



Game 2 | Sept. 6, 2025 | 6:30 PM CT (7:30 PM EST)
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (1-0, 0-0) AT
PURDUE (1-0, 0-0)
West Lafayette, Ind. | Ross-Ade Stadium (61,441)
Series: SIU is 0-1 vs. Purdue | 35-13 loss at Purdue on Sept. 20, 2014

2025 MVFC Standings

	CONF	Pct.	ALL	Pct.	Home	Away	Ntrl	Strk
Indiana State	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000	1-0	0-0	0-0	W1
North Dakota State	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000	0-0	1-0	0-0	W1
Northern Iowa	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000	1-0	0-0	0-0	W1
South Dakota State	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000	1-0	0-0	0-0	W1
Southern Illinois	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000	1-0	0-0	0-0	W1
Youngstown State	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000	1-0	0-0	0-0	W1
Illinois State	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	0-1	0-0	L1
Murray State	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	0-1	0-0	L1
North Dakota	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	0-1	0-0	L1
South Dakota	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	0-1	0-0	L1

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2025 Southern Illinois Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time (CT)	Result	TV
Aug. 30	Thomas More	6 PM	W, 49-3	ESPN+
Sept. 6	at Purdue	6:30 PM		BTN
Sept. 13	at UT Martin	6 PM		ESPN+
Sept. 20	at SEMO	6 PM		ESPN+
Oct. 4	Indiana State	6 PM		ESPN+
Oct. 11	at North Dakota State	2:30 PM		ESPN+
Oct. 18	North Dakota	2 PM		ESPN+
Oct. 25	Northern Iowa (HC)	2 PM		ESPN+
Nov. 1	at Murray State	4 PM		ESPN+
Nov. 8	at Youngstown State	1 PM		ESPN+
Nov. 15	South Dakota	12 PM		ESPN+
Nov. 22	at Illinois State	12 PM		ESPN+

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Recap of the Season-Opener

Southern Illinois defeated Thomas More, 49-3, in its season-opener on Saturday. The 49 points are the most SIU has scored in its first game of a season since scoring 49 vs. Austin Peay on Sept. 2, 2023.

The Salukis totaled 386 yards on offense with 238 coming through the air and 148 on the ground. Southern did not commit a turnover while the defense forced five (three fumbles, two interceptions). Dating back to the final game of 2024 vs. Murray State, SIU has forced five turnovers in back-to-back games.

DJ Williams had a strong day in his return for SIU, going 18-for-24 (75%) with 227 passing yards and three touchdowns while also rushing four times for 18 yards and one touchdown on the ground.

Andrew Behm's six tackles were a team-high, while Amir Dwight had 2.0 TFL and 1.0 sack and Donnie Wingate had 1.5 TFL and 1.0 sack.

A pair of freshmen tallied interceptions on Saturday: David Obadein and Cameron Cason. Obadein's came in the form of a pick-six, while Cason registered his on the final drive of the game.

Breaking Down the 2025 Slate

In 2025, Southern will play five home games and seven road games, its most in a regular season since 2019.

The Salukis are heading out on a three-game road trip starting on Saturday at Purdue. This marks the fifth consecutive season where SIU has faced an FBS opponent. Since 2021, it holds a record of 2-2 against such teams with wins over

Northwestern in 2022 and Northern Illinois in 2023.

Southern Illinois will then travel to UT Martin on Sept. 13 and SEMO on Sept. 20 before it heads into its bye week. The Salukis will return home on Oct. 4 vs. Indiana State for Family Weekend before a tough road test at North Dakota State on Oct. 11.

The only time this season where SIU will play consecutive home games is Oct. 18 and Oct. 25 when it hosts North Dakota and then Northern Iowa.

DJ Williams' Strong 2025 Debut

- In his first game since suffering a season-ending hand injury in Week 3 against Incarnate Word last season, DJ Williams was both efficient and effective in his return to the field last Saturday against Thomas More.
- Williams' 75% completion percentage against the Saints was his highest mark as a Saluki, while his three passing touchdowns were tied for a career-high (reached this twice at Murray State). This was the senior quarterback's first three-touchdown game (passing) since Nov. 4, 2023, vs. North Dakota.
- Prior to an injury to his throwing hand that ended his 2024 campaign, Williams had thrown for 571 yards, 4 TDs and 2 INTs to go along with 39 rushes for 242 yards (6.2 avg) and 4 TDs.
- Williams transferred to SIU from Murray State, where he was the 2021 OVC Freshman of the Year and passed for 1,529 yards and 11 touchdowns in 2023.

Defense Shines in Week One

Under first-year defensive coordinator Lee Pronschinske, the Southern Illinois defense was dominant against Thomas More. The visitors' lone three points came off a field goal in the second quarter.

Southern held the Saints to 191 yards of total offense with 131 passing yards and 60 rushing. The 60 rushing yards are the fewest the Salukis have allowed in a game since allowing 53 vs. Austin Peay on Sept. 7, 2024, last season.

Linebacker Andrew Behm, who played in just three games in 2024 due to injury, led the team with six tackles after recording five total last year.

Donnie Wingate and Amir Dwight registered one sack each against the Saints. This was Dwight's third-career sack and first since Nov. 2, 2024, at Missouri State. Wingate's was his first as a Saluki after spending the previous three seasons at Lindenwood.

Pair of Freshmen Tally Pair of Interceptions against Saints

While veterans like Behm and Colin Bohanek made their impact felt on Saturday with 11 combined tackles, some of the younger members of the Saluki defense made their collegiate debuts memorable ones.

Freshman David Obadein recorded a pick-six from the opposing five-yard line at the 10:40 mark of the fourth quarter, giving SIU a 42-3 lead.

On Thomas More's final drive of the game, fellow freshman Cameron Cason tallied his first-career interception and returned it for 36 yards.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS OFFENSE

