn
25..... Julian Burton at OSU, 9/6	1st Dn

Punt Returns (1)

Yds. ... Player (Opponent/date)	Result
34..... Julian Burton vs. NDSU, 11/15	1st Dn

Interception Returns (2)

Yds. ... Player (Opponent/date)	Result
30..... Alexz Jones vs. UND, 9/13	1st Dn
26..... Andrew Beisel vs. NDSU, 11/15	1st Dn

35-Yard Plays

Rushing (1)

Yds. ... Player (Opponent/date)	Result
35..... Ryan Heaston at UCA, 9/20	1st Dn

Passing (10)

Yds. ... Player (Opponent/date)	Result
61..... Kierra Harris to Julian Burton at NSU, 8/28	1st Dn
53..... Kierra Harris to Malik Earl vs. USD, 10/18	TD
44..... Kierra Harris to Julian Burton at UNI, 11/22	1st Dn
42..... Kierra Harris to Maddy Johnson at OSU, 9/6	1st Dn
41..... Kierra Harris to Julian Burton at NSU, 8/28	TD
40..... Kierra Harris to LeMarcus Stewart vs. UND, 9/13	TD
39..... Kierra Harris to Julian Burton at UCA, 9/20	1st Dn
37..... Kierra Harris to Zac Hoover at INS, 11/1	TD
37..... Kierra Harris to Willis Chambers vs. UND, 9/13	TD
35..... Kierra Harris to Gannon Sinclair vs. NDSU, 11/15	1st Dn

Kickoff Returns (0)

Yds. ... Player (Opponent/date)	Result
NA.....	

Punt Returns (0)

Yds. ... Player (Opponent/date)	Result
NA.....	

Interception Returns (0)

Yds. ... Player (Opponent/date)	Result
NA.....	

2014 SCORING PLAYS

at Northwestern State (8/28)

Qtr. Time Plys Yd ...TOP	
Burton 41 yd pass from Harris	2 ... 04:40 ... 1 ... 41 ...0:09
Christophel 15 yd pass from Harris	3 ... 03:00 ... 14 ... 97 ...5:21
Harris 1 yd run	4 ... 13:23 ... 4 ... 65 ...1:23
Sinclair 13 yd pass from Harris	4 ... 05:15 ... 12 ... 69 ...3:54
Barnes 12 yd fumble recovery	4 ... 00:00 ... - ... - ...-

at Oklahoma State (9/6)

Qtr. Time Plys Yd ...TOP	
Burton 34 yd pass from Harris	1 ... 02:34 ... 4 ... 75 ...1:10
Crowder 1 yd run	3 ... 01:54 ... 10 ... 74 ...4:57
Burton 26 yd pass from Harris	4 ... 09:28 ... 11 ... 75 ...5:13
Bonani 38 yd field goal	4 ... 03:21 ... 8 ... 42 ...4:04

North Dakota (9/13)

Qtr. Time Plys Yd ...TOP	
Bratton fumble recovery in endzone	2 ... 13:21 ... - ... - ...-
Harris 4 yd run	2 ... 00:22 ... 8 ... 79 ...2:42
Chambers 37 yd pass from Harris	3 ... 04:40 ... 7 ... 89 ...3:19
Stewart 40 yd pass from Harris	3 ... 00:09 ... 6 ... 65 ...2:25
Sinclair 5 yd pass from Harris	4 ... 14:03 ... 1 ... 5 ...0:07
Bonani 49 yd field goal	4 ... 07:21 ... 8 ... 39 ...4:31

at UCA (9/20)

Qtr. Time Plys Yd ...TOP	
Harris 1 yd run	1 ... 04:06 ... 13 ... 75 ...5:44
Sinclair 23 yd pass from Harris	2 ... 03:11 ... 4 ... 78 ...0:55
Harris 3 yd run	3 ... 10:29 ... 6 ... 62 ...2:13
Mattes 5 yd pass from Harris	4 ... 09:08 ... 13 ... 75 ...6:13
Bonani 34 yd field goal	4 ... 03:32 ... 12 ... 63 ...4:08
Bonani 53 yd field goal	4 ... 00:00 ... 8 ... 43 ...0:54

Youngstown State (10/4)

Qtr. Time Plys Yd ...TOP	
Sinclair 4 yd pass from Harris	4 ... 04:58 ... 8 ... 14 ...2:38

at South Dakota State (10/11)

Qtr. Time Plys Yd ...TOP	
Crowder 3 yd run	1 ... 00:30 ... 6 ... 32 ...1:54
Harris 12 yd run	2 ... 09:06 ... 11 ... 79 ...5:27
Harris 12 yd run	2 ... 07:03 ... 2 ... 15 ...0:43
Crowder 2 yd run	2 ... 03:56 ... 4 ... 15 ...1:40

South Dakota (10/18)

Qtr. Time Plys Yd ...TOP	
Earl 53 yd pass from Harris	1 ... 07:45 ... 4 ... 75 ...1:35
Bonani 32 yd field goal	1 ... 01:08 ... 4 ... 0 ...0:21
Sinclair 29 yd pass from Harris	2 ... 11:51 ... 6 ... 67 ...2:29
Burton 12 yd pass from Harris	2 ... 00:40 ... 9 ... 86 ...1:32
Harris 20 yd run	3 ... 05:09 ... 8 ... 72 ...4:38

at Illinois State (10/25)

Qtr. Time Plys Yd ...TOP	
Holliman 30 yd pass from Harris	3 ... 09:47 ... 10 ... 90 ...5:09

at Indiana State (11/1)

Qtr. Time Plys Yd ...TOP	
Hoover 37 yd pass from Harris	1 ... 11:07 ... 2 ... 41 ...0:42
Sinclair 20 yd pass from Harris	2 ... 09:13 ... 6 ... 60 ...3:00
Bonani 18 yd field goal	4 ... 13:28 ... 11 ... 37 ...5:57
Bonani 41 yd field goal	4 ... 00:42 ... 10 ... 47 ...1:20

Southern Illinois (11/8)

Qtr. Time Plys Yd ...TOP	
Burton 32 yd pass from Harris	2 ... 12:53 ... 2 ... 35 ...0:36
Bonani 22 yd field goal	2 ... 07:57 ... 4 ... 7 ...1:11
Stewart 2 yd punt block return	2 ... 02:46 ... - ... - ...-
Bonani 36 yd field goal	3 ... 10:02 ... 11 ... 52 ...4:50
Bonani 35 yd field goal	3 ... 00:56 ... 7 ... 24 ...2:57

North Dakota State (11/15)

Qtr. Time Plys Yd ...TOP	
Bonani 21 yd field goal	1 ... 08:00 ... 4 ... (-) ...0:51
Sinclair 19 yd pass from Harris	4 ... 14:31 ... 7 ... 81 ...1:49

at UNI (11/22)

Qtr. Time Plys Yd ...TOP	
P. Johnson 24 yd run	1 ... 12:57 ... 6 ... 70 ...2:03
P. Johnson 6 yd run	2 ... 00:39 ... 9 ... 74 ...3:14
Crowder 8 yd run	3 ... 09:31 ... 6 ... 81 ...2:43
Bonani 28 yd field goal	4 ... 08:25 ... 15 ... 59 ...5:52

2014 SCORING DRIVES

Longest Scoring Plays

53 -- Earl pass from Harris, vs. USD, 10/18
41 -- Burton pass from Harris, at NSU, 8/28
40 -- Stewart pass from Harris, vs. UND, 9/13
37 -- Hoover pass from Harris, at INS, 11/1
37 -- Chambers pass from Harris, vs. UND, 9/13
34 -- Burton pass from Harris, at OSU, 9/6
32 -- Burton pass from Harris, vs. SIU, 11/8
30 -- Holliman pass from Harris, at ILS, 10/25
29 -- Sinclair pass from Harris, vs. USD, 10/18
26 -- Burton pass from Harris, at OSU, 9/6

Longest Scoring Drives - Yards

97 -- Christophel 15 yd pass from Harris, at NSU, 8/28
90 -- Holliman 30 yd pass from Harris, at ILS, 10/25
89 -- Chambers 37 yd pass from Harris, vs. UND, 9/13
86 -- Burton 12 yd pass from Harris, vs. USD, 10/18
81 -- Sinclair 19 yd pass from Harris, vs. NDSU, 11/15
81 -- Crowder 8 yd run, at UNI, 11/22
79 -- Harris 4 yd run, vs. UND, 9/13
79 -- Harris 12 yd run, at SDSU, 10/11
78 -- Sinclair 23 yd pass from Harris, at UCA, 9/20
75 -- Five times

Longest Scoring Drives - Plays

15 -- Bonani 28 yd field goal, at UNI, 11/22
14 -- Christophel 15 yd pass from Harris, at NSU, 8/28
13 -- Mattes 5 yd pass from Harris, at UCA, 9/20
13 -- Harris 1 yd run, at UCA, 9/20
12 -- Bonani 34 yd field goal, at UCA, 9/20
12 -- Sinclair 13 yd pass from Harris, at OSU, 8/28
11 -- Bonani 18 yd field goal, at INS, 11/1
11 -- Burton 26 yd pass from Harris, at OSU, 9/6
11 -- Harris 12 yd run, at SDSU, 10/11
11 -- Bonani 36 yd field goal, vs. SIU, 11/8

Longest Scoring Drives - Time

6:13 -- Mattes 5 yd pass from Harris, at UCA, 9/20
5:57 -- Bonani 18 yd field goal, at INS, 11/1
5:52 -- Bonani 28 yd field goal, at UNI, 11/22
5:44 -- Harris 1 yd run, at UCA, 9/20
5:27 -- Harris 12 yd run, at SDSU, 10/11
5:21 -- Christophel 15 yd pass from Harris, at NSU, 8/28
5:13 -- Burton 26 yd pass from Harris, at OSU, 9/6
5:09 -- Holliman 30 yd pass from Harris, at ILS, 10/25
4:57 -- Crowder 1 yd run, at OSU, 9/6
4:50 -- Bonani 36 yd field goal, vs. SIU, 11/8

Shortest Scoring Drives - Yards

-1 -- Bonani 19 yd field goal, vs. NDSU, 11/15
0 -- Bonani 32 yd field goal, vs. USD, 10/18
5 -- Sinclair 5 yd pass from Harris, vs. UND, 9/13
7 -- Bonani 22 yd field goal, vs. SIU, 11/8
14 -- Sinclair 4 yd pass from Harris, vs. YSU, 10/4
15 -- Harris 12 yd run, at SDSU, 10/11
15 -- Crowder 2 yd run, at SDSU, 10/11
24 -- Bonani 35 yd field goal, vs. SIU, 11/8
32 -- Crowder 3 yd run, at SDSU, 10/11
35 -- Burton 32 yd pass from Harris, vs. SIU, 11/8

Shortest Scoring Drives - Plays

1 -- Sinclair 5 yd pass from Harris, vs. UND, 9/13
1 -- Burton 41 yd pass from Harris, at NSU, 8/28
2 -- Hoover 37 yd pass from Harris, at INS, 11/1
2 -- Harris 12 yd run, at SDSU, 10/11
2 -- Burton 32 yd pass from Harris, vs. SIU, 11/8
4 -- Eight times

Shortest Scoring Drives - Time

0:07 -- Sinclair 5 yd pass from Harris, vs. UND, 9/13
0:09 -- Burton 41 yd pass from Harris, at NSU, 8/28
0:21 -- Bonani 32 yd field goal, vs. USD, 10/18
0:42 -- Hoover 37 yd pass from Harris, at INS, 11/1
0:43 -- Harris 12 yd run, at SDSU, 10/11
0:51 -- Bonani 19 yd field goal, vs. NDSU, 11/15
0:54 -- Bonani 53 yd field goal, at UCA, 9/20
0:55 -- Sinclair 23 yd pass from Harris, at UCA, 9/20
1:10 -- Burton 34 yd pass from Harris, at OSU, 9/6
1:20 -- Bonani 41 yd field goal, at INS, 11/1



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2014 BEARS OVERALL STATISTICS

RUSHING	G	TC	Gain	Lost	Net	Avg.	TD	Long	Ypg.
Calan Crowder	12	153	781	19	762	5.0	4	33	63.5
Phoenix Johnson	12	143	607	32	575	4.0	2	24	47.9
Kierra Harris	12	143	677	199	478	3.3	7	34	39.8
Ryan Heaston	10	70	320	13	307	4.4	0	35	30.7
Cedric Miller	12	7	21	0	21	3.0	0	8	1.8
Julian Burton	12	5	16	5	11	2.2	0	11	0.9
Eric Christophel	12	1	6	0	6	6.0	0	6	0.5
Caleb Schaffitzel	12	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3	0.2
Brodie Lambert	4	3	4	2	2	0.7	0	2	0.5
Team	--	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.3
Total.....	12	527	2435	271	2164	4.1	13	35	180.3
Opponents.....	12	461	2407	167	2240	4.9	17	87	186.7

PASSING	G	Effic.	Cmp-Att-Int.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Long	Ypg.
Kierra Harris	12	128.84	159-289-8	55.0	1984	19	61	165.3
Brodie Lambert	4	35.50	1-4-0	25.0	5	0	5	1.2
Julian Burton	12	167.20	1-1-0	100.0	8	0	8	0.7
Total.....	12	127.70	161-294-8	54.8	1997	19	61	166.4
Opponents.....	12	131.78	201-339-13	59.3	2410	21	90	200.8

RECEIVING	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	Ypg.
Julian Burton	12	54	727	13.5	5	61	60.6
Eric Christophel	12	21	208	9.9	1	25	17.3
Malik Earl	12	19	302	15.9	1	53	25.2
Gannon Sinclair	12	18	258	14.3	7	35	21.5
Ryan Heaston	10	10	58	5.8	0	13	5.8
Zac Hoover	10	9	146	16.2	1	37	14.6
Calan Crowder	12	7	17	2.4	0	11	1.4
LeMarcus Stewart	9	6	73	12.2	1	40	8.1
Maddy Johnson	11	4	75	18.8	0	42	6.8
Phoenix Johnson	12	4	25	6.2	0	14	2.1
Josh Mattes	12	3	14	4.7	1	6	1.2
Willis Chambers	11	2	42	21.0	1	37	3.8
Richard Darden	12	2	14	7.0	0	10	1.2
Deion Holliman	12	1	30	30.0	1	30	2.5
Adam St. Peter	12	1	8	8.0	0	8	0.7

SCORING	TD	FG	PAT			Pass	DXP	Sfty	Pts
			Kick	Rush	Rec				
Marcelo Bonani	0	12-17	29-32	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	65
Gannon Sinclair	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	42
Kierra Harris	7	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0-0	0	0	42
Julian Burton	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30
Calan Crowder	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
LeMarcus Stewart	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Phoenix Johnson	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Cecil Bratton	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Willis Chambers	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Malik Earl	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Eric Christophel	1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0-0	0	0	6
Zac Hoover	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Deion Holliman	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Josh Mattes	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
James Barnes	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Total.....	35	12-17	29-32	0-2	0	0-0	0	0	275
Opponents.....	38	15-21	33-34	0-1	3	3-3	0	0	312

*Field Goal sequence (made field goals are underlined):
 MSU: Bonani (39, 38, 49, 34, 53, 32, 36, 18, 41, 45, 22, 36, 35, 43, 21, 46, 28), 12/17 (7/06)
 Opp.: (41, 44, 48, 37, 51, 46, 19, 34, 36, 29, 25, 39, 36, 47, 34, 37, 30, 38, 47, 19, 41), 15/21

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Ypg.
Kierra Harris	12	432	478	1984	2462	205.2
Calan Crowder	12	153	762	0	762	63.5
Phoenix Johnson	12	143	575	0	575	47.9
Ryan Heaston	10	70	307	0	307	30.7
Cedric Miller	12	7	21	0	21	1.8
Julian Burton	12	6	11	8	19	1.6
Brodie Lambert	4	7	2	5	7	1.8
Eric Christophel	12	1	6	0	6	0.5
Caleb Schaffitzel	12	1	3	0	3	0.2
Team	--	1	-1	0	-1	-0.3
Total.....	12	821	2164	1997	4161	346.8
Opponents.....	12	800	2240	2410	4650	387.5

KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Ret.	Net	YLn
Marcelo Bonani	53	3138	59.2	20	2	--	--	--
Shelby Harris	3	120	40.0	1	0	--	--	--
Total.....	56	3258	58.2	21	2	636	37.4	27
Opponents.....	63	3750	59.5	13	3	838	41.1	23

KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
Julian Burton	20	358	17.9	0	25
Cedric Miller	9	196	21.8	0	34
Ryan Heaston	4	54	13.5	0	21
LeMarcus Stewart	4	66	16.5	0	28
Caleb Schaffitzel	3	55	18.3	0	21
Zac Hoover	2	39	19.5	0	26
Deion Holliman	2	34	17.0	0	23
Mike Crutcher	1	29	29.0	0	29
Adam St. Peter	1	5	5.0	0	5
Erik Furmanek	1	2	2.0	0	2
Total.....	47	838	17.8	0	34
Opponents.....	29	636	21.9	0	46

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
Julian Burton	15	148	9.9	0	34
Kurran Blamey	2	34	17.0	0	0
Matt Rush	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
LeMarcus Stewart	0	2	0.0	1	2
Total.....	18	183	10.2	1	34
Opponents.....	22	237	10.8	0	41

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Total	Ypg.
Julian Burton	12	11	727	148	358	0	1244	103.7
Calan Crowder	12	762	17	0	0	0	779	64.9
Phoenix Johnson	12	575	25	0	0	0	600	50.0
Kierra Harris	12	478	0	0	0	0	478	39.8
Ryan Heaston	10	307	58	0	54	0	419	41.9
Malik Earl	12	0	302	0	0	0	302	25.2
Gannon Sinclair	12	0	258	0	0	0	258	21.5
Cedric Miller	12	21	0	0	196	0	217	18.1
Eric Christophel	12	6	208	0	0	0	214	17.8
Zac Hoover	10	0	146	0	39	0	185	18.5
LeMarcus Stewart	9	0	73	2	66	0	141	15.7
Maddy Johnson	11	0	75	0	0	0	75	6.8
Deion Holliman	12	0	30	0	34	0	64	5.3
Caleb Schaffitzel	12	3	0	0	55	0	58	4.8
Willis Chambers	11	0	42	0	0	0	42	3.8
Andrew Beisel	12	0	0	0	0	39	39	3.2
Kurran Blamey	12	0	0	34	0	0	34	2.8
Alexz Jones	10	0	0	0	0	30	30	3.0
Mike Crutcher	10	0	0	0	29	0	29	2.9
Vashon Landers	12	0	0	0	0	23	23	1.9
Josh Mattes	12	0	14	0	0	0	14	1.2
Richard Darden	12	0	14	0	0	0	14	1.2
Adam St. Peter	12	0	8	0	5	0	13	1.1
Brandon Cheaton	10	0	0	0	0	12	12	1.2
Others	--	1	0	-1	2	19	21	---
Total.....	12	2164	1997	183	838	123	5305	442.1
Opponents.....	12	2240	2410	237	636	88	5611	467.6

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blk
Chris Sullens	81	3309	40.9	74	4	26	33	2
Team	2	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Total.....	83	3309	39.9	74	4	26	33	2
Opponents.....	68	2698	39.7	64	7	13	18	3

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
Eric Phillips	3	0	0.0	0	0
Andrew Beisel	2	39	19.5	0	26
Dylan Cole	2	12	6.0	0	12
Alexz Jones	1	30	30.0	0	30
Vashon Landers	1	23	23.0	0	23
Brandon Cheaton	1	12	12.0	0	12
Jeremy Springer	1	4	4.0	0	4
Christian Hoffmann	1	3	3.0	0	3
Caleb Schaffitzel	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total.....	13	123	9.5	0	30
Opponents.....	8	88	11.0	0	27



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Date	Opponent	Attendance	Result
Aug. 28	at Northwestern State	9,284	W 34-27
Sept. 6	at Oklahoma State	51,562	L 23-40
Sept. 13	North Dakota	18,386	W 38-0
Sept. 20	at UCA	10,027	W 33-31
Oct. 4	(12) Youngstown State*	12,218	L 7-14
Oct. 11	at (19) South Dakota State*	11,348	L 28-32
Oct. 18	South Dakota*	15,537	W 31-12
Oct. 25	at (9) Illinois State*	10,164	L 7-21
Nov. 1	at (19) Indiana State*	4,799	L 18-20
Nov. 8	(24) Southern Illinois*	7,586	L 22-32
Nov. 15	(4) North Dakota State*	4,597	L 10-45
Nov. 22	at (11) UNI*	10,298	L 24-38

* Missouri Valley Football Conference game; (N) night games; national rankings in parentheses.

DEFENSE	G	UT	AT	TT	TFL-Yd	Sks-Yd	PBU	QBH	FR-Yd	FF
Caleb Schaffitzel.....	12	42	54	96	3.0-6	1.0-1	11	.	1-0	1
Dylan Cole.....	12	54	38	92	14.5-41	2.5-17	6	3	1-0	.
Andrew Beisel.....	12	35	52	87	6.0-11	.	2	.	1-4	1
Christian Hoffmann.....	12	27	38	65	4.5-24	3.0-22	1	2	.	.
Jeremy Springer.....	12	21	38	59	1.0-1	.	1	.	.	.
Mike Crutcher.....	10	23	30	53	.	.	5	.	.	.
Eric Phillips.....	12	25	25	50	2.0-4	.	4	.	.	.
James Barnes.....	12	20	27	47	6.0-29	5.0-27	1	2	1-12	.
Vashon Landers.....	12	24	21	45	0.5-2	.	2	.	.	.
Cecil Bratton.....	12	13	29	42	1.0-5	1.0-5	.	.	1-0	.
Brandon Cheaton.....	10	9	29	38	.	.	3	.	.	.
Colby Isbell.....	12	9	21	30	4.0-18	3.0-18	1	.	1-3	1
Alexz Jones.....	10	16	13	29	3.0-7	.	.	1	.	1
Brad Pryor.....	12	4	20	24	3.5-12	2.5-10	.	.	1-0	.
Eric Greely.....	12	7	10	17	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matt Rush.....	3	11	2	13	2.0-5	.	.	.	.	.
Sean Bernard.....	3	5	6	11	2.0-8	1.0-5	.	.	.	.
Kurran Blamey.....	12	5	6	11	.	.	.	.	.	1
Erik Furmanek.....	12	7	3	10	.	.	1	.	.	1
Terrence Neuhauser.....	11	1	8	9	.	.	.	.	1-0	.
Jermaine Hill.....	12	1	7	8	.	.	.	.	.	.
McKinze James.....	11	4	3	7	.	.	.	.	.	1
John Edwards.....	12	6	.	6	.	.	.	.	1-0	.
Daryl Coburn.....	6	1	5	6	.	.	.	.	.	.
Willis Chambers.....	11	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.
Jonathan Avant.....	11	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.
LeMarcus Stewart.....	9	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.
Josh Mattes.....	12	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.
Eric Christophel.....	12	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.
Chris Sullens.....	12	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.
Marcelo Bonani.....	12	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.
Deion Holliman.....	12	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.
Calan Crowder.....	12	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.
Ben Howard.....	8	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.
Caleb Brammer.....	6	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.
Colby Wickwar.....	12	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.
Darius Ivy.....	6	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.
Tony Jones.....	4	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.
Zac Hoover.....	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Adam St. Peter.....	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Kierra Harris.....	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Patrick Morse.....	10	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Phoenix Johnson.....	12	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total.....	12	394	500	894	53-173	19-105	38	8	9-19	8
Opponents.....	12	456	453	909	77.0-296	29-190	31	15	4-4	7

Blocked Kicks -- MSU (4); Kurran Blamey 2; Colby Isbell 1; Caleb Schaffitzel 1; Opponents 5.
Safeties -- MSU 0; Opponents 0.

TEAM STATISTICS	MSU	Opp.				
SCORING	275	312				
Points Per Game	22.9	26.0				
Points Off Turnovers	64	24				
Touchdowns	35	38				
Field Goals-Attempts	12-17	15-21				
PAT-Attempts	29-32	33-34				
PAT Percentage	91%	97%				
Two-Point Conversions	0-2	0-1				
Safeties Scored	0	0				
Defensive PATs	0	0				
FIRST DOWNS	215	221				
Rushing	112	95				
Passing	90	110				
Penalty	13	16				
RUSHING YARDAGE	2164	2240				
Yards gained rushing	2435	2407				
Yards lost rushing	271	167				
Rushing Attempts	527	461				
Average Per Rush	4.1	4.9				
Average Per Game	180.3	186.7				
TDs Rushing	13	17				
PASSING YARDAGE	1997	2410				
Comp-Att-Int	161-294-8	201-339-13				
Average Per Pass	6.8	7.1				
Average Per Catch	12.4	12.0				
Average Per Game	166.4	200.8				
TDs Passing	19	21				
TOTAL OFFENSE	4161	4650				
Total Plays	821	800				
Average Per Play	5.1	5.8				
Average Per Game	346.8	387.5				
KICKOFFS-Yards	56-3258	63-3750				
Average Per Kick	58.2	59.5				
Net kick average	37.4	41.1				
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	47-838	29-636				
Kick Return Average	17.8	21.9				
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	18-183	22-237				
Punt Return Average	10.2	10.8				
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	13-123	8-88				
Interception Return Average	9.5	11.0				
FUMBLES-LOST	9-4	16-9				
PENALTIES-Yards	77-677	62-557				
Average Per Game	56.4	46.4				
PUNTS-Yards	83-3309	68-2698				
Average Per Punt	39.9	39.7				
Net punt average	36.0	34.9				
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	31:07	28:46				
3rd-DOWN Conversions	51/172	67/171				
3rd-Down Pct	30%	39%				
4th-DOWN Conversions	7/14	5/10				
4th-Down Pct	50%	50%				
SACKS BY-Yards	19-105	29-190				
MISC YARDS	0	0				
ON-SIDE KICKS	1-1	0-0				
RED-ZONE SUMMARY	29-34	34-41				
Red-Zone Scoring Percentage	85%	83%				
Red-Zone Touchdowns	20-34	24-41				
Red-Zone Touchdown Percentage	59%	59%				
Red-Zone Field Goals	9-12	10-12				
Red-Zone Turnovers/Downs/End Half	0-2-0	3-0-2				
ATTENDANCE (total 165,806)	58,324	107,482				
Games Avg. Attendance Per Game	5-11,665	7-15,355				
SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Missouri State.....	46	91	62	76	0	275
Opponents.....	75	108	53	76	0	312



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MSU Individual Game Highs

Rushes	19	Kierra Harris at Indiana State (Nov. 1, 2014)
Yards Rushing	120	Calan Crowder vs. Southern Illinois (Nov. 8, 2014)
TD Rushes	2	Kierra Harris (two times)
	2	Calan Crowder at South Dakota State (Oct. 11, 2014)
	2	Phoenix Johnson at UNI (Nov. 22, 2014)
Long Rush	35	Ryan Heaston at Central Arkansas (Sept. 20, 2014)
Pass attempts	35	Kierra Harris at Central Arkansas (Sept. 20, 2014)
Pass completions	20	Kierra Harris at Central Arkansas (Sept. 20, 2014)
Yards Passing	342	Kierra Harris at Central Arkansas (Sept. 20, 2014)
TD Passes	3	Kierra Harris, three times
Long Pass	61	Kierra Harris at Northwestern State (Aug. 28, 2014)
Receptions	10	Julian Burton at Central Arkansas (Sept. 20, 2014)
Yards Receiving	194	Julian Burton at Central Arkansas (Sept. 20, 2014)
TD Receptions	2	Julian Burton at Oklahoma State (Sept. 6, 2014)
Long Reception	61	Julian Burton at Northwestern State (Aug. 28, 2014)
Field Goals	3	Marcelo Bonani vs. Southern Illinois (Nov. 8, 2014)
Long Field Goal	53	Marcelo Bonani at Central Arkansas (Sept. 20, 2014)
Punts	8	Chris Sullens, three times
Punting Avg	48.2	Chris Sullens vs. Southern Illinois (Nov. 8, 2014)
Long Punt	74	Chris Sullens vs. South Dakota (Oct. 18, 2014)
	74	Chris Sullens vs. Southern Illinois (Nov. 8, 2014)
Punts inside 20	6	Chris Sullens vs. South Dakota (Oct. 18, 2014)
Long Punt Return	23	Julian Burton vs. North Dakota (Sept. 13, 2014)
Long Kickoff Return	34	Cedric Miller vs. North Dakota (Sept. 13, 2014)
Tackles	16	Andrew Beisel vs. Southern Illinois (Nov. 8, 2014)
Tackles For Loss	6.0	Dylan Cole at Oklahoma State (Sept. 6, 2014)
Sacks	2.0	James Barnes at South Dakota State (Oct. 11, 2014)
Interceptions	1	Eric Phillips, three times
	1	Dylan Cole, two times
	1	Andrew Beisel, two times
	1	Seven additional times by seven players

MSU Team Game Highs

Rushes	57	at Central Arkansas (Sept. 20, 2014)
Yards Rushing	279	vs. South Dakota (Oct. 18, 2014)
Yards Per Rush	6.5	vs. South Dakota (Oct. 18, 2014)
TD Rushes	4	at South Dakota State (Oct. 11, 2014)
Pass attempts	36	at Central Arkansas (Sept. 20, 2014)
Pass completions	20	at Central Arkansas (Sept. 20, 2014)
Yards Passing	342	at Central Arkansas (Sept. 20, 2014)
Yards Per Pass	9.5	at Central Arkansas (Sept. 20, 2014)
TD Passes	3	Three times
Total Plays	93	at Central Arkansas (Sept. 20, 2014)
Total Offense	593	at Central Arkansas (Sept. 20, 2014)
Yards Per Play	6.8	vs. South Dakota (Oct. 18, 2014)
Points	38	vs. North Dakota (Sept. 13, 2014)
First Downs	27	at Central Arkansas (Sept. 20, 2014)
Penalties	12	at Central Arkansas (Sept. 20, 2014)
Penalty Yards	113	at Central Arkansas (Sept. 20, 2014)
Turnovers	3	vs. North Dakota (Sept. 13, 2014)
	3	vs. North Dakota State (Nov. 15, 2014)
Interceptions By	3	at South Dakota State (Oct. 11, 2014)
Punts	8	Three times
Punting Avg	48.2	vs. Southern Illinois (Nov. 8, 2014)
Long Punt	74	vs. South Dakota (Oct. 18, 2014)
	74	vs. Southern Illinois (Nov. 8, 2014)
Punts inside 20	6	vs. South Dakota (Oct. 18, 2014)

Opponent Individual Game Highs

Rushes	37	Cameron Walter vs. Southern Illinois (Nov. 8, 2014)
Yards Rushing	210	Cameron Walter vs. Southern Illinois (Nov. 8, 2014)
TD Rushes	3	David Johnson at UNI (Nov. 22, 2014)
Long Rush	87	LeMonte Booker at Indiana State (Nov. 1, 2014)
Pass attempts	42	Zach Adkins at Northwestern State (Aug. 28, 2014)
Pass completions	31	Zach Adkins at Northwestern State (Aug. 28, 2014)
Yards Passing	318	Zach Adkins at Northwestern State (Aug. 28, 2014)
TD Passes	5	Carson Wentz vs. North Dakota State (Nov. 15, 2014)
Long Pass	90	Ryan Howard at Central Arkansas (Sept. 20, 2014)
Receptions	9	Ed Eagan at Northwestern State (Aug. 28, 2014)
Yards Receiving	183	Jake Wieneke at South Dakota State (Oct. 11, 2014)
TD Receptions	3	Jake Wieneke at South Dakota State (Oct. 11, 2014)
Long Reception	90	Dezmin Lewis at Central Arkansas (Sept. 20, 2014)
Field Goals	4	Ben Grogan at Oklahoma State (Sept. 6, 2014)
Long Field Goal	47	Miles Bergner vs. South Dakota (Oct. 18, 2014)
Punts	11	Connor Bolduc vs. North Dakota (Sept. 13, 2014)
Punting Avg	47.4	Matthew Spencer at Central Arkansas (Sept. 20, 2014)
Long Punt	64	C.J. Laros at Illinois State (Oct. 25, 2014)
Punts inside 20	3	Logan Bieghler at UNI (Nov. 22, 2014)
Long Punt Return	41	Clay Murphy at Central Arkansas (Sept. 20, 2014)
Long Kickoff Return	46	Jatavious Wilson at Central Arkansas (Sept. 20, 2014)
Tackles	13	Tyson Graham vs. South Dakota (Oct. 18, 2014)
Tackles For Loss	4.0	Isaac Ales at UNI (Nov. 22, 2014)
Sacks	2.0	Teddy Corwin C.J. Laros at Illinois St. (Oct. 25, 2014)
	2.0	Kyle Emanuel vs. North Dakota State (Nov. 15, 2014)
	2.0	Isaac Ales at UNI (Nov. 22, 2014)
Interceptions	2	Tre Moore vs. Youngstown State (Oct. 4, 2014)

