

MURRAY STATE FOOTBALL

2021 GAME NOTES • GAME #5

MURRAY STATE (2-2, 0-0 OVC) VS. #21 UT MARTIN (3-1, 0-0 OVC)

OCT. 10, 2021 » GRAHAM STADIUM » MARTIN, TENN. » 2 PM

MURRAY STATE RACERS

UT MARTIN SKYHAWKS



HC: DEAN HOOD

TALE OF THE TAPE

18.5	Points Per Game	31.8
18.8	Points Allowed Per Game	30.8
311.3	Total Yards Per Game	430.8
294.8	Total Yards Allowed Per Game	418.2
163.0	Rushing Yards Per Game	218.0
105.5	Rushing Yards Allowed Per Game	102.8
148.3	Passing Yards Per Game	212.8
189.3	Passing Yards Allowed Per Game	315.5
-6	Turnover Margin	-3
6.3/2.3	TFL/Sacks Per Game	5.3/1.8



HC: JASON SIMPSON

STREAM: ESPN+ (PxP: John Hatler; Analysts: Chris Brinkley, Derek Carr)
RADIO: FROGGY 103.7 FM (PxP: Neal Bradley; Analyst: Aaron Clayton)

FAST FACTS

- » Saturday will be the 61st all-time meeting between the Racers and the Skyhawks with Murray State leading the way in the all-time series, 38-21-1. UT Martin has won seven of the last 10 games in the series, however, the Racers have now won three of the last four.
- » After kicking three 40-plus yard field goals and an extra point in the win over Eastern Illinois, kicker Aaron Baum was named as the OVC Specialist of the Week Sunday.
- » UT Martin will enter Saturday's contest at 3-1 on the year with a Top-25 road win at Jacksonville State to their credit.
- » UT Martin currently averages 30.8 points and 430.8 yards per game, while allowing 31.8 and 418.2 points and yards per game, respectively. In addition, UTM's offense is split fairly even with 218.0 yards per game on the ground and 212.8 yards per game in the air.
- » Running back Peyton Logan leads the way offensively for the Skyhawks by averaging 92.0 rushing yards per game, in addition to another 33.0 yards receiving with a combined three touchdowns.

NUMBERS TO KNOW

87

Average rushing yards per game currently allowed by the Racers against FCS opponents this season.

15

Murray State's national ranking in the Red Zone Defense category. The Racers have stopped nine of 13 red zone opportunities this season.

70

Rushing yards per game averaged by MSU's Damonta Witherspoon including a 141-yard performance against EIU.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

MURRAY STATE

UT MARTIN



31 WITHERSPOON
R-FR • RB • 5-10
70.0 YPG/4.0 YPC/2 TD



34 SAMUTA
R-JR • ILB • 5-10
139 YDS/46.3 YPG/1TD



39 BAUM
R-JR • K • 6-2
4-7 FG/8-8 PAT/4 40 YD+ FG



9 HOWARD
R-SR • QB • 6-1
212.8 YPG/7 TD/60.8 COMP%



23 LOGAN
SR • RB • 5-8
368 YDS/92.0 YPG/1 TD/8.8 YPC

2021 SCHEDULE

OVERALL: 2-2 | OVC: 0-0
HOME: 2-0 | AWAY: 0-2

9.2	MISSISSIPPI VALLEY	W 35-0
9.11	at #8 Cincinnati	L 7-42
9.18	at Bowling Green	L 10-27
10.2	EASTERN ILL.	W 22-6
10.9	at #24 UT Martin*	2 p.m.
10.16	at Southeast Mo.	2 p.m.
10.23	#17 AUSTIN PEAY*	2 p.m.
10.30	at Tennessee St.*	5 p.m.
11.6	TENNESSEE TECH*	1 p.m.
11.13	SOUTHEAST MO.*	1 p.m.
11.20	at Eastern Ill.*	12 p.m.

*OVC Contest | ALL CAPS Indicates Home Game
All Times Central & Subject To Change

2021 OVC STANDINGS

Team	OVC			Overall		
	W	L	Avg.	W	L	Avg.
Eastern Ill.	1	0	.000	1	5	.167
Tennessee Tech	1	1	.500	0	5	.000
Southeast Mo.	1	1	.500	1	4	.200
Austin Peay	0	0	.000	1	3	.250
Murray St.	0	0	.000	2	2	.500
UT Martin	0	0	.000	3	1	.750
Tennessee St.	0	1	.500	1	4	.200

2021 QUICK ROSTER

2	Malik Honeycutt	46	Scotty Humpich
3	Michael Smith, Jr.	47	Maurice Greene
4	Lucas Maue	48	Devin Brown
5	Quinaz Turner	49	Zaden Webber
6	Preston Rice	50	Cole Tandy
7	DeQuan Dallas	51	Levi Metheny
8	Don Parker	52	Blake Moody
9	Michael Rich, Jr.	53	Andrew Long
10	Jacobi Hearn	54	Eric Johanning
11	Jayden Stinson	55	Matthew Baker
12	Brandon Burton	56	Izaiah Reed
13	DJ Williams	57	Damonyai Lacey
14	Davontae McKee	58	Cade Shuppperd
15	Alec Long	59	Nick Walker
16	Cayvian Holmes	60	Tyler Boone
17	Jared McCray	61	Jacob Vance
18	Ethan Thompson	62	Ostin Jones
19	Jacob Bell	63	Levi Nesler
20	Rodney Castille	64	Clay Riddle
21	Dylan Appleton	66	Nu'u Taugavau
22	Hadyn Fridge	67	Jacob Frye
23	LaMartez Brooks	68	Gaige Jacobs
24	Jaylon Bolden	69	Cole Williamson
25	John Broussard	70	Christopher Georgia
26	Marcis Floyd	72	Ty McCaskill
27	Frank Coppet	75	Rodreques Boller
28	Cortez Roberts	76	Darian Weedman
29	Tameron Williams	77	Henry Kofowo
30	Bobby Jackson	78	DJ Jones
31	Q'Daryius Jennings	80	Taylor Shields
32	Jackson Worthen	81	Connor Andrews
33	Damonta Witherspoon	81	Ethan Edmondson
34	Jamari Dailey	83	Kylan Martin
35	Chris Hill, Jr.	84	Jalan Davis
36	Eric Samuta	85	Cole McDowell
37	Cortez Jones	86	DJ Ruff
38	Bobby Sims	87	Jake Saathoff
39	Lawaan Powell	88	Deshun Britten
40	Cedric Ellis	89	Quindarius Mayes
41	Jared McCray	90	Austin Daulton
42	Aaron Baum	91	Lewis Halton
43	Wesley Haddox	92	Marcus Jackson
44	Jaquellus Martin	93	CJ Barnes
45	Andrew London	94	Austin Hogancamp
	Dameon Gomes	95	Blake Hester
	Chandler Moody	96	Donovan McBride
	Xander Tabor	97	Lane Pegram
	Darnel Victor	98	Tony Davis
		99	Kameron Petty

FYI

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• In print, acceptable usage includes "Murray State", "Racers" and "MSU". "MUR" is acceptable only in tabular formats. "Murray" on its own is never acceptable.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
No Practice	Closed Practice	Closed Practice	Closed Practice	Closed Practice	Closed Practice	GAME DAY
No Availability	No Availability	Coach Hood on OVC Zoom.	Availability By Request Only	Availability By Request Only	Coach Hood Available By Request Only	Players & Coaches Available Post-Game

UNIVERSITY FACTS

Nickname: Racers
Location: Murray, Ky.
Established: 1922
Enrollment: 9,456
Conference/Affiliation: Ohio Valley/NCAA Division I - FCS
Colors: Navy & Gold (PMS 289 & 123)
President: Dr. Robert Jackson
Director of Athletics: Kevin Saal

FOOTBALL INFORMATION

Offensive Formation: Multiple
Defensive Formation: Multiple
2020 Overall Record: 5-2
2020 OVC Record/Standing: 5-2/2nd
Offensive Starters Returning/Lost: 11/0
Defensive Starters Returning/Lost: 11/0
First Varsity Season: 1924
Seasons/Winning Seasons: 97/51
Overall Record: 494-451-36 (.522)
OVC Record: 237-257-8 (.480)
OVC Titles: 8 (1948, 1950, 1951, 1979, 1986, 1995, 1996, 2002)
NCAA Appearances: 5 (1979, 1986, 1995, 1996, 2002)

STADIUM INFORMATION

Stadium Name (First Year): Stewart Stadium (1973)
Playing Surface (Installed): FieldTurf (2015)
Capacity: 16,800
Largest Crowd: 16,600 (Oct. 31, 1981 vs. Eastern Ky.)
Record at Stewart Stadium: 167-93-2 (.641)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Dean Hood (Ohio Wesleyan '86)
Overall Record: 62-42 (.596)/10th Season
Record at MSU: 7-4 (.636)/2nd Season
OVC Record: 49-21 (.700)/10th Season
Off. Coordinator (QB): Ben Hodges (Central [IA], '06)
Def. Coordinator (ILB): Dillon Sanders (Northern Colo., '10)
Special Teams Coord. (OLB): Chris Cunningham (Eastern Ky. '12)
Recruiting Coordinator (OL): Johnson Richardson (Wofford, '10)
Assistant Coach (DB): Yon Boone (Hamline, '08)
Assistant Coach (DL): Darius Hart (Oklahoma St., '10)
Assistant Coach (TE/RB): Evan McKissack (Troy, '14)
Assistant Coach (WR): Kevin Sherman (Ferrum, '92)
Strength & Conditioning: John Michael Clay (Samford '11)
Graduate Assistant (Off.): Hunter Harris (Murray St., '20)
Graduate Assistant (Def.): Cameron Haney (Utah St., '20)
Graduate Assistant (Off./ST): Brady Keeran (Kentucky, '20)
Volunteer Assistant: Gary Crass (Murray St., '07)
Volunteer Assistant: Will Nalley (Lindsey Wilson, '21)
Volunteer Assistant: Tim Schroer (St. John Fisher, '15)

DAILY MEDIA AVAILABILITY

Tuesday: Head Coach Dean Hood, assistant coaches and players will be available by appointment only via Zoom or in-person. Hood is also available on Tuesdays via the weekly OVC content gathering session, in which information is listed below.

Wednesday-Thursday: Head Coach Dean Hood, assistant coaches and players will be available by appointment only via Zoom or in-person.

Friday & Monday: Head Coach Dean Hood will be available by appointment only before practice via Zoom or in-person.

Saturday: Post-game availability only. Members of the MSU Athletics Media Relations staff will escort media representatives to the appropriate areas following the conclusion of the game. The Murray State locker room, home and away, is closed to the media at all times.

Head Coach Dean Hood and selected Racer players will be brought to the Dennis Jackson Racer Room for an in-person post-game press conference. The conference will also be available via Zoom. To obtain the call information, please email Parker Griffith at pgriffith2@murraystate.edu.

If there are any specific interview requests, please submit them to a member of the MSU media relations staff before the 5:00 mark of the fourth quarter for home games.

For games in Murray, interviews with the head coach and players from the visiting team will be based solely on the post-game policy of that institution.

PRACTICE PROCEDURES

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic all practices are closed to the public with no field access allowed unless the person has received prior authorization from the a member of the MSU athletic communications staff. Video and photos may be taken from the stands. All post-practice interviews must be through Zoom.