#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Class	Hometown	Last School
0	Tae Marrero	WR	5'10"	187	Sr.	Louisville, Ky.	Charleston
1	DJ Williams	QB	6' 3"	218	Sr.	Harvey, Ill.	Murray State
2	Vinson Davis III	WR	5'8"	175	Sr.	Miramar, Fla.	Charleston Southern
4	Edward Robinson	RB	5'11"	195	So.	Cleveland, Ohio	Duquesne
6	Kyle Thomas	WR	6'3"	190	So.	Richton Park, Ill.	Northern Illinois
7	Jake Curry	QB	5'11"	185	So.	Edwardsville, Ill.	Edwardsville HS
8	Chandler Chapman	RB	5'11"	210	Jr.	Bay St. Louis, Miss.	Mississippi Gulf Coast CC
9	Fabian McCray	WR	6'2"	195	Sr.	Chicago, Ill.	Jackson State
10	Jackson Parker	WR	6'2"	205	Sr.	Kingston, N.Y.	Albany
11	Ty Walls	WR	6'0"	192	So.	Jenks, Okla.	Oklahoma State
13	Jay Jones	WR	6'4"	210	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo.	Carnahan HS
14	Cal Weidemann	WR	6'1"	195	Sr.	Omaha, Neb.	Iowa Central CC
16	ET Harris	QB	6'3"	170	R-Fr.	Louisville, Ky.	Kentucky Country Day
17	Owen Rann	QB	6'4"	205	Fr.	Harrisburg, Ill.	Harrisburg HS
18	Blayne Sisson	WR	6'2"	190	R-Fr.	Mount Carmel, Ill.	Illinois
19	JC Mirasola	QB	6'0"	185	Fr.	Tampa, Fla.	HB Plant HS
24	Lem Wash	RB	5'10"	220	Sr.	Wichita, Kan.	South Dakota
25	Kayleb Wagner	RB	6'2"	220	So.	Baker, Fla.	Baker HS
26	Quade Chatmon	RB	6'0"	205	Fr.	Kansas City, Mo.	Lee's Summit North
28	Lashaun Lester	RB	5'10"	210	Sr.	Summerville, Ga.	Chattooga HS
32	Jimmy Athans	RB	5'8"	192	Jr.	Lake Geneva, Wis.	IMG Academy
33	Dedrick Welch	RB	5'8"	163	Fr.	Baton Rouge, La.	Liberty Magnet
37	Arshawan Powell	ATH	5'10"	150	Fr.	Chicago, Ill.	Evergreen Park
41	Aidan Quinn	TE	6'1"	245	Sr.	Greenbrier, Tenn.	Davidson Academy
42	Patrick Carr	TE	6'5"	245	Fr.	Louisville, Ky.	Fern Creek HS
47	Miles Marshall	TE	6'5"	260	Jr.	Kansas City, Mo.	Pembroke Hill HS
52	Ethan Goodin	OL	6'5"	300	R-Fr.	Evansville, Ind.	Austin Peay
53	Noah Fenske	C	6'6"	310	Sr.	New Hampton, Iowa	Colorado
60	Cameron Dye	OT	6'4"	310	Sr.	Alpharetta, Ga.	Georgia State
61	Aiden Logan	G	6'6"	320	Sr.	Carthage, Mo.	Butler CC
62	Liam Carney	OL	6'5"	290	Fr.	Wauconda, Ill.	Wauconda HS
63	Jak Lindsey	C	6'5"	300	R-Fr.	Beaver Dam, Ky.	Owensboro HS
64	Quentin Boeke	OT	6'6"	290	R-Fr.	Evansville, Ind.	FJ Reitz HS
65	Owen Lee	OL	6'4"	295	Fr.	Carbondale, Ill.	Carbondale HS
66	Parker Getter	OT	6'6"	305	R-Fr.	Glenwood, Iowa	Glenwood Community HS
67	Blaine Halley	OT	6'7"	300	So.	Atlanta, Ill.	Olympia HS
68	Derek Harden Jr.	G	6'3"	330	Sr.	Lawrenceville, Ga.	Archer HS
69	Aidan Duerig	G	6'6"	305	So.	Lowell, Ind.	Crown Point HS
70	Brendan Bisgrove	OL	6'4"	285	Fr.	Oswego, Ill.	Oswego HS
71	Ostyn Friday	C	6'2"	285	So.	Iowa City, Iowa	City High
72	Antonio Ross Jr.	OL	6'6"	315	R-Fr.	Flowood, Miss.	Jackson State
73	Coleon Smith	OT	6'6"	310	Sr.	Romulus, Mich.	Eastern Michigan
74	Jacob Katauskas	G	6'4"	310	R-Fr.	Lemont, Ill.	Coastal Carolina
75	Tristan Cooke-Dennis	OL	6'6"	315	Fr.	Westfield, Ind.	Westfield HS
76	Jimmy Lansing	OT	6'7"	320	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo.	Chaminade Prep
77	Tyrese Reid	OT	6'7"	260	R-Fr.	St. Louis, Mo.	Webster Groves HS
79	Donte Green	OL	6'4"	310	Fr.	Plainfield, Ill.	Plainfield South HS
80	Gage Green	WR	6'1"	190	R-Fr.	Du Quoin, Ill.	Du Quoin HS
81	Jacques Carter	WR	5'10"	170	Fr.	Canton, Ohio	Massillon Washington
82	Chris Potter	WR	5'11"	175	Fr.	Kirkwood, Mo.	Kirkwood HS
83	Ryan Schwendeman	TE	6'5"	245	Jr.	O'Fallon, Mo.	St. Dominic HS
84	Tristen Payne	WR	6'1"	170	Fr.	Little Rock, Ark.	Milton HS
85	Lincoln Acree	WR	5'11"	160	Fr.	Graves County, Ky.	Graves County HS
86	Logan Minton	TE	6'7"	240	So.	Wildwood, Mo.	Lafayette HS
87	Karsen Konkel	TE	6'6"	235	R-Fr.	Pinckneyville, Ill.	Pinckneyville HS
89	Aiden Moriarty	TE	6'4"	250	R-Fr.	Plainfield, Ill.	Oswego East HS

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS DEFENSE

#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Class	Hometown	Last School
2	Naz Hill	CB	6' 3"	185	So.	Kankakee, Ill.	Wyoming
3	Jagger Williams	DB	6' 2"	185	Sr.	Baldwin Hills, Calif.	Utah Tech
4	Vinny Pierre Jr.	S	6' 1"	200	Jr.	Belle Glade, Fla.	Cardinal Newman
5	Cejai Parson	S	6' 2"	195	Sr.	Memphis, Tenn.	White Station
6	Chris Presto	LB	6' 2"	230	Jr.	Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.	Cardinal Newman
7	Sebastian Vargas	CB	6' 1"	190	Jr.	Oviedo, Fla.	Florida
8	Jeremiah McClendon	CB	6' 0"	185	Sr.	Delray Beach, Fla.	Florida International
9	Donnie Wingate	DE	6' 3"	250	Sr.	Choctaw, Okla.	Lindenwood
10	Bernadin Fleurima Jr.	DT	6' 0"	292	Sr.	Valley Stream, N.Y.	Robert Morris
11	Vontrell Chairse	DE	6' 3"	240	Sr.	Chicago, Ill.	Toledo
12	Johnny Schmitt	S	6' 1"	190	So.	Chicago, Ill.	Illinois
13	Camron Miller	DE	6' 3"	250	So.	Missouri City, Texas	Fresno City College
15	Charles Whelpley	LB	6' 2"	230	R-Fr.	Batavia, Ill.	Iowa State
16	Colin Bohanek	LB	6' 0"	227	Sr.	Chicago, Ill.	Eastern Illinois
17	Tucker Murphy	S	6' 0"	195	Jr.	Murrieta, Calif.	Palomar College
20	Jake Parella	DE	6' 2"	255	Sr.	Cleveland, Ohio	Oregon State
21	Matthew McClelland	S	6' 2"	200	Jr.	Mesa, Ariz.	Morehead State
22	Joshua Tillman	DB	6' 4"	200	R-Fr.	Waterford, Mich.	Northern Illinois
27	Denym Mitchell	CB	6' 0"	185	R-Fr.	Jackson, Miss.	Madison Central HS
29	Gavin Shepard	CB	5' 11"	175	R-Fr.	Miami Gardens, Fla.	Chaminade Madonna College Prep
31	Grant Thompson	S	6' 0"	190	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga.	North Atlanta HS
33	Shug Walker	LB	6' 2"	225	Sr.	Bethalto, Ill.	Murray State
34	David Obadein	LB	6' 2"	195	Fr.	Plainfield, Ill.	Plainfield HS
35	Cameron Cason	CB	6'0"	170	Fr.	Weldon Springs, Mo.	Francis Howell HS
36	Clayton Lakatos	S	6'1"	190	Fr.	Edwardsville, Ill.	Edwardsville HS
38	Stephen Green	LB	5'11"	200	Jr.	Collinsville, Ill.	Collinsville HS
39	Chase Reynolds	S	5'11"	191	Fr.	Collinsville, Ill.	Collinsville HS
40	Lukus McDaniels	DE	6-6	250	R-Fr.	Louisville, Ky.	Jeffersontown HS
43	Juwann Holmes	S	5-11	180	Sr.	Peoria, Ill.	McKendree
44	Miles Wash	LB	5-11	225	So.	Wichita, Kan.	Derby HS
45	Ben Fiegel	LB	6-3	230	So.	Batavia, Ill.	Batavia HS
46	Andrew Behm	LB	6-2	230	Sr.	Appleton, Wis.	Akron
49	Max Bremer	DT	6-3	260	So.	Metropolis, Ill.	Massac County HS
52	Ryan Coby	LB	6-3	210	Fr.	Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.	Cardinal Newman
54	Colby Ryan	LB	6-1	215	So.	Greenup, Ill.	Cumberland HS
55	Alex Broshears	LS	5-11	205	Fr.	Evansville, Ind.	Reitz Memorial HS
56	Nate Tronzo	DE	6-4	255	R-Fr.	Louisville, Ky.	Trinity HS
57	Kaden Clay	LB	6-0	207	Fr.	Lexington, Ky.	Frederick Douglas HS
59	Brennan King	DE	6-2	235	Fr.	West Palm Beach, Fla.	Cardinal Newman HS
88	Kaden Lewis	DT	6-2	290	R-Fr.	Louisville, Ky.	Ohio Dominican
90	Peyton Reeves	DT	6-2	305	Sr.	Basehor, Kan.	St. Thomas Aquinas
91	Kenneth Butler III	DT	6-2	275	Sr.	Newburgh, Ind.	Indiana State
92	Ryan Chandley II	DT	6-4	295	Jr.	Canton, Ga.	Cherokee HS
94	Amir Dwight	DT	6-1	272	So.	Cordele, Ga.	Crisp County HS

