



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: Nashville, Tenn.
Stadium: Nissan Stadium
Capacity: 69,143
Surface: AstroTurf
Forecast: Day 58° Sunny // Night 34° Clear

TUNE IN

TV: ESPN+
Dan Laing(ppx)
Chris Sanders (Analyst)



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

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Greg Pogue (ppx)

Dean Cokinos (Analyst)



COACHING STAFF

Eddie George	Head Coach
Joe Bowden	Asst. HC / Linebackers
Brandon Fisher	Defensive Coord.
Travis Partridge	Offensive Coord. / QB
Keith Burns	Special Teams Coord. / Defensive Specialist
Dylan Chmura	Offensive Line
Josh Crawford	Running backs
Ricky Galvin	Wide Receivers
Seth Hestness	Tight Ends
Richard McNutt	Defensive Backs
Clyde Simmons	Defensive Line
James Reese IV	Defensive GA
Spencer Wheeler	Offensive GA

SUPPORT STAFF

Dusty Bennett	Football Chief of Staff
Ashley Goist	Football Athletic Trainer
Nick Guerriero	Asst. AD / Football SID
Steven Aycock	Football Operations
Kevin Mashack	Director of Recruiting
Jeremy Taylor	Football Equipment
Scott Holsopple	Sports Performance
Mika McKinney	Recruiting GA
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GAME 7 • SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2024 • 5:00 PM

TENNESSEE STATE

4-2, 2-1 BIG SOUTH-OVC
Head Coach: Eddie George
Record at TSU: 19-20 (4th Season)
Career Record: Same
Home: 2-0 | Road: 1-2 | Neutral: 1-0
Streak: W2

VS

EASTERN ILLINOIS

1-5, 0-2 BIG SOUTH-OVC
Head Coach: Chris Wilkerson
Record at EIU: 11-17 (3rd Season)
Career Record: 62-44
Home: 1-2 | Road: 0-3 | Neutral: 0-0
Streak: L4

BETWEEN THE LINES

22.6	Points/Game	15.5
25.6	Points Allowed/Game	32.1
99.3	Rush Yards/Game	71.8
161.3	Rush Yards Allowed/Game	167.5
210.0	Pass Yards/Game	226.8
160.6	Pass Yards Allowed/Game	276.8
309.3	Total Offense/Game	298.7
322.0	Total Defense/Game	444.3



GAME NOTES

The highlight of the schedule each season is Homecoming Week. This year, Tennessee State welcomes a familiar foe, Eastern Illinois, to Nissan Stadium. It will be the sixth time the Panthers have traveled to Nashville for the pageantry on Jefferson Street.

HOMECOMING VS. EIU

Date	Result	Score	Location	Attendance
10/17/15	L (OT)	22-25	NASHVILLE (Nissan Stadium)	22,144
10/26/13	L	16-34	NASHVILLE (LP Field)	22,157
11/6/10	L (OT)	28-31	NASHVILLE (LP Field)	21,596
11/5/05	L	3-27	NASHVILLE (Adelphia Coliseum)	23,481
11/1/03	W	24-14	NASHVILLE (Adelphia Coliseum)	25,037

SERIES INFORMATION: This marks the 28th all-time meeting between Tennessee State and Eastern Illinois. EIU leads the all-time series 16-11 and snapped TSU's three-season winning streak with a 30-17 win last year.

LAST FIVE MEETINGS

Date	Result	Score	Location	Attendance
11/11/23	L	17-30	Charleston, Ill. (O'Brien Stadium)	3,423
10/22/22	W	37-17	NASHVILLE (Nissan Stadium)	6,237
10/23/21	W	28-0	Charleston, Ill. (O'Brien Stadium)	6,300
3/14/21	W	21-20	NASHVILLE (Hale Stadium)	1,855
11/9/19	L	38-49	NASHVILLE (Hale Stadium)	4,131

WHERE TO WATCH & LISTEN: TSU Football can be heard on WNSR's flagship stations: 560 AM, 95.9 FM (Nashville), and 107.9 FM (Smyrna), and streamed online at WNSR.com. The broadcast is also available globally on Sirius XM. WNSR will provide

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2024 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Aug. 31 // 5:00 PM
Mississippi Valley St.
John Merritt Classic
W, 41-21



Sept. 7 // 2:30 PM
at North Dakota St.
L, 3-52



Sept. 14 // 6:00 PM
vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff
Southern Heritage Classic
W, 41-28



Sept. 21 // 1:30 PM
at Tennessee Tech
L, 14-24



Sept. 28 // 5:00 PM
Charleston Southern
W, 13-9



Oct. 5 // 1:00 PM
at Lindenwood
W, 24-20



Oct. 12 // 5:00 PM
Eastern Illinois
ESPN+ / WNSR
Homecoming



Oct. 19 // 2:30 PM
at Howard
ESPN+ / 560AM,
95.9 FM, 107.9 FM



Nov. 2 // 5:00 PM
UT Martin
ESPN+ / 560AM,
95.9 FM, 107.9 FM



Nov. 9 // 1:00 PM
at Western Illinois
ESPN+ / 560AM,
95.9 FM, 107.9 FM



Nov. 16 // 3:00 PM
at Gardner-Webb
ESPN+ / 560AM,
95.9 FM, 107.9 FM



Nov. 23 // 3:30 PM
Southeast Missouri
ESPN+ / 560AM,
95.9 FM, 107.9 FM



All times listed are in CT



TSU TWO-DEEP DEPTH CHART & PRONUNCIATIONS

OFFENSE

LT	55	Saidou Ba	6-4	300	R-So.	Memphis, Tenn. / PURE Academy / Arkansas St.
	74	Jourden Hale-Frater	6-6	350	R-So.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Sycamore Akron / Copiah-Lincoln CC
LG	58	Hadine Diaby	6-3	300	So.	Loganville, Ga. / Grayson
	61	Kennedy Wilbert	6-1	293	Jr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Middle College
C	53	Blake Gamez	6-1	280	R-Jr.	Buckeye, Ariz. / Verrado / Northern Arizona
	51	Alex Valbuena	6-0	275	R-So.	Antioch, Tenn. / Ezell-Harding Christian
RG	63	Jamari Freeman	6-4	300	R-So.	Fairburn, Ga. / Langston Hughes
	54	Darius Neals	6-4	335	R-Fr.	Ellenwood, Ga. / Cedar Grove
RT	57	Connor Meadows	6-4	300	R-So.	Trenton, Tenn. / Peabody / Tennessee
	58	Hadine Diaby	6-3	300	So.	Loganville, Ga. / Grayson
QB	1	Draylen Ellis	6-0	175	Gr.	Olive Branch, Miss. / Kirby / Austin Peay
	21	Tevin Carter	6-3	230	R-So.	Bellwood, Ill. / Proviso West
RB	23	CJ Evans	5-8	180	R-Sr.	Mobile, Ala. / McGill-Toolen / Austin Peay
	4	Jaden McGill	6-0	205	Jr.	Chicago, Ill. / Naperville Central / DuPage
X-WR	0	Karate Brenson	6-2	217	R-Jr.	St. Louis, Mo. / Ball State
	6	Bryant Williams	6-1	190	Jr.	New Orleans, La. / El Camino
Z-WR	9	Da'Shon Davis	5-11	195	Jr.	Quincy, Fla. / Jefferson County
	5	Dayron Johnson	5-9	180	Sr.	Springfield, Tenn. / Springfield
SLOT	8	Jalal Dean	6-0	190	Sr.	Williamston, S.C. / Palmetto / Tennessee Tech
	14	Roshawn Lacy	6-0	185	Jr.	Orange, Calif. / Esoteranza / Riverside CC
TE	89	Jason Hoath Jr.	6-2	235	So.	Columbia, Tenn. / Page
	17	Gerard Bullock	6-0	200	Sr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Ensworth / Austin Peay

DEFENSE

DE	44	Eriq George	6-2	280	So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Montgomery Bell Academy
	17	Emmanuel Baez	6-4	265	Sr.	Plant City, Fla. / Plant City
NT	2	Cameron Blaylock	6-2	315	R-Jr.	Memphis, Tenn. / White Station / Memphis / Trinity CC
	4	Kierron Smith	6-0	335	Gr.	Fitzgerald, Ga. / Fitzgerald / Georgia Southern
DT	0	Tyler Moore	5-10	290	Fr.	Locust Grove, Ga. / Luella
	99	Lathun Snipes	6-1	290	Sr.	Elk Grove, Calif. / Monterey Trail / Butte
BUCK	48	Chris Walker	6-4	250	Sr.	Sanford, Fla. / Seminole
	18	Keandre Booker	6-3	240	Gr.	Moss Point, Miss. / Moss Point / SEMO
MIKE	7	Ahmad Nelson	6-2	225	Jr.	Birmingham, Ala. / Minor
	47	Matthew Wilson	6-2	230	Fr.	Tampa, Fla. / Middleton
WILL	12	Sanders Ellis	6-2	225	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Station Camp
	31	Anakin Aupiu	5-11	220	Jr.	Compton, Calif. / St. Anthony / Southwest Oklahoma St.
NICKEL	1	Boogie Trotter	5-9	180	Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Pearl-Cohn
	9	Spencer Roof	6-0	200	Jr.	Arlington, Texas / Nolan Catholic / Lehigh
CB (L)	8	Jalen McClendon	6-0	180	R-Jr.	Tampa, Fla. / Chamberlain
	13	Camani Cobbs	6-1	180	R-Fr.	McDonough, Ga. / Eagle's Landing / SEMO
FS	6	Dion Villiers	5-11	165	R-Fr.	Lakeland, Fla. / Lake Gibson
	33	Taeshawn Jefferson	5-11	185	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Germantown
SS	21	Tyler Jones	6-0	200	R-Sr.	Orlando, Fla. / West Orange / Missouri
	24	Jordan Helton	6-1	205	Sr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Memphis Univ. School
CB (R)	10	Fondren Hollis III	5-11	180	R-Sr.	Decatur, Ga. / Columbia
	14	Brandon Wilson	5-11	180	R-So.	Montgomery, Ala. / Park Crossing

SPECIAL TEAMS

K	99	James Lowery	5-10	225	R-Sr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. / Northern Illinois
	39	Mark Shenouda	6-1	210	R-Fr.	Mt. Juliet, Tenn. / Mt. Juliet / Memphis
KO	99	James Lowery	5-10	225	R-Jr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. / Northern Illinois
	20	Shivan Abdullah	6-0	205	R-Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Cane Ridge / Independence CC
P	41	Jackson Foster	6-2	220	Sr.	Danville, Calif. / Western Michigan
KR	5	Dayron Johnson	5-9	180	Jr.	Springfield, Tenn. / Springfield
	2	Jordan Gant	5-10	205	R-so.	Lakeland, Fla. / Kathleen
PR	5	Dayron Johnson	5-9	180	Jr.	Springfield, Tenn. / Springfield
	23	CJ Evans	5-8	180	R-Sr.	Mobile, Ala. / McGill-Toolen / Austin Peay
LS	52	Carson Buchanan	6-0	265	R-Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Antioch
	90	Connor Ridderhoff	6-2	240	R-So.	Chelsea, Ala. / Chelsea
H	41	Jackson Foster	6-2	220	Jr.	Danville, Calif. / Western Michigan

OTHER NOTABLE PLAYERS

RB	2	Jordan Gant	5-10	205	R-so.	Lakeland, Fla. / Kathleen
	22	Jalen Rouse	5-11	195	Sr.	Richmond Hill, Ga. / Richmond Hill
TE	18	Kheagin Heckaman	6-1	220	R-So.	Hampshire, Texas / New Mexico St. / UTEP
	16	Exavious Reed	6-4	220	R-Fr.	LaGrange, Ga. / Callaway / Southern Miss
ATH	44	Craig Cunningham	5-10	190	R-So.	Memphis, Tenn. / Lausanne Collegiate
LG	56	Anthony Smith	6-3	305	R-Sr.	Lakeland, Fla. / Lakeland / Iowa State
RT	72	Kaleob Onyeahialam	6-6	325	R-Fr.	Harvest, Ala. / Sparkman
DL	4	Kierron Smith	6-0	335	GR.	Fitzgerald, Ga. / Fitzgerald / Georgia Southern
NT	93	Meonta Kimbrough	6-1	270	R-Sr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Overton / Memphis
FS	28	Kaiki Baker	6-3	190	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Hillsboro

PRONUNCIATION CHART (Alphabetical order)

Name	First	Last
Shivan Abdullah	SHIV-uhn	Ab-DUHL-uh
Anakin Aupiu	AH-nuh-kin	OW-pee-oo
Saidou Ba	SAI-doo	BAH
Kaiki Baker	KAI-kee	BAY-ker
Emmanuel Baez	em-MAN-yuhl	BY-uhz
Jalen Bell	JAY-luhn	
Malik Billingsley	muh-LEEK	BILL-ingz-lee
Brandon Bouie Jr.		BOO-ee
Karate Brenson	kuh-RAH-tee	BREN-suhn
Daniel Bravo		
Carson Buchanan		
Gerard Bullock		
Keandre Booker	kee-AHN-dray	
Owen Borba	OH-wen	BOR-buh
Cameron Blaylock		
Camani Cobbs	kuh-MAH-nee	KOBZ
Jayden Coleman		
Craig Cunningham		
Da'Shon Davis	duh-SHAWN	
Byron Davis		
Dominique Dixon	DOM-uh-neek	
Jace Dobbins		
Camron Douglas		
Solomon Dunn		
Sanders Ellis		
Draylen Ellis	DRAY-luhn	
Kamden Edwards	KAM-duhn	
CJ Evans		
Darien Farmer	DAR-ee-uhn	
Jackson Foster		
Jamari Freeman	juh-MAH-ree	
Jacorris Foreman	juh-KOR-iss	
George Hamsley		HAMZ-lee
Jourden Hale-Frater	JOR-den	HAIL-FRAY-ter
Justin Harper		
Kheagin Heckaman	KEE-uh-guhn	HEK-uh-muhn
Jordan Helton		
Kyle Hicks		
Jason Hoath Jr.		HOH-uhth
Fondren Hollis III	FON-druhn	
Marlon Huff		
Veguer Jean-Jumeau	VEH-gur	ZHAHN-ZHOO-mo
Taeshawn Jefferson	TAY-shawn	
TySean Jefferson		
Dayron Johnson		
Tyler Jones		
Kobe Jones		
Yirayah LaNier	yee-RAH-yuh	luh-NYER
Roshawn Lacy		
James Lowery		
C.J. Lowe		
Juice Majors		
Caden Marshall		
Quinton Mastropietro		MAS-troh-pee-ay-troh
Gabriel McDaniel		
Ace Meadows		
Connor Meadows		
Joshua Meriwether		
Johnathan Moore		
Tyler Moore		
Darius Neals		
Ahmad Nelson		
Kaleob Onyeahialam	KAY-lee-uhb	ON-yay-uh-luhm
Antwone Parker		
Chandon Page	SHAN-don	
Exavious Reed	ex-AY-vee-uhs	
Snap Reed		
Quinn Reid		
DuJuan Sharp III	doo-JWAHN	
Mark Shenouda		sheh-NOO-duh
Anthony Smith		
Aiden Smith		
Darius Smith		
Josiah Smith		
Lathun Snipes		
Amari Southall		
Chase Spellman		
Sammy Taylor		
Scotty Roddy		ROD-ee
Oliver Walker		
Chris Walker		
Connor Ruth		
Spencer Roof		
Jalen Rouse		
Matthew Wilson		
Brandon Wilson		
Lance Wilhoite		WIL-hoyt
Kennedy Wilbert		
Jacob Wooden		
Gerard Turner	JER-uhnd	
Alex Valbuena		val-BWAY-nuh
Dion Villiers		
Bryant Williams		
Ramirez Young	uh-MEER-uhz	





