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Mississippi Valley State 2022 Football Prospectus



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Name:Mississippi Valley State University
 Location:Itta Bena, Mississippi
 Founded:February 10, 1950
 Enrollment:2,147
 President:Dr. Jerryl Briggs Sr.
 Director of Athletics:Hakim McClellan
 Conference:Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC)
 First Year in SWAC:1968
 Nickname:Delta Devils & Devilettes
 Colors:Forest Green & White | Secondary: Red
 Stadium:Rice-Totten Stadium
 First Year:1958
 Capacity:10,000
 Athletics Website:<https://mvsusports.com/>
 Athletics Facebook:Mississippi Valley State Athletics
 Athletics Twitter:@MVSUDevilSports
 Football Twitter:@MSValleyFB
 Athletics Instagram:@MVSUDevilSports

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FOOTBALL HISTORY

First Season1953 (69th Season)
 All-Time Record236-370-15 (.392)
 SWAC Division Titles0
 SWAC Championships0
 HBCU National Champions0
 I-AA / FCS Playoff Appearances1 (1984)
 NFL Draft Picks22
 NFL Players31
 FCS First Team All-Americans9
 SWAC Hall of Famers19
 BCF Hall of Famers4 (Jerry Rice, Deacon Jones, Willie Totten & Parnell Dickinson)
 CFB Hall of Famers2 (Jerry Rice & Willie Totten)
 NFL Hall of Famers2 (Jerry Rice & Deacon Jones)

2021 FALL SEASON RECAP

Overall Record4-7 (.364)
 SWAC Record3-5 (.375)

SCHEDULE

September 1	at Tarleton	6 p.m.
September 10	at Austin Peay	3 p.m.
September 17	Delta State	6 p.m.
September 24	at Jackson State*	2 p.m.
October 1	at Florida A&M*	4 p.m.
October 8	Alcorn*	6 p.m.
October 15	at Alabama State*	2 p.m.
October 22	Bethune-Cookman*^	3 p.m.
November TBA	Alabama A&M*	TBA
November 12	at Southern*	6 p.m.
November 19	Prairie View A&M*#	1 p.m.
December 3	SWAC Championship%	TBA
December 17	Celebration Bowl\$	TBA

All times Central and subject to change.

Bold indicates home game

^ - Homecoming

- Senior Day

* - SWAC game

% - SWAC Championship Game

\$ - Celebration Bowl

2 NFL Hall Of Famers (Jerry Rice & Deacon Jones) | 2 CFB Hall Of Famers (Jerry Rice & Willie Totten)

4 Black College Football Hall of Famers (Jerry Rice, Deacon Jones, Willie Totten & Parnell Dickinson)



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DELTA DEVILS IN THE NFL DRAFT

YEAR DRAFTED (ROUND)

22 DRAFT PICKS

FRED THOMAS 1996 (2ND)	DANTA WHITAKER 1988 (7TH)	BOB GADDIS 1976 (13TH)	JEFF STANCIEL 1989 (10TH)	DEACON JONES 1961 (14TH)
ASHLEY AMBROSE 1992 (2ND)	CARL BYRUM 1986 (5TH)	NATE DORSEY 1973 (7TH)	DAVE MCDANIELS 1968 (2ND)	STAN HINOS 1968 (15TH)
RONALD HUMPHREY 1992 (8TH)	JOE THOMAS 1986 (9TH)	TED WASHINGTON 1972 (17TH)	SAM MOORE 1968 (9TH)	
VINCENT BROWN 1988 (2ND)	JERRY RICE 1986 (1ST)	HARRY KEY 1970 (17TH)	FRED FREEMAN 1967 (9TH)	
	HERMAN HARRIS 1976 (12TH)			



UNDRAFTED DELTA DEVILS

YEARS PLAYED

9 UDFA PLAYERS

WILLIE TOTTON
1987

FREDDIE PARKER
1987

PHIL DARNS
1984

LOUIS WATSON
1987

JAMES HAYNES
1984-1989

SAM WASHINGTON
1982-1985

LLOYD MUMPHREY
1987

LOU RASH
1984-1987

FRED BOHANNON
1982



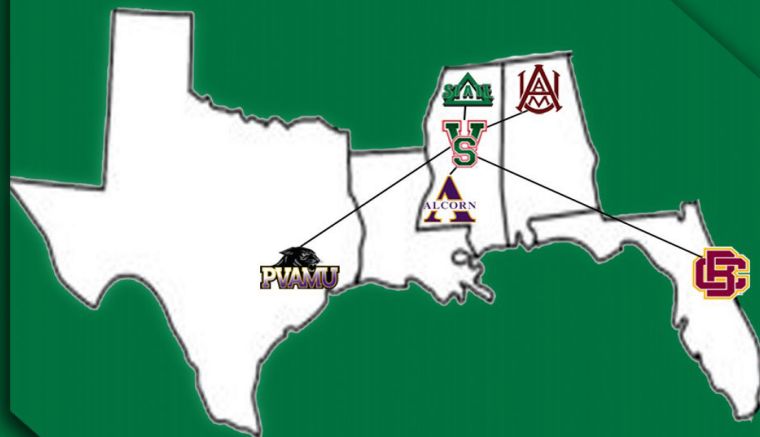
WHERE IS HOME?

3 Countries | 21 States




RANK	STATE / COUNTRY	PLAYERS
1	 MISSISSIPPI	35
2	 FLORIDA	8
T3	 TEXAS	5
T3	 LOUISIANA	5
T3	 GEORGIA	5
6	 TENNESSEE	4
7	 ALABAMA	3
T8	 MICHIGAN	2
T8	 MARYLAND	2
T8	 PENNSYLVANIA	2
T11	 MEXICO	1
T11	 CANADA	1



FOOTBALL HOME OPPONENTS



Longest To Shortest Travel Distance







RANK	TEAM	MILES
1	 BETHUNE-COOKMAN (10/22)	739
2	 PRAIRIE VIEW A&M (11/19)	514
3	 ALABAMA A&M (11/5)	281
4	 ALCORN (10/8)	149
5	 DELTA STATE (9/17)	42



FOOTBALL ROAD TRIPS



Longest To Shortest Distance

RANK	TEAM	MILES
1	 TARLETON (9/1)	538
2	 FLORIDA A&M (10/1)	487
3	 AUSTIN PEAY (9/10)	341
4	 ALABAMA STATE (10/15)	280
5	 SOUTHERN (11/12)	256
6	 JACKSON STATE (9/24)	100





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JERRY RICE



NFL HALL OF FAME (2010) | CFB HALL OF FAME (2006) | BCF HALL OF FAME (2010) | SWAC HALL OF FAME (2005)

The San Francisco 49ers used their first round draft pick in 1985 on wide receiver Jerry Rice from little known Mississippi Valley State. It did not take long for that decision to pay huge dividends.

Rice gave a glimpse of what was to come when he averaged 18.9 yards per catch on 49 receptions for 927 yards and 3 TDs as a rookie. He also rushed six times and scored one touchdown on the ground.

