



TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL

TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY • NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE • OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE

GAME
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TENNESSEE STATE
5-3, 3-1 OVC

Head Coach
Eddie George
1st Year

VS



UT MARTIN
7-1, 3-0 OVC

Head Coach
Jason Simpson
15th Year

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2021 • 2 PM

Where: Martin, Tenn.

Stadium: Hardy Graham Stadium (7,500)

Surface: FieldTurf

Forecast: 63, Sunny Skies

Television: ESPN+

UT Martin will provide play-by-play and analysis live on ESPN3.

Radio: 102.1 FM The Ville, Sirius XM 993 (app)

Big Blue Sports Network will carry the game live with Greg Pogue (play-by-play) and Will Brown (analyst). Pregame show starts at 1:30 p.m. Central Time

Series Information:



LAST 10 GAMES (RESULTS):

2020-21 — at TSU 26, UTM 24
2019 — at UTM 28, TSU 17
2018 — at TSU 31, UTM 28 (ot)

2017 — at UTM 31, TSU 16
2016 — at TSU 34, UTM 30
2015 — at UTM 28, TSU 14
2014 — UTM 21, at TSU 16

2013 — TSU 29, at UTM 15
2012 — at UTM 35, TSU 26
2011 — at TSU 35, UTM 26

MADDEN RATING INCREASE

Quarterback Jeremy Hickbottom tied his career-best with three rushing touchdowns and threw a touchdown to lead TSU over Murray last Saturday. His performance while heroic, was not his career-best, as he finished with six total touchdowns against Oklahoma Panhandle State while with Grambling. His D1 career-best outing came against Texas Southern (the other TSU) when he had three rushing touchdowns and two thrown TDs.

Hickbottom Games with 3+ TDs

| Date | Opponent |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Total TD | Passing Rushing |
| 10/6/2018 vs. Oklahoma Panhandle St. | 6TDs // 29-44—297...3 TDs, 6-71...3 TDs |
| 11/2/2019 vs. Texas Southern | 5TDs // 16-23—268...2TDs, 15-185...3TDs |
| 10/30/2021 vs. Murray State | 4TDs // 17-29—159 ...1TD, 8-87...3TDs |
| 10/13/2018 vs. Texas Southern | 3TDs // 29-44—345...3TD |
| 10/27/2018 vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff | 3TDs // 18-26—217...3TD |
| 10/26/2019 vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff | 3TDs // 19-33—248 ... 2TD, 14-21...1TD |
| 10/2/2021 vs. Austin Peay | 3TDs // 18-34—301...2TDs, 10-66...1 TD |
| 10/23/2021 vs. Eastern Illinois | 3TDs // 14-24—161...1TD, 8-34...2TDs |

MORE RECORDS

TSU enters Saturday's contest on a four-game winning streak, its largest since 2016, when the Tigers started the season 4-0 with wins over Arkansas-Pine Bluff (John Merritt Classic, 44-0), Jackson State (Southern Heritage Classic, 40-26), Bethune-Cookman (31-24) and UT Martin (34-30).

The streak is also at four-game in the OVC, the first time since the 2013

season, with wins over Tennessee Tech (41-21), SEMO (40-16), Jacksonville State (31-15), and UT Martin (29-15).

WHAT A WIN MEANS...

- A positive outcome
- The first five-game winning streak since 2013
- First five-game OVC winning streak since 1999 when L.C. Cole led the Tigers to a perfect 7-0 mark in the OVC and a berth to the I-AA Playoffs.
- Sets up a magical Saturday at Nissan Stadium against Austin Peay on Nov. 13 as the Tigers could have a chance a either an outright win of the OVC Championship or a share of the trophy. TSU would need to win defeat UT Martin on Saturday and then scoreboard watch as Martin faces SEMO next week.

KINGS OF THE FIRST-YEAR JUNGLE

Head coach Eddie George sits among six other TSU head football coaches to win at least five games in their first season as leader of the Tigers. Below is a list of the best first-year performances by a TSU head football coach.

Lawrence Simmons (1938) — 6-1-0
Harry Kean (1944) — 8-2-1
Howard Gentry (1955) — 7-2-0
John Merritt (1963) — 6-3-0
William Thompson (1984) — 11-0-0
Joe Gilliam Sr. (1989) — 5-5-1
Eddie George (2021) — 5-3-0

TOP DEFENSES BATTLE

Saturday will feature the top defenses in the OVC as the Tigers lead the conference allowing a low 20.5 points per game while the Skyhawks are at 26.8 points allowed per contest.

Tennessee State has allowed the least amount of total yard (2,623). UTM is fourth in that category at 2,871.

The Tigers could have a tough time on the ground as UTM allows an average of 118.6 yards per contest, but struggle in the air allowing 240.2 yards per completion.

On the opposite side, TSU allows just 155.9 yards on the ground and 172.0 yards in the air.

NASHVILLE IS TRUE TO HIS HEART

Josh Trueheart scored his second career touchdown on Saturday against Murray State. It was his best performance of the season with two receptions for 46 yards. Trueheart's touchdown came in the third quarter, a 24-yard pass from Hickbottom with 8:04 left in the frame.

IT'S A BIRD...IT'S A PLANE...IT'S HICKBOTTOM RUNNING IT IN

Quarterback Jeremy Hickbottom once again showed why he is one of the top QBs in the OVC with his abilities to move the ball in the air and on the ground. In the 28-0 win over Eastern Illinois, Hickbottom threw for 161 yards and ran for 38. Within those numbers, he found Zaire Thornton for his lone TD pass of the game, and rushed for 38 yards with two touchdowns. In total, Hickbottom has 14 touchdowns (10 pass, 4 rush) this season.

D-FENSE... CLAP...CLAP

The Tennessee State defense led by defensive coordinator Brandon Fisher have not allowed a point on the board in the last six quarters. The Tigers are the top defensive team in the OVC allowing an average of 20.4 points per game and 320.7 yards per contest. The Tigers also top the OVC in pass defense efficiency (105.1), punt return average (11.4) and kick off coverage (41.7).

STARDUST

Devon Starling turned on the jets for his third 100+ yards rushing game of the season. Starling picked up 122 yards on 25 attempts, his second best of the season and scored a touchdown late in the contest. His

SCHEDULE

Sept. 5
Grambling State L, 10-16
(Black College Hall of Fame Classic)

Sept. 11
Jackson State L, 16-38
(Southern Heritage Classic)

Sept. 18
Kentucky State W, 41-7
(John A. Merritt Classic)

Sept. 25
at Southeast Missouri L, 14-47

Oct. 2
at Austin Peay W, 24-22

Oct. 16
Tennessee Tech (ot) W, 20-13

Oct. 23
at Eastern Illinois W, 28-0

Oct. 30
Murray State W, 27-21
(Homecoming)

Nov. 6
at UT Martin 2 p.m.

Nov. 13
Austin Peay 2 p.m.

Nov. 20
at Mississippi State 11 a.m.

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Tennessee State ranks among the FCS national statistical leaders in these categories:

- Passing Yards Allowed — 14th (172.0)
- Team Passing Efficiency Defense — 9th (105.13)

OVC RANKINGS

Tennessee State ranks among the OVC statistical leaders in these categories:

- 3rd Down Conversion Pct. Defense — 3rd (.359)
- 4th Down Conversion Pct. Defense — 3rd (.444)
- Completion Percentage — 2nd (0.566)
- First down defense — 3rd (145)
- Kickoff Return Defense — 4th (19.36)
- Kickoff Return — 2nd (20.86)
- Passing Offense — 2nd (213.5)
- Passing Yards per Completion — 1st (13.34)
- Pass Offense (avg.) — 2nd (213.5)
- Punt Returns — 1st (11.44)
- Rushing Defense — 3rd (153.8)
- Scoring Defense — 1st (20.5)
- Total Defense (avg.) — 1st (348.5)

TIGERS IN THE NFL

Tennessee State is one of two teams in the OVC with multiple players that saw action in Week 8 of the NFL.

Anthony Levine, DB, Baltimore Ravens
• Team was on a bye. Was at TSU's Homecoming game.

Lachavious Simmons, OL, Chicago Bears
• Was active but did not play against the 49ers.



TENNESSEE STATE FOOTBALL





GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of School Tennessee State University (TSU)
 City/Zip.....Nashville, Tenn. 37209
 Founded 1912
 Enrollment8,088
 NicknameTigers
 School Colors Reflex Blue and White
 Affiliation.....NCAA Division I
 Conference.....Ohio Valley Conference (OVC)
 Stadium..... Nissan Stadium (69,143)
 Surface..... TifSport Bermuda Sod
 Stadium.....W.J. Hale Stadium (15,000)
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2020 TEAM INFORMATION

2020 Overall Record 2-5

..... Home 2-2
 Away 0-3

2020 OVC Record (Finish) 2-5

..... Home: 2-2
 Away: 0-3

TSU FOOTBALL

First Season.....1912
 All-Time Record: 574-310-33
 First Year in OVC:1988
 OVC Record:106-32
 OVC Championships: 2 (Last-1999)
 NCAA FCS Playoff Appearances: 5 (Last-2013)
 HBCU National Championships:14 (Last-2013)
 Cumulative All-Americans:339
 Number of Pro Football Hall of Famers: (2 Total);
Claude Humphrey 2014, Richard Dent 2011

LAST MEETING

- TSU defeated UT Martin 26-24 on March 28, 2021.
- Deveon Starling rushed for 148 yards with one touchdown. His longest run was 65 yards with an average of 5.2 per carry.
- Cam Wyche was the hot receiver with 57 yards on three catches. "Fat Cat" Johnson had 23 yard also with three catches.
- Fondren Hollis III led the defense with 10 tackles.
- Three Tigers came away with interceptions: Ken Garlington, Terry Straughter and Josh Green.
- Antonio Zita hit a 51 yards field goal and went 2-of-4 from distance.

LAST TIME OUT

- The Tigers overcame a second half blitz by Murray State and Jeremy Hickbottom spun his way into the end zone to break the tie in a 27-21 win on Homecoming last Saturday.
- It was the Hickbottom show who finished with 159 passing yards and 104 gained rushing yards. Hickbottom had four total touchdowns (3 rushing, 1 thrown).
- Devon Starling finished with 81 yards on 14 carries.
- Josh Trueheart picked up his second career touchdown in the third quarter with a 24 yard reception from Hickbottom.
- Joshua Green led the defense with eight tackles.
- James Reese had an interception and Taddarius Patterson had three sacks for 10 yards loss.



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30-yard rush was his longest of the season.

IS YOUR RECEIVER RUNNING ... THEN YOU BETTER GO CATCH 'EM.

TSU receivers made 14 catches for 161 yards and one score last Saturday. Zaire Thornton was the top receiver with 76 yards on four receptions. His third quarter touchdown put the Tigers up 21-0 but it was the way he played that showed the coaching staff that he will be a valuable wide receiver the rest of the way.

MEAN GREEN

James Green as named last week's OVC Football Co-Defender of the Week. Green tallied six tackles (5 solo), a tackle for loss and an interception in Tennessee State's 28-0 win at Eastern Illinois. Green's interception came in the second quarter and he returned the pick 47 yards to the EIU 2-yard line, which led to a Tigers touchdown two plays later that put TSU ahead 7-0. His brother Josh also had an interception in the game.

THE GREEN BROTHERS

James and Joshua Green became the first set of brothers to record an interception in the same game in recent memory. James secured his INT in the second quarter and returned the ball 47 yards to the EIU 49. Joshua secured his pick in the third quarter.

RECORDS GALORE

The shutout vs. EIU was TSU's first D1/OVC defensive blanking since 2013, a 31-0, win over SEMO. The last overall shutout was a 60-0 win over Virginia Lynchburg in 2017.

The win is also TSU's first three-game winning streak since 2017 when they defeated Georgia State, Jackson State, and Florida A&M to start the season 3-0. Within the OVC, the last time TSU won three straight league matches was in 2013 with victories over SEMO, Jacksonville St. and UT Martin.

THE SCRAMBLER

Quarterback Jeremy Hickbottom led a second half charge for the Tigers in the win over Tennessee Tech with 256 passing yard for two touchdowns. Hickbottom scrambled efficiently to the tune of 52 net yards and an averaged Of 6.5 yards per run. His longest sneak was 16 yards. The QB completed 20-of-34 passes with his longest throw of 56 yards.

WISH UPON THIS STAR

Devon Starling finished with 65 rushing yards in the win over Tennessee Tech, but his biggest contribution came as a receiver with a season-best 58 yards on four receptions.

A NON-MARKED MAN

Rodell Rahmann picked up another touchdown against Tennessee Tech, his fourth game finding the end zone. Rahmann finished with 106 yards on four catches with his longest reception of 56 yards.

ZITA NOW THIRD

Kicker Antonio Zita made his 50th career field goal on September 18 against Kentucky State, moving him into sole possession of fourth place in OVC history. Zita now has 53 field goals (third in OVC history) and is six away from the OVC record (held by TSU's Jamin Godfrey). His 53 made field goals is second among active FCS players.

FCS PUNTER OF THE YEAR WATCH LIST

Punter Kaleb Mosely is one of two OVC punter to be named to the 2021 FCS Punter of the Year Award Watch list by the Augusta Sports Council. So far this season, Mosley has 30 punts for an average of 41.53 yards. His longest this year was a 58 yarder at Austin Peay. Mosley has reached 50+ yards six times with four touchdowns and four fair catches. The 2021 watch list was compiled based on the 2020 FCS Punter of the Year watchlist, the 2020 All-Conference Teams, the 2020 All-American Teams and the 2021 pre-season All-Conference Teams. The FCS Punter of the Year Award winner will be voted on by the FCS Punter of the Year Award/Ray Guy Award Committee and will be announced after the regular season.

TOP FIVE IN OVC

Starling is fifth in the OVC for most yard rushed in a game with 142 against Kentucky State.

MR. 1,000

In the win at Austin Peay, Devon Starling eclipsed 1,000 career rushing yards. The reigning OVC Co-Freshman of the Year is off to a races this season with 484 yards on the ground, an average of 80.67 per game. The sophomore has broken the 100-yard mark twice this season, both in games won by the Tigers. Starling rushed for 142 yards in the win over Kentucky State and then added 120 in the win at Austin Peay.