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	ALPHABETICAL		NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YR.	HOMETOWN / HIGH SCHOOL / PREVIOUS SCHOOL
20	Shivan Abdullah	QB	0	Karate Brenson	WR	6-2	215	R-Jr.	St. Louis, Mo. / Christian Brothers College / Ball State
42	Ro Abercrombie	TE	0	Tyler Moore	DL	5-10	290	Fr.	Locust Grove, Ga. / Luella
31	Anakin Aupiu	LB	1	Draylen Ellis	QB	6-1	175	Gr.	Olive Branch, Miss. / Kirby / Austin Peay
55	Saidou Ba	OL	1	Boogie Trotter	DB	5-9	180	Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Tennessee Valley Prep
17	Emmanuel Baez	DL	2	Cameron Blaylock	DL	6-2	315	R-Jr.	Memphis, Tenn. / White Station / Memphis / Trinity Valley
28	Kaiki Baker	DB	2	Jordan Gant	RB	5-10	205	R-So.	Lakeland, Fla. / Kathleen
5	Jalen Bell	DL	3	Solomon Dunn	WR	6-4	210	R-Jr.	Johnson City, Tenn. / Science Hill / ETSU
85	Malik Billingsley	WR	3	Micah Gay	LB	6-1	205	R-So.	Johns Creek, Ga. / Johns Creek
2	Cameron Blaylock	DL	4	Jaden McGill	RB	6-0	205	Jr.	Chicago, Ill. / Naperville Central / College of DuPage
18	Keandre Booker	DL	4	Kierron Smith	DL	6-0	335	Gr.	Fitzgerald, Ga. / Fitzgerald / Georgia Southern
77	Owen Borba	OL	5	Jalen Bell	DL	6-1	280	Gr.	Detroit, Mi. / Martin Luther King / Miss. Valley State
16	Brandon Bouie Jr.	DB	5	Dayron Johnson	WR	5-9	180	Sr.	Springfield, Tenn. / Springfield
91	Daniel Bravo	K	6	Dion Villiers	DB	5-11	165	R-So.	Lakeland, Fla. / Lake Gibson
0	Karate Brenson	WR	6	Bryant Williams	WR	6-1	190	Jr.	New Orleans, La. / El Camino College
52	Carson Buchanan	LS	7	Juice Majors	WR	5-9	155	So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Overton
17	Gerard Bullock	TE	7	Ahmad Nelson	LB	6-2	225	Sr.	Birmingham, Ala. / Minor
98	Terence Carpenter II	DL	8	Jalal Dean	WR	6-0	190	Sr.	Williamston, S.C. / Palmetto / Tennessee Tech
34	Mecca Carr-Bordeaux	DL	8	Jalen McClendon	DB	6-0	180	R-Jr.	Tampa, Fla. / Chamberlain
21	Tevin Carter	QB	9	Da'Shon Davis	WR	5-11	195	Gr.	Quincy, Fla. / Jefferson County
13	Camani Cobbs	DB	9	Spencer Roof	DB	6-0	200	Jr.	Arlington, Texas / Nolan Catholic / Lehigh
32	Jayden Coleman	DB	10	George Hamsley	QB	6-5	220	R-So.	Memphis, Tenn. / Memphis University School / LSU
81	Santana Crayton	WR	10	Fondren Hollis III	DB	5-11	180	R-Sr.	Decatur, Ga. / Columbia
44	Craig Cunningham	RB	11	Snap Reed	WR	6-2	220	Fr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Bartlett
27	Byron Davis	DB	11	Brent Rowe	LB	6-1	230	Jr.	Milwaukee, Wis. / Hendersonville
9	Da'Shon Davis	WR	12	Sanders Ellis	LB	6-2	225	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Station Camp
8	Jalal Dean	WR	12	Chase Spellman	QB	6-3	220	Fr.	Wales, Wisc. / Kettle Moraine
58	Hadine Diaby	OL	13	Camani Cobbs	DB	6-1	180	R-Fr.	McDonough, Ga. / Eagle's Landing / SEMO
30	Dominique Dixon	DB	13	Ryder Hagan	QB	6-1	210	R-Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Overton
	Jace Dobbins	DB	14	Roshawn Lacy	WR	6-0	185	Jr.	Orange, Calif. / Esperanza / Riverside CC
55	Camron Douglas	DL	14	Brandon Wilson	DB	5-11	180	R-So.	Montgomery, Ala. / Park Crossing
3	Solomon Dunn	WR	15	Malik Ganawat	DB	6-2	190	R-So.	Trenton, Tenn. / Peabody / Tennessee
43	Kamden Edwards	TE	15	Lance Wilhoite	WR	6-2	175	R-Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Franklin Road Academy / Oregon
1	Draylen Ellis	QB	16	Brandon Bouie Jr.	DB	6-1	195	So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Ensworth
12	Sanders Ellis	LB	16	Exavious Reed	TE	6-4	220	R-Fr.	LaGrange, Ga. / Callaway / Southern Miss
23	CJ Evans	RB	17	Emmanuel Baez	DL	6-4	265	R-Jr.	Plant City, Fla. / Plant City
70	Darien Farmer	OL	17	Gerard Bullock	TE	6-0	200	Sr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Ensworth / Austin Peay
37	Jacorris Foreman	LB	18	Keandre Booker	DL	6-3	240	Gr.	Moss Point, Miss. / Moss Point / SEMO
41	Jackson Foster	P	18	Kheagian Heckaman	TE	6-1	220	R-So.	Hampshire, Texas / Hampshire-Fannett / UTEP
63	Jamari Freeman	OL	19	Aiden Smith	WR	6-0	180	R-So.	Houston, Texas / The School of Sports and Sciences / Bryant
53	Blake Gamez	OL	19	Darius Smith	DB	5-10	175	Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Hillsboro / Bethel
15	Malik Ganaway	DB	20	Shivan Abdullah	QB	6-0	205	R-Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Cane Ridge / Independence CC
2	Jordan Gant	RB	21	Tevin Carter	QB	6-3	220	R-So.	Memphis, Tenn. / PURE Youth / Memphis
3	Micah Gay	LB	21	Tyler Jones	DB	6-0	200	R-Sr.	Orlando, Fla. / West Orange / Missouri
44	Eriq George	DL	22	Jalen Rouse	RB	5-11	195	Sr.	Richmond Hill, Ga. / Richmond Hill
13	Ryder Hagan	QB	22	DuJuan Sharp III	DB	5-8	170	R-Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Ensworth
74	Jourden Hale-Frater	OL	23	CJ Evans	RB	5-8	180	R-Sr.	Mobile, Ala. / McGill-Toolen / Austin Peay
10	George Hamsley	QB	24	Jordan Helton	DB	6-1	205	Sr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Memphis Univ. School
64	Justin Harper	OL	25	Sammy Taylor	LB	6-2	205	R-Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Ensworth
18	Kheagian Heckaman	TE	26	Jonothan Moore	RB	5-11	200	R-Fr.	Smyrna, Tenn. / Montgomery Bell Academy
24	Jordan Helton	DB	27	Byron Davis	DB	6-1	185	R-So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Cane Ridge / Kentucky Wesleyan
97	Kyle Hicks	LS	28	Kaiki Baker	DB	6-3	190	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Hillsboro
89	Jason Hoath Jr.	TE	29	Antwone Parker	LB	6-1	225	R-Jr.	Fort Worth, Texas / Kennedale / Cisco JC / Butler JC
10	Fondren Hollis III	DB	30	Dominique Dixon	DB	6-1	195	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. / Cardinal Ritter College Prep
40	Marlon Huff	DL	31	Anakin Aupiu	LB	5-11	220	Jr.	Compton, Calif. / St. Anthony / Southwest Oklahoma St.
67	Veguer Jean-Jumeau	OL	32	Jayden Coleman	DB	5-10	180	Fr.	Phenix City, Ala. / Liberty-Eylau (TX)
33	Taeshawn Jefferson	DB	33	Taeshawn Jefferson	DB	5-11	185	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Germantown
80	Tysean Jefferson	WR							
5	Dayron Johnson	WR							
78	Kobe Jones	OL							





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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YR.	HOMETOWN / HIGH SCHOOL / PREVIOUS SCHOOL	ALPHABETICAL (cont.)
34	Mecca Carr-Bordeaux	DL	6-4	265	R-Fr.	Rocky Point, N.C. / Pender	21 Tyler Jones DB
35	CJ Lowe	LB	5-10	215	Fr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Lausanne Collegiate School	93 Meonta Kimbrough DL
36	Caden Marshall	LB	6-2	205	Fr.	Paris, Tenn. / Henry County	88 Tucker Kyne TE
37	Jacorris Foreman	LB	5-11	205	R-Fr.	Pahokee, Fla. / Everglades Pep	14 Roshawn Lacy WR
38	Gabriel McDaniel	DB	5-10	170	R-Sr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Ensworth / MTSU / Oklahoma	94 Yirayah LaNier DL
39	Mark Shenouda	P	6-1	210	R-Fr.	Mt. Juliet, Tenn. / Mt. Juliet / Memphis	35 C.J. Lowe LB
40	Marlon Huff	DL	6-3	230	Fr.	Delray Beach, Fla. / Atlantic	99 James Lowery K/P
41	Jackson Foster	P	6-2	220	Sr.	Danville, Calif. / San Ramon Valley / Western Michigan	7 Juice Majors WR
41	Quinn Reid	DL	6-4	225	Fr.	Bradenton, Fla. / IMG Academy	36 Caden Marshall LB
42	Ro Abercrombie	TE	6-4	245	Jr.	San Bernardino, Calif. / Aquinas / Chadron State	68 Quinton Mastropietro OL
43	Kamden Edwards	TE	5-10	225	R-Jr.	Chattanooga, Tenn. / Tyner Academy	8 Jalen McClendon DB
44	Craig Cunningham	RB	5-10	190	R-So.	Memphis, Tenn. / Lausanne Collegiate	38 Gabriel McDaniel DB
44	Eriq George	DL	6-2	280	So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Montgomery Bell Academy	4 Jaden McGill RB
45	Josiah Smith	LB	6-1	245	R-Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Antioch	50 Ace Meadows OL
46	Scotty Roddy	LB	6-0	240	R-Fr.	Memphis, Tenn. / KIPP Collegiate	57 Connor Meadows OL
46	Oliver Walker	RB	5-10	205	Fr.	Glendale, Ariz. / Cactus	83 Joshua Meriwether TE
47	Matthew Wilson	LB	6-2	230	Fr.	Tampa, Fla. / Middleton	26 Johnathan Moore RB
48	Chris Walker	DL	6-4	250	Sr.	Sanford, Fla. / Seminole	0 Tyler Moore DL
49	Yirayah LaNier	DL	6-3	240	R-So.	Brentwood, Tenn. / Brentwood / Louisville	54 Darius Neals OL
50	Ace Meadows	OL	6-7	310	Fr.	Trenton, Tenn. / Peabody	7 Ahmad Nelson LB
51	Alex Valbuena	OL	6-0	275	R-So.	Antioch, Tenn. / Ezell-Harding Christian	72 Kaleob Onyeahialam OL
52	Carson Buchanan	LS	6-0	265	Sr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Antioch	95 Chandon Page DL
53	Blake Gamez	OL	6-1	280	R-Jr.	Buckeye, Ariz. / Verrado / Northern Arizona	29 Antwone Parker RB
54	Darius Neals	OL	6-4	335	R-Fr.	Ellenwood, Ga. / Cedar Grove	16 Exavious Reed TE
55	Saidou Ba	OL	6-4	300	R-So.	Memphis, Tenn. / PURE Academy / Arkansas St.	11 Snap Reed WR
55	Camron Douglas	DL	6-3	300	R-So.	Brownsville, Tenn. / Haywood / Tennessee	41 Quinn Reid DL
56	Anthony Smith	OL	6-3	305	R-Sr.	Lakeland, Fla. / Lakeland / Iowa State	90 Connor Ridderhoff LS
57	Connor Meadows	OL	6-4	300	R-So.	Trenton, Tenn. / Peabody / Tennessee	46 Scotty Roddy LB
58	Hadine Diaby	OL	6-3	300	So..	Loganville, Ga. / Grayson	9 Spencer Roof DB
61	Kennedy Wilbert	OL	6-1	295	Gr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Middle College	22 Jalen Rouse RB
63	Jamari Freeman	OL	6-4	300	R-So.	Fairburn, Ga. / Langston Hughes	11 Brent Rowe LB
64	Justin Harper	OL	6-3	265	Fr.	St. Petersburg, Fla. / Lakewood	86 Connor Ruth TE
65	Jacob Wooden	OL	6-4	305	Sr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Stewarts Creek / Central State	22 DuJuan Sharp III DB
67	Veguer Jean-Jumeau	OL	6-7	275	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Hillsboro	39 Mark Shenouda P
68	Quinton Mastropietro	OL	6-4	305	Jr.	Mountain View, Calif. / Mountain View / Reedley College	19 Aiden Smith WR
70	Darien Farmer	OL	6-0	300	R-Fr.	Aurora, Ill. / West Aurora	56 Anthony Smith OL
72	Kaleob Onyeahialam	OL	6-6	325	R-Fr.	Harvest, Ala. / Sparkman	19 Darius Smith DB
74	Jourden Hale-Frater	OL	6-5	350	R-So.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Sycamore / Akron / Copiah Lincoln CC	45 Josiah Smith LB
77	Owen Borba	OL	6-3	280	Fr.	Lebanon, Tenn. / Wilson County	4 Kierron Smith DL
78	Kobe Jones	OL	6-3	310	Fr.	Cumming, Ga. / Denmark	99 Lathun Snipes DL
80	Tysean Jefferson	WR	5-7	170	R-Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Beech / Western Kentucky	84 Amari Southall WR
81	Santana Crayton	WR	5-10	185	Fr.	Louisville, Ky. / Pleasure Ridge Park	12 Chase Spellman QB
83	Joshua Meriwether	TE	6-2	230	Gr.	Nashville, Tenn. Montgomery Bell Academy / Tufts	25 Sammy Taylor LB
84	Amari Southall	WR	6-0	170	R-Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Hillsboro	1 Boogie Trotter DB
85	Malik Billingsley	WR	5-10	190	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo. Christian Brothers / Winston-Salem	87 Gerand Turner WR
86	Connor Ruth	TE	6-3	220	Fr.	Knoxville, Tenn. / Knoxville Catholic	51 Alex Valbuena OL
87	Gerand Turner	WR	6-0	205	Sr.	Miami, Fla. / South Miami Senior	6 Dion Villiers DB
88	Tucker Kyne	TE	6-5	225	Fr.	Woodbury, Tenn. / Cannon County	48 Chris Walker DL
89	Jason Hoath Jr.	TE	6-2	235	So.	Columbia, Tenn. / Page	46 Oliver Walker RB
90	Connor Ridderhoff	LS	6-2	240	R-So.	Chelsea, Ala. / Chelsea	61 Kennedy Wilbert OL
91	Daniel Bravo	K	5-7	180	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Antioch	15 Lance Wilhoite WR
93	Meonta Kimbrough	DL	6-1	270	R-Sr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Overton / Memphis	6 Bryant Williams WR
95	Chandon Page	DL	6-3	305	Gr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Pearl-Cohn	14 Brandon Wilson DB
97	Kyle Hicks	LS	6-2	220	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Hillsboro	47 Matthew Wilson LB
98	Terence Carpenter II	DL	6-3	225	R-Fr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Blackman	65 Jacob Wooden OL
99	James Lowery	K/P	5-10	210	R-Sr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. / American Heritage / Northern Illinois	
99	Lathun Snipes	DL	6-1	290	Sr.	Elk Grove, Calif. / Monterey Trail / Butte College	
	Jace Dobbins	DB	6-0	165	R-Fr.	Dandridge, Tenn. / Jefferson County	





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comprehensive pregame and postgame analysis, exclusive interviews with coaches and players, and behind-the-scenes content for enhanced fan engagement. "The Voice of the Tigers," Greg Pogue, returns for his 13th season behind the mic and will be joined by Dean Cokinos, head coach of the Nashville Kats of the Arena Football League, for home games and former Tennessee Titans wide receiver Chris Sanders for road games. The action can also be streamed on the TSU Tigers app.