In 1986, Rice recorded a season that began perhaps the finest stretch by any receiver in NFL history. That year, he caught 86 passes for a league-leading 1,570 yards. He also led the NFL in touchdown catches with 15. It marked the first of 11 straight 1,000-yard seasons for Rice who also recorded double-digit receiving touchdown totals in nine of the next 10 seasons.

The following year, Rice set the NFL record for touchdown receptions in a season with 22. His first of four seasons with 100 catches came in 1990 when he had an even 100 receptions to lead the NFL in that category. It marked the first of two receiving titles for Rice.

He led the NFL in receiving yards six times including a NFL record 1,848 yards in 1995. Rice also led the NFL in touchdown receptions six times.

No wide receiver in NFL history played more than Rice's 20 seasons. By the time he retired after finishing his career with Oakland and Seattle, he was the most prolific wide receiver in NFL history with staggering career totals.

He owns virtually every significant receiving mark. Some of the more notable career records include receptions (1,549); receiving yards (22,895 yards); most 1,000-yard receiving seasons (14); total touchdowns (208); and combined net yards (23,546).

Rice has a hold on multiple NFL playoff and Super Bowl records. He played in eight conference championships and four Super Bowls. He earned three Super Bowl rings with the 49ers and was named the Most Valuable Player of San Francisco's Super Bowl XXIII win over the Cincinnati Bengals.

Rice, who was named first-team All-Pro 11 consecutive seasons and voted to 13 Pro Bowls, is also a member of the NFL's All-Decade Teams of the 1980s and 1990s and NFL's 75th Anniversary Team.

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DAVID "DEACON" JONES

NFL HALL OF FAME (1980) | BCF HALL OF FAME (2010) | SWAC HALL OF FAME (1994)

David "Deacon" Jones played defensive end for South Carolina State University

and Mississippi Valley State University from 1958 to 1960. Blessed with speed,

agility, and quickness, the "Deacon" became one of the finest pass rushers in the

business. Yet had it not been for the chance observation of two Rams scouts viewing films of an opponent,

he might never have had a chance to play pro football. When the scouts noted that the 6-4, 272-pound

tackle was outrunning the backs they were scouting, they recommended Jones as a sleeper pick. He went

on to unanimous all-league honors six straight years from 1965 through 1970 and was selected to eight Pro

Bowls. Jones was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1980.

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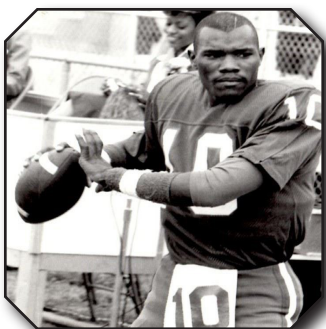
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WILLIE "SATELLITE" TOTTEN

CFB HALL OF FAME (2005) | BCF HALL OF FAME (2014) | SWAC HALL OF FAME (2000)

In the late summer of 1984, under the sweltering summer sun, Mississippi Valley

State head coach Archie Cooley made a suggestion to his young quarterback,

Willie Totten that he start calling plays at the line. At the time he thought his

coach's no huddle offense was crazy, but the only thing that would turn out to be crazy would be MVSU's

passing offense led by Totten and his favorite target, Jerry Rice. With 139 career touchdown passes, "The

Satellite" became Division I-AA's (FCS) all-time leader and ranked second in career passing yards (13,240)

and single-season passing yards (5,093 in 1984). He twice led the nation in passing efficiency. Five times

in Totten's career he passed for more than 530 yards in a single game, including a 599-yard performance

in 1984 against Prairie View. Totten earned first-team All-America status in 1984 after leading the nation

and setting the all-time single-season touchdown passes mark (56) for all divisions. Following a brief

professional career in the Canadian and Arena Football Leagues, Totten earned his master's degree from

Grambling before becoming the head football coach at his alma mater in 2001.

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PARNELL "PAYDIRT" DICKINSON

BCF HALL OF FAME (2010) | SWAC HALL OF FAME (1992)

Quarterback ... Mississippi Valley State University (1972-1975) ... Led the

Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) in total offense three seasons ... NAIA

All-Star Team (1972) ... Two-time Black College All-American ... SWAC Hall of Fame (Inaugural Class) ...

Selected by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 7th round (1976 NFL Draft) ... Buccaneers (1976-1977) ... New

England Patriots (1978) ... Born March 14, 1953 in Brighton, Alabama.

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SWAC HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

19 PLAYERS & COACHES ENSHRINED

Eugene Sanders (2016)

Willie Totten (2000)

Theodore Washington (1995)

Walter Nichols (2009)

Ricky Feacher (1999)

Deacon Jones (1994)

Doug Porter (2008)

Billy Knight (1997)

Earnest Riggins (1994)

Archie Lee Cooley (2007)

Charles King Barron (1996)

William Ware (1993)

Jerry Rice (2005)

Hampton Smith (1995)

Curtis Maddox (1993)

Davis Weathersby (2003)



Parnell Dickinson (1992)

Vincent Brown (2002)

U.S. McPherson (1992)



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VINCENT DANCY

Head Coach • 7-29 Overall, 5-20 SWAC (5th Season)



Vincent Dancy took over the helm of Mississippi Valley State University's football program in January of 2018. He is 17th head football coach to lead the Delta Devils. Prior to assuming his new role, he served as MVSU football's defensive coordinator since February 2015 before being appointed to the interim head coach role in November 2017.

"I remain committed to building a championship program for the players, alumni, faculty, staff and fans of Mississippi Valley State University," said Dancy. "We have recruited quite a few football athletes from the state of Mississippi and the surrounding corridors of the state. My staff and I are

filling the gaps in those areas that we were missing as it relates to player personnel, and meeting with our alumni chapters and community stakeholders to reconnect and assist us in restoring our brand from the glory days of Delta Devil football."

Under Dancy's tutelage, several Delta Devils have earned recognition on the gridiron. Jerry Garner, a Spring 2021 Preseason All-SWAC Defensive Lineman, was recognized in the fall of 2020 as a first team member of the Phil Steele & draftscout.com FCS Preseason All-Conference Team along with teammate defensive lineman Eric Powell receiving second team honors.

Spring 2020 saw Valley senior defensive lineman Bryant Jones (Riverside, CA) being offered an invitation to The Los Angeles Rams rookie minicamp. Jones played four seasons for the Delta Devils, beginning in 2015. In his college career he registered 164 tackles, 21 for loss and three sacks. Jones was listed on the Rams' active roster as a defensive tackle for the 2020 NFL season.

SWAC All-Conference linebacker Tracy Thompkins (Miami, FL) led Mississippi Valley State defense recording 107 tackles, 12.5 tackles for a loss, three forced fumbles and pass breakups, two fumble recovery, one sack and an interception in 2019. The senior from Miami, Florida led the SWAC in three categories; tackles (9.7), forced fumbles (.30), and solo tackles (6.1). He was third in fumbles recovered and fourth in tackles for a loss. Amongst the NCAA FCS Thompkins was sixth in solo tackles and 15th in the nation in total tackles. He was a finalist for The C Spire Conerly Trophy awarded to the most outstanding college football player in the state of Mississippi.

