



Game 7 | October 21, 2023 | 2 PM CT
NO. 1/1 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE (6-0, 3-0) AT
NO. 12/12 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (6-1, 2-1)
Carbondale, IL | Saluki Stadium (15,000)
Series: Salukis trail, 4-9 (H: 1-5, A: 3-4)

2023 MVFC Standings

	CONF	Pct.	ALL	Pct.	Home	Away	Ntrl	Strk
South Dakota State	3-0	1.000	6-0	1.000	4-0	1-0	1-0	W6
South Dakota	3-0	1.000	5-1	.833	4-0	1-1	0-0	W5
Southern Illinois	2-1	.667	5-1	.833	2-0	3-1	0-0	W1
Illinois State	2-1	.667	4-2	.667	3-1	1-1	0-0	W1
North Dakota	2-1	.667	4-2	.667	4-0	0-2	0-0	W2
Northern Iowa	2-1	.667	3-3	.500	1-1	2-2	0-0	L1
North Dakota State	1-2	.333	4-2	.667	2-1	1-1	1-0	L1
Youngstown State	1-2	.333	3-3	.500	3-0	0-3	0-0	L1
Missouri State	1-2	.333	2-4	.333	1-1	1-3	0-0	W1
Murray State	1-2	.333	2-4	.333	2-1	0-3	0-0	L2
Indiana State	0-3	.000	0-6	.000	0-2	0-4	0-0	L6
Western Illinois	0-3	.000	0-6	.000	0-3	0-3	0-0	L6

Stats & Schedule: valley-football.org

2023 Southern Illinois Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Result	TV
Sept. 2	Austin Peay	6 PM	W, 49-23	ESPN+
Sept. 9	at Northern Illinois	2:30 PM	W, 14-11	ESPN+
Sept. 16	at SEMO	6 PM	W, 26-25	ESPN+
Sept. 30	Missouri State (FW)	4 PM	W, 33-20	ESPN+
Oct. 7	at Youngstown State	5 PM	L, 3-31	ESPN+
Oct. 14	at Murray State	2 PM	W, 27-6	ESPN+
Oct. 21	South Dakota State (HC)	2 PM		ESPN+
Oct. 28	at Western Illinois	3 PM		ESPN+
Nov. 4	South Dakota	1 PM		ESPN+
Nov. 11	at North Dakota State	2:30 PM		ESPN+
Nov. 18	Indiana State	1 PM		ESPN+

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Series versus South Dakota State

The teams have met seven times in the last 10 years with South Dakota State holding a 6-1 advantage in that timeframe.

In the most recent meeting on Oct. 9, 2021, SIU rallied from a 20-point deficit to beat the Jackrabbits, 42-41, in overtime. South Dakota State was ranked No. 2 at the time. Nic Baker passed for 359 yards and four touchdowns and added another 46 yards rushing. His final strike was a 19-yard back-shoulder TD to Landon Lenoir with 34 seconds left in regulation that sent the game to overtime.

Nic Baker re-writes Saluki record book

Quarterback Nic Baker owns all but one of the major career passing records at SIU. He is the leader in passing yards (8,004), completions (679) and attempts (1,032). With 57 touchdown passes, he needs eight more TDs to tie Joel Sambursky's school record.

Baker also holds SIU's single-game marks for passing yards (Northern Iowa-485, Oct. 29, 2022) and completion percentage (Western Illinois: 25-of-28, .893, Oct. 15, 2022).

Salukis versus No. 1

SIU is 2-3 all-time when facing the No. 1 team in the FCS. The wins came at Western Kentucky (2005) and versus North Dakota State (2021). The 38-14 win over the Bison ended NDSU's 39-game winning streak.

Salukis lead the nation in run defense

SIU leads the nation in run defense (69.0 yards/game) and has allowed only

one team to rush for more than 100 yards in a game (Youngstown State, 167 yards). SIU has held three teams under 40 yards rushing (Austin Peay-39, Missouri State-31 and Murray State-28).

Salukis 3rd in the nation in sacks

SIU's defense ranks 3rd in the nation in sacks per game (3.5). Devin Cowan (3.5), Tim Varga (3.0) and Zach Burrola (3.0) lead the team in sacks and 13-different players have recorded sacks on the season.

Saluki Football in the last 3+ seasons...

- 11-7 record against FCS ranked teams.
- Beat the No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4 ranked teams
- Power Five win at Northwestern (9/17/22) — the only FCS team to beat a Power Five in 2022
- FBS win at Northern Illinois (9/6/23)
- Two FCS Playoff appearances
- Spring 2021: FCS Playoffs Elite 8
- Fall 2021: FCS Playoffs Sweet 16
- Thirty-eight weeks ranked in the Top 25 and as high as No. 3 (Oct. 25, 2021).

One of two FCS teams to beat FBS opponents in both 2022 and 2023

Southern Illinois is one of two FCS teams that have beaten FBS opponents in both 2022 and 2023. The Salukis defeated Northwestern last season and beat Northern Illinois this year. Sacramento State beat Colorado State (2022) and Stanford (2023).

Safety PJ Jules among nation's leaders

S PJ Jules ranks 32nd in the nation in pass breakups this season with seven total

(1.3 per game). He also leads the team and is ranked 28th in the nation in tackles per game (9.0).

QB Nic Baker

- Earned national Player of the Week honors vs. SEMO after completing 37-of-51 passes for 462 yards and three TDs. He passed for a school-record 408 yards in the second half alone.
- Has played in 37 games since making his debut in 2018 and is 21-12 as SIU's starter
- Leads the team with 29-consecutive starts.
- Is an eight-time MVFC Player of the Week Award winner, including Week 1 and Week 3 of the 2023 season.
- Had a streak of 161-straight attempts without throwing an INT during a five-game stretch that ended at South Dakota in 2022.
- His first-career start came against No. 1 North Dakota State (2/27/21). He led SIU to a 38-14 upset that ended NDSU's FCS-record 39-game winning streak.
- Was 27-1 as a starter at Rochester HS (IL) and passed for 54 TDs/2 INTs in senior year to lead team to state title.

S PJ Jules

- Senior Bowl Watch List
- Stats Perform Preseason All-American and Preseason 1st-Team All-MVFC
- Was named the Week 2 MVFC Player of the Week after a 12-tackle, 2.5 TFL, 3 PBU performance at Northern Illinois
- Was named the Week 3 MVFC Player of the Week after a career-high 15-tackle, 3 PBU performance versus SEMO.