SEASONAL NUMBERS:

4-0: TSU holds a perfect 4-0 record in games where they've recorded eight or more tackles for loss and two or more sacks. In their 41-21 win over Mississippi Valley State, the Tigers tallied 13 tackles for loss for 44 yards and 3 sacks for 22 yards, along with 2 forced fumbles and an interception. TSU's defense was even more dominant against Arkansas-Pine Bluff, notching 11 tackles for loss for 69 yards and a season-high 7 sacks for 61 yards in a 41-28 victory. The strong defensive play continued in a 13-9 win over Charleston Southern, where they recorded 11 tackles for loss for 32 yards and 2 sacks for 11 yards. Most recently, the Tigers registered 8 tackles for loss for 42 yards and 3 sacks for 32 yards in a 24-20 victory over Lindenwood.

9: Tennessee State has been effective in the red zone this season, scoring on 14 of their 17 opportunities for a total of 77 points. The Tigers have scored 9 touchdowns, with 5 coming on the ground and 4 through the air, and have converted 5 field goals. TSU has only failed to score in the red zone three times, with 2 missed field goals (Arkansas-Pine Bluff & Lindenwood) and 1 turnover on downs (Mississippi Valley State). Their best red zone performances came in victories against Mississippi Valley State (4-for-5) and Arkansas-Pine Bluff (4-for-5), both of which saw TSU score multiple rushing and passing touchdowns. However, the Tigers were unable to convert in the red zone in their loss to Tennessee Tech (0-for-0), a rare shutout in red zone attempts.

80+: TSU has proven to be a formidable team when they rush for over 80 yards in a game and score at least one rushing touchdown, boasting a perfect 4-0 record in such contests this season. In their matchup against Arkansas-Pine Bluff, TSU rushed 37 times for 196 yards and scored 2 rushing touchdowns. The Tigers continued their strong ground game with a 138-yard performance on 30 carries against Mississippi Valley State, along with 1 rushing touchdown. They also rushed for 101 yards on 20 attempts, scoring another touchdown in a 13-9 victory over Charleston Southern. In their most recent game against Lindenwood, TSU recorded 89 rushing yards on 40 attempts, adding 2 rushing touchdowns to their tally.

99.3: Tennessee State has gained 726 rushing yards this season, with 130 yards lost, resulting in a net total of 596 yards on 184 attempts. The Tigers are averaging 99.3 rushing yards per game and 3.2 yards per carry. Both TSU and their opponents have scored 6 rushing touchdowns. In comparison, TSU's opponents have gained 1,205 rushing yards with 237 yards lost, for a net total of 968 yards on 248 attempts. Opponents are averaging 161.3 rushing yards per game and 3.9 yards per carry.

369: Tennessee State has struggled with penalties this season, averaging 61.5 yards per game, compared to 55.8 yards per game by their opponents. The Tigers have been flagged 42 times for a total of 369 yards, while their opponents have committed 44 penalties for 335 yards. Penalties have particularly hurt TSU in key games. Against Mississippi Valley State, the Tigers were penalized 10 times for 102 yards, while their opponent was flagged 11 times for 61 yards. In the game against Arkansas-Pine Bluff, TSU committed 7 penalties for 69 yards, but their opponent had even more, with 15 penalties for 121 yards. In more disciplined games, TSU had 5 penalties for just 23 yards against Charleston Southern, compared to their opponent's 2 penalties for 20 yards. However, the overall penalty trend remains a challenge for the Tigers to overcome in close matchups.

WEEK 6 BY THE NUMBERS:

2: Spencer Roof has made a significant impact in the last two games. In the matchup against Charleston Southern, Roof recorded 3 total tackles, including 1 tackle for loss. His defensive presence was felt even more in the recent game at Lindenwood, where he tallied 4 tackles, including a crucial sack that resulted in a 10-yard loss for the opposing team. Additionally, Roof forced a fumble and recorded a blocked kick.

2TD: Tevin Carter, the backup running quarterback for Tennessee State, made a significant impact in the red zone, scoring two touchdowns from inside the goal line against Lindenwood. In limited action, Carter carried the ball 3 times for 6 yards, averaging 2.0 yards per attempt, but his ability to punch the ball in during crucial moments proved vital for the Tigers.

3: TSU secondary showcased its strength by effectively containing Jeff Caldwell, the top Big South-OVC wide receiver, to just 3 receptions for 45 yards and 1 touchdown. Caldwell's longest catch was an early first quarter reception for 34 yards, highlighting TSU's ability to limit his impact on the game. This marked the first time Caldwell had fewer than four catches

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
Interim President.....	Dr. Ronald A. Johnson
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:.....	586-328-33
First Year in OVC:.....	1988
OVC Record:.....	114-139
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

FUTURE SCHEDULED GAMES

9/9/28.....	at North Carolina A&T.....	TBA
8/30/25.....	NORTH CAROLINA A&T (John Merritt Classic).....	TBA
9/6/25.....	NORTH DAKOTA STATE.....	TBA
10/18/25.....	HOWARD (2025 Homecoming).....	TBA

2023 RESULTS — 6-5 — (4-1 H, 1-4 A, 1-0 N) — 2-4 OVC — (2-1 H, 0-3 A)

9/2.....	at Notre Dame.....	L, 3-56
9/9.....	vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff.....	W, 24-14
9/16.....	GARDNER-WEBB*.....	W, 27-25
9/30.....	at UT Martin*.....	L, 10-20
10/7.....	at Kennesaw State.....	W, 27-20
10/14.....	NORFOLK ST.....	W, 24-17
10/21.....	LINCOLN.....	W, 54-0
10/28.....	LINDENWOOD*.....	W, 43-20
11/4.....	at Charleston Southern*.....	L, 21-35
11/11.....	at Eastern Illinois*.....	L, 17-30
11/18.....	TENNESSEE TECH*.....	L, 0-35

2022 RESULTS — 4-7 — (2-3 H, 2-3 A, 0-1 N) — 2-3 OVC — (1-2 H, 1-1 A)

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

2021 RESULTS — 5-6 — (3-1 H, 2-3 A, 0-2 N) — 3-3 OVC — (2-1 H, 1-2 A)

9/10.....	vs. Grambling St.....	L, 10-16
9/11.....	vs. Jackson St.....	L, 16-38
9/18.....	KENTUCKY ST.....	W, 41-7
9/25.....	at SEMO*.....	L, 14-47
10/2.....	at Austin Peay.....	W, 24-22
10/16.....	TENNESSEE TECH*.....	W, 20-13
10/23.....	at Eastern Illinois*.....	W, 28-0
10/30.....	MURRAY STATE*.....	W, 27-21
11/6.....	at UT Martin*.....	L, 20-41
11/13.....	AUSTIN PEAY*.....	L, 7-36
11/20.....	at Mississippi State.....	L, 10-55





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since a loss at Kansas.

8: Tennessee State's defense was relentless at Lindenwood, recording multiple tackles for loss and sacks that disrupted the Lions' offense throughout the game. Notably, Chris Walker and Tyler Jones led the charge with 2 tackles for loss each, totaling 4 yards lost for the opponent. Eriq George made a significant impact as well, contributing 2 sacks for 22 yards, showcasing his ability to penetrate the backfield effectively. Ahmad Nelson also made his presence felt with a total of 8 tackles, including a tackle for loss. Additionally, Spencer Roof added another sack, further emphasizing TSU's defensive dominance.

63: Jaden McGill delivered his best performance as a Tiger against Lindenwood, rushing for 63 yards on 15 carries. McGill's longest run of the day was 12 yards, showcasing his ability to gain consistent yardage and contribute to the team's ground game.

196: Draylen Ellis showcased his passing prowess despite facing pressure with four sacks during the game. He threw for a total of 196 yards on 14 completions out of 26 attempts, including a pivotal 74-yard touchdown pass to C.J. Evans.

WEEK 5 BY THE NUMBERS:

2: The Tigers forced two fumbles during the game. Chris Walker and Spencer Roof each forced a fumble, with Sanders Ellis recovering one and returning it for 3 yards. Boogie Trotter also contributed by recovering another fumble.

11: The Tigers recorded 2 sacks for 11 yards in the game. Chris Walker was responsible for 1.5 sacks, racking up 8 yards, while Eriq George added half a sack for 3 yards. Their consistent pressure on the quarterback helped disrupt Charleston Southern's offensive game plan.

19: TSU's run game ran for 101 net yards on 20 carries, averaging 5.1 yards per attempt. Jordan Gant led the charge, racking up 40 yards on just five carries, including a crucial 19-yard touchdown run late in the game that sealed the victory for TSU. CJ Evans added 31 yards on eight carries, while Jaden McGill contributed 15 yards on four attempts. Tevin Carter and Draylen Ellis also chipped in with a combined 15 yards on the ground.

22: Ahmad Nelson and Sanders Ellis led the team in tackles, each recording 11 total tackles, with Nelson adding 2.0 tackles for loss (TFL). Chris Walker was a standout performer, registering 7 tackles, including 2.5 TFLs and 1.5 sacks. The defense's pressure limited Charleston Southern's offensive rhythm, playing a significant role in the victory.

32: TSU's defense tallied an impressive 10 tackles for loss for a combined 32 yards. Chris Walker led the way with 2.5 TFLs for 11 yards, while Keandre Booker and Eriq George each added 2.0 TFLs. Ahmad Nelson also contributed with 2.0 TFLs for 4 yards, showing the defense's ability to penetrate Charleston Southern's backfield.

50%: In last week's rain-soaked game against Charleston Southern, Draylen Ellis displayed poise despite challenging weather conditions. He completed 12 of 24 passes for 105 yards, throwing one touchdown and avoiding any interceptions. His longest completion of the day was a 24-yard pass, and notably, Ellis was not sacked throughout the game.

105: Bryant Williams led the group with five catches for 49 yards, including a 24-yard reception and a touchdown. Karate Brenson added three receptions for 29 yards, while CJ Evans had a 12-yard catch to contribute to the effort. Jaden McGill and Jalal Dean also made plays, recording 10 and 5 yards, respectively.

WEEK 4 BY THE NUMBERS:

0: Tennessee State struggled to establish its running game against Tennessee Tech, finishing with just 0 net rushing yards. CJ Evans led the effort with 14 net yards on six carries, averaging 2.3 yards per attempt, with a long run of 6 yards. Jordan Gant added 8 yards on three carries, averaging 2.7 yards per carry. Jalen Rouse contributed 1 yard on two attempts. Jaden McGill was held to -2 yards on five carries, and quarterback Draylen Ellis, under heavy pressure, finished with -21 yards on 11 carries despite gaining 20 yards.

1-1-1-1: Boogie Trotter was a key playmaker the defense. Trotter recorded 4 solo tackles, forced and recovered a fumble, and notably returned an interception 69 yards for a touchdown, putting TSU on the board.

99: Karate Brenson led the receiving unit, hauling in 9 receptions for 99 yards, with a long of 27 yards. Bryant Williams added 41 yards on 4 catches, while Gerard Bullock contributed 32 yards on 2 receptions, including a 31-yard grab, the longest of the game. Jalal Dean made an impact with 2 catches for 31 yards, including a 25-yard touchdown, TSU's only receiving score. Jalen Rouse added 20 yards on 2 receptions, while Jason Hoath Jr., Jaden McGill,

and Jordan Gant each chipped in with single catches for 11, 9, and 3 yards, respectively.

246: Quarterback Draylen Ellis completed 22 of 39 passes for 246 yards, throwing one touchdown and two interceptions in the matchup against Tennessee Tech. His longest completion of the game was a 31-yard pass. Despite his efforts, Ellis faced significant pressure, being sacked seven times during the contest.

320: Punter Jackson Foster had a solid outing against Tennessee Tech, handling the ball 9 times for a total of 320 yards, averaging 35.6 yards per punt. His longest punt traveled 45 yards, and he successfully placed 3 kicks inside the 20-yard line, providing valuable field position for the TSU defense. Foster's consistency and ability to pin the opponent deep contributed to the overall effectiveness of the special teams unit.

777: The defense had a strong showing against Tennessee Tech, with multiple players contributing across the board. Ahmad Nelson led the team with 8 total tackles (2 solo, 6 assists), while Jalen Bell added 7 tackles, including 2.0 tackles for loss and 1.0 sack. Sanders Ellis also tallied 7 tackles and 1.5 tackles for loss, while Tyler Jones recorded 7 tackles and 1 pass breakup. Keandre Booker added 4 tackles, including 1.0 for a 7-yard loss. The Tigers' defense forced turnovers and applied consistent pressure throughout the game, with Boogie Trotter's pick 6 and fumble recovery standing out as a crucial moment.

WEEK 3 BY THE NUMBERS:

MVP — Draylen Ellis claimed the MVP of the Southern Heritage Classic after he completed 20 of 33 passes for 228 yards and three touchdowns with no interceptions, and added 25 rushing yards. Ellis threw touchdown passes of 22, 12, and 4 yards, all in the second quarter, as the Tigers built a 31-14 halftime lead.

