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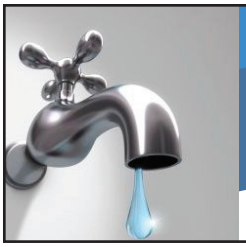
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| DATE | OPPONENT | TIME | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| AUG. 31 | MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE | 5:00 PM | |
| SEPT. 7 | at NORTH DAKOTA STATE | 2:30 PM | |
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# TENNESSEE STATE

## *ROSTER*

| No. | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Yr. | Hometown/High School/Previous School |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | Karate Brenson | WR | 6'2 | 215 | R-Jr. | St. Louis, Mo./Christian Brothers College/Ball State |
| 0 | Tyler Moore | DL | 5'10 | 290 | Fr. | Locust Grove, Ga./Luella |
| 1 | Draylen Ellis | QB | 6'1 | 175 | Gr. | Olive Branch, Miss./Kirby/Austin Peay |
| 1 | Boogie Trotter | DB | 5'9 | 180 | Jr. | Nashville, Tenn./Pearl-Cohn/Tennessee Valley Prep |
| 2 | Cameron Blaylock | DL | 6'2 | 315 | R-Jr. | Memphis, Tenn./White Station/University of Memphis/Trinity Valley CC |
| 2 | Jordan Gant | RB | 5'10 | 205 | R-So. | Lakeland, Fla./Kathleen |
| 3 | Solomon Dunn | WR | 6'4 | 210 | R-Jr. | Johnson City, Tenn./Science Hill/VMI/East Tennessee State |
| 3 | Micah Gay | LB | 6'1 | 205 | R-So. | Johns Creek, Ga./Johns Creek |
| 4 | Jaden McGill | RB | 6'1 | 205 | Jr. | Chicago, Ill./Naperville Central/College of DuPage |
| 4 | Kierron Smith | DL | 6'1 | 335 | Gr. | Fitzgerald, Ga./Fitzgerald/Georgia Southern |
| 5 | Jalen Bell | DL | 6'1 | 280 | Gr. | Detroit, MI./Martin Luther King Jr. HS/Mississippi Valley State |
| 5 | Dayron Johnson | WR | 5'9 | 180 | Sr. | Springfield, Tenn./Springfield |
| 6 | Dion Villiers | DB | 6'1 | 195 | R-So. | Lakeland, Fla./Lake Gibson |
| 6 | Bryant Williams | WR | 6'1 | 190 | Jr. | New Orleans, La./El Camino College |
| 7 | Juice Majors | WR | 5'9 | 155 | So. | Nashville, Tenn./Overton |
| 7 | Ahmad Nelson | LB | 6'2 | 225 | Sr. | Birmingham, Ala./Minor |
| 8 | Jalal Dean | WR | 6'1 | 190 | Sr. | Williamston, S.C./Palmetto/Tennessee Tech University |
| 8 | Jalen McClendon | DB | 6'1 | 180 | R-Jr. | Tampa, Fla./Chamberlain |
| 9 | Da'Shon Davis | WR | 5'11 | 195 | Gr. | Quincy, Fla./Jefferson County |
| 9 | Spencer Roof | DB | 6'1 | 200 | Jr. | Arlington, Texas/Nolan Catholic/Lehigh University |
| 10 | George Hamsley | QB | 6'5 | 220 | R-So. | Memphis, Tenn./Memphis University School/Louisiana State University |
| 10 | Fondren Hollis III | DB | 5'11 | 180 | R-Sr. | Decatur, Ga./Columbia |
| 11 | Snap Reed | WR | 6'2 | 200 | Fr. | Memphis, Tenn./Bartlett |
| 11 | Brent Rowe | LB | 6'1 | 230 | Jr. | Milwaukee, Wis./Hendersonville |
| 12 | Sanders Ellis | LB | 6'2 | 225 | Fr. | Nasvhille, Tenn./Station Camp |
| 12 | Chase Spellman | QB | 6'3 | 220 | Fr. | Wales, Wisc./Kettle Moraine |
| 13 | Camani Cobbs | DB | 6'1 | 180 | R-Fr. | McDonough, Ga./Eagle's Landing/SEMO |
| 13 | Ryder Hagan | QB | 6'1 | 210 | R-Fr. | Nashville, Tenn./Overton |
| 14 | Roshawn Lacy | WR | 6'1 | 185 | Jr. | Orange, Calif./Esperanza/Riverside CC |
| 14 | Brandon Wilson | DB | 5'11 | 180 | R-So. | Montgomery, Ala./Park Crossing |
| 15 | Malik Ganaway | DB | 6'2 | 190 | R-So. | Trenton, Tenn./Peabody/University of Tennessee |
| 15 | Lance Wilhoite | WR | 6'2 | 175 | R-Jr. | Nashville, Tenn./Franklin Road Academy/University of Oregon/Butler CC |
| 16 | Brandon Bouie Jr. | DB | 6'1 | 195 | So. | Nashville, Tenn./Ensworth |
| 16 | Exavious Reed | TE | 6'4 | 220 | R-Fr. | LaGrange, Ga./Callaway/Southern Miss |
| 17 | Emmanuel Baez | DL | 6'4 | 265 | Sr. | Plant City, Fla./Plant City |
| 17 | Gerard Bullock | TE | 6'1 | 200 | Sr. | Nasvhille, Tenn./Ensworth/Austin Peay |
| 18 | Keandre Booker | DL | 6'3 | 240 | Gr. | Moss Point, Miss./Moss Point/Southeast Missouri |
| 18 | Kheagian Heckaman | TE | 6'1 | 220 | R-So. | Hampshire, Texas/Hamshire-Fannett/New Mexico State/UTEP |
| 19 | Aiden Smith | WR | 6'1 | 180 | R-So. | Houston, Texas/Legacy The School of Sports Sciences/Bryant University |
| 19 | Darius Smith | DB | 5'10 | 175 | Jr. | Nashville, Tenn./Hillsboro/Bethel University |
| 20 | Kaderris Roberts | RB | 5'8 | 180 | R-Jr. | Zellwood, Fla./Orangewood Christian/Stetson |
| 21 | Tevin Carter | QB | 6'3 | 230 | R-So. | Memphis, Tenn./PURE Youth/University of Memphis |
| 21 | Tyler Jones | DB | 6'1 | 200 | R-Sr. | Orlando, Fla./West Orange/Missouri |
| 22 | Jalen Rouse | RB | 5'11 | 195 | Sr. | Richmond Hill, Ga./Richmond Hill |
| 22 | DuJuan Sharp III | DB | 5'8 | 170 | R-Fr. | Nashville, Tenn./Ensworth |
| 23 | CJ Evans | RB | 5'8 | 180 | R-Sr. | Mobile, Ala./McGill-Toolen Catholic/Austin Peay |
| 24 | Jackson Foster | P | 6'2 | 220 | Sr. | Danville, Calif./San Ramon Valley/Western Michigan |
| 24 | Jordan Helton | DB | 6'1 | 205 | Sr. | Memphis, Tenn./Memphis Univ. School |
| 25 | Shivan Abdullah | QB | 6'1 | 205 | R-Fr. | Nashville, Tenn./Cane Ridge/Independence CC |
| 25 | Sammy Taylor | LB | 6'2 | 205 | R-Fr. | Nashville, Tenn./Ensworth |
| 26 | Johnothan Moore | RB | 5'11 | 200 | R-Fr. | Smyrna, Tenn./Montgomery Bell Academy |
| 27 | Byron Davis | DB | 6'1 | 185 | So. | Nashville, Tenn./Cane Ridge/Kentucky Wesleyan |
| 28 | Kaiki Baker | DB | 6'3 | 190 | Fr. | Nashville, Tenn./Hillsboro |
| 28 | Antwone Parker | RB | 6'1 | 225 | Sr. | Fort Worth, Texas/Kennedale/Cisco JC/Butler CC |
| 30 | Dominique Dixon | DB | 6'1 | 195 | Fr. | St. Louis, Mo./Cardinal Ritter College Prep |
| 31 | C.J. Lowe | LB | 5'10 | 215 | Jr. | Villa Rica, Ga./Villa Rica/Maryville |
| 32 | Jayden Coleman | DB | 5'10 | 180 | Fr. | Phenix City, Ala./Liberty-Eylau (TX) |
| 33 | Taeshawn Jefferson | DB | 5'11 | 185 | Fr. | Nashville, Tenn./Germantown |
| 34 | Mecca Carr-Bordeaux | DL | 6'4 | 265 | R-Fr. | Rocky Point, N.C./Pender |

