

# NEBRASKA-KEARNEY FOOTBALL 2023

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## Game #4 - @ No. 3 Pittsburg State U. Gorillas

September 23 \*\* 2 p.m.

Pittsburg, Kan. (Carnie Smith Stadium)

## SERIES HISTORY (PITT LEADS 15-10)

\* Pitt threw a 72-yard touchdown pass with 12 seconds left to win last year in Kearney, 35-28

\* The last three meetings have been decided by a total of 23 points

\* UNK has won two straight at Pitt (2020 & 2021) and is 7-6 all-time at Carnie Smith (includes a forfeit win in 1978)

\* The two teams played every fall between 1974-88

## ABOUT THE LOPERS (1-2; 8-3 IN 2022)

\* *Ryan Held* is the 19th head coach in UNK history & is 53-79 in his HC tenure

\* UNK went 4-1 in games decided by eight points or less during the 2021 playoff season; they are 2-4 in such games in 2022 & 2023

\* The Loper D ranks fourth in the MIAA in scoring (19.7)

\* The offense has run 42 fewer plays than the opponent (14.0 per game avg.)

\* UNK is second in the league in both kick (28.7) and punt (16.0) returns

## ABOUT THE GORILLAS (3-0; 12-1 IN 2022)

\* Pitt has won 23 of its last 27 games

\* Seventy-four percent of PSU's points have come in the second half

\* Quarterback *Chad Dodson Jr.* has thrown for 663 yards and five TD's

\* Sophomore receiver *Kolbe Katsis* is up to 21 catches for 276 yards. He is the current MIAA Offensive Player of the Week

## 2023 LOPER SCHEDULE & RESULTS (1-1)

| DATE  | OPPONENT                 | TIME/RESULT | LOCATION        |
|-------|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 8/31  | @ Central Oklahoma       | L, 24-21    | Edmond, OK      |
| 9/9   | Northeastern State       | W, 31-17    | Kearney         |
| 9/16  | Missouri Southern        | L, 18-13    | Kearney         |
| 9/23  | @ #3 Pittsburg State     | 2 p.m.      | Pittsburg, KS   |
| 9/30  | Washburn                 | 2 p.m.      | Kearney         |
| 10/7  | @ #25 Central Missouri   | 1 p.m.      | Warrensburg, MO |
| 10/14 | @ Fort Hays State        | 1 p.m.      | Hays, KS        |
| 10/21 | #39 Missouri Western     | 12 p.m.     | Kearney         |
| 10/28 | @ #11 Emporia State      | 2 p.m.      | Emporia, KS     |
| 11/4  | Lincoln                  | 12 p.m.     | Kearney         |
| 11/11 | @ #31 Northwest Missouri | 1:30 p.m.   | Maryville, MO   |



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## 2023 PSU SCHEDULE

|       |                      |          |
|-------|----------------------|----------|
| 8/31  | Washburn             | W, 34-7  |
| 9/7   | @ Fort Hays State    | W, 40-14 |
| 9/16  | @ Central Missouri   | W, 38-37 |
| 9/23  | UNK                  | 2 p.m.   |
| 9/30  | @ Northeastern State | 2 p.m.   |
| 10/7  | Emporia State        | 2 p.m.   |
| 10/14 | @ Missouri Southern  | 2 p.m.   |
| 10/21 | @ Northwest Missouri | 2 p.m.   |
| 10/28 | Sioux Falls          | 2 p.m.   |
| 11/4  | @ Missouri Western   | 1 p.m.   |
| 11/11 | Central Oklahoma     | 2 p.m.   |

## 2023 STAT COMPARISON

| UNK Def. |                    | PSU Off. |
|----------|--------------------|----------|
| 19.7     | Scoring            | 37.3     |
| 335.0    | Total Offense      | 437.0    |
| 154.3    | Rush Offense       | 84.0     |
| 180.7    | Pass Offense       | 186.7    |
| 201      | Total Plays        | 194      |
| 115      | Rush Attempts      | 117      |
| 86       | Pass Attempts      | 98       |
| 5.0      | Avg./Play          | 6.1      |
| 4.0      | Avg./Rush          | 4.8      |
| 6.3      | Avg./Pass          | 7.7      |
| 11.1     | Avg./Catch         | 11.7     |
| 1        | Turnovers          | 2        |
| 67%      | Red Zone Scores    | 93%      |
| 42%      | Red Zone TD's      | 71%      |
| 34:11    | Time of Possession | 34:32    |
| 42%      | 3rd Down Conv.     | 37%      |
| 71%      | 4th Down Conv.     | 75%      |

| UNK Off. |                    | PSU Def. |
|----------|--------------------|----------|
| 21.7     | Scoring            | 19.3     |
| 312.0    | Total Offense      | 295.7    |
| 112.0    | Rush Offense       | 81.3     |
| 200.0    | Pass Offense       | 214.3    |
| 159      | Total Plays        | 194      |
| 87       | Rush Attempts      | 70       |
| 72       | Pass Attempts      | 124      |
| 5.9      | Avg./Play          | 4.6      |
| 3.9      | Avg./Rush          | 3.5      |
| 8.3      | Avg./Pass          | 5.2      |
| 12.8     | Avg./Catch         | 9.3      |
| 3        | Turnovers          | 5        |
| 88%      | Red Zone Scores    | 100%     |
| 75%      | Red Zone TD's      | 89%      |
| 25:49    | Time of Possession | 25:28    |
| 48%      | 3rd Down Conv.     | 38%      |
| 33%      | 4th Down Conv.     | 38%      |

## COACH WRIGHT (4TH YEAR/25-6; 29-6 OVERALL)

Brian Wright took over the Gorillas in December 2019. He previously went 4-0 as interim head coach at FBS member Florida Atlantic in 2013.

Wright was an assistant at the NAIA (Walsh, Ohio), D3 (Wooster, Ohio) and FCS (Youngstown State and Montana State) levels before working at FAU and Toledo. He played collegiality at Wooster.

## SERIES NOTES (PITT LEADS 15-10)

UNK/Kearney State won six of the first seven meetings including a 1978 game at Pitt that was forfeited by the Gorillas due to an ineligible player. PSU has won 13 of the last 15 games with the Lopers coming out on top in 2020, 31-26, and 2021, 28-17, at Carnie Smith. The series dates back to 1974 with the teams meeting every fall from 1974-88.

Last year in Kearney, Pitt threw a 72-yard touchdown pass with 12 seconds left to win, 35-28. UNK ran for 267 yards and three TD's to get out to a 21-7 leads. Pitt finished with 290 passing yards and four scores.

## OFFENSIVE NOTES

Led by junior quarterback *Chad Dodson Jr. (#9)*, Pitt is averaging 37 points and 430 yards per game. They've tallied 83 second half points (28 pg), are 13 of 14 in the red zone (10 TD's, three FG's) and have committed just two turnovers.

A 2022 third-team All-MIAA pick, Dodson Jr. is completing 65% of his passes for 221 yards per game with five TD's and two INT's. He's also rushed 21 times for 61 yards and a score.

Sophomore *Kolbe Katsis (#14)* has emerged as his favorite target. The current MIAA Offensive P.O.W. is up to 21 catches for 276 yards and one TD. He had 22 catches all of last year (505 yards & five TD's). Senior tight end *Devon Garrison (#88)* is second in catches and yards and first in scores (two).

Junior newcomer *Antwan Squire (#7)* paces ground game averaging 192 yards per game. He has two of Pitt's eight ground scores with redshirt sophomore *Cleo Chandler Jr. (#20)* at three TD's and second in yards and carries. Finally, the line features 2022 first-team All-MIAA pick *Trase Jeffries (#74)* and third-team choice *Cooper Schettler (#69)*. Both are redshirt seniors.

## DEFENSIVE NOTES

The Pitt D is allowing 19 points and 296 yards per game while having four INT's and allowing a 38% conversion rate on third down. They've also given up just seven third quarter points.

Redshirt junior backer *Dubem Okonkwo (#32)* was a 2022 first-team All-MIAA choice with redshirt senior corner *Rico Payton (#1)* a second-team pick. Redshirt junior backer *Alex Gaskill (#6)* made the third-team and is currently second on the team in tackles with 18. He also had three PBU's and two QB hurries.

Another returning all-league Gorilla is defensive back *Michael Lacey (#8)*; he has 12 tackles and four PBU's so far. Finally, sophomore backup safety *Jordan Rogers (#30)* already has three INT's for 36 yards.

## SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

True freshman *Austin Schmitt (#49)* is 5 for 5 on FG tries (long of 45 yards) and 11 for 11 on PAT's. Senior *Cole Gentry (#8)* averages 62.0 yards on kickoffs with junior *Dominik Stadlman (#18)* at 38.4 yards per punt. Finally, Katsis is at 22.0 yards a kick return, as is senior WR *Jamahl Horne (#4)*, with Payton the top punt returner.

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## OFFENSE

|    |    |                    |      |     |       |                   |
|----|----|--------------------|------|-----|-------|-------------------|
| QB | 9  | Chad Dodson Jr.    | 5-11 | 205 | Jr.   | Jacksonville, FL  |
|    | 6  | Ty Pennington      | 6-3  | 207 | R-Fr. | Sand Springs, OK  |
| RB | 7  | Antwan Squire      | 5-9  | 195 | Sr.   | Suitland, MD      |
|    | 10 | Noah Hernandez     | 5-10 | 195 | R-Fr. | Tulsa, OK         |
| WR | 4  | Jamahl Horne       | 5-10 | 192 | Sr.   | Miami, FL         |
|    | 2  | Greyson Holbert    | 5-11 | 185 | So.   | Overland Park, KS |
| WR | 14 | Kolbe Katsis       | 6-1  | 182 | So.   | Owasso, OK        |
|    | 28 | Matthew Brown      | 6-3  | 190 | Jr.   | Yorkville, IL     |
| WR | 8  | Jack Roberts       | 6-3  | 197 | R-Jr. | Overland Park, KS |
|    | 11 | Jake Bogdon        | 5-10 | 179 | Jr.   | Little Elm, TX    |
| TE | 88 | Devon Garrison     | 6-6  | 240 | Jr.   | Elk River, MN     |
|    | 82 | Dallas Bond        | 6-3  | 232 | Jr.   | Tonganoxie, KS    |
| LT | 74 | Trase Jeffries     | 6-4  | 322 | R-Sr. | Broken Arrow, OK  |
|    | 66 | Braden Stein       | 6-7  | 312 | So.   | Decatur, TX       |
| LG | 69 | Cooper Schettler   | 6-4  | 292 | R-Sr. | Carlisle, IA      |
|    | 65 | Carter Stanchfield | 6-4  | 309 | So.   | Paola, KS         |
| C  | 55 | Zane Madison       | 6-3  | 297 | Gr.   | Van Alstyne, TX   |
|    | 77 | Michael Toney      | 6-2  | 317 | R-Sr. | Bentonville, AR   |
| RG | 76 | Drew Daniels       | 6-2  | 300 | So.   | Andover, KS       |
|    | 71 | Kievan Myers       | 6-4  | 317 | R-Sr. | Dallas, TX        |
| RT | 50 | Landon Blubaugh    | 6-3  | 280 | So.   | Keller, TX        |
|    | 78 | Joel Stevens       | 6-8  | 300 | R-Jr. | Lee's Summit, MO  |

