



BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: (16)  
1946, 1947, 1953, 1954, 1956, 1965, 1966, 1970, 1971, 1973, 1979, 1982, 1983, 1984, 2012, 2013

# TENNESSEE STATE FOOTBALL

## SET THE SCENE

Location: Martin, Tenn.  
Stadium: Hardy Stadium  
Capacity: 7,500  
Surface: FieldTurf  
Forecast: Day 81° Sunny // Night 57 Clear

## TUNE IN

TV: ESPN+ /  
Dan Laing (pxp)  
Keith Bulluck (Analyst)



Radio: WNSR 560 AM, 95.9 FM  
107.9 FM (Smyrna)

Satellite XM: Ch. 385 / 975 (app)

Stream: TSU Tigers App,

WNSR.com, Alexa (Play WNSR)

Greg Pogue (pxp)

Chris Sanders (Analyst)



## COACHING STAFF

Eddie George Head Coach  
Joe Bowden Asst. HC / Linebackers  
Brandon Fisher Defensive Coord.  
Theron Aych Offensive Coord. / QB  
Keith Burns Special Teams Coord. /  
Defensive Specialist  
Richard McNutt Defensive Backs  
Josh Crawford Running backs  
Clyde Simmons Defensive Line  
Michael Brewster Tight Ends  
Scott Baumgartner Wide Receivers  
Anthony Lewis Offensive Line  
Spencer Wheeler Offensive GA

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## GAME 4 • SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 • 5:00 PM

### TENNESSEE STATE

2-1, 0-0 BIG SOUTH-OVC  
Head Coach: Eddie George  
Record at TSU: 11-14 (3rd Season)  
Career Record: Same  
Home: 1-0 | Road: 0-1 | Neutral: 1-0  
Streak: W2

AT

### #22 UT MARTIN

3-1, 0-0 BIG SOUTH-OVC  
Head Coach: Jason Simpson  
Record at UTM: 110-85 (17th Season)  
Career Record: Same  
Home: 2-0 | Road: 1-1 | Neutral: 1-0

## BETWEEN THE LINES

29.0	Points/Game	37.0
36.0	Points Allowed/Game	26.75
140.0	Rush Yards/Game	278.8
137.0	Rush Yards Allowed/Game	101.0
258.5	Pass Yards/Game	211.0
224.5	Pass Yards Allowed/Game	318.0
252.0	Total Offense/Game	489.8
517.0	Total Defense/Game	419.0



## GAME NOTES

**BATTLE FOR THE OVC:** With the bye week behind them, the Tennessee State football team is set for their second straight Big South-OVC contest as they will take on the UT Martin Skyhawks on the road this Saturday. Both teams come into Saturday night's matchup having received votes in the Top 25.

**SERIES INFORMATION:** This will be the 32nd matchup between TSU and UTM with the Tigers holding an 18-14 advantage. The Skyhawks have won both matchups against George after defeating the Tigers 20-3 last season, and 41-20 in 2021. TSU last took down the Skyhawks in the spring of 2021 in a 26-24 win.

**WHERE TO WATCH & LISTEN:** TSU Football can be heard on WNSR's flagship network, 560 AM, 95.9 FM (Nashville), 107.9 FM (Smyrna), and WNSR.com. Globally, the broadcast can be heard on Sirius XM. Additionally, WNSR will offer in-depth pregame and postgame analysis, exclusive interviews with coaches and players, and behind-the-scenes content to engage fans on a deeper level. "The Voice of the Tigers" Greg Pogue returns for his 12th season behind the mic and will be joined by former Tennessee Titans wide receiver Chris Sanders. Nashville broadcasting legend Albert Dawson will fill-in for Sanders. The action can also be heard on the TSU Tigers app.

## WEEK 5 BY THE NUMBERS

48: The number of rushing yards Jalen Rouse needs to reach the 1,000-yard mark for his career. The fourth-year back scampered for 53 yards and a score in the win against Gardner-Webb.

10.0: The number of tackles that transfer linebacker Monroe Beard III is averaging per game through three contests. The UAPB transfer leads TSU with 30 tackles and his 10.0 tackles per outing leads the league. He tallied back-to-back 10 tackle games after recording 11 against UAPB and 12 against GWU.

10: The number of Tigers players that have a reception of 10+ yards or more. TSU backs and receivers have shown their ability to tack on yards after catch this season, with three of the 10 having caught passes for 20+ yards. Da'Shon Davis leads the team with

## 2023 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Sept. 2 // 2:30 PM  
at #13 Notre Dame  
L, 3-56



Sept. 9 // 6:00 PM  
vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff  
W, 24-14  
Southern Heritage Classic



Sept. 16 // 5:00 PM  
Gardner-Webb  
W, 27-25  
John Merritt Classic



Sept. 23 //  
Bye Week



Sept. 30 // 6:00 PM  
at UT Martin  
ESPN+ / 560AM,  
95.9 FM, 107.9 FM



Oct. 7 // 2:00 PM  
at Kennesaw State  
ESPN+ / 560AM,  
95.9 FM, 107.9 FM



Oct. 14 // 5:00 PM  
Norfolk State  
ESPN+ / 560AM,  
95.9 FM, 107.9 FM



Oct. 21 // 2:00 PM  
Lincoln  
ESPN+ / 560AM,  
95.9 FM, 107.9 FM



Oct. 28 // 2:00 PM  
Lindenwood  
ESPN+ / 560AM,  
95.9 FM, 107.9 FM



Nov. 4 // 3:00 PM  
at Charleston Southern  
ESPN+ / 560AM,  
95.9 FM, 107.9 FM



Nov. 11 // 2:00 PM  
at Eastern Illinois  
ESPN+ / 560AM,  
95.9 FM, 107.9 FM



Nov. 18 // 2:00 PM  
Tennessee Tech  
ESPN+ / 560AM,  
95.9 FM, 107.9 FM



All times listed are in CT



## TSU TWO-DEEP DEPTH CHART & PRONUNCIATIONS

### OFFENSE

LT	55	Romello Tarver	6-5	275	R-Sr.	Delray Beach, Fla. / McNeese
	56	Romello Watson	6-4	300	Jr.	Arlington, Texas / Grambling
LG	73	Nicholas Green	6-5	305	Jr.	Cedar Park, Texas / Trinity Valley
	51	Alex Valbuena	6-0	275	R-Fr.	Antioch, Tenn. / Ezell-Harding Christian
C	62	Chazan Page	6-1	293	So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Lipscomb Academy
	61	Kennedy Wilbert	6-1	293	Jr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Middle College
RG	64	Darrell Branch	6-2	300	R-Jr.	Gilbert, Ariz. / Arizona
	57	Aarion Harvey	6-5	300	Gr.	Chicago, Ill. / Central Michigan / Austin Peay
RT	63	Jamari Freeman	6-4	300	R-Fr.	Fairburn, Ga. / Langston Hughes
	58	Hadine Diaby	6-3	300	Fr.	Loganville, Ga. / Grayson
QB	8	Deveon Bryant	6-5	225	R-Sr.	Bellwood, Ill. / Proviso West
	7	Draylen Ellis	6-0	175	Jr.	Olive Branch, Miss. / Kirby / Austin Peay
RB	22	Jalen Rouse	5-11	185	So.	Richmond Hill, Ga. / Richmond Hill
	29	Jordan Gant	5-10	205	R-Fr.	Lakeland, Fla. / Kathleen
X-WR	80	Avery Williams	6-2	185	R-Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Brentwood / Chattanooga
	1	Gerand Turner	6-0	205	Jr.	Miami, Fla. / South Miami Senior
Z-WR	0	Karate Brenson	6-2	217	R-So.	St. Louis, Mo. / Ball State
	4	Chayil Garnett	6-2	225	R-So.	Lakeland, Fla. / Lake Wales
SLOT	9	Da'Shon Davis	5-11	195	Jr.	Quincy, Fla. / Jefferson County
	5	Dayron Johnson	5-9	180	Jr.	Springfield, Tenn. / Springfield
TE	81	Trenton Gillison	6-5	245	Gr.	Pickerington, Ohio / Michigan State / Youngstown State
	89	Jason Hoath Jr.	6-2	235	Fr.	Columbia, Tenn. / Page

### DEFENSE

DE	9	Terrell Allen	6-0	275	Sr.	North Little Rock, Ark. / Austin Peay
	44	Erig George	6-2	280	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Montgomery Bell Academy
NT	96	Cameron Stewart	6-3	380	Sr.	Chattanooga, Tenn. / McCallie
	99	Lathun Snipes	6-1	290	Jr.	Elk Grove, Calif. / Butte College
DT	55	Joey McNeely	6-3	305	Gr.	Kinder, La. / Northwestern State / McNeese
	99	Lathun Snipes	6-1	290	Jr.	Elk Grove, Calif. / Monterey Trail / Butte College
BUCK	48	Chris Walker	6-4	226	Jr.	Sanford, Fla. / Seminole
	17	Emmanuel Baez	6-4	265	Jr.	Plant City, Fla. / Plant City
MIKE	1	James Green	6-1	220	Gr.	Orlando, Fla. / Olympia
	47	Ahmad Nelson	6-2	225	Jr.	Birmingham, Ala. / Minor
WILL	3	Monroe Beard III	6-1	220	Jr.	Chattanooga, Tenn. / Arkansas-Pine Bluff
	7	Ken Andrews	6-3	225	Jr.	Baton Rouge, La. / Southern Lab
NICKEL	15	Kenyon Garlington	5-9	185	Gr.	Antioch, Tenn. / Brentwood Academy
	23	Boogie Trotter	5-9	180	So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Pearl-Cohn
CB (L)	10	Fondren Hollis III	5-11	180	R-Jr.	Decatur, Ga. / Columbia
	28	Jalen McClendon	6-0	180	Jr.	Tampa, Fla. / Chamberlain
FS	8	Jeremiah Josephs	5-10	185	Gr.	Pittsburgh, Pa. / Duquesne / Miami Ohio
	21	Tyler Jones	6-0	200	R-Jr.	Orlando, Fla. / Missouri
SS	6	Josh Green	5-11	184	Jr.	Orlando, Fla. / Olympia
-or-	12	Dion Villiers	5-11	165	R-Fr.	Lakeland, Fla. / Lake Gibson
CB (R)	0	Bryce Phillips	6-1	185	Jr.	Orange, Calif. / Santa Ana College
	30	Darius Harper	6-0	185	Gr.	Brentwood, Tenn. / Ravenwood / Campbellsville

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	99	James Lowery	5-10	225	R-Jr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. / Northern Illinois
KO	99	James Lowery	5-10	225	R-Jr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. / Northern Illinois
P	24	Jackson Foster	6-2	220	Jr.	Danville, Calif. / Western Michigan
KR	5	Dayron Johnson	5-9	180	Jr.	Springfield, Tenn. / Springfield
	23	Boogie Trotter	5-9	170	So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Tennessee Valley Prep
or	17	Delanie Majors	5-9	155	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Overton
PR	5	Dayron Johnson	5-9	180	Jr.	Springfield, Tenn. / Springfield
	23	Boogie Trotter	5-9	170	So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Tennessee Valley Prep
LS	52	Carson Buchanan	6-0	265	R-So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Antioch
	90	Connor Ridderhoff	6-2	240	R-Fr.	Chelsea, Ala. / Chelsea
H	24	Jackson Foster	6-2	220	Jr.	Danville, Calif. / Western Michigan

### OTHER NOTABLE PLAYERS

WR	11	Canen Adrian	5-10	180	Jr.	Houston, Texas / Blinn
SS	38	Amari LeFlore	5-10	180	So.	Ridgeland, Miss. / St. Andrews Episcopal
QB	10	Demeatric Crenshaw	6-1	220	Jr.	Columbus, Ohio / Youngstown State

### PRONUNCIATION CHART (Alphabetical order)

Name	Pronunciation
Canen Adrian	
Abraham Alabi	Al-Lab-ee
Terrell Allen	
Ken Andrews	
Emmanuel Baez	
Monroe Beard III	
Jalen Bell	
Malik Billingsley	
Jahee Blake	
Tre Boone III	
Darrell Branch	
Karate Brenson	
Lucien Brunetti	
Deveon Bryant	DEV-ee-on
Carson Buchanan	
Terence Carpenter II	
Mecca Carr-Bordeaux	
Jarrell Cole	
Demeatric Crenshaw	
Craig Cunningham	
Da'Shon Davis	Duh-Shon
Hadine Diaby	Huh-Dean Dee-Ahh-bee
Jace Dobbis	
Zachery Drake	
Solomon Dunn	
Kamden Edwards	
Draylen Ellis	Dray-lin
Jacorris Foreman	
Jackson Foster	
Trevahn Foster	
Jamari Freeman	Jah-Mah-ree
Jordan Gant	
Kenyon Garlington	
Chayil Garnett	SHY-ILL
Micah Gay	
Dorian George	
Erig George	Eric
Trenton Gillison	
Amar Gist	
James Green	
Josh Green	
Nicholas Green	
Terry Grove	
Mack Guice III	Guh-ice
Ryder Hagan	Ry-Der Hay-gan
Darius Harper	
Mayson Harris	
Aarion Harvey	
Jordan Helton	
Jason Hoath Jr.	
Denzel Holder	
Fondren Hollis III	FAHN-drehn
TySean Jefferson	
Dayron Johnson	
Ethan Jones	
Rodricus Jones	Rod-DRI-cus
Tyler Jones	
Jeremiah Josephs	
Xavier Keegan	
Dylan King	
Amari LeFlore	
James Lowery	
Delanie Majors	Da-Lane-Knee
Jalen McClendon	
Joey McNeely	
Joshua Meriwether	Merry-Weather
Ahmed Mohamed	Ah-med Mo-haam-ed
Jonathan Moore	
Zion Morris	Zy-On
Darius Neals	
Ahmad Nelson	
Kaleob Onyiahialam	
Chandon Page	chah-ZAHN
Chazan Page	
Brandon Palmer	
Antwone Parker	Ant-wone
Bryce Phillips	
Edwin Rhodes III	
Connor Ridderhoff	Riid-durrr-hoff
Willie Robinson Jr.	
Jalen Rouse	
Peter Rouse	
Brent Rowe	
DuJuan Sharp III	
Josiah Smith	
Rayqwon Smith	
Lathun Snipes	
Amari Southall	
Cameron Stewart	
Chayse Tapp	
Romello Tarver	ROE-mellow
Sammy Taylor	
Boogie Trotter	
Gerand Turner	
Alex Valbuena	
Dion Villiers	
Chris Walker	
Jashon Watkins	JUH-Sean
Romello Watson	
Cody Webb	
Jacob Wooden	
Kennedy Wilbert	
Avery Williams	
Brandon Wilson	