OVC WEEKLY CONTENT GATHERING SESSION

During the regular season, a weekly content gathering session featuring the league's eight head coaches will be held every Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. CT via Zoom, with MSU head coach Dean Hood speaking first at 10:00 a.m. For information on how to access the call, please contact Kyle Schwartz in the OVC Office at (615) 371-1698 or kschwartz@ovc.org.

SATURDAY'S OPPONENT



Opponent: UT Martin
Head Coach: Jason Simpson
Alma Mater: Southern Miss '95
Season (Overall/UTM): 16th/Same
Overall Record: 93-78 (.544)
Record at UTM: Same

SCOUTING THE SKYHAWKS: UT Martin will enter Saturday's contest at 3-1 on the year with a Top-25 road win at Jacksonville State to their credit. In addition, the Skyhawks will be ready and rested for Saturday after having a bye this past week.

UT Martin currently averages 30.8 points and 430.8 yards per game, while allowing 31.8 and 418.2 points and yards per game, respectively. In addition, UTM's offense is split fairly even with 218.0 yards per game on the ground and 212.8 yards per game in the air.

Running back Peyton Logan currently leads the way for the Skyhawks offensively by averaging 92.0 rushing yards per game, in addition to another 33.0 yards receiving with a combined three touchdowns. At quarterback, Tulane transfer Keon Howard has been a big boost to the Skyhawks this season as he is currently completing 60.8-percent of his passes with seven touchdowns and 212.8 yards per game. Defensively, JaQuez Aikins is putting up big numbers with 10 tackles, 3.5 tackles-for-loss, 3.0 sacks, one pass breakup, one forced fumble and one safety.

THE UT MARTIN SERIES:

Overall: MUR leads 38-21-1

In Murray: MUR leads 21-8-1

In Martin: MUR leads 17-12-0

Hood vs. Simpson: Hood leads 6-3

First Meeting: W 13-0 (10/17/24 at MUR)

Last Meeting: W 14-10 (2/28/21 at MUR)

Largest MSU Win: 48 Pts.

(W 62-14, 10/9/99 at MUR)

Largest MSU Loss: 42 Pts.

(L 34-76, 11/10/07 at UTM)

Overall Streak vs. UTM: Won 1

Streak In Murray: Won 2

Streak In Martin: Lost 1

Last 5 vs. UTM: 3-2 (WLWWL)

RECORD BREAKDOWN

Overall Record: 2-2

OVC Record: 0-0

Overall Home: 2-0

OVC Home: 0-0

Overall Away: 0-2

OVC Away: 0-0

Current Overall Streak: Won 1

Current Home Streak: Won 2

Current Away Streak: Lost 2

Longest Overall Win Streak: 1

Longest Home Win Streak: 2

Longest Away Win Streak: ---

Longest Overall Losing Streak: 2

Longest Home Losing Streak: ---

Longest Away Losing Streak: 2

PLAYER ACCOLADES

- **#2 Malik Honeycutt - WR/RS**
 - Preseason All-OVC Team (PR)
- **#5 Preston Rice - QB**
 - Preseason All-OVC Team (QB)
 - OVC Offensive Player of the Week (9/6)
- **#12 DaVontae McKee - CB**
 - Preseason All-OVC Team (QB)
 - College Sports Madness OVC Defensive Player of the Week (9/6)
- **#17 Jacob Bell - WR**
 - Preseason All-OVC Team (WR)
- **#22 LaMarte Brooks - WR**
 - Preseason All-OVC Team (WR)
- **#24 Marcis Floyd - CB**
 - Preseason All-OVC Team (DB)
 - Stats Perform Preseason All-America
 - Buck Buchanan Watch List
- **#34 Eric Samuta - ILB**
 - Preseason All-OVC Team (ILB)
- **#39 Aaron Baum - K**
 - OVC Specialist of the Week (10/3)
- **#46 Scotty Humpich - OLB**
 - Preseason All-OVC Team (OLB)
- **#61 Jacob Vance - OL**
 - Preseason All-OVC Team (OL)
- **#63 Levi Nesler - OL**
 - Preseason All-OVC Team (OL)
- **#81 Ethan Edmondson - DL**
 - Preseason All-OVC Team (DL)

2021 MURRAY STATE ROSTER - NUMERICAL

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown (Previous School)
2	Malik Honeycutt	WR	5-10	177	R-Sr.	Tallahassee, Fla. (Itawamba CC)
3	Michael Smith, Jr.	WR	6-1	215	R-Jr.	Vero Beach, Fla. (Pittsburgh)
4	Lucas Maue	QB	6-2	185	Fr.	Belleville, Ill. (Belleville East HS)
4	Quinaz Turner	CB	5-10	180	R-Jr.	Montgomery, Ala. (Stanhope Elmore HS)
5	Preston Rice	QB	6-2	227	R-Jr.	Waynesboro, Tenn. (Wayne County HS)
6	DeQuan Dallas	WR	5-10	175	R-Sr.	Memphis, Tenn. (Melrose HS)
7	Don Parker	S	6-1	173	R-Sr.	Hopkinsville, Ky. (Hopkinsville HS)
7	Michael Rich, Jr.	QB	6-4	205	Fr.	Gadsden, Ala. (Southside HS)
8	Jacobi Hearn	OLB	6-0	218	R-Sr.	Jackson, Miss. (New Mexico)
8	Jayden Stinson	QB	6-1	193	R-Fr.	Mayfield, Ky. (Mayfield HS)
9	Brandon Burton	S	6-1	198	R-Sr.	Los Angeles, Calif. (New Mexico)
9	DJ Williams	QB	6-2	202	R-Fr.	Harvey, Ill. (Thornton HS)
12	Davontae McKee	CB	5-10	174	R-So.	Dayton, Ohio (Urbana)
13	Alec Long	ILB	5-11	218	R-So.	Jackson, Tenn. (Memphis)
14	Cayvian Holmes	CB	5-11	180	R-So.	Apopka, Fla. (Rhode Island)
15	Jared McCray	WR	6-0	189	R-Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. (Cane Ridge HS)
16	Ethan Thompson	WR	5-9	178	R-So.	Paris, Tenn. (Henry County HS)
17	Jacob Bell	WR	6-3	168	R-So.	Vero Beach, Fla. (Vero Beach HS)
18	Rodney Castille	RB	5-11	200	R-Sr.	Jackson, Tenn. (Liberty Tech Magnet HS)
19	Dylan Appleton	S	5-9	186	R-Fr.	East St. Louis, Ill. (East St. Louis HS)
20	Jhadyn Fridge	CB	6-1	165	Fr.	East St. Louis, Ill. (East St. Louis HS)
21	LaMarte Brooks	WR	6-1	192	R-Jr.	Milan, Tenn. (Milan HS)
22	Jaylon Bolden	S	6-3	206	R-Sr.	Rowlett, Texas (Davidson)
23	John Broussard	CB	6-0	190	R-Sr.	Phenix City, Ala. (Auburn)
24	Marcis Floyd	CB	6-0	188	R-So.	Louisville, Ky. (DuPont Manual HS)
25	Frank Coppet	S	5-11	190	R-Sr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Vanderbilt)
26	Cortez Roberts	S	5-11	198	R-Jr.	Atlanta, Ga. (North Springs HS)
27	Tameron Williams	CB	5-11	160	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Trinity Catholic HS)
28	Bobby Jackson	CB	5-10	165	R-So.	Clarksville, Tenn. (Clarksville HS)
29	Q'Daryus Jennings	RB	5-11	200	Fr.	Hartford, Ky. (Ohio County HS)
30	Jackson Worthen	LS	5-9	178	R-Fr.	Mayfield, Ky. (Graves County HS)
31	Damonta Witherspoon	RB	5-10	206	R-Fr.	East St. Louis, Ill. (East St. Louis HS)
32	Jamari Dailey	S	5-11	175	R-Fr.	Pinson, Ala. (Pinson Valley HS)
33	Chris Hill, Jr.	OLB	6-1	210	R-Fr.	Coral Springs, Fla. (Coral Springs HS)
34	Eric Samuta	ILB	5-10	215	R-Jr.	Glen Ellyn, Ill. (Glenbard West HS)
35	Cortez Jones	RB	5-11	226	R-Fr.	Pinetops, N.C. (Southwest Edgecombe HS)
36	Bobby Sims	CB	5-10	175	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga. (Carver HS)
37	Lawaun Powell	ILB	6-0	227	R-Fr.	East St. Louis, Ill. (East St. Louis HS)
38	Cedric Ellis	WR	5-8	140	R-So.	Kaiserslautern, Germany (Middle Georgia)
38	Jarad McCray	S	6-0	190	R-So.	Nashville, Tenn. (Cane Ridge HS)
39	Aaron Baum	K/P	6-2	250	R-Jr.	Orlando, Fla. (Missouri Valley)
40	Wesley Haddox	CB	5-10	155	Fr.	Mustang, Okla. (Mustang HS)
41	Jaquellus Martin	S	6-0	163	Fr.	Cadiz, Ky. (Trigg County HS)
42	Andrew London	TE	6-4	225	Fr.	Mt. Zion, Ill. (Mt. Zion HS)
43	Dameon Gomes	WR	5-7	150	Fr.	Mansfield, Texas (Blinn)
44	Chandler Moody	LS	5-11	182	R-Sr.	Brentwood, Tenn. (Brentwood HS)
45	Xander Tabor	RB	6-1	210	Fr.	Marion, Ky. (Crittenden County HS)
45	Darnel Victor	OLB	6-2	223	R-Jr.	Melbourne, Fla. (Melbourne Cent. Catholic HS)
46	Scotty Humpich	OLB	6-4	252	R-Jr.	Louisville, Ky. (Eastern HS)
47	Maurice Greene	DL	6-4	255	R-Sr.	Clifton, N.J. (Stonehill)
48	Devin Brown	LB	6-4	180	Fr.	Covington, Ga. (Eastside HS)
49	Zaden Webber	K/P	5-7	173	R-So.	Clarksville, Tenn. (Rossview HS)
50	Cole Tandy	ILB	6-2	215	R-Jr.	Normal, Ill. (DuPage)
51	Levi Metheny	ILB	6-0	239	R-Sr.	Bethel Park, Pa. (Albany)
52	Blake Moody	OL	6-2	295	R-Fr.	Madisonville, Ky. (Madisonville N. Hopkins HS)
53	Andrew Long	OLB	6-2	227	R-Fr.	Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Christian Academy)
54	Eric Johanning	DL	6-3	272	R-So.	West Melbourne, Fla. (Florida Tech)
55	Matthew Baker	OLB	6-4	210	Fr.	Rochester, Ill. (Rochester HS)