Opponent Team Game Highs

Rushes	49	vs. Southern Illinois (Nov. 8, 2014)
Yards Rushing	27	at UNI (Nov. 22, 2014)
Yards Per Rush	6.2	at UNI (Nov. 22, 2014)
TD Rushes	5	at UNI (Nov. 22, 2014)
Pass attempts	42	at Northwestern State (Aug. 28, 2014)
Pass completions	31	at Northwestern State (Aug. 28, 2014)
Yards Passing	318	at Northwestern State (Aug. 28, 2014)
Yards Per Pass	10.3	at South Dakota State (Oct. 11, 2014)
TD Passes	5	vs. North Dakota State (Nov. 15, 2014)
Total Plays	82	at Northwestern State (Aug. 28, 2014)
Total Offense	493	at Northwestern State (Aug. 28, 2014)
Yards Per Play	7.2	vs. North Dakota State (Nov. 15, 2014)
Points	45	vs. North Dakota State (Nov. 15, 2014)
First Downs	27	at Northwestern State (Aug. 28, 2014)
Penalties	11	at South Dakota State (Oct. 11, 2014)
Penalty Yards	92	at South Dakota State (Oct. 11, 2014)
Turnovers	3	Five times
Interceptions By	2	vs. Youngstown State (Oct. 4, 2014)
	2	vs. North Dakota State (Nov. 15, 2014)
Punts	11	vs. North Dakota (Sept. 13, 2014)
Punting Avg	47.4	at Central Arkansas (Sept. 20, 2014)
Long Punt	64	at Illinois State (Oct. 25, 2014)
Punts inside 20	3	at UNI (Nov. 22, 2014)



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2014 BEARS INDIVIDUAL GAME-BY-GAME

RUSHING	No-Yds/TD	NSU	OSU	UND	UCA	YSU	SDSU	USD	ILS	INS	SIU	NDSU	UNI
Calan Crowder	153-762/4	14-58/0	7-49/1	13-119/0	13-67/0	10-58/0	12-41/2	13-58/0	8-45/0	9-21/0	25-120/0	14-44/0	15-82/1
Phoenix Johnson	143-575/2	15-71/0	18-61/0	7-19/0	15-37/0	11-47/0	2-5/0	14-76/0	15-74/0	14-46/0	2-6/0	13-57/0	17-76/2
Kierra Harris	143-478/7	11-66/1	16-45/0	9-41/1	15-55/2	12-15/0	15-65/2	7-90/1	9-24/0	19-97/0	9-8/0	8-24/0	13-44/0
Ryan Heaston	70-307/0	7-24/0	DNP	8-31/0	11-88/0	7-29/0	10-25/0	9-55/0	6-23/0	-	6-10/0	6-22/0	DNP
Cedric Miller	7-21/0	-	-	7-21/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Julian Burton	5-11/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4-15/0	-	1--5/0
Eric Christophel	1-6/0	-	-	-	1-6/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Caleb Schaffitzel	1-3/0	-	-	-	-	1-3/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brodie Lambert	3-2/0	-	-	2-4/0	1--2/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
PASSING	Att-Cmp-Int	NSU	OSU	UND	UCA	YSU	SDSU	USD	ILS	INS	SIU	NDSU	UNI
Kierra Harris	289-159-8	22-11-1	21-14-0	16-11-0	35-20-0	28-9-2	25-12-1	20-9-0	22-15-0	25-16-1	29-13-1	23-12-2	23-17-0
Yards-TD	1984-19	195-3	206-2	149-3	342-2	75-1	113-0	152-3	134-1	159-2	159-1	141-1	159-0
Brodie Lambert	4-1-0	--	2-1-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Yards-TD	5-0	--	5-0	0-0	0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
RECEIVING	No-Yds/TD	NSU	OSU	UND	UCA	YSU	SDSU	USD	ILS	INS	SIU	NDSU	UNI
Julian Burton	54-727/5	4-140/1	6-86/2	1--8/0	10-194/0	2-12/0	6-66/0	2-21/1	7-46/0	3-17/0	5-56/1	7-53/0	1-44/0
Malik Earl	19-302/1	-	-	2-27/0	2-40/0	2-31/0	1-25/0	2-72/1	2-10/0	3-26/0	2-29/0	-	3-42/0
Gannon Sinclair	18-258/7	2-27/1	1-8/0	1-5/1	2-49/1	1-4/1	1-4/0	1-29/1	-	2-24/1	3-26/0	2-54/1	2-28/0
Eric Christophel	21-208/1	1-15/1	-	1-7/0	2-31/0	-	1-7/0	1-9/0	3-35/0	4-40/0	2-37/0	-	6-27/0
Zac Hoover	9-146/1	DNP	3-41/0	-	-	2-28/0	-	-	DNP	2-41/1	1-11/0	1-7/0	-
Maddy Johnson	4-75/0	1-5/0	1-42/0	1-21/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	DNP	-	1-7/0
LeMarcus Stewart	6-73/1	1-8/0	1-4/0	2-38/1	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	1-8/0	-	-	1-15/0	-
Ryan Heaston	10-58/0	1-2/0	DNP	-	2-17/0	-	3-11/0	2-11/0	1-5/0	-	-	1-12/0	DNP
Willis Chambers	2-42/1	-	1-5/0	1-37/1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	DNP
Deion Holliman	1-30/1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-30/1	-	-	-	-
Phoenix Johnson	4-25/0	-	1-14/0	2-4/0	-	-	-	-	-	1-7/0	-	-	-
Calan Crowder	7-17/0	1--2/0	1-11/0	-	-	1--3/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	4-11/0
Josh Mattes	3-14/1	-	-	-	2-11/1	1-3/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Richard Darden	2-14/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-10/0	-	1-4/0	-	-	-
Adam St. Peter	1-8/0	-	1-8/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL TACKLES	UA-A-TOT	NSU	OSU	UND	UCA	YSU	SDSU	USD	ILS	INS	SIU	NDSU	UNI
Caleb Schaffitzel	42-54--96	6-2	3-3	2-7	6-4	2-6	1-3	4-7	0-2	5-2	6-9	4-7	3-2
Dylan Cole	54-38--92	7-2	7-1	4-5	3-3	3-2	6-3	5-7	6-1	6-2	0-6	3-4	4-2
Andrew Beisel	35-52--87	4-2	5-5	0-7	5-1	2-2	4-2	0-2	4-3	3-3	1-15	1-8	6-2
Christian Hoffmann	27-38--65	6-1	1-1	2-3	2-2	3-7	4-5	3-6	1-1	0-2	0-3	2-5	3-2
Jeremy Springer	21-38--59	4-1	4-1	1-4	0-5	0-6	0-4	3-8	2-0	3-0	0-3	2-3	2-3
Mike Crutcher	23-30--53	1-1	2-1	0-3	5-3	1-7	4-0	3-5	1-0	DNP	DNP	1-9	5-1
Eric Phillips	25-25--50	4-0	2-0	2-3	1-1	1-2	3-2	2-2	1-0	2-4	2-7	2-3	3-1
James Barnes	20-27--47	2-0	2-2	1-4	2-3	3-2	3-2	0-2	2-0	1-2	3-4	0-3	1-3
Vashon Landers	24-21--45	4-2	1-0	0-1	2-1	3-2	2-1	2-3	2-1	2-1	3-5	1-1	2-3
Cecil Bratton	13-29--42	2-4	0-1	1-1	0-2	1-4	2-3	0-4	4-0	1-2	0-2	0-5	2-1
Brandon Cheaton	9-29--38	0-3	2-1	0-2	DNP	DNP	0-3	1-2	1-2	2-1	1-10	1-5	1-0
Colby Isbell	9-21--30	1-1	0-2	-	1-0	0-1	2-0	2-2	0-1	1-4	0-4	1-4	1-2
Alexz Jones	16-13--29	1-1	1-0	0-2	6-2	4-2	DNP	1-0	2-1	1-0	0-3	0-2	DNP
Brad Pryor	4-20--24	1-0	1-0	0-4	-	0-3	1-5	1-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-3	0-1
Eric Greely	7-10--17	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-1	-	0-1	0-1	3-2	-	0-1	1-1	2-1
Matt Rush	11-2--13	3-1	7-0	1-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Kurran Blamey	5-6--11	0-1	1-1	0-1	1-1	0-2	3-0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sean Bernard	5-6--11	0-3	3-0	2-3	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Erik Furmanek	7-3--10	1-0	1-0	-	-	1-0	-	2-2	2-1	-	-	-	-
Terrence Neuhauser	1-8--9	-	0-1	-	DNP	-	0-1	-	-	-	1-2	0-3	0-1
Jermaine Hill	1-7--8	0-1	-	0-1	-	0-1	-	-	1-2	-	0-1	-	0-1
McKinze James	4-3--7	1-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	DNP	1-0	-	1-0
John Edwards	6-0--6	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	3-0	-	-	1-0	1-0
Daryl Coburn	1-5--6	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-1	-	-	0-4	-	1-0
Jonathan Avant	1-3--4	0-1	DNP	0-2	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Willis Chambers	2-2--4	-	0-1	-	0-1	-	1-0	-	-	-	1-0	-	DNP
LeMarcus Stewart	3-0--3	-	-	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	1-0	-	-	1-0	1-0
Josh Mattes	1-2--3	-	-	0-1	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	-
Ben Howard	1-1--2	-	DNP	-	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	DNP	1-1	-	-
Deion Holliman	2-0--2	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-
Eric Christophel	2-0--2	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-
Chris Sullens	2-0--2	-	1-0	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marcelo Bonani	2-0--2	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0
Darius Ivy	1-1--2	-	DNP	1-0	-	-	-	0-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Caleb Brammer	1-1--2	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	0-1	-	-	-	1-0	DNP
Colby Wickwar	1-1--2	1-0	-	-	0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Calan Crowder	2-0--2	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	1-0	-
Tony Jones	0-2--2	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	0-2	-



MISSOURI STATE FOOTBALL



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2014 BEARS GAME RECAPS

Game **1** Aug. 28, 2014, Turpin Stadium, Natchitoches, La.

Missouri State	34
Northwestern State	27

NATCHITOCHEES, La. - Missouri State kicked off the 2014 season in grand style, rallying from a 17-point second-half deficit to pull out a 34-27 victory over Northwestern State at Turpin Stadium. Kierra Harris matched a career high by passing for three touchdowns, including a 13-yard scoring strike to Gannon Sinclair with just over five minutes remaining in the game to put the Bears on top for good.

Trailing 24-7 midway through the third period with Northwestern State nearing the goal line once more, the Bears received the first of two key defensive plays by freshman Colby Isbell that helped turn the tide in MSU's favor. After NSU quarterback Zach Adkins passed for 223 yards and a pair of touchdowns in the first half to stake the Demons to 17-point leads on two different occasions, the home team picked up right where it left off to start the second half, as the Demons moved the ball inside the Bears' 5-yard line with a 14-play drive that covered 85 yards.

But Isbell stripped a hard-charging Garrett Atzenweiler of the football at the goal line, then scooped up the loose ball to thwart the scoring threat and provide perhaps the biggest momentum swing of the night.

Harris and the Bears offense followed with their best drive of the night, marching 97 yards on 14 plays to find pay dirt, using a 15-yard Harris touchdown toss to Eric Christophel to slice the NSU lead to 24-14 with 3:00 left in the third period. MSU's senior signal-caller led the charge, reeling off first-down runs of seven yards or more on three separate occasions, before capping the drive with his second TD pass of the game.

After NSU's Chris Moore booted his second field goal of the game—a 44-yarder—just six seconds into the fourth quarter, Harris went to work through the air this time, hooking up with Burton on a 61-yard pass play that set up the Bears with a first and goal at the NSU 4. Three plays later, Harris took it over the goal line himself to draw the Bears to within 27-21 at the 13:23 mark.

NSU had a chance to put the game away on its ensuing drive when Adkins connected with Ed Eagan for a pair of key completions to move the ball to the Bears' 35. But the MSU defense held, this time forcing a 48-yard try by Moore that would have stretched the lead to nine points with just over nine minutes to play. Once again, Isbell played the role of spoiler, getting a hand on Moore's kick to leave it well short of the goal posts to set up his offense for one final push.

It would be the tandem of Calan Crowder and Sinclair who would keep the Demons on their collective heels throughout the decisive drive. Harris hit Sinclair with a 14-yard pass to the bring the Bears past midfield, before Crowder would chew up 30 yards on the ground over the following eight plays to move the ball to the NSU 19. The third prong of the Bears' second-half ground attack—Phoenix Johnson—picked up six yards to give MSU a first down at the 13, and Sinclair took over from there, hauling in Harris' pass and stretching the ball across the goal line for the go-ahead touchdown with 5:15 to play.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Missouri State (1-0)	0	7	7	20	34
Northwestern State (0-1)	10	14	0	3	27

Scoring Summary:

1st	NSU 12:33	De'Mard Llorens 53 yard run (Moore kick)
	NSU 5:03	Chris Moore 41 yard field goal
2nd	NSU 8:08	Ed Eagan 12 yard pass from Zach Adkins (Moore kick)
	MSU 4:40	Julian Burton 41 yard pass from Kierra Harris (Bonani kick)
	NSU 2:27	Bryan Mitchell 28 yard pass from Zach Adkins (Moore kick)
3rd	MSU 3:00	Eric Christophel 15 yard pass from Kierra Harris (Bonani kick)
4th	NSU 14:54	Chris Moore 44 yard field goal
	MSU 13:23	Kierra Harris 1 yard run (Bonani kick)
	MSU 5:15	Gannon Sinclair 13 yard pass from Kierra Harris (Bonani kick)
	MSU 0:00	James Barnes 12 yard fumble recovery

Team Statistics

	NSU	MSU
FIRST DOWNS	27	21
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	40-175	47-223
PASSING YDS (NET)	318	195
Passes Att-Comp-Int	31-42-1	11-22-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	82-493	69-418
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	2-15
Punt Returns-Yards	2-8	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-66	4-79
Interception Returns-Yards	1-(-2)	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	3-40.7	7-37.1
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-0
Penalties-Yards	6-50	7-45
Possession Time	30:25	28:13
Third-Down Conversions	8 of 16	4 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-2	3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	0-0

Individual Statistics

RUSHING: Missouri State - Phoenix Johnson 15-71; Kierra Harris 11-66; Calan Crowder 14-62; Ryan Heaston 7-24. Northwestern State - De'Mard Llorens 11-94; Garrett Atzenweiler 13-37; Zach Adkins 9-24; Daniel Taylor 5-13; Ronald Green 2-7.

PASSING: Missouri State - Kierra Harris 11-22-3-195. Northwestern State - Zach Adkins 31-42-3-318.

RECEIVING: Missouri State - Julian Burton 4-140; Gannon Sinclair 2-27; Eric Christophel 1-15; LeMarcus Stewart 1-8; Maddy Johnson 1-5; Ryan Heaston 1-2; Calan Crowder 1-(-2). Northwestern State - Ed Eagan 9-107; Tuff McClain 5-73; Bryan Mitchell 4-61; Cody Jones 3-29; Daniel Taylor 3-28; Shakeri Ryan 3-10; De'Mard Llorens 2-6; Corey Simmons 1-4; Garrett Atzenweiler 1-0.