3 — Karate Brenson, Jordan Gant and Jalal Dean each scored receiving touchdowns in the win over Arkansas-Pine Bluff. Brenson made the most of his two receptions, gaining 37 yards and scoring on a 22-yard play. His ability to capitalize on limited opportunities added a crucial score for TSU. Gant contributed two catches for 23 yards, including a 12-yard touchdown. Dean chipped in with three catches for 18 yards and a touchdown, his steady presence in short-yardage situations keeping the offense moving.

5-5 — Boogie Trotter also delivered a solid performance, contributing five total tackles (four solo), while Sanders Ellis matched his total with five tackles, including 2.5 TFLs for 22 yards and 1.5 sacks for 21 yards. Ellis' performance was crucial in slowing down Arkansas-Pine Bluff's offensive rhythm.

6 — Jalen Rouse rounded out the running backs' performance with 6 carries for 22 net yards and a touchdown. Though his 3.7 yards per carry was more modest compared to McGill and Evans, Rouse proved to be effective in short-yardage situations, punching in a score and keeping the pressure on UAPB's defense.

9 — Nationally, Ellis ranks ninth in passing touchdowns (6), 11th in passing yards (712), 15th in total offense (257.0 yards per game), 17th in passing efficiency (149.0), and 22nd in points responsible for per game (12.0).

14 — Keandre Booker was another key figure, recording three sacks for 14 yards as part of his five total tackles. His ability to get into the backfield consistently made it difficult for UAPB to establish their offense.

17 — Jalen Bell led the charge with six total tackles, including three solo stops. He made his presence felt in the backfield, registering 2.0 tackles for loss (TFL) for 17 yards and a sack that resulted in a 16-yard loss.

28 — Freshman Sanders Ellis was tabbed Big South-OVC Co-Freshman of the Week after recorded five tackles (three solo), including 2.5 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks. He helped force -21 yards with his sacks. Ellis is now ranked 28th nationally in tackles for loss per game (1.3).

38 — CJ Evans mirrored McGill's production with 9 carries for 63 net yards, also averaging a strong 7.0 yards per carry. Evans' highlight of the game came on a 38-yard touchdown run, where he broke through the defense and sprinted to the end zone, giving TSU a crucial score. His combination of speed and vision made him one of the most dangerous players on the field, complementing McGill's efforts perfectly.

51 — Bryant Williams had a standout performance, hauling in 5 receptions for 88 yards. His 51-yard catch was the longest play from scrimmage for the Tigers, showcasing his big-play ability. While he didn't find the end zone, Williams consistently moved the chains, serving as a reliable target throughout the game.





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63 — Jaden McGill showcased his explosiveness, carrying the ball 8 times for 63 net yards. Averaging 7.9 yards per carry, McGill was a constant threat whenever he touched the ball. Although he didn't find the end zone, his ability to move the chains was key for the Tigers' offense, making him a reliable option throughout the game.

196 — As a team, TSU's running backs combined for 196 net rushing yards, with two touchdowns coming on the ground. This balanced and efficient rushing attack was a key factor in keeping Arkansas-Pine Bluff's defense off balance, allowing Tennessee State to control the pace of the game.

WEEK 2 BY THE NUMBERS:

15 — For the 15th time in 23 games, Draylen Ellis passed for over 100 yards. Through two games, Ellis has 484 yards passed with three touchdowns and one interception. Against North Dakota State, Ellis completed 17-of-25 passes and ran for 27 yards on 11 tries.

72 — Total net rushing yards by TSU rushers. Ellis led six runners with 27 net yards. The last time TSU rushed for fewer than 80 yards was in the 2023 season finale against Tennessee Tech, when the Tigers recorded 76 rushing yards.

29 — Transfer Gerard Bullock finished with 29 reception yards on four catches. The Austin Peay transfer and Ensworth graduate saw his first major role in the loss to North Dakota State.

31 — Jalal Dean led the receiving corps with the longest catch of the day, a 31-yard reception. He finished with 51 total yards and three catches.

7 — Total number of punts by TSU. Mark Shenouda had four punts for 159 yards, averaging 39.8 yards per punt with a long of 51 yards. Jackson Foster had three punts for 125 yards, averaging 41.7 yards per punt.

7 — Dion Villiers led the Tigers for the second straight week with seven tackles (six solo and one assist). Villiers also forced a fumble and had one QB hurry.

3 — Ahmad Nelson, Sanders Ellis, and Eriq George each recorded a tackle for loss. George started the game with a four-yard stop in the backfield, Nelson added a three-yard tackle, and Ellis halted the running back just behind the line of scrimmage.

WEEK 1 BY THE NUMBERS:

8 — The number of different players who recorded a catch in TSU's season opener. Newcomer Jalal Dean led the team with nine receptions for 144 yards and one touchdown. Karate Brenson and Jordan Gant also caught touchdown passes. Brenson was second on the team with 86 yards on two catches. Da'Shon Davis was third with 78 receiving yards, including a 73-yard touchdown that was negated due to an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty after Davis flipped into the end zone. Newcomer Bryant Williams added three catches, while Jason Hoath Jr., Jalen Rouse, and Exavious Reed each had one.

356 — The total passing yards by Draylen Ellis, a career-best for the Olive Branch, Mississippi, native. Ellis completed 21 of 33 passes for three touchdowns.

4 — The number of running backs used by TSU. Returnees Gant and Rouse, along with newcomers Jaden McGill and CJ Evans, all saw action in the backfield. McGill, a 2023 NJCAA First-Team All-American and Division III Offensive Player of the Year from the College of DuPage, led the team with 43 yards on seven carries, including a 30-yard rush. Gant added 39 yards on nine carries, Rouse had 23 yards and the lone rushing touchdown, and Evans contributed 12 yards on six attempts.

231 — The total yards by which TSU outgained its opponent. The TSU offense finished with 356 passing yards and 138 rushing yards. The Tigers averaged 10.5 yards per pass and 16.2 yards per catch. On the ground, they ran 30 times, averaging 4.6 yards per carry.

21 — The number of first downs recorded by TSU — 11 from passes, eight from runs, and two via penalties.

2 — The number of turnovers forced by TSU against Mississippi Valley State. The first was a 54-yard fumble recovery by Micah Gay after Eriq George stripped the ball from Delta Devils quarterback Ty'Jarian Williams in the first quarter. In the second quarter, Boogie Trotter intercepted Williams and returned it 35 yards after Chris Walker applied pressure from the wing.

MVP — Draylen Ellis and Micah Gay were named top players of the John A. Merritt Classic. Ellis earned the Offensive MVP, while Gay received the Defensive MVP award.

20 — The number of different players who recorded a tackle for TSU. Dion Villiers led the team with eight total tackles (seven solo and one assist). Eriq George had six tackles (three solo and three assisted). The Tigers recorded three sacks, with George and newcomer Tyler Moore each recording one, and Jalen Bell and Keandre Booker splitting another. Moore also forced a fumble and broke up a pass. Newcomer Malik Ganaway had five tackles and the lone breakup.

80% — TSU converted on 4-of-5 red-zone opportunities, with two touchdowns (one passing, one rushing) and two field goals.

482 — The total number of yards James Lowery kicked on kickoffs. Lowery averaged 60.3 yards per kick and put two into the end zone for touchbacks. The Floridian connected on two field goals (from 20 and 32 yards) and was 5-for-5 on PATs, accounting for 11 points.

27 — The number of new players who saw action for TSU on Saturday.

GEORGE RETURNS FOR YEAR FOUR: Entering his fourth season as head coach, Eddie George starts the season with a 15-18 overall record and a 7-10 record in OVC-Big South play. Last season, TSU finished with a 6-5 record, the most wins since 2017 when former head coach Rod Reed also finished 6-5.

RUNNIN' (THROUGH) THE DEVIL: The TSU running back duo of Jordan Gant and Jalen Rouse returns after combining for nearly 1,000 yards in 2023. Gant, named to the Black College Football Player of the Year Award Watch List by the Black College Football Hall of Fame (BCFHOF), earned second-team All-Big South-OVC and Freshman All-American honors last year after starting seven games. He rushed for 553 yards and 10 touchdowns on 144 carries, becoming the first TSU player to record double-digit rushing touchdowns in a season since 2012. Rouse added 90 carries for 388 yards and two scores while averaging 4.1 yards per carry.

TSU will also look to transfer backups CJ Evans from Austin Peay and Kaderris Roberts from Stetson. Evans, a three-year starter, finished with 1,309 yards and 12 touchdowns but was sidelined in 2023 after three games due to injury. Evans was a teammate of TSU QB Draylen Ellis during the 2021 (spring and fall) seasons. Roberts appeared in 22 games for the Hatters, rushing for 785 yards and six touchdowns.

DJ'S LAST HURRAH: Quarterback Draylen Ellis enters his final year at TSU after being named the 2021 OVC Rookie of the Year with 19 touchdowns and 2,626 yards for Austin Peay. Ellis transferred to TSU in 2022 and has since thrown for 14 touchdowns and 2,882 yards.

NEW SLOT MACHINES AT NISSAN: The wide receiver lineup will look different this year with the additions of Tennessee Tech transfer Jalal Dean, along with backups Bryant Williams from El Camino CC and Roshawn Lacy from Riverside CC. Dean played three seasons with OVC rival Tennessee Tech, where he caught 48 passes for 656 yards and two touchdowns.

GEORGE SEEKS TO D-LINE LEADER: On defense, Eriq George, the head coach's son, returns after being named the 2023 Big South-OVC Co-Defensive Freshman of the Year. He played in nine games as a true freshman, finishing with 25 tackles (13 solo, 12 assists), 6.0 tackles for loss, and 2.5 sacks.

THREE-STAR COLEMAN READY TO PERFORM: During the early 2023 signing period, TSU added three-star cornerback Jayden Coleman, who committed to Tennessee State over offers from Auburn, Tennessee, North Carolina, Penn State, and Texas A&M. The 6-foot-1, 178-pound cornerback is from Liberty-Eylau High School in Texarkana, Texas, and transferred this offseason from Central High School in Phenix City, Alabama. Coleman is the No. 867 overall prospect and No. 83 cornerback in the class of 2024, according to the On3 industry rankings. He is the highest-ranked commit in Tennessee State history, surpassing three-star defensive tackle Terray Jones. Coleman joins three-star defensive lineman Tyler Moore in the class of 2024 for the Tigers.

ANOTHA * STAR DEFENDER:** Joining Coleman in the impressive defensive rookie class is Tyler Moore, who played for Luella High School in Georgia. Moore earned GACA All-State honors as a senior, collecting 191 tackles and 81.5 tackles for loss over 35 career games. In his senior season, he recorded 73 tackles and 43.0 tackles for loss. Moore was rated a three-star prospect by 247Sports, ranking as the 221st defensive lineman in his class and the 204th best player in Georgia. He received FBS offers from Eastern Michigan, Oklahoma, and Pittsburgh.

JIMMAYYYYYYY: Senior kicker James Lowery is back after a stellar 2023 season with the Tigers, where he made 12 of 15 field goal attempts for an 80% success rate. Lowery's longest kick was the game-winner over Gardner-Webb last season. He was named to the Black College Football Player of the Year Award Watch List by the Black College Football Hall of Fame (BCFHOF).





NOTES

BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD WATCH LIST: Senior kicker James Lowery and sophomore running back Jordan Gant have been named to the Black College Football Player of the Year Award Watch List by the Black College Football Hall of Fame (BCFHOF).

The Award is presented annually to the most outstanding football player from a Historically Black College & University (HBCU). The award was first bestowed in 2016 and was won by TSU wide receiver Chris Rowland in 2019.

Four finalists will be unveiled after the season. The winner of the 2024 Black College Football Player of the Year Award, which will be announced during halftime of the 2025 Allstate HBCU Legacy Bowl, will be presented with the Deacon Jones Trophy. The bowl takes place on Saturday, February 22, 2025 in New Orleans, Louisiana. The game will be broadcast live on NFL Network.

The Watch List candidates have been selected based on past performance and future potential. Additions to the list will be made as the 2024 season progresses. The finalists and the winner will be chosen by a Selection Committee.





COACHING STAFF



EDDIE GEORGE HEAD COACH

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

In his inaugural season, George led the Tigers to a 5-6 overall record, with 10 players named to the All-OVC team. The following year, TSU finished 4-7, with seven players earning All-OVC honors. In 2023, the Tigers posted their best season under George, finishing 6-5, marking their first winning record since 2017.

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

In 1996, George was the first-round draft pick of the Houston Oilers. He earned NFL Rookie of the Year honors and served as the starting tailback for the Oilers/Titans until 2003, notably never missing a start. He earned four consecutive Pro Bowl selections (1997–2000) and helped lead the Titans to Super Bowl XXXIV. George is one of only two NFL running backs, along with Jim Brown, to surpass 10,000 rushing yards without missing a start. His 130 consecutive regular-season starts rank 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, concluding his career with 10,441 rushing yards, 268 receptions, 2,227 receiving yards, and 78 touchdowns (68 rushing, 10 receiving).

Since retiring from football, George has pursued a variety of endeavors, including acting, broadcasting, and business ventures.

Honored for his achievements, 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 serves on the board of Music City Baseball. A Philadelphia native, George earned his bachelor's degree in landscape architecture from Ohio State in 2001 and later completed an MBA from Northwestern in 2009. He is married to Tamara "Taj" George, and they have two sons, Eriq and Jaire.

COORDINATORS



JOE BOWDEN ASSOC. HEAD COACH / LINEBACKERS

A former Tennessee Titans linebacker and a nine-year NFL veteran, Joe Bowden brings over a decade of coaching experience to Tennessee State. His coaching journey includes roles such as defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Missouri Baptist over the last four seasons, following his tenure as inside linebackers coach for the San Francisco 49ers in 2016 and 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 an internship with the Washington Football Team. Bowden earned All-America honors at Oklahoma and was selected in the fifth round of the 1992 NFL Draft by the Houston Oilers. During his NFL career, he was a teammate of Eddie George for several seasons.



BRANDON FISHER DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

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



TRAVIS PARTRIDGE OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR

Travis Partridge was named offensive coordinator and will also serve as quarterbacks coach, a position he held for the past two seasons at UT Martin. Under Partridge's guidance in 2022, the Skyhawks' passing offense ranked second in the OVC, averaging 269.5 passing yards per game and recording 18 touchdowns. Partridge coached All-OVC Second Team quarterback Dresser Winn, who threw for 2,928 yards and 18 touchdowns. Before joining UT Martin, Partridge served as the interim quarterbacks coach at Kansas in 2021. Prior to his coaching career, he had a successful professional playing career, signing with the Minnesota Vikings as a priority free agent in 2014. He also played for the British Columbia Lions in the Canadian Football League (CFL) and excelled in the Indoor Football League with the Iowa Barnstormers.





