



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

TENNESSEE STATE FOOTBALL

SET THE SCENE

Location: Memphis, Tenn.
Stadium: Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium
Capacity: 30,000
Surface: AstroTurf
Forecast: Day 83° Sunny // Night 65° Clear

TUNE IN

TV: HBCUGO / MYTV 30
Charlie Neal (pxp)
Jon Kelley (analyst)
Lawrencia Moten (sideline)



Radio: WNSR 560 AM, 95.9 FM

107.9 FM (Smyrna)

Satellite XM: Ch. 380 / 970 (app)

Stream: TSU Tigers App

WNSR.com, Alexa (Play WNSR)

Greg Pogue (pxp)

Chris Sanders (Analyst)



COACHING STAFF

Eddie George	Head Coach
Joe Bowden	Asst. HC / Linebackers
Brandon Fisher	Defensive Coord.
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	Athletic Trainer
Nick Guerriero	Asst. AD / Football SID
Steven Aycock	Football Operations
Kevin Mashack	Director of Recruiting
Jeremy Taylor	Football Equipment
Scott Holsopple	Sports Performance
Lance Zeno	Player Development
Katrina Chambers	External Relations
Mika McKinney	Recruiting GA
Kenita Stokes	Academic Services
Harold Gooding	Football Security

COMMUNICATIONS

Nick Guerriero (Primary) — On Field
Assistant AD / Communications & Creative
Phone 615-963-6638
Text: 516-849-808
Email: nguerrie@tnstate.edu



@TSUTigersFB



@TSUTigersFB



TSU_Tigers

GAME 3 • SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024 • 6:00 PM

TENNESSEE STATE

1-1 BIG SOUTH-OVC
Head Coach: Eddie George
Record at TSU: 16-19 (4th Season)
Career Record: Same
Home: 1-0 | Road: 0-1 | Neutral: 0-0
Streak: L1



ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF

1-1 SWAC
Head Coach: Alonzo Hampton
Record at UAPB: 3-10 (2nd Season)
Career Record: Same
Home: 1-0 | Road: 0-1 | Neutral: 0-0
Streak: W1

BETWEEN THE LINES

22.0	Points/Game	36.5
36.5	Points Allowed/Game	35.0
105.0	Rush Yards/Game	163.5
147.5	Rush Yards Allowed/Game	179.0
242.0	Pass Yards/Game	236.5
202.5	Pass Yards Allowed/Game	245.0
347.5	Total Offense/Game	400.0
350.0	Total Defense/Game	424.0



GAME NOTES

Tennessee State looks to bounce back after a tough Week 2 loss to No. 2 North Dakota State as it stays on the road for the 35th annual Southern Heritage Classic. The Tigers will face Arkansas-Pine Bluff on Saturday at 6 p.m. at Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium in Memphis.

Series Information: This will be the eighth all-time meeting between Tennessee State and Arkansas-Pine Bluff, dating back to 1923 (score unknown). TSU leads the series 5-1 after a 24-14 victory last year in the Southern Heritage Classic. The first known score was a 50-20 win for the Tigers at Booker T. Washington Field, a public secondary school north of downtown Memphis. TSU won the next three games, including the inaugural Bluff City Classic at Crump Field (26-0), the 2012 TSU homecoming game (40-13), and the 2016 John Merritt Classic (44-0). The Tigers' only loss was a 37-31 defeat at Hale Stadium in 2019.

Date	Result	Score	Location	Attendance	Event
1923	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
12/9/1944	W	50-20	Booker T. Washington Stadium (Memphis, Tenn.)	2,500	
9/19/1947	W	26-0	Crump Field (Memphis, Tenn.)	8,000	1st Bluff City Classic
9/29/2012	W	40-13	LP Field (Nashville, Tenn.)	31,765	TSU Homecoming
9/3/2016	W	44-0	Nissan Stadium (Nashville, Tenn.)	15,078	John Merritt Classic
9/21/2019	L	31-37	Hale Stadium (Nashville, Tenn.)	8,683	
9/9/2023	W	24-14	Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium	32,518	Southern Heritage Classic

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 Dean Cokinos, head coach of the Nashville Kats of the Arena Football League, for home games and former Tennessee Titans wide

Cont. on page 5

2024 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

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



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



Sept. 14 // 6:00 PM
vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff
HBCU GO / WNSR
Southern Heritage Classic



Sept. 21 // 1:30 PM
at Tennessee Tech
ESPN+ / 560AM,
95.9 FM, 107.9 FM



Sept. 28 // 5:00 PM
Charleston Southern
ESPN+ / 560AM,
95.9 FM, 107.9 FM



Oct. 5 // 1:00 PM
at Lindenwood
ESPN+ / 560AM,
95.9 FM, 107.9 FM



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



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



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



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



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



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



All times listed are in CT



TSU TWO-DEEP DEPTH CHART & PRONUNCIATIONS

OFFENSE

LT	58	Hadine Diaby	6-3	300	So.	Loganville, Ga. / Grayson
	74	Jourden Hale-Frater	6-6	350	R-So.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Sycamore Akron / Copiah-Lincoln CC
LG	56	Anthony Smith	6-3	305	R-Sr.	Lakeland, Fla. / Lakeland / Iowa State
	61	Kennedy Wilbert	6-1	293	Jr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Middle College
C	53	Blake Gamez	6-1	280	R-Jr.	Buckeye, Ariz. / Verrado / Northern Arizona
	51	Alex Valbuena	6-0	275	R-So.	Antioch, Tenn. / Ezell-Harding Christian
RG	63	Jamari Freeman	6-4	300	R-So.	Fairburn, Ga. / Langston Hughes
	54	Darius Neals	6-4	335	R-Fr.	Ellenwood, Ga. / Cedar Grove
RT	57	Connor Meadows	6-4	300	R-So.	Trenton, Tenn. / Peabody / Tennessee
	72	Kaleob Onyeahialam	6-6	325	R-Fr.	Harvest, Ala. / Sparkman
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	2	Jordan Gant	5-10	205	R-so.	Lakeland, Fla. / Kathleen
	22	Jalen Rouse	5-11	195	Sr.	Richmond Hill, Ga. / Richmond Hill
X-WR	0	Karate Brenson	6-2	217	R-Jr.	St. Louis, Mo. / Ball State
	6	Bryant Williams	6-1	190	Jr.	New Orleans, La. / El Camino
Z-WR	9	Da'Shon Davis	5-11	195	Jr.	Quincy, Fla. / Jefferson County
	5	Dayron Johnson	5-9	180	Sr.	Springfield, Tenn. / Springfield
SLOT	8	Jalal Dean	6-0	190	Sr.	Williamston, S.C. / Palmetto / Tennessee Tech
	14	Roshawn Lacy	6-0	185	Jr.	Orange, Calif. / Esoteranza / Riverside CC
TE	89	Jason Hoath Jr.	6-2	235	So.	Columbia, Tenn. / Page
	17	Gerard Bullock	6-0	200	Sr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Ensworth / Austin Peay