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No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown (Previous School)
56	Izaiah Reed	DL	6-1	297	R-So.	Elizabethtown, Ky. (John Hardin HS)
57	Damonyai Lacey	DL	6-5	243	Fr.	Eufaula, Ala. (Eufaula HS)
58	Cade Shupperd	OLB	6-1	248	R-Fr.	Brownsburg, Ind. (Brownsburg HS)
59	Nick Walker	ILB	6-1	219	R-Fr.	Bethalto, Ill. (Civic Memorial HS)
60	Tyler Boone	ILB	6-1	205	Fr.	Marion, Ky. (Crittenden County HS)
61	Jacob Vance	OL	6-4	328	R-Sr.	Prospect, Ky. (North Oldham HS)
62	Oistin Jones	OL	6-3	325	R-Jr.	Lehigh Acres, Fla. (Mississippi Delta CC)
63	Levi Nesler	OL	6-1	318	R-Jr.	Mayfield, Ky. (Graves County HS)
64	Clay Riddle	OL	6-4	315	Fr.	Monroeville, Ind. (Heritage HS)
66	Nu'u Taugavau	OL	6-1	347	R-Jr.	Hayward, Calif. (Laney)
67	Jacob Frye	OL	6-6	300	R-So.	Murfreesboro, Tenn. (Siegel HS)
68	Gaige Jacobs	OL	6-4	285	Fr.	Murray, Ky. (Murray HS)
69	Cole Williamson	OL	6-6	342	R-So.	Carrollton, Ga. (Carrollton HS)
70	Christopher Georgia	OL	6-3	328	R-Jr.	Warner Robins, Ga. (Warner Robins HS)
72	Ty McCaskill	OL	6-6	342	R-So.	Mishawaka, Ind. (Penn HS)
75	Rodreques Boller	OL	6-4	290	Fr.	Louisville, Ky. (DuPont Manual HS)
76	Darian Weedman	OL	6-5	290	Fr.	Louisville, Ky. (Fairdale HS)
77	Henry Kofowo	OL	6-3	372	Fr.	Stone Mountain, Ga. (Stone Mountain HS)
78	DJ Jones	OL	6-6	326	R-Fr.	Jackson, Ala. (Jackson HS)
80	Taylor Shields	WR	6-0	188	R-Fr.	Brownsville, Tenn. (Haywood HS)
81	Connor Andrews	WR	5-11	175	Fr.	Dover, Tenn. (Stewart County HS)
81	Ethan Edmondson	DL	6-3	246	R-Jr.	Scottsboro, Ala. (Southern Miss.)
83	Kylan Martin	WR	5-11	176	R-Jr.	Humboldt, Tenn. (Humboldt HS)
84	Jalan Davis	TE	6-1	221	R-Fr.	Atlanta, Ga. (Maynard Jackson HS)
85	Cole McDowell	TE	6-4	235	R-Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. (Lipscomb Academy)
86	DJ Ruff	TE	6-1	243	R-Fr.	Carriere, Miss. (Pearl River Central HS)
87	Jake Saathoff	TE	6-3	256	R-Fr.	Louisville, Ky. (Christian Academy)
88	Deshun Britten	WR	5-7	170	R-Fr.	Chicago, Ill. (Morgan Park HS)
89	Quindarius Mayes	WR	6-2	215	Fr.	Hueytown, Ala. (Hueytown HS)
90	Austin Daulton	DL	6-3	318	R-Jr.	Somerset, Ky. (Southwestern HS)
91	Lewis Halton	K/P	6-1	180	R-So.	Glenroy, Australia (Dodge City CC)
92	Marcus Jackson	DL	6-6	250	R-Fr.	Medina, Tenn. (Bethel [TN])
93	CJ Barnes	OLB	6-4	261	R-Fr.	Collierville, Tenn. (Collierville HS)
94	Austin Hogancamp	DL	6-2	274	R-Sr.	North Sutton, N.H. (Kearsarge HS)
95	Blake Hester	DL	6-2	263	R-So.	Birmingham, Ala. (Spain Park HS)
96	Donovan McBride	DL	6-4	280	Fr.	Grain Valley, Mo. (Grain Valley HS)
97	Lane Pegram	TE	6-1	232	R-Jr.	Metropolis, Ill. (Southern Ill.)
98	Tony Davis	DL	6-3	300	Fr.	Jonesborough, Tenn. (David Crockett HS)
99	Kameron Petty	DL	6-1	323	R-Sr.	New Market, Ala. (Buckhorn HS)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

RODREQUES Boller.....	ROD-REEK-EZ	JARAD McCray.....	JUH-ROD
MARCIS Floyd.....	MARCUS	Lane PEGRAM.....	PEG-RUM
JHAYDN Fridge.....	JADEN	LAWUAN Powell.....	LOU-WAHN
Dameon GOMES.....	GOMES NOT GOMEZ	QUINAZ Turner.....	QUINN-AHZ
CAYVIAN Holmes.....	CAY-VEE-AHN	Jake SAATHOFF.....	SAY-TOFF
Scotty HUMPICH.....	HUM-PICK	Eric SAMUTA.....	SUH-MOOT-UH
Q'DARYIUS Jennings.....	Q-DARIUS	Tim SCHROER.....	SHH-ROAR
OISTIN Jones.....	AUSTIN	XANDER Tabor.....	ZANDER
Henry KOFOW.....	COE-FOE-WOE	NU'U TAUGAVAU.....	NEW TAU-GUH-VOW
DIMONYAI Lacey.....	DUH-MON-YAY	(TAU & VOW RHYME)	
JAUQUILLUS Martin.....	JUH-QWELL-US	DAMONTA Witherspoon.....	DUH-MON-TAY

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No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown (Previous School)
81	Connor Andrews	WR	5-11	175	Fr.	Dover, Tenn. (Stewart County HS)
19	Dylan Appleton	S	5-9	186	R-Fr.	East St. Louis, Ill. (East St. Louis HS)
55	Matthew Baker	OLB	6-4	210	Fr.	Rochester, Ill. (Rochester HS)
93	CJ Barnes	OLB	6-4	261	R-Fr.	Collierville, Tenn. (Collierville HS)
39	Aaron Baum	K/P	6-2	250	R-Jr.	Orlando, Fla. (Missouri Valley)
17	Jacob Bell	WR	6-3	168	R-So.	Vero Beach, Fla. (Vero Beach HS)
22	Jaylon Bolden	S	6-3	206	R-Sr.	Rowlett, Texas (Davidson)
75	Rodreques Boller	OL	6-4	290	Fr.	Louisville, Ky. (DuPont Manual HS)
60	Tyler Boone	ILB	6-1	205	Fr.	Marion, Ky. (Crittenden County HS)
88	Deshun Britten	WR	5-7	170	R-Fr.	Chicago, Ill. (Morgan Park HS)
21	LaMarte Brooks	WR	6-1	192	R-Jr.	Milan, Tenn. (Milan HS)
23	John Broussard	CB	6-0	190	R-Sr.	Phenix City, Ala. (Auburn)
48	Devin Brown	LB	6-4	180	Fr.	Covington, Ga. (Eastside HS)
9	Brandon Burton	S	6-1	198	R-Sr.	Los Angeles, Calif. (New Mexico)
18	Rodney Castille	RB	5-11	200	R-Sr.	Jackson, Tenn. (Liberty Tech Magnet HS)
25	Frank Coppet	S	5-11	190	R-Sr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Vanderbilt)
32	Jamari Dailey	S	5-11	175	R-Fr.	Pinson, Ala. (Pinson Valley HS)
6	DeQuan Dallas	WR	5-10	175	R-Sr.	Memphis, Tenn. (Melrose HS)
90	Austin Daulton	DL	6-3	318	R-Jr.	Somerset, Ky. (Southwestern HS)
84	Jalan Davis	TE	6-1	221	R-Fr.	Atlanta, Ga. (Maynard Jackson HS)
98	Tony Davis	DL	6-3	300	Fr.	Jonesborough, Tenn. (David Crockett HS)
81	Ethan Edmondson	DL	6-3	246	R-Jr.	Scottsboro, Ala. (Southern Miss.)
38	Cedric Ellis	WR	5-8	140	R-So.	Kaiserslautern, Germany (Middle Georgia)
24	Marcis Floyd	CB	6-0	188	R-So.	Louisville, Ky. (DuPont Manual HS)
20	Jhadyn Fridge	CB	6-1	165	Fr.	East St. Louis, Ill. (East St. Louis HS)
67	Jacob Frye	OL	6-6	300	R-So.	Murfreesboro, Tenn. (Siegel HS)
70	Christopher Georgia	OL	6-3	328	R-Jr.	Warner Robins, Ga. (Warner Robins HS)
43	Dameon Gomes	WR	5-7	150	Fr.	Mansfield, Texas (Blinn)
47	Maurice Greene	DL	6-4	255	R-Sr.	Clifton, N.J. (Stonehill)
40	Wesley Haddox	CB	5-10	155	Fr.	Mustang, Okla. (Mustang HS)
91	Lewis Halton	K/P	6-1	180	R-So.	Glenroy, Australia (Dodge City CC)
8	Jacobi Hearn	OLB	6-0	218	R-Sr.	Jackson, Miss. (New Mexico)
95	Blake Hester	DL	6-2	263	R-So.	Birmingham, Ala. (Spain Park HS)
33	Chris Hill, Jr.	OLB	6-1	210	R-Fr.	Coral Springs, Fla. (Coral Springs HS)
94	Austin Hogancamp	DL	6-2	274	R-Sr.	North Sutton, N.H. (Kearsarge HS)
14	Cayvian Holmes	CB	5-11	180	R-So.	Apopka, Fla. (Rhode Island)
2	Malik Honeycutt	WR	5-10	177	R-Sr.	Tallahassee, Fla. (Itawamba CC)
46	Scotty Humpich	OLB	6-4	252	R-Jr.	Louisville, Ky. (Eastern HS)
28	Bobby Jackson	CB	5-10	165	R-So.	Clarksville, Tenn. (Clarksville HS)
92	Marcus Jackson	DL	6-6	250	R-Fr.	Medina, Tenn. (Bethel [TN])
68	Gaige Jacobs	OL	6-4	285	Fr.	Murray, Ky. (Murray HS)
29	Q'Daryus Jennings	RB	5-11	200	Fr.	Hartford, Ky. (Ohio County HS)
54	Eric Johanning	DL	6-3	272	R-So.	West Melbourne, Fla. (Florida Tech)
35	Cortez Jones	RB	5-11	226	R-Fr.	Pinetops, N.C. (Southwest Edgecombe HS)
78	DJ Jones	OL	6-6	326	R-Fr.	Jackson, Ala. (Jackson HS)
62	Oistin Jones	OL	6-3	325	R-Jr.	Lehigh Acres, Fla. (Mississippi Delta CC)
77	Henry Kofowo	OL	6-3	372	Fr.	Stone Mountain, Ga. (Stone Mountain HS)
57	Damonyai Lacey	DL	6-5	243	Fr.	Eufaula, Ala. (Eufaula HS)
42	Andrew London	TE	6-4	225	Fr.	Mt. Zion, Ill. (Mt. Zion HS)
13	Alec Long	ILB	5-11	218	R-So.	Jackson, Tenn. (Memphis)
53	Andrew Long	OLB	6-2	227	R-Fr.	Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Christian Academy)
41	Jaquellus Martin	S	6-0	163	Fr.	Cadiz, Ky. (Trigg County HS)
83	Kylan Martin	WR	5-11	176	R-Jr.	Humboldt, Tenn. (Humboldt HS)
4	Lucas Maue	QB	6-2	185	Fr.	Belleville, Ill. (Belleville East HS)
89	Quindarius Mayes	WR	6-2	215	Fr.	Hueytown, Ala. (Hueytown HS)
96	Donovan McBride	DL	6-4	280	Fr.	Grain Valley, Mo. (Grain Valley HS)
72	Ty McCaskill	OL	6-6	342	R-So.	Mishawaka, Ind. (Penn HS)
38	Jarad McCray	S	6-0	190	R-So.	Nashville, Tenn. (Cane Ridge HS)