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.



RICKEY GALVIN, WIDE RECEIVERS

Galvin joins the Tennessee State football staff as the wide receivers coach for the 2024 season. He brings extensive coaching experience across college, junior college, and high school levels. Galvin spent the 2023 season as an assistant coach for quality control at Eastern Washington. Prior to that, Galvin was the passing game coordinator and wide receivers coach at Division II Adams State University for two seasons. Before that, he coached wide receivers at Contra Costa College in California and Lincoln University (Calif.). Additionally, he has served as the running backs coach at Foster High School (Wash.), assistant running backs coach at Contra Costa, and the receivers and running backs coach at McClymonds High School.



DYLAN CHMURA, OFFENSIVE LINE

Chmura, the son of Green Bay Packer Hall of Famer Mark Chmura, is tasked with bringing success to the offensive line position. In the previous season, he served as the assistant coach/offensive line and recruiting coordinator at Bemidji State. Chmura has coaching experience at Fresno State, Iowa, and his alma mater Michigan State. As a player at Michigan State University, Chmura excelled as a tight end and long snapper. He was part of the Big Ten championship teams in 2013 and 2015, contributing to the Spartans' victories in the 2014 Rose Bowl and 2015 Cotton Bowl. Chmura also participated in the 2016 College Football Playoffs with the Spartans.



SETH HESTNESS, TIGHT ENDS / FULLBACKS

Hestness joins the revamped Tennessee State offensive staff for the 2024 season after working at North Dakota State University the past two years. In 2022, Hestness served as the offensive quality control coach, and in 2023, he took on the role of assistant offensive line coach. Prior to joining the Bison, Hestness had coaching stints at Liberty and Minnesota.



CLYDE SIMMONS, DEFENSIVE LINE

A two-time All-Pro and Philadelphia Eagles Hall of Famer, Clyde 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, before he transitioned into coaching over the last decade. Simmons served as the defensive line coach for the Cleveland Browns in 2017-18, mentoring No. 1 overall pick Myles Garrett. He later coached the defensive lines at Missouri Baptist and Western Carolina. Simmons 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 three-time Pro Bowl defensive tackle Aaron Donald, the 2014 NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year, alongside defensive end Robert Quinn, who set a single-season franchise record with 19 sacks in 2013. Simmons' contributions extended beyond coaching. He was named to the Philadelphia Eagles' 75th Anniversary Team and inducted into 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 spent four seasons as co-defensive coordinator and secondary coach at Youngstown State, playing a pivotal role in guiding the Penguins to the 2016 FCS National Championship Game. McNutt's coaching journey also includes successful tenures at Toledo, Kent State, Northern Illinois, and NC State. He also spent a productive season with the Cleveland Browns.



KEITH BURNS, SPECIAL TEAMS

Burns is in his fourth year as the Special Teams Coordinator and defensive specialist at Tennessee State University. Drafted by the Denver Broncos in the seventh round (#210 overall) of the 1994 NFL Draft, Burns spent most of his 13-year NFL career with the Broncos, winning two Super Bowls. He also played for the Chicago Bears in 1999 and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2004. Burns appeared in 197 games (3 starts), with 231 special-teams tackles, 77 defensive stops, 1.5 sacks, one interception, three pass breakups, and one forced fumble. After retiring as a player in 2007, Burns became an Assistant Special Teams Coach for the Broncos in 2011 and later joined the Washington Redskins as Special Teams Coordinator in 2013. He began his football career at Navarro Junior College, earning JUCO All-America honors, and continued to excel at Oklahoma State, where he was named the Big Eight Defensive Newcomer of the Year and ranked the No. 1 inside linebacker by The Sporting News.



KEVIN MASHAK / RECRUITING

Mashak returned to Tennessee State in the summer of 2023 as the Director of Football Recruiting. He previously served as Director of Player Personnel at Texas A&M (2022) and at Indiana (2021). Mashak coached at TSU from 2015 to 2021 and previously worked with the Jacksonville Jaguars. His first coaching stint at TSU was from 2007 to 2013. During his earlier tenure at TSU, Mashak led the wide receivers, producing a preseason Ohio Valley Conference Offensive Player of the Year and two All-Americans. Patrick Smith, under Mashak's guidance, had 1,962 yards and 23 touchdowns in two seasons. Mashak also worked as a scouting assistant with the Jaguars and held various coaching roles at TSU, including running backs coach, where he mentored All-American Trabis Ward. Ward totaled 2,582 yards and 29 touchdowns at TSU.

2024 TSU FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF



DUSTY BENNETT

Chief Of Staff
4th Season



ASHLEY GOIST

Athletic Trainer
1st Season



NICK GUERRIERO

Asst. AD
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4th Season



STEVEN AYCOCK

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13th Season



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2024 FOOTBALL

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2024 Big South-OVC Football Association Standings

Team	Big South-OVC					Overall									
	W	L	PCT	PF	PA	W	L	PCT	PF	PA	Home	Road	Neu	LIO	Streak
Southeast Missouri	2	0	1.000	83	69	5	1	.833	193	128	2-0	2-1	1-0	5-1	W4
Tennessee Tech	2	0	1.000	76	35	2	3	.400	124	137	1-1	1-2	0-0	2-3	L1
Western Illinois	1	0	1.000	31	20	2	3	.400	132	234	1-0	1-3	0-0	2-3	W2
Tennessee State	2	1	.667	51	53	4	2	.667	136	154	2-0	1-2	1-0	4-2	W2
UT Martin	1	1	.500	77	62	3	3	.500	174	175	2-1	1-2	0-0	3-3	W2
Lindenwood	1	1	.500	48	49	2	4	.333	142	159	1-2	1-2	0-0	2-4	L1
Charleston Southern	0	2	.000	29	44	1	4	.200	74	124	0-2	1-2	0-0	1-4	L3
Eastern Illinois	0	2	.000	52	66	1	5	.167	93	193	1-2	0-3	0-0	1-5	L4
Gardner-Webb	0	2	.000	38	87	1	5	.167	132	169	0-2	1-3	0-0	1-5	L2

SLANT ROUTES

* **CHARLESTON SOUTHERN:** The Buccaneers are looking to avoid starting 0-3 in conference games for the first time since 2011 ... CSU won the first-ever meeting with Lindenwood last year, 24-10.

* **EASTERN ILLINOIS:** The Panthers are looking to avoid starting 0-3 in conference games for the first time since 2019 (0-5) ... EIU won last year's meeting with TSU, 30-17.

* **GARDNER-WEBB:** The Runnin' Bulldogs are idle this week and return to action Oct. 19 at home for their first-ever meeting with Lindenwood.

* **LINDENWOOD:** The Lions are looking to avoid back-to-back home losses for the first time since concluding the 2023 season with consecutive home defeats ... Lindenwood can match last year's overall win total with a victory on Saturday.

* **SOUTHEAST MISSOURI:** The Redhawks are seeking their first 6-win season since 2022 (9 wins) ... SEMO has won the last two meetings with Tennessee Tech.

* **TENNESSEE STATE:** The Tigers are looking to win three consecutive conference games for the first time since 2021 ... TSU last defeated Eastern Illinois in 2022 (37-17) as part of a 3-game win streak over the Panthers.

* **TENNESSEE TECH:** The Golden Eagles are looking for their first win over Southeast Missouri since 2021 (W, 28-17 at home) ... TTU's last Top 25 win was Feb. 21, 2021 (W, 27-21 over No. 21 Austin Peay), while its last win over a Top 10 foe was Nov. 20, 2010 (W, 35-24 over No. 4 Jacksonville State).

* **UT MARTIN:** The Skyhawks are looking for their second consecutive victory over Western Illinois, as UTM won the previous meeting in 2022 (W, 42-25) ... Association leading rusher **PATRICK SMITH** (604 yards) has led UTM in rushing in all six games this year.

* **WESTERN ILLINOIS:** Western Illinois is looking to start 2-0 in conference games for the first time since 2015 (3-0 in MVFC) ... WIU won the first-ever meeting with UT Martin in 2003 (W, 56-0 at home).

WEEK 7 SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, OCT. 12

	TIME	WATCH	SERIES
CHARLESTON SOUTHERN at LINDENWOOD *	1:00pm CT	ESPN+	CSU leads series, 1-0
TENNESSEE TECH at #9/11 SOUTHEAST MISSOURI *	3:00pm CT	ESPN+	series tied, 16-16
UT MARTIN at WESTERN ILLINOIS *	3:00pm CT	ESPN+	series tied, 1-1
EASTERN ILLINOIS at TENNESSEE STATE *	5:00pm CT	ESPN+	EIU leads series, 16-11

All Times subject to change

* - Big South-OVC Association game

Big South-OVC Association member in ALL CAPS

2-MINUTE OFFENSE

OPENING KICKOFF: Southeast Missouri's No. 9 position in this week's AFCA Coaches Poll is now the highest national ranking by a Big South-OVC Football Association member in the league's brief history. It marks the Redhawks' first Top 10 ranking in 14 years, and the No. 9 rating is tied for the third-highest in program history. SEMO's previous Top 10 rankings were No. 7 (2010), No. 8 (twice in 2010) and No. 9 (twice in 2010).

1st DOWN: The Association's lone 2-0 first-place squads go head-to-head this week, as Southeast Missouri hosts Tennessee Tech on Saturday. SEMO is seeking its third consecutive 3-0 conference start, while TTU is looking to begin 3-0 in league games for the first time since 2011. That season, the Golden Eagles opened 3-0 in Ohio Valley contests en route to a 6-2 league finish.

2nd DOWN: UT Martin RB **PATRICK SMITH** is the first player in Big South-OVC Association history with a touchdown in five consecutive games, as he has scored his nine rushing TDs in his last five outings. Smith is also just third player in Association annals with consecutive multi-TD efforts, as he rushed for two scores in Week 5 followed by three rushing touchdowns this past week.

3rd DOWN: Tennessee State has held its last three opponents to less than 100 passing yards (94-90-99) for an average of 94.3 allowed in that span. Meanwhile, SEMO has limited its last three foes to less than 100 rushing yards (62-53-19) for an average of 44.7 allowed.

4th DOWN: Gardner-Webb RB **CARSON GRESOCK** has a four-game TD streak, with seven rushing TDs in that span.

ABOUT THE BIG SOUTH-OVC FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

This is the second 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 that began play with the 2023 NCAA Division I football season. The initial agreement of at least four years was enhanced on June 12, 2024 that will provide an opportunity to extend the original partnership through 2030 and beyond. 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.





2024 BIG SOUTH-OVC FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

2024 ASSOCIATION PRESEASON POLL

(as voted by head coaches; first-place votes in parentheses)

1.	UT Martin (5)	61
2.	Eastern Illinois (2)	53
3.	Southeast Missouri (2)	51
4.	Tennessee State	41
5.	Gardner-Webb	40
6.	Charleston Southern	27
7.	Tennessee Tech	24
8.	Lindenwood	18
9.	Western Illinois	9

2024 NATIONAL POLLS - OCT. 7

STATS PERFORM

RK	TEAM	RECORD	PTS
1	South Dakota State (36)	4-1	1,376
2	North Dakota State (14)	5-1	1,346
3	Montana State (6)	6-0	1,309
4	South Dakota	4-1	1,220
5	Villanova	5-1	1,145
6	UC Davis	5-1	1,084
7	Idaho	4-2	1,062
8	Mercer	5-0	939
9	North Dakota	4-2	869
10	Abilene Christian	4-2	854
11	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	5-1	840
12	Central Arkansas	4-2	795
13	Tarleton State	5-1	717
14	Montana	4-2	683
15	UIW	3-2	662
16	Illinois State	4-2	532
17	William & Mary	4-2	442
18	Sacramento State	2-3	404
19	Rhode Island	4-1	359
20	Weber State	3-3	252
21	Richmond	4-2	229
22	Lamar	3-2	206
23	Chattanooga	2-3	166
24	Northern Arizona	3-3	101
25	N.C. Central	4-2	85

Others (Big South-OVC Only): UT Martin (27), Tennessee State (6)

AFCA FCS COACHES POLL

RK	TEAM	RECORD	PTS
1	South Dakota State (21)	4-1	644
2	North Dakota State (3)	5-1	624
3	Montana State (2)	6-0	600
4	South Dakota	4-1	552
5	Villanova	5-1	541
6	UC Davis	5-1	504
7	Mercer	5-0	464
8	Idaho	4-2	419
9	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	5-1	404
10	North Dakota	4-2	401
11	Tarleton State	5-1	383
12	Abilene Christian	4-2	332
13	Central Arkansas	4-3	291
14	Montana	4-2	290
15	UIW	3-2	288
16	Illinois State	4-2	276
17	Richmond	4-2	214
18	William & Mary	4-2	197
19	Florida A&M	3-2	167
20	Sacramento State	2-3	157
21	Rhode Island	4-1	139
22	New Hampshire	3-2	63
23	Weber State	3-3	57
24	N.C. Central	4-2	52
25	Missouri State	3-2	50

Others (Big South-OVC Only): --

BIG SOUTH-OVC FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION IN THE NATIONAL POLLS

Week of	CSU	EIU	GWU	LIN	SEMO	TSU	TTU	UTM	WIU
Preseason	-- / --	RV / RV	-- / RV	-- / --	-- / RV	-- / --	-- / --	RV / RV	-- / --
Sept. 2	-- / --	RV / RV	-- / --	-- / --	RV / RV	-- / RV	-- / --	RV / RV	-- / --
Sept. 9	RV / --	RV / RV	-- / --	-- / --	RV / RV	-- / --	-- / --	-- / RV	-- / --
Sept. 16	-- / --	RV / RV	-- / --	-- / --	21 / 21	-- / RV	-- / --	-- / RV	-- / --
Sept. 23	-- / --	-- / RV	-- / --	-- / --	13 / 14	-- / --	-- / --	-- / --	-- / --
Sept. 30	-- / --	-- / --	-- / --	-- / --	13 / 13	-- / --	-- / --	RV / --	-- / --
Oct. 7	-- / --	-- / --	-- / --	-- / --	11 / 9	RV / --	-- / --	RV / --	-- / --
Oct. 14									
Oct. 21									
Oct. 28									
Nov. 4									
Nov. 11									
Nov. 18									
Nov. 25									
Final									

The Stats Perform FCS poll is listed first, followed by the AFCA FCS Coaches Poll RV - Received Votes

BIG SOUTH-OVC FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION VS. DIVISION I OPPONENTS

vs. FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION
(10-10, .500)

CAA Football	0-1
Richmond	0-1
Mid-Eastern Athletic	0-1
South Carolina State	0-1
Howard	
Missouri Valley Football	2-5
Indiana State	1-0
Southern Illinois	1-0
North Dakota State	0-1
Illinois State	0-2
Missouri State	0-2

Pioneer	2-0
Presbyterian	1-0
St. Thomas	1-0

Southern	1-2
Furman	1-0
The Citadel	0-1
Wofford	0-1
Samford	

Southland	1-0
Northwestern State	1-0

Southwestern Athletic	2-0
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	1-0
Mississippi Valley State	1-0

United Athletic	2-1
North Alabama	2-0
Central Arkansas	0-1

vs. FOOTBALL BOWL SUBDIVISION

American Athletic	0-1
Charlotte	0-1
Atlantic Coast	0-0
Florida State	
Big Ten	0-3
Illinois	0-1
Indiana	0-1
Northwestern	0-1
Big 12	0-2
Kansas	0-1
Kansas State	0-1
Conference USA	1-2
Kennesaw State	1-0
Middle Tennessee	0-1
New Mexico State	0-1
Mid-American	0-1
Northern Illinois	0-1
Southeastern	0-1
Georgia	0-1
Sun Belt	0-1
James Madison	0-1





2024 BIG SOUTH-OVC FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

COACHES WEEKLY ZOOM

Big South-OVC Football Association head coaches conduct a weekly video conference via Zoom during the regular-season, and extends into the postseason with the league's playoff coaches. The sessions are on Tuesdays (beginning Aug. 27) between 9:50am CT / 10:50am ET to 12:40pm CT / 1:40pm ET, with each head coach appearing for a maximum of 10 minutes. For information on how to access the Zoom, please contact **KYLE SCHWARTZ** (615-690-6685 or kschwartz@ovc.org). The schedule of coach appearances is below.