DEFENSE

DE	44	Eriq George	6-2	280	So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Montgomery Bell Academy
	17	Emmanuel Baez	6-4	265	Sr.	Plant City, Fla. / Plant City
NT	2	Cameron Blaylock	6-2	315	R-Jr.	Memphis, Tenn. / White Station / Memphis / Trinity CC
	4	Kierron Smith	6-0	335	Gr.	Fitzgerald, Ga. / Fitzgerald / Georgia Southern
DT	5	Jalen Bell	6-1	280	Gr.	Detroit, Mich. / Martin Luther King Jr. / Mississippi Valley St.
	0	Tyler Moore	5-10	290	Fr.	Locust Grove, Ga. / Luella
BUCK	48	Chris Walker	6-4	250	Sr.	Sanford, Fla. / Seminole
	40	Marlon Huff	6-3	230	Fr.	Delray Beach, Fla. / Atlantic
MIKE	7	Ahmad Nelson	6-2	225	Jr.	Birmingham, Ala. / Minor
	12	Sanders Ellis	6-2	225	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Station Camp
WILL	12	Sanders Ellis	6-2	225	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Station Camp
	36	Caden Marshall	6-2	205	Fr.	Paris, Tenn. / Henry County
NICKEL	18	Keandre Booker	6-3	240	Gr.	Moss Point, Miss. / Moss Point / SEMO
	1	Boogie Trotter	5-9	180	Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Pearl-Cohn
CB (L)	8	Jalen McClendon	6-0	180	R-Jr.	Tampa, Fla. / Chamberlain
	32	Jayden Coleman	5-10	180	Fr.	Phenix City, Ala. / Liberty-Eylau
FS	6	Dion Villiers	5-11	165	R-Fr.	Lakeland, Fla. / Lake Gibson
	28	Kaiki Baker	6-3	190	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Hillsboro
SS	9	Spencer Roof	6-0	200	Jr.	Arlington, Texas / Nolan Catholic / Lehigh
	21	Tyler Jones	6-0	200	R-Sr.	Orlando, Fla. / West Orange / Missouri
CB (R)	15	Malik Ganaway	6-2	190	R-So.	Trenton, Tenn. / Peabody / Tennessee
	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
	39	Mark Shenouda	6-1	210	R-Fr.	Mt. Juliet, Tenn. / Mt. Juliet / Memphis
KO	99	James Lowery	5-10	225	R-Jr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. / Northern Illinois
P	39	Mark Shenouda	6-1	210	R-Fr.	Mt. Juliet, Tenn. / Mt. Juliet / Memphis
	41	Jackson Foster	6-2	220	Sr.	Danville, Calif. / Western Michigan
KR	5	Dayron Johnson	5-9	180	Jr.	Springfield, Tenn. / Springfield
	84	Amari Southall	6-0	170	R-Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Hillsboro
PR	5	Dayron Johnson	5-9	180	Jr.	Springfield, Tenn. / Springfield
	1	Boogie Trotter	5-9	170	Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Tennessee Valley Prep
LS	52	Carson Buchanan	6-0	265	R-Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Antioch
	90	Connor Ridderhoff	6-2	240	R-So.	Chelsea, Ala. / Chelsea
H	41	Jackson Foster	6-2	220	Jr.	Danville, Calif. / Western Michigan

OTHER NOTABLE PLAYERS

RB	23	CJ Evans	5-8	180	R-Sr.	Mobile, Ala. / McGill-Toolen / Austin Peay
RB	4	Jaden McGill	6-0	205	Jr.	Chicago, Ill. / Naperville Central / DuPage
TE	18	Kheagian Heckaman	6-1	220	R-So.	Hampshire, Texas / New Mexico St. / UTEP
DT	99	Lathun Snipes	6-1	290	Sr.	Eik Grove, Calif. / Monterey Trail / Butte
NT	93	Meonta Kimbrough	6-1	270	R-Sr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Overton / Memphis
	95	Chandon Page	6-3	305	Gr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Pearl-Cohn
WILL	3	Micah Gay	6-1	205	R-So.	Johns Creek, Ga. / Johns Creek
LB	47	Matthew Wilson	6-2	230	Fr.	Tampa, Fla. / Middleton

PRONUNCIATION CHART (Alphabetical order)

Name	First	Last
Shivan Abdullah	SHIV-uhn	Ab-DUHL-uh
Anakin Aupii	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		
Camari 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		
Kheagian Heckaman	KEE-uh-guhn	HEK-uh-muhn
Jordan Helton		
Kyle Hicks		
Jason Hoath Jr.		HOH-uhth
Fondren Hollis III	FON-druhn	
Marlon Huff		
Veguer Jean-Jumeau	VEH-gur	ZHAHN-ZHOO-mo
Taeshawn Jefferson	TAY-shawn	
TySean Jefferson		
Dayron Johnson		
Tyler Jones		
Kobe Jones		
Yirayah LaNier	yee-RAH-yuh	luh-NYER
Roshawn Lacy		
James Lowery		
C.J. Lowe		
Juice Majors		
Caden Marshall		
Quinton Mastropietro		MAS-troh-pee-ay-troh
Gabriel McDaniel		
Ace Meadows		
Connor Meadows		
Joshua Meriwether		
Johnathan Moore		
Tyler Moore		
Darius Neals		
Ahmad Nelson		
Kaleob Onyeahialam	KAY-lee-uhb	ON-yay-uh-luhm
Antwone Parker		
Chandon Page	SHAN-don	
Exavius 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	



**2024 TSU ROSTER**

ALPHABETICAL			NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YR.	HOMETOWN / HIGH SCHOOL / PREVIOUS SCHOOL
25	Shivan Abdullah	QB	0	Karate Brenson	WR	6-2	215	R-Jr.	St. Louis, Mo. / Christian Brothers College / Ball State
42	Ro Abercrombie	TE	0	Tyler Moore	DL	5-10	290	Fr.	Locust Grove, Ga. / Luella
31	Anakin Aupiu	LB	1	Draylen Ellis	QB	6-1	175	Gr.	Olive Branch, Miss. / Kirby / Austin Peay
55	Saidou Ba	OL	1	Boogie Trotter	DB	5-9	180	Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Tennessee Valley Prep
17	Emmanuel Baez	DL	2	Cameron Blaylock	DL	6-2	315	R-Jr.	Memphis, Tenn. / White Station / Memphis / Trinity Valley
28	Kaiki Baker	DB	2	Jordan Gant	RB	5-10	205	R-So.	Lakeland, Fla. / Kathleen
5	Jalen Bell	DL	3	Solomon Dunn	WR	6-4	210	R-Jr.	Johnson City, Tenn. / Science Hill / ETSU
85	Malik Billingsley	WR	3	Micah Gay	LB	6-1	205	R-So.	Johns Creek, Ga. / Johns Creek
2	Cameron Blaylock	DL	4	Jaden McGill	RB	6-0	205	Jr.	Chicago, Ill. / Naperville Central / College of DuPage
18	Keandre Booker	DL	4	Kierron Smith	DL	6-0	335	Gr.	Fitzgerald, Ga. / Fitzgerald / Georgia Southern
77	Owen Borba	OL	5	Jalen Bell	DL	6-1	280	Gr.	Detroit, Mi. / Martin Luther King / Miss. Valley State
16	Brandon Bouie Jr.	DB	5	Dayron Johnson	WR	5-9	180	Sr.	Springfield, Tenn. / Springfield
91	Daniel Bravo	K	6	Dion Villiers	DB	5-11	165	R-So.	Lakeland, Fla. / Lake Gibson
0	Karate Brenson	WR	6	Bryant Williams	WR	6-1	190	Jr.	New Orleans, La. / El Camino College
52	Carson Buchanan	LS	7	Juice Majors	WR	5-9	155	So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Overton
17	Gerard Bullock	TE	7	Ahmad Nelson	LB	6-2	225	Sr.	Birmingham, Ala. / Minor
98	Terence Carpenter II	DL	8	Jalal Dean	WR	6-0	190	Sr.	Williamston, S.C. / Palmetto / Tennessee Tech
34	Mecca Carr-Bordeaux	DL	8	Jalen McClendon	DB	6-0	180	R-Jr.	Tampa, Fla. / Chamberlain
21	Tevin Carter	QB	9	Da'Shon Davis	WR	5-11	195	Gr.	Quincy, Fla. / Jefferson County
13	Camani Cobbs	DB	9	Spencer Roof	DB	6-0	200	Jr.	Arlington, Texas / Nolan Catholic / Lehigh
32	Jayden Coleman	DB	10	George Hamsley	QB	6-5	220	R-So.	Memphis, Tenn. / Memphis University School / LSU
81	Santana Crayton	WR	10	Fondren Hollis III	DB	5-11	180	R-Sr.	Decatur, Ga. / Columbia
44	Craig Cunningham	RB	11	Snap Reed	WR	6-2	220	Fr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Bartlett
27	Byron Davis	DB	11	Brent Rowe	LB	6-1	230	Jr.	Milwaukee, Wis. / Hendersonville
9	Da'Shon Davis	WR	12	Sanders Ellis	LB	6-2	225	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Station Camp
8	Jalal Dean	WR	12	Chase Spellman	QB	6-3	220	Fr.	Wales, Wisc. / Kettle Moraine
58	Hadine Diaby	OL	13	Camani Cobbs	DB	6-1	180	R-Fr.	McDonough, Ga. / Eagle's Landing / SEMO
30	Dominique Dixon	DB	13	Ryder Hagan	QB	6-1	210	R-Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Overton
49	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	Kaderris Roberts	RB	5-8	180	R-Jr.	Zellwood, Fla. / Orangewood Christian / Stetson
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	Shivan Abdullah	QB	6-0	205	R-Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Cane Ridge / Independence CC
18	Kheagian Heckaman	TE	25	Sammy Taylor	LB	6-2	205	R-Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Ensworth
24	Jordan Helton	DB	26	Jonothan Moore	RB	5-11	200	R-Fr.	Smyrna, Tenn. / Montgomery Bell Academy
97	Kyle Hicks	LS	27	Byron Davis	DB	6-1	185	R-So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Cane Ridge / Kentucky Wesleyan
89	Jason Hoath Jr.	TE	28	Kaiki Baker	DB	6-3	190	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Hillsboro
10	Fondren Hollis III	DB	29	Antwone Parker	LB	6-1	225	R-Jr.	Fort Worth, Texas / Kennedale / Cisco JC / Butler JC
40	Marlon Huff	DL	30	Dominique Dixon	DB	6-1	195	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. / Cardinal Ritter College Prep
67	Veguer Jean-Jumeau	OL	31	Anakin Aupiu	LB	5-11	220	Jr.	Compton, Calif. / St. Anthony / Southwest Oklahoma St.
33	Taeshawn Jefferson	DB	32	Jayden Coleman	DB	5-10	180	Fr.	Phenix City, Ala. / Liberty-Eylau (TX)
80	Tysean Jefferson	WR	33	Taeshawn Jefferson	DB	5-11	185	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Germantown
5	Dayron Johnson	WR							
78	Kobe Jones	OL							