## DEFENSE

|      |    |                  |      |     |                   |                   |
|------|----|------------------|------|-----|-------------------|-------------------|
| DE   | 90 | Kyjuan Rodgers   | 6-4  | 265 | So.               | West Memphis, AR  |
|      | 94 | Ely Wilcox       | 6-4  | 228 | Sp. <sup>TM</sup> | Augusta, KS       |
| NG   | 74 | Cole Sample      | 6-3  | 309 | Jr.               | Jarballo, KS      |
|      | 99 | Isaiah Alexander | 6-1  | 189 | R-Fr.             | Marshall, TX      |
| DT   | 96 | Trent Thompson   | 6-3  | 255 | Jr.               | Webb City, MO     |
|      | 95 | Jeremy Sharp     | 6-3  | 289 | So.               | Peculiar, MO      |
| LEO  | 32 | Dubem Okonkwo    | 6-0  | 228 | R-Jr.             | Kansas City, MO   |
|      | 23 | Zach Coenen      | 6-0  | 223 | So.               | Cassville, MO     |
| SAM  | 6  | Alex Gaskill     | 6-3  | 199 | R-Jr.             | Webb City, MO     |
|      | 21 | Bryce Johnson    | 6-1  | 215 | R-Fr.             | St. Johns, FL     |
| MIKE | 23 | Zach Coenen      | 6-0  | 223 | So.               | Cassville, MO     |
|      | 39 | Cole Cucitrone   | 6-1  | 225 | Jr.               | Cave Creek, AZ    |
| WILL | 40 | Jack Barkley     | 6-1  | 220 | R-Jr.             | Tulsa, OK         |
|      | 43 | Thomas Cook      | 6-1  | 213 | Jr.               | Overland Park, KS |
| FS   | 0  | Michael Lacey    | 5-10 | 180 | Sr.               | Cleveland, OH     |
|      | 30 | Jordan Rogers    | 5-10 | 178 | So.               | Bellmead, TX      |
| SS   | 16 | Ryan Medeiros    | 6-0  | 192 | So.               | Prosper, TX       |
|      | 24 | Carson Otworth   | 6-1  | 188 | So.               | Austin, TX        |
| CB   | 1  | Rico Payton      | 6-0  | 182 | R-Sr.             | St. Louis, MO     |
|      | 5  | Tedrick Tate Jr. | 6-2  | 194 | So.               | Cordova, TN       |
| CB   | 3  | Jaylen Fuksa     | 5-11 | 170 | So.               | Frisco, TX        |
|      | 22 | Antoine Nunn Jr. | 5-9  | 170 | R-Jr.             | Kansas City, MO   |

## SPECIAL TEAMS

|      |    |                  |      |     |       |                   |
|------|----|------------------|------|-----|-------|-------------------|
| P    | 18 | Dominik Stadlman | 6-1  | 167 | Jr.   | Overland Park, KS |
| PK   | 49 | Austin Schmitt   | 6-1  | 170 | Fr.   | Grain Valley, MO  |
| KO   | 8  | Gentry Cole      | 5-9  | 170 | Sr.   | Goddard, KS       |
| LS   | 48 | Timmy Malinowski | 6-1  | 201 | Jr.   | Washington, IL    |
| HOLD | 18 | Dominik Stadlman | 6-1  | 167 | Jr.   | Overland Park, KS |
| PR   | 1  | Rico Payton      | 6-0  | 182 | R-Sr. | St. Louis, MO     |
| KR   | 4  | Jamahl Horne     | 5-10 | 192 | Sr.   | Miami, FL         |
|      | 14 | Kolbe Katsis     | 6-1  | 182 | So.   | Owasso, OK        |

# NEBRASKA-KEARNEY FOOTBALL '23/COACH HELD

**Ryan Held** was named the 19th head football coach in Nebraska Kearney school-history on Dec. 20, 2022.

"I can't tell you how fired up I am to be the next head football coach at UNK. The opportunity to return to Nebraska and lead the Loper football program, which has tremendous tradition and is committed to winning championships, is something I can't wait to take on," said Held. "The MIAA is one of the toughest football conferences in the country, and UNK is right there at the top with a strong foundation in place."

Held spent the past season as interim head coach and offensive coordinator at FCS-member North Alabama. Before that, he was an assistant/running backs coach and recruiting coordinator at Nebraska (2018-21) and assistant/running backs coach at the University of Central Florida (2016-17). He was twice named one of the nation's top 25 recruiters by Rivals.com while at Nebraska.

A coaching veteran with 13 years of head coaching experience, Held climbed the coaching ladder as a junior college, NCAA Division II and NAIA head coach before joining the Division I ranks. He had head coaching stints at junior colleges Northeastern Oklahoma A&M and Highland (Kan.) Community College, Southwestern Oklahoma State and Oklahoma Panhandle State, and Peru State.

He he has a career head coaching record of **53-79** with four winning seasons and another .500 campaign. At 26-years old, he was the nation's youngest head coach while at Peru State in 2001. He guided the Bobcats to a second place finish in the league and then helped turn around OPSU. The independent Aggies had won only two games in the previous three years but Held led them to back-to-back winning seasons in 2003 and 2004.

Next, he helped SWOSU tie for the 2007 North Division title in the tough Lone Star Conference (LSC). A year earlier Held was named the North Division Coach of the Year. At Highland, he took over a program that hadn't had a winning season since before 2000. In 2013, Highland made the playoffs for the first time in the modern era. Finally, Held coached 22 all-league players at NEO over the 2014 and 2015 seasons.

Held's other coaching stops include Butler (Kan.) Community College and the University of Tennessee, where he was a defensive graduate assistant in 1998-99, helping the Volunteers win the 1998 national championship. At Butler, Held was offensive coordinator for a Grizzlies team that went 11-1 and finished with the second ranked offense in the country.

"We have a great opportunity to build on recent success," said Held. "There are a lot of really good players returning. We're going to add more moving forward and build on recent successes in the great MIAA conference.



look forward to meeting all the great alumni, boosters and community members who make it possible to build our program."

Recognized as an outstanding recruiter and for developing players, as well as being an offensive-minded coach, Held's running backs at Central Florida rushed for more than 2,500 yards in 2017 when the Knights went 13-0 and won the American Athletic Conference (AAC) title.

At Nebraska, Held's running backs produced impressive results in his first season in 2018. The group helped the Huskers rush for more than 2,500 yards, as Nebraska boasted the third-most-improved rushing attack in the country, averaging 209 yards per game.

His 2022 team at Northern Alabama was among the ASUN Conference leaders in multiple offensive categories, with running back ShunDerrick Powell's 1,508 rushing yards the fourth-best total in the nation.

"Our players will be **disciplined, detailed and tough (#DDT)**. That's our culture and what we stand for, on and off the field. That encompasses everything it means to be a Loper football player," said Held.

A native of Overland Park, Kansas, Held was a reserve quarterback and split end at Nebraska from 1993-96, when the Huskers won two national championships, posted a 47-3 record and won three conference titles.

He and his wife, Katie, have two sons, Jacob and Greyson. Held also has a daughter, Rhylan

## UNK ALL-TIME COACHES

|                  |             |              |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Claire Boroff    | 1972-99     | 169-106-5    |
| Al Zikmund       | 1955-71     | 121-32-3     |
| Darrell Morris   | 2000-14     | 100-63-0     |
| Pop Klein        | 1935-42     | 45-21-2      |
| Charlie Foster   | 1945-52     | 42-24-3      |
| Josh Lynn        | 2017-22     | 35-25-0      |
| Fred Fulmer      | 1922-29     | 26-34-8      |
| George Van Buren | 1910-13     | 18-12-1      |
| Ted James        | 1930-32     | 13-10-2      |
| Harry Tollefsen  | 1914-16     | 10-10-1      |
| Marvin Franklin  | 1953-54     | 8-8-2        |
| Raymond Ozmun    | 1920-21     | 4-7-1        |
| George Porter    | 1907-09     | 4-10-2       |
| W.D. Reynolds    | 1917-18     | 3-5-1        |
| W.E. Allen       | 1905-06     | 3-8-4        |
| Hugo Otoupalik   | 1919        | 2-4-0        |
| <b>Ryan Held</b> | <b>2022</b> | <b>1-2-0</b> |
| Howard Hill      | 1933-34     | 1-13-2       |
| Josh Lamberson   | 2015-16     | 1-21-0       |

# NEBRASKA-KEARNEY FOOTBALL 2023/OFFENSE

## DAVIS AT A 66% COMPLETION PCT.

A two-time MIAA Offensive Player of the Year and a two-time Harlon Hill Trophy National Finalist, graduate student QB *TJ Davis* (#2/*Colorado Springs*) is now completing a career-high 66% of his passes (47 of 71/.662).

He went 20 of 25 last week vs. Missouri Southern with two of the in completions being drops. That 80% rate ties a career-high; he went 12 of 15 in a 2021 loss at Fort Hays State.

The 20 completions are a new mark, besting the 16 he had in a 2021 win vs. Washburn. Overall in 2021, Davis completed 61% of his passes. Finally, the UNK graduate is now up to 108 career scores and 9,230 career yards.

### Loper Career Rushing Yards (All Players)

|                     |              |                                       |
|---------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Mike Miller (RB) | 4,818        | 2001-04                               |
| 2. <b>TJ Davis</b>  | <b>3,838</b> | <b>2019-pre.</b> (981 for the record) |

### Loper Career Rushing Touchdowns

|                           |           |                  |
|---------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| 1. <b>TJ Davis</b>        | <b>57</b> | <b>2019-pre.</b> |
| 2. Jake Spitzlberger (QB) | 38        | 2008-11          |

### Loper Career Passing Touchdowns

|                      |           |                  |
|----------------------|-----------|------------------|
| 1. Justin Coleman    | 99        | 1997-00          |
| 2. Jake Spitzlberger | 80        | 2008-11          |
| 3. <b>TJ Davis</b>   | <b>51</b> | <b>2019-pre.</b> |

### Loper Career Passing Yards

|                    |              |                  |
|--------------------|--------------|------------------|
| 3. Pat Korth       | 5,995        | 2000-03          |
| 4. <b>TJ Davis</b> | <b>5,391</b> | <b>2019-pre.</b> |

## FIRST TD FOR TAMICUS

Junior back *Tamicus Napier* (#32/*Murfreesboro, Tenn.*) saw his first extended action last Saturday and ran for UNK's first score, a two-yard plunge in the first half. He finished the game with three carries for 12 yards.