ARMED AND READY TO GO

Quarterback Jeremy Hickbottom has been the shining light for the Tigers in his first season as TSU's starting gunslinger. The Mobile, Alabama, product has thrown a touchdown pass in all but one contest this season with two multi-touchdown performances (both wins). Hickbottom not only can find receivers, but can also plow through the line. Against Austin Peay, Hickbottom rushed for 66 yards, including a 48-yard dash to the end zone for his first rushing touchdown of the season.

SUPER FLY

In his career, which includes two seasons at Grambling, Hickbottom has amassed 5,405 passing yards and 1,361 rushing yards. From the air, Hickbottom has found 38 receivers for touchdowns and on his own, he's rushed for 17 touchdowns.

RODELL OR ODELL

Rahmaan has been a highlight reel for the Tigers this season with his acrobatic catches and determination to find the end zone. The Bowling Green transfer has six touchdowns this season with 17 receptions for 415 yards, an average of 24.06 per catch. A fantasy points machine, Rahmaan averaged 81.80 yards per contest with his longest reception a 63 yard touchdown.

THE LAW OFFICES OF BRYANT, GREEN, RAHMAN AND GREEN

Linebackers Jahsun Bryant and James Green and safeties Cory Rahman and Josh Green have combined for 117 of TSU's 365 tackles. Bryant and Green are tied for the team lead with 32 tackles each. Rahman has a team-high 21 solo tackles from the secondary with James Green topping the assisted tackles with 19.

R2 IN PS4 AND RT IN XBOX ONE

Dayron "Fat Cat" Johnson found a boost in his run against Southern Missouri with a 90 kick return for touchdown. The sophomore from Springfield, Tennessee has run for a combined 413 yards in punt returns and kickoffs.

SCORING STREAK

Tennessee State has scored in 83 consecutive games dating back to the end of the 2013 season.

HEAR OUR ROAR

Last year, nine TSU players were named to the All-OVC team. That included running back Devon Starling, who was named Co-Freshman of the Year, defensive tackle Davaan Hawkins, kicker Antonio Zita, right tackle Cam Durley and fullback Benjamin Johnson who each earned first-team honors. Additionally, safety Josh Green, linebacker James Green, wide receiver Cam Wyche and punter Kaleb Mosley earned spots on the second-team. Hawkins and Wyche also earned OVC All-Newcomer honors.

STARLING A STUD

Running back Devon Starling was named the 2020-21 OVC Co-Freshman of the Year after ranking second among all freshmen nationally (first during the regular season), and ranking 13th overall in rushing, averaging 92.6 yards/game. Overall Starling had 648 total yards on 124 carries and scored three touchdowns. Starling was the third Tiger to be named OVC Freshman of the Year, joining running back Javarris Williams (2005) and quarterback Michael German (2011). Starling also earned Freshman All-American honors from HERO Sports for his performance.

MORE ON STARLING

Starling recorded three 100-yard games in 2020-21 with a season-best 149 yards at Murray State, one week before running for 134 yards versus UT Martin. Starling closed out the season with a 104 yard and a touchdown performance against Southeast Missouri. His 5.23 yards per carry average was 33rd-best nationally, and fifth among first-year running backs.

ZITA EARNS ALL-AMERICA HONORS

Kicker Antonio Zita was named a 2021 Preseason All-American by Stats Perform and Phil Steele after earning postseason All-American honors from each of those outlets in 2020-21. Last season he converted 14 field goals, leading the OVC and finishing fourth in the country with 2.0 per game. Zita impressed with eight field goals from beyond 40 yards, including five from 50-yards or more. He was the only kicker in the nation to have more than two field goals made from 50-plus and recorded the longest kick at all levels of the NCAA this season with a 62-yard blast against Eastern Illinois.

MORE ON ZITA

Zita enters this year with 46 career made field goals, which is tied for 10th in OVC history with former Tiger Lane Clark (2014-17). The OVC record is 59 by former Tiger Jamin Godfrey (2010-13). In 2019, Zita made 20 field goals, which was tied for the fifth-most in OVC single-season history. Zita has 203 career points, which is eighth in TSU history, and fourth among kickers.

EXPERIENCED STAFF

Coaching staff brings 140 Years of NFL/College experience. An NFL head coach. Super Bowl champions. Collegiate National Champions. Pro Bowlers. NFL assistants and college coordinators. Collectively, TSU's staff brings more than 140 years of combined on-field NFL and collegiate coaching experience to the Tigers. Every TSU assistant has some level of NFL experience, including former Oakland Raiders and Cleveland Browns head coach Hue Jackson, who will serve as Tennessee State's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. The assistant coaching staff also features six former NFL players and four NFL draft picks, like Clyde Simmons, a two-time All-Pro and Philadelphia Eagles' Hall of Famer who led the NFL with 19 sacks in 1992.

HAWKINS WREAKS HAVOC

Last season defensive lineman Davaan Hawkins was named a Sophomore All-American by HERO Sports. Hawkins led the OVC in forced fumbles with 0.29 per game and sacks per game with 0.71 sacks per game. The defensive tackle transfer from Kentucky ranked 34th in FCS play in sacks per game, finishing with five in seven outings.

INSTANT IMPACT

Cornerback Eddie Graham and safety Cory Rahman emerged as bona fide leaders during camp after transferring from Southeastern where they previously played under defensive back coach Richard McNutt. Both were All-Americans.

TSU AND GRAMBLING 1-2 ALL-TIME IN NFL DRAFT PICKS FROM HBCU'S

The schools rank 1-2 in NFL players to come from an HBCU all-time with Tennessee State leading the way with 121 and GSU just behind with 117.





COACHING STAFF



EDDIE GEORGE HEAD COACH

Eddie George was announced as the 22nd head football coach at Tennessee State University on April 13, 2021. George played college football for Ohio State University and won the Heisman in 1995. That season, George rushed for a school record 1,927 yards and 24 touchdowns, an average of 148.23 yards per game, while also catching 47 passes for 417 yards and another score. He left Ohio State second in school history in career rushing yards (3,768) and third in rushing touchdowns (44). The Philadelphia native finished with 4,284 all-purpose yards, 45 touchdowns, and a 5.5 yards-per-carry average.

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

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

George was inducted in the College Hall of Fame in 2011 and the Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame in 2013. He is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and a board member of Music City Baseball. A native of Philadelphia, George graduated from Ohio State in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture. He later earned an MBA from Northwestern in 2009. He is married to Tamara "Taj" George and they have two sons, Eriq and Jaire.

- Coach Eddie George is coming off his 1st D1 win as the Head Coach of the Tennessee State Tigers defeating Austin Peay, 24-22.
- Coach Eddie George is searching for his first win in the OVC.



HUE JACKSON OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR / QUARTERBACKS COACH

Jackson has more than 30 years of experience coaching in the college and professional ranks. He spent 19 years in the NFL, serving as a head coach for the Oakland Raiders and the Cleveland Browns. He has found success as an offensive coordinator at multiple stops in both the NFL and college ranks (California, Southern California) and the NFL (Washington Football Team, Atlanta Falcons, Oakland Raiders, Cincinnati Bengals). He also coached quarterbacks with the Baltimore Ravens and Arizona State.



BRANDON FISHER DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

Fisher brings over a decade of high-level NFL and collegiate coaching experience to the Tigers. The son of former Houston Oilers/Tennessee Titans and St. Louis/Los Angeles Rams head coach Jeff Fisher, Brandon Fisher spent eight seasons as an NFL assistant coach, serving as the secondary coach and assistant secondary coach for the Rams over six seasons. He also spent time on the staffs of the Tennessee Titans and Detroit Lions. Fisher was a two-year starter at Montana, playing in two FCS National Championship Games. Most recently, he served as a defensive analyst at Auburn and as the defensive coordinator at Southern Utah.





COACHING STAFF



PEPE PEARSON, RUNNING BACKS COACH

Pearson brings more than 16 years of coaching experience to TSU after an outstanding playing career that saw him star at Ohio State with Eddie George, play in the NFL with the Chicago Bears and Pittsburgh Steelers and win NFL Europe's 2000 World Bowl Championship. Pearson coached running backs at Marshall for the past five seasons, guiding Brenden Knox to Conference USA MVP honors. He also coached running backs at Youngstown State and Ohio Dominican.



KENAN SMITH, WIDE RECEIVERS COACH

A former two-sport star at Sacramento State, Smith was on the Los Angeles Rams staff for three seasons (2014-16), serving as offensive assistant and interim tight ends coach, before coaching wide receivers at Southern Utah for two seasons. He also served as recruiting coordinator for the Thunderbirds. Smith was selected for the NFL's Bill Walsh Minority Coaching Fellowship Program in 2018, interning with the Miami Dolphins. Smith also has made stops at Butler and Ball State and worked in marketing at Michigan in his career.



MARK HUTSON, OFFENSIVE LINE COACH

Hutson followed a standout collegiate career at Oklahoma by making his mark as a respected offensive assistant coach during several professional and collegiate stops over more than 30 years. Most recently, Hutson served as a senior offensive analyst for two seasons at LSU, helping the Tigers win the national championship in 2019. He also coached with the Browns and Raiders as well as Arkansas State, Boise State, Tulane and Eastern Illinois, where he was the interim head coach in 2006. Hutson won a national championship as player at Oklahoma and was drafted by the Dallas Cowboys in the third round of the 1988 NFL Draft.



KEITH BURNS, SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR/ DEFENSIVE SPECIALIST

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



JOE BOWDEN, LINEBACKERS COACH

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



CORY HARKEY, TIGHT ENDS COACH

A fast-rising young coach, Harkey played tight end for the St. Louis/Los Angeles Rams for five seasons (2012-16) after a four-year career at UCLA that includes 26 consecutive starts. He comes to TSU following two years at Azusa Pacific University where he coached tight ends and served as the Cougars' special teams coordinator. He also was twice selected for the NFL's Bill Walsh Minority Coaching Fellowship Program, working with the Green Bay Packers and Rams.



RICHARD MCNUTT, DEFENSIVE BACKS COACH

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



CLYDE SIMMONS, DEFENSIVE LINE COACH

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

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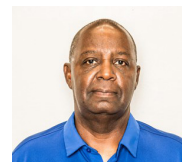
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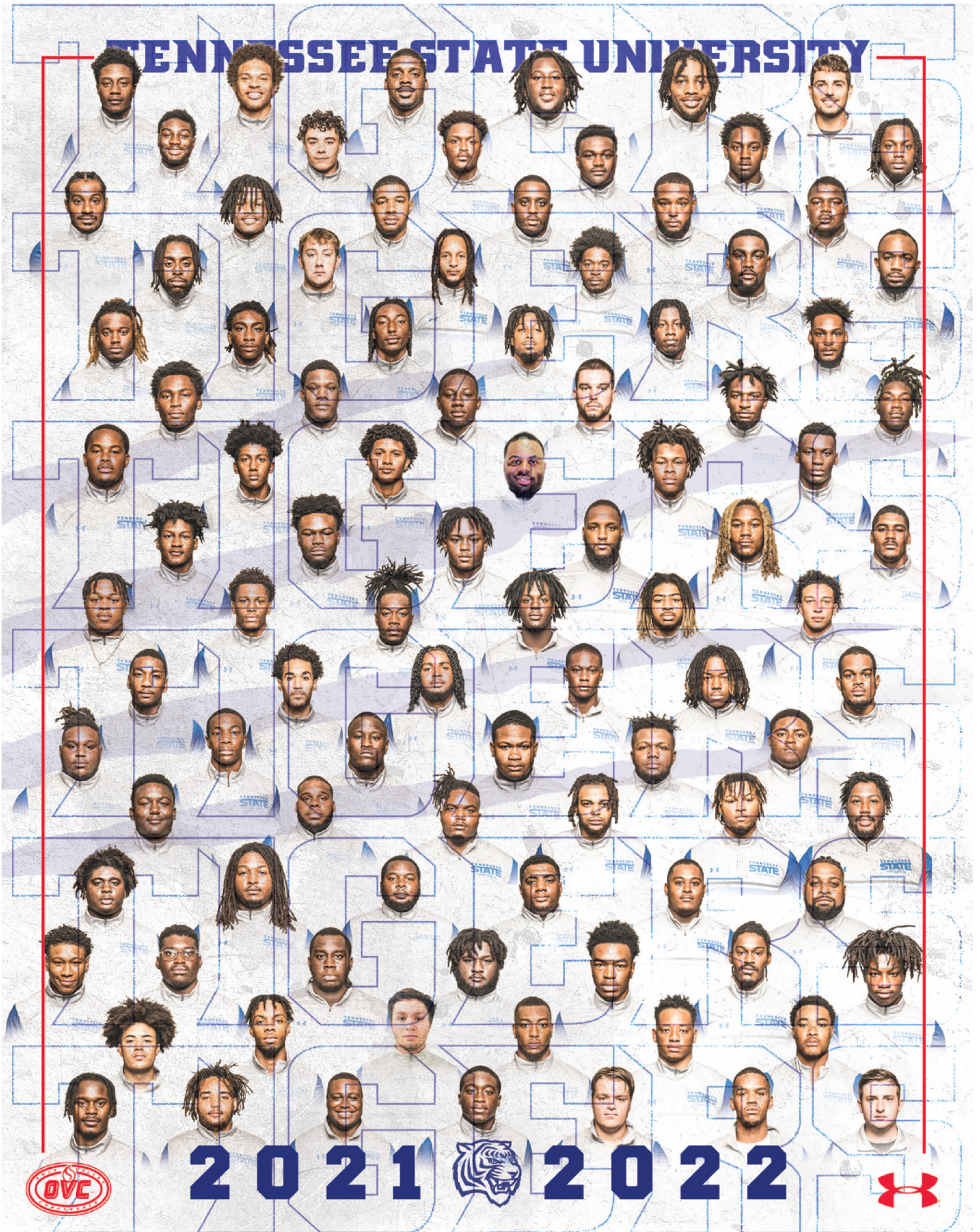