**2024 TSU ROSTER**

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	Jr.	Villa Rica, Ga. / Villa Rica / Maryville	93 Meonta Kimbrough DL
36	Caden Marshall	LB	6-2	205	Fr.	Paris, Tenn. / Henry County	88 Tucker Kyne TE
37	Jacorris Foreman	LB	5-11	205	R-Fr.	Pahokee, Fla. / Everglades Pep	14 Roshawn Lacy WR
38	Gabriel McDaniel	DB	5-10	170	R-Sr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Ensworth / MTSU / Oklahoma	94 Yirayah LaNier DL
39	Mark Shenouda	P	6-1	210	R-Fr.	Mt. Juliet, Tenn. / Mt. Juliet / Memphis	35 C.J. Lowe LB
40	Marlon Huff	DL	6-3	230	Fr.	Delray Beach, Fla. / Atlantic	99 James Lowery K/P
41	Jackson Foster	P	6-2	220	Sr.	Danville, Calif. / San Ramon Valley / Western Michigan	7 Juice Majors WR
41	Quinn Reid	DL	6-4	225	Fr.	Bradenton, Fla. / IMG Academy	36 Caden Marshall LB
42	Ro Abercrombie	TE	6-4	245	Jr.	San Bernardino, Calif. / Aquinas / Chadron State	68 Quinton Mastropietro OL
43	Kamden Edwards	TE	5-10	225	R-Jr.	Chattanooga, Tenn. / Tyner Academy	8 Jalen McClendon DB
44	Craig Cunningham	RB	5-10	190	R-So.	Memphis, Tenn. / Lausanne Collegiate	38 Gabriel McDaniel DB
44	Eriq George	DL	6-2	280	So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Montgomery Bell Academy	4 Jaden McGill RB
45	Josiah Smith	LB	6-1	245	R-Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Antioch	50 Ace Meadows OL
46	Scotty Roddy	LB	6-0	240	R-Fr.	Memphis, Tenn. / KIPP Collegiate	57 Connor Meadows OL
46	Oliver Walker	RB	5-10	205	Fr.	Glendale, Ariz. / Cactus	83 Joshua Meriwether TE
47	Matthew Wilson	LB	6-2	230	Fr.	Tampa, Fla. / Middleton	26 Johnathan Moore RB
48	Chris Walker	DL	6-4	250	Sr.	Sanford, Fla. / Seminole	0 Tyler Moore DL
49	Jace Dobbins	DB	6-0	165	R-Fr.	Dandridge, Tenn. / Jefferson County	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	20 Kaderris Roberts RB
58	Hadine Diaby	OL	6-3	300	So..	Loganville, Ga. / Grayson	46 Scotty Roddy LB
61	Kennedy Wilbert	OL	6-1	295	Gr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Middle College	9 Spencer Roof DB
63	Jamari Freeman	OL	6-4	300	R-So.	Fairburn, Ga. / Langston Hughes	22 Jalen Rouse RB
64	Justin Harper	OL	6-3	265	Fr.	St. Petersburg, Fla. / Lakewood	11 Brent Rowe LB
65	Jacob Wooden	OL	6-4	305	Sr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Stewarts Creek / Central State	86 Connor Ruth TE
67	Veguer Jean-Jumeau	OL	6-7	275	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Hillsboro	22 DuJuan Sharp III DB
68	Quinton Mastropietro	OL	6-4	305	Jr.	Mountain View, Calif. / Mountain View / Reedley College	39 Mark Shenouda P
70	Darien Farmer	OL	6-0	300	R-Fr.	Aurora, Ill. / West Aurora	19 Aiden Smith WR
72	Kaleob Onyehialam	OL	6-6	325	R-Fr.	Harvest, Ala. / Sparkman	56 Anthony Smith OL
74	Jourden Hale-Frater	OL	6-5	350	R-So.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Sycamore / Akron / Copiah Lincoln CC	19 Darius Smith DB
77	Owen Borba	OL	6-3	280	Fr.	Lebanon, Tenn. / Wilson County	45 Josiah Smith LB
78	Kobe Jones	OL	6-3	310	Fr.	Cumming, Ga. / Denmark	4 Kierron Smith DL
80	Tysean Jefferson	WR	5-7	170	R-Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Beech / Western Kentucky	99 Lathun Snipes DL
81	Santana Crayton	WR	5-10	185	Fr.	Louisville, Ky. / Pleasure Ridge Park	84 Amari Southall WR
83	Joshua Meriwether	TE	6-2	230	Gr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Montgomery Bell Academy / Tufts	12 Chase Spellman QB
84	Amari Southall	WR	6-0	170	R-Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Hillsboro	25 Sammy Taylor LB
85	Malik Billingsley	WR	5-10	190	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo. / Christian Brothers / Winston-Salem	1 Boogie Trotter DB
86	Connor Ruth	TE	6-3	220	Fr.	Knoxville, Tenn. / Knoxville Catholic	87 Gerand Turner WR
87	Gerand Turner	WR	6-0	205	Sr.	Miami, Fla. / South Miami Senior	51 Alex Valbuena OL
88	Tucker Kyne	TE	6-5	225	Fr.	Woodbury, Tenn. / Cannon County	6 Dion Villiers DB
89	Jason Hoath Jr.	TE	6-2	235	So.	Columbia, Tenn. / Page	48 Chris Walker DL
90	Connor Ridderhoff	LS	6-2	240	R-So.	Chelsea, Ala. / Chelsea	46 Oliver Walker RB
91	Daniel Bravo	K	5-7	180	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Antioch	61 Kennedy Wilbert OL
93	Meonta Kimbrough	DL	6-1	270	R-Sr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Overton / Memphis	15 Lance Wilhoite WR
94	Yirayah LaNier	DL	6-3	240	R-So.	Brentwood, Tenn. / Brentwood / Louisville	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	





NOTES, GENERAL INFORMATION, RECENT SCHEDULES

receiver Chris Sanders for road games. The action can also be streamed on the TSU Tigers app.

