



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 51° Sun // Night 31° Clear

TUNE IN

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



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



Satellite XM: 968 (app)
Stream: TSU Tigers App
WNSR.com, Alexa (Play WNSR)



Greg Pogue (pxp)
Dean Cokinos (Analyst)



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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

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WEEK 13 • SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2024 • 3:30 PM

25 TENNESSEE STATE

8-3, 5-2 BIG SOUTH-OVC
Head Coach: Eddie George
Record at TSU: 23-21 (4th Season)
Career Record: Same
Home: 3-1 | Road: 4-2 | Neutral: 1-0
Streak: W2



11 SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

9-2, 6-1 BIG SOUTH-OVC
Head Coach: Tom Matukewicz
Record at SEMO: 63-60 (1st Season)
Career Record: 64-60
Home: 5-0 | Road: 3-2 | Neutral: 1-0
Streak: W1

BETWEEN THE LINES

26.4	Points/Game	31.7
23.0	Points Allowed/Game	21.5
111.5	Rush Yards/Game	100.3
145.0	Rush Yards Allowed/Game	117.0
228.6	Pass Yards/Game	307.9
192.3	Pass Yards Allowed/Game	222.1
340.1	Total Offense/Game	408.2
337.4	Total Defense/Game	339.1



GAME NOTES

The Tennessee State football team will host Southeast Missouri on Saturday afternoon at Nissan Stadium in the final regular-season game, with the Big South-OVC Championship and a spot in the FCS Playoffs on the line.

SERIES INFORMATION: This marks the 31st all-time meeting between Tennessee State and Southeast Missouri. Due to last season's unbalanced schedule, the teams did not play and have not faced each other since Nov. 11, 2022. SEMO has won the last five meetings, dating back to 2018.

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 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 veteran Arena Football League head coach & former Titans scout Dean Cokinos 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.

BS-OVC PLAYOFF SCENARIOS

Scenario #1: SEMO Wins Outright with Victory Over TSU

If Southeast Missouri (SEMO) defeats Tennessee State (TSU) on Saturday, they would finish with a 7-1 record in conference play, clinching the Big South-OVC Championship outright and earning the automatic qualifier (AQ) for the FCS Playoffs.

Scenario #2: TSU Wins, TTU and UTM Lose

If TSU defeats SEMO and both Tennessee Tech (TTU) and UT Martin (UTM) lose, TSU would finish 6-2 and win the AQ through head-to-head tiebreakers. In this scenario, TSU and SEMO would share the conference title as co-champions.

Scenario #3: Four-Way Tie at 6-2, SEMO Wins AQ

If TSU beats SEMO, TTU defeats Eastern Illinois (EIU), and UTM beats Lindenwood, all four teams (TSU, SEMO, TTU, and UTM) would finish 6-2. Cont. on page 5

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
Homecoming
W, 41-17



Oct. 19 // 2:30 PM
at Howard
W, 27-14



Nov. 2 // 5:00 PM
UT Martin
L, 21-28



Nov. 9 // 1:00 PM
at Western Illinois
W, 45-20



Nov. 16 // 12:30 PM
at Gardner-Webb
W, 23-20



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

Table with columns: Position, Number, Name, Height, Weight, Class, and School. Rows include LT (Saidou Ba, Jourden Hale-Frater), LG (Hadine Diaby, Kennedy Wilbert), C (Blake Gamez, Alex Valbuena), RG (Jamari Freeman, Darius Neals), RT (Connor Meadows, Hadine Diaby), QB (Draylen Ellis, Tevin Carter), RB (CJ Evans, Jaden McGill), X-WR (Karate Brenson, Bryant Williams), Z-WR (Da'Shon Davis, Dayron Johnson), SLOT (Jalal Dean, Roshawn Lacy), TE (Jason Hoath Jr., Gerard Bullock).

DEFENSE

Table with columns: Position, Number, Name, Height, Weight, Class, and School. Rows include DE (Eriq George, Emmanuel Baez), NT (Cameron Blaylock, Kierron Smith), DT (Tyler Moore, Lathun Snipes), BUCK (Chris Walker, Keandre Booker), MIKE (Ahmad Nelson, Matthew Wilson), WILL (Sanders Ellis, Anakin Aupiu), NICKEL (Spencer Roof, Boogie Trotter), CB (L) (Jalen McClendon, Camani Cobbs), FS (Dion Villiers, Taeshawn Jefferson), SS (Tyler Jones, Jordan Helton), CB (R) (Fondren Hollis III, Brandon Wilson).

SPECIAL TEAMS

Table with columns: Position, Number, Name, Height, Weight, Class, and School. Rows include K (James Lowery, Mark Shenouda), KO (James Lowery, Shivan Abdullah), P (Jackson Foster), KR (Dayron Johnson, Jordan Gant), PR (Dayron Johnson, CJ Evans), LS (Carson Buchanan, Connor Ridderhoff), H (Jackson Foster).

OTHER NOTABLE PLAYERS

Table with columns: Position, Number, Name, Height, Weight, Class, and School. Rows include RB (Jordan Gant, Jalen Rouse), TE (Kheagin Heckaman, Exavious Reed), ATH (Craig Cunningham), LG (Anthony Smith), RT (Kaleob Onyehialam), DL (Kierron Smith), NT (Meonta Kimbrough), FS (Kaiki Baker).

PRONUNCIATION CHART (Alphabetical order)

Table with columns: Name, First, Last. Lists names and their pronunciations, such as Shivan Abdullah (SHIV-uhn), Anakin Aupiu (AH-nuh-kin), Saidou Ba (SAI-doo), Kaiki Baker (KAI-kee), Emmanuel Baez (em-MAN-yuhl), Jalen Bell (JAY-luhn), Malik Billingsley (muh-LEEK), Brandon Bouie Jr. (BOO-ee), Karate Brenson (kuh-RAH-tee), Daniel Bravo, Carson Buchanan, Gerard Bullock, Keandre Booker (kee-AHN-dray), Owen Borba (OH-wen), Cameron Blaylock, Camani Cobbs (kuh-MAH-nee), 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, Jourden Hale-Frater (JOR-den), Justin Harper, Kheagin Heckaman (KEE-uh-guhn), Jordan Helton, Kyle Hicks, Jason Hoath Jr. (HOH-uhth), Fondren Hollis III (FON-druhn), Marlon Huff, Veguer Jean-Jumeau (VEH-gur), Taeshawn Jefferson (TAY-shawn), Tysean Jefferson, Dayron Johnson, Tyler Jones, Kobe Jones, Yirayah LaNier (yee-RAH-yuh), 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 Onyehialam (KAY-lee-uhb), 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, Gerand Turner (JER-uhnd), Alex Valbuena (val-BWAY-nuh), Dion Villiers, Bryant Williams, Ramirez Young (uh-MEER-uhz).



**2024 TSU ROSTER**

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	Chase Spellman	QB	6-3	220	Fr. Wales, Wisc. / Kettle Moraine
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	George Hamsley	QB	6-5	220	R-So. Memphis, Tenn. / Memphis University School / LSU
8	Jalal Dean	WR	12	Sanders Ellis	LB	6-2	225	Fr. Nashville, Tenn. / Station Camp
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	27	Byron Davis	DB	6-1	185	R-So. Nashville, Tenn. / Cane Ridge / Kentucky Wesleyan
24	Jordan Helton	DB	28	Kaiki Baker	DB	6-3	190	Fr. Nashville, Tenn. / Hillsboro
97	Kyle Hicks	LS	29	Jonothan Moore	RB	5-11	200	R-Fr. Smyrna, Tenn. / Montgomery Bell Academy
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	29 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 Onyehialam 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 Onyehialam	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	





NOTES

would finish tied at 6-2. The AQ would be determined by head-to-head records among the tied teams. SEMO, having defeated TTU earlier in the season, would win the tiebreaker and secure the AQ. All four teams would be co-champions.