## 2023 TSU ROSTER

ALPHABETICAL			No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown / High School / Previous School
11	Canen Adrian	WR	0	Karate Brenson	WR	6-2	215	R-So.	St. Louis, Mo. / Christian Brothers College / Ball State
91	Abraham Alabi	DL	0	Bryce Phillips	CB	6-1	195	Jr.	Long Beach, Calif. / LaHabra / Santa Ana College
9	Terrell Allen	DL	1	James Green	LB	6-1	220	R-Sr.	Orlando, Fla. / Olympia
7	Ken Andrews	LB	1	Gerand Turner	WR	6-0	205	Jr.	Miami, Fla. / South Miami Senior
17	Emmanuel Baez	DL	2	Ryder Hagan	QB	6-1	210	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Overton
3	Monroe Beard III	LB	2	Jashon Watkins	CB	6-4	215	R-Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. / East Nashville Magnet / Memphis
5	Jalen Bell	DL	3	Monroe Beard III	LB	6-1	220	Jr.	Chattanooga, Tenn. / Notre Dame HS / Arkansas-Pine Bluff
82	Malik Billingsley	WR	3	Solomon Dunn	LB	6-1	210	So.	Johnson City, Tenn. / Science Hill / VMI / East Tennessee State
13	Jahee Blake	WR	4	Chayil Garnett	WR	6-2	225	R-Jr.	Lakeland, Fla. / Lake Wales
20	Tre Boone III	RB	5	Jalen Bell	DL	6-1	280	Sr.	Detroit, MI. / Martin Luther King Jr. / Mississippi Valley State
64	Darrell Branch	OL	5	Dayron Johnson	WR	5-9	180	Jr.	Springfield, Tenn. / Springfield
0	Karate Brenson	WR	6	Josh Green	S	5-11	195	Sr.	Orlando, Fla. / Olympia
34	Ike Brown	RB	6	Tysean Jefferson	WR	5-7	170	So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Beech / Western Kentucky
16	Lucien Brunetti	WR	7	Ken Andrews	LB	6-3	225	Jr.	Baton Rouge, La. / Southern Lab
8	Deveon Bryant	QB	7	Draylen Ellis	QB	6-1	175	Sr.	Olive Branch, Miss. / Kirby / Austin Peay
52	Carson Buchanan	LS	8	Deveon Bryant	QB	6-5	225	R-Sr.	Bellwood, Ill. / Proviso West
98	Terence Carpenter II	DL	8	Jeremiah Josephs	DB	5-10	185	Gr.	Pittsburgh, Pa. / Gateway / Miami Ohio / Duquesne
34	Mecca Carr-Bordeaux	DL	9	Terrell Allen	DL	6-0	275	Sr.	North Little Rock, Ark. / North Little Rock / Austin Peay
16	Jarrell Cole	DB	9	Da'Shon Davis	WR	5-11	195	Sr.	Quincy, Fla. / Jefferson County
10	Demeatric Crenshaw	QB	10	Demeatric Crenshaw	QB	6-1	220	Jr.	Columbus, Ohio / Pickerington Central / Youngstown State
44	Craig Cunningham	RB	10	Fondren Hollis III	DB	5-11	180	R-Jr.	Decatur, Ga. / Columbia
9	Da'Shon Davis	WR	11	Canen Adrian	WR	5-10	180	So.	Kingwood, Texas / Kingwood Park / Houston / Blinn
58	Hadine Diaby	OL	11	Brent Rowe	LB	6-1	230	So.	Milwaukee, Wis. / Hendersonville
19	Jace Dobbins	DB	12	Edwin Rhodes III	QB	6-1	210	Jr.	Miami, Fla. / American
36	Zachery Drake	DB	12	Dion Villiers	DB	5-11	165	R-Fr.	Lakeland, Fla. / Lake Gibson
3	Solomon Dunn	LB	13	Jahee Blake	WR	6-5	220	So.	Lynchburg, Va. / Fork Union Military Academy
43	Kamden Edwards	TE	13	Dylan King	DB	6-3	200	R-Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Oakland
7	Draylen Ellis	QB	14	Brandon Wilson	DB	5-11	180	R-Fr.	Montgomery, Ala. / Park Crossing
37	Jacorris Foreman	LB	15	Kenyon Garlington	DB	5-9	185	Gr.	Antioch, Tenn. / Brentwood Academy
24	Jackson Foster	P	16	Lucien Brunetti	WR	6-0	165	R-So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Montgomery Bell Academy / Tennessee
88	Trevahn Foster	TE	16	Jarrell Cole	DB	5-10	190	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. / Hazelwood Central
63	Jamari Freeman	OL	17	Emmanuel Baez	DL	6-4	265	Jr.	Plant City, Fla. / Plant City
29	Jordan Gant	RB	17	Delanie Majors	WR	5-9	155	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Overton
15	Kenyon Garlington	DB	18	Amar Gist	WR	6-0	175	Fr.	East Orange, N.J. / Bergen Catholic
4	Chayil Garnett	WR	19	Jace Dobbins	DB	6-0	165	Fr.	Dandridge, Tenn. / Jefferson County
31	Micah Gay	LB	20	Tre Boone III	RB	6-0	195	Jr.	Clinton, Md. / St. Stevens-St. Agnus School
33	Dorian George	DB	21	Tyler Jones	DB	6-0	200	R-Jr.	Orlando, Fla. / West Orange / Missouri
44	Eriq George	DL	22	Jalen Rouse	RB	5-11	195	Jr.	Richmond Hill, Ga. / Richmond Hill
81	Trenton Gillison	TE	22	DuJuan Sharp III	DB	5-8	170	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Ensworth
18	Amar Gist	WR	23	Boogie Trotter	DB	5-9	180	So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Tennessee Valley Prep
1	James Green	LB	24	Jackson Foster	P	6-2	220	Jr.	Danville, Calif. / San Ramon Valley / Western Michigan
6	Josh Green	S	24	Jordan Helton	S	6-1	205	Jr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Memphis Univ. School
73	Nicholas Green	OL	25	Sammy Taylor	LB	6-2	205	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Ensworth
93	Terry Grove	DL	26	Jonothan Moore	RB	5-11	200	Fr.	Smyrna, Tenn. / Montgomery Bell Academy
32	Mack Guice III	CB	28	Jalen McClendon	DB	6-0	180	Jr.	Tampa, Fla. / Chamberlain
2	Ryder Hagan	QB	28	Antwone Parker	RB	6-1	225	Jr.	Fort Worth, Texas / Kennedale / Cisco JC / Butler JC
30	Darius Harper	DB	29	Jordan Gant	RB	5-10	205	R-Fr.	Lakeland, Fla. / Kathleen
74	Mayson Harris	OL	30	Darius Harper	DB	6-0	185	Gr.	Brentwood, Tenn. / Ravenwood / Campbellsville
57	Aarion Harvey	OL	31	Micah Gay	LB	6-1	205	R-Fr.	Johns Creek, Ga. / Johns Creek
24	Jordan Helton	S	32	Mack Guice III	CB	5-11	170	Gr.	Huntsville, Ala. / Madison Co. / Kentucky Wesleyan
89	Jason Hoath Jr.	TE	33	Dorian George	DB	6-0	200	Jr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Germantown
71	Denzel Holder	OL	34	Ike Brown	RB	5-9	210	R-Jr.	Shreveport, La. / Calvary Baptist Academy / Lane College
10	Fondren Hollis III	DB							





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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown / High School / Previous School
34	Mecca Carr-Bordeaux	DL	6-4	265	Fr.	Rocky Point, N.C. / Pender
35	Rodricus Jones	LB	6-2	220	R-Fr.	Birmingham, Ala. / Huffman
36	Zachery Drake	DB	6-0	185	Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Maplewood
37	Jacorris Foreman	LB	5-11	205	Fr.	Pahokee, Fla. / Everglades Preparatory Academy
38	Amari LeFlore	S	5-11	185	Jr.	Ridgeland, Miss. / St. Andrews Episcopal
41	Ahmed Mohamed	K/P	5-11	185	Fr.	Suwanee, Ga. / Peachtree Ridge
43	Kamden Edwards	TE	5-10	225	R-So.	Chattanooga, Tenn. / Tyner Academy
44	Craig Cunningham	RB	5-10	190	R-Fr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Lausanne Collegiate
44	Eriq George	DL	6-2	280	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Montgomery Bell Academy
45	Josiah Smith	LB	6-1	245	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Antioch
47	Ahmad Nelson	LB	6-2	225	Jr.	Birmingham, Ala. / Minor
48	Chris Walker	DL	6-4	225	Jr.	Sanford, Fla. / Seminole
50	Ethan Jones	DL	6-2	285	Fr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Lausanne Collegiate School
51	Alex Valbuena	OL	6-0	275	R-Fr.	Antioch, Tenn. / Ezell-Harding Christian
52	Carson Buchanan	LS	6-0	265	Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Antioch
54	Darius Neals	OL	6-4	335	Fr.	Ellenwood, Ga. / Cedar Grove
55	Joey McNeely	DL	6-3	305	Gr.	Kinder, La. / Kinder / Northwestern State / McNeese
55	Romello Tarver	OL	6-5	275	R-Sr.	Delray Beach, Fla. / Oxbridge Academy / McNeese
56	Romello Watson	OL	6-4	300	Jr.	Arlington, Texas / Seguin / Kilgore JC / Grambling
57	Aarion Harvey	OL	6-5	300	Gr.	Chicago, Ill. / Penn Foster / Central Michigan / Austin Peay
58	Hadine Diaby	OL	6-3	300	Fr.	Loganville, Ga. / Grayson
60	Jacob Wooden	OL	6-4	305	Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Stewarts Creek / Central State
61	Kennedy Wilbert	OL	6-1	295	Sr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Middle College
62	Chazan Page	OL	6-1	295	Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Lipscomb Academy
62	Rayqwon Smith	DL	6-2	270	Fr.	Tallahassee, Fla. / Lawton Chiles
63	Jamari Freeman	OL	6-4	300	R-Fr.	Fairburn, Ga. / Langston Hughes
64	Darrell Branch	OL	6-2	300	R-Jr.	Gilbert, Ariz. / Higley / Arizona
65	Cody Webb	OL	6-2	275	Fr.	Oxon Hill, Md. / Bishop McNamara
68	Peter Rouse	OL	6-2	280	Gr.	Cleveland, Ohio / Cleveland Heights
69	Chayse Tapp	OL	6-3	310	Fr.	Malden, Mo. / Malden
71	Denzel Holder	OL	6-4	310	R-Fr.	Birmingham, Ala. / Huffman / North Alabama
72	Kaleob Onyiahialam	OL	6-6	325	Fr.	Harvest, Ala. / Sparkman
73	Nicholas Green	OL	6-5	305	Jr.	Cedar Park, Texas / Cedar Park / Trinity Valley
74	Mayson Harris	OL	6-0	335	R-Sr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Pearl-Cohn
79	Xavier Keegan	DL	5-10	270	Fr.	Grand Prairie, Texas / Grace Preparatory Academy
80	Avery Williams	WR	6-2	185	R-Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Brentwood / Chattanooga
81	Trenton Gillison	TE	6-5	245	Gr.	Columbus, Ohio / Pickerington Central / Youngstown State / Michigan State
82	Malik Billingsley	WR	5-10	190	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo. / Christian Brothers / Iowa Western / Winston-Salem
83	Joshua Meriwether	TE	6-2	230	Gr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Montgomery Bell Academy / Tufts
84	Amari Southall	WR	6-0	170	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Hillsboro
85	Austin Yankow	TE	6-5	250	Gr.	Allentown, Pa. / Allentown Central Catholic / Bethune-Cookman
87	Brandon Palmer	WR	6-0	180	R-Fr.	Johns Creek, Ga. / Johns Creek
88	Trevahn Foster	TE	6-7	260	So.	Medford, Ore. / St. Mary's / Western Oregon / Shasta College
89	Jason Hoath Jr.	TE	6-2	235	Fr.	Columbia, Tenn. / Page
90	Connor Ridderhoff	LS	6-2	240	R-Fr.	Chelsea, Ala. / Chelsea
91	Abraham Alabi	DL	6-5	305	R-Jr.	Reynoldsburg, Ohio / Pickerington Central / Eastern Kentucky
93	Terry Grove	DL	6-5	230	So.	Greeneville, Tenn. / Greeneville
94	Zion Morris	DL	6-0	265	So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Battle Ground Academy / Sewanee
95	Chandon Page	OL	6-3	305	Sr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Pearl-Cohn
96	Cameron Stewart	DL	6-3	380	Sr.	Chattanooga, Tenn. / McCallie
97	Willie Robinson Jr.	DL	6-3	240	So.	O'Fallon, Ill. / O'Fallon / College of DuPage
98	Terence Carpenter II	DL	6-3	225	Fr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Blackman
99	James Lowery	K/P	5-10	210	R-Jr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. / American Heritage / Northern Illinois
99	Lathun Snipes	DL	6-1	290	Jr.	Elk Grove, Calif. / Monterey Trail / Butte College

6	Tysean Jefferson	WR
<b>ALPHABETICAL</b>		
5	Dayron Johnson	WR
50	Ethan Jones	DL
35	Rodricus Jones	LB
21	Tyler Jones	DB
8	Jeremiah Josephs	DB
79	Xavier Keegan	DL
13	Dylan King	DB
38	Amari LeFlore	S
99	James Lowery	K/P
17	Delanie Majors	WR
28	Jalen McClendon	DB
55	Joey McNeely	DL
83	Joshua Meriwether	TE
41	Ahmed Mohamed	K/P
26	Jonothan Moore	RB
94	Zion Morris	DL
54	Darius Neals	OL
47	Ahmad Nelson	LB
72	Kaleob Onyiahialam	OL
95	Chandon Page	OL
62	Chazan Page	OL
87	Brandon Palmer	WR
28	Antwone Parker	RB
0	Bryce Phillips	CB
12	Edwin Rhodes III	QB
90	Connor Ridderhoff	LS
97	Willie Robinson Jr.	DL
22	Jalen Rouse	RB
68	Peter Rouse	OL
11	Brent Rowe	LB
22	DuJuan Sharp III	DB
45	Josiah Smith	LB
62	Rayqwon Smith	DL
99	Lathun Snipes	DL
84	Amari Southall	WR
96	Cameron Stewart	DL
69	Chayse Tapp	OL
55	Romello Tarver	OL
25	Sammy Taylor	LB
23	Boogie Trotter	DB
1	Gerand Turner	WR
51	Alex Valbuena	OL
12	Dion Villiers	DB
48	Chris Walker	DL
2	Jashon Watkins	CB
56	Romello Watson	OL
65	Cody Webb	OL
61	Kennedy Wilbert	OL
80	Avery Williams	WR
14	Brandon Wilson	DB
60	Jacob Wooden	OL
85	Austin Yankow	TE







## QUICK FACTS &amp; GAME NOTES

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of School.....Tennessee State University (TSU)  
 City/Zip.....Nashville, Tenn. 37209  
 Founded.....1912  
 Enrollment.....8,088  
 Nickname.....Tigers  
 School Colors.....Reflex Blue and White  
 Affiliation.....NCAA Division I  
 Conference.....Ohio Valley Conference (OVC)  
 Stadium.....Nissan Stadium (69,143)  
 Surface.....Tifsport Bermuda Sod

President.....Dr. Glenda Glover  
 Director of Athletics.....Dr. Mikki Allen  
 Athletics Department #.....615-963-1248  
 Asst. AD / Communications.....Nick Guerriero  
 SID Phone #.....615-963-6638  
 Official Web Site.....TSUTigers.com

## TSU FOOTBALL

First Season.....1912  
 All-Time Record:.....579-322-33  
 First Year in OVC:.....1988  
 OVC Record:.....112-136  
 OVC Championships:.....2 (Last-1999)  
 NCAA FCS Playoff Appearances:.....5 (Last-2013)  
 HBCU National Championships:.....16 (Last-2013)  
 Cumulative All-Americans:.....339  
 Pro Football Hall of Famers:.....Richard Dent 2011, Claude Humphrey 2014

## 2023 OVC-BIG SOUTH PRESEASON POLL (FIRST-PLACE VOTES)

1. Southeast Missouri State (6) - 96
2. Gardner-Webb (2) - 86
3. UT Martin (1) - 85
4. Tennessee Tech (1) - 58
5. Tennessee State - 57
6. Bryant - 48
7. Lindenwood - 45
8. Eastern Illinois - 33
9. Charleston Southern - 30
10. Robert Morris - 12

## 2022 TEAM INFORMATION

Overall Record: 4-7 Home: 2-3 Away: 2-3 Neutral: 0-1  
 OVC Record: 2-3 Home: 1-2 Away: 1-1

## 2022 RESULTS

9/3 at Eastern Washington.....L, 29-36  
 9/10 vs. Jackson St.....L, 3-16  
 9/17 at Middle Tennessee.....L, 6-49  
 10/1 LANE.....L, 27-28  
 10/8 BETHUNE-COOKMAN.....W, 41-17  
 10/15 TENNESSEE TECH\*.....W, 30-14  
 10/22 EASTERN ILLINOIS\*.....W, 28-0  
 10/29 at Murray State\*.....L, 3-19  
 11/5 SEMO\*.....L, 0-42  
 11/12 UT MARTIN\*.....L, 3-20  
 11/19 at Texas A&M-Commerce.....W, 22-14

## FUTURE SCHEDULED GAMES

9/7/2024 at North Dakota State.....TBA  
 9/6/2025 NORTH DAKOTA.....TBA



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a 55-yard TD reception, followed by Dayron Johnson who hauled in a 35-yard grab, and Trenton Gillison (20 yards).