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SPECIALISTS

18	Jace Clark	LS	6-1	210	So.	Carbondale, Ill.	Carbondale HS
19	Paul Geelen	K/P	6-6	205	Sr.	Utrecht, Netherlands	William Jewell College
48	Ryan Algrim	LS	6-2	230	So.	Elburn, Ill.	Minnesota
55	Alex Broshears	LS	5-11	205	Fr.	Evansville, Ind.	Reitz Memorial HS
92	Elijah Gorman	P	5-11	200	Jr.	Kenosha, Wis.	Harborside Academy
99	Tanner Trachsel	K	6-3	205	R-Fr.	Olathe, Kan.	Olathe HS



2024 Southern Illinois Team Rankings

Category	Nation	MVFC	Value
3rd Down Conversion Pct (123 ranked)	48	8	0.403
3rd Down Conversion Pct Defense (123 ranked)	106	9	0.462
4th Down Conversion Pct (123 ranked)	122	11	0.259
4th Down Conversion Pct Defense (123 ranked)	78	6	0.542
Blocked Kicks (72 ranked)	72	6	1
Completion Percentage (123 ranked)	83	10	0.575
Fewest Penalties (123 ranked)	44	7	67
Fewest Penalties Per Game (123 ranked)	43	8	5.58
Fewest Penalty Yards (123 ranked)	46	5	584
Fewest Penalty Yards Per Game (123 ranked)	46	7	48.7
First Downs Defense (123 ranked)	86	6	254
First Downs Offense (123 ranked)	60	8	230
Fumbles Lost (123 ranked)	5	4	3
Fumbles Recovered (122 ranked)	112	10	3
Kickoff Return Defense (123 ranked)	38	6	18.57
Kickoff Returns (123 ranked)	59	7	19.91
Net Punting (123 ranked)	17	3	39.95
Passes Had Intercepted (123 ranked)	95	10	13
Passes Intercepted (123 ranked)	27	4	13
Passing Offense (123 ranked)	30	3	234.6
Passing Yards Allowed (123 ranked)	92	7	237.8
Passing Yards per Completion (123 ranked)	62	7	11.83
Punt Return Defense (123 ranked)	34	3	6.50
Punt Returns (123 ranked)	65	5	7.55
Red Zone Defense (123 ranked)	47	5	0.795
Red Zone Offense (123 ranked)	98	8	0.738
Rushing Defense (123 ranked)	85	5	170.5
Rushing Offense (123 ranked)	69	10	144.1
Sacks Allowed (123 ranked)	101	10	2.75
Scoring Defense (123 ranked)	89	6	30.58
Scoring Offense (123 ranked)	82	8	22.4
Tackles for Loss Allowed (123 ranked)	94	10	6.75
Team Passing Efficiency (123 ranked)	86	10	123.47
Team Passing Efficiency Defense (123 ranked)	93	7	143.43
Team Sacks (123 ranked)	53	7	2.08
Team Tackles for Loss (123 ranked)	40	4	6.1
Time of Possession (123 ranked)	95	10	28:00
Total Defense (123 ranked)	92	7	408.3
Total Offense (123 ranked)	50	7	378.7
Turnover Margin (123 ranked)	62	8	0.0
Turnovers Gained (123 ranked)	68	7	16
Turnovers Lost (123 ranked)	48	9	16

Southern Illinois Individual Rankings

Statistic	Player	Nation	MVFC	Value
Punting	Paul Geelen	19	7	43.1
Receiving Yards	Keontez Lewis	49	7	813
Receiving Yards Per Game	Keontez Lewis	38	5	73.9
Yards Per Reception	Keontez Lewis	41	5	16.6
Tackles For Loss	Ben Bogle	13	1	1.40
Total Tackles	Ubayd Steed	53	5	7.9

Paul Geelen - Shrine Bowl 1000 Watchlist

Senior punter/kicker Paul Geelen was named to the Shrine Bowl 1000 Watchlist on July 28. Geelen was amongst the best in the country on special teams in 2024, ranking 19th in the FCS in punting with an average of 43.12 yards-per-punt.

Geelen was 10-for-15 on field goals for a percentage of .667 with a long of 50, which came against North Dakota State on Oct. 12, 2024.

Stats Perform FCS Top 25

After the opening week, the Salukis moved from No. 20 to No. 14 in the Stats Perform FCS Top 25 Poll. North Dakota State remains in first, while South Dakota State (second) and Montana State (third) flipped spots. The MVFC has six teams ranked in the top 25.

Salukis Also Climb in AFCA FCS Coaches Poll

In the latest AFCA FCS Coaches Poll, Southern Illinois has moved up from No. 20 to No. 15. North Dakota State is ranked in the top spot, followed by South Dakota State and Montana State. The latter is tied with Tarleton State for third as both received 567 points.