At Reedley (Calif.) College, Napier totaled 777 yards and eight TD's over two years. He also had 242 receiving yards on just 18 catches.

## LOPER TRAILS

Junior WR *Cole Brown* (#6/*Dallas, Ga.*) caught his second TD of the year vs. MSSU (14 yards). On the year's first drive, he had a 29-yard scoring catch at UCO ... 14 different Lopers have a catch with eight different Lopers carrying the ball once

## IN THE 2023 MIAA OFFENSIVE STATS

Scoring - 8th (21.7); Total - 10th (312.0 ypg)

Rushing - 7th (112.0 ypg); Rushing TD's - T-4th (5);

Carries - 8th (87); Yards Per Carry - 7th (3.9)

Passing - 9th (200.0 ypg); Passing TD's - 7th (4);

Efficiency - 6th (148.1); Attempts - 11th (72)

1st Down - 8th (16.3 pg); 3rd Down - 4th (44.1%);

4th Down - 10th (33%); Red Zone - 5th (88%);

TOP - 11th (25:49); Sacks Allowed - 4th (4)

## 2023 MIAA STANDINGS

| NO. | SCHOOL                   | OVERALL/MIAA |
|-----|--------------------------|--------------|
| 1.  | Pittsburg State          | 3-0          |
| 2.  | Emporia State            | 3-0 (2-0)    |
| 3.  | Central Missouri         | 2-1          |
|     | Fort Hays State          | 2-1          |
|     | Missouri Southern State  | 2-1          |
| 6.  | Missouri Western State   | 2-1 (1-1)    |
| 7.  | Central Oklahoma         | 1-2          |
|     | <b>UNK</b>               | <b>1-2</b>   |
|     | Northwest Missouri State | 1-2          |
| 10. | Washburn                 | 1-2 (0-2)    |
| 11. | Northeastern State       | 0-3          |

### This Week's Games

Central Missouri @ Washburn, 1 p.m.  
 Central Oklahoma @ Emporia State, 1 p.m.  
 Lincoln @ Northwest Missouri, 1:30 p.m.  
 Northeastern State @ Missouri Southern, 2 p.m.  
 Fort Hays State @ Missouri Western, 6 p.m.

### Last Week's Results

Pittsburg State 38, Central Missouri 37  
 Missouri Western 34, Central Oklahoma 31  
 Emporia State 38, Northeastern State 0  
 Fort Hays State 17, Northwest Missouri 6  
 Washburn 24, Lincoln 10

## PRESEASON COACHES POLL

| NO. | SCHOOL             | POINTS (1ST PLACE) |
|-----|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1.  | Pittsburg State    | 98 (8)             |
| 2.  | Northwest Missouri | 93 (3)             |
| 3.  | Emporia State      | 78                 |
| 4.  | Washburn           | 73                 |
| 5.  | Central Oklahoma   | 57                 |
|     | <b>UNK</b>         | <b>57</b>          |
| 7.  | Central Missouri   | 44                 |
| 8.  | Fort Hays State    | 37                 |
| 9.  | Missouri Western   | 32                 |
| 10. | Missouri Southern  | 26                 |
| 11. | Northeastern State | 10                 |

## PRESEASON MEDIA POLL

| NO. | SCHOOL             | POINTS (1ST PLACE) |
|-----|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1.  | Pittsburg State    | 320 (22)           |
| 2.  | Northwest Missouri | 302 (7)            |
| 3.  | Emporia State      | 258                |
| 4.  | Washburn           | 209                |
| 5.  | Central Oklahoma   | 208                |
| 6.  | <b>UNK</b>         | <b>199</b> ™       |
| 7.  | Central Missouri   | 124                |
| 8.  | Missouri Southern  | 116                |
| 9.  | Missouri Western   | 113                |
| 10. | Fort Hays State    | 98                 |
| 11. | Northeastern State | 33                 |

# NEBRASKA-KEARNEY FOOTBALL '23/DEF. & S.T.

## BLOCK PARTY

Super senior d-lineman *Tell Spies (#92/Mullen)* blocked not just one but two PAT's vs. Missouri Southern. They marked UNK's first blocked PAT's since All-Region basketball player turned wide receiver Trey Lansman got to one in a Sept. 2018 loss to Emporia State.

On the second PAT, UNK tried to return it for points but was called for an illegal forward pass. In its history, the Lopers have returned only one PAT for points and it came in the very first game of the new rule; safety Dusty Loeffelholz vs. Nebraska-Omaha on Sept. 1, 2007. UNO held onto win that game, 41-24.

A week earlier, UNK had its first blocked punt in 11 years when back *Jamaal Joseph (#0/Miami)* deflected an attempt by Northeastern State. That led to a short field and a 10-7 Loper lead.

## STINGY ON RED ZONE TD'S

UNK has allowed just five red zone touchdowns in 12 chances (42%). The opponents have turned the ball over twice on downs, made three field goals and missed two.

## GET OFF THE FIELD

The Lopers rank high in several defensive categories but would like to get off the field a bit quicker.

Central Oklahoma had three drives totaling 48 plays for 241 yards and took 23:54 off the clock, NSU had a 12-play, 58-yard march that ate up 6:16 with MSSU having two 13 play drives. Those totaled 161 yards and lasted just over 14 minutes off the clock. Finally, these drives tallied 23 points overall.

## CURRENT CAREER TACKLE LEADERS

|    |                |     |
|----|----------------|-----|
| 1. | Tell Spies     | 109 |
| 2. | Tre O'Guinn    | 93  |
| 3. | Zach Schlager  | 87  |
| 4. | Armani Webster | 69  |
| 5. | Sethe Holt     | 65  |
| 5. | David Lilly    | 55  |

## CURRENT CAREER TFL LEADERS

|    |                 |                   |
|----|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. | Tell Spies      | 20.0 (12.5 sacks) |
| 2. | David Lilly     | 5.0               |
| 3. | Delonte Dickey  | 4.0               |
| 4. | Jayden Swink    | 3.5               |
| 5. | Jack Nickolisen | 3.0               |

## IN THE 2023 MIAA DEFENSE & ST STATS

*Scoring* - 4th (19.7 ppg); *Total* - 5th (335.0 ypg)

*Rushing* - 9th (154.3 ypg);

*Rush TD's* - T-4th fewest (3); *YPC* - T-6th lowest (4.0)

*Passing* - 3rd (180.7 ypg); *Efficiency* - 4th (119.1);

*Pass TD's* - T-3rd fewest (3);

*Comp. Pct.* - 3rd lowest (57%)

*1st Downs* - 5th lowest (18.3 avg.); *3rd Down Conv.* - 7th (42%); *4th Down Conv.* - 10th (71%);

*Red Zone* - **2nd** (67%); *Sacks By* - **T-2nd** (5);

*Opponent Penalties* - 4th most (67.3 ypg);

*Penalites* - **2nd fewest** (42.3)

*Net Kickoff* - 9th (34.9 avg.); *Net Punting* - 7th (37.9 avg.)

*Kick Return* - **2nd** (31.6 avg.); *Punt Ret.* - **2nd** (16.0 avg.)

## AFCA DIVISION II POLL #4

| #   | School                                 | Rec.       | Pts.       |
|-----|--|------------|------------|
| 1.  | <b><i>Ferris State, Mich. (23)</i></b> | <b>2-1</b> | <b>740</b> |
| 2.  | Colorado Mines (7)                     | 3-0        | 726        |
| 3.  | <b><i>Pittsburg State</i></b>          | <b>3-0</b> | <b>687</b> |
| 4.  | <b><i>Ouachita Baptist, Ark.</i></b>   | <b>3-0</b> | <b>622</b> |
| 5.  | Minnesota State                        | 3-0        | 590        |
| 6.  | <b><i>Grand Valley St., Mich.</i></b>  | <b>2-1</b> | <b>568</b> |
| 7.  | West Florida                           | 2-1        | 564        |
| 8.  | Delta State, Miss.                     | 3-0        | 555        |
| 9.  | Bemidji State, Minn.                   | 3-0        | 510        |
| 10. | <b><i>Harding, Ark.</i></b>            | <b>3-0</b> | <b>475</b> |
| 11. | <b><i>Emporia State</i></b>            | <b>3-0</b> | <b>450</b> |
| 12. | Slippery Rock, Pa.                     | 3-0        | 407        |
| 13. | Shepherd, W.V.                         | 3-0        | 366        |
| 14. | Benedict, S.C.                         | 3-0        | 354        |
| 15. | Virginia Union                         | 3-0        | 307        |
| 16. | <b><i>Indianapolis</i></b>             | <b>2-0</b> | <b>280</b> |
| 17. | Lenoir-Rhyne, N.C.                     | 3-0        | 250        |
| 18. | Texas A&M-Kingsville                   | 3-0        | 249        |
| 19. | Western Colorado                       | 3-0        | 194        |
| 20. | <b><i>Henderson State, Ark.</i></b>    | <b>3-0</b> | <b>177</b> |
| 21. | <b><i>Davenport, Mich.</i></b>         | <b>2-0</b> | <b>134</b> |
| 22. | Angelo State, Texas                    | 1-2        | 110        |
| 23. | Minnesota-Duluth                       | 3-0        | 96         |
| 24. | Assumption, Mass.                      | 2-1        | 64         |
| 25. | <b><i>Central Missouri</i></b>         | <b>2-1</b> | <b>35</b>  |

*Region RV: Truman State, Northwest Missouri, Missouri Western*

*Bold italics indicate Super Region 3 member*

# NEBRASKA-KEARNEY FOOTBALL 2023/2-DEEP

**QB -** #2 TJ Davis (Gr., 6-3, 180 lbs. Colorado Springs, CO)  
#1 Sean Johnson Jr. (R-So., 6-2, 180 lbs., Orlando, FL)

**RB -** #0 Jamaal Joseph (So., 6-0, 190 lbs., Miami, FL)  
#23 DeMareus Hosey (Gr., 5-11, 210 lbs., Justin, TX)  
#32 Taimicus Napier (Jr., 5-8, 205 lbs. Murfreesboro, TN)

**WR (Z) -** #10 Severyn Foster (Gr., 6-1, 210 lbs., Lincoln, NE)  
#81 Shaun Ross (R-Sr., 6-1, 180 lbs., Raytown, MO)

**WR (X) -** #3 Zorian Stanton (So., 6-1, 170 lbs., St. Cloud, FL)  
#6 Cole Brown (R-So., 6-3, 205 lbs., Dallas, GA)

**WR (R) -** #19 Reggie Anderson (Jr., 5-11, 170 lbs., Gaithersburg, MD)  
#11 JerQon Conners (R-Jr., 5-11 180 lbs., St. Louis, MO)