9:50 CT / 10:50 ET – Chris Wilkerson, EIU
 10:40 CT / 11:40 ET – Jason Simpson, UTM
 11:00 CT / 12:00 ET – Gabe Giardina, CSU
 11:20 CT / 12:20 ET – Tom Matukewicz, SEMO
 11:30 CT / 12:30 ET – Jed Stugart, LIN

11:40 CT / 12:40 ET – Joe Davis, WIU
 11:50 CT / 12:50 ET – Eddie George, TSU
 12:20 CT / 1:20 ET – Cris Reisert, GWU
 12:30 CT / 1:30 ET – Bobby Wilder, TTU



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2024 BIG SOUTH-OVC FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK – OCT. 7

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK**Paxton DeLaurent, Southeast Missouri, QB • 6-5, 229, Sr. • Camdenton, Mo.**

DeLaurent accounted for four touchdowns (three passing, one rushing) while throwing for 364 yards as South-east Missouri improved to 5-1 with a victory at Eastern Illinois. The senior completed 30-of-43 passes (completing passes to seven different receivers) while tossing touchdowns of 9, 29 and 3 yards and running one in from a yard out in the fourth quarter. With the three passing scores, DeLaurent tied the SEMO career passing touchdown mark (46). He has now thrown for over 300 yards and multiple touchdowns in three of his last four starts. Nationally, DeLaurent ranks first in completions (25.17/game), second in passing touchdowns (16) and points responsible for (104), fourth in passing yards (1,669) and ninth in total offense (280.3 yards/game).

Others Nominated: Autavius Ison (Charleston Southern), Pierce Holley (Eastern Illinois), Edward Saydee (Gardner-Webb), CJ Evans (Tennessee State), Jay Parker (Tennessee Tech), Patrick Smith (UT Martin), Eli Aragon (Western Illinois)

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK**Aidan Harrison, Western Illinois, LB • 6-2, 205, Sr. • New Lothrop, Mich.**

In his first career start, Harrison made a big impact, including returning an interception 38 yards for a touch-down as Western Illinois won 31-20 at Charleston Southern. The senior picked off the pass late in the first quarter to give the Leathernecks a 14-0 advantage. Harrison added six tackles (three solo) in the victory.

Others Nominated: Davion Williams (Charleston Southern), Nijhay Burt (Eastern Illinois), Vincent King (Linden-wood), Ahmad Nelson (Tennessee State), Tim Coutras (Tennessee Tech), Jaylon Sharpe (UT Martin)

CO-SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK**DC Pippin, Southeast Missouri, K • 6-0, 195, Sr. • Springfield, Ill.**

Pippin was perfect on kicks as Southeast Missouri won its fourth game in a row, 38-27 at Eastern Illinois. The senior made his only field goal attempt (26 yards, coming in the first quarter) and was 5-of-5 on PATs, to move into second place on SEMO's career list. Pippin has made at least one field goal in every game this season and ranks third nationally in field goals made (1.83/game) and 20th in scoring (8.3 points/game). The senior also kicked off seven times, three of which went for touchbacks.

Antonio Chadha, Western Illinois, K • 5-9, 200, R-So. • Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Chadha was perfect in kicking attempts as Western Illinois won its second-straight game, 31-20 at Charleston Southern. The sophomore made a 48-yard field goal in the fourth quarter to extend the Leathernecks lead to 31-13 and was 4-for-4 on PATs. He also kicked off six times, three of which went for touchbacks.

Others Nominated: Gilbert Brown (Charleston Southern), Tremel Jones (Tennessee Tech)

FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK**Tyson Greenwade, Charleston Southern, RB • 5-11, 200, R-Fr. • Dalton, Ga.**

Greenwade carried the ball 12 times for a career-high 102 yards (8.2 ypc) in Charleston Southern's home game with Western Illinois. He was the second part of a one-two punch that saw the Bucs rush for 325 yards (with Autavius Ison adding 229 yards). He broke off a 54-yard run (and 67 yards total on the drive) as part of an 11-play, 92-yard touchdown drive for the team in the second quarter.

Others Nominated: Sanders Ellis (Tennessee State), Jordan Anderson (Western Illinois)

2024 PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSIVE

Sept. 2 Draylen Ellis, TSU
Sept. 9 Paxton DeLaurent, SEMO
Sept. 16 Draylen Ellis, TSU
Nathan Lamb, WIU
Sept. 23 Paxton DeLaurent, SEMO
Sept. 30 Jeff Caldwell, LIN
Oct. 7 Paxton DeLaurent, SEMO
Oct. 14
Oct. 21
Oct. 28
Nov. 4
Nov. 11
Nov. 18
Nov. 25

DEFENSIVE

Sept. 2 Steve Zayachowsky, CSU
Sept. 9 Tylan Hollis, CSU
Bryce Norman, SEMO
Sept. 16 Vincent King, LIN
Sept. 23 Hudson Tucker, TTU
Sept. 30 **Theron Gaines, TTU**
Oshae Baker, UTM
Oct. 7 Aidan Harrison, WIU
Oct. 14
Oct. 21
Oct. 28
Nov. 4
Nov. 11
Nov. 18
Nov. 25

SPECIAL TEAMS

Sept. 2 James Lowery, TSU
Sept. 9 Gilbert Brown, CSU
Sept. 16 Jaren Van Winkle, UTM
Sept. 23 Jacob Horvath, EIU
Logan Seibert, LIN
Sept. 30 DC Pippin, SEMO
Oct. 7 DC Pippin, SEMO
Antonio Chadha, WIU
Oct. 14
Oct. 21
Oct. 28
Nov. 4
Nov. 11
Nov. 18
Nov. 25

FRESHMAN

Sept. 2 Spencer Ashby, TTU
Sept. 9 Drew Schiller, EIU
Sept. 16 Steve Hall, LIN
Sanders Ellis, TSU
Sept. 23 Payton Brown, SEMO
Sept. 30 Sanders Ellis, TSU
Oct. 7 Tyson Greenwade, CSU
Oct. 14
Oct. 21
Oct. 28
Nov. 4
Nov. 11
Nov. 18
Nov. 25

Bold italics indicates player went on to be named National Player of the Week (Stats Perform, HERO Sports or NCAA.com)





2024 BIG SOUTH-OVC FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

2024 PRESEASON WATCH LIST

Ahead of the 2024 season, Big South-OVC Football Association head coaches selected players for the league's Preseason Player Watch List by position.

OFFENSE

QUARTERBACK

Zolten Osborne, So., CSU
Pierce Holley, Gr., EIU
Ren Hefley, Gr., GWU
Paxton DeLaurent, Sr., SEMO
Draylen Ellis, Gr., Tennessee State
Dylan Laible, Jr., TTU
Kinkead Den, Gr., UTM
Nate Lamb, Sr., WIU

WIDE RECEIVER

Noah Jennings, So., CSU
Eli Mirza, Sr., EIU
Jordan Bly, Sr., GWU
Jeff Caldwell, Jr., LIN
Jalal Dean, Sr., TSU
Tremel Jones, Jr., TTU
DeVonte Tanksley, Gr., UTM
Demari Davis, Jr., WIU

OFFENSIVE LINE

Ronnie Hayes II, R-Jr., CSU
Sebastian Pares, Sr., EIU
CJ Dawson, So., GWU
Ethan Johnson, Jr., LIN
Zack Gieg, Sr., SEMO

RUNNING BACK

Autavius Ison, So., CSU
MJ Flowers, So., EIU
Carson Gresock, So., GWU
Robert Giaimo, Jr., LIN
Jordan Gant, R-So., TSU
Obie Sanni, Jr., TTU
Narkel LeFlore, Sr., UTM
Torrance Famer Jr., Sr., WIU

TIGHT END

Landon Sauers, R-Jr., CSU
Anthony Manaves, Sr., EIU
Cole Schnieder, Jr., GWU
Danny Joiner, Jr., SEMO
Jason Hoath Jr., So., TSU
Hunter Barnhart, Sr., TTU
Brandon Lanier, Jr., WIU

DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE LINE

Joshua Hill, Sr., CSU
Joel Barrows, Sr., EIU
Ayden Bel, Sr., GWU
Kobe McClendon, Jr., LIN
Steven Lewis, Sr., SEMO
Eriq George, So., TSU
Daniel Rickert, Jr., TTU
Charles Perkins, So., UTM
Tre Henry, Sr., WIU

DEFENSIVE BACK

Trayson Fowler, Gr., CSU
Kaleb Lyons, Jr., EIU
Raequan Ousley, Sr., GWU
Joedrick Lewis, Sr., SEMO

LINEBACKER

Tylan Hollis, R-Jr., CSU
Elijahwah Tolbert, Sr., EIU
Ethan Stuhlsatz, Jr., LIN
Bryce Norman, Sr., SEMO
Ahmad Nelson, Sr., TSU
Aaron Swafford, Jr., TTU
Jaylon Sharpe, Gr., UTM
Juan DeLaCruz, Sr., WIU

SPECIALISTS

ALL PURPOSE

Leon Thomas, So., CSU
Edward Sayeed, Sr., GWU
Dayron Johnson, Sr., TSU
Kyron Cumby, Sr., TTU
Narkel LeFlore, Sr., UTM

PUNTER

Nick Bigelow, Sr., GWU
Jacob Horvath, So., EIU
Jackson Foster, Sr., TSU
Spencer Ashby, Sr., TTU
Jared Campbell, Sr., WIU

KICKOFF RETURN SPECIALIST

Leon Thomas, So., CSU
Mark Aitken, Sr., EIU
Anthony Lowe, Sr., GWU
Dayron Johnson, Sr., TSU
Tremel Jones, Jr., TTU
Narkel LeFlore, Sr., UTM

PLACEKICKER

Jay Billingsley, Jr., GWU
DC Pippin, Jr., SEMO
James Lowery, R-Sr., TSU
Hayden Olsen, Sr., TTU
Christiaan Masucci, Gr., WIU

LONG SNAPPER

Noah Summers, R-So., CSU
Jack Valente, Sr., EIU
Jamie Wilson, R-Jr., GWU
Carson Buchanan, Sr., TSU
Turner McLaughlin, Fr., TTU
Colton Peoples Jr., UTM

PUNT RETURN SPECIALIST

Leon Thomas, So., CSU
Jordan Bly, Sr., GWU
Dayron Johnson, Sr., TSU
Tremel Jones, Jr., TTU
Oshae Baker, Sr., UTM

2024 NATIONAL AWARDS & HONORS

WILLIAM V. CAMPBELL TROPHY SEMIFINALISTS

Elkhanan Tanelus, Eastern Illinois
Hayden Olsen, Tennessee Tech

STATS PERFORM

NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK
Theron Gaines, TTU (Week 5 - DEF)

FCS NATION RADIO

NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK
Jared Pedraza, SEMO (Week 0 - DEF)
Paxton DeLaurent, SEMO (Week 2 - OFF)
Theron Gaines, TTU (Week 5 - DEF)

BOXTOROW HBCU

NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK
Draylen Ellis, TSU (Week 3)

THE BLUEBLOODS FCS

WIDE RECEIVER OF THE WEEK
Jeff Caldwell, LIN (Week 5)

STATS PERFORM NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK HONORABLE MENTION

DC Pippin, SEMO (Week 1 - ST)
Paxton DeLaurent, SEMO (Week 2 & 4 - OFF)
Tylan Hollis, CSU (Week 2 - DEF)
Rob Johnson, UTM (Week 2 - DEF)
Vincent King, LIN (Week 3 - DEF)
Hudson Tucker, TTU (Week 4 - DEF)
Jayden Patrick, LIN (Week 4 - DEF)
Logan Seibert, LIN (Week 4 - ST)
Payton Brown, SEMO (Week 4 - FR)
Jeff Caldwell, LIN (Week 5 - OFF)
Gilbert Brown, CSU (Week 5 - ST)
Sanders Ellis, TSU (Week 5 - FR)
Aidan Littles, TTU (Week 5 - FR)
Autavius Ison, CSU (Week 6 - OFF)
Aidan Harrison, WIU (Week 6 - DEF)
Tyson Greenwade, CSU (Week 6 - FR)

STATS PERFORM HBCU FCS PLAYER OF THE WEEK HONORABLE MENTION

Keandre Booker, TSU (Week 3)

STATS PERFORM NATIONAL TEAM OF THE WEEK HONORABLE MENTION

UT Martin (Week 5)

STATS PERFORM HBCU TEAM OF THE WEEK

HONORABLE MENTION
Tennessee State (Week 6)

WALTER PAYTON AWARD

PRESEASON WATCH LIST
Paxton DeLaurent, SEMO
Pierce Holley, EIU
Zack Gieg, SEMO

BUCK BUCHANAN AWARD

PRESEASON WATCH LIST
Bryce Norman, SEMO
Elijahwah Tolbert, EIU
Oshae Baker, UTM

HBCU FCS NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

PRESEASON WATCH LIST
Jordan Gant, TSU

BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR WATCH LIST

Jordan Gant, TSU
James Lowery, TSU

FCS PUNTER OF THE YEAR PRESEASON WATCH LIST

Logan Leftrick, SEMO

STATS PERFORM

PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS

Zack Geig, SEMO (1st Team)
Bryce Norman, SEMO (2nd Team)
Oshae Baker, UTM (2nd Team)
Elijahwah Tolbert, EIU (3rd Team)
Tim Coutras, TTU (3rd Team)

FCS FOOTBALL CENTRAL PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS

Oshae Baker, UTM (2nd Team)

PHIL STEELE

PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS

Zack Geig, SEMO (2nd Team)
Bryce Norman, SEMO (3rd Team)
Oshae Baker, UTM (4th Team)
Tim Coutras, TTU (4th Team)

SHRINE BOWL WATCH LIST

Oshae Baker, UTM

SENIOR BOWL WATCH LIST

Gareth Warren, LIN





2024 BIG SOUTH-OVC FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

QUARTER POUNDERS

No. 9/11 Southeast Missouri has scored in every quarter of its six games played this season (24) as well as in both overtime periods. The Redhawks quarter-by-quarter scoring breakdown stands at 61 points (first), 29 (second), 36 (third) and 57 (fourth). SEMO leads the Association in scoring offense at 32.2 points — the lone league member averaging more than 30 points.