SIU will face four ranked teams according to the poll. Its first ranked opponent will be No. 1 North Dakota State on Oct. 11 in Fargo, N.D., followed by a home matchup vs. No. 22 North Dakota on Oct. 18. Then, the Salukis will close-out the year with back-to-back ranked games against No. 6 South Dakota on Nov. 15 in Carbondale and No. 7 Illinois State on Nov. 22 in Normal.

UT Martin, who Southern will travel to on Sept. 13, received 22 votes while Northern Iowa, SIU's opponent on Oct. 25, received 21.

Southern Shows off Depth in Receiver Room vs. Thomas More

In a mostly new-look receiver room, seven different Salukis recorded at least two receptions in Week One vs. Thomas More. Vinson Davis III, who is the team's leading returning receiver, paced the team in both catches (six) and yards (97) against the Saints. Veteran Jay Jones and newcomers Fabian McCray and Jackson Parker all found the endzone in Week One.

McCray comes to SIU by way of Jackson State, where he played just three games in 2024 due to injuries. The Chicago native was on the preseason HBCU+ Player of the Year Watch List prior to the injury. Parker spent five seasons at Albany (2020-24) and played in 35 games before arriving in Carbondale. During his time there, Parker tallied 94 career catches for 1,224 yards and five touchdowns.

In terms of returners, senior Jay Jones caught five passes for 132 yards and one touchdown last season. Jones played in eight games in 2024, which matches his total from his first four years at SIU combined (did not play in 2020 and redshirted in 2021).

Stats Perform Preseason All-America Teams

Colin Bohanek was Southern Illinois' lone representative on the 2025 Stats Perform Preseason All-America Teams, which was released on July 15. Bohanek was one of two linebackers to be named to the third team.

Southern Illinois Lands 13 Players on MVFC Preseason Watch List

The Salukis have 12 players on the MVFC Preseason Watch List, which came out on July 21.

Those players are the following: DJ Williams, Aidan Quinn, Ryan Schwendeman, Cameron Dye, Noah Fenske, Vinson Davis III, Donnie Wingate, Colin Bohanek, Chris Presto, Jeremiah McClendon, Ryan Algrim, and Paul Geelen.

Historic Crowd for SIU vs. SEMO in 2024

The 13,421 fans in attendance for Family Weekend last season on Sept. 21 versus SEMO were the second-most in stadium history, behind only the standing-room crowd of 15,276 that attended the opening of the stadium in



2010 versus Division II Quincy. Saluki Stadium seats approximately 14,000 in its horseshoe-shaped seating bowl, with an official stadium capacity of 15,774 that includes the standing-room area of the berm.

Postseason success under Hill

Of SIU's 11 playoff appearances in school history, Hill was the quarterback of two teams (2006, 2007) and head coach of three (2020, 2021, 2023). The Salukis have won 11 playoff games in school history and Hill was a part of six of them (quarterbacked three wins and coached three more).

Since 2019, only three FCS programs have won three or more playoff games (South Dakota State, North Dakota State and Southern Illinois).

Saluki Football in the last five seasons...

- Three FCS Playoff appearances and three playoff wins
- 12-14 against FCS ranked teams, including wins over No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4.
- 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)
- FCS Playoffs Elite 8 (Spring, 2021)
- Playoffs Sweet 16 (Fall, 2021, 2023)
- Twenty-two weeks ranked in the FCS Top 10, as high as No. 3 (Oct. 25, 2021)

A Look at the Coaching Staff

Lee Pronschinske, who coached the safeties in 2024, was promoted to defensive coordinator at the conclusion of the season and is entering his first year in the role. Pronschinske will continue coaching the safeties as well.

Darius Davis and Eriq Moore are two new additions to the staff for 2025. Davis will serve as the team's defensive line coach while Eriq Moore will coach the cornerbacks. Prior to SIU, Davis spent three years at Robert Morris (2022-24) in the same role and coached SIU transfer defensive tackle Bernadin Fleurima Jr.

Moore arrived in Carbondale in April of 2025 after coaching defensive backs for two seasons at Missouri Western State. As a player, Moore was a three-year starter at SEMO (2013-16).

Where SIU Ranked Statistically in 2024

Despite several injuries to the quarterback position, Southern Illinois still ranked third in the MVFC in passing, averaging 234.6 yards-per-game. This also ranked 30th in the country at the end of the season.

SIU's 13 interceptions were the fourth-most in the conference and were just one behind South Dakota, South Dakota State, and Illinois State for the league-lead.

The Salukis had a top five red zone defense in the Valley, as opponents converted at a rate of 79.5%. In the FCS, this ranked 47th out of 123 teams.

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

Southern Illinois was one of two FCS teams that beat FBS opponents in both 2022 and 2023. The Salukis defeated Northwestern in 2022 and beat Northern Illinois in 2023. Sacramento State beat Colorado State (2022) and Stanford (2023).

Jake Curry to back-up DJ Williams after Busy Freshman Year

Jake Curry became the first true freshman to start at quarterback for the Salukis in 35 years (Brendon Prenger, a true freshman walk-on QB, started at Northern Iowa on Nov. 11, 1989) in 2025 after Southern lost both Williams and Hunter Simmons due to

injury. Curry took over in Game 7 vs. North Dakota State after Simmons went down.

Curry went on to play in seven games and make five starts in his first year as a Saluki. The Edwardsville, Ill., native finished the season 82-of-147 for 931 yards, three touchdowns, and seven interceptions. Curry also ran 45 times for 159 yards and three touchdowns.

Against Youngstown State, Curry helped lead SIU back from a 28-0 deficit to win, 37-33, earning the then freshman quarterback Stats Perform National Freshman Player of the Week honors. Curry threw for 322 yards with three touchdowns to go along with 78 yards on the ground and one touchdown.

The comeback was the largest in school history and tied for the largest in conference history.

Experience Across the Offensive Line

Southern's offensive line boasts plenty of experience in 2025. All five projected starters – Coleon Smith, Aiden Logan, Noah Fenske, Derek Harden Jr., and Cameron Dye – are seniors with at least five years under their belt.

Fenske is entering his second year as a starter for SIU after sitting out the 2023 campaign due to NCAA transfer rules.

On the outside, tackles Dye and Smith have a combined 10 years of experience. Guards Logan and Harden Jr. have a total of 11 years between them.

The offensive line is coached by Dan Clark, who has been in the role since 2022. Clark previously coached at Illinois State before joining the Salukis.

Related — or Not?

Brothers

DL Caden Reeves, DL Peyton Reeves
RB Lem Wash, LB Miles Wash

Not related

LB Stephen Green, OL Donte Green, WR Gage Green
QB DJ Williams, DB Jagger Williams

Nick Hill versus ...