**2023 Southern Illinois Team Rankings**

Category	Nation	MVFC	Value
3rd Down Conversion Pct (122 ranked)	106	12	0.299
3rd Down Conversion Pct Defense (122 ranked)	51	3	0.376
4th Down Conversion Pct (121 ranked)	10	3	0.722
4th Down Conversion Pct Defense (121 ranked)	96	10	0.625
Blocked Kicks (29 ranked)	29	2	1
Blocked Kicks Allowed (122 ranked)	45	4	1
Blocked Punts (11 ranked)	11	2	1
Blocked Punts Allowed (114 ranked)	1	1	0
Completion Percentage (122 ranked)	18	7	0.658
Defensive TDs (24 ranked)	24	5	1
Fewest Penalties (122 ranked)	102	12	47
Fewest Penalties Per Game (122 ranked)	108	12	7.83
Fewest Penalty Yards (122 ranked)	100	10	414
Fewest Penalty Yards Per Game (122 ranked)	107	10	69.00
First Downs Defense (122 ranked)	39	6	113
First Downs Offense (122 ranked)	76	10	107
Fumbles Lost (122 ranked)	54	5	4
Fumbles Recovered (110 ranked)	23	1	5
Kickoff Return Defense (122 ranked)	25	3	17.05
Kickoff Returns (122 ranked)	102	11	16.81
Net Punting (122 ranked)	60	8	35.50
Passes Had Intercepted (118 ranked)	20	5	3
Passes Intercepted (109 ranked)	8	1	8
Passing Offense (122 ranked)	40	5	230.8
Passing Yards Allowed (122 ranked)	84	9	230.0
Passing Yards per Completion (122 ranked)	73	8	11.08
Punt Return Defense (122 ranked)	65	8	7.25
Punt Returns (122 ranked)	105	11	2.75
Red Zone Defense (122 ranked)	64	4	0.812
Red Zone Offense (121 ranked)	19	6	0.905
Rushing Defense (122 ranked)	1	1	69.0
Rushing Offense (122 ranked)	77	8	120.2
Sacks Allowed (121 ranked)	81	9	2.50
Scoring Defense (122 ranked)	15	4	19.3
Scoring Offense (122 ranked)	56	8	25.3
Tackles for Loss Allowed (122 ranked)	64	8	5.83
Team Passing Efficiency (122 ranked)	43	9	136.02
Team Passing Efficiency Defense (122 ranked)	22	2	117.60
Team Sacks (122 ranked)	3	2	3.33
Team Tackles for Loss (122 ranked)	3	1	8.3
Time of Possession (122 ranked)	68	8	29:36
Total Defense (122 ranked)	14	3	299.0
Total Offense (122 ranked)	64	8	351.0
Turnover Margin (122 ranked)	7	2	1.00
Turnovers Gained (119 ranked)	14	1	13
Turnovers Lost (122 ranked)	29	5	7

Southern Illinois Individual Rankings

Statistic	Player	Nation	MVFC	Value
Completions Percentage	Nic Baker	17	7	0.661
Passes Defended	DJ Johnson	11	1	1.5
Total Tackles	PJ Jules	28	3	9.0

- Has played in 49 career games
- Is SIU's active career leader in tackles (226)
- Ranks 4th in career PBUs (25)
- Returned an interception for a TD at Kansas State in 2021.

Offensive playmakers

- SIU has two rushers with more than 1,000-career rushing yards — RBs Ro Elliott (1,981) and Justin Strong (1,226). Elliott needs 19 yards to become the 12th player in school history to surpass 2,000 yards rushing.
- Charleston Southern transfer WR Vinson Davis III led CSU with 56 catches in 2022 and leads SIU with 29 catches in 2023.
- WR Izaiah Hartrup missed 10 games during the 2022 season due to injury, but he leads SIU with 3 TD catches. He caught the game-winner at SEMO with 11 seconds remaining.

LB Branson Combs

- Preseason 1st-Team All-MVFC
- Originally played WR and caught 12 passes in 2020, including the game-winning TD in the playoff game at Weber State. Has taken tight end reps during the 2023 season.
- Switched to LB in 2021 and has 126 career tackles, 10.5 TFL, 4.5 sacks and is the active interception leader (4) on the team

WR D'Ante' Cox

- Preseason 2nd-Team All-MVFC
- Led the 2022 team in catches (46) and receiving yards (696)
- Has caught at least one pass in 13-straight games played. His identical twin brother, Avante Cox, holds the school-record at 43 games. Avante finished his career at SIU in 2022 and is No. 4 all-time in catches (202) and No. 3 in receiving TDs (23).
- Missed the 2020 season with a knee injury sustained on the first day of training camp. Returned for the opener in 2021 at SEMO and re-injured the same knee on his first carry of the game.

Salukis vs. the FBS

Since becoming a I-AA/FCS member in 1982, SIU is 6-36 versus FBS teams. Nick Hill was involved in five of the wins as either a player (Indiana, Northern Illinois) or coach (UMass, Northwestern, Northern Illinois).

G Chase Evans

- Preseason All-MVFC honorable mention
- The MVFC O-Lineman of the Week versus Murray State on Oct. 14, in which he graded at 94 percent, with six knockdowns and no sacks allowed.
- Has started more games (32) and more consecutive games (19) than any active player except Nic Baker.
- Can also play center, and started at that position in 2022 versus UNI.

Impact transfers on defense

Nine of the 11 starters on defense transferred to SIU during their career (only Jules and Combs did not transfer). Four starters on defense are incoming transfers for the 2023 season — DE Devin Cowan (Fayetteville State), DE Tim Varga (Eastern Illinois), LB Colin Bohanek (Eastern Illinois) and S Ubayd Steed (Towson State).

Best start since 2007

The Salukis opened the season 4-0 for the first time since the 2007 team opened the season with six-straight victories. That squad was coached by Jerry Kill and quarterbacked by current head coach Nick Hill. The 2007 team went 12-2, including a win at FBS Northern Illinois, and won two playoff games before

MVFC PRESEASON POLL

1. South Dakota State (44)	539
2. North Dakota State (1)	492
3. Northern Iowa	409
4. North Dakota	399
5. Southern Illinois	337
6. Youngstown State	323
7. Illinois State	269
8. Missouri State	229
9. South Dakota	226
10. Indiana State	148
11. Murray State	74
12. Western Illinois	65



falling to a Joe Flacco-led Delaware squad in the semifinals.

Seven-straight wins versus in-state rivals

SIU has won its last seven games against in-state schools (Northern Illinois, Northwestern, Illinois State twice, Western Illinois three times)

Pick Six

Linebacker Dune Smith recorded a pick six in Week 1 versus Austin Peay. It was SIU's first interception returned for a touchdown since 2018, when Qua Brown and Michael Elbert both had pick sixes at Murray State. It was also SIU's first interception since Week 7 of the 2022 season versus Western Illinois (Branson Combs) on Oct. 15, 2022.

Quick Facts

- S Jeffery Wells is the team's active career leader in special teams tackles with 16, including two this season.
- The Salukis have the shortest C-QB-RB combination in school history. Center Jacob Caughell is 6-foot, quarterback Nic Baker is 5-foot-9, and running back Ro Elliott is 5-foot-6.

Four Salukis on active NFL roster

- SIU currently has three active players on NFL rosters — S Jeremy Chinn (Carolina Panthers), S Ryan Neal (Tampa Bay Buccaneers), TE MyCole Pruitt (Atlanta Falcons) and CB Craig James (New York Jets).
- Chinn was a second-round draft pick (64th overall) in the 2020 draft and runner-up for Defensive Rookie of the Year.
- Neal is a sixth-year pro who enters the 2023 season with 47 games, 19 starts, 160 tackles and 3 INTs to his credit.
- Pruitt enters his 9th NFL season with 92 career games played, 62 catches and 11 TDs.
- James is in his fourth season in the NFL and has played with Vikings, Eagles and Jets.