Scenario #4: TSU Wins, UTM Wins, TTU Out of Tiebreaker, SEMO Wins AQ

If TSU beats SEMO, UTM defeats Lindenwood, and TTU loses to EIU, the tiebreaker would exclude TTU, leaving TSU, SEMO, and UTM at 6-2. The AQ would then be determined by record against the next highest team in the standings (TTU at 5-3). SEMO's victory over TTU would secure the AQ. All three teams would be considered co-champions.

Scenario #5: TSU Wins, TTU Wins Tiebreaker for AQ

If TSU beats SEMO, TTU defeats EIU, and UTM loses to Lindenwood, TSU, SEMO, and TTU would all finish 6-2. The AQ would be decided by records against the next highest teams in the standings, with UTM and Lindenwood tied at 5-3. The composite record against those two teams would give TTU the edge (2-0), securing the AQ for TTU. All three teams would share the conference title as co-champions.

CAREER STATS BY THE NUMBERS:

9 : Draylen Ellis has entered the top 10 in career passing yards at Tennessee State, now sitting at 9th all-time with 5,383 yards. His achievement places him among TSU's historic quarterbacks, marking a significant milestone in his career.

1. Michael German	8,664	6. Kenneth Biggles	5,993
2. Joe Adams	8,653	7. Gilbert Renfro	5,556
3. Leon Murray	7,207	8. Antonio Heffner	5,393
4. James Wade	6,613	9. Draylen Ellis	5,383
5. Eldridge Dickey	6,523	10. Joe Gilliam, Jr.	5,213

SEASONAL NUMBERS:

1: CJ Evans is tied for the national lead in kick return touchdowns with two on the season. Evans has scored twice on just 11 returns, sharing the top spot with players from Bethune-Cookman, Jackson State, Elon, Merrimack, and South Dakota. His explosive playmaking on special teams has been a key asset for the Tigers.

3: TSU ranks third nationally in kick return average, recording 689 yards on 26 returns for an average of 26.50 yards per return. The Tigers have also scored two touchdowns on kick returns this season, placing them behind South Dakota (37.29) and Eastern Washington (27.18) in the FCS rankings.

9: TSU ranks seventh nationally in tackles for loss per game, averaging 7.3 TFLs. The Tigers have recorded 80 total tackles for loss this season, with 317 yards lost by opponents. Three BS-OVC teams are also in to the 10 with Gardner-Webb (7.5) and Tennessee Tech (7.5) tied in sixth place.

3: Tennessee State has demonstrated resilience in tightly contested matchups this season, posting a 3-1 record in single-possession games. The Tigers secured victories in close battles, including a 13-9 defensive struggle against Charleston Southern, a 24-20 road win at Lindenwood, and a 23-20 victory at Gardner-Webb. Their lone loss in such games came in a narrow 28-21 defeat to UT Martin.

WEEK 12 BY THE NUMBERS:

6: The TSU defense delivered a strong performance against Gardner-Webb, totaling 6.0 tackles for loss. Ahmad Nelson led the effort with 2.0 tackles for loss, while Sanders Ellis added 1.5. Eriq George, Tyler Moore, Kierron Smith, Keandre Booker, and Meonta Kimbrough each contributed 0.5 tackles for loss.

100: Jaden McGill had his best performance of the season in Tennessee State's game against Gardner-Webb, rushing 15 times for a season-high 100 yards and scoring his first rushing touchdown of the year. His longest run of the day was 24 yards, contributing to an impressive average of 6.7 yards per carry. This game marked McGill's first 100-yard rushing performance of the season, surpassing his previous high of 63 yards against both Lindenwood and Arkansas-Pine Bluff. Additionally, his touchdown in this game was his second overall score of the season, with the first coming in a win at Howard.

220: The receiving corps contributed 18 receptions for 220 yards and two touchdowns in the matchup against Gardner-Webb, reflecting a consistent performance compared to the rest of the season. Their longest reception of the game was a 61-yard play. This performance was on par with the Tigers' season averages of 19.1 receptions and 229.1 receiving yards per game. The two receiving touchdowns also matched the season average, further highlighting the unit's reliability in the passing attack. The output against Gardner-Webb was solid but fell short of season highs, such as the explosive 354-yard, three-touchdown performance against Mississippi Valley State in Week 1 and the 289-yard effort against Howard. Still, the Tigers' receivers showcased their ability to generate big plays, including a 61-yard reception, their

third-longest of the season. Tennessee State's receiving group continues to be a dependable and productive component of the offense, supporting quarterback Draylen Ellis in maintaining a balanced and effective passing game.

228: Draylen Ellis delivered a steady performance in Tennessee State's game against Gardner-Webb, completing 18 of 31 passes for 220 yards and two touchdowns with no interceptions. His longest pass of the day went for 61 yards, and he was sacked once. This performance aligns closely with Ellis's season averages. His 220 passing yards were slightly below his season average of 228.5 yards per game, while his two touchdown passes matched his season average of 2.0 per game. Ellis continues to demonstrate consistency, as he has now recorded multiple touchdown passes in six games this season and avoided turnovers for the seventh time in 2024. Ellis's longest completion of 61 yards in this game was his third-longest of the season, behind his 83-yard and 74-yard passes against Howard and Lindenwood, respectively.

WEEK 11 BY THE NUMBERS:

6: James Lowery was perfect on extra points, converting all six PAT attempts in TSU's win over Western Illinois. Lowery also shared kickoff duties with Shivan Abdullah, with each kicker delivering four kickoffs. Lowery averaged 59.3 yards per kickoff, while Abdullah posted a slightly higher average of 62.0 yards. Their combined efforts in the kicking game helped TSU maintain field position throughout the game.

68: Tevin Carter delivered a season-best performance against Western Illinois, rushing for 68 yards on 10 carries, including a season-long 39-yard run. Carter also scored twice on the ground, marking his first multi-touchdown game of the season and setting a new personal high for rushing yards. His contributions were a key component of the Tigers' offensive effort.

197: Tennessee State's receiving corps showcased impressive distribution in their latest game, with seven different players catching passes for a combined 197 yards and three touchdowns. Karate Brenson led with 67 yards, including a 43-yard touchdown, while Bryant Williams and Gerard Bullock also recorded touchdown receptions of 37 and 15 yards, respectively. CJ Evans, Roshawn Lacy, Jalen Rouse, and Jaden McGill contributed key catches, demonstrating the depth and versatility of TSU's pass-catching unit. Draylen Ellis went 12-for-19 with 197 yards, spreading the ball effectively to multiple targets.

209: Tennessee State's ground game dominated in the win over Western Illinois, with six different players combining for 209 rushing yards. Tevin Carter led the way, tallying 68 yards on 10 carries, including a 39-yard run and two touchdowns. Jaden McGill and CJ Evans contributed solid efforts, each rushing for over 40 yards, while Evans added a touchdown. Jordan Gant broke free for an 18-yard run, averaging 6.4 yards per carry.

