



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

OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS: (3)
1998, 1999, 2024

SET THE SCENE

Location: Missoula, Mont.
 Stadium: Washington-Grizzly Stadium
 Capacity: 25,217
 Surface: FieldTurf
 Forecast: Day 37° Cloudy // Night 23° Clear

TUNE IN

TV: ESPN 2
 Roxy Bernstein (pxp)
 Jay Walker (Analyst)



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

Satellite XM: Ch. 390 | 980 (app)

Stream: TSU Tigers App
 WNSR.com, Alexa (Play WNSR)

Greg Pogue (pxp)
 Howard Gentry (Analyst)
 Nick Guerriero (Analyst)



COACHING STAFF

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

SUPPORT STAFF

Dusty Bennett	Football Chief of Staff
Ashley Goist	Football Athletic Trainer
Nick Guerriero	Asst. AD / Football SID
Steven Aycock	Football Operations
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Jeremy Taylor	Football Equipment
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FCS PLAYOFFS FIRST ROUND • SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2024 • 8:15 PM MT

TENNESSEE STATE

9-3, 6-2 BIG SOUTH-OVC
 Head Coach: Eddie George
 Record at TSU: 24-21 (4th Season)
 Career Record: Same
 Home: 4-1 | Road: 4-2 | Neutral: 1-0
 Streak: W3



#14 MONTANA

8-4, 5-3 BIG SKY
 Head Coach: Bobby Hauck
 Record at MONT: 137-40 (13th Season)
 Career Record: 152-89
 Home: 5-2 | Road: 3-2 | Neutral: 0-0
 Streak: L1

BETWEEN THE LINES

26.7	Points/Game	34.0
22.8	Points Allowed/Game	25.0
111.8	Rush Yards/Game	201.0
139.2	Rush Yards Allowed/Game	153.6
228.9	Pass Yards/Game	222.1
195.8	Pass Yards Allowed/Game	207.9
340.7	Total Offense/Game	423.1
334.9	Total Defense/Game	361.5



GAME NOTES

Tennessee State football is back in the NCAA FCS Playoffs for the first time since 2013. The Tigers will travel to face Montana on Saturday, Nov. 30, at 10:15 p.m. ET / 9:15 p.m. CT / 8:15 p.m. MT, with the game airing on ESPN2.

TSU IN THE FCS Playoffs: Formerly known as the NCAA DI-AA Playoffs, TSU is 2-4 heading into its seventh contest on Saturday. Tennessee State University has a rich history in the FCS playoffs, with multiple appearances over the decades. While their first three games in 1981 and 1982 were later vacated, TSU initially made an impression with a narrow overtime loss to No. 3 South Carolina State in 1981 and a 20-19 victory over No. 5 Eastern Illinois in 1982. In 1986, TSU defeated No. 9 Jackson State, 32-23, before falling to No. 1 Nevada. The Tigers returned in 1998 and 1999 but suffered losses to No. 7 Appalachian State and No. 16 North Carolina A&T, respectively. TSU's most recent playoff success came in 2013, when they beat Butler, 31-0, before falling to No. 2 Eastern Illinois. Despite setbacks, TSU's resilience and impact on FCS playoff history remain notable.

Date	Result	Score	Opponent	Location	Attendance
12/5/81*	L (OT)	25-26	No. 3 South Carolina State	Orangeburg, S.C. (State College Stadium)	12,000
12/4/82*	W	20-19	No. 5 Eastern Illinois	NASHVILLE (Hale Stadium)	
12/11/82*	L	7-13	No. 1 Eastern Kentucky	Richmond, Ky. (Hanger Field)	7,338
11/29/86	W	32-23	No. 9 Jackson State	Jackson, Miss. (Veterans Memorial Stadium)	24,000
12/6/86	L	6-33	No. 1 Nevada	Reno, Nev. (Mackay Stadium)	13,102
11/19/98	L	31-45	No. 7 Appalachian State	Boone, N.C. (Kidd Brewer Stadium)	3,885
11/27/99	L	10-24	No. 16 North Carolina A&T	Nashville, Tenn. (Adelphia Coliseum)	10,736
11/30/2013	W	31-0	at Butler	Indianapolis, Ind. (Butler Bowl)	1,928
12/7/2013	L	10-51	at No. 2 Eastern Illinois	Charleston, Ill. (O'Brien Field)	4,825

* Denotes vacated appearances

SERIES INFORMATION: This marks the first all-time meeting between TSU and Montana.

2024 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

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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



Nov. 30 // 9:15 PM
 at #14 Montana
 ESPN2 / 560AM,
 95.9 FM, 107.9 FM



Dec. 7 // 3:00 PM
 #3 South Dakota St.
 ESPN+ / 560AM,
 95.9 FM, 107.9 FM



All times listed are in CT



TSU TWO-DEEP DEPTH CHART & PRONUNCIATIONS

OFFENSE

LT	55	Saidou Ba	6-4	300	R-So.	Memphis, Tenn. / PURE Academy / Arkansas St.
	74	Jourden Hale-Frater	6-6	350	R-So.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Sycamore Akron / Copiah-Lincoln CC
LG	58	Hadine Diaby	6-3	300	So.	Loganville, Ga. / Grayson
- OR -	56	Anthony Smith	6-3	305	R-Sr.	Lakeland, Fla. / Lakeland / Iowa State
C	51	Alex Valbuena	6-0	275	R-So.	Antioch, Tenn. / Ezell-Harding Christian
	53	Blake Gamez	6-1	280	R-Jr.	Buckeye, Ariz. / Verrado / Northern Arizona
RG	63	Jamari Freeman	6-4	300	R-So.	Fairburn, Ga. / Langston Hughes
	54	Darius Neals	6-4	335	R-Fr.	Ellenwood, Ga. / Cedar Grove
RT	57	Connor Meadows	6-4	300	R-So.	Trenton, Tenn. / Peabody / Tennessee
	58	Hadine Diaby	6-3	300	So.	Loganville, Ga. / Grayson
QB	1	Draylen Ellis	6-0	175	Gr.	Olive Branch, Miss. / Kirby / Austin Peay
	21	Tevin Carter	6-3	230	R-So.	Bellwood, Ill. / Proviso West
RB	23	CJ Evans	5-8	180	R-Sr.	Mobile, Ala. / McGill-Toolen / Austin Peay
	4	Jaden McGill	6-0	205	Jr.	Chicago, Ill. / Naperville Central / DuPage
X-WR	0	Karate Brenson	6-2	217	R-Jr.	St. Louis, Mo. / Ball State
	6	Bryant Williams	6-1	190	Jr.	New Orleans, La. / El Camino
Z-WR	9	Da'Shon Davis	5-11	195	Jr.	Quincy, Fla. / Jefferson County
	5	Dayron Johnson	5-9	180	Sr.	Springfield, Tenn. / Springfield
SLOT	8	Jalal Dean	6-0	190	Sr.	Williamston, S.C. / Palmetto / Tennessee Tech
	14	Roshawn Lacy	6-0	185	Jr.	Orange, Calif. / Esocranza / Riverside CC
TE	89	Jason Hoath Jr.	6-2	235	So.	Columbia, Tenn. / Page
	17	Gerard Bullock	6-0	200	Sr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Ensworth / Austin Peay