9: The number of punts that Tiger punter Jackson Foster has landed inside of the 20-yard line. Forster is in a three-way tie in the Big South-OVC with his nine punts inside the 20. Foster has punted 22 times for 832 yards and has a long of 51.

1: The number of career touchdown receptions Da'Shon Davis now has in his career. The 5th year senior caught his first career TD on a 55-yard pass from Draylen Ellis in the win over GWU. Davis has four catches for 86 yards this season.

**TIED AT THE TOP:** Just two teams sit at 1-0 in the newly formed Big South-OVC as TSU and SEMO both have 1-0 records in the league. Just four teams have played a league matchup thus far, while six teams have yet to play, including UTM who will open their conference slate against the Tigers.

**STAYING READY:** After starting 10 games at QB last season, senior quarterback Draylen Ellis who entered this season as the backup was thrust into action against GWU after Deveon Bryant exited the game in the second quarter due to injury. The second-year TSU QB finished the game 16-of-28 through the air with one touchdown pass. The TD pass marked his first since he threw three against ELU on October 22nd of last season. Ellis put TSU in a position to kick a game-winning field goal to take down GWU.

**OFF THE BYE:** The Tigers are 3-5 coming off their bye week since the 2014 season. TSU is 1-1 in their last two contests coming off a bye week. The Tigers fell to Lane College in OT after last season by week.

**CAREER DAY:** TSU kicker James Lowery had a career day in the win against GWU. Lowery entered the day with a career-long FG of 43 yards that he set against Mississippi State in 2021 and would go on to break that record not once, but twice in the win. Lowery connected on a 49-yard field goal midway through the fourth quarter followed by his 50-yard game-winning FG with nine seconds left. The Florida native finished with nine points, while also being named the MVP of the game, and the Big South-OVC Special Teams Player of the Week.

**TAKING THE OVER:** Known for his explosive ability in the return game, TSU wide receiver Dayron Johnson has also shown the consistent ability to rack up receptions and receiving yards from his slot position. With four catches for 46 yards against GWU, the fourth-year WR has now gone over 100 receiving yards in each season he has played. He has hauled in nine passes for 107 yards through three games. The Tennessee native finished with 118 yards in 2019, 263 in the spring of 2021, and 311 in the fall of 2021. Johnson's 58 career receptions for 799 yards lead the TSU WR room.

**ROAD WARRIORS:** Saturday's game against UTM will be the first of two straight-away games for the Tigers. TSU will head to Kennesaw, Ga., to take on Kennesaw next Saturday after traveling to Martin this week. The Tigers will have one more set of back-to-back road games late in the season as they will travel to Charleston, S.C., and Charleston, Ill., on November 4th and 11th for games against Charleston Southern and Eastern Illinois.

**MEET YOU IN THE BACKFIELD:** The Tiger defense has recorded 5.0 tackles for loss or more in each of their first three games to start the season. TSU finished with 6.0 against Notre Dame, followed by a season-high 8.0 against Arkansas Pine Bluff. Brandon Fisher's defense logged 5.0 in their last game against GWU. Terrell Allen leads the team with 3.0 TFLs, followed by Chris Walker with 2.0 and Jalen Bell with 2.0.

## WEEK 3 BY THE NUMBERS

16: The number of wins that TSU has in the John Merritt Classic. TSU won the first event in 1999, as they beat Alabama State 41-8.

43,836: The number of the combined attendance from all 23 John Merritt Classics. The Classic has drawn 20,00+ fans on 11 separate occasions. 31,119 fans watched the first John Merritt Classic in 1999, which is the highest amount among John Merritt Classics. The Tigers packed 11,553 fans into Hale Stadium for last year's JMC.

379: The number of total yards the TSU offense finished with against UAPB. The Tigers showcased a balanced attack with 195 passing yards and 184 rushing yards in the contest. TSU's 379 yards are the most in a game since last season's 394 yards against Eastern Illinois on October 22, 2022.

10: The number of wins Eddie George now has in coaching career. Saturday's victory was the 10th of George's young career as his team defeated UAPB to win the Southern Heritage Classic. George won five games in his first season in 2021, followed by four last year.

**THE JOHN MERRITT CLASSIC:** It's the annual game that brings out the barbecue grills, fish fries, and fellowship. It's a community revival of sorts and a North Nashville family reunion wrapped in one — the John Merritt Classic. Though it brings thousands from across the city and region to Tennessee State University, it all started years ago with one man, John





## GAME NOTES

Merritt, the coach who took Tennessee State to its highest level of football in the program's history. Affectionately known as "Big John", Merritt dominated and revolutionized the game of football during his coaching career, compiling a record of 172-33-7 at TSU and 232-65-11 overall. His former players and the Big Blue Nation still remember Merritt's signature cigar smoke after wins.

**TSU IN THE JOHN MERRITT:** The Tigers have played in the John Merritt Classic 23 times dating back to the first event in 1999. The Tigers are 16-7 in the event. TSU won the first six John Merritt Classics from 1999-2004. The Tigers took down Alabama A&M three years in a row, followed by wins over Prairie View A&M, South Carolina State, and AAMU. TSU's first loss in the classic came in 2005 to AAMU, as they would drop three in a row to AAMU from 2005-2007. The Tigers fell in last year's JMC 28-27 to Lane College in overtime.

**NEW BEGINNINGS:** For the first time in 35 seasons, the TSU football team will be playing in a new conference. Saturday's game marks the first Big South-OVC game for the Tigers after the OVC and Big South joined forces this past offseason to become a joint conference. With the release of the 2023 joint football schedule, it was announced that the partnership between the two conferences would exist through the 2026-27 season.

**BIG CAM:** 5th-year defensive lineman Cameron Stewart played in his 40th career game this past Saturday against UAPB, and the big man in the middle had one of his best career outings, as he tallied six tackles (three solo, three assists). The Chattanooga native has seven tackles this season and is on pace for one of his better seasons. Stewart had a career-high 12 tackles, 2.5 sacks, and 1.5 TFLs last season.

**QB1:** With two starts under his belt, including a win against UAPB in a well-managed game, the Tigers seemed to have found their starting quarterback in 6th-year man Deveon Bryant. "I think he separated himself tonight," stated Eddie George. "When he led us down on the 99-yard drive, he had confidence". Bryant had a well-managed game against UAPB as he finished 14-of-19 through the air with 174 yards, while also tacking on 80 rushing yards. The Illinois native has passed for 217 yards and has accumulated 109 rushing yards in two games.

**GROUND AND POUND:** The Tigers are one of two teams in the newly formed Big South-OVC that have two players with 100+ rushing yards after two weeks of play. Jalen Rouse (119) ranks 5th in the league, while Deveon Bryant (109) is 9th in the Big South-OVC rankings. Lindenwood is the other team with two 100+ yard rushers.

**TEU:** TSU tight end Trenton Gillison had a breakout game for the Tigers in their win against UAPB on Saturday. The first-year Tiger and former Michigan State / Youngstown State product hauled in five passes for 57 yards. Gillison's five receptions are the most by a TSU TE since October 2, 2021, when Rodell Rahmaan hauled in five passes at Austin Peay. TSU TEs caught a combined 11 passes last season and will look to surpass that number this season as they have six TEs on the roster.

**NEW RIVALRY.... WE SHALL SEE:** The Southern Heritage Classic was first played in 1990 to enhance the rivalry between TSU and JSU, two HBCU regional powers. There have been 31 games played all-time in the classic, with 29 between TSU and JSU. Tennessee State is 17-14 all-time in the Southern Heritage Classic. UAPB will be just the fifth team to compete in the SHC after JSU could not appear in 1991, 1993, and now being out of the picture for at least the next two years. TSU took on Mississippi Valley State in 1991, and Grambling State in 1993, both of which resulted in losses. TSU won the first matchup vs. JSU in 1990 23-14. JSU won last year's meeting 16-3.

## WEEK 2 BY THE NUMBERS

6: The number of current TSU players that played in the 2019 TSU vs. UAPB matchup. Dayron Johnson, Kenyon Garlington, Fondren Hollis III, Josh Green, and Cameron Stewart all saw playing time for the Tigers. Monroe Beard III was a freshman for UAPB at the time and recorded two tackles and a sack against TSU. Hollis III recorded his first career stop, while Josh Green had one tackle. Johnson returned two kickoffs for 37 yards.

23: The number of players that made their TSU debut against Notre Dame this past Saturday. The breakdown includes four true freshmen, three redshirt freshmen, and 16 transfer players.

8: The number of kickoff return yards TSU allowed against ND, which currently leads the Big South-OVC. James Lowery had two attempts, with the first being a 65-yard touchback to start the game. Lowery's second attempt was fielded at the four-yard line, but not before ND's Devyn Ford was leveled by Zachery Drake who forced a fumble which was recovered by freshman Sammy Taylor at the 12-yard line.

5: The number of receivers that caught a pass against ND. Eight total players showcased their hands as three running backs also hauled in a pass. The Tigers were able to show off their deep WR room as Da'Shon Davis, Chayil Garnett, Delanie Majors, Karate Brenson, and Dayron Johnson all had receptions.

271: The number of passing yards Draylen Ellis needs to hit 6,000 in his career. Ellis is currently 9th in FCS active passing leaders with 5,729 passing yards. The Mississippi native tallied 1,811

yards through the air in his first season as a Tiger, and 3,894 in two seasons at Austin Peay.

**FIVE IS ALIVE:** Dayron Johnson made the most of his return to the field after missing the 2022 season with a leg injury. The electric return man showcased his skills to the nation as he logged a 58-yard kick return in the second quarter to set the Tigers up in great field position. The Springfield native tallied 76 yards on two returns for an average of 38 yards. The 76 yards now give Johnson 1,207 kick return yards. His average of 23.21 yards ranks fourth in school history.

**INSTANT START:** Tennessee State had six transfers that earned starts in their first game against Notre Dame. Jeremiah Josephs, Jalen Bell, and Monroe Beard III all started on the defensive side of the ball, while Aaron Harvey, Nicholas Green, and Trenton Gillison all got the starting nod on offense. Josephs, Beard, and Bell combined for 18 tackles, with Josephs leading the team with nine, followed by Beard with seven. Both of Bell's tackles were for loss.

**BEHIND THE LINE:** In a game that did not showcase much offensively for the Tigers, there was one defensive statistic that stood for TSU against ND, as the Tigers finished with six tackles for loss to the Fighting Irish's five. Jalen Bell finished with two TFLs in his Tiger debut, while Josh Green, Ahmad Nelson, Bryce Phillips, and Terrell Allen all tallied one TFL.

**LOCAL FRESHMAN IMPACT:** On the first play of his collegiate career, Eriq George, an MBA product took down Sam Hartman for no gain as the QB scrambled up in the pocket. He was met by the freshman DE who was coming off the right side from a two-point stance. George would go on to finish with four solo tackles, as he was one of four true freshmen to see playing time, all of which are from the Nashville area. Ensworth product Sammy Taylor recovered a fumble at the 12-yard line for TSU, while Overton product Delanie Majors hauled in his first reception. Jason Hoath Jr., who played at both Columbia and Page also made his debut, seeing a significant number of snaps on special teams.

**1KWATCH:** Junior running back Jalen Rouse is on pace to hit 1,000 yards rushing this season as he enters his second year as the full-time starter. Rouse crossed the 800-yard mark threshold against ND as he tacked on 28 yards to give him 808 for his career. The Georgia native logged just 167 yards in his first two seasons, before rushing for a career-high and team-leading 613 yards in 2022.

## WEEK 1 BY THE NUMBERS

356: The number of combined tackles between Josh and James Green. Josh Green is the current team leader with 225 career tackles, while James ranks third on the team with 131 tackles under his belt.

207: The number of yards head coach Eddie George rushed for against Notre Dame in 1995. George's three touchdowns helped Ohio State defeat the Fighting Irish 45-25.

39: The number of players from Tennessee that are on the roster this year after having 35 in 2022. 26 of those players are local products that played their high school ball in Nashville.

17: The number of players on TSU's roster who have already completed their bachelor's degrees.

14: The number of FBS transfers on TSU's roster. The Tigers picked up two SEC transfers this summer in defensive back Tyler Jones (Missouri) and wide receiver Lucien Brunetti (Tennessee). Former Michigan State product Trenton Gillison arrives from the Big Ten and is expected to contribute in big ways this season.

**TSU IN SEASON OPENERS:** TSU is 51-31-4 in season openers dating back to the 1933 season. The Tigers' largest margin of victory in a season opener came in 1966 when they took down North Carolina A&T 58-0 to open the season. John Merritt's team would finish that season 10-0 and take down Muskingum 34-7 in the Grantland Rice Bowl. TSU's 55-19 loss to Middle Tennessee to open 1987 is the worst opening-day loss that the Tigers have suffered. TSU has posted 17 shutout wins in season openers since 1933, with the last one coming in the 2016 opener as the Tigers shutout Arkansas-Pine Bluff 44-0.

**THE BIG STAGE:** Tennessee State is 1-5 against FBS teams dating back to 2006. The Tigers have taken on Vanderbilt twice, Georgia State, Middle Tennessee Twice, and Mississippi State in that span. The Tigers picked up their first-ever FBS victory in the 2017 season opener as they defeated Georgia State. The Tigers have dropped their last four games against FBS opponents including two in the Eddie George area, a 49-6 loss to MTSU last season, and a 55-10 loss in 2021.

**OUT EAST:** The Tigers will play three games in the Eastern time zone this season. The last time TSU played in the Eastern Time Zone was in the 2021 season opener against Grambling State in Canton Ohio, as Eddie George made his coaching debut in a 16-10 loss. After opening up the season against Notre Dame in South Bend, the Tigers will also travel to Charleston S.C., and Kennesaw, Ga., for their others games in the Eastern Time Zone.

**KEEPING IT 100:** The Tennessee State defense has four players with 100+ career tackles heading into 2023, with three more players on the brink of reaching the century mark. Josh





## FCS TOP 25

Green leads the team with 225, followed by Monroe Beard III who transfers into TSU with 141 career tackles that he tallied at Arkansas-Pine Bluff. James Green has notched 131 tackles, while Jalen Bell made 113 stops at Mississippi Valley State before transferring to TSU for his final year. Terrell Allen (87), Kenyon Garlington (77), and Jeremiah Josephs (70) will all took hit the 100 mark this season.

**ELITE EIGHT:** Eight true freshmen have made the travel roster for the season opener and will look to make their college debuts live on NBC against Notre Dame. Hadine Diaby (OL), Delanie Majors (WR), Jason Hoath Jr. (TE), and Ryder Hagan (QB) represent the offense, while Eriq George (DL), Terrence Carpenter (DL) and Sammy Taylor (LB) made the flight as defensive freshmen. Kicker Ahmed Mohammed will also travel as the backup kicker.

**OLD HEADS:** With redshirt years, injury redshirts, and extra years of eligibility from Covid, teams across the country have an abundance old 5th, 6th, and even 7th-year players. TSU has a combined 25 guys that are in their 5th-7th year of playing college football. James Green leads the in years in college football as he enters his 7th season. When James was a freshman at TSU in 2017, the current TSU freshmen were in the 6th grade. The Tigers have 10 6th years guys and 14th players in their 5th season.

**OVC PRESEASON SELECTION:** The Tigers received 57 points in the poll, a promising position for Eddie George as he enters his third year as head coach. Last season, TSU recorded a 4-7 overall record and a 2-3 standing in the OVC.

Adding to the optimism, six players from George's squad have been selected to the Conference's Preseason Watch List.