WEEK 10 BY THE NUMBERS:

7: Cameron Blaylock delivered his most impressive performance of the season, recording a season-high seven total tackles (three solo, four assisted) and 2.5 tackles for loss for five yards against UT Martin. Blaylock's previous season-high for tackles was three, achieved in three separate games (Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Tennessee Tech, and Charleston Southern). His 2.5 tackles for loss also set a season-best, surpassing his previous high of 1.5 TFL against Mississippi Valley State and Arkansas-Pine Bluff.

28: James Lowery was perfect on extra points in the Tigers' recent game against UT Martin, going 3-for-3. This season, Lowery has converted 28 of 29 PATs, maintaining perfection in all games except one (Eastern Illinois).

98: CJ Evans returned his second kickoff for a touchdown this season, this time a 98-yarder against UT Martin. With his team trailing 21-0 late in the first quarter, Evans took the kickoff and scored to cut the margin. The return is tied for the 10th longest kickoff return in the FCS this season; Evans previously had a 99-yard return against Howard. He is one of five players nationally with two kick returns for touchdowns this season. Evans averaged 46.7 yards on three returns, rushed for seven yards, and caught two passes for 16 yards, finishing with 163 all-purpose yards. He has nine total kickoff returns this season, averaging 44.38 yards per return.

312: Draylen Ellis had a strong performance for Tennessee State in their comeback attempt against UT Martin, completing 33 of 53 passes for 312 yards, two touchdowns, and two interceptions. After TSU fell behind early, Ellis helped shift momentum with a 43-yard touchdown pass to Bryant Williams in the first quarter, cutting UT Martin's lead to 21-14. Ellis kept the Tigers within striking distance with a 2-yard touchdown pass to Jalal Dean in the third quarter, making it 28-21. In addition to his passing, Ellis contributed 29 rushing yards on five carries, averaging 5.8 yards per attempt.

WEEK 9 BY THE NUMBERS:

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WEEK 8 BY THE NUMBERS:

4: TSU's defense delivered an impactful performance, accumulating 4 sacks and 7 tackles for





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loss against Howard. Eriq George led with a 1.0 sack for 11 yards and a tackle for loss, while Keandre Booker also contributed a 1.0 sack for 7 yards. Sanders Ellis and Tyler Moore combined on a sack, each recording 0.5 sacks. Ahmad Nelson led in tackles with 10, including one for loss. The secondary was active, with Jalen McClendon intercepting a pass and returning it for 13 yards, while Tyler Jones added an interception with a 7-yard return. The Tigers' defensive effort kept Howard's offense under pressure throughout the game.

54: TSU's ground game was balanced and effective against Howard, with six players contributing rushing yards. Jaden McGill led with 14 carries for 43 net yards and a touchdown, averaging 3.1 yards per carry with a long run of 12 yards. Quarterback Draylen Ellis added 28 net yards on eight carries, including a 27-yard run and a rushing touchdown. Jordan Gant, CJ Evans, Tevin Carter, and Jalen Rouse combined for an additional 54 yards, with Evans leading the group with a 4.0-yard average. The Tigers' diverse rushing attack provided consistent yardage and key scoring opportunities throughout the game.

289: TSU's receiving corps put up a solid performance against Howard, combining for 289 yards on 19 catches. Karate Brenson led the group with an impressive 153 yards on five receptions, including an 83-yard play, the longest of the game. Jalal Dean added 55 yards on four catches, highlighted by a 50-yard gain. Jason Hoath Jr. contributed with a 33-yard reception, while CJ Evans and Jordan Gant made key short-yardage catches to keep drives alive. The diverse receiving group provided steady options for quarterback Draylen Ellis, showcasing depth and big-play potential.

317: Draylen Ellis had a strong performance against Howard, completing 19 of 30 passes for 289 yards with a long completion of 83 yards. Although he didn't throw a touchdown or interception, Ellis contributed on the ground with 8 carries for 28 net rushing yards, including a 27-yard run and a rushing touchdown.

WEEK 7 BY THE NUMBERS:

3: Backup quarterback Tevin Carter scrambled for his third rushing touchdown of the season, with scores in back-to-back games. Against Lindenwood on Oct. 5, 2024, Carter rushed three times for six yards, including two touchdowns, both on short-yardage sneaks. In the game against Eastern Illinois, Carter gained 17 yards on two carries, with a long rush of 12 yards.

4: TSU quarterback Draylen Ellis had a career-best performance with four touchdown passes in the win over Eastern Illinois. Ellis finished 20-of-32 for 224 yards.

6: Six different Tigers scored in the win over Eastern Illinois. The scoring began with a four-yard pass to Karate Brenson, followed by a seven-yard pylon pass to Bryant Williams. CJ Evans joined in with a four-yard goal-line run. Ellis threw his longest touchdown pass to Jalal Dean, a 31-yard score. Tight end Gerard Bullock also contributed with an eight-yard back-of-the-end-zone catch. The final score was a 12-yard scramble by Tevin Carter.

121: Wide receiver Karate Brenson delivered a career-best performance in TSU's win, recording six receptions for 121 yards and a touchdown. His standout play included a 50-yard reception, marking his longest of the game.

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 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: 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





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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.

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





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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).

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.





NATIONAL RANKINGS, GENERAL INFORMATION, RECENT SCHEDULES

TSU NATIONALLY RANKED (SPORTS NETWORK-STATS POLL / COACHES POLL)

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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
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TSU FOOTBALL

First Season.....1912
All-Time Record.....590-329-33
First Year in OVC.....1988
OVC Record.....116-139
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

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
9/9/28.....at North Carolina A&T.....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





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



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Chief Of Staff
4th Season



ASHLEY GOIST
Athletic Trainer
1st Season



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2024 FOOTBALL

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2024 Big South-OVC Football Association Standings

Table with columns: Team, Big South-OVC (W, L, PCT, PE, PA), Overall (W, L, PCT, PE, PA, Home, Road, Neu, LIO, Streak). Rows include x-Southeast Missouri, Tennessee Tech, UT Martin, Tennessee State, Lindenwood, Gardner-Webb, Eastern Illinois, Western Illinois, and Charleston Southern.

x - Clinched share of Big South-OVC Regular-Season Championship

SLANT ROUTES

* CHARLESTON SOUTHERN: The Buccaneers are concluding the season against an FBS opponent for the first time since 2021 ... CSU is playing an ACC opponent for the third consecutive year.

* EASTERN ILLINOIS: The Panthers are looking to conclude the season with back-to-back wins for the first time this year ... EIU is seeking its first win over Tennessee Tech since 2021 (W, 28-14).

* GARDNER-WEBB: The Runnin' Bulldogs are concluding the season on the road for the first time since the 2021 campaign ... GWU has won its last three season finales, and is playing its fifth and final first-time opponent of the year.

* LINDENWOOD: The Lions are seeking back-to-back victories in Association games for the first time this season, as well as consecutive wins over Top 25 teams ... A win would give Lindenwood its second .500-or-better campaign in three years at the FCS level.

* SOUTHEAST MISSOURI: The Redhawks are seeking their first-ever 10-win season ... SEMO is looking to finish with a 7-1 conference record for the first time since 2019, and has won the last five meetings with Tennessee State.

* TENNESSEE STATE: The Tigers have won eight games for the first time since 2013 when TSU was 10-4 and finished 6-2 in conference action ... Tennessee State is looking to defeat Southeast Missouri for the first time since 2017 (W, 23-20 at home).