TACKLES: Missouri State: Dylan Cole 9; Caleb Schaffitzel 8; Christian Hoffmann 7; Andrew Beisel 6; Vashon Landers 6; Cecil Bratton 6; Jeremy Springer 5. Northwestern State: Justin Evans 9; Marion Chapman 9; Chase Collins 7; Adam Jones 6.

Attendance: 9,284. Kickoff time: 6:00 p.m. End of Game: 9:11 p.m. Total elapsed time: 3:11.

Officials: Referee: Stacy Hardin; Umpire: Matt Salas; Linesman: Craig Goering; Line judge: Justin Gragg; Back judge: Trawick Booger; Field judge: Joe Conte; Side judge: Keith Claiborne. Temperature: 86. Wind: SE 5 mph. Weather: Sunny.

Game **2** Sept. 6, 2014, Boone Pickens Stadium, Stillwater, Okla.

Missouri State	23
Oklahoma State	40

STILLWATER, Okla. - Oklahoma State took control of a tightly-contested game with a second-quarter offensive surge, then withstood Missouri State's second-half rally for a 40-23 non-conference victory at Boone Pickens Stadium.

Kierra Harris notched his fourth career 200-yard passing game for MSU, completing 14-of-21 passes—including two long touchdown strikes to senior receiver Julian Burton. But Oklahoma State received a lift from backup quarterback Daxx Garman, who came through with a series of clutch third-down completions, while the Cowboys' defense held the Bears scoreless for over 30 minutes to seal the first victory of the season for OSU.

After being out-gained by Missouri State in the first quarter, OSU (1-1) racked up 179 yards of offense in the second quarter and reeled off 27 unanswered points to establish a 37-6 lead before the Bears (1-1) would score 17 of the game's final 20 points.

MSU, which posted its best offensive day in its all-time series with OSU, notched its highest point total against an NCAA FBS opponent since 48-24 setback at Kansas State in 2010. Harris finished with 206 passing yards and rushed for 45 more, while Burton caught six passes for a total of 85 yards to extend his streak of consecutive games with at least one reception to 22.

Subbing for injured Cowboys' starting quarterback J.W. Walsh, Garman completed 16-of-26 for 244 yards—158 in the second quarter alone—to lead the decisive OSU onslaught. Garman delivered the biggest blow of the day on a critical 3rd-and-19 play at the OSU 13, finding an open Brandon Sheperd across the middle for a momentum-swinging 87-yard touchdown that turned an 11-point game into a 24-6 Cowboy lead with 6:52 to play in the first half.

Moments earlier, the Bears had appeared poised to cut into the Cowboys' cushion after a 25-yard Calan Crowder rush and a pair of Harris completions moved the ball to the OSU 22. The Cowboys' defense held, however, stifling two MSU runs and forcing an incomplete on third down before the OSU special teams came up with its Big 12 Conference-record third blocked kick of the half on a Marcelo Bonani 39-yard field goal attempt.

MSU's Dylan Cole notched the Bears' first sack of the season on OSU's first play of the ensuing drive, and Garman's second-down pass resulted in a three-yard loss to bring up a 3rd-and-long situation. But Garman hit Sheperd near midfield, and the junior receiver beat a pair of MSU defenders to the goal line to cap the longest Cowboy pass completion since 2008.

Oklahoma State kept the heat on early in the second half, as Garman hit Seales with a 26-yard scoring pass after Tyreek Hill's 44-yard run carried the Cowboys deep into MSU territory. Grogan tacked on another three points on OSU's next possession, capping a 42-yard drive with a 34-yard kick that extended the margin to 37-6.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Missouri State (1-1)	6	0	7	10	23
Oklahoma State (1-1)	10	17	10	3	40

Scoring Summary:

1st	OSU 11:38	Ben Grogan 37 yard field goal
	OSU 3:44	Rennie Childs 2 yard run (Grogan kick)
	MSU 2:34	Julian Burton 34 yard pass from Kierra Harris (kick blocked)
2nd	OSU 11:47	Rennie Childs 2 yard run (Grogan kick)
	OSU 6:52	Brandon Sheperd 87 yard pass from Daxx Garman (Grogan kick)
	OSU 0:00	Ben Grogan 19 yard field goal
3rd	OSU 12:01	Jhajuan Seales 21 yard pass from Daxx Garman (Grogan kick)
	OSU 6:51	Ben Grogan 36 yard field goal
	MSU 1:54	Calan Crowder 1 yard run (Bonani kick)
4th	OSU 14:41	Ben Grogan 36 yard field goal
	MSU 9:28	Julian Burton 26 yard pass from Kierra Harris (Bonani kick)
	MSU 3:21	Marcelo Bonani 38 yard field goal

Team Statistics

	OSU	MSU
FIRST DOWNS	22	20
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	206	155
PASSING YDS (NET)	274	219
Passes Att-Comp-Int	21-35-0	16-24-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	70-480	65-374
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	3-67	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-50	5-114
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-26.2	1-18.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-45	7-70
Possession Time	26:37	33:23
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 15	4 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 2	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-2	3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	5-24	2-14

Individual Statistics

RUSHING: Missouri State - Phoenix Johnson 18-61; Calan Crowder 7-49; Kierra Harris 16-45. Oklahoma State - Tyreek Hill 8-62; J.W. Walsh 4-42; Rennie Childs 12-39; Raymond Taylor 5-39; James Washington 1-20; Daxx Garman 5-4.

PASSING: Missouri State - Kierra Harris 14-21-2-206; Brodie Lambert 1-2-0-5; Julian Burton 1-1-0-8. Oklahoma State - Daxx Garman 16-26-2-244; J.W. Walsh 5-9-0-30.

RECEIVING: Missouri State - Julian Burton 6-86; Maddie Johnson 3-41; Maddy Johnson 1-42; Phoenix Johnson 1-14; Calan Crowder 1-11; Gannon Sinclair 1-8; Adam St. Peter 1-8; Willis Chambers 1-5; LeMarcus Stewart 1-4. Oklahoma State - Brandon Sheperd 4-131; David Glidden 4-33; Jhajuan Seales 3-54; Austin Hays 3-21; Ra'Shaad Samples 3-11; C.J. Curry 2-18; Marcell Ateman 1-4; Tyreek Hill 1-2.

TACKLES: Missouri State: Andrew Beisel 10; Dylan Cole 8; Matt Rush 7; Caleb Schaffitzel 6. Oklahoma State: Ryan Simmons 7; Josh Furman 5; Larry Stephens 5; Seth Jacobs 5.

Attendance: 51,562. Kickoff time: 2:35 p.m. End of Game: 5:47 p.m. Total elapsed time: 3:12.

Officials: Referee: Randy Cristal; Umpire: Jim Adams; Linesman: Cal McNeill; Line judge: Kelly Detering; Back judge: Terry Jones; Field judge: Joe Blubaugh; Side judge: Freeman Johns. Temperature: 64. Wind: NNE 9 mph. Weather: Light Rain.



MISSOURI STATE FOOTBALL



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2014 BEARS GAME RECAPS

Game	Sept. 13, 2014, Robert W. Plaster Stadium, Springfield, Mo.
3	North Dakota 0 Missouri State 38

SPRINGFIELD - Missouri State used a shutdown defensive performance and a second-half scoring barrage to post a 38-0 victory over North Dakota before a record-setting crowd of 18,386 at Robert W. Plaster Stadium.

Playing its first home game in newly-refurbished Plaster Stadium, MSU built a 14-0 halftime lead thanks in large part to its defense, then pulled away with three touchdowns in a five-minute span in the second half to improve to 2-1 for the first time since 2009. Overall, the Bears' defense limited UND 166 yards of total offense and just seven first downs, as the largest home audience in school history witnessed MSU's first shutout victory since a 3-0 win over North Dakota State on Nov. 20, 2010.

Calan Crowder recorded his first career 100-yard rushing performance to help Missouri State tally a season-high 235 ground yards, and Kierra Harris tossed three second-half touchdown passes to put the game out of reach. The Bears forced a trio of UND turnovers on the night and piled up 247 total yards in the second half.

The Bears capitalized on a key special teams play on the initial play of the second period to register the first points of the evening. Chris Sullens boomed a 47-yard punt to pin the visitors on their own 2-yard line, one of four punts inside the opposition's 20 in the opening half for the Bears' junior punter. Three plays later, a pair of Missouri State freshmen teamed up to put the Bears on the board, as Sean Bernard charged through the UND line to sack quarterback Joe Mollberg and force a fumble in the end zone, where Cecil Bratton fell on the loose ball for his first career touchdown and a 7-0 MSU lead.

Missouri State stood tall once again late in the half, forcing a UND punt with just over three minutes left on the clock. Harris set the tone for the drive by ripping off a 28-yard run on the first play, and Crowder rushed for 33 more two plays later to set the Bears up with a first down at the UND 16. Crowder—who totaled 119 yards on 13 rushes—carried two more times for a total of nine yards before Harris covered the final seven yards of the 79-yard drive with a pair of runs to extend the MSU lead to 14-0 with just 22 seconds to play in the half.

The Bears kept the defensive pressure on at the onset of the third period, limiting UND to just 25 yards and just one first down in the quarter. Harris provided the spark for the offense, meanwhile, connecting with Willis Chambers for a 37-yard scoring strike and LeMarcus Stewart on a 40-yard touchdown throw to increase the margin to 28-0 by the end of the period.

Harris added a third touchdown pass following an Alexz Jones 30-yard interception return to the UND 5 two plays into the fourth quarter. Gannon Sinclair was the recipient this time, hauling in Harris's short toss on the first play of the drive to run the lead to 35-0 with 14:03 to play.

Harris finished the night 11-of-16 for 149 yards and ran his season total to eight touchdown passes with three scoring completions.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
North Dakota (1-2)	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri State (2-1)	0	14	14	10	38

Scoring Summary:

2nd	MSU	13:21	Cecil Bratton fumble recovery in endzone (Bonani kick)
	MSU	0:22	Kierra Harris 4 yard run (Bonani kick)
3rd	MSU	4:40	Willis Chambers 37 yard pass from Kierra Harris (Bonani kick)
	MSU	0:09	LeMarcus Stewart 40 yard pass from Kierra Harris (Bonani kick)
4th	MSU	14:03	Gannon Sinclair 5 yard pass from Kierra Harris (Bonani kick)
	MSU	7:21	Marcelo Bonani 49 yard field goal

Team Statistics

	UND	MSU
FIRST DOWNS	7	17
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	34-84	46-235
PASSING YDS (NET)	82	149
Passes Att-Comp-Int	10-28-2	11-17-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	62-166	63-384
Fumble Returns-Yards	1-4	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-(-2)	2-22
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-64	1-34
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	2-43
Punts (Number-Avg)	11-42.7	6-40.2
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	3-3
Penalties-Yards	3-35	3-15
Possession Time	29:28	30:32
Third-Down Conversions	3 of 18	6 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-1	2-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-10	2-11

Individual Statistics

RUSHING: Missouri State - Calan Crowder 13-119; Kierra Harris 9-41; Ryan Heaston 8-31; Cedric Miller 7-21; Phoenix Johnson 7-19; Brodie Lambert 2-4. North Dakota - Adam Shaugabay 19-52; Kyle Norberg 5-24; Ryan Bartels 1-6; R.J. McGill 1-5; Jer Garman 3-3; Joe Mollberg 4-(-4); Team 1-(-2).

PASSING: Missouri State - Kierra Harris 11-16-3-149; Brodie Lambert 0-1-0-0. North Dakota - Joe Mollberg 9-24-0-70; Ryan Bartels 1-4-0-12.

RECEIVING: Missouri State - LeMarcus Stewart 2-38; Malik Earl 2-27; Phoenix Johnson 2-4; Willis Chambers 1-37; Maddy Johnson 1-21; Eric Christophel 1-7; Gannon Sinclair 1-5; Julian Burton 1-(-8); Zac Hoover 0-18. North Dakota - R.J. McGill 3-40; Dev Ferguson 2-20; Jer Garman 2-(-4); Tyrre Ivery 1-24; Kyle Ruhe 1-2; Adam Shaugabay 1-0.

TACKLES: Missouri State: Dylan Cole 9; Caleb Schaffitzel 9; Andrew Beisel 8; Sean Bernard 5; Eric Phillips 5; Christian Hoffmann 5; James Barnes 5; Jeremy Springer 5. North Dakota - Will Ratelle 11; Taj Rich 10; Ben Peters 7; Baylee Carr 6; Brian Labat 5; William James 5.

Attendance: 18,386. Kickoff time: 6:05 p.m. End of Game: 8:58 p.m. Total elapsed time: 2:53.

Officials: Referee: Timothy O'Dey; Umpire: Tony Day; Linesman: Peter Schiavone; Line judge: Richard Wasik; Back judge: Martin Birr; Field judge: Marvin Shade; Side judge: Jason Nickleby. Temperature: 66. Wind: E 6 mph. Weather: Partly Cloudy.

Game	Sept. 20, 2014, Estes Stadium, Conway, Ark.
4	Missouri State 33 Central Arkansas 31

CONWAY, Ark. - Marcelo Bonani's 53-yard field goal as time expired lifted Missouri State to a 33-31 victory over Central Arkansas, capping a wild finish at Estes Stadium. A battered Kierra Harris drove the Bears 43 yards in the final minute before Bonani's career-long kick sealed MSU's first 3-1 start in seven years.

After UCA scored on a Willie Matthews 1-yard touchdown run with 59 seconds left in regulation to take a one-point lead, Harris hooked up with Julian Burton three times for a total of 44 yards on the game's deciding drive to move the Bears within Bonani's striking distance. The biggest blow came on a second-and-6 play at the MSU 40, when Harris connected with Burton across the middle for a 29-yard gain that carried the ball to the UCA 31.

Out of timeouts with just 20 seconds to play, Missouri State was whistled for a false start on the ensuing play as Harris attempted to spike the ball. A mandatory 10-second runoff and an incomplete pass left the Bears needing their longest field goal in five years to pull out the victory.

Bonani, who missed an extra-point late in the first half, redeemed himself by wedging a kick just inside the left upright, setting off a jubilant celebration on the MSU sideline. The 53-yarder tied Bonani for the sixth-longest field goal in Bears history, and MSU's longest since Matt Hotteiman connected from the same distance at Arkansas in 2009.

The heart-stopping win handed the Bears their best start to a season since 2007, and capped career nights for both Harris and Burton, who helped MSU notch its most productive offensive performance in four years with 579 yards of total offense. Harris, who left the game for three plays late in the third quarter after being shaken up, logged a personal-best 342 yards on 20-of-35 passing, including two touchdowns passes and two more rushing scores. Burton, meanwhile, hauled in 10 catches to tie eight others for the fourth-best single-game total in school history, totaling 194 receiving yards—both career highs for the senior receiver.

Despite the dramatic rally, the Bears appeared poised to lock down the win with a strong second-half push that saw them build a 10-point fourth-quarter lead. After trailing by a point at halftime, MSU scored 14 of the first 17 points after the break to take a 27-17 point lead midway through the final period.

UCA went to work immediately, needing just five plays and 1:21 of clock time to cover 63 yards and cut the lead to three on Matthews' 13-yard scoring run 7:48 to play. Missouri State answered with a 12-play drive of its own that chewed up 4:15 and ended with a 34-yard Bonani field goal with 3:32 left on the clock.

Needing to stop UCA on a fourth-and-10 to seal the victory, MSU permitted Howard to find Desmond Smith for a 26-yard gain to midfield. Howard then hit Courtney Whitehead for 13 yards, before back-to-back 12-yard rushes moved the chains to the MSU 13 before Matthews pushed the pile over the goal line and Denker's PAT put the home team on top, 31-30.