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DEPTH CHART

| OFFENSE | Number | Name | Height | Weight | Year |
|---------|--------|-------------------|--------|--------|-------|
| QB | 19 | Jeremy Hickbottom | 6'4 | 210 | SR |
| | 8 | Deveon Bryant | 6'5 | 225 | R-SO |
| RB | 3 | Devon Starling | 6'1 | 200 | FR |
| | 22 | Jalen Rouse | 5'11 | 180 | FR |
| | 44 | Thomas Boone | 6'0 | 195 | FR |
| WR | 11 | Zaire Thornton | 6'2 | 180 | FR |
| | 2 | Cam Wyche | 6'1 | 185 | JR |
| WR | 7 | Vincent Perry | 6'0 | 180 | SR |
| | 82 | Antonio Jamison | 6'2 | 192 | FR |
| WR | 5 | Dayron Johnson | 5'9 | 180 | SO |
| | 6 | Zach Dobson | 5'8 | 165 | JR |
| TE | 88 | Joshua Trueheart | 6'5 | 254 | SR |
| | 85 | Rodell Rahmaan | 6'3 | 215 | SR |
| LT | 77 | Jaalon Gupton | 6'5 | 290 | R-FR |
| | 73 | Travin Jones | 6'3 | 290 | FR |
| LG | 70 | Robert Lacey | 6'3 | 340 | JR |
| | 62 | Chazan Page | 6'1 | 293 | FR |
| C | 75 | Jeremiah Frazier | 6'3 | 315 | FR |
| | 51 | Jimmy Nixon III | 6'3 | 340 | R-FR |
| RG | 62 | Chazan Page | 6'1 | 293 | FR |
| | 51 | Jimmy Nixon III | 6'3 | 340 | R-FR |
| RT | 72 | Will James | 6'4 | 305 | RS-S |
| | 78 | Brandon Jones | 6'6 | 330 | RS-JR |

| DEFENSE | Number | Name | Height | Weight | Year |
|---------|--------|---------------------|--------|--------|------|
| DE | 55 | Davoon Hawkins | 6'3 | 290 | SO |
| | 40 | Detoye Adewole | 6'4 | 290 | FR |
| DT | 1 | Terray Jones | 6'1 | 310 | SO |
| | 9 | Nathaniel Sutton | 6'3 | 260 | JR |
| N | 93 | Raymond Horton | 6'3 | 333 | JR |
| | 96 | Cameron Stewart | 6'3 | 380 | SO |
| OLB | 5 | Tadarrius Patterson | 6'1 | 228 | JR |
| | 48 | Chris Walker | 6'4 | 226 | FR |
| MLB | 0 | Jahsun Bryant | 6'2 | 225 | JR |
| | 47 | Ahmad Nelson | 6'2 | 225 | FR |
| WLB | 8 | James Green | 6'1 | 220 | R-JR |
| | 37 | Michael Crawford | 6'0 | 225 | R-JR |
| CB | 3 | Eddie Graham | 5'10 | 185 | SR |
| | 28 | Jalen McLendon | 6'0 | 170 | FR |
| S | 26 | Cory Rahman | 6'2 | 195 | SR |
| | 25 | Christian Smith | 5'9 | 180 | R-SO |
| S | 6 | Joshua Green | 5'11 | 184 | SO |
| | 34 | James Reese | 5'10 | 195 | R-SO |
| CB | 16 | De'Amare Chambers | 6'0 | 168 | FR |
| | 29 | Nick Harper | 5'10 | 179 | SR |
| N/S | 15 | Kenyon Garlington | 5'9 | 185 | R-SO |
| | 57 | Maurice McDonald | 6'0 | 218 | R-SO |

| SPECIALISTS | Number | Name | Height | Weight | Year |
|-------------|--------|------------------|--------|--------|------|
| PK | 2 | Antonio Zita | 5'9 | 175 | JR |
| | 99 | James Lowery | 5'10 | 225 | R-FR |
| H | 9 | Heath Williams | 6'0 | 230 | R-FR |
| | 41 | Kaleb Mosley | 5'10 | 187 | JR |
| P | 41 | Kaleb Mosley | 5'10 | 187 | JR |
| | 99 | James Lowery | 5'10 | 225 | R-FR |
| LS | 52 | Carson Buchanan | 6'0 | 270 | FR |
| | 88 | Joshua Trueheart | 6'5 | 254 | SR |
| KR | 5 | Dayron Johnson | 5'9 | 180 | SO |
| | 22 | Jalen Rouse | 5'11 | 180 | FR |
| PR | 5 | Dayron Johnson | 5'9 | 180 | SO |
| | 22 | Jalen Rouse | 5'11 | 180 | FR |
| KO | 41 | Kaleb Mosley | 5'10 | 187 | JR |
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| No. | Name | Pos. | Cl. | Ht. | Wt. | Hometown (High School/Previous School) |
|-----|---------------------|------|-------|------|-----|--|
| 0 | Torrey Morrison | WR | Fr. | 5'8 | 190 | Miami, Fla. / Booker T. Washington |
| 1 | Terray Jones | DL | So. | 6'1 | 310 | Madison, Fla. / Madison County |
| 1 | Gerand Turner | WR | Fr. | 6'0 | 205 | Miami, Fla. / South Miami |
| 1 | Cam Wyche | WR | Jr. | 6'1 | 185 | Douglasville, Ga. / South Spaulding |
| 2 | Antonio Zita | K | Jr. | 5'9 | 175 | Fayetteville, Tenn. / Lincoln County |
| 3 | Eddie Graham | DB | Sr. | 5'10 | 185 | Hudson, Fla. / Hudson |
| 3 | Devon Starling | RB | Fr. | 6'1 | 200 | Nashville, Tenn. / Cane Ridge |
| 4 | Chayil Garnett | QB | R-Fr. | 6'2 | 225 | Lakeland, Fla. / Lake Wales |
| 5 | Tadarrius Patterson | DL | Jr. | 6'1 | 228 | Birmingham Ala. / Carver |
| 5 | Dayron Johnson | WR | So. | 5'9 | 180 | Springfield Tenn. / Springfield |
| 6 | Zach Dobson | WR | Jr. | 5'8 | 165 | Knoxville, Tenn. / Fulton |
| 6 | Joshua Green | S | So. | 5'10 | 184 | Orlando, Fla. / Olympia |
| 7 | Vincent Perry | WR | Sr. | 6'0 | 180 | Nashville, Tenn. / Hillsboro |
| 7 | Kenyon Andrews | LB | Fr. | 6-2 | 211 | Baton Rouge, La. / Southern Lab |
| 8 | James Green | LB | R-Jr. | 6'1 | 220 | Orlando, Fla. / Olympia & Phillip |
| 8 | Deveon Bryant | QB | R-So. | 6-5 | 225 | Hillside, Ill. / Proviso West |
| 9 | Nathaniel Sutton | DL | Jr. | 6-3 | 260 | Philadelphia, Pa. / MLK |
| 9 | Heath Williams | QB | R-Fr. | 6-0 | 230 | Clarksville, Tenn. / Northeast |
| 10 | Tucker Pope | QB | Fr. | 6-2 | 215 | Cleveland, Tenn. / Walker Valley |
| 10 | Fondren Hollis III | CB | R-Fr. | 5-11 | 175 | Decatur, Ga. / Columbia |
| 11 | Zaire Thornton | WR | Fr. | 6-2 | 180 | Atlanta, Ga. / Ben E. Mays |
| 11 | Jahsun Bryant | LB | Jr. | 6-2 | 225 | Nashville, Tenn. / Cane Ridge |
| 12 | Edwin Rhodes | QB | Fr. | 6-1 | 211 | Plantation, Fla. / American Heritage |
| 13 | Nyle Love | LB | R-So. | 6-1 | 233 | Memphis, Tenn. / Lausanne Collegiate |
| 14 | Dashon Davis | CB | R-Fr. | 5-11 | 185 | Quincy, Fla. / Jefferson County |
| 15 | Martino Owens | QB | Fr. | 6-2 | 185 | Nashville, Tenn. / Pearl Cohn |
| 15 | Kenyon Garlington | DB | R-So. | 5-9 | 185 | Brentwood, Tenn. / Brentwood |
| 16 | De'Amare Chambers | DB | Fr. | 6-0 | 168 | Atlanta, Ga. / McEachern |
| 17 | Emmanuel Baez | DL | Fr. | 6-3 | 238 | Plant City, Fla. / Plant City |
| 18 | Terry Straughter | LB | Jr. | 6-0 | 238 | Miami, Fla. / Miami Carol |
| 19 | Kendall Johnson | DL | Fr. | 6-6 | 237 | Jackson, Tenn. / Liberty Tech |
| 19 | Jeremy Hickbottom | QB | Sr. | 6-4 | 210 | Mobile, Ala. / Williamson |
| 20 | Micheal Mitchell | RB | R-Jr. | 6-0 | 195 | Broheadsville, Pa. / Pleasant Valley |
| 21 | Jordan Helton | S | Fr. | 6-1 | 200 | Memphis, Tenn. / Memphis University |
| 22 | Jalen Rouse | RB | Fr. | 5-11 | 180 | Richmond, Ga. / Richmond Hill |
| 23 | Domonique Williams | CB | Sr. | 5-11 | 185 | Knoxville, Tenn. / Fulton |
| 24 | Ben Johnson | TE | R-Jr. | 6-2 | 230 | Lithonia, Ga. / Georgia. Military |
| 25 | Christian Smith | DB | R-So. | 5-9 | 180 | Atlanta, Ga. / Westlake |
| 26 | Cory Rahman | S | Sr. | 6-2 | 195 | Winter Garden, Fla. / Foundation Acad. |
| 27 | Marcellius Lockett | S | So. | 5-8 | 162 | Lithonia, Ga. / MLK |
| 28 | Jalen McClendon | DB | Fr. | 6-0 | 170 | Tampa, Fla. / Chamberlain |
| 29 | Nick Harper | DB | Sr. | 5-10 | 179 | Brentwood, Tenn. / Ravenwood |
| 30 | Darius Harper | RB | Jr. | 5-11 | 175 | Brentwood, Tenn. / Ravenwood |
| 30 | Charlie Davidson | SR | So. | 5-11 | 225 | Murfreesboro, Tenn. / Blackman |
| 32 | Malachi Oglen | CB | Fr. | 5-11 | 165 | Millport, Ala. / South Lamar |
| 33 | Dorian George | CB | Fr. | 5-11 | 190 | Memphis, Tenn. / Germantown |
| 34 | James Reese | S | R-So. | 5-10 | 195 | Nashville, Tenn. / Cane Ridge |
| 36 | Zachery Drake | CB | Fr. | 6-0 | 170 | Nashville, Tenn. / Maplewood |
| 37 | Michael Crawford | LB | R-Jr. | 6-0 | 225 | Lansing, Ill. / Thornton Fractional |
| 38 | Amari Lefore | S | Fr. | 5-10 | 180 | Ridgeland, Miss. / St. Andrews Episcopal |
| 39 | Jalyn Law | CB | Fr. | 6-1 | 185 | Nashville, Tenn. / Pike |
| 40 | Detoye Adewole | DL | Fr. | 6-4 | 240 | Nashville, Tenn. / Overton |
| 41 | Kaleb Mosley | P | Jr. | 5-10 | 187 | Montgomery Ala. / Carver |
| 42 | Solomon Bridgeman | LB | Fr. | 6-4 | 228 | Chattanooga, Tenn. / Tyner |
| 43 | Kamden Edwards | FB | Fr. | 5-10 | 225 | Hixson, Tenn. / Chattanooga School Arts |
| 44 | Thomas Boone | RB | Fr. | 6-0 | 195 | Alexandria Va. / St. Stephens & Agnes |
| 45 | David Dorsey | DB | So. | 5-10 | 175 | Cleveland, Tenn. / Cleveland |
| 46 | Kobie Stillwell | P | Fr. | 6-2 | 175 | Columbus, Ohio / Fork Union |
| 47 | Ahmad Nelson | LB | Fr. | 6-2 | 225 | Adamsville Ala. / Minor |
| 48 | Chris Walker | DL | Fr. | 6-4 | 226 | Sanford, Fla. / Seminole |
| 49 | Graham Callaway | RB | Fr. | 5-9 | 170 | Jackson, Tenn. / Madison Academic |