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

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

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

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

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

WEEK 1 BY THE NUMBERS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

80% — TSU converted on 4-of-5 red-zone opportunities, with two touchdowns (one passing,

GENERAL INFORMATION

Table with 2 columns: 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 #, Official Web Site.

TSU FOOTBALL

Table with 2 columns: First Season, All-Time Record, First Year in OVC, OVC Record, OVC Championships, NCAA FCS Playoff Appearances, HBCU National Championships, Cumulative All-Americans, Pro Football Hall of Famers.

FUTURE SCHEDULED GAMES

Table with 2 columns: Date, Opponent, Location.

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

Table with 2 columns: Date, Opponent, Score.

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

Table with 2 columns: Date, Opponent, Score.

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

Table with 2 columns: Date, Opponent, Score.





NOTES

one rushing) and two field goals.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





COACHING STAFF



EDDIE GEORGE
HEAD COACH

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

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

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

In 1996, George was the first-round draft pick of the Houston Oilers. He earned NFL Rookie of the Year honors and served as the starting tailback for the Oilers/Titans until 2003, notably never missing a start. He earned four consecutive Pro Bowl selections (1997-2000) and helped lead the Titans to Super Bowl XXXIV. George is one of only two NFL running backs, along with Jim Brown, to surpass 10,000 rushing yards without missing a start. His 130 consecutive regular-season starts rank second only to Walter Payton's 170.

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

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

Honored for his achievements, George was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2011 and the Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame in 2013. He is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and serves on the board of Music City Baseball. A Philadelphia native, George earned his bachelor's degree in landscape architecture from Ohio State in 2001 and later completed an MBA from Northwestern in 2009. He is married to Tamara "Taj" George, and they have two sons, Eriq and Jaire.

COORDINATORS



JOE BOWDEN
ASSOC. HEAD COACH / LINEBACKERS

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



BRANDON FISHER
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

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



TRAVIS PARTRIDGE
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR

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





COACHING STAFF / RECRUITING



JOSH CRAWFORD, RUNNING BACKS

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



RICKEY GALVIN, WIDE RECEIVERS

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



DYLAN CHMURA, OFFENSIVE LINE

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



SETH HESTNESS, TIGHT ENDS / FULLBACKS

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



CLYDE SIMMONS, DEFENSIVE LINE

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



RICHARD MCNUTT, DEFENSIVE BACKS

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



KEITH BURNS, SPECIAL TEAMS

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



KEVIN MASHAK / RECRUITING

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

2024 TSU FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF



DUSTY BENNETT
Chief Of Staff
4th Season



ASHLEY GOIST
Athletic Trainer
1st Season



NICK GUERRIERO
Asst. AD
Communications
4th Season



STEVEN AYCOCK
Operations Director
2nd Season



JEREMY TAYLOR
Equipment Manager
13th Season



SCOTT HOLSOPPLE
Sports Performance
4th Season



LANCE ZENO
Player Development
2nd Season



KATRINA CHAMBERS
External Relations
4th Season





2024 FOOTBALL

@BigSouthOVCFB | www.BigSouthOVCFootball.com

2024 Big South-OVC Football Association Standings

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

SLANT ROUTES

* CHARLESTON SOUTHERN: The Buccaneers are looking to move one game above .500 for the first time under GABE GIARDINA ... * EASTERN ILLINOIS: The Panthers are playing their second FBS opponent of the season on Saturday ... * GARDNER-WEBB: The Runnin' Bulldogs are looking to avoid starting 0-3 for the first time since 2017 ... * LINDENWOOD: The Lions are looking to avoid starting 0-3 for the first time since 2002 ... * SOUTHEAST MISSOURI: The Redhawks are 1-0 in conference play for the sixth consecutive year ...

WEEK 3 SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE TABLE with columns: DATE, TIME, WATCH, SERIES. Includes games for Saturday, Sept. 14: Western Illinois at #18/19 Illinois State, Charleston Southern at Richmond, Gardner-Webb at Charlotte, Lindenwood at Missouri State, Tennessee State vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, North Alabama at UT Martin, Eastern Illinois at Northwestern.

All Times subject to change
* - Big South-OVC Association game
Big South-OVC Association member in ALL CAPS

2-MINUTE OFFENSE

OPENING KICKOFF: The Association picked up its highest-ranked non-conference victory in its young history this past week, as Charleston Southern won at then-No. 15/16 Furman, 24-20. ... 1st DOWN: For the second-straight season, Southeast Missouri played in the first conference game of the year, and for the second-straight year, the Redhawks are 1-0 in Association games. ... 2nd DOWN: Big South-OVC Football Association members are 4-4 in non-conference FCS games this season, and 24-20 overall (.545 winning percentage) since beginning play in 2023. ... 3rd DOWN: Southeast Missouri QB PAXTON DeLAURENT tied the Association single-game record with six touchdown passes in SEMO's 45-42 double-overtime win over UT Martin. ... 4th DOWN: UT Martin RB PATRICK SMITH rushed for 148 yards and a score in the setback at Southeast Missouri.

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.

* TENNESSEE STATE: The Tigers will play Arkansas-Pine Bluff in the 35th Annual Southern Heritage Classic in Memphis. Tennessee State defeated UAPB in the game a year ago (24-14), and has been victorious 18 times in the event. ... * TENNESSEE TECH: The Golden Eagles are idle this week, and return to action next Saturday in their Association opener against Tennessee State at home. ... * UT MARTIN: The Skyhawks are looking to avoid starting 0-3 for the first time since 2018 (0-3) ... UTM won last year's meeting with North Alabama (37-21), which was the first meeting between the squads since 1990. ... * WESTERN ILLINOIS: After opening the season with back-to-back FBS contests, the Leathernecks travel to a nationally-ranked FCS opponent this week ... WIU last defeated Illinois State in 2021 (W, 38-31 at home).





2024 BIG SOUTH-OVC FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

2024 ASSOCIATION PRESEASON POLL

Table with 2 columns: Rank, Team (with vote count in parentheses), and Points. Lists teams from 1st to 9th place.

2024 NATIONAL POLLS - SEPT. 9

Table with 4 columns: Rank, Team, Record, and Points. Lists national poll results for various teams.

Others (Big South-OVC Only): Southeast Missouri (111), Eastern Illinois (64), Charleston Southern (7)

AFCA FCS COACHES POLL

Table with 4 columns: Rank, Team, Record, and Points. Lists AFCA FCS coaches poll results.

Others (Big South-OVC Only): Southeast Missouri (61), Eastern Illinois (28), UT Martin (10)

BIG SOUTH-OVC FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION IN THE NATIONAL POLLS

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

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

BIG SOUTH-OVC FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION VS. DIVISION I OPPONENTS

Table with 2 main columns: vs. FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION and vs. FOOTBALL BOWL SUBDIVISION. Lists various opponents and their records.