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 0 | Brenson, Karate | WR |
| 0 | Moore, Tyler | DL |
| 1 | Ellis, Draylen | QB |
| 1 | Trotter, Boogie | DB |
| 2 | Blaylock, Cameron | DL |
| 2 | Gant, Jordan | RB |
| 3 | Dunn, Solomon | WR |
| 3 | Gay, Micah | LB |
| 4 | McGill, Jaden | RB |
| 4 | Smith, Kierron | DL |
| 5 | Bell, Jalen | DL |
| 5 | Johnson, Dayron | WR |
| 6 | Villiers, Dion | DB |
| 6 | Williams, Bryant | WR |
| 7 | Majors, Juice | WR |
| 7 | Nelson, Ahmad | LB |
| 8 | Dean, Jalal | WR |
| 8 | McClendon, Jalen | DB |
| 9 | Davis, Da'Shon | WR |
| 9 | Roof, Spencer | DB |
| 10 | Hamsley, George | QB |
| 10 | Hollis III, Fondren | DB |
| 11 | Reed, Snap | WR |
| 11 | Rowe, Brent | LB |
| 12 | Ellis, Sanders | LB |
| 12 | Spellman, Chase | QB |
| 13 | Cobbs, Camani | DB |
| 13 | Hagan, Ryder | QB |
| 14 | Lacy, Roshawn | WR |
| 14 | Wilson, Brandon | DB |
| 15 | Ganaway, Malik | DB |
| 15 | Wilhoite, Lance | WR |
| 16 | Bouie Jr., Brandon | DB |
| 16 | Reed, Exavious | TE |
| 17 | Baez, Emmanuel | DL |
| 17 | Bullock, Gerard | TE |
| 18 | Booker, Keandre | DL |
| 18 | Heckaman, Kheagian | TE |
| 19 | Smith, Aiden | WR |
| 19 | Smith, Darius | DB |
| 20 | Roberts, Kaderris | RB |
| 21 | Carter, Tevin | QB |
| 21 | Jones, Tyler | DB |
| 22 | Rouse, Jalen | RB |
| 22 | Sharp III, DuJuan | DB |
| 23 | Evans, CJ | RB |
| 24 | Foster, Jackson | P |
| 24 | Helton, Jordan | DB |
| 25 | Abdullah, Shivan | QB |
| 25 | Taylor, Sammy | LB |
| 26 | Moore, Johnothan | RB |
| 27 | Davis, Byron | DB |
| 28 | Baker, Kaiki | DB |
| 28 | Parker, Antwone | RB |
| 30 | Dixon, Dominique | DB |
| 31 | Lowe, C.J. | LB |
| 32 | Coleman, Jayden | DB |
| 33 | Jefferson, Taeshawn | DB |
| 34 | Carr-Bordeaux, Mecca | DL |
| 35 | Aupiu, Anakin | LB |

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| 36 | Marshall, Caden | LB |
| 37 | Foreman, Jacorris | LB |
| 38 | McDaniel, Gabriel | DB |
| 39 | Shenouda, Mark | P |
| 40 | Huff, Marlon | DL |
| 41 | Reid, Quinn | DL |
| 42 | Dobbins, Jace | DB |
| 43 | Edwards, Kamden | TE |
| 44 | Cunningham, Craig | RB |
| 44 | George, Eriq | DL |
| 45 | Smith, Josiah | LB |
| 46 | Milburn, David | LB |
| 46 | Walker, Oliver | RB |
| 47 | Wilson, Matthew | LB |
| 48 | Walker, Chris | DL |
| 49 | LaNier, Yirayah | DL |
| 50 | Meadows, Ace | OL |
| 51 | Valbuena, Alex | OL |
| 52 | Buchanan, Carson | LS |
| 53 | Gamez, Blake | OL |
| 53 | Roddy, Scotty | LB |
| 54 | Neals, Darius | OL |
| 55 | Ba, Saidou | OL |
| 55 | Douglas, Camron | DL |
| 56 | Smith, Anthony | OL |
| 57 | Meadows, Connor | OL |
| 58 | Diaby, Hadine | OL |
| 61 | Wilbert, Kennedy | OL |
| 62 | Page, Chazan | OL |
| 63 | Freeman, Jamari | OL |
| 64 | Harper, Justin | OL |
| 65 | Wooden, Jacob | OL |
| 67 | Jean-Jumeau, Veguer | OL |
| 68 | Mastropietro, Quinton | OL |
| 70 | Farmer, Darien | OL |
| 71 | Young, Ramirez | OL |
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| 74 | Hale-Frater, Jourden | OL |
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| 80 | Jefferson, Tysean | WR |
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| 83 | Meriwether, Joshua | TE |
| 84 | Southall, Amari | WR |
| 85 | Billingsley, Malik | WR |
| 86 | Ruth, Connor | TE |
| 87 | Turner, Gerand | WR |
| 88 | Kyne, Tucker | TE |
| 89 | Hoath Jr., Jason | TE |
| 90 | Ridderhoff, Connor | LS |
| 91 | Bravo, Daniel | K |
| 93 | Kimbrough, Meonta | DL |
| 94 | Morris, Zion | DL |
| 95 | Page, Chandon | DL |
| 97 | Hicks, Kyle | LS |
| 98 | Carpenter II, Terence | DL |
| 99 | Lowery, James | K/P |
| 99 | Snipes, Lathun | DL |