Salukis' NFL Tradition

- 42 SIU football alums own NFL credentials, including five active players
- RB Brandon Jacobs, two-time Super Bowl Champion with New York Giants.
- QB Jim Hart, four-time Pro Bowl selection who threw for 34,665 career yards with the then-St. Louis Cardinals. Later served as SIU's director of athletics.
- LB Bart Scott, 11-year NFL pro with Baltimore Ravens and New York Jets. He is currently a sports analyst.
- OL Carl Mauck, 13-year NFL OL and a 21-year NFL assistant coach (OL).

Antonio James named defensive coordinator on Aug. 1

Assistant head coach Antonio James was promoted to defensive coordinator on Aug. 1 — one day before the start of training camp this season. He replaced D.J. Vokolek, who departed for Northwestern. James, who also coaches the defensive line, has previous DC experience at Morgan State (2018-21).

Related — or Not?

Brothers

DL Caden Reeves, DL Peyton Reeves (not related to Chase Reeves)
S Iverson Brown, S Dallas Brown (not related to Brian Brown)

Not related

QB Nic Baker, QB Tre Baker

WR Vinson Davis III, CB Mark Davis Jr.

CB DJ Johnson, CB Drake Johnson

OT Coleon Smith, LB Dune Smith, DT Carmelo Smith

Another leg from Down Under — Australian P Nathan Torney

Sophomore P Nathan Torney, from Kyabram, Australia, is the second-straight SIU punter to come from Australia. He followed Jack Colquhoun, who hailed from Melbourne and ended his three-year career (2019-21) as SIU's career punting average leader (42.70).

Torney played in the Australian Football League and was trained to punt through Chris Sailer Kicking, which gave him its 5-star rating, "FBS Freshman Year Starter, Scholarship Pick". Colquhoun trained with Prokick Australia.

Power Five upset

The Salukis were the only FCS program to beat a Power Five opponent in 2022, topping Northwestern, 31-24. After trailing, 14-7, in the second quarter, Southern roared back to take a 31-17 lead in the fourth.

SIU is 2-19 all-time against Power Five opponents, and head coach Nick Hill was a key factor in both wins. In 2006, Hill threw four touchdown passes and orchestrated a 35-28 win at Indiana.

Since becoming a I-AA/FCS member in 1982, SIU is 6-36 versus FBS teams. Hill quarterbacked two of the wins (Indiana in 2006, Northern Illinois in 2007) and was head coach for three more (UMass in 2019, Northwestern in 2022, Northern Illinois in 2023).

40-year anniversary of National Championship

The 2023 season marks the 40-year anniversary of the 1983 I-AA National Championship. The '83 team finished 13-1 and out-scored opponents during its playoff run, 89-21, including a 43-7 win over Western Carolina in the title game. The 1983 team will be inducted into the Saluki Hall of Fame during Homecoming Weekend.

Quick Facts

Carbondale, Illinois is located in the southern tip of the state — about a five-hour drive south of Chicago and two hours southeast of St. Louis...Many of SIU's alums are concentrated in those two cities... The Southern Illinois region is informally known as "Little Egypt," hence the adoption of the Saluki (an Egyptian hunting dog) as the school mascot.

Nick Hill versus ...

	H	A	All
Arkansas State	0-0	0-1	0-1
Austin Peay	1-0	0-0	1-0
Dayton	1-0	0-0	1-0
Florida Atlantic	0-0	0-1	0-1
Illinois State	2-1	1-2	3-3
Incarnate Word	0-0	0-1	0-1
Indiana State	0-2	3-0	3-2
Kansas State	0-0	0-1	0-1
Memphis	0-0	0-1	0-1
Missouri State	2-2	2-2	4-4
Mississippi	0-0	0-1	0-1
Miss. Valley St.	1-0	0-0	1-0
Murray State	1-0	2-0	3-0
Northwestern	0-0	1-0	1-0
North Dakota	2-0	0-1	2-1
North Dakota St.	1-1	0-3	1-4
Northern Illinois	0-0	1-0	1-0
Northern Iowa	1-2	0-2	1-4
SEMO	2-2	3-1	5-3
Southeastern La.	1-0	0-0	1-0
South Dakota	1-1	2-2	3-3
South Dakota St.	0-3	1-3	1-6
UMass	0-0	1-0	1-0
UT Martin	1-0	0-0	1-0
Weber State	0-0	1-0	1-0
Western Illinois	2-1	2-1	4-2
Youngstown St.	1-2	1-4	2-6
TOTAL	20-17	21-27	41-44

vs. FCS Coaches Top 25.....	14-20
vs. FCS Coaches Top 10.....	8-10
vs. Unranked FCS Teams	22-19
When Ranked.....	21-13
vs. FBS Teams	3-5
Home.....	20-17
Road.....	21-27
Neutral.....	0-0
Conference.....	24-33
When rushing for 200+	16-10
When passing for 300+	9-12
When scoring 35+	24-6
Opponents score <10.....	7-0
When forcing 3 or more TOs.....	16-4
When SIU scores first	23-20
When SIU leads at half	28-16
When SIU trails at half	9-27
When SIU is tied at half	4-1
When leading after third	34-9
When trailing after third.....	6-33
When tied after third.....	0-1
Games decided <3	8-10
Games decided by 11+	25-19
Games decided by 8-10.....	4-6
Games decided by 4-7.....	4-9
Overtime games.....	2-0

**The Golden Era of Saluki Football (Coach Jerry Kill 2003-09)**

- Overall Record: 70-19 (.787)
- Conference Record: 42-8 (.840)
- Conference Championships: 5 (2003, 2004, 2005, 2008, 2009)
- FBS Wins: at Indiana (2006), at Northern Illinois (2007)
- FCS Playoff Appearances: All 7 years
- FCS Playoff Wins: 5
- Deepest Postseason Run: Final Four in 2007, Nick Hill's senior year
- Weeks in Top 25: 99-consecutive weeks from 2003 to 2010
- Weeks at No. 1: 18 weeks during 2004 and 2005

Saluki Football Playoff Appearances

- 1983: Beat Indiana St. in the first round 23-7, beat Nevada in the second round 23-7 and beat Western Carolina in Charleston, SC for the 1AA (now FCS) Title, 43-7.
- 2003: Lost at Delaware in the first round, 45-7.
- 2004: Lost to Eastern Washington in the first round, 35-31.
- 2005: Won at Eastern Illinois in the first round 21-6 and lost at Appalachian St. in the second round, 38-24.
- 2006: Beat UT-Martin 36-30 in the first round and lost at Montana 20-3 in the second round.
- 2007: Beat Eastern Illinois 30-11 in the first round, beat Massachusetts 34-27 in the second round and lost to Delaware in the third round, 20-17.
- 2008: Lost to New Hampshire in the first round, 29-20.
- 2009: Beat Eastern Illinois, 48-7 in the first round and lost to William and Mary in the second round, 24-3.
- 2020-21 (Spring): Won at Weber St. in the first round, 34-31 and lost at South Dakota St. in the second round, 31-26.
- 2021: Won at South Dakota in the first round, 22-10 and lost at North Dakota State in the second round, 38-7.