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|-----|---------------------|------|-------|------|-----|--|
| 50 | Davion Nash | LB | Jr. | 6-0 | 240 | St. Louis, Mo. / St. Louis University |
| 51 | Deron Johnson | LB | So. | 6-1 | 220 | Elk Grove, Calif. / Pleasant Grove |
| 52 | Carson Buchanan | LS | Fr. | 6-0 | 270 | Nashville, Tenn. / Antioch |
| 53 | Clint Dowty | DL | So. | 6-2 | 233 | Nashville, Tenn. / Maplewood |
| 55 | Davoan Hawkins | DL | So. | 6-3 | 290 | Hollywood, Fla. / Chaminade Madonna |
| 56 | Elijah Hill | LB | Fr. | 6-2 | 210 | Zachary, La. / Zachary |
| 57 | Maurice McDonald | LB | R-So. | 6-0 | 218 | Houston, Texas / Houston Christian |
| 58 | Charles True | OL | Fr. | 6-2 | 295 | Chicago, Ill. / Rich East |
| 60 | Evan Neal | OL | Fr. | 6-5 | 388 | Cleveland, Tenn. / Cleveland |
| 61 | Kennedy Wilbert | OL | Fr. | 5-10 | 293 | Memphis, Tenn. / Middle College |
| 62 | Chazan Page | OL | Fr. | 6-1 | 293 | Nashville, Tenn. / Lipscomb |
| 65 | Darrell Branch | OL | Fr. | 6-2 | 318 | Gilbert, Ariz. / Higley |
| 67 | Chandon Page | OL | So. | 6-3 | 307 | Sheffield, Ala. / Sheffield |
| 68 | Peter Rouse | OL | Jr. | 6-2 | 280 | Cleveland, Ohio / Cleveland Heights |
| 69 | Joshua Phillips | LB | Fr. | 6-2 | 265 | Cordova, Tenn. / First Assembly |
| 70 | Robert Lacey | OL | Jr. | 6-3 | 340 | Mobile, Ala. / Blount |
| 71 | Jimmy Nixon | OL | R-Fr. | 6-3 | 340 | Hollywood, Fla. / Chaminade Madonna |
| 72 | William James | OL | R-Sr. | 6-4 | 305 | Columbus, Miss. / Columbus |
| 73 | Travin Jones | OL | Fr. | 6-3 | 290 | Midland, Ga. / G.W. Carver |
| 74 | Mayson Harris | OL | R-Fr. | 6-0 | 336 | Nashville, Tenn. / MLK Magnet |
| 75 | Jeremiah Frazier | OL | Fr. | 6-3 | 315 | Pike Road, Ala. / Pike Road |
| 76 | Cameron Durley | OL | Sr. | 6-3 | 334 | Houston, Texas / Houston Christian |
| 77 | Jaalon Gupton | OL | R-Fr. | 6-5 | 290 | Nashville, Tenn. / Stratford |
| 78 | Brandon Jones | OL | Jr. | 6-6 | 330 | Dacula, Ga. / Dacula |
| 79 | Jovens Janvier | OL | Fr. | 6-6 | 379 | Miami, Fla. / Dade Christian |
| 80 | Macarius (JJ) Jones | WR | Fr. | 6-4 | 178 | Tanner, Ala. / Tanner |
| 81 | Isiaah Owens | WR | Sr. | 6-3 | 187 | Nashville, Tenn. / Cane Ridge |
| 82 | Antonio Jamison | WR | Fr. | 6-2 | 192 | Tampa, Fla. / Chamberlain |
| 83 | Jarvis Cooper | WR | Fr. | 6-2 | 175 | Nashville, Tenn. / Cane Ridge |
| 84 | Floyd Alexander | TE | Fr. | 6-4 | 250 | Pittsburgh, Pa. / Westinghouse |
| 85 | Rodell Rahmaan | TE | Sr. | 6-3 | 215 | Columbus, Ohio / Beechcroft |
| 86 | William Seats III | TE | Fr. | 6-4 | 240 | Lebanon, Tenn. / Lebanon |
| 87 | Deshound Ward | WR | Fr. | 5-10 | 150 | Memphis, Tenn. / Whitehaven |
| 88 | Joshua Trueheart | TE | Sr. | 6-5 | 254 | Nashville, Tenn. / Stratford |
| 90 | Willie Robinson Jr. | DL | So. | 6-3 | 260 | Ofallon, Fla. / Ofallon Township |
| 91 | Sincere Littles | DL | Fr. | 6-2 | 295 | Sarasota, Fla. / Riverview |
| 93 | Raymond Horton | DL | Jr. | 6-3 | 333 | Daytona Beach Fla. / Mainland |
| 94 | Devon Holmes | DL | Fr. | 6-1 | 240 | Memphis, Tenn. / Southwind |
| 95 | Avery Blaikie | DL | R-So. | 6-2 | 285 | Coltsneck, N.J. / Coltsneck |
| 96 | Cameron Stewart | DL | So. | 6-3 | 380 | Chattanooga, Tenn. / McCallie |
| 98 | Cameron Bell | DL | Fr. | 6-2 | 230 | Chattanooga, Tenn. / Red Bank |
| 99 | James Lowery | K | R-Fr. | 5-10 | 225 | Plantation, Fla. / American Heritage |

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

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|----|----------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | Gerrand Turner | Jurr-And |
| 8 | Devon Starling | Day-Von |
| 9 | Chayil Garnett | Shy-EI |
| 26 | Cory Rahman | Ray-Man |
| 40 | Detoye Adewole | Da-Toy-Yay Ad-De-Wall-E |
| 75 | Chazan Page | Chaz-On |
| 86 | Jaalon Gupton | Jay-Lun |
| 88 | Jovens Janvier | Jo-Vens |
| 94 | Rodell Rahmann | Row-Dell Rah-Man |





2021 TENNESSEE STATE FOOTBALL DOUBLE NUMBERS

CODES OR DUPLICATE NUMBERS - OFFENSE

| | | | |
|----|----|-------------------|----|
| 1 | 1T | Gerand Turner | WR |
| 1 | 1O | Cam Wyche | WR |
| 3 | 3O | Devon Starling | RB |
| 5 | 5O | Dayron Johnson | WR |
| 6 | 6O | Zack Dobson | WR |
| 7 | 7O | Vincent Perry | WR |
| 8 | 8Q | Deveon Bryant | QB |
| 9 | 9Q | Heath Williams | QB |
| 10 | 1Q | Tucker Pope | QB |
| 11 | 1Z | Zaire Thornton | WR |
| 15 | 1M | Martino Owens | QB |
| 19 | 19 | Jeremy Hickbottom | QB |
| 30 | 3C | Charlie Davidson | RB |
| 51 | 5N | Jimmy Nixon | OL |
| 69 | 6F | Jeremiah Frazier | OL |

CODES OR DUPLICATE NUMBERS - DEFENSE

| | | | |
|----|----|---------------------|----|
| 1 | 1D | Terray Jones | DL |
| 3 | 3D | Eddie Graham | DB |
| 5 | 5D | Tadarrius Patterson | DL |
| 6 | 6D | Joshua Green | S |
| 7 | 7D | Kenyon Andrews | LB |
| 8 | 8D | James Green | LB |
| 9 | 9D | Nathaniel Sutton | DL |
| 10 | 10 | Fondren Hollis III | CB |
| 11 | 11 | Jahsun Bryant | LB |
| 15 | 15 | Kenyon Garlington | DB |
| 19 | 1J | Kendall Johnson | DL |
| 30 | 30 | Darius Harper | DB |
| 51 | 51 | Deron Johnson | LB |
| 69 | 69 | Joshua Phillips | LB |





2021 Ohio Valley Conference Football Report

Austin Peay | Eastern Illinois | Murray State | Southeast Missouri | Tennessee State | Tennessee Tech | UT Martin

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OVC STANDINGS

(In games through October 30)

| | OVC | | | | | OVERALL | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----|---|-------|-----|-----|---------|---|------|-----|-----|------|------|---------|--------|
| | W | L | PCT. | PF | PA | W | L | PCT. | PF | PA | Home | Away | Neutral | Streak |
| UT Martin | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | 93 | 57 | 7 | 1 | .875 | 254 | 214 | 4-0 | 3-1 | 0-0 | W7 |
| Tennessee State | 3 | 1 | .750 | 89 | 81 | 5 | 3 | .625 | 180 | 164 | 3-0 | 2-1 | 0-2 | W4 |
| Southeast Missouri | 3 | 1 | .750 | 132 | 71 | 3 | 6 | .333 | 256 | 299 | 2-2 | 1-4 | 0-0 | W1 |
| Austin Peay | 1 | 2 | .333 | 77 | 53 | 3 | 5 | .375 | 232 | 221 | 1-2 | 2-3 | 0-0 | L1 |
| Tennessee Tech | 1 | 2 | .333 | 55 | 65 | 3 | 5 | .375 | 152 | 228 | 2-2 | 1-3 | 0-0 | W1 |
| Eastern Illinois | 1 | 3 | .250 | 60 | 108 | 1 | 8 | .111 | 60 | 108 | 0-3 | 1-5 | 0-0 | L4 |
| Murray State | 0 | 3 | .000 | 51 | 122 | 3 | 5 | .375 | 157 | 228 | 2-1 | 1-4 | 0-0 | L2 |

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 6

- *Tennessee Tech at Murray State, 1:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
- *Eastern Illinois at Austin Peay, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
- *Tennessee State at #11 UT Martin, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN3)

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Saturday, October 30

- *@Southeast Missouri 38, Eastern Illinois 15
- *@#12 UT Martin 17, Austin Peay 16
- *@Tennessee State 27, Murray State 21

* Indicates OVC Contest
ALL TIMES CENTRAL

THIS WEEK'S OVC HIGHLIGHTS/STORYLINES

UT Martin is the only undefeated team in Conference play while Southeast Missouri and Tennessee State each have one loss...UTM has won seven games in a row, which is its longest winning streak since its 2006 OVC Championship season...During the fourth quarter in the win over Austin Peay, the Skyhawks made a 42-yard field goal, had a 96-yard touchdown drive and then blocked a field goal with three seconds left to win 17-16...UTM is one of 17 FCS teams undefeated in Conference play entering this week...Tennessee State won its fourth-straight game (its longest win streak since 2016), in topping Murray State to improve to 3-1 in OVC play...UT Martin is ranked No. 11/15 in the major polls this week, its highest ranking since the 2006 season...Every current OVC team has been ranked at least one week in the Top 25 over the past five years (2016-20)...SEMO's Geno Hess is second nationally with 13 rushing touchdowns; he ranked first in that category last year (12)...Overall four OVC players rank in the Top 16 nationally in rushing touchdowns; the OVC is the only Conference with more than three players in the Top 16...As of October 31, there are 15 former OVC players on NFL rosters (8 active, 4 practice squad, 3 injured reserve)...Two OVC players were named to each the Walter Payton Award Watch List (Draylen Ellis, Geno Hess), the Buck Buchanan Award Watch List (Marcis Floyd, Kordell Jackson) and the Jerry Rice Award Watch List (Drae McCray, Bryce Norman); the awards are presented by Stats Perform to the National Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year at the FCS level...This year's FCS Playoffs will include 24 teams and the field will be announced on Sunday, November 21...The OVC has placed multiple teams in the FCS Playoffs seven times in the past 11 years; OVC teams have 12 playoff wins since 2013, including five Quarterfinal appearances and one National Championship game appearance...In 7 of the past 11 years, an OVC team has defeated a Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) opponent...Last academic year (2020-21), 187 football student-athletes were named to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll for achieving a 3.25 GPA or better...The OVC and Southland Conference announced plans for a football scheduling alliance for the 2022 and 2023 seasons; the planned collaboration will see institutions from each conference fill available non-conference dates on schedules in the next two years with a focus toward competitive balance and reasonable travel...More specific details on the alliance, including game matchups in 2022 and 2023, will be announced at a later date...This year the League consists of seven football-playing schools who will play a six-game Conference schedule; additionally, some OVC schools will play other OVC opponents in designated matchups that will not count in the Conference standings (four games total, all of which have now been completed).





GAME 9

NOV 6 (SAT) 2:00 PM | MARTIN, TENN.

TENNESSEE STATE UT MARTIN

GAME RECAP

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The win is also TSU's first three-game winning streak since 2017 when they defeated Georgia State, Jackson State, and Florida A&M to start the season 3-0. Within the OVC, the last time TSU won three straight league matches was in 2013 with victories over SEMO, Jacksonville St. and UT Martin.

The Tiger defense forced nine punts and had four takeaways (3 INTs and one fumble recovery), the most in the last eight games. The Tiger D shut down the Panthers to the tune of 2-for-17 on third down.

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Tennessee State returns to Nissan Stadium next Saturday to host Murray State at 5 p.m. on Homecoming Day.



GAME 8

OCT 30 (SAT) 5:00 PM | NASHVILLE

TENNESSEE STATE 27 TENNESSEE TECH 21

GAME RECAP

NASHVILLE — Tennessee State (5-3, 3-1 OVC) used the arm and legs of quarterback Jeremy Hickbottom to defeat Murray State (3-5, 0-3 OVC), 27-21, in OVC play on Saturday. Hickbottom ran for three touchdowns and threw for another in the Homecoming win in front of 8,627 fans.

Both defenses took over in the first and second quarters. TSU could only muster one first down in the opening stanza while employing a bend but not break approach when their defense was on the field.

After Murray St. forced TSU into a three-and-out on its first drive, the Racer offense used an 11 play 41-yard drive to set up for a field goal from 33 yards, but Aaron Baum missed it wide right. Murray's first drive in the second quarter was promising but ended on another Baum missed field goal. This time from 49 yards.

Neither team could sustain a drive until TSU took over on their own 15-yard line with 7:18 left in the half. The Tigers held the ball for 12 plays and went 85 yards in 3:28 to take a 7-0 lead. Hickbottom finished the drive off on an eight-yard run to paydirt. A key play on the drive was a 22-yard pass to tight end Josh Trueheart. On the last series before the end of the half, TSU defensive back Nick Harper was called for an unsportsmanlike penalty that would be assessed on the opening kickoff of the second half.

After a long halftime, Murray's used the penalty to get good field position. Racer returner Damien Gomes returned the kickoff 19 yards to give his team the ball at the TSU 49. After Murray converted a first down, Tiger linebacker James Reese IV intercepted a DJ Williams pass to stop the drive. TSU took little time capitalizing on the turnover, going on a three play 67-yard drive to make it 14-0. The drive was capped off on a nifty 65-yard run by Hickbottom.

TSU's inspired defense then forced Murray into a three

and out. The Tiger offense got rolling again going 64 yards on five plays to go up 21-0. This time Hickbottom used his arm to complete the drive on a 24-yard pass to Trueheart. Trueheart celebrated with an ode to Halloween with his rendition of the Michael Jackson with a Thriller dance.

Murray wouldn't go down quietly, as they climbed back into the game scoring the next 21 points to tie the game with 4:30 left in regulation. TSU took over at their own 38-yard line and went on an eight play 62-yard drive to take the lead on Hickbottom's third rushing touchdown, this time from seven yards out. Murray blocked the extra point by Antonio Zita to make the score 27-21.

The Tiger defense shut the door on Murray preventing them to get a first down to seal the win. The victory made it four in a row for TSU. They will try to make it five when they travel to West Tennessee to take on UT-Martin next Saturday.





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OCT 23 (SAT) 2:00 PM | CHARLESTON, ILL.

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Tennessee State forced its fourth turnover of the contest as Davoan Hawkins forced a fumble after a four-yard rush by EIU's Kendi Rushyong. Jahsun Bryant secured the fumble recovery for the visitors.

TSU needed five plays to return to the end zone as Starling rushed for a seven-yard touchdown. He ran three of the five plays with his longest rush of 30 yards to put the team inside the red zone.

Tennessee State returns to Nissan Stadium next Saturday to host Murray State at 5 p.m. on Homecoming Day.



GAME 6

OCT 16 (SAT) 2:00 PM | NASHVILLE

**TENNESSEE STATE 20
TENNESSEE TECH 13 OT**

GAME RECAP

NASHVILLE — Tennessee State University head coach Eddie George says he believes in what he's coined the "Tiger Mentality" — tenacity, intelligence, gritty explosiveness, and resilience. Fans saw all five of those in play during TSU's 20-13 overtime victory over Tennessee Tech University. It was the first time in five years that the Tigers have won back-to-back games.