**TE -** #85 Luke Fletcher (Jr., 6-6, 240 lbs., Hays, KS)  
#42 Anthony Sabatka (R-Fr., 6-1, 220 lbs., Hastings, NE)

**LT -** #58 Hunter Push (R-So., 6-4, 300 lbs., Omaha, NE)  
#70 Dawson Fox (R-Fr., 6-5, 310 lbs., St. Paul, NE)

**LG -** #57 Hunter Hays (C-Sr., 6-3, 315 lbs., McCook, NE)  
#66 Nolan Olafson (R-So., 6-2, 280 lbs., Omaha, NE)

**C -** #54 Jon Merten (R-Sr., 6-2, 280 lbs., Albion, NE)  
#75 Drake Sherman (R-Jr., 6-1, 295 lbs., Lincoln, NE)

**RG -** #53 James Kent Jr. (R-Jr., 6-3, 315 lbs., Omaha, NE)  
#63 Sam Snider (R-Sr., 6-4, 270 lbs., Centennial, CO)

**RT -** #73 Esafe Fetu'u (Sr., 6-5, 295 lbs., Mesa, AZ)  
#72 Wyatt Marr (R-So., 6-5, 290 lbs., Lincoln, NE)

**Kickoff -** #96 Kyle Failing (Jr., 6-2, 190 lbs., Port Orchard, WA)

**PK -** #47 Gabe Heins (Gr., 6-0, 180 lbs., Kearney, NE)

**Holder -** #40 Hunter Kraus (Gr., 6-2, 195 lbs., Sargent, NE)

**Right End -** #48 Jack Johnson (R-So., 6-2, 240 lbs., Kearney, NE)  
#17 Delonte Dickey (R-So., 6-3, 235 lbs., Greenwood Village, CO)

**Right DT -** #92 Tell Spies (C-Sr., 6-3, 295 lbs., Mullen, NE)  
#99 Stephen Matina (Jr., 6-5, 360 lbs., Lansing, KS)

**Left DT -** #74 Jack Nickolisen (R-So., 6-3, 270 lbs., Omaha, NE)  
#98 CJ Sunui (R-Jr., 6-3, 310 lbs., Pago Pago, American Samoa)

**Left End -** #4 Quillan Felton (Jr., 6-4, 215 lbs., Lithonia, GA)  
#95 Campbell Packebush (Fr-Fr., 6-5, 230 lbs., Littleton, CO)

**Mike -** #8 Zach Schlager (Gr., 6-1, 225 lbs., McCook, NE)  
#44 Parker Wise (R-Fr., 6-0, 200 lbs., Kearney, NE)  
#41 Devin Guggia (Jr., 6-1, 205 lbs. Santa Maria, CA)

**Will -** #28 Travis Hall Jr. (6-2, 195 lbs., San Diego, CA)  
#9 Joko Willis (R-Jr., 6-3, 215 lbs. LaGrange, GA)

**Nickel -** #34 David Lilly (R-Jr., 5-10, 190 lbs., Wahoo, NE)  
#25 Sethe Holt (Gr., 5-10, 190 lbs., Chicago, IL)

**RCB -** #24 Jabea Tilong (Gr., 6-1, 6-1, 190 lbs., Aurora, CO)  
#36 Jervin Smith (Jr., 6-1, 185 lbs., Columbus, MS)

**LCB -** #18 Armani Webster (R-Sr., 6-1, 190 lbs., Chicago, IL)  
#21 Javeer Peterson (Sr., Levittown, PA)

**WS -** #31 Robert Bishop Jr. (R-So., 6-1, 190 lbs., Norco, CA)  
#29 Jeremiah Cox (Jr., 6-2, 200 lbs., Los Angeles, CA)

**FS -** #22 Tre O'Guinn (Sr., 6-0, 180 lbs., Peoria, AZ)  
#45 CJ Kuehl (So., 6-1, 200 lbs., Indianola, IA)

**P -** #40 Hunter Kraus (Gr., 6-2, 195 lbs., Sargent, NE)

**LS -** #51 Josh Churchill (R-So., 6-0, 210 lbs., Omaha, NE)

**KR -** #11 JerQon Conners (R-Jr., 5-11 180 lbs., St. Louis, MO)  
#89 Darius Jackson (Jr., 5-8, 160 lbs., St. Louis, MO)

**PR -** #35 Zane Schawang (So., 5-11, 175 lbs., Waverly, NE)



# NEBRASKA-KEARNEY FOOTBALL 2023/LAST TIME

## The Last Time a UNK Loper had...

### Passing

250 yards passing (259, TJ Davis, vs. Northwest Mo., 10/29/22)  
300 yards passing (309, TJ Davis, at Emporia State, 10/16/21)  
350 yards passing (378, Jake Spitzlberger, at Colorado Mesa, 9/17/11)  
400 yards passing (410, Jake Spitzlberger, at CSU-Pueblo, 10/16/10)

20 pass completions (20, TJ Davis, vs. Mo. Southern, 9/16/23)  
25 pass completions (25, Steve Worthing, at Central Okla., 10/14/17)  
30 pass completions (31, Bronson Marsh, at Emporia State, 9/12/13)

30 pass attempts (30, TJ Davis vs. Northwest Mo., 10/29/22)  
35 pass attempts (46, Steve Worthing, at Central Okla., 10/14/17)  
40 pass attempts (46, Steve Worthing, at Central Okla., 10/14/17)  
45 pass attempts (48, Steve Worthing, vs. Missouri Southern, 10/1/16)  
50 pass attempts (51, Bronson Marsh, at Emporia State, 9/12/13)

2 TD passes (2, TJ Davis, at Central Oklahoma, 8/31/23)  
3 TD passes (3, TJ Davis, vs. Fort Hays State, 10/1/22)  
4 TD passes (4, Jake Spitzlberger, at Western State, 9/24/11)  
5 TD passes (5, Jake Spitzlberger, vs. Western New Mexico, 10/17/09)

### Receiving

100 receiving yards (116, WR Cody Nelson, vs. Northwest Mo., 10/19/22)  
150 receiving yards (152, RB Dayton Sealey, at Emporia State, 10/16/21)  
200 receiving yards (282, WR Kyle Kaiser, at CSU-Pueblo, 10/16/10)  
250 receiving yards (282, WR Kyle Kaiser, at CSU-Pueblo, 10/16/10)

Two players with 100 receiving yards (132, WR Malcolm Moore & 121, WR Blake Holtmeier, at Northeastern State, 10/22/16)

10 catches (10, WR, Malcolm Moore, at Pittsburg State, 11/5/16)  
12 catches (13, WR Richie Ross, vs. Colorado Mines, 10/8/05)  
15 catches (16, WR Richie Ross, at Ft. Hays, 11/1/03) *school record*

2 receiving TD's (2, TE Thomas Tews, vs. Northeastern State, 11/12/22)  
3 receiving TD's (3, WR Kyle Kaiser, at CSU-Pueblo, 10/16/10)

### Rushing

100 rushing yards (115, QB TJ Davis, vs. Northeastern, 9/9/23)  
200 rushing yards (242, QB Bronson Marsh, at Northeastern, 10/11/14)  
250 rushing yards (258, QB TJ Davis, vs. Washburn, 9/18/21)

2 rushing TD's (2, QB TJ Davis, vs. Northeastern, 9/9/23)  
3 rushing TD's (3, QB TJ Davis, vs. Central Missouri, 9/24/22)  
4 rushing TD's (4, QB Sean Johnson Jr., at Lincoln, 10/22/22)

100 rushing yards, two players (170, RB Damien Cearns; 103, QB TJ Davis, vs. Northeastern State, 11/12/22)

100 rushing yards, three players (184, RB Darrius Webb; 172 RB David Goodwin; 115 QB TJ Davis; at Mo. Western, 11/9/19)

23 carries (25, QB TJ Davis, vs. Fort Hays State, 10/1/22)  
25 carries (25, QB TJ Davis, vs. Central Oklahoma, 11/5/22)  
30 carries (30, QB TJ Davis, at Central Oklahoma, 11/6/21)

35 carries (39, RB Thomas Russell, at Missouri Southern, 9/30/17)  
40 carries (40, RB Mike Miller, vs. Adams State, 10/4/03)

### Returns/Special Teams

Punt Return TD (35 yards, RB Zane Schawang, at Lincoln, 10/22/22)

-- 3 returns w/o a score --

100 Punt Return Yards (131, Tommy Flanagan, at Fort Hays, 10/10/12)

Kick Return TD (98 yards, RB Darrius Webb, vs. Fort Hays, 10/20/18)

-- 111 returns w/o a score --

150 Kick Return yards (181, Lorenz Allen, at Missouri Western, 9/1/16)

200 Kick Return yards (206, Steven Burns Jr., vs. NSU, 10/10/15)

PAT return for 2 Points (DB Dusty Loeffelholz, vs. Nebraska-Omaha, 9/1/07)

Blocked Punt (RB Jamaal Joseph, vs. Northeastern, 9/9/23)

Blocked Field Goal (OLB Travis Holcomb, at Central Mo., 9/25/21)

Blocked PAT (DL, Tell Spies, vs. Mo. Southern, 9/16/23)

Safety (Team, at Central Oklahoma, 11/6/21)

2 Made Field Goals (Junior Gonzalez, 34 and 28 yards, vs. Central Oklahoma, 11/5/22)

3 Made Field Goals (Brendan Wentling, 35, 38 and 52 yards, at Central Missouri, 10/8/16)

4 Made Field Goals (Brian Covarrubias, 26, 35, 39 and 42 yards, vs. Fort Hays, 10/20/18)

40-Yard Field Goal (45 yards, Junior Gonzalez, vs. Northwest Mo, 10/29/22)

50-Yard Field Goal (51 yards, Brendan Wentling, vs. Central Okla., 10/15/16)

### Defense

14 tackles (14, ILB Jacey Nutter, vs. Fort Hays State, 10/1/21)

15 tackles (15, ILB Jacey Nutter, vs. Central Oklahoma, 11/5/22)

20 tackles (23, LB Tyke Kozeal, vs. Missouri Western, 11/7/15)

INT return for a TD (26 yards, DE Baylor Hellmuth, vs. Northeastern State, 11/12/22)

2 INT's (2 for 30 yards, CB Damien Wilson, vs. Lindenwood, 10/5/13)

Fumble return for a TD (30 yards, CB Armani Webster, at Lincoln, 10/22/22)

# TJ DAVIS \*\* 2023 HARLON HILL CANDIDATE



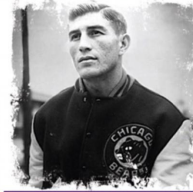
**Quarterback**  
(6-3, 180 lbs.)