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15	Jared McCray	WR	6-0	189	R-Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. (Cane Ridge HS)
85	Cole McDowell	TE	6-4	235	R-Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. (Lipscomb Academy)
12	Davontae McKee	CB	5-10	174	R-So.	Dayton, Ohio (Urbana)
51	Levi Metheny	ILB	6-0	239	R-Sr.	Bethel Park, Pa. (Albany)
52	Blake Moody	OL	6-2	295	R-Fr.	Madisonville, Ky. (Madisonville N. Hopkins HS)
44	Chandler Moody	LS	5-11	182	R-Sr.	Brentwood, Tenn. (Brentwood HS)
63	Levi Nesler	OL	6-1	318	R-Jr.	Mayfield, Ky. (Graves County HS)
7	Don Parker	S	6-1	173	R-Sr.	Hopkinsville, Ky. (Hopkinsville HS)
97	Lane Pegram	TE	6-1	232	R-Jr.	Metropolis, Ill. (Southern Ill.)
99	Kameron Petty	DL	6-1	323	R-Sr.	New Market, Ala. (Buckhorn HS)
37	Lawaun Powell	ILB	6-0	227	R-Fr.	East St. Louis, Ill. (East St. Louis HS)
56	Izaiah Reed	DL	6-1	297	R-So.	Elizabethtown, Ky. (John Hardin HS)
5	Preston Rice	QB	6-2	227	R-Jr.	Waynesboro, Tenn. (Wayne County HS)
7	Michael Rich, Jr.	QB	6-4	205	Fr.	Gadsden, Ala. (Southside HS)
64	Clay Riddle	OL	6-4	315	Fr.	Monroeville, Ind. (Heritage HS)
26	Cortez Roberts	S	5-11	198	R-Jr.	Atlanta, Ga. (North Springs HS)
86	DJ Ruff	TE	6-1	243	R-Fr.	Carriere, Miss. (Pearl River Central HS)
87	Jake Saathoff	TE	6-3	256	R-Fr.	Louisville, Ky. (Christian Academy)
34	Eric Samuta	ILB	5-10	215	R-Jr.	Glen Ellyn, Ill. (Glenbard West HS)
80	Taylor Shields	WR	6-0	188	R-Fr.	Brownsville, Tenn. (Haywood HS)
58	Cade Shupperd	OLB	6-1	248	R-Fr.	Brownsburg, Ind. (Brownsburg HS)
36	Bobby Sims	CB	5-10	175	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga. (Carver HS)
3	Michael Smith, Jr.	WR	6-1	215	R-Jr.	Vero Beach, Fla. (Pittsburgh)
8	Jayden Stinson	QB	6-1	193	R-Fr.	Mayfield, Ky. (Mayfield HS)
45	Xander Tabor	RB	6-1	210	Fr.	Marion, Ky. (Crittenden County HS)
50	Cole Tandy	ILB	6-2	215	R-Jr.	Normal, Ill. (DuPage)
66	Nu'u Taugavau	OL	6-1	347	R-Jr.	Hayward, Calif. (Laney)
16	Ethan Thompson	WR	5-9	178	R-So.	Paris, Tenn. (Henry County HS)
4	Quinaz Turner	CB	5-10	180	R-Jr.	Montgomery, Ala. (Stanhope Elmore HS)
61	Jacob Vance	OL	6-4	328	R-Sr.	Prospect, Ky. (North Oldham HS)
45	Darnel Victor	OLB	6-2	223	R-Jr.	Melbourne, Fla. (Melbourne Cent. Catholic HS)
59	Nick Walker	ILB	6-1	219	R-Fr.	Bethalto, Ill. (Civic Memorial HS)
49	Zaden Webber	K/P	5-7	173	R-So.	Clarksville, Tenn. (Rossvieview HS)
76	Darian Weedman	OL	6-5	290	Fr.	Louisville, Ky. (Fairdale HS)
9	DJ Williams	QB	6-2	202	R-Fr.	Harvey, Ill. (Thornton HS)
27	Tameron Williams	CB	5-11	160	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Trinity Catholic HS)
69	Cole Williamson	OL	6-6	342	R-So.	Carrollton, Ga. (Carrollton HS)
31	Damonta Witherspoon	RB	5-10	206	R-Fr.	East St. Louis, Ill. (East St. Louis HS)
30	Jackson Worthen	LS	5-9	178	R-Fr.	Mayfield, Ky. (Graves County HS)

2021 MURRAY STATE DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

T	67	JACOB FRYE	6-6	300	RSO.
	52	BLAKE MOODY	6-2	295	RFR.
LG	62	OISTIN JONES	6-3	325	RJR.
	72	TY McCASKILL	6-6	342	RSO.
C	63	LEVI NESLER	6-1	218	RJR.
	69	COLE WILLIAMSON	6-6	342	RJR.
RG	70	CHRISTOPHER GEORGIA	6-3	328	RJR.
	65	NU'U TAUGAVAU	6-5	336	RJR.
RT	61	JACOB VANCE	6-4	328	RSR.
	78	DJ JONES	6-6	326	RFR.
QB	5	PRESTON RICE	6-2	227	RJR.
	9	DJ WILLIAMS	6-3	202	RFR.
RB	31	DAMONTA WITHERSPOON	5-10	206	RFR.
	18	RODNEY CASTILLE	5-11	200	RSR.
	Or 35	CORTEZZ JONES	5-11	226	RFR.
Z	17	JACOB BELL	6-3	168	RSO.
	2	MALIK HONEYCUTT	5-10	177	RSR.
X	21	LaMARTEZ BROOKS	6-1	192	RJR.
	16	ETHAN THOMPSON	5-9	178	RSO.
Y	87	JAKE SAATHOFF	6-3	256	RFR.
	86	DJ RUFF	6-2	243	RFR.
S	2	MALIK HONEYCUTT	5-10	177	RSR.
	15	JARED McCRAY	6-0	189	RJR.

DEFENSE

DE	81	ETHAN EDMONDSON	6-3	246	RJR.
	47	MAURICE GREENE	6-4	255	RSR.
NT	99	KAMERON PETTY	6-1	323	RSR.
	90	AUSTIN DAULTON	6-3	318	RJR.
DT	56	IZAIAH REED	6-1	296	RSO.
	54	ERIC JOHANNING	6-3	272	RSO.
BUCK	8	JACOBI HEARN	6-0	218	RSR.
	Or 93	CJ BARNES	6-4	261	FR.
	58	CADE SHUPPERD	6-1	248	RFR.
SAM	45	DARNEL VICTOR	6-2	223	RJR.
	9	BRANDON BURTON	6-1	198	RSR.
	Or 33	CHRIS HILL, JR.	6-1	210	RFR.
MIKE	34	ERIC SAMUTA	5-10	215	RJR.
	37	LAWAUN POWELL	6-0	227	RFR.
WILL	51	LEVI METHENY	6-0	233	RSR.
	13	ALEC LONG	5-11	218	RSO.
CB	24	MARCIS FLOYD	6-0	188	RSO.
	12	DAVONTAE McKEE	5-10	174	RSO.
SS	26	CORTEZ ROBERTS	5-11	198	RJR.
	25	FRANK COPPET	5-11	190	RSR.
FS	7	DON PARKER	6-1	173	RSR.
	32	JAMARI DAILEY	5-11	175	RFR.
CB	4	QUINAZ TURNER	5-10	180	RJR.
	14	CAYVIAN HOLMES	5-11	180	RSO.
	Or 23	JOHN BROUSSARD	6-0	190	RSR.

SPECIAL TEAMS

PK	39	AARON BAUM	6-2	250	RJR.
	49	ZADEN WEBBER	5-7	173	RSO.
KO	29	ZADEN WEBBER	5-7	173	So.
	39	AARON BAUM	6-2	250	RSR.
P	91	LEWIS HALTON	6-1	180	So.
	39	AARON BAUM	6-2	250	RSR.
LS	44	CHANDLER MOODY	5-11	182	RSR.
	30	JACKSON WORTHEN	5-9	178	RFR.
KR	16	ETHAN THOMPSON	5-9	178	RSO.
	2	MAILIK HONEYCUTT	5-10	177	RSR.
PR	21	LaMARTEZ BROOKS	6-1	192	RJR.
	2	MAILIK HONEYCUTT	5-10	177	RSR.
H	91	LOUIS HALTON	6-1	180	So.
	44	CHANDLER MOODY	5-11	182	RSR.

THE INSIDE TRACK

GAME 5 NOTES - UT MARTIN

A WIN SATURDAY WOULD...

A win Saturday would give Murray State three wins out of their last four tries in OVC openers, all of which have been against UT Martin.

KICK IT

After kicking three 40-plus yard field goals and an extra point in the win over Eastern Illinois, kicker Aaron Baum was named as the OVC Specialist of the Week Sunday.

SEEING RED

Murray State's red zone defense has been impressive this season and currently ranks as the 15th best in the nation. The Racers have made five red zone stops this season including three last week against EIU.

OUT OF THE GATES

Saturday will serve as the OVC opener for Murray State and they enter the game with a 31-42 record in those contests. After a win over the Skyhawks in the 2020 league opener, MSU is now 2-2 against UT Martin when beginning OVC play.

GAME 4 NOTES - EASTERN ILL. (H)

A WIN SATURDAY WOULD...

A win Saturday would give the Racers their fourth consecutive win over Eastern Illinois and would be the second-longest such streak in series history. MSU's longest win-streak in series history against the Panthers is five games and took place from 1994 to 1999 with the two teams not meeting in 1995.

MEMBERS WANTED

With 2.0 sacks already this season, Scotty Humpich is just 3.0 sacks away from joining MSU's exclusive 10.0 career sack club of which there are only currently 12 members.

Player	Seasons	Sacks
1. Austen Lane	06-09	29.0
2. Anthony Hutch	92-96	28.0
3. Kenney Wooten	17-18	20.5
4. Marcus Stepp	97-98	18.0
5. Joe Lepsis	90-93	11.5
6. Nathan Williams	03-08	11.0
Jamie Lowicz	87-89	11.0
8. Tamar Butler	06-09	10.5
9. Marcus White	03-04	10.0
Kenneth Knotts	97-98	10.0
Ronnie Merritt	94-97	10.0
Jeff Urbano	87-89	10.0

BREAKING THROUGH

With five rushing touchdowns already this season, including a record-tying four against Mississippi Valley, Preston Rice is on the precipice of becoming the first Racer quarterback to crack the top 10 in career rushing touchdowns. Rice currently has 14 career rushing touchdowns and needs just three to join the top 10 and tie with Derrick Cullors and Danny Lee Johnson with 17.

A NON-CONFERENCE AFFAIR

Due to late schedules caused by recent conference shuffle Murray State's contest against EIU will be a non-conference game. The last time the two teams met in a non-OVC contest was nearly 30 years ago in 1994. This year's OVC contest between the two teams will take place in Charleston Nov. 20 in the regular-season finale for both teams.

GAME 3 NOTES - BOWLING GREEN

A WIN SATURDAY WOULD...

A win Saturday would give the Racers their first victory over an FBS team since defeating Louisville in 1984.