After a 21-yard kick return by Burton and an incompleon on first down, Harris found his favorite target for two yards, then again for 13 more to set up the biggest play of the series.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Missouri State (3-1)	7	6	7	13	33
Central Arkansas (1-3)	7	7	3	14	31

Scoring Summary:

1st	UCA	9:56	Dezmin Lewis 90 yard pass from Ryan Howard (Denker kick)
	MSU	4:06	Kierra Harris 1 yard run (Bonani kick)
2nd	UCA	4:11	Blake Veasley 4 yard run (Denker kick)
	MSU	3:11	Gannon Sinclair 23 yard pass from Kierra Harris (kick failed)
3rd	MSU	10:29	Kierra Harris 3 yard run (Bonani kick)
	UCA	0:26	Jace Denker 25 yard field goal
4th	MSU	9:08	Josh Mattes 5 yard pass from Kierra Harris (Bonani kick)
	UCA	7:48	Willie Matthews 13 yard run (Denker kick)
	MSU	3:32	Marcelo Bonani 34 yard field goal
	UCA	0:59	Willie Matthews 1 yard run (Denker kick)
	MSU	0:00	Marcelo Bonani 53 yard field goal

Team Statistics

	UCA	MSU
FIRST DOWNS	19	27
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	146	251
PASSING YDS (NET)	242	342
Passes Att-Comp-Int	18-26-2	20-36-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	61-388	93-593
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	4-81	1-8
Kickoff Returns-Yards	6-165	6-123
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	2-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-47.8	8-37.6
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	7-56	12-113
Possession Time	20:44	39:16
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 12	11 of 20
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-5	4-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	2-10

Individual Statistics

RUSHING: Missouri State - Ryan Heaston 11-88; Calan Crowder 13-67; Kierra Harris 15-55; Phoenix Johnson 15-37; Eric Christophel 1-6; Brodie Lambert 1-(-2); Team 1-(-1). UCA - Willie Matthews 15-71; Blake Veasley 8-34; Ryan Howard 9-26; Jatavious Wilson 2-20; Team 1-(-1).

PASSING: Missouri State - Kierra Harris 20-35-2-342; Brodie Lambert 0-1-0-0. UCA - Ryan Howard 18-26-2-242.

RECEIVING: Missouri State - Julian Burton 10-194; Gannon Sinclair 2-49; Malik Earl 2-40; Eric Christophel 2-31; Ryan Heaston 2-17; Josh Mattes 2-11. UCA - Desmond Smith 4-52; Courtney Whitehead 4-42; Jatavious Wilson 4-17; Dezmin Lewis 2-108; Blake Veasley 2-7; Damien Watts 1-8; Joe Carmical 1-8.

TACKLES: Missouri State: Caleb Schaffitzel 10; Alexz Jones 8; Mike Crutcher 8; Andrew Beisel 6; Dylan Cole 6. UCA - Ricky Wyatt 11; Prince Ene 10; D.J. Holland 9; Bobby Watkins 8; George Odum 8.

Attendance: 10,027. Kickoff time: 6:00 p.m. End of Game: 9:22 p.m. Total elapsed time: 3:22.

Officials: Referee: K. Hassell; Umpire: M. Henderson; Linesman: G. Shoup; Line judge: C. Conti; Back judge: B. Stimmell; Field judge: S. Heiman; Side judge: T. Riley.



MISSOURI STATE FOOTBALL



GAME 1 | MISSOURI STATE BEARS at MEMPHIS TIGERS | Sat., Sept. 5, 2015 | 6:00 p.m. CST | Memphis, Tenn. | Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium (59,308) | KTXR 101.3 FM/Bears Football Radio Network

2014 BEARS GAME RECAPS

Game	Oct. 4, 2014, Robert W. Plaster Stadium, Springfield, Mo.
5	(12) Youngstown State 14 (23) Missouri State 7

SPRINGFIELD -- Missouri State's fourth-quarter rally came up short in the first match-up of ranked teams at Plaster Stadium in 18 years, as No. 12 Youngstown State held the No. 23 Bears to 227 yards of total offense to notch a 14-7 victory in the Missouri Valley Football Conference opener for both squads.

The Penguins, who kept the Bears off the scoreboard for the first 55 minutes of the contest, registered a goal-line stand early in the fourth period, then came up with a game-clinching interception at their own 32-yard line with 2:21 to play. YSU harassed MSU quarterback Kierra Harris all afternoon, holding the nation's fourth-rated passer to just 9-of-28 passing for 75 yards, while the Bears' offense converted just 2-of-14 third-down attempts.

Missouri State made it interesting in the closing minutes after a Kurran Blamey blocked punt handed the home club the ball at the YSU 14 with 7:36 to play. The Bears kept the ball on the ground to advance to the Penguins' 3, before a pass interference call on a third-down pass play gave MSU new life with a first down at the 2-yard line.

YSU stood its ground momentarily, stopping Phoenix Johnson for a two-yard loss on first down, before two incomplete passes forced a fourth-down for the Bears. Flushed from the pocket and under heavy pressure, Harris found a wide-open Gannon Sinclair a yard deep in the end zone to register MSU's first points of the afternoon with just 4:58 left on the clock.

Needing a stop to regain possession for a final chance at a game-tying drive, the MSU defense came through when it mattered most, stopping the Penguins on three plays that used just 1:45 of clock time. After a short YSU punt gave the Bears prime field position at their own 43, Harris hooked up with Zac Hoover for MSU's biggest offensive play of the day—a 19-yard completion to the YSU 38.

But Tre Moore, who also finished with a game-high 11 tackles, happened to be in the right place at the right time on Harris's second-down pass attempt, snatching the ball out of the air after it deflected off a Bears' receiver for his second interception of the day, squashing MSU's hopes for a comeback and helping the Penguins record their first win over the Bears in five tries since 2007.

The close call for the Bears was made possible by a valiant defensive effort that held the Penguins to just 95 yards of offense in the second half and forced three turnovers against an offense that had committed just two combined giveaways in its first four games of the season. Christian Hoffmann led the Bears with a season-high 10 tackles, while Dylan Cole made five stops, picked off a pass and recovered a fumble to keep MSU in the game.

But Youngstown State's defense made the difference early, as the Penguins used a pair of big plays to build a 14-point halftime lead while locking down an MSU offense that entered the week averaging 442 yards of total offense.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Youngstown State (4-1, 1-0)	7	7	0	0	14
Missouri State (3-2, 0-1)	0	0	0	7	7

Scoring Summary:

1st YSU 13:45	Andrew Williams 8 yard pass from Dante Nania (Cejudo kick)
2nd YSU 10:20	Jody Webb 81 yard run (Cejudo kick)
4th MSU 4:58	Gannon Sinclair 4 yard pass from Kierra Harris (Bonani kick)

Team Statistics

	YSU	MSU
FIRST DOWNS	13	15
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	41-211	41-152
PASSING YDS (NET)	130	75
Passes Att-Comp-Int	10-16-1	9-28-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	57-341	69-227
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-2	2-30
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	1-20
Interception Returns-Yards	2-(-2)	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-36.4	8-39.1
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	8-58	6-65
Possession Time	32:18	27:42
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 11	2 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	1 of 3
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-2	1-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	4-20	0-0

Individual Statistics

RUSHING: Missouri State - Calan Crowder 10-58; Phoenix Johnson 11-47; Ryan Heaston 7-29; Kierra Harris 12-15; Caleb Schaffitzel 1-3. Youngstown State - Jody Webb 10-117; Martin Ruiz 24-79; Dante Nania 5-17; Andrew Stubbs 1-0; Team 1-(-2).

PASSING: Missouri State - Kierra Harris 9-28-2-75. Youngstown State - Dante Nania 10-16-1-130.

RECEIVING: Missouri State - Malik Earl 2-31; Zac Hoover 2-28; Julian Burton 2-12; Gannon Sinclair 1-4; Josh Mattes 1-3; Calan Crowder 1-(-3). Youngstown State - Andrew Williams 5-83; Jelani Berassa 3-33; Andre Stubbs 1-13; Martin Ruiz 1-1.

TACKLES: Missouri State: Christian Hoffmann 10; Caleb Schaffitzel 8; Mike Crutcher 8; Alex Jones 6; Jeremy Springer 6. Youngstown State: Tre Moore 11; Dubem Nwadiogbu 9; Donald D'Alesio 8; Terrell Williams 7.

Attendance: 12,218. Kickoff time: 2:05 p.m. End of Game: 4:58 p.m. Total elapsed time: 2:53.

Officials: Referee: Ron Hudson; Umpire: Will Steinke; Linesman: Frank Bullock; Line judge: Darren Haas; Back judge: Pat Dolphin; Field judge: Ron Kay; Side judge: John Smith.
Temperature: 57. Wind: NW 16 mph. Weather: Sunny.

Game	Oct. 11, 2014, Coughlin-Alumni Stadium, Brookings, S.D.
6	Missouri State 28 (19) South Dakota State 32

BROOKINGS, S.D. - South Dakota State's fourth-quarter rally spoiled a promising start for Missouri State, as the Jackrabbits overcame a double-digit deficit with a pair of touchdowns in the last 12 minutes to pull out a 32-28 victory over the Bears at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium.

Zach Zenner's one-yard touchdown run with 7:55 to play put the Jacks on top for good, after Zach Lujan tossed his third touchdown pass of the night to Jake Wieneke early in the period to pull SDSU within three points. From there, the Jackrabbits defense put the clamps on the Bears, limiting the visitors to just 80 yards of total offense in the second half and coming up with an interception and a turnover on downs in their own territory in the final six minutes of the contest.

Lujan completed 17-of-28 passes for a career-high 310 yards, 288 of which went to the duo of Wieneke and Jason Schneider. Wieneke hauled in eight passes, including three scoring strikes, for a career-best 183 yards, while Schneider caught seven balls for 105 yards. Zenner added 149 rushing yards, including a key 34-yard jaunt to the MSU 1 on the Jackrabbits' go-ahead drive midway through the fourth quarter.

South Dakota State would use the big-play combination of Lujan-to-Wieneke and a shutdown defense to rally, as the No. 19 Jackrabbits scored the final 22 points of the contest to wrap up their first MFC win of the season. On the first scoring drive of the fourth quarter, Zenner racked up 34 rushing yards to move the Jacks within striking distance, before Lujan connected with Wieneke from 26 yards out. SDSU converted on a two-point try when Lujan hit Schneider in traffic, pulling the Jacks to within 28-25 with 11:39 left on the clock.

After a struggling MSU offense was forced to punt after moving the ball just two yards in three plays, the Jacks went back to work. Lujan found Schneider for 14 yards and Wieneke for six more before Zenner broke through the Bears' defense for a 34-yard run. The senior All-American took it in from one yard on the ensuing play to put the Jacks on top for good with just under eight minutes to play.

The SDSU defense took care of the rest, forcing another three-and-out on the Bears' next possession. MSU stopped Zenner for a short gain on a third-and-two play, however, giving the Bears another crack at a late rally. Kierra Harris ran for two yards on a fourth-and-one call, but SDSU's Melvin Taveras picked off his next pass at the SDSU 40 to extinguish the threat.

The Bears' best offensive opportunity of the half came on its final drive, as Harris connected with Julian Burton two times for a total of 26 yards to move MSU to the SDSU 38. But the Jacks held again, stopping the MSU offense on third and three, before Harris's fourth-down pass was off the mark to snuff out the Bears' last hope for a comeback.

Missouri State appeared to be in control of the contest after cashing in on a pair of second-quarter SDSU interceptions as part of a run of 21 unanswered points that saw the Bears build a 28-10 lead late in the opening half. Harris and Calan Crowder ran for two touchdowns apiece in the game's first 30 minutes, as MSU's offense converted on 5-of-7 third-down plays in the half.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Missouri State (3-3, 0-2)	7	21	0	0	28
South Dakota State (4-2, 1-1)	3	14	0	15	32

Scoring Summary:

1st SDSU 6:24	Justin Syrovatka 36 yard field goal
MSU 0:30	Calan Crowder 3 yard run (Bonani kick)
2nd SDSU 14:39	Jake Wieneke 78 yard pass from Zach Lujan (Syrovatka kick)
MSU 9:06	Kierra Harris 12 yard run (Bonani kick)
MSU 7:03	Kierra Harris 12 yard run (Bonani kick)
MSU 3:56	Calan Crowder 2 yard run (Bonani kick)
SDSU 0:35	Jake Wieneke 10 yard pass from Zach Lujan (Syrovatka kick)
4th SDSU 11:39	Jake Wieneke 26 yard pass from Zach Lujan (Schneider pass from Lujan)
SDSU 7:55	Zach Zenner 1 yard run (Syrovatka kick)

Team Statistics

	SDSU	MSU
FIRST DOWNS	18	15
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	129	136
PASSING YDS (NET)	310	113
Passes Att-Comp-Int	12-25-1	17-30-3
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	67-439	64-249
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	3-59	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-69	6-65
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	3-59
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-32.0	7-40.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	11-92	6-36
Possession Time	31:47	28:07
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 14	7 of 16
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	1 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-3	4-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-7	5-25

Individual Statistics

RUSHING: Missouri State - Kierra Harris 15-65; Calan Crowder 12-41; Ryan Heaston 10-25; Phoenix Johnson 2-5. South Dakota State - Zach Zenner 27-149; Brady Mengarelli 2-8; Zach Lujan 6-(-25); Team 2-(-3).

PASSING: Missouri State - Kierra Harris 12-25-0-113. South Dakota State - Zach Lujan 17-28-3-310; Tyler Finnes 0-2-0-0.

RECEIVING: Missouri State - Julian Burton 6-66; Ryan Heaston 3-11; Malik Earl 1-25; Eric Christophel 1-7; Gannon Sinclair 1-4. South Dakota State - Jake Wieneke 8-183; Jason Schneider 7-105; Zach Zenner 1-15; Matt Raymond 1-7.

TACKLES: Missouri State: Dylan Cole 9; Christian Hoffmann 9; Andrew Beisel 6; Brad Pryor 6; Eric Phillips 5; James Barnes 5; Cecil Bratton 5. South Dakota State: T.J. Lally 10; Nick Mears 9; Dallas Brown 6.

Attendance: 11,348. Kickoff time: 6:05 p.m. End of Game: 9:03 p.m. Total elapsed time: 2:58.
Officials: Referee: Curt Johnson; Umpire: Ed Beavers; Linesman: Jeff Johnson; Line judge: Kris Van Meter; Back Judge: Rick Fahnestock; Field judge: Gregory Nelson; Side judge: Todd Creed.
Temperature: 57. Wind: SSE 5-10 mph. Weather: Clear.



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2014 BEARS GAME RECAPS

Game	Oct. 18, 2014, Robert W. Plaster Stadium, Springfield, Mo.
7	South Dakota .....12 Missouri State .....31

SPRINGFIELD - Missouri State notched its first Missouri Valley Football Conference victory of the season with a 31-12 homecoming decision over South Dakota at Robert W. Plaster Stadium. The Bears built a 25-point lead thanks to a strong all-around performance, including a season-high 288 rushing yards and a big day from quarterback Kierra Harris.

Harris matched a career high with three touchdown passes and rushed for another to lead the Bears' rejuvenated offensive attack in front of 15,537 spectators—the eighth largest home crowd in school history. The senior recorded three separate runs of 20 yards or more en route to a career-best 90 rushing yards on just seven carries—an average of 12.9 yards per attempt. He also climbed to fifth on MSU's single-season chart for touchdown passes, moving past A.J. Porter with his 14th scoring toss of the year late in the first half.

The Bears averaged 6.5 yards per carry as a team to finish with their best team rushing effort since a 366-yard performance at Murray State on September 14, 2013. MSU, which moved to 6-3 in homecoming games under head coach Terry Allen, used the big play to pull away, recording 10 offensive gains of 10 yards or more in the victory.

Each of Harris' three scoring passes came in the opening half to help the Bears build a commanding 24-3 advantage by intermission, including a 53-yard scoring strike to Malik Earl that put MSU on the board midway through the first quarter. Harris, who completed 7-of-15 passes for a total of 133 yards in the half, also found Gannon Sinclair on a 29-yard touchdown connection with 11:51 left in the second quarter, before a 12-yard shovel pass to Julian Burton stretched the Bears' lead to 21 points with just 40 ticks left on the clock.

The Bears rolled up 259 yards of total offense in the first 30 minutes of the contest, rushing 23 times for 126 yards thanks in large part to the duo of Calan Crowder and Ryan Heaston, who combined for 81 ground yards on 16 carries. MSU's defense turned in a strong showing in the opening half as well, holding the Coyotes to 84 yards in the second quarter.