* TENNESSEE TECH: The Golden Eagles are seeking their first 5-game win streak since winning 5-straight across the 2000 (4) and 2001 (1) seasons ... TTU won the last meeting with Eastern Illinois (20-17 in 2022).

* UT MARTIN: The Skyhawks are looking to win their regular-season finale for the first time since 2022 ... UTM first played Lindenwood in '22 and won, 56-26, at home.

* WESTERN ILLINOIS: The Leathernecks are looking to close out the season with a victory for the first time since the 2021 spring season.

WEEK 13 SCHEDULE

Schedule table for Saturday, Nov. 23 with columns: Game, Time, Watch, Series. Games include Eastern Illinois at Tennessee Tech, Charleston Southern at Florida State, Gardner-Webb at Western Illinois, Lindenwood at UT Martin, and Southeast Missouri at Tennessee State.

END OF REGULAR-SEASON

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 has clinched at least a share of the Big South-OVC Championship, the program's third title under head coach TOM MATUKIEWICZ and the fourth overall conference crown.

1st DOWN: The Association could finish with a FOUR-WAY tie for first-place at 6-2 should Tennessee State defeat SEMO, as well as Tennessee Tech defeat Eastern Illinois and UT Martin defeat Lindenwood in the regular-season finales on Saturday.

2nd DOWN: For the first time in Association history, three teams are ranked in the National Top 25 in the same week, as SEMO, UT Martin and Tennessee State are all rated in the AFCA Coaches Poll.

3rd DOWN: Western Illinois QB NATHAN LAMB is the first player in Association history with two 80-plus yard completions in a game when he connected with CAMEREN SMITH and MATTHEW HENRY for 81-yard touchdowns at SEMO last week.

4th DOWN: Western Illinois RB CAMEREN SMITH has scored a touchdown in an Association-record eight consecutive games. His 12 touchdowns this season have come in that span and features four multi-TD efforts.

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.





2024 BIG SOUTH-OVC FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

2024 ASSOCIATION PRESEASON POLL

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

Table with 2 columns: Rank and Team/Votes. Includes UT Martin (5), Eastern Illinois (2), Southeast Missouri (2), Tennessee State, Gardner-Webb, Charleston Southern, Tennessee Tech, Lindenwood, Western Illinois.

2024 NATIONAL POLLS - Nov. 18

STATS PERFORM

Table with 4 columns: RK, TEAM, RECORD, PTS. Lists various teams and their performance metrics.

Others (Big South-OVC Only): Tennessee State (97), Tennessee Tech (8)

AFCA FCS COACHES POLL

Table with 4 columns: RK, TEAM, RECORD, PTS. Lists teams and their coach poll results.

Others (Big South-OVC Only): --

BIG SOUTH-OVC FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION IN THE NATIONAL POLLS

Table with 10 columns: Week of, CSU, EIU, GWU, LIN, SEMO, TSU, TTU, UTM, WIU. Shows poll results for various weeks from Preseason to Nov. 25.

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 (12-10, .545)

Table listing various athletic conferences and their records against Division I opponents.

vs. FOOTBALL BOWL SUBDIVISION

Table listing various athletic conferences and their records against Football Bowl Division opponents.





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 - Nov. 18

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Paxton DeLaurent, Southeast Missouri, QB • 6-5, 229, Sr. • Camdenton, Mo.

DeLaurent accounted for 415 yards of total offense and five total touchdowns as Southeast Missouri topped Western Illinois 54-45 to earn at least a share of the Big South-OVC Championship. The senior completed 25-of-40 passes for 375 yards and four touchdowns, while rushing seven times for 40 yards (5.7 yards/carry) and an additional touchdown. DeLaurent had passing touchdowns of 21, 39 and 17 in the first half and added a 48-yarder in the third quarter. His rushing touchdown was 10 yards and came late in the second quarter. This marks the fifth time this season he has been named Offensive Player of the Week. Nationally, DeLaurent ranks first in completions/game (26.64), fourth in points responsible for (182) and fifth in passing touchdowns (27), total offense (305.0 yards/game), passing yards (3,287) and passing yards/game (298.8).

Others Nominated: Cameron Overton (Gardner-Webb), Jaden McGill (Tennessee State), Jalen Mitchell (Tennessee Tech), Matthew Henry (Western Illinois)

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Daniel Rickert, Tennessee Tech, DL • 5-11, 232, Jr. • Nolensville, Tenn.

Rickert had a monster day in keying a Tennessee Tech defense that limited No. 18/19 UT Martin to just 185 yards of total offense as the Golden Eagles won 10-9 to claim the Sgt. York Trophy and keep alive a possibility of gaining a share of the Big South-OVC Championship. The victory snapped an 11-game losing streak to the Skyhawks for the Golden Eagles. Rickert tallied nine tackles (3 solo), had 3.5 sacks for minus-18 yards, 4.0 total tackles for loss, forced a fumble, had a pass breakup and three quarterback hurries. The 3.5 sacks are tied for the sixth-most by a FCS player in a game this season; his 0.60 sacks/game leads the Big South-OVC this season.

Others Nominated: Steve Zayachkowsky (Charleston Southern), Joel Barrows (Eastern Illinois), Raquon Hartley (Gardner-Webb), Mali Walton (Southeast Missouri), Ahmad Nelson (Tennessee State), Jaylon Sharpe (UT Martin), Christian Pierce (Western Illinois)

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

DC Pippin, Southeast Missouri, K • 6-0, 195, Sr. • Springfield, Ill.

Pippin tallied 18 points kicking as No. 12/13 Southeast Missouri knocked off Western Illinois 54-45 to claim at least a share of the Big South-OVC Championship. The senior connected on 4-of-4 field goals, hitting from 43, 20, 40 and 34 yards and was a perfect 6-of-6 on PATs. The four made field goals matched his career high and is tied for the third-most by a FCS player this season. Pippin, who earned this honor for the fourth time this season, also had 11 kickoffs, averaging 55.0 yards per attempt with four touchbacks. He leads all FCS players in field goals per game (2.36) and is fourth in scoring (10.1 points/game).

Others Nominated: Julian Patino (Eastern Illinois), Nick Bigelow (Gardner-Webb)

FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK

Sanders Ellis, Tennessee State, LB • 6-2, 225, Fr. • Nashville, Tenn.

Ellis earned his fourth Freshman of the Week award of the season after tallying five tackles (3 solo) and 1.5 tackles for loss (for minus-2 yards) in Tennessee State's 23-20 road win over Gardner-Webb. The victory set up an opportunity for the Tigers to potentially win the Big South-OVC Championship next week. Ellis ranks 11th in the Association in tackles per game (5.8).