| No. | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Yr. | Hometown/High School/Previous School |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 35 | Anakin Aupiu | LB | 5'11 | 220 | Jr. | Compton, Calif./St. Anthony/Southwest Oklahoma State/Cerritos College |
| 36 | Caden Marshall | LB | 6'2 | 205 | Fr. | Paris, Tenn./Henry County |
| 37 | Jacorris Foreman | LB | 5'11 | 205 | R-Fr. | Pahokee, Fla./Everglades Preparatory Academy |
| 38 | Gabriel McDaniel | DB | 5'10 | 170 | R-Sr. | Nashville, Tenn./Ensworth/Oklahoma/MTSU |
| 39 | Mark Shenouda | P | 6'1 | 210 | R-Fr. | Mt. Juliet, Tenn./Mt. Juliet/Memphis |
| 40 | Marlon Huff | DL | 6'3 | 230 | Fr. | Delray Beach, Fla./Atlantic |
| 41 | Quinn Reid | DL | 6'4 | 225 | Fr. | Bradenton, Fla./IMG Academy |
| 42 | Jace Dobbins | DB | 6'1 | 165 | R-Fr. | Dandridge, Tenn./Jefferson County |
| 43 | Kamden Edwards | TE | 5'10 | 225 | R-Jr. | Chattanooga, Tenn./Tyner Academy |
| 44 | Craig Cunningham | RB | 5'10 | 190 | R-So. | Memphis, Tenn./Lausanne Collegiate |
| 44 | Eriq George | DL | 6'2 | 280 | So. | Nashville, Tenn./Montgomery Bell Academy |
| 45 | Josiah Smith | LB | 6'1 | 245 | So. | Nashville, Tenn./Antioch |
| 46 | David Milburn | LB | 6'1 | 205 | Fr. | Memphis, Tenn./Bartlett |
| 46 | Oliver Walker | RB | 5'10 | 205 | Fr. | Glendale, Ariz./Cactus |
| 47 | Matthew Wilson | LB | 6'2 | 230 | Fr. | Tampa, Fla./Middleton |
| 48 | Chris Walker | DL | 6'4 | 225 | Sr. | Sanford, Fla./Seminole |
| 49 | Yirayah LaNier | DL | 6'3 | 240 | R-So. | Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood/Louisville |
| 50 | Ace Meadows | OL | 6'7 | 310 | Fr. | Trenton, Tenn./Peabody |
| 51 | Alex Valbuena | OL | 6'1 | 275 | R-So. | Antioch, Tenn./Ezell-Harding Christian |
| 52 | Carson Buchanan | LS | 6'1 | 250 | Sr. | Nashville, Tenn./Antioch |
| 53 | Blake Gamez | OL | 6'1 | 280 | R-Jr. | Buckeye, Ariz./Verrado/Northern Arizona |
| 53 | Scotty Roddy | LB | - | | R-Fr. | Memphis, Tenn./KIPP Collegiate |
| 54 | Darius Neals | OL | 6'4 | 335 | R-Fr. | Ellenwood, Ga./Cedar Grove HS |
| 55 | Saidou Ba | OL | 6'4 | 300 | R-So. | Memphis, Tenn./PURE Academy/Arkansas State |
| 55 | Camron Douglas | DL | 6'3 | 300 | R-So. | Brownsville, Tenn./Haywood/University of Tennessee |
| 56 | Anthony Smith | OL | 6'3 | 305 | R-Sr. | Lakeland, Fla./Lakeland/Iowa State |
| 57 | Connor Meadows | OL | 6'4 | 300 | R-So. | Trenton, Tenn./Peabody/University of Tennessee |
| 58 | Hadine Diaby | OL | 6'3 | 300 | So. | Loganville, Ga./Grayson |
| 61 | Kennedy Wilbert | OL | 6'1 | 295 | Gr. | Memphis, Tenn./Middle College |
| 62 | Chazan Page | OL | 6'1 | 295 | Sr. | Nashville, Tenn./Lipscomb Academy |
| 63 | Jamari Freeman | OL | 6'4 | 300 | R-So. | Fairburn, Ga./Langston Hughes |
| 64 | Justin Harper | OL | 6'3 | 265 | Fr. | St. Petersburg, Fla./Lakewood |
| 65 | Jacob Wooden | OL | 6'4 | 305 | Sr. | Nashville, Tenn./Stewarts Creek/Santa Monica College/Central State |
| 67 | Veguer Jean-Jumeau | OL | 6'7 | 275 | Fr. | Nashville, Tenn./Hillsboro |
| 68 | Quinton Mastropietro | OL | 6'4 | 305 | Jr. | Mountain View, Calif./Mountain View/Reedley College |
| 70 | Darien Farmer | OL | 6'1 | 300 | R-Fr. | Aurora, Ill/West Aurora |
| 71 | Ramirez Young | OL | 6'3 | 285 | R-Fr. | Smyrna, Tenn./Smyrna/Bethel |
| 72 | Kaleob Onyeahialam | OL | 6'6 | 325 | R-Fr. | Harvest, Ala./Sparkman |
| 74 | Jourden Hale-Frater | OL | 6'5 | 350 | R-So. | Cincinnati, Ohio/Sycamore/Akron/Copiah-Lincoln CC |
| 77 | Owen Borba | OL | 6'3 | 280 | Fr. | Lebanon, Tenn./Wilson County |
| 78 | Kobe Jones | OL | 6'3 | 310 | Fr. | Cumming, Ga./Denmark |
| 80 | Tysean Jefferson | WR | 5'7 | 170 | R-Jr. | Nashville, Tenn./Beech/Western Kentucky |
| 81 | Santana Crayton | WR | 5'10 | 185 | Fr. | Louisville, Ky./Pleasure Ridge Park |
| 82 | Ro Abercrombie | TE | 6'4 | 245 | R-Jr. | San Bernardino, Calif./Aquinas/Chadron State |
| 83 | Joshua Meriwether | TE | 6'2 | 230 | Gr. | Nashville, Tenn./Montgomery Bell Academy/Tufts |
| 84 | Amari Southall | WR | 6'1 | 170 | R-Fr. | Nashville, Tenn./Hillsboro |
| 85 | Malik Billingsley | WR | 5'10 | 190 | Sr. | St. Louis, Mo./Christian Brothers/Iowa Western/Winston-Salem |
| 86 | Connor Ruth | TE | 6'3 | 220 | Fr. | Knoxville, Tenn./Knoxville Catholic |
| 87 | Gerand Turner | WR | 6'1 | 205 | Sr. | Miami, Fla./South Miami Senior |
| 88 | Tucker Kyne | TE | 6'5 | 225 | Fr. | Woodbury, Tenn./Cannon County |
| 89 | Jason Hoath Jr. | TE | 6'2 | 235 | So. | Columbia, Tenn./Page |
| 90 | Connor Ridderhoff | LS | 6'2 | 240 | R-So. | Chelsea, Ala./Chelsea |
| 91 | Daniel Bravo | K | 5'7 | 180 | Fr. | Nashville, Tenn./Antioch |
| 93 | Meonta Kimbrough | DL | 6'1 | 270 | R-Sr. | Memphis, Tenn./Overton/Memphis |
| 94 | Zion Morris | DL | 6'1 | 265 | Jr. | Nashville, Tenn./Battle Ground Academy/Sewanee |
| 95 | Chandon Page | DL | 6'3 | 305 | Gr. | Nashville, Tenn./Pearl-Cohn |
| 97 | Kyle Hicks | LS | 6'2 | 220 | Fr. | Nasvhille, Tenn./Hillsboro |
| 98 | Terence Carpenter II | DL | 6'3 | 225 | R-Fr. | Memphis, Tenn./Blackman |
| 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 |

# MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE

## *ROSTER*

| No. | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Yr. | Hometown/High School/Previous School |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | Jaxson Davis | TE | 6'5 | 210 | So. | Desoto, Texas/Desoto High School |
| 1 | Jaydyn Sisk | QB | 5'11 | 195 | R-Fr. | Desoto, Texas/W.T. White High School |
| 2 | Barnard Jones | DB | 6'2 | 195 | Jr. | Mobile, Ala./Navarro CC (TX) |
| 3 | Brandon Williams | DB | 5'10 | 180 | Gr. | Lafayette, La./Delta State University |
| 4 | Ruben Lee | QB | 6'1 | 190 | Jr. | Moss Point, Miss./Norfolk State University |
| 5 | Jakobe Thomas | RB | 6'1 | 240 | Gr. | Kissimmee, Fla./ Osceola High School |
| 6 | Nathan Rembert | WR | 5'9 | 170 | So. | Eustis, Fla./Edward Waters University |
| 7 | Malik Antwine | WR | 6'1 | 185 | Sr. | Benton, La./Northeastern State University |
| 8 | Tonorris Brookins, II | WR | 6'2 | 205 | Gr. | Macon, Miss./ East Mississippi CC |
| 9 | Cameron Gardner | TE | 6'4 | 220 | Gr. | Starkville, Miss./ Mississippi State University |
| 11 | Ty'Jarian Williams | QB | 6'3 | 240 | So. | Aliceville, Ala./Aliceville High School |
| 12 | Gregory Martin | WR | 6'0 | 175 | R-Fr. | Memphis, Tenn./ Oakhaven High School |
| 13 | Kerrick Ross | WR | 5'11 | 185 | Sr. | Itta Bena, Miss./Holmes CC (MS) |
| 14 | Ralpheal Marshall | DB | 6'3 | 205 | Jr. | Pearland, Texas/ Navarro CC (TX) |
| 15 | J.T. Tillis | DL | 6'4 | 245 | Gr. | Zephyrhills, Fla./ Lamar University |
| 16 | Deeshari Keith | DB | 6'1 | 215 | Jr. | Daytona Beach, Fla./ Highland CC (KS) |
| 17 | Cameron Nelson | WR | 6'1 | 190 | Jr. | Texarkana, Texas/ Illinois State University |
| 19 | Kobe Byrd | DB | 5'9 | 175 | Gr. | Shreveport, La./ Louisiana Tech University |
| 20 | Charlie Williams | DB | 5'11 | 185 | Jr. | Grace, Miss./ Simmons High School |
| 21 | Dephabian Fant | WR | 5'8 | 180 | Gr. | Greenwood, Miss./ Amanda Elzy High School |
| 22 | Jordan Montgomery | DB | 6'1 | 190 | Sr. | Biloxi, Miss./ Coahoma CC (MS) |
| 23 | Cayden Betts | RB | 6'1 | 220 | R-Jr. | Corinth, Miss./ Northwest Mississippi CC |
| 24 | Zamariyon Kendall | RB | 6'1 | 210 | R-Fr. | Memphis, Tenn./ Lausanne Collegiate School |
| 25 | Bruce Mitchell | DB | 6'0 | 180 | R-Fr. | Little Rock, Ark./ Jackson State University |
| 26 | Donavin Green | DB | 5'10 | 175 | R-Fr. | Yazoo City, Miss./ Yazoo County High School |
| 27 | Prince Ijioma | DB | 6'3 | 190 | Fr. | Little Elm, Texas/ Little Elm High School |
| 28 | Erek Campbell | LB | 6'2 | 215 | Sr. | Memphis, Tenn./ East Tennessee State University |
| 29 | Amir Williams | DB | 5'10 | 160 | R-Fr. | Greenwood, Miss./ Greenwood High School |
| 30 | Brandon Purifoy | DB | 5'8 | 165 | Fr. | Mobile, Ala./ Vigor High School |
| 31 | Ryan Quinney | LB | 6'0 | 210 | Jr. | Mobile, Ala./ Lane College |
| 32 | Douglas Franklin | LB | 6'1 | 190 | Jr. | Cleveland, Miss./ Cleveland Central High School |
| 33 | Kyree Langley | DB | 5'11 | 180 | Fr. | Baton Rouge, La./ Scotlandville High School |
| 34 | Chaunnsey Triplett | LB | 6'1 | 225 | Jr. | Macon, Miss./ East Mississippi CC (MS) |
| 35 | Joe Williams | RB | 5'10 | 205 | Fr. | Memphis, Tenn./ Melrose High School |
| 36 | Malik Montgomery | RB | 6'0 | 215 | Fr. | Vicksburg, Miss./ Vicksburg High School |
| 37 | Cali Byrd | DB | 6'3 | 190 | Fr. | Dallas, Texas/Kimball High School |
| 38 | Jaylen Chatman | DB | 6'0 | 180 | Fr. | Adamsville, Ala./ Minor High School |
| 39 | Ricardo Chambers | LB | 6'0 | 200 | R-So. | Yazoo City, Miss./ North Crowley High School |
| 40 | Semajdre Gassaway | DB | 5'10 | 180 | Fr. | Dallas, Texas/ South Oak Cliff High School |
| 41 | Jamarious Wilson | DB | 5'9 | 170 | Fr. | Marks, Miss./ M.S. Palmer High School |
| 42 | Donovan Parham | DL | 6'3 | 230 | Gr. | Lakeland, Fla./ Robert Morris University |
| 43 | Anthony Brown | LB | 6'0 | 200 | Jr. | Yazoo City, Miss./ Northeast MS CC (MS) |
| 44 | Donte Reed | DL | 6'1 | 240 | Sr. | Chicago, Ill./ Wayne State University (MI) |
| 45 | Brandon Lopes | DL | 6'2 | 235 | Gr. | Atlanta, Ga./ Austin Peay University |
| 46 | Nicholas Stephens | P | 6'0 | 180 | Jr. | Douglasville, Ga./ New Manchester High School |
| 47 | Marko Jovisic | K | 6'2 | 215 | Sr. | Chicago, Ill./ Bemidji State University |