DEFENSE

DE	44	Eriq George	6-2	280	So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Montgomery Bell Academy
	17	Emmanuel Baez	6-4	265	Sr.	Plant City, Fla. / Plant City
NT	2	Cameron Blaylock	6-2	315	R-Jr.	Memphis, Tenn. / White Station / Memphis / Trinity CC
	4	Kierron Smith	6-0	335	Gr.	Fitzgerald, Ga. / Fitzgerald / Georgia Southern
DT	93	Meonta Kimbrough	6-1	270	R-Sr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Overton / Memphis
	0	Tyler Moore	5-10	290	Fr.	Locust Grove, Ga. / Luella
BUCK	48	Chris Walker	6-4	250	Sr.	Sanford, Fla. / Seminole
	18	Keandre Booker	6-3	240	Gr.	Moss Point, Miss. / Moss Point / SEMO
MIKE	7	Ahmad Nelson	6-2	225	Jr.	Birmingham, Ala. / Minor
	47	Matthew Wilson	6-2	230	Fr.	Tampa, Fla. / Middleton
WILL	12	Sanders Ellis	6-2	225	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Station Camp
	25	Sammy Taylor	6-2	205	R-Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Ensworth
NICKEL	1	Boogie Trotter	5-9	180	Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Pearl-Cohn
	22	DuJuan Sharp III	5-8	170	R-Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Ensworth
CB (L)	8	Jalen McClendon	6-0	180	R-Jr.	Tampa, Fla. / Chamberlain
	14	Brandon Wilson	5-11	180	R-So.	Montgomery, Ala. / Park Crossing
FS	6	Dion Villiers	5-11	165	R-Fr.	Lakeland, Fla. / Lake Gibson
	33	Taeshawn Jefferson	5-11	185	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Germantown
SS	21	Tyler Jones	6-0	200	R-Sr.	Orlando, Fla. / West Orange / Missouri
	24	Jordan Helton	6-1	205	Sr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Memphis Univ. School
CB (R)	13	Camani Cobbs	6-1	180	R-Fr.	McDonough, Ga. / Eagle's Landing / SEMO
	10	Fondren Hollis III	5-11	180	R-Sr.	Decatur, Ga. / Columbia

SPECIAL TEAMS

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

OTHER NOTABLE PLAYERS

QB	10	Chase Spellman	6-3	220	Fr.	Wales, Wisc. / Kettle Moraine
RB	2	Jordan Gant	5-10	205	R-So.	Lakeland, Fla. / Kathleen
	22	Jalen Rouse	5-11	195	Sr.	Richmond Hill, Ga. / Richmond Hill
WR	80	TySean Jefferson	5-7	170	R-Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Beech / Western Kentucky
	11	Snap Reed	6-2	200	Fr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Bartlett
TE	18	Kheagan Heckaman	6-1	220	R-So.	Hampshire, Texas / New Mexico St. / UTEP
ATH	44	Craig Cunningham	5-10	190	R-So.	Memphis, Tenn. / Lausanne Collegiate
C	61	Anthony Wilbert	6-1	295	Gr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Middle College
LB	46	Scotty Roddy			R-Fr.	Memphis, Tenn. / KIPP Collegiate
DB	32	Jayden Coleman	5-10	180	Fr.	Phenix City, Ala. / Liberty-Eylau (Tex.)
DB	30	Jordan Buchanan	6-1	168	R-So.	Suwanee, Ga. / South Alabama / Purdue

PRONUNCIATION CHART (Alphabetical order)

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



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ALPHABETICAL		NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YR.	HOMETOWN / HIGH SCHOOL / PREVIOUS SCHOOL
20	Shivan Abdullah	QB	0	Karate Brenson	WR	6-2	215	R-Jr. St. Louis, Mo. / Christian Brothers College / Ball State
42	Ro Abercrombie	TE	0	Tyler Moore	DL	5-10	290	Fr. Locust Grove, Ga. / Luella
31	Anakin Aupiu	LB	1	Draylen Ellis	QB	6-1	175	Gr. Olive Branch, Miss. / Kirby / Austin Peay
55	Saidou Ba	OL	1	Boogie Trotter	DB	5-9	180	Jr. Nashville, Tenn. / Tennessee Valley Prep
17	Emmanuel Baez	DL	2	Cameron Blaylock	DL	6-2	315	R-Jr. Memphis, Tenn. / White Station / Memphis / Trinity Valley
28	Kaiki Baker	DB	2	Jordan Gant	RB	5-10	205	R-So. Lakeland, Fla. / Kathleen
5	Jalen Bell	DL	3	Solomon Dunn	WR	6-4	210	R-Jr. Johnson City, Tenn. / Science Hill / ETSU
85	Malik Billingsley	WR	3	Micah Gay	LB	6-1	205	R-So. Johns Creek, Ga. / Johns Creek
2	Cameron Blaylock	DL	4	Jaden McGill	RB	6-0	205	Jr. Chicago, Ill. / Naperville Central / College of DuPage
18	Keandre Booker	DL	4	Kierron Smith	DL	6-0	335	Gr. Fitzgerald, Ga. / Fitzgerald / Georgia Southern
77	Owen Borba	OL	5	Jalen Bell	DL	6-1	280	Gr. Detroit, Mi. / Martin Luther King / Miss. Valley State
16	Brandon Bouie Jr.	DB	5	Dayron Johnson	WR	5-9	180	Sr. Springfield, Tenn. / Springfield
91	Daniel Bravo	K	6	Dion Villiers	DB	5-11	165	R-So. Lakeland, Fla. / Lake Gibson
0	Karate Brenson	WR	6	Bryant Williams	WR	6-1	190	Jr. New Orleans, La. / El Camino College
52	Carson Buchanan	LS	7	Juice Majors	WR	5-9	155	So. Nashville, Tenn. / Overton
17	Gerard Bullock	TE	7	Ahmad Nelson	LB	6-2	225	Sr. Birmingham, Ala. / Minor
98	Terence Carpenter II	DL	8	Jalal Dean	WR	6-0	190	Sr. Williamston, S.C. / Palmetto / Tennessee Tech
34	Mecca Carr-Bordeaux	DL	8	Jalen McClendon	DB	6-0	180	R-Jr. Tampa, Fla. / Chamberlain
21	Tevin Carter	QB	9	Da'Shon Davis	WR	5-11	195	Gr. Quincy, Fla. / Jefferson County
13	Camani Cobbs	DB	9	Spencer Roof	DB	6-0	200	Jr. Arlington, Texas / Nolan Catholic / Lehigh
32	Jayden Coleman	DB	10	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	Jordan Buchanan	CB	6-1	168	R-So. Suwanee, Ga. / North Gwinnett / South Alabama / Purdue
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	





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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. Draylen Ellis	5,835
3. Leon Murray	7,207	8. Gilbert Renfroe	5,556
4. James Wade	6,613	9. Antonio Heffner	5,393
5. Eldridge Dickey	6,523	10. Joe Gilliam, Jr.	5,213

NATIONAL STATS BY THE NUMBERS:

4: Boogie Trotter is tied for fourth nationally in fumble recoveries with three on the season. He has been a key defensive contributor for Tennessee State, showing his ability to capitalize on turnovers. Additionally, Trotter leads the Big South-OVC in this category, highlighting his impact within the conference. His knack for being in the right place at the right time has helped TSU's defense create extra possessions, making him a pivotal player for the Tigers this season.

5: Tennessee State is ranked fifth nationally in kickoff returns for touchdowns, with two touchdowns on 29 returns this season, averaging 26.79 yards per return and accumulating 777 yards. The standout performer in this category has been CJ Evans, who scored both of the Tigers' kickoff return touchdowns. Evans returned kicks for 99 yards against Howard and 98 yards against UT Martin in back-to-back games, showcasing his speed and playmaking ability. His dynamic returns have been a key factor in TSU's success and have helped position the Tigers among the nation's top teams in this category.