In 2018, through his first nine games, Booker Chambers (Greenwood, MS) averaged 8.6 yards per carry and ran for three touchdowns and 265 yards. He also caught 41 passes for 554 yards and four touchdowns, and averaged 23 yards per punt return and 25.3 yards on kickoff, with two punt returns for touchdowns. Chambers earned a spot on the All-SWAC First Team as a return specialist and earned Second Team honors as a receiver to end his career at the Valley. Chambers, the former SWAC Freshman of the Year, was also a finalist for The C Spire Conerly Trophy Award in 2018.

Delta Devils wide receiver Quinn McElfresh (Brainerd, MN) finished his senior season in 2018 with 31 receptions for 246 yards and two touchdowns – bringing his MVSU career total to 88 receptions, 1,135 total yards, and seven touchdowns. The former SWAC Newcomer of the Year and All-SWAC Conference wide receiver, McElfresh completed his Valley career by accepting invitations to The FCS National Bowl and the 2019 SPIRAL Tropical Bowl.

In 2014, Dancy was the defensive coordinator for Paine College in Augusta, Georgia. The Lions defense finished 9th in Division II National Ranking in pass defense, in the school's first year of football in 50 years.

Prior to his one year stint at Paine, Dancy spent four years at Jackson State University, 2009-2013, coaching the outside linebackers as a graduate assistant before he became the fulltime safeties coach. In 2012 Jackson State's secondary led the conference in takeaways with 10 INTs. They were also ranked #1 in total defense several years.

Dancy graduated from Jackson State, where he was also a standout student-athlete. A four year letterman in football, Dancy was an All-SWAC performer at linebacker and safety.

Dancy, obtain his bachelor's degree in criminal justice in 2006. He earned a master's in 2008 from West Alabama in Livingston, Alabama, in Counseling and Psychology and as graduate assistant (Jackson State) he earned a second master's in Physical Education.

He is a native of Shuqualak, Mississippi and the son of Mississippi Valley State University alumnus Willie Dancy '74 and Evelyn Murray.



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WILLIE TOTTEN
*ASSISTANT HEAD COACH &
TIGHT ENDS*



KENTON EVANS
*OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR &
QUARTERBACKS*



JAVIER GONZALEZ
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR



DWYAN LUCKEY
*RECRUITING & VIDEO COORDINATOR
RUNNING BACKS*



CHRIS BROWNE
OFFENSIVE LINE



JEREMY AUSTIN
DEFENSIVE LINE



PAUL HOLMES
SECONDARY



JARED BURTON
WIDE RECEIVERS



TONY McWHITE
DEFENSIVE QUALITY CONTROL

COACHING STAFF



ANTWOINE WILLIAMS
*DIRECTOR OF
FOOTBALL OPERATIONS*



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2022 Roster (Numbers Unofficial)

#	Full Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown / Previous School
1	Jalani Eason	QB	5-10	180	Gr.	Los Angeles, California / Portland State / Junipero Serra HS
2	TJ Goodwin	QB	6-5	200	Jr.	Houston, Texas / UTEP / Trinity Valley CC / Cypress Falls HS
3	Caleb Johnson	RB	5-9	205	R-Jr.	Memphis, Tennessee / Memphis Academy of Sciences
4	Jacory Rankin	WR	5-9	180	Sr.	Port Gibson, Mississippi / Jones College / Port Gibson HS
5	Travis Mumphy	QB	6-0	185	Jr.	New Orleans, Louisiana / UNLV / Coahoma CC / John Ehret HS
6	Tonorris Brookins II	WR	6-2	195	Jr.	Macon, Mississippi / East Mississippi CC / Starkville HS
7	Kenneth Martin	DB	6-1	200	Sr.	Columbus, Mississippi / Columbus HS
8	Jamari Jones	QB	6-3	210	Jr.	Fannin, Mississippi / East Mississippi CC / Northwest Rankin HS
9	Malik Myers	WR	6-3	190	Jr.	Jacksonville, Florida / Trinity Christian Academy
11	Malcolm Johnson	DB	5-11	182	Jr.	Houston, Texas / Langston / Dekaney HS
12	Cameron Gardner	WR	6-4	220	Jr.	Starkville, Mississippi / Mississippi State / Starkville HS
13	Fred Smith	DB	6-1	180	Sr.	Hollandale, Mississippi / Southern Miss / Jones College / Simmons HS
14	Donald Johnson III	WR	5-8	170	Sr.	Baton Rouge, Louisiana / Southern-Shreveport / Belaire HS
15	Deangelo Wagoner	WR	6-2	185	Sr.	Tulsa, Oklahoma / Northeastern Oklahoma A&M / Jenks HS
16	Cameron Hines	WR	6-0	190	Jr.	Starkville, Mississippi / East Mississippi CC / Starkville HS
17	Orlando Fernandez	K/P	6-1	190	Jr.	Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico / Cisco College / San Antonio Brennan HS
19	Cobie Bates	WR	5-9	170	So.	Jacksonville, Florida / Oakleaf HS
20	Chaddrick Moses	DB	6-0	185	Jr.	Ellisville, Mississippi / Mississippi College / South Jones HS
21	Calijuwon Johnson	DB	6-3	185	Jr.	Biloxi, Mississippi / Itawamba CC / Biloxi HS
22	Dederrian Williams	RB	5-10	180	Jr.	Lake Placid, Florida / Lake Placid HS
23	Jamison Lindsey	DB	5-10	175	So.	Gulfport, Mississippi / Gulfport HS
24	Destin Refuge	DB	5-9	187	So.	New Orleans, Louisiana / Edna Karr HS
25	Tyler Shorter	DB	5-11	175	Jr.	Sardis, Mississippi / Northeast Mississippi CC / North Panola HS
26	Caleb Brunson	DB	6-1	190	Sr.	Laurel, Mississippi / Heidelberg HS
27	Christopher Mathis	DB	6-1	188	Sr.	Tailorsville, Mississippi / Mississippi Gulf Coast CC / Tailorsville HS
28	Kalib Alexander	DB	5-10	185	So.	Phenix City, Alabama / Central HS
29	Keith Lawrence	RB	6-0	185	Jr.	Starkville, Mississippi / East Mississippi CC / Starkville HS
30	Kaiyus Lewis	LB	5-11	215	Jr.	Noxubee, Mississippi / Noxubee County HS
31	Kaden White	DB	6-1	180	So.	New Orleans, Louisiana / Rummel HS
32	Frederick McGee	DB	5-11	180	Sr.	Leaksville, Mississippi / Greene County HS
33	Naricuss Driver Jr.	TE	6-3	260	Gr.	Atlanta, Georgia / Southern Miss / Highland CC / Spalding HS
34	Omar Emmons	DB	5-9	170	So.	Greenwood, Mississippi / Greenwood HS
35	Datavious Porter	TE	6-2	245	Gr.	Heidelberg, Mississippi / Jones College / Heidelberg HS
36	Kyah Moore	RB	5-8	170	So.	Tuscaloosa, Alabama
37	Dephabian Fant	RB	5-7	175	Fr.	Greenwood, Mississippi / Amanda Elzy HS
38	Alex York	RB	5-9	182	Sr.	Moorhead, Minnesota / Arizona Christian / North Dakota State College of Science / Fargo Davies HS
39	Jakobe Thomas	RB	6-0	235	Jr.	Kissimmee, Florida / Osceola HS
40	Kenderian Dixon	LB	6-0	220	Jr.	Vaughn, Mississippi / Jones College / Yazoo County HS
41	Charles Williams	DB	---	---	Fr.	-----
42	Eric Powell	DL	6-3	240	Gr.	Glen Burnie, Maryland / West Hills-Coalinga CC / Glen Burnie HS
43	Mike Cockream	DL	6-1	215	Jr.	Benoit, Mississippi / Jones College / Ray Brooks HS
44	Stefon Smith	DL	6-3	275	Jr.	Indianola, Mississippi / Hinds CC / Indianola Academy
46	Jayren Fox	LB	6-1	212	So.	Cordele, Georgia / Crisp County HS