Famous non-football SIU alums

- Kenny Troutt, owner of WinStar Farm and 2018 Triple Crown winner Justify
- Walt Frazier, ex-NBA star.
- Dave Stieb and Steve Finley, MLB All-Stars
- Mark Newman, former New York Yankees Senior VP (deceased)
- Derek Shelton, Pittsburgh Pirates manager
- Curt Jones, inventor and founder of Dippin' Dots
- Dick Gregory, civil rights activist, author, and comedian (deceased)
- Joan Higginbotham, NASA astronaut who flew on the Space Shuttle Discovery
- Donald McHenry, former US ambassador to the United Nations
- Bob Odenkirk, Jim Belushi, Dennis Franz and Richard Roundtree, actors
- Hannibal Buress, comedian
- Jenny McCarthy and Melissa McCarthy, actresses

Why the Saluki?

Southern Illinois had been known as the Maroons since intercollegiate athletics began in 1913. The name "Salukis" became official on March 19, 1951, when the student body overwhelmingly approved the dog as the new symbol of SIU athletics, easily besting "Rebels," "Knights," "Flyers," "Marauders," and "Maroons."

The oldest purebred dogs in the world with records dating back to 3600 B.C., the Saluki is an ancient Egyptian hunting dog known for its speed and hunting prowess.

So why is the name Salukis relevant to Southern Illinois? Natives of southern Illinois know that the region is frequently referred to as "Egypt." Historian Baker Brownell, in his book "The Other Illinois," explained how the region came to be known as Egypt.

He wrote, "There was a drought in the northern counties (of Illinois) in the early 1800s... the wheat fields dried up, the streams died in their beds. But in Southern Illinois, rain fell and there were good

Stats Perform FCS Top 25

	Team (First-Place Votes)	Last Year	Points	Prev.
1	South Dakota State (56)	6-0	1,400	1
2	Montana State	5-1	1,342	2
3	Sacramento State	5-1	1,203	3
4	Furman	5-1	1,195	4
5	UIW	5-1	1,023	7
6	South Dakota	5-1	1,002	10
7	Delaware	5-1	985	8
8	Western Carolina	5-1	981	9
9	Montana	6-1	978	16
10	Idaho	5-2	946	3
11	North Dakota	4-2	930	15
12	Southern Illinois	5-1	725	13
13	William & Mary	4-2	687	11
14	North Dakota State	4-2	673	6
15	Holy Cross	4-2	653	12
16	North Carolina Central	5-1	607	14
17	UT Martin	5-1	504	17
18	Harvard	5-0	446	19
19	Florida A&M	5-1	403	18
20	Central Arkansas	5-2	373	20
21	Chattanooga	5-2	268	25
22	Villanova	5-2	229	NR
23	UC Davis	4-2	136	NR
24	Austin Peay	4-2	125	NR
25	Youngstown State	3-3	108	23

Others Receiving Votes (schools listed on two or more ballots): New Hampshire 68; Fordham 44; UAlbany 39; Lafayette 32; Northern Iowa 23; Weber State 23; Eastern Kentucky 13; Eastern Washington 13; Illinois State 11; Tennessee State 6; Lamar 2

FCS Coaches Poll

	Team (First-Place Votes)	Record	Points	Prev.
1	South Dakota State (26)	6-0	650	1
2	Montana State	5-1	623	2
3	Furman	5-1	570	4
4	Sacramento State	5-1	566	5
5	UIW	5-1	511	6
6	Montana	6-1	495	10
7	Delaware	5-1	464	8
8	Idaho	5-2	418	3
9	North Dakota	4-2	409	15
10	North Carolina Central	5-1	408	9
11	Holy Cross	4-2	365	11
12	Southern Illinois	5-1	349	13
13	William & Mary	4-2	335	12
14	Western Carolina	5-1	329	14
15	North Dakota State	4-2	320	7
16	South Dakota	5-1	305	17
17	Harvard	5-0	234	18
18	Florida A&M	5-1	227	16
19	UT Martin	5-1	190	19
20	Chattanooga	5-2	151	T-20
21	Central Arkansas	5-2	120	25
22	New Hampshire	3-3	81	24
23	UC Davis	4-3	67	NR
24	Austin Peay	4-2	59	NR
25	Illinois State	4-2	58	NR

Others Receiving Votes: Fordham, 47; Villanova, 38; Lafayette, 21; Youngstown State, 17; Eastern Kentucky, 6; Northern Iowa, 6; Rhode Island, 6; Penn, 2; Albany, 1; Mercer, 1; Portland State, 1.

crops, and from the north came people seeking corn and wheat as to Egypt of old. Thus, the name, Egypt."

The 19th century drought in Illinois parallels the Biblical account of the country of Egypt.

"There was famine in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. All the earth came to Egypt to Joseph to buy grain, because the famine was so severe. And (Jacob) said, 'Behold, I have heard that there is grain in Egypt; go down and buy grain for us there, that we may live, and not die.' So, 10 of Joseph's brothers went down to buy grain in Egypt." (Genesis 41:54b, 57, 42:2-3).

**Saluki Offense 2-Deep**

WR	2	D'Ante' Cox (6-0, 180, Sr.)
	14	Zach Gibson (6-5, 217, Jr.)
WR	5	Izaiah Hartrup (6-0, 183, Jr.)
	13	Jay Jones (6-4, 204, So.)
WR	11	Vinson Davis III (5-8, 168, So.)
	81	Allen Middleton (5-11, 182, Fr.)
LT	79	Jake Green (6-5, 321, Jr.)
	73	Coleon Smith (6-6, 280, So.)
LG	68	Derek Harden Jr. (6-3, 323, So.)
	61	Aidan Logan (6-6, 320, Jr.)
C	63	Jacob Caughell (6-0, 267, Jr.)
	75	Jon Nalley (6-5, 288, So.)
RG	62	Chase Evans (6-4, 292, Jr.)
	60	Sam Neuman (6-5, 313, Sr.)
RT	70	Abdou Toure (6-6, 310, Jr.)
	66	Jackson Sailliez (6-5, 306, Jr.)
QB	8	Nic Baker (5-9, 202, Sr.)
	18	Hunter Simmons (6-3, 214, So.)
RB	6	Justin Strong (6-0, 205, Sr.)
	28	Lashaun Lester (5-10, 207, So.)
TE	41	Aidan Quinn (6-1, 226, Jr.)
	83	Ryan Schwendeman (6-5, 244, rFr.)

Saluki Defense 2-Deep

DE	2	Devin Cowan (6-3, 222, Sr.)
	98	Dewey Greene (6-2, 242, Jr.)
DT	96	Kam Bowdry (6-2, 291, Sr.)
	93	Dante Cleveland (6-4, 298, Sr.)
DE	97	Tim Varga (6-4, 247, Sr.)
	22	Louis Wilbert (6-2, 224, So.)
LB	8	Dune Smith (5-11, 197, Jr.)
	10	Zach Burrola (6-0, 221, Sr.)
LB	16	Colin Bohanek (6-0, 236, Jr.)
	42	Shane Roth (5-10, 206, So.)
LB	12	Branson Combs (6-3, 222, Jr.)
	35	Ben Bogle (6-2, 219, rFr.)
CB	17	Mark Davis Jr. (6-2, 196, Jr.)
	18	Drake Johnson (6-1, 190, Jr.)
S	4	PJ Jules (6-1, 209, Sr.)
	21	Jeffery Wells (5-10, 208, Sr.)
S	7	Ubayd Steed (5-11, 188, Jr.)
	49	Vinkevus Pierre (6-1, 196, Fr.)
S	1	Iverson Brown (6-2, 207, Sr.)
	27	Desman Hearnns (6-1, 184, rFr.)
CB	9	DJ Johnson (6-0, 171, Sr.)
	24	Dre Newman (5-11, 168, Jr.)