The players on the Preseason Watch List are as follows:

Draylen Ellis - Senior  
2021 2nd Team All-OVC  
2020 OVC Freshman of the Year

Terrell Allen - Senior  
2022 1st Team All-OVC  
2x All-Conference

James Green - Graduate  
2021 2nd Team All-OVC

Josh Green - Senior  
2019 Freshman All-American  
OVC All-Newcomer

Bryce Phillips - Sophomore  
2022 2nd Team All-OVC  
OVC All-Newcomer

FCS COACHES POLL  
RANKINGS (9/18)

RANK	SCHOOL	RECORD	PTS.	PREV.
1	South Dakota St. (26)	3-0	650	1
2	North Dakota State	3-0	624	2
3	Montana State	3-1	593	3
4	William & Mary	4-0	558	5
5	Holy Cross	3-1	528	6
6	Idaho	3-1	505	10
7	Furman	3-1	477	7
8	UIW	3-1	456	9
9	Sacramento State	3-1	453	4
10	Southern Illinois	3-0	409	13
11	North Dakota	2-1	373	14
12	Delaware	3-1	364	16
13	North Carolina Central	3-1	282	19
14	Weber State	2-2	254	8
15	Fordham	3-1	241	22
16	Montana	3-1	237	11
17	New Hampshire	2-2	223	12
18	Florida A&M	3-1	177	23
19	Youngstown State	2-1	149	24
20	UC Davis	2-2	123	15
21	Western Carolina	3-1	119	NR
22	Chattanooga	3-1	110	NR
23	Villanova	3-1	109	NR
24	Harvard	2-0	81	25
25	Eastern Washington	2-2	70	NR

**Others Receiving Votes:** Mercer, 49; Rhode Island, 45; Illinois State, 42; Southeast Missouri State, 41; Central Arkansas, 26; Austin Peay, 16; Eastern Kentucky, 16; Northern Iowa, 15; Samford, 8; Hampton, 7; Eastern Illinois, 6; Jackson State, 5; Richmond, 5; UT Martin, 3; Penn 1.

STATS PERFORM FCS TOP 25  
RANKINGS (9/18)

RANK	SCHOOL	RECORD	PTS.	PREV.
1	South Dakota State (54)	3-0	1,398	1
2	North Dakota State (2)	3-0	1,335	2
3	Montana State	3-1	1,288	3
4	Idaho	3-1	1,187	7
5	William & Mary	4-0	1,154	5
6	Holy Cross	3-1	1,089	6
7	Furman	3-1	1,044	8
8	Sacramento State	3-1	1,011	4
9	UIW	3-1	947	9
10	Southern Illinois	3-0	913	12
11	Delaware	3-1	772	19
12	North Dakota	2-1	704	14
13	Weber State	2-2	601	10
14	New Hampshire	2-2	591	11
15	North Carolina Central	3-1	505	18
16	Villanova	3-1	494	25
17	Western Carolina	3-1	479	23
18	Montana	3-1	420	13
19	Eastern Washington	2-2	358	NR
20	Florida A&M	3-1	346	22
21	UC Davis	2-2	297	15
22	UT Martin	3-1	241	NR
23	Youngstown State	2-1	234	24
24	Rhode Island	2-2	125	17
25	Central Arkansas	2-2	116	NR

**Others Receiving Votes** (schools listed on two or more ballots): Southeast Missouri State 103; Fordham 82; Mercer 62; Chattanooga 55; Eastern Illinois 48; Austin Peay 33; Samford 29; Tarleton State 27; Northern Iowa 23; Albany 22; Harvard 12; Eastern Kentucky 7





## 2023 SEASON PREVIEW

## SCOUTING THE OFFENSE

In the second year of Coach Eddie George's tenure, TSU's offense faced challenges, taking a step back in terms of performance. The team's scoring average dwindled to 18.27 points per game, while they were outscored 272-201 in total. Their offensive statistics positioned them at the 5th spot in the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) for total offense, achieving an average of 314.1 yards per game. Additionally, they secured the 6th rank in total touchdowns, amassing a mere 23. Their offensive efforts yielded 1,459 rushing yards and 1,997 passing yards.

The upcoming season anticipates the return of senior quarterback Draylen Ellis as the starting quarterback. Ellis made his mark in his first season at TSU, passing for 1,807 yards and eight touchdowns. Notably, he garnered four rushing touchdowns and 55 ground yards. With a cumulative career record of 5,705 passing yards and 41 touchdowns, Ellis's remarkable performance earned him a unique position on the Big South-OVC Watch List. Backing up Ellis is Deveon Bryant, in his fifth season. Bryant concluded the previous season with one passing touchdown and one rushing touchdown, with 531 passing yards and three touchdowns to his credit. His ground game included 269 yards and five touchdowns. True freshman Ryder Hagan and Youngstown State transfer Demeatric Crenshaw, an All-MVFC honoree in 2021, are also poised to make their presence felt.

Jalen Rouse, a fourth-year running back, is expected to see the bulk of the carries this season. He secured 613 yards and two touchdowns from his ground efforts across 11 games last season. Additionally, he showcased his versatility with 12 receptions for 158 yards and a touchdown. Rouse has rushed 780 yards in his career. Supporting the running back position are Tre Boone III, with 59 career rushing yards, and Jordan Gant, who registered 92 yards from just 18 attempts in his freshman year. JUCO transfer Antwone Parker, boasting an imposing 6'1", 225-pound stature, has impressed in training camp, presenting an intriguing prospect for fans. Red-shirt freshman Craig Cunningham adds to the depth.

With the departure of key players, including JJ Holloman, the Tigers are on the lookout for new play makers in the receiving department. Second-year Tiger Karate Brenson is expected to emerge as a favorite target for Ellis. Having secured 25 receptions for 329 yards and a score, Brenson showcased his potential in 2022. Dayron Johnson, with 49 career catches accounting for 465 yards and three touchdowns, is set to make a return after missing the previous season due to an ACL injury.

Gerand Turner, entering his fourth season, is expected to assume a more significant role in the wide receiver position. Having played in 10 games, Turner accumulated 15 receptions for 264 yards. Da'Shon Davis, entering his fifth season, caught 19 passes for 210 yards in the previous season. Chayil Garnett, transitioning from quarterback to wide receiver, is a notable addition, showcasing promise in his new role along with his 6'2" stature.

Coach George introduced several new transfers and freshmen to the wide receiver lineup, enhancing the team's versatility. Canen Adrian, who arrived from Blinn in the spring, excelled in the slot during fall camp. With 28 receptions for 338 yards from his junior college experience, Adrian is a promising addition. Solomon Dunn, a transfer from East Tennessee State, boasts a 6'4" frame and is anticipated to make his mark on the outside. Avery Williams returns after an injury sidelined him in the previous season. Williams, a Nashville native, impressed the coaching staff after playing three seasons at Chattanooga. True freshman 3-star Delanie Majors, noted for his blazing speed, and Amar Gist are expected to bring fresh energy to the team.

To bolster their tight end roster, the Tigers expanded their room to accommodate six players, including a mix of transfers and freshmen. Noteworthy among them is Trenton Gillison, poised to take on the role of the top tight end. Gillison, with experience from 37 career games at Michigan State and Youngstown State, caught 21 passes for 231 yards. Austin Yankow, a transfer from Bethune-Cookman, and former Montgomery Bell Academy player Joshua Meriwether are also expected to contribute. True freshman Jason Hoath Jr., part of the travel squad, provides further depth.

Chazan Page stands as the sole returning starter on the offensive line. His performance in all 11 games last season demonstrated his reliability. The arrival of junior college transfer Nicholas Green positions him as the starting left tackle. Darrell Branch and Alex Valbuena gained substantial playing time as guards during camp. Jamari Freeman is set to play right tackle, while Romello Watson's can play both guard and tackle. Providing depth are Kennedy Wilbert, Austin Peay transfer Aarion Harvey, and true freshman Hadine Diaby.

## SCOUTING THE DEFENSE

Transitioning to the defensive aspect, Coach Brandon Fisher aspires for his defensive unit to maintain its formidable reputation from last year. Several talented transfers and freshmen have enhanced the roster. Notably, four defensive players from the team earned spots on the Big South-OVC Watch List, drawing attention from the conference. The Tigers showcased outstanding pass defense last season, allowing fewer than 200 yards per game (190.1). Moreover, they claimed the second-best position in total defense, permitting 363.5 yards per game.

Replacing key players in the defensive line, who moved on to FBS and graduation, proved to be a success for TSU. First-Team All-OVC defensive end Terrell Allen, returning for his second season, emerged as a pivotal player. With 36 tackles, he led the team in tackles for loss (12.0) and sacks (4.5). Chris Walker, boasting 50 tackles, 15.5 tackles for loss, and four sacks in three seasons, complements Allen on the opposite end. Cameron Stewart, now in his 5th season, joins Jalen Bell, a transfer from Mississippi Valley State, in the interior. Bell, an All-SWAC honoree, has notched impressive statistics, including 113 tackles, 26.5 for loss, and 12 sacks across 31 games.

The defensive line introduces three newcomers, each expected to contribute. True freshman Eriq George showcased his potential during fall camp. Juco transfer Lathun Snipes and DII transfer Zion Morris also displayed promise. Snipes, with 48 tackles and 3.5 sacks from two years at Butte College, and Morris, with 21 tackles and two sacks at Sewanee, offer added depth. Additionally, Emmanuel Baez, returning after missing the previous season, is set to enhance the defensive end position.

The linebacking core is led by 7th-year player James Green, who missed the last season but brings his experience from 38 career games. Former UAPB All-American linebacker Monroe Beard III, arriving in the spring, further solidifies the middle linebacker position. Ahmad Nelson, Ken Andrews, and Brent Rowe provide valuable depth.

The secondary showcases the leadership of 6th-year safety Josh Green. With 225 career tackles and nine interceptions, Green stands as the team's current leader in these categories. Grad transfer Jeremiah Josephs and 6th-year player Kenyon Garlington are instrumental in their roles. Garlington, expected to start at nickel, returns after missing the previous season. Boogie Trotter, with substantial experience from the previous season, adds to the team's defensive strength. Dion Villers and Missouri transfer Tyler Jones provide backup at Safety.

The cornerback position boasts four skilled players with extensive experience. Bryce Phillips, an All-OVC Second Team performer, excelled last season with 35 tackles and 10 pass breakups. Fondren Hollis III, equipped with 25 games over four seasons, steps into a significant role at corner. Darius Harper, contributing two interceptions, including a pick-six, in the 2022 season finale, offers depth. Jashon Watkins, who played seven games with 21 tackles, and Jalen McClendon, who demonstrated proficiency in his first two seasons, are poised to make an impact.

## SCOUTING THE SPECIAL TEAMS

Jackson Foster steps in as punter, succeeding Kaleb Mosley. Foster's journey spans Western Michigan, Diablo Valley, and Nevada before joining TSU. The role of placekicker transitions to James Lowery, who previously served as the kickoff specialist for three seasons. Lowery is 2-of-2 in his career, with a long of 43 yards. Freshman Ahmed Mohamed is slated to back up Lowery. Carson Buchanan, returning for his 4th season, maintains the long snapper position, while redshirt freshman Connor Ridderhoff offers support.

Dayron Johnson, returning after a season's absence, is positioned as TSU's premier return man. His track record includes 451 kick return yards and a score, along with 156 punt return yards in 2021. His career numbers reach 1,131 kick return yards over 50 attempts, averaging 22.62 yards per return. Boogie Trotter and Delanie Majors are additional contenders in the return game.







## COACHING STAFF



### EDDIE GEORGE HEAD COACH

Eddie George is entering his third season as the 22nd head football coach at Tennessee State University. He was appointed to this position on April 13, 2021.

During his inaugural season, George led the Tigers to a 5-6 overall record and secured spots for 10 players on the All-OVC team. In the following year, the Tigers finished with a 4-7 record and placed seven players on the All-OVC team.

George's college football journey began at Ohio State University, where he won the Heisman Trophy in 1995. In that remarkable season, he set a school record by rushing for 1,927 yards and scoring 24 touchdowns. He also showcased his versatility by catching 47 passes for 417 yards and an additional touchdown. He left Ohio State as the second-highest career rusher (3,768 yards) and third in rushing touchdowns (44), with a total of 4,284 all-purpose yards and 45 touchdowns.

In 1996, George was the first-round draft pick of the then-Houston Oilers. He earned the NFL Rookie of the Year award and went on to serve as the starting tailback for the Oilers/Titans until 2003, impressively never missing a start. He achieved four consecutive Pro Bowl selections (1997–2000) and contributed to the Titans' appearance in Super Bowl XXXIV. Notably, George is one of only two NFL running backs to surpass 10,000 rushing yards without missing a start, alongside Jim Brown. His 130 consecutive regular season starts are second only to Walter Payton's 170.

In 2004, George signed a one-year contract with the Dallas Cowboys, starting eight games and finishing the season with 432 yards and four touchdowns. He officially retired in 2006, culminating his career with 10,441 rushing yards, 268 receptions, 2,227 receiving yards, and 78 touchdowns (68 rushing and 10 receiving).

After retiring from playing football, George has been involved in various endeavors, including acting, broadcasting, and business ventures.

Recognized for his exceptional contributions, George was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2011 and the Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame in 2013. He is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and holds a board position with Music City Baseball. Hailing from Philadelphia, George earned his bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture from Ohio State in 2001, later completing an MBA from Northwestern in 2009. He is married to Tamara "Taj" George, and they are parents to two sons, Eriq and Jaire.

## COORDINATORS



### THERON AYCH OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR / QB

Aych has more than 20 years of experience coaching in the college ranks. Aych spent two seasons (2020-21) as the inside wide receivers coach at UTEP. He was there previously as assistant wide receivers coach in 2016. He spent the four years in between as wide receivers and tight ends coach at Arizona. This won't be Aych's first time to be an offensive coordinator. He held the position along with being assistant head coach at Angelo State from 2011-15 and was offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Mesabi Range (Minnesota) Community College in 1997. At Angelo State, he was named a finalist for the Division II AFCA Assistant Coach of the Year award. Aych, who played receiver at Northern State (1992-95), also had coaching stints at Houston (2000-02), Washington (2003) and Fort Scott (Kansas) Community College (1998-99).



### BRANDON FISHER DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

Entering his third season as defensive coordinator, Fisher brings over a decade of high-level NFL and collegiate coaching experience to the Tigers. Prior to TSU, Fisher spent time with Auburn (2020) and Southern Utah (2019) as the defensive coordinator. The son of former Houston Oilers/Tennessee Titans and St. Louis/Los Angeles Rams head coach Jeff Fisher, Brandon Fisher spent eight seasons as an NFL assistant coach. Fisher began his coaching career in 2010 as an offensive assistant for the Tennessee Titans. In 2011, Fisher held the position of assistant secondary coach with the Detroit Lions under Jim Schwartz and Gunther Cunningham. After one season, Fisher joined the Rams as an assistant secondary coaching, a position he held for three seasons. Fisher was a two-year starter at Montana, playing in two FCS National Championship Games and made 169 career tackles.



### KEITH BURNS SPECIAL TEAMS/ DEFENSIVE SPECIALIST

Renowned as one of the most exceptional special teams players in NFL history, Burns boasts an impressive record of two Super Bowl victories with the Denver Broncos and a notable 13-year tenure in the NFL as a player. Following the conclusion of his playing career, Burns transitioned into a prominent NFL assistant role, specializing in coaching special teams. He has lent his expertise to teams including the Los Angeles Chargers, Washington Football Team, and the Broncos. Burns initially showcased his talents as a standout linebacker at Oklahoma State, which led to his selection by the Broncos in the seventh round of the 1994 NFL Draft.