	H	A	All
Arkansas State	0-0	0-1	0-1
Austin Peay	1-0	1-0	2-0
BYU	0-0	0-1	0-1
Dayton	1-0	0-0	1-0
Florida Atlantic	0-0	0-1	0-1
Idaho	0-0	0-1	0-1
Illinois State	2-2	1-2	3-4
Incarnate Word	1-0	0-1	1-1
Indiana State	1-2	3-1	4-3
Kansas State	0-0	0-1	0-1
Memphis	0-0	0-1	0-1
Missouri State	2-2	2-3	4-5
Mississippi	0-0	0-1	0-1
Miss. Valley St.	1-0	0-0	1-0
Murray State	2-0	2-0	4-0
Nicholls State	1-0	0-0	1-0
Northwestern	0-0	1-0	1-0
North Dakota	2-0	0-1	2-1
North Dakota St.	1-2	0-4	1-6
Northern Illinois	0-0	1-0	1-0
Northern Iowa	1-2	0-2	1-4
SEMO	2-3	3-1	5-4
Southeastern La.	1-0	0-0	1-0
South Dakota	1-2	2-3	3-4
South Dakota St.	0-4	1-4	1-7
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	3-1	5-2
Youngstown St.	2-2	1-4	3-6
TOTAL	25-22	23-34	48-56

vs. FCS Coaches Top 25	15-30
vs. FCS Coaches Top 10	8-16
vs. Unranked FCS Teams	28-20
When Ranked	26-21
vs. FBS Teams	3-6
Home	25-22
Road	23-34
Neutral	0-0
Conference	28-42
When rushing for 200+	20-11
When passing for 300+	11-14
When scoring 35+	30-6
Opponents score <10	11-0
When forcing 3 or more TOs	18-4
When SIU scores first	27-22
When SIU leads at half	34-18
When SIU trails at half	10-36
When SIU is tied at half	4-1
When leading after third	40-11
When trailing after third	7-43
When tied after third	0-1
Games decided 3 or less	8-12
Games decided by 11+	30-27
Games decided by 8-10	4-6
Games decided by 4-7	6-11
Overtime games	2-0



Salukis on active NFL rosters

- SIU currently has three players on NFL rosters — S Jeremy Chinn (Las Vegas), LB Branson Combs (Jacksonville), S PJ Jules (Cincinnati).
- Chinn was a second-round draft pick (64th overall) in the 2020 draft and runner-up for Defensive Rookie of the Year. The safety signed a two-year, \$16.25 million contract with Las Vegas in March.
- Jules, who was on the Bengals' practice squad in 2024, is now a member of the 53-man roster for the 2025 season. Combs was signed to Jacksonville's practice squad.

Salukis' NFL Tradition

- 43 SIU football alums went on to play in the NFL
- RB Brandon Jacobs was a two-time Super Bowl Champion with New York Giants.
- QB Jim Hart was a four-time Pro Bowl selection who threw for 34,665 career yards with the St. Louis Cardinals. Later, he served as SIU's director of athletics.
- LB Bart Scott was an 11-year NFL pro with the Baltimore Ravens and New York Jets.
- OL Carl Mauck was a 13-year NFL veteran and a 21-year NFL assistant coach (OL).

In 11 Playoff Appearances, SIU is 11-10

- 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 Championship**, 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 **Final Four**, 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 **Elite Eight**, 31-26.
- 2021:** Won at South Dakota in the first round, 22-10. Lost at North Dakota State in the second round, 38-7.
- 2023:** Beat Nicholls State, 35-0. Lost at Idaho, 20-17 (OT)

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.

Salukis vs. the FBS

Since becoming a I-AA/FCS member in 1982, SIU is 6-37 versus FBS teams. Nick Hill was involved in five of the wins as either a player (Indiana-2006, Northern Illinois-2007) or head coach (UMass-2019, Northwestern-2022, Northern Illinois-2023).

SIU is 2-20 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.

The Salukis were the only FCS program to beat a Power Five

Stats Perform FCS Top 25

	Team (First-Place Votes)	Record	Points	Prev.
1	North Dakota State (53)	1-0	1,397	1
2	South Dakota State (2)	1-0	1,333	3
3	Montana State (1)	0-1	1,274	2
4	South Dakota	0-1	1,171	4
5	Tarleton State	2-0	1,164	10
6	Montana	0-0	1,027	7
7	Illinois State	0-1	961	6
8	UC Davis	1-0	958	8
9	Rhode Island	1-0	953	9
10	Idaho	0-1	879	12
11	Lehigh	1-0	745	14
12	UIW	1-1	730	5
13	Villanova	0-0	718	13
14	Southern Illinois	1-0	423	20
15	Jackson State	1-0	422	16
16	Abilene Christian	0-1	396	16
17	Tennessee Tech	1-0	371	21
18	Sacramento State	0-1	351	15
19	Northern Arizona	0-1	349	19
20	North Dakota	0-1	325	NR
21	Monmouth	1-0	323	22
22	Nicholls	1-1	265	NR
23	Mercer	0-1	229	11
24	Southern Utah	1-0	226	NR
25	Stephen F. Austin	0-1	146	23

Dropped Out of Top 25: Western Carolina (18); Stony Brook (24); Richmond (25)

Others Receiving Votes (schools listed on two or more ballots)

Austin Peay (1-0), 145; ETSU (1-0), 116; Harvard (0-0), 105; New Hampshire (1-0), 100; UT Martin (0-1), 93; Southeast Missouri (0-1), 71; Gardner-Webb (1-0), 54; Stony Brook (0-1), 54; Richmond (0-1, 0-1 Patriot), 53; Western Carolina (0-1), 45; Eastern Kentucky (0-1), 37; Chattanooga (0-1), 35; Tennessee State (1-0), 31

AFCA FCS Coaches Poll

	Team (First-Place Votes)	Record	Points	Prev.
1	North Dakota State (25)	1-0	649	1
2	South Dakota State	1-0	586	3
T3	Montana State	0-1	567	2
T3	Tarleton State (1)	2-0	567	8
5	UC Davis	1-0	469	7
6	South Dakota	0-1	465	5
7	Illinois State	0-1	446	6
8	Rhode Island	1-0	440	10
9	UIW	1-1	412	4
10	Montana	0-0	402	9
11	Idaho	0-1	384	12
12	Villanova	0-0	338	13
13	Lehigh	1-0	291	15
14	Jackson State	1-0	268	17
15	Southern Illinois	1-0	239	20
16	Sacramento State	0-1	213	14
17	Abilene Christian	0-1	211	16
18	Monmouth (N.J.)	1-0	184	21
19	Northern Arizona	0-1	167	18
20	Tennessee Tech	1-0	159	22t
21	Mercer	0-1	156	11
22	North Dakota	0-1	95	NR
23	Stephen F. Austin	0-1	60	24
24	ETSU	1--0	58	NR
T25	Nicholls	1-1	57	NR
T25	Western Carolina	0-1	57	19

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.