Others Nominated: Isaiah Houi (Eastern Illinois), Gio Adopte (Gardner-Webb)

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 Paxton DeLaurent, SEMO
Oct. 21 Nathan Lamb, WIU
Oct. 28 Nathan Lamb, WIU
Nov. 4 MJ Flowers, EIU
Nov. 11 Cooper Willman, EIU
Nov. 18 Paxton DeLaurent, SEMO
Nov. 25

DEFENSIVE

- Sept. 2 Steve Zayachkowsky, 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 Bryce Norman, SEMO
Oct. 21 Vincent King, LIN
Oct. 28 Jaylon Sharpe, UTM
Nov. 4 Davion Williams, CSU
Cayman Spaulding, TTU
Nov. 11 Bryce Norman, SEMO
Nov. 18 DANIEL RICKERT, TTU
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 Logan Seibert, LIN
Oct. 21 CJ Evans, TSU
Oct. 28 DC Pippin, SEMO
Nov. 4 CJ Evans, TSU
Nov. 11 Jaren Van Winkle, UTM
Nov. 18 DC PIPPIN, SEMO
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 Quenton Rogers, EIU
Oct. 21 Steve Hall, LIN
Sanders Ellis, TSU
Oct. 28 STEVE HALL, LIN
Nov. 4 Tyson Greenwade, CSU
Nov. 11 Steve Hall, LIN
Nov. 18 Sanders Ellis, TSU
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

- Connor Meadows, R-So., TSU
Logan Weedman, Jr., TTU
Drake Carroll, Gr., UTM
Isaiah Foote, 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

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

DEFENSIVE BACK

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

- Jalen McClendon, R-Jr., TSU
Tim Coutras, Jr., TTU
Oshae Baker, Sr., UTM
Willie Jones, So., WIU

SPECIALISTS

ALL PURPOSE

- Leon Thomas, So., CSU
Edward Sayeed, Sr., GWU
Dayron Johnson, Sr., TSU
Kyron Cumby, Sr., 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

PUNTER

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

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

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

JERRY RICE AWARD WATCH LIST

- Sanders Ellis, TSU
Steve Hall, LWU

PHIL STEELE

MIDSEASON ALL-AMERICANS

- Jaylon Sharpe, UTM (1st Team)
Gilbert Brown, CSU (1st Team)
Bryce Norman, SEMO (2nd Team)
Boogie Trotter, TSU (2nd Team)
Paxton DeLaurent, SEMO (3rd Team)
Dorian Anderson, SEMO (3rd Team)
Eriq George, TSU (3rd Team)
Oshae Baker, UTM (3rd Team)

WILLIAM V. CAMPBELL TROPHY SEMIFINALISTS

- Elkhanan Tanelus, Eastern Illinois
Hayden Olsen, Tennessee Tech

DORIS ROBINSON AWARD FINALIST

- Paxton DeLaurent, SEMO

STATS PERFORM

NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

- Theron Gaines, TTU (Week 5 - DEF)
Steve Hall, LIN (Week 9 - FR)
Daniel Rickert, TTU (Week 12 - DEF)
DC Pippin, SEMO (Week 12 - ST)

FCS PLAYER 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 (Weeks 2, 4, 7 - 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 (Weeks 4, 7 - ST)
Payton Brown, SEMO (Week 4 - FR)
Jeff Caldwell, LIN (Week 5 - OFF)
Gilbert Brown, CSU (Week 5 - ST)
Sanders Ellis, TSU (Weeks 5, 8 - 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)
Nathan Lamb, WIU (Weeks 8, 9 - OFF)
CJ Evans, TSU (Week 8 - ST)
JaMichael McCoy, UTM (Week 9 - DEF)
Bryce Norman, SEMO (Weeks 9, 11 - DEF)
Jaylon Sharpe, UTM (Week 9 - DEF)
MJ Flowers, EIU (Week 10 - OFF)
Chris Hunter Jr., UTM (Week 10 - DEF)
Davion Williams, CSU (Week 10 - DEF)
Cooper Willman, EIU (Week 11 - OFF)
Antonio O'Berry, GWU (Week 11 - DEF)

STATS PERFORM HBCU FCS PLAYER OF THE WEEK HONORABLE MENTION

- Keandre Booker, TSU (Week 3)
Ahmad Nelson, TSU (Week 11)
Jalen McClendon, TSU (Week 12)

STATS PERFORM HBCU TEAM OF THE WEEK

- Tennessee State (Week 7)

STATS PERFORM NATIONAL TEAM OF THE WEEK HONORABLE MENTION

- UT Martin (Week 5)
Lindenwood (Week 11)
Tennessee Tech (Week 12)

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

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI IS IN THE PLAYOFFS WITH A WIN

Southeast Missouri can clinch the outright Big South-OVC Football Association championship and automatic bid to the FCS Playoffs with a win Saturday at Tennessee State to finish the season 7-1 in conference action.

TENNESSEE STATE IS IN THE PLAYOFFS WITH A WIN PLUS HELP

If Tennessee State defeats Southeast Missouri on Saturday, and both Tennessee Tech and UT Martin fall in their respective contests, the Tigers will share the Association crown with SEMO and clinch the automatic bid to the FCS Playoffs, which would mark TSU's first playoff berth since 2013.

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE...

While a potential four-way tie for first-place was broken out on the front page of this week's report, additional scenarios exist below:

* Should TSU, SEMO and UTM finish league play at 6-2, the teams went 1-1 against each other so the tiebreaker moves down to record vs. next highest team in the standing -- which would be Tennessee Tech at 5-3. SEMO was the lone squad to defeat TTU and would capture the AQ.

* Should TSU, SEMO and TTU finish league play at 6-2, the teams went 1-1 against each other so the tiebreaker moves down to the next highest team in the standings -- which would be both Lindenwood and UT Martin at 5-3, so the composite record against the tied teams is used. Tech was the only squad to defeat both Lindenwood and UTM and would receive the AQ.

ANOTHER WEEK, ANOTHER RECORD FOR COMBINED PASSING YARDS

For the fourth time this season, the Big South-OVC single-game record for combined passing yards has been established, as Western Illinois (500) and Southeast Missouri (375) combined for 875 yards through the air this past week. The previous record of 795 stood for one week (Eastern Illinois - 458 and Gardner-Webb - 337 in Week 11). Prior to the that, the record was 747 by Western Illinois (564) and Lindenwood (183) in Week 9, which supplanted the record of 730 by Southeast Missouri (364) and Eastern Illinois (366) set in Week 6.

NOTE FROM CRAIG HALEY

According to Stats Perform's CRAIG HALEY, Southeast Missouri K DC PIPPIN's 34 field goal attempts this season are one shy of the FCS single-season record of 35, which was set by William & Mary's BRIAN PATE in 2009. Meanwhile, Pippin's Association-record 26 field goals are three shy of the FCS season record of 29 held by North Dakota State's ADAM KELLER (2014) and James Madison's ETHAN RATKE (2021).

KICKIN' PIPPIN

As noted above, Southeast Missouri K DC PIPPIN has made a Big South-OVC Association single-season record 26 field goals, which leads all of FCS. He has six 10-point kicking games this season following his Association single-game record 18 points this past Saturday in the win over Western Illinois. He has five games with at least three field goals made, and three games with four. Pippin's 111 points scored kicking to date has shattered the old Association single-season mark of 73 (UT Martin's AIDAN LAROS in 2023), and ranks fourth in the FCS this season.

MAKING THEIR POINT

Southeast Missouri (54) and Western Illinois (45) set the Big South-OVC Association record for most combined points with 99 this past week. The old record was 98, set last year by Charleston Southern (21) against Western Carolina (77). The old record for a conference game was 89 combined points, which was set last season by Gardner-Webb (45) and Bryant (44).

TENNESSEE RIVER

Tennessee State's four 40-point games this season are its most times scoring 40+ points in a campaign since five times in 2001. The 2024 Tigers have scored 40 points each month of the season -- with the first three times being the same exact point total -- 41 vs. Mississippi Valley State on Aug. 31; 41 vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff on Sept. 14, and 41 vs. Eastern Illinois on Oct. 12. TSU scored a season-high 45 points in Week 11 at Western Illinois.