## COACHING STAFF / RECRUITING



### JOSH CRAWFORD, RUNNING BACKS

A former SEC player at Vanderbilt, Crawford returned to TSU as the running backs coach in July of 2023. He brings a wealth of experience to the role. He returned to the Tigers after a year as an offensive graduate assistant at Utah, where he contributed to the Utes' 2022 Pac-12 Championship victory, primarily focusing on wide receivers and scouting. Earlier, he excelled as a graduate assistant at Tennessee State, closely collaborating with linebackers and coaching standout James Green. Crawford's coaching journey extends to roles at the Orleans Darkwa Youth Football Camp and Autauga Academy in Alabama.



### SCOTT BAUMGARTNER, WIDE RECEIVERS

Baumgartner arrived at TSU in March of 2023, and brings a wealth of experience to the position. With a coaching career spanning over three decades, Baumgartner has traversed various institutions and roles. His tenure includes significant stints in the Mountain West Conference at UNLV, New Mexico, and Nevada, where he notably worked with running backs, wide receivers, and special teams. Prior to his time in the Mountain West, Baumgartner also honed his coaching prowess at Central Missouri State, West Valley College in California, and his alma mater, Pacific University.



### ANTHONY LEWIS, OFFENSIVE LINE

Lewis started his playing career at Cisco Junior College before joining Angelo State for the 2012 and 2013 seasons on the offensive line. He was a Don Hansen third-team All-Super Region Four selection and a first-team All-LSC selection in 2013. He helped the Ram offense break the ASU single-season record for total yards per game average with 457.9. Lewis helped pave the way for Kyle Washington to become the first player to pass for at least 2,000-yards and rush for at least 1,000-yards in a single season. In 2013, Lewis also helped ASU for the most rushing yards in a single season at 3,034 yards, the 1988 NFL Draft.



### MICHAEL BREWSTER, TIGHT ENDS

Former Ohio State center Michael Brewster spent the previous two seasons as a quality control coach at the University of Cincinnati. Brewster joined former Ohio State teammate Marcus Freeman on UC's defensive coaching staff in 2020. He then moved to the offensive side of the ball in 2021. Brewster started 49 consecutive games for the Buckeyes from 2008-2011. He was a freshman All-American, first-team All-Big Ten, first-team All-American, Rimington Trophy finalist and team captain who helped Ohio State win three Big Ten titles.



### JOE BOWDEN, ASST. HEAD COACH / LINEBACKERS

A former Tennessee Titans linebacker and a nine-year NFL veteran, Bowden brings over a decade of coaching experience to Tennessee State. Bowden's coaching journey encompasses roles such as the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Missouri Baptist over the last four seasons, following his tenure as the inside linebackers coach for the San Francisco 49ers in 2016 and the assistant linebackers coach for the St. Louis Rams from 2012 to 2015. His coaching portfolio also includes stints at Central Oklahoma, in NFL Europe, and a completed internship with the Washington Football Team. Having earned All-America honors at Oklahoma, Bowden was selected in the fifth round of the 1992 NFL Draft by the Houston Oilers. During his time in the NFL, he was a teammate of Eddie George for several seasons.



### CLYDE SIMMONS, DEFENSIVE LINE

A two-time All-Pro and Philadelphia Eagles Hall of Famer, Simmons played in the NFL for 15 seasons and led the league with 19 sacks in 1992. His 121.5 career sacks ranked 11th in NFL history at the time of his retirement, prior to spending the last decade in coaching. Simmons served as the defensive line coach for the Cleveland Browns in 2017-18, mentoring the No. 1 pick Myles Garrett before coaching the defensive lines at Missouri Baptist and Western Carolina. He also worked as an assistant defensive line coach with the St. Louis/Los Angeles Rams and held a coaching internship with the New York Jets. During his tenure with the Rams, Simmons coached the three-time Pro Bowl defensive tackle and the 2014 NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year, Aaron Donald, alongside defensive end Robert Quinn. Quinn notably set a single-season franchise record with 19 sacks in 2013. Simmons' contributions extended beyond coaching, as he earned a place on the Philadelphia Eagles 75th Anniversary Team and the Western Carolina Athletics Hall of Fame.



### RICHARD MCNUTT, DEFENSIVE BACKS

McNutt, who won a national championship as a player at Ohio State, brings over 15 years of collegiate coaching experience to Tennessee State. In his most recent role, McNutt excelled as the defensive backs coach at Southeastern University. Prior to this, he devoted four seasons as the co-defensive coordinator and secondary coach at Youngstown State, playing a pivotal role in guiding the Penguins to an appearance in the 2016 FCS National Championship Game. McNutt's coaching journey also encompasses successful tenures at institutions including Toledo, Kent State, Northern Illinois, and NC State. He additionally spent a productive season as part of the Cleveland Browns staff.



### KEVIN MASHAK / RECRUITING

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## 2023 TSU FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF



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## 2023 Big South-OVC Football Association Standings

Team	Big South-OVC					Overall								
	W	L	PCT	PF	PA	W	L	PCT	PF	PA	Home	Road	L10	Streak
Tennessee State	1	0	1.000	27	25	2	1	.667	54	95	1-0	1-1 ^	2-1	W2
Southeast Missouri	1	0	1.000	45	7	1	3	.250	108	119	1-1	0-2	1-3	L2
Eastern Illinois	0	0	.000	0	0	3	1	.750	87	79	2-0	1-1	3-1	W2
UT Martin	0	0	.000	0	0	3	1	.750	148	107	2-0	1-1	3-1	W3
Bryant	0	0	.000	0	0	2	2	.500	76	96	1-1	1-1	2-2	W1
Robert Morris	0	0	.000	0	0	2	2	.500	112	111	2-0	0-2	2-2	W1
Charleston Southern	0	0	.000	0	0	1	3	.250	58	168	1-1	0-2	1-3	L3
Tennessee Tech	0	0	.000	0	0	1	3	.250	44	128	1-1	0-2	1-3	W1
Lindenwood	0	1	.000	7	45	2	2	.500	144	142	1-0	1-2	2-2	L1
Gardner-Webb	0	1	.000	25	27	1	3	.250	83	143	1-0	0-3	1-3	L2

^ - includes neutral site victory

## SLANT ROUTES

\* **BRYANT:** The Bulldogs are facing Rhode Island for the third-straight year, and have scored 21 points in each of the last two meetings.

\* **CHARLESTON SOUTHERN:** The Buccaneers are looking to snap a 5-game skid against former Big South rival Kennesaw State. CSU fell to the Owls last year, 30-20.

\* **EASTERN ILLINOIS:** The Panthers are looking to start 4-1 for the first time since 2013 (11-1 regular-season record) ... EIU has already surpassed last season's win total (2).

\* **GARDNER-WEBB:** The Runnin' Bulldogs are idle this week and return to action Oct. 7 at home vs. Robert Morris.

\* **LINDENWOOD:** The Lions are playing their fourth of seven first-time opponents on Saturday, and are 2-1 against first-time foes this season ... Lindenwood is looking to avoid back-to-back losses for the first time since Sept. 24-Oct. 1, 2022.

\* **ROBERT MORRIS:** The Colonials achieved their first shutout since blanking VMI, 23-0, on Sept. 16, 2017 ... RMU's lone win over Howard came in 2021 (W, 22-16 at home).

\* **SOUTHEAST MISSOURI:** The Redhawks are idle this week and return to action Oct. 7 at Central Arkansas ... SEMO has lost back-to-back games in the same year for the first time since Oct. 16-23, 2021 ... The Redhawks' last two defeats have been by a combined 4 points.

\* **TENNESSEE STATE:** The Tigers last defeated UT Martin in the 2021 Spring season (W, 26-24) ... TSU last opened a season 3-1 in 2017 ... Tennessee State is ranked No. 4 in the BOXTOROW HBCU FCS Coaches poll.

\* **TENNESSEE TECH:** The Golden Eagles held Kennesaw State to 96 rushing yards -- the fewest in the Owls' football history ... Tech held its first opponent to less than 10 points since Nov. 2, 2019 when it won 17-7 at Murray State.

\* **UT MARTIN:** The Skyhawks have won the last two meetings with TSU ... UT Martin last started 4-1 overall in 2021 (opened 9-1).

## WEEK 5 SCHEDULE

## SATURDAY, SEPT. 30

	TIME	WATCH	SERIES
Howard at ROBERT MORRIS	12:00pm ET	ESPN+	RMU leads series, 1-0
BRYANT at #24 Rhode Island	1:00pm ET	FloSports	URI leads series, 3-0
Kennesaw State at CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	6:00pm ET	ESPN+	KSU leads series, 5-1
TENNESSEE STATE at #22 UT MARTIN *	6:00pm CT	ESPN+	TSU leads series, 18-14
Austin Peay at LINDENWOOD	6:00pm CT	ESPN+	1st meeting
EASTERN ILLINOIS at Northwestern State	6:00pm CT	ESPN+	EIU leads series, 3-1

All Times subject to change

\* - Big South-OVC Association game

Big South-OVC Association member in ALL CAPS

## 2-MINUTE OFFENSE

**OPENING KICKOFF:** Bryant and Eastern Illinois recorded last-second, comeback victories on field goals last weekend. The Bulldogs rallied from a 13-3 deficit at Princeton to win 16-13 in overtime on **ETHAN GETTMAN's** 37-yard field goal. EIU came back from a 28-7 deficit to defeat McNeese, 31-28 on **STONE GALLOWAY's** 56-yard field goal with :20 seconds remaining.

**1st DOWN:** Two rushers gained more than 200 yards on the ground this past weekend, as Eastern Illinois' **MJ FLOWERS** rushed for a Big South-OVC record 272 yards against McNeese, while UT Martin's **SAM FRANKLIN** posted his second 200-yard rushing game in three weeks with 221 in the Skyhawks' 37-21 win at North Alabama. Franklin is averaging 202.33 rushing yards in his last three outings.

**2nd DOWN:** Tennessee State is looking for its second consecutive 2-0 start in conference games this weekend ... UT Martin is looking to open 1-0 in league play for the third-straight season. The match-up is part of the Sgt. York Trophy series contested between the three Tennessee-based OVC schools.

**3rd DOWN:** UT Martin has an Association-best 3-game win streak, and during that span, the Skyhawks are averaging 47.0 points, 566.33 yards of offense and 327.67 rushing yards, while allowing just 19.7 points and 372.33 offensive yards.

**4th DOWN:** UT Martin entered the Top 25 rankings following Week 4, and is currently No. 22 in the Stats Perform poll. The Big South-OVC has had a member ranked every week of the 2023 season (including preseason).

## ABOUT THE BIG SOUTH-OVC FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

This is the first season of the Big South-OVC Football Association. On Feb. 22, 2022, the Big South Conference and Ohio Valley Conference announced the creation of an association of their football member institutions, to begin with the 2023 NCAA Division I football season and have an initial term of at least four years. The unique agreement combines the two conferences' football membership to ensure NCAA championship access and stability for the multisport conferences. In creating the association, presidents from each of the multisport conferences pointed to the similarities of the OVC and the Big South, with their complementary geographies and intercollegiate athletic philosophies, as key to making this association possible. The first year is comprised of 10 members. Western Illinois will join the Association beginning with the 2024 season, while Bryant will depart after this season for CAA Football.





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## Team Statistics

	TSU	OPP
<b>Scoring</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>95</b>
Points per game	18.0	31.7
Points Off Turnovers	0	21
<b>First Downs</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>64</b>
Rushing	16	24
Passing	26	36
Penalty	5	4
<b>Rushing Yardage</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>536</b>
Yards gained rushing	476	648
Yards lost rushing	83	112
Rushing attempts	109	109
Average per rush	3.6	4.9
Average per game	131.0	178.7
TDs Rushing	4	6
<b>Passing Yardage</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>761</b>
Comp-Att-Int	45-89-3	63-104-0
Average per pass	5.4	7.3
Average per catch	10.7	12.1
Average per game	161.0	253.7
TDs Passing	1	6
<b>Total offense</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>1297</b>
Total plays	198	213
Average per play	4.4	6.1
Average per game	292.0	432.3
<b>Kick returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>4-119</b>	<b>8-125</b>
<b>Punt returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>7-67</b>
<b>Int returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>3-33</b>
<b>Kick return average</b>	<b>29.8</b>	<b>15.6</b>
<b>Punt return average</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>9.6</b>
<b>Int return average</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>11.0</b>
<b>Fumbles-Lost</b>	<b>8-2</b>	<b>3-1</b>
<b>Penalties-Yards</b>	<b>21-153</b>	<b>14-121</b>
Average per game	51.0	40.3
<b>Punts-Yards</b>	<b>22-832</b>	<b>18-686</b>
Average per punt	37.8	38.1
Net punt average	34.8	37.6
<b>Kickoffs-Yards</b>	<b>13-743</b>	<b>16-978</b>
Average per kick	57.2	61.1
Net kick average	38.9	35.5
<b>Time of possession / game</b>	<b>22:16</b>	<b>37:44</b>
<b>3rd-down conversion</b>	<b>17/45</b>	<b>19/45</b>
3rd-down pct	38%	42%
<b>4rd-down conversion</b>	<b>1/2</b>	<b>2/5</b>







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	TSU	OPP
4rd-down pct	50%	40%
<b>Sacks by-Yards</b>	<b>3-25</b>	<b>6-46</b>
<b>Misc Yards</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Touchdowns scored</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Field goals - attempts</b>	<b>4-6</b>	<b>1-4</b>
<b>On-Side kicks</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>0-0</b>
<b>Red-zone scores</b>	<b>(5-8) 63%</b>	<b>(7-10) 70%</b>
<b>Red-zone touchdowns</b>	<b>(3-8) 38%</b>	<b>(7-10) 70%</b>
<b>PAT-attempts</b>	<b>(6-6) 100%</b>	<b>(12-12) 100%</b>
<b>2-point conversion-attempts</b>	<b>(0-0) 0%</b>	<b>(0-1) 0%</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>3869</b>	<b>77622</b>
Games / Avg per game	1/3869	1/77622
Neutral site games	-	1/32518

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Tennessee St.	17	14	10	13	0	54
Opponents	14	38	16	27	0	95





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## Team Defense

			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles	blkd		
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
3	Monroe Beard III	3	21	9	30	1.5-4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
1	James Green	3	9	10	19	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	Jeremiah Josephs	3	16	3	19	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
6	Josh Green	3	10	3	13	1-4	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
48	Chris Walker	2	9	3	12	2-16	1-9	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
47	Ahmad Nelson	3	8	2	10	1.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Lathun Snipes	3	3	6	9	1.5-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
96	Cameron Stewart	3	5	4	9	1-5	1-5	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
0	Bryce Phillips	3	6	3	9	1.5-2	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
9	Terrell Allen	3	3	5	8	3-13	1-11	.	.	3	.	.	.	.
44	Eriq George	2	6	.	6	1-1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
30	Darius Harper	3	5	1	6	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
17	Emmanuel Baez	2	4	2	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Fondren Hollis III	3	6	.	6	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Kenyon Garlington	3	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
36	Zachery Drake	3	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
7	Ken Andrews	3	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Boogie Trotter	2	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55	Joey McNeely	3	2	.	2	1-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31	Micah Gay	3	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Dion Villiers	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	Jalen Bell	1	2	.	2	2-8	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
25	Sammy Taylor	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
52	Carson Buchanan	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	Jalen McClendon	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	Zion Morris	2	.	1	1	0.5-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Tre Boone III	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Brent Rowe	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Tyler Jones	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	Chandon Page	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Totals	3	131	60	191	19-71	3-25	0-0	7	8	1-0	2	1	0
	Opponents	3	114	64	178	19-78	6-46	3-33	12	11	2-0	4	1	1