**Graduate**

**Colorado Springs, Colo.**  
(Widefield High School)

**Sports Mgmt. Degree**

**HARLON HILL  
AWARD**



**DIVISION II NATIONAL  
PLAYER OF THE YEAR**



**HARLON  
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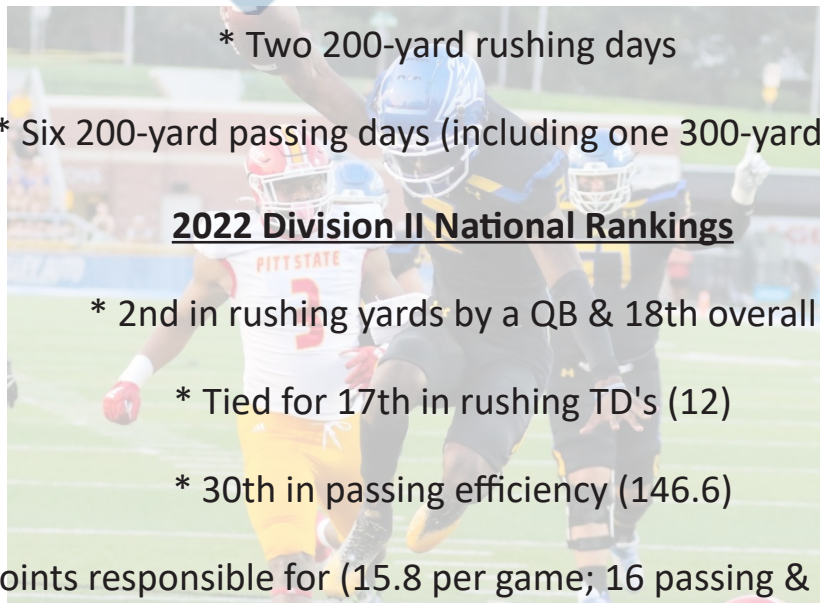
## Career Notes

- \* Has reached 5,300 passing & 3,800 rushing yards
- \* School-Record 57 career rushing touchdowns
- \* 109 career scores (57 rushing, 51 passing and 1 receiving)
- \* Ten straight games with at least one passing TD (games 2-11 in 2022)
- \* Eight straight games with at least one rushing TD (games 1-9 in 2022)
  - \* Three 1,000-yard rushing seasons
  - \* 16 100-yard rushing days
  - \* Two 200-yard rushing days

- \* Six 200-yard passing days (including one 300-yard day)

## 2022 Division II National Rankings

- \* 2nd in rushing yards by a QB & 18th overall
- \* Tied for 17th in rushing TD's (12)
- \* 30th in passing efficiency (146.6)
- \* 20th in points responsible for (15.8 per game; 16 passing & 13 rushing TD's)



# NEBRASKA-KEARNEY FOOTBALL 2023/ROSTER

| NO. | PLAYER             | POS | HT   | WT  | CL.   | HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL                        |
|-----|--------------------|-----|------|-----|-------|---|
| 0   | Jamaal Joseph      | RB  | 6-0  | 190 | So.   | Miami, Fla./Barbara Goleman                                 |
| 1   | Sean Johnson Jr.   | QB  | 6-2  | 180 | R-So. | Orlando, Fla./The First Academy                             |
| 1   | Jamere Jones       | DB  | 6-0  | 215 | R-Jr. | Clayton, N.C./Shaw U. (N.C.)/Clayton                        |
| 2   | TJ Davis           | QB  | 6-3  | 180 | Gr.   | Colorado Springs, Colo./Widefield                           |
| 3   | Zorian Stanton     | WR  | 6-1  | 170 | Jr.   | Jacksonville, Fla./Callahan West Nassau                     |
| 4   | Quillan Felton     | DL  | 6-4  | 215 | Jr.   | Lithonia, Ga./Butler C.C. (KS)/Midtown                      |
| 6   | Cole Brown         | WR  | 6-3  | 205 | R-So. | Dallas, Ga./U. of Central Arkansas/East Paulding            |
| 7   | Trayvon Moore      | TE  | 6-4  | 230 | Jr.   | Hattiesburg, Miss./Mississippi Gulf Coast/Oak Grove         |
| 7   | Abram Scholting    | QB  | 6-0  | 175 | Fr.   | Pierce, Neb./Pierce   |
| 8   | Zach Schlager      | LB  | 6-1  | 225 | Gr.   | McCook, Neb./U. of Nebraska/McCook                          |
| 9   | Joko Willis        | LB  | 6-3  | 215 | R-Jr. | LaGrange, Ga./Auburn U./Troup County                        |
| 10  | Severyn Foster     | WR  | 6-1  | 210 | Gr.   | Lincoln, Neb./McNeese State U. (LA)/Lincoln Southeast       |
| 11  | JerQon Connors     | WR  | 5-11 | 180 | R-Jr. | St. Louis, Mo./Webster Groves                               |
| 12  | Tyler Perry        | QB  | 6-1  | 165 | R-Fr. | Trenton, Fla./Trenton                                       |
| 13  | Wembley Mailei     | LB  | 6-1  | 215 | Sr.   | Honolulu, Hawaii/U. of Louisiana-Monroe/St. Francis         |
| 14  | AJ McPhee          | WR  | 5-10 | 190 | Jr.   | Belle Glade, Fla./Glades Day School                         |
| 15  | Tim Brown          | DL  | 6-4  | 265 | R-So. | Palm Beach Gardens, Fla./Independence CC (KS)/Dwyer         |
| 16  | Bailey Torres      | WR  | 5-10 | 170 | R-Sr. | Cerritos, Calif./Cerritos College (CA)/Valley Christian     |
| 17  | Delonte Dickey     | DL  | 6-3  | 235 | R-So. | Greenwood Village, Colo./Cherry Creek                       |
| 18  | Armani Webster     | DB  | 6-1  | 190 | C-Sr. | Chicago, Ill./Chicago Tech Academy                          |
| 19  | Reggie Anderson    | WR  | 5-11 | 170 | Jr.   | Gaithersburg, Md./Mt. San Antonio College (CA)/Avalon       |
| 20  | Jerome Houston Jr. | DB  | 6-0  | 165 | R-Jr. | Bellevue, Neb./Bellevue West                                |
| 21  | Javeer Peterson    | DB  | 6-1  | 185 | Sr.   | Levittown, Pa./Iowa Western C.C./Harry S. Truman            |
| 22  | Tre O'Guinn        | DB  | 6-0  | 180 | Sr.   | Peoria, Ariz./New Mexico Military Institute/North Canyon    |
| 23  | DeMareus Hosey     | RB  | 5-11 | 210 | Gr.   | Justin, Texas/Montana State U./Northwest                    |
| 24  | Jabea Tilong       | DB  | 6-1  | 190 | Gr.   | Aurora, Colo./U. of Northern Colorado/Aurora Central        |
| 25  | Sethe Holt         | DB  | 5-10 | 190 | Gr.   | Chicago, Ill./Urban Prep-Bronzeville                        |
| 26  | Riley Gallaway     | LB  | 6-2  | 220 | R-So. | Kearney, Neb./Amherst                                       |
| 27  | Keon Washington    | DB  | 5-10 | 170 | Fr.   | Orange, Calif./Orange Lutheran                              |
| 28  | Travis Hall Jr.    | LB  | 6-2  | 195 | Jr.   | San Diego, Calif./San Diego Mesa College (CA)/St. Augustine |
| 29  | Jeremiah Cox       | DB  | 6-2  | 200 | Jr.   | L.A., Calif./Coll. of the Canyons (CA)/Birmingham Charter   |
| 30  | Kevin Brown        | RB  | 5-8  | 190 | Sr.   | East St. Louis, Ill./Illinois State U./East St. Louis       |
| 31  | Robert Bishop Jr.  | DB  | 6-1  | 190 | R-So. | Norco, Calif./Monterey Peninsula College (CA)/Norco         |
| 32  | Tamicus Napier     | RB  | 5-8  | 205 | Jr.   | Murfreesboro, Tenn./Reedley College (CA)/Blackman           |
| 33  | Tywan Muturi       | DB  | 5-11 | 185 | R-Jr. | Kansas City, Mo./Washington                                 |
| 34  | David Lilly        | LB  | 5-10 | 190 | R-Jr. | Wahoo, Neb./Wahoo Bishop Neumann                            |
| 35  | Zane Schawang      | RB  | 5-11 | 175 | R-So. | Waverly, Neb./Waverly                                       |
| 36  | Keaton Van Housen  | RB  | 5-11 | 205 | R-Jr. | Polk, Neb./Osceola-High Plains                              |
| 36  | Jervin Smith       | DB  | 6-1  | 185 | Jr.   | Columbus, Miss./Mississippi Gulf Coast/Biloxi               |
| 37  | Matty Bartels      | DB  | 5-11 | 195 | R-So. | Aurora, Colo./Cherokee Trail                                |
| 38  | Isaiah Daniell     | DB  | 5-11 | 180 | R-Fr. | Yutan, Neb./Yutan   |
| 39  | Nathan Pesek       | DB  | 6-0  | 200 | R-Jr. | Millard, Neb./Millard West                                  |
| 40  | Hunter Kraus       | P   | 6-2  | 195 | Gr.   | Taylor, Neb./Twin Loup                                      |
| 41  | Devin Guggia       | LB  | 6-1  | 205 | Jr.   | Santa Maria, Calif./Allan Hancock College (CA)/St. Joseph   |
| 42  | Anthony Sabatka    | TE  | 6-1  | 220 | R-So. | Hastings, Neb./St. Cecilia                                  |
| 43  | Kolten Cada        | TE  | 6-3  | 215 | R-So. | Wahoo, Neb./Wahoo Bishop Neumann                            |
| 44  | Parker Wise        | LB  | 6-0  | 200 | R-Fr. | Kearney, Neb./Kearney                                       |
| 45  | CJ Kuehl           | DB  | 6-1  | 200 | R-So. | Indianola, Ia./Indianola                                    |
| 46  | Nolan Wetovick     | DB  | 5-10 | 195 | R-Fr. | Cozad, Neb./Cozad   |
| 47  | Gabe Heins         | K   | 6-0  | 180 | Gr.   | Kearney, Neb./U. of Nebraska-Lincoln/Kearney                |
| 48  | Jack Johnson       | DL  | 6-2  | 230 | R-So. | Riverdale, Neb./Kearney                                     |