THE LEAGUE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENTLEMEN

Through 32 Association-conference games played, the home team has won 19 times (=59.38 winning percentage), while the overall average margin of victory is 13.34 points. Fourteen contests -- or 43.75 percent -- have been one possession decisions. The 32 games have had a combined point total of 1,749, for a per game average of 54.66 points. Last season, the 30 Big South-OVC Association-conference games were decided by 16.10 points, and averaged 48.83 combined points (1,465 point scored).

2024 SUPERLATIVES

100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

- 6 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)
145 at Western Illinois (Week 7)
123 at Charleston Southern (Week 11)
3 MJ Flowers, Eastern Illinois
117 at Illinois State (Week 4)
123 vs. Lindenwood (Week 5)
194 vs. Western Illinois (Week 10)
2 Autavius Ison, Charleston Southern
157 at Tennessee State (Week 5)
229 vs. Western Illinois (Week 6)
2 Quasean Holmes, Gardner-Webb
132 at Presbyterian (Week 5)
156 vs. Lindenwood (Week 8)
2 Edward Saydee, Gardner-Webb
112 at UT Martin (Week 6)
119 vs. Lindenwood (Week 8)
2 Cortez Jones, Lindenwood
152 vs. St. Thomas (Week 4)
104 at Eastern Illinois (Week 5)
2 Steve Hall, Lindenwood
100 vs. Missouri State (Week 3)
259 vs. Western Illinois (Week 9)
2 Cameren Smith, Western Illinois
199 vs. McKendree (Week 5)
101 at Charleston Southern (Week 6)
1 Tyson Greenwade, Charleston Southern
102 vs. Western Illinois (Week 6)
1 Carson Gresock, Gardner-Webb
134 at Presbyterian (Week 5)
1 Nate Glantz, Lindenwood
103 vs. Charleston Southern (Week 7)
1 Payton Brown, Southeast Missouri
124 at Southern Illinois (Week 4)
1 Darrell Smith, Southeast Missouri
127 vs. Northwestern State (Week 5)
1 Cole Ruble, Southeast Missouri
122 vs. Gardner-Webb (Week 9)
1 Brandon Epton Jr., Southeast Missouri
126 vs. Western Illinois (Week 12)
1 Jaden McGill, Tennessee State
100 at Gardner-Webb (Week 12)
1 Aidan Littles, Tennessee Tech
118 at Gardner-Webb (Week 5)
1 Jalen Mitchell, Tennessee Tech
128 vs. Lindenwood (Week 10)

MULTI-TOUCHDOWN PASS GAMES

Table with 6 columns: Player, 2, 3, 4, 5+, Total. Rows include Paxton DeLaurent, SEMO; Draylen Ellis, TSU; Pierce Holley, EIU; Nathan Lamb, WIU; Kinkead Dent, UTM; Nate Glantz, LIN; Tyler Ridell, GWU; Jordyn Potts, TTU; Rob McCoy, CSU; Kaleb Jackson, CSU; Dylan Laible, TTU; Kaiya Sheron, UTM.





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)
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); Dalain 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); 2x 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); 2x 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)
Javarris 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





TSU NFL & AFL DRAFT PICKS

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





Team Statistics

	TSU	OPP
Scoring	293	253
Points per game	26.6	23.0
Points Off Turnovers	44	31
First Downs	200	203
Rushing	73	88
Passing	107	94
Penalty	20	21
Rushing Yardage	1226	1595
Yards gained rushing	1434	1934
Yards lost rushing	208	339
Rushing attempts	345	402
Average per rush	3.6	4.0
Average per game	111.5	145.0
TDs Rushing	14	14
Passing Yardage	2515	2116
Comp-Att-Int	210-349-7	172-327-9
Average per pass	7.2	6.5
Average per catch	12.0	12.3
Average per game	228.6	192.4
TDs Passing	20	15
Total offense	3741	3711
Total plays	694	729
Average per play	5.4	5.1
Average per game	340.1	337.4
Kick returns: #-Yards	26-689	37-894
Punt returns: #-Yards	18-158	19-210
Int returns: #-Yards	9-174	7-110
Kick return average	26.5	24.2
Punt return average	8.8	11.1
Int return average	19.3	15.7
Fumbles-Lost	14-8	20-9
Penalties-Yards	71-621	83-670
Average per game	56.5	60.9
Punts-Yards	55-2161	57-2316
Average per punt	39.3	40.6
Net punt average	35.5	37.5
Kickoffs-Yards	59-3619	49-2801
Average per kick	61.3	57.2
Net kick average	38.2	33.1
Time of possession / game	29:46	29:48
3rd-down conversion	57/146	59/156
3rd-down pct	39%	38%
4rd-down conversion	5/12	12/23





2024-25 Tennessee St. Football
Overall Team Statistics
All games

	TSU	OPP
4rd-down pct	42%	52%
Sacks by-Yards	25-190	21-120
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	38	31
Field goals - attempts	10-17	11-16
On-Side kicks	0-0	0-1
Red-zone scores	(28-37) 76%	(26-31) 84%
Red-zone touchdowns	(21-37) 57%	(19-31) 61%
PAT-attempts	(35-37) 95%	(30-30) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-1) 0%	(1-1) 100%
Attendance	23537	43150
Games / Avg per game	4/5884	6/7192
Neutral site games	-	1/27584

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Tennessee St.	86	92	59	56	0	293
Opponents	72	84	40	57	0	253





2024-25 Tennessee St. Football
Red-Zone Results
All games

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	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/31/2024	Mississippi Val.	W 41-21	5	4	20	2	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	1	1	0	0	0	0	
09/14/2024	vs Ark.-Pine Bluff	W 41-28	5	4	24	3	1	2	1	2	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	
09/28/2024	Charleston So.	W 13-9	2	2	13	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
10/05/2024	at Lindenwood	W 24-20	4	3	17	2	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	
10/12/2024	Eastern Ill.	W 41-17	5	5	34	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	
10/19/2024	at Howard	W 27-14	4	1	7	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	
11/02/2024	UT Martin	L 21-28	4	1	7	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	
11/09/2024	at Western Ill.	W 45-20	4	4	24	3	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	
11/16/2024	at Gardner-Webb	W 23-20	3	3	16	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	
Totals 28 of 37 (75.7%)			37	28	165	21	11	10	7	10	3	2	0	0	1

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	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
09/07/2024	North Dakota St.	L 3-52	5	5	35	5	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	
09/14/2024	Ark.-Pine Bluff	W 41-28	4	3	21	3	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	
09/21/2024	Tennessee Tech	L 14-24	1	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
09/28/2024	Charleston So.	W 13-9	4	3	9	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	1	0	
10/05/2024	Lindenwood	W 24-20	2	2	6	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	
10/12/2024	Eastern Ill.	W 41-17	5	3	17	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	
10/19/2024	Howard	W 27-14	2	2	14	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
11/02/2024	UT Martin	L 21-28	1	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
11/09/2024	Western Ill.	W 45-20	4	3	17	2	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	
11/16/2024	Gardner-Webb	W 23-20	2	2	15	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals 26 of 31 (83.9%)			31	26	155	19	11	8	7	7	2	1	1	0	1