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RUSHES	38	vs Ark.-Pine Bluff (N) (09/09/2023)
YARDS RUSHING	184	vs Ark.-Pine Bluff (N) (09/09/2023)
YARDS PER RUSH	4.8	vs Ark.-Pine Bluff (N) (09/09/2023)
TD RUSHES	2	Gardner-Webb (09/16/2023)
	2	vs Ark.-Pine Bluff (N) (09/09/2023)
PASS ATTEMPTS	45	Gardner-Webb (09/16/2023)
PASS COMPLETIONS	21	Gardner-Webb (09/16/2023)
YARDS PASSING	221	Gardner-Webb (09/16/2023)
YARDS PER PASS	8.9	vs Ark.-Pine Bluff (N) (09/09/2023)
TD PASSES	1	Gardner-Webb (09/16/2023)
TOTAL PLAYS	80	Gardner-Webb (09/16/2023)
TOTAL OFFENSE	379	vs Ark.-Pine Bluff (N) (09/09/2023)
YARDS PER PLAY	6.3	vs Ark.-Pine Bluff (N) (09/09/2023)
POINTS	27	Gardner-Webb (09/16/2023)
SACKS BY	2	vs Ark.-Pine Bluff (N) (09/09/2023)
FIRST DOWNS	18	vs Ark.-Pine Bluff (N) (09/09/2023)
PENALTIES	11	Gardner-Webb (09/16/2023)
PENALTY YARDS	73	Gardner-Webb (09/16/2023)
TURNOVERS	2	Gardner-Webb (09/16/2023)
	2	at Notre Dame (09/02/2023)
PUNTS	11	Gardner-Webb (09/16/2023)
PUNTING AVG	40.2	at Notre Dame (09/02/2023)
LONG PUNT	51	Gardner-Webb (09/16/2023)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	5	Gardner-Webb (09/16/2023)
LONG PUNT RETURN	0	Gardner-Webb (09/16/2023)
	0	vs Ark.-Pine Bluff (N) (09/09/2023)
	0	at Notre Dame (09/02/2023)





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## Tennessee St. Inside Opponent Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total			Rush	Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ					
			In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
09/02/2023	at Notre Dame	L 3-56	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
09/09/2023	vs Ark.-Pine Bluff	W 24-14	4	3	18	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
09/16/2023	Gardner-Webb	W 27-25	1	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals 5 of 8 (62.5%)</b>			<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## Opponents Inside Tennessee St. Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total			Rush	Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ					
			In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
09/02/2023	Notre Dame	L 3-56	3	3	21	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/09/2023	Ark.-Pine Bluff	W 24-14	3	2	14	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/16/2023	Gardner-Webb	W 27-25	4	2	13	2	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals 7 of 10 (70.0%)</b>			<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>







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	TSU	OPP
<b>Scoring</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>95</b>
Points per game	18.0	31.7
Points Off Turnovers	0	21
<b>First Downs</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>64</b>
Rushing	16	24
Passing	26	36
Penalty	5	4
<b>Rushing Yardage</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>536</b>
Yards gained rushing	476	648
Yards lost rushing	83	112
Rushing attempts	109	109
Average per rush	3.6	4.9
Average per game	131.0	178.7
TDs Rushing	4	6
<b>Passing Yardage</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>761</b>
Comp-Att-Int	45-89-3	63-104-0
Average per pass	5.4	7.3
Average per catch	10.7	12.1
Average per game	161.0	253.7
TDs Passing	1	6
<b>Total offense</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>1297</b>
Total plays	198	213
Average per play	4.4	6.1
Average per game	292.0	432.3
<b>Kick returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>4-119</b>	<b>8-125</b>
<b>Punt returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>7-67</b>
<b>Int returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>3-33</b>
<b>Kick return average</b>	<b>29.8</b>	<b>15.6</b>
<b>Punt return average</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>9.6</b>
<b>Int return average</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>11.0</b>
<b>Fumbles-Lost</b>	<b>8-2</b>	<b>3-1</b>
<b>Penalties-Yards</b>	<b>21-153</b>	<b>14-121</b>
Average per game	51.0	40.3
<b>Punts-Yards</b>	<b>22-832</b>	<b>18-686</b>
Average per punt	37.8	38.1
Net punt average	34.8	37.6
<b>Kickoffs-Yards</b>	<b>13-743</b>	<b>16-978</b>
Average per kick	57.2	61.1
Net kick average	38.9	35.5
<b>Time of possession / game</b>	<b>22:16</b>	<b>37:44</b>
<b>3rd-down conversion</b>	<b>17/45</b>	<b>19/45</b>
3rd-down pct	38%	42%
<b>4rd-down conversion</b>	<b>1/2</b>	<b>2/5</b>





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## ALL-TIME NFL DRAFT PICKS & TIGERS IN THE PROS

TSU TIGERS FIRST ROUND NFL PICKS			
1968	3rd Pick	Claude Humphrey	Atlanta Falcons
1969	25th Pick	Eldridge Dickey	Oakland Raiders
1969	23rd Pick	Jim Marsalis	Kansas City Chiefs
1971	15th Pick	Vernon Holland	Cincinnati Bengals
1974	1st Pick	Ed "Too" Tall Jones	Dallas Cowboys
1974	4th Pick	Waymond Bryant	Chicago Bears
2008	16th Pick	Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie	Arizona Cardinals

DRAFTED TIGERS PER NFL TEAM	
Arizona Cardinals	2
Atlanta Falcons	4
Baltimore Colts	5
Baltimore Ravens	1
Buffalo Bills	4
Chicago Bears	5
Cincinnati Bengals	4
Cleveland Browns	5
Dallas Cowboys	3
Denver Broncos	3
Detroit Lions	6
Green Bay Packers	3
Houston Oilers	3
Indianapolis Colts	1
Jacksonville Jaguars	1
Kansas City Chiefs	7
Los Angeles Rams	4
Miami Dolphins	6
Minnesota Vikings	5
New England Patriots	2
New Orleans Saints	2
New York Giants	1
New York Jets	4
Oakland Raiders	4
Philadelphia Eagles	7
Pittsburgh Steelers	4
San Diego Chargers	6
San Francisco 49ers	8
St. Louis Cardinals	1
St. Louis Rams	1
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	2
Washington Redskins	2

ALL-TIME TIGERS IN THE PROS	
Name	Teams (Year)
A	
Joe "747" Adams — QB	San Francisco 49ers (1981); Saskatchewan Roughriders (1982–1983); Toronto Argonauts (1983); Ottawa Rough Riders (1984)
Brent Alexander — S	Arizona Cardinals (1994-97); Carolina Panthers (1998-99); Pittsburgh Steelers (2000-03); NY Giants (2004-05)
Hubbard Alexander — C	Coach: TSU (1962-63); Vanderbilt (1975-87); UMiami (1979-88); Dallas Cowboys (1989-97); Minnesota Vikings (1998-99); New Orleans Saint (2000-03) 3x Super Bowl champion (XXVII, XXVIII, XXX) 2x National champion (1983, 1987)
Bennie Anderson — RB	St. Louis Rams (2000); Chicago Enforcers (2001); Baltimore Ravens (2001–2004); Buffalo Bills (2005); Miami Dolphins (2006)
B	
Larry Barnes — RB	San Diego Chargers (1977-1978); St Louis Cardinals (1978); Philadelphia Eagles (1978-1979)
Bill Bass — RB	Chicago Rockets (1947); Montreal Alouettes (1948); Toronto Argonauts (1950–53); Ottawa Rough Riders (1954); Toronto Balmy Beach Beachers (1955)
Avion Black — WR / KR	Buffalo Bills (2000–2001); Houston Texans (2002)
Terrell Bonds — CB	Memphis Express (2019); Baltimore Ravens (2019–2020); Miami Dolphins (2021)* Pittsburgh Maulers (2022); Tennessee Titans (2022)*; San Antonio Brahmas (2023–present)
Sam Bowers — TE	New York Jets (1980–1981)*; Toronto Argonauts (1981); New Jersey Generals (1983–1985); Chicago Bears (1987)
Clifford Brooks — DB	Cleveland Browns (1972–1974); Philadelphia Eagles (1975–1976); Buffalo Bills (1975–1976); New York Jets (1976)
Waymond Bryant — LB	Chicago Bears (1974–1977)
C	
Alex Carter — DE	Buffalo Bills (1985–1986)*; Miami Dolphins (1987)*; Cleveland Browns (1987); Edmonton Eskimos (1988); Ottawa Rough Riders (1989)*
Eugene Clifford — S	Baltimore Ravens (2011)*; Texas Revolution (2013)
Al Coleman — DB	Minnesota Vikings (1967); Des Moines Warriors (1967); Charleston Rockets (1968); Cincinnati Bengals (1969–1971); Philadelphia Eagles (1972–1973)
D	
Dave Davis — WR	Green Bay Packers (1971–1972); Pittsburgh Steelers (1973); New Orleans Saints (1974)
Oliver Davis — CB	Cleveland Browns (1977–1980); Cincinnati Bengals (1981–1982)
Rosey Davis — DE	New York Giants (1965–1967)
Sonny Davis — RB	Philadelphia Eagles (1971); The Hawaiians (1974–1975)
Richard Dent — RB	Chicago Bears (1983–1993); San Francisco 49ers (1994); Chicago Bears (1995); Indianapolis Colts (1996); Philadelphia Eagles (1997) 2x Super Bowl champion (XX, XXIX) Super Bowl MVP (XX) First-team All-Pro (1985) 3x Second-team All-Pro (1984, 1988, 1990) 4x Pro Bowl (1984, 1985, 1990, 1993) 2x NFL forced fumbles leader (1984, 1985) NFL sacks leader (1985) 100 greatest Bears of All-Time
Eldridge Dickey — QB / WR	Oakland Raiders (1968–1971); AFL champion (1968)





## ALL-TIME TIGERS IN THE PROS

Lamar Divens —NT	San Diego Chargers (2008)*; Baltimore Ravens (2008–2010); Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2011)*; Tennessee Titans (2012)*; San Francisco 49ers (2013)*
Larry Dorsey —WR	San Diego Chargers (1976–1977); Kansas City Chiefs (1978)
Marcus Dowdell —WR	New Orleans Saints (1992–1993); Arizona Cardinals (1995–1996)
Elbert Drungo — G / T	Houston Oilers (1969–1977); Buffalo Bills (1978)
E	
Cid Edwards —RB	St. Louis Cardinals (1967–1971); San Diego Chargers (1972–1974); Chicago Bears (1975)
Kadeem Edwards —G	Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2014); Jacksonville Jaguars (2015); Dallas Cowboys (2016–2018)
Steve Edwards —OF / DL	Philadelphia Eagles (2002)*; Chicago Bears (2002–2005); New York Giants (2006); Baltimore Ravens (2007)*; Philadelphia Soul (2008) Arizona Rattlers (2008); California Redwoods (2009); Arizona Rattlers (2011); Chicago Rush (2013)
Cleveland Elam	San Francisco 49ers (1975–1978); Detroit Lions (1979)
Onzy Elam — LB	New York Jets (1987–1988); Dallas Cowboys (1989)
Homer Elias —G	Detroit Lions (1978–1984)
F	
Charley Ferguson —TE	Cleveland Browns (1961); Minnesota Vikings (1962); Buffalo Bills (1963–1969)
Rodney Fritz —DL	Huntington Hammer (2011); Tulsa Talons (2011)*; Winnipeg Blue Bombers (2011–2013); Toronto Argonauts (2013)*; San Jose Saber-Cats (2014–2015); Los Angeles KISS (2016); Arizona Rattlers (2016); Baltimore Brigade (2018); Albany Empire (2019)
Randy Fuller —CB	Denver Broncos (1994); Pittsburgh Steelers (1995–1997); Atlanta Falcons (1998); Seattle Seahawks 1999
G	
Chuck Gavin —DE	BC Lions (1959); Denver Broncos (1960–1963)
Joe Gilliam — QB	Pittsburgh Steelers (1972–1975); New Orleans Saints (1976–1977)*; Pittsburgh Wolf Pak (1978); Baltimore Eagles (1979); New Orleans Blue Knights (1981); Denver Gold (1983)*; Washington Federals (1983)
H	
Mike Hegman —LB	Dallas Cowboys (1976–1988) Super Bowl champion (XII)
Jeremy Hickbottom — QB	Cologne Crocodiles (2023)*; Massachusetts Pirates (2023)*; DC Defenders (2023–present)
Sylvester Hicks — DE	Kansas City Chiefs (1978–1981)
Jarrick Hillery — WR / Db	Nashville Kats (2000–2001); Georgia Force (2002–2003); Carolina Cobras (2003–2004); Nashville Kats (2004–2006); Georgia Force (2007)
Joe Hills —WR	Tennessee Titans (2011)*; Spokane Shock (2012); Tampa Bay Storm (2012–2014); Hamilton Tiger-Cats (2014)*; Pittsburgh Power (2015)*; Jacksonville Sharks (2015–2016); Dalian Dragon Kings (2016)*; Tampa Bay Storm (2017); Jacksonville Sharks (2017); Florida Tarpons (2018); Albany Empire (2018); Baltimore Brigade (2019)
John Holland —WR	Minnesota Vikings (1974); Buffalo Bills (1975–1977); Hamilton Tiger-Cats (1979–1980); Calgary Stampeders (1981); Ottawa Rough Riders (1982)
Vernon Holland —T	Cincinnati Bengals (1971–1979); Detroit Lions (1980); New York Giants (1980)

Claude Humphrey —DE	Atlanta Falcons (1968–1978); Philadelphia Eagles (1979–1981); NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year (1968) 5× First-team All-Pro (1971–1974, 1977) 3× Second-team All-Pro (1969, 1970, 1976) 6× Pro Bowl (1970–1974, 1977) Atlanta Falcons Ring of Honor
Herman Hunter —RB	Philadelphia Eagles (1985); Detroit Lions (1986); Houston Oilers (1987)
J	
Ligarius Jennings — CB	Detroit Lions (2001)*; Cincinnati Bengals (2001–2002); Amsterdam Admirals (2002, 2004)
Daniel Johnson —LB	Green Bay Packers (1978)
Lee Johnson — WR	San Francisco 49ers (1969–1970)
Ed "Too Tall" Jones — DE	Dallas Cowboys (1974–1978, 1980–1989); 1974 NFL Draft 1st Overall Pick Super Bowl champion (XII) First-team All-Pro (1982) 2× Second-team All-Pro (1981, 1983) 3× Pro Bowl (1981–1983)
Joe "Turkey" Jones —DE	Cleveland Browns (1970–1973); Philadelphia Eagles (1974–1975); Cleveland Browns (1975–1978); Washington Redskins (1979–1980)
Mike Jones — WR	Minnesota Vikings (1983–1985); New Orleans Saints (1986–1987); Kansas City Chiefs (1988); New England Patriots (1989); New Orleans Saints (1989)
Roger Jones —CB	Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1991–1993); Cincinnati Bengals (1994–1997); Tennessee Oilers (1997)
Eric Joyce — DB	Arizona Cardinals (2002)*; Chicago Bears (2002)
K	
Jim Kelly — TE	Chicago Bears (1974)
Greg Kindle — G / T	St. Louis Cardinals (1974–1975); Atlanta Falcons (1976–1977); Winnipeg Blue Bombers (1978–1979)
Larry Kinnebrew — RB	Cincinnati Bengals (1983–1987); Buffalo Bills (1989–1990)
L	
Izzy Lang —RB	Philadelphia Eagles (1964–1968); Los Angeles Rams (1969)
Donald Laster —T	Washington Redskins (1982); Detroit Lions (1984)
A.C. Leonard —DL / TE	Minnesota Vikings (2014)*; Brooklyn Bolts (2014); New Orleans VooDoo (2014–2015)*; BC Lions (2015); Hudson Valley Fort (2015)*; Jacksonville Sharks (2016)*; Saskatchewan Roughriders (2016–2017); Ottawa Redblacks (2018); Saskatchewan Roughriders (2019–2022); Edmonton Elks (2023–present)
Anthony Levine —S	Green Bay Packers (2010–2011)*; Baltimore Ravens (2012–2021)
M	
Jim Marsalis —CB	Kansas City Chiefs (1969–1975); New Orleans Saints (1977) Super Bowl champion (IV); AFL champion (1969); PFW AFL Defensive Rookie of the Year (1969); First-team All-Pro (1970); 2× Pro Bowl (1969, 1970)
Loaird McCreary —TE / WR	Miami Dolphins (1976–1978); New York Giants (1979); Oklahoma Outlaws (1984)
Frank McRae — DT	Chicago Bears (1967)
Jerrold McRae —WR	Kansas City Chiefs (1978); Philadelphia Eagles (1979)
Willie Mitchell —CB	Kansas City Chiefs (1964–1970); Houston Oilers (1971)
Steve Moore — T	New England Patriots (1983–1987)