A trio of Bears led MSU's stalwart defensive front that allowed just 354 yards of total offense, including only 47 in a scoreless fourth quarter. Dylan Cole led the Bears with 12 stops to establish a new MSU season high and match his personal single-game best total, while Caleb Schaffitzel and Jeremy Springer each registered 11 total tackles. Additionally, Sullens turned in a strong day for the Bears on special teams, pinning the Coyotes inside the 20-yard line six times and booting a 74-yard punt in the second quarter that represents the fourth-longest in school history.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
South Dakota (2-5, 0-3)	3	0	9	0	12
Missouri State (4-3, 1-2)	10	14	7	0	31

Scoring Summary:

1st	USD	9:20	Miles Bergner 47 yard field goal
	MSU	7:45	Malik Earl 53 yard pass from Kierra Harris (Bonani kick)
	MSU	1:08	Marcelo Bonani 32 yard field goal
2nd	MSU	11:51	Gannon Sinclair 29 yard pass from Kierra Harris (Bonani kick)
	MSU	0:40	Julian Burton 12 yard pass from Kierra Harris (Bonani kick)
3rd	USD	9:52	Miles Bergner 34 yard field goal
	MSU	5:09	Kierra Harris 20 yard run (Bonani kick)
	USD	0:47	Jasper Sanders 5 yard run (run failed)

Team Statistics

	USD	MSU
FIRST DOWNS	22	21
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	189	279
PASSING YDS (NET)	165	152
Passes Att-Comp-Int	22-39-0	9-20-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	75-354	63-431
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-2	3-20
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-26	1-18
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-43.4	7-40.4
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	2-25	4-50
Possession Time	31:37	28:23
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 14	2 of 10
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 2	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-2	3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	3-15

Individual Statistics

RUSHING: Missouri State - Kierra Harris 7-90; Phoenix Johnson 14-76; Calan Crowder 13-58; Ryan Heaston 9-55. South Dakota - Trevor Bouma 12-82; Jasper Sanders 15-68; Kevin Earl 8-29; Eric Shufford 1-10.

PASSING: Missouri State - Kierra Harris 9-20-3-152. South Dakota - Kevin Earl 22-39-0-165.

RECEIVING: Missouri State - Malik Earl 2-72; Julian Burton 2-21; Ryan Heaston 2-11; Gannon Sinclair 1-29; Richard Darden 1-10; Eric Christophel 1-9. South Dakota - Riley Donovan 7-54; Eric Shufford 5-53; Jasper Sanders 3-6; Trevor Bouma 2-17; Josh Vander Maten 2-8; B. Van Roekel 1-12; Ben Kramer 1-11; Kayl Barkley 1-4.

TACKLES: Missouri State: Dylan Cole 12; Caleb Schaffitzel 11; Jeremy Springer 11; Christian Hoffmann 9; Mike Crutcher 8. South Dakota: Tyson Graham 13; Keyen Lage 11; Jet Moreland 5; John Wessel 5; Auston Johnson 5.

Attendance: 15,537. Kickoff time: 2:04 p.m. End of Game: 5:02 p.m. Total elapsed time: 2:58. Officials: Referee: Tom Stapleton; Umpire: Dan Novak; Linesman: Ron Tomczak; Line judge: Patrick Brown; Back judge: Gary Crull; Field judge: Paul Stout; Side judge: Rich Townsend. Temperature: 61. Wind: NW 10 mph. Weather: Sunny.

Game	Oct. 25, 2014, Hancock Stadium, Normal, Ill.
8	Missouri State .....7 (9) Illinois State .....21

NORMAL, Ill. - A pair of long fourth-quarter scoring drives sealed a 21-7 come-from-behind win for No. 9 Illinois State over visiting Missouri State, as the Redbirds remained unbeaten at 7-0 on the season and 4-0 in the Missouri Valley Football Conference.

Quarterback Tre Roberson accounted for 254 of ISU's 402 yards of total offense, but his fourth-quarter play calling was the difference. A two-yard passing touchdown from Roberson to James O'Shaughnessy with 5:40 remaining put the game out of reach just six-and-a-half minutes after he converted a seven-yard scoring carry to dissolve a 7-6 MSU lead.

The Bears, who trailed 6-0 at the half, took the lead on a 30-yard pass from Kierra Harris to freshman Deion Holliman with 9:47 left in the third. MSU's converted a third-and-two situation into a score as Harris initially stuck his head into the line as if to rush for the yard marker, but he quickly retreated and threw a strike to a wide open Holliman in the end zone.

The completion capped a 10-play, 90-yard drive on MSU's first drive of the second half, the club's second-longest scoring drive of the season.

But Illinois State rallied with 12:14 to go in the game as Roberson engineered his first of two 80-yard touchdown drives in the final period. The eight-play scoring series took just over three minutes to complete, and after the pass to O'Shaughnessy, the Redbirds tacked on a two-point conversion to lead 14-7.

Harris finished 15-for-22 for 134 yards through the air, but was under duress much of the night. The Redbirds sacked Harris four times for 38 yards and kept his rushing totals to a -24 on nine attempts. Phoenix Johnson posted his second straight 70-yard rushing game for Missouri State, going 74 yards on 15 carries after starter Calan Crowder left the game in the first half after collecting 45 yards on just eight carries.

In the first half, Illinois State wasted no time getting on the board early, as Roberson connected with Scott Kuehn on a key third-and-nine play from the Bears' 28 on the opening drive of the night. Nick Aussieker's extra point missed wide left, making it a 6-0 game just over four minutes into the game.

The Bears would collect just 95 total yards in the first half from there, but did manage two trips into the red zone. The first came on MSU's opening drive as Crowder accounted for 37 yards on the first series, and Harris was sharp on a 16-yard completion to Julian Burton before Johnson carried the ball to the 20.

But a personal foul on a third-and-five play pushed the visitors back, and a subsequent sack of Harris took the Bears out of field goal range to the 38, forcing a punt.

Midway through the second quarter, the Bears caught a break after Illinois State fumbled a Chris Sullens punt at the ISU 17. Cedric Miller recovered the loose ball at the 24, and Ryan Heaston gained 15 yards on first down to the Redbirds' 9-yard-line.

But the drive stalled there, and a third-down holding penalty pushed the Bears back to the 19, where Marcelo Bonani's 36-yard field goal attempt was blocked, keeping Missouri State off the scoreboard in the first 30 minutes.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Missouri State (4-4, 1-3)	0	0	7	0	7
Illinois State (7-0, 4-0)	6	0	0	15	21

Scoring Summary:

1st	ISU	10:59	Scott Kuehn 28 yard pass from Tre Roberson (Aussieker kick failed)
3rd	MSU	9:47	Deion Holliman 30 yard pass from Kierra Harris (Bonani kick)
4th	ISU	12:14	Tre Roberson 7 yard run (Cameron Meredith pass from Tre Roberson)
	ISU	5:40	James O'Shaughnessy 2 yard pass from Tre Roberson (Aussieker kick)

Team Statistics

	ISU	MSU
FIRST DOWNS	20	15
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	233	118
PASSING YDS (NET)	169	134
Passes Att-Comp-Int	11-18-0	15-22-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	59-402	62-252
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-(-11)	3-23
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-17	3-50
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-46.7	7-44.7
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-51	10-102
Possession Time	28:02	31:58
Third-Down Conversions	8 of 14	4 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-3	0-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	4-38	0-0

Individual Statistics

RUSHING: Missouri State - Phoenix Johnson 74; Calan Crowder 8-45; Ryan Heaston 6-23; Kierra Harris 9-(-24). Illinois State - Marshaun Coprich 31-148; Tre Roberson 10-85.

PASSING: Missouri State - Kierra Harris 15-22-1-134. Illinois State - Tre Roberson 11-18-2-169.

RECEIVING: Missouri State - Julian Burton 7-46; Eric Christophel 3-35; Malik Earl 2-10; Deion Holliman 1-30; LeMarcus Stewart 1-8; Ryan Heaston 1-5. Illinois State - Lechein Neblett 5-75; Cameron Meredith 3-51; Scott Kuehn 1-28; Jamal Towns 1-13; James O'Shaughnessy 1-2.

TACKLES: Missouri State: Dylan Cole 7; Andrew Beisel 7; Eric Greely 5; Cecil Bratton 4. Illinois State: Dontae McCoy 8; Pat Meehan 8; Bradon Prate 7; Dion Starnes 6; Alex Donnelly 6; Oshay Dunmore 6.

Attendance: 10,164. Kickoff time: 6:00 p.m. End of Game: 8:39 p.m. Total elapsed time: 2:39. Officials: Referee: Greg Sujack; Umpire: Scott Jones; Linesman: G. Schildmeyer; Line judge: Vincent Winters; Back Judge: Justin Staehr; Field judge: Jim Rogers; Side judge: Pat Brown. Temperature: 71. Wind: NW 10 mph. Weather: Clear.



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2014 BEARS GAME RECAPS

Game	Nov. 1, 2014, Memorial Stadium, Terre Haute, Ind.
9	Missouri State18 (19) Indiana State.....20

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. - A 38-yard field goal by Indiana State's Eric Heidorn with just six seconds left in the game secured an improbable 20-18 comeback for the No. 19-ranked Sycamores over visiting Missouri State at Memorial Stadium.

The game-winning kick by the left-footed sophomore hooked through the uprights left to right through a 15 mph crosswind and squelched a Missouri State celebration that began moments earlier when the Bears got a last-minute field goal of their own.

Marcelo Bonani gave Missouri State an 18-17 lead with 42 seconds remaining on a 41-yard kick into the wind to cap a 10-play, 47-yard scoring drive. The go-ahead drive was extended on a clutch 23-yard reception on fourth-and-10 by Eric Christophel that pushed the Bears into Indiana State territory. MSU quarterback Kierra Harris and Christophel later connected on a six-yard completion to the Sycamores' 34 that pushed the drive closer. And after a two-yard carry by Harris, Phoenix Johnson got MSU to the Indiana State 25 to get the ball in Bonani's range.

On the ensuing squal kick, Indiana State gathered around Aaron Killebrew at the 30, and then broke out in different directions. With MSU's kick coverage unit unsure who had the ball, Killebrew broke one tackle and raced down the Indiana State sideline to the Missouri State 38. A pair of pass completions by Mike Perish got ISU to the Bears' 20-yard line, where Heidorn eventually converted the game-winner.

Harris finished with a game-high 256 yards of total offense as he rushed for a career-high 97 yards on 19 carries for the Bears and completed 16-of-25 passes for 159 yards and a pair of scores. Christophel had a team-best four receptions for 40 yards, with Julian Burton extending his streak to 29 consecutive games with a reception with three catches for 17 yards for the Bears.

In a game that saw 13 punts through the first three quarters, the fourth quarter turned into a welcomed shootout with the two teams combining for five field goal attempts in the final quarter to decide the day. After Bonani gave Missouri State a 15-14 lead with 13:28 to go, Heidorn couldn't capitalize on good field position and missed a 37 yarder with just under five-and-a-half minutes remaining.

On the ensuing drive, one of Harris' few mistakes on the day saw the senior picked off by Travis Starks at the MSU 37. Starks returned to the Bears' only turnover of the day to the Missouri State 12. MSU's defense did not yield a yard on the drive, but Heidorn was close enough to boot through a 30-yarder to make it a 17-15 contest with just 2:06 left.

The Bears then took over on their own 28 and eventually set up the go-ahead kick by Bonani on fourth-and-one at the Sycamores 25. The junior overcame two Indiana State timeout attempts to freeze him, and looked to have his second game-winning kick of the season when he drilled the kick through with 42 ticks to go.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Missouri State (4-5, 1-4)	6	6	0	6	18
Indiana State (6-3, 3-2)	7	7	0	6	20

Scoring Summary:

1st	MSU 11:07	Zac Hoover 37 yard pass from Kierra Harris (kick failed)
	ISU 8:14	Robert Tonyan 8 yard pass from Mike Perish (Heidorn kick)
2nd	ISU 9:13	Dimitri Taylor 1 yard run (Heidorn kick)
	MSU 6:05	Gannon Sinclair 20 yard pass from Kierra Harris (run failed)
4th	MSU 13:28	Marcelo Bonani 18 yard field goal
	ISU 2:06	Eric Heidorn 30 yard field goal
	MSU 0:42	Marcelo Bonani 41 yard field goal
	ISU 0:06	Eric Heidorn 38 yard field goal

Team Statistics

	ISU	MSU
FIRST DOWNS	13	15
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	144	164
PASSING YDS (NET)	144	159
Passes Att-Comp-Int	18-38-11	16-25-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	63-288	67-323
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1-22
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-32	5-90
Interception Returns-Yards	1-25	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-38.3	8-41.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-45	8-69
Possession Time	25:37	34:23
Third-Down Conversions	7 of 16	2 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	2 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-5	2-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-8	1-8

Individual Statistics

RUSHING: Missouri State - Kierra Harris 97; Phoenix Johnson 14-46; Calan Crowder 9-21. Indiana State - LeMonte Booker 12-116; Dimitri Taylor 11-35; Mike Perish 2(-7).

PASSING: Missouri State - Kierra Harris 16-25-2-159. Indiana State - Mike Perish 18-38-1-144.

RECEIVING: Missouri State - Eric Christophel 4-40; Malik Earl 3-26; Julian Burton 3-17; Zac Hoover 2-41; Gannon Sinclair 2-24; Phoenix Johnson 1-7; Richard Darden 1-4. Indiana State - Gary Owens 5-36; Kyari Harris 4-18; Robert Tonyan 3-58; Chris O'Leary 2-16; LeMonte Booker 2-16; Dimitri Taylor 1-1; Jamar Brown 1(-1).

TACKLES: Missouri State: Dylan Cole 8; Caleb Schaffitzel 7; Andrew Beisel 6; Eric Phillips 6; Colby Isbell 5. Indiana State: Kendall Walker 11; Jameer Thurman 9; Conner Underwood 9; Rondell Green 8; Donovan Layne 6.

Attendance: 4,799. Kickoff time: 1:05 p.m. End of Game: 4:15 p.m. Total elapsed time: 3:10. Officials: Referee: Curt Johnson; Umpire: Ryan McCellan; Linesman: Calvin Diggs; Line judge: Gary Barrett; Back judge: Kurt Walderbach; Field judge: Joshua Kahle; Side judge: Nate Robinson. Temperature: 39. Wind: NW 15 mph. Weather: Sunny.

Game	Nov. 8, 2014, Robert W. Plaster Stadium, Springfield, Mo.
10	(24) Southern Illinois .....32 Missouri State .....22

SPRINGFIELD - Southern Illinois rode a career day by redshirt freshman running back Cameron Walter to a 32-22 victory over Missouri State at Robert W. Plaster Stadium. In the first start of his collegiate career, Walter rushed for 210 yards on 37 carries, and quarterback Ryan West threw for three touchdowns, including the go-ahead 36-yard strike to Tay Willis that snapped a 22-22 tie early in the fourth quarter.

Walter, who entered the contest with just 62 career rushing yards on 20 carries, powered the SIU running game all afternoon, accounting for all but 11 of the Salukis 221 rushing yards. His performance marked the first 200-yard rushing effort by a Missouri State opponent in three years and the best single-game total since Murray State's Mike Harris racked up 212 yards on the ground in 2010.

After throwing for 227 yards against the Bears last November in Carbondale, West delivered a clutch performance for the No. 24 Salukis in his first start of the 2014 season as well, completing 16-of-25 passes for 136 yards and three of SIU's four touchdown passes on the day. Half of those passes were reeled in by Willis, who finished the day with 95 receiving yards and the first two-touchdown effort of his career.

Powered by a career-best 120 rushing yards from their own redshirt freshman back, Calan Crowder, Missouri State battled back from a 15-point first-quarter deficit, then knotted the score late in the third period on Marcelo Bonani's third field goal of the game. But SIU's sophomore signal-caller came up big on the first play after Brandon Willingham picked off a Kierra Harris pass and returned the ball 19 yards to the MSU 36 with 13:59 left in regulation. West found Willis streaking alone through the Bears' secondary for the senior receiver's second score of the day and what would turn out to be the game-winning touchdown.