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| NO. | PLAYER             | POS | HT   | WT  | CL.   | HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL                     |
|-----|--------------------|-----|------|-----|-------|--|
| 49  | Jordan Jackson     | LB  | 6-0  | 215 | R-Jr. | Castle Rock, Colo./Castle View                           |
| 50  | Koren Conrad       | LB  | 6-3  | 200 | R-Fr. | Kearney, Neb./Kearney Catholic                           |
| 51  | Josh Churchill     | LS  | 6-0  | 210 | R-So. | Omaha, Neb./Millard West                                 |
| 53  | James Kent Jr.     | OL  | 6-1  | 315 | R-Jr. | Omaha, Neb./Millard West                                 |
| 52  | Julian Castillo    | LB  | 5-11 | 215 | R-Fr. | Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln Pius X                             |
| 54  | Jon Merten         | OL  | 6-2  | 280 | R-Sr. | Albion, Neb./Boone Central-Newman Grove                  |
| 55  | Ikani Tuiono       | OL  | 6-4  | 295 | Jr.   | Harbor City, Calif./Independence C.C. (KS)/Narbonne      |
| 56  | Cole Bauer         | LS  | 6-2  | 200 | R-Fr. | Grand Island, Neb./Grand Island                          |
| 57  | Hunter Hays        | OL  | 6-3  | 315 | C-Sr. | McCook, Neb./Fort Hays State U./McCook                   |
| 58  | Hunter Push        | OL  | 6-4  | 300 | R-So. | Omaha, Neb./U. of South Dakota/Omaha North               |
| 59  | Nik Erickson       | LB  | 6-0  | 195 | R-Jr. | Central City, Neb./Central City                          |
| 63  | Sam Snider         | OL  | 6-4  | 270 | R-Sr. | Centennial, Colo./Rock Canyon                            |
| 65  | Zach Cross         | OL  | 6-5  | 300 | Fr.   | Omaha, Neb./Millard West                                 |
| 66  | Nolan Olafson      | OL  | 6-2  | 280 | R-So. | Omaha, Neb./Millard South                                |
| 68  | Alan Wallace Jr.   | OL  | 6-5  | 285 | R-So. | Monument, Colo./Minn. State Comm. & Tech./Mesa Ridge     |
| 69  | Rylan Basart       | K   | 6-0  | 205 | R-Fr. | Stockton, Kan./Stockton                                  |
| 70  | Dawson Fox         | OL  | 6-5  | 310 | R-Fr. | St. Paul, Neb./St. Paul                                  |
| 71  | Logan Marx         | DL  | 6-5  | 235 | R-So. | Limon, Colo./South Dakota Mines/Limon                    |
| 72  | Wyatt Marr         | OL  | 6-5  | 290 | R-So. | Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln Lutheran                           |
| 73  | Esafe Fetu'u       | OL  | 6-5  | 295 | Sr.   | Mesa, Ariz./N.M. Military Institute/Mesa                 |
| 74  | Jack Nickolisen    | DL  | 6-3  | 270 | R-So. | Omaha, Neb./Millard South                                |
| 75  | Drake Sherman      | OL  | 6-1  | 295 | R-Jr. | Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln Southwest                          |
| 77  | Justin Anetone     | OL  | 6-3  | 290 | R-Jr. | Colorado Springs, Colo./Doherty                          |
| 78  | Carter Klein       | OL  | 6-5  | 290 | R-Fr. | Pleasanton, Neb./Pleasanton                              |
| 80  | Tristan Hervey     | WR  | 6-2  | 190 | R-So. | Cedar Park, Texas/Trinity Valley College (TX)/Cedar Park |
| 81  | Shaun Ross         | WR  | 6-1  | 180 | R-Sr. | Raytown, Mo./Fort Hays State U./Van Horn                 |
| 82  | Stephen Lewis      | WR  | 6-2  | 190 | Jr.   | Gardendale, Ala./Minnesota West/Gardendale               |
| 83  | Gavin Beerup       | WR  | 6-5  | 210 | R-So. | Camarillo, Calif./U. of Wyoming/St. Bonaventure          |
| 84  | Grant McKinsey     | WR  | 6-4  | 220 | R-Jr. | Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln Southwest                          |
| 85  | Luke Fletcher      | TE  | 6-6  | 240 | Jr.   | Hays, Kan./Butler C.C. (KS)/Hays                         |
| 86  | Isaac Herbek       | WR  | 6-3  | 170 | R-Fr. | Grand Island, Neb./G.I. Central Catholic                 |
| 87  | Tuni Fifita        | TE  | 6-3  | 220 | R-So. | Milpitas, Calif./Foothill College (CA)/Milpitas          |
| 88  | D.J. Gross         | TE  | 6-2  | 240 | R-Sr. | McCook, Neb./U. of South Dakota/McCook                   |
| 89  | Darrius Jackson    | WR  | 5-8  | 160 | Jr.   | St. Louis, Mo./Ellsworth C.C. (IA)/Roosevelt             |
| 90  | Jayden Swink       | DL  | 6-2  | 250 | R-Jr. | Scottsdale, Ariz./U. Arkansas-Pine Bluff/Saguaro         |
| 91  | Wayne Tei-Kirby    | DL  | 6-3  | 330 | Jr.   | Pocatello, Idaho/Brigham Young/Highland                  |
| 92  | Tell Spies         | DL  | 6-3  | 295 | C-Sr. | Mullen, Neb./U. of South Dakota/Mullen                   |
| 93  | TJ Griffin         | DL  | 6-1  | 315 | R-Fr. | Bellevue, Neb./Bellevue West                             |
| 95  | Campbell Packebush | DL  | 6-5  | 230 | R-Fr. | Littleton, Colo./Chatfield                               |
| 96  | Kyle Failing       | K   | 6-2  | 190 | Jr.   | Port Orchard, Wash./South Kitsap                         |
| 97  | Chris Valdez       | DL  | 6-2  | 280 | Jr.   | Albuquerque, N.M./New Mexico Military Institute/Mazano   |
| 98  | CJ Sunui           | DL  | 6-3  | 310 | R-Jr. | Pago Pago, American Samoa/N.M.M.I./Tafuna                |
| 99  | Stephen Matina     | DL  | 6-5  | 360 | Jr.   | Lansing, Kan./Hutchinson C.C. (KS)/Lansing               |

## Developmental Squad/Injured Players/Redshirts

|    | PLAYER           | POS | HT  | WT  | CL.   | HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL                |
|----|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|---|
|    | Sean Anderson    | TE  | 6-5 | 250 | Fr.   | Norton, Kan./Norton                                 |
|    | Dylan Bahe       | DL  | 6-1 | 215 | Fr.   | Arapahoe, Neb./Arapahoe                             |
|    | Tyson Boganowski | DB  | 5-1 | 170 | Fr.   | Gretna, Neb./Gretna                                 |
| 61 | Shayne Brennen   | OL  | 6-9 | 320 | R-So. | Daytona Beach, Fla./Independence C.C. (KS)/Mainland |
|    | Kanon Cada       | TE  | 6-3 | 185 | Fr.   | Wahoo, Neb./Bishop Neumann                          |

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|    | PLAYER            | POS   | HT   | WT  | CL.   | HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL        |
|----|-------------------|-------|------|-----|-------|---|
|    | Levi Converse     | DB    | 5-11 | 190 | Fr.   | Lexington, Neb./Lexington                   |
|    | Dylan Coyle       | DB    | 6-0  | 220 | Fr.   | Monument, Colo./Palmer Ridge                |
| 60 | Cael Dembinski    | OL    | 6-5  | 265 | Fr.   | Valley, Neb./Douglas County West            |
|    | Nolan Eloie       | K     | 6-0  | 170 | Fr.   | Amherst, Neb./Amherst                       |
|    | Patrick Fay       | DL    | 6-0  | 235 | Fr.   | Longmont, Colo./Silver Creek                |
|    | Ripkin Gallaway   | DL    | 6-3  | 205 | Fr.   | Amherst, Neb./Amherst                       |
|    | Saieed Hasan      | DB    | 6-2  | 190 | Fr.   | Peoria, Ariz./Peoria                        |
|    | Weston Heinemann  | DL    | 6-4  | 240 | Fr.   | Bennington, Neb./Bennington                 |
|    | Garret Hoefs      | LB    | 6-0  | 215 | Fr.   | Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln Lutheran              |
|    | Maccoy Holtman    | LB    | 6-0  | 215 | Fr.   | Omaha, Neb./Skutt Catholic                  |
|    | Hudson Holloway   | DB    | 5-10 | 170 | Fr.   | Omaha, Neb./Ralston                         |
|    | Dylan Jordan      | LB    | 6-3  | 200 | R-So. | Pittsburg, Kan./Butler C.C. (KS)/Pittsburg  |
|    | Trey Kennedy      | RB    | 5-11 | 190 | Fr.   | Kenesaw, Neb./Kenesaw                       |
|    | Caleb Kinkaid     | DL    | 6-3  | 225 | Fr.   | North Platte, Neb./North Platte             |
|    | Malcolm Lee       | WR    | 5-11 | 170 | Fr.   | Chandler, Ariz./Hamilton                    |
|    | Javon Leuty       | DB    | 6-0  | 175 | Fr.   | Lincon, Neb./Lincoln                        |
|    | John Lilly        | K     | 5-10 | 170 | Fr.   | Wahoo, Neb./Wahoo Bishop Neumann            |
|    | Cole Luedtke      | DL    | 6-3  | 260 | Fr.   | Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln Southwest             |
|    | Caden McGruder    | DB    | 6-2  | 200 | Fr.   | Gardendale, Ala./Gardendale                 |
|    | Kai McPherson     | WR    | 6-2  | 185 | Fr.   | Miami, Fla./Barbara Goleman                 |
|    | Marty Mormino     | P     | 6-0  | 200 | Fr.   | Omaha, Neb./Omaha Westside                  |
|    | Caleb Paulk       | WR    | 6-4  | 170 | Fr.   | Wood River, Neb./Wood River                 |
|    | Zach Pekarek      | WR    | 6-0  | 200 | R-Fr. | Parker, Colo./Ponderosa                     |
|    | Trey Prichard     | K     | 6-0  | 170 | Fr.   | Monument, Colo./Lewis-Palmer                |
| 79 | Kooper Reece      | OL    | 6-6  | 305 | Gr.   | Valentine, Neb./Valentine                   |
|    | Garhett Reese     | DB    | 6-2  | 185 | Fr.   | Stillwater, Okla./Stillwater                |
|    | Kamdyn Roebke     | WR    | 6-0  | 175 | Fr.   | Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln East                  |
|    | Brady Rockwell    | WR    | 6-0  | 175 | Fr.   | Limon, Colo./Limon                          |
|    | Kade Seip         | DL    | 6-3  | 260 | Fr.   | Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln North Star            |
|    | Colin Sims        | WR    | 6-1  | 185 | Fr.   | Gretna, Neb./Gretna                         |
|    | Dalton Snodgrass  | TE    | 6-2  | 225 | Fr.   | York, Neb./York                             |
|    | Marquez Stallings | TE/HB | 5-11 | 240 | R-So. | Magnolia, Miss./Coahoma C.C (MS)/South Pike |
|    | Tucker Thomas     | DL    | 6-4  | 235 | Fr.   | Mitchell, Neb./Mitchell                     |
|    | Dereon Walker     | DL    | 6-3  | 285 | Fr.   | Cocoa, Fla./Rockledge                       |

## Loper Coaching Staff

Ryan Held (Head Coach/Running Backs), Tim Schaffner (Defensive Coordinator/Safeties),  
 Colby Ellis (Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks), Jake Mandelko (Special Teams Coordinator/Defensive Line),  
 Jesse Ornelas (Recruiting Coordinator/Linebackers), Moses Harper (Passing Game Coordinator/Wide Receivers),  
 Nate Baker (Run Game Coordinator/Wide Receivers), Eric Lee Jr. (Graduate Assistant/Corners),  
 Kenny Zamberlin (Graduate Assistant/Tight Ends), Mallonee Biehl (Director of Football Ops.),  
 Trevor Munson & Dimitrius Powell (Student Assistants)