**ALPHABETICAL**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 7 | Antwine, Malik | WR |
| 58 | Arinzie, Emmanuel | DL |
| 23 | Betts, Cayden | RB |
| 68 | Boone, Bernatsky | OL |
| 57 | Borelli, Lorenzo | K |
| 97 | Bradley, James | DL |
| 8 | Brookins II, Tonorris | WR |
| 43 | Brown, Anthony | LB |
| 85 | Burks, Demetrius | WR |
| 52 | Bussey, Jordan | DL |
| 37 | Byrd, Cali | DB |
| 19 | Byrd, Kobe | DB |
| 28 | Campbell, Erek | LB |
| 39 | Chambers, Ricardo | LB |
| 38 | Chatman, Jaylen | DB |
| 75 | Church, Joseph | OL |
| 92 | Clark Jr., Deondri | DL |
| 49 | Davis, Alexander | K |
| 0 | Davis, Jaxson | TE |
| 84 | Davis, Joey | WR |
| 91 | Edwards, Terry | DL |
| 21 | Fant, Dephabian | WR |
| 32 | Franklin, Douglas | LB |
| 9 | Gardner, Cameron | TE |
| 40 | Gassaway, Semajdre | DB |
| 86 | Goss, Jykevious | WR |
| 96 | Grant, Tacolby | DL |
| 26 | Green, Donavin | DB |
| 78 | Hart, Bryson | OL |
| 74 | Henry, David | OL |
| 70 | Hollowell, Benjamin | OL |
| 27 | Ijioma, Prince | DB |
| 98 | Jackson, E'Javious | DL |
| 83 | James, Oryan | WR |
| 72 | James-Ware, Khalil | OL |
| 80 | Johnson, Kanarius | WR |
| 2 | Jones III, Barnard | DB |
| 90 | Jones, Detric | DL |
| 47 | Jovisic, Marko | K |
| 16 | Keith, Deeshari | DB |
| 24 | Kendall, Zamariyon | RB |
| 50 | Kennedy, Harrison | DL |
| 33 | Langley, Kyree | DB |
| 4 | Lee, Ruben | QB |
| 73 | Lester, Calvin | OL |
| 45 | Lopes, Brandon | DL |

# MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE

## ROSTER

**ALPHABETICAL**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 14 | Marshall, Ralpheal | DB |
| 12 | Martin, Gregory | WR |
| 76 | McDonald, PJ | OL |
| 77 | McGee, Brendon | OL |
| 60 | McLaurin, Jakobe | OL |
| 93 | Miller, Kristian | DL |
| 25 | Mitchell, Bruce | DB |
| 22 | Montgomery, Jordan | DB |
| 36 | Montgomery, Malik | RB |
| 79 | Moriana-Sigel, Vito | OL |
| 17 | Nelson, Cameron | WR |
| 82 | Norris, Mekhi | WR |
| 42 | Parham, Donovan | DL |
| 71 | Perkins, Markwan | OL |
| 95 | Pirtle, Tyson | DL |
| 65 | Pitts, Devin | OL |
| 30 | Purifoy, Brandon | DB |
| 31 | Quinney, Ryan | LB |
| 44 | Reed, Donte | DL |
| 99 | Reeves, Zyun | DL |
| 6 | Rembert, Nathan | WR |
| 13 | Ross, Kerrick | WR |
| 87 | Simon, Tyquan | TE |
| 48 | Sims, Trent | LS |
| 1 | Sisk, Jaydyn | QB |
| 67 | Sisk, Misan | OL |
| | Snapp, Justus | RB |
| 46 | Stephens, Nicholas | P |
| 5 | Thomas, Jakobe | RB |
| 89 | Thomas, Remiello | TE |
| 15 | Tillis, J.T. | DL |
| 34 | Triplett, Chaunnsey | LB |
| 59 | Turner, Vashun | DL |
| | Wiggins, Tyquan | QB |
| 29 | Williams, Amir | DB |
| 3 | Williams, Brandon | DB |
| 20 | Williams, Charlie | DB |
| 35 | Williams, Joe | RB |
| 11 | Williams, Ty'Jarian | QB |
| 41 | Wilson, Jamarious | DB |
| 64 | Wren, Tyler | OL |

| No. | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Yr. | Hometown/High School/Previous School |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 48 | Trent Sims | LS | 6'3 | 200 | Fr. | Samford, Fla./Mount Dora High School |
| 49 | Alexander Davis | K | 6'2 | 180 | So. | Orlando, Fla./ University of Central Florida |
| 50 | Harrison Kennedy | DL | 6'1 | 270 | Gr. | Winnsboro, S.C./ Presbyterian College |
| 52 | Jordan Bussey | DL | 5'11 | 260 | Gr. | San Antonio, Texas/ The University of Incarnate Word |
| 57 | Lorenzo Borelli | K | 5'10 | 220 | Fr. | Los Angeles, Calif./IMG Academy |
| 58 | Emmanuel Arinzie | DL | 6'3 | 230 | Jr. | Sunnyvale, Texas/ Tyler JC (TX) |
| 59 | Vashun Turner | DL | 6'1 | 290 | Fr. | Indianola, Miss./ Gentry High School |
| 60 | Jakobe McLaurin | OL | 6'3 | 285 | Jr. | Clinton, Miss./ Eastern Kentucky University |
| 64 | Tyler Wren | OL | 6'3 | 280 | Fr. | Memphis, Tenn./ MASE |
| 65 | Devin Pitts | OL | 6'3 | 295 | Sr. | Little Rock, Ark./ Ventura JC (CA) |
| 67 | Misan Sisk | OL | 6'7 | 350 | R-Fr. | Memphis, Tenn./ Murray State University |
| 68 | Bernasky Boone | OL | 6'0 | 300 | R-Fr. | Hattiesburg, Miss./ Hattiesburg High School |
| 70 | Benjamin Hollowell | OL | 6'5 | 260 | R-Fr. | Memphis, Tenn./ Raleigh Egypt High School |
| 71 | Markwan Perkins | OL | 6'1 | 260 | Sr. | Hattiesburg, Miss./ Southwest CC |
| 72 | Khalil James-Ware | OL | 6'5 | 285 | Sr. | La Marque, Texas/ La Marque High School |
| 73 | Calvin Lester | OL | 6'3 | 315 | Gr. | Shreveport, La./ Arkansas at Pine Bluff |
| 74 | David Henry | OL | 6'2 | 295 | Jr. | Golden Gate, Fla./ Butler CC (Kansas) |
| 75 | Joseph Church | OL | 6'4 | 280 | R-Jr. | Fontana, Cali./ Fresno State University |
| 76 | PJ McDonald | OL | 6'5 | 270 | Fr. | Metairie, La./ Archbishop Rummel High School |
| 77 | Brendon McGee | OL | 6'4 | 330 | R-Fr. | Ridgeland, Miss./ Ridgeland High School |
| 78 | Bryson Hart | OL | 6'4 | 270 | R-Fr. | Lebanon, Tenn./ Lebanon High School |
| 79 | Vito Moriana-Sigel | OL | 6'6 | 300 | Jr. | Estepona, Spain/ Trinity Valley CC (TX) |
| 80 | Kanarius Johnson | WR | 6'3 | 205 | Jr. | Laurel, Miss./ East Mississippi CC |
| 82 | Mekhi Norris | WR | 6'1 | 200 | Jr. | Greenville, Miss./Miles College |
| 83 | Oryan James | WR | 6'1 | 185 | Jr. | Houma, La./ Copiah Lincoln CC (MS) |
| 84 | Joey Davis | WR | 6'0 | 175 | Fr. | New Orleans, La./ John F. Kennedy High School |
| 85 | Demetrius Burks | WR | 6'1 | 180 | Jr. | Forest, Miss./ Jones College (MS) |
| 86 | Jykevious Goss | WR | 5'9 | 165 | Fr. | Louisville, Miss./ Louisville High School |
| 87 | Tyquan Simon | TE | 6'3 | 220 | Fr. | Aliceville, Ala./ Aliceville High School |
| 89 | Remiello Thomas | TE | 6'1 | 240 | Gr. | Memphis, Tenn./ Millington High School |
| 90 | Detric Jones | DL | 6'0 | 300 | Jr. | Huntsville, Ala./ Grissom High School |
| 91 | Terry Edwards | DL | 6'6 | 260 | Gr. | Detroit, Mich./ Southeastern High School |
| 92 | Deondri Clark Jr. | DL | 6'4 | 260 | Gr. | Lakeland, Fla./ Florida A&M University |
| 93 | Kristian Miller | DL | 5'11 | 310 | R-Fr. | Memphis, Tenn./ Memphis MASE |
| 95 | Tyson Pirtle | DL | 6'4 | 270 | R-Fr. | Knoxville, Tenn./ Bearden High School |
| 96 | Tacolby Grant | DL | 6'0 | 280 | Fr. | Dallas, Texas/ South Oak Cliff High School |
| 97 | James Bradley | DL | 6'5 | 240 | R-Fr. | New Orleans, La./ John F. Kennedy High School |
| 98 | E'Javious Jackson | DL | 6'2 | 320 | So. | Scooba, Miss./ Kemper County High School |
| 99 | Zyun Reeves | DL | 6'6 | 260 | R-Jr. | Winston Salem, N.C./ Louisiana Tech University |
| | Tyquan Wiggins | QB | 6'4 | 240 | Jr. | Mount Dora, Fla./ St. Thomas University |
| | Justus Snapp | RB | 5'7 | 150 | Fr. | Chicago, Ill./Providence Catholic High School |

# MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE

*QUICK FACTS*



## KENDRICK WADE
HEAD COACH

### 2024 MVSU SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | TIME | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| AUG. 31 | at TENNESSEE STATE | 6:00 PM | |
| SEPT. 7 | at LAMAR | 6:00 PM | |
| SEPT. 14 | at MURRAY STATE | 6:00 PM | |
| SEPT. 21 | at NICHOLLS | 3:00 PM | |
| SEPT. 28 | ALCORN STATE | 6:00 PM | |
| OCT. 12 | at ALABAMA STATE | 2:00 PM | |
| OCT. 19 | BETHUNE-COOKMAN | 2:00 PM | |
| OCT. 26 | ARKANSAS PINE BLUFF | 2:00 PM | |
| NOV. 2 | PRAIRIE VIEW A&M | 2:00 PM | |
| NOV. 9 | at JACKSON STATE | 2:00 PM | |
| NOV. 16 | FLORIDA A&M | 1:00PM | |
| NOV. 23 | ALABAMA A&M | 12:00PM | |

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## TYJARIAN WILLIAMS
QUARTERBACK

### COACHING STAFF

**Kendrick Wade:** Head Coach
**David Johnson:** Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line
**Kyle Williams:** Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Backs
**Jay Gafford:** Special Teams Coordinator/Linebackers
**Wyatt Anderson:** Running Backs/Run Game& Recruiting Coordinator
**Grant Simms:** Wide Receivers/Tight Ends/Pass Game Coordinator
**Brandon Varner:** Defensive Line
**Armuz Matthews:** Safeties
**Tarik McKinzie:** Offensive analyst
**Jaron Marshall:** Offensive Graduate Analyst
**Alan Tucker:** Defensive Graduate Analyst
**Ronnie Thomas:** Defensive Graduate Analyst
**Antwoine Williams:** Director of Football Operations
**Jeremy Evans:** Strength & Conditioning Coordinator

# ABOUT THE CLASSIC



The John A. Merritt Classic is an annual football event that began in 1999, dedicated to honoring the legacy of John Ayers Merritt, the renowned football coach who led Tennessee State University's Tigers from 1963 to 1983.

During his tenure of twenty-one seasons, John Merritt achieved significant accomplishments. He guided the Tigers to four undisputed national championships among historically black colleges, as ranked by the Sheridan Poll. He amassed an impressive lifetime coaching record of 172-33-1 and established a dominant football program that produced numerous NFL stars, including Richard Dent (Chicago Bears), "Jefferson Street" Joe Gilliam (Pittsburgh Steelers), Ed "Too Tall" Jones (Dallas Cowboys), Claude Humphrey (Philadelphia Eagles), and many others.

The John A. Merritt Classic holds a special place among football events, as it is one of only two football Classics exclusively hosted by a single NCAA FCS (Football Championship Subdivision) institution. The primary purpose of the Classic is to generate funds for scholarships and other needs for Tennessee State University students. Additionally, the event has a history of fostering community outreach through a weekend of activities.

Overall, the John A. Merritt Classic serves as a tribute to John Merritt's remarkable contributions to Tennessee State University and the sport of football, while also providing an opportunity to support the educational pursuits of TSU students and engage with the local community.

John A. Merritt was a highly successful football coach, known for his achievements at Tennessee State University (TSU) in Tennessee. He was born on January 26, 1926, in Falmouth, Kentucky, to Bradley Merritt, a stonemason, and his wife, Grace. After completing grade school, Merritt moved to Louisville to live with an aunt in order to attend Central High School, where he played football.

After graduating from high school, Merritt joined the U.S. Navy. Following his military service, he received a football scholarship to Kentucky State College. In 1947, he married Maxine Owens, and they had a daughter named Bonita (Bonnie) Merritt Traughber. After earning his college degree, Merritt pursued graduate studies in 1950. He began his coaching career at Versailles High School and later coached at Jackson State University before joining Tennessee State University.

Throughout his coaching tenure, Merritt had numerous notable players who went on to distinguish themselves in the NFL. Six of his players participated in the Super Bowl, and many of his assistants, head coaches, and athletic directors also had connections to his coaching staff.

Merritt's teams at Tennessee State University achieved remarkable success, compiling thirty consecutive winning seasons. He had an exceptional group of assistant coaches, including Joe Gilliam Sr. and Alvin Coleman, who had followed Merritt from Jackson State in 1963. Merritt implemented a wide-open, pro-style T offense with multiple sets. In 1967, his team set a national defensive record by allowing opponents an average of just 2.15 yards per carry. Merritt was recognized as Coach of the Year in 1973. In 1975, his team won the small college championships as awarded by the Associated Press and the United Press International. By 1979, his coaching record stood at 130-25-5. Despite his achievements, Merritt remained humble and credited the team's success to "the Good Lord."

As Merritt's winning streak continued and more of his players made it to the NFL, both Tennessee and Tennessee State University gained increasing national attention. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter personally called Merritt to congratulate him on his 200th victory, highlighting the significance of his coaching accomplishments.

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# DR. RONALD A. JOHNSON

## *INTERM PRESIDENT*



Ronald A. Johnson is a higher education advisor and executive who has led "turnarounds" successfully at both public and private universities. Johnson is motivated by a fundamental belief that higher education is about transforming lives and igniting new possibilities for social and economic advancement. He is known for his commitment to amplifying student success and strengthening the financial health and long-term sustainability of colleges and universities through a culture of accountability, shared governance, mentorship, and continuous improvement.

In today's rapidly shifting landscape for tuition driven universities, Johnson's approach focuses the attention of board members and leadership on the continuously evolving course of action—the strategic edge—required to effectively manage, maintain, and enhance the impact of higher education institutions.

Johnson is currently a Presidential Counsel in the Registry Advisory Service Board Governance and Leadership Practice. He is a co-founder and Advisory Board Member of the HBCU Executive Leadership Institute (ELI) at CAU and a recipient of its inaugural Frederick S. Humphries Leadership Award. ELI's mission is to increase the number of qualified candidates for the presidency and cabinet-level positions at HBCUs through a program centered on the development of leadership competencies, mentorship by current and former HBCU presidents, and real time practice in HBCU working environments.

He served as a member of the President's Advisory Board of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities and served as the Chairman of the Consumer Advisory Board of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau of the United States.