8: Ahmad Nelson is currently ranked 11th nationally in solo tackles per game, averaging 5.2 per contest. The senior linebacker from Tennessee State has made an impact on the defensive side of the ball, also ranking 8th nationally in total solo tackles with 62 on the season. Nelson's ability to consistently make solo stops has been a key component of TSU's defensive success, and he continues to play a vital role in the Tigers' defensive efforts throughout the 2024 season.

9: Tennessee State ranks ninth nationally in defensive touchdowns, with three total touchdowns scored off turnovers this season. The Tigers have been impactful on defense, recording 2 fumble return touchdowns and 1 interception return touchdown. This strong defensive play has been a key factor in their success, contributing to their ability to create turnovers and capitalize on opportunities. TSU's defense is among the top teams in the nation in this category, showcasing their ability to disrupt opponents and turn defensive plays into points.

99: CJ Evans has tied for first nationally in kickoff returns for touchdowns, with two touchdowns on the season. Evans has returned 14 kickoffs for a total of 777 yards, averaging 26.79 yards per return. His two return touchdowns came in back-to-back games against Howard and UT Martin, with impressive runs of 99 and 98 yards, respectively. His explosive speed and ability to break free have made him one of the most dangerous returners in the country, helping lead Tennessee State to a top-five national ranking in kickoff return touchdowns.

349: Tennessee State is ranked ninth nationally in tackles for loss, with 87 total tackles behind the line of scrimmage. The Tigers have recorded 64 solo tackles for loss and 46 assisted tackles for loss, totaling 349 yards lost by opposing offenses. This aggressive defensive effort has allowed TSU to average 7.3 tackles for loss per game, placing them among the top teams in the country. TSU's ability to disrupt plays in the backfield has been a key component of their defensive success this season.

ALL BS-OVC BY THE NUMBERS:

9: Head Coach Eddie George — a finalist for the Eddie Robinson Award — was named Big South -OVC Coach of the Year and led the Tigers to a 9-3 overall record and their first conference championship since 1999, as well as the program's first FCS Playoff berth since 2013. TSU won nine games for the first time since 2013. Recognized as the Stats Perform HBCU Team of the Week twice this season, George's squad enters the postseason ranked in both National Top 25 polls. The Tigers scored 40 points in a game four times this season, had a four-game win streak from Sept. 28-Oct. 19, and did not lose consecutive games all season. Tennessee State ranks ninth in the country with 7.3 tackles-for-loss, had three defensive touchdowns, recovered 10 fumbles, owns the Association's top kickoff return average (26.79), has thrown the fewest interceptions (7), ranks first in the conference in passing defense (195.8) and pass efficiency defense (116.15) and lost the fewest turnovers (15).

72: Sanders Ellis — a finalist for the Jerry Rice Award — as the nation's top freshman, was also named the Big South-OVC Defensive Freshman of the Year after he claimed BS-OVC Freshman of the Week five times during his rookie campaign. In 12 regular season games, he had 72 tackles (42 solo) to go along with 11.5 tackles-for-loss, 1.5 sacks, three pass breakups, a quarterback hurry and a fumble recovery. Ellis enters the postseason averaging 6.0 tackles/game, which ranks 11th in the Association, while his 0.96 TFL/game is seventh. Among freshmen he ranks sixth nationally in tackles.

524: CJ Evans — First Team — has been a dynamic force in the return game for Tennessee State this season, earning a First Team All-OVC spot as a kick returner. Over 12 games, Evans tallied 524 yards on 14 returns, averaging an impressive 37.4 yards per return. His standout performances included two touchdowns, with long returns of 99 yards against Howard and 98 yards against UT Martin. His ability to turn kickoffs into explosive plays has been a crucial asset for the Tigers, with Evans consistently providing his team with excellent field position and electrifying the crowd with his breakaway speed.

56: Boogie Trotter — First Team — has been a key defensive standout for Tennessee State this season, earning a First Team All-OVC selection as a defensive back. Trotter has posted impressive numbers with 56 total tackles, including 41 solo stops, and has contributed 1.5 tackles for loss and 1.0 sack. He has also made his mark in the interception column, recording one interception against Eastern Illinois. Trotter's best performance came on November 9 at Western Illinois, where he posted a season-high seven tackles. His versatility on the field also includes six pass breakups and a blocked kick, further showcasing his impact on both the defensive and special teams units.

3.5: Connor Meadows, — First Team — a key figure on the Tennessee State offensive line, has played an integral role in the team's success this season as the right tackle. His contributions have been pivotal in helping the Tigers average 228.92 passing yards per game and 111.8 rushing yards per game. As a primary blocker, Meadows has been crucial in protecting quarterback Draylen Ellis, allowing for 22 passing touchdowns. Additionally, his efforts in the run game have helped TSU gain 1,341 rushing yards, with 15 rushing touchdowns, despite the team averaging 3.5 yards per rush attempt. Meadows' ability to block both in the passing and running game is reflected in his consistent performances, enabling the Tigers to maintain a balanced offensive attack and rank among the top teams in total offense with 4,088 yards.

286: CJ Evans — Second Team — has been a dynamic threat for Tennessee State in the 2024 season, making a significant impact as an all-purpose player. Through 12 games, Evans has accumulated 524 total yards, showcasing his versatility in the backfield, as a receiver, and on special teams. He has rushed for 286 yards and three touchdowns, including a season-high 63 yards and a touchdown against Arkansas-Pine Bluff. In the receiving game, Evans has added 293 yards and four touchdowns, with a career-high 107 yards against Southeast Missouri State. His ability to contribute on kick returns has also been crucial, as he has tallied 524 yards on 14 returns, including two touchdowns. Evans' all-purpose yardage has been vital to the Tigers' offensive success, with his ability to make plays in multiple phases of the game making him a key weapon for TSU.

68: Ahmad Nelson — Second Team — has been a key contributor to the Tennessee State defense in the 2024 season. In 12 games, he has recorded 68 total tackles, including 45 solo and 23 assists. His standout performance came against Eastern Illinois, where he posted a season-high 12 tackles. Nelson has added 5.5 tackles for loss, 1.5 sacks, and 1 pass breakup. He has also been effective in limiting big plays, contributing to the Tigers' defensive efforts throughout the season.

46: Jalen McClendon — Second Team — has been a standout defender for Tennessee State in the 2024 season. The defensive back has posted 46 total tackles, including 18 solo stops and 28 assists, with his highest tackle total of 7 coming against Eastern Illinois. McClendon also recorded 1 interception at Howard and has been a consistent presence in the secondary. His ability to make key plays has earned him recognition as a finalist for the prestigious Buck Buchanan Award, which honors the top defensive player in FCS football.

83: Karate Brenson — Second Team — has been a key contributor to Tennessee State's offense in the 2024 season. The wide receiver has totaled 884 receiving yards on 60 catches, with 4 touchdowns, and his longest reception of the season was an 83-yard catch at Howard. Brenson's most productive game came against Howard on October 19, where he recorded 153 receiving yards. He also had a strong showing against Eastern Illinois, tallying 121 yards on 6 catches, including a touchdown. Brenson has been a consistent threat in the passing game, averaging 14.7 yards per reception.