STRIKING FIRST

Murray State's 7-0 lead last Saturday at Cincinnati was its first lead over an FBS team since the Racers held a 7-6 first quarter lead over Northern Illinois in 2015. It was also the first time since 2014 that the Racers scored first against an FBS team, when they did so against Missouri.

HOLDING THEIR OWN

The 45 points scored by the Bearcats are fewest by a Murray State FBS opponent since Louisville scored 22 in 2011.

GAME 2 NOTES - #7 CINCINNATI

A SIGNIFICANT SHUTOUT

The Racers notched their first shutout since 2011 when they beat Mississippi Valley, 39-0, in Itta Benna. In two games against the Delta Devils, 10 years apart, the Racers have outscored MVSU, 79-0.

THE 11TH MAN

Preston Rice tied a school record by scoring four touchdowns to become just the 11th Racer to accomplish the feat and the first quarterback. The other 10 Racers to score four rushing touchdowns in the same game are: Danny Lee Johnson ('78), Lindsey Hudspeth ('80), Rodney Payne ('85), Derrick Cullors ('95), David McCann ('95), Anthony Downs ('97), Billy Blanchard ('02), Stevie Chaney ('05), Mike Harris ('11) and Duane Brady ('13).

WHAAAT AAA RUSHHHHH!

▪ The Racer rushing attack netted 307 yards against MVSU, marking the first 300-plus yard game for MSU since 2018 and only the second against a Division I opponent since 2011.

▪ Thursday marked just the second time since 2012 that Murray State has scored five rushing touchdowns against a Division I opponent.

▪ Cortez Jones ruled the rushing attack for Murray State with 107 yards, including a long of 69, and a touchdown.

LOCKDOWN D

Mississippi Valley's 162 total offensive yards Thursday is the least allowed by a Racer defense against a Division I opponent since 2004.

THE HOTTEST TICKET IN TOWN

The 6,874 fans attendance at The Track Thursday was the most for a Racer home opener since 2012.

AGAINST THE FBS

The Racers are 1-29-1 all-time against FBS opponents and 0-4 against Top 25 FBS opponents. Saturday's contest will mark the fourth time MSU has faced a top 10 opponent and the third time since 2012. The only time the Racers have defeated an FBS opponent was in 1984 when they beat Louisville, 24-23. One year later, the Racers traveled to Memphis where they battled the Tigers to a 10-10 tie.

GAME 1 NOTES - MISS. VALLEY

CLEAR THE TRACK

One of the greatest traditions in college football returns this season, as Racer 1 will once again make its way around the track following Murray State touchdowns. This year the horse, whose real name is Vegas, will be mounted for the second-consecutive season by senior Emily Helmick of St. Charles, Mo.

OVC ACCOLADES

For the first time since 1996, Murray State has been picked to win the OVC by a vote of the league's sports information directors and head coaches. In addition, the Racers led all OVC schools with 10 players named to the Preseason All-OVC Team.

THE INSIDE TRACK

PRETTY BOY FLOYD

Like the legendary bank robber, Marcis Floyd had his share of thefts last season, finishing the year with three interceptions and six pass breakups. His performance last season turned heads as he has already been named to the Preseason All-OVC team, the preseason Stats Perform All-American team and initial watchlist for the Buck Buchanan award, given to the nation's top FCS defensive player.

RACER RETURNS

Coming off their first winning season in 10 years, the Racers will bring back all 22 starters and all 13 2020 OVC All-Conference selections.

NUMBER CHANGES

As the year changes, so do the numbers. Several Racers will be wearing new numbers for the 2021 season.

<i>NAME</i>	<i>OLD #</i>	<i>NEW #</i>
Jacobi Hearn	20	8
Brandon Burton	22	9
Eric Johanning	57	54
Nu'u Taugavau	65	66
Andrew Long	98	53

OPENING DAY

Thursday kicks off Murray State's 97th season of football and the 49th in Roy Stewart Stadium. After a win over UT Martin last season in their overall, home and OVC openers, the Racers are now 54-39-4 all-time in season openers and 67-26-4 in home openers.



DEAN HOOD

HEAD COACH

@CoachDeanHood

Ohio Wesleyan '86
2ND SEASON AT MURRAY STATE
10TH SEASON OVERALL

FAST FACTS

- » Named 19th head coach in Murray State football history in 2019 after successful stints at Kentucky and Eastern Kentucky
- » Won two OVC titles in eight seasons at EKU with three NCAA tournament appearances
- » While at EKU, coached a Offensive POY, Defensive POY Freshman of the Year and 26 first-team All-OVC selections
- » While at UK, coached Max Duffy to Ray Guy Award (nation's best punter)
- » Married to wife Crystal, with whom he has two sons, Tray and Daven, and two daughters, Jada and Cordia

COACHING CAREER

- » Coached Murray State to its first winning season since 2011 in his first season with the Racers in 2020
- » Coached the Racers to a 5-2 record and a second-place finish in the OVC.
- » Following the 2021 season 13 players were named as All-OVC selections, the second-most in program history
- » The 2020 season brought Hood his second OVC Coach of the Year and AFCA Regional Coach of the Year honors, in addition being a finalist for Eddie Robinson National Coach of the Year award for the third time in his career.
- » Went 55-38 in eight seasons at EKU overall and 44-20 in OVC games
- » Named 2008 OVC Coach of the Year, 2011 AFCA Regional Coach of the Year and was finalist for Eddie Robinson National Coach of the Year twice in 2008 and 2014
- » Has had three former EKU players (Jordan Berry, Matt Lengel, Noah Spence) go on to have NFL careers with two (Berry, Spence) still on active rosters
- » Coached nine All-Americans while at EKU
- » After EKU, spent three seasons at Kentucky and for the last two served as special teams coordinator
- » Served in various positions, including defensive coordinator, from 2001 to 2007 at Wake Forest
- » Served two stints as an assistant coach under OVC Hall of Famer Roy Kidd from 1994-96, then again from 1997-98.

PLAYING CAREER

- » Played four seasons for Ohio Wesleyan
- » Was a three-time All-Conference selection, as well as an All-American
- » Inducted into Ohio Wesleyan Hall of Fame in 2001

HEAD COACHING CAREER

YEAR	TEAM	RECORD	OVC	OVC FINISH
2008	EKU	8-4 (.667)	7-1	1st
2009	EKU	5-6 (.455)	5-3	T-2nd
2010	EKU	6-5 (.545)	5-2	3rd
2011	EKU	7-5 (.583)	6-2	T-1st
2012	EKU	8-3 (.727)	6-2	T-2nd
2013	EKU	6-6 (.500)	4-4	T-5th
2014	EKU	9-4 (.692)	6-2	2nd
2015	EKU	6-5 (.545)	5-3	4th
2020	MUR	5-2 (.833)	5-2	2nd
2021	MUR	2-2 (.500)	---	---

EKU	(8 Seas.)	55-38 (.591)	44-19 (.698)
MUR	(2 Seas.)	7-4 (.636)	5-2 (.714)
OVERALL	(9 Seas.)	62-42 (.596)	49-20 (.710)

RECORD VS. OPPONENTS

Austin Peay	6-3	Mississippi Valley	1-0
Bowling Green	0-1	Missouri State	1-1
Chattanooga	0-2	Morehead State	4-0
Cincinnati	0-1	Murray State	7-1
Coastal Carolina	1-1	NC State	0-1
Eastern Illinois	7-3	Purdue	0-1
Florida	0-1	Richmond	0-1
Indiana	0-1	Robert Morris	2-0
Indiana State	0-1	Southeast Missouri	8-1
Jacksonville State	4-5	Tennessee State	5-3
James Madison	0-1	Tennessee Tech	7-2
Kansas State	0-1	UT Martin	6-3
Kentucky	0-2	Valparaiso	1-0
Kentucky State	1-0	Western Carolina	0-1
Louisville	0-2	Western Kentucky	0-1
Miami (OH)	1-0		

Bold Indicates 2020-21 Opponent

NCAA/OVC STATISTICAL RANKINGS

TEAM

CATEGORY	FCS	OVC	VALUE
3rd Down Conv. Pct	24	2	.448
4th Down Conv. Pct.	25	2	.667
Fewest Penalties	60	2	27
Fewest Penalty Yds.	42	1	220
Fewest Penalty YPG	54	2	55.0
First Downs Defense	22	1	65
Fumbles Lost	41	1	2
Kickoff Returns	40	2	22.3
Red Zone Defense	15	1	.692
Rushing Defense	25	2	105.5
Punt Return Defense	22	1	3.25
Scoring Defense	21	1	18.8
Team Sacks	48	1	2.3
Time of Possession	32	2	32:07
Total Defense	17	1	293.5

INDIVIDUAL

PLAYER	FCS	OVC	VALUE
Forced Fumbles			
Quinaz Turner	30	2	0.33
Interceptions Per Game			
DaVontae McKee	22	2	0.5
Passes Defended			
Quinaz Turner	60	2	1.0
Rushing TDs			
Preston Rice	4	1	5
Scoring			
Preston Rice	41	2	7.5
Total Touchdowns			
Preston Rice	23	2	5

RACERS RECORD WHEN...

Overall	2-2
at home	2-0
on road	0-2
on grass	0-0
on field turf	2-2
in overtime	0-0
MSU wins coin toss	0-0
MSU scores first	2-1
MSU leads after 1st quarter	2-0
MSU leads at half	2-0
MSU leads after 3rd quarter	2-0
MSU has more rushing yards	2-0
MSU has more passing yards	1-0
MSU has more total yards	2-0
MSU has less penalties	1-1
MSU has less turnovers	0-0
MSU scores 20 points or more	2-0
MSU scores 30 points or more	1-0
MSU scores 40 points or more	0-0
MSU scores 50 points or more	0-0
MSU holds opp. under 30 points	2-1
MSU holds opp. under 20 points	2-0
MSU holds opp. under 10 points	2-0
MSU completes 50% of passes	2-1
MSU completes 60% of passes	0-0
MSU has 300-yard passer	0-0
Opp. has 300-yard passer	0-0
MSU has 100-yard rusher	2-0
Opp. has 100-yard rusher	0-1
MSU has 100-yard receiver	0-0
Opp. has 100-yard receiver	1-0
MSU defense scores	0-0
Opp. defense scores	0-0
MSU special teams score	0-0
Opp. special teams score	0-0

2021 OPENING DRIVES

Opponent	MSU 1H	MSU 2H	OPP. 1H	OPP. 2H
Mississippi Valley	4plys/56yds/1:28/TD	14plys/57yds/7:03/INT	3plys/(-15yds)/2:06/PUNT	5plys/20yds/3:08/PUNT
Cincinnati	11 plys/53yds/7:14/INT	3plys/3yds/1:55/PUNT	3plys/7yds/0:54/PUNT	10plys/75yds/4:50/TD
Bowling Green	3 plys/(-3yds)/1:21/INT	3plys/12yds/1:14/PUNT	5plys/29yds/1:52/TD	11plys/71yds/5:35/TD
Eastern Ill.	10plys/47yds/4:07/FGM	4plys/35yd/1:40/TD	14plys/49yds/6:36/FGA	3plys/(-22yds)/1:35/PUNT
UT Martin				
Southeast Mo.				
Austin Peay				
Tennessee St.				
Tennessee Tech				
Southeast Mo.				
Eastern Ill.				