Johnson is the former Interim President of Kentucky State University (KSU) and the immediate past President of Clark Atlanta University (CAU). At KSU, Johnson assembled a team of specialists to address priorities outlined in House Bill 250 (HB250) and issues raised by the Auditor of Public Accounts, SACSCOC, and the NCAA as well as running the day-to-day operations of the institution. He initiated a plan of action entitled "An Intended Future for KSU", which restored fiscal/operational stability and realigned operations, policies and resources for better performance.

Johnson held the position of President and Chief Investment Officer at Smith Graham & Company, and Director of Global Fixed Income Research and Senior Portfolio Manager for Franklin Templeton Worldwide.

Johnson earned a PhD and MA in economics from Stanford University, after completing an MBA in finance and a BA in economics from Adelphi University.



# DR. MIKKI ALLEN

## *DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS*



Dr. Mikki Allen was appointed Director of Athletics for Tennessee State University on April 9th and officially began his tenure on June 1, 2020.

Allen is a bold leader who moves forward while honoring the past. He's a winner with roots in Middle Tennessee and understands that championships come from relentless work and a fearless vision. He comes to Tennessee State University after 11 years in sports administration, including his most recent position as the Assistant Director of Athletics for Player Relations and Development at the University of Tennessee.

After being hired in the middle of a global pandemic, Allen has proven he isn't your typical first-time AD hire. His resume boasts more than a decade of fundraising and administrative experience. That experience garnered him an immediate seat on TSU President Glenda Glover's executive team.

### *LEADERSHIP*

Upon his arrival, Allen began restructuring the athletic department and unveiled a refreshed and modernized brand identity, "Unleash the Roar", that included an updated, sleeker version of the iconic Tigers' logo.

Looking for a winning and family like atmosphere, Allen made several staff changes and in April of 2021, Allen made another leadership change this time in football and hired Tennessee Titans legend, NFL All-Pro, Heisman Trophy winner and successful entrepreneur Eddie George to be the new head coach of the TSU football team. The bold hire was the top story for several days in April as every major national news outlet covered the story. George hired one of the most professionally decorated coaching staffs, not just in the FCS, but in the entire country, bringing in former Raiders and Browns head coach Hue Jackson as his offensive coordinator, NFL and collegiate assistant Brandon Fisher as the defensive coordinator and Philadelphia Eagles legend Clyde Simmons to coach the defensive line among others.

Allen also made a change in women's basketball and hired long-time Auburn Associate Head Women's Basketball Coach Ty Evans to lead the Lady Tigers. Subsequently after hiring Evans, Allen also solidified a contract for legendary alum and Director of Men's and Women's Track and Field, Chandra Cheeseborough-Guice.

In the area of student-athlete academic development, Allen forged a summer internship partnership with Backfield Motion, Inc. for Tennessee State student-athletes. The non-profit focuses on educational, literacy and job skills for at-risk youth in the Nashville community. More than 30 student-athletes have participated in the internship program.

### *VISION FOR THE FUTURE*

Allen has been strategically developing a facility enhancement plan that will have a positive impact on helping to advance all 15 TSU sports programs. During this process, Allen tapped into his entrepreneurial background that would feed his relentless commitment to setting up an infrastructure that will support external engagement and fundraising opportunities for alumni, corporations, and Big Blue fans respectively.

With his background in development, Allen Launched the Tennessee State Athletic Fund, a fundraising arm dedicated to providing financial resources necessary for student-athletes to have a championship level educational and athletic experience. Since taking over, Allen has raised over $3 million in private and corporate support for TSU Athletics and developed a partnership with the Paddle Agency to boost corporate partnerships and marketing.

Under Allen's leadership, the Tennessee State Athletics program has already received the largest private gift commitment in its' long-storied history. On November 12, 2020, TSU alum and NBA star, Robert Covington agreed to make a seven-figure gift to fund the Covington Pavilion-a state-of-the-art basketball practice facility for the TSU men's and women's basketball programs.

Allen Spearheaded a partnership between TSU and the NHL, Nashville Predators and College Hockey, Inc., to complete a feasibility study to explore the potential of Tennessee State adding men's and women's ice hockey teams. If done, the Tigers would be the first HBCU and first Tennessee Division I university to sponsor the sport.

Understanding that media accessibility is key to recruiting and alumni relations, Allen launched the Big Blue Sports Network, an extension to the TSU Athletics Media Relations Department which serves as the exclusive home for all TSU video/audio content as well as live broadcasts on ESPN+. He also solidified an unprecedented partnership between TSU Athletics and Sirius XM Radio for TSU football and men's and women's basketball radio broadcasts.

In keeping with alumni relations, Allen Developed the Roar City Tour. This was an opportunity for TSU fans, donors, and alumni to meet Allen, George, and members of the TSU coaching staff at family-friendly events across the state and region.

### *THE MAN WITH A PLAN*

After a brief stint in the NFL was cut due to injury, Allen joined the University of Tennessee Athletics staff in 2009 and excelled during multiple record-breaking fundraising years. Allen played an invaluable role for Tennessee Athletics in helping to secure more than $20 million in capital campaign gifts during his tenure as an elite athletics fundraiser.

Under his leadership, Allen set a new standard in the Southeastern Conference by creating a comprehensive development and transitional assistance program for Tennessee football student-athletes. The program was designed to guide football student-athletes at the point of enrollment through their transition to post-football professional careers.

A four-year letterman and member of the UT 1998 National Championship team, Allen has strong ties to TSU, where he earned his master's degree. His wife, brother and grandparents all received their undergraduate and graduate degrees from the university as well.

Allen, a native of Murfreesboro, Tenn. received his Bachelor of Arts and Science degree at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville in 2001, Master of Arts and Science in Sports Administration from Tennessee State University in 2007 and a Doctoral degree in Educational Leadership from Trevecca Nazarene University in 2016. He and his wife, Jekia have two children, Mikenzie, and Jansen

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# EDDIE GEORGE

## *HEAD COACH*



Eddie George is entering his fourth season as the 22nd head football coach at Tennessee State University.

George was appointed to the post on April 13, 2021.

In his first season. George led the Tigers to a 5-6 overall record and placed 10 players on the All-OVC team.

George played college football for Ohio State University and won the Heisman in 1995. That season, George rushed for a school record 1,927 yards and 24 touchdowns, an average of 148.23 yards per game, while also catching 47 passes for 417 yards and another score. He left Ohio State second in school history in career rushing yards (3,768) and third in rushing touchdowns (44). The Philadelphia native finished with 4,284 all-purpose yards, 45 touchdowns, and a 5.5 yards-per-carry average.

In 1996, George was the first-round draft selection of the then-Houston Oilers. He won the NFL Rookie of the Year award that season, and was the Oilers/Titans' starting tailback through 2003, never missing a start. He made the Pro Bowl four consecutive years (1997–2000), and assisted the Titans to a championship appearance in Super Bowl XXXIV. George is only the second NFL running back to rush for 10,000 yards while never missing a start, joining Jim Brown. Only Walter Payton (170) started more consecutive regular season games than George's 130.

In 2004, George signed a one-year contract with the Dallas Cowboys where he started eight games and finished the season with 432 yards and four touchdowns. He officially retired in 2006. George's career totals include 10,441 rushing yards, 268 receptions, 2,227 receiving yards, and 78 touchdowns (68 rushing and 10 receiving).

George was inducted in the College 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 a board member of Music City Baseball. A native of Philadelphia, George graduated from Ohio State in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture. He later earned an MBA from Northwestern in 2009.He is married to Tamara "Taj" George and they have two sons, Eriq and Jaire.



# ASSISTANT COACHES

*2024 STAFF*



## *TRAVIS PARTRIDGE*

### OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/QUARTERBACKS

Travis Partridge was named offensive coordinator for Tennessee State in the spring of 2024.

Partridge will also assume the role of quarterbacks coach, a position he held for the past two seasons at UT Martin. Under Partridge's guidance in 2022, the Skyhawks' passing offense secured the second spot in the OVC, averaging an impressive 269.5 passing yards per game and notching 18 touchdowns.

A familiar face to the Tigers, Partridge coached All-OVC Second Team quarterback Dresser Winn, who amassed 2,928 yards and 18 touchdowns.

Before joining UT Martin, Partridge served as the interim quarterbacks coach at Kansas in 2021, following two years as an offensive quality control coach from 2019 to 2020. In this capacity, he contributed to game planning, practice evaluation, and overall team strategy.

During his initial tenure at Martin in 2018, Partridge worked under head coach Jason Simpson as the quarterback coach, overseeing a season where Skyhawk quarterbacks threw for 2,917 yards and 21 touchdowns with a completion percentage of 62.8.

His coaching journey commenced at Delta State in 2017, where he served as a graduate assistant, primarily working with quarterbacks. Delta State achieved a 9-4 record, finishing tied for second in the Gulf Coast Conference standings, with an offensive average of 30.1 points per game and 50 touchdowns.