49: Eriq George — Second Team — has been a strong defensive presence for Tennessee State in the 2024 season. The linebacker has totaled 49 tackles, including 12 tackles for loss and 5.5 sacks. His standout performance came against Lindenwood on October 5, where he registered 2 sacks and 22 yards lost. George also recorded a season-high 7 tackles in the game against UT Martin on November 2. His defensive versatility has been evident, with multiple tackles for loss in several games, including a 2.5 TFL performance against Mississippi Valley State. George has also contributed with pass breakups and a fumble recovery.

WEEK 13 BY THE NUMBERS:

6.5: Tennessee State's defense was dominant at the line of scrimmage, recording four sacks and 6.5 tackles for loss against Southeast Missouri. Leading the effort was Cameron Blaylock, who tallied a sack for 12 yards and added another tackle for loss. Boogie Trotter contributed significantly with 1.5 tackles for loss, including a seven-yard sack, while Eriq George and Brandon Wilson each added sacks to keep SEMO's offense in check. The Tigers' ability to disrupt plays in the backfield was crucial, limiting SEMO's scoring opportunities and showcasing TSU's aggressive and disciplined defensive front.





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22: Tennessee State's defense delivered a game-changing moment against Southeast Missouri, sparked by Keandre Booker and Cameron Blaylock. Early in the contest, Blaylock showcased his playmaking ability by forcing a critical fumble, setting the stage for Booker's heroics. Booker capitalized on the loose ball, scooping it up and racing 22 yards for a defensive touchdown that shifted momentum in favor of the Tigers.

56: TSU receiving corps shined in their upset win over Southeast Missouri, with CJ Evans and Jalal Dean leading the way in scoring. Evans delivered a standout performance, hauling in six catches for 107 yards, including a 42-yard touchdown run, finishing with an impressive 6.6 yards per carry. Jordan Gant and CJ Evans each chipped in with eight net yards, while Jalen Rouse added a short gain. The Tigers' diverse rushing contributions helped control the tempo and sustain drives in the upset victory.

115: Jaden McGill led the backfield, carrying the ball 18 times for 73 yards, averaging 4.1 yards per attempt with a long run of 15 yards. Quarterback Draylen Ellis added a dynamic element with 46 rushing yards and a 42-yard touchdown run, finishing with an impressive 6.6 yards per carry. Jordan Gant and CJ Evans each chipped in with eight net yards, while Jalen Rouse added a short gain. The Tigers' diverse rushing contributions helped control the tempo and sustain drives in the upset victory.

232: Quarterback Draylen Ellis delivered a standout performance, completing 20 of 31 passes for 232 yards and two touchdowns. Ellis showcased poise and accuracy, avoiding interceptions and connecting on a season-long 56-yard pass. Despite facing pressure, he was sacked only once, effectively managing the game and leading the Tigers' offense to a pivotal win over the nationally ranked Redhawks.

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 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 17 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





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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.

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

99: Karate Brenson led the receiving unit, hauling in 9 receptions for 99 yards, with a long of 27 yards. Bryant Williams added 41 yards on 4 catches, while Gerard Bullock contributed 32 yards on 2 receptions, including a 31-yard grab, the longest of the game. Jalal Dean made an impact with 2 catches for 31 yards, including a 25-yard touchdown, TSU's only receiving score. Jalen Rouse added 20 yards on 2 receptions, while Jason Hoath Jr., Jaden McGill, and Jordan Gant each chipped in with single catches for 11, 9, and 3 yards, respectively.

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

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

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

WEEK 3 BY THE NUMBERS:

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

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

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

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





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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'Jarlan Williams in the first quarter. In the second quarter, Boogie Trotter intercepted Williams and returned it 35 yards after Chris Walker applied pressure from the wing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THREE-STAR COLEMAN READY TO PERFORM: During the early 2023 signing period, TSU added three-star cornerback Jayden Coleman, who committed to Tennessee State over offers from Auburn, Tennessee, North Carolina, Penn State, and Texas A&M. The 6-foot-1, 178-pound cornerback is from Liberty-Eylau High School in Texarkana, Texas, and transferred this offseason from Central High School in Phenix City, Alabama. Coleman is the No. 867





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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.

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.





NATIONAL RANKINGS, GENERAL INFORMATION, RECENT SCHEDULES

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

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Table listing general information such as Name of School, City/Zip, Founded, Enrollment, Nickname, School Colors, Affiliation, Conference, Stadium, Surface, Interim President, Director of Athletics, Athletics Department #, Asst. AD / Communications, SID Phone #, and Official Web Site.

TSU FOOTBALL

Table listing football statistics such as First Season, All-Time Record, First Year in OVC, OVC Record, OVC Championships, NCAA FCS Playoff Appearances, HBCU National Championships, Cumulative All-Americans, and Pro Football Hall of Famers.

FUTURE SCHEDULED GAMES

Table listing future scheduled games with dates and opponents.

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

Table listing 2023 game results with dates, opponents, and scores.

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

Table listing 2022 game results with dates, opponents, and scores.

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

Table listing 2021 game results with dates, opponents, and scores.





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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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). Lists teams like xy-Southeast Missouri, x-Tennessee Tech, etc.

x - Big South-OVC Co-Champions y - FCS Automatic Qualifier z - FCS Playoff At-Large

Standings listed in order of tiebreaker procedure

SLANT ROUTES

* CHARLESTON SOUTHERN: The Buccaneers concluded the season against an FBS opponent for the first time since 2021 ... CSU suffered five losses this year by one possession for a combined total of 16 points (3.2 average).

* EASTERN ILLINOIS: The Panthers concluded the season with two wins in their final four games ... Eastern Illinois finished third in the Big South-OVC in passing offense at 266.17.

* GARDNER-WEBB: The Runnin' Bulldogs concluded the season on the road for the first time since the 2021 campaign ... GWU suffered five losses this year by one possession for a combined total of 18 points (3.6 average).

* LINDENWOOD: In the season-finale, the Lions nearly knocked off their second nationally-ranked foe ... Lindenwood finished with a .500 conference record for the first time as an FCS program.

* SOUTHEAST MISSOURI: The Redhawks are seeking their first-ever 10-win season ... SEMO last reached the Second Round of the FCS Playoffs in 2018.

* TENNESSEE STATE: The Tigers have won nine games for the first time since 2013 when TSU was 10-4 and finished 6-2 in conference action ... Tennessee State last reached the Second Round of the FCS Playoffs in 2013.

* TENNESSEE TECH: The Golden Eagles concluded the season with their first 5-game win streak since winning 5-straight across the 2000 (4) and 2001 (1) seasons ... TTU's seven victories this year were its most since finishing 7-4 in 2011 as OVC Co-Champions.

* UT MARTIN: The Skyhawks won their regular-season finale for the first time since 2022 ... UTM last reached the Second Round of the FCS Playoffs in 2021, which was at Montana State.

* WESTERN ILLINOIS: The Leather-necks posted their most overall wins and conference victories since 2018 when WIU finished 5-6 overall and 4-4 in Missouri Valley games.

FCS PLAYOFF SCHEDULE - FIRST ROUND

Table with columns: DATE, TIME, WATCH, SERIES. Lists matchups like #10/11 Illinois State at #16/16 Southeast Missouri, #20/23 UT Martin at #19/24 New Hampshire, #19/21 Tennessee State at #13/13 Montana.

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2-MINUTE OFFENSE

OPENING KICKOFF: For the first time in the two-year history of the Big South-OVC Football Association, three members have advanced to the FCS Playoffs. SEMO emerged from the four-way tie for first-place with the automatic bid, while UT Martin and Tennessee State earned at-large berths. Southeast Missouri is the first Association member to host a Playoff game.