MSU appeared poised to answer the Salukis score with a drive of its own, as the Bears moved the ball to the SIU 19 thanks to an 18-yard completion to Julian Burton on third-and-20, followed by a four-yard carry by Crowder on fourth down. But the Bears' second holding penalty of the drive and a Darius Merriweather sack of Harris for a seven-yard loss derailed the scoring chance, as Bonani misfired on a 43-yard field goal try with just under eight minutes to play.

The Salukis turned to Walter to put the game on ice, putting the ball in the rookie's hands on six consecutive play calls. Walter answered the challenge, totaling 38 yards and helping peel nearly five minutes off the clock to set up Thomas Kinney's 47-yard field goal that made it a 10-point game with 2:42 to play.

Crowder carried 25 times in establishing a Bears' single-game best rushing total for the season, while Harris completed 13-of-29 passes for 159 yards and his 18th touchdown pass of the season—a 32-yard toss to Burton that put MSU on the board early in the second-quarter.

Andrew Beisel spearheaded the MSU defense with a career-high 16 tackles—the most recorded by a Bear defender in more than two years—while fellow senior Caleb Schaffitzel added a season-high 15 stops to move up to the No. 8 spot on the Bears' career tackles chart.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Southern Illinois (6-4, 3-3)	15	7	0	10	32
Missouri State (4-6, 1-5)	0	16	6	0	22

Scoring Summary:

1st	SIU 10:45	MyCole Pruitt 24 yard pass from Mark Iannotti (Hadfield pass from Iannotti)
	SIU 4:44	Hans Carmien 6 yard pass from Ryan West (Kinney kick)
2nd	MSU 12:53	Julian Burton 32 yard pass from Kierra Harris (Bonani kick)
	MSU 7:57	Marcelo Bonani 22 yard field goal
	MSU 2:46	LeMarcus Stewart 2 yard blocked punt return (run failed)
	SIU 0:37	Tay Willis 4 yard pass from Ryan West (Kinney kick)
3rd	MSU 10:02	Marcelo Bonani 36 yard field goal
	MSU 0:56	Marcelo Bonani 35 yard field goal
4th	SIU 13:52	Tay Willis 36 yard pass from Ryan West (Kinney kick)
	SIU 2:42	Thomas Kinney 47 yard field goal

Team Statistics

	SIU	MSU
FIRST DOWNS	21	18
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	221	159
PASSING YDS (NET)	160	159
Passes Att-Comp-Int	17-26-1	13-29-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	75-381	75-318
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	2-20
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-37	2-40
Interception Returns-Yards	1-19	1-12
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-29.2	4-48.2
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	2-20	3-25
Possession Time	27:20	32:04
Third-Down Conversions	8 of 17	4 of 16
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 2	1 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-3	3-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-27	1-9

Individual Statistics

RUSHING: Missouri State - Calan Crowder 25-121; Julian Burton 4-15; Ryan Heaston 6-10; Kierra Harris 9-8; Phoenix Johnson 2-6. Southern Illinois - Cameron Walter 37-210; Ken Malcome 6-17; Ryan West 5(-4); Team 1(-2).

PASSING: Missouri State - Kierra Harris 13-29-1-159; Southern Illinois - Ryan West 16-25-3-136; Mark Iannotti 1-1-1-24.

RECEIVING: Missouri State - Julian Burton 5-56; Gannon Sinclair 3-26; Eric Christophel 2-37; Malik Earl 2-29; Zac Hoover 1-11. Southern Illinois - Tay Willis 8-95; Josh Sullivan 3-27; Hans Carmien 2-7; MyCole Pruitt 1-24; Billy Reed 1-3; Adam Fuehne 1-3; Cameron Walter 1-1.

TACKLES: Missouri State: Andrew Beisel 16; Caleb Schaffitzel 15; Eric Phillips 9; Vashon Landers 8; James Barnes 7. Southern Illinois - Tyler Williamson 10; Chase Allen 10; Courtney Richmond 9; D.J. Cameron 7.

Attendance: 7,586. Kickoff time: 2:05 p.m. End of Game: 4:51 p.m. Total elapsed time: 2:46. Officials: Referee: Doc Johnson; Umpire: Ed Beavers; Linesman: Jeff Johnson; Line judge: Kris Van Meter; Back Judge: Rick Fahnestock; Field judge: Monte Tigner; Side judge: Dorran Stewart. Temperature: 55. Wind: NNW 18 mph. Weather: Sunny.



MISSOURI STATE FOOTBALL



GAME 1 | MISSOURI STATE BEARS at MEMPHIS TIGERS | Sat., Sept. 5, 2015 | 6:00 p.m. CST | Memphis, Tenn. | Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium (59,308) | KTXR 101.3 FM/Bears Football Radio Network

2014 BEARS GAME RECAPS

Game		Nov. 15, 2014, Robert W. Plaster Stadium, Springfield, Mo.	
11	(4) North Dakota State	45	
	Missouri State	10	

SPRINGFIELD - North Dakota State rode a season-best rushing day from John Crockett and a big performance from his defense to score 42 unanswered points against Missouri State in a decisive 45-10 victory. Crockett plowed through the Bears' defense for 177 yards on 27 carries, while quarterback Carson Wentz recovered from a shaky start to toss five touchdown passes for the fourth-ranked Bison.

It was the play of the North Dakota State defense that set the tone for the Bison's lopsided victory, however. NDSU limited the Bears to 240 yards of total offense, including a season-low 12 first downs, and held MSU scoreless for over 38 minutes to give its offense time to click. The NDSU defense would not yield a scoring drive without the help of a turnover until early in the fourth period, with the Bison already holding a commanding 42-3 lead.

Crockett, who also caught two passes for 49 yards, registered 226 all-purpose yards in the game, and Wentz completed 15-of-22 passes for 247 yards after failing to record a single completion in the opening quarter.

Defense was the name of the game for both squads in the opening quarter, as the two offenses combined for just 62 yards of total offense and three first downs over the first 15 minutes of play. MSU's defense struck the first blow on NDSU's second possession of the day, as Andrew Beisel stepped in front of a Wentz pass at the NDSU 29 and returned the ball all the way to the Bison 3.

The visitors stood their ground, however, stopping Calan Crowder for a loss of a yard and forcing a pair of incompletions to limit the damage to a 21-yard Marcelo Bonani field goal.

North Dakota State took advantage of a short field to put its first points of the game on the board early in the second period. Crockett, one of the few offensive participants to enjoy any success in the opening half, carried the load for the Bison on a 12-play drive that ate 6:35 off the clock. NDSU's senior running back toted the ball seven times for 32 yards, including a six-yard jaunt that put the Bison in the end zone with 7:55 to play in the half.

With just one completion on the day through the first 27 minutes of the game, Wentz suddenly heated up to lead NDSU to pay dirt again. After Crockett ripped off a 16-yard run to the Bison 48, Wentz connected on five consecutive pass attempts — the biggest of which came to Zach Vraa, who was ruled to have pulled in a catch near the sideline for a 20-yard gain that moved the sticks to the MSU 27. Wentz hit Vraa two more times for a total of 14 yards, before the junior's strike to Connor Wentz resulted in a 13-yard scoring play and a 14-3 Bison lead.

With just over one minute left on the clock, the Bears attempted to mount a late drive. But Harris' third-down pass was picked off by Travis Beck and the MSU 37 and returned 21 yards. Wentz needed just one play to cash in for NDSU, finding a wide-open Andrew Bonnet for a 16-yard scoring completion with just 22 seconds to play.

Harris completed 12-of-23 passes for 141 yards on the day, becoming the fifth MSU quarterback to surpass the 4,000-yard mark in career passing yardage. Additionally, Crowder finished his day with 44 rushing yards to increase his season total to 684, which eclipsed the Missouri State freshman rushing record set by Kingjack Washington (674) in 2007.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
North Dakota State (10-1, 6-1)	0	21	21	3	45
Missouri State (4-7, 1-6)	3	0	0	7	10

Scoring Summary:

1st	MSU	8:00	Marcelo Bonani 21 yard field goal
2nd	NDSU	7:55	John Crockett 6 yard run (Keller kick)
	NDSU	1:11	Connor Wentz 13 yard pass from Carson Wentz (Keller kick)
	NDSU	0:16	Andrew Bonnet 16 yard pass from Carson Wentz (Keller kick)
3rd	NDSU	7:00	Trevor Gebhart 7 yard pass from Carson Wentz (Keller kick)
	NDSU	5:51	Connor Wentz 14 yard pass from Carson Wentz (Keller kick)
	NDSU	1:27	Zach Vraa 40 yard pass from Carson Wentz (Keller kick)
4th	MSU	14:31	Gannon Sinclair 19 yard pass from Kierra Harris (Bonani kick)
	NDSU	9:07	Adam Keller 19 yard field goal

Team Statistics

	NDSU	MSU
FIRST DOWNS	20	12
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	226	99
PASSING YDS (NET)	247	141
Passes Att-Comp-Int	15-22-2	12-23-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	66-473	64-240
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-10	1-34
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-69	7-95
Interception Returns-Yards	2-48	2-29
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-41.4	7-44.7
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-1
Penalties-Yards	5-35	4-38
Possession Time	33:00	27:00
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 11	3 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	6-6	2-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	4-29	2-4

Individual Statistics

RUSHING: Missouri State - Phoenix Johnson 13-57; Calan Crowder 14-44; Ryan Heaston 6-22; Kierra Harris 8-(24). North Dakota State - John Crockett 27-177; King Frazier 9-29; Carson Wentz 6-12; Chase Morlock 1-4; Tre Dempsey 1-4.

PASSING: Missouri State - Kierra Harris 12-23-1-141. North Dakota State - Carson Wentz 15-22-5-247.

RECEIVING: Missouri State - Julian Burton 7-53; Gannon Sinclair 2-54; LeMarcus Stewart 1-15; Ryan Heaston 1-12; Zac Hoover 1-7. North Dakota State - Zach Vraa 5-119; Carey Woods 3-21; John Crockett 2-49; Connor Wentz 2-27; Andrew Bonnet 1-16; Tyler Wrice 1-8; Trevor Gebhart 1-7.

TACKLES: Missouri State: Caleb Schaffitzel 11; Mike Crutcher 10; Andrew Beisel 9; Dylan Cole 7; Christian Hoffmann 7. North Dakota State: Kyle Emanuel 10; Esley Thornton 10; Tre Dempsey 8; Travis Beck 7; Carlton Littlejohn 7.

Attendance: 4,597. Kickoff time: 2:07 p.m. End of Game: 4:54 p.m. Total elapsed time: 2:47. Officials: Referee: Tom Stapleton; Umpire: Dan Novak; Linesman: Ron Tomczak; Line judge: Patrick Brown; Back judge: Gary Crull; Field judge: Bryan Banks; Side judge: R. Townsend. Temperature: 34. Wind: SE 11 mph. Weather: Overcast.

Game		Nov. 22, 2014, UNI-Dome, Cedar Falls, Iowa	
12	Missouri State	24	
	(11) UNI	38	

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa - A UNI touchdown on the final play of the first half proved decisive as the No. 11 Panthers outlasted a game effort by Missouri State in a 38-24 UNI win in the UNI-Dome.

The late score before intermission handed UNI momentum and the Panthers never gave it back in rolling to their fifth win in a row to close their regular season at 8-4 and 6-2 in the Missouri Valley Football Conference.

UNI senior running back David Johnson led the effort with 205 rushing yards and three touchdowns on 31 carries. Johnson's game Saturday followed a two-touchdown, 167-yard game vs. Missouri State in Springfield in 2014.

UNI extended its series domination over the Bears to 30 wins in 35 meetings, including nine wins in a row, and an overall mark of 16-2 vs. MSU in the UNI-Dome.

Field position was a key in the first half as the Bears averaged starting from their own 16-yard line their last five possessions of the half while UNI averaged taking the ball on their own 44 their decisive final five possessions of the half.

Bears rolled 70 yards on just six plays in 2:03 minutes after taking the opening kickoff, with Kierra Harris completing both his pass attempts. Calan Crowder gaining 35 yards on three carries and Phoenix Johnson running the final 24 yards into the end zone to score.

UNI took advantage of Chad Owens's 23-yard punt return on its third possession and started a drive on the Bears' 30 which netted a score in four plays as Johnson ran in from six yards away to tie the game 7-7 with 2:16 left in the first quarter.

A 25-yard burst from Darrian Miller gave UNI a 14-7 lead with four minutes left in the first half but the Bears answered on a 74-yard drive. Harris had the big gain on a 25-yard run and Phoenix Johnson logged his second touchdown of the game from six yards out with 39 seconds left in the period to tie the game at 14-14.

The Bears appeared to have gained a halftime tie but UNI moved 56 yards in just five plays with Johnson going into the end zone down the left sideline at the first half horn to give the Panthers a 21-14 intermission edge.

Johnson started the third quarter where he ended the second with 59 yards on three carries to set up Michael Schmadeke's 42-yard field goal to start the period.

Missouri State roared back with 81 yards on six plays to close within 24-21 with 9:31 left in the period. Crowder scored from eight yards out after Harris had a 19-yard run followed by a 44-yard pass to Julian Burton to the UNI nine. The catch was Burton's only grab of the day and marked the 32nd straight Bears' game in which he'd caught a pass; third best reception game streak in school history. He finished his career with 146 receptions (2nd best MSU career total) for 1,947 yards (4th best MSU career total).

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Missouri State (4-8, 1-7)	7	7	7	3	24
UNI (8-4, 6-2)	7	14	10	7	38

Scoring Summary:

1st	MSU	12:57	Phoenix Johnson 24 yard run (Bonani kick)
	UNI	2:16	David Johnson 6 yard run (Schmadeke kick)
2nd	UNI	3:53	Darrian Miller 25 yard run (Schmadeke kick)
	MSU	0:39	Phoenix Johnson 6 yard run (Bonani kick)
	UNI	0:00	David Johnson 31 yard run (Schmadeke kick)
3rd	UNI	12:14	Michael Schmadeke 41 yard field goal
	MSU	9:31	Calan Crowder 8 yard run (Bonani kick)
	UNI	3:16	David Johnson 9 yard run (Schmadeke kick)
4th	MSU	8:25	Marcelo Bonani 28 yard field goal
	UNI	4:59	Chad Owens 7 yard run (Schmadeke kick)

Team Statistics

	UNI	MSU
FIRST DOWNS	20	19
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	272	197
PASSING YDS (NET)	169	159
Passes Att-Comp-Int	11-19-0	17-23-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	63-441	69-356
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-21	2-4
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-41	6-110
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-41.3	8-40.9
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-45	7-70
Possession Time	28:10	31:50
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 13	2 of 12
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-3	3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	4-27	1-9

Individual Statistics

RUSHING: Missouri State - Calan Crowder 15-82; Phoenix Johnson 17-76; Kierra Harris 13-44; Julian Burton 1-(5). UNI - David Johnson 31-205; Darrian Miller 7-39; Brion Carnes 5-15; Chad Owens 1-13.

PASSING: Missouri State - Kierra Harris 17-23-0-159; UNI - Brion Carnes 11-19-0-169.

RECEIVING: Missouri State - Eric Christophel 6-27; Calan Crowder 4-11; Malik Earl 3-42; Gannon Sinclair 2-28; Julian Burton 1-44; Maddy Johnson 1-7. UNI - Brett Lemaster 3-33; Chad Owens 2-20; Charles Brown 2-15; Daurice Fountain 1-35; Kevin Vereen 1-35; Braden Lehman 1-34; David Johnson 1-(3).

TACKLES: Missouri State: Andrew Beisel 8; Mike Crutcher 6; Dylan Cole 6; Christian Hoffmann 5; Caleb Schaffitzel 5; Jeremy Springer 5; Vashon Landers 5. UNI - Brett McMakin 10; Jake Farley 9; Tim Kilfoy 8; Xavier Williams 7.

Attendance: 10,298. Kickoff time: 4:07 p.m. End of Game: 7:14 p.m. Total elapsed time: 3:07. Officials: Referee: Tim O'Dey; Umpire: Tony Day; Linesman: Pete Schiavone; Line judge: Rich Wasik; Back judge: Kerry Rockwell; Field judge: Marv Shade; Side judge: Jason Kickleby. Temperature: 70. Wind: NA. Weather: Indoors.