2021 MURRAY STATE SCORING SUMMARY

Opponent	Qt.	Points	Plays	Yards	TOP	How Scored
Mississippi Valley	1	7	4	56	1:28	Rice 28yd run (Baum kick)
	1	7	7	55	3:48	Rice 1yd run (Baum kick)
	2	7	6	89	3:13	Rice 5yd run (Baum kick)
	3	7	8	88	4:12	Rice 1yd run (Baum kick)
	4	7	3	12	1:11	Jones 3yd run (Baum kick)
Cincinnati	1	7	12	65	7:31	Rice 1yd run (Baum kick)
Bowling Green	2	7	11	75	5:08	Witherspoon 6yd rush (Baum kick)
	2	3	7	26	3:45	Baum 47yd field goal
Eastern Illinois	1	3	10	47	4:07	Baum 46yd field goal
	2	7	11	85	6:01	D. Williams 14yd run (Baum kick)
	2	3	9	42	3:55	Baum 41yd field goal
	3	6	4	35	1:40	Witherspoon 5yd rush (Rice pass failed)
	4	3	7	39	4:10	Baum 46yd field goal
UT Martin						
Southeast Missouri						
Austin Peay						
Tennessee State						
Tennessee Tech						
Southeast Missouri						
Eastern Illinois						

2021 OFFENSIVE STARTERS GAME-BY-GAME

	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	QB	RB	Z	X	Y	S
MVSU	Frye	O. Jones	Nesler	Georgia	Vance	Rice	Witherspoon	Bell	Brooks	Ruff	Dallas
CINCY	Frye	O. Jones	Nesler	Georgia	Vance	Rice	Witherspoon	Bell	Brooks	Saathoff	Britten
BGSU	Frye	O. Jones	Nesler	Georgia	Vance	Rice	Witherspoon	Bell	Brooks	Saathoff	Britten
EIU	Frye	O. Jones	Nesler	Georgia	Vance	Rice	Witherspoon	Bell	Brooks	Saathoff	Ruff
UTM											
SEMO											
AP											
TSU											
TTU											
SEMO											
EIU											

2021 DEFENSIVE STARTERS GAME-BY-GAME

	DE	NT	DT	BUCK	SAM	MIKE	WILL	CB	SS	FS	CB
MVSU	Edmondson	Petty	Reed	Humpich	Victor	Samuta	Long	Floyd	Roberts	Turner	Parker
CINCY	Edmondson	Petty	Reed	Humpich	Victor	Samuta	Long	Floyd	Roberts	Turner	Parker
BGSU	Greene	Petty	Reed	Humpich	Victor	Samuta	Long	Floyd	Roberts	Turner	Parker
EIU	Barnes	Petty	Reed	Hearn	Victor	Samuta	Long	Floyd	Roberts	Turner	Parker
UTM											
SEMO											
AP											
TSU											
TTU											
SEMO											
EIU											

2021 WON-LOST MARGINS

Margin	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Won By															
Lost By															
Margin	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30+
Won By	1														1
Lost By		1													1

2021 SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	1H	2H	TOTAL
Murray St.	17	34	13	10	0	51	23	74
Avg.	4.6	8.5	3.3	2.5	0.0	12.8	5.8	18.5
Opponents	7	10	24	34	0	17	58	75
Avg.	1.8	2.5	6.0	8.5	0.0	4.3	14.5	18.8

2021 TEAM/OPPONENT HIGHS & LOWS				
	MURRAY STATE		OPPONENT	
	HIGHS	LOWS	HIGHS	LOWS
Offense				
Points	35 (MVSU)	7 (CINCY)	45 (CINCY)	0 (MVSU)
First Downs	23 (EIU 1)	15 (CINCY)	22 (BGSU)	10 (MVSU)
Total Offense	455 (MVSU)	201 (BGSU)	391 (CINCY)	162 (MVSU)
Touchdowns	5 (MVSU)	1 (Twice)	6 (CINCY)	0 (MVSU)
Passing Yards	170 (EIU 1)	132 (BGSU)	261 (CINCY)	63 (MVSU)
Passing TD	0 (4 Times)	0 (4 Times)	3 (CINCY)	0 (MVSU)
Rushing Yards	307 (MVSU)	69 (BGSU)	130 (CINCY)	75 (EIU 1)
Rushing TD	5 (MVSU)	1 (Twice)	3 (CINCY)	0 (Twice)
T.O.P.	34:48 (CINCY)	25:43 (BGSU)	34:17 (BGSU)	25:12 (CINCY)
Interceptions	3 (CINCY)	1 (MVSU)	2 (MVSU)	0 (Twice)
Fumbles Lost	2 (CINCY)	0 (Twice)	1 (Twice)	0 (Twice)
Defense				
Tackles	78 (BGSU)	52 (Twice)	66 (CINCY)	55 (MVSU)
Tackles-For-Loss	8.0 (EIU 1)	3.0 (CINCY)	10.0 (EIU 1)	1.0 (CINCY)
Sacks	3.0 (EIU 1)	2.0 (3 Times)	3.0 (Twice)	1.0 (CINCY)
QB Hurries	6 (EIU 1)	0 (CINCY)	4 (BGSU)	1 (Twice)
Special Team & Misc.				
Field Goals	3 (EIU 1)	0 (Twice)	2 (BGSU)	0 (Twice)
Punt Average	38.5 (EIU 1)	35.0 (MVSU)	45.2 (CINCY)	38.4 (EIU 1)
Penalties-Yards	11-60 (CINCY)	5-45 (EIU 1)	12-135 (BGSU)	5-40 (CINCY)
2021 INDIVIDUAL HIGHS				
	MURRAY ST.		OPPONENT	
Offense				
Passing Yards	170 - Rice (EIU 1)		243 - Ridder (CINCY)	
Passing TD	---		2 - Ridder (CINCY)	
Rush Yards	141 - Witherspoon (EIU 1)		113 - Ford (CINCY)	
Rush TD	4 - Rice (MVSU)		3 - Ford (CINCY)	
Receiving Yds.	63 - Brooks (MVSU)		132 - Foulkes	
Receiving TD	---		1 - 5 Times	
Defense				
Tackles	9 - Samuta (BGSU)		8 - Dublanko (CINCY)	
Tackles-For-Loss	2.0 - Humpich (MVSU)		2.0 - 2 Times	
Sacks	1.0 - 6 Times		1.0 - 4 Times	
Interceptions	1 - 3 Times		1 - 3 Times	
Blocked Kicks	---		---	
Special Teams				
Field Goals	3 - Baum (EIU 1)		2 - Needham (BGSU)	
Punt Average	38.5 - Halton (EIU 1)		45.2 - Fletcher (CINCY)	

THE LAST TIME MURRAY STATE...

30+ Rushing Attempts

30, Mike Harris (133 yds) vs Eastern Illinois, 10-15-11

100+ Yards Rushing

141, Damonta Witherspoon, vs. Eastern Illinois, 10-2-21

4+ Touchdowns Rushing

4, Preston Rice, Mississippi Valley, 9-2-21

200+ Yards Rushing

206, Mike Harris vs. Eastern Kentucky, 10-29-11

300+ Yards Rushing

310, Stevie Chaney vs. Austin Peay, 11-12-05

30+ Completions

34, Preston Rice (34-48-284) at Southeast Mo., 11-23-19

40+ Completions

41, Drew Anderson (34-41-340) at Tennessee Tech, 11-3-18

40+ Passing Attempts

49, Preston Rice (27-49-347) vs. Jacksonville St., 4-11-21

50+ Passing Attempts

58, Preston Rice (39-58-373) vs. Eastern Ky., 10-18-19

30+ Passing Attempts In One Half

35, Preston Rice (21-35-242) vs. Eastern Ky. (2nd), 10-18-19

300+ Yards Passing

347, Preston Rice (27-49-2TD) vs. Jacksonville St., 4-11-21

400+ Yards Passing

412, Drew Anderson (37-63-4 TD) vs. Southeast Mo, 11-10-18

500+ Yards Passing

537, Casey Brockman (45-67, 8TD) vs. UTM, 10-13-12

3 TD's Passing

3, Preston Rice (24-44-271) vs. Tennessee St. 10-12-19

4 TD's Passing

4, Preston Rice (17-24-214) vs. Morehead St., 9-21-19

5+ TD's Passing

5, Drew Anderson (33-51-5TD) vs. Tennessee St., 10-13-18

2 TD's Receiving

2, LaMarte Brooks, vs. Morehead St., 9-21-19

3+ TD's Receiving

3, Jordon Gandy, vs. Ky. Wesleyan, 8-31-17

One Player Accounting For Three Scores In Three Different Ways

Casey Brockman (rush, reception, and pass) vs Southeast Mo., 11-19-11

10+ Receptions

10, LaMarte Brooks (115), vs. Tennessee Tech, 3-14-21

15+ Receptions

19, Jeremy Harness (164) at Tennessee Tech, 10-4-14

100+ Receiving Yards

115, LaMarte Brooks vs. Tennessee Tech, 3-14-21

150+ Receiving Yards

154, LaMarte Brooks, vs. Eastern Ky., 10-19-18

200+ Receiving Yards

218, Jordon Gandy, at Eastern Ky., 11-5-16

Kickoff Return For TD

95, Quinaz Turner, vs. Pikeville, 8-29-19

Punt Return For TD

67, Ty Terrell, vs. Morehead St., 9-21-19

Interception For TD

41, Quinaz Turner, vs. Tennessee St., 3-21-21

60+ Punt

66, Steve Dawson, at Austin Peay, 11-17-18

Scored A Safety

TJ Warren, at Jacksonville St., 10-26-19

Fumble Return For TD

0, Jason Johnson, vs. UT Martin, 9-29-18

Blocked Punt For TD

Brandon Wicks Block, Jeffery Richard TD vs. Miss Valley St, 9-10-11

Blocked Punt

Brandon Wicks vs. Eastern Illinois, 10-15-11

Blocked Field Goal

Bishop Woods, vs. Jacksonville St., 11-12-16

Blocked Extra Point

Kenney Wooten, vs. Central Ark., 9-8-18

Blocked PAT Return for 2 Pts.

Shawn Samuels-Connell at Tennessee State, 11-7-15

4 Interceptions In Game By One Player

4, Bud Qualk vs Austin Peay, 11-8-69

3 Interceptions In Game By One Player

4, Bud Qualk vs Austin Peay, 11-8-69

2 Interceptions In A Game By One Player

2, Marcis Floyd, at Southeast Missouri St., 3-7-21

3 Field Goals In A Game

Aaron Baum (46, 41, 46), vs. Eastern Illinois, 10-2-21

4 Field Goals in a Game

Aaron Baum (41, 58, 26, 37) vs. Eastern Illinois, 3-28-21

5+ Field Goals in a Game

Connor Mitchell (37, 36, 37, 49, 25, 29) vs. Eastern Illinois, 10-22-16

50+ Field Goal

58, Aaron Baum, vs. Eastern Illinois, 3-28-21

60+ Field Goal

62, Paul Hickert vs Eastern Kentucky, 10-11-86

Rush Of 65+ Yards

65, Mareio McGraw, vs. UT Martin, 10-15-16

Pass Of 65+ Yards

71, KD Humphries to Janawski Davis vs. UT Martin, 10-24-15

Rush Of 75+ Yards

77, Mareio McGraw, at Eastern Illinois, 10-22-16

Pass of 75+ Yards

83, Preston Rice to DeQuan Dallas vs. UT Martin., 2-28-21

Rush Of 85+ Yards

94, Mike Harris vs Tennessee Tech, 11-6-10

Rush Of 95+ Yards

97, Stevie Chaney vs Austin Peay, 11-12-05

THE LAST TIME AN OPPONENT...