1st DOWN: Southeast Missouri picked up its first conference championship since 2022, and its fourth overall (2010, 2019, 2022 and 2024). The Redhawks are making their fifth FCS Playoff appearance, and are 1-4 all-time in the postseason. SEMO's last playoff foe was Montana in 2022 (L, 34-24), while its last playoff victory was in 2018 (W, 28-14 over Stony Brook). Southeast Missouri is facing Illinois State in the postseason for the second time, as the squads went head-to-head in 2019.

2nd DOWN: UT Martin picked up its fourth-straight conference championship and fifth overall (2006, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024). The Skyhawks are making their third FCS Playoff appearance, and are 1-2 all-time in the postseason. UTM's last playoff foe was Montana State in 2021 (L, 26-7), while its last playoff victory was that same year vs. Missouri State (W, 32-31).

3rd DOWN: Tennessee State picked up its first conference championship since 1999 and third overall (1998, 1999 and 2024). The Tigers are making their seventh FCS Playoff appearance and are 3-6 all-time in the postseason. TSU's last playoff foe was Eastern Illinois in 2013 (L, 51-10), while its last playoff victory was that same year vs. Butler (W, 31-0).

4th DOWN: Tennessee Tech picked up its first conference title since 2011, and 11th overall (1952, 1953, 1955, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1972, 1975, 2011 and 2024).

ABOUT THE BIG SOUTH-OVC FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

This is the second season of the Big South-OVC Football Association. On Feb. 22, 2022, the Big South Conference and Ohio Valley Conference announced the creation of an association of their football member institutions that began play with the 2023 NCAA Division I football season. The initial agreement of at least four years was enhanced on June 12, 2024 that will provide an opportunity to extend the original partnership through 2030 and beyond. The unique agreement combines the two conferences' football membership to ensure NCAA championship access and stability for the multisport conferences. In creating the association, presidents from each of the multisport conferences pointed to the similarities of the OVC and the Big South, with their complementary geographies and intercollegiate athletic philosophies, as key to making this association possible.





2024 BIG SOUTH-OVC FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

2024 ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS & ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE

- QB - Paxton DeLaurent, Southeast Missouri
RB - Patrick Smith, UT Martin
RB - Steve Hall, Lindenwood
RB - MJ Flowers, Eastern Illinois
WR - Jeff Caldwell, Lindenwood
WR - Matthew Henry, Western Illinois
WR - Dorian Anderson, Southeast Missouri
WR - Cooper Willman, Eastern Illinois
TE - Camden Overton, Gardner-Webb
OL - Vance Van Every, UT Martin
OL - Drake Carroll, UT Martin
OL - Donnell Wilson, Tennessee Tech
OL - Gareth Warren, Lindenwood
OL - Kobe Sixkiller, Southeast Missouri
OL - Connor Meadows, Tennessee State

DEFENSE

- DL - Daniel Rickert, Tennessee Tech
DL - Charles Perkins, UT Martin
DL - Darrius Bell, Charleston Southern
DL - Christian Dowell, UT Martin
DL - Nicholas Oliveira-Chace, Eastern Illinois
LB - Bryce Norman, Southeast Missouri
LB - Jaylon Sharpe, UT Martin
LB - Tevin Shipp, UT Martin
LB - Vincent King, Lindenwood
LB - Cayman Spaulding, Tennessee Tech
DB - Oshae Baker, UT Martin
DB - Boogie Trotter, Tennessee State
DB - Khalani Riddick, Southeast Missouri
DB - Tim Coutras, Tennessee Tech
DB - JaMichael McGoy Jr., UT Martin

SPECIALISTS

- PK - DC Pippin, Southeast Missouri
P - Gilbert Brown, Charleston Southern
LS - Turner McLaughlin, Tennessee Tech
KR - CJ Evans, Tennessee State
PR - Oshae Baker, UT Martin
AP - Cooper Willman, Eastern Illinois

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

- QB - Nathan Lamb, Western Illinois
RB - Autavius Ison, Charleston Southern
RB - Jalen Mitchell, Tennessee Tech
RB - Cameren Smith, Western Illinois
WR - Karate Brenson, Tennessee State
WR - Tristan Smith, Southeast Missouri
WR - Cam Pedro, Southeast Missouri
WR - Trevonte Rucker, UT Martin
TE - Max Dowling, UT Martin
OL - Josiah Tingley, UT Martin
OL - Drew Wilder, Eastern Illinois
OL - Isaiah Foote, Western Illinois
OL - Cameron Cooper, Lindenwood
OL - Ryan Merklinger, Western Illinois
OL - Carter Guillaume, Southeast Missouri

DEFENSE

- DL - Eriq George, Tennessee State
DL - McCoy Casey, Southeast Missouri
DL - Theron Gaines, Tennessee Tech
DL - Myles Parker, Tennessee Tech
DL - Nasim Cairo, Southeast Missouri
LB - Anthony Shockey, Eastern Illinois
LB - Trevor Moffitt, Gardner-Webb
LB - Ahmad Nelson, Tennessee State
LB - Chris Hunter Jr., UT Martin
LB - Aaron Swafford, Tennessee Tech
DB - Jalen McClendon, Tennessee State
DB - Caldra Williford, Tennessee Tech
DB - Justus Johnson, Southeast Missouri
DB - Ja'Kobe North, Charleston Southern
DB - Ty Leonard, Southeast Missouri

SPECIALISTS

- PK - Logan Seibert, Lindenwood
P - Jacob Horvath, Eastern Illinois
LS - Colton Peoples, UT Martin
KR - Tremel Jones, Tennessee Tech
PR - Khalani Riddick, Southeast Missouri
AP - CJ Evans, Tennessee State

OFFENSIVE

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Paxton DeLaurent, QB, Sr., Southeast Missouri

DEFENSIVE

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Bryce Norman, LB, Sr., Southeast Missouri

SPECIAL TEAMS

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Gilbert Brown, P, Jr., Charleston Southern

OFFENSIVE FRESHMAN

OF THE YEAR

Steve Hall, RB, R-Fr., Lindenwood

DEFENSIVE FRESHMAN

OF THE YEAR

Sanders Ellis, LB, Fr., Tennessee State

COACH OF THE YEAR

Eddie George, Tennessee State

2024 IN-SEASON NATIONAL AWARDS & HONORS

WALTER PAYTON AWARD FINALISTS

- Paxton DeLaurent, Southeast Missouri
Jeff Caldwell, Lindenwood

BUCK BUCHANAN AWARD FINALISTS

- Bryce Norman, Southeast Missouri
Jaylon Sharpe, UT Martin
Jalen McClendon, Tennessee State

JERRY RICE AWARD FINALISTS

- Sanders Ellis, Tennessee State
Steve Hall, Longwood

EDDIE ROBINSON AWARD FINALIST

- Eddie George, Tennessee State

DORIS ROBINSON AWARD FINALIST

- Paxton DeLaurent, Southeast Missouri

PHIL STEELE MIDSEASON ALL-AMERICANS

- Jaylon Sharpe, UT Martin (1st Team)
Gilbert Brown, Charleston Southern (1st Team)
Bryce Norman, Southeast Missouri (2nd Team)
Boogie Trotter, Tennessee State (2nd Team)
Paxton DeLaurent, Southeast Missouri (3rd Team)
Dorian Anderson, Southeast Missouri (3rd Team)
Eriq George, Tennessee State (3rd Team)
Oshae Baker, UT Martin (3rd Team)

STATS PERFORM NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

- Theron Gaines, Tennessee Tech (Week 5 - DEF)
Steve Hall, Lindenwood (Week 9 - FR)
Daniel Rickert, Tennessee Tech (Week 12 - DEF)
DC Pippin, Southeast Missouri (Week 12 - ST)