"That's who we are. That's who I am," said George of the "T.I.G.E.R." mentality. "I'm going to work to make sure this team is ready every week. It's developing that championship mentality that we have to have around here. The energy in that locker room right now, the belief just went out the ceiling. It was a gutty win. I am glad our boys fought to get the victory."

The defense for both teams played stellar in the first quarter. In their first offensive series, Tech gambled on a fourth and one from their 38-yard line but TSU safety Josh Green stopped Tech running back John Gist for no gain. On the ensuing drive, TSU drove the ball down the Tech one-yard line. On third down, Tiger running back Jalen Rouse fumbled. Tech's Devin Squires recovered it at his two-yard line.

"We have to start faster on offense," said George. "We had a chance to put points on the board and we fumbled on the goal. We go down first and goal and jump offside and kick a field goal. I give a lot of credit to Tennessee Tech. They came with a great game plan. There were times that we just didn't execute."

Tech took over and put on an impressive drive, riding Gist on seven of nine plays that took them deep into Tiger territory. The quarter ended with Tech on a five-yard loss by Gist to make it third and 10.

After the scoreless first quarter, the Tigers stopped Tech on a third and 10 at their 24-yard line. A false start on fourth down made the field goal attempt a little longer but Tech took the lead on a 42-yard field goal by Hayden Olsen on the second play of the quarter. The 7:02 scoring drive covered 72 yards on seven plays.

On the kickoff following the field goal, sophomore Darryon "Fatcat" Johnson's 47-yard return put the Tigers in great field position at the Tech 38-yard line. A pass interference by Tech's Josh Reliford and a 24-yard run by Starling put the Tigers at the Tech four-yard line. The drive stalled, but Tiger kicker Antonio Zita tied the score at three on a 25-yard field goal. The drive took six plays for 31 yards, and it covered 2:16.

After forcing a Tech punt, the Tigers had a promising drive that stalled on a fumble by Tiger quarterback Jeremy Hickbottom. Tech's Xavier Washington recovered the ball at his 32-yard line. During the drive, TSU was called for two penalties. The biggest one was after Hickbottom hit Vincent Perry for a first down. It was called back on an illegal "hands to the face" penalty on TSU's Zaire Thornton.

On the ensuing drive, Tech held the ball to the final seconds of the half, converting on a 31-yard goal by Olsen. Tech took a 6-3 lead into the locker room.

Tech received the second-half kickoff and drove the ball inside TSU territory. The drive stalled, and TSU took over on their 11-yard line. The Tigers moved the ball to their 35-yard line and on second and eight, Hickbottom was injured on a sack by Tech's Chris Tucker. The drive stalled and both defenses finished the quarter pitching shutouts.

The fourth quarter started with Tech going for it again on fourth and two on the Tiger 29-yard line. Tech quarterback Willie Miller

was stopped for a one-yard loss giving the Tigers the ball back on their 30-yard line. TSU struck fast, starting their two-play touchdown drive with Hickbottom dumping a pass to Starling for a 14-yard gain to their 44-yard line. Hickbottom then rolled to his right and threw a pass to his left to tight end Rodell Rohmann who took it 56 yards for his sixth receiving touchdown of the season. The big stop on fourth down seemed to give the offense the lift they needed to get in the end zone.

"I have a lot of trust in my defense," said Rohmann. "We know that they are going to handle their stuff and play their hearts out every game. Having the defense that we have, having the players making the plays put there, creates a nice little cushion. I have confidence in them."

Tech answered with a 75-yard drive in 13 plays for a touchdown, culminated by a Moore pass to Jamal Dean for 10 yards on third and goal. It was Dean's first career TD. Olsen's extra point made it 13-10 with 8:21 left in regulation.

After both teams' drives stalled, the Tigers took over at their 13-yard line with 3:27 to go in regulation. Hickbottom and Rohmann connected on a 37-yard seam route to get the drive started. A Hickbottom to Josh Trueheart pass on third and five for six yards kept the drive alive. Then Hickbottom connected with Johnson for six yards on third and three to get the ball to the Tech 26-yard line. Starling then rushed for 13 yards and the Tigers were in the red zone.

On third and three at the Tech six-yard line, Hickbottom had one on one coverage on his favorite target Rohmann, but it was broken up by Tech's Cameron Hudson. After a Tech timeout, Zita tied the score on a 24-yard field goal with five seconds left.

Tech won the toss and elected to go on defense. It only took the Tigers two plays to make it to paydirt. After Hickbottom connected with Starling on a 12-yard pass, he then hit Johnson on a swing pass to the left flat and he did the rest scoring on a 13-yard pass play. Zita's extra point made the score 20-13, TSU.

TSU's defense then took the field with a chance to get the victory. The energy on the Tiger sideline was ramped up, giving the defense the lift that they needed. After a Gist run made it first and goal for Tech, TSU defense rallied and was able to force a fourth and goal at their four-yard line. A false start penalty by Tech's Cory Huff backed the ball up to the nine-yard line. The game ended when TSU safety Cory Rahman picked off a Miller pass, setting off a wild celebration. The false start allowed the Tigers to concentrate on the last play being a pass.

"Obviously the play changed after the false start," said Rahman. "They could have easily done some RPO, QB run stuff, which they were pretty successful during the game doing that. We kind of prepared for that then changed the call. They were running the crossers and it was just a matter of time. Just for it (the interception) to happen at that moment was pretty special."

The win evened the Tigers' record to 3-3 on the season and 1-1 in OVC play. They will now get back to work and travel to Eastern Illinois for a 2 p.m. kickoff on October 23.

"I am really so proud of our guys for fighting through adversity, finding ways to win games like that. We did not play our best. We kept our composure and found a way to win the game," said George.





GAME 5

OCT 2 (SAT) 7:00 PM | CLARKSVILLE, TN

TENNESSEE STATE 24 AUSTIN PEAY 22

GAME RECAP

CLARKSVILLE, TENN. — For the first time in 679 days, the Tennessee State University football team is victorious on the road after defeating Austin Peay, 24-22, in a non-conference matchup on Saturday evening. The win is also the first D1 victory for first-year head coach Eddie George.

The last road victory for the Tigers came during the last game of the 2019 season at Tennessee Tech, a 37-27 win in Cookeville.

Senior quarterback Geromy Hickbottom finished with 301 passing yards with two touchdowns on 18-of-34 completions and ran for another. This was Hickbottom's second best career performance for the transfer. His previous best was 345 yards thrown against Texas Southern on October 13, 2018, when he suited up for Grambling.

The quarterback found his rhythm in the second half with a pair of touchdowns to senior tight end Rodell Rahmaan. He finished the game with 129 receiving yards with a 63-yard touchdown in the third quarter followed by a 45-yard touchdown late in the fourth. This was Rahmaan's first multi-touchdown game of his career.

Rookie wide receiver Zaire Thornton was Hickbottom's second best option on the night with six catches for 89 yards, an average of 14.8 yards per catch. Thornton's biggest catch came in the fourth quarter, a 37-yard pass.

Freshman running back Devon Starling completed his first career 100+ rushing game with 120 yards on 29 touches. Starling added 49 yards on four receptions.

Neither team scored in the first quarter until Tigers kicker Antonio Zita hit a 24-yard field goal with 4:13 left in the half. TSU's defense was on point in the opening half, forcing the Gobs to punt the ball on the first five possessions. The Tigers went into the locker room leading 3-0.

Austin Peay tied the game in the third quarter with a 25-yard field goal from Maddux Trujillo.

Tennessee State found the end zone on the next possession with a four-play drive that saw Hickbottom throw his first of two touchdown passes to Rahmaan. Two plays prior to the touchdown, it looked as if the Austin Peay defense got the best of Hickbottom with a loss of 13 yards on a sack. The next

play, Hickbottom got back up and threw a 20-yard completion to Thornton for the first down. This moved the chains and prompted the touchdown pass from TSU's own 37-yard line.

The hosts answered back for the second time with a touchdown on a four-play drive with a 66-yard rushing touchdown by Brian Snead to give the Gobs a 10-9 lead with 5:55 left in the third.

Determined to regain the lead, TSU moved the ball to its 41-yard line before Hickbottom found Thornton with an 11-yard pass for a first down. The speedy quarterback then scrambled on the next play all the way to the end zone for a 48-yard touchdown to put the visitors ahead 17-10 with 3:13 left in the quarter.

Austin Peay chipped away at the difference with two field goals from Trujillo.

On the ensuing drive, Hickbottom found Thornton for a 37-yard completion on first down before penalties pushed the Tigers back. On third and 17, Hickbottom stepped back and whipped a hard pass to Rahmaan for his second touchdown this time a 45-yard dagger with 5:33 left.

Putting the Tigers on their heels, AP quarterback Draylen Ellis used an eight-play drive and found Baniko Harley from 16 yards out. The Gobs missed the two-point conversion, a failed opportunity to tie the game at 24-all. But again, the Gobs had a chance to win the game with seconds remaining, but a stringent Tiger defense held their ground on a pair of laterals by Austin Peay to secure the win.

Tennessee State finished the game with 485 (301-184) total yards compared to 383 from Austin Peay. The Tiger defense sacked Ellis four times and held the Gobs to 6-of-19 on third down.

Jahsun Bryant led the Tigers with 12 tackles on the defensive end. Davon Hawkins sacked Ellis twice for an 18-yard loss and forced a fumble. Kendall Johnson and Terray Jones also sacked the Austin Peay QB.

The win was TSU's first win in Clarksville since 2016. The two teams will meet for the final time as Ohio Valley Conference foes on Saturday, November 13 at Nissan Stadium. Austin Peay will join the Atlantic Sun Conference in 2022.



GAME 4

SEPT 25 (SAT) 2:00 PM | CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO.

TENNESSEE STATE 14 SOUTHERN MISSOURI 47

GAME RECAP

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. – After earning a convincing win last week, the Tennessee State University Tigers (1-3, 0-1 OVC) were defeated 47-14 by the Southeast Missouri State University Redhawks (1-3, 1-0 OVC) in OVC action from Cape Girardeau, Mo. SEMO dominated the line of scrimmage rushing for 380 yards while only giving up 14 on the ground. The game was TSU head coach Eddie George's first career OVC matchup as a head coach.

The TSU defense kept their team in the game employing a bend but not break approach. They held SEMO to three field goals and a lone touchdown by running back Geno Hess (25 rushes 209 yards and three TDs). The Tiger offense only could muster up 92 first half yards and was shut out.

SEMO scored on a four play 75-yard drive to open the second half. All four plays were on the ground and capped off by Hess' second TD of the game on a 63-yard run. On the ensuing kickoff, Tiger sophomore Dayron Johnson got TSU on the board on a nifty 90-yard return to cut the SEMO lead to 23-6.

Down 26-6, the Tigers caught a break when senior defensive back Eddie Graham picked off SEMO's CJ Ogbonna and returned it 10 yards to the SEMO 22-yard line. On third and 10, Hickbottom hit freshman running back who was stopped short of the line to gain. George decided to go for it on fourth down, but redshirt sophomore Deveon Bryant was stuffed on his rush and TSU turned the ball over on downs.

The stop on fourth down seemed to deflate the Tigers as SEMO finished the game outscoring TSU 21-8 for the rest of the contest.

For the second week in a row, TSU signal caller Jeremy Hickbottom was solid converting on 17 of 31 of his passes for 252 yards and a touchdown. Hickbottom's favorite receiver of the day was freshman

Zaire Thornton who caught three passes for 95 yards. Hickbottom's lone touchdown pass went to senior Vincent Perry. Defensively, TSU was led by junior Jahsun Bryant who had 11 tackles. Senior Cory Rahmann, junior James Green and sophomore Josh Green contributed with nine tackles.

Saturday's loss was the fourth in a row for TSU against SEMO. The Tigers will now prepare to take on Austin Peay State University on the road next Saturday.

By: Scott Wallace, Wallace Media Group





GAME 3

SEPT 18 (SAT) 2:00 PM | NASHVILLE, TN

TENNESSEE STATE 41
KENTUCKY STATE 7

GAME RECAP

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – It has been 18 years since Eddie George played in Nissan stadium as a Titan, and Saturday he got his first win there as the head coach of the Tigers.

TSU played a complete game, with success on offense, defense and special teams. The Tigers also won the time of possession and turnover battles in the 41-7 victory over Kentucky State.

On offense, senior transfer QB Jeremy Hickbottom finished the game with four touchdowns, including a 12-yard rushing TD in the rout of the Thoroughbreds. On the day, Hickbottom threw for 264 yards and rushed for 24, to cement his role as starting quarterback. RB Devon Starling bolstered the run game with a season-high 144 yards Saturday, averaging 6.2 yards per carry.

"We knew that Jeremy would be the guy," George said. "We just had to get him used to getting the reps in at practice. He had a great week last week. I could sense that he was going to have a breakout game. He was making the right calls, he was making the right decisions, he was throwing the ball with accuracy and certainty and that was exciting to see."

The Tiger defense held Kentucky State to 132 yards of

offense, led by junior LB Jahsun Bryant with 5 tackles.

K Antonio Zita started TSU's first half scoring frenzy with a 22-yard field goal in the first quarter. Senior TE Rodell Rahmann scored back-to-back touchdowns to end the first quarter and start the second quarter and finished the day 65 yards. Hickbottom threw an 18-yard TD pass to sophomore WR Dayton Johnson, his first TD as a Tiger, and rushed for another touchdown to finish the first half 31-0.

Zita started the second half with another field goal, this time for 34 yards, to extend the Tigers lead to 34-0. KSU did get on the board in the second half, with a touchdown late in the fourth quarter but it was too late, TSU dominated the game from start to finish.

As his retired #27 jersey hung in the rafters, coach George celebrated his first win at TSU. "Getting that first win feels good as a head coach," George said. "You can never say I didn't win, so that feels good."

By: Erin Exum



GAME 2

SEPT 11 (SAT) 6:00 PM | MEMPHIS, TN

TENNESSEE STATE 16
JACKSON STATE 38

GAME RECAP

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – Before Saturday night's Southern Heritage Classic, it had been more than 20 years since Eddie George and Deion Sanders shared a football field.