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)



2024 Game-By-Game Starters

Opponent	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	QB	RB	WR	WR	WR	TE	K
BYU	Fenske	Mendiola	Evans	Green	Toure	Williams	Lester	Hezekiah	Lewis	Davis III	Schwendeman	Geelen
Austin Peay	Fenske	Mendiola	Evans	Green	Toure	Williams	Lester	Hezekiah	Lewis	Davis III	Schwendeman	Geelen
Incarnate Word	Fenske	Mendiola	Evans	Green	Toure	Williams	Lester	Hezekiah	Lewis	Davis III	Schwendeman	Geelen
SEMO	Fenske	Mendiola	Evans	Green	Toure	Simmons	Parker	Hezekiah	Lewis	Davis III	Schwendeman	Geelen
South Dakota	Fenske	Halley	Evans	Green	Dye	Simmons	Lester	Jones	Lewis	Davis III	Hoag	Geelen
Illinois State	Dye	Mendiola	Evans	Green	Toure	Simmons	Lester	Hezekiah	Lewis	Davis III	Hoag	Geelen
North Dakota State	Fenske	Mendiola	Evans	Green	Dye	Curry	Parker	Hezekiah	Lewis	Davis III	Hoag	Geelen
Indiana State	Fenske	Harden Jr.	Evans	Green	Dye	Curry	Parker	Hezekiah	Clark	Middleton	Hoag	Geelen
Missouri State	Fenske	Harden Jr.	Evans	Green	Dye	Curry	Parker	Hezekiah	Clark	Middleton	Hoag	Geelen
Youngstown State	Fenske	Mendiola	Evans	Green	Dye	Curry	Lester	Jones	Clark	Davis III	Hoag	Geelen
South Dakota State	Fenske	Mendiola	Evans	Green	Dye	Curry	Parker	Hezekiah	Lewis	Davis III	Hoag	Geelen
Murray State	Fenske	Mendiola	Evans	Green	Dye	Lindauer	Middleton	Clark	Lewis	Davis III	Hoag	Geelen
Opponent	DE	NT	DE	LB/DT	LB	LB	CB	S	S	S	CB	P
BYU	C. Reeves	Love	Greene	Presto	Bohanek	Walker	Conn	Hearns	Steed	Brown	Parson	Geelen
Austin Peay	Wilbert	P. Reeves	Greene	Presto	Bohanek	Walker	Baxter	Bigby	Steed	Brown	Parson	Geelen
Incarnate Word	Wilbert	Love	C. Reeves	Presto	Bogle	Walker	Conn	Bigby	Steed	Brown	Vargas	Geelen
SEMO	Wilbert	Love	C. Reeves	Presto	Bogle	Walker	Conn	Hearns	Steed	Brown	Baxter	Geelen
South Dakota	Wilbert	Love	Mathis	P. Reeves	Bogle	Walker	Conn	Hearns	Steed	Brown	Baxter	Geelen
Illinois State	Wilbert	Love	P. Reeves	Presto	Bogle	Walker	Conn	Hearns	Steed	Brown	Vargas	Geelen
North Dakota State	Mathis	Love	C. Reeves	Presto	Bogle	Walker	Conn	Hearns	Steed	Brown	Vargas	Geelen
Indiana State	Mathis	P. Reeves	C. Reeves	Presto	Bogle	Walker	Conn	Hearns	Steed	Brown	Vargas	Geelen
Missouri State	Wilbert	P. Reeves	Mathis	Presto	Bogle	Walker	Conn	Hearns	Steed	Brown	McClendon	Geelen
Youngstown State	Wilbert	P. Reeves	Mathis	Presto	Bogle	Walker	Conn	Hearns	Steed	Brown	McClendon	Geelen
South Dakota State	Wilbert	Love	Mathis	Roth	Bogle	Behm	Conn	Hearns	Steed	Brown	McClendon	Geelen
Murray State	Wilbert	Love	Mathis	Presto	Bogle	Walker	Conn	Bigby	Steed	Brown	McClendon	Geelen



Entering his 10th season as head coach in 2025, Nick Hill has elevated his alma mater into one of the elite programs in FCS Football.

A native son of Southern Illinois and one of Saluki Football's all-time great quarterbacks, 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.

Playing in the toughest conference at the FCS level, the Salukis have advanced to the playoffs three times in the last five seasons. Southern is one of only four FCS programs to accomplish this feat, joining North Dakota State, South Dakota State and Montana.

SIU was one of only two FCS teams in the nation to beat FBS opponents in both 2022 (Northwestern) and 2023 (Northern Illinois), joining Sacramento State, which beat Colorado State (2022) and Stanford (2023).

In its history, Saluki Football has won six games against FBS-level teams, and Hill has been a part of five of those wins (two as starting quarterback, three as head coach).

The Salukis have dominated in-state competition under Hill, winning their eight of their last nine games against in-state schools (Northern Illinois, Northwestern, Illinois State twice, Western Illinois four times). The lone loss came against Illinois State Oct. 5, 2024.

Southern has beaten 11 ranked FCS teams in the last four seasons, including wins over the No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4-ranked opponents.

Since 2020, the Salukis have been nationally ranked for 43 weeks, including 18 weeks in the top 10 and as high as No. 3. They enter the 2024 season having been ranked every week since Week 1 of 2023.

SIU has won three playoff games in the last five seasons, winning at Weber State (2020), at South Dakota (2021) and versus Nicholls State (2023), in the first home playoff game in Saluki Stadium history.

The program has produced multiple NFL players during Hill's tenure, including safeties Jeremy Chinn and Ryan Neal, cornerbacks Craig James and Madre Harper, plus tight end MyCole Pruitt. Chinn was a second-round draft pick of the Carolina Panthers and the 64th player chosen overall in 2020.

A leader on and off the field, Hill won the 2023 Fellowship of Christian Athletes Grant Teaff Coach of the Year Award, sponsored by the AFCA.

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 Du Quoin 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 Hill File

Birthday: April 5, 1985 (Age 39)

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	WFLC
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 (3rd)
2022	Southern Illinois	Head Coach	5-6	4-4 (6th)
2023	Southern Illinois	Head Coach	8-5	4-4 (7th)
2024	Southern Illinois	Head Coach	4-8	2-6 (8th)
Career Southern Illinois Head Coach			48-56	28-42

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 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.

"Coaching my alma mater is a dream come true," Hill said. "I love everything about this region and what it stands for, that blue-collar mentality. This is not my team. This is our team. Our program is going to invest in the community and make us proud on and off the field."

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	11,790 (Fall, 2024)
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	43-37

TEAM INFORMATION

2024 Record	4-8
Home	3-3
Road	1-5
MVFC (Finish)	2-6 (9th)
Offensive Starters Returning	5
QB DJ Williams, RB Shaun Lester, C Noah Fenske, OT Cam Dye, WR Vinson Davis III	
Defensive Starters Returning	5
DE Caden Reeves, DT Peyton Reeves, LB Chris Presto, LB Shug Walker, CB Jeremiah McClendon	
Special Teams Returning Starters	1
K/P Paul Geelen	

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Head Coach	Nick Hill
Alma Mater	Southern Illinois, 2008
Defensive Coordinator / Safeties	Lee Pronschinske
Alma Mater	Winona State, 2016
Dan Clark	Offensive Line
Darius Davis	Defensive Line
Nathan Frame	Special Teams Coordinator, Defensive Assistant
Zach Grant	Wide Receivers/Recruiting Coordinator
Nate Griffin	Tight Ends
Mac McLeran	Linebackers
Ryan McVicker	Quarterbacks
Eriq Moore	Cornerbacks
Larry Warner	Running Backs
Chris Gillespie	Director of Football Operations
Meade Smith	Head Strength Coach
Michael Lindauer	Graduate Assistant
Jack Halperin	Director of Player Personnel & Recruiting
Devan Williams	Video Coordinator
Reece Barrow	Defensive Assistant
Jacqueline Crain	Graduate Assistant