FCS NATION RADIO

NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

- Jared Pedraza, Southeast Missouri (Week 0 - DEF)
Paxton DeLaurent, SEMO (Week 2 - OFF)
Theron Gaines, TTU (Week 5 - DEF)

BOXTOROW HBCU

NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

- Draylen Ellis, Tennessee State (Weeks 3, 13)

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 (Weeks 7, 13)

STATS PERFORM HBCU TEAM OF THE WEEK HONORABLE MENTION

- Tennessee State (Week 6)

STATS PERFORM NATIONAL TEAM OF THE WEEK HONORABLE MENTION

- UT Martin (Week 5)
Lindenwood (Week 11)
Tennessee Tech (Weeks 12, 13)

THE BLUEBLOODS FCS

WIDE RECEIVER OF THE WEEK

- Jeff Caldwell, Lindenwood (Week 5)

WILLIAM V. CAMPBELL TROPHY SEMIFINALISTS

- Elkhanan Tanelus, Eastern Illinois
Hayden Olsen, Tennessee Tech

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)
Matthew Henry, WIU (Week 13 - OFF)





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. Lists top 9 teams: UT Martin (5), Eastern Illinois (2), Southeast Missouri (2), Tennessee State, Gardner-Webb, Charleston Southern, Tennessee Tech, Lindenwood, Western Illinois.

2024 NATIONAL POLLS - Nov. 25

STATS PERFORM

Table with 4 columns: Rank, Team, Record, Points. Lists 25 teams including Montana State, South Dakota State, North Dakota State, South Carolina State, Tennessee State, UT Martin, etc.

Others (Big South-OVC Only): Tennessee Tech (13)

AFCA FCS COACHES POLL

Table with 4 columns: Rank, Team, Record, Points. Lists 25 teams including Montana State, South Dakota State, South Carolina State, Tennessee State, UT Martin, etc.

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 performance across 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 opponents in the Football Championship Subdivision: Big Sky, CAA Football, Mid-Eastern Athletic, Missouri Valley Football, Pioneer, Southern, Southland, Southwestern Athletic, United Athletic.

vs. FOOTBALL BOWL SUBDIVISION

Table listing opponents in the Football Bowl Subdivision: American Athletic, Atlantic Coast, Big Ten, Big 12, Conference USA, Mid-American, Southeastern, Sun Belt.





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. 25

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Matthew Henry, Western Illinois, WR • 6-1, 175, Jr. • Miami, Fla.

Henry had six catches for 210 yards and two touchdowns in the Leathernecks' 45-28 victory over Gardner-Webb. The junior had catches of 34, 17 (touchdown), 32, 33, 10 and 38 yards and was part of a 46-yard lateral that he took for a touchdown. His 210 receiving yards are the ninth-most by a FCS player this season. Henry leads the Big South-OVC in receiving yards (1,179), which is now third all-time in WIU single season history.

Others Nominated: Tyler Ridell (Gardner-Webb), Jeff Caldwell (Lindenwood), Draylen Ellis (Tennessee State), Jalen Mitchell (Tennessee Tech), Kinkead Dent (UT Martin)

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Peyton Bradford, Western Illinois, DE • 6-2, 245, Sr. • Oakdale, Calif.

Bradford had 3.0 sacks (tied for the third-most by an Association player this season) as Western Illinois capped its season with a 45-28 victory over Gardner-Webb. He also added six total tackles (4 solo) and a quarterback hurry. His biggest play came early in the fourth quarter after WIU moved ahead with a 35-28 lead; three plays later he forced a fumble that the Leathernecks recovered and scored three plays later to push the advantage to 14.

Others Nominated: Anthony Shockey (Eastern Illinois), Raquon Hartley (Gardner-Webb), Jayden Patrick (Lindenwood), Keandre Booker (Tennessee State), Kalvyn Crummie (Tennessee Tech), Tevin Shipp (UT Martin)

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Dom LeBlanc, Tennessee Tech, K • 6-0, 170, Fr. • Dawsonville, Ga.

LeBlanc accounted for 11 points as Tennessee Tech topped Eastern Illinois 23-6 to earn a share of the Big South-OVC Championship, its first regular season crown since 2011. The freshman made 3-of-4 field goals (46, 20, 22) and 2-of-2 PATs. His 46-yarder in the first quarter was a season-long. LeBlanc also averaged 54.5 yards on six total kickoffs.

Others Nominated: Jacob Horvath (Eastern Illinois), Logan Seibert (Lindenwood)

FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK

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

Ellis earned his fifth Freshman of the Week honor of the season after tallying eight tackles (7 solo) and two pass breakups as Tennessee State knocked off No. 11/12 Southeast Missouri to claim a share of the Big South-OVC regular season championship (its first league title since 1999). The linebacker had 0.5 tackles for loss as he helped the Tigers defense limit SEMO to just 308 yards of total offense. Ellis is averaging 6.0 tackles/game, which ranks 11th in the Association, while his 0.96 tackles for loss/game is seventh. Among freshmen, he ranks sixth nationally in tackles.

Others Nominated: Isaiah Houi (Eastern Illinois), Dom LeBlanc (Tennessee Tech)

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 Matthew Henry, WIU

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 Peyton Bradford, WIU

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 Dom LeBlanc, TTU

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 Sanders Ellis, TSU

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



#16/16 SOUTHEAST MISSOURI REDHAWKS (9-3, 6-2 Big South-OVC) Head Coach: Tom Matukewicz (11th year) SEMO Record: 63-62; Overall Record: 64-62



#19/21 TENNESSEE STATE TIGERS (9-3, 6-2 Big South-OVC) Head Coach: Eddie George (4th year) TSU Record: 24-21; Overall Record: 24-21

2024 SCHEDULE & RESULTS table for SEMO with columns: DATE, OPPONENT, TIME/RESULT, TV. Includes games from Aug 24 to Nov 30.

2024 SCHEDULE & RESULTS table for TSU with columns: DATE, OPPONENT, TIME/RESULT, TV. Includes games from Aug 31 to Nov 30.



#20/23 UT MARTIN SKYHAWKS (8-4, 6-2 Big South-OVC) Head Coach: Jason Simpson (19th year) UTM Record: 123-91; Overall Record: 123-91

2024 SCHEDULE & RESULTS table for UTM with columns: DATE, OPPONENT, TIME/RESULT, TV. Includes games from Aug 31 to Nov 30.