## Roster Breakdown (133 Total)

*Offense* (60) – Receivers (22), Linemen (18), Tight Ends/H-Backs (9), Running Backs (7), Quarterbacks (4)

*Defense* (63) – Corners/Safeties (25), Linemen/Ends (23), Linebackers (15)

*Specialists* (10) – Punters/Kickers (8), Long Snappers (2)

*By State* – Nebraska (62), Colorado (15), California and Florida (9 each), Arizona and Kansas (5 each), Missouri (4),  
 Georgia, Illinois & Mississippi (3 each), Alabama & Texas (2 each), American Samoa, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Maryland, New Mexico,  
 North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Washington (1 each)

*By Class* – Graduates/Super Seniors/Seniors (23), Juniors (33), Sophomores (26), Redshirt Freshmen (14), True Freshmen (37)

## Neb.-Kearney Combined Team Statistics (as of Sep 17, 2023) All games

| Date           | Opponent           | Score   | Att. | Record:        | Overall | Home | Away | Neutral |
|----------------|--------------------|---------|------|----------------|---------|------|------|---------|
| * Aug 31, 2023 | at Central Okla.   | L 21-24 | 5400 | All games      | 1-2     | 1-1  | 0-1  | 0-0     |
| * Sep 09, 2023 | NORTHEASTERN STATE | W 31-17 | 3583 | Conference     | 1-2     | 1-1  | 0-1  | 0-0     |
| * Sep 15, 2023 | MISSOURI SOUTHERN  | L 13-18 | 2791 | Non-Conference | 0-0     | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0     |

| Rushing          | gp | att | gain | loss | net | avg | td | lg | avg/g |
|------------------|----|-----|------|------|-----|-----|----|----|-------|
| Davis, TJ        | 3  | 38  | 211  | 37   | 174 | 4.6 | 3  | 19 | 58.0  |
| Joseph, Jamaal   | 3  | 16  | 70   | 0    | 70  | 4.4 | 1  | 11 | 23.3  |
| Hosey, Demareus  | 3  | 8   | 36   | 2    | 34  | 4.2 | 0  | 12 | 11.3  |
| Brown, Kevin     | 2  | 13  | 28   | 3    | 25  | 1.9 | 0  | 7  | 12.5  |
| Napier, Tamicus  | 2  | 3   | 12   | 0    | 12  | 4.0 | 1  | 8  | 6.0   |
| Schawang, Zane   | 3  | 3   | 11   | 0    | 11  | 3.7 | 0  | 5  | 3.7   |
| Anderson, Reggie | 3  | 2   | 9    | 0    | 9   | 4.5 | 0  | 7  | 3.0   |
| Foster, Severyn  | 3  | 1   | 3    | 0    | 3   | 3.0 | 0  | 3  | 1.0   |
| Total            | 3  | 87  | 380  | 44   | 336 | 3.9 | 5  | 19 | 112.0 |
| Opponents        | 3  | 115 | 529  | 66   | 463 | 4.0 | 3  | 23 | 154.3 |

| Passing          | gp | effic  | comp-att-int | pct  | yds | td | lg | avg/g |
|------------------|----|--------|--------------|------|-----|----|----|-------|
| Davis, TJ        | 3  | 150.14 | 47-71-2      | 66.2 | 600 | 4  | 54 | 200.0 |
| Johnson Jr., Sea | 2  | 0.00   | 0-1-0        | 0.0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0.0   |
| Total            | 3  | 148.06 | 47-72-2      | 65.3 | 600 | 4  | 54 | 200.0 |
| Opponents        | 3  | 119.10 | 49-86-1      | 57.0 | 542 | 3  | 40 | 180.7 |

| Receiving        | gp | no. | yds | avg  | td | lg | avg/g |
|------------------|----|-----|-----|------|----|----|-------|
| Foster, Severyn  | 3  | 9   | 143 | 15.9 | 1  | 42 | 47.7  |
| Anderson, Reggie | 3  | 8   | 103 | 12.9 | 0  | 46 | 34.3  |
| Brown, Cole      | 3  | 6   | 103 | 17.2 | 2  | 54 | 34.3  |
| Joseph, Jamaal   | 3  | 6   | 37  | 6.2  | 0  | 11 | 12.3  |
| Stanton, Zorian  | 3  | 5   | 69  | 13.8 | 1  | 26 | 23.0  |
| Brown, Kevin     | 2  | 3   | 18  | 6.0  | 0  | 12 | 9.0   |
| Trayvon Moore    | 2  | 2   | 51  | 25.5 | 0  | 45 | 25.5  |
| Johnson Jr., Sea | 2  | 2   | 7   | 3.5  | 0  | 7  | 3.5   |
| Gross, D.J.      | 2  | 1   | 32  | 32.0 | 0  | 32 | 16.0  |
| Schawang, Zane   | 3  | 1   | 15  | 15.0 | 0  | 15 | 5.0   |
| Napier, Tamicus  | 2  | 1   | 9   | 9.0  | 0  | 9  | 4.5   |
| Sabatka, Anthony | 3  | 1   | 6   | 6.0  | 0  | 6  | 2.0   |
| Hosey, Demareus  | 3  | 1   | 4   | 4.0  | 0  | 4  | 1.3   |
| Berup, Gavin     | 2  | 1   | 3   | 3.0  | 0  | 3  | 1.5   |
| Total            | 3  | 47  | 600 | 12.8 | 4  | 54 | 200.0 |
| Opponents        | 3  | 49  | 542 | 11.1 | 3  | 40 | 180.7 |

| Field Goals | fg  | pct. | 01-19 | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50-99 | lg | blk |
|-------------|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----|-----|
| Heins, Gabe | 1-3 | 33.3 | 0-0   | 1-1   | 0-0   | 0-2   | 0-0   | 27 | 0   |

| Scoring         | td | fg  | PAT  |      |          | d xp | saf | pts |
|-----------------|----|-----|------|------|----------|------|-----|-----|
|                 |    |     | kick | rush | rcv pass |      |     |     |
| Davis, TJ       | 3  | -   | -    | 0-1  | -        | -    | -   | 18  |
| Brown, Cole     | 2  | -   | -    | -    | -        | -    | -   | 12  |
| Heins, Gabe     | -  | 1-3 | 8-8  | -    | -        | -    | -   | 11  |
| Napier, Tamicus | 1  | -   | -    | -    | -        | -    | -   | 6   |
| Stanton, Zorian | 1  | -   | -    | -    | -        | -    | -   | 6   |
| Joseph, Jamaal  | 1  | -   | -    | -    | -        | -    | -   | 6   |
| Foster, Severyn | 1  | -   | -    | -    | -        | -    | -   | 6   |
| Total           | 9  | 1-3 | 8-8  | 0-1  | -        | -    | -   | 65  |
| Opponents       | 7  | 4-8 | 5-7  | -    | -        | -    | -   | 59  |

| Score by Quarters | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | OT | Total |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-------|
| Neb.-Kearney      | 14  | 17  | 14  | 20  | 0  | 65    |
| Opponents         | 19  | 14  | 20  | 6   | 0  | 59    |

| Team Statistics         | UNK     | OPP     |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|
| FIRST DOWNS             | 49      | 55      |
| Rushing                 | 22      | 24      |
| Passing                 | 23      | 27      |
| Penalty                 | 4       | 4       |
| RUSHING YARDAGE         | 336     | 463     |
| Rushing Attempts        | 87      | 115     |
| Average Per Rush        | 3.9     | 4.0     |
| Average Per Game        | 112.0   | 154.3   |
| TDs Rushing             | 5       | 3       |
| PASSING YARDAGE         | 600     | 542     |
| Comp-Att-Int            | 47-72-2 | 49-86-1 |
| Average Per Pass        | 8.3     | 6.3     |
| Average Per Catch       | 12.8    | 11.1    |
| Average Per Game        | 200.0   | 180.7   |
| TDs Passing             | 4       | 3       |
| TOTAL OFFENSE           | 936     | 1005    |
| Average Per Play        | 5.9     | 5.0     |
| Average Per Game        | 312.0   | 335.0   |
| KICK RETURNS: #-Yards   | 6-172   | 10-188  |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards   | 1-16    | 3-25    |
| INT RETURNS: #-Yards    | 1-0     | 2-54    |
| FUMBLES-LOST            | 4-1     | 3-0     |
| PENALTIES-Yards         | 17-127  | 21-202  |
| PUNTS-AVG               | 10-40.4 | 10-38.0 |
| TIME OF POSSESSION/Game | 25:49   | 34:11   |
| 3RD-DOWN Conversions    | 15/33   | 21/50   |
| 4TH-DOWN Conversions    | 1/3     | 5/7     |

| Interceptions | no. | yds | avg | td | lg |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|
| O'Guinn, Tre  | 1   | 0   | 0.0 | 0  | 0  |

| Punting       | no. | yds | avg  | lg | tb | fc | i20 | 50+ | blk |
|---------------|-----|-----|------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Kraus, Hunter | 10  | 404 | 40.4 | 60 | 0  | 2  | 2   | 2   | 0   |

| Punt Returns   | no. | yds | avg  | td | lg |
|----------------|-----|-----|------|----|----|
| Schawang, Zane | 1   | 16  | 16.0 | 0  | 16 |
| Total          | 1   | 16  | 16.0 | 0  | 16 |
| Opponents      | 3   | 25  | 8.3  | 0  | 19 |

| Kick Returns    | no. | yds | avg  | td | lg |
|-----------------|-----|-----|------|----|----|
| Jackson, Darius | 4   | 116 | 29.0 | 0  | 57 |
| Conners, JerQon | 2   | 56  | 28.0 | 0  | 42 |
| Total           | 6   | 172 | 28.7 | 0  | 57 |
| Opponents       | 10  | 188 | 18.8 | 0  | 32 |

| All Purpose      | g | rush | rcv | pr | kr  | ir | total | avg/g |
|------------------|---|------|-----|----|-----|----|-------|-------|
| Davis, TJ        | 3 | 174  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0  | 174   | 58.0  |
| Foster, Severyn  | 3 | 3    | 143 | 0  | 0   | 0  | 146   | 48.7  |
| Jackson, Darius  | 2 | 0    | 0   | 0  | 116 | 0  | 116   | 58.0  |
| Anderson, Reggie | 3 | 9    | 103 | 0  | 0   | 0  | 112   | 37.3  |
| Joseph, Jamaal   | 3 | 70   | 37  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 107   | 35.7  |
| Total            | 3 | 336  | 600 | 16 | 172 | 0  | 1124  | 374.7 |
| Opponents        | 3 | 463  | 542 | 25 | 188 | 54 | 1272  | 424.0 |