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



FOOTBALL SID CONTACTS

Big South-OVC **Kyle Schwartz**
kschwartz@ovcs.org
615-690-6685
Mark Simpson
marks@bigsouth.org
704-341-7990

Charleston Southern **Michael Causey**
mcausey@csuniv.edu
843-863-7853
[@csusports](https://twitter.com/csusports)

Eastern Illinois **Rich Moser**
rlmoser@eiu.edu
217-581-7480
[@EIU_FB](https://twitter.com/EIU_FB)

Gardner-Webb **Matthew Farris**
mfarris1@gardner-webb.edu
864-761-8624
[@GWUFootball](https://twitter.com/GWUFootball)

Lindenwood **Andrew Honerkamp**
AHonerkamp@lindenwood.edu
636-627-4358
[@Lindenwood_FB](https://twitter.com/Lindenwood_FB)

Southeast Missouri **Jeff Honza**
jhonza@semo.edu
573-651-2933
[@SEMOFootball](https://twitter.com/SEMOFootball)

Tennessee State **Nick Guerriero**
nguerrie@tnstate.edu
615-963-6638
[@TSUTigersFB](https://twitter.com/TSUTigersFB)

Tennessee Tech **Thomas Corhern**
tcorhern@tntech.edu
931-372-6139
[@TNTechFootball](https://twitter.com/TNTechFootball)

UT Martin **Alex Boggis**
dboggis@utm.edu
731-881-7694
[@UTM_Football](https://twitter.com/UTM_Football)

Western Illinois **Scott Holland**
sc-holland@wiu.edu
309-298-1133
[@WIUFootball](https://twitter.com/WIUFootball)

FCS Football on X (formerly Twitter):
[@NCAA_FCS](https://twitter.com/NCAA_FCS)
[@ESPNCFB](https://twitter.com/ESPNCFB)
[@FCS_Insider](https://twitter.com/FCS_Insider)
[@HEROSportsNews](https://twitter.com/HEROSportsNews)
[@FCS_STATS](https://twitter.com/FCS_STATS)
[@FCS_Football](https://twitter.com/FCS_Football)

Relevant Hashtags:
#FCS
#FCSonGameDay
#FearTheFCS (vs. FBS opponent)
#FCSFacts
#FCSPlayoffs
#FCSChamp





2024 BIG SOUTH-OVC FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK - SEPT. 9

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

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

DeLaurent threw for a career-high 376 yards and single-game school record six touchdowns as Southeast Missouri opened Association play with a 45-42 double overtime victory over UT Martin. The senior completed a career-high 34 passes to go along with the six touchdowns and did not have an interception. He had touchdown passes of 17, 18, 20, 5, 10 and 11 yards with two coming in the final 8:30 of regulation and his final coming in the first overtime (all three of those went to Mitchell Sellers). On 3rd and 26 from the 41-yard line in the final overtime, DeLaurent connected with Dorian Anderson for 22 yards to set up the game-winning 37-yard field goal. Overall he went over 5,000 career passing yards during the game, the fourth player in SEMO history to achieve the feat.

Others Nominated: Noah Jennings (Charleston Southern), Terrance Gipson (Eastern Illinois), Kinkead Dent (UT Martin), Christian Anaya (Western Illinois)

CO-DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Tylan Hollis, Charleston Southern, LB • 6-0, 200, R-Jr. • Manchester, Ga.

Hollis did a little of everything as Charleston Southern went on the road to top No. 15/16 Furman for its first win over a Top 25 opponent since 2016. The junior had a sack, forced and recovered a fumble, had an interception and added two tackles for the Buccaneers' defense. Hollis had a strip sack to end the first half with CSU leading 14-10. He added an interception halfway through the third quarter which led to a Bucs touchdown two plays later as the team took the lead for good. In the fourth quarter he recovered a fumble with six minutes to play that setup a field goal to make the final margin 24-20.

Bryce Norman, Southeast Missouri, LB • 6-0, 215, Sr. • Jackson, Mo.

Norman had a game-high 13 tackles (5 solo), a tackle for loss, two quarterback hurries and forced a fumble as Southeast Missouri began Conference play with a 45-42 double overtime victory over UT Martin. The senior, who went over 300 career tackles during the game, had a hand in the game's only turnover when he forced a fumble that was recovered in SEMO territory by Khalani Riddick in the fourth quarter with SEMO trailing by seven points.

Others Nominated: NiJhay Burt (Eastern Illinois), Trevor Moffitt (Gardner-Webb), Ethan Stuhlsatz (Lindenwood), Tim Coutras (Tennessee Tech), Rob Johnson (UT Martin), Christian Pierce (Western Illinois)

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Gilbert Brown, Charleston Southern, P • 6-0, 175, Jr. • Richmond Hill, Ga.

Brown helped control field position for Charleston Southern in the team's 24-20 road victory over No. 15/16 Furman, the team's first over a ranked opponent since 2016. The junior averaged 46.9 yards on seven punts, including two that went over 50 yards (with a long of 63). Brown also took a direct snap on a PAT and ran in the two-point conversion to end the first half with the Bucs ahead 14-10. For the season Brown is averaging 46.3 yards per punt, which ranks eighth nationally.

Others Nominated: Jacob Horvath (Eastern Illinois), Jay Billingsley (Gardner-Webb), DC Pippin (Southeast Missouri), Spencer Ashby (Tennessee Tech), Jared Campbell (Western Illinois)

FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK

Drew Schiller, Eastern Illinois, K • 6-1, 170, Fr. • New Lerox, Ill.

In his collegiate debut Schiller made 2-of-3 field goals and all three of his PAT's to account for nine points as Eastern Illinois topped rival Indiana State 27-20. The freshman made a 34-yarder as the first half came to a close, giving the Panthers a 17-13 advantage at the break. He tacked on a 40-yarder midway through the third quarter.

Others Nominated: Tyson Greenwade (Charleston Southern), Spencer Ashby (Tennessee Tech), Terangie Eskridge (Western Illinois)

2024 PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSIVE

- Sept. 2 Draylen Ellis, TSU
Sept. 9 Paxton DeLaurent, SEMO
Sept. 16
Sept. 23
Sept. 30
Oct. 7
Oct. 14
Oct. 21
Oct. 28
Nov. 4
Nov. 11
Nov. 18
Nov. 25

DEFENSIVE

- Sept. 2 Steve Zayachkowsky, CSU
Sept. 9 Tylan Hollis, CSU
Bryce Norman, SEMO
Sept. 16
Sept. 23
Sept. 30
Oct. 7
Oct. 14
Oct. 21
Oct. 28
Nov. 4
Nov. 11
Nov. 18
Nov. 25

SPECIAL TEAMS

- Sept. 2 James Lowery, TSU
Sept. 9 Gilbert Brown, CSU
Sept. 16
Sept. 23
Sept. 30
Oct. 7
Oct. 14
Oct. 21
Oct. 28
Nov. 4
Nov. 11
Nov. 18
Nov. 25

FRESHMAN

- Sept. 2 Spencer Ashby, TTU
Sept. 9 Drew Schiller, EIU
Sept. 16
Sept. 23
Sept. 30
Oct. 7
Oct. 14
Oct. 21
Oct. 28
Nov. 4
Nov. 11
Nov. 18
Nov. 25

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





2024 BIG SOUTH-OVC FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

2024 PRESEASON WATCH LIST

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

OFFENSE

QUARTERBACK

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

WIDE RECEIVER

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

OFFENSIVE LINE

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

RUNNING BACK

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

TIGHT END

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

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

DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE LINE

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

LINEBACKER

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

DEFENSIVE BACK

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

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

SPECIALISTS

ALL PURPOSE

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

PLACEKICKER

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

PUNTER

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

LONG SNAPPER

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

KICKOFF RETURN SPECIALIST

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

PUNT RETURN SPECIALIST

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

2024 NATIONAL AWARDS & HONORS

FCS NATION RADIO

NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK
Jared Pedraza, SEMO (Week 1 - DEF)

STATS PERFORM NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK HONORABLE MENTION

DC Pippin, SEMO (Week 1 - ST)
Paxton DeLaurent, SEMO (Week 2 - OFF)
Tylan Hollis, CSU (Week 2 - DEF)
Rob Johnson, UTM (Week 2 - DEF)

WALTER PAYTON AWARD PRESEASON WATCH LIST

Paxton DeLaurent, SEMO
Pierce Holley, EIU
Zack Gieg, SEMO

BUCK BUCHANAN AWARD PRESEASON WATCH LIST

Bryce Norman, SEMO
Elijahwah Tolbert, EIU
Oshae Baker, UTM

HBCU FCS NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR PRESEASON WATCH LIST

Jordan Gant, TSU

BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR WATCH LIST

Jordan Gant, TSU
James Lowery, TSU

FCS PUNTER OF THE YEAR PRESEASON WATCH LIST

Logan Leftrick, SEMO

STATS PERFORM PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS

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

FCS FOOTBALL CENTRAL PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS

Oshae Baker, UTM (2nd Team)

PHIL STEELE PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS

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

SHRINE BOWL WATCH LIST

Oshae Baker, UTM

SENIOR BOWL WATCH LIST

Gareth Warren, LIN





2024 BIG SOUTH-OVC FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

AROUND THE ASSOCIATION...