RUSH WEEK

Charleston Southern RB **AUTAVIOUS ISON** rushed for a school-record 229 yards this past week against Western Illinois — the third-highest single-game rushing total in Big South-OVC Association history, as well as the most in the league this season and just the fifth 200-yard rushing effort in the brief history of the Association. Ison's performance surpassed the old CSU record of 226, which was set by **ANDRE COPELAND** on Oct. 15, 2005 vs. West Virginia Wesleyan. Meanwhile, **TYSON GREENWADE** gained 102 yards on the ground this past week against the Leathernecks — marking the first time a Big South-OVC squad had a 200-yard and 100-yard rusher in the same game, and the duo's 331 combined yards established an Association single-game record.

SUPER SIZE COMBOS

Southeast Missouri (364) and Eastern Illinois (366) established the Big South-OVC Association single-game record for most combined passing yards with 730 this past week. The old record was 709 held by SEMO (251) vs. Southern Illinois (458) on Sept. 16, 2023, while the previous conference-game mark was 653 (SEMO - 376 and UT Martin - 277) earlier this year on Sept. 7. Meanwhile, in Week 5, Lindenwood (453) and Eastern Illinois (458) broke the Association conference-game record for most combined yards of total offense with their joint total of 911 yards. That previous record was 885 (EIU - 438 and SEMU - 447 on Oct. 14, 2023).

HOUSE CALLS

Lindenwood WR **JEFF CALDWELL** has tied the Big South-OVC Association records for consecutive games with a touchdown reception (4) as well as his own single-season touchdown receptions (8). His eight receiving scores this year have come in the last four contests, which included a Big South-OVC single-game record-tying four touchdown receptions in Week 5. For the season, Caldwell is reaching the end zone 30.8 percent on his 26 receptions. Meanwhile, Caldwell is responsible for five of the Association's longest pass plays in history:

Yards	Rank	Opponent (Date)
93t	1st	vs. St. Thomas (9-21-24)
79t	T-4th	at Missouri State (9-14-24)
74t	T-7th	at Eastern Illinois (9-28-24)
73t	T-8th	at Illinois State (9-23-23)
72t	T-9th	at Western Illinois (9-16-23)

UT MARTIN SKIES PAST KENNESAW STATE FOR ASSOCIATION'S FIRST FBS VICTORY

UT Martin pulled off the Association's first-ever FBS victory in Week 5, as the Skyhawks downed Kennesaw State, 24-13, for the program's second all-time win over an FBS foe. The league was close to scoring another three FBS triumphs this season, as Tennessee Tech (7 points) and Gardner-Webb (7 and 1 point) suffered one possession losses to Bowl Subdivision opponents earlier this year.

KICKIN' PIPPIN

Southeast Missouri K **DC PIPPIN** became the first kicker in Big South-OVC Association history to make four field goals in a game when he converted kicks of 30, 38, 37 and 24 yards in Week 5 against Northwestern State. Already one of two kickers to have made three field goals in a game twice during the Association's existence prior to the game, Pippin is the league leader with 11 field goals made this season, and ranks third nationally with 1.83 per game. He is one away from matching the league record for field goals in a season (12). He attempted an Association single-game record six field goals in the NSU contest.

WHAT CAN BROWN DO FOR YOU?

Charleston Southern P **GILBERT BROWN** posted an Association single-game record 61.0 punting average, based on 3-4 punts, at Tennessee State in Week 5. He booted kicks of 72, 68, 51 and 53, with the 72-yarder the second-longest in Big South-OVC history. He remains the national leader with his 49.0 season punting average, which is pacing ahead of the single-season league record is 47.27 yards, set last year by UT Martin's **AIDAN LAROS**.

BLOOMING

Eastern Illinois RB **MJ FLOWERS** tied the Big South-OVC single-game record with his 11 receptions this past week against SEMO. The total was the most-ever by an Association running back.

2024 SUPERLATIVES

100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

- 4 Patrick Smith, UT Martin
 - 148 at Southeast Missouri (Week 2)
 - 123 vs. North Alabama (Week 3)
 - 123 at Kennesaw State (Week 5)
 - 128 vs. Gardner-Webb (Week 6)
- 2 Autavius Ison, Charleston Southern
 - 157 at Tennessee State (Week 5)
 - 229 vs. Western Illinois (Week 6)
- 2 MJ Flowers, Eastern Illinois
 - 117 at Illinois State (Week 4)
 - 123 vs. Lindenwood (Week 5)
- 2 Cortez Jones, Lindenwood
 - 152 vs. St. Thomas (Week 4)
 - 104 at Eastern Illinois (Week 5)
- 2 Cameren Smith, Western Illinois
 - 199 vs. McKendree (Week 5)
 - 101 at Charleston Southern (Week 6)
- 1 Carson Gresock, Gardner-Webb
 - 134 at Presbyterian (Week 5)
- 1 Quasean Holmes, Gardner-Webb
 - 132 at Presbyterian (Week 5)
- 1 Edward Saydee, Gardner-Webb
 - 112 at UT Martin (Week 6)
- 1 Steve Hall, Lindenwood
 - 100 vs. Missouri State (Week 3)
- 1 Payton Brown, Southeast Missouri
 - 124 at Southern Illinois (Week 4)
- 1 Darrell Smith, Southeast Missouri
 - 127 vs. Northwestern State (Week 5)
- 1 Aidan Littles, Tennessee Tech
 - 118 at Gardner-Webb (Week 5)
- 1 Tyson Greenwade, Charleston Southern
 - 102 vs. Western Illinois (Week 6)

10-RECEPTION GAMES

- 1 MJ Flowers, Eastern Illinois
 - 11 vs. Southeast Missouri (Week 6)
- 1 Eli Aragon, Western Illinois
 - 10 at Charleston Southern (Week 6)

100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES

- 4 Dorian Anderson, Southeast Missouri
 - 115 at New Mexico State (Week 1)
 - 127 vs. UT Martin (Week 2)
 - 111 at Southern Illinois (Week 4)
 - 109 at Eastern Illinois (Week 6)
- 3 Jeff Caldwell, Lindenwood
 - 137 vs. Missouri State (Week 3)
 - 153 vs. St. Thomas (Week 4)
 - 115 at Eastern Illinois (Week 5)
- 2 Tristan Smith, Southeast Missouri
 - 109 at Southern Illinois (Week 4)
 - 124 at Eastern Illinois (Week 6)
- 1 Terrance Gipson, Eastern Illinois
 - 100 vs. Indiana State (Week 2)
- 1 Anthony Lowe, Gardner-Webb
 - 122 at Charlotte (Week 3)
- 1 Cam Pedro, Southeast Missouri
 - 126 vs. UT Martin (Week 2)
- 1 Jalal Dean, Tennessee State
 - 144 vs. Mississippi Valley State (Week 1)
- 1 DeVonte Tanksley, UT Martin
 - 113 at Southeast Missouri (Week 2)
- 1 Matthew Henry, Western Illinois
 - 124 at Illinois State (Week 3)
- 1 Eli Aragon, Western Illinois
 - 129 at Charleston Southern (Week 6)





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 & 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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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





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	TSU	OPP
Scoring	136	154
Points per game	22.7	25.7
Points Off Turnovers	31	24
First Downs	97	99
Rushing	35	51
Passing	52	39
Penalty	10	9
Rushing Yardage	596	968
Yards gained rushing	726	1205
Yards lost rushing	130	237
Rushing attempts	184	248
Average per rush	3.2	3.9
Average per game	99.3	161.3
TDs Rushing	6	7
Passing Yardage	1260	964
Comp-Att-Int	107-182-4	72-134-3
Average per pass	6.9	7.2
Average per catch	11.8	13.4
Average per game	210.0	160.7
TDs Passing	9	10
Total offense	1856	1932
Total plays	366	382
Average per play	5.1	5.1
Average per game	309.3	322.0
Kick returns: #-Yards	11-187	18-426
Punt returns: #-Yards	10-103	9-97
Int returns: #-Yards	3-104	4-102
Kick return average	17.0	23.7
Punt return average	10.3	10.8
Int return average	34.7	25.5
Fumbles-Lost	10-6	13-8
Penalties-Yards	42-369	44-335
Average per game	61.5	55.8
Punts-Yards	33-1229	31-1264
Average per punt	37.2	40.8
Net punt average	34.1	37.8
Kickoffs-Yards	29-1761	30-1684
Average per kick	60.7	56.1
Net kick average	37.9	36.9
Time of possession / game	28:33	30:57
3rd-down conversion	28/81	29/82
3rd-down pct	35%	35%
4rd-down conversion	1/4	8/13





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	TSU	OPP
4rd-down pct	25%	62%
Sacks by-Yards	16-131	13-74
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	17	19
Field goals - attempts	6-10	7-8
On-Side kicks	0-0	0-0
Red-zone scores	(14-17) 82%	(15-17) 88%
Red-zone touchdowns	(9-17) 53%	(10-17) 59%
PAT-attempts	(16-16) 100%	(19-19) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-1) 0%	(0-0) 0%
Attendance	9977	27933
Games / Avg per game	2/4989	3/9311
Neutral site games	-	1/27584

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Tennessee St.	38	52	17	29	0	136
Opponents	49	40	23	42	0	154





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Team Defense

##	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
7	Ahmad Nelson	6	23	14	37	4.5-10	0.5-1	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
12	Sanders Ellis	6	21	15	36	6-31	1.5-21	.	1	1	1-3	.	.	.
6	Dion Villiers	6	24	6	30	1.5-2	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.
44	Eriq George	6	12	14	26	8-45	3.5-29	.	.	5	.	1	.	.
1	Boogie Trotter	6	17	7	24	.	.	2-104	3	.	3-0	1	.	.
5	Jalen Bell	4	13	9	22	5-27	2.5-24	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
18	Keandre Booker	6	11	11	22	7-30	3.5-16	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
8	Jalen McClendon	6	15	5	20	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
21	Tyler Jones	5	16	4	20	3-5	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
9	Spencer Roof	6	12	5	17	1.5-10	1-10	.	.	.	1-0	2	1	.
48	Chris Walker	6	11	6	17	5.5-24	2.5-17	.	1	2	.	1	.	.
2	Cameron Blaylock	6	6	7	13	3.5-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Malik Ganaway	4	9	4	13	1.5-5	.	1-0	3	.	.	.	.	.
0	Tyler Moore	6	6	3	9	2-20	1-13	.	1	4	.	1	.	.
10	Fondren Hollis III	5	8	1	9	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
17	Emmanuel Baez	5	6	1	7	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Meonta Kimbrough	6	1	4	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	Kierron Smith	6	4	1	5	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	Brandon Wilson	4	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
31	Anakin Aupiu	4	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Craig Cunningham	6	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	Micah Gay	1	2	1	3	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	1-54	.	.	.
24	Jordan Helton	5	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
22	DJuan Sharp III	4	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	Sammy Taylor	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	James Lowery	6	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
58	Hadine Diaby	6	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47	Matthew Wilson	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Gerard Bullock	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
57	Connor Meadows	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Ro Abercrombie	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	Camani Cobbs	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52	Carson Buchanan	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	CJ Evans	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40	Marlon Huff	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35	C.J. Lowe	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Totals		6	242	122	364	51-216	16-131	3-104	15	15	8-57	8	2	0
Opponents		6	221	112	333	41-135	13-74	4-102	19	19	6-3	7	0	0





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Tennessee St. - Game Highs

RUSHES	40	at Lindenwood (10/05/2024)
YARDS RUSHING	196	vs Ark.-Pine Bluff (N) (09/14/2024)
YARDS PER RUSH	5.3	vs Ark.-Pine Bluff (N) (09/14/2024)
TD RUSHES	2	at Lindenwood (10/05/2024)
	2	vs Ark.-Pine Bluff (N) (09/14/2024)
PASS ATTEMPTS	39	at Tennessee Tech (09/21/2024)
PASS COMPLETIONS	22	at Tennessee Tech (09/21/2024)
	22	Mississippi Val. (08/31/2024)
YARDS PASSING	357	Mississippi Val. (08/31/2024)
YARDS PER PASS	10.5	Mississippi Val. (08/31/2024)
TD PASSES	3	vs Ark.-Pine Bluff (N) (09/14/2024)
	3	Mississippi Val. (08/31/2024)
TOTAL PLAYS	70	vs Ark.-Pine Bluff (N) (09/14/2024)
TOTAL OFFENSE	495	Mississippi Val. (08/31/2024)
YARDS PER PLAY	7.7	Mississippi Val. (08/31/2024)
POINTS	41	vs Ark.-Pine Bluff (N) (09/14/2024)
	41	Mississippi Val. (08/31/2024)
SACKS BY	7	vs Ark.-Pine Bluff (N) (09/14/2024)
FIRST DOWNS	24	vs Ark.-Pine Bluff (N) (09/14/2024)
PENALTIES	10	Mississippi Val. (08/31/2024)
PENALTY YARDS	102	Mississippi Val. (08/31/2024)
TURNOVERS	3	at North Dakota St. (09/07/2024)
PUNTS	9	at Tennessee Tech (09/21/2024)
PUNTING AVG	40.6	at North Dakota St. (09/07/2024)
LONG PUNT	51	at North Dakota St. (09/07/2024)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	3	at Tennessee Tech (09/21/2024)
LONG PUNT RETURN	31	vs Ark.-Pine Bluff (N) (09/14/2024)





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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
08/31/2024	Mississippi Val.	W 41-21	5	4	20	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0
09/07/2024	at North Dakota St.	L 3-52	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/14/2024	vs Ark.-Pine Bluff	W 41-28	5	4	24	3	1	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
09/21/2024	at Tennessee Tech	L 14-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/28/2024	Charleston So.	W 13-9	2	2	13	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/05/2024	at Lindenwood	W 24-20	4	3	17	2	2	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals 14 of 17 (82.4%)			17	14	77	9	5	4	5	7	1	0	0	0	0	0

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
08/31/2024	Mississippi Val.	W 41-21	1	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/07/2024	North Dakota St.	L 3-52	5	5	35	5	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/14/2024	Ark.-Pine Bluff	W 41-28	4	3	21	3	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
09/21/2024	Tennessee Tech	L 14-24	1	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/28/2024	Charleston So.	W 13-9	4	3	9	0	0	0	3	3	3	0	0	1	0	0
10/05/2024	Lindenwood	W 24-20	2	2	6	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals 15 of 17 (88.2%)			17	15	85	10	4	6	5	5	1	0	1	0	0	0