| Total Offense   | g | plays | rush | pass | total | avg/g |
|-----------------|---|-------|------|------|-------|-------|
| Davis, TJ       | 3 | 109   | 174  | 600  | 774   | 258.0 |
| Joseph, Jamaal  | 3 | 16    | 70   | 0    | 70    | 23.3  |
| Hosey, Demareus | 3 | 8     | 34   | 0    | 34    | 11.3  |
| Brown, Kevin    | 2 | 13    | 25   | 0    | 25    | 12.5  |
| Napier, Tamicus | 2 | 3     | 12   | 0    | 12    | 6.0   |
| Total           | 3 | 159   | 336  | 600  | 936   | 312.0 |
| Opponents       | 3 | 201   | 463  | 542  | 1005  | 335.0 |

| ##        | Defensive Leaders | gp | Tackles |    |     | tfl/yds | Sacks no-yds | Pass defense |      |     | Fumbles |    | blkd kick | saf |
|-----------|-------------------|----|---------|----|-----|---------|--------------|--------------|------|-----|---------|----|-----------|-----|
|           |                   |    | ua      | a  | tot |         |              | int-yds      | brup | qbh | rcv-yds | ff |           |     |
| 22        | O'Guinn, Tre      | 3  | 13      | 11 | 24  | .       | .            | 1-0          | 2    | .   | .       | .  | .         |     |
| 92        | Spies, Tell       | 3  | 8       | 10 | 18  | 3.0-9   | 1.0-6        | .            | 1    | .   | .       | .  | 2         |     |
| 8         | Schlager, Zach    | 3  | 6       | 8  | 14  | 0.5-1   | .            | .            | 2    | 1   | .       | .  | .         |     |
| 9         | Willis, Joko      | 3  | 7       | 5  | 12  | 2.5-8   | 1.0-6        | .            | 1    | 1   | .       | .  | .         |     |
| 4         | Felton, Quillan   | 3  | 3       | 8  | 11  | 2.0-4   | .            | .            | 1    | 2   | .       | .  | .         |     |
| Total     |                   | 3  | 113     | 87 | 200 | 20-60   | 5-36         | 1-0          | 9    | 9   | .       | 1  | 3         |     |
| Opponents |                   | 3  | 84      | 76 | 160 | 7-27    | 4-27         | 2-54         | 8    | 4   | 1-0     | 2  | .         |     |

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**Neb.-Kearney Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Sep 18, 2023)**  
**All games**

| #  | Defensive Leaders | gp | Tackles |    |     |        | tfl/yds | Sacks   | Pass defense |     |         | Fumbles | blkd |     |
|----|-------------------|----|---------|----|-----|--------|---------|---------|--------------|-----|---------|---------|------|-----|
|    |                   |    | ua      | a  | tot | no-yds |         | int-yds | brup         | qbh | rcv-yds | ff      | kick | saf |
| 22 | O'Guinn,Tre       | 3  | 13      | 11 | 24  | .      | .       | 1-0     | 2            | .   | .       | .       | .    | .   |
| 92 | Spies,Tell        | 3  | 8       | 10 | 18  | 3.0-9  | 1.0-6   | .       | 1            | .   | .       | .       | 2    | .   |
| 8  | Schlager,Zach     | 3  | 6       | 8  | 14  | 0.5-1  | .       | .       | 2            | 1   | .       | .       | .    | .   |
| 9  | Willis,Joko       | 3  | 7       | 5  | 12  | 2.5-8  | 1.0-6   | .       | 1            | 1   | .       | .       | .    | .   |
| 4  | Felton,Quillan    | 3  | 3       | 8  | 11  | 2.0-4  | .       | .       | 1            | 2   | .       | .       | .    | .   |
| 34 | Lilly,David       | 3  | 10      | 1  | 11  | 2.5-11 | 1.0-8   | .       | .            | .   | .       | .       | .    | .   |
| 41 | Guggia,Devin      | 3  | 7       | 2  | 9   | 1.0-3  | .       | .       | .            | .   | .       | .       | .    | .   |
| 18 | Webster,Armani    | 3  | 5       | 4  | 9   | .      | .       | .       | .            | 1   | .       | 1       | .    | .   |
| 24 | Tilong,Jabea      | 3  | 6       | 2  | 8   | .      | .       | .       | .            | .   | .       | .       | .    | .   |
| 25 | Holt,Sethe        | 3  | 5       | 3  | 8   | .      | .       | .       | .            | .   | .       | .       | .    | .   |
| 44 | Wise,Parker       | 3  | 5       | 2  | 7   | 2.0-2  | .       | .       | 1            | .   | .       | .       | .    | .   |
| 99 | Matina,Stephen    | 3  | 2       | 5  | 7   | 1.0-1  | .       | .       | .            | .   | .       | .       | .    | .   |
| 21 | Peterson,Javeer   | 3  | 3       | 4  | 7   | .      | .       | .       | .            | .   | .       | .       | .    | .   |
| 74 | Nickolisen,Jack   | 3  | 3       | 3  | 6   | 1.0-1  | .       | .       | .            | 1   | .       | .       | .    | .   |
| 31 | Bishop Jr.,Robe   | 2  | 3       | 3  | 6   | .      | .       | .       | .            | .   | .       | .       | .    | .   |
| 29 | Cox,Jeremiah      | 3  | 5       | 1  | 6   | .      | .       | .       | .            | .   | .       | .       | .    | .   |
| 98 | Sunui,CJ          | 2  | 3       | 2  | 5   | 1.0-2  | .       | .       | .            | .   | .       | .       | .    | .   |
| 31 | Bishop Jr.,R.     | 1  | 1       | 4  | 5   | .      | .       | .       | .            | .   | .       | .       | .    | .   |
| 45 | Kuehl,CJ          | 3  | 3       | 1  | 4   | .      | .       | .       | 1            | .   | .       | .       | .    | .   |
| 28 | Hall Jr.,Travis   | 3  | 3       | 1  | 4   | .      | .       | .       | .            | .   | .       | .       | .    | .   |
| 48 | Johnson,Jack      | 3  | 2       | 1  | 3   | 1.5-2  | .       | .       | .            | 1   | .       | .       | .    | .   |
| 97 | Valdez,Chris      | 3  | .       | 3  | 3   | .      | .       | .       | .            | .   | .       | .       | .    | .   |
| 17 | Dickey,Delonte    | 3  | 1       | 2  | 3   | 1.0-8  | 1.0-8   | .       | .            | 1   | .       | .       | .    | .   |
| 15 | Brown,Tim         | 2  | 1       | 1  | 2   | .      | .       | .       | .            | .   | .       | .       | .    | .   |
| 95 | Packebush,Campb   | 3  | 2       | .  | 2   | .      | .       | .       | .            | .   | .       | .       | .    | .   |
| 39 | Pesek,Nathan      | 3  | 2       | .  | 2   | 1.0-8  | 1.0-8   | .       | .            | .   | .       | .       | .    | .   |
| TM | TEAM              | 3  | 1       | .  | 1   | .      | .       | .       | .            | .   | .       | .       | .    | .   |
| 96 | Failing,Kyle      | 3  | 1       | .  | 1   | .      | .       | .       | .            | .   | .       | .       | .    | .   |
| 13 | Mailei,Wembley    | 3  | 1       | .  | 1   | .      | .       | .       | .            | 1   | .       | .       | .    | .   |



**Nebraska-Kearney Football**  
**Neb.-Kearney Overall Team Statistics (as of Sep 18, 2023)**  
**All games**

| <b>Team Statistics</b>  | <b>UNK</b> | <b>OPP</b> |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|
| SCORING                 | 65         | 59         |
| Points Per Game         | 21.7       | 19.7       |
| Points Off Turnovers    | 0          | 10         |
| FIRST DOWNS             | 49         | 55         |
| Rushing                 | 22         | 24         |
| Passing                 | 23         | 27         |
| Penalty                 | 4          | 4          |
| RUSHING YARDAGE         | 336        | 463        |
| Yards gained rushing    | 380        | 529        |
| Yards lost rushing      | 44         | 66         |
| Rushing Attempts        | 87         | 115        |
| Average Per Rush        | 3.9        | 4.0        |
| Average Per Game        | 112.0      | 154.3      |
| TDs Rushing             | 5          | 3          |
| PASSING YARDAGE         | 600        | 542        |
| Comp-Att-Int            | 47-72-2    | 49-86-1    |
| Average Per Pass        | 8.3        | 6.3        |
| Average Per Catch       | 12.8       | 11.1       |
| Average Per Game        | 200.0      | 180.7      |
| TDs Passing             | 4          | 3          |
| TOTAL OFFENSE           | 936        | 1005       |
| Total Plays             | 159        | 201        |
| Average Per Play        | 5.9        | 5.0        |
| Average Per Game        | 312.0      | 335.0      |
| KICK RETURNS: #-Yards   | 6-172      | 10-188     |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards   | 1-16       | 3-25       |
| INT RETURNS: #-Yards    | 1-0        | 2-54       |
| KICK RETURN AVERAGE     | 28.7       | 18.8       |
| PUNT RETURN AVERAGE     | 16.0       | 8.3        |
| INT RETURN AVERAGE      | 0.0        | 27.0       |
| FUMBLES-LOST            | 4-1        | 3-0        |
| PENALTIES-Yards         | 17-127     | 21-202     |
| Average Per Game        | 42.3       | 67.3       |
| PUNTS-Yards             | 10-404     | 10-380     |
| Average Per Punt        | 40.4       | 38.0       |
| Net punt average        | 37.9       | 36.4       |
| KICKOFFS-Yards          | 13-717     | 14-823     |
| Average Per Kick        | 55.2       | 58.8       |
| Net kick average        | 34.9       | 35.8       |
| TIME OF POSSESSION/Game | 25:49      | 34:11      |
| 3RD-DOWN Conversions    | 15/33      | 21/50      |
| 3rd-Down Pct            | 45%        | 42%        |
| 4TH-DOWN Conversions    | 1/3        | 5/7        |
| 4th-Down Pct            | 33%        | 71%        |
| SACKS BY-Yards          | 5-36       | 4-27       |
| MISC YARDS              | 0          | 0          |
| TOUCHDOWNS SCORED       | 9          | 7          |
| FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS    | 1-3        | 4-8        |
| ON-SIDE KICKS           | 0-0        | 0-0        |
| RED-ZONE SCORES         | (7-8) 88%  | (8-12) 67% |
| RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS     | (6-8) 75%  | (5-12) 42% |
| PAT-ATTEMPTS            | (8-8) 100% | (5-7) 71%  |
| ATTENDANCE              | 6374       | 5400       |
| Games/Avg Per Game      | 2/3187     | 1/5400     |
| Neutral Site Games      |            | 0/0        |

| <b>Score by Quarters</b> | <b>1st</b> | <b>2nd</b> | <b>3rd</b> | <b>4th</b> | <b>OT</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| Neb.-Kearney             | 14         | 17         | 14         | 20         | 0         | 65           |
| Opponents                | 19         | 14         | 20         | 6          | 0         | 59           |