2024 SUPERLATIVES table: GAMES WITH RUSHING TD & PASSING TD. Lists players like Kinkead Dent, Nathan Lamb, etc.

2024 SUPERLATIVES table: MULTI-FIELD GOAL GAMES. Lists players like DC Pippin, Logan Seibert, etc.

2024 SUPERLATIVES table: 10-RECEPTION GAMES. Lists players like Cooper Willman, MJ Flowers, etc.





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

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





ALL-TIME TIGERS IN THE PROS

Anthony Morris —T	Oakland Raiders (2015); Montreal Alouettes (2017–2018); Memphis Express (2019); Los Angeles Wildcats (2020); TSL Conquerors (2021)
Leon Murray — QB	Washington Redskins (2000)*; Orlando Rage (2001)*; New York Giants (2001)*; Berlin Thunder (2001); Edmonton Eskimos (2002)*; Georgia Force (2003–2004); Nashville Kats (2005–2006); Detroit Fury (2007)*; Philadelphia Soul (2007); New York Dragons (2007)
Robert Myers —G	Baltimore Ravens (2015)*; Indianapolis Colts (2015)*; Baltimore Ravens (2015)*; Denver Broncos (2015); Seattle Seahawks (2016)*; Memphis Express (2019); Seattle Dragons (2020)*; Team 9 (2020)*; Seattle Dragons (2020); New Jersey Generals (2022–present)
N	
Cecil Newton —C	Jacksonville Jaguars (2009–2010); Hartford Colonials (2011)*; New Orleans Saints (2011)*; Green Bay Packers (2011)*; Baltimore Ravens (2011–2012)*
O	
McDonald Oden —TE	Cleveland Browns (1980–1982)
Chidi Okeke —T	Washington Redskins (2019)*; Kansas City Chiefs (2019)*; Miami Dolphins (2019)*; Saskatchewan Roughriders (2021)*; Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2021)*; Pittsburgh Maulers (2022); San Antonio Brahmas (2023–present)
P	
Rodney Parker —WR	Atlanta Falcons (1978)*; Saskatchewan Roughriders (1978–1979); Philadelphia Eagles (1980–1982); Philadelphia Stars (1983–1984); San Antonio Gunslingers (1984); Pittsburgh Maulers (1984)
Frank Pillow — WR	Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1988–1990); Winnipeg Blue Bombers (1992)
Anthony Pleasant — DE	Cleveland Browns (1990–1995); Baltimore Ravens (1996); Atlanta Falcons (1997); New York Jets (1998–1999); San Francisco 49ers (2000); New England Patriots (2001–2003); 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





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





Team Statistics

	TSU	OPP
Scoring	321	274
Points per game	26.8	22.8
Points Off Turnovers	44	31
First Downs	219	221
Rushing	80	96
Passing	118	104
Penalty	21	21
Rushing Yardage	1341	1670
Yards gained rushing	1584	2036
Yards lost rushing	243	366
Rushing attempts	378	426
Average per rush	3.5	3.9
Average per game	111.8	139.2
TDs Rushing	15	15
Passing Yardage	2747	2349
Comp-Att-Int	230-381-7	199-374-9
Average per pass	7.2	6.3
Average per catch	11.9	11.8
Average per game	228.9	195.8
TDs Passing	22	17
Total offense	4088	4019
Total plays	759	800
Average per play	5.4	5.0
Average per game	340.7	334.9
Kick returns: #-Yards	29-777	42-1013
Punt returns: #-Yards	20-172	24-246
Int returns: #-Yards	9-174	7-110
Kick return average	26.8	24.1
Punt return average	8.6	10.3
Int return average	19.3	15.7
Fumbles-Lost	15-8	22-10
Penalties-Yards	75-656	90-723
Average per game	54.7	60.3
Punts-Yards	61-2378	64-2578
Average per punt	39.0	40.3
Net punt average	35.0	37.2
Kickoffs-Yards	64-3924	53-3058
Average per kick	61.3	57.7
Net kick average	38.1	33.3
Time of possession / game	29:56	29:41
3rd-down conversion	62/160	64/172
3rd-down pct	39%	37%
4rd-down conversion	6/13	14/26



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

	TSU	OPP
4rd-down pct	46%	54%
Sacks by-Yards	28-215	22-133
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	42	34
Field goals - attempts	10-19	11-16
On-Side kicks	0-0	0-1
Red-zone scores	(29-40) 73%	(28-33) 85%
Red-zone touchdowns	(22-40) 55%	(21-33) 64%
PAT-attempts	(39-41) 95%	(33-33) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-1) 0%	(1-1) 100%
Attendance	26264	43150
Games / Avg per game	5/5253	6/7192
Neutral site games	-	1/27584

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Tennessee St.	107	92	59	63	0	321
Opponents	72	98	40	64	0	274





**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	
11/23/2024	Southeast Mo. St.	W 28-21	3	1	7	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	
Totals 29 of 40 (72.5%)			40	29	172	22	11	11	7	12	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	
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	
11/23/2024	Southeast Mo. St.	W 28-21	2	2	14	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals 28 of 33 (84.8%)			33	28	169	21	12	9	7	7	2	1	1	0	1



**2024-25 Tennessee St. Football
Team Game Highs
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as of Nov 26, 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	12	62	31	93	9-16	0.5-1	.	1	.	1-0	1	.	.
12	Sanders Ellis	12	49	22	71	11-50	1.5-21	.	2	1	1-3	.	.	.
1	Boogie Trotter	12	41	15	56	1.5-8	1-7	3-151	7	.	3-0	1	.	.
8	Jalen McClendon	12	45	7	52	0.5-1	.	1-13	12	.	.	.	.	.
44	Eriq George	12	27	22	49	12-66	5.5-46	.	.	9	.	1	.	.
6	Dion Villiers	12	37	11	48	1.5-2	.	.	4	2	.	1	.	.
21	Tyler Jones	11	31	7	38	3-5	.	4-10	4	1	.	.	.	.
18	Keandre Booker	12	18	17	35	10.5-53	6.5-39	.	4	7	1-22	1	.	.
48	Chris Walker	12	24	10	34	9.5-35	5-26	.	2	6	.	1	.	.
2	Cameron Blaylock	12	16	11	27	8.5-27	1.5-14	.	3	2	.	1	.	.
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	12	9	11	20	3.5-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Fondren Hollis III	10	15	3	18	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
0	Tyler Moore	12	10	5	15	4.5-35	3-27	.	1	5	.	1	.	.
15	Malik Ganaway	5	8	5	13	1.5-5	.	1-0	3	.	.	.	.	.
24	Jordan Helton	11	11	1	12	.	.	.	1	.	1-0	.	.	.
25	Sammy Taylor	8	12	.	12	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
4	Kierron Smith	9	6	4	10	1.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Emmanuel Baez	10	8	2	10	1-1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
13	Camani Cobbs	7	6	1	7	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
14	Brandon Wilson	8	6	.	6	1-2	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
31	Anakin Aupiu	6	5	1	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52	Carson Buchanan	12	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Craig Cunningham	11	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	Dajuan Sharp III	8	3	1	4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
99	James Lowery	12	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Jordan Gant	12	3	.	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
3	Micah Gay	1	2	1	3	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	1-54	.	.	.
80	Tysean Jefferson	5	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Ro Abercrombie	8	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
58	Hadine Diaby	12	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47	Matthew Wilson	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	CJ Evans	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31	C.J. Lowe	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Gerard Bullock	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
57	Connor Meadows	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37	Jacorris Foreman	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46	Scotty Roddy	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	Brandon Bouie Jr.	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40	Marlon Huff	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46	Oliver Walker	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18	Kheagian Heckaman	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
Totals		12	505	208	713	87-349	28-215	9-174	51	36	10-79	10	2	0
Opponents		12	472	222	694	74-261	22-133	7-110	45	35	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

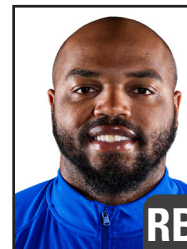
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RICKEY GALVIN

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

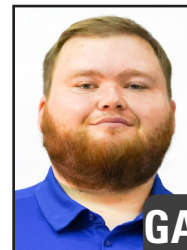
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DYLAN CHMURA

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



BOOGIE TROTTER

Junior
Defensive Back
5-9 // 180
Nashville, Tenn.
Pearl-Cohn
Tennessee Valley Prep