Saluki Specialists 2-Deep

K	97	Thomas Burks (6-1, 189, Sr.)
	91	Jake Baumgarte (6-0, 184, So.)
KO	97	Thomas Burks (6-1, 189, Sr.)
	91	Jake Baumgarte (6-0, 184, So.)
P	99	Nathan Torney (6-4, 182, So.)
	98	Chase Reeves (6-2, 181, rFr.)
LS	44	Ross Pedro (5-11, 225, Jr.)
	89	JD Czech (6-1, 243, Jr.)
H	8	Nic Baker (5-9, 202, Sr.)
	99	Nathan Torney (6-4, 182, So.)
KR	11	Vinson Davis III (5-8, 168, So.)
	6	Justin Strong (6-0, 205, Sr.)
PR	11	Vinson Davis III (5-8, 168, So.)
	12	Jaylen Reed (5-7, 160, Jr.)

2023 Game-By-Game Starters

<u>Opponent</u>	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	QB	RB	WR/TE	WR	WR	TE	K
Austin Peay	Green	Harden Jr.	Caughell	Evans	Toure	Baker	Elliott	Cox	Hartrup	Davis III	Quinn	Baumgarte
at Northern Illinois	Green	Harden Jr.	Caughell	Evans	Toure	Baker	Elliott	Gibson	Hartrup	Davis III	Quinn	Burks
at SEMO	Green	Harden Jr.	Caughell	Evans	Toure	Baker	Elliott	Cox	Hartrup	Davis III	Quinn	Burks
Missouri State	Green	Harden Jr.	Caughell	Evans	Toure	Baker	Elliott	Schwendeman	Hartrup	Davis III	Quinn	Burks
at Youngstown State	Green	Harden Jr.	Caughell	Evans	Toure	Baker	Strong	Gibson	Hartrup	Davis III	Quinn	Burks
at Murray State	Green	Harden Jr.	Caughell	Evans	Toure	Baker	Strong	Schwendeman	Hartrup	Davis III	Quinn	Burks
South Dakota State												
at Western Illinois												
South Dakota												
at North Dakota State												
Indiana State												

<u>Opponent</u>	DE	NT	DE	LB	LB	LB	CB	S	S	S	CB	P
Austin Peay	Cowan	Bowdry	Varga	Smith	Bohanek	Combs	Davis Jr.	Jules	Steed	Brown	Johnson	Torney
at Northern Illinois	Cowan	Bowdry	Varga	Burrola	Bohanek	Combs	Davis Jr.	Jules	Steed	Brown	Johnson	Torney
at SEMO	Cowan	Bowdry	Varga	Smith	Bohanek	Combs	Davis Jr.	Jules	Steed	Hearnns	Johnson	Torney
Missouri State	Cowan	Bowdry	Varga	Smith	Bohanek	Combs	Davis Jr.	Jules	Steed	Hearnns	Johnson	Torney
at Youngstown State	Cowan	Bowdry	Varga	Smith	Bohanek	Combs	Davis Jr.	Jules	Steed	Brown	Johnson	Torney
at Murray State	Cowan	Bowdry	Varga	Smith	Bohanek	Combs	Davis Jr.	Jules	Steed	Brown	Johnson	Torney
South Dakota State												
at Western Illinois												
South Dakota												
at North Dakota State												
Indiana State												



Under Nick Hill's leadership Saluki Football ranks among the elite programs in FCS Football. In 2022, he signed a contract extension through the 2026 season.

A native son of Southern Illinois and one of Saluki Football's all-time great quarterbacks, Nick Hill made it his mission to restore the program to its place among the nation's best.

By any standard, he has achieved that goal. The Salukis were one of only five programs at the FCS level to advance to the round of 16 of the FCS Playoffs in both the COVID 2020-21 and 2021 seasons (North Dakota State, Sam Houston, James Madison, South Dakota State are the others).

In the last three seasons, SIU has a record of 10-6 against ranked teams, with wins over the No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 15, No. 17, No. 19, No. 20, No. 22 and No. 25-ranked programs.

The Salukis were nationally ranked for 30-consecutive weeks, the program's longest streak since 2010, and ranked as high as No. 3, its highest ranking since 2009.

The program recorded three-consecutive winning seasons for the first time since 2007-09, and it won two-road playoff games (at Weber State, at South Dakota), having previously won one just one playoff road game in school history.

SIU's historic 2021 calendar year, which featured two, full seasons and 23 games due a worldwide pandemic, was filled with starts, stops and re-starts.

There was a blizzard that froze the stadium turf a week before the February opener. There were injuries to the top two quarterbacks. There were opponents who threw in the towel, rather than play out the season.

Hill led a relentless charge to reverse the fortunes of a program that hadn't been to the playoffs since 2009. He molded a group of young warriors into a team that simply wouldn't give in or give up, a worldwide pandemic notwithstanding.

Hill's journey to the top job at SIU started just 20 miles north of campus, where he was a football and basketball icon at DuQuoin High School. During his senior year of high school in 2002-03, Hill was the area's Player of the Year in both sports and guided the Indians to the Illinois High School Association 3A state championship football game.

The legend continued on the hardwood where Hill averaged 23 points as a senior at DuQuoin and chose Western Kentucky from a host of Division I offers. A broken hand prematurely ended his freshman season at Western but ultimately led him home.

In the spring of 2004, Hill transferred to SIU to switch sports and play football under head coach Jerry Kill, just as the program was beginning its rapid rise to the top of the league standings.

Hill initially sat behind league Player of the Year Joel Sambursky, before taking over the starting job in 2006. In two seasons as the starter, he went 21-6 and set the school record for passing yards in 2007. He still holds the best completion

The Hill File

Birthday: April 5, 1985

Hometown: Du Quoin, Illinois

Alma mater: Southern Illinois, 2008

NFL Career: Chicago Bears, Green Bay Packers

AFL Career: Rio Grande Valley Dorados, Orlando Predators, Tampa Bay Storm, San Antonio Talons

Carbondale H.S.: Head coach in 2013



Collegiate Coaching Record

Year	School	Assignment	Overall	MVFC
2014	Southern Illinois	Quarterbacks	6-6	3-5 (t-7th)
2015	Southern Illinois	OC/QBs	3-8	2-6 (9th)
2016	Southern Illinois	Head Coach	4-7	2-6 (t-8th)
2017	Southern Illinois	Head Coach	4-7	2-6 (t-8th)
2018	Southern Illinois	Head Coach	2-9	1-7 (10th)
2019	Southern Illinois	Head Coach	7-5	5-3 (t-3rd)
2020	Southern Illinois	Head Coach	6-4	3-3 (5th)
2021	Southern Illinois	Head Coach	8-5	5-3
2022	Southern Illinois	Head Coach	5-6	4-4
2023	Southern Illinois	Head Coach	5-1	2-1
Career Southern Illinois Head Coach			41-44	24-33

percentage (68.3) in school history.