## ALL-TIME TIGERS IN THE PROS

Anthony Morris —T	Oakland Raiders (2015); Montreal Alouettes (2017–2018); Memphis Express (2019); Los Angeles Wildcats (2020); TSL Conquerors (2021)
Leon Murray — QB	Washington Redskins (2000)*; Orlando Rage (2001)*; New York Giants (2001)*; Berlin Thunder (2001); Edmonton Eskimos (2002)*; Georgia Force (2003–2004); Nashville Kats (2005–2006); Detroit Fury (2007)*; Philadelphia Soul (2007); New York Dragons (2007)
Robert Myers —G	Baltimore Ravens (2015)*; Indianapolis Colts (2015)*; Baltimore Ravens (2015)*; Denver Broncos (2015); Seattle Seahawks (2016)*; Memphis Express (2019); Seattle Dragons (2020)*; Team 9 (2020)*; Seattle Dragons (2020); New Jersey Generals (2022–present)
N	
Cecil Newton —C	Jacksonville Jaguars (2009–2010); Hartford Colonials (2011)*; New Orleans Saints (2011)*; Green Bay Packers (2011)*; Baltimore Ravens (2011–2012)*
O	
McDonald Oden —TE	Cleveland Browns (1980–1982)
Chidi Okeke —T	Washington Redskins (2019)*; Kansas City Chiefs (2019)*; Miami Dolphins (2019)*; Saskatchewan Roughriders (2021)*; Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2021)*; Pittsburgh Maulers (2022); San Antonio Brahmas (2023–present)
P	
Rodney Parker —WR	Atlanta Falcons (1978)*; Saskatchewan Roughriders (1978–1979); Philadelphia Eagles (1980–1982); Philadelphia Stars (1983–1984); San Antonio Gunslingers (1984); Pittsburgh Maulers (1984)
Frank Pillow — WR	Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1988–1990); Winnipeg Blue Bombers (1992)
Anthony Pleasant — DE	Cleveland Browns (1990–1995); Baltimore Ravens (1996); Atlanta Falcons (1997); New York Jets (1998–1999); San Francisco 49ers (2000); New England Patriots (2001–2003); 2× Super Bowl champion (XXXVI, XXXVIII)
David Pool —DB	Buffalo Bills (1990); New England Patriots (1991–1992); Buffalo Bills (1993); Miami Dolphins (1994)
R	
Brian Ransom —QB	Houston Oilers (1983–1985); Montreal Alouettes (1986)
Gilbert Renfro —QB	Ottawa Rough Riders (1986); Toronto Argonauts (1987–1989); Atlanta Falcons (1990); Minnesota Vikings (1990); Atlanta Falcons (1991)*; Calgary Stampeders (1991); Detroit Drive (1992–1993); BC Lions (1992); Shreveport Pirates (1994)*
Demetrius Rhaney —C	St. Louis / Los Angeles Rams (2014–2016); Jacksonville Jaguars (2017)*; Washington Redskins (2017–2018); Memphis Express (2019); Hamilton Tiger-Cats (2019); Buffalo Bills (2019)*; Houston Roughnecks (2020)
Shaun Richardson — LB	San Francisco 49ers* (2008); Edmonton Eskimos (2009); Kansas City Command (2012)
Patrick Robinson — WR	Cincinnati Bengals (1993); Arizona Cardinals (1994)
Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie —CB	Arizona Cardinals (2008–2010); Philadelphia Eagles (2011–2012); Denver Broncos (2013); New York Giants (2014–2017); Oakland Raiders (2018); Washington Redskins (2019); Tampa Nightcrawlers (A7FL) 2023; Second-team All-Pro (2016); 2× Pro Bowl (2009, 2015)
Chris Rowland —WR	Atlanta Falcons (2020–2021); Tennessee Titans (2021)*; Philadelphia Stars (2022–present)
S	
De'Ante Saunders —DB	Cleveland Browns (2015)
Simon Shanks — LB	Arizona Cardinals (1995)

Anthony Shelton —DB	San Diego Chargers (1990–1991); Shreveport Pirates (1994); Winnipeg Blue Bombers (1994); Shreveport Pirates (1995)
Lachavious Simmons —T / G	Chicago Bears (2020–2022); Arizona Cardinals (2022–present)*
Nate Simpson —RB	Green Bay Packers (1977–1979)
Ahmaad Smith —DB	Mississippi MudCats (2007) Texas Copperheads (2007) Team Tennessee (2008) BC Lions (2008)* Toronto Argonauts (2010)* Iowa Barnstormers (2009–2010) Pittsburgh Power (2011–2012)*
Fletcher Smith —S	Kansas City Chiefs (1966–1967); Cincinnati Bengals (1968–1971); Jacksonville Express (1975)
Noland Smith — WR / KR	Kansas City Chiefs (1967–1969); San Francisco 49ers (1969)
Ollie Smith —WR	Baltimore Colts (1973–1974); Green Bay Packers (1976–1977)
Tony Stargell —CB	New York Jets (1990–1991); Indianapolis Colts (1992–1993); Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1994–1995); Kansas City Chiefs (1996); Chicago Bears (1997)
Joe Sweet —WR	Los Angeles Rams (1972-75)
T	
Malcolm Taylor —DE	Houston Oilers (1982–1986); Los Angeles Raiders (1987–1988); Atlanta Falcons (1989)
Larry Tharpe —T	Detroit Lions (1992–1994); Arizona Cardinals (1995); New England Patriots (1996); Detroit Lions (1997–1998); Pittsburgh Steelers (2000)
Jim Thaxton —TE / WR	San Diego Chargers (1973–1974); Cleveland Browns (1974); New Orleans Saints (1976–1977); St. Louis Cardinals (1978)
Michael “Moon” Thompson —T	Atlanta Falcons (2000–2002)
Bill Tucker —RB	San Francisco 49ers (1967–1970); Chicago Bears (1971)
W	
Charlie Wade —WR	Miami Dolphins (1973); Chicago Bears (1974) Green Bay Packers (1975); Kansas City Chiefs (1977) Super Bowl champion (VIII)
Carl Wafer —DE	New York Giants (1974); Green Bay Packers (1974)
Dwight Wheeler —T	New England Patriots (1978–1983); Los Angeles Raiders (1984); San Diego Chargers (1987); Los Angeles Raiders (1987–1988)
Javarri Williams —RB	Kansas City Chiefs (2009); Seattle Seahawks (2010)*; Houston Texans (2011–2012)*; Dallas Cowboys (2012)*; Washington Redskins (2012)*
Remond Willis —DL	Calgary Stampeders (2009)*; Milwaukee Iron (2010); Winnipeg Blue Bombers (2009, 2010–2011); Saskatchewan Roughriders (2011); Portland Thunder (2015)
Bernard Wilson —LB	Detroit Lions (1992–1993)*; Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1993–1994); Arizona Cardinals (1994–1998)
Devin Wilson —WR	Richmond Raiders (2015); Saskatchewan Roughriders (2015); Cleveland Gladiators (2016); Jacksonville Sharks (2017); Cleveland Gladiators (2017); Maine Mammoths (2018); Jacksonville Sharks (2019–2023)
Larry Woods — DT	Detroit Lions (1971–1972); Miami Dolphins (1973); New York Jets (1974–1975); Seattle Seahawks (1976)
Robert Woods — T	New York Jets (1973–1977); New Orleans Saints (1977–1980); Birmingham Stallions (1983–1984); Memphis Showboats (1985)
Will Wynn — DE	Philadelphia Eagles (1973–1976); Washington Redskins (1977)
* Offseason and/or practice squad member only	





## TSU NFL &amp; AFL DRAFT PICKS

Year	Round	Pick	Team	Player	Position
1952 NFL Draft	8	333	Detroit Lions	Hal Turner	E
1953 NFL Draft	4	329	Chicago Bears	Jim Caldwell	T
1961 NFL Draft	8	103	Pittsburgh Steelers	George Balthazar	OT
1964 NFL Draft	18	240	Philadelphia Eagles	Izzy Lang	RB
1965 NFL Draft	8	112	Baltimore Colts	Rosey Davis	DE
1965 NFL Draft	16	217	Washington Redskins	Bob Reed	OG
1966 NFL Draft	4	59	Detroit Lions	Willie Walker	WR
1966 NFL Draft	6	92	Chicago Bears	Frank McRae	DT
1966 NFL Draft	7	103	Detroit Lions	Johnnie Robinson	DB
1966 NFL Draft	12	185	Baltimore Colts	Jim Carer	OG
1967 NFL Draft	3	65	San Francisco 49ers	Bill Tucker	RB
1967 NFL Draft	4	87	Minnesota Vikings	Al Coleman	DB
1967 NFL Draft	6	156	Kansas City Chiefs	Noland Smith	WR
1967 NFL Draft	10	252	Los Angeles Rams	Leon Moore	DB
1967 NFL Draft	10	260	Dallas Cowboys	Eugene Bowen	RB
1967 NFL Draft	12	315	New Orleans Saints	John Robinson	WR
1967 NFL Draft	13	318	Buffalo Bills	Howard Finley	DB
1968 NFL Draft	1	3	Atlanta Falcons	Claude Humphrey	DE
1968 NFL Draft	1	25	Oakland Raiders	Eldridge Dickey	WR
1968 NFL Draft	4	108	Green Bay Packers	John Robinson	WR
1968 NFL Draft	6	141	San Francisco 49ers	Lee Johnson	WR
1968 NFL Draft	8	216	Baltimore Colts	Tommy Davis	DT
1969 NFL Draft	1	23	Kansas City Chiefs	Jim Marsalis	DB
1969 NFL Draft	3	65	Houston Oilers	Elbert Drungo	OT
1969 NFL Draft	5	129	Baltimore Colts	King Dunlap	DT
1969 NFL Draft	8	186	Pittsburgh Steelers	Joe Cooper	WR
1969 NFL Draft	11	284	Oakland Raiders	Harold Rice	DE
1969 NFL Draft	12	295	Washington Redskins	Bob Shannon	DB
1969 NFL Draft	12	313	Atlanta Falcons	Harry Carpenter	OG
1970 NFL Draft	2	36	Cleveland Browns	Joe Jones	DE
1970 NFL Draft	5	117	New York Giants	Claude Brumfield	OG
1970 NFL Draft	16	393	Miami Dolphins	Charlie Williams	OG
1971 NFL Draft	1	15	Cincinnati Bengals	Vern Holland	OT
1971 NFL Draft	4	100	Detroit Lions	Larry Woods	DT
1971 NFL Draft	6	143	San Diego Chargers	Jacob Mayes	RB
1971 NFL Draft	7	168	Green Bay Packers	Dave Davis	WR
1971 NFL Draft	8	197	Cincinnati Bengals	Fred Herring	DB
1971 NFL Draft	10	238	Oakland Raiders	Bill West	DB
1971 NFL Draft	11	264	Philadelphia Eagles	Sonny Davis	RB
1971 NFL Draft	11	273	San Diego Chargers	Don Pinson	DB
1971 NFL Draft	17	435	Los Angeles Rams	Joe Sweet	WR
1972 NFL Draft	2	45	Cleveland Browns	Cliff Brooks	DB
1972 NFL Draft	11	268	New York Jets	Robert Stevenson	LB
1972 NFL Draft	11	273	Pittsburgh Steelers	Joe Gilliam	QB
1973 NFL Draft	2	38	New York Jets	Robert Woods	OT
1973 NFL Draft	4	84	San Diego Chargers	Jim Thaxton	TE
1973 NFL Draft	4	85	Baltimore Colts	Ollie Smith	WR
1973 NFL Draft	5	113	Denver Broncos	Charles McTorry	DB
1973 NFL Draft	7	159	Philadelphia Eagles	Will Wynn	DE
1973 NFL Draft	12	305	San Francisco 49ers	Larry Pettus	OT
1973 NFL Draft	13	318	San Diego Chargers	Alfred Reese	RB
1973 NFL Draft	17	442	Miami Dolphins	Charlie Wade	WR
1974 NFL Draft	1	1	Dallas Cowboys	Too Tall Jones	DE
1974 NFL Draft	1	4	Chicago Bears	Waymond Bryant	LB
1974 NFL Draft	2	29	Minnesota Vikings	John Holland	WR
1974 NFL Draft	2	33	St. Louis Cardinals	Greg Kindle	OT
1974 NFL Draft	2	42	Denver Broncos	Carl Wafer	DE
1974 NFL Draft	13	331	Buffalo Bills	Ed Gatewood	LB
1975 NFL Draft	4	85	San Francisco 49ers	Cleveland Elam	DT
1975 NFL Draft	7	173	Dallas Cowboys	Mike Hegman	LB
1975 NFL Draft	9	218	San Francisco 49ers	James Johnson	DB
1975 NFL Draft	14	339	Miami Dolphins	James Lewis	DB





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Year	Round	Pick	Team	Player	Position
1976 NFL Draft	2	49	Miami Dolphins	Loaird McCreary	TE
1976 NFL Draft	3	64	San Diego Chargers	Larry Dorsey	WR
1976 NFL Draft	4	98	Miami Dolphins	Mel Mitchell	OG
1976 NFL Draft	7	200	Miami Dolphins	John Owens	DE
1976 NFL Draft	14	385	Philadelphia Eagles	Melvin Shy	DB
1977 NFL Draft	4	102	Cleveland Browns	Oliver Davis	DB
1977 NFL Draft	5	122	Green Bay Packers	Nate Simpson	RB
1977 NFL Draft	6	145	Philadelphia Eagles	Kevin Russell	DB
1977 NFL Draft	6	151	San Diego Chargers	Larry Barnes	RB
1977 NFL Draft	11	282	Buffalo Bills	Nate Jackson	RB
1978 NFL Draft	2	29	Kansas City Chiefs	Sylvester Hicks	DE
1978 NFL Draft	2	46	Los Angeles Rams	Stan Johnson	DT
1978 NFL Draft	4	85	Kansas City Chiefs	Danny Johnson	LB
1978 NFL Draft	4	102	New England Patriots	Dwight Wheeler	C
1978 NFL Draft	4	107	Detroit Lions	Homer Elias	OG
1978 NFL Draft	5	112	Kansas City Chiefs	Jerrold McRae	WR
1978 NFL Draft	6	152	Atlanta Falcons	Rod Parker	WR
1979 NFL Draft	10	261	Cleveland Browns	John Smith	WR
1979 NFL Draft	11	276	San Francisco 49ers	Billy McBride	DB
1979 NFL Draft	11	301	Los Angeles Rams	Jesse Deramus	DT
1981 NFL Draft	12	322	San Francisco 49ers	Joe Adams	QB
1982 NFL Draft	5	121	Houston Oilers	Malcolm Taylor	DE
1982 NFL Draft	9	233	Minnesota Vikings	Bryan Howard	DB
1982 NFL Draft	12	309	Washington Redskins	Don Laster	OT
1983 NFL Draft	3	80	New England Patriots	Steve Moore	OT
1983 NFL Draft	6	159	Minnesota Vikings	Mike Jones	WR
1983 NFL Draft	6	165	Cincinnati Bengals	Larry Kinnebrew	RB
1983 NFL Draft	8	203	Chicago Bears	Richard Dent	DE
1983 NFL Draft	10	266	Minnesota Vikings	Walter Tate	C
1984 NFL Draft	5	120	Indianapolis Colts	Golden Tate	WR
1985 NFL Draft	11	289	Philadelphia Eagles	Herman Hunter	RB
1987 NFL Draft	3	75	New York Jets	Onzy Elam	LB
1987 NFL Draft	8	205	Pittsburgh Steelers	Charles Buchanan	DE
1988 NFL Draft	11	279	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Frank Pillow	WR
1990 NFL Draft	3	56	New York Jets	Tony Stargell	DB
1990 NFL Draft	3	73	Cleveland Browns	Anthony Pleasant	DE
1990 NFL Draft	11	289	San Francisco 49ers	Anthony Shelton	DB
1990 NFL Draft	11	300	Philadelphia Eagles	Tyrone Watson	WR
1992 NFL Draft	6	145	Detroit Lions	Larry Tharpe	OT
1992 NFL Draft	10	276	New Orleans Saints	Marcus Dowdell	WR
1993 NFL Draft	7	187	Houston Oilers	Patrick Robinson	WR
1994 NFL Draft	4	123	Denver Broncos	Randy Fuller	DB
1995 NFL Draft	5	150	Arizona Cardinals	Cedric Davis	DB
1996 NFL Draft	7	227	Jacksonville Jaguars	Clarence Jones	WR
1996 NFL Draft	7	245	Kansas City Chiefs	Darrell Williams	DB
2000 NFL Draft	4	100	Atlanta Falcons	Michael Thompson	OT
2000 NFL Draft	4	121	Buffalo Bills	Avion Black	WR
2008 NFL Draft	1	16	Arizona Cardinals	Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie	DB
2009 NFL Draft	7	212	Kansas City Chiefs	Javarris Williams	RB
2014 NFL Draft	5	143	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Kadeem Edwards	OG
2014 NFL Draft	7	250	St. Louis Rams	Demetrius Rhaney	C
2015 NFL Draft	5	176	Baltimore Ravens	Robert Myers	OG
2015 NFL Draft	7	218	Oakland Raiders	Anthony Morris	OT
2020 NFL Draft	7	227	Chicago Bears	Lachavious Simmons	OG
1961 AFL Draft	16	--	Boston Patriots	George Balthazar	OT
1965 AFL Draft	12	--	Houston Oilers	Bob Reed	OG
1966 AFL Draft	7	--	Oakland Raiders	Frank McRae	DT
1966 AFL Draft	8	--	Kansas City Chiefs	Fletcher Smith	DB
1966 AFL Draft	9	--	Buffalo Bills	James Carter	DE