30+ Rushing Attempts

30, Jarvion Franklin, Western Michigan, 9-20-14

100+ Yards Rushing

113, Jerome Ford, Cincinnati, 9-11-21

200+ Yards Rushing

236, Isaiah Johnson, Eastern Ill., 10-14-17

30+ Passing Attempts

30, Parker McKinney, Eastern Ky. 10-18-19

40+ Passing Attempts

40, Chase Rosendahl, Tennessee St., 10-12-19

4+ TD's Passing

4, O'Shay Ackerman-Carter, Tennessee St., 11-7-15

10+ Receptions

10, Deangelo Wilson, Austin Peay, 4-3-21

15+ Receptions

21, Erik Lora, Eastern Illinois, 9-22-12

100+ Receiving Yards

132, Arron Foulkes, Jacksonville St., 10-2-21

150+ Receiving Yards

169, Lester Wells, Central Ark., 9-8-18

200+ Receiving Yards

200, Mitch Kimble, Eastern Ill., 10-22-16

Kickoff Return For TD

98, D.J. Davis, Southern Ill., 9-17-16

Punt Return For TD

39, Gilmore, Tennessee Tech, 3-14-21

Interception For TD

38, Mark Williams, vs. Eastern Illinois, 3-28-21

Scored A Safety

Eastern Kentucky, 11-5-16

Fumble Return For TD

2, Kordel Jackson, Austin Peay, 11-16-19

Blocked Punt For TD

1, Nick Canavan, Missouri St., 10-9-10

Blocked Punt

1, Sy Dabney, Bowling Green, 9-18-21

Blocked Field Goal

1, Kameron Bowdry, UT Martin, 2-28-21

50+ Field Goal

52, Jackson Redditt, UT Martin, 11-1-14

Rush Of 75+ Yards

97, Chris Douglas, Missouri State, 10-9-10

Pass Of 75+ Yards

75, Troy Cook to Greg McKillion, UT Martin, 10-15-16

2021 OFFENSIVE INDIVIDUAL GAME-BY-GAME

Rushing (Att-Yards-TD)

	MVSU	CINCY	BGSU	EIU	UTM	SEMO	AP	TSU	TTU	SEMO	EIU
Bell	1-8-0	---	---	---							
Brooks	---	2-40-0	1-(-5)-0	---							
Castille	5-46-0	8-14-0	8-28-0	8-31-0							
C. Jones	10-107-1	2-2-0	2-(-1)-0	1-5-0							
Rice	11-81-4	7-21-1	7-(-2)-0	5-(-20)-0							
D. Williams	4-21-0	1-1-0	2-11-0	4-20-1							
Witherspoon	14-49-0	16-52-0	13-38-1	27-141-1							

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)

	MVSU	CINCY	BGSU	EIU	UTM	SEMO	AP	TSU	TTU	SEMO	EIU
Bell	---	---	1-16-0	3-41-0							
Britten	1-16-0	5-58-0	---	---							
Brooks	4-63-0	7-38-0	4-50-0	5-60-0							
Castille	---	2-13-0	---	---							
Dallas	1-15-0	---	---	---							
Honeycutt	---	2-16-0	2-36-0	3-41-0							
McDowell	---	---	2-15-0	---							
Ruff	---	---	1-5-0	---							
Saathoff	---	---	2-10-0	1-7-0							
M. Smith	1-9-0	---	---	---							
Thompson	---	---	---	1-6-0							
Witherspoon	3-45-0	2-5-0	1-0-0	---							

Passing (Comp-Att-Int-Yards-TD)

	#5 Preston Rice	#9 DJ Williams
Miss. Valley	10-17-1-148-0	0-1-0-0-0
Cincy	17-29-3-149-0	---
Bowling Green	13-28-2-132-0	---
Eastern Ill.	13-25-2-170-0	----
UT Martin		
Southeast Mo.		
Austin Peay		
Tennessee St.		
Tennessee Tech		
Southeast Mo.		
Eastern Ill.		

Punting/Field Goals (Punts-Avg./FGM-FGA-Long)

	#39 Aaron Baum P	#91 Louis Halton P	#39 Aaron Baum FG	#49 Zaden Webber FG
Miss. Valley	---	2-35.0	0-2-0	---
Cincy	---	5-37.4	0-1-0	---
Bowling Green	---	4-38.0	1-1-47	---
Eastern Ill.	---	4-38.5	3-3-46	
UT Martin				
Southeast Mo.				
Austin Peay				
Tennessee St.				
Tennessee Tech				
Southeast Mo.				
Eastern Ill.				

2021 DEFENSIVE INDIVIDUAL GAME-BY-GAME

Tackles (Total-TFL-TFLYds.)

	MVSU	CINCY	BGSU	EIU	UTM	SEMO	AP	TSU	TTU	SEMO	EIU
Barnes	3-0.0-0	1-1.0-3	1-0.0-0	3-1.0-7							
Bell	---	1-0.0-0	---	---							
Bolden	---	1-0.0-0	---	---							
Brooks	---	1-0.0-0	---	---							
Broussard	---	---	---	2-0.0-0							
Carothers	1-0.0-0	2-0.0-0	5-0.5-0	---							
Castille	---	1-0.0-0	---	---							
Coppet	1-0.0-0	1-0.0-0	---	1-0.0-0							
Dailey	1-0.0-0	1-0.0-0	4-0.0-0	---							
Daulton	---	1-0.0-0	2-1.0-6	1-0.5-0							
Edmondson	2-0.0-0	1-0.0-0	---	---							
Floyd	3-0.0-0	1-0.0-0	5-0.0-0	3-0.0-0							
Greene	3-1.0-4	1-0.0-0	5-1.5-2	2-0.5-1							
Hearn	5-1.0-1	---	---	4-1.0-1							
Hester	1-0.0-0	---	---	---							
Hill, Jr.	1-0.0-0	---	---	---							
Holmes	1-0.0-0	1-0.0-0	6-0.0-0	---							
Humpich	3-2.0-11	3-1.0-4	---	---							
Johanning	---	1-0.0-0	3-0.0-0	---							
Jones	---	---	1-0.0-0	---							
Alec Long	2-1.0-5	3-0.0-0	3-0.0-0	2--0.0-0							
Andrew Long	1-0.0-0	---	---	1-0.0-0							
Jarad McCray	---	---	---	---							
McKee	4-1.0-5	5-0.0-0	1-0.0-0	1-0.0-0							
Metheny	5-0.0-0	3-0.0-0	5-1.0-8	6-0.0-0							
Parker	3-0.0-0	3-0.0-0	5-0.5-0	4-0.5-1							
Petty	2-0.5-1	1-0.0-0	1-0.0-0	---							
Powell	2-0.0-0	2-0.0-0	3-0.0-0	4-3.0-11							
Reed	1-0.0-0	5-1.0-5	4-0.0-0	1-0.0-0							
Roberts	3-0.0-0	3-0.0-0	7-0.0-0	7-0.0-0							
Saathoff	---	---	1-0.0-0	---							
Samuta	3-0.5-1	5-0.0-0	9-1.5-4	3-0.5-0							
Shupperd	---	---	---	1-0.0-0							
Turner	1-0.0-0	3-0.0-0	---	2-1.0-3							
Victor	---	4-0.0-0	5-1.0-3	2-0.0-0							
Webber	---	1-0.0-0	---	---							

Sacks (Sacks-Yds)

	MVSU	CINCY	BGSU	EIU	UTM	SEMO	AP	TSU	TTU	SEMO	EIU
Barnes	---	---	---	1.0-7							
Daulton	---	---	1.0-6	--							
Humpich	1.0-10	1.0-4	---	---							
McKee	1.0-5	---	---	---							
Metheny	---	---	1.0-8	---							
Powell	---	---	---	1.0-8							
Reed	---	1.0-5	---	---							
Q. Turner	---	---	---	1.0-3							

2021 DEFENSIVE INDIVIDUAL GAME-BY-GAME

Interceptions-Breakups

	MVSU	CINCY	BGSU	EIU	UTM	SEMO	AP	TSU	TTU	SEMO	EIU
Appleton	0-1	---	---	---							
Floyd	---	---	---	0-3							
Jarad McCray	---	---	---	0-2							
McKee	1-0	---	1-0	0-1							
Parker	---	---	---	0-2							
Petty	---	---	---	0-1							
Samuta	---	0-1	---	---							
Turner	1-0	---	---	0-2							

Fumbles (FF-FR)

	MVSU	CINCY	BGSU	EIU	UTM	SEMO	AP	TSU	TTU	SEMO	EIU
Barnes	---	---	---	0-1							
Matheny	1-0	0-1	---	---							
Samuta	---	1-0	---	---							
Turner	---	---	---	1-0							

Miscellaneous (Blks-QBH)

	MVSU	CINCY	BGSU	EIU	UTM	SEMO	AP	TSU	TTU	SEMO	EIU
Barnes	---	---	---	0-1							
Edmondson	0-1	---	---	---							
Humpich	0-1	---	---	---							
Johanning	---	---	---	0-1							
Powell	---	---	---	0-1							
Samuta	---	---	---	0-1							
Turner	0-1	---	---	0-1							
Victor	---	---	---	0-1							

2021 MSU/OPPONENT GAME-BY-GAME

<i>Game</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>First Downs</i>	<i>Time of Possession</i>	<i>Rushing (No-Yds-TD)</i>	<i>Passing (Cmp-Att-Int-Yds-TD)</i>	<i>Total Offense (Plays-Yds-TD)</i>	<i>3rd Down Conv. (Pct.)</i>	<i>Fumbles (Lost)</i>	<i>Penalties (Yds.)</i>	<i>FGM-Att. (Long)</i>	<i>RZ Score/Att. (Pct.)</i>
MURRAY ST.	35	21	34:03	48-307-5	10-18-1-148-0	66-455-5	7/14 (50.0)	0-0	5 (50)	0-2 (--)	4/6 (66.6)
Mississippi Valley	0	10	25:57	33-99-0	11-19-2-63-0	52-162-0	5/13 (38.4)	0-0	9 (75)	0-0 (--)	0/0 (0.0)
MURRAY ST.	7	15	37:48	37-93-1	17-29-3-149-0	66-242-1	7/15 (46.6)	3-2	11 (60)	0-1 (--)	1/2 (50.0)
at #8 Cincinnati	42	17	25:12	32-130-3	15-25-2-61-0-3	57-391-6	4/10 (40.0)	1-1	5 (40)	0-1 (--)	5/6 (83.3)
MURRAY ST.	10	20	25:43	33-104-1	13-28-2-132-0	61-201-1	8/16 (50.0)	0-0	5 (50)	1-1 (47)	1-2 (50.0)
at Bowling Green	27	22	34:17	43-155-2	22-28-1-221-1	71-339-1	7/13 (53.8)	0-0	4 (169)	2-2 (43)	4-4 (100.0)
MURRAY ST.	22	23	33:54	45-177-2	13-25-2-170-0	70-347-2	4-12 (25.0)	3-1	5 (45)	3-3 (46)	2-2 (1.00)
Eastern Illinois	6	16	26:06	28-75-0	16-45-0-212-1	73-287-1	3-16 (17.8)	1-1	6 (75)	0-1 (--)	0-3 (.000)
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at #21 UT Martin											
MURRAY ST.											
at Southeast Missouri											
MURRAY ST.											
Austin Peay											
MURRAY ST.											
at Tennessee St.											
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Tennessee Tech											
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Southeast Missouri											
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at Eastern Illinois											