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KARATE **BRENSON**

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

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DRAYLEN **ELLIS**

Graduate Student
Quarterback
6-1 // 175
Olive Branch, Miss.
Austin Peay

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JORDAN **GANT**

Redshirt Sophomore
Running Back
5-10 // 205
Lakeland, Fla.
Kathleen

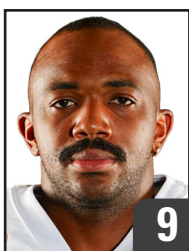
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JALAL **DEAN**

Senior
SLOT
6-0 // 190
Williamston, S.C.
Palmetto / Tennessee Tech

8



DA'SHON **DAVIS**

Graduate Student
Z-WR
5-11 // 195
Quincy, Fla.
Jefferson County

9



BLAKE **GAMEZ**

Redshirt Junior
Center
6-1 // 280
Buckeye, Ariz.
Verrado / Northern Arizona

53



SAIDOU **BA**

Redshirt Sophomore
Offensive Left Tackle
6-4 // 300
Memphis, Tenn.
PURE Academy / Arkansas State

55



ANTHONY **SMITH**

Redshirt Senior
Offensive Left Guard
6-3 // 305
Lakeland, Fla.
Lakeland / Iowa State

56



CONNOR **MEADOWS**

Redshirt Sophomore
Offensive Right Tackle
6-4 // 300
Trenton, Tenn.
Peabody / Tennessee

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JAMARI **FREEMAN**

Redshirt Sophomore
Offensive Right Guard
6-4 // 300
Fairburn, Ga.
Langston Hughes

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JASON **HOATH JR.**

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

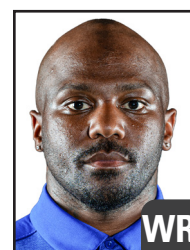
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TRAVIS **PARTRIDGE**

1st Season
Missouri Western State '14
On Field

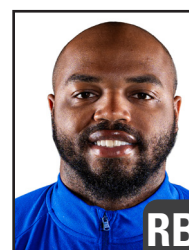
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RICKEY **GALVIN**

1st Season
Washington State
On Field

WR



JOSH **CRAWFORD**

2nd Season
Vanderbilt '19
Coaching Press Box

RB



SETH **HESTNESS**

1st Season
Wartburg '17
Coaching Press Box

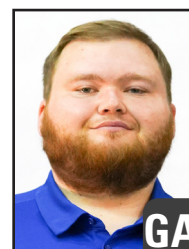
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DYLAN **CHMURA**

2nd Season
Angelo State '14
On Field

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SPENCER **WHEELER**

2nd Season
Long Beach State '21
On Field

GA





TV/RADIO CHART — PROJECTED DEFENSIVE STARTERS



DEWAIN 'BOOGIE' TROTTER

Junior
NICKLE
5-9 // 180
Nashville, Tenn.
Pearl-Cohn

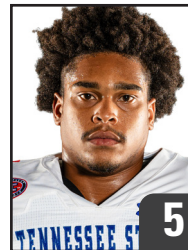
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CAMERON BLAYLOCK

Redshirt Junior
Nose Tackle
6-2 // 315
Memphis, Tenn.
White Station / Memphis /
Trinity Valley CC

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JALEN BELL

Graduate Student
Defensive Tackle
6-1 // 280
Detroit, Mich.
Martin Luther King Jr. /
Mississippi Valley St.

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DION VILLIERS

Redshirt Freshman
Free Safety
6-0 // 195
Lakeland, Fla.
Lake Gibson

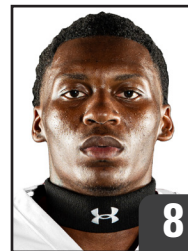
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AHMAD NELSON

Junior
MIKE
6-2 // 225
Birmingham, Ala.
Minor

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JALEN MCCLEENDON

Redshirt Junior
Left Cornerback
6-0 // 180
Tampa, Fla.
Chamberlain

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SANDERS ELLIS

Freshman
WILL
6-2 // 225
Nashville, Tenn.
Station Camp

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MALIK GANAWAY

Redshirt Sophomore
Right Cornerback
6-2 // 190
Trenton, Tenn.
Peabody / Tennessee

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TYLER JONES

Redshirt Senior
Strong Safety
6-0 // 200
Orlando, Fla.
West Orange / Missouri

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ERIQ GEORGE

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

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CHRIS WALKER

Senior
BUCK
6-4 // 250
Sanford, Fla.
Seminole

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BRANDON FISHER

4th Season
Montana '09
On Field

DC



JOE BOWDEN

4th Season
Oklahoma
On Field

LB



RICHARD MCNUTT

4th Season
Ohio State '04
On Field

DB



CLYDE SIMMONS

4th Season
Western Carolina '96
On Field

DL





TV/RADIO CHART — PROJECTED SPECIAL TEAMS STARTERS



DAYRON JOHNSON

Senior
Kickoff / Punt Return
5-9 // 180
Springfield, Tenn.
Springfield



MARK SHENOUDA

Redshirt Freshman
Punter
6-1 // 210
Mt. Juliet, Tenn.
Mt. Juliet / Memphis



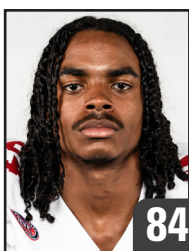
JACKSON FOSTER

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



CARSON BUCHANAN

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



AMARI SOUTHALL

Redshirt Freshman
Punt Return
6-0 // 170
Nashville, Tenn.
Hillsboro



JAMES LOWERY

Redshirt Senior
Kicker
5-10 // 225
Ft. Lauderdale
Northern Illinois



KEITH BURNS

4th Season
Oaklahoma State '94
on Field





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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
7	Ahmad Nelson	6	23	14	37	4.5-10	0.5-1	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
12	Sanders Ellis	6	21	15	36	6-31	1.5-21	.	1	1	1-3	.	.	.
6	Dion Villiers	6	24	6	30	1.5-2	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.
44	Eriq George	6	12	14	26	8-45	3.5-29	.	.	5	.	1	.	.
1	Boogie Trotter	6	17	7	24	.	.	2-104	3	.	3-0	1	.	.
5	Jalen Bell	4	13	9	22	5-27	2.5-24	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
18	Keandre Booker	6	11	11	22	7-30	3.5-16	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
21	Tyler Jones	5	16	4	20	3-5	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
8	Jalen McClendon	6	15	5	20	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
9	Spencer Roof	6	12	5	17	1.5-10	1-10	.	.	.	1-0	2	1	.
48	Chris Walker	6	11	6	17	5.5-24	2.5-17	.	1	2	.	1	.	.
2	Cameron Blaylock	6	6	7	13	3.5-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Malik Ganaway	4	9	4	13	1.5-5	.	1-0	3	.	.	.	.	.
10	Fondren Hollis III	5	8	1	9	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
0	Tyler Moore	6	6	3	9	2-20	1-13	.	1	4	.	1	.	.
17	Emmanuel Baez	5	6	1	7	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	Kierron Smith	6	4	1	5	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Meonta Kimbrough	6	1	4	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	Micah Gay	1	2	1	3	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	1-54	.	.	.
44	Craig Cunningham	6	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	Brandon Wilson	4	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
31	Anakin Aupiu	4	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	James Lowery	6	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Jordan Helton	5	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
22	DuJuan Sharp III	4	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	Sammy Taylor	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
58	Hadine Diaby	6	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47	Matthew Wilson	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	CJ Evans	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52	Carson Buchanan	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Ro Abercrombie	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Gerard Bullock	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
57	Connor Meadows	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	Camani Cobbs	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40	Marlon Huff	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35	C.J. Lowe	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Totals	6	242	122	364	51-216	16-131	3-104	15	15	8-57	8	2	0
	Opponents	6	221	112	333	41-135	13-74	4-102	19	19	6-3	7	0	0



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Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
James Lowery	6-10	60.0	1-1	2-3	1-2	2-4	0-0	40	0
Opponents	7-8	87.5	0-0	3-3	2-2	1-2	1-1	51	1

Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT					dpx	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass				
James Lowery	-	6-10	16-16	-	-	-	-	-	-	34
Jalal Dean	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Jordan Gant	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
CJ Evans	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Jalen Rouse	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Karate Brenson	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Tevin Carter	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Boogie Trotter	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Micah Gay	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Bryant Williams	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	17	6-10	16-16	0	0	0	0	0	0	136
Opponents	19	7-8	19-19	0	0	0	0	0	0	154

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Tennessee St.	38	52	17	29	0	136
Opponents	49	40	23	42	0	154

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
James Lowery	13	487	37.5	45	1	4	0	0	0
Jackson Foster	13	479	36.8	46	0	2	3	0	0
Mark Shenouda	7	263	37.6	51	0	2	1	1	0
Total	33	1229	37.2	51	1	8	4	1	0
Opponents	31	1264	40.8	72	1	9	9	7	1

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Dayron Johnson	6	51	8.5	0	31
CJ Evans	3	52	17.3	0	28
Gerard Bullock	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	10	103	10.3	0	31
Opponents	9	97	10.8	0	67

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Dayron Johnson	6	124	20.7	0	48
Jordan Gant	3	41	13.7	0	24
Craig Cunningham	2	22	11.0	0	19
Total	11	187	17.0	0	48
Opponents	18	426	23.7	0	55

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Karate Brenson	6	0	310	0	0	0	310	51.7
CJ Evans	6	147	94	52	0	0	293	48.8
Jalal Dean	6	0	275	0	0	0	275	45.8
Bryant Williams	6	0	239	0	0	0	239	39.8
Jaden McGill	6	190	42	0	0	0	232	38.7
Jordan Gant	6	141	28	0	41	0	210	35.0
Dayron Johnson	5	0	7	51	124	0	182	36.4
Boogie Trotter	6	0	0	0	0	104	104	17.3
Da'Shon Davis	5	0	102	0	0	0	102	20.4
Gerard Bullock	6	0	83	0	0	0	83	13.8
Jalen Rouse	6	61	21	0	0	0	82	13.7
Tevin Carter	4	29	11	0	0	0	40	10.0
Draylen Ellis	6	34	0	0	0	0	34	5.7
Jason Hoath Jr.	6	0	30	0	0	0	30	5.0
Craig Cunningham	6	-1	0	0	22	0	21	3.5
Exavious Reed	2	0	11	0	0	0	11	5.5
Kheagian Heckaman	4	0	4	0	0	0	4	1.0
Total	6	596	1257	103	187	104	2247	374.5
Opponents	6	968	964	97	426	102	2557	426.2

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Draylen Ellis	6	217	34	1259	1293	215.5
Jaden McGill	6	43	190	0	190	31.7
CJ Evans	6	37	147	0	147	24.5
Jordan Gant	6	39	141	0	141	23.5
Jalen Rouse	6	14	61	0	61	10.2
Tevin Carter	4	11	29	1	30	7.5
Craig Cunningham	6	2	-1	0	-1	-0.2
Total	6	366	596	1260	1856	309.3
Opponents	6	382	968	964	1932	322.0



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Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
	08/31/2024	Mississippi Val.	W	41-21	8124
	09/07/2024	at North Dakota St.	L	3-52	16811
	09/14/2024	vs Ark.-Pine Bluff	W	41-28	27584
*	09/21/2024	at Tennessee Tech	L	14-24	8019
*	09/28/2024	Charleston So.	W	13-9	1853
*	10/05/2024	at Lindenwood	W	24-20	3103

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Jaden McGill	6	43	202	12	190	4.4	0	30	31.7
CJ Evans	6	37	158	11	147	4.0	1	38	24.5
Jordan Gant	6	39	153	12	141	3.6	1	19	23.5
Jalen Rouse	6	14	61	0	61	4.4	2	20	10.2
Draylen Ellis	6	37	115	81	34	0.9	0	12	5.7
Tevin Carter	4	9	36	7	29	3.2	2	14	7.3
Craig Cunningham	6	2	1	2	-1	-0.5	0	1	-0.2
Team	6	3	0	5	-5	-1.7	0	0	-0.8
Total	6	184	726	130	596	3.2	6	38	99.3
Opponents	6	248	1205	237	968	3.9	7	54	161.3

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Draylen Ellis	6	129.7	106-180-4	58.9	1259	9	74	209.8
Tevin Carter	4	54.2	1-2-0	50.0	1	0	1	0.3
Total	6	128.9	107-182-4	58.8	1260	9	74	210.0
Opponents	6	134.3	72-134-3	53.7	964	10	49	160.7

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Jalal Dean	6	22	275	12.5	3	55	45.8
Karate Brenson	6	22	310	14.1	2	55	51.7
Bryant Williams	6	21	239	11.4	1	51	39.8
Gerard Bullock	6	9	83	9.2	0	31	13.8
CJ Evans	6	6	94	15.7	1	74	15.7
Jaden McGill	6	6	42	7.0	0	10	7.0
Jordan Gant	6	5	28	5.6	2	12	4.7
Da'Shon Davis	5	4	102	25.5	0	72	20.4
Jalen Rouse	6	4	21	5.3	0	14	3.5
Jason Hoath Jr.	6	4	30	7.5	0	11	5.0
Dayron Johnson	5	1	7	7.0	0	7	1.4
Tevin Carter	4	1	11	11.0	0	11	2.8
Kheagian Heckaman	4	1	4	4.0	0	4	1.0
Exavious Reed	2	1	11	11.0	0	11	5.5
Total	6	107	1257	11.7	9	74	209.5
Opponents	6	72	964	13.4	10	49	160.7

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	4-2	2-0	1-2	1-0
CONFERENCE	2-1	1-0	1-1	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	2-1	1-0	0-1	1-0

Team Statistics

	TSU	OPP
First Downs	97	99
Rushing	35	51
Passing	52	39
Penalty	10	9
Rushing Yardage	596	968
Rushing attempts	184	248
Average per rush	3.2	3.9
Average per game	99.3	161.3
TDs Rushing	6	7
Passing Yardage	1260	964
Comp-Att-Int	107-182-4	72-134-3
Average per pass	6.9	7.2
Average per catch	11.8	13.4
Average per game	210.0	160.7
TDs Passing	9	10
Total offense	1856	1932
Average per play	5.1	5.1
Average per game	309.3	322.0
Kick returns: #-Yards	11-187	18-426
Punt returns: #-Yards	10-103	9-97
Int returns: #-Yards	3-104	4-102
Fumbles-Lost	10-6	13-8
Penalties-Yards	42-369	44-335
Punts-Avg	33-37.2	31-40.8
Time of possession / game	28:33	30:57
3rd-down conversion	28/81	29/82
4rd-down conversion	1/4	8/13
PAT-attempts	(16-16) 100%	(19-19) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-1) 0%	(0-0) 0%

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Boogie Trotter	2	104	52.0	1	69
Malik Ganaway	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	3	104	34.7	1	69
Opponents	4	102	25.5	2	56