So, in a sense, the two legends made history just by getting together again, Sanders as the head coach at Jackson State and George, of course, as the head coach at Tennessee State.

In the lead up to the game, each coach expressed his respect and admiration for his counterpart – then also smiled and said in the same breath how badly they wanted to beat the other come game time.

George's Tigers showed some promising signs and, for the first half, stayed within striking distance of Sanders' more experienced bunch. But that's as close as they would get, as Jackson State rode the right arm of freshman quarterback Shedeur Sanders – Deion's son – to a 38-16 victory at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium in Memphis.

Senior tight end Rodell Rahmaan led TSU with 94 receiving yards, including a 47-yard touchdown catch late in the fourth quarter that could provide Big Blue with a spark heading into next week's home opener against Kentucky State (2 p.m., ESPN+).

TSU quarterbacks Jeremy Hickbottom and Deveon Bryant combined to throw for 194 yards and Devon Starling paced the Tigers with 35 yards on the ground.

Otherwise, the night belonged to Shedeur Sanders, a former blue-chip recruit who passed on offers from the likes of Alabama, LSU, Georgia, Florida and Florida State to instead play for his father.

Sanders completed 30 of 40 passes for 362 yards – the third-most in Southern Heritage Classic history – and three touchdowns.

His 14-yard strike to Joshua Lanier opened the scoring, but the Big Blue answered midway through the second quarter when Bryant plunged into the end zone from 2 yards out to bring TSU level.

Tennessee State nearly made it to halftime on equal footing, but JSU added a field goal with 32 seconds to play in the second quarter and then kept its foot on the gas after the break.

Sanders tossed two more touchdown passes in the third quarter, including a 67-yarder to Keith Corbin, and JSU struck for another two scores on the other side of Chayil Garnett's 37-yard field goal early in the fourth.

The Big Blue, though, was undaunted by a four-touchdown deficit and kept fighting until the final whistle – as evidenced by Rahmaan's touchdown with 6 seconds to play.

Then, with an eye for the future, George sent his offense back out for a 2-point conversion attempt. No, an extra two points wouldn't have made much difference on Saturday night. But as George attempts to restore Tennessee State to the program's previous heights, every little bit of added experience can be useful.

As the clock hit zero, George and Sanders greeted each other at midfield, shared an embrace and a quick word, and then embraced again. Sanders may have won the first round between the two College Football Hall-of-Famers, but there will be more meetings to come. And, if George's Tigers continue to build on their foundation, there will be different outcomes, too.

By: Zach Stipe





GAME 1

SEPT 5 (SUN) 3:00 PM | CANTON, OH

TENNESSEE STATE 10 GRAMBLING STATE 16

GAME RECAP

CANTON, Ohio – Running back Devon Starling rushed for 88 yards and a touchdown and wide receiver/returner Dayron Johnson had 137 all-purpose yards, but it wasn't enough for Tennessee State to pick up a victory in head coach Eddie George's debut.

TSU fell to Grambling State, 16-10, on Sunday night in the second annual Black College Football Hall of Fame Classic at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium.

Tennessee State out gained Grambling 230 to 184, but committed 18 penalties for 150 yards.

"To come here and play against a historic program like Grambling State, I had to pinch myself a couple times," said George, who rushed for more than 10,000 yards for the Tennessee Titans and won the 1995 Heisman Trophy at Ohio State. "Coach (Broderick) Fobbs and Grambling State did a fantastic job. I can't thank the people here at the Hall of Fame enough for making this a wonderful experience for myself and my kids.

"I couldn't be prouder of our men. We overcame a lot the last couple of weeks. They were resilient. A lot of the things that cost us the game are definitely correctable. We will keep our head down and keep going."

The Big Blue played three different quarterbacks in the game with freshman Tucker Pope getting the start under center. Jeremy Hickbottom entered in the second quarter and completed 8-of-10 passes for 65 yards, while fellow signal-caller Deveon Bryant played the bulk of the second half and finished with 24 yards rushing and 22 yards passing.

Starling, the Ohio Valley Conference's leading rusher last season, had 18 carries for 88 yards and scored a 3-yard touchdown in the second quarter.

Johnson had 83 punt return yards, including returns of 47 yards and 36 yards. He added three receptions for 37 yards.

"We want to be explosive in the return game," George said. "(Johnson) is an explosive returner for us. We feel like we can have one of the better special teams units in the country giving the amount of talent we have. We are excited to see where we grow from that. I'm really excited about where we can go from here in the return game."

Special teams gave Tennessee State a chance late in the game. Trailing 16-10, TSU punter Kaleb Mosley had a pair of outstanding punts in the final six minutes, pinning Grambling State down at the 3-yard line on one possession and at the 6-yard line with just over two minutes left in the game.

A 36-yard punt return by Johnson gave TSU the ball 30 yards from the end zone with 3:58 remaining but back-to-back penalties pushed the Tigers back to the Grambling State 45-yard line and forced a punt that gave GSU the ball back with two minutes left in the contest.

GSU was able to get a first down on third-and-3 to seal the game and run out the clock.

Kicker Anthony Zita drilled a 39-yard field goal, but missed a 57-yard attempt.

Led by linebacker Jashun Bryant's nine tackles, the TSU defense held Grambling State quarterback Elijah Walker to 4-of-11 passing for just 43 yards and safety Cory Rahman had an interception in the second quarter.

Walker did most of his damage on the ground, though, rushing 17 times for 77 yards and a touchdown.

Johnson sparked Tennessee State in the first quarter returning a punt 47 yards to give the Big Blue the ball at the 42-yard line. Pope found Vincent Perry for a 31-yard completion a few players to convert a 3rd-and-21 to set up a 39-yard Zita field goal that gave TSU a 3-0 lead 10 minutes into the game.

Grambling State took a 7-3 lead into halftime after Walker found Patrick Jaye for an 18-yard score to cap a 17-play drive that ate more than seven minutes off the clock midway through the second quarter.

Tennessee State had a chance to score at the end of the first half. An errant Grambling State punt gave TSU the ball at midfield with 34 seconds left in the first half. A face mask penalty by Grambling State and a 24-yard run by Deveon Bryant gave TSU the ball at the GSU 25 with 16 seconds remaining before the break. However, penalties moved TSU back 15 yards and Zita's 57-yard field goal attempt was short to end the half.

Deveon Bryant played most of the second half at quarterback for TSU. He completed a 10-yard pass to Vincent Perry on 4th-and-3 to keep TSU's first drive of the second half alive and a few moments later Starling scored Tennessee State's first touchdown of the 2021 season on a 3-yard plunge up the middle at the 7:03 mark in the third quarter to give Tennessee State a 10-7 lead.

Grambling State took the lead back after Lewis Matthews blocked Tennessee State's punt at the 3:47 mark in the third quarter giving Grambling State the ball at the TSU 15. Walker scored a 4-yard touchdown with 2:22 remaining in the third quarter, but kicker Garrett Urban missed the ensuing extra point. Still, Grambling State led 13-10 at the end of the third quarter.

GSU moved in front 16-10 on a 24-yard field goal from Urban with 10 minutes remaining in the game.

Tennessee State had chances down the stretch but was unable to find the end zone again.

Next Up: TSU has a short week to prepare for its next opponent, Jackson State. TSU and JSU will meet in the Southern Heritage Classic on Saturday at 6 p.m. CT in Memphis, Tenn.





2021 Tennessee State Football Tennessee State Univ Combined Team Statistics (as of Nov 03, 2021) All games

| Date | Opponent | Score | Att. |
|--------------|-----------------------|---------|-------|
| 9/5/2021 | at Grambling | L 10-16 | 14682 |
| 9/11/2021 | vs Jackson State | L 16-38 | 46171 |
| 9/18/2021 | KENTUCKY STATE UNIV | W 41-7 | 2513 |
| * 9/25/2021 | at Southeast Missouri | L 14-47 | 3896 |
| 10/2/2021 | at Austin Peay | W 24-22 | 7211 |
| * 10/16/2021 | TENNESSEE TECH | W 20-13 | 2420 |
| * 10/23/2021 | at Eastern Illinois | W 28-0 | 6300 |
| * 10/30/2021 | MURRAY STATE | W 27-21 | 8627 |

| Rushing | g | att | gain | loss | net | avg | td | lg | avg/g |
|-----------------|---|-----|------|------|------|------|----|----|-------|
| STARLING, Devon | 8 | 149 | 728 | 45 | 683 | 4.6 | 2 | 32 | 85.4 |
| HICKBOTTOM, Ger | 8 | 58 | 369 | 118 | 251 | 4.3 | 7 | 65 | 31.4 |
| ROUSE, Jalen | 8 | 23 | 89 | 8 | 81 | 3.5 | 1 | 12 | 10.1 |
| BRYANT, Deveon | 7 | 23 | 84 | 33 | 51 | 2.2 | 1 | 15 | 7.3 |
| PERRY, Vincent | 7 | 1 | 20 | 0 | 20 | 20.0 | 0 | 20 | 2.9 |
| BOONE, Thomas | 7 | 2 | 12 | 0 | 12 | 6.0 | 0 | 12 | 1.7 |
| WYCHE, Cam | 7 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3.0 | 0 | 3 | 0.4 |
| Total | 8 | 269 | 1308 | 228 | 1080 | 4.0 | 11 | 65 | 135.0 |
| Opponents | 8 | 306 | 1414 | 172 | 1242 | 4.1 | 10 | 66 | 155.2 |

| Passing | g | effic | comp | att | int | pct | yds | td | lg | avg/g |
|-----------------|---|--------|------|-----|-----|------|------|----|----|-------|
| HICKBOTTOM, Ger | 8 | 140.18 | 119 | 204 | 3 | 58.3 | 1627 | 11 | 63 | 203.4 |
| BRYANT, Deveon | 7 | 71.84 | 9 | 22 | 0 | 40.9 | 81 | 0 | 19 | 11.6 |
| Total | 8 | 133.53 | 128 | 226 | 3 | 56.6 | 1708 | 11 | 63 | 213.5 |
| Opponents | 8 | 104.69 | 117 | 234 | 7 | 50.0 | 1376 | 8 | 67 | 172.0 |

| Receiving | g | no. | yds | avg | td | lg | avg/g |
|-----------------|---|-----|------|------|----|----|-------|
| RAHMAAN, Rodell | 7 | 22 | 447 | 20.3 | 6 | 63 | 63.9 |
| STARLING, Devon | 8 | 21 | 186 | 8.9 | 0 | 26 | 23.2 |
| JOHNSON, Dayron | 8 | 15 | 237 | 15.8 | 2 | 41 | 29.6 |
| PERRY, Vincent | 7 | 15 | 125 | 8.3 | 1 | 31 | 17.9 |
| TURNER, Gerand | 3 | 14 | 250 | 17.9 | 0 | 40 | 83.3 |
| WYCHE, Cam | 7 | 12 | 105 | 8.8 | 0 | 41 | 15.0 |
| TRUEHEART, Josh | 4 | 7 | 90 | 12.9 | 1 | 24 | 22.5 |
| DOBSON, Zack | 4 | 7 | 65 | 9.3 | 0 | 15 | 16.2 |
| THORNTON, Zaire | 3 | 6 | 96 | 16.0 | 1 | 26 | 32.0 |
| ROUSE, Jalen | 8 | 6 | 78 | 13.0 | 0 | 26 | 9.8 |
| BRYANT, Jahsun | 7 | 2 | 19 | 9.5 | 0 | 12 | 2.7 |
| SEATS III, Will | 3 | 1 | 10 | 10.0 | 0 | 10 | 3.3 |
| Total | 8 | 128 | 1708 | 13.3 | 11 | 63 | 213.5 |
| Opponents | 8 | 117 | 1376 | 11.8 | 8 | 67 | 172.0 |

| Field Goals | fg | pct. | 01-19 | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50-99 | lg | blk |
|---------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----|-----|
| ZITA, Antonio | 7-14 | 50.0 | 0-0 | 4-5 | 3-4 | 0-2 | 0-3 | 39 | 0 |

| Scoring | td | fg | kick | rush | rcv | pass | dxp | saf | pts |
|-----------------|----|-------|-------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|
| HICKBOTTOM, Ger | 7 | - | - | - | - | 2-2 | - | - | 42 |
| ZITA, Antonio | - | 7-14 | 17-20 | - | - | - | - | - | 38 |
| RAHMAAN, Rodell | 6 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 38 |
| JOHNSON, Dayron | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 18 |
| STARLING, Devon | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 12 |
| PERRY, Vincent | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 8 |
| BRYANT, Deveon | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| ROUSE, Jalen | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| TRUEHEART, Josh | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| THORNTON, Zaire | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| Total | 23 | 7-14 | 17-20 | 0-1 | 2 | 2-2 | - | - | 180 |
| Opponents | 19 | 11-15 | 17-18 | - | - | 0-1 | - | - | 164 |

| Score by Quarters | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | OT | Total |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-------|
| Tennessee State Univ | 13 | 48 | 51 | 61 | 7 | 180 |
| Opponents | 10 | 29 | 54 | 71 | 0 | 164 |

| Record: | Overall | Home | Away | Neutral |
|----------------|---------|------|------|---------|
| All games | 5-3 | 3-0 | 2-2 | 0-1 |
| Conference | 3-1 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 0-0 |
| Non-Conference | 2-2 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 0-1 |

| Team Statistics | TSU | OPP |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| FIRST DOWNS | 148 | 144 |
| Rushing | 65 | 61 |
| Passing | 71 | 62 |
| Penalty | 12 | 21 |
| RUSHING YARDAGE | 1080 | 1242 |
| Rushing Attempts | 269 | 306 |
| Average Per Rush | 4.0 | 4.1 |
| Average Per Game | 135.0 | 155.2 |
| TDs Rushing | 11 | 10 |
| PASSING YARDAGE | 1708 | 1376 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 128-226-3 | 117-234-7 |
| Average Per Pass | 7.6 | 5.9 |
| Average Per Catch | 13.3 | 11.8 |
| Average Per Game | 213.5 | 172.0 |
| TDs Passing | 11 | 8 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 2788 | 2618 |
| Average Per Play | 5.6 | 4.8 |
| Average Per Game | 348.5 | 327.2 |
| KICK RETURNS: #-Yards | 22-459 | 25-484 |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards | 17-188 | 17-189 |
| INT RETURNS: #-Yards | 7-57 | 3-23 |
| FUMBLES-LOST | 8-5 | 5-2 |
| PENALTIES-Yards | 78-675 | 44-388 |
| PUNTS-AVG | 45-39.8 | 45-39.5 |
| TIME OF POSSESSION/G | 30:06 | 29:54 |
| 3RD-DOWN Conversions | 37/104 | 43/118 |
| 4TH-DOWN Conversions | 3/7 | 4/9 |