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#	Full Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown / Previous School
47	Eric Gamble	LB	5-11	230	Sr.	Indianapolis, Indiana / Pike HS
48	Andrew Bartter	LS	6-1	190	So.	Huntley, Illinois / Huntley HS
49	Kam Devanier	K/P	6-3	180	Fr.	Montgomery, Alabama / Tennessee Valley Prep
50	Ronnie Thomas	DL	6-0	250	Sr.	Clinton, Mississippi / East Central CC / Clinton HS
51	Ryon Rigsby	LB	5-10	215	Sr.	Natchez, Mississippi / Natchez HS
52	Deione Reed	LB	5-9	220	Gr.	Monroe, Louisiana / Richwood HS
53	Vaughn Jennings	DL	6-4	250	Gr.	Chester Spring, Pennsylvania / Duquesne / Downingtown East HS
54	Dionte Coleman	DL	---	---	Fr.	Arlington, Tennessee / Bolton HS
55	Jalen Jones	OL	6-4	305	Gr.	Memphis, Tennessee / White Station HS
57	Remiello Thomas	LS	6-0	275	So.	Millington, Tennessee / Millington Central HS
58	Tyler Beckworth	OL	6-0	240	So.	Greenwood, Mississippi / Greenwood HS
59	Christopher Victor	DL	6-4	210	So.	Jacksonville, Florida / Terry Parker HS
60	Tyler McMillian	OL	6-5	300	So.	Westland, Michigan / River Rouge HS
62	Rodney Luckett	OL	6-1	300	Sr.	Jackson, Mississippi / Callaway HS
63	Quinton King	OL	6-5	310	Sr.	Tampa, Florida / Coffeyville CC / Tampa Bay Tech HS
64	Dylan Whetter	OL	6-6	310	Jr.	Burlington, Ontario, Canada / St. John's College / Football North HS
65	Rashee Scott	OL	6-5	300	Sr.	Philadelphia, Mississippi / ASA Miami / Dickinson HS
67	Kentario Davis	OL	6-1	285	Jr.	Crystal Springs, Mississippi / Jones College / Crystal Springs HS
68	Jimmy Bennett	OL	6-2	320	Jr.	Clinton, Mississippi / Mississippi Gulf Coast CC / Clinton HS
70	Jaron Marshall	OL	6-3	295	Gr.	Upper Marlboro, Maryland / Abilene Christian / Bakersfield College / Frederick Douglass HS
72	Ronnie Dunn	OL	6-5	290	Jr.	Miami, Florida / Central HS
74	Mauriohn Underwood	OL	6-3	300	Jr.	Sugar Hill, Georgia / Lanier HS
75	Kalil James-Ware	OL	6-6	290	Jr.	La Marque, Texas / La Marque HS
78	James Lofton	OL	6-4	290	Jr.	La Marque, Texas / La Marque HS
79	Dorian Jamison	OL	6-5	320	Jr.	Rock Hill, South Carolina / Hutchinson CC / South Pointe HS
80	Rashad Eades	WR	6-1	185	Jr.	Macon, Mississippi / Noxubee County HS
82	Gregory Jean	WR	6-2	190	Jr.	Broward, Florida / Boyd Anderson HS
83	Myles Hopson	WR	6-2	190	Jr.	Madison, Mississippi / East Mississippi CC / Madison Central HS
85	Sylvester Campbell	TE	6-4	245	Jr.	Milwaukee, Wisconsin / Martin Luther HS
87	Dontrell Green II	WR	6-3	200	Sr.	Yazoo City, Mississippi / East Central CC / Yazoo County HS
89	Eugentavious Blue	WR	5-8	170	R-Fr.	Tunica, Mississippi / Rosa Fort HS
90	Romallis Carey	DL	6-0	300	Sr.	Florence, Mississippi / Southwest Mississippi CC / Florence HS
93	Antoine Howard	DL	6-6	305	R-Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Southern Miss / Taft HS
94	Lucas Banks	DL	6-1	270	So.	Houston, Texas / North Shore Senior HS
95	Jacob Allen	DL	6-4	285	So.	Atlanta, Georgia / Peachtree Ridge HS
97	Elijah Rawlins	DL	6-3	290	Jr.	Hopkinsville, Kentucky / Austin Peay / Hopkinsville HS
99	Jalen Bell	DL	5-11	280	Jr.	Detroit, Michigan / Martin Luther King Jr. HS
---	Rio Claytor	OL	6-1	290	Sr.	Mililani, Hawaii / North Carolina A&T / Mililani HS
---	Demonte Holliman	DB	5-9	175	Jr.	Jackson, Mississippi / Jackson State / Holmes CC / Pearl HS
---	Brandon Lopes	LB	6-2	235	R-Sr.	Atlanta, Georgia / Austin Peay / Stockbridge HS
---	Cedrick Moffett II	DB	5-11	160	Jr.	Georgetown, Mississippi / Jackson State / Holmes CC / Pearl HS
---	Jaxson Sanders	OL	6-2	300	So.	White Hall, Arkansas / Grambling State / White Hall HS



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SWAC Media Day Player Representative (Offense)



#3 CALEB JOHNSON

Redshirt Junior • Running Back • 5-9

Memphis, Tennessee • Memphis Academy Of Health Sciences

SEASON-HIGH	JOHNSON'S	CAREER-HIGH
40 at Prairie View A&M (11/27/21)	CARRIES	40 at Prairie View A&M (11/27/21)
193 at Prairie View A&M (11/27/21)	RUSH YARDS	193 at Prairie View A&M (11/27/21)
2 (2x, last at Prairie View A&M, 11/27/21)	RUSH TDS	2 (3x, last at Prairie View A&M, 11/27/21)
33 at Stephen F. Austin (9/18/21)	LONGEST RUSH	50 vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff (4/3/21)
3 at Alabama A&M (11/6/21)	CATCHES	3 (5x, last at Alabama A&M, 11/6/21)
16 at Alabama A&M (11/6/21)	RECEIVING YARDS	41 at Alabama A&M (11/23/19)
1 vs. North Carolina Central (10/2/21)	RECEIVING TDS	1 vs. North Carolina Central (10/2/21)
11 at Alabama A&M (11/6/21)	LONGEST CATCH	28 at Alabama A&M (11/23/19)
N/A	PR YARDS	N/A
N/A	LONGEST PR	N/A
N/A	KR YARDS	N/A
N/A	LONGEST KR	N/A