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2015 BEARS NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown	High School / Previous College
1	LeMarcus Stewart**	WR	6-1	208	Jr.	2L	Memphis, Tenn.	Trezevant High
2	Sean Bernard ^A	LB	6-3	236	RFr.	1SQ	Wichita, Kan.	North High
2	Danten Cosentino+	QB	5-11	177	So.	TR	Leawood, Kan.	St. Thomas Aquinas High / Highland (Kan.) CC
3	Vashon Landers*	CB	6-1	182	Sr.	1L	Valley, Ala.	Opelika High / UAB
4	Matt Rush ^A	CB	5-10	174	RFr.	1SQ	Springfield, Mo.	Hillcrest High
5	Deion Holliman*	WR	5-9	181	So.	1L	Camden, Ark.	Fairview High
6	Willis Chambers*	WR	6-4	196	So.	1L	Dallas, Texas	First Baptist Academy
7	Tre Betts ^A	S	5-11	185	RFr.	1SQ	Broken Arrow, Okla.	Charles Page High
8	Cedric Miller***	TB	6-0	190	Sr.	3L	Memphis, Tenn.	Southwind High
9	Joe Eason ^A	CB	5-11	179	Jr.	1SQ	Pahokee, Fla.	Pahokee High / Scottsdale (Ariz.) CC
9	Brodie Lambert ^A	QB	6-1	211	Jr.	3SQ	Arlington, Texas	James Martin High
10	Eric Phillips*	CB	5-10	163	So.	1L	Kirkwood, Mo.	Kirkwood High
11	Phoenix Johnson**	TB	5-9	188	Jr.	2L	Webb City, Mo.	Webb City High
12	Eric Christopher***	WR	5-10	179	Sr.	3L	Nixa, Mo.	Nixa High
13	Michael Briggs	QB	6-2	205	Fr.	HS	Lee's Summit, Mo.	O'Hara High
14	Marcelo Bonani*	K	5-11	173	Sr.	1L	Lake Wales, Fla.	Lake Wales High
15	Zac Hoover**	WR	6-0	185	Jr.	2L	Grain Valley, Mo.	Grain Valley High
16	Breck Ruddick ^A	QB	6-4	197	RFr.	1SQ	Marion, Ark.	Christian Brothers High
17	Malik Earl*	WR	6-3	210	So.	1L	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Santa Fe High
18	Erik Furmanek*	TE	6-3	247	So.	1L	Belleville, Ill.	Althoff Catholic High
19	Brandon Wright+	CB	5-11	193	Sr.	TR	Denver, Colo.	Englewood High / Metro (Colo.) St. Univ.
20	John Edwards**	S	5-9	195	Sr.	2L	St. Louis, Mo.	Cardinal Ritter High
21	Cameron Price	S	6-2	200	Fr.	HS	Florissant, Mo.	Hazelwood Central High
22	Maddy Johnson***	WR	5-8	166	Sr.	3L	Webb City, Mo.	Webb City High
23	Ryan Heaston***	TB	5-10	179	Sr.	3L	Cordova, Tenn.	Cordova High
24	Darius Ivy*	CB	6-0	183	So.	1L	Marked Tree, Ark.	Marked Tree High
25	Jason Randall ^A	TB	5-9	199	RFr.	1SQ	Thomasville, Ga.	Leavenworth (Kan.) High
26	Kam Carter	S	6-1	185	Fr.	HS	Arlington, Texas	Arlington High
27	Doug Cook	TB	5-8	183	RFr.	HS	St. Louis, Mo.	Fort Zumwalt West High
28	Calan Crowder*	TB	6-1	205	So.	1L	Bartlesville, Okla.	Bartlesville High
29	Robert Thomas	CB	6-0	169	Fr.	HS	Tulsa, Okla.	Tulsa Union High
30	Jared Beshore	S	6-0	198	Fr.	HS	Lamar, Mo.	Lamar High
31	Dylan Cole**	LB	6-1	236	Jr.	2L	Rogersville, Mo.	Logan-Rogersville High
32	Anthony Upchurch ^A	S	5-10	184	RFr.	1SQ	Memphis, Tenn.	White Station High
33	Skylar Hulse ^A	DE	6-3	233	RFr.	1SQ	Oak Grove, Mo.	Oak Grove High
34	Chris Cacciarelli ^A	TE	6-4	229	So.	1SQ	St. Louis, Mo.	Westminster Christian Acad.
35	Kurran Blamey*	LB	6-1	208	So.	1L	Monett, Mo.	Monett High
36	Zach Drake	WR	6-2	175	Fr.	HS	Lee's Summit, Mo.	O'Hara High
37	Darius Joseph	CB	6-0	171	Fr.	HS	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Southmoore High
38	Eric Greely*	S	6-1	205	So.	1L	Liberty, Mo.	Liberty High
39	Nick Masoner ^A	TB	6-0	211	RFr.	1SQ	Excelsior Springs, Mo.	Excelsior Springs High
40	Brad Troyer ^A	TE	6-1	214	So.	1SQ	Columbia, Mo.	Rock Bridge / Drake University
41	Chris Sullens***	P	6-0	186	Sr.	3L	Camdenton, Mo.	Camdenton High
44	Alexz Jones*	LB	6-2	228	So.	1L	Defiance, Mo.	Francis Howell High
45	Christian Hoffmann***	LB	6-1	227	Sr.	3L	Joplin, Mo.	Webb City High
46	Gerard Hairker	TB	5-10	185	Fr.	HS	Lee's Summit, Mo.	O'Hara High
47	Ben Howard*	LB	6-1	215	So.	1L	St. Louis, Mo.	Oakville High
48	Caleb Brammer*	LB	6-0	225	Sr.	1L	Liberty, Mo.	Liberty High / Missouri Western St. Univ.
49	Brendan Withrow	P	6-0	210	Fr.	HS	Imperial, Mo.	St. Pius X High
50	Ty McDuffey	LB	6-2	195	Fr.	HS	Camdenton, Mo.	Camdenton High
51	Daniel Allen	LB	5-11	200	Jr.	TR	Portageville, Mo.	Portageville High
52	McNeece Egbim	LB	6-0	201	Fr.	HS	Rowlett, Texas	Rowlett High
53	Colby Wickwar**	LS	6-0	203	Sr.	3L	Nixa, Mo.	Nixa High
54	Riley Herrold	DL	6-2	222	RFr.	TR	Ozark, Mo.	Ozark High / Arkansas State University
55	A.J. David	OT	6-7	235	Fr.	HS	Moberly, Mo.	Moberly High
56	McKinze James*	OG	6-3	272	So.	1L	Camden, Ark.	Fairview High
57	Jake Riederer ^A	OG	6-4	272	RFr.	1SQ	Holton, Kan.	Holton High
58	Justin Summers ^A	OT	6-5	290	RFr.	1SQ	Arnold, Mo.	Vianney High
59	Easton Flaugh ^A	LB	6-2	230	RFr.	1SQ	Branson West, Mo.	Reeds Spring High
60	Robert Booker***	OC	6-3	314	Sr.	3L	Ozark, Mo.	Ozark High
62	Coleman Clanton	OG	6-5	255	Fr.	HS	Olathe, Kan.	Olathe South High
63	Gus Carter ^A	OG	6-4	276	So.	2SQ	Republic, Mo.	Republic High
65	Riley Shantz**	OG	6-4	307	Jr.	2L	Springfield, Mo.	Glendale High
66	Sam Ellifrits*	OT	6-6	299	So.	1L	Nevada, Mo.	Nevada High
67	Jake Arthur ^A	OT	6-5	311	Sr.	4SQ	Eldridge, Iowa	North Scott High
68	Marquis Prophete	OT	6-5	270	Fr.	HS	Florissant, Mo.	McCluer North High
70	David Godsey ^A	OT	6-4	275	So.	2SQ	Kansas City, Mo.	Raymore-Peculiar High
72	Anthony Lippillo	OG	6-4	288	Fr.	HS	Springfield, Mo.	Parkview High
73	Alex Cooley ^A	OC	6-4	285	So.	2SQ	Lebanon, Mo.	Lebanon High
75	Cole Christensen	OG	6-5	278	Fr.	HS	Wildwood, Mo.	Eureka High
77	Jordan Turner ^A	OT	6-6	311	RFr.	1SQ	Willard, Mo.	Willard High
78	Jake Lasater**	OG	6-6	302	Sr.	2L	St. Charles, Mo.	Francis Howell High
79	Aaron Clardy ^A	OT	6-5	309	RFr.	1SQ	Neosho, Mo.	Neosho High
80	Reggie Guynn	WR	5-9	174	Fr.	HS	St. Louis, Mo.	Maplewood-Richmond Hts. High
81	Joe Stampley ^A	WR	6-4	174	So.	2SQ	Wynne, Ark.	Wynne High
82	Chandler Collins	TE	6-4	231	Fr.	HS	Springfield, Mo.	Glendale High
83	Shelby Harris ^A	K	5-11	217	So.	2SQ	Nixa, Mo.	Nixa High
84	Stacey Thornton ^A	WR	5-8	169	Jr.	2SQ	Crystal City, Mo.	Crystal City High
85	Will Buford	WR	6-0	182	Fr.	HS	Naperville, Ill.	Waubonsie Valley High
86	Taiwo Oluwafunmila	DE	6-4	220	Fr.	HS	Lagos, Nigeria	Montverde (Fla.) Academy
87	Adam St. Peter*	TE	6-4	235	So.	1L	Joplin, Mo.	Joplin High
88	Richard Darden*	TE	6-3	238	Sr.	1L	Memphis, Tenn.	Ridgeway High
89	Brock Kliever ^A	DE	6-4	240	RFr.	1SQ	Harrisonville, Mo.	Harrisonville High
90	Colby Isbell*	DE	6-3	253	So.	1L	Rogers, Ark.	Heritage High
91	Daryl Coburn*	DT	6-1	306	So.	1L	Little Rock, Ark.	Central High
92	Jermaine Hill*	DE	6-2	256	Sr.	1L	Orange, Calif.	Tustin High / Fullerton (Calif.) College
93	James Barnes***	DE	5-10	238	Sr.	3L	St. Louis, Mo.	Trinity Catholic High
94	Brad Pryor*	DT	6-3	296	So.	1L	St. Charles, Mo.	Duchesne High
95	Terrence Neuhauser*	DT	6-1	296	Jr.	1L	Las Vegas, Nev.	Cheyenne High / Los Angeles Pierce Coll.
96	Tony Jones ^A	DE	6-7	258	So.	2SQ	Wynne, Ark.	Wynne High
97	Colin Bess	DE	6-5	235	Fr.	HS	Park Hills, Mo.	Central High
98	Cecil Bratton*	DT	6-3	290	So.	1L	St. Joseph, Mo.	Central High
99	Corey Feagin**	DT	6-4	299	Sr.	2L	Cedar Hill, Texas	Cedar Hill High



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 Alma Mater Michigan State, 2012
 Position Linebackers
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 Alma Mater Baker, 2010
 Position Wide Receivers
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 Alma Mater South Dakota, 2007
 Position Defensive Line
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 Alma Mater Missouri, 2010
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OFFENSIVE TWO-DEEP

Left Tackle
 77 Jordan Turner (6-6, 311, RFr., Willard, Mo.)
 58 Justin Summers (6-5, 290, RFr., Arnold, Mo.)

Left Guard
 65 Riley Shantz (6-4, 307, Jr., Springfield, Mo.)
 75 Cole Christensen (6-5, 278, Fr., Wildwood, Mo.)

Center
 60 Robert Booker (6-3, 314, Sr., Ozark, Mo.)
 56 McKinze James (6-3, 272, So., Camden, Ark.)

Right Guard
 78 Jake Lasater (6-6, 302, Sr., St. Charles, Mo.)
 62 Coleman Clanton (6-5, 255, Fr., Olathe, Kan.)

Right Tackle
 79 Aaron Clardy (6-5, 309, RFr., Neosho, Mo.)
 68 Marquis Prophete (6-5, 270, Fr., Florissant, Mo.)

Tight End
 88 Richard Darden (6-3, 238, Sr., Memphis, Tenn.)
 18 Erik Furmanek (6-3, 247, So., Belleville, Ill.)

Quarterback
 16 Breck Ruddick (6-4, 197, RFr., Marion, Ark.)
 9 Brodie Lambert (6-1, 211, Jr., Arlington, Texas)

Tail Back
 28 Calan Crowder (6-1, 205, So., Bartlesville, Okla.)
 23 Ryan Heaston (5-10, 179, Sr., Cordova, Tenn.)

X-Receiver
 17 Malik Earl (6-3, 203, So., Oklahoma City, Okla.)
 22 Maddy Johnson (5-8, 166, Sr., Webb City, Mo.)

H-Receiver
 12 Eric Christophel (5-10, 179, Sr., Nixa, Mo.)
 5 Deion Holliman (5-9, 181, So., Camden, Ark.)

Z-Receiver
 15 Zac Hoover (6-0, 185, Jr., Grain Valley, Mo.)
 1 LeMarcus Stewart (6-1, 208, Jr., Memphis, Tenn.)

SPECIAL TEAMS TWO-DEEP

Kicker (PAT-FG)
 83 Shelby Harris (5-11, 217, So., Nixa, Mo.)
 14 Marcelo Bonani (5-11, 173, Sr., Lake Wales, Fla.)

Punter
 41 Chris Sullens (6-0, 186, Sr., Camdenton, Mo.)
 49 Brendan Withrow (6-0, 210, Fr., Imperial, Mo.)

Holder
 30 Jared Beshore (6-0, 198, Fr., Lamar, Mo.)
 41 Chris Sullens (6-0, 186, Sr., Camdenton, Mo.)

Long Snapper
 53 Colby Wickwar (6-0, 203, Sr., Nixa, Mo.)
 65 Riley Shantz (6-4, 307, Jr., Springfield, Mo.)

Kickoff Return
 15 Zac Hoover (6-0, 185, Jr., Grain Valley, Mo.)
 5 Deion Holliman (5-9, 181, So., Camden, Ark.)
 23 Ryan Heaston (5-10, 179, Sr., Cordova, Tenn.)

Punt Return
 5 Deion Holliman (5-9, 172, So., Camden, Ark.)
 29 Robert Thomas (6-0, 169, Fr., Tulsa, Okla.)

DEFENSIVE TWO-DEEP

Left End
 93 James Barnes (5-10, 238, Sr., St. Louis, Mo.)
 89 Brock Kliever (6-4, 240, RFr., Harrisonville, Mo.)

Tackle
 94 Brad Pryor (6-3, 296, So., St. Charles, Mo.)
 91 Daryl Coburn (6-1, 306, So., Little Rock, Ark.)

Tackle
 98 Cecil Bratton (6-3, 290, So., St. Joseph, Mo.)
 95 Terrence Neuhauser (6-1, 296, Jr., Las Vegas, Nev.)

Right End
 90 Colby Isbell (6-3, 253, So., Rogers, Ark.)
 33 Skyler Hulse (6-3, 233, RFr., Oak Grove, Mo.)

Will Linebacker (OLB)
 31 Dylan Cole (6-1, 236, Jr., Rogersville, Mo.)
 35 Kurran Blamey (6-1, 208, So., Monett, Mo.)

Mike Linebacker (MLB)
 45 Christian Hoffman (6-1, 227, Sr., Joplin, Mo.)
 2 Sean Bernard (6-3, 236, RFr., Wichita, Kan.)

Sam Linebacker (OLB)
 44 Alexz Jones (6-2, 228, So., Defiance, Mo.)
 52 McNeese Egbin (6-0, 201, Fr., Rowlett, Texas)

Cornerback
 10 Eric Phillips (5-10, 163, So., St. Louis, Mo.)
 24 Darius Ivy (6-0, 183, So., Marked Tree, Ark.)

Cornerback
 3 Vashon Landers (6-1, 182, Sr., Valley, Ala.)
 4 Matt Rush (5-10, 174, RFr., Springfield, Mo.)

Strong Safety
 32 Anthony Upchurch (5-10, 184, RFr., Memphis, Tenn.)
 7 Tre Betts (5-11, 185, RFr., Broken Arrow, Okla.)

Free Safety
 30 Jared Beshore (6-0, 198, Fr., Lamar, Mo.)
 20 John Edwards (5-9, 195, Sr., St. Louis, Mo.)