Before transitioning to coaching, Partridge had a successful professional playing career, signing with the Minnesota Vikings as a priority free agent in 2014 and later playing for the British Columbia Lions in the Canadian Football League (CFL). Additionally, he excelled in the Indoor Football League with the Iowa Barnstormers.

A native of St. Joseph, Missouri, Partridge played for his father, Jerry Partridge, at Missouri Western State from 2009-2013. He holds various career records at MWSU, including passes completed, pass attempts, pass yards, touchdown passes, and completion percentage. Partridge also set the career rushing touchdowns mark and ranks fourth in career passing yards per game.

During his collegiate career, Partridge earned numerous accolades, including First-Team All-MIAA, Don Hansen and Beyond Sports Honorable Mention All-American, Daktronics Second-Team All-Region 4, and Don Hansen First-Team Super Region 3. He received his bachelor's degree in physical education from Missouri Western State University in 2013 and prepped at Savannah High School, where he was an All-District and Second-Team All-Conference quarterback.



## *BRANDON FISHER*

### DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

Brandon Fisher was named defensive coordinator for Tennessee State in May of 2021.

Fisher spent the 2020 season as a defensive analyst at Auburn University. Fisher worked directly with defensive coordinator Kevin Steele throughout the year and took over on-field duties for the Tigers appearance in the 2021 Citrus Bowl after Steele was promoted to Interim Head Coach.

Prior to Auburn, Fisher spent one season as the defensive coordinator at Southern Utah University. While at SUU, Fisher's unit ranked seventh in the Big Sky Conference, improving on the 13th place finish prior to his arrival. The defense allowed over 100 yards less per game than the previous season, while the Thunderbird's pass defense jumped from 13th to second in the Big Sky.

Fisher entered the collegiate ranks after eight seasons in the NFL. In his last stint in the professional ranks, Fisher served as the secondary coach from 2015-17 for the St. Louis/Los Angeles Rams. In 2016, the Rams' secondary finished 10th in passing yards allowed.

Fisher began his coaching career in 2010 as an offensive assistant for the Tennessee Titans. In 2011, Fisher held the position of assistant secondary coach with the Detroit Lions under Jim Schwartz and Gunther Cunningham. After one season, Fisher joined the Rams as an assistant secondary coaching, a position he held for three seasons.

Fisher, the son of former Titans and Rams head coach Jeff Fisher, earned a degree in Business Administration from the University of Montana in 2009. As a player, Fisher was a two-year starter at outside linebacker for the Grizzlies and appeared in two FCS Championship games.

## 2024 TSU FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF



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# ASSISTANT COACHES

## *2024 STAFF*



### 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**

Rickey Galvin joins Tennessee State as the wide receivers coach for the 2024 season, bringing a wealth of experience from coaching at college, junior college, and high school levels. In 2023, he served as an assistant coach for quality control at Eastern Washington, and before that, he was the passing game coordinator and wide receivers coach at Adams State University. Galvin also coached at Contra Costa College, Lincoln University (Calif.), and various high schools. A former Washington State player, he tallied over 1,000 receiving yards and played professionally with the Cedar Rapids River Kings, with stints in the CFL. He holds degrees from Washington State and Adams State.



### DYLAN CHMURA
**OFFENSIVE LINE**

Dylan 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**

Seth Hestness joins the revamped Tennessee State offensive staff for the 2024 season after working at North Dakota State University the past two years.

Hestness joined the Bison after three seasons at Minnesota as a graduate assistant working primarily with the offensive line. He has four years of FBS experience including the 2018 season at Liberty, where he was a graduate assistant for tight ends, fullbacks and special teams.

Hestness graduated from Wartburg College in 2017 with a bachelor's degree in fitness management. He played tight end for the Knights and began his coaching career at Wartburg in 2017 assisting with special teams and tight ends.



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

A former Tennessee Titans linebacker and nine-year NFL veteran, Bowden brings more than a decade of coaching experience to Tennessee State. Bowden served as defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Missouri Baptist over the last four seasons after working as the inside linebackers coach for the San Francisco 49ers (2016) and the assistant linebackers coach for the St. Louis Rams (2012-15). He also coached at Central Oklahoma, in NFL Europe and completed an internship with the Washington Football Team. After earning All-America honors at Oklahoma, he was selected in the fifth round of the 1992 NFL Draft by the Houston Oilers and was teammate of Eddie George for several seasons.



### CLYDE SIMMONS
**DEFENSIVE LINE**

A two-time All-Pro and Philadelphia Eagles Hall of Famer, Simmons played in the NFL for 15 seasons before spending the last decade in coaching. Simmons was the defensive line coach for the Cleveland Browns in 2017-18, mentoring No. 1 pick Myles Garrett before coaching the defensive lines at Missouri Baptist and Western Carolina. He also was an assistant defensive line coach with the St. Louis/Los Angeles Rams and was a coaching intern with the New York Jets. Simmons led the NFL with 19 sacks in 1992. His 121.5 career sacks ranked 11th in NFL history at the time of his retirement.



### RICHARD McNUTT
**DEFENSIVE BACKS**

McNutt, who won a national championship as a player at Ohio State, brings more than a 15 years of collegiate coaching experience to Tennessee State. Most recently, McNutt served as the defensive backs coach at Southeastern University following four seasons as the co-defensive coordinator and secondary coach at Youngstown State, where he helped the Penguins to an appearance in the 2016 FCS National Championship Game. McNutt also has coached at Toledo, Kent State, Northern Illinois and NC State, and spent one season on the Cleveland Browns staff, among several successful coaching stints.



### KEITH BURNS
**SPECIAL TEAMS/ DEFENSIVE SPECIALIST**

One of the greatest special teams players in NFL history, Burns won two super bowls with the Denver Broncos and played in the NFL for 13 years. Since his playing career ended, Burns has made a name for himself as an NFL assistant, coaching special teams with the Los Angeles Chargers, Washington Football Team and Broncos. Burns starred at linebacker at Oklahoma State and was selected by the Broncos in the seventh round of the 1994 NFL Draft.

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# 2024 SCHEDULE

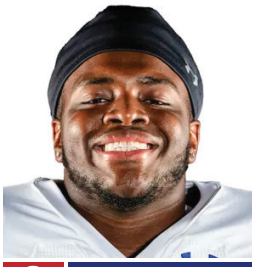
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| SEPT. 28 | | HOME |
| OCT. 5 | | AWAY |
| OCT. 12 | | HOME |
| OCT. 19 | | AWAY |
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| NOV. 9 | | AWAY |
| NOV. 16 | | AWAY |
| NOV. 23 | | HOME |