Highlights of Hill's playing career include guiding Southern to a win at Indiana in 2006, in which he passed for four touchdowns as SIU became the league's first team to defeat a Big Ten opponent. Hill capped off his career in 2007 by leading the team to the Final Four of the playoffs, where the Salukis ultimately lost a 20-17 heartbreaker to Joe Flacco and Delaware. He was also a finalist for the Peyton Award in '07.

Hill played six seasons of professional football, mostly in the Arena Football League, where he played for head coach Jay Gruden, who went on to coach NFL's Washington Redskins from 2014-2019. Hill also had brief free-agent stints with the Chicago Bears in 2008 and Green Bay Packers in 2012.

Playing for Gruden, one of the game's top offensive minds, helped shape Hill's offensive philosophy. First as Southern's offensive coordinator and now as head coach, Hill has refined his own unique style of offense that combines elements of Air Raid, spread and up-tempo.

Hill and wife, Alicia, a former volleyball player at SIU, reside in Carbondale and have three daughters. His brother, former Saluki quarterback A.J. Hill, coaches football at Rochester (Ill.) High School.

**QUICK FACTS**

School Southern Illinois University
 Location Carbondale, Ill.
 Founded 1869
 Enrollment 11,107 (Fall, 2022)
 Nickname Salukis
 Colors Maroon and White
 Affiliation NCAA Division I (FCS)
 Conference Missouri Valley Football
 President Dr. Daniel F. Mahony
 Chancellor Dr. Austin A. Lane
 Director of Athletics Tim Leonard
 Football Athletic Trainer Mike Lyznicki
 Equipment Manager Matt Orbany
 Football Office Phone (618) 453-3332
 Ticket Office Phone (618) 453-2000

FACILITY INFORMATION

Stadium (Capacity) Saluki Stadium (15,000)
 First Season 2010
 Surface FieldTurf Classic HD
 Record 39-36

TEAM INFORMATION

2022 Record 5-6
 Home 2-3
 Road 3-3
 MVFC (Finish) 4-4 (T6th)
 Basic Offensive Set Multiple
 Basic Defensive Set 4-3
 Offensive Starters Returning 7
 QB Nic Baker, RB Ro Elliott, WR D'Ante' Cox, G Chase Evans,
 C Jacob Caughell, G Jake Green, RT Abdou Toure.
 Defensive Starters Returning 5
 LB Branson Combs, S PJ Jules, CB DJ Johnson, LB Zach Burrola,
 DT Kam Bowdry
 Special Teams Returning Starters 3
 K Jake Baumgarte, P Nathan Torney, LS Ross Pedro

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 Alma Mater Illinois, 2009
 Offensive Coordinator/QBs Blake Rolan
 Alma Mater Louisville, 2005
 Dan Clark Offensive Line
 Zach Grant Wide Receivers/Recruiting Coordinator
 Nate Griffin Tight Ends/Fullbacks
 Terry Hawthorne Cornerbacks
 Gary McGraw Safeties/Special Teams Coordinator
 Mac McLeran Linebackers
 Larry Warner Running Backs
 Nathan Frame Asst. Special Teams, Defensive assistant
 Elizabeth Toth Director of Football Operations
 Meade Smith Head Strength Coach
 Ryan McVicker Offensive Quality Control
 DJ Davis Graduate Assistant
 Coleton Jeralds Graduate Assistant

PRONUNCIATIONS

Kameron Bowdry boww-dree
 Joe Brumleve brum-levv-ee
 Jacob Caughell caw-gill
 Devin Cowan cow-win
 D'Ante' Cox dee-ontay
 Amir Dwight uh-meer
 Ethan Eddins eed-ins
 Ro Elliott row
 Michael Lindauer lind-hour
 Payton Mazur muh-zooer
 Samuel Neuman new-min
 Vinkeus Pierre vin-KAY-vis
 Jackson Sailliez say-leez
 Ubayd Steed ooh-bade
 Nathan Torney tore-knee
 Abdou Toure abb-doo, toe-ray



Miscellaneous Stats & Honors

Career Starts

Player	19	20	21	22	23	Career	Cons.
Nic Baker	—	3	13	11	6	33	29
Jake Baumgarte	—	—	—	11	1	12	—
Colin Bohanek	—	—	—	—	6	6	6
Kam Bowdry	—	—	—	10	6	16	11
Iverson Brown	—	—	—	—	4	4	2
Thomas Burks	—	—	—	—	5	5	5
Zach Burrola	—	—	—	6	1	7	—
Jacob Caughell	—	—	—	10	6	16	8
Branson Combs	—	—	2	11	6	19	18
Devin Cowan	—	—	—	—	6	6	6
D'Ante' Cox	—	—	—	10	2	12	—
Mark Davis III	—	—	—	—	6	6	6
Vinson Davis	—	—	—	—	6	6	6
Chase Evans	—	3	12	11	6	32	19
Ro Elliott	1	7	1	8	4	21	—
Zach Gibson	—	—	—	2	2	4	—
Jake Green	—	2	1	11	6	20	17
Derek Harden Jr.	—	—	—	4	6	13	10
Izaiah Hartrup	—	—	11	—	6	17	6
Desman Hearn	—	—	—	—	2	2	—
DJ Johnson	—	—	2	11	6	19	19
PJ Jules	1	2	13	3	6	25	8
Devin Love	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
David Miller	—	—	10	11	—	21	—
Aidan Quinn	—	—	—	—	6	6	6
Ryan Schwendeman	—	—	—	—	2	2	1
Dune Smith	—	—	—	1	5	6	4
Ubayd Steed	—	—	—	—	6	6	6
Justin Strong	—	2	12	1	2	17	2
Nathan Torney	—	—	—	11	6	17	17
Abdou Toure	—	—	—	6	6	12	6
Tim Varga	—	—	—	—	6	6	6

2022 MVFC All-Conference Team

DE Richie Hagarty (1st)
 LB Branson Combs (2nd)
 WR Avante Cox (2nd)
 FB Jacob Garrett (2nd)
 S PJ Jules (2nd)
 AP Javon Williams Jr. (2nd)
 QB Nic Baker (HM)
 OT Beau Branyan (HM)
 WR D'Ante' Cox (HM)

MVFC All-Newcomer Team

David Miller, CB

Career 100-yard Rushing Games

Player	Times	Last Time
Ro Elliott	2	103 vs. Incarnate Word., 09/03/22
Justin Strong	1	159 vs. Southeastern La., 4/17/21

Career 300-yard Passing Games

Player	Times	Last Time
Nic Baker	3	306 at Northern Iowa, 10/30/21

Career 100-yard Receiving Games

Player	Times	Last Time
D'Ante' Cox	2	108 at Missouri State, 10/8/22

Stats Perform National Awards

Offensive Player of The Week

Nic Baker, QB at SEMO, 9/16/23

MVFC Weekly Awards

Offensive Player of The Week

Nic Baker, QB vs. North Dakota State, 2/27/21
 Nic Baker, QB at SEMO, 9/2/21
 Nic Baker, QB at South Dakota State, 10/9/21
 Nic Baker, QB at Northwestern, 9/17/21
 Nic Baker, QB vs. Western Illinois, 10/15/22
 Nic Baker, QB vs. Northern Iowa, 10/29/22
 Nic Baker, QB vs. Austin Peay, 9/2/23
 Nic Baker, QB at SEMO, 9/16/23