| Interceptions | no. | yds | avg | td | lg |
|---------------|-----|-----|------|----|----|
| RAHMAN, Cory | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| GRAHAM, Eddie | 2 | 10 | 5.0 | 0 | 10 |
| REESE, James | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| GREEN, Joshua | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| GREEN, James | 1 | 47 | 47.0 | 0 | 47 |

| Punting | no. | yds | avg | lg | tb | fc | i20 | 50+ | blk |
|---------------|-----|------|------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| MOSLEY, Kaleb | 43 | 1794 | 41.7 | 61 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 1 |
| TEAM | 2 | 1 | 0.5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| Punt Returns | no. | yds | avg | td | lg |
|-----------------|-----|-----|------|----|----|
| JOHNSON, Dayron | 8 | 126 | 15.8 | 0 | 47 |
| DOBSON, Zack | 7 | 67 | 9.6 | 0 | 24 |
| ROUSE, Jalen | 1 | -5 | -5.0 | 0 | 0 |
| HOLLIS III, Fon | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 17 | 188 | 11.1 | 0 | 47 |
| Opponents | 17 | 189 | 11.1 | 1 | 81 |

| Kick Returns | no. | yds | avg | td | lg |
|-----------------|-----|-----|------|----|----|
| JOHNSON, Dayron | 15 | 345 | 23.0 | 1 | 90 |
| ROUSE, Jalen | 3 | 43 | 14.3 | 0 | 24 |
| PERRY, Vincent | 2 | 43 | 21.5 | 0 | 25 |
| MITCHELL, Micha | 1 | 8 | 8.0 | 0 | 8 |
| DOBSON, Zack | 1 | 20 | 20.0 | 0 | 20 |
| Total | 22 | 459 | 20.9 | 1 | 90 |
| Opponents | 25 | 484 | 19.4 | 0 | 43 |

| All Purpose | g | rush | rcv | pr | kr | ir | total | avg/g |
|-------------|---|------|------|-----|-----|----|-------|-------|
| STARLING, D | 8 | 683 | 186 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 869 | 108.6 |
| JOHNSON, D | 8 | -9 | 237 | 126 | 345 | 0 | 699 | 87.4 |
| RAHMAAN, R | 7 | 0 | 447 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 447 | 63.9 |
| HICKBOTTO | 8 | 251 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 251 | 31.4 |
| TURNER, Ger | 3 | 0 | 250 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 250 | 83.3 |
| Total | 8 | 1080 | 1708 | 188 | 459 | 57 | 3492 | 436.5 |
| Opponents | 8 | 1242 | 1376 | 189 | 484 | 23 | 3314 | 414.2 |

| Total Offense | g | plays | rush | pass | total | avg/g |
|-----------------|---|-------|------|------|-------|-------|
| HICKBOTTOM, Ger | 8 | 262 | 251 | 1627 | 1878 | 234.8 |
| STARLING, Devon | 8 | 149 | 683 | 0 | 683 | 85.4 |
| BRYANT, Deveon | 7 | 45 | 51 | 81 | 132 | 18.9 |
| ROUSE, Jalen | 8 | 23 | 81 | 0 | 81 | 10.1 |
| PERRY, Vincent | 7 | 1 | 20 | 0 | 20 | 2.9 |
| Total | 8 | 495 | 1080 | 1708 | 2788 | 348.5 |
| Opponents | 8 | 540 | 1242 | 1376 | 2618 | 327.2 |





2021 Tennessee State Football
Tennessee State Univ Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Nov 03, 2021)
All games

| # | Defensive Leaders | gp | Tackles | | | | Sacks no-yds | Pass defense | | | Fumbles | | blkd | |
|-----------|-------------------|----|---------|-----|-----|---------|-----------------|--------------|------|-----|---------|----|------|-----|
| | | | ua | a | tot | tfl/yds | | int-yds | brup | qbh | rcv-yds | ff | kick | saf |
| 8D | GREEN,James | 8 | 24 | 27 | 51 | 4.5-7 | . | 1-47 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . |
| 11 | BRYANT,Jahsun | 7 | 25 | 25 | 50 | 0.5-2 | . | . | 2 | 1 | 1-0 | . | . | . |
| 26 | RAHMAN,Cory | 8 | 31 | 13 | 44 | 5.5-13 | 1.0-6 | 2-0 | 2 | 1 | . | . | . | . |
| 6 | GREEN, Josh | 6 | 22 | 13 | 35 | . | . | . | 4 | . | . | . | . | . |
| 15 | GARLINGTON,Ken | 7 | 17 | 12 | 29 | . | . | . | 3 | . | . | . | . | . |
| 3D | GRAHAM,Eddie | 8 | 18 | 9 | 27 | 1.5-2 | . | 2-10 | 5 | 1 | . | . | . | . |
| 1D | JONES,Terray | 7 | 18 | 8 | 26 | 3.5-13 | 2.5-12 | . | . | 2 | . | . | . | . |
| 16 | CHAMBERS,De'Am | 7 | 14 | 9 | 23 | . | . | . | 4 | . | . | . | . | . |
| 5D | PATTERSON,TADA | 8 | 9 | 14 | 23 | 4.0-23 | 4.5-22 | . | . | 3 | . | . | . | . |
| 57 | McDONALD,Maruic | 7 | 11 | 10 | 21 | 0.5-5 | 0.5-5 | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . |
| 55 | HAWKINS,Davoan | 8 | 11 | 10 | 21 | 3.0-26 | 2.0-19 | . | . | 5 | . | 2 | . | . |
| 29 | HARPER,Nick | 7 | 15 | 5 | 20 | 1.0-1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 1J | JOHNSON,Kendall | 7 | 11 | 7 | 18 | 4.5-19 | 2.0-12 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 93 | HORTON, Raymond | 8 | 8 | 10 | 18 | 1.5-8 | . | . | . | . | 1-0 | . | . | . |
| 9 | SUTTON,Nate | 5 | 6 | 6 | 12 | 1.5-9 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 6D | GREEN, Joshua | 2 | 9 | 3 | 12 | 1.0-4 | . | 1-0 | 1 | . | . | . | . | . |
| 25 | SMITH,Christian | 7 | 7 | 3 | 10 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 47 | NELSON,Ahmad | 7 | 6 | 4 | 10 | 0.5-0 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 7D | ANDREWS,Kenyon | 7 | 6 | 3 | 9 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 48 | WALKER,Chris | 3 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 3.5-14 | 1.0-6 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 96 | STEWART, Camero | 8 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 1.0-4 | 0.5-4 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 44 | BOONE,Thomas | 7 | 1 | 4 | 5 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 28 | McCLENDON,Jalen | 5 | 4 | 1 | 5 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 34 | REESE,James | 4 | 1 | 3 | 4 | . | . | 1-0 | 1 | . | . | . | . | . |
| 31 | TAYLOR,Marcus | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 37 | CRAWFORD,Micha | 5 | 1 | 3 | 4 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | . | 4 | 1.0-4 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 40 | ADEWOLE,Detoye | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1.0-3 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 98 | BELL, Cameron | 1 | 3 | . | 3 | 1.0-4 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 9D | SUTTON, Nathani | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0.5-1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 17 | BAEZ,Emmanuel | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 85 | RAHMAAN,Rodell | 7 | 2 | . | 2 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1 | . |
| 5 | JOHNSON,Dayron | 8 | 2 | . | 2 | 1.0-6 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 50 | NASH,Davion | 1 | 2 | . | 2 | . | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . |
| 70 | PERRY,Vincent | 7 | . | 1 | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 8 | BRYANT,Deveon | 7 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 52 | BUCHANAN,CARSON | 3 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 51 | JOHNSON,Deron | 1 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 36 | DRAKE,Zachery | 4 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 22 | ROUSE,Jalen | 8 | . | 1 | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 10 | WYCHE,Cam | 7 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 23 | WILLIAMS,Domo | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . |
| Total | | 8 | 307 | 218 | 525 | 42-168 | 14-86 | 7-57 | 23 | 16 | 2-0 | 2 | 1 | . |
| Opponents | | 8 | 286 | 202 | 488 | 53-207 | 17-128 | 3-23 | 25 | 26 | 5-0 | 7 | 2 | . |





2021 Tennessee State Football
Tennessee State Univ Overall Team Statistics (as of Nov 03, 2021)
All games

| Team Statistics | TSU | OPP |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| SCORING | 180 | 164 |
| Points Per Game | 22.5 | 20.5 |
| Points Off Turnovers | 27 | 20 |
| FIRST DOWNS | 148 | 144 |
| Rushing | 65 | 61 |
| Passing | 71 | 62 |
| Penalty | 12 | 21 |
| RUSHING YARDAGE | 1080 | 1242 |
| Yards gained rushing | 1308 | 1414 |
| Yards lost rushing | 228 | 172 |
| Rushing Attempts | 269 | 306 |
| Average Per Rush | 4.0 | 4.1 |
| Average Per Game | 135.0 | 155.2 |
| TDs Rushing | 11 | 10 |
| PASSING YARDAGE | 1708 | 1376 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 128-226-3 | 117-234-7 |
| Average Per Pass | 7.6 | 5.9 |
| Average Per Catch | 13.3 | 11.8 |
| Average Per Game | 213.5 | 172.0 |
| TDs Passing | 11 | 8 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 2788 | 2618 |
| Total Plays | 495 | 540 |
| Average Per Play | 5.6 | 4.8 |
| Average Per Game | 348.5 | 327.2 |
| KICK RETURNS: #-Yards | 22-459 | 25-484 |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards | 17-188 | 17-189 |
| INT RETURNS: #-Yards | 7-57 | 3-23 |
| KICK RETURN AVERAGE | 20.9 | 19.4 |
| PUNT RETURN AVERAGE | 11.1 | 11.1 |
| INT RETURN AVERAGE | 8.1 | 7.7 |
| FUMBLES-LOST | 8-5 | 5-2 |
| PENALTIES-Yards | 78-675 | 44-388 |
| Average Per Game | 84.4 | 48.5 |
| PUNTS-Yards | 45-1792 | 45-1779 |
| Average Per Punt | 39.8 | 39.5 |
| Net punt average | 33.8 | 34.9 |
| KICKOFFS-Yards | 37-2262 | 37-2125 |
| Average Per Kick | 61.1 | 57.4 |
| Net kick average | 41.3 | 38.3 |
| TIME OF POSSESSION/Game | 30:06 | 29:54 |
| 3RD-DOWN Conversions | 37/104 | 43/118 |
| 3rd-Down Pct | 36% | 36% |
| 4TH-DOWN Conversions | 3/7 | 4/9 |
| 4th-Down Pct | 43% | 44% |
| SACKS BY-Yards | 14-86 | 17-128 |
| MISC YARDS | 0 | 0 |
| TOUCHDOWNS SCORED | 23 | 19 |
| FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS | 7-14 | 11-15 |
| ON-SIDE KICKS | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| RED-ZONE SCORES | (20-28) 71% | (23-28) 82% |
| RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS | (14-28) 50% | (14-28) 50% |
| PAT-ATTEMPTS | (17-20) 85% | (17-18) 94% |
| ATTENDANCE | 13560 | 32089 |
| Games/Avg Per Game | 3/4520 | 4/8022 |
| Neutral Site Games | | 1/46171 |

| Score by Quarters | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | OT | Total |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| Tennessee State Un | 13 | 48 | 51 | 61 | 7 | 180 |
| Opponents | 10 | 29 | 54 | 71 | 0 | 164 |





**2021 Tennessee State Football
Tennessee State Univ Red-Zone Results (as of Nov 03, 2021)
All games**

Tennessee State Univ Inside Opponent Red-Zone

| Date | Opponent | Score | Times | Times | Total | Rush | | | Pass | FGs | Failed to score inside RZ | | | | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|------|-----|-----|------|------|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|
| | | | In RZ | Score | Pts | TDs | TDs | TDs | TDs | Made | FGA | Dow | Int | Fum | Half | Gam |
| 9/5/2021 | at Grambling | L 10-16 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 9/11/2021 | vs Jackson State | L 16-38 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 9/18/2021 | KENTUCKY STATE U | 41-7 | 7 | 6 | 34 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 9/25/2021 | at Southeast Missouri | L 14-47 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10/2/2021 | at Austin Peay | 24-22 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 10/16/2021 | TENNESSEE TECH | 20-13 | 4 | 3 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 10/23/2021 | at Eastern Illinois | 28-0 | 6 | 4 | 28 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10/30/2021 | MURRAY STATE | 27-21 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | | | 28 | 20 | 116 | 14 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 20 of 28 (71.4%) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Opponents Inside Tennessee State Univ Red-Zone

| Date | Opponent | Score | Times | Times | Total | Rush | | | Pass | FGs | Failed to score inside RZ | | | | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|------|-----|-----|------|------|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|
| | | | In RZ | Score | Pts | TDs | TDs | TDs | TDs | Made | FGA | Dow | Int | Fum | Half | Gam |
| 9/5/2021 | at Grambling | L 10-16 | 3 | 3 | 16 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 9/11/2021 | vs Jackson State | L 16-38 | 5 | 4 | 24 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 9/18/2021 | KENTUCKY STATE U | 41-7 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 9/25/2021 | at Southeast Missouri | L 14-47 | 6 | 6 | 34 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10/2/2021 | at Austin Peay | 24-22 | 4 | 4 | 15 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10/16/2021 | TENNESSEE TECH | 20-13 | 4 | 3 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10/23/2021 | at Eastern Illinois | 28-0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10/30/2021 | MURRAY STATE | 27-21 | 4 | 2 | 14 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | | | 28 | 23 | 123 | 14 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 23 of 28 (82.1%) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |





2021 Tennessee State Football Tennessee State Univ Team Game-by-Game (as of Nov 03, 2021) All games

TEAM STATISTICS

| | | Rushing | | | | Receiving | | | | Passing | | | | Kick Returns | | | | Punt Returns | | | | tot | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|---------|------|----|----|-----------|------|----|----|---------|-----|-----|------|--------------|----|-----|-----|--------------|----|-----|-----|-----|----|------|
| Date | Opponent | no. | yds | td | lg | no. | yds | td | lg | cmp | att | int | yds | td | lg | no. | yds | td | lg | no. | yds | td | lg | off |
| 9/5/2021 | at Grambling | 30 | 112 | 1 | 25 | 13 | 118 | 0 | 31 | 13 | 24 | 0 | 118 | 0 | 31 | 2 | 35 | 0 | 18 | 2 | 83 | 0 | 47 | 230 |
| 9/11/202 | vs Jackson State | 42 | 70 | 1 | 15 | 13 | 194 | 1 | 47 | 13 | 23 | 0 | 194 | 1 | 47 | 5 | 117 | 0 | 38 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 264 |
| 9/18/202 | KENTUCKY STATE UNI | 43 | 271 | 2 | 22 | 16 | 267 | 3 | 46 | 16 | 27 | 1 | 267 | 3 | 46 | 1 | 13 | 0 | 13 | 4 | 12 | 0 | 12 | 538 |
| 9/25/202 | at Southeast Missouri | 22 | 14 | 0 | 16 | 17 | 252 | 1 | 41 | 17 | 31 | 1 | 252 | 1 | 41 | 9 | 197 | 1 | 90 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 266 |
| 10/2/202 | at Austin Peay | 42 | 184 | 1 | 48 | 18 | 301 | 2 | 63 | 18 | 34 | 0 | 301 | 2 | 63 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 26 | 0 | 18 | 485 |
| 10/16/20 | TENNESSEE TECH | 25 | 120 | 0 | 23 | 20 | 256 | 2 | 56 | 20 | 34 | 1 | 256 | 2 | 56 | 2 | 58 | 0 | 47 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 5 | 376 |
| 10/23/20 | at Eastern Illinois | 39 | 147 | 3 | 30 | 14 | 161 | 1 | 26 | 14 | 24 | 0 | 161 | 1 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 55 | 0 | 24 | 308 |
| 10/30/20 | MURRAY STATE | 26 | 162 | 3 | 65 | 17 | 159 | 1 | 24 | 17 | 29 | 0 | 159 | 1 | 24 | 3 | 39 | 0 | 20 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 321 |
| Tennessee State Univ | | 269 | 1080 | 11 | 65 | 128 | 1708 | 11 | 63 | 128 | 226 | 3 | 1708 | 11 | 63 | 22 | 459 | 1 | 90 | 17 | 188 | 0 | 47 | 2788 |
| | | 306 | 1242 | 10 | 66 | 117 | 1376 | 8 | 67 | 117 | 234 | 7 | 1376 | 8 | 67 | 25 | 484 | 0 | 43 | 17 | 189 | 1 | 81 | 2618 |

Games: 8 • Avg/rush: 4.0 • Avg/catch: 13.3 • Pass effic: 133.53 • KR avg: 20.9 • PR avg: 11.1 • All purpose avg/game: 436.5 • Total offense

| Date | Opponent | Tackles | | | | Sacks no-yds | Fumble | | Pass Defense | | | blkd kick | PAT Attempts | | | off | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|---------|-----|-------|----------|-----------------|--------|--------|--------------|-----|------|--------------|--------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | ua | a | total | tfl-yds | | ff | fr-yds | int-yds | qbh | brup | | kick | rush | rcv | saf | t/o | pts |
| 9/5/20 | at Grambling | 46 | 6 | 52 | 6.0-24 | 1.0-8 | 0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| 9/11/2 | vs Jackson State | 35 | 20 | 55 | 6.0-35 | 2.0-15 | 0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 |
| 9/18/2 | KENTUCKY STATE | 31 | 18 | 49 | 1.0-4 | 0.0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 5-5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41 |
| 9/25/2 | at Southeast Missouri | 33 | 78 | 111 | 3.0-5 | 0.0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 1-10 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0-1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| 10/2/2 | at Austin Peay | 43 | 28 | 71 | 7.0-34 | 4.0-30 | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 1-2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 24 |
| 10/16/ | TENNESSEE TECH | 43 | 28 | 71 | 5.0-11 | 0.0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 2-2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| 10/23/ | at Eastern Illinois | 34 | 16 | 50 | 10.0-43 | 4.0-23 | 1 | 1-0 | 3-47 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 4-4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 28 |
| 10/30/ | MURRAY STATE | 42 | 24 | 66 | 4.0-12 | 3.0-10 | 0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 3-4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 27 |
| Tennessee State Univ | | 307 | 218 | 525 | 42.0-168 | 14.0-86 | 2 | 2-0 | 7-57 | 16 | 23 | 1 | 17-20 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 27 | 180 |
| | | 286 | 202 | 488 | 53.0-207 | 17.0-128 | 7 | 5-0 | 3-23 | 26 | 25 | 2 | 17-18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 164 |

| | | Punting | | | | | | | | | Field Goals | | | Kickoffs | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|---------|------|------|------|------|----|----|-----|-----|-------------|------|------|----------|------|------|----|----|
| Date | Opponent | no. | yds | avg | long | blkd | tb | fc | 50+ | i20 | md-att | long | blkd | no. | yds | avg | tb | ob |
| 9/5/20 | at Grambling | 8 | 292 | 36.5 | 50 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1-2 | 39 | 0 | 3 | 163 | 54.3 | 0 | 0 |
| 9/11/2 | vs Jackson State | 7 | 251 | 35.9 | 53 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1-1 | 37 | 0 | 4 | 259 | 64.8 | 0 | 0 |
| 9/18/2 | KENTUCKY STATE | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2-3 | 34 | 0 | 8 | 474 | 59.2 | 1 | 0 |
| 9/25/2 | at Southeast Missouri | 7 | 305 | 43.6 | 54 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 192 | 64.0 | 1 | 0 |
| 10/2/2 | at Austin Peay | 7 | 285 | 40.7 | 58 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1-3 | 24 | 0 | 5 | 306 | 61.2 | 1 | 0 |
| 10/16/ | TENNESSEE TECH | 3 | 114 | 38.0 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2-2 | 24 | 0 | 4 | 257 | 64.2 | 3 | 1 |
| 10/23/ | at Eastern Illinois | 5 | 224 | 44.8 | 61 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0-3 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 299 | 59.8 | 3 | 0 |
| 10/30/ | MURRAY STATE | 8 | 321 | 40.1 | 48 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 312 | 62.4 | 1 | 0 |
| Tennessee State Univ | | 45 | 1792 | 39.8 | 61 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 7-14 | 39 | 0 | 37 | 2262 | 61.1 | 10 | 1 |
| | | 45 | 1779 | 39.5 | 60 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 4 | 11 | 11-15 | 45 | 0 | 37 | 2125 | 57.4 | 10 | 4 |





2021 Tennessee State Football Tennessee State Univ Opponent Game-by-Game (as of Nov 03, 2021) All games

OPPONENT STATISTICS

| | | Rushing | | | | Receiving | | | | Passing | | | | Kick Returns | | | | Punt Returns | | | | tot | | |
|-----------|-----------------------|---------|------|----|----|-----------|------|----|----|---------|-----|-----|------|--------------|----|-----|-----|--------------|----|-----|-----|-----|----|------|
| Date | Opponent | no. | yds | td | lg | no. | yds | td | lg | cmp | att | int | yds | td | lg | no. | yds | td | lg | no. | yds | td | lg | off |
| 9/5/2021 | at Grambling | 44 | 136 | 1 | 14 | 4 | 43 | 1 | 18 | 4 | 11 | 1 | 43 | 1 | 18 | 3 | 27 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 179 |
| 9/11/202 | vs Jackson State | 21 | 42 | 1 | 18 | 30 | 362 | 3 | 67 | 30 | 40 | 0 | 362 | 3 | 67 | 4 | 84 | 0 | 43 | 3 | 96 | 1 | 81 | 404 |
| 9/18/202 | KENTUCKY STATE UNI | 31 | 85 | 1 | 9 | 4 | 56 | 0 | 30 | 4 | 10 | 0 | 56 | 0 | 30 | 7 | 130 | 0 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 141 |
| 9/25/202 | at Southeast Missouri | 58 | 380 | 4 | 63 | 14 | 227 | 1 | 39 | 14 | 23 | 1 | 227 | 1 | 39 | 2 | 62 | 0 | 36 | 5 | 41 | 0 | 13 | 607 |
| 10/2/202 | at Austin Peay | 30 | 129 | 1 | 66 | 25 | 254 | 1 | 31 | 25 | 55 | 0 | 254 | 1 | 31 | 4 | 68 | 0 | 20 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 383 |
| 10/16/20 | TENNESSEE TECH | 47 | 213 | 0 | 28 | 12 | 126 | 1 | 20 | 12 | 30 | 1 | 126 | 1 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -2 | 0 | 0 | 339 |
| 10/23/20 | at Eastern Illinois | 31 | 72 | 0 | 35 | 15 | 115 | 0 | 31 | 15 | 35 | 3 | 115 | 0 | 31 | 1 | 21 | 0 | 21 | 2 | 21 | 0 | 18 | 187 |
| 10/30/20 | MURRAY STATE | 44 | 185 | 2 | 17 | 13 | 193 | 1 | 54 | 13 | 30 | 1 | 193 | 1 | 54 | 4 | 92 | 0 | 26 | 3 | 21 | 0 | 17 | 378 |
| Opponents | | 306 | 1242 | 10 | 66 | 117 | 1376 | 8 | 67 | 117 | 234 | 7 | 1376 | 8 | 67 | 25 | 484 | 0 | 43 | 17 | 189 | 1 | 81 | 2618 |
| | | 269 | 1080 | 11 | 65 | 128 | 1708 | 11 | 63 | 128 | 226 | 3 | 1708 | 11 | 63 | 22 | 459 | 1 | 90 | 17 | 188 | 0 | 47 | 2788 |

Games: 8 • Avg/rush: 4.1 • Avg/catch: 11.8 • Pass effic: 104.69 • KR avg: 19.4 • PR avg: 11.1 • All purpose avg/game: 414.2 • Total offense

| Date | Opponent | Tackles | | | | Sacks no-yds | Fumble | | Pass Defense | | | blkd kick | PAT Attempts | | | off | | |
|-----------|-----------------------|---------|-----|-------|----------|-----------------|--------|--------|--------------|-----|------|--------------|--------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | ua | a | total | tfl-yds | | ff | fr-yds | int-yds | qbh | brup | | kick | rush | rcv | saf | t/o | pts |
| 9/5/20 | at Grambling | 32 | 18 | 50 | 7.0-28 | 2.0-14 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1-2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 |
| 9/11/2 | vs Jackson State | 40 | 32 | 72 | 13.0-70 | 8.0-60 | 1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 5-5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 38 |
| 9/18/2 | KENTUCKY STATE | 42 | 22 | 64 | 3.0-13 | 1.0-11 | 0 | 0-0 | 1-8 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| 9/25/2 | at Southeast Missouri | 24 | 42 | 66 | 9.0-32 | 2.0-14 | 2 | 1-0 | 1-4 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 5-5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 47 |
| 10/2/2 | at Austin Peay | 37 | 34 | 71 | 5.0-23 | 1.0-13 | 0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 1-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 |
| 10/16/ | TENNESSEE TECH | 38 | 14 | 52 | 4.0-9 | 1.0-5 | 4 | 2-0 | 1-11 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 13 |
| 10/23/ | at Eastern Illinois | 39 | 30 | 69 | 7.0-21 | 1.0-6 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10/30/ | MURRAY STATE | 34 | 10 | 44 | 5.0-11 | 1.0-5 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3-3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 |
| Opponents | | 286 | 202 | 488 | 53.0-207 | 17.0-128 | 7 | 5-0 | 3-23 | 26 | 25 | 2 | 17-18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 164 |
| | | 307 | 218 | 525 | 42.0-168 | 14.0-86 | 2 | 2-0 | 7-57 | 16 | 23 | 1 | 17-20 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 27 | 180 |

| | | Punting | | | | | | | | | Field Goals | | | Kickoffs | | | | |
|-----------|-----------------------|---------|------|------|------|------|----|----|-----|-----|-------------|------|------|----------|------|------|----|----|
| Date | Opponent | no. | yds | avg | long | blkd | tb | fc | 50+ | i20 | md-att | long | blkd | no. | yds | avg | tb | ob |
| 9/5/20 | at Grambling | 6 | 246 | 41.0 | 51 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1-1 | 24 | 0 | 4 | 226 | 56.5 | 1 | 0 |
| 9/11/2 | vs Jackson State | 3 | 132 | 44.0 | 48 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1-2 | 28 | 0 | 7 | 449 | 64.1 | 2 | 0 |
| 9/18/2 | KENTUCKY STATE | 7 | 235 | 33.6 | 48 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 112 | 56.0 | 0 | 1 |
| 9/25/2 | at Southeast Missouri | 3 | 101 | 33.7 | 38 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4-4 | 45 | 0 | 10 | 557 | 55.7 | 0 | 1 |
| 10/2/2 | at Austin Peay | 8 | 373 | 46.6 | 60 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3-4 | 40 | 0 | 6 | 340 | 56.7 | 5 | 1 |
| 10/16/ | TENNESSEE TECH | 4 | 147 | 36.8 | 39 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2-2 | 42 | 0 | 3 | 176 | 58.7 | 1 | 0 |
| 10/23/ | at Eastern Illinois | 9 | 342 | 38.0 | 43 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 56 | 56.0 | 0 | 1 |
| 10/30/ | MURRAY STATE | 5 | 203 | 40.6 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0-2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 209 | 52.2 | 1 | 0 |
| Opponents | | 45 | 1779 | 39.5 | 60 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 4 | 11 | 11-15 | 45 | 0 | 37 | 2125 | 57.4 | 10 | 4 |
| | | 45 | 1792 | 39.8 | 61 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 7-14 | 39 | 0 | 37 | 2262 | 61.1 | 10 | 1 |