# TV/RADIO CHART — PROJECTED OFFENSIVE STARTERS



KARATE **BRENSON**

Graduate Student  
Wide Receiver  
6-2 // 217  
St. Louis, Mo  
Ball State



DEVEON **BRYANT**

Redshirt Senior  
Quarterback  
6-5 // 225  
Bellwood, Ill.  
Proviso West



DA'SHON **DAVIS**

Junior  
Wide Receiver  
5-11 // 195  
Quincy, Fla.  
Jefferson County



JALEN **ROUSE**

Junior  
Running Back  
5-11 // 195  
Richmond Hill, Ga.  
Richmond Hill



ROMELLO **TARVER**

Redshirt Senior  
Offensive Lineman  
6-5 // 275  
Delray Beach, Fla.  
Central Michigan / McNeese



CHAZAN **PAGE**

Junior  
Center  
6-1 // 295  
Nashville, Tenn.  
Lipscomb Academy



JAMARI **FREEMAN**

Redshirt Freshman  
Offensive Lineman  
6-4 // 300  
Fairburn, Ga.  
Langston Hughes



DARRELL **BRANCH**

Redshirt Junior  
Offensive Lineman  
6-2 // 300  
Gilbert, Ariz.  
Arizona



NICO **GREEN**

Junior  
Offensive Lineman  
6-5 // 305  
Cedar Park, Texas  
Trinity Valley



AVERY **WILLIAMS**

Redshirt Junior  
Wide Receiver  
6-2 // 185  
Nashville, Tenn.  
Brentwood / Chattanooga



TRENTON **GILLISON**

Graduate Student  
Tight End  
6-5 // 245  
Pickerington, Ohio  
Michigan State / Youngstown St.



THERON **AYCH**

2nd Season  
Northern State University '96  
On Field



SCOTT **BAUMGARTNER**

1st Season  
Pacific University '92  
On Field



JOSH **CRAWFORD**

1st Season  
Vanderbilt '19  
Coaching Press Box



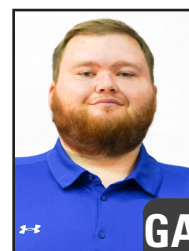
MICHAEL **BREWSTER**

2nd Season  
Ohio State '12  
Coaching Press Box



ANTHONY **LEWIS**

2nd Season  
Angelo State '14  
on Field



SPENCER **WHEELER**

1st Season  
Long Beach State '21  
On Field

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Da'Shon Davis	Duh-Shon
Draylen Ellis	Dray-lin
Jamari Freeman	Jah-Mah-ree
Chazan Page	chah-ZAHN
Romello Tarver	ROE-mellow



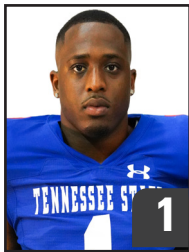




## TV/RADIO CHART — PROJECTED DEFENSIVE STARTERS

**BRYCE PHILLIPS**

Graduate Student  
Defensive Back  
6-2 // 217  
St. Louis, Mo  
Ball State

**JAMES GREEN**

Graduate Student  
Linebacker  
6-1 // 220  
Orlando, Fla.  
Olympia

**MONROE BEARD III**

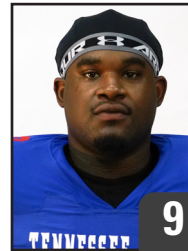
Junior  
Linebacker  
6-1 // 220  
Chattanooga, Tenn.  
Arkansas-Pine Bluff

**JOSH GREEN**

Senior  
Safety  
5-11 // 195  
Orlando, Fla.  
Olympia

**JEREMIAH JOSEPHS**

Graduate Student  
Defensive Back  
5-10 // 185  
Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Duquesne / Miami Ohio

**TERRELL ALLEN**

Senior  
Defensive Line  
5-10 // 275  
North Little Rock, Ark.  
Austin Peay

**FONDREN HOLLIS III**

Redshirt Junior  
Defensive Back  
5-11 // 180  
Decatur, Ga.  
Columbia

**KENYON GARLINGTON**

Graduate Student  
Defensive Back  
6-0 // 185  
Antioch, Tenn.  
Brentwood Academy

**CHRIS WALKER**

Junior  
Defensive Line  
6-4 // 225  
Sanford, Fla.  
Seminole

**JOEY MCNEELEY**

Graduate Student  
Defensive Line  
6-3 // 305  
Kinder, La.  
McNeese

**CAM STEWART**

Senior  
Defensive Line  
6-3 // 245  
Chattanooga, Tenn.  
McCallie

**BRANDON FISHER**

3rd Season  
Montana '09  
On Field

**JOE BOWDEN**

3rd Season  
Oklahoma  
On Field

**RICHARD MCNUTT**

3rd Season  
Ohio State '04  
On Field

**CLYDE SIMMONS**

3rd Season  
Western Carolina '96  
Coaching Press Box

**KEITH BURNS**

3rd Season  
Oklahoma State '94  
on Field







## TV/RADIO CHART — PROJECTED SPECIAL TEAMS STARTERS



**JAMES LOWERY**

Redshirt Junior  
Kicker  
6-2 // 217  
St. Louis, Mo  
Ball State



**JACKSON FOSTER**

Junior  
Punter  
6-2 // 220  
Danville, Calif.  
Western Michigan



**DAYRON JOHNSON**

Junior  
KR / PR  
5-9 // 180  
Springfield, Tenn.  
Springfield



**BOOGIE TROTTER**

Freshman  
KR / PR  
5-9 // 170  
Nashville, Tenn.  
Tennessee Valley Prep



**DELANIE MAJORS**

Freshman  
KR / PR  
5-9 // 155  
Nashville, Tenn.  
Overton



**CARSON BUCHANAN**

Redshirt Sophomore  
Long Snapper  
6-0 // 265  
Nashville, Tenn.  
Antioch



**KEITH BURNS**

3rd Season  
Oaklahoma State '94  
on Field





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## Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
James Lowery	4-6	66.7	0-0	1-2	1-2	1-1	1-1	50	1
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>1-4</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>0-2</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>1</b>

## Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT						pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	
James Lowery	-	4-6	6-6	-	-	-	-	-	18
Deveon Bryant	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Da'Shon Davis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Demeatric Crenshaw	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jalen Rouse	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jordan Gant	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4-6</b>	<b>6-6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1-4</b>	<b>12-12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>95</b>

## Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Tennessee St.	17	14	10	13	0	54
Opponents	14	38	16	27	0	95

## Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Jackson Foster	22	832	37.8	51	0	6	9	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>37.8</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>38.1</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>

## Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Dayron Johnson	1	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>

## Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Dayron Johnson	4	119	29.8	0	58
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>29.8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>

## All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Dayron Johnson	3	0	107	0	119	0	226	75.3
Jalen Rouse	3	172	45	0	0	0	217	72.3
Deveon Bryant	3	162	0	0	0	0	162	54.0
Da'Shon Davis	3	0	86	0	0	0	86	28.7
Karate Brenson	3	0	77	0	0	0	77	25.7
Trenton Gillison	3	0	57	0	0	0	57	19.0
Jordan Gant	3	40	3	0	0	0	43	14.3
Delanie Majors	3	0	39	0	0	0	39	13.0
Gerand Turner	3	0	23	0	0	0	23	7.7
Tre Boone III	3	12	10	0	0	0	22	7.3
Canen Adrian	3	4	13	0	0	0	17	5.7
Chayil Garnett	3	0	13	0	0	0	13	4.3
Avery Williams	3	0	7	0	0	0	7	2.3
Demeatric Crenshaw	2	7	0	0	0	0	7	3.5
Ike Brown	1	6	0	0	0	0	6	6.0
Jason Hoath Jr.	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	1.0
Craig Cunningham	3	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	-0.3
Draylen Ellis	3	-7	0	0	0	0	-7	-2.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>331.7</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1522</b>	<b>507.3</b>

## Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Deveon Bryant	3	71	162	284	446	148.7
Draylen Ellis	3	52	-7	199	192	64.0
Jalen Rouse	3	44	172	0	172	57.3
Jordan Gant	3	18	40	0	40	13.3
Tre Boone III	3	6	12	0	12	4.0
Demeatric Crenshaw	2	3	7	0	7	3.5
Ike Brown	1	2	6	0	6	6.0
Canen Adrian	3	0	4	0	4	1.3
Craig Cunningham	3	1	-1	0	-1	-0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>292.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>1297</b>	<b>432.3</b>

## Team Defense

			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles	blkd		
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
3	Monroe Beard III	3	21	9	30	1.5-4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.





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##	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
1	James Green	3	9	10	19	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	Jeremiah Josephs	3	16	3	19	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
6	Josh Green	3	10	3	13	1-4	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
48	Chris Walker	2	9	3	12	2-16	1-9	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
47	Ahmad Nelson	3	8	2	10	1.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96	Cameron Stewart	3	5	4	9	1-5	1-5	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
0	Bryce Phillips	3	6	3	9	1.5-2	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
99	Lathun Snipes	3	3	6	9	1.5-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
9	Terrell Allen	3	3	5	8	3-13	1-11	.	.	3	.	.	.	.
10	Fondren Hollis III	3	6	.	6	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Emmanuel Baez	2	4	2	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30	Darius Harper	3	5	1	6	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
44	Eriq George	2	6	.	6	1-1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
15	Kenyon Garlington	3	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Ken Andrews	3	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
36	Zachery Drake	3	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
23	Boogie Trotter	2	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	Jalen Bell	1	2	.	2	2-8	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
55	Joey McNeely	3	2	.	2	1-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Dion Villiers	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31	Micah Gay	3	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	Chandon Page	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Tyler Jones	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Tre Boone III	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52	Carson Buchanan	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	Jalen McClendon	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	Zion Morris	2	.	1	1	0.5-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Brent Rowe	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	Sammy Taylor	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
99	James Lowery	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<b>Totals</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>19-71</b>	<b>3-25</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
Opponents		3	114	64	178	19-78	6-46	3-33	12	11	2-0	4	1	1





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## Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
	09/02/2023	at Notre Dame	L	3-56	77622
	09/09/2023	vs Ark.-Pine Bluff	W	24-14	32518
*	09/16/2023	Gardner-Webb	W	27-25	3869

## Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	2-1	1-0	0-1	1-0
CONFERENCE	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	1-1	0-0	0-1	1-0

## Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Jalen Rouse	3	44	183	11	172	3.9	1	43	57.3
Deveon Bryant	3	23	189	27	162	7.0	1	39	54.0
Jordan Gant	3	18	48	8	40	2.2	1	8	13.3
Tre Boone III	3	6	12	0	12	2.0	0	3	4.0
Demeatric Crenshaw	2	3	7	0	7	2.3	1	5	3.5
Ike Brown	1	2	6	0	6	3.0	0	4	6.0
Canen Adrian	3	0	4	0	4	0.0	0	4	1.3
Craig Cunningham	3	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.3
Draylen Ellis	3	11	27	34	-7	-0.6	0	6	-2.3
Team	3	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	0	0	-0.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>131.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>178.7</b>

## Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Deveon Bryant	3	91.4	24-48-2	50.0	284	0	35	94.7
Draylen Ellis	3	95.2	21-41-1	51.2	199	1	55	66.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>93.1</b>	<b>45-89-3</b>	<b>50.6</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>161.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>141.1</b>	<b>63-104-0</b>	<b>60.6</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>253.7</b>

## Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Dayron Johnson	3	9	107	11.9	0	35	35.7
Karate Brenson	3	9	77	8.6	0	17	25.7
Trenton Gillison	3	5	57	11.4	0	20	19.0
Jalen Rouse	3	5	45	9.0	0	11	15.0
Da'Shon Davis	3	4	86	21.5	1	55	28.7
Delanie Majors	3	4	39	9.8	0	13	13.0
Gerand Turner	3	3	23	7.7	0	10	7.7
Avery Williams	3	1	7	7.0	0	7	2.3
Chayil Garnett	3	1	13	13.0	0	13	4.3
Tre Boone III	3	1	10	10.0	0	10	3.3
Jordan Gant	3	1	3	3.0	0	3	1.0
Canen Adrian	3	1	13	13.0	0	13	4.3
Jason Hoath Jr.	3	1	3	3.0	0	3	1.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>161.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>253.7</b>

## Team Statistics

	TSU	OPP
<b>First Downs</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>64</b>
Rushing	16	24
Passing	26	36
Penalty	5	4
<b>Rushing Yardage</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>536</b>
Rushing attempts	109	109
Average per rush	3.6	4.9
Average per game	131.0	178.7
TDs Rushing	4	6
<b>Passing Yardage</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>761</b>
Comp-Att-Int	45-89-3	63-104-0
Average per pass	5.4	7.3
Average per catch	10.7	12.1
Average per game	161.0	253.7
TDs Passing	1	6
<b>Total offense</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>1297</b>
Average per play	4.4	6.1
Average per game	292.0	432.3
<b>Kick returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>4-119</b>	<b>8-125</b>
<b>Punt returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>7-67</b>
<b>Int returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>3-33</b>
<b>Fumbles-Lost</b>	<b>8-2</b>	<b>3-1</b>
<b>Penalties-Yards</b>	<b>21-153</b>	<b>14-121</b>
<b>Punts-Avg</b>	<b>22-37.8</b>	<b>18-38.1</b>
<b>Time of possession / game</b>	<b>22:16</b>	<b>37:44</b>
<b>3rd-down conversion</b>	<b>17/45</b>	<b>19/45</b>
<b>4rd-down conversion</b>	<b>1/2</b>	<b>2/5</b>
<b>PAT-attempts</b>	<b>(6-6) 100%</b>	<b>(12-12) 100%</b>
<b>2-point conversion-attempts</b>	<b>(0-0) 0%</b>	<b>(0-1) 0%</b>

## Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>33</b>