100-Yard Rushing Games (Season): 3 (last vs. Prairie View A&M, 11/27/21)

100-Yard Rushing Games (Career): 4 (last vs. Prairie View A&M, 11/27/21)

100-Yard Receiving Games (Season): N/A

100-Yard Receiving Games (Career): N/A

Accomplishments & Accolades:

Fall 2021 - HERO Sports FCS Sophomore All-American

Fall 2021 - All-SWAC 2nd Team

Fall 2021 - Phil Steele All-SWAC 2nd Team

Fall 2021 - C Spire Conerly Trophy Finalist

Fall 2021 - 14th in FCS in rushing yards (1,004)

Fall 2021 - 18th in FCS in rushing yards per game (91.3)

Fall 2021 - 47th in FCS in rushing touchdowns (8)

Fall 2021 - Preseason All-SWAC 2nd Team

Fall 2021 - BOXTOROW National Player of the Week (11/29)

Spring 2021 - All-SWAC 2nd Team

Totals		Rushing							JOHNSON'S CAREER STATISTICS					Punt Returns				Kickoff Returns			
SEASON	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	AVG	TD	AVG/G	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	AVG/G	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	KR	YDS	AVG	TD
2018	3	6	13	3	10	1.7	0	3.3	1	5	5.0	0	1.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2019	9	105	469	42	427	4.1	1	47.4	15	104	6.9	0	11.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Spring 2021	3	31	159	13	146	4.7	2	48.7	5	6	1.2	0	2.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fall 2021	11	232	1,074	70	1,004	4.3	8	91.3	8	35	4.4	1	3.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTALS	26	374	1,715	128	1,587	4.2	11	61.0	29	150	5.2	1	5.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A



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SWAC Media Day Player Representative (Defense)



#50 RONNIE THOMAS

Senior • Defensive Line • 6-0

Clinton, Mississippi • East Central CC • Clinton HS

SEASON-HIGH.....THOMAS'.....CAREER-HIGH

3 (4x, last at Prairie View A&M, 11/27/21).... **TACKLES**....3 (4x, last at Prairie View A&M, 11/27/21)

2.0 vs. North Carolina Central (10/2/21) **TFL**..... 2.0 vs. North Carolina Central (10/2/21)

1.5 vs. Alcorn (10/16/21) **SACKS**..... 1.5 vs. Alcorn (10/16/21)

N/A..... **INTS** N/A

N/A..... **PASS BREAKUPS**.... 1 vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff (4/3/21)

N/A..... **QB HURRIES**..... 1 vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff (4/3/21)

1 vs. Florida A&M (10/23/21) **FF** 1 (2x, last vs. Florida A&M, 10/23/21)

1 vs. Florida A&M (10/23/21) **FR**..... 1 vs. Florida A&M (10/23/21)

Accomplishments & Accolades:

Fall 2021 - All-SWAC 2nd Team

Fall 2021 - Phil Steele All-SWAC 3rd Team

Totals		Tackles			THOMAS' CAREER			STATISTICS		Fumbles		Scoring	
SEASON	GP	SOLO	AST	TOT	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	INT	BU	FF	FR	TD	SAF
Spring 2021	2	1	0	1	1.0-1	1.0-1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
Fall 2021	11	11	11	22	8.0-49	6.5-43	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
TOTALS	13	12	11	23	9.0-50	7.5-44	1	0	1	2	1	0	0

2 NFL Hall Of Famers (Jerry Rice & Deacon Jones) | 2 CFB Hall Of Famers (Jerry Rice & Willie Totten)

4 Black College Football Hall of Famers (Jerry Rice, Deacon Jones, Willie Totten & Parnell Dickinson)



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Team Rankings (End Of Regular Season)

Category	Value	NCAA	SWAC
3rd Down Conversion %	0.305	104th	10th
3rd Down Conversion % Def	0.444	103rd	10th
4th Down Conversion %	0.556	34th	4th
4th Down Conversion % Def	0.400	24th	4th
Blocked Kicks	0	N/A	N/A
Blocked Kicks Allowed	4	100th	9th
Blocked Punts	0	N/A	N/A
Blocked Punts Allowed	0	1st	1st
Completion Percentage	0.563	79th	9th
Defensive TDs	2	34th	5th
Fewest Penalties	69	67th	5th
Fewest Penalties Per Game	6.27	75th	4th
Fewest Penalty Yards	583	51st	5th
Fewest Penalty Yards PG	53.00	53rd	4th
First Downs Defense	206	37th	6th
First Downs Offense	176	100th	10th
Fumbles Lost	7	59th	4th
Fumbles Recovered	5	84th	12th
Kickoff Return Defense	21.56	83rd	10th
Kickoff Returns	15.92	116th	12th
Net Punting	33.19	102nd	6th
Passes Had Intercepted	10	57th	6th
Passes Intercepted	13	26th	1st
Passing Offense	167.5	100th	11th
Passing Yards Allowed	245.3	93rd	9th
Passing Yards Per Comp	11.51	79th	8th
Punt Return Defense	20.43	123rd	12th
Punt Returns	5.75	83rd	10th
Red Zone Defense	0.810	62nd	5th
Red Zone Offense	0.818	52nd	6th
Rushing Defense	146.5	50th	5th
Rushing Offense	143.6	63rd	6th
Sacks Allowed	2.45	86th	9th
Scoring Defense	30.5	85th	7th
Scoring Offense	19.6	97th	11th
Tackles For Loss Allowed	8.36	119th	12th
Team Passing Efficiency	116.56	89th	10th
Team Passing Efficiency Def	143.75	93rd	8th
Team Sacks	2.09	57th	7th
Team Tackles For Loss	7.4	12th	5th
Time Of Possession	30:42	49th	6th
Total Defense	391.8	78th	7th
Total Offense	311.1	97th	10th
Turnover Margin	0.09	57th	6th
Turnovers Gained	18	42nd	5th
Turnovers Lost	17	61st	4th
Winning Percentage	0.364	77th	7th

Individual Rankings (End Of Regular Season)