**2024-25 Tennessee St. Football
Team Game Highs
All games**Page 1/1
as of Nov 17, 2024**Tennessee St. - Game Highs**

RUSHES	44	at Western Ill. (11/09/2024)
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	3	at Western Ill. (11/09/2024)
PASS ATTEMPTS	54	UT Martin (11/02/2024)
PASS COMPLETIONS	33	UT Martin (11/02/2024)
YARDS PASSING	357	Mississippi Val. (08/31/2024)
YARDS PER PASS	10.5	Mississippi Val. (08/31/2024)
TD PASSES	4	Eastern Ill. (10/12/2024)
TOTAL PLAYS	71	UT Martin (11/02/2024)
TOTAL OFFENSE	495	Mississippi Val. (08/31/2024)
YARDS PER PLAY	7.7	Mississippi Val. (08/31/2024)
POINTS	45	at Western Ill. (11/09/2024)
SACKS BY	7	vs Ark.-Pine Bluff (N) (09/14/2024)
FIRST DOWNS	25	UT Martin (11/02/2024)
PENALTIES	13	at Howard (10/19/2024)
PENALTY YARDS	107	at Howard (10/19/2024)
TURNOVERS	4	UT Martin (11/02/2024)
PUNTS	9	at Tennessee Tech (09/21/2024)
PUNTING AVG	46.8	UT Martin (11/02/2024)
LONG PUNT	60	at Gardner-Webb (11/16/2024)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	3	at Tennessee Tech (09/21/2024)
LONG PUNT RETURN	31	vs Ark.-Pine Bluff (N) (09/14/2024)





2024-25 Tennessee St. Football
Combined Team Statistics
All games

Team Defense

##	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
7	Ahmad Nelson	11	57	27	84	8-13	0.5-1	.	1	.	1-0	1	.	.
12	Sanders Ellis	11	42	22	64	11-51	1.5-21	.	1	1	1-3	.	.	.
1	Boogie Trotter	11	38	12	50	.	.	3-151	7	.	3-0	1	.	.
44	Eriq George	11	27	21	48	11.5-62	4.5-40	.	.	9	.	1	.	.
8	Jalen McClendon	11	39	7	46	0.5-1	.	1-13	12	.	.	.	.	.
6	Dion Villiers	11	36	10	46	1.5-2	.	.	2	2	.	1	.	.
18	Keandre Booker	11	18	17	35	10.5-53	6.5-39	.	3	6	.	1	.	.
21	Tyler Jones	10	27	7	34	3-5	.	4-10	1	1	.	.	.	.
48	Chris Walker	11	23	9	32	9-34	5-26	.	2	5	.	1	.	.
2	Cameron Blaylock	11	11	13	24	6.5-12	0.5-2	.	3	2	.	.	.	.
5	Jalen Bell	4	13	9	22	5-27	2.5-24	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
9	Spencer Roof	10	15	6	21	1.5-10	1-10	.	1	.	1-0	2	1	.
93	Meonta Kimbrough	11	8	11	19	3.5-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Fondren Hollis III	10	15	3	18	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
0	Tyler Moore	11	10	5	15	4.5-35	3-27	.	1	4	.	1	.	.
15	Malik Ganaway	5	9	4	13	1.5-5	.	1-0	3	.	.	.	.	.
4	Kierron Smith	8	6	3	9	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Emmanuel Baez	9	8	1	9	1-1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
24	Jordan Helton	10	7	.	7	.	.	.	1	.	1-0	.	.	.
25	Sammy Taylor	7	7	.	7	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
31	Anakin Aupiu	6	5	1	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	Brandon Wilson	7	5	.	5	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
44	Craig Cunningham	10	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	Camani Cobbs	6	4	.	4	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
52	Carson Buchanan	11	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	James Lowery	11	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Jordan Gant	11	3	.	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
3	Micah Gay	1	2	1	3	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	1-54	.	.	.
22	Dujuan Sharp III	7	2	1	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
42	Ro Abercrombie	7	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
58	Hadine Diaby	11	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47	Matthew Wilson	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	CJ Evans	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
80	Tysean Jefferson	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31	C.J. Lowe	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Gerard Bullock	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
57	Connor Meadows	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37	Jacorris Foreman	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46	Scotty Roddy	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	Brandon Bouie Jr.	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40	Marlon Huff	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46	Oliver Walker	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18	Kheagian Heckaman	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
Totals		11	459	194	653	80-317	25-190	9-174	44	33	9-57	9	2	0
Opponents		11	430	208	638	72-247	21-120	7-110	40	34	8-3	9	2	0





TV/RADIO CHART — PROJECTED OFFENSIVE STARTERS



KARATE BRENSON

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

0



DRAYLEN ELLIS

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

1



BRYANT WILLIAMS

Junior
Wide Receiver
6-1 // 190
New Orleans, La.
El Camino

6



JALAL DEAN

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

8



CJ EVANS

Redshirt Senior
RB
5-8 // 180
Mobile, Ala.
McGill-Toolen Catholic /
Austin Peay

23



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



CONNOR MEADOWS

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

57



HADINE DIABY

Sophomore
Offensive Left Guard
6-3 // 300
Loganville, Ga.
Grayson

58



JAMARI FREEMAN

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

63



JASON HOATH JR.

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

89



TRAVIS PARTRIDGE

1st Season
Missouri Western State '14
On Field

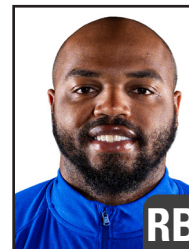
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RICKEY GALVIN

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

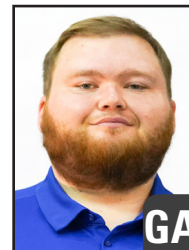
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DYLAN CHMURA

2nd Season
Angelo State '14
On Field

OL



SPENCER WHEELER

2nd Season
Long Beach State '21
On Field

GA





TV/RADIO CHART — PROJECTED DEFENSIVE STARTERS



TYLER MOORE

Freshman
Defensive Tackle
5-10 // 290
Locust Grove, Ga.
Luella

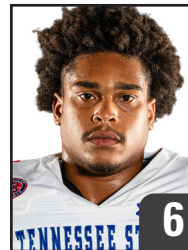
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CAMERON BLAYLOCK

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

2



DION VILLIERS

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

6



AHMAD NELSON

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

7



JALEN MCCLENDON

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

8



SPENCER ROOF

Junior
Nickle
6-0 // 200
Arlington, Texas
Nolan Catholic
Lehigh

9



FONDREN HOLLIS III

Redshirt Senior
Right Cornerback
5-11 // 180
Decatur, Ga.
Columbia

10



SANDERS ELLIS

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

12



TYLER JONES

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

21



ERIQ GEORGE

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

44



CHRIS WALKER

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

48



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



JORDAN GANT

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



DAYRON JOHNSON

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



CJ EVANS

Redshirt Senior
RB
5-8 // 180
Mobile, Ala.
McGill-Toolen Catholic /
Austin Peay



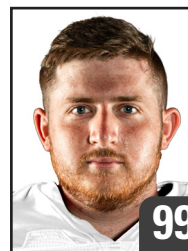
MARK SHENOUDA

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



CARSON BUCHANAN

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



JAMES LOWERY

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



KEITH BURNS

4th Season
Oklahoma State '94
on Field





2024-25 Tennessee St. Football
Combined Team Statistics
All games

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
James Lowery	10-17	58.8	1-1	2-3	4-5	3-7	0-0	40	0
Opponents	11-16	68.8	0-0	4-4	3-3	3-7	1-2	51	1

Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT						pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	
James Lowery	-	10-17	35-37	-	-	-	-	-	65
CJ Evans	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Jalal Dean	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Tevin Carter	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Bryant Williams	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Karate Brenson	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Jordan Gant	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Jalen Rouse	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Gerard Bullock	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Jaden McGill	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Draylen Ellis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Boogie Trotter	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Micah Gay	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	38	10-17	35-37	0	0	0	0	0	293
Opponents	31	11-16	30-30	0	1	1	1	0	253

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Tennessee St.	86	92	59	56	0	293
Opponents	72	84	40	57	0	253

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Mark Shenouda	24	994	41.4	60	0	9	5	6	0
James Lowery	17	650	38.2	51	1	6	1	1	0
Jackson Foster	14	517	36.9	46	0	2	3	0	0
Total	55	2161	39.3	60	1	17	9	7	0
Opponents	57	2316	40.6	72	2	16	19	13	1

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
CJ Evans	11	107	9.7	0	28
Dayron Johnson	6	51	8.5	0	31
Gerard Bullock	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	18	158	8.8	0	31
Opponents	19	210	11.1	0	67

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
CJ Evans	11	436	39.6	2	99
Dayron Johnson	6	124	20.7	0	48
Craig Cunningham	5	68	13.6	0	31
Jordan Gant	4	61	15.3	0	24
Total	26	689	26.5	2	99
Opponents	37	894	24.2	0	55

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
CJ Evans	11	275	167	107	436	0	985	89.5
Karate Brenson	11	0	819	0	0	0	819	74.5
Jalal Dean	11	0	539	0	0	0	539	49.0
Jaden McGill	11	429	65	0	0	0	494	44.9
Bryant Williams	11	0	403	0	0	0	403	36.6
Jordan Gant	11	225	65	0	61	0	351	31.9
Dayron Johnson	7	0	6	51	124	0	181	25.9
Gerard Bullock	11	0	173	0	0	0	173	15.7
Boogie Trotter	11	0	0	0	0	151	151	13.7
Tevin Carter	9	125	11	0	0	0	136	15.1
Jalen Rouse	10	71	35	0	0	0	106	10.6
Da'Shon Davis	8	0	102	0	0	0	102	12.8
Draylen Ellis	11	88	0	0	0	0	88	8.0
Craig Cunningham	10	12	0	0	68	0	80	8.0
Jason Hoath Jr.	11	0	62	0	0	0	62	5.6
Kheagian Heckaman	7	0	37	0	0	0	37	5.3
Roshawn Lacy	11	0	28	0	0	0	28	2.5
Jalen McClendon	11	0	0	0	0	13	13	1.2
Tyler Jones	10	0	0	0	0	10	10	1.0
Chase Spellman	1	8	0	0	0	0	8	8.0
Total	11	1226	2512	158	689	174	4759	432.6
Opponents	11	1595	2158	210	894	110	4967	451.5

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Draylen Ellis	11	407	88	2501	2589	235.4
Jaden McGill	11	94	429	0	429	39.0
CJ Evans	11	73	275	0	275	25.0
Jordan Gant	11	61	225	0	225	20.5
Tevin Carter	9	30	125	14	139	15.4
Jalen Rouse	10	16	71	0	71	7.1
Craig Cunningham	10	6	12	0	12	1.2
Chase Spellman	1	1	8	0	8	8.0
Total	11	694	1226	2515	3741	340.1
Opponents	11	729	1595	2116	3711	337.4





2024-25 Tennessee St. Football Combined Team Statistics All games

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
* 10/12/2024	Eastern Ill.	W	41-17	10715
10/19/2024	at Howard	W	27-14	9995
* 11/02/2024	UT Martin	L	21-28	2845
* 11/09/2024	at Western Ill.	W	45-20	1459
* 11/16/2024	at Gardner-Webb	W	23-20	3763

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Jaden McGill	11	94	450	21	429	4.6	2	30	39.0
CJ Evans	11	73	300	25	275	3.8	3	38	25.0
Jordan Gant	11	61	238	13	225	3.7	1	19	20.5
Tevin Carter	9	26	133	8	125	4.8	5	39	13.9
Draylen Ellis	11	62	220	132	88	1.4	1	27	8.0
Jalen Rouse	10	16	71	0	71	4.4	2	20	7.1
Craig Cunningham	10	6	14	2	12	2.0	0	7	1.2
Chase Spellman	1	1	8	0	8	8.0	0	8	8.0
Team	11	6	0	7	-7	-1.2	0	0	-0.6
Total	11	345	1434	208	1226	3.6	14	39	111.5
Opponents	11	402	1934	339	1595	4.0	14	54	145.0

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Draylen Ellis	11	136.3	208-345-7	60.3	2501	20	83	227.4
Tevin Carter	9	79.4	2-4-0	50.0	14	0	13	1.6
Total	11	135.6	210-349-7	60.2	2515	20	83	228.6
Opponents	11	116.6	172-327-9	52.6	2116	15	62	192.4

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Karate Brenson	11	54	819	15.2	4	83	74.5
Jalal Dean	11	43	539	12.5	5	61	49.0
Bryant Williams	11	35	403	11.5	5	51	36.6
Gerard Bullock	11	22	173	7.9	2	31	15.7
CJ Evans	11	14	167	11.9	2	74	15.2
Jaden McGill	11	10	65	6.5	0	11	5.9
Jordan Gant	11	9	65	7.2	2	15	5.9
Jason Hoath Jr.	11	7	62	8.9	0	16	5.6
Jalen Rouse	10	5	35	7.0	0	14	3.5
Da'Shon Davis	8	4	102	25.5	0	72	12.8
Dayron Johnson	7	2	6	3.0	0	7	0.9
Kheagian Heckaman	7	2	37	18.5	0	33	5.3
Roshawn Lacy	11	2	28	14.0	0	15	2.5
Tevin Carter	9	1	11	11.0	0	11	1.2
Total	11	210	2512	12.0	20	83	228.4
Opponents	11	172	2158	12.5	15	62	196.2

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	8-3	3-1	4-2	1-0
CONFERENCE	5-2	2-1	3-1	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-1	1-0	1-1	1-0

Team Statistics

	TSU	OPP
First Downs	200	203
Rushing	73	88
Passing	107	94
Penalty	20	21
Rushing Yardage	1226	1595
Rushing attempts	345	402
Average per rush	3.6	4.0
Average per game	111.5	145.0
TDs Rushing	14	14
Passing Yardage	2515	2116
Comp-Att-Int	210-349-7	172-327-9
Average per pass	7.2	6.5
Average per catch	12.0	12.3
Average per game	228.6	192.4
TDs Passing	20	15
Total offense	3741	3711
Average per play	5.4	5.1
Average per game	340.1	337.4
Kick returns: #-Yards	26-689	37-894
Punt returns: #-Yards	18-158	19-210
Int returns: #-Yards	9-174	7-110
Fumbles-Lost	14-8	20-9
Penalties-Yards	71-621	83-670
Punts-Avg	55-39.3	57-40.6
Time of possession / game	29:46	29:48
3rd-down conversion	57/146	59/156
4rd-down conversion	5/12	12/23
PAT-attempts	(35-37) 95%	(30-30) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-1) 0%	(1-1) 100%

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Tyler Jones	4	10	2.5	0	15
Boogie Trotter	3	151	50.3	1	69
Jalen McClendon	1	13	13.0	0	13
Malik Ganaway	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	9	174	19.3	1	69
Opponents	7	110	15.7	2	56