PRONUNCIATIONS

#0 Tae Marrero Jr.	Tay Mario
#2 Naz Hill	nahz
#5 Cejai Parson	CJ
#8 Jeremiah McClendon	muh-clen-DIN
#10 Bernadin Fleurima Jr.	fluh-REE-muh
#11 Vontrell Chairse	sha-ZAY
#16 Colin Bohanek	bo-han-ick
#18 Blayne Sisson	sis-in
#27 Denym Mitchell	Denim
#32 Jimmy Athans	ath-ins
#33 Shug Walker	shuug (like sugar)
#45 Ben Fiegel	fee-gull
#46 Andrew Behm	Bame
#53 Noah Fenske	fin-skee
#64 Quentin Boeke	Bake-EE
#67 Blaine Halley	how-lee
#69 Aidan Duerig	dur-ig
#74 Jacob Katauskas	kuh-tow-skus
#94 Amir Dwight	UH-meer
#98 Noah Friedt	freed
#99 Tanner Trachsel	track-sull
Lee Pronschinske	pron-CHIN-ski
Michael Lindauer	LIND-hour



SALUKIS VS. RANKED OPPONENTS

Oct. 30, 2020	#25	SEMO	W	20	17
Feb. 27, 2021	#1	North Dakota State	W	38	14
Mar. 13, 2021	#4	Northern Iowa	W	17	16
Mar. 20, 2021	#6	South Dakota State	L	3	44
April 17, 2021	#15	SE Louisiana	W	55	48
April 24, 2021	#3	at Weber State*	W	34	31
May 2, 2021	#2	at South Dakota State*	L	26	31
Oct. 9, 2021	#2	at South Dakota State	W	42	41
Oct. 16, 2021	#22	North Dakota	W	31	28
Oct. 30, 2021	#16	at Northern Iowa	L	16	23
Nov. 6, 2021	#17	Missouri State	L	28	38
Nov. 27, 2021	#17	at South Dakota*	W	22	10
Dec. 4, 2021	#3	at North Dakota State*	L	7	38
Sept. 3, 2022	#14	at Incarnate Word	L	29	64
Sept. 24, 2022	#19	North Dakota	W	34	17
Oct. 8, 2022	#20	at Missouri State	W	38	21
Nov. 12, 2022	#4	North Dakota State	L	18	21
Sept. 16, 2023	#13	at SEMO	W	26	25
Oct. 21, 2023	#1	South Dakota State	L	10	17
Nov. 4, 2023	#9	South Dakota	L	7	14
Nov. 11, 2023	#12	North Dakota State	L	10	34
Dec. 2, 2023	#4	at Idaho	L	17	20

* Denotes Playoff Game

SIU's Record Vs....

Ranked Teams	58-90
Top 10 Teams	21-49
Top 5 Teams	12-26
No. 1 Teams	2-5

Salukis Versus FBS Ranked Opponents

Date	Rank	Opponent	Result	SIU	Opp
Oct. 28, 1967	#8	Tulsa	W	16	13
Sept. 29, 1973	#11	Oklahoma State	L	7	70
Oct. 9, 1982	#20	at Florida State	L	8	59
Nov. 10, 1990	#15	at Illinois	L	21	56

Salukis Versus FBS and Power 5 Opponents

Since becoming a I-AA/FCS member in 1982, SIU is 6-37 versus FBS teams, including a 2-19 mark against Power 5 opponents. (Power Five teams listed in bold.)

Date	Attend.	FBS Opponent	Result	SIU	Opp
Oct. 2, 1982	22,359	at Louisiana	L	10	20
Oct. 9, 1982	51,233	at Florida State	L	8	59
Oct. 16, 1982	26,935	at Tulsa	L	3	22
Oct. 29, 1983	14,000	New Mexico State	W	41	3
Sept. 1, 1984	17,127	at Tulsa	L	10	23
Sept. 14, 1985	76,330	at Illinois	L	25	28
Oct. 4, 1986	20,500	at Kansas	L	23	35
Oct. 3, 1987	20,500	at Kansas	L	15	16
Oct. 10, 1987	34,523	at Fresno State	L	0	35
Oct. 22, 1988	13,000	at Northern Illinois	L	9	10
Oct. 29, 1988	50,093	at Kentucky	L	10	24
Sept. 2, 1989	15,280	at Nevada	L	3	41
Oct. 7, 1989	23,933	at Northern Illinois	L	24	29
Sept. 22, 1990	64,469	at Illinois	L	21	56
Nov. 10, 1990	52,812	at South Carolina	L	13	38
Nov. 9, 1991	15,650	at Louisiana Tech	L	16	48
Sept. 18, 1993	22,984	at Toledo	L	28	49
Oct. 2, 1993	14,852	at Northern Illinois	L	15	45
Sept. 10, 1994	25,134	at Mississippi	L	3	59
Sept. 23, 2000	30,500	at Kansas	L	0	42
Nov. 24, 2001	7,321	at Baylor	L	12	56
Sept. 28, 2002	15,221	at Eastern Michigan	L ⁽²⁰¹⁷⁾	45	48
Sept. 11, 2004	28,021	at Northern Illinois	L	22	23
Sept. 17, 2005	24,497	at Western Michigan	L	28	34
Sept. 16, 2006	31,150	at Indiana*	W	35	28
Sept. 8, 2007	24,182	at Northern Illinois	W	34	31
Sept. 13, 2008	19,062	at Northwestern	L	7	33
Sept. 5, 2009	24,012	at Marshall	L	28	31
Sept. 11, 2010	52,217	at Illinois	L	3	35
Sept. 10, 2011	58,504	at Mississippi	L	24	42
Sept. 8, 2012	17,725	at Miami University	L	14	30
Aug. 31, 2013	42,175	at Illinois	L	34	42
Sept. 20, 2014	31,434	at Purdue	L	13	35
Sept. 5, 2015	36,071	at Indiana	L	47	48
Sept. 3, 2016	14,887	at Florida Atlantic	L	30	38
Sept. 23, 2017	41,584	at Memphis	L	31	44
Sept. 8, 2018	53,339	at Mississippi	L	41	76
Sept. 7, 2019	10,524	at UMass	W	45	20
Sept. 21, 2019	24,176	at Arkansas State	L	28	41
Sept. 11, 2021	47,628	at Kansas State	L	23	31
Sept. 17, 2022	23,146	at Northwestern	W	31	24
Sept. 9, 2023	13,114	at Northern Illinois	W	14	11
Aug. 31, 2024	63,712	at BYU	L	13	41

*First-ever win by a Gateway/MVFC school over a Big Ten opponent.



MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

Wins, Losses and Streaks

All-time Games Played.....	1,081 in 107 Seasons
Overall Record.....	487-562-32
National Championships	1 (1983)
Undefeated and Untied Teams	1 (1930: 9-0)
Longest Undefeated Streak.....	15 games (1929-31)
Longest Winning Streak.....	15 games (1929-31)
Longest Losing Streak.....	12 games (1948-49)
Longest Home Winning Streak.....	12 games (2003-04)
Most Shutouts in a Season	7 (1928)

Consecutive-Game Streaks

Shutouts.....	6 (1930)
Games w/o Being Shutout.....	198 (9/8/01-10/21/17)
Scoring 10+ Points.....	59 (10/6/12 - 10/21/17)

Longest Winning Streaks - All Games

Year(s)	Streak	Loss to End Streak
1929-31	15	L, 14-0 at Illinois State
1982-83	12	L, 28-6 at Wichita State
2009	11	L, 24-3 William & Mary*
2003	10	L, 43-40 at Northern Iowa
2004	9	L, 35-31 Eastern Washington*
1959-60	8	L, 27-6 at Bowling Green
2008	7	L, 29-20 New Hampshire*

* Indicates loss in playoffs

Longest Winning Streaks - Conference Games

Year(s)	Streak	Loss to End Streak
2008-09	14	L, 31-28 at Youngstown St. (*10)
1959-61	12	L, 22-13 at Western Illinois
2004-05	9	L, 61-35 vs. Illinois St.
2003	6	L, 43-40 at Northern Iowa

10-Win Seasons

Year	Wins	Final Record	Final Ranking*
1983	13	13-1	#1
2007	12	12-2	#3
2009	11	11-2	#6
2004	10	10-2	#9
2003	10	10-2	#10

* FCS Coaches Poll

Most Wins in Back-to-Back Seasons

Rank	Seasons	Wins
1.	2007-08	21
	2006-07	21
3.	2008-09	20
	2003-04	20
5.	2004-05	19
	1982-83	19
7.	2005-06	18
8.	2009-10	16
	1930-31	16
10.	1978-79	15
	1960-61	15

Records by Decade

Decade	Record	Win. %	Games
1913-19	20-17-1	.526	38
1920-29	32-27-13	.444	72
1930-39	35-47-6	.398	88
1940-49	31-34-5	.443	70
1950-59	34-53-3	.378	90
1960-69	45-52-1	.459	98
1970-79	44-59-3	.415	106
1980-89	52-61	.460	113
1990-99	37-73	.363	110
2000-09	78-45	.634	123
2010-19	48-65	.421	113
2020-	31-28	.525	59

Milestone Victories

Win#	Date	Opponent	Score
50	Nov. 2, 1929	SE Missouri State	7-0
100	Oct. 27, 1945	Western Illinois	13-6
150	Nov. 14, 1959	Central Michigan	51-20
200	Oct. 24, 1970	Illinois State	45-24
250	Sept. 4, 1982	Western Illinois	38-7
300	Nov. 2, 1991	Eastern Illinois	31-30
350	Sept. 18, 2004	William Penn	59-9
400	Oct. 3, 2009	Western Illinois	30-10
450	Sept. 7, 2019	at UMass	45-20

History of Overtime Games (8-5)

Date	Opponent	OT	Result
Oct. 14, 1995	Missouri State	1OT	W, 33-30
Sept. 26, 1998	at Illinois State	1OT	L, 41-38
Oct. 9, 1999	Youngstown State	1OT	L, 43-37
Sept. 28, 2002	at Eastern Michigan	2OT	L, 48-45
Oct. 1, 2005	Missouri State	1OT	W, 30-23
Nov. 22, 2008	at Illinois State	1OT	W, 17-10
Oct. 9, 2010	Northern Iowa	1OT	W, 45-38
Sept. 7, 2013	Eastern Illinois	2OT	L, 40-37
Oct. 12, 2013	at Northern Iowa	1OT	W, 27-24
Oct. 24, 2015	#17 Youngstown St.	1OT	W, 38-31
Oct. 2, 2021	at Western Illinois	1OT	W, 31-30
Oct. 9, 2021	at #2 South Dakota St.	1OT	W, 42-41
Dec. 2, 2023	at #4 Idaho	1OT	L, 20-17

Biggest Comebacks -- SIU

	Deficit	Opponent	Def.	Final	Date
1.	28 points	Youngstown State	28-0 (2Q)	37-33	11/9/24
2.	21 points	at Northern Illinois	28-7 (3Q)	34-31	9/8/07
3.	20 points	at SEMO	27-7 (2Q)	28-27	8/31/91
3.	20 points	Missouri State	20-0 (4Q)	33-30OT	10/14/95
3.	20 points	at Youngstown St.	20-0 (4Q)	21-20	11/11/00
3.	20 points	Northern Iowa	20-0 (2Q)	40-36	10/2/04
3.	20 points	UT Martin	27-7 (3Q)	36-30	11/25/06
3.	20 points	at South Dakota St.	20-0(2Q)	42-41	10/9/21

Biggest Comebacks -- Opponent

	Deficit	Opponent	Def.	Final	Date
1.	31 points	SEMO	31-0 (2Q)	34-31	9/9/00
2.	21 points	Illinois State	21-0 (1Q)	55-48	10/23/99
2.	21 points	Arkansas State	35-14 (2Q)	42-38	9/26/92

Biggest Margin of Victory -- SIU

	Margin	Opponent	Score	Date
1.	118	U. of Arts & Sciences	118-0	11/6/1914
2.	80	Shurtleff	80-0	11/12/1915
3.	78	Kentucky Wesleyan	78-0	8/29/02
4.	75	St. Joseph's (IN)	75-0	9/27/2003
4.	75	Union (KY)	82-7	9/10/2005
6.	66	Ewing College	66-0	10/27/1924
6.	66	Bradley	69-3	10/31/1970
6.	66	Xavier	73-7	10/13/1973
9	63	Lincoln	63-0	8/31/1985
9.	63	Quincy	70-7	9/2/2010
9.	63	Western Illinois	63-0	10/28/23

Biggest Crowds - Road Games

		Stadium	Attend.
1.	at Illinois - 9/14/85	Memorial	76,330
2.	at Illinois - 9/22/90	Memorial	64,469
3.	at BYU - 8/31/24	LaVell Edwards	63,712
4.	at Mississippi - 9/10/11	Vaught-Hemingway	58,504
5.	at South Carolina - 11/10/90	Williams-Brice	52,812
6.	at Illinois - 9/11/10	Memorial	52,217
7.	at Kentucky - 10/29/88	Commonwealth	50,093
8.	at Kansas State - 9/11/21	Bill Snyder	47,628
9.	at Illinois - 8/31/13	Memorial	42,175
10.	at Memphis - 9/23/17	Liberty Bowl	41,584
11.	at Indiana - 9/5/15	Memorial	36,071

Average Home Attendance

1975.....	8,180
1976.....	9,060
1977.....	9,706
1978.....	13,010
1979.....	11,560
1980.....	9,995
1981.....	13,930
1982.....	9,860
1983.....	12,614
1984.....	7,172
1985.....	11,550
1986.....	13,120
1987.....	11,185
1988.....	9,680
1989.....	7,700
1990.....	9,000
1991.....	12,225
1992.....	8,350
1993.....	6,340
1994.....	8,420
1995.....	8,167
1996.....	6,171
1997.....	5,640
1998.....	6,820
1999.....	7,220
2000.....	6,000
2001.....	6,177
2002.....	7,914
2003.....	9,748
2004.....	9,713
2005.....	8,581
2006.....	9,508
2007.....	9,950
2008.....	9,055
2009.....	8,882
2010.....	10,890
2011.....	10,140
2012.....	9,550
2013.....	8,554
2014.....	9,154
2015.....	7,750
2016.....	7,918
2017.....	6,762
2018.....	6,557
2019.....	6,456
2020.....	1,920
2021.....	7,742
2022.....	7,513
2023.....	8,506
2024.....	8,052