Category	Player	Value	NCAA	SWAC
All Purpose	Caleb Johnson	95.73	66th	6th
All Purpose	Jacory Rankin	71.45	159th	16th
Blocked Kicks	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Combined KRs	D. Johnson III	397	47th	5th
Combined KRs	J. Rankin	102	200th	23rd
Completion %	Jalani Eason	0.600	44th	6th
Completions PG	J. Eason	11.45	80th	9th
Completions PG	C. Regan	3.78	111th	11th
FG%	Orlando Fernandez	0.611	65th	6th
FGs PG	Orlando Fernandez	1.00	40th	5th
FFs	Eight Tied	1	N/A	19th
Fumbles Rec	William Morgan	2	14th	2nd
INTs PG	Keonte' Daniels	0.3	52nd	5th
INTs PG	A. Bloodsaw / M. Gladney	0.2	109th	12th
Kickoff Return TDs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
KRs	Donald Johnson III	19.9	57th	6th
Passes Def	William Morgan	0.82	N/A	17th
Pass Efficiency	Jalani Eason	130.4	55th	8th
Passing TDs	Jalani Eason	10	75th	7th
Passing Yards	Jalani Eason	1,533	73rd	8th
Passing Yards	Conor Regan	309	116th	11th
Pass Yards PG	Jalani Eason	139.4	76th	8th
Pass Yards PG	Conor Regan	34.3	115th	11th
Yds Per Comp	Jalani Eason	12.17	47th	5th
Pts Resp For	Jalani Eason	66	163rd	13th
Pts Resp PG	Jalani Eason	6.0	N/A	N/A
Punt Return TDs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Punt Returns	Jarius Clayton	5.8	N/A	6th
Punting	Orlando Fernandez	43.0	17th	1st
Receiving TDs	Jacory Rankin	4	125th	13th
Rec Yards	Jacory Rankin	682	70th	7th
Rec Yards PG	Jacory Rankin	62.0	69th	8th
Rec PG	Jacory Rankin	3.8	125th	13th
Rush Yds Per Carry	Caleb Johnson	4.33	85th	6th
Rushing TDs	Caleb Johnson	8	50th	2nd
Rushing Yards	Caleb Johnson	1,018	16th	1st
Rush Yds PG	Caleb Johnson	92.5	17th	2nd
Sacks	Ronnie Thomas	0.59	56th	6th
Sacks	Jalen Bell	0.36	152nd	15th
Scoring	O. Fernandez/C. Johnson	4.9	142nd	14th
Solo Tackles	Keonte' Daniels	4.2	N/A	N/A
TFLs	Volme Swanier	1.0	N/A	11th
Total Offense	Jalani Eason	156.2	76th	8th
Total Offense	Caleb Johnson	92.5	123rd	12th
Pts Scored	Fernandez / C. Johnson	54	N/A	10th
Total Tackles	Keonte' Daniels	6.0	N/A	17th
Total TDs	Caleb Johnson	9	69th	6th
Yds Per Pass Att	J. Eason	7.30	42nd	6th
Yards Per Rec	Jacory Rankin	16.24	61st	8th
Yards Per Rec	Jarius Clayton	12.78	185th	19th



SWAC ... OF THE WEEK

OFFENSIVE

DEFENSIVE

SPECIAL TEAMS

NEWCOMER

ORLANDO FERNANDEZ

44.43
YARDS PER PUNT

5
PATs

3
INSIDE 20/60+ YARDS

... SWAC Special Teams Player of the Week (November 15, 2021) ...
Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico | Junior | Specialist | Cisco Community College

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Team Program Records (FCS Record If Bold)

Most Points Scored In Game..... 101 vs. Rust (1956)	Most Rushing Touchdowns In Game..... 7 vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff (10/20/18)
Most Points In Season..... 628 (1984)	Most Rushing Touchdowns In Season 27 (1977)
Best Season Average 60.9 (1984)	Most Total Yards In Game 761 vs. Prairie View A&M (10/27/84)
Fewest Points Allowed In Season 189 (1976)	Most Total Yards In Season..... 7,022 (1984)
Most Plays Run In Game..... 110 vs. Texas Southern (1986)	Most Tackles For Loss In Game 18 vs. Southern (9/21/13)
Most Plays Run In Season 970 (1984)	Most Tackles For Loss In Season..... 98 (2012)
Most First Downs In Game..... 35 vs. Prairie View A&M (1984)	Most Sacks In Game 8.0 vs. Texas Southern (11/9/13)
Most First Downs In Season..... 348 (1984)	Most Sacks In Season..... 33.0 (2009)
Most Pass Attempts In Game 67 vs. Kentucky State (1984)	Most Forced Fumbles In Game 4 vs. Grambling State (11/6/14)
Most Pass Attempts In Season..... 631 (1984)	Most Fumble Recoveries In Game 5 at Alcorn (9/28/19)
Most Passing Yards In Game 699 vs. Kentucky State (1983)	Most Interceptions In Game 5 at Alabama A&M (10/5/13)
Most Passing Yards In Season..... 5,459 (1984)	Most Interceptions In Season 18 (2002, 2003, 2013)
Most Passing Touchdowns In Game 11 vs. Kentucky State (9/1/84)	Most Field Goals In Game..... 4 vs. Alcorn (10/16/21)
Most Passing Touchdowns In Season..... 56 (1984)	Most Field Goals Made In Season 13 (2005)
Most Rushes In Game..... 60 at Alabama State (11/22/18)	Most Wins In Season..... 9 (1984)
Most Rushes In Season 457 (2004)	Most Consecutive Wins..... 6 (1984 & 1996)
Most Rushing Yards In Game..... 380 vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff (10/20/18)	Best Winning Percentage..... 0.818 (9-2) in 1984
Most Rushing Yards In Season 1,848 (2004)	



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Individual Program Records (FCS Record If Bold | In FCS Record Books If *)

Points Scored (Non-Quarterback)

Game..... Earnest Riggins (36) vs. Tougaloo (1956)
 Season..... Jerry Rice (162) in 1984 ***15th-Most All-Time**
 Career..... Jerry Rice (310) from 1981-84

Touchdowns Scored (Non-Quarterback)

Game..... Earnest Riggins (6) vs. Tougaloo (1956)
 Season..... Jerry Rice (28) in 1984
 Career..... Jerry Rice (51) from 1981-84

Passing Attempts

Game..... Willie Totten (75) vs. Louisiana Tech (11/24/84)
 Season..... Willie Totten (593) in 1984
 Career..... Willie Totten (1,554) from 1982-85

Completions

Game..... Willie Totten (46) vs. Southern (9/29/84) ***16th-Most All-Time**
 Season..... Willie Totten (368) in 1984
 Career..... Willie Totten (908) from 1982-85

Passing Yards

Game..... Willie Totten (599) vs. Prairie View A&M (10/27/84) ***9th-Most All-Time**
 Season..... Willie Totten (4,557) in 1984 ***9th-Most All-Time**
 Career..... Willie Totten (12,711) from 1982-85 ***9th-Most All-Time**

Passing Touchdowns

Game..... Willie Totten (9) vs. Kentucky State (9/1/84)
 Season..... Willie Totten (56) in 1984 ***2nd-Most All-Time**
 Career..... Willie Totten (139) from 1982-85 ***2nd-Most All-Time**

Rushes

Game..... Corey Holmes (41) vs. Morris Brown (1999)
 Season..... Corey Holmes (331) in 1999
 Career..... Carl Byrum (589) from 1982-85