Defensive Player of The Week

David Miller, CB at Indiana State, 11/13/21
 PJ Jules, S at Northern Illinois, 9/12/23
 PJ Jules, S at SEMO, 9/16/23

Newcomer of The Week

D'Ante' Cox, WR at Illinois State, 10/1/22

Special Teams Player of The Week

Izaiah Hartrup, WR Illinois State, 9/25/21

Offensive Lineman of The Week

Chase Evans, G at Murray State, 10/14/23

Special Teams Tackles (Career)

Player	19	20	21	22	23	Career
Jeffery Wells, S	—	8	5	1	2	16
PJ Jules, CB	9	3	—	1	2	15
Zach Burrola, LB	—	1	7	—	2	10
Branson Combs, WR	1	4	2	—	2	8
Justin Strong, S	7	—	—	—	—	7
Shane Roth, LB	—	—	1	5	2	8
Ben Bogle	—	—	—	—	5	5
Colton Hoag	—	—	—	—	4	4
Cejai Parson, S	—	—	—	3	—	3
Louis Wilbert, LB	—	—	—	3	—	3
Jamir Conn	—	—	—	—	3	3
Vinkevus Pierre	—	—	—	—	3	3
Aidan Quinn, TE	—	—	1	1	—	2
Mark Davis III, CB	—	—	—	1	1	2
Desman Hearn	—	—	—	—	2	2
Chris Presto	—	—	—	—	2	2
Dante Cleveland, DL	—	1	1	—	—	1
Thomas Burks, K	—	—	—	1	—	1
Dev Walton	—	—	—	—	1	1
Dre Newman	—	—	—	—	1	1
Ross Pedro	—	—	—	—	1	1
Miles Marshall	—	—	—	—	1	1
Jimmy Athans	—	—	—	—	1	1



Record Book Update

Rushing Yards (Career)

1. Tom Koutsos, 1999-2003	4,715
2. Arkee Whitlock, 2004-06	4,241
3. Karlton Carpenter, 1995-98	3,181
4. Burnell Quinn, 1976-79	2,798
5. D.J. Davis, 2016-19	2,697
6. Javon Williams Jr., 2018-2022	2,597
7. Amos Bullocks, 1958-61	2,441
8. Muhammad Abdulqaadir, 2002-03	2,372
9. Andre Herrera, 1974-76	2,346
10. Deji Karim, 2007, 2009	2,080
11. Byron Mitchell, 1984-87	2,021
12. Ro Elliott, 2019-Present	1,981
13. Walter Poole, 1978-81	1,927
14. Yonel Jourdain, 1989-92	1,862
15. Derrick Taylor, 1982-84	1,848
16. Carver Shannon, 1956-58	1,805
17. Larry Warner, 2007-08	1,790
18. Coe Bonner, 1995-97	1,787
19. Greg Brown, 1990-93	1,730
20. Malcolm Agnew, 2013-14	1,708
21. Anthony Perry, 1991-92	1,670
22. John Randle, 2006-07	1,563
23. Brandon Robinson, 2001-03	1,509
24. William Tolen, 1992-95	1,499
25. George Loukas, 1970-72	1,427
26. Daquan Isom, 2015-16	1,344
27. Bruce Phibbs, 1983-86	1,342
28. Vic Harrison, 1978-80	1,339
29. Antonio Moore, 1987-90	1,295
30. Jack Schneider, 1953-55	1,258
31. Chuck Harmke, 1987-89	1,248
32. Larry Perkins, 1971-73	1,239
33. Justin Strong, 2018-Present	1,226

Rushing Attempts (Career)

1. Tom Koutsos, 1999-2003	988
2. Arkee Whitlock, 2004-06	737
3. Karlton Carpenter, 1995-98	663
4. Burnell Quinn, 1976-79	545
5. Javon Williams Jr., 2018-22	516
5. Amos Bullocks, 1958-61	490
6. D.J. Davis, 2016-19	482
7. Derrick Taylor, 1981-84	458
8. Andre Herrera, 1974-76	447
9. Yonel Jourdain, 1989-92	412
9. Walter Poole, 1978-81	412
11. Greg Brown, 1990-93	399
12. Ro Elliott, 2019-Present	391

Passing Yards (Career)

1. Nic Baker, 2018-Present	8,004
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Touchdown Passes (Career)

1. Joel Sambursky, 2002-05	65
2. Nic Baker, 2018-Present	57

Pass Completions (Career)

1. Nic Baker, 2018-Present	679
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Pass Completion Percentage (Career)

Minimum 150 Attempts

1. Stone Labanowitz, 2019-20	70.5
2. Nick Hill, 2005-07	68.3
3. Josh Straughan, 2016	67.4
4. Nic Baker, 2018-Present	65.8
5. Mark Iannotti, 2014-15	64.5
6. Kare Lyles, 2019-20	62.5
7. Paul McIntosh, 2009-11	60.4

Pass Attempts (Career)

1. Nic Baker, 2018-Present	1,032
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Total Offense Yardage (Career)

Rushing and Passing Yardage

1. Joel Sambursky, 2002-05	8,994
2. Nic Baker, 2018-Present	8,185

Total Offense Attempts (Career)

Rushing and Passing Attempts

1. Nic Baker, 2018-Present	1,258
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Pass Breakups (Career)

1. Willie Davis, 1986-89	29
2. Jeremy Chinn, 2016-19	27
3. Alexis Moreland, 2001-04	25
3. Craig James, 2016-17	25
3. PJ Jules, 2019-Present	25

Tackles (Career)

Note: Since 1971

1. Fabray Collins, 1981-83	443
2. Oyd Craddock, 1976-79	426
3. Kevin Kilgallon, 1987-90	384
4. Brandin Jordan, 2006-09	370
5. Granville Butler, 1981-83	364
6. Alexis Moreland, 2001-04	358
7. Bart Scott, 1998-2001	352
8. Dan Brown, 1974-77*	346
9. John Harper, 1979-1982	337
10. Royal Whitaker, 2002-05	335
11. Brian Tranchitella, 1992-95	327
12. Chase Allen, 2013-16	324
13. Joe Barwinski, 1976-79	317
14. Rick Bielecki, 1978-80	305
15. Chauncey Mixon, 2006-09	289
16. Qua Brown, 2017-21	283
17. Tony Seman, 1993-95	279
18. Greg Shipp, 1980-83	277
19. Tommy Anderson, 1993-96	276
20. Clint Smothers, 1990-93	264
21. D.J. Cameron, 2012-15	257
22. Brad Crouse, 1985-88	252
23. Brian Miller, 1988-90	248
24. Bryce Notree, 2017-21	246
25. Mike Carbonaro, 1985-87	245
26. William Thomas, 1981-84	244
27. Jeremy Chinn, 2016-19	243
28. Marty Rodgers, 2006-09	238
29. Eric Egan, 1999-2003	235
30. Ryan Neal, 2014-17	226
30. PJ Jules, 2019-Present	226

*1974 defensive statistics are not available.



The Last Time

A Saluki player...