CHARLESTON SOUTHERN

The Buccaneers' 24-20 win over #15/16 Furman this past week was the program's first win over a nationally-ranked opponent since 2016. That season, CSU defeated three Top 25 FCS squads as part of its Big South regular-season co-championship. In the win over the Paladins, the Bucs won the turnover battle, 4-0, with TYLAN HOLLIS (1 INT, 1 FUM) responsible for two of the takeaways. On offense, NOAH JENNINGS caught seven passes for 97 yards and two scores, while AUTAVIUS ISON rushed for 90 yards with a touchdown ... Charleston Southern has received Top 25 votes in the Stats Perform poll for the first time since the 2021 spring season.

EASTERN ILLINOIS

The Panthers won their fifth-straight game against an FCS program with last Saturday's 27-20 victory over Indiana State. MJ FLOWERS rushed 24 times for 93 yards and a score, while TERRANCE GIPSON caught six balls for 100 yards ... P JACOB HORVATH booted the longest punt in Association history with a 76-yarder against the Sycamores. The old league record was 71 yards by UTM's AIDAN LAROS ... Eastern Illinois is playing two FBS opponents in the same season for the first time since 2018. The program's last FBS victory was in 2016 (W, 21-17 at Miami-Ohio).

GARDNER-WEBB

Gardner-Webb's two defeats this season have been one possession setbacks, and by an average of 4.0 points ... The Runnin' Bulldogs held James Madison to 13 points last week, the fewest points by an FBS member against Gardner-Webb since 2008 (Georgia Tech - W, 10-7). GWU held a 3-0 halftime lead over JMU, and got within 10-6 late in the third quarter. EDWARD SAYDEE rushed for 87 yards against the Dukes, and TREVOR MOFFITT had 12 tackles, including 2.5 for loss.

LINDENWOOD

The Lions took a 3-0 lead over nationally-ranked Central Arkansas into the second quarter. REECE THOMAS scored Lindenwood's first touchdown of the season with a 4-yard pass catch from NATE GLANTZ in the fourth stanza. Three players recorded 10+ tackles against UCA -- DEVON EDWARDS (12), ETHAN STUHLSATZ (11) and VINCENT KING (11).

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

The Redhawks played their first OT game since 2020 this past Saturday, as well as their first 2OT contest since 2019 when they defeated Tennessee Tech in two extra periods ... DORIAN ANDERSON (127) and CAM PEDRO (126) became just the third set of Association teammates with 100 receiving yards in the same game when they eclipsed the century mark against UTM. Anderson caught two TD passes, while MITCHELL SELLERS had three touchdown grabs ... SEMO is idle this weekend, and returns to action in Week 4 at Southern Illinois in the "War For the Wheel" rivalry game. The two schools are separated by less than 50 miles and first played in 1909. The two teams have played 91 times, including every year since 2009. The teams have split the last six meetings (3-3). The rivalry was rebranded "War for the Wheel" in 2018.

TENNESSEE STATE

Tennessee State avoided a shutout at nationally-ranked North Dakota State when JAMES LOWERY converted a 19-yard field goal with 5:34 remaining in the game. Lowery has made all eight of his placekicks thus far this season (3 FG, 5 PAT) ... The Tigers will play Arkansas-Pine Bluff in the 35th Annual Southern Heritage Classic in Memphis. The game had traditionally been TSU vs. Jackson State, but JSU opted out after the 2022 season. Tennessee State defeated UAPB in the game a year ago (24-14), and has been victorious 18 times in the event.

TENNESSEE TECH

The Golden Eagles avoided a shutout at FBS #1 Georgia when HAYDEN OLSEN made a 32-yard field goal as time expired in the contest. Following TTU's loss to the Bulldogs, FCS members are 0-18 all-time against No. 1 ranked AP FBS teams.

UT MARTIN

The Skyhawks suffered just their third conference loss in the past four seasons this past Saturday with the double-overtime loss at Southeast Missouri. UTM, which was 2-0 in overtime games in 2023, lost its first OT game since 2018 ... In the loss to SEMO, PATRICK SMITH rushed for 148 yards and a touchdown, while KINKEAD DENT threw four touchdown passes.

WESTERN ILLINOIS

K ANTONIO CHADHA's three field goals this season have all been from 30 yards-or-longer, as he converted a 31-yarder at Indiana this past week. Against the Hoosier, CHRISTIAN PIERCE and RYAN CRANDALL led the Leathernecks with 11 tackles each.

2024 SUPERLATIVES

100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

- 1 Patrick Smith, UT Martin
148 at Southeast Missouri (Week 2)

100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES

- 2 Dorian Anderson, Southeast Missouri
115 at New Mexico State (Week 1)
127 vs. UT Martin (Week 2)
1 Terrance Gipson, Eastern Illinois
100 vs. Indiana State (Week 2)
1 Cam Pedro, Southeast Missouri
126 vs. UT Martin (Week 2)
1 Jalal Dean, Tennessee State
144 vs. Mississippi Valley State (Week 1)
1 DeVonte Tanksley, UT Martin
113 at Southeast Missouri (Week 2)

MULTI-TOUCHDOWN GAMES

Table with columns: Player, 2, 3, 4, 5+, Total. Rows include Payton Brown, SEMO; Mitchell Sellers, SEMO; Noah Jennings, CSU; Dorian Anderson, SEMO; Ashton Maples, TTU; Trevonte Rucker, UTM.

MULTI-TOUCHDOWN PASS GAMES

Table with columns: Player, 2, 3, 4, 5+, Total. Rows include Paxton DeLaurent, SEMO; Kinkead Dent, UTM; Draylen Ellis, TSU; Jordyn Potts, TTU; Rob McCoy, CSU.

300-YARD PASS GAMES

- 1 Paxton DeLaurent, Southeast Missouri
376 vs. UT Martin (Week 2)
1 Draylen Ellis, Tennessee State
356 vs. Mississippi Valley State (Week 1)

300-YARD TOTAL OFFENSE GAMES

- 1 Rob McCoy, Charleston Southern
330 vs. The Citadel (Week 1)
1 Paxton DeLaurent, Southeast Missouri
366 vs. UT Martin (Week 2)
1 Draylen Ellis, Tennessee State
363 vs. Mississippi Valley State (Week 1)

MULTI-FIELD GOAL GAMES

Table with columns: Player, 2, 3, 4, 5+, Total. Rows include Jay Billingsley, GWU; DC Pippin, SEMO; Drew Schiller, EIU; Logan Seibert, LIN; James Lowery, TSU; Jaren Van Winkle, UTM; Antonio Chadha, WIU.

10-POINT KICKING GAMES

- 1 DC Pippin, Southeast Missouri
10 at New Mexico State (Week 1)
1 James Lowery, Tennessee State
11 vs. Mississippi Valley State (Week 1)

MULTI-SACK GAMES

Table with columns: Player, 2-2.5, 3-3.5, 4+, Total. Rows include N. Oliveira-Chace, EIU; Nasim Cairo, SEMO.