1



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



SANDERS ELLIS

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

12



CAMANI COBBS

Redshirt Freshman
Defensive Back
6-1 // 180
McDonough, Ga.
Eagles Landing / SEMO

13



TYLER JONES

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

21



ERIQ GEORGE

Sophomore
Defensive Line
6-2 // 280
Nashville, Tenn.
Montgomery Bell Academy

44



CHRIS WALKER

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

48



MEONTA KIMBROUGH

Redshirt Senior
Defensive Tackle
6-1 // 270
Memphis, Tenn.
Overton / Memphis

93



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

2



CJ EVANS

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

5



MARK SHENOUDA

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

23



JACKSON FOSTER

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

39



CARSON BUCHANAN

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

52



JAMES LOWERY

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

99



KEITH BURNS

4th Season
Oklahoma State '94
on Field

ST





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	10-19	52.6	1-1	2-3	4-6	3-8	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	-	10-19	39-41	-	-	-	-	-	69
CJ Evans	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Jalal Dean	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Tevin Carter	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Bryant Williams	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Karate Brenson	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Jordan Gant	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Draylen Ellis	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Jalen Rouse	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Gerard Bullock	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Jaden McGill	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Keandre Booker	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Boogie Trotter	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Micah Gay	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	42	10-19	39-41	0	0	0	0	0	321
Opponents	34	11-16	33-33	0	1	1	1	0	274

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Tennessee St.	107	92	59	63	0	321
Opponents	72	98	40	64	0	274

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Mark Shenouda	28	1133	40.5	60	0	9	5	6	0
James Lowery	17	650	38.2	51	1	6	1	1	0
Jackson Foster	16	595	37.2	46	0	2	4	0	0
Total	61	2378	39.0	60	1	17	10	7	0
Opponents	64	2578	40.3	72	2	19	20	14	1

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
CJ Evans	13	121	9.3	0	28
Dayron Johnson	6	51	8.5	0	31
Gerard Bullock	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	20	172	8.6	0	31
Opponents	24	246	10.3	0	67

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
CJ Evans	14	524	37.4	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	29	777	26.8	2	99
Opponents	42	1013	24.1	0	55

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
CJ Evans	12	283	274	121	524	0	1202	100.2
Karate Brenson	12	0	884	0	0	0	884	73.7
Jalal Dean	12	0	569	0	0	0	569	47.4
Jaden McGill	12	502	67	0	0	0	569	47.4
Bryant Williams	12	0	410	0	0	0	410	34.2
Jordan Gant	12	233	65	0	61	0	359	29.9
Dayron Johnson	7	0	6	51	124	0	181	25.9
Gerard Bullock	12	0	173	0	0	0	173	14.4
Boogie Trotter	12	0	0	0	0	151	151	12.6
Tevin Carter	10	125	11	0	0	0	136	13.6
Draylen Ellis	12	134	0	0	0	0	134	11.2
Jalen Rouse	11	72	42	0	0	0	114	10.4
Da'Shon Davis	8	0	102	0	0	0	102	12.8
Craig Cunningham	11	12	0	0	68	0	80	7.3
Jason Hoath Jr.	12	0	73	0	0	0	73	6.1
Kheagian Heckaman	8	0	37	0	0	0	37	4.6
Roshawn Lacy	12	0	31	0	0	0	31	2.6
Jalen McClendon	12	0	0	0	0	13	13	1.1
Tyler Jones	11	0	0	0	0	10	10	0.9
Chase Spellman	1	8	0	0	0	0	8	8.0
Total	12	1341	2744	172	777	174	5208	434.0
Opponents	12	1670	2391	246	1013	110	5430	452.5

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Draylen Ellis	12	445	134	2733	2867	238.9
Jaden McGill	12	112	502	0	502	41.8
CJ Evans	12	76	283	0	283	23.6
Jordan Gant	12	64	233	0	233	19.4
Tevin Carter	10	31	125	14	139	13.9
Jalen Rouse	11	17	72	0	72	6.5
Craig Cunningham	11	6	12	0	12	1.1
Chase Spellman	1	1	8	0	8	8.0
Total	12	759	1341	2747	4088	340.7
Opponents	12	800	1670	2349	4019	334.9





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
* 11/23/2024	Southeast Mo. St.	W 28-21	2727

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	9-3	4-1	4-2	1-0
CONFERENCE	6-2	3-1	3-1	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-1	1-0	1-1	1-0

Team Statistics

	TSU	OPP
First Downs	219	221
Rushing	80	96
Passing	118	104
Penalty	21	21
Rushing Yardage	1341	1670
Rushing attempts	378	426
Average per rush	3.5	3.9
Average per game	111.8	139.2
TDs Rushing	15	15
Passing Yardage	2747	2349
Comp-Att-Int	230-381-7	199-374-9
Average per pass	7.2	6.3
Average per catch	11.9	11.8
Average per game	228.9	195.8
TDs Passing	22	17
Total offense	4088	4019
Average per play	5.4	5.0
Average per game	340.7	334.9
Kick returns: #-Yards	29-777	42-1013
Punt returns: #-Yards	20-172	24-246
Int returns: #-Yards	9-174	7-110
Fumbles-Lost	15-8	22-10
Penalties-Yards	75-656	90-723
Punts-Avg	61-39.0	64-40.3
Time of possession / game	29:56	29:41
3rd-down conversion	62/160	64/172
4rd-down conversion	6/13	14/26
PAT-attempts	(39-41) 95%	(33-33) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-1) 0%	(1-1) 100%

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Jaden McGill	12	112	523	21	502	4.5	2	30	41.8
CJ Evans	12	76	309	26	283	3.7	3	38	23.6
Jordan Gant	12	64	246	13	233	3.6	1	19	19.4
Draylen Ellis	12	69	279	145	134	1.9	2	42	11.2
Tevin Carter	10	26	133	8	125	4.8	5	39	12.5
Jalen Rouse	11	17	72	0	72	4.2	2	20	6.5
Craig Cunningham	11	6	14	2	12	2.0	0	7	1.1
Chase Spellman	1	1	8	0	8	8.0	0	8	8.0
Team	12	7	0	28	-28	-4.0	0	0	-2.3
Total	12	378	1584	243	1341	3.5	15	42	111.8
Opponents	12	426	2036	366	1670	3.9	15	54	139.2

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Draylen Ellis	12	137.3	228-376-7	60.6	2733	22	83	227.8
Tevin Carter	10	63.5	2-5-0	40.0	14	0	13	1.4
Total	12	136.3	230-381-7	60.4	2747	22	83	228.9
Opponents	12	116.2	199-374-9	53.2	2349	17	62	195.8

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Karate Brenson	12	60	884	14.7	4	83	73.7
Jalal Dean	12	46	569	12.4	6	61	47.4
Bryant Williams	12	36	410	11.4	5	51	34.2
Gerard Bullock	12	22	173	7.9	2	31	14.4
CJ Evans	12	20	274	13.7	3	74	22.8
Jaden McGill	12	11	67	6.1	0	11	5.6
Jordan Gant	12	9	65	7.2	2	15	5.4
Jason Hoath Jr.	12	8	73	9.1	0	16	6.1
Jalen Rouse	11	6	42	7.0	0	14	3.8
Da'Shon Davis	8	4	102	25.5	0	72	12.8
Roshawn Lacy	12	3	31	10.3	0	15	2.6
Dayron Johnson	7	2	6	3.0	0	7	0.9
Kheagian Heckaman	8	2	37	18.5	0	33	4.6
Tevin Carter	10	1	11	11.0	0	11	1.1
Total	12	230	2744	11.9	22	83	228.7
Opponents	12	199	2391	12.0	17	62	199.3

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