2021 TEAM STATS

Scoring	74	75
Points per game	18.5	18.8
Points Off Turnovers	10	21
First Downs	79	65
Rushing	37	27
Passing	31	36
Penalty	11	2
Rushing Yardage	646	422
Yards gained rushing	777	522
Yards lost rushing	131	100
Rushing attempts	163	136
Average per rush	4.0	3.1
Average per game	161.5	105.5
TDs Rushing	9	5
Passing Yardage	599	752
Comp-Att-Int	53-100-8	64-117-3
Average per pass	6.0	6.4
Average per catch	11.3	11.8
Average per game	149.8	188.0
TDs Passing	0	5
Total offense	1245	1174
Total plays	263	253
Average per play	4.7	4.6
Average per game	311.3	293.5
Kick returns: #-Yards	4-85	5-100
Punt returns: #-Yards	5-30	4-13
Int returns: #-Yards	3-49	8-27
Kick return average	21.3	20.0
Punt return average	6.0	3.3
Int return average	16.3	3.4
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	6-2
Penalties-Yards	26-205	32-325
Average per game	51.3	81.3
Punts-Yards	16-589	21-859
Average per punt	36.8	40.9
Net punt average	36.0	38.0
Kickoffs-Yards	17-999	16-964
Average per kick	58.8	60.3
Net kick average	37.8	35.8
Time of possession / game	32:07	27:53
3rd-down conversion	26/57	19/53
3rd-down pct	46%	36%
4rd-down conversion	3/5	4/8
4rd-down pct	60%	50%
Sacks by-Yards	9-56	11-69
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	9	10
Field goals - attempts	4-7	2-4
On-Side kicks	0-0	0-0
Red-zone scores	(8-12) 67%	(9-13) 69%
Red-zone touchdowns	(8-12) 67%	(8-13) 62%
PAT-attempts	(8-9) 89%	(9-11) 82%
Attendance	16376	53595
Games / Avg per game	2/8188	2/26798
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Murray St.	17	34	13	10	0	74
Opponents	7	10	24	34	0	75

2021 INDIVIDUAL STATS

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Damonta Witherspoon	4	70	306	26	280	4.0	2	24	70.0
Rodney Castille	4	29	128	9	119	4.1	0	24	29.8
Cortez Jones	4	15	120	7	113	7.5	1	69	28.3
Preston Rice	4	30	149	69	80	2.7	5	28	20.0
DJ Williams	4	11	62	9	53	4.8	1	14	13.3
Jacob Bell	4	1	8	0	8	8.0	0	8	2.0
LaMarte Brooks	4	3	4	5	-1	-0.3	0	3	-0.3
Team	4	4	0	6	-6	-1.5	0	0	-1.5
Total	4	163	777	131	646	4.0	9	69	161.5
Opponents	4	136	522	100	422	3.1	5	26	105.5

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Preston Rice	4	88.2	53-99-8	53.5	599	0	44	149.8
DJ Williams	4	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	4	87.3	53-100-8	53.0	599	0	44	149.8
Opponents	4	117.7	64-117-3	54.7	752	5	54	188.0

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
LaMarte Brooks	4	17	211	12.4	0	29	52.8
Jacob Bell	4	8	76	9.5	0	24	19.0
Deshun Britten	4	6	74	12.3	0	23	18.5
Malik Honeycutt	4	6	108	18.0	0	44	27.0
Damonta Witherspoon	4	5	50	10.0	0	32	12.5
Jake Saathoff	4	3	17	5.7	0	7	4.3
Rodney Castille	4	2	13	6.5	0	7	3.3
Cole McDowell	3	2	15	7.5	0	10	5.0
DeQuan Dallas	1	1	15	15.0	0	15	15.0
Ethan Thompson	4	1	6	6.0	0	6	1.5
Michael Smith	3	1	9	9.0	0	9	3.0
DJ Ruff	4	1	5	5.0	0	5	1.3
Total	4	53	599	11.3	0	44	149.8
Opponents	4	64	752	11.8	5	54	188.0

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
LaMarte Brooks	4	26	6.5	0	9
Malik Honeycutt	1	4	4.0	0	4
Total	5	30	6.0	0	9
Opponents	4	13	3.3	0	11

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
DaVontae McKee	2	21	10.5	0	21
Quinaz Turner	1	28	28.0	0	28
Total	3	49	16.3	0	28
Opponents	8	27	3.4	0	12

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Ethan Thompson	3	67	22.3	0	36
Malik Honeycutt	1	18	18.0	0	16
Total	4	85	21.3	0	36
Opponents	5	100	20.0	0	27

Fumble Returns

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

2021 INDIVIDUAL SCORING & SPECIAL TEAMS STATS

Player			PAT						pts
	td	fg	kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	
Preston Rice	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Aaron Baum	-	4-7	8-8	-	-	-	-	-	20
Damonta Witherspoon	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Cortez Jones	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
DJ Williams	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	9	4-7	8-8	0	0	0	0	0	74
Opponents	10	2-4	9-9	0	0	0	0	0	75

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Aaron Baum	4-7	57.1	0-0	0-0	0-2	4-4	0-1	47	0
Opponents	2-4	50.0	0-0	0-0	1-3	1-1	0-0	43	0

FG Sequence

Team Name	Murray St.	Opponents
Mississippi Val.	52,32	
Cincinnati	33	37
Bowling Green	(47)	(43),(36)
Eastern Ill.	(46),(41),(46)	37

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Preston Rice	4	129	80	599	679	169.8
Damonta Witherspoon	4	70	280	0	280	70.0
Rodney Castille	4	29	119	0	119	29.8
Cortez Jones	4	15	113	0	113	28.3
DJ Williams	4	12	53	0	53	13.3
Jacob Bell	4	1	8	0	8	2.0
LaMarte Brooks	4	3	-1	0	-1	-0.3
Team	4	0	-6	0	-6	-1.5
Total	4	263	646	599	1245	311.3
Opponents	4	253	422	752	1174	293.5

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Lewis Halton	16	589	36.8	52	0	3	4	1	1
Total	16	589	36.8	52	0	3	4	1	1
Opponents	21	859	40.9	52	2	9	10	2	0

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydl
Zaden Webber	17	999	58.8	9	1			
Total	17	999	58.8	9	1	5	37.8	27
Opponents	16	964	60.3	9	1	5	35.8	29

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Damonta Witherspoon	4	280	50	0	0	0	330	82.5
LaMarte Brooks	4	-1	211	26	0	0	236	59.0
Rodney Castille	4	119	13	0	0	0	132	33.0
Malik Honeycutt	4	0	108	4	18	0	130	32.5
Cortez Jones	4	113	0	0	0	0	113	28.3
Jacob Bell	4	8	76	0	0	0	84	21.0
Preston Rice	4	80	0	0	0	0	80	20.0
Deshun Britten	4	0	74	0	0	0	74	18.5
Ethan Thompson	4	0	6	0	67	0	73	18.3
DJ Williams	4	53	0	0	0	0	53	13.3
Quinaz Turner	3	0	0	0	0	28	28	9.3
DaVontae McKee	4	0	0	0	0	21	21	5.3
Jake Saathoff	4	0	17	0	0	0	17	4.3
DeQuan Dallas	1	0	15	0	0	0	15	15.0
Cole McDowell	3	0	15	0	0	0	15	5.0
Michael Smith	3	0	9	0	0	0	9	3.0
DJ Ruff	4	0	5	0	0	0	5	1.3
Team	4	-6	0	0	0	0	-6	-1.5
Total	4	646	599	30	85	49	1409	352.3
Opponents	4	422	752	13	100	27	1314	328.5

2021 DEFENSIVE STATS

			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
26	Cortez Roberts	4	14	6	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34	Eric Samuta	4	6	14	20	2.5-5	.	.	1	1	.	1	.	.
51	Levi Metheny	4	12	7	19	1-8	1-8	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
7	Don Parker	4	7	9	16	1-1	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
24	Marcis Floyd	4	9	3	12	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
45	Darnel Victor	3	4	7	11	1-3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
37	Lawaun Powell	4	8	3	11	3-11	1-8	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
47	Maurice Greene	4	6	5	11	3-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	DaVontae McKee	4	10	1	11	1-5	1-5	2-21	1	.	.	.	.	.
56	Izaiah Reed	4	3	8	11	1-5	1-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	Alec Long	4	7	3	10	1-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	Jacobi Hearn	2	7	2	9	2-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	Tay Carothers	3	4	4	8	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	CJ Barnes	4	6	2	8	2-10	1-7	.	.	1	1-0	.	.	.
14	Cayvian Holmes	3	6	2	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46	Scotty Humpich	3	6	1	7	3-15	2-14	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
32	Jamari Dailey	3	2	4	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	Quinaz Turner	3	4	2	6	1-3	1-3	1-28	2	2	.	1	.	.
54	Eric Johanning	3	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
90	Austin Daulton	3	1	3	4	1.5-6	1-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Kameron Petty	4	1	3	4	0.5-1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
25	Frank Coppet	3	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
81	Ethan Edmondson	2	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
17	Jacob Bell	1	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
53	Andrew Long	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
38	Jarad McCray	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
23	John Broussard	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
49	Zaden Webber	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18	Rodney Castille	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
87	Jake Saathoff	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	Chris Hill, Jr.	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
78	DJ Jones	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	Blake Hester	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	Jaylon Bolden	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
58	Cade Shupperd	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19	Dylan Appleton	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
Totals		4	144	94	238	25-87	9-56	3-49	13	9	2-0	2	0	0
Opponents		4	166	82	248	33-121	11-69	8-27	16	9	2-0	1	1	0

2021 MURRAY STATE/OPPONENT RED ZONE SCORING

Murray St. Inside Opponent Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total	Rush	Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ						
			In RZ	Scored	Pts TDs		TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
09/02/2021	Mississippi Val.	W 35-0	6	4	28 4	4	4	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
09/11/2021	at Cincinnati	L 7-42	2	1	7 1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/18/2021	at Bowling Green	L 10-27	2	1	7 1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
10/02/2021	Eastern Ill.	W 22-6	2	2	13 2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals 8 of 12 (66.7%)			12	8	55 8	8	8	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0

Opponents Inside Murray St. Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total	Rush	Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ						
			In RZ	Scored	Pts TDs		TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
09/02/2021	Mississippi Val.	W 35-0	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/11/2021	Cincinnati	L 7-42	6	5	35 5	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/18/2021	Bowling Green	L 10-27	4	4	24 3	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
10/02/2021	Eastern Ill.	W 22-6	3	0	0 0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Totals 9 of 13 (69.2%)			13	9	59 8	5	3	1	3	3	2	0	0	0	0