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

Team Statistics

	TSU	OPP
Scoring	44	73
Points per game	22.0	36.5
Points Off Turnovers	14	0
First Downs	33	37
Rushing	12	15
Passing	16	17
Penalty	5	5
Rushing Yardage	186	295
Yards gained rushing	232	346
Yards lost rushing	46	51
Rushing attempts	60	77
Average per rush	3.1	3.8
Average per game	93.0	147.5
TDs Rushing	1	4
Passing Yardage	485	405
Comp-Att-Int	39-59-1	30-46-2
Average per pass	8.2	8.8
Average per catch	12.4	13.5
Average per game	242.5	202.5
TDs Passing	3	6
Total offense	671	700
Total plays	119	123
Average per play	5.6	5.7
Average per game	335.5	350.0
Kick returns: #-Yards	3-18	7-152
Punt returns: #-Yards	4-31	3-83
Int returns: #-Yards	2-35	1-24
Kick return average	6.0	21.7
Punt return average	7.8	27.7
Int return average	17.5	24.0
Fumbles-Lost	5-3	5-1
Penalties-Yards	17-162	16-114
Average per game	81.0	57.0
Punts-Yards	9-361	8-309
Average per punt	40.1	38.6
Net punt average	30.9	38.8
Kickoffs-Yards	10-586	13-772
Average per kick	58.6	59.4
Net kick average	38.4	39.8
Time of possession / game	29:48	30:12
3rd-down conversion	9/26	12/25
3rd-down pct	35%	48%
4rd-down conversion	1/2	3/3



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

	TSU	OPP
4rd-down pct	50%	100%
Sacks by-Yards	3-22	3-22
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	5	10
Field goals - attempts	3-3	1-1
On-Side kicks	0-0	0-0
Red-zone scores	(5-6) 83%	(6-6) 100%
Red-zone touchdowns	(2-6) 33%	(6-6) 100%
PAT-attempts	(5-5) 100%	(10-10) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-0) 0%	(0-0) 0%
Attendance	8124	16811
Games / Avg per game	1/8124	1/16811
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Tennessee St.	21	10	0	13	0	44
Opponents	14	21	3	35	0	73





2024-25 Tennessee St. Football
Overall Defense 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
6	Dion Villiers	2	13	2	15	0.5-1	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.
44	Eriq George	2	6	5	11	3.5-12	1-4	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
15	Malik Ganaway	2	8	2	10	1-3	.	1-0	1	.	.	.	.	.
5	Jalen Bell	2	4	5	9	1-4	0.5-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Spencer Roof	2	7	2	9	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Sanders Ellis	2	3	4	7	1.5-2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
8	Jalen McClendon	2	5	2	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Ahmad Nelson	2	4	3	7	1-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18	Keandre Booker	2	1	5	6	1-3	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Emmanuel Baez	2	5	.	5	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Chris Walker	2	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Boogie Trotter	2	2	2	4	.	.	1-35	.	.	.	.	.	.
0	Tyler Moore	2	2	1	3	2-20	1-13	.	.	1	.	1	.	.
3	Micah Gay	1	2	1	3	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	1-54	.	.	.
47	Matthew Wilson	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	Kierron Smith	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Craig Cunningham	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Tyler Jones	1	2	.	2	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Cameron Blaylock	2	1	1	2	1.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	C.J. Lowe	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Gerard Bullock	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Meonta Kimbrough	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
57	Connor Meadows	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31	Anakin Aupiu	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Jordan Helton	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
58	Hadine Diaby	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Fondren Hollis III	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
40	Marlon Huff	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	James Lowery	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Totals		2	82	38	120	16-52	3-22	2-35	2	3	1-54	3	0	0
Opponents		2	85	20	105	14-48	3-22	1-24	6	4	3-3	4	0	0



**2024-25 Tennessee St. Football
Team Game Highs
All games****Tennessee St. - Game Highs**

RUSHES	30	at North Dakota St. (09/07/2024)
	30	Mississippi Val. (08/31/2024)
YARDS RUSHING	138	Mississippi Val. (08/31/2024)
YARDS PER RUSH	4.6	Mississippi Val. (08/31/2024)
TD RUSHES	1	Mississippi Val. (08/31/2024)
PASS ATTEMPTS	34	Mississippi Val. (08/31/2024)
PASS COMPLETIONS	22	Mississippi Val. (08/31/2024)
YARDS PASSING	357	Mississippi Val. (08/31/2024)
YARDS PER PASS	10.5	Mississippi Val. (08/31/2024)
TD PASSES	3	Mississippi Val. (08/31/2024)
TOTAL PLAYS	64	Mississippi Val. (08/31/2024)
TOTAL OFFENSE	495	Mississippi Val. (08/31/2024)
YARDS PER PLAY	7.7	Mississippi Val. (08/31/2024)
POINTS	41	Mississippi Val. (08/31/2024)
SACKS BY	3	Mississippi Val. (08/31/2024)
FIRST DOWNS	21	Mississippi Val. (08/31/2024)
PENALTIES	10	Mississippi Val. (08/31/2024)
PENALTY YARDS	102	Mississippi Val. (08/31/2024)
TURNOVERS	3	at North Dakota St. (09/07/2024)
PUNTS	7	at North Dakota St. (09/07/2024)
PUNTING AVG	40.6	at North Dakota St. (09/07/2024)
LONG PUNT	51	at North Dakota St. (09/07/2024)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	0	at North Dakota St. (09/07/2024)
	0	Mississippi Val. (08/31/2024)
LONG PUNT RETURN	22	Mississippi Val. (08/31/2024)





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	0
Totals 5 of 6 (83.3%)			6	5	23	2	1	1	3	3	1	0	0	0	0

Opponents Inside Tennessee St. Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total		Rush	Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ					
			In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/31/2024	Mississippi Val.	W 41-21	1	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/07/2024	North Dakota St.	L 3-52	5	5	35	5	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals 6 of 6 (100.0%)			6	6	42	6	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0





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) 5x First-team All-Pro (1971–1974, 1977) 3x Second-team All-Pro (1969, 1970, 1976) 6x 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) 2x Second-team All-Pro (1981, 1983) 3x 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); 2x Pro Bowl (1969, 1970)
Loaird McCreary —TE / WR	Miami Dolphins (1976–1978); New York Giants (1979); Oklahoma Outlaws (1984)
Frank McRae — DT	Chicago Bears (1967)
Jerrold McRae —WR	Kansas City Chiefs (1978); Philadelphia Eagles (1979)
Willie Mitchell —CB	Kansas City Chiefs (1964–1970); Houston Oilers (1971)
Steve Moore — T	New England Patriots (1983–1987)





ALL-TIME TIGERS IN THE PROS

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

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





TSU NFL & AFL DRAFT PICKS

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





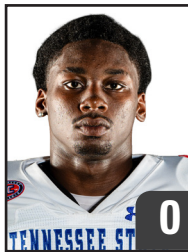
TSU NFL & AFL DRAFT PICKS

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





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



JORDAN GANT

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

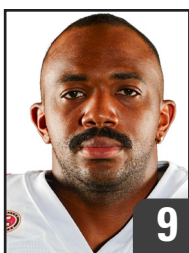
2



JALAL DEAN

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

8



DA'SHON DAVIS

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

9



BLAKE GAMEZ

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

53



ANTHONY SMITH

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

56



CONNOR MEADOWS

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

57



HADINE DIABY

Sophomore
Offensive Left Tackle
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