RUSHING

100 yard rushing game by a freshman:

149, Javon Williams Jr. at Western Ill. (11/16/19)

4 TDs rushing by a quarterback:

Matt DeSomer vs. SDSU (11/10/18)

3 TDs rushing by a quarterback:

Paul McIntosh at SEMO (11/21/09)

2 TDs rushing by a quarterback:

Matt DeSomer vs. Youngstown State (11/11/17)

An OL had a rushing attempt:

Jake Green vs. North Dakota State, -3 yards (11/12/22)

RECEIVING

2 receivers with 10 or more receptions:

Billy Reed (14) & Jonathan Mixon (11) vs. ILS (11/14/15)

Five receivers with TDs:

MyCole Pruitt (2), Tay Willis (1), LaSteven McKinney (1), Malcolm Agnew (1), and Adam Fuehne (1) vs. Southeast Missouri (9/13/14)

Four receivers with TDs:

Avante Cox (1) Landon Lenoir (1), Hunter Milligan (1) Jerron Rollins (1) vs. Dayton (9/18/21)

An OL caught a pass:

Sean Smith (4 yds) vs. Youngstown St. (10/24/09)

PASSING

Two 40+ yard TD passes in the same game:

Nic Baker to Avante Cox (99 and 45) at SEMO (9/2/21)

DEFENSE

15+ tackles:

15, PJ Jules at SEMO (9/16/23)

3+ sacks: 3.0, Jordan Berner, at Missouri St. (03/27/21)**4.0+ tackles for a loss:**

5.0, Blake Parzych vs. SEMO (10/30/20)

3.0 TFL: 3.0, Jordan Berner at Missouri St.

(03/27/21)

4 INT: Greg Shipp* vs. Western Carolina (12/17/83)**3 INT:** Orlando Rodgers at UT-Martin (9/12/98)**2 INT:** Jeremy Chinn at South Dakota (10/26/19)**4 players with an interception:**

Tyler Williamson (1), Terrell Wilson (1), Bryan Presume (1), & DJ Cameron (1) at ILS (10/6/12)

2 players with interceptions returned for TDs:

Brandon Williams (34), Mike McElroy (80) vs. Missouri State (11/14/09)

INT and FF in same game:

Ryan Neal, vs. Western Illinois (11/19/16)

Last DL with an interception:

Anthony Knighton vs. Western Illinois (11/3/18)

Last DL with two interceptions for TDs in a season:

Larry Luster in 2007 (vs. UNI and Indiana St.)

Forced 2+ fumbles:

Qua Brown vs. SDSU (03/20/21)

Forced 2+ fumbles in back-to-back games:

03/13-03/20/21, Qua Brown vs. UNI and SDSU

Scored on a safety: TEAM, at MSU (03/27/21)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Blocked a PAT: Anthony Knighton at Youngstown State (03/06/21)

Returned a blocked PAT: Trevor Moe vs. UNI (11/11/06)

Blocked a field goal: Anthony Knighton at South Dakota State (10/9/21)

Blocked 2 field goals in a game:

Craig Turner vs. Arkansas Pine-Bluff (9/22/07)

Returned a blocked field goal for a touchdown:

Bryan Presume at Western Illinois (11/2/13)

Blocked a punt: Luke Geigling vs. Missouri State (11/9/19)

Blocked a punt in back-to-back games:

Brandon Williams, 10/3-10/10/15

Blocked a kick in three-straight games:

Brandon Williams, 9/26 (FG), 10/3-10/10/15 (P)

Returned a blocked punt for a touchdown:

Brandon Williams at WIU (10/3/15)

Returned an opening kickoff for a TD:

Je'Quan Burton (100 yards) vs. NDSU (11/17/18)

TOTAL OFFENSE/ALL-PURPOSE

300-100 (passing-rushing):

411-106, Mark Iannotti at Indiana (9/5/15)

The Salukis...

OFFENSE

0 points: at South Dakota (10/28/17)

0 points in 1st half: at SEMO (9/16/23)

0 points in 2nd half: at YSU (10/7/23)

Did not score a Touchdown: at YSU (10/7/23)

Fewer than 100 yds rushing: at YSU (10/7/23)

Less than 100 yards passing: 92, vs. SDSU (3/20/21)

Fewer than 100 total net yards: 64, at McNeese State (9/11/76)

39+ minutes of possession: 41:26 vs. NDSU (02/27/21)

Did not allow a sack: at SEMO (9/16/23)

Did not allow a sack in three-straight games:

2017 - 9/16 (at SEMO), 9/23 (at MEM) and

9/30/17 (vs. UNI)

Did not allow a sack in four-straight games:

2015 - 9/26 (vs. Liberty), 10/3 (at WIU),

10/10 (vs. MSU) and 10/17/15 (at INS)

DEFENSE

Shutout an opponent in 1st half: at Northern Illinois (9/12/23)

Shutout an opponent in 2nd half: vs. Youngstown St. (10/19/19)

Did not allow an offensive TD: at Murray State (10/14/23)

Held an opponent to 0 or fewer yards in a quarter:

0, fourth quarter at Illinois State (10/2/10)

5 fumble recoveries: vs. Eastern Illinois (11/28/09)

4 fumble recoveries: at Western Illinois (11/16/19)

16 TFL in a game: 16.0, vs. Miss Valley St. (9/9/17)

8+ sacks in a game: 9, vs. Youngstown St. (10/19/19)

Scored 3 Def. TD: 3 (2 fumble, 1 int.) at MSU (8/30/18)

TURNOVERS

Forced 6 or more turnovers in a game:

6, at Murray State (4 FR, 2 Int) (8/30/18)

Forced 5 turnovers in a game: at Western Illinois (11/16/19)

Forced 4 turnovers in a game: at Northern Illinois (9/9/23)

Committed 6 or more turnovers in a game:

7, at SEMO (9/12/15)

Committed 5 turnovers in a game:

at North Dakota (02/20/21)

Committed 4 turnovers in a game: at SEMO (9/16/23)

Did not force a turnover: at Youngstown State (11/19/22)

Did not force a turnover in back-to-back games:

2022, NDSU and YSU

Did not commit a turnover: vs. North Dakota State (02/27/21)

Lost 4 or more fumbles: at SEMO (9/12/15)

Lost 3 fumbles: at North Dakota (02/20/21)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Scored 13 or more points kicking:

14, vs. SEMO (9/15/18)

Scored 10-12 points kicking: 11, at Indiana State (11/2/19)

Punted 10+ times: 10, vs. South Dakota (9/29/18)

Totalled 175 or more kickoff return yards:

212, vs. YSU (10/15/11)

Totalled 100 or more punt return yards:

164, vs. Western Kentucky (10/21/06)

Missed a PAT: at SEMO (9/16/23)

Attempted a two-point conversion: at SEMO (9/2/21)

Successful two-point conversion:

at MSU (Stone Labanowitz pass), 03/27/21

Attempted an onside kick:

vs. SEMO (10/30/20)

Successful onside kick:

vs. Illinois State (10/12/19) - Gualdoni (kicker) to Justin Strong (recovered)

MISCELLANEOUS

Scored four non-offensive touchdowns:

at Youngstown State (2 fumble returns, int. return, blocked punt return), 10/20/12

Scored on offense, defense and special teams:

2015 - at Western Illinois (INT return, block punt return), 10/3/15

...in back-to-back games:

2012 - vs. UNI (10/13/12) and at YSU (10/20/12)