Rushing Yards

Game..... Earnest Riggins (332) vs. Tougaloo (1956)
 Season..... Corey Holmes (1,692) in 1999
 Career..... Carl Byrum (2,851) from 1982-85

Rushing Touchdowns

Game..... Earnest Riggins (6) vs. Tougaloo (1956)
 Season..... Earnest Riggins (17) in 1956
 Career..... Cary Byrum (29) from 1982-85

Total Yards

Game..... Willie Totten (621) vs. Prairie View A&M (10/27/84) ***11th-Most All-Time**
 Season..... Willie Totten (4,572) in 1984 ***12th-Most All-Time**
 Career..... Willie Totten (13,007) from 1982-85 ***14th-Most All-Time**

Catches

Game..... Jerry Rice (24) vs. Southern (10/1/83)
 Season..... Jerry Rice (103) in 1984 ***21st-Most All-Time**
 Career..... Jerry Rice (301) from 1981-84 ***12th-Most All-Time**

Receiving Yards

Game..... Jerry Rice (294) vs. Kentucky State (9/1/84) ***16th-Most All-Time**
 Season..... Jerry Rice (1,682) in 1984 ***7th-Most All-Time**
 Career..... Jerry Rice (4,693) from 1981-84 ***4th-Most All-Time**

Receiving Touchdowns

Game..... Jerry Rice (5) vs. Kentucky State (9/1/84)
Season..... Jerry Rice (27) in 1984
 Career..... Jerry Rice (50) from 1981-84 ***5th-Most All-Time**

Tackles

Game..... Al Brown (24) in 1999
 Season..... Larry Young (173) in 1974
 Season..... Vincent Brown (173) in 1986
 Career..... Vincent Brown (570) from 1984-87

Tackles For Loss

Game..... Fred Poole (6.5) vs. Jackson State (10/25/08) ***4th-Most All-Time**
 Season..... Joseph Crear (28.0) in 2002 ***10th-Most All-Time**

Sacks

Game..... Patrick Harbin Jr. (3.5) vs. Grambling State (9/23/17)
 Season..... Fred Poole (9.0, 2008) & Jerry Garner (9.0, 2019)

Forced Fumbles

Game..... Three Players (2)
 Season..... Fred Poole (6) in 2008
 Career..... Fred Poole (6) in 2008

Fumble Recoveries

Game..... Leroy Hodges (3) in 1973
 Season..... William Mobley (9) in 1978
 Career..... Ted Washington (16) from 1968-71

Interceptions

Game..... Derrick Battle (4) in 1975
 Season..... Arthur Moore (9) in 1973
 Career..... Arthur Moore (28) from 1971-74

Field Goals Made

Game..... Orlando Fernandez (4) vs. Alcorn (10/16/21)
 Season..... Joseph Blanco (13) in 2005

Punts

Game..... Justin Read (12) at Jacksonville State (9/8/18)
 Season..... Justin Read (86) in 2019
 Career..... Justin Read (261) from 2016-19

Punt Yards

Game..... Justin Read (483) at Jacksonville State (9/8/18)
 Season..... Justin Read (3,236) in 2019
 Career..... Justin Read (9,389) from 2016-19

Longest Touchdown Pass..... Jalani Eason to Jacory Rankin (93 Yards) vs. Alabama State (11/13/19)

Longest Touchdown Run..... Hubert Owens (99 Yards) vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff (1980)

Longest Field Goal Made Charles Hill (53 Yards) in 1981

Longest Field Goal Made Christopher Kipperer (53 Yards) in 2001

Longest Fumble Return Touchdown..... Eric Powell (90 Yards) vs. VUL (10/5/19) ***6th-Best All-Time**

Longest Interception Return Mark Pegues (84 Yards) vs. Alabama State (11/18/17)

Longest Punt Return Touchdown Willie Ware (98 Yards) vs. Bishop in 1985 ***3rd-Best All-Time**

Longest Kickoff Return Touchdown Julian Stafford (97 Yards) vs. Texas Southern (11/9/13)

Longest Punt Otis Culliver (91 Yards) in 1981



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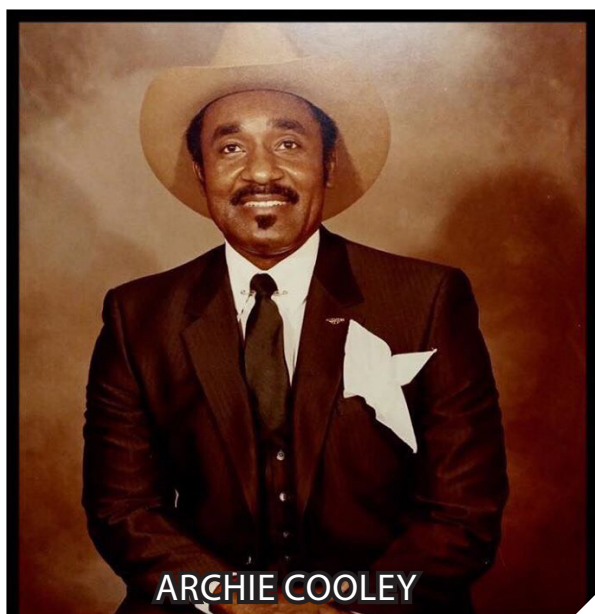


FINAL FALL 2021 STATISTICS (OFFENSE) | RETURNING PLAYERS ONLY

PASSING	GP	Effic	Cmp-Att-Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Avg/G
Jalani Eason	11	130.37	126-210-7	60.0%	1,533	10	93	139.36

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Caleb Johnson	11	232	1,074	70	1,004	4.3	8	33	91.27
Dederrian Williams	7	48	229	21	208	4.3	1	38	29.71
Jalani Eason	11	74	344	159	185	2.5	1	32	16.82
Jakobe Thomas	8	27	148	5	143	5.3	3	41	17.88

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yards	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Jacory Rankin	11	42	682	16.2	4	93	62.00
Malik Myers	9	17	160	9.4	1	20	17.78
Donald Johnson III	11	16	150	9.4	1	27	13.64
Datavious Porter	10	8	128	16.0	2	29	12.80
Deangelo Wagoner	10	12	88	7.3	---	33	8.80
Barry Robertson III	5	8	79	9.9	---	19	15.80
Caleb Johnson	11	8	35	4.4	1	11	3.18
Dederrian Williams	7	6	30	5.0	---	15	4.29