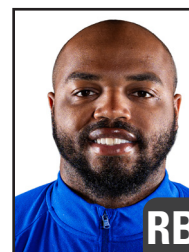
00



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

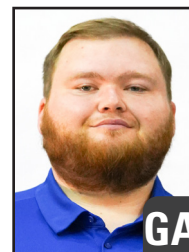
TE



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



MICAH GAY

Redshirt Sophomore
WILL
6-1 // 205
Johns Creek, Ga.
Johns Creek

3



JALEN BELL

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

5



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 MCCLEENDON

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

8



SPENCER ROOF

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

9



MALIK GANAWAY

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

15



KEANDRE BOOKER

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

18



ERIQ GEORGE

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

44



CHRIS WALKER

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

48



CHANDON PAGE

Graduate Student
Nose Tackle
6-3 // 305
Nashville, Tenn.
Pearl-Cohn

95



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



KEITH BURNS

4th Season
Oklahoma State '94
on Field

ST





TV/RADIO CHART — PROJECTED SPECIAL TEAMS STARTERS



JAMES LOWERY

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



JACKSON FOSTER

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



DAYRON JOHNSON

Senior
Kick Return
5-9 // 180
Springfield, Tenn.
Springfield



BOOGIE TROTTER

Freshman
Punt Return
5-9 // 170
Nashville, Tenn.
Tennessee Valley Prep



CARSON BUCHANAN

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



KEITH BURNS

4th Season
Oklahoma State '94
on Field





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
6	Dion Villiers	2	13	2	15	0.5-1	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	
44	Eriq George	2	6	5	11	3.5-12	1-4	.	.	.	.	1	.
15	Malik Ganaway	2	8	2	10	1-3	.	1-0	1	.	.	.	.
5	Jalen Bell	2	4	5	9	1-4	0.5-3	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Spencer Roof	2	7	2	9	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Ahmad Nelson	2	4	3	7	1-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	Jalen McClendon	2	5	2	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Sanders Ellis	2	3	4	7	1.5-2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	
18	Keandre Booker	2	1	5	6	1-3	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Emmanuel Baez	2	5	.	5	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Chris Walker	2	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Boogie Trotter	2	2	2	4	.	.	1-35	.	.	.	.	.
3	Micah Gay	1	2	1	3	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	1-54	.	.
0	Tyler Moore	2	2	1	3	2-20	1-13	.	.	1	.	1	.	
4	Kierron Smith	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Tyler Jones	1	2	.	2	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Cameron Blaylock	2	1	1	2	1.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Craig Cunningham	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47	Matthew Wilson	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Fondren Hollis III	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
93	Meonta Kimbrough	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	James Lowery	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Jordan Helton	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	C.J. Lowe	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Gerard Bullock	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
57	Connor Meadows	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31	Anakin Aupiu	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
58	Hadine Diaby	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40	Marlon Huff	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Totals		2	82	38	120	16-52	3-22	2-35	2	3	1-54	3	0	0
Opponents		2	85	20	105	14-48	3-22	1-24	6	4	3-3	4	0	0





**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	3-3	100.0	1-1	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	32	0
Opponents	1-1	100.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	51	0

Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT						pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	
James Lowery	-	3-3	5-5	-	-	-	-	-	14
Jalen Rouse	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jalal Dean	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Karate Brenson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jordan Gant	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Micah Gay	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	5	3-3	5-5	0	0	0	0	0	44
Opponents	10	1-1	10-10	0	0	0	0	0	73

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Tennessee St.	21	10	0	13	0	44
Opponents	14	21	3	35	0	73

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Mark Shenouda	5	202	40.4	51	0	2	0	1	0
Jackson Foster	4	159	39.8	46	0	0	0	0	0
Total	9	361	40.1	51	0	2	0	1	0
Opponents	8	309	38.6	52	0	3	1	1	0

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Dayron Johnson	4	31	7.8	0	22
Total	4	31	7.8	0	22
Opponents	3	83	27.7	0	67

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Dayron Johnson	2	15	7.5	0	10
Craig Cunningham	1	3	3.0	0	3
Total	3	18	6.0	0	10
Opponents	7	152	21.7	0	55

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Jalal Dean	2	0	195	0	0	0	195	97.5
Karate Brenson	2	0	95	0	0	0	95	47.5
Da'Shon Davis	2	0	81	0	0	0	81	40.5
Dayron Johnson	2	0	7	31	15	0	53	26.5
Jordan Gant	2	50	2	0	0	0	52	26.0
Jaden McGill	2	51	0	0	0	0	51	25.5
Bryant Williams	2	0	38	0	0	0	38	19.0
CJ Evans	2	31	4	0	0	0	35	17.5
Boogie Trotter	2	0	0	0	0	35	35	17.5
Jalen Rouse	2	33	1	0	0	0	34	17.0
Gerard Bullock	2	0	29	0	0	0	29	14.5
Tevin Carter	2	15	11	0	0	0	26	13.0
Exavious Reed	1	0	11	0	0	0	11	11.0
Draylen Ellis	2	10	0	0	0	0	10	5.0
Jason Hoath Jr.	2	0	8	0	0	0	8	4.0
Craig Cunningham	2	-1	0	0	3	0	2	1.0
Total	2	186	482	31	18	35	752	376.0
Opponents	2	295	405	83	152	24	959	479.5

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Draylen Ellis	2	70	10	484	494	247.0
Jaden McGill	2	11	51	0	51	25.5
Jordan Gant	2	15	50	0	50	25.0
Jalen Rouse	2	4	33	0	33	16.5
CJ Evans	2	10	31	0	31	15.5
Tevin Carter	2	6	15	1	16	8.0
Craig Cunningham	2	2	-1	0	-1	-0.5
Total	2	119	186	485	671	335.5
Opponents	2	123	295	405	700	350.0





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

Game Records

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

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Jaden McGill	2	11	53	2	51	4.6	0	30	25.5
Jordan Gant	2	15	52	2	50	3.3	0	15	25.0
Jalen Rouse	2	4	33	0	33	8.3	1	20	16.5
CJ Evans	2	10	34	3	31	3.1	0	10	15.5
Tevin Carter	2	5	22	7	15	3.0	0	14	7.5
Draylen Ellis	2	12	37	27	10	0.8	0	12	5.0
Craig Cunningham	2	2	1	2	-1	-0.5	0	1	-0.5
Team	2	1	0	3	-3	-3.0	0	0	-1.5
Total	2	60	232	46	186	3.1	1	30	93.0
Opponents	2	77	346	51	295	3.8	4	51	147.5

Team Statistics

	TSU	OPP
First Downs	33	37
Rushing	12	15
Passing	16	17
Penalty	5	5
Rushing Yardage	186	295
Rushing attempts	60	77
Average per rush	3.1	3.8
Average per game	93.0	147.5
TDs Rushing	1	4
Passing Yardage	485	405
Comp-Att-Int	39-59-1	30-46-2
Average per pass	8.2	8.8
Average per catch	12.4	13.5
Average per game	242.5	202.5
TDs Passing	3	6
Total offense	671	700
Average per play	5.6	5.7
Average per game	335.5	350.0
Kick returns: #-Yards	3-18	7-152
Punt returns: #-Yards	4-31	3-83
Int returns: #-Yards	2-35	1-24
Fumbles-Lost	5-3	5-1
Penalties-Yards	17-162	16-114
Punts-Avg	9-40.1	8-38.6
Time of possession / game	29:48	30:12
3rd-down conversion	9/26	12/25
4rd-down conversion	1/2	3/3
PAT-attempts	(5-5) 100%	(10-10) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-0) 0%	(0-0) 0%

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Draylen Ellis	2	149.2	38-58-1	65.5	484	3	72	242.0
Tevin Carter	2	108.4	1-1-0	100.0	1	0	1	0.5
Total	2	148.5	39-59-1	66.1	485	3	72	242.5
Opponents	2	173.5	30-46-2	65.2	405	6	48	202.5

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Jalal Dean	2	12	195	16.3	1	55	97.5
Karate Brenson	2	5	95	19.0	1	55	47.5
Bryant Williams	2	5	38	7.6	0	22	19.0
Gerard Bullock	2	4	29	7.3	0	15	14.5
Da'Shon Davis	2	3	81	27.0	0	72	40.5
Jalen Rouse	2	2	1	0.5	0	1	0.5
Jordan Gant	2	2	2	1.0	1	1	1.0
Jason Hoath Jr.	2	2	8	4.0	0	7	4.0
CJ Evans	2	1	4	4.0	0	4	2.0
Dayron Johnson	2	1	7	7.0	0	7	3.5
Tevin Carter	2	1	11	11.0	0	11	5.5
Exavious Reed	1	1	11	11.0	0	11	11.0
Total	2	39	482	12.4	3	72	241.0
Opponents	2	30	405	13.5	6	48	202.5

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Boogie Trotter	1	35	35.0	0	35
Malik Ganaway	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	2	35	17.5	0	35
Opponents	1	24	24.0	0	24