# MEET THE TIGERS

## *2024 PLAYERS*



**0 KARATE BRENSON**
*WR • R-JR.*



**0 TYLER MOORE**
*DL • FR.*



**1 DRAYLEN ELLIS**
*QB • GR.*



**1 BOOGIE TROTTER**
*DB • JR.*



**2 CAMERON BLAYLOCK**
*DL • R-JR.*



**2 JORDAN GANT**
*RB • R-SO.*



**3 SOLOMON DUNN**
*WR • R-JR.*



**3 MICAH GAY**
*LB • R-SO.*



**4 JADEN MCGILL**
*RB • JR.*



**4 KIERRON SMITH**
*DL • GR.*



**5 JALEN BELL**
*DL • GR.*



**5 DAYRON JOHNSON**
*WR • SR.*



**6 DION VILLIERS**
*DB • R-SO.*



**6 BRYANT WILLIAMS**
*WR • JR.*



**7 JUICE MAJORS**
*WR • SO.*



**7 AHMAD NELSON**
*LB • SR.*



**8 JALAL DEAN**
*WR • SR.*



**8 JALEN McCLENDON**
*DB • R-JR.*



**9 DA'SHON DAVIS**
*WR • GR.*



**9 SPENCER ROOF**
*DB • JR.*



**10 GEORGE HAMSLEY**
*QB • R-SO.*



**10 FONDREN HOLLIS III**
*DB • R-SR.*



**11 SNAP REED**
*WR • FR.*



**11 BRENT ROWE**
*LB • JR.*



**12 SANDERS ELLIS**
*LB • FR.*

# MEET THE TIGERS

## *2024 PLAYERS*



**12 CHASE SPELLMAN**
*QB • FR.*



**13 CAMANI COBBS**
*DB • R-FR.*



**13 RYDER HAGAN**
*QB • R-FR.*



**14 ROSHAWN LACY**
*WR • JR.*



**14 BRANDON WILSON**
*DB • R-SO.*



**15 MALIK GANAWAY**
*DB • R-SO.*

**15 LANCE WILHOITE**
*WR • R-JR.*



**16 BRANDON BOUIE JR.**
*DB • SO.*



**16 EXAVIOUS REED**
*TE • R-FR.*



**17 EMMANUEL BAEZ**
*DL • SR.*



**17 GERARD BULLOCK**
*TE • SR.*



**18 KEANDRE BOOKER**
*DL • GR.*



**18 KHEAGIAN HECKAMAN**
*TE • R-SO.*



**19 AIDEN SMITH**
*WR • R-SO.*



**19 AIDEN SMITH**
*DB • JR.*



**20 KADERRIS ROBERTS**
*RB • R-JR.*



**21 TEVIN CARTER**
*QB • R-SO.*



**21 TYLER JONES**
*DB • R-SR.*



**22 JALEN ROUSE**
*RB • SR.*



**22 DUJUAN SHARP III**
*DB • R-FR.*



**23 CJ EVANS**
*RB • R-SR.*



**24 JACKSON FOSTER**
*P • SR.*



**24 JORDAN HELTON**
*DB • SR.*

**25 SHIVAN ABDULLAH**
*QB • R-FR.*



**25 SAMMY TAYLOR**
*LB • R-FR.*

# MEET THE TIGERS

## *2024 PLAYERS*



**26** JOHNOTHAN MOORE
*RB • R-FR.*



**27** BYRON DAVIS
*DB • SO.*



**28** KAIKI BAKER
*DB • FR.*



**28** ANTWONE PARKER
*RB • SR.*



**30** DOMINIQUE DIXON
*DB • FR.*



**32** JAYDEN COLEMAN
*DB • FR.*



**33** TAESHAWN JEFFERSON
*DB • FR.*



**34** MECCA CARR-BORDEAUX
*DL • R-FR.*



**35** ANAKIN AUPIU
*LB • JR.*



**36** CADEN MARSHALL
*LB • FR.*



**37** JACORRIS FOREMAN
*LB • R-FR.*



**38** GABRIEL McDANIEL
*DB • R-SN.*



**39** MARK SHENOUDA
*P • R-FR.*



**40** MARLON HUFF
*K/P • R-FR.*



**41** QUINN REID
*DL • FR.*



**42** JACE EDWARDS
*DB • R-FR.*



**43** KAMDEN EDWARDS
*TE • R-JR.*



**44** CRAIG CUNNINGHAM
*RB • R-SO.*



**44** ERIQ GEORGE
*DL • SO.*



**45** JOSIAH SMITH
*LB • SO.*



**46** JOSHUA RODRIGUEZ
*LB • SO.*

**46** OLIVER WALKER
*RB • FR.*



**47** MATTHEW WILSON
*LB • FR.*



**48** CHRIS WALKER
*DL • SR.*



**49** YIRAYAH LANIER
*DL • R-SO.*

# MEET THE TIGERS

## *2024 PLAYERS*



**50** ACE MEADOWS
*OL • FR.*



**51** ALEX VALBUENA
*OL • R-SO.*



**52** CARSON BUCHANAN
*LS • SR.*



**53** BLAKE GAMEZ
*OL • R-JR.*



**53** SCOTTY RODDY
*LB • R-FR.*



**54** DARIUS NEALS
*OL • R-FR.*



**55** SAIDOU BA
*OL • R-SO.*

**55** CAMRON DOUGLAS
*DL • R-SO.*



**56** ANTHONY SMITH
*OL • R-SR.*



**57** CONNOR MEADOWS
*OL • R-SO.*



**58** HADINE DIABY
*OL • SO.*



**61** KENNEDY WILBERT
*OL • GR.*



**62** CHAZAN PAGE
*OL • SR.*



**63** JAMARI FREEMAN
*OL • R-SO.*



**64** JUSTIN HARPER
*OL • FR.*



**65** JACOB WOODEN
*OL • SR.*



**67** VEGUER JEAN-JUMEAU
*OL • FR.*



**67** QUINTON MASTROPIETRO
*OL • JR.*



**70** DARIEN FARMER
*OL • R-FR.*

**71** RAMIREZ YOUNG
*OL • R-FR.*



**72** KALEOB ONYEAHIALAM
*OL • R-FR.*



**74** JOURDEN HALE-FRATER
*OL • R-SO.*



**77** OWEN BORBA
*OL • FR.*



**78** KOBE JONES
*OL • FR.*



**80** GERAND TURNER
*WR • SR.*

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## *2024 PLAYERS*



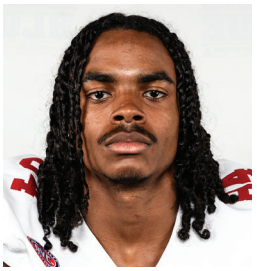
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*WR • FR.*



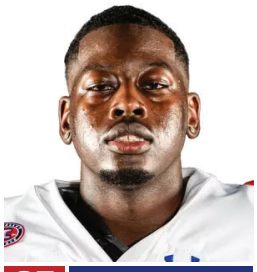
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**85** MALIK BILLINGSLEY
*WR • SR.*



**86** CONNOR RUTH
*TE • FR.*



**87** TYSEAN JEFFERSON
*WR • R-JR.*



**88** TUCKER KYNE
*TE • FR.*



**89** JASON HOATH JR.
*TE • SO.*



**90** CONNOR RIDDERHOFF
*LS • R-SO.*



**91** DANIEL BRAVO
*K •FR.*



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*DL • R-SR.*



**94** ZION MORRIS
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**95** CHANDON PAGE
*DL • GR.*



**97** KYLE HICKS
*LS • FR.*



**98** TERENCE CARPENTER II
*DL • R-FR.*



**99** JAMES LOWERY
*K/P • R-SR.*



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*DL • SR.*


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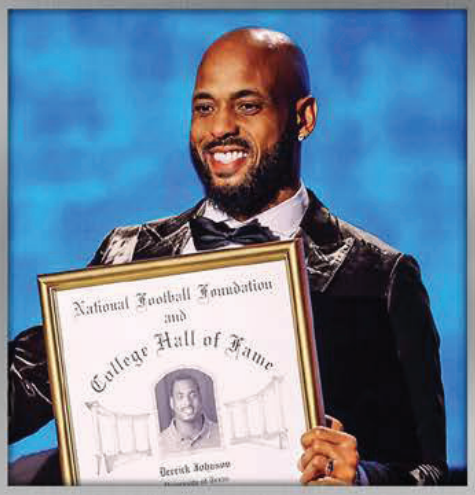
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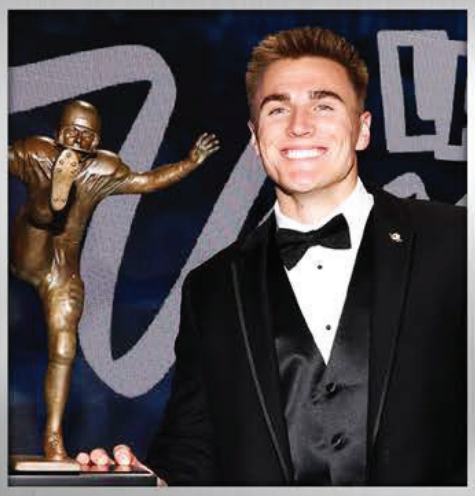
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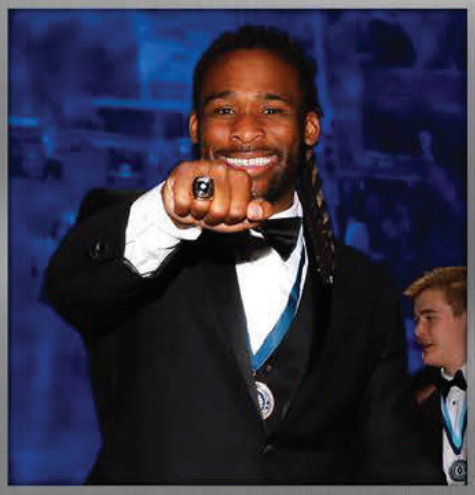
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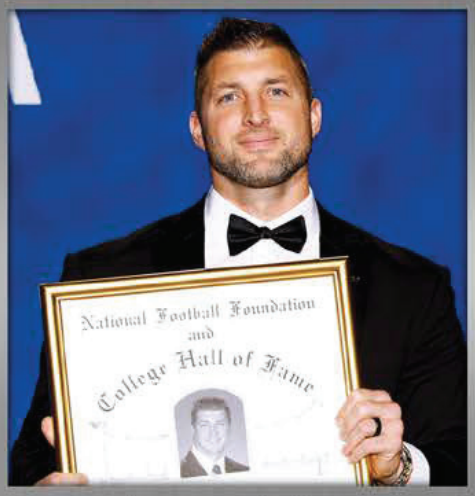
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