ARCHIE COOLEY



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FINAL FALL 2021 STATISTICS (DEFENSIVE) | RETURNING PLAYERS ONLY

DEFENSIVE	GP	Tkls	TFL	Sacks	INT	BU	FF	FR
Deione Reed	11	56	7.0	1.0	---	---	---	---
Jayren Fox	11	45	3.0	---	---	2	---	---
Jalen Bell	11	39	9.5	4.0	---	---	1	1
Kenneth Martin	11	34	3.5	---	2	3	1	---
Caleb Brunson	11	28	---	---	2	3	---	---
Ronnie Thomas	11	22	8.0	6.5	---	---	1	1
Antoine Howard	7	21	3.0	---	---	---	---	---
Frederick Mcgee	11	21	---	---	---	2	---	---
Jamison Lindsey	10	15	---	---	---	3	---	---
Elijah Rawlins	7	15	1.0	0.5	---	---	---	---
Kaiyus Lewis	10	12	2.0	1.0	---	---	---	---
Eric Gamble	9	9	---	---	---	---	---	---
Destin Refuge	4	7	---	---	---	---	---	---
Chris Mathis	8	6	1.0	---	---	3	---	---
Omar Emmons	4	5	---	---	---	---	---	---
Chris Victor	6	4	0.5	0.5	---	---	---	---
Kalib Alexander	4	3	1.0	---	---	---	---	---
Lucas Banks	5	3	---	---	---	---	---	---
Remiello Thomas	1	2	---	---	---	---	---	---



RICE-TOTTEN STADIUM



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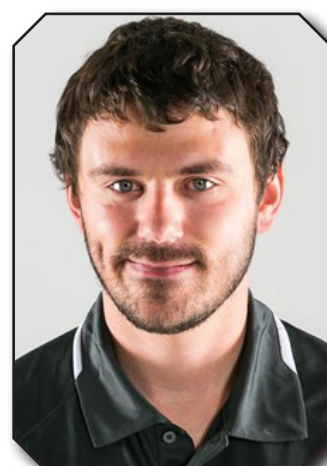
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HAKIM MCCLELLAN

Director of Athletics

Mississippi Valley State University has turned to a familiar face to take the helm of the Delta Devils athletic program.

Dr. Jerryl Briggs, Sr., announced on June 6, 2022 that Hakim McClellan, a valley alum, is the school's new athletic director. Briggs expressed his excitement to welcome McClellan and his family back to MVSU. McClellan is expected to start his new role on June 15th.

"Today is a great day for Mississippi Valley State University, with the appointment of Hakim McClellan as the athletic director," said MVSU President Jerry Briggs, Sr. "Hakim has proven to be a strong leader who will champion the school, but also the student-athletes. I believe there are very bright days ahead for MVSU athletics, and Hakim will be a stable, guiding force through this exciting time," Dr. Briggs added.

McClellan has an extensive background in collegiate athletic administration. His new position at MVSU is a return home for the former MVSU student-athlete who also earned his bachelor's in business administration from MVSU in 2010 and his master's in business administration, also from MVSU.

In addition, McClellan also worked on the compliance staff at MVSU. He was responsible for various duties, including coordinating with the coaching staff to verify compliance with student athletic eligibility standards.

McClellan shared how, during his time as a student at MVSU how friends called him "Hakim the dream" in reference to the former NBA player Hakeem Olajuwon, who went by the same nickname, and how that name sums up his feeling about being chosen as the new AD.

"This is a dream job for me," said McClellan. To have the opportunity to come home and work and help elevate V-State is what I have always wanted to do. This a place that is built on the concept of family, and I believe we can create the culture that helps our student-athletes become professionals on and off the field," said McClellan.

McClellan, 35, was selected following a national search that drew a "strong" pool of candidates. The Gulfport, Mississippi, native said he is thankful for the opportunity.

"I thank Dr. Briggs for giving me the chance to come home and serve. "MVSU is a school that connects this entire community - it has been and will continue to be my goal to make this university the school of the Delta," he added. "I am grateful to the committee and others who provided input in this important decision. Lastly, from the bottom of my heart, I want to thank my family, friends, and especially my wife Eleanor for their support through my entire career."

McClellan recently worked at Jackson State University, where he served as the Associate Athletic Director for Compliance. McClellan has also worked at Prairie View A&M and worked as the Athletic Academic Advisor for the men's baseball, women's basketball, soccer, and track & field teams. In July of 2016, he was named as PVAMU's first Certification Officer in the Office of the Registrar.



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About Mississippi Valley State University

The institution, which opened in 1950, was created by the Mississippi Legislature as Mississippi Vocational College. The legislation to form the institution was signed into law by Governor Thomas L. Bailey on April 5, 1946. On February 10, 1950, Governor Fielding L. Wright served as the main speaker at the opening ceremony.[5]

The legislature anticipated that legal segregation of public education was in danger because there were increasing challenges to it through legal suits (in 1954 it was declared unconstitutional in the United States Supreme Court's decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*). It created this institution in the hopes that it would attract African-American applicants who might otherwise apply to Mississippi's premier whites-only institutions: the University of Mississippi, Mississippi State University, and the University of Southern Mississippi.

State leaders hoped that founding separate institutions of higher learning for Mississippi's black population would reduce the pressure to integrate the state's premier universities. To attract the support of those who opposed any government action to provide higher education to blacks, those proposing creation of M.V.C. used the term "vocational" to imply that the institution's main purpose would be to train blacks to take on blue-collar jobs.

The site selection committee appointed by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning had originally selected as a site the former Greenwood Army Air Base, which had many facilities ready for use and thus would have been a very cost-effective choice. The Greenwood Commonwealth celebrated the choice. However, residents of Carroll County, Mississippi objected to having the institution located near their properties.

After further study, the committee selected a site in Itta Bena. Whites of that town also objected to having a black institution nearby, so the final site chosen was away from the downtown area, and on land that was not good for cultivation.

In 1964, Mississippi Vocational College was renamed Mississippi Valley State College. In February 1969, a nonviolent student boycott, which included eight hundred students, male and female, was organized to protest President James Herbert White's administration. The students demanded re-



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quired courses in black history, more library purchases of works by black writers, remedial courses in English and Math, scheduling of prominent black speakers, and fewer curfew restrictions.

In the early 1970s, civil rights leaders continued to protest the inequalities in higher education opportunities offered to whites and blacks in Mississippi. In an effort to defuse some of the criticism, Gov. Bill Waller proposed changing the names of three black institutions from "colleges" to "universities". Thus, in 1974, the institution was renamed again, as Mississippi Valley State University.

Following President White, Dr. Ernest A. Boykins, Jr. took office in July 1971. Dr. Joe L. Boyer became MVSU's third president in January 1982 and was followed by Dr. William W. Sutton in July 1988. Dr. Lester C. Newman became the fifth president of MVSU on July 1, 1998. Dr. Donna H. Oliver became MVSU's sixth president and first female president on January 1, 2009. On November 6, 2013, Dr. William Bynum took office as MVSU's seventh president.

In May 2017, Bynum departed MVSU to become president of Jackson State University. Dr. Jerryl Briggs, who served as executive vice president and chief operating officer in Bynum's administration, was named interim president of the university shortly afterwards. On October 19, 2017, Briggs was officially named as the university's eighth president.

In a 1997 article in Innovative Higher Education, the journalist Dale Thorn describes MVSU's successful attempt to avoid a merger with another institution and to remain a separate entity.

In 1998, the university renamed many of the buildings on campus, except for those named for white supremacist politicians Walter Sillers, Jr., Fielding Wright, and J